

Dale Jay Singer, 72

Dale Jay Singer, 72, passed away on Tuesday evening, Oct. 18, 2005, inside Manor of complications kidney failure and diabetes. Dale had endured diabetes for 55 years.

He was born on Feb. 13, 1933, in Havre, to John Frank Singer and Hazel Mildred Rakestraw Singer. Fishing the Milk River, boating on the Missouri and Bearpaw Lake and playing football were some of his favorites as a youth. Dale graduated from Havre High School in 1951.

He worked for Clark's Hardware and Bing n Bob's Sporting Goods while in Havre. Dale met and later married Joan Shelby, of Cut Bank on Aug. 2, 1951. Dale and Joan celebrated their 52nd wedding anniversary this past summer.

In 1963, Dale, Joan, and family moved to Missoula where he finished his degree in accounting at the University of Montana in 1965. Dale then went to work for Lambros Agency as their accountant. He also sold insurance for Northwest Mutual Life. Dale, Joan and children moved to Bigfork, in 1974, and built a house on Patty Creek, five miles east of town, on the Swan Highway. Dale continued his accounting practice, as well as opening Gateway Realty. Sensing a need for better community coverage Dale founded The Bigfork Eagle newspaper and successfully operated the paper for several years before selling it.

Dale was a school board member for Swan River School, a Mason, and Past Worthy Patron for the Flathead Lake Chapter 128 Order of the Eastern Star. He enjoyed following and supporting his children and grandchildren in their many events and activities.

Dale retired from his real estate and accounting work in 1999 and he and Joan opened Gateway Nurs-

ery. They both loved starting the seeds in February and delivering beautiful flowers and healthy tomato plants to many happy customers. In 2004, due to his health, Dale and Joan sold their beautiful Swan home and moved to Corvallis.

Dale loved making homemade ice cream, 4th of July celebrations, fishing, hunting, reading novels, joking and teasing, eating rare prime rib, taking Joan for boat rides on "the pond," following the Griz, playing with his grandchildren, a good rousing game of pinochle, and his home on the Swan Highway.

Dale is survived by his wife, Joan, of Corvallis; daughter Melodee and Doug Bureson of Missoula; son John and Debi Singer of Billings; daughter Heidi and Lt. Col. Terry Stiff of Stafford, Va.; 14 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister, Romerie Singer of Arizona; auntie, Beryl Allick and Sam of Kalispell; his mother-in-law, Beulah Shelby of Hamilton; brother and sister-in-law Jim and Sandy Shelby of Washington, and Marlene and Floyd Hooley of Missouri; and numerous nephews, nieces and cousins.

Memorial services will be held 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 25, at the United Methodist Church in Bigfork with a reception to follow at church.

Dale's family thank the many nurses and doctors who showed such compassion and gave him special loving care over the years.

The family suggests memorials to the Dialysis Center Inc., Patient Fund, 135 Commons Way., Kalispell, or the St. Patrick's Dialysis Center, 615 West Cedar, Missoula.

Arrangements are under the direction of Garden City Funeral Home

Gerald Joseph Strucek

"Our beloved Gerald Joseph Strucek went to be with the Lord" Thursday, Feb. 3, 2005, in Roman.

He was born July 26, 1924, in Polson to Lisa J. King. Gerald was born and raised in Roman. He was a graduate of Two Eagle Bayor School and was pursuing a bachelor's degree in forestry at Swiss Kautern College.

Gerald loved to hike in the foothills of the Missouas and was an avid outdoorsman and a sports enthusiast. He loved writing poetry for his friends and family, when he loved spending time with. He was looking forward to being a proud father of his children.

He is survived in death by his parents Lisa E. King and Alfred Bauer; sisters Donna Strucek and her husband John Foust, and Lisa E. King Jr., all of Roman; brother Josh King of Polson; grandparents Louise Andrew of Nevada, Arnold and Gerald Hoover of Roman, Arnold and Eve Bauer of Charlo, and Carl and Norma Sawick of St. Ignatius.

Gerald "was blessed with lots of aunts and uncles," including Aunt

Theresa Curby and family of Pablo, Aunt Beverly and Virgil Brave Roman and family of Roman, Aunt Sandra and Mike Kenable and family of Big Draw, Aunt Michaelene Stasso and Steve Avel and family of St. Ignatius, Aunt Annaliese and Glen Parker and family of Pablo, Aunt Carol and Fred McLeod and family of St. Ignatius, Aunt Lois Sunok and Aunt Mary Jo Sawick of Roman. He also had many in-laws, including Len Andrew of Missoula, Mark Noyes of Bellevue, Lytle Andrew of Creston, British Columbia, Brian Stasso of Spokane, Wash. and Roger J. Hoover of Missoula.

"Gerald was blessed with many cousins and nieces and nephews and friends from all walks of life."

Wake is being held at the Longhouse in St. Ignatius. The wake started Feb. 7 at 2:30 p.m. Rosary was held Feb. 6 at 8 p.m. Wake closing will begin at 9:30 a.m. Monday at the Longhouse with Mass beginning at 10:30 a.m. Monday in the St. Ignatius Catholic Mission, followed by burial at the Roman Cemetery.

Jason Leslie Sipe, 27

Jason Leslie Sipe, 27, died at his home Thursday, Aug. 31, 2005, in Kalispell.

He was born Dec. 7, 1978, in Oakland, Calif., to Ken and Carie (Curry) Sipe. Jason was raised in Sundance, Wyo. The "light of our life," Jason enjoyed being a cowboy on various ranches in Wyoming and Montana. Raised by his father, Ken Sipe, a professional cowman, he enjoyed a life surrounded by some of the best cowboys and friends, a life a kid could ever hope to grow up with. Jason attended high school in Sundance. He worked various ranching jobs and moved to Kalispell, in 2003.

Jason's greatest love was his daughter Samantha who was never far off in his thoughts. Jason really appreciated good friends, a good laugh and a practical joke. He would give the shirt off his

back to help anyone in need.

The world is at a loss without his fond laughter and loving, teasing ways. "We love you, son, and our hearts are broken. We carry on knowing that someday we will all be reunited again."

He is survived by his daughter, Samantha Sipe, of Gillette, Wyo.; his dad, Ken Sipe and wife, Angela, of Columbia Falls; his mother, Carie Sipe, brother, Kenny Sipe and wife, Amber, all of Mena, Ark.; and numerous loving family members and friends.

A memorial dinner will be held 4 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 7, at the LaSalle Grange Hall in Kalispell. There will be no visitation.

Any memorial donations can be made to a trust fund in the name of Jason Sipe, Valley Bank of Kalispell, 41 3rd Street West, Kalispell, MT 59903.

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

Mike Sisich, 88



Diane and son-in-law, Bill Fowl-

ity Orthodox Church of Butte, and a 35-year member of the Anaconda Country Club.

He is survived by daughters, Carol Rose of Kalispell, and

er, of Reno, Nev.; grandchildren, Cynthia Moore of Las Vegas, Craig Sundberg of Anaconda, and Addy Fowler of Reno; stepgrandchildren, Rob Windorski and Cheryl Burgess, both of Kalispell; sisters, Vera Wills and Velma Batten of Butte; brothers and sisters-in-law, Steve and Shirley Matosich of Swan Lake, Joe and Flora Matosich of San Diego, Jeanette Matosich of Opportunity, and Natalie Fitzpatrick of

Butte; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8, at Riddle Funeral Home in Anaconda. An Elks ritualistic service will begin at 7:30 p.m. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9, at St. Peter's Church in Anaconda.

Donations may be made to Hospice or the American Cancer Society.

Mike Sisich, 88, passed away Nov. 24, 2005, in Kalispell.

He was born Oct. 6, 1917, in Butte, the fourth of 12 children, and resided in Anaconda, where he had retired as a smelterman.

He and his wife, Rose, were married 44 years prior to her death in 1987.

Mike enjoyed bowling, dancing and golf.

He was a lifetime member of the Anaconda Elks, Holy Trin-

GERALD JOSEPH SIRUCEK

February 07, 2005 at 5:00 am |

"Our beloved Gerald Joseph Sirucek went to be with the Lord" Thursday, Feb. 3, 2005, in Ronan.

He was born Feb. 26, 1984, in Polson to Lisa F. King. Gerald was born and raised in Ronan. He was a graduate of Two Eagle River School and was pursuing a bachelor's degree in forestry at Salish Kootenai College.

Gerald loved to hike in the foothills of the Missions and was an avid outdoorsman and a sports enthusiast. He loved writing poetry for his friends and family, whom he loved spending time with. He was looking forward to being a proud father of his children.

He is survived in death by his parents Lisa F. King and Alfred Bauer; sisters Daina Sirucek and her husband John Foust, and Lisa L. King Jr., all of Ronan; brother Josh King of Polson; grandparents Louise Andrew of Nirada, Armeda and Gerald Hoover of Ronan, Arnold and Eve Bauer of Charlo, and Carl and Norma Sirucek of St. Ignatius.

Gerald "was blessed with lots of aunts and uncles," including Aunt Tessie Curley and family of Pablo, Aunt Brenda and Virgil Brave Rock and family of Ronan, Aunt Sandra and Mike Kenmile and family of Big Draw, Aunt Michaleane Stasso and Steve Arca and family of St. Ignatius, Aunt Annaliesa and Glen Parker and family of Pablo, Aunt Carol and Fred McCloud and family of St. Ignatius, Aunt Lori Sirucek and Aunt Mary Jo Sirucek of Ronan. He also had many uncles, including Lou Andrew of Missoula, Mark Noyes of Belgrade, Lyle Andrew of Creston, British Columbia, Brian Stasso of Spokane, Wash. and Roger J. Hoover of Missoula.

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Arlene Francis Skare, 72

Arlene Francis Skare, 72, passed away Saturday Aug. 13, 2005, at her home in Kalispell, Mont. She was born July 7, 1933, in Wolf Point to Francis and Esther Paulson. She moved to the Flathead Valley when she was very young, and attended schools in the Flathead Valley. She married Allen Skare on Sept. 28, 1952, at the Epworth United Methodist Church in Kalispell. They moved to the Creston Area in 1969, where they have lived ever since.



After raising five children, she went to work as a bookkeeper for several years. She enjoyed knitting and crafts.

Arlene was preceded in death by her father and mother. She is survived by her husband, Allen, of Creston; five children, Daniel and his wife, May Skare, of Wichita, Kan., and Sharon, Francine, David and Rebecca Skare, all of Kalispell.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 18, at Epworth United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Dave Merkel officiating.

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

Linda M. Skibsrud, 57

Linda M. Skibsrud, 57, passed away at home Sept. 22, 2005, following a lengthy battle with cancer. She was surrounded by her loving family.



Linda was born May 28, 1948, in Anaconda. She graduated from Powell County High School in 1966 and went on to receive her Bachelor of Arts in elementary education from the University of Montana in 1970.

She married H. Peter Skibsrud Sept. 20, 1969. They moved to Salt Lake City and she began her life's passion for children as an elementary teacher.

In 1973, the family moved to Kalispell. Her three sons, Josh, Gabe and Boone were the joy and priority of her life. She was a second mom to many kids for whom

she cared during her career as a daycare provider. She had a deep love for all living things, and her hobbies included gardening, flowers, feeding the birds, and giving advice.

She is survived by her parents, Henry and Gloria Schiele of Deer Lodge; husband, H. Peter and sons, Gabriel and Boone, all of Kalispell; sister, Melody Hill and her husband, Ken, of Goldendale, Wash.; and brother, Randy Schiele and his wife, Leslie, of Big Timber.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Pam, and her son, Josh.

A memorial service for Linda will be held 11 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 28 at Risen Christ Parish in Evergreen.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to be directed towards Kidsport of Kalispell.

Johnson Mortuary is caring for Linda's family.

Dorothy Anna 'Granny Goose' Skillestad, 90

Dorothy Anna "Granny Goose" Skillestad, 90, "went to Heaven" to be with the Lord" on Sunday, Sept. 4, 2005, in Kalispell.



She was born March 5, 1915, in Glendive, to Fred and Minnie (Knoke) Haupt. Dorothy grew up in Glendive with her brother, Richard Haupt. She attended business college in Spokane, and in 1933 married Cecil Skillestad. The couple moved to Livingston and raised three children and one son.

Dorothy's first loves were singing and playing piano and organ music. She played for many years in church as well as for family and friends. She touched many lives with her music and the giving of her hand-made "Granny Goose Greeting Cards."

Retiring at the age of 84, she enlightened people with her genuine warmth and beautiful smile. Family and friends will cherish her memory and miss her very much.

She is survived by one brother, Dick Haupt of Charlotte, N.C., and his family's families; three daughters, Karen Collins and husband, Ray, Kristi Waldo, and Kathy Skillestad with Stephen Wills, all of Kalispell; one son, David Skillestad, and wife, Fern, of Ione, Calif.; eight grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, four great-great-grandchildren; and numerous loving friends.

Memorial services for Dorothy will be held at 4 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 8, at the Trinity Lutheran Church with Pastor Mark Cutler officiating. Urn burial will follow at the Nye Cemetery in Nye at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10.

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

Catherine Skogen, 90

Catherine "Katie" or "Kate" Skogen passed quietly "into eternity" Sunday Oct. 30, 2005, with the faith that she would see her savior face to face and be reunited with her loved ones.



Katie was born to Fredrick J. and Marion Myers Desch on Jan. 6, 1915, in Dayton, Ohio. She traveled with her family by train, wagon, and the Klondyke steamboat to Polson in 1917. She attended Sunny Slope School and Polson High School, excelled in academics, and rode horseback over the surrounding hills. She played the fiddle and piano by ear.

She met her husband, Floyd Skogen, when she came to Kalispell to baby-sit for his cousins. They were married in 1936, in Sandpoint, Idaho, and spent 67-plus years together.

As a young woman, Katie was a waitress in several local restaurants, including The Silver Grill. She and Floyd spent the war years in Seattle, where daughters Geraldine "Jerry" and Barbara were born.

The family returned to Kalispell in 1945. Katie managed the boys department in Buttrey's Department Store in the 1950s and '60s and the nonfoods departments in Adkins (later Rosauers) until 1976. She thrived on the challenge of merchandising, promotion and retail sales.

She and Floyd enjoyed a long and happy retirement, traveling extensively in their motor home, often accompanied by daughter Jerry and

her husband, Gary. They loved attending countless antique auto functions, jazz festivals, wintering in Yuma, Ariz., and tours in Mexico. She enjoyed painting in oils until her sight failed.

Katie will be loved and remembered as the family caregiver, giving herself unselfishly to the loving care of siblings, father, mother-in-law, all the children and her husband.

Katie was a longtime member of Central Bible Church, the Eagles Auxiliary and Flathead Pioneer Auto Club.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Floyd Skogen; parents; siblings, Virginia Zimmerman, Fred Desch and Marian Johnson.

She is survived by daughters, Geraldine "Jerry" Young and husband, Gary, and Barbara Cameron, all of Kalispell; special niece, Joyce Potts, and husband, Les, of Bigfork; brothers, Melvin Desch and wife, Marjorie, and Roy Desch, all of Kalispell; 11 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. today, Wednesday, Nov. 2, at Johnson Mortuary. Funeral services are planned for 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 3, at Johnson Mortuary. Interment will be at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery and a gathering will be afterward at Central Bible Church.

Memorials are suggested to Central Bible Church or the Salvation Army.

Gloria L. Skranak, 78

Gloria L. Skranak, 78, a life-long resident of Libby, died Monday, Aug. 22, 2005, at her home in Libby from natural causes.

Survivors include her four children, David Skranak of Eureka, Duane Skranak of

Libby, Carolyn Treadway of Missoula, and Mike Skranak of Pinehurst, Idaho.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 26, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Libby. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. today.

Gary LaDell Slaugh, 60

Gary LaDell Slaugh, 60, died on Monday, June 27, 2005, near Olney as the result of a motorcycle and logging truck accident.

He has been shipped back to his hometown of Rock Springs, Wyo.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Helen M. Sloan, 96

Helen M. Sloan, 96, passed away Monday, Jan. 10, 2005, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

She was born May 1, 1909, in Springfield, Colo., to Nicholas James and Anna Louise Consums. Helen grew up in Vinton, Iowa, with her only sibling Irene. She graduated from Vinton High School in 1925 and graduated from Mercy Hospital School for Nurses in 1935.

In 1943 she joined the Red Cross nurses. Her travels brought her to Kalispell in 1946, where she worked for Kalispell General Hospital.

It was in Kalispell where she met Vincent Sloan, her beloved husband of 41 years. They were married May 1, 1954, at St. Ann's Cathedral in Great Falls.

Helen was devoted to nursing until she retired in 1970. She and Vincent loved archery, fishing, hunting and camping.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Vincent; and her sister, Irene.



She is survived by many nephews and nieces including Joseph Sloan and wife, Doris, Steve Sloan and wife, Cheryl, Brian Sloan and wife, Amber, Adam Sloan and Parker Sloan and Kim Geer, James Sloan and wife, Virginia, Nathan Sloan and Peter Sloan, all of Kalispell, also Michael Sloan and family of Banning, Calif., Robert Sloan and family of Renton, Wash., Dennis Sloan and wife, Rosie, Beverly Jacob and husband, Bruce, all of Rapid City, S.D., and Bill Sloan and wife, Jessica, of Stanford.

Mass of Christian Burial for Helen M. Sloan will be held 11 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 14, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church with Father Vic Langhans as celebrant. A committal will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be held from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. today, with a vigil service at 4 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel.

The family suggests memorials be given in Helen's name to Hospice Home Health Options, 175 Commons Loop, Suite No. 100, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Andrew McKay Smith, 22

A memorial service for Andrew McKay Smith, 22, of Trego and Bozeman, will be at 2 p.m. May 28, at the residence of Dan and Lea Ann Smith, 1954 Ant Flat Road, Trego; fellowship and potluck

dinner to follow.

Call Dan Smith at 406-882-4520.

Andrew Smith was pre-summed drowned after a canoeing accident Sunday, May 22, on the Yellowstone River.

Edward C. Smith Jr., 49

Edward C. Smith Jr., 49, died on Friday, Dec. 31, 2004, at his residence west of Marion. Services for Edward C.

Smith Jr. are pending.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Joseph M. 'Joe' Sloan, 82

Joseph M. 'Joe' Sloan, 82, was called home to be with the Lord, Saturday, Jan. 8, 2005.

He was born Jan. 1, 1923, in Lyman, County, Tenn., to Leonard and Lucetta Sloan. He graduated from Tennyson High School in 1941.

He joined the Marine Corps in 1945, where he served on the battleship USS Massachusetts.

His Marine attachment was assigned to the Pacific Theater, where his position in the Division of Law, Japan and Okinawa. Joe's Marine unit was responsible for capturing the Naval air station at Aomori, Japan, enabling General MacArthur to land and sign the Japanese surrender. Joe was very proud to have served his country.

He was also hired from the Marines in 1945, in Seattle, where he met Helen M. Sloan. They were married at St. James Cathedral in Seattle in 1946. They moved to

Montana and lived there a short time. They moved to Kalispell, where they raised their four children and then their son, Michael, and their daughter, Jennifer, lived for Main Street. Jennifer graduated in 1984 and opened a clothing boutique. She is a very hard working mother and a devoted business owner.

Joe was a Past Wise Master of the Masonic Lodge, a Past Master of the Elks Lodge, and a member of the Elks Lodge. He retired in 1984 and lived in Kalispell and Missoula, Mont.

Joe was preceded in death by his father, Leonard Sloan, and his mother, Lucetta Sloan. He is survived by his



achieved the rank of Fourth Degree in the Knights of Columbus.

He always reached out to anyone in need. Joe had a tremendous love for his family and friends. He will be deeply missed and loved to perfection.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother, Leon, and sister, Molly.

He is now survived by his wife, Doris Sloan, four sons, James Sloan and wife, Virginia, and Steve Sloan and wife, Cheryl, all of Kalispell; Michael Sloan and wife, Becky, of Battleground, Calif.; and Robert Sloan of Renton, Wash., one brother, John Sloan and family of Eugene, Oreg., three sisters, Betty Sverker and family, and Leona Stark and family, all of California; and Maureen Walsh and family of Omak, Wash.; seven grand children, Nathan Sloan, Peter Sloan, Brian Sloan and wife, Amber, Adam Sloan, Kelsey Sloan, Katie Sloan, and Spencer Sloan; and one great grandson, Parker Sloan.

A Mass of Christian Burial for Joseph M. Sloan will be held Thursday, Jan. 13, at 10 a.m. at St. James Cathedral funeral home. Father Richard Kullback will be officiating. Committal will be at the City of Great Falls mortuary. A Vigil will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday at St. James Cathedral with a Vigil at 7 p.m. Friday at the City of Great Falls mortuary.

The family suggests memorials be given in Joe's name to Hospice Home Health Options, 175 Commons Loop, Suite No. 100, Kalispell, MT 59901.

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Candida Maria Smith, 54

Candida Maria Smith, a resident of Bigfork and Northern California, died Aug. 31, 2005, surrounded by her loving family. She was 54.

Candida was a court reporter for 36 years in Northern California and also Montana. She enjoyed reading, hiking and the spiritual journeys of life! Candida was born on Jan. 14, 1951.

She is survived by her mother, Clare Smith, of Modesto, Calif.; two daughters, Simone Medinos of Modesto and Jody Smith of Bigfork; brother, Marcus Smith, of

Nashville, Tenn.; and sister, Lucina Thomas, of Riverbank; nieces, Rosalee Sloan and Kelly Smith; nephews, Lucas Woodward, Steven Berdak and Marcus Berdak; and grandnephews Jeremiah, Jacob and Dylan.

Candida was preceded in death by her brothers, Gabriel Smith and Sandon Smith.

Remembrances may be made to the Red Cross for the Hurricane Relief Fund.

Please join hands at the following Web site: <http://candida-smith.memory-of.com/about.aspx>.

JOSEPH M. 'JOE' SLOAN, 82

February 02, 2005 at 5:00 am |

Joseph M. "Joe" Sloan, 82, "was called home to be with the Lord," Saturday, Jan. 29, 2005.

He was born Jan. 8, 1923, in Lyman County, S.D., to Leonard and Loretta Sloan. He graduated from Vivian High School in 1941.

He joined the Marine Corps in 1943, where he served on the Battleship USS Massachusetts "Mighty Mamie" as the captain's orderly. His Marine attachment served in the Pacific Theater, which saw action in the invasions of Iwo Jima and Okinawa. Joe's Marine unit was responsible for securing the Naval air station at Atsugi, Japan, enabling General MacArthur to land and sign the Japanese surrender. Joe was very proud to have served his country.

He was discharged from the Marines in 1945, in Seattle, where he met Doris Nicola. They were married at St. James Cathedral in Seattle, in 1946. They moved to Missoula and lived there a short time, then moved to Kalispell, where they raised their four sons.

Joe worked for Main Street Furniture and in 1961 opened Sloan's Appliance Store. Joe's integrity and honest work ethic made him a successful businessman in Kalispell.

He coached Pee Wee baseball and church league basketball, and he loved to golf with his many golfing buddies. He retired in 1986 and he and Doris spent their time between Kalispell and Mesa, Ariz.

Joe volunteered his time to the Flathead Food Bank and Meals On Wheels. He was honored to have achieved the rank of Fourth Degree in the Knights of Columbus.

He always reached out to anyone in need. Joe had a tremendous love for his family and friends. He will be deeply missed and never forgotten.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Leon; and sister, Molly.

He is now survived by his wife, Doris Sloan; four sons, James Sloan and wife, Virginia, and Steve Sloan and wife, Cheri, all of Kalispell, Michael Sloan and wife, Becky, of Banning, Calif., and Robert Sloan of Renton, Wash.; one brother, John Sloan and family of Fargo, N.D.; three sisters, Peggy Sverko and family, and Leona Stark and family, all of California, and Maureen Walsh and family of Omak, Wash.; seven grandchildren, Nathan Sloan, Peter Sloan, Brian Sloan and wife, Amber, Adam Sloan, Bailey Sloan, Katie Sloan, and Spencer Sloan; and one great-grandson, Parker Sloan.

A Mass of Christian burial for Joseph M. Sloan will be held 11 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 4, at Risen Christ Catholic Church with Father Rudolph Bullman as celebrant. Committal will follow in the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. A vigil will be held 7 p.m. Thursday at Johnson Mortuary chapel with visitation Thursday from 1 p.m. to time of vigil at the funeral home.

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The family suggests memorials be given in Joe's name to Hospice Home Health Options, 175 Commons Loop, Ste. 100, Kalispell, MT 59901.

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EDWARD LEE 'POPS' SMITH, 64

April 08, 2005 at 5:00 am |

Edward Lee "Pops" Smith, 64, father, friend, brother and family historian took his place in the history he so dearly loved on Wednesday, April 6, 2005, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

He was born, the oldest of three children, Nov. 14, 1940, in Kalispell, to Roy and Opal (Walter) Smith. Growing up primarily in southwest Montana, Ed graduated from Three Forks High School in 1958, receiving his diploma in 1994, (after his son Eric paid off Ed's outstanding bill for shop class.)

Ed married Sharon Rogers soon after meeting her at the Gallatin County Fair in Bozeman. Thus began a 30-year marriage that would give them five sons and see them live in several locations that included Montana, Washington and Alaska.

In 1972, Ed took his family on what would be his favorite adventure; moving to Fairbanks, Alaska to allow Ed to become the operations manager for CPR Upjohn during the construction of the Alaska Pipeline.

Ed returned to Montana in 1975 to spend more time with his family and begin the entrepreneurial phase of his life as a successful tavern, hotel and resort owner. The next 15 years would see Ed prosper in his pursuits, help build a new school in Marion, return to Alaska for a brief time and eventually end up back in Kalispell so his youngest son could graduate from the same high school as his other three boys.

The last 15 years of Ed's life saw some of the happiest times of his entire life. After marrying Patty Hutsell in 1991, Ed was blessed with the majority of his grandchildren and several adventures with Patty in Washington. It was in Washington that Ed would become "Uncle Ed" to the next generation of nieces, nephews and "lovingly adopted" kids in his life.

Retiring in his beloved Marion, Ed spent his last years with his "children" coming up for Sunday dinner and the daily pilgrimage to coffee at the Hilltop to catch up on local gossip. Always ready to impart some story of family and friends, time with Ed will be sorely missed by all who had the pleasure to create a memory with him.

Ed's life was one steeped in history, tradition and family. Nothing in his life exemplified this more than his most cherished times - times that would be come known as "Pop's Hunting Camp" became an annual rebirth for Ed and all of his boys. This annual event has seen men and boys from all corners of the globe coming to attend, not for the hunting, but for the stories. Stories that they all would help to write and stories that Ed would always love to tell.

Ed was preceded in death by his parents and one son, Michael.

Ed is survived by his wife Patty Smith of Marion; four sons, Dan Smith and wife, Donna, Darrell Smith and wife, Chris, Eric Smith and wife, Shelly, all of Kalispell, and Lane Smith and wife, Laurie, of Marion; two stepsons, Scott Hergesheimer and wife, Jan, of Great Falls, and Andy Hergesheimer and TBD of Columbia Falls; 10 grandchildren, Derek, Cassidy, Kaycee, Kate, Alex, Caitlin, Bristol, Conor, Trace and Nickolas; one brother, Dan

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Smith and wife, Kay; and one sister, Sandi Swartzenberger and husband, Butch, all of Kalispell; additionally, Ed had numerous nieces and nephews throughout the United States, both of blood relation and by loving adoption by Ed himself.

Always the caring listener, Ed will get a chance to listen to the history of his life 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 9, at the Christian Center as family and friends gather to eulogize his life. Ed may be viewed at Johnson Mortuary Chapel from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday.

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governor, hotel and resort owner. The next 15 years would see Ed prosper in his pursuits, help build a new school in Marlon, return to Alaska for a brief time and eventually end up back in Kalispell so his youngest son could graduate from the same high school as his other three boys.

The last 15 years of Ed's life saw some of the happiest times of his entire life. After marrying Patty Hutsell in 1991, Ed was blessed with the majority of his grandchildren and several adventures with Patty in Washington. It was in Washington that Ed would become "Uncle Ed" to the next generation of nieces, nephews and "lovingly

adopted" kids in his life.

Retiring in his beloved Marlon, Ed spent his last years with his "children" coming up for Sunday dinner and the daily pilgrimage to coffee at the Hilltop to catch up on local gossip. Always ready to impart some story of family and friends, time with Ed will be sorely missed by all who had the pleasure to create a memory with him.

Ed's life was one steeped in history, tradition and family. Nothing in his life exemplified this more than his most cherished times — times that would be come known as "Pop's Hunting Camp" became an annual rebirth for Ed and all of his boys. This annual event has seen men and boys from all corners of the globe coming to attend, not for the hunting, but for the stories. Stories that they all would help to write and stories that Ed would always love to tell.

Ed was preceded in death by his parents and one son, Michael.

Ed is survived by his wife Patty Smith of Marlon; four sons, Dan Smith and wife, Donna, Darrell Smith and wife, Chris, Eric Smith and wife, Shelly, all of Kalispell, and Lane Smith and wife, Laurie, of Marlon; two stepsons, Scott Hergesheimer and wife, Jan, of Great Falls, and Andy Hergesheimer and TBD of Columbia Falls; 10 grandchildren, Derek, Cassidy, Kaycee, Kate, Alex, Caitlin, Bristol, Connor, Trace and Nickolas; one brother, Dan Smith and wife, Kay; and one sister, Sandi Swartzenberger and husband, Butch, all of Kalispell; additionally, Ed had numerous nieces and nephews throughout the United States, both of blood relation and by loving adoption by Ed himself.

Always the caring listener, Ed will get a chance to listen to the history of his life 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 9, at the Christian Center as family and friends gather to eulogize his life. Ed may be viewed at Johnson Mortuary Chapel from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday.

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

Marie E. Smith, 86

Marie E. Smith, 86, passed away on Saturday, April 23, 2005, at Brendan House in Kalispell.



Marie was born on July 1, 1918, in Montrose, Colo., to Kenneth K. and Anna M. Langfelt Oliver. She was raised in Billings and Hardin where she attended schools.

Marie married William J. Gress on April 28, 1934, in Hardin. He passed away in 1971.

In April 1981, Marie married William A. Smith. He passed away in 1997.

She worked as a certified nurse's assistant at Warm Springs and Immanuel Lutheran Home. Marie also worked at the Veterans Home in Columbia Falls for several years.

Marie was an excellent cook,

and had also worked at the Old River Bridge in as a cook for awhile.

She loved painting, writing, reading, dancing and playing the violin.

She will be truly missed by everyone who knew her.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two husbands; one daughter, Jeanne Marie, at the age of 6; and one brother, Andrew Oliver.

Marie is survived by her children, James A. Gress; William L. and his wife, Margery Gress; Benjamin F. Gress; Lilli Ann and her husband, Ronald Martin; Betty Lou (Elizabeth) Armstrong; one half brother; 16 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 27, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Stella Marie (Zobach) Smith, 86

Stella Marie (Zobach) Smith, 86, passed away Wednesday, Aug. 10, 2005, at the Brendan House in Kalispell. She was born March 18, 1919, in Kalispell to Perry J. and Mary J. (Wark) Zobach.

Stella received her early education in the Egan School and graduated from Flathead County High School in 1937. She was a lifelong resident of the Egan community. After high school, Stella worked for the Glacier Dairy and the Forest Service.

Stella married Earl S. Smith on Dec. 5, 1946, in Kalispell. Together they raised two sons on the farm they worked until their deaths.

Stella was a very active member of the First Presbyterian Church, and a leader in the 4-H organization for more than 20 years for which, in 1964, she was honored as "Lady of the Valley."

Stella was very proud of her family and found much joy in their accomplishments. She was gratified to have lived to see all six of her grandchildren graduate from college. She also appreciated

her many close friends, as they meant the world to her.

Stella was preceded in death by her husband, Earl, in 1997.

She is survived by two sons, Doug and his wife, Cheri, of Carson City, Nev., and Ken and his wife, Danlynn, of Kalispell; also six grandchildren, Kenny of Blacksburg, Va., Amy of Redding, Calif., Ivan of Spokane, Laura of Redding, Corbin of Qatar in the Middle East, and Erin Doyon and her husband, Greg, and their children, Nate, Hannah and twins due in September, all of Franklin, N.H.

She is also survived by special cousins, Walt and Nancy Gibson and Barbara Scifers.

Memorial services for Stella will be held at 10 a.m. today, Aug. 13, at the First Presbyterian Church in Kalispell.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that friends please make donations to the charity of their choice in Stella's honor.

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

Cpl. Raleigh Clinton Smith, 21

Cpl. Raleigh Clinton Smith, U.S. Marine Corps, was killed in action on Dec. 23, 2003, in Fallujah, Iraq. He was born Dec. 2, 1983, in Libby. He was raised and graduated high school in Troy. He left for boot camp two days after he graduated.

He loved fishing, hunting, trapping, camping, prospecting, long distance running and tennis.

He belonged to and was a charter member of the Troy Baptist Church.

He loved life, his family, and friends. In May of 2004 he became a very proud uncle. He loved school and learning and had great respect for his teachers. He was looking forward to going to college and becoming a history teacher when he got out of the service.

He will be missed, always loved and never forgotten. "One day we will be reunited with him in heaven."

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Frank Nelson. Survivor's include his parents, Raymond and Gail Smith, of Troy; his brother, Ramsey; sister-in-law, Traci, and nephew, Tyler James; grandparents, Evelyn Nelson of Troy; Edel Elmont of Troy, and Ray Smith Sr., of Payette, Idaho; numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and close friends.

"Raleigh you will always be our hero! We love you."

Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 3, at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at Troy High School.

MARIE E. SMITH, 86

April 26, 2005 at 5:00 am |

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Travis Dean Smith, 33

Travis Dean Smith, 33, died on Thursday, Oct. 27, 2005, in Hamilton. He is survived by his parents, Dean and Linda Smith; and one brother, Thomas Smith, all of Kalispell.

Funeral services for Travis will be held at 10 a.m. on

Wednesday, Nov. 2, in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Pastor Tim Bartholomew of the Stillwater Free Lutheran Church officiating. Visitation will be from noon to 6 p.m. on Tuesday at Johnson Mortuary. Johnson Mortuary & Crematory is caring for Travis's family.

Tammie D. Snavelly, 50



Tammie D. Snavelly, 50, passed away Nov. 1, 2005, in Olney.

Tammie was born to Thomas D. and Frances E. Hannah on Sept. 23, 1955, in Medford, Ore., and lived most of her life in the Rogue Valley in Oregon.

She met the love of her life, David Snavelly, in Medford, in 1987, on her favorite holiday, Oct. 31. They were married in Reno, Nev., on March 31, 1990. They settled in Olney on Oct. 31, 2004.

Tammie was a teller at Whitefish Credit Union where she loved to work every day that she was there.

She is survived by her husband, David Snavelly; daughters,

Michelle Lee, and Sara McGrew and husband, Corey; son, Shayne Lee; grandchildren, Donovan, T.J., Kayleb, Shaun and KayLeen; father, Thomas Hannah; mother, Beth Summit; sister, Jody Luney; brother, Michael Hannah; and grandparents, Everett and Vera Hannah.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Jeff Hannah.

Tammie had a beautiful smile that could light up any room, a giving heart, and laughter in her eyes.

"We were proud to call her mother, wife, daughter, sister, granddaughter, and friend. We will miss her and she will forever be in our hearts."

The memorial service is scheduled for 2 p.m. today, Nov. 4, at the Olney Fire Station.

A memorial fund has been established at the Whitefish Credit Union.

Lloyd Merlin Soderstrom, 81

Lloyd Merlin Soderstrom, 81, passed away on Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2005, at the Denver General Hospital in Saltpoint. His services in Kalispell are pending.

Lloyd was born Jan. 9, 1924, in Kalispell, to Charles and Ida Olson Soderstrom. At the age of two the family moved from their home near in Parma to Kalispell. As a child, Lloyd was in the Boy Scouts, Troop 41.

His first employment was at Kalispell Lumber before he joined the U.S. Navy Armed Guard in 1942. His basic training was at USNTPS Barragut, Idaho. He was a seaman first class and gunner's mate in the Asiatic Pacific and European African Middle East during World War II.

Following military service, Lloyd returned to Kalispell where he worked for Pacific Power and Light as a journeyman ironman and was an electrical subcontractor for the "Sawtooth Power Company Later, he went into partnership with his nephew, Marion "Buzz" Smith, and Ed Ladd and started the Flathead Lumber Builders.

Lloyd married Julie Sikes on Aug. 30, 1949, in Kalispell. They later divorced. To this union was born Rhonda Soderstrom Bell. Lloyd married Lucille Burch

Burch on May 5, 1948, in Butte. They had Lucille's infant daughter, Karen Burch as his own.

Lloyd loved the outdoors and enjoyed camping, fishing and traveling.

He was a member of the IBEW (International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers) and the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Kalispell.

Lloyd was preceded in death by his parents, one brother and six in-law, Clarence and Alice Soderstrom, two sisters and two brothers in law, Mildred and Robert Frach, and Margaret and Maurice Kelly, and nephew, Marion "Buzz" Smith.

Lloyd is survived by his wife, Lucille Soderstrom of Ponderay, Idaho; daughters, Rhonda Bell of Annville, Ore., and Karen Burch of Sagle, Idaho; sister and brother in law, Freda and Vic Kolof of Kalispell; grandchildren, Clinton Bell of Coalinga, Wash., Jacob Bell of El Dorado Springs, Colo., Kaylene and Lindsay Hubbard of Sandpoint, Idaho, and several nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorial donations be made to the United Gospel Mission of Spokane, Wash.

Arrangements are under the auspices of United Funeral Services in Sandpoint.

Frances Rose (Sapphire) Snyder, 78

Frances Rose (Sapphire) Snyder, 78, of Polson, passed away peacefully on Monday June 6, 2005, at St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula.



Frances was born Oct. 9, 1926, to William and Judith Markle in Camas.

William Worley was the first child born to Frances and Jack Worley. She later had three children, Omar, Judy, and Robert, with Omar Garrett. Frances was married to Vann Snyder and they raised a family and lived in Kalispell for 15 years. Vann then passed away.

Frances enjoyed living in Kalispell and was an active member in the Central Bible Church. She moved to Eureka with Ray DeShazer, her companion for 27 years. They owned and managed the VFW Bar for five years. They enjoyed Eureka and all their friends and family in the community.

They spent their winters at The Fountain of Youth Spa in Niland, Calif. Frances enjoyed all the activities that were offered at the spa, especially enjoyed attending church with Pastor Burch, sitting in the lobster pot, and playing cards with her friends. The Spa was the "fountain of youth" for Frances. It kept her in her youth and she was very healthy and active.

They moved to Polson, before Ray's passing, to be with her family.

Frances was a member of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribe and was a lifetime member

of the VFW Women's Auxiliary.

Frances enjoyed knitting scarves and slippers, going to garage sales, playing cards, shopping, game shows, the news, her scanner, cleaning, eating at Kentucky Fried Chicken, and spending time with her family and friends. She was famous for always having a camera in her hand and her "fried chicken."

Frances is thankful that she was able to spend the last couple of months helping her sister get better and they were treasured moments for both of them.

Frances was very kind and generous to all of her friends and family. She always made you feel special with a "little something." She had wonderful friends and enjoyed spending time with all of them. Family was very important to her.

Her parents; brothers Jasper and Ted; sister Jean; and her beloved son, Robert, preceded Frances in death.

She is survived by two sons, William Worley and his wife, Sandy, of Polson, and Omar Snyder and his wife, Norma, of Hot Springs; a daughter, Judy Loberg, of Ronan; a sister, Bernice Goode, of Ronan; 16 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren; and numerous special relatives and friends.

A special thanks is given to Norma and Sandy for their excellent care while she was in the hospital.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, June 10, at the Lonepine Community Hall. Interment will follow the service at the Murray Memorial Cemetery at Lonepine.

Arrangements are by Grogan Funeral Home in Polson.

Miriam 'Mia' Snyder, 82

Miriam "Mia" Snyder, 82, died Thursday, Nov. 3, 2005 at St. John Lutheran Hospital in Libby.

She and her husband had built and operated the Pine Ridge Tavern in Libby for many years.

Survivors include her children, JoAnne Nelson, Marge Snyder, Larry Snyder, Rick

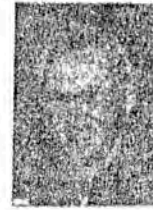
Snyder and Ron Snyder, all of Libby, Steve Snyder of Lawton, Okla., and Jerry Snyder of Council Bluff, Iowa.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 7, at the City of Libby Cemetery.

Arrangements are by Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

Orville S. Solberg, 77

Orville S. Solberg, 77, "went home to be with Jesus," Thursday, Jan. 13, 2005, surrounded by his loving family at his home in Yuma, AZ.



He was born March 11, 1927, in Whitewater, Mont., to Simon S. and Olive (Frigard) Solberg. Orville had a residence in Hot Springs, but enjoyed his winter home in Yuma. Orville married Marilyn Hartford in 1950. They were later divorced.

Orville loved trucking. He spent his earlier years driving truck and logging with his brothers. He started Solberg Trucking in 1981, mainly hauling wood chips from Olney to Missoula. He operated the business until his retirement in 1995.

On Oct. 28, 2000, Orville married Polly Olson. He loved music and would gather weekly with other couples to play guitar and sing. He loved exploring the desert. Polly and Orville loved traveling together and were always known as the "newlyweds."

Orville was preceded in death

by his parents, two siblings, and a son, Wesley Solberg.

Orville is survived by his wife, Polly Solberg, of Hot Springs; three children, Gloria Solberg-Kosovich of Seattle, Darlene Nardt of Kalispell, and Chris Solberg of Idaho Falls, Idaho; two stepdaughters, Misty Olson and Jessie Olson; and one stepgrandson, J.J.; one brother, "Mike" Solberg of Othello, Wash.; two sisters, Grace Cowell of Colbert, Wash., and Hazel Lacock of Saco. He is also survived by four grandchildren, Erin and Camden Kelley, and Chandra and Jonathan Solberg.

Funeral services will be held 10 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 22, in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel; a private burial will follow. A memorial service will be held later in the day at 4 p.m. at the New Life Christian Center in Polson.

Visitation will be held at Johnson Mortuary from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 20, and Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The family suggests that memorials be given to Hospice Home Health Options, 178 Commons Loop, Ste. 100, Kalispell, MT 59901 or the charity of your choice.

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Ken D. Solum, 50

Ken D. Solum, 50, passed away Thursday, April 14, 2005, at Health-Center Northwest in Kalispell, strong in his faith that he was going home to be with his Lord and Savior.



Ken was born Oct. 1, 1954, in Sumter, S.C., the oldest of four sons born to Orville and Mary Ellen (Patrick) Solum. When he was about a year old, his father's Air Force duty was completed in Sumter and the family returned to live in Rudyard.

Ken and his brothers grew up in Rudyard. Today, Ed Solum lives with his family in Bonners Ferry, Idaho, and Phil Solum lives with his family in Aberdeen, S.D. His brother, Russ Solum, died in May 2003 in Arizona.

Ken first attended a one-room country school north of Rudyard, then transferred to Rudyard's elementary school and graduated from Rudyard High School in 1972.

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After graduation, he enrolled as a psychology major at Seattle Pacific College. While home in the spring of his first year, he agreed to provide guitar accompaniment for Renae Rude of Chester as she sang for a wedding. They have been together ever since.

The couple married on Dec. 28, 1974, in Chester, and lived in Bozeman until 1977 when Ken earned his Bachelor of Science degree with a double major in business management and finance.

He took a job in computer work for the Burroughs Corporation in Spokane, where Renae enrolled full-time in nursing school. In 1979, after she finished her nurse's training, Burroughs transferred him to Kalispell. He eventually became the office manager for Northwest Business in Kalispell. In 1989 he partnered with Stacy Gutierrez to form Professional Business Systems, a Kalispell computer services firm which he helped lead until his death.

Ken and Renae are the parents of two children, Ryan David, born April 3, 1983, and Sonya Renae, born Dec. 22, 1987. Ryan attended Seattle Pacific University until this quarter, when he came home to be with his family; he is working at Glacier Bank until he returns to Seattle Pacific in the fall. Sonya is a junior at Stillwater Christian School.

Ken was very involved with his children's lives, regularly taking them with him to worship music practices. He coached both of them in Rotary basketball and attended all their games as they went through Trinity Lutheran School and Flathead Valley Christian School, now named Stillwater Christian.

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Before his death, he was able to attend Seattle Pacific's Parents Weekend in February, watch his daughter play in the state basketball tournament the same month, and take a trip to Hawaii with family and friends in March.

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Funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. Tuesday, April 19, at New Covenant Fellowship, 436 Birch Grove Road, Kalispell.

Memorials may be made to the Solum Children Education Fund at Glacier Bank, 202 Main St., Kalispell MT 59901; or to Wings, 310 Sunnyside Lane, Kalispell MT 59901.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

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Suzie Sorenson, 54

Suzie Sorenson was born in 1950 in Texas and raised in Swan Lake by her parents, Adolf and Elaine Kopp, with sisters, Marion, Lisa and Cindy.



Suzie traveled back and forth from Colorado, Arizona and Montana with her band, Curtis Abbott, who was always there for her.

A talented, creative artist, she could take something ordinary and make it beautiful.

She was cherished by her

daughters, Kyrin, Elise and Jessica, and son, Elian. In 1999, by grand children, Wallace, Jason, Johnathan, Adam, Joshua and Layla, who were born one week before she passed away.

Suzie died in her sleep on Feb. 14, 2005, at age 54, and will be remembered by friends and family as a vibrant, beautiful and hard working woman who will be missed in a heartbeat.

Sheep that can't be the best of the best, do not know the best of the best. We love you, Suzie. Your creation has truly put a smile on our faces. We will be a prayer for you in Lakota. You are loved!

Arnelda Hagen Sparks, 89

Arnelda Hagen Sparks, 89, "my beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and sister went to be with her Lord" on Feb. 19, 2005, in Carmichael, Calif.

She was born on Sept. 20, 1915, in Crosby, N.D., to Peder O. and Klara (Olson) Hagen.

Arnelda was raised on the family farm west of Crosby and attended local schools. She was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran church.

On Sept. 29, 1933, she married Lester V. Sparks, also of Crosby, in the Lutheran Church in Ambrose, N.D. Lester, Arnelda and family spent their early years together living on a farm west of Crosby. They later moved to Kalispell where Lester was employed by the school system. Arnelda obtained her practical nursing certificate and was employed at the local hospital.

Arnelda was preceded in death

by her parents, husband, and nine siblings.

She is survived by her sister, Agnes Olson, of Crosby, N.D.; two daughters, Darlene and husband, Ray Fritz, of Katy, Texas, and Kaye and husband, Mike Staffin, of Lincoln, Calif.; five grandchildren, Dr. Rodney Fritz, Lori and husband Steve Hart, Cennae Fritz Croughton, Todd and wife Kim Stanbil, and Dr. Susan Staffin; eight great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Arnelda loved cooking, gardening, and sewing. She was a very caring and dedicated nurse.

Burial with family graveside service will take place in Kalispell at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Calvary Lutheran Church, 2700 U.S. Highway 2 East, Kalispell MT 59901.

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Memorials may be made to the Solum Children Education Fund at Glacier Bank, 202 Main St., Kalispell MT 59901; or to Wings, 310 Sunnyview Lane, Kalispell MT 59901.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

ORVILLE S. SOLBERG, 77

January 19, 2005 at 5:00 am | Daily Inter Lake

Orville S. Solberg, 77, "went home to be with Jesus," Thursday, Jan. 13, 2005, surrounded by his loving family at his home in Yuma, Ariz.

He was born March 11, 1927, in Whitewater, Mont., to Simon S. and Olive (Frigaