

ROBERT PATRICK HILT, 58

January 14, 2005 at 5:00 am |

A funeral mass will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 17, 2005, at St. John's Catholic Church in Fairfield for Robert Patrick Hilt, 58, of Fairfield, who died Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2005, at his home in Fairfield from complications of diabetes. A vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16, at St. John's Catholic Church in Fairfield. Interment will be in the Sunset Hills Cemetery in Fairfield under the direction of Gorder Funeral Home of Choteau.

Robert was born Dec. 12, 1946, in Great Falls, the son of Cyril and Florence "Pat" (Dors) Hilt. He graduated from Fairfield High School and was pursuing a teaching degree at the University of Great Falls.

Robert had served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam era and right after the service, from 1967 to 1970, he worked for the Forest Service, the state of Montana and Dan Worley as a guide and outfitter. In 1971 Bob attended farrier school and continued shoeing, leather working, making saddles and harnesses and restoring wagons until his death.

Robert enjoyed his summertime as camp cook at camps for disadvantaged children and he also enjoyed working with horses.

He is survived by his mother, Florence "Pat" Hilt of Choteau; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father, Cyril Hilt; and a brother, Bill Hilt.

Memorials are suggested to Flathead Valley Community College.

Elsa Randine Hjulstad, 93

Elsa Randine Hjulstad, 93, died of natural causes at the Colonial Manor in Whitefish on Sunday, Sept. 4, 2005.

She was born May 3, 1912, in Trondheim, Norway, the daughter of Minnie and Arne Nypan. At the turn of the 20th century, her father immigrated to the United States. In Minnesota, he met Minnie Olson and the two were married. In 1912, the couple returned to Norway and Elsa was born in May of that year. She used to be fond of saying that she was made in the U.S.A. and born in Norway. Elsa was baptized, confirmed, and attended schools in Trondheim.

In the mid-1930s, Elsa married Fritz Dorum. That marriage produced a daughter, Kari. In 1938, Fritz died in an airplane accident. During her marriage to Fritz, Elsa developed a love for motorcycles and would frequently ride her husband's.

In February 1940, Elsa married Arvid Hjulstad and they had a son, Per. Sailing was Arvid's sport and Elsa became an avid participant in this sport.

Following World War II, Elsa went to work for a large sporting goods business in Trondheim. Free time was spent at her father's cabin in the country where skiing became a favorite time in the winters.

In 1954, Elsa and her parents traveled to the United States for a few months visiting places in Minnesota, including where her mother had been born. She also traveled to Montana. That visit intensified her desire to return to the United States to settle as an immigrant. In 1956, Elsa, Arvid and her family immigrated to the United States to settle on a farm in Box Elder. The transition from a big city girl went well as she adjusted to her new life on a Montana wheat farm. For a couple of years, they worked for her uncle, the owner of the farm. Later they would rent the farm until her uncle's death.

In 1962, Elsa and her husband returned to Norway for a visit where they stayed for one month

at the site of her birthplace in Trondheim.

In 1963, Elsa went to work for the Box Elder School District. She would work there as a cook until 1975 at which time she retired. Elsa won acclaim for her cooking, especially for her turkey dinners. Teachers, kids and administrators would all partake. While in Box Elder, she made many friends. Special mention must be given to Irma and Ordean Solberg who did so much to help her through her last few years in Box Elder.

Elsa was an accomplished bridge player. She liked to knit, do latch hooks and while in Norway, play the piano. Often, she would travel to Great Falls to visit her close friends, William and Mildred Gilstad, and her own daughter and grandchildren.

In 1996, she moved to Columbia Falls where she would reside in the Columbia Arms Apartments. She lived there until July 2004 at which time she became a resident of the Colonial Manor in Whitefish where she would reside until her death.

The family of Elsa would like to extend thanks and accolades to those at the Colonial Manor who gave her comfort and care during the waning moments of her life on earth.

Elsa is survived by her daughter, Kari Ray, and husband, Jim, of Irrigon, Ore.; her son, Per, and wife, Michele, of Columbia Falls; six grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Elsa was preceded in death by her parents, Minnie and Arne Nypan; her husbands, Fritz and Arvid; her brother, Ernest Nypan and a grandchild, Michael Ray, who died in 1989.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10, at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. Her pastor and friend, Rev. Rich Jespersen, will conduct the service.

The family has suggested that memorials be made in her name to Grace Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 536, Big Sandy, MT 59520.

John Louis Hoffman, 81

John Louis Hoffman, 81, beloved husband, father, brother, grandfather and friend, "arrived in Heaven" on Sept. 26, 2005, from his home in Yuma, Ariz.



A well known accomplished equestrian, Mr. Hoffman was the grand marshal at numerous parades, including several Tournament of Roses parades.

A 32nd degree mason in the Shriners, he was a reserve police officer and member of the mounted police for the Chula Vista, Calif., Police Department for 17 years.

Mr. Hoffman served in the Army Air Corps in World War II and was a founder and past presi-

dent of the Starlight Association in Chula Vista.

A resident of both Yuma and Kalispell, Mr. Hoffman was a previous longtime resident of Lakeside, Calif., and was the original owner of Apollo Oil.

He shared 60 years of marriage with his beloved wife, Evelyn, who survives him. Surviving daughters are Phyllis Barman of Lakeside, Calif., and Aileen DeRose of Phoenix. Grandchildren include Robert Barman III, Charlene and John Theakston, Randi Roush and John Roush. Mr. Hoffman is also survived by his brother, James Hoffman, of York, S.C.; two sisters, Edith and Ruth; and many wonderful friends.

There will be no services. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in John's name to Shriner's Hospital, 3160 Geneva St., Los Angeles, CA 90020.

Heleen Louise Hogan, 87

Heleen Louise Hogan, 87, "returned to her Creator through Our Lord Jesus Christ" on March 3, 2005. She passed away at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell, where she had resided for the past seven years.

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Private family services are planned. Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for the family.

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Paul Rex Holland, 66



Paul Rex Holland, 66, passed away on Thursday, Aug. 24, 2005, in Bigfork.

He was born on Feb. 10, 1939, in Los Angeles, to Paul and Maxine Holland. Rex attended Hollywood High School and graduated from the University of Southern California Business School in 1959, a member of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity.

Rex's successful business career spanned numerous decades as vice president of First Interstate Mortgage Banking, president of Carlsburg Corporation, and retired president of Santa Clarita Mortgage Corporation. Prior to his passing, Rex continued his

real estate and development interests in California, Oregon and Montana. The nature of the man cultivated lasting friendships with hundreds from all walks of life. "Our memories will live on while he is missed by so many."

Rex will be missed by his beloved wife of 19 years, Linda Goeder Holland; daughter, Nicole and son-in-law, Chip Cash, with their two sons, Max and Kyle; and daughter, Jeanine Shaver.

Funeral services for Rex will be held 10 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 1, at Eternal Valley Mortuary & Memorial Park located at 23287 N. Sierra Highway, Newhall, Calif.

Memorial donations may be made to the Las Floristas Inc., c/o Patricia Frandson, 13330 Chandler Blvd., Sherman Oaks, CA 91401.

Johnson Mortuary & Crematory is caring locally for Rex's family.

Samuel H. Hollis Sr., 84

Samuel H. "Sam" Hollis Sr. 84, passed away on Wednesday, July 20, 2005, at his home in Kalispell.

Sam was born on March 22, 1921, in Dallas, Texas. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

Sam married Emma Sutton on March 22, 1946, in Dallas.

He was an advertising executive working for firms in San Francisco and Dallas.

He was the head art director for John F. Kennedy during his campaign for president.

He was known for his sense of humor and his quick wit.

He enjoyed learning, reading and crossword puzzles and had a real talent for remembering facts

and details.

Sam was preceded in death by his wife, Emma, on July 22, 2004; and his son, Sam Jr., on Aug. 19, 2004.

He is survived by his sons Dave Hollis of Monterey, Calif., and Paul Hollis of Kalispell; and his daughter, Lorraine Weaver, of Newport, Ore.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 27, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, with the Rev. Darold Reiner officiating. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery, with military honors being conducted by the United Veterans of the Flathead Valley.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Virginia Marie LaChapelle Holombo, 88

Virginia Marie LaChapelle Holombo, 88, a longtime former resident of Kalispell, passed away peacefully in Laguna Woods, Calif., on July 17, 2005.

She was born in Spokane, the daughter of Alice and Joe LaChapelle, on March 3, 1917. The family moved to Great Falls, where she graduated from high school.

She met and married George Holombo and moved to Kalispell, where they raised their five children.

Virginia worked as a portrait retoucher and used her artistic skills to color the black-and-white photographs of the time. She became an avid photographer herself, developing her own photos in her lab, and was an active member of the local camera club. Virginia's photography earned many "best of show" and other awards over the years.

She was an excellent seamstress who designed beautiful gowns and clothing and won many awards for her creations.

She enjoyed the outdoors, boating on Flathead Lake, hiking in Glacier Park and had the greenest

of green thumbs with her gardens.

Virginia and her husband, George, owned Flathead Floor Coverings and Window Designs on Main Street in Kalispell. In 1981, they retired to the city of Carlsbad in Southern California.

Sadly, her daughter Andrea died in 1991, and her husband of 59 years, George, in 1994.

Virginia is survived by her sister, Eve Lawlor, of New Hampshire; and children, Gerald, and wife, Janie, of Foster City, Calif., Lynette Lavin of Helena, Laurel Hunter and husband, Alex, of Dove Canyon, Calif., and Gregory Holombo of Kalispell. Ginny has four wonderful grandchildren, Stacy Lavin and wife, Michelle, Rob Holombo and wife, Irene, Jay Holombo and wife, Holly, and Steve Lavin and wife, Amy; also 10 delightful great-grandchildren.

All her children, grandchildren and friends will miss her ready smile, her kindness, her sweet and cheerful nature and mostly her love and caring.

Funeral services will be at Eternal Hills Memorial Park in OceanSide, Calif.

George Harold Holt

George Harold Holt, 84, passed away April 27, 2005, at the Home Care Place in Kalispell.

He was born April 27, 1921, in Buffalo and Albany. Post-graduate member of the National Marine Fisheries Association and a graduate of the University of Idaho.

His education was from the University of Idaho and the University of California. He was a member of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, Local 1000, and the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, Local 1000.

He was a member of a number of churches, including the First Baptist Church in Kalispell. He was a member of the Flathead Valley Chapter of the Boy Scouts of America. He was a member of the Flathead Valley Chapter of the Boy Scouts of America. He was a member of the Flathead Valley Chapter of the Boy Scouts of America.

In 1963 he attended the Bible Institute of Los Angeles. He came back to Montana and was a lay minister in 1964 and in 1965. When there the family went to live in a home in Selkirk. He was a member of the Selkirk United Methodist Church. He was a member of the Selkirk United Methodist Church. He was a member of the Selkirk United Methodist Church.

Due to his wife's health they returned to the states and opened a second home in California. He spent his time in the southwest, setting up wellheadouts and finally in Kalispell where he pursued his first love of carpentry.

He was preceded in death by both parents, a daughter, Everett, and recently his wife, Doris.

Survivors include his son, Larry, and wife, Joan E. of Billings, his grandchildren, Eric and wife, Kathy, of Helena, Ariz., Sven and wife, Angela, of Glendide, Ariz., and Sam and husband, Chris, Study of Helena, a nephew, and niece, both of Worthington, Minn., two sisters-in-law, and many dearly loved friends.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 30, at the Court of Bible Church in Kalispell.

In lieu of flowers, donations could be made to The Chosen People Ministries, 211 East 1st Street, New York, NY 10022, or a Central Bible Church.

Henry Holter, 67

Henry Holter, 67, died Thursday, July 25, 2005, in Lake City.

He had worked for the U.S. Lumber Company, S.D. Phillips 66 station and Madison Ford in Lake City.

He is survived by his children, Mary Wolford, Mrs. S.D. Crall, Helen of S.D. Dakota, and Craig of Houston.

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GEORGE HAROLD HOLT

April 28, 2005 at 5:00 am | Daily Inter Lake

George Harold Holt passed away April 21, 2005, at the Heritage Place in Kalispell.

He was born April 27, 1915, to Harold and Matilda 'd2Peg'd3 (Stemmerman) Holt in Iona, Minn. He graduated from high school in 1933, in Sioux Falls, S.D.

George married Doris Ann Nelson, Sept. 4, 1938, in Sioux Falls. They enjoyed 66 years together.

He was a member of Central Bible Church in Kalispell.

George was trained and served at the U.S. Naval Hospital at Farragut, Idaho, from 1943 to 1945. He moved his wife, Doris, and son, Gregory, to Kalispell where they set up a dental laboratory.

In 1953 he attended the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, then came back to Montana and was a lay minister in Poplar during 1956-1957. From there the family went to language school in San Jose, Costa Rica and on to Quito, Ecuador, where he and Doris served as missionaries. He got to work with Dayuma, one of the Aucas.

Due to his wife's health they returned to the states and opened several dental laboratories throughout the southwest, settling in Hamilton, and finally in Kalispell where he pursued his first love of sculpturing.

He was preceded in death by both parents; a brother, Everett; and recently his wife, Doris.

Survivors include his son, Greg and wife, Joan E of Billings; his grandchildren, Eric and wife, Kathy, of Peoria, Ariz., Sven and wife, Angelique, of Glendale, Ariz., and Sonja and husband, Chris Shady, of Helena; a nephew and niece, both of Worthington Minn.; two sisters-in-law; and many dearly loved friends.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 30, at the Central Bible Church in Kalispell.

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DORIS ANN HOLT, 86

January 06, 2005 at 5:00 am /

Doris Ann Holt, 86, "went home to be with her Lord and Saviour" as she slept Dec. 15, 2004, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

She was born March 31, 1918, to Oliver and Lillian (Peterson) Nelson in Burlington, Iowa. She graduated from high school in Sioux Falls, S.D.

Doris married George H. Holt, on Sept. 4, 1938, in Sioux Falls.

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

She was preceded in death by both her parents, and her brother, O. Wendell Nelson, of Sun City, Ariz.

Survivors include her husband, George, at Heritage Place; her only child, a son, Greg Holt and his wife, Joan E., in Billings; her grandchildren, Eric and his wife, Kathy, of Peoria, Ariz.; Sven and his wife, Angelique, and their three children, Annika, Nathan and Katrina of Glendale, Ariz.; and Sonja and her husband, Chris Shady, and their four children, Michelle, Timothy, Daniel and Alisa of Helena; a sister, Jeanette Hay, of Sioux Falls; and a sister-in-law, Merlene Nelson, of Sun City, Ariz.; five nephews, and two nieces, and numerous grandnephews and grandnieces; and many dear friends.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Jan. 10, at Central Bible Church in Kalispell.

