

# GARY RUSSELL HALCRO, 67

*October 17, 2005 at 5:00 am |*

Gary Russell Halcro, 67, of Missoula, passed away on Friday, Oct. 7, at St. Luke Community Hospital in Ronan. Gary was involved in a tragic automobile accident and died from the injuries he received.

He was born Jan. 6, 1938, in Great Falls to Earl and Myrtle Halcro. Gary was raised on a grain farm near Power and attended Power schools, graduating in 1956. Gary proudly attended the University of Montana, where he played baseball and made many lifelong friends. He graduated with honors in business administration in 1964. He was also a member of the Montana Air National Guard for six years.

On Jan. 9, 1965, he married Carol McCone in Great Falls. The couple farmed in the Power area for 30 years. In addition to farming, Gary worked several years for Finley, Renman and Misfeldt in Great Falls as an income tax preparer.

Gary and Carol sold their farm in 1987. Gary was then able to fulfill his dream of living in Missoula.

The Halcros stayed busy by owning and operating the Nutri/System weight loss center for several years before fully retiring.

Gary was a member of the Power UCC and the University Congregational Church. Gary loved the university atmosphere and was an avid Griz fan. He enjoyed spending time with his family at their cabin on the lake. He liked to play catch with his grandkids and delighted in watching them participate in sporting events. Part of his daily routine was to spend time reading the Missoulian, keeping up on the Dodgers and Osprey, and to take long walks as he watched for bluebirds living in the boxes he had made. Retirement brought wonderful travel opportunities with their dear friends, Wayne and Kaaren Jensen and Bob and Bev Braig. However, Gary was always anxious to get back to his home, his family and Grizzly sporting events.

Gary carried himself with a quiet dignity and strength. He didn't talk a lot, but when he spoke, people listened. Gary was a level-headed, clear-thinking, incredibly kind and generous man. He was devoted to his wife, Carol, and they enjoyed 40 years of friendship, love and marriage. He was a wonderful father and grandfather who took great pride in caring for his family. He was an exceptional man and will be sorely missed.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents, Earl and Myrtle Halcro. He is survived by his wife, Carol, of Missoula; two daughters, Renell Wilson and husband, Mark, of Kalispell and Kim Halcro of Yakima, Wash.; a brother, Vern Halcro of McMinnville, Ore.; and three grandchildren, Jareth, Kramer and Halle Wilson.

On Gary's behalf, the family wants to sincerely thank all of the emergency workers, doctors, pastors, church members and friends who have helped so much during this very difficult time. Your care has meant so much.

Cremation has taken place and services will be announced at a later date.

The family suggests memorials be made to the fifth-year scholarship endowment at the Grizzly Scholarship Association, University of Montana, Adams Center No. 139, Missoula, MT 59812. Patricia Frances 'Patty' McCuin, 44 Patricia Frances "Patty" McCuin, age 44, passed away at her home in Kalispell. She was born May 13, 1959 in Spokane, Wash. to Terry and Mary (Sheilds) McCuin. She was born very prematurely, but she fought for life and won and blessed many with her life. Her family moved from Spokane when she was one to Johnson, Vt., where her father was raised and her grandparents resided. They then moved to Montpelier, Vt., where Patty spent most of her school days. She and her brothers were young when their mother died. Patty, being the oldest, became like a mom to her brothers. After her mother's death, they all moved to Mesa, Ariz., where she resided a few years with her father, brothers and her son, Bradley. Her brother Brian moved Patty and Bradley to the Flathead over 10 years ago. She was fulfilling her love of living in the country and being close to relatives. Her dad, Terry, joined them here a few years later. Patty worked for years at the Gift of Love Daycare Center at St. Matthew's. She loved children; she loved them for their simplicity. Patty loved simple things: shopping, cooking for others and was good at it. She was a helper and a giver. She loved holidays and having family around. Patty had a very giving heart and will be missed by those who loved her, but in our hearts she is not gone. "Thank you Father for the life of Patty Cakes." She is survived by her father, Terry McCuin, of Bitterroot Lake; one son, Bradley McCuin of Kalispell; three brothers; T.J. McCuin of Chandler, Ariz., Johnny McCuin of Fort Collins, Colo.; and Brian McCuin of Kalispell. Mass of Christian Burial for Patricia F. McCuin will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2005 at St. Matthew's Catholic Church with the Rev. Vic Langhans as celebrant. Committal will follow a luncheon at Conrad Memorial Cemetery. A closed casket visitation will be from 3-6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2005 in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Johnson Mortuary & Crematory is caring for Patty's family.

# MARTHA ELIZABETH HALL, 95

*January 26, 2005 at 5:00 am |*

Martha Elizabeth Hall, 95, died peacefully at Brendan House Friday, Jan. 21, 2005, of natural causes.

She was born Feb. 9, 1909, to R. H. Hall and Marie L. Hall in Salina, Kan. Her earlier years were lived in Salina and she attended schools there. She was a member of a church trio, singing on a weekly radio program in Lindsborg, Kan.

Later she moved to Princeton, Ill., where she was employed in a large children's orphanage. She found the years there with children very fulfilling and interesting.

She then attended St. Paul Bible Institute in St. Paul, Minn., for two years, with a goal of becoming a missionary for the Covenant Church of Salina. She was unable to fulfill that goal, due to pressing needs at home with her family.

The family later moved to Albuquerque, N.M., where she was first employed with the Pitchner Chocolate factory as a skilled chocolate dipper and later with Albuquerque school system in cafeteria work.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

She is survived by her sister, Norma Daniel, of Kalispell, the only remaining sibling of seven others. She is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews, all of whom will remember her lovingly as a doting and caring "Auntie Martha" of their younger years.

She was unusually devoted to high principles of living: duty, honor and her love of the Lord. Her hands were never empty of hobbies ... needlework, sewing and gardening. Growing flowers and plantings in her yard were an endless joy to her.

"She will be remembered with love and missed by us all."

The family wishes to express great thanks and appreciation to Pastor Reiner of Trinity Lutheran Church, to all the care givers at Brendan House and to the Hospice organization of Kalispell, which are suggested for donations or remembrances.

Also, very special thanks and appreciation to Bev Aaronson, volunteer with Hospice, who spent many hours bringing cheer, gifts and devotion to Martha. A truly special friend!

"Vaya Con Dios, dear little Martha ... now made whole again with a new life in heaven."

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

## Evelyn J. Halliburton, 77

Evelyn J. Halliburton, 77, of Fergus Falls, Minn., formerly Bigfork, died Tuesday, July 20, 2005, at Pioneer Retirement Community in Fergus Falls.

She was a school teacher and later worked as church

secretary at Bethany Lutheran Church.

Cremation was by Olson Funeral Home of Fergus Falls.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, July 29, at Bethany Lutheran Cemetery in Bigfork.

## Mary Katherine Paine Holmquist Hamilton, 73

Mary Katherine Paine Holmquist Hamilton, 73, "went home to be with our Lord" on Saturday, Aug. 6, 2005, in Kalispell. Because of her long, hard battle with cancer, she earned the nickname, "Miracle Mary." She had a very strong will to live. Mary was born in Bismarck, N.D., on Oct. 18, 1931, to Albert and Alberta (Saine) Paine.



She is survived by three sons; Clinton Holmquist and wife Cheri of Texarkana, Texas, Steven Holmquist and wife Elaine of Bigfork, and Carl Holmquist and wife Loretta of Fowler, Colo.; two daughters, Sandra Gipe and husband Howard, and Susan Kennedy, all of Kalispell. She is also survived by 12 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews; two brothers; George Paine and wife Yvone of Eureke; and Roy Paine of Indiana.

"A special thank-you from the bottom, of our hearts for the constant caring, loving and companionship goes to her daughter, Susan. We also want to thank Dr. Habel, who she thought was so handsome and he was 'hers' — hands-off, girls. Her special friend, 'like a sister,' Shirley Cooper. 'Still my daughter-in-law,' Karen Holmquist. A regular visitor from church, Flora Lind. And a big, big thank you to her friend, Pete Arneson."

He would pick her up and take her to church and then to lunch on Sundays. He was there faithfully every Monday evening and spent time with her.

Funeral services for Mary will be held Tuesday, Aug. 9, at 11 a.m. at the Salvation Army Chapel in Kalispell. Visitation will be held Monday, Aug. 8, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Committal services will be at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery on Wednesday, Aug. 10, at 1 p.m. The family suggests memorial donations be sent to the Salvation Army Church, 110 Bountiful Drive, Kalispell, MT 59901; Hospice, 175 Commons Loop, Suite #100, Kalispell, MT 59901 or to the American Cancer Society, 3550 Mullan Road, Suite #105, Missoula, MT 59808.

Johnson Mortuary & Crematory is caring for Mary's family.

## Sherry Lynn Halvorson, 51

Sherry Lynn Halvorson, 51, passed away at home in Kalispell on Sept. 13, 2005.

She was born to Ingebjorg and Clarence Halvorson in Scobey in 1954.



Sherry is survived by her loving companion, Chris Pilossoff, of Whitefish; "her 'only' child, a 9-year-old German shepherd," Moxie of Blue Mountain; her beloved father, Clarence "Indy" Halvorson, of the Vets Home in Columbia Falls; her loving brother, Jeffrey Halvorson, of Minneapolis; her loving sister, Dyanne, and nephew, Tobi Lehman, of our family home, and great-nephew, Johnathon Hardman-Lehman, of Lancaster, Calif. Sherry's also survived by her closest and beloved Aunt Agnes and Uncle Jim Nielsen of Missoula, and their sons, Mik Nielsen of Missoula, Chris Nielsen of Minneapolis and Curt Nielson of New York. Other survivors include her stepniece, Pamela, and her husband, Bing Schmidt, and their children of Stanford. Two stepbrothers, a stepsister, and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and great-nieces and -nephews survive Sherry from Montana, the United States and Norway.

Her mother, Ingebjorg Lueck, stepmother Lorna Halvorson, preceded Sherry in death; as did stepfather, Leonard Lueck; one stepbrother; all her grandparents; and numerous aunts, uncles and several cousins.

Sherry was educated in Missoula, Kalispell and Billings; graduating from Billings Senior High School with honors in 1972. She received her pharmacist degree from the University of Montana in 1978.

She started her career at St. Vincent's Hospital in Billings. She moved out to Seattle to become a drug sales rep for Smith Klein Pharmaceuticals. She came back to Missoula for that same company in 1994. She went back to the hospital pharmacy at Missoula Community Hospital. In 2001, she moved to Whitefish and worked in several retail pharmacies. She moved in with her sister, Dyanne, in Kalispell in 2004 and found her "niche" at Albertsons Osco Pharmacy. She loved her job, counseling patients and she enjoyed and liked all her colleagues.

Sherry loved life and all who knew and loved her will miss her smile and fun-loving ways. She was proud of her Norwegian heritage. She loved her family and especially celebrating the holidays with them. She loved and spoiled her dog, Moxie, and took her everywhere she

could. Sherry ran marathons across the country and even in Ireland. She was an accomplished snow skier and even mountain biked for a time. She loved to hike and camp. She loved to plant flowers, especially roses.

Sherry had a strong faith in our Lord and He also gave her strong opinions. In this last year, she found great joy in volunteering at the Touch of Grace Clinic, a free medical and pharmacy clinic.

There will be a Celebration of Life Memorial from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 25, at the Pavilion at Woodland Park in Kalispell. Albertsons will be providing the food.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Any condolences may be sent to her family at 728 Ninth Ave. W., in Kalispell. Any donations or memorials may be made in her name to any animal rescue organization or Touch of Grace Clinic in Kalispell.



## Margaret Ann 'Peg' Harriman, 76

"The spirit of Margaret Ann 'Peg' Harriman, 76, of St. Ignatius, 1 on April 5, '05."



Margaret Ann Harriman was born on May 4, 1928, to Laurence and Margaret (DeVoe) Drew in Somers.

Peg was raised on Juniper Bay south of Somers where she spent her days on the lake skipping rocks or in the gardens with her father. She attended grade school at Somers and high school in Kalispell.

After graduating high school she went to the University of Montana in Missoula where she studied botany and graduated with a bachelor's degree in botany in 1950; she was a member of the Sigma Kappa Sorority.

While attending the University she met her future husband, David Harriman, of New York. Peg and Dave married April 14, 1951, and moved to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, where they worked for the State of Idaho Fisheries Department running a hatchery on Lake Coeur d'Alene.

In 1952 they brought a small private hatchery on Post Creek north of St. Ignatius, where they lived and worked out their lives and raised their family, two daughters and two sons.

For 45 years of working the hatchery and raising their family, Peg and Dave worked with many

friends developing environmental awareness and encouraged others. Peg was involved with the charter of the Flathead Resources Organization (FRO) and later became its chairperson.

Peg was preceded in death by her parents; brother, "Ivan Algren"; husband, David Harriman; and a daughter, Cynthia Harriman Larson.

She is survived by her daughter, Polly Harriman, and husband, John, of the Bay area in California; and sons, Alan and Sue Harriman of St. Ignatius, and Brooke Harriman of Red Springs, N.C. Peg also leaves her grandchildren, Ryan Bramlette, James David Harriman, Katie, Rachel and Nick Harriman, Laura and Steven Larson, and McKenzie, Lane, Justin and Megan Harriman; and nephew, Charles Mathews Dick III, of Austin, Texas. There are many close friends she wished to thank for their support — Richard Eggert, Connie Niemeyer, Phyllis Castor, Don and Nancy Smith, Mary Brock and so many others we are unable to list.

The family is going to have a service in Peg's garden at 2 p.m. Saturday April 9.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers or gifts, donations be made to the public radio station KUFM in Missoula, which was a constant companion.

Arrangements and cremation under the direction of Grogan Funeral Home and Crematory, Polson.

## Warren Kirk Harris, 84

Warren Kirk Harris, 84, of Missoula died Wednesday, May 18, 2005, at Village Senior Care.

Funeral services will be 1:30 p.m. today, May 24, at the University Congregational Church in Missoula with

Masonic services. Burial will be at noon Wednesday, May 25, at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell with military honors.

Arrangements are under the direction of Garden City Funeral Home.

## Roberta Harrison, 87

Roberta Harrison, 87, died at her home in Swan Lake, on Thursday, Aug. 4, 2005.

Roberta is survived by her three daughters, Sandra Harrison, and Judy Hassett,

both of Swan Lake, and Jean Kasser of Eureka.

There will be no services or visitation. Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for the family.

## Frances Kathryn 'Frannie' Hartsoch, 70

Frances Kathryn "Frannie" Hartsoch, 70, a former resident of Kalispell, died Thursday, May 5, 2005, at Capital Medical Center in Olympia, Wash.

She is survived by her

son, Mel F. of Los Banos, Calif.; and daughters Denise L. Hartsoch and Patricia K. Mitzel, both of Othello, Wash.

At her request, no service will be held.

## Jeanine Elizabeth Hatlin, 69

Jeanine Elizabeth Hatlin, 69, died suddenly on Jan. 22, 2005, at her apartment in Libby, after returning from Kalispell where surgery to replace her elbow had been successfully completed.

She had worked at various jobs at Achievements Inc. until her retirement.

Survivors include her mother, Hilda E. Hatlin, of Libby.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 27, at Christ Lutheran Church with the Rev. Les Nelson officiating.

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

## Ruby Evelyn (Chaffee) Haugen

Ruby Evelyn (Chaffee) Haugen, 87, died peacefully at her home in Kalispell on Wednesday, April 6, 2005.

She was born on May 15, 1918, in Kalispell, Idaho, to John and Mary Chaffee. She was a homemaker, a devoted mother and grandmother, and a lifelong member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

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She is survived by her children, Betty Schneider of Eureka, Nancy Haugen of Eureka, and the West Kootenai, and Ed Haugen of Beaver Creek, Idaho; six grandsons, Evan and Jim Schneider, Daniel Levy, Zachary Isaac, William Sturdevant, and John Paul Haugen. She loved her extended family, maintaining close ties with siblings, cousins, and nephews.

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Please honor her memory through donations to Spokane Valley's Baptist Church, Helman Gardens Foundation, West Kootenai Mission Church, or another charity of your choice.

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# BEVERLY MAXWELL HARPSTER, 77

*January 02, 2005 at 5:00 am |*

Beverly Maxwell Harpster, age 77, passed away Thursday, December 30, 2004 at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell. She was born May 5, 1927, in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Thomas Norman and Reva (Ludlow) Maxwell.



She was raised in Salt Lake City, Utah, until her family moved to Butte, where she graduated from Butte High School. She attended the University of Utah where she got her nursing degree. She married Harry Harpster in Elko, Nev., and they had one child, Bobby.

She was a watercolor artist of flowers and outdoor scenes. She also loved to quilt and sew dresses and other clothing for her granddaughters.

Beverly was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and loved her callings to serve in the church.

Beverly was preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Tom and her son, Bobby.

She is survived by her husband, Harry Harpster of Bigfork; two sisters, Marilyn and Margaret; three brothers, Lowell, Paul and David; many grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Funeral services for Beverly Maxwell Harpster will be held Wednesday, Jan. 5, at 2 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Bigfork Ward Chapel with Bishop Jon Marshall officiating. Burial will follow at Lonepine Cemetery. There will no public visitation.

Memorials made be made to the Lupus foundation.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

# HILDA E. HATLEN, 96

*March 17, 2005 at 5:00 am | Daily Inter Lake*

Hilda E. Hatlen, 96, a Libby resident since 1949, died Monday, March 14, 2005, at the Libby Care Center. She was born Aug. 23, 1908, at Somers to Ole and Gunhild Lee who emigrated from Norway and were married in Kalispell in 1907.

Hilda lived in Norway from ages 3 to 5 on an extended family visit to the homeland, speaking only Norwegian when she began school at Somers where she grew up.

Hilda graduated from Flathead County High School in Kalispell in 1927 with high honors and was awarded a four-year scholarship to Montana State University. One of her few regrets in life is that she decided to first work a period of time to save money for college; when the 1929 stock market crash occurred, her college plans were thwarted as she thought it wise to hang on to good job when many were out of work.

On Oct. 21, 1934, Hilda was married to Harold Hatlen, a carpenter from Clarkfield, Minn., beginning a marriage which would last until Harold's death 58 years later in 1992. They settled in Somers where he was employed by the Somers Lumber Company. They had four children, Jeanine, Betty, Roe and Richard. When the Somers Lumber Company closed in 1949, they sold their ranch at Somers and moved to Libby where Harold built homes before going to work for the J. Neils Lumber Company.

Hilda's main hobbies were writing and painting; she was a charter member and past president of the Montana Institute of the Arts Libby Writers Group, being an active member for over 45 years. In the 1960s, she had been a correspondent for The Western News and The Daily Inter Lake, as well as having articles published in The Washington Post and the New York Times Herald. She also had numerous feature stories and poems published in Montana and the Northwest.

Her published works include "Poems" (1947), "Our "Family Heritage" (1983), "Dear Mama" (1993), and her most recent book of poems, done at age 86, "Come and Talk to Me" (1994), the title poem of which won a National Golden Poet Award. Her last book, "From the Fjords to the Flathead" was almost complete when she suffered a major stroke at age 90 (her children will finish the two remaining chapters).

Her works are included in all six books produced by the Libby Writers Group with the last volume, "Tapestries of Yesterday" (1993), featuring one of her oil paintings on the cover.

Hilda enjoyed reading to her grandchildren; they all have poems written especially for them as a cherished legacy that will always be theirs. Her writing abilities were passed on to her grandchildren and even her two sons who (according to Hilda) when pushed, write acceptable poetry.

Hilda began painting in oils and doing charcoal drawings in 1966 at the age of 58 and was a charter member and past president of the Libby Fine Arts Group which was organized that same year. She had shown and sold many of her paintings as well as winning many local awards. Her favorite subjects were local landscapes and her copyrighted series of Norwegian paintings which have become family heirlooms.



In 1968, Hilda opened the Hatlen Art Gallery, the first of its kind in Libby for artists. She operated the gallery for four years, selling it in 1972 when her husband retired.

Shortly thereafter, Libby Second Hand and Antiques was formed and enjoyed by both Hilda and Harold, until Harold's health problems caused them to discontinue that venture.

As a fitting capstone to her artistic career, Hilda was honored by Pacific Lutheran University at its 1997 Norwegian Heritage Festival with a major retrospective of her paintings and poetry titled, "From Pen to Palette." The Scandanavian Scene wrote, "Hilda Hatlen charmed, impressed and inspired all who came in contact with this active 88-year-old poet and artist."

Hilda was an active member of Christ Lutheran Church and over the years, many renters at the Hatlen Apartments were introduced by Hilda to her church. She was past president of the Ladies Aid church group and was a historian for the church. She was also a member of the Sons of Norway Norhaven Lodge of Libby, which she and her husband helped organize; the Heritage Museum and the Libby Senior Citizens.

Hilda's encouragement and enthusiasm was instrumental in helping to found Libby Nordicfest in 1985, including suggesting the name. She and her husband Harold were advisors, honorary board members and

served as Nordicfest's first King and Queen. In 1998 in conjunction with the celebration of Hilda's 90th birthday, Libby Nordicfest announced the establishment of the Hilda Hatlen Literary Arts Endowment Scholarship and in 1999, featured her on the annual Nordicfest Poster, surrounded by young children of the community.

Though the Great Depression threw a monkey wrench into her plans for a college education, she never stopped learning even while raising a family of four; and she never forgot the value of education even when it meant a second mortgage on the family home so that her children could achieve the college education she was not able to achieve. She never stopped being a source of inspiration for her family and community.

In 1998, Hilda's family celebrated her life on the occasion of her 90th birthday. Scholarships set up by the Hatlen family in her name for students of the arts and those attending Lutheran colleges ensure that others beyond her own family can test Hilda's motto, "You never know what you can do until you try." To Hilda, church and family came first and then the pursuit of her personal goals.

Preceded in death by her husband, Harold, and daughters, Betty Smith and Jeanine Hatlen, and brother Ole Lee, Hilda leaves a rich legacy of faith and heritage and is remembered and loved by her children, Roe Hatlen and wife Beverly of Apple Valley, Minn., Richard Hatlen and wife Karen of Menlo Park, Calif.; son-in-law, Russ Smith of Ocean Park, Wash.; grandchildren, Monica Myers Roys, Randy Roys, Kari Hatlen, Erik Hatlen, Lars Hatlen, Hans Hatlen and Leif Hatlen; and great-grandchild, Colton Myers Roys.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Christ Lutheran Church with Pastor Les Nelson officiating. Private committal services will be Monday morning at the City of Libby Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Christ Lutheran Church, 200 W. Larch, Libby; the Sons of Norway, 165 Garden Rd., Libby; or the Nordicfest Hatlen Memorial Fund, c/o 186 Airfield Rd., Libby MT 59923.

# RUBY EVELYN (CHAFFEE) HAUGEN

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

Ruby Evelyn (Chaffee) Haugen peacefully passed "to heaven" April 19, 2005, in Kalispell.

Born July 21, 1922, on an Indiana farm to Sidney Loftus Chaffee and Nannie Keith Miller Nutting, Ruby was one of seven children to survive infancy. She grew up in a house built by John Purdue in West Lafayette, Ind., (home of Purdue University.) She survived the hot and humid Indiana summer nights, and the bitterly cold Indiana winters, working hard at farm and home chores, walking a mile one way to school and back.

She was a great basketball player, especially talented at free-throw shooting, and also played softball. She hiked, cross-country skied, and swam throughout her lifetime. She finished at least 14 Bloomsday races. She was still swimming a mile three times per week into her late 70s; this despite surviving polio and suffering from rheumatoid arthritis.

She enjoyed watching sports too. One of her daughter Becky's earliest memories was her enthusiastic cheering for the Belfair High School teams. She never missed her children's, Nancy and Tim, games, and followed Mead and Whitworth sports for years after they graduated. In her later years she rooted for the Mariners.

Her parents sent her to Wheaton College where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Bible studies. She could read the scriptures in Hebrew and Greek. She returned to West Lafayette and took classes in home economics at Purdue.

She fell in love with an engineering student, John Frederick Haugen, whom she met in Intervarsity Fellowship. They married after his graduation in June, 1949.

John was called to the ministry, so they moved to Oak Park, Ill., where he attended Northern Baptist Seminary. She followed his ministry to Belfair, Spokane and Missoula. She worked full-time as the minister's wife and mother of three lively children. In Missoula she added a part-time job teaching nutrition to food stamp recipients. She could stretch food dollars into wonderful healthy menus. After moving back to Spokane she worked full-time as the administrative assistant for the maintenance department at Whitworth College over 10 years. Students and staff were inspired by her Christian charity and work ethic.

Her sweet soprano voice was in great demand, as part of a sisters trio, then as a soloist. She loved music, as a listener as well as performer. She attended many concerts, and grew to enjoy square dancing and Irish music as well as Christian and classical.

She gave of herself -- to her family, her friends and her church. She shared her love of God's handiwork. She enjoyed feeding and watching birds, growing flowers, and seeing mountain vistas, trees, wildflowers, and waterfalls.

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She is survived by her children, Becky Schneider of Kalispell, Nancy Haugan of Eureka and the West Kootenai, and Tim Haugan of Beaver Creek, Ohio; six grandsons, Evan and Jim Schneider, Daniel Levi, Zachary Scott, Isaac William Sturdevant, and John Paul Haugan. She loved her extended family, maintaining close ties with siblings, cousins, and their children.

During her last days she enjoyed warm spring weather and panoramic views in West Kootenai, hearing and watching mountain bluebirds, meadowlarks, swallows, elk, deer and wild turkeys from her rocking chair on the deck. She shared her wit, wisdom, and warm sense of humor with her family as she slowly faded from their lives.

Please honor her memory through donations to Spokane Valley Baptist Church, Holman Gardens Foundation, West Kootenai Mission Church, or another charity of your choice.

Celebrations will be held at 4 p.m. today, April 22, at 220 Turkey Track Drive, off West Kootenai Road; and at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 24, at Spokane Valley Baptist Church.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Stevan Lynn Haugen, 54

Stevan Lynn Haugen was born on Dec. 27, 1950, in Kalispell. He was found murdered on July 1, 2005, while hiking in the forest around Oakridge, Ore. He was born to parents M.G. "Carl" and Lore Haugen.

He graduated from Flathead County High School, the University of Montana and the University of Minnesota. He was a teacher and guidance counselor.

He loved the outdoors and was often found hiking, fishing and golfing in the summer and skiing in the winter.

He married Merry Matthew. He is survived by a daughter, Kelly, and stepdaughter, Valerie Stout; brother, Larry and Eileen of Riverside, Calif.; sisters, Peggy and Bert Stout of Kalispell, Lori and Mike Loney of Georgetown, Texas, and Jeanne Rivers and Wayne Putman of Juneau, Alaska.

He will be truly missed by all those whose lives he touched.

There will be a memorial service at 1 p.m. Aug. 13 at 10 Two Rivers Road in St. Regis. Everyone is welcome. Bring chairs.

## William 'Bill' Hedstrom

William "Bill" Hedstrom, 85, of Kalispell, passed away on Friday, Dec. 30, 2005, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.



He was born on Oct. 9, 1920, in Kalispell, MT.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Eleanor, on Dec. 15, 1991.

He is survived by his daughter, Harriet Hedstrom, and his son, William Hedstrom.

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William "Bill" Hedstrom, 85, passed away on Friday, Dec. 30, 2005, in the Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.



He was born on Oct. 9, 1920, in Kalispell, to William and Carrie (Nordtome) Hedstrom.

Bill received his early education in Kalispell where he loved playing football. He graduated from Flathead County High School in 1939 after which he worked at a Kalispell sawmill.

In 1942 he entered the Army serving in North Africa, Corsica, Italy and France. Upon Bill's return from military service he married Eleanor Anna Landwehr in Missoula on Nov. 30, 1945. The couple started their family of five boys here in Kalispell. Bill loved his horses, Echo Lake, boating, stock car racing, spending time with his family at the cabin; and he loved to tinker.

In 1962, Bill went to work for the Anaconda Aluminum Co.

retiring in 1981. After his retirement he enjoyed his family, going to the cabin and horseback riding.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, and three sisters, Helen, Ruth and Clara.

He is survived by his wife, Eleanor of Kalispell; five sons, Robin J. and wife Judi of Columbia Falls, MT; William R. and wife, Marilyn, of Kalispell; R. Scot and wife, Judy, of Kalispell, Steven L. and wife, Betty, of Raynesford, and John E. and wife Cassie, of Bozeman; one brother, Ed Hedstrom and wife, Hazel, of Great Falls; a sister, Minnie Westwood of Seattle; 14 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for Bill will be held 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 4, in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Burial will follow at the Glacier Memorial Gardens.

The family suggests memorial gifts be given to St. Matthew's Catholic Church, 601 Sixth Ave. W., Kalispell, MT 59901; VFW Post 2262, 111 South Main St., Kalispell, MT 59901; or the local food pantry.

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

## Dorothy June 'Jo' (Fox) Heim, 81

Dorothy June "Jo" (Fox) Heim passed away unexpectedly from a stroke the day after her 81st birthday on March 23, 2005, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center, in Kalispell.



Jo was born on March 22, 1924, to Wilbur and Agnes (Kaiser) Fox at Doulon, Mont., near St. Regis, in a logging camp. Her father Wilbur and a Native American midwife delivered her.

Jo grew up in the Swan River community near Bigfork. During her early teens, she found summer employment picking strawberries. In her late teens, she worked as a clerk at the Echo Lake Store. Jo graduated from Bigfork High School in 1942.

After two and half years of courtship, she was united in marriage on June 15, 1944, to the luckiest guy in the world, Fred Heim. Fred and Jo spent a week honeymooning at a cabin on Lake McDonald. On June 15, of 2004, Fred and Jo celebrated 60 years of continuous marital bliss. She devoted her life to her husband, son, grandchildren and great grandchild.

During her many years in the Creston community, Jo was active in the Creston Volunteer Ladies Auxiliary. She was a gifted seam-

stress and wonderful cook and always made everyone feel welcome in her home. Jo could make a gourmet dinner out of a venison cutlet and fresh vegetables from her garden. She especially enjoyed the many hours spent in her flowerbeds and gardens.

Jo was a member of Epworth United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Fred, at the family home; her son and daughter-in-law, Randy and Kathie Heim, of Spokane; grandson, Rory, his wife, Jennifer, and great-granddaughter, Kelli, of Vancouver, Wash.; grandson, Ryan, and fiancée, Shelly Eder, both of Newport, Ore.; her brother, Bill Fox, and wife, Esther, of Bigfork; her sister, Alicia, and husband, Lloyd Fagerland, of Kalispell; and numerous nieces and nephews. A multitude of loving and cherished friends also survive her.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and brother, Ted Fox.

A celebration of her life was held Monday, March 28, at the Johnson Mortuary, followed by services at the Epworth United Methodist Church. Burial was at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

The family suggests memorials to Epworth United Methodist Church, 329 Second Ave. East, Kalispell, MT 59901; or the clarity of your choice.

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

## Michael Ray Helms, 52

Michael Ray Helms, 52, of Kalispell, passed from this life peacefully and beautifully Saturday, Dec. 17, 2005, after a year-long courageous battle with cancer.

He was a loving husband and father. He was a charitable giver of his time and a best friend to all he met.

Michael was an avid outdoorsman, lover of live music, avid golfer, and loyal supporter and fan of his beloved Oklahoma Sooners and Montana Grizzlies.

He is survived in death by his loving and loyal wife, Gaylene;

daughter, Fawn; mother, Margaret Jean Helms; brother, Randy; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Special thanks from the family go out to all of his loving friends, doctors and caregivers who were there for him throughout his lifelong journey of faith.

May he rest in peace and be with his father, Raymond Luther Helms, and grandparents who predeceased him in life.

Donations, in lieu of flowers, may be sent payable to his dear friend, Stan Cook, 6915 Dyk Road, Manhattan, MT 59741.



# STEVAN LYNN HAUGEN, 54

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

Stevan Lynn Haugen was born on Dec. 27, 1950, in Kalispell. He was found murdered on July 1, 2005, while hiking in the forest around Oakridge, Ore. He was born to parents M.G. "Carl" and Lore Haugen.

He graduated from Flathead County High School, the University of Montana and the University of Minnesota. He was a teacher and guidance counselor.

He loved the outdoors and was often found hiking, fishing and golfing in the summer and skiing in the winter.

He married Merry Matthew.

He is survived by a daughter, Kelly, and stepdaughter, Valerie Stout; brother, Larry and Eileen of Riverside, Calif.; sisters, Peggy and Bert Stout of Kalispell, Lori and Mike Loney of Georgetown, Texas, and Jeannie Rivers and Wayne Putman of Juneau, Alaska.

He will be truly missed by all those whose lives he touched.

There will be a memorial service at 1 p.m. Aug. 13 at 10 Two Rivers Road in St. Regis. Everyone is welcome. Bring chairs.

# WILLIAM "BILL" HEAD

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

William "Bill" Head, also known as Vern to his family, passed away on Thursday, Jan. 27, 2005, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish. He had been ill with Parkinson's disease for several years. He was surrounded by family and friends during his last days.

He was born on July 19, 1925, in Sobol, Okla.

