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A visit to Gram's house made one feel special and welcome and included a wonderful home-baked treat such as a cinnamon roll, a brownie (the "Killer Bees") or a cookie. In later years, as her stamina waned, she always remembered to offer a piece of candy from her green candy dish.

Gram never met an ice cream cone that she didn't like or a strawberry milkshake that she couldn't drink, including one on the day she died. Her family will cherish their memories of hot dog roasts in her backyard and tea parties at her house as young children.

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He grew up and was educated. He came to Montana at the age of 17 and worked as a farm hand in the Coultts, Warner, and Sweet Grass areas for several years. He served in the U.S. Army from 1956 to 1958.

Mervin married Dorothy Wolanski Aug. 2, 1958, in Sunburst. He became a naturalized citizen May 17, 1964.

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The family suggests memorials to the North Tule County Fire Department and ambulance crews or the Bigfork Quick Response Unit.

Visitation is today, April 5, after 4 p.m. at the Whitted Funeral Chapel in Shelby where a vigil will be held at 7 p.m. Funeral Mass will be 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church in Sunburst with burial with military honors to follow in the Sunburst Cemetery.

Condolences can be sent to the family at www.whittedfuneralchapel.com.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy, of Bigfork; daughter, Janice and Myron Heitzman of Mrs. Sofia; sons, Don and Patsy Nagy of Sunburst, Jim and Jeanne Nagy of Sweet Grass, Bob and Dianne Nagy of Billings, and Greg and John Oss Nagy of Spokane, as well as eight grandchildren.

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Janice Darlene Nelson, 74, passed away Jan. 14, 2005, at Sacred Heart Medical Center in Spokane.



Janice was born Oct. 20, 1930, in Millot, N.D., to Marian and Sig Ludwig. She grew up in Kalispell, graduated from Flathead County High School and later graduated from the University of Montana in 1962. She was a member and past president of the Alpha Phi Sorority and Phi Gamma Mu Honor Society.

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A memorial service will be held 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 14, at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 316 E. 24th, Spokane, WA 99203. A private inurnment will be at St. John's Cathedral Columbarium.

The family suggests that memorials be made to St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

Janice will be remembered as a loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister-in-law, sister, friend, a Montana Golden Grizzly, and as God's faithful servant in everything she did.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Hennessey Smith Funeral Home, 2203 N. Division, Spokane, WA 99207, 509-328-2600.

Jim Richard Nelson, 33

Jim Richard Nelson, 33, of Hungry Horse, died Thursday, Sept. 15, 2005, of injuries sustained in an automobile accident near Winnett.



Jim was born Sept. 26, 1971, in Whitefish, and has lived all across the state of Montana, most often in the Flathead Valley. As a child he also lived in Alaska and Wyoming.

He graduated from Columbia Falls High School in 1989 where he met the love of his life, Susan Melven. From September of 1991, they were inseparable. They had two children, Renae and Kalob, and married in February 2001.

Jim worked for Plum Creek for many years, but since 2003 has operated his own excavation company, J & S Excavating. Jim also volunteered with the Hungry Horse Volunteer Fire Department as assistant fire chief and chairman of the board.

Jim was an avid hunter and fisherman. He helped coach his daughter's softball and son's baseball teams. He also loved boxing and stock car racing. He loved children and was "Uncle Jimmy" to dozens of kids. Nothing was more important than the chil-

dren in his life. He donated time and materials to numerous local children's projects.

Survivors include wife, Susan, and children, Renae and Kalob, of Hungry Horse; parents, Cliff and Nancy Nelson of Joplin, mother, Elaine Nelson of Kalispell; brothers, Joseph Lesmeister and Patricia of Browning, Cliff Nelson Jr., and Jenny of Hungry Horse, John Nelson and Darci of Ulm, and Jay Nelson of Joplin; sisters, Kim Tovey and Jane Sand of Kalispell, and Judy Nelson of New York; grandmother, Billie Ribich, of Great Falls; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Jim was preceded in death by grandparents, John and Louise Nelson; Edward Ribich; Phillip and Lena Lesmeister; uncle, Larry Thompson; and cousin, Chris Thompson.

Services will be held at noon Saturday, Sept. 24, at the Hungry Horse Volunteer Fire Station on U.S. 2 in Hungry Horse. A potluck reception will be held after the service at Canyon Elementary School on North Street in Hungry Horse.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Jim R. Nelson Memorial Fund for Renae and Kalob Nelson at Parkside Federal Credit Union, 1015 9th St. W., Columbia Falls,

Zelda Celesta Nelson, 68

Zelda Celesta Nelson, 68, died on Tuesday, April 5, 2005, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.



She was born in Landa, N.D., Bottineau County on March 21, 1937, to Carl and Sina (Sivertson) Anseth.

Zelda spent a few years outside the home working, but preferred being a homemaker. She enjoyed the craft of cross stitching, and also enjoyed playing cards, collecting keepsakes of Betty Boop, Thomas Kinkade and hummingbirds, and was an avid watcher of

the QVC channel.

Zelda was preceded in death by her parents.

She is survived by two sons and their families, Roger and Rodney Nelson, both of Kalispell; and a daughter and her family, Vicki (Nelson) Hannon, also of Kalispell; nine grandchildren, James, Jessica, Timmy, Kara, Karla, Krista, Karrie, Kevin and Joshua; five great-grandchildren; one sister, Arlys Fairchild and family of Waskada, Manitoba; and one brother, Bennett Anseth, of Westhope, N.D.

Cremation has already taken place. Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for Zelda's family.

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Ken was born in Oakes, N.D., on Oct. 18, 1926, to Alice and Otto Nelson. He was the youngest of eight children. He attended schools in Oakes and graduated from Oakes High School in 1943.

Ken joined the Navy and completed his basic training in Fairport, Idaho. He transferred to Bainbridge Island, Wash., and was honorably discharged in 1946. He then returned to Oakes and built houses with his father.

In 1947, he moved to Kalispell to work for Mills Lumber Company. There he met and married Dorothy Ann Lauride on June 30, 1948. To this union was born three children.

In 1951 he became an electrician for the Mountain States Power Company on the line crew. He was a construction electrician on many projects including Hungry Horse Dam and the Anaconda Aluminum Plant. In 1956 he became a residential electrician for Ferguson Electric until retiring in 1980. He then worked for Kalispell Electric part-time until he fully retired in 1987.

Ken was baptized in the Lutheran Church in Oakes and became a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in 1948. He also attended the Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Tucson.

Ken belonged to many organizations including the Elks Club as a lifetime member, Buffalo Hills Golf Association, 49'ers Golf Association in Tucson, and the Electrical Workers Union.

During his younger years he loved to bowl and then for many

years played softball. He was the catcher and Bob Engelbach was the pitcher. Their team won lots of games in town and around the state. He loved to hunt and fish. His memorable fishing trips were to the Bob Marshall Wilderness. Many summers were spent at their cabin on Bitterroot Lake. He then learned to golf, and that took over his life. He golfed wherever he went. Since 1980, summers were spent in Kalispell and winters in Tucson. He and his wife loved to travel and visited 48 states and many foreign countries.

He was a very good father and grandfather. He loved attending all his grandkids' games and activities.

In Tucson, Ken volunteered at the VA Hospital, the PGA Golf Tournament and the LPGA Golf Tournaments for 25 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Otto and Alice Nelson; one daughter, Judith Ann; three brothers, Hjalmer, Emil and Harold Nelson; and two sisters, Esther Nelson and Ellen Lyngen.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Dorothy; daughter, Cynthia Wright and her husband, Clinton, of Tucson; son, Keith and his wife, Julie, of Edgewood, Wash.; two granddaughters, Courtney Wright Castor and her husband, Mike, of Tucson, and Kalle Nelson of Spokane; two grandsons, Kyle Wright of Tucson and Kyle Nelson of Edgewood; brother, Willis Nelson and his wife, Nelma, of Oakes; and sister, Ollie Durand and her husband, Oliver, of Oakes; and many nieces and nephews.

A service will be held in Kalispell at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church the first week in June. Definite date and time will be announced later.

In lieu of flowers a memorial to Carondelet Hospice Service, 1802 West St. Marys Road, Tucson, AZ 85745.

Mary Ann Ness, 82

Mary Ann Ness, 82, died on March 24, 2005, of a stroke. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Kalispell. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ed Ness.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, April 21, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Burial will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 23, at Hill County Cemetery in Havre.

Rebekah Jayne Hall Nielsen, 24

Rebekah Jayne Hall Nielsen, 24, of Kalispell, died in Lake County on U.S. 93 the evening of April 21, 2005, from a vehicle accident.



She was born in Kalispell, on Sept. 3, 1980, to Gary and Jayne Hall, joining a brother, Matthew Roy Hall. She attended school in Columbia Falls, where she played soccer, sang in choir and was very involved with the family businesses, RPLACE Restaurant and Park View Inn Bed and Breakfast. She worked for Peggy Seaman for several years with the Joyful Noise preschool. She attended college for a short time at Portland Bible Institute. She then worked at Red Robin in the Portland, Oregon area where she met the love of her life, Brandon Nielsen.

Rebekah and Brandon were married July 12, 2003, on the banks of the Swan River with family and friends surrounding them. She worked for a short time with Eurway Mortgage in Columbia Falls, until she went full time with her favorite job, being a mother to her children, Elijah Scott and Ella Jayne. Her parenting skills were beyond her years and admired by many. Her duties as a homemaker always took second place to playing with their children and she loved doing creative things with them.

She was always the center of attention and wouldn't settle for less. She loved camping and had an adventurous spirit. Rebekah loved drag racing with her Dad and made him take the scariest of rides because he hated it. She loved music and dance and her life's goal was to serve God and have a life-changing effect on young girls. She was happiest spending time with her husband and children, taking Sunday drives and dreaming of things to come.

Rebekah impacted and changed absolutely everyone she came in contact with. She "lived life full," her happiness and laughter was contagious. Her family was a major and very important part of her life.

She is survived by her husband Brandon Nielsen; two children, Eli-

jah Scott, 2 years old, and Ella Jayne, 10 months; parents, Gary and Jayne Hall of Columbia Falls; brother, Matthew Roy Hall and his wife, Bethany, and their son, Judah Matthew; Rebekah's grandparents, Kathleen Price and Doris Hall, Aunt Vickie and husband, Clay Turner, and their children, Brittany and Jenny Rose; Aunt Brenda and husband, Joe Purdy, and their son, Zach; Her favorite uncle, Doug "Dunk" Hall from Alaska and son, Colby, and daughter, Kristen and husband, Justin; cousin, Chad Hall and wife, Kather; cousin, Tyson Hall and wife, Ailsa; aunt Vicki Price and daughter, Jessica and husband, Jeremy, and their son, Josiah; Brandon's parents, Bill and Lori Nelson, and Veronica and Randy Mohr; brothers, Steve, Mark, Ron and B.J., and sister, Brie. She is also survived by many loving great-aunts, uncles, cousins and New Covenant family and friends.

Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 26, at New Covenant Fellowship Church, 436 Birch Grove, next to Costco, in Kalispell. Visitation will be held from noon to 6 p.m. Monday, April 25, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Burial will be in the Glacier Memorial Gardens, Kalispell.

The family suggests that memorials be made to the Eli and Ella Nielsen education fund at Freedom Bank, P.O. Box 2076, Columbia Falls, MT 59912.

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

Lester L. Nitschke, 74

Lester L. Nitschke, 74, of Libby, died Feb. 16, 2005, at St. John's Lutheran Hospital.

He had worked on many dams, including the Libby Dam from 1966-1974.

Survivors include his wife, Ruthina Nitschke, of Libby; mother, Clara Nitschke, of Hamestown, N.D.; a son, David Nitschke, and a daughter, Pam

Roll, both of Libby.

Visitation will be from 3 to 8 p.m. today, Feb. 17. Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18, at Christ Lutheran Church in Libby; burial with military honors to follow at City of Libby Cemetery.

Arrangements are by Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

KENNETH JUNIOR NELSON, 78

March 27, 2005 at 5:00 am | Daily Inter Lake

Kenneth Junior Nelson, 78, died on March 24, 2005, in Tucson, after a lengthy battle with prostate cancer.

Ken was born in Oakes, N.D., on Oct. 18, 1926, to Alice and Otto Nelson. He was the youngest of eight children. He attended schools in Oakes and graduated from Oakes High School in 1946.