Willard L. 'Bill' Holter, 81

Longtime radio broadcaster Willard L. "Bill" Holter, 81, passed away peacefully at Lake View Care Center in Bigfork on Tuesday, March 15, 2005, due to complications from Parkinson's disease.



Holter was well known in the radio industry across the state, having owned stations in Helena, Glasgow, Malta, Missoula, Livingston and Great Falls. He was also a respected leader in politics as chairman of the state Republican Party and Montana delegate to national conventions in 1963 and 1972.

Bill was the 2002 inductee into the Montana Broadcasters Hall of Fame. He was honored for improving the quality of radio and involving stations in their communities. His radio stations were named Station of the Year by the MBA seven times in his lifetime. His Hall of Fame plaque depicts Bill with microphone in hand, striding in step with Ronald Reagan during a live remote interview. This took place while Bill was the regional reporter and emcee of the Western National Governors conference at West Yellowstone in 1957.

Over his career, Bill also interviewed Presidents Nixon, Bush and Eisenhower.

Bill was a dynamic journalist, statesman, gentleman, World War II veteran, private pilot, patriot, and most of all, a devoted father, husband and grandfather.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy, of Bigfork and Sun City, Ariz.; their children Lynn and Mike Redpath of Great Falls, Jan and Craig Lambert of Livingston, Ross and Janet Holter of Kalispell, and Todd Holter of Los Angeles; six grandchildren, Krista and Dave Pyron of Missoula, Van Redpath of Missoula, Carl and Casey Bernstein of Livingston, and Mack and Dillon Holter of Kalispell.

He is also survived by his brother, Warren, and Maggie Holter, of Cincinnati and Phoenix; nieces and nephews, numerous Holter and Ras-

blonde Iron Range girl, Nancy Ann Stolpe, from Chisholm, who shared Bill's love of fun, travel, music and dancing. By 1950, Bill had graduated from Navy flight school, served as a Marine flight instructor and Corsair pilot in World War II, and worked as a broadcast reporter for the CBS bureau in Paris, France.

He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Minnesota in the fledgling field called broadcast journalism. While also working at KSTP radio in St. Paul, he worked at WMFG in Hibbing, and advanced his career at KEYZ in Williston, N.D., where he also starred in community theater.

By the time Bill and Nancy had four children, they settled in Montana where Bill was one of the co-founders of a radio station in Glasgow and eventually owned several stations across the state which he supervised by flying his private plane over thousands of Montana miles. Flying continued to be a beloved hobby especially in his twin engine Beech Baron.

Throughout his career, Holter was a leader and proud to call himself a self-made man. Confident, strong, a tremendous orator and patriot, he presented countless speeches devoted to national pride and free enterprise. For over a decade he devoted Memorial Day to visiting his parents' grave sites where he also wished to be laid to rest.

A dedicated community leader for 40 years, he served as mayor and Chamber of Commerce president in Glasgow and fought to keep the Air Force Base open there in the 1960s.

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summer with help from the family, and enjoyed doing most of the pruning and maintenance himself. Later they moved to a smaller orchard, Bill loved the grand vista of Montana and the dark earth of its valleys. He loved boating on the Flathead, and cruising the Missouri from Fort Benton to Fort Peck Lake. He loved the contrasts of Montana, the new

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Bill was born in Hibbing, Minn., on July 14, 1923, in the "Iron Range," to Clarence Holter and Anna Rasmussen Holter, second generation Norwegian and Danish immigrants. Clarence, an iron ore miner, was a World War I veteran who survived gunshot wounds by the Germans in the Argonne and was awarded a Purple Heart. Bill was always very proud of this and proud to be an American.

He had an active Minnesota childhood, playing hockey, swimming, fishing, and playing the hardest times as lead bugler in the youth bugle corps, according to his younger brother, Warren, who was a talented drummer in the corps. Through his teens, Bill was drawn to debate and theater and held many lead roles in school plays.

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Ever the promoter, he had found his niche in the radio business with his news and advertising excitement.

Bill suffered Parkinson's disease for over a decade. Since October 2000, he resided at Lake View Care Center, where he loved and appreciated the staff and their caring ways. Bill's spirit and spirits through his last years and had a contagious smile for everyone.

He enjoyed his life fully. Bill was especially proud of his six grandchildren, who loved grandpa Bill with all their hearts.

There will be a service held to celebrate Bill's life at the Little Brown Church in Bigfork at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 9. He will be accorded military and Masonic honors at a graveside ceremony following. Burial will be at Lone Pine Cemetery.

The family suggests any memorials in Bill's honor be made to his favorite causes, the Shrine Club, American Red Cross, the Parkinson's Disease Support Center at 500 15th Avenue S., Great Falls, MT 59403; or to the Lake View Care Center residents foundation.

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Throughout his career, Holter was a leader and proud to call himself a self-made man. Confident, strong, a tremendous orator and patriot, he

presented countless speeches devoted to national pride and free enterprise. For over a decade he devoted Memorial Day to visiting his parents' grave sites where he also wished to be laid to rest.

A dedicated community leader for 40 years, he served as mayor and Chamber of Commerce president in Glasgow and fought to keep the Air force Base open there in the 1960s.

In the 1970s, Bill was drawn to the Flathead Lake cherry country. He bought an orchard near Yellow Bay with 700 trees, ran the harvest every

summer with help from the family, and enjoyed doing most of the pruning and

maintenance himself. Later they moved to a smaller orchard. Bill loved the grand vista of Montana and the dark earth of its valleys. He loved boating on the Flathead, and cruising the Missouri from Fort Benton to Fort Peck Lake. He loved the contrasts of Montana, the new whiteness of winter, and the budding of the trees. He often said he was "a Montanan who happened to be born in Minnesota."

Ever the promoter, he had found his niche in the radio business with its news and advertising excitement.

Bill suffered Parkinson's disease for over a decade. Since October 2000, he resided at Lake View Care Center where he loved and appreciated the staff and their caring ways. Bill kept good spirits through his later difficult years and had a connection with everyone.

To the end, he enjoyed his friends and family. Bill was especially fond and proud of his six grandchildren, who loved grampa Bill with all their hearts.

There will be a service held to celebrate Bill's life at the Little Brown Church in Bigfork at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 9. He will be accorded military and Masonic honors at a graveside ceremony following. Burial will be at Lone Pine Cemetery.

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The family suggests any memorials in Bill's honor be made to his favorite causes, the Shrine Club, American Red Cross, the Parkinson's Disease Support Center at 500 15th Avenue S., Great Falls, MT 59403; or to the Lake View Care Center residents foundation.

Bigfork Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Suzanne A. Hondius, 54

Suzanne A. Hondius, 54, of Kalispell, died April 14, 2005, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.



She was born in Denver, on April 14, 1950. She grew up in Littleton, Colo., and graduated from Bear Creek High School in 1968, and then attended college in Durango, Colo.

On Sept. 17, 1971, she married Jack Thomas and they moved to Jacksonville, Fla., where they jointly operated a Radio Shack franchise. Sue and Jack were divorced in 1975 and she moved back to Denver.

On April 2, 1977, she married Pieter Hondius. A year later they moved to the Flathead Valley and settled in Kila where they built their home. Sue gave birth to her daughter, Valerie Sue, on Jan. 14, 1986.

Though Sue and Pieter were divorced on April 5, 2000, they continued to maintain a close and friendly relationship and shared responsibility of raising their daughter Valerie.

Sue worked at various businesses in the valley as a receptionist and bookkeeper. But about 12 years ago Sue was stricken with multiple sclerosis and could no longer work full time. For the last couple of years she has been working for her good friend Julie Drexler at Julie's Center Street Cafe in Kalispell.

She enjoyed the outdoors, especially the hunting and fishing trips with her boyfriend, Randy Lozeau.

She will be dearly missed by her family and many close friends.

She is survived by her daughter, Valerie Hondius, of Kalispell;

and a brother, Clarke Blake, of Houston.

No visitation is planned. A memorial will be held on Sunday, April 24, at the Kalispell Eagles Club, beginning at 3 p.m.

The family suggests that any memorial contributions be sent to the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation, P.O. Box 1847, Great Falls, MT 59403-1847.

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

Mary Ann Holzapfel, 65

Mary Ann Holzapfel, 65, passed away Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2005, at her home in Kalispell. Mary Ann was born Aug. 20, 1940, in Pittsburgh, to Anthony and Amelia Shelkons Stugan.



Mary Ann was raised with two brothers and four sisters. She graduated from Allegheny High School in 1957.

She married Norbert P. Holzapfel in 1959. Norbert died in the Tet Offensive in Vietnam in 1968. They had two sons, Mike and Joe.

She worked as a restaurant manager for several different restaurants. Mary Ann attended

a restaurant management school with 27 other people. Only seven graduated, and Mary Ann was the only female graduate. She graduated with honors from the school.

Mary Ann was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Norbert; one son, Joseph; and two sisters, Rita and Amelia Stugan.

She is survived by her son, Mike, and his wife, Lynn; two sisters, Loretta Jane Lurimore and Terry Stugan; two brothers, John Stugan and Anthony Stugan Jr.; grandchildren, Crystal, Terra and Mindy Holzapfel; and one step-grandson, Jeffrey Holzapfel.

Memorial services were held in private.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Rose R. Holzer, 82

Rose R. Holzer, 82, died Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2006, at a hospital.

She had worked as a waitress at the Top Pin Cafe at the Hickey Cafe in Elroy.

She is survived by two children, Terry Holzer, of Sturgeon, and Patricia Holzer, and Holzer and Douglas.

Jack Hood

Jack Hood passed away unexpectedly on Jan. 18, 2005, from a heart attack in Midvale, Utah.

Jack was born to Zelma M. Duke and Willie N. Hood on Feb. 14, 1922, in Claude, Texas. After high school graduation in White Deer, Texas, he served in the Army and attended Texas Tech University.

Jack married Sheila Chisholm of Pampa, Texas, on Dec. 28, 1965. During their 37 years together they touched many lives as their journey took them from Texas to New York, South Africa, California, Utah and Montana. Drawn by the beauty of Flathead Valley, Jack built their retirement dream home in Bigfork.

After Sheila's untimely death Jack married Alice Ransom of South Beach, Ore., on Sept. 29, 2002. Their mutual love for travel gave them much happiness and joy. Jack also welcomed a grandchild into his heart from his wife Alice's previous marriage.

Many people feel fortunate to have been given the opportunity to work with Jack. He generously shared his engineering skills and analytical mind to inspire achievement beyond the common level while demonstrating integrity and loyalty. With fairness and compassion he mentored several to follow



in his footsteps. Jack was always a strong team member and would spend the time to teach and explain how each part fit into the big picture.

His intelligence, work ethic, and easy nature won him the respect of many in his field. Jack's superb abilities with mechanical engineering layouts and attention to detail will be greatly missed. Friends and family will miss Jack's wonderful laugh and smile, heartwarming hug, his rich singing voice, and kind and generous manner. His adventurous spirit, quick wit, and warm hospitality deeply affected all who knew him.

Always a gentleman and there to provide a helpful hand to those in need, he touched many especially those who walked the 12 steps with him. Jack was always willing to share his experience and knowledge to guide those around him. He provided many with a reality check whether at home or on the job and he was able to do this in a unique upbeat manner.

Jack was preceded in death by his mother and father and by his wife, Sheila.

He is survived by his wife, Alice; brother, Duke, and his wife, Mickey, of Abilene, Texas; sister, Jane Davis of Austin, Texas, and his sister, Pat and her husband, Will Urbanczyk, of White Deer, Texas; his aunt, Eloy Hodge of Winters, Texas, and many cousins, loving nieces, nephews and their children.

Lester F. Honey, 74

Lester F. Honey, 74, died Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2005, at Kindred Hospital in Seattle.

There are no services planned at this time. Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for the family.

SUZANNE A. HONDIUS, 54

April 20, 2005 at 5:00 am | Daily Inter Lake

Suzanne A. Hondius, 54, of Kalispell, died April 13, 2005, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

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She will be dearly missed by her family and many close friends.

She is survived by her daughter, Valerie Hondius, of Kalispell; and a brother, Clarke Blake, of Houston.

No visitation is planned. A memorial will be held on Sunday, April 24, at the Kalispell Eagles Club, beginning at 3 p.m.

The family suggests that any memorial contributions be sent to the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation, P.O. Box 1847, Great Falls, MT 59403-1847.

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

JACK HOOD, 69

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

Jack Hood passed away unexpectedly on Jan. 18, 2005, from a heart attack in Midvale, Utah.

Jack was born to Zelma M. Duke and Willie N. Hood on Feb. 14, 1935, in Claude, Texas. After high school graduation in White Deer, Texas, he served in the Army and attended Texas Tech University.

Jack married Sheila Chisholm of Pampa, Texas, on Dec. 28, 1965. During their 37 years together they touched many lives as their journey took them from Texas to New York, South Africa, California, Utah and Montana. Drawn by the beauty of Flathead Valley, Jack built their retirement dream home in Bigfork.

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Jack was preceded in death by his mother and father and by his wife, Sheila.

He is survived by his wife, Alice; brother, Duke, and his wife, Mickey, of Abilene, Texas; sister, Jane Davis of Austin, Texas, and his sister, Pat and her husband, Will Urbanczyk, of White Deer, Texas; his aunt, Floy Hodge of Winters, Texas; and many cousins, loving nieces, nephews and their children.

Robert E. Hopkins, 61

Robert E. Hopkins, 61, passed away on Sunday, June 12, 2005, at his home in Kalispell.

Robert was born on March 2, 1944, in Topeka, Kan., to Orwin and Ruth Bates.

He served as a 2nd lieutenant with the Army during Vietnam, where he was awarded the Bronze Star for heroism in ground combat.

Robert worked for Rocky Mountain Avianics, and owned his own business, R.E.H. Engineering, a computer engineering firm. He



was a member of the VFW and the NRA. He loved music, truly enjoyed the outdoors, enjoyed photography, shooting sports, and was a computer nut.

He was preceded in death by his father, Orwin Hopkins, during World War II.

He is survived by his mother, Ruth Bates Matera and her husband, John Matera, of New Jersey; one brother, Danny Matera of New Jersey; and an uncle, Bernard Hopkins of Kansas.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 28, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

John Leonard 'Jack' Horn, 97

John Leonard "Jack" Horn, 97, a longtime resident of Whitefish and Bigfork, died on Sunday, June 12, 2005, at the Valley Hospice Care, Whitefish. He was 97 years old. He lived his last 18 years at the Central Hotel in Whitefish.

Jack was born on the 17th of 1907, in Whitefish. His father was Walter and Emma Horn.