On Nov. 4, 1948, he married Harriet Reese in Vancouver, Wash. They moved to the Flathead Valley with their three children in 1955 where he worked at the Anaconda Aluminum Company as a pot line foreman. After 17 years at the plant, he realized his dream of working in the woods and became an independent logger. Whenever logging was slow, he was quick to find work repairing heavy equipment or driving trucks of all kinds.

Bill's sense of humor was well known. His easy grin and dry wit could warm the heart of everyone from highway patrolmen to bakery clerks. Stories told with a sparkle in his eyes never ceased to entertain, even when he was not feeling his best. Family was his top priority. They enjoyed spending time at their cabin on Echo Lake, riding horses, boating, fishing, and taking vacations and Sunday drives enjoying the Montana scenery.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Garland and Beta Head, and a brother, James Elton Head.

Bill leaves behind his wife, Harriet; daughter, Jan Cockrell and husband, Denny, of Shelby; daughter, Linda Post of Scottsdale, Ariz.; son, Jim Head and fiancée, Joyce Fredericks, of Columbia Falls; grandchildren, Amber Cockrell, Kelsey McAlpine, Travis Post, Brandon and Melissa Head, and Amy Fredericks; sister, Wilma Marchant, of Muskogee, Okla.; and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service to celebrate his life will be held 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, at the United Methodist Church in Columbia Falls.

# DOROTHY JUNE "JO" (FOX) HEIM, 81

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

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Jo was born on March 22, 1924, to Wilbur and Agnes (Kaser) Fox at Donlon, Mont., near St. Regis, in a logging camp. Her father Wilbur and a Native American mid-wife delivered her.

Jo grew up in the Swan River community near Bigfork. During her early teens, she found summer employment picking strawberries. In her late teens, she worked as a clerk at the Echo Lake Store. Jo graduated from Bigfork High School in 1942.

After two and half years of courtship, she was united in marriage on June 15, 1944, to the luckiest guy in the world, Fred Heim. Fred and Jo spent a week honeymooning at a cabin on Lake McDonald. On June 15, of 2004, Fred and Jo celebrated 60 years of continuous marital bliss. She devoted her life to her husband, son, grandchildren and great-grandchild.

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Jo was a member of Epworth United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Fred, at the family home; her son and daughter in-law, Randy and Kathie Heim, of Spokane; grandson, Rory, his wife, Jennifer, and great-granddaughter, Kelli, of Vancouver, Wash.; grandson, Ryan, and fiancée, Shelly Eder, both of Newport, Ore.; her brother, Bill Fox, and wife, Esther, of Bigfork; her sister, Alicia, and husband, Lloyd Fagerland, of Kalispell; and numerous nieces and nephews. A multitude of loving and cherished friends also survive her.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and brother, Ted Fox.

A celebration of her life will commence with visitation from 9 a.m. to noon Monday, March 28, at the Johnson Mortuary, followed by services at 2 p.m. at the Epworth United Methodist Church. Burial will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

The family suggests memorials to Epworth United Methodist Church, 329 Second Ave. East, Kalispell, MT 59901; or the charity of your choice.

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

## Clark E. Helton, 77

Clark E. Helton, 77, died Sunday, Feb. 20, 2006, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

Clark worked at various jobs, including for the Sheriff's Department in the early 1950s

and then as a self-employed photographer.

No services are planned at this time.

Arrangements are by Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

## Thomas Lawrence 'Tom' Hennes, 54

Thomas Lawrence "Tom"

Hennes passed away peacefully in the company of friends early Saturday morning, Aug. 20, 2005, in Kalispell. He was 54. Tom contracted a rare form of skin cancer in January of this year. After the most formidable strides to overcome his illness, Tom's physical self could no longer match his fervent desire to live on.

Tom was born in St. Cloud, Minn., on April 22, 1951, the third child of Lawrence F. Hennes and Gertrude R. (Jagielski) Hennes (d. 05/30/02).

Tom is survived by his father; six siblings, Richard, Patty, Mary (Hennessey), Fred, Theresa (Anderson), and Catherine (Lucente); four siblings-in-law; seven nephews; five nieces; and six great-nieces.

Tom's family moved often when he was young. He spent his childhood years in the Minnesota towns of St. Cloud, DeGraff and Melrose.

Later, the family moved to San Mateo, Calif.; then to Salem, Ore.; and then back again to San Mateo.

As a child, Tom enjoyed the companionship of his older brother, Richard. Together, the boys' rampant imaginations became the backdrops to countless fun-filled adventures upon which, as adults, they recalled for hours with infectious, belly-aching laughter. At a young age, Tom developed a love for the outdoors. Throughout his lifetime, he was an avid fisherman, hunter and sportsman. He thoroughly enjoyed nature and living off the land in a simple, rustic environment, without the accoutrements of modern life.

In 1969, Tom graduated from Serra High School in San Mateo, where his father taught for 19 years. Tom continued his education, initially by attending community college, and then at Chico State University in northern California. He took a liking to languages and, in just two semesters, became fluent in German. He also nurtured his natural talent for writing. Throughout his lifetime, he was known for composing the

illustrative, entertaining personal letters, with a style comparable to that of Mark Twain.

Tom moved from Chico to Bailey, Colo. He immediately took a liking to the people he met there. Tom possessed an engaging personality, with a wit that was intoxicating. He became known for



his outdoor interests, his generous spirit, and his willingness to help a friend in need. Tom also was known for his captivating diversity of interests and expertise. He could easily find employment in a variety of fields, and he managed to hire his friends when he could. Tom valued the friendships he initiated in both Chico and Colorado — and later in Montana. These individuals became his close-knit family of friends.

In time, Tom moved from Bailey to Arvada, Colo., where he started his own heat-treating and welding business; his shop was located in downtown Denver. He became so prolific that he had little time to pursue his outdoor interests. Since Tom valued his personal freedoms over the trappings of wealth, he opted to forego his successful business. Eventually, he moved back to Bailey and purchased some land in this part of Colorado he loved the most. He found a job as a chef at a local restaurant, where he struck up a friendship with a waitress named Andrea Mathison that would last forever. The news of his friendship with Andrea resounded throughout each of the personal letters he wrote from that moment onward.

Eventually, both Andrea and a few other of Tom's closest friends decided coincidentally to move to Montana; so Tom sold his land in Bailey and moved to Kalispell. Tom found another job as a chef, at Lake Mary Ronan Lodge. He created a new "Daily Specials" menu for the restaurant, which brought in many loyal patrons. In time, Tom bought some land in the mountains, above Lake Mary Ronan, which is where he planned to build a home.

Throughout Tom's adult life, he made the most concerted efforts to stay current and connected with his family. He not only wrote letters and telephoned often, but he also took the time to travel, to visit his parents and each of his siblings in their respective homes.

"Tom was a truly great man. He will be sorely missed. May God bless him, as we were blessed to know him."

A funeral mass for Tom will take place at 10 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 3, at Risen Christ Catholic Church, 65 W. Evergreen Drive, in Kalispell. 752-4219.

In lieu of flowers, Tom's family has requested that donations be sent in Tom's name to the Kalispell Regional Medical Center, 310 Sunnyview Lane, Kalispell, MT 59901.

## Alcyone May 'DeeDee' Hembd, 86

Alcyone May "DeeDee" Hembd, 86, passed away on Thursday, March 10, 2006, at the Brendan House in Kalispell.

She was born on May 5, 1918, in Hoquiam, Wash., to George E. and Alice G. (Gage) Wiggins. DeeDee received her education in Hoquiam, graduating from high school there in 1937.

She married William Suddarth in 1946. After his death in 1964, DeeDee moved to Montana to live with her sister.

On May 18, 1979, she married Harold Hembd. DeeDee worked with insurance companies in America, Guatemala and Honduras. Life 86 was a member of the Eagles Auxiliary and met at the Kalispell Senior Center from May 10, 1997.



DeeDee was preceded in death by her parents; one son David Suddarth; one sister, Gertrude Zaputit; and two brothers, Robert and David.

She is survived by her husband, Harold, of Kalispell; five stepsons, Richard and Daniel, both of Kalispell, Steve of Seattle, Gary and wife, Shelly, and Dennis, all of Redlands, Calif.; one brother, George D., and wife, Barbara, of Lexington, N.C.; a stepbrother, Win Wilcox, and wife, Carolyn, of Kotzebue, Alaska; a sister, Ruth Johnson, and husband, Bill, of Oroville, Wash.; a beloved friend, Eaton Vanderkolk; 11 step-grandchildren; and stepgreat-grandchildren.

Graveside services for DeeDee will be at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 12, at the Glacier Memorial Gardens with the Rev. Eddie Nye officiating.

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

## Homer E. Henricksen, 87

Homer E. Henricksen, 87, "went home to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" on July 27, 2005, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

He was born Feb. 1, 1918, in Kalispell to Amanda C. and Harry B. Henricksen. Homer attended schools in Kalispell, graduating from Flathead County High School in 1937. He then joined the family business, Henricksen Motor Co., where he worked for most of his adult life.

Homer was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, singing in the choir for 65 years, a member of Lutheran Brotherhood and a life member and past president of Sons of Norway.

The most important thing in



Homer's life was his family, and he loved to visit with and travel to see them all.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his twin brother, Howard, who died just over one month ago; brother, Gordon "Pink" Henricksen; sisters, Nordis (Schuster) Jacobson and Phyllis (Bolton) Felix.

He is survived by his brother, Harry Henricksen; sister, Leona, and her husband, Hans Lenshow; 12 nieces; four nephews; and several cousins.

"We will miss Homer deeply but we know we will be together again at the table of our Lord. Please join us in a celebration of Homer's life at 10:30 a.m. Aug. 1, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church." Reception is afterward in the church basement.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to Bethlehem Lutheran Church or Hospice.



# ALCYONE MAY "DEEDEE" HEMBD, 86

*March 11, 2005 at 5:00 am |*

Alcyone May "DeeDee" Hembd, 86, passed away on Thursday, March 10, 2005, at the Brendan House in Kalispell.

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She married William Sudderth in 1946. After his death in 1964, DeeDee moved to Montana to be with her sister.

On May 16, 1970, she married Harold Hembd. DeeDee worked with insurance companies from American Guaranty to Beneficial Life. She was a member of the Eagles Auxiliary and managed the Kalispell Seniors Center from 1990 to 1997.

DeeDee was preceded in death by her parents; one son David Sudderth; one sister, Gertrude Zaputil; and two brothers, Robert and David.

She is survived by her husband, Harold, of Kalispell; five stepsons, Richard and Daniel, both of Kalispell, Steve of Seattle, Gary and wife, Shelly, and Dennis, all of Redlands, Calif.; one brother, George D., and wife, Barbara, of Lexington, N.C.; a stepbrother, Win Wilsie, and wife, Carolyn, of Ketchikan, Alaska; a sister, Ruth LaFrance, and husband, Bill, of Oroville, Wash.; a beloved friend, Karen Vanderkolk; 11 stepgrandchildren; and stepgreat-grandchildren.

Graveside services for DeeDee will be at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 12, at the Glacier Memorial Gardens with the Rev. Eddie Nye officiating.

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

## Howard Stanley Henricksen, 87

Howard Stanley Henricksen, 87, succumbed peacefully to cancer on June 7, 2005, in Kalispell.

Howard was born in Kalispell on Feb. 1, 1918. He graduated from Flathead County High School in 1934 and then attended St. Olaf in Minnesota where he met his future wife, Marian Brewer. The two were married in 1946 and celebrated 40 years together.

He joined the Army in 1941 and fought in the Battle of the Bulge, and took part in both the crossing of the Rhine and the march to Berlin. He received the Bronze Star and numerous other medals and citations.

Howard started working for Henricksen Motors as a young man. He then went to work at Goodyear Tire Co. in North Dakota. Eventually he worked for Monarch Life Insurance Co. in Massachusetts and later in California.



Near and dear to Howard's heart was the Lions Club, where he worked long and hard into his retirement years. He was also an active member of the Elks Club.

He loved taking photographs and being with his family and friends. He had a great exuberance for life and everyone who knew him loved him.

He is survived by sons Scott Howard Henricksen of Kalispell and Raymond Andrew Henricksen of California; a sister, Leona Lenchow; a brother, Harry Henricksen; a twin brother, Homer Henricksen; and grandchildren Gordon, Tirzah and Iris.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Harry and Amanda Henricksen; sisters Phyllis (Bolton) Felix and Nordis (Schuster) Jacobson; and brother Gordon Henricksen.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, June 15, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

Burial already has taken place. Donations to hospice are suggested in lieu of flowers.

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

## Norma M. 'Frenchy' Henry, 100

Norma M. "Frenchy" Henry, 100, passed away on Sunday, Jan. 9, 2005, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She was born on June 25, 1904, in the LaSalle area of Kalispell, the daughter of Joseph Oscar and Emma Margaret (Sievers) Gravelle. She attended schools in Kalispell and graduated from Flathead County High School.

Following her graduation, she worked for the family business, The Bottling Works in Kalispell. On Sept. 11, 1937, she was united in marriage to John Clark Henry in Seattle.

During World War II she worked in precision work at Boeing Aircraft in Seattle. After the war she became a homemaker where she enjoyed her flowers and was an avid gardener.

Following Clark's retirement from the railroad, they returned to Kalispell to be closer to family. She remained in the home she shared with Clark and, following

his death, remained until she became a resident of Brendan House, two years ago.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Clark, in 1982; and her sisters, Leona Gravelle, Celeste Graham and Justina Morris; and a niece, Norma Jeanne Gates.

She is survived by nieces and nephews, including Robbin Gates of Missoula, Robert Gates and his wife Joan of Kalispell, John Morris and his wife Peggy of Whitefish, and Joe Morris and his wife Joyce of Seeley Lake, and their families, and a dear friend, Linda Rollin, of Seattle.

Graveside services will be private by the family. There will be no visitation.

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

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Dorothy June Hessong, 62

Dorothy June Hessong "went to sleep in Jesus" at her home Friday, Oct. 28, 2005, surrounded by her loving family, after a courageous lifelong struggle with chronic illness.

Dorothy was born Sept. 7, 1943, in Dallas, Ore., to George and Dorah (Fry) Hessong. The family moved to Sweet Home, Ore., in 1947. She attended Sweet Home Seventh-day Adventist School and Laurelwood Adventist Academy, graduating in 1961. She went on to Walla Walla College, but was forced to suspend her studies prior to graduating. Determination led her back to school, and she received a degree in nursing in 1993 from Walla Walla College, and then earned her Master of Arts degree from Fresno State University in 1999.

During her lifetime, Dorothy pursued various career paths, being successful in most anything she tried. She was an accomplished musician in voice, organ and piano, composing many Christian songs; was an artist who produced multiple works in oil; and a writer.

She was at various times a boarding school girls' dean and music teacher at several Adventist academies. She worked at the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in Washington, D.C., as a copy editor of "Ministry Magazine"; at the Arthur Andersen Corporation; at Hewitt

Research Foundation in Camas, Wash.; and for Dr. George Woodruff in Portland.

At the age of 48, she went back to school to fulfill a lifelong desire to be in the field of medicine, and completed a degree in nursing. She worked as a nurse at the Veterans' Administration Hospital in Fresno, Calif., until 2001, at which time her illness finally forced her to retire.

She moved to Kalispell, in 2002, to be close to family members.

Dorothy helped numerous people in need; most of whom were never aware. She always had a "project" she was working on, and was in the process of editing a book when she passed away.

She will be missed by many, including her mother, Dorah Hessong; sisters, Ann Ingram, Debra Hessong, Sue Ellis, Cindy Groger and Jean Bond; brothers, Robert Hessong, George Hessong, Larry Marcks and Terry Marcks; 13 nieces and 14 nephews; as well as extended family and friends.

Her father and infant brother preceded her in death.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5, at the Kalispell Seventh-day Adventist Church.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the Flathead Food Bank or to Gospel Outreach, P.O. Box 8, College Place, WA 99324.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Jack Herbold, 66

Jack Herbold passed away on Monday, Jan. 17, 2005, at the Cookeville Regional Medical Center in Cookeville, Tenn., as a result of pulmonary fibrosis.



family, friends, fellow workers and acquaintances.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, William and Leonard Herbold, and a sister, Joan Herbold.

Survivors include his wife of 24 years, Judy Herbold of Cookeville; two sons, Mark Herbold and Tim Herbold of Cookeville; a daughter and son-in-law, Lisa and Steve Lyke of Cookeville; grandchildren, Samantha and Brandon Lyke, Cole and Hedy Herbold and Chase Herdby; brothers, Lester Herbold of Stanford and Mervyn and Ronald Herbold of Kalispell; sisters, Bea Noren of Missoula, Ore., Rilla Bonjer and Jane Ott of Astoria, and Karen Johnson and Janet Brown of Kalispell. He also is survived by many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held in Cookeville on Jan. 15. He was buried with Dorothy Henry.

He was born on Jan. 27, 1938, in Lewistown, to the late William and Mary Langovan Herbold. He attended National County High School and graduated from Tennessee Tech University with a degree in accounting.

Following military service, he spent several years working in an accounting firm. He and his wife jointly owned and operated a restaurant in Cookeville for over 20 years. Upon retirement, he owned and operated a successful bookkeeping business in Cookeville.

He was a member of the First Assembly in Astoria, Oregon, and served his Christian faith well.

# JACK HERBOLD, 66

*January 23, 2005 at 5:00 am |*

Jack Herbold passed away on Monday, Jan. 17, 2005, at the Cookeville Regional Medical Center in Cookeville, Tenn., as a result of pulmonary fibrosis



He was born on Jan. 27, 1938, in Lewistown, to the late William and Mary Langevin Herbold. He attended Flathead County High School and graduated from Tennessee Tech University with a degree in accounting.

Following military service, he spent several years working as an accountant. He and his wife Judy also owned and operated a restaurant in Cookeville for eight years. Upon retirement, he owned and operated a successful locksmith business in Cookeville.

He was a member of the Trinity Assembly in Algood. He openly shared his Christian faith with his family, friends, fellow workers and acquaintances.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, William and Leonard Herbold, and a sister, Joan Herbold.

Survivors include his wife of 26 years, Judy Herbold of Cookeville; two sons, Mitch Herbold and Tim Henley of Cookeville; a daughter and son-in-law, Lisa and Steve Lowe of Cookeville; grandchildren, Samantha and Brandi Lowe, Caleb and Haley Herbold and Chance Henley; brothers, Lester Herbold of Stanford, and Mervin and Richard Herbold of Kalispell; sisters, Bea Swan of Milwaukie, Ore., Billie Bonner and June O'Connor of Eureka, and Karen Emerson and Janet Rose of Kalispell. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

A funeral and burial service were held in Cookeville on Jan. 18. He was buried with military honors.

# NORMA M. 'FRENCHY' HENRY, 100

*January 11, 2005 at 5:00 am |*

Norma M. "Frenchy" Henry, 100, passed away on Sunday, Jan. 9, 2005, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She was born on June 25, 1904, in the LaSalle area of Kalispell, the daughter of Joseph Oscar and Emma Margaret (Sievers) Gravelle. She attended schools in Kalispell and graduated from Flathead County High School.

Following her graduation, she worked for the family business, The Bottling Works in Kalispell. On Sept. 11, 1937, she was united in marriage to John Clark Henry in Seattle.

During World War II she worked in precision work at Boeing Aircraft in Seattle. After the war she became a homemaker where she enjoyed her flowers and was an avid gardener.

Following Clark's retirement from the railroad, they returned to Kalispell to be closer to family. She remained in the home she shared with Clark and, following his death, remained until she became a resident of Brendan House, two years ago.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Clark, in 1982; and her sisters, Leona Gravelle, Celeste Graham and Justina Morris; and a niece, Norma Jeanne Gates.

She is survived by nieces and nephews, including Robbin Gates of Missoula, Robert Gates and his wife Joan of Kalispell, John Morris and his wife Peggy of Whitefish, and Joe Morris and his wife Joyce of Seeley Lake, and their families; and a dear friend, Linda Rollin, of Seattle.

Graveside services will be private by the family. There will be no visitation.

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

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.



## Tate Brandon Hess, 30

A uniquely incredible young man, our so very beloved son,

brother, nephew, cousin, and friend, Tate Brandon Hess, began a new journey after 30 adventurous years. A



tragic accident took Tate's well-lived young life, along with his two faithful dog companions, Cassidy and Baxter, on July 2, 2005. The one-truck accident occurred along Swan Lake on Montana 83 near Bigfork, only 29 miles from where he was driving to meet his dear family at the Flathead River Hess family Montana home that Tate loved so much. He was on his way to celebrate the Fourth of July weekend to hike, fish, practice archery and share special family time together. With his great passion for life, he fought for four courageous hours to live despite the gravity of his injuries in this unsurvivable accident.

His family expresses their deepest gratitude to the many volunteers and responders who tried so desperately and compassionately to save him.

His accomplished journey here on Earth has now ended, but the legacy of his life and his beautiful spirit live on.

Tate began his life's journey May 22, 1975, as the first-born child of Jim and Bonni Hess. He later was joined by brother, Colby Tyler, and Brittany Shandell. He grew up on Lake Sammamish in Issaquah, Wash. He attended elementary school at Sunny Hills Elementary School at Pine Lake, and graduated from Issaquah High School in 1993.

He then followed his heart to Montana, where both of his parents were born and raised.

He attended Montana State University, joined the Sigma Chi Fraternity (of which both his father and brother, Colby, are members) and graduated in 2000 with a degree in construction engineering.

Tate lived in the Bozeman area for most of the past 12 years where he studied, worked and spent any possible free time fishing the rivers and hiking the mountains of Montana that he loved so much and knew like his back yard. With his great love of the open roads, Tate also enjoyed motorcycling.

Since 2002, he has been employed as a project manager at Cascade Homes Inc. in Bozeman and had planned to break ground on his own home in Gallatin Gateway this summer.

There will be a celebration service of Tate's life at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 9. The service, which is open to all who would like to attend, will be held at the Hess family home, known as River's Edge. It is at 138 Ranchett's Road, in Bigfork. In keeping with Tate's love of the outdoors and River's Edge, the service will be held there in view of the Swan Mountains and Flathead River under the Big Sky.

He will be deeply missed and forever remembered by his parents, Jim and Bonni Hess; 27-year-old brother, Colby, and 23-year-old sister, Brittany; as well as all of the Stukey and Hess family aunts, uncles, and cousins; his Sigma Chi brothers; his Cascade Home co-workers; all of his many friends; and all of those who knew him and loved him so much.

Also in keeping with Tate's dedicated support of his beloved sister Brittany's courageous four-year battle against alveolar soft part sarcoma (ASPS), the family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to The Alliance Against ASPS at [www.alveolarsarcoma.net](http://www.alveolarsarcoma.net). This will help fund desperately need research to find an effective treatment and cure for this extremely rare cancer. For those who cannot join us at the celebration service, we ask that you remember Tate and his family in your thoughts and prayers, and honor him by living each day to the fullest and cherishing family, friends and the beauty of this world, as he did.

## Donald Rex Hill, 75

Donald Rex Hill, 75, a long-time Whitefish resident, died Tuesday, July 26, 2005, at his home near Whitefish of natural causes.

Lonnie had been a carpenter and had worked in residential and commercial construction. He is survived by his wife,

Peggy, at the family home; children, Kevin Hill in Ogden, Utah; and Karen Hill and Kelly Hill, both of Whitefish

No funeral services are planned. All arrangements are under the direction of the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish.

## Ruth Hildebrandt, 83

Ruth Hildebrandt passed away Aug. 4, 2005, at her home in Columbia Falls. She was surrounded by her family and died a very peaceful death.



Ruth was born May 29, 1922, in Philadelphia to John and Catherine Loeffler. She graduated from Hicksville High School in New York.

She met Victor Hildebrandt, and on Sept. 26, 1943, they were married.

They celebrated their 50th anniversary at Meadow Lake Country Club in Columbia Falls.

Ruth and Victor played bridge and golf during retirement. To Victor's dismay, Ruth was able to score a hole-in-one. They made many friends at bridge tournaments and on the golf course.

Ruth was predeceased by Victor on Oct. 10, 2001.

She is survived by a sister, Katherine Byrd, of Crystal River, Fla., and brother, John Loeffler, of Elbridge, N.Y. She is survived by her sons, Robert and wife, Patty, of Oceanside, N.Y., and George and wife, Paula, of Crystal River, Fla. She is also survived by her daughters, Nancy Hildebrandt and husband, John Hilgers, of Lake Five, and Doris and husband, Dan Turner, of Hungry Horse. Additionally, she is survived by 10 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Ruth was a devoted wife and mother. She was admired and loved by the people she met and will be remembered for her strength and courage in battling illness in her final years.

In lieu of flowers, the family has suggested that a memorial donation be made to the Hospice Association.

## Jacob Wendell 'Jake' Hill, 82

Jacob Wendell "Jake" Hill, 82, passed away on Sunday, Dec. 4, 2005, at Lakeview Care Center in Bigfork.

He was born on Dec. 26, 1922, in Dallas, Texas, the son of Dewey and Beulah (Smith) Hill. "Jake" had one older sister, Mary Sterling.

He spent his childhood in Texas, and enlisted in the Marines in 1943. He served our country in the 3rd Battalion L Company and participated in action against the enemy at Bougainville, the consolidation of the Northern Solomon Islands, Emirau Island, Guam, Okinawa and the Occupation of Japan until December 1945.

He married the love of his life, Nadyne Taylor, on May 1, 1947, in Dallas. Jake worked as an accountant, bookkeeper and field office manager for construction companies most of his life. He worked at Reno Sheet Metal until his retirement.

Jake and Nadyne had three children. Jake loved to hunt and fish and spent many, many days on the lake. He shared his love of golfing with his wife Nadyne and they had many memories shared with good friends.

He was a member of the United States Marine Raiders Association.

In 1998, they moved to Bigfork, to live with their son Larry and his family. Since 2001, Jake has

been a resident of Lakeview Care Center. Jake was a loving husband to Nadyne, for nearly 60 years, and a wonderful father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He was loved and adored and will be missed by all of his family.

He was preceded in death by an infant son, Steven; a granddaughter, Blakey Ellen Hill; grandson, Chad Jennings; his sister, Mary Sterling; and his parents.

He is will be missed by his wife Nadyne Hill, at their home in Bigfork; three children; one daughter, Connie Jennings of Coronado, Calif.; two sons, Larry Hill and wife, Carole, of Bigfork, and Gary Hill and wife, Cindy, of Reno, Nev.; seven grandchildren, Sunny Foster and her husband, Steven, of Reno, Lindsay McGowan and husband, Michael, of Lookout Mountain, Ga., Ryan Hill and Audrey Hill of Reno, Valerie Jennings of Coronado, Jacob A. Hill and Mitchell Hill, both of Bigfork; four great-grandchildren, Sydney, Stephen and Sierra Foster of Reno, and Caroline Adler of Lookout Mountain; cousin, Trish Boatright; and nephews, Bobby Cloud and Tommy Cloud, all of Texas.

A memorial service with military honors will be held at a later date in Bigfork.

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



## Wayne Arvid Hillstead, 72

Wayne Arvid Hillstead, 72, passed away on Monday, May 23, 2005, in Great Falls.

He was born May 29, 1932, in Williston, N.D., to Silas and Otelia Hillstead. Wayne grew up on a farm near Grenora, N.D., as one of six children.

He married Betty L. Creech in California, and they later married on July 16, 1954. Their only child, Cindy Louise, was born in 1962. Wayne and Betty owned 12th Street Grocery in Missoula, and then the Seeley Lake Inn in Seeley Lake for a number of years.

Betty passed away in 1986, and Wayne married Georgiana Gulden in later years. Wayne and Georgiana resided in Big Sandy.

Always a joker, Wayne had some of his best times with fam-

ily, friends, and the best stories of growing up on the farm.

He was preceded in death by her parents, Silas and Otelia; his infant brother, Elman Owen; and his wife, Betty.

Wayne is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Greg and Cindy Foley, and two beloved grandkids, Christin and Brent Foley of Kalispell; his wife, Georgiana Gulden of Big Sandy; two sisters, Marge Semmens and Opal Mehus, both of Missoula; brothers and sisters-in-law, Dale and Wilma Hillstead, and Lyle and Irene Hillstead, all of Williston; and numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, May 26, at Sunset Memorial in Missoula.

## Sherry Coan Hinzman, 70

Sherry Coan Hinzman, 70, passed away Wednesday, June 29, 2005, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

Sherry was born April 5, 1935, in McCook, Neb., to Floyd and Noreen Sines Cahill. She was raised in Denver.

Sherry married Raymond Stanley Hinzman Sr. on Dec. 20, 1953.

She was a member of the Foster Grandparent Program, Central Christian Church and served on the board for Montana Human Resources.

She loved cooking, baking, stamping, sewing and especially loved doing things with her grandchildren.

She was a devout mother, wonderful provider and caregiver for her family.

She was preceded in death by her mother; husband; son, Rick; and one brother, Duane Cahill.

She is survived by two sons and their wives, Randy and Wanda Hinzman, and grandchildren, Dustin and Hannah, all of Kalispell; and David and Valerie Hinzman and grandchildren, Kamen, Kaulin, Kennedy, Karlee and Keely, all of Wichita, Kan.; brothers and sisters, Bill Cahill of Greeley, Colo., Laverne Morris of Valley Center, Kan., Lucky Cahill of Purllear, N.C., and Judy Bader of Olathe, Kan.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 2, at Central Christian Church in Kalispell. Urn burial will be in Wichita.

In lieu of flowers, the family request memorials in Sherry's name be sent to the Foster Grandparents Program, 110 Main St., Polson, MT 59860.

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

## Florence F. 'Pat' Hilt, 81

Funeral Mass will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 25, at St. John's Catholic Church in Fairfield for Florence F. 'Pat' Hilt, 81, of Chateau and formerly of Fairfield who died Sunday, Feb. 14, 2005, at the Tripp Medical Center from natural causes.

A vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24, at the church in Fairfield and prayers will follow the Mass in the Sunset Hills Cemetery under the direction of Gordon Funeral Home of Chateau.

Pat was born Sept. 12, 1923, in Great Falls, the daughter of Ruden and Emma (Wood) Hilt. She was the only child in her family to graduate from high school. She married Cyril E. Hilt on

Nov. 9, 1945, in Great Falls, and he preceded her in death on Feb. 21, 2000.

She was a homemaker and volunteered at the Fairfield Elementary School in the third-grade art class every Friday.

She is survived by sisters, Jean (Hart) of Scottsdale, Ariz., and Vivian (Dob) Droke of Kimesport, Ind., and cousins, Mary Godreau, Margaret Smith and Jim Noble.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, two sons, William and Robert Hilt, a brother, Art Duns, and a sister, Mary Hrent.

Memorials are suggested to the Drop-In Senior Center, Fairfield, Mont.

## Piper Mackenzie-Lyn Hitt-Guerrero, infant

Piper Mackenzie-Lyn Hitt-Guerrero died on July 10, 2005.

She was blessed into the arms of her mother and father, Samantha Lyn Hitt-Guerrero and Vince Guerrero

on June 11, 2005. Her arrival was warmly welcomed by a brother and sister, Kiah Ann-Marie and Skiler Perry Hitt-Guerrero. Piper's days on earth only counted to 29.

While she was in the arms of



family, Piper was loved, cherished and gratefully wanted. "We are most grateful for every kiss, every hug."

Piper was named after both grandmothers.

She was survived by her parents; a brother and sister; grandparents, Terry Guerrero, Debbie and Marvin Madden, and Tom and Verla Guerrero; and her aunts and uncles, D. J. Guerrero, Allisha Hitt, Kevin and Heather Guerrero. "We miss you our angel."

A memorial service will be held 2 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 3, at 566 Creston Road, Kalispell.

## Robert Patrick Hilt, 58

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 Fair-



field 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 Gordon Funeral Home of Chateau.

Robert was born Dec. 12, 1946, in Great Falls, the son of Cyril and Florence F. 'Pat' Hilt. He was a retired Fairfield Housekeeper and was performing a maintenance job at the time of his death.

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 1961 Bob attended barber school and continued shoeing, leather working, making saddles and harnesses and restoring wagons until his death.

Robert enjoyed his summer-time 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 Chateau, 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.

# FLORENCE F. "PAT" HILT, 81

*February 16, 2005 at 5:00 am |*

Funeral Mass will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 18, at St. John's Catholic Church in Fairfield for Florence F. "Pat" Hilt, 81, of Choteau and formerly of Fairfield, who died Sunday, Feb. 13, 2005, at the Teton Medical Center from natural causes.



A vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, at the church in Fairfield and interment will follow the Mass in the Sunset Hills Cemetery under the direction of Gorder Funeral Home of Choteau.

Pat was born Sept. 12, 1923, in Great Falls, the daughter of Rueben and Frances (Woods) Dors. She was the only child in her family to graduate from high school.

She married Cyril L. Hilt on Nov. 3, 1945, in Great Falls, and he preceded her in death on Feb. 24, 2000.

She was a homemaker and volunteered at the Fairfield Elementary School in the third grade art class every Friday.

She is survived by sisters, Jean Itami of Scottsdale, Ariz., and Vivian Dors Droke of Kingsport, Ind., and cousins, Mary Godreau, Margaret Smith and Jim Noble.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; two sons, William and Robert Hilt, a brother, Art Dors; and a sister, Mary Brent.

Memorials are suggested to the Drop In Senior Center; Fairfield, Mont.