Ken joined the Navy and completed his basic training in Farragut, Idaho. He transferred to Bainbridge Island, Wash., and was honorably discharged in 1946. He then returned to Oakes and built houses with his father.

In 1947, he moved to Kalispell to work for Mills Lumber Company. There he met and married Dorothy Ann Linrude on June 30, 1948. To this union was born three children.

In 1951 he became an electrician for the Mountain States Power Company on the line crew. He was a construction electrician on many projects including Hungry Horse Dam and the Anaconda Aluminum Plant. In 1956 he became a residential electrician for Ferguson Electric until semi-retiring in 1980. He then worked for Kalispell Electric part-time until he fully retired in 1987.

Ken was baptized in the Lutheran Church in Oakes and became a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in 1948. He also attended the Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Tucson.

Ken belonged to many organizations including the Elks Club as a lifetime member, Buffalo Hills Golf Association, 49'ers Golf Association in Tucson, and the Electrical Workers Union.

During his younger years he loved to bowl and then for many years played softball. He was the catcher and Bob Engelbach was the pitcher. Their team won lots of games in town and around the state. He loved to hunt and fish. His memorable fishing trips were to the Bob Marshall Wilderness. Many summers were spent at their cabin on Bitterroot Lake. He then learned to golf, and that took over his life. He golfed wherever he went. Since 1980, summers were spent in Kalispell and winters in Tucson. He and his wife loved to travel and visited 48 states and many foreign countries.

He was a very good father and grandfather. He loved attending all his grandkids' games and activities.

In Tucson, Ken volunteered at the VA Hospital, the PGA Golf Tournament and the LPGA Golf Tournaments for 25 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Otto and Alice Nelson; one daughter, Judith Ann; three brothers, Hjalmer, Emil and Harold Nelson; and two sisters, Esther Nelson and Ellen Lyngen.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Dorothy; daughter, Cynthia Wright and her husband, Clinton, of Tucson; son, Keith and his wife, Julie, of Edgewood, Wash.; two granddaughters, Courtney Wright Castoro and her husband, Mike, of Tucson, and Kailey Nelson of Spokane; two grandsons, Kyle Wright of Tucson and Kyle

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Nelson of Edgewood; brother, Willis Nelson and his wife, Nelma, of Oakes; and sister, Ollie Durand and her husband, Oliver, of Oakes; and many nieces and nephews.

A service will be held in Kalispell at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church the first week in June. Definite date and time will be announced later.

In lieu of flowers a memorial to Carondelet Hospice Service, 1802 West St. Marys Road, Tucson, AZ 85745.

REBEKAH JAYNE HALL NIELSEN, 24

April 24, 2005 at 5:00 am |

Rebekah Jayne Hall Nielsen, 24, of Kalispell, died in Lake County on U.S. 93 the evening of April 21, 2005, from a vehicle accident.

She was born in Kalispell, on Sept. 8, 1980, to Gary and Jayne Hall, joining a brother, Matthew Roy Hall. She attended school in Columbia Falls, where she played soccer, sang in choir and was very involved with the family businesses, R PLACE Restaurant and Park View Inn Bed and Breakfast. She worked for Peggy Seaman for several years with the Joyful Noise preschool. She attended college for a short time at Portland Bible Institute. She then worked at Red Robin in the Portland, Oregon area where she met the love of her life, Brandon Nielsen.

Rebekah and Brandon were married July 12, 2003, on the banks of the Swan River with family and friends surrounding them. She worked for a short time with Fairway Mortgage in Columbia Falls, until she went full time with her favorite job, being a mother to her children, Elijah Scott and Ella Jayne. Her parenting skills were beyond her years and admired by many. Her duties as a homemaker always took second place to playing with their children and she loved doing creative things with them.

She was always the center of attention and wouldn't settle for less. She loved camping and had an adventurous spirit. Rebekah loved drag racing with her Dad and made him take the scariest of rides because he hated it. She loved music and dance and her life's goal was to serve God and have a life-changing effect on young girls. She was happiest spending time with her husband and children, taking Sunday drives and dreaming of things to come.

Rebekah impacted and changed absolutely everyone she came in contact with. She "lived life full," her happiness and laughter was contagious. Her family was a major and very important part of her life.

She is survived by her husband Brandon Nielsen; two children, Elijah Scott, 2 years old, and Ella Jayne, 10 months; parents, Gary and Jayne Hall of Columbia Falls; brother, Matthew Roy Hall and his wife, Bethany, and their son, Judah Matthew; Rebekah's grandparents, Kathleen Price and Doris Hall; Aunt Vickie and husband, Clay Turner, and their children, Brittany and Jenny Rose; Aunt Brenda and husband, Joe Purdy, and their son, Zach; Her favorite uncle, Doug "Dunk" Hall from Alaska and son, Colby, and daughter, Kristen and husband, Justin; cousin, Chad Hall and wife, Katie; cousin, Tyson Hall and wife, Ailsa; aunt Vicki Price and daughter, Jessica and husband, Jeremy, and their son, Josiah; Brandon's parents, Bill and Lori Nielson, and Veronica and Randy Moline; brothers, Steve, Mark, Ron and B.J.; and sister Brie. She is also survived by many loving great-aunts, uncles, cousins and New Covenant family and friends.

Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 26, at New Covenant Fellowship Church, 436 Birch Grove, next to Costco, in Kalispell. Visitation will be held from noon to 6 p.m. Monday, April 25, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Burial will be in the Glacier Memorial Gardens, Kalispell.

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The family suggests that memorials be made to the Eli and Ella Nielsen education fund at Freedom Bank, P.O. Box 2076, Columbia Falls, MT 59912.

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

MARY ANN NESS, 82

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

Mary Ann Ness, 82, passed away Sunday, Jan. 23, 2005, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

She was born March 4, 1922, to Leonard and Caroline (Bundus) Vendeberg in Hinsdale. She moved to Havre, as a young girl and attended St. Jude's grade school and Havre High School.

Mary Ann spent most of her adult life in Havre. She married Joseph Ness on April 27, 1940, in Chinook. She later moved to Kalispell, in 1998, for health reasons and to be near her children.

Mary Ann enjoyed her family, friends, playing cards and bingo. She also loved spending time in the Bears Paw Mountains.

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

She is survived by her children, Joanne Ness of San Jose, Calif., Dick Ness of Rowlett, Texas, Jack Ness and wife, Sandy, of Kalispell, Daryl Ness and wife, Vicki, of Vancouver, Wash., and Jim Ness and wife, Lori, of Kalispell; five sisters, Vivian Sullins of Jackson, Miss., Charlotte Hertsgaard, of Havre, Rosella Gonder, of Rancho Cordova, Calif., Sharon Bennett, of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and Shirley Nelson of Bellevue, Wash.; and two brothers, Elvin Vandeberg, of Tacoma, Wash., and Donald Vandeberg of Coeur d'Alene. She is also survived by her seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for Mary Ann Ness will be held 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 27, at the Johnson Mortuary Chapel in Kalispell. At Mary Ann's request, there will be a private family visitation only. Burial services will be 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, at the Hill County Cemetery in Havre.

The family suggests memorials be sent to the American Diabetes Association, 3203 Third Ave. North, Ste. 203, Billings, MT 59101-1945; or a charity of donor's choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

JIM RICHARD NELSON, 33

September 22, 2005 at 5:00 am |

Jim Richard Nelson, 33, of Hungry Horse, died Thursday, Sept. 15, 2005, of injuries sustained in an automobile accident near Winnett.

Jim was born Sept. 26, 1971, in Whitefish, and has lived all across the state of Montana, most often in the Flathead Valley. As a child he also lived in Alaska and Wyoming.

He graduated from Columbia Falls High School in 1989 where he met the love of his life, Susan Melven. From September of 1991, they were inseparable. They had two children, Renae and Kalob, and married in February 2001.

Jim worked for Plum Creek for many years, but since 2003 has operated his own excavation company, J & S Excavating. Jim also volunteered with the Hungry Horse Volunteer Fire Department as assistant fire chief and chairman of the board.

Jim was an avid hunter and fisherman. He helped coach his daughter's softball and son's baseball teams. He also loved boxing and stock car racing. He loved children and was "Uncle Jimmy" to dozens of kids. Nothing was more important than the children in his life. He donated time and materials to numerous local children's projects.

Survivors include wife, Susan, and children, Renae and Kalob, of Hungry Horse; parents, Cliff and Nancy Nelson of Joplin, mother, Elaine Nelson of Kalispell; brothers, Joseph Lesmeister and Patricia of Browning, Cliff Nelson Jr., and Jenny of Hungry Horse, John Nelson and Darci of Ulm, and Jay Nelson of Joplin; sisters, Kim Tovey and Jane Sand of Kalispell, and Judy Nelson of New York; grandmother, Billie Ribich, of Great Falls; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Jim was preceded in death by grandparents, John and Louise Nelson; Edward Ribich; Philip and Lena Lesmeister; uncle, Larry Thompson; and cousin, Chris Thompson.

Services will be held at noon Saturday, Sept. 24, at the Hungry Horse Volunteer Fire Station on U.S. 2 in Hungry Horse. A potluck reception will be held after the service at Canyon Elementary School on North Street in Hungry Horse.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Jim R. Nelson Memorial Fund for Renae and Kalob Nelson at Parkside Federal Credit Union, 1015 9th St. W., Columbia Falls, MT 59912.

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

Myvonne Noble, 86

Myvonne Noble, a former longtime resident of Libby, died Friday, Sept. 2, 2005, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

She is survived by her children, Sharon Noble Munson of Klamath Falls, Ore., Dennis Noble of Mount Vernon, Wash., Tom Noble of Post

Falls, Idaho, Bill Noble of Troy, and Jerry Noble of Vancouver, Wash.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Assemble of God Church. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. today at the Nelson and Vial Funeral Home Chapel.

John Melvin Norberg Jr., 67

John Melvin Norberg Jr., passed away on Friday, Feb. 11, 2005, of heart failure in Kalispell. He was born July 28, 1937, in Chinook, to John Melvin and Myrtle Owsman Norberg. He received his early education in Chinook and graduated from Chinook High School in 1955. He served in the National Guard at Montana after high school. He returned to Kalispell, and in 1960, married Nancy Buhmann. They had three daughters together. They were married until 1998.

John worked in the Buhmann family bookkeeping business until 1967, when he then attended Northern Montana College in Havre. There he earned a degree in mechanical drafting.

In 1969, John and his family moved to Libby where he worked in the engineering department for St. Regis Paper Company, later known as Champion International. He began work for the city of Libby as a building inspector in 1984, where he still worked part time.

John loved hunting, fishing, sports, his family, friends and his dog, Jesse. He enjoyed frequent trips to eastern Montana, especially to Chinook.

He played basketball, football, and baseball when he was younger, and continued to bowl on a league throughout his life. John coached his daughter, Wendy's, softball team for many years and



was an active member of Christ Lutheran Church.

He was also a member of the Sons of Norway and a volunteer fire fighter for St. Regis and Chinook. He remained an avid Libby Logger fan and attended many of their sporting events.

John was a loving father and grandfather. He took pleasure in being around with his grandchildren and others. He was blessed with many close friends. John was a fun loving person and will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

He is survived by his three daughters, Terri Hartly and husband, Jim, of Livingston, Kim Everts and husband, Michael, of Bozeman, and Wendy Wilson and husband, Bob, of Kalispell; five grandsons, Christopher and Andrew Hartly, Spencer Everts, Gavin and Logan Wilson; two granddaughters, Alison and Bianca Everts; one brother, Frank Norberg, of Erlanger, KY; and three sisters, Dixie Darby of Pine Mountain Valley, Ga., Darlene Warrington of Laurel, and Darla Plouffe of Chinook.

Funeral services for John Melvin Norberg Jr. will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 10, at Christ Lutheran Church in Libby. A luncheon will follow in Libby. Burial services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, in Chinook, at Kuper Memorial Cemetery.

The family suggests memorial donations be made to Christ Lutheran Church Memorial Fund, 200 W. Larch, Libby, MT 59923.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Joan Northcutt-Buckley, 82

Joan Northcutt-Buckley, 82, passed away Wednesday, March 2, 2005, at the Lakeview Care Center, after a brief illness. She has been a resident of Woods Bay for the past 21 years, since her marriage to John Buckley, a 40-plus year resident of Woods Bay, in 1984.

Joan is survived by her husband, John, now a resident of the Montana Veterans Home, Columbia Falls. She is also survived by three children, Joan Davis and Ty Northcutt, both of Libby, and Sandy Northcutt of El Cajon, Calif. She is

survived by two sisters, Edna Faye Goedertz of Woods Bay, and Lillian Jendro, of Chula Vista, Calif. She is survived by many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Joan was a member of the Little Brown Church for many years since moving to Woods Bay. She will be truly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Services will be held 3 p.m. Tuesday, March 8, at the Little Brown Church of Bigfork with a luncheon to follow.

Gloria Garvin Norris, 78

Gloria Garvin Norris, 78, a former resident of Kalispell, "entered into rest" Oct. 28, 2005, in Valrico, Fla., where she had resided since 1956 after coming from Cedar, Mich.

Gloria had worked for several years as a nurse at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

She was a member of Cornerstone Baptist Church in Valrico.

She is survived by her loving husband, Earl; sons, Stephen

Garvin of Great Falls, and Glen Garvin of Zephyrhills, Fla.; daughters, Sandra Foreman of Ocala, Fla., Janet Dampier of Clayton, Ga., and Gail McCurdy of Dade County, Fla.; 14 grandchildren, and 26 great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted Nov. 1 at Cornerstone Baptist Church in Valrico.

Arrangements were by Dignity Memorial in Valrico.

JOHN MELVIN NORBERG JR., 67

February 09, 2005 at 5:00 am |

John Melvin Norberg Jr., 67, passed away on Friday, Feb. 4, 2005, of heart failure in Kalispell. He was born July, 28, 1937, in Chinook, to John Melvin and Myrtle (Swenson) Norberg. He received his early education in Chinook and graduated from Chinook High School in 1957. He served in the National Guard of Montana after high school. He returned to Chinook and in 1960, married Nancy Buhmann. They had three daughters together. They were married until 1998.

John worked in the Buhmann family beekeeping business until 1967, when he then attended Northern Montana College in Havre. There he earned a degree in mechanical drafting.

In 1969, John and his family moved to Libby where he worked in the engineering department for St. Regis Paper Company, later known as Champion International. He began work for the city of Libby as a building inspector in 1994, where he still worked part-time.

John loved hunting, fishing, sports, his family, friends and his dog, Jesse. He enjoyed frequent trips to eastern Montana, especially to Chinook.

He played basketball, football, and baseball when he was younger, and continued to bowl on a league throughout his life. John coached his daughter, Wendy's, softball team for many years and was an active member of Christ Lutheran Church.

He was also a member of the Sons of Norway and a volunteer fire fighter for St. Regis and Champion. He remained an avid Libby Logger fan and attended many of their sporting events.

John was a loving father, and grandfather. He took pleasure in joking around with his grandchildren and others. He was blessed with many close friends. John was a fun-loving person and will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

He is survived by his three daughters, Terri Hartly and husband, Jim, of Livingston, Kim Everts and husband, Michael, of Bozeman, and Wendy Wilson and husband, Bob, of Kalispell; five grandsons, Christopher and Andrew Hartly, Spencer Everts, Gavyn and Logan Wilson; two granddaughters, Alison and Bianca Everts; one brother, Frank Norberg, of Erlanger, Ky.; and three sisters, Dixie Darby of Pine Mountain Valley, Ga., Darlene Warrington of Laurel, and Darla Plouffe of Chinook.

Funeral services for John Melvin Norberg Jr. will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 10, at Christ Lutheran Church in Libby. A luncheon will follow in Libby. Burial services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, in Chinook, at Kuper Memorial Cemetery.

The family suggests memorial donations be made to Christ Lutheran Church Memorial Fund, 200 W. Larch, Libby, MT 59923.

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JOAN NORTHCUTT-BUCKLEY, 82

March 04, 2005 at 5:00 am | Daily Inter Lake

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Joan is survived by her husband, John, now a resident of the Montana Veterans Home, Columbia Falls. She is also survived by three children, Joan Davis and Ty Northcutt, both of Libby, and Sandy Northcutt of El Cajon, Calif. She is survived by two sisters, Edna Faye Goedertz of Woods Bay, and Lillian Jendro, of Chula Vista, Calif. She is survived by many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Joan was a member of the Little Brown Church for many years since moving to Woods Bay. She will be truly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Services will be held 3 p.m. Tuesday, March 8, at the Little Brown Church of Bigfork with a luncheon to follow.