Jack had a career in industry as a 30-year employee. He started his own business as a sales clerk at a grocery store and then went on to become a manager of grocery stores. Jack worked for Lewis Brothers, a local department store until the late 1950s. He worked at the lumber company for 10 years. He was a member of the Elks Club, the Moose Club, and the Rotary Club. He was a member of the Elks Club, the Moose Club, and the Rotary Club. He was a member of the Elks Club, the Moose Club, and the Rotary Club. He was a member of the Elks Club, the Moose Club, and the Rotary Club.

Jack, along with many of his lifetime friends.

In 1974, Jack met his wife, Mary Ann, and they were married in 1980, in Las Vegas. They resided in Shelby and Whitefish in the summers and wintered in Mesa, Ariz.

Jack loved being outdoors and enjoyed nature. He enjoyed the resorts of Arizona and mountains of Montana. He read many books and always loved his western novels. But most of all, Jack loved baseball, especially the Chicago Cubs. "Go Cubs!"

Jack is survived by his wife, Marion (Stansbury) Horn, her daughter, Doreen Patti and his grand, Sally, of Chicago Heights, Ill.; his sons, Ted, Scott and Donald Burn, grandson, Jason Patti and wife, Amy, of Waukesha, Wis., and granddaughter, Kristi Patti, of Chicago Heights, wife, Debra Brooks, and husband, Charles, of Hayden Lake, Idaho, and three nephews.

Two gravestones planned.

Jack Stuart Horner, 20

Jack Stuart Horner, 20, of Lincoln, died Dec. 28, 2005, at Ottawa Gulch south of Marysville in a logging accident.

He was born Jan. 27, 1985, to Stuart Horner and Debbie Wood in Great Falls. He was raised in Lincoln, where he attended public schools and graduated in 2004.

Jack was a partner with his father in Blackfoot Logging.

He enjoyed trout fishing on the Blackfoot River.

The trout in the Blackfoot now have a reprieve.

He also enjoyed attending car shows with his father and brother, playing guitar with his friends and being outdoors in the Blackfoot Valley.

He is survived by his parents; grandparents, Virginia Horner of Great Falls, and Lily and Dick

Wood of Columbia Falls; his brother, Matt Horner, of Lincoln; aunts and uncles, Joe and Sharon Horner, David and Kelly Horner, and Michael Horner, all of Great Falls, Vicki and Bruce West of Lincoln, and Doug and Anna Wood of Columbia Falls; cousins, Brenda and Steve Hudspeth, Joe Horner Jr., David Horner, Josh Horner, Grant Hudspeth, and Jake Horner, all of Great Falls, Mike Horner of Port Orchard, Wash., Joey Horner of Woodburn, Ore., Brynn West and Jeret West of Lincoln, and Heiddi Wood and Mike Wood of Columbia Falls.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 2, at Lincoln Community Hall in Lincoln.

A memorial account has been set up for Jack Horner in care of the First Bank of Lincoln.

William E. 'Bill' Hoppe

William E. "Bill" Hoppe of Whitefish, "went to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" on Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2005. He passed away as a result of congestive heart failure at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

Bill was born in Havre, on Feb. 6, 1919. He was the oldest of six children born to Carl and Eliza, both Hoppe. He attended schools in Havre and worked in his father's coal mine and on construction, until he was inducted into the Army and served in the European conflict.

He is survived by his wife, Erna. They were married on March 4, 1942. Two weeks after their wedding, Bill was inducted in the Army and was sent to Camp Cooke, Calif. He served with the Fifth Armored Division, driving a half-track.

From Camp Cooke, he was sent on maneuvers in Tennessee. He was then transferred to Pine Camp, N.Y., and embarked for Europe from Indian Town, Gap, Pa., in February of 1945. He took part in the invasion of Germany and received an honorable discharge as a staff sergeant in June of 1945.

He joined his family and they lived in Havre, until they moved to Martin City, in July of 1946. They lived there while Bill worked at the local lumber mills. In October of 1974, Bill and Erna moved to Whitefish.

He had always been an avid hunter and fisherman and was well known for his success in both. He loved nature and wildlife and got great joy out of feeding the

ducks and geese in front of his home on the Whitefish River.

Bill was an active member of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and had been a member of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church for the past 30 years. His Christian faith was of great comfort to him.

He worked at Superior Lumber Company from 1950-1984 as the set-up man.

Following his retirement, he delivered Meals on Wheels from 1988-2001 and did this service with great pleasure.

Bill is also survived by a daughter, Janet, and son-in-law, Jim Cook, of Missoula; a son, Bill, and daughter-in-law, Peggy, of Columbia Falls; son-in-law, David Langmore, of Frenchtown; grand daughter, Gail Baker, and his grand, Chan; grandson, Stephen Mezzard, and wife, Cassie; and great grand-children, Tyler, Brittany, Kati, Alex, Austin, and Megan, two brothers, Frank of Havre, and Walter of Spokane; a sister, Helen Murphy, of Center point, Texas; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his daughter, Marcia Langmore; granddaughter, Mary; and brothers, Robert and Carl.

A memorial service will be held for Bill at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 12, at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls with Pastor Terry Forke officiating.

The family suggests memorials be made to the American Heart Association or Our Redeemer Lutheran Church.

Arrangements are under the direction of Austin Funeral Home.

JOHN LEONARD 'JACK' HORN, 97

January 08, 2005 at 5:00 am |

John Leonard Horn better known as "Jack," 97, a longtime resident of Shelby and Happy Valley in Whitefish, passed away on Jan. 2, 2005, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish of natural causes. Jack lived his last four years at the Colonial Manor of Whitefish.



Jack was born on June 19, 1907, in Williamsport, Pa., to Walter and Laura Horn.

Jack had many jobs and careers in his lifetime. He started his summers in school as a sales clerk at a grocery store and moved on to manage different grocery stores. Jack worked for Sears Roebuck Co. as a salesman, helped build the Alaskan Highway and numerous airport runways. In Phoenix, he constructed the first television station and broadcasting antenna. Jack also worked in Pasadena, Calif., as a General Tire and Rubber salesman and in Jackson Hole, Wyo., in an amusement park. Jack finished his career back in Great Falls and Shelby with the O'Haire Manor, along with many of his longtime friends.

In 1974, Jack met his wife, Marion, and they were married in 1980, in Las Vegas. They resided in Shelby and Whitefish in the summers and wintered in Mesa, Ariz.

Jack loved being outdoors and enjoyed nature. He enjoyed the deserts of Arizona and mountains of Montana. He read many books and always loved his western novels. But most of all Jack loved baseball, especially the Chicago Cubs. "Go Cubs!"

Jack is survived by his wife, Marion (Stansberry) Horn; her daughter, Darnell Piunti and husband, Sam, of Chicago Heights, Ill.; his sons, Tim, Scott and Dunkin Horn; grandson, Jason Piunti and wife, Amy, of Waukesha, Wis.; and granddaughter, Kristi Piunti, of Chicago Heights; niece Delora Brooks, and husband, Charlie, of Hayden Lake, Idaho; and three nephews.

No services are planned.

WILLIAM F. 'BILL' HOPPE

February 11, 2005 at 5:00 am |

William F. "Bill" Hoppe of Whitefish, "went to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" on Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2005. He passed away as a result of congestive heart failure at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

Bill was born in Havre, on Feb. 6, 1919. He was the oldest of six children born to Carl and Elizabeth Hoppe. He attended schools in Havre and worked in his father's coal mine and on construction, until he was inducted into the Army and served in the European conflict.

He is survived by his wife, Erma. They were married on March 4, 1942. Two weeks after their wedding, Bill was inducted in the Army and was sent to Camp Cooke, Calif. He served with the Fifth Armored Division, driving a half-track.

From Camp Cooke, he was sent on maneuvers in Tennessee. He was then transferred to Pine Camp, N.Y., and embarked for Europe from Indian Town Gap, Pa., in February of 1943. He took part in the invasion of Germany and received an honorable discharge as a staff sergeant in June of 1945.

He joined his family and they lived in Havre, until they moved to Martin City, in July of 1946. They lived there while Bill worked at the local lumber mills. In October of 1974, Bill and Erma moved to Whitefish.

He had always been an avid hunter and fisherman and was well known for his success in both. He loved nature and wildlife and got great joy out of feeding the ducks and geese in front of his home on the Whitefish River.

Bill was an active member of the Lutheran Church Missouri-Synod and had been a member of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church for the past 48 years. His Christian faith was of great comfort to him.

He worked at Superior Lumber Company from 1960-1984 as the set-up man.

Following his retirement, he delivered Meals on Wheels from 1984-98 and did this service with great pleasure.

Bill is also survived by a daughter, Janet, and son-in-law, Jim Cash, of Missoula; a son, Bill, and daughter-in-law, Peggy, of Columbia Falls; son-in-law, Darol Longacre, of Frenchtown; granddaughter, Gail Baker, and husband, Chan; grandson, Stephen Megaard, and wife, Cassie, and great-grandchildren, Tyler, Brittney, Kali, Alex, Austin and Megan; two brothers, Frank of Havre, and Walter of Spokane; a sister, Helen Murphy, of Centerpoint, Texas; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his daughter, Marcia Longacre; granddaughter, Marie; and brothers, Robert and Carl.

A memorial service will be held for Bill at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 12, at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls with Pastor Terry Forke officiating.

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The family suggests memorials be made to the American Heart Association or Our Redeemer Lutheran Church.

Arrangements are under the direction of Austin Funeral Home.

Louise C. Houskeeper, 83

Louise C. Houskeeper, 83, died at her home in Kalispell, on July 29, 2005.

She is survived by her four children, Lois Stacy, Verneet Munkacs, LaVal Houskeeper

and Carol Workman.

Graveside services will be held in Yuma, Ariz.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

Carol Ann Hovland, 59

Carol Ann Hovland, 59, of Loló, passed away Friday, July 22, 2005, at Hillside Manor. She was born March 5, 1946, in Bremerton, Wash., the daughter of Cora Gladys Lindbo and Ernest Vernon Hovland.

At the age of 10, she moved to Arizona where she graduated from high school, later attending college in Lansing, Mich.

In 1983, she came to western Montana where she'll be remembered for her constant efforts in advocacy for the disabled, including Flathead, Lake and Missoula counties. She was active in CMCD (the Coalition of Montanans Concerned with Disabilities) and would often bring these needs and

concerns before local and state political and government agencies.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Sharon Faye Hovland.

Her family includes two brothers, Curtis Hovland and his wife Bonnie, of Ventura, Calif., and Larry Hovland of Camp Verde, Ariz.; and a loving circle of close friends.

Memorial Services will be held at Garden City Funeral Home in Missoula at 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 27, with the Rev. Jean Larson officiating.

The family suggests that in lieu of flowers, memorials be made to the YWCA, 1130 W. Broadway, Missoula, MT 59802.

Marie Elizabeth (Court) Houtz, 78

Marie Elizabeth (Court) Houtz died of natural causes Saturday, Nov. 12, 2005.

Marie was born April 14, 1927, in Westminster, London, to Alfred and Rosina Court. She graduated from Saint Michael's School on Buckingham Palace Road in Westminster.

She was employed by the British Red Cross, then by Harrods of London, and later with the British Army Air Force and Navy Family Relations Service.

Marie wed Earl Houtz on Sept. 17, 1944, in Hemsby, England. She came to the United States in April 1946, and became a U.S. citizen in January 1958.

She was a member of the Evangelical Church of North America.

Marie was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Earl, in 1996; her brother, Robert Court, in 1988; and sister, Elsie Jeffries, in 1993.

Survivors include children, Earl Robert and Karla Houtz of Kalispell, Rosina Joan and Stephen Smith of Wichita, Kan., David Ross and Luci Houtz of Great Falls, and Douglas Charles and Denise Houtz of Kalispell; sisters, May Mumford and Joan Day of England; 10 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18, at First Alliance Church, 908 47th St. S., in

Great Falls.

Memorials are suggested to the Billy Graham Association and Moody Bible Institute.

Harley R. Houston, 89

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"went to be with his Lord and Savior" on March 4, 2005.

Harley was born on April 20, 1915, in Midland, Texas, to Henry and Lulu Houston. He was the youngest of five children. Harley moved with his family to Kalispell, when he was three years old. He attended Flathead County High School where he played varsity basketball and was known as "Bumps," during his high school years. He graduated from Flathead County High School in 1932.

Harley married Faye Thompson in 1937. They had one daughter, Janet. They were divorced in 1942. Harley married Charlotte Parent in 1947, they raised two children, Ralina, and James. They were divorced in 1965. In 1967, Harley married Charlotte Pronovost. She added four daughters to Harley's life. Charlotte passed away in 1990.

Harley had been a resident of Kalispell for 85 years. In the 1940s, Harley and his brothers owned and operated the Meridian Dairy. In the 1950s, he became a Flathead County



Commissioner and he served two terms. During his time as commissioner, he was very proud that they got LaSalle Road changed from a two lane to a four lane road which is now known as U.S. 2. He made several trips to Washington, D.C., was proud to have met Mike Mansfield and several other important political figures.

Harley was a contract owner of a rural newspaper route for the Daily Inter Lake for 23 years before retiring.

Harley enjoyed deer hunting, music, dancing, and later on in life, golf. He was a member of the Eagles Lodge for many years and the Rocky Mountain Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents; four siblings, Stanley, Mildred, Dorothy and Clint; as well as his wife, Charlotte.

He is survived by his children, Janet and her husband, Bud Tyree; Ralina Degele and her husband, Sheldon; son, Jim Houston; step-daughters, Shelia, Dana, Donna and Charlene; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 9, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, with the Rev. Dan Lydick officiating.

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

Richard Robert Howard, 69

Richard Robert Howard, 69, died Monday, Aug. 1, 2005, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He is survived by his children, Sara Jane Willis of Kalispell, Jim Howard, Don

Jasper Howard and Joanne Howard, all of Wauchula, Fla.

Services are pending for Richard Howard.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for the family.

Alysa Rose Huffine, infant

Alysa Rose Huffine, infant daughter of Eric and Leigh Huffine, is "resting in the arms of angels."

She will be forever beloved by her parents, Eric and Leigh of Polson; grandparents, Karen and Gary Lenz of Polson, Bruce Huffine of

Belgrade, and Dallas and Laurel Ferguson of Polson; and numerous other family members and friends.

A private family service will be held.


Arrangements are by Grogan Funeral Home, Polson.

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ALYSA ROSE HUFFINE

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

Alysa Rose Huffine, infant daughter of Eric and Leigh Huffine, is "resting in the arms of Jesus." 

She will forever be loved by her parents, Eric and Leigh of Polson; grandparents, Karen and Gary Lenz of Polson, Bruce Huffine of Belgrade, and Dallas and Laurel Torgerson of Polson; and numerous other family members and friends.

A private family service will be held.

Arrangements are by Grogan Funeral Home, Polson.

Ed J. Hula, 83

Ed J. Hula, 83, passed away at his Columbia Falls home Thursday evening, Oct. 27, 2005, only a few feet from where he was born on Dec. 3, 1921 to Barbara and Joe Hula.

He has touched the lives of many. A very accomplished man, living a full, rich life. Ed was not one to sit back and let the world go by. He took charge of it. He was a logger alongside his father, a member of the CCC (Civilian Conservation Corps), a National Guardsman, a volunteer fireman, and a World War II veteran of the 163rd Division serving in the South Pacific (teaching us to "always thank a vet.").

He was a writer. His letters to the editor will be greatly missed.

But it's more than any of the things he did, it was who he was that made him so loved and respected in both the community and at home. As husband,

father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, Ed taught each of us, as no other could, to fight for the small guy, laugh at life, and stand up for what is right. We will leave this earth better people for knowing Mr. Edward J. Hula.

Ed is survived by his wife, Lu (this was their 64th year of marriage and a lifetime of love); his son, Ed Jr. and Joan Hula; three daughters, Bonnie and Harvy Carol, Barbara and Jim Wallace, and Marna and Ron VanLoo; nine grandchildren; and 10 great grandchildren.

Visitation will be Monday from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

A funeral service will be Tuesday, Nov. 1, at p.m. at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

The family has suggested that memorials be made to Veterans Stand Down.

Robert Kenneth Hume, 72

Longtime Flathead County resident Robert Kenneth Hume, 72, died Nov. 20, 2005, in Bandon, Ore.

Arrangements are under the direction of Amling Schroeder Funeral Service in Bandon.

Mark Calvin Hungerford, 61

Mark Calvin Hungerford, 61, passed away Sept. 4, 2005, in Denver, after a massive heart attack. At his bedside were his children, Carl Hungerford and Laura Hungerford, their mother, and close family friends.

Mark was a native of Billings, born on July 28, 1944, son of the late Robert and Frances Hungerford, and brother of Robert Bruce Hungerford, of Sheridan, Wyo.

Twenty-five years ago, Mark and his wife purchased a home and property on Flathead Lake, providing treasured months and memories.

After university in Colorado, Mark moved to San Francisco, where he founded PLM Inc. and Transisco Industries.

Mark was a dynamic entrepreneur. After San Francisco, he lived in London, eastern Europe, and cities all over the world, and was involved in companies in transportation equipment management and maintenance, in the oil and gas industry, and many others.

Memorial services were held in California.

DeWitt and Tabler Funeral Home in Denver was in charge of arrangements.

Darrell W. Hunter, 59

Darrell W. Hunter, 59, died Tuesday, Aug. 23, 2005, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center from natural causes.

Survivors include his wife, Diana Hunter, of Eureka; son, Darrell Hunter II, of Washington; and daughters, Darla, Sarah and

Alexandra Hunter, of Merced, Calif.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 30, at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church in Eureka.

Arrangements are by the Nelson and Vial Funeral Home in Eureka.

Pauline Michael Humphrey, 76

Pauline could always be found by following the sound of her laughter. Her contagious enthusiasm for life brought joy to those around her, and "we will miss her smile every day for the rest of our lives."

She was born March 12, 1929, in Toronto, Ohio, to Michael and Mary Cervenak. As a cheerleader at Toronto High School, she developed her natural gifts of encouraging others, loyalty to her team, and never backing down from a difficult challenge.

On March 18, 1948, she married Donald Lee Humphrey, and together they had seven children, 11 grandchildren, and three great-grandsons.

As a Marine wife, Pauline moved 33 times over her husband's 39-year career. When asked how she dealt with this, she responded that instead of seeing it as a hardship, she preferred to think of each move as getting a new house. The couple has lived the past 15 years in Lakeside.

Pauline was such a wonderful, loving and caring mother, each child believed he/she was her favorite. She was never too busy to talk or listen or to have a good laugh. She was a wonderful friend, who held a standard of life that brought happiness, comfort, and inspiration to those who knew her. She loved camping, fly-fishing, picnics in the park and instilled a deep appreciation of nature in her children.

During the Vietnam War, she was one of the originators of



the Toys for Tots program. She worked for Navy Relief for over 35 years and was the coordinator for the Washington, D.C. area from 1982-1984, and she was an active board member of the Officers' Wives Club. At church, she was an active supporter of the church bazaar, the CCW, and served on the steering committee to build the new church.

She died on Aug. 31, 2005, in Philadelphia, Pa.

She is survived by her husband, Don Humphrey; her children, Don Humphrey Jr., Catherine Cioe, Elizabeth Baines, Sean Humphrey, Joseph Humphrey, and Michael Humphrey; her grandchildren, Jeff Chapman, Julia Abel, Mary Frame, Donald Humphrey III, John Humphrey, Sarah Humphrey, Danielle Humphrey, Cassidy Humphrey, Matthew Humphrey, Joshua Humphrey, and Jaclyn Humphrey; her great-grandchildren, Wyatt Abel, Griffin Chapman, and Cole Frame; her brothers and sisters, William Cervenak, Mary Dickenson, Catherine Felicia, and Michael Cervenak.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Mary Susan Humphrey, and her sister, Margaret Davis.

"Her family is deeply grateful for the love she gave them and the happiness that she brought into our lives."

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Sept. 16, 2005, at Pope John Paul Catholic Church, 195 Coverdell Road, P.O. Box 277, Bigfork, MT 59911.

Pauline will be laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia on Oct. 19, at 2:45 p.m.

The family asks that donations instead of flowers be sent to Pope John Paul II Catholic Church.

Robert E. Hunter, 94

Robert E. Hunter, 94, of Polson, passed away at Evergreen Health and Rehab. Center in Polson on Saturday, Nov. 5, 2005.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth Hunter, of Polson; a son, John Hunter, of Kingsland, Ga.; a daughter, Janice Turner, of Anchorage, Ala.; a sister, Genevieve Goulet, of Colfax, Calif.;



five grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren; and two stepsons, G. Edward Dean of Polson, and Dwight Dean of Biddeford, Maine.

Visitation will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. today, Tuesday, Nov. 8, at the Grogan Funeral Home in Polson. Rosary will be held at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church at 7:30 p.m. today, and Mass of the Resurrection will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 9, at the church, with Father Val Zdilla officiating.

Interment will be afterward at Lakeview Cemetery, Polson. A reception will be afterward at the church.

Charles 'Chuck' Gordon Huseby, 71

Charles "Chuck" Gordon Huseby, 71, died on Nov. 15, 2005, at the Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

He was born March 11, 1934, in St. Marcus, Idaho, to Gordon and Audrey (McIntosh) Huseby.

He was a veteran of the Korean War. He married Betty Thiele in Las Vegas, on Sept. 15, 1971. They lived in Spokane for 10 years before moving to the Flathead Valley in 2000, and lived in Columbia Falls until a few months ago when they moved to Kalispell. He was a master electrician by trade.

He enjoyed wood working, gardening, crossword puzzles and jigsaw puzzles. He loved the Marines.

He was a beloved husband, brother, father and grandfather. He will be missed by all.

Chuck was preceded in death by his parents, brother-in-law, Virgil Phelps, and mother and father-in-law, Al and Helen Thiele.

Chuck is survived by his wife, Betty Huseby of Kalispell, four

daughters, Polly Huseby of Agana, Guam; Lori Shue and husband, Frank, of Phoenix, Para Huttala and husband, Jim, of Coquille, Calif.; and Elaine Christian and husband, Steve, of Tucson, Tucson, Ariz.; two sons, Larry Skiles and wife, Carol, of Dillon; Robert Skiles and wife, Doris, of Seeley Lake; Dan Skiles and wife, Fay, of Kalispell; and Lewis Skiles and wife, Susan, of Vancouver, Wash.; two sisters, Mary Hawke of White Lake, Mich., and Ginger Goslar of Chandler, Ariz.; brother-in-law, Duke Thiele and wife, Leola; sister-in-law, Herma Kuehling; special cousins, Les Kalay and Gerry Hildebrand; 22 grandchildren; and numerous great grandchildren, nieces and nephews, along with Sassy and Baby.

A memorial gathering for family and friends for Chuck will be from 4 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16, at 161 E. Reserve Dr., Kalispell. A luncheon will be served.

The family suggests memorials be given to the Hospital, Home Health Options, 175 Commons Loop, Ste. 100, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Carol Jean Hylton, 68

Carol Jean Hylton, 68, passed away Nov. 5, 2005, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

She was born Jan. 3, 1937, in Kalispell, to Melvin and Ellen (Blair) Lykins.

Carol worked as a seamstress after graduating from high school. She loved sewing and crafts.

Carol was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, and was a volunteer at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

She is survived by her stepfather, Lee Cowan, of Kalispell;



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children, Rick Kelso of Kalispell, and Jackie Lewis and her husband, Terry, of Marietta, Ga.; six grandchildren, Richard and Anthony Kelso, Zackery, Ariel, Melonie and Tyler Lewis; and great-grandchildren, Ivy and Carter Kelso.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 14, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. A reception will follow at the Eagles Lodge.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Vicki Jo Hylton

Quisweet and strong willed angel, Vicki Jo Hylton, mother, grandmother, daughter, wife, lover, sister, teacher and friend, "spread her wings"

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vived by her daughter, Jennifer; life partner, Trish; grandchildren, Karina Rose and Bailey Gage; mother, Norma; father and stepmother, Ed and Lee; and many, many friends.

She was caring, giving and loyal, and loved family, friends, food and fun, often all at once.

"We love you and we will miss you."

A celebration of Vicki's life will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, the South Fork in Martin City.

Eugene Huso, 86

Eugene Huso, 86, of Hermiston, Ore., died Thursday, Aug. 18, 2005, at the Mid-Columbia Medical Center in The Dalles, Ore. Eugene was born July 11, 1919, in Crosby, N.D., to Knute and Lulabelle Butler Huso.

Eugene graduated from Flathead County High School. After high school, he entered the U.S. Army Air Corps and was a cargo pilot, and earned the rank of first lieutenant.

In 1952, he married Helen Cross from Lakeside. The family moved to Mesa, Ariz., where Eugene was a crop duster. From there, they moved to Grants Pass, Ore., and went into the logging industry.

From there, he became an iron worker and worked on several of the



Northwest dams. He was a member of the Northwest Iron Workers Union.

Eugene was a member of the Eagles, VFW and Elks.

He enjoyed fishing, golf, woodworking and especially bingo and jazz.

Eugene is survived by his three daughters, Cheryl Sykes of Spokane, and Michelle Dyer and Lori Kalal, both of Hermiston; nine grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren; sisters, Delores Young of Bigfork, and Carol Whelpley of Apple Valley, Calif.; and several nieces and nephews.

Eugene was preceded in death by his wife, Helen, in 1987; two daughters, Monica Lu Huso in 1978, and Marla Sue Dyer in 1989, his parents; and brother, Ken Huso.

Graveside funeral services will be at 1 p.m. today, Aug. 23, at the Hermiston Cemetery, with military honors by VFW Desert Post No. 4750.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements.

Dorothy M. Hutcheson, 76

Dorothy M. Hutcheson, 76, "went home to her Lord" on Aug. 20, 2005, after a long battle with cancer.

Dorothy was born March 21, 1929, to Helen and Elmer Kuhlman in Hammond, Ind. She graduated from high school in 1947 and often spoke of her high school years as the best time to grow up. She loved the music of the '40s, and danced her way through the big-band era. She attended Indiana University, but did not graduate.

Dorothy's greatest sorrow was that she never had children. She doted on her nieces and nephew. Then, in 1965, she met the love of her life, Robert Hutcheson, who had three children. In 1966, she moved to Woodbury, N.J., and married Bob and her ready-made family. Dorothy loved her stepchildren and was passionate in her love for "her" grandchildren when they arrived.

She lived the life of her dreams in Woodbury. She worked in Bob's office as a bookkeeper and helped out wherever necessary. She loved charity work, especially through the medical auxiliary, and delighted in organizing dinner dances and fashion shows for worthy causes. She loved to cook and entertain, and was chairman of a cookbook committee that organized and printed a cookbook, the proceeds of which provided scholarships for young people entering health careers.

In 1987, the Hutchesons retired



and spent two years in Florida before moving to Lakeside. She loved her church, the Lakeside Chapel, and made many friends through the Chapel, the Lakeside Community Club, and her treasured bridge and pinochle clubs.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents, Helen and Elmer Kuhlman.

She is survived by her husband, Robert B. Hutcheson; stepchildren, Robert B. Hutcheson Jr., of Boca Raton, Fla., John Brian Hutcheson of Wilton Manors, Fla., and Carol Kuhn of Loxahatchee, Fla. She also leaves her sister Helen McNeill and her husband, James, of Hartsville, Ind., and a sister, Marlene Hulseby, of Griffith, Ind. Dorothy is also survived by her grandchildren, Robert B. Hutcheson III of Fresco, Texas; Michael Sean Hutcheson of Atlanta, Kelley Hutcheson of Durham, N.C., and Lauren Hutcheson of Wilton Manors; nieces and nephew, Lynne Kane of Yellow Springs, Ohio, Cathy Cole of Hilton Head, S.C., Doria Leggatt of Ancaster, Ontario, Jill Pfister of Valparaiso, Ind., Janice Runyon of Hartsville, Ind., Gwen of Highland, Ind., and Joe McNeill of Bloomington, Ind. Dorothy is also survived by many dear friends and her very special friend, Hedy Ehrlich.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be given to Hospice, 175 Commons Loop, Ste. 100, Kalispell, MT 59901.

A celebration of Dorothy's life will be held 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 26, at the Lakeside Chapel, with Pastor John Ulrich officiating.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

CHARLES 'CHUCK' GORDON HUSEBY, 71

January 14, 2005 at 5:00 am |

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He was a beloved husband, brother, father and grandfather. He will be missed by all.

Chuck was preceded in death by his parents; brother-in-law, Virgil Phelps; and mother- and father-in law, Art and Helen Thiele.

Chuck is survived by his wife, Betty Huseby of Kalispell; four daughters, Polli Huseby of Agana, Guam, Lori Shue and husband, Frank, of Phoenix, Dara Battista and husband, Jim, of Carmichael, Calif., and Elaine Christian and husband, Steve, of Tucson; four sons, Larry Skiles and wife, Carol, of Dillon, Robert Skiles and wife, Doris, of Seeley Lake, Dan Skiles and wife, Fay, of Kalispell, and Lewis Skiles and wife, Susan, of Vancouver, Wash.; two sisters, Mary Hawke of White Lake, Mich., and Ginger Goslar of Chandler, Ariz.; brother-in-law, Dude Thiele and wife, Leola; sister-in-law, Bernice Kuehne; special cousins, Iris Kalay and Gerry Hildebant; 22 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews, along with Sassy and Baby.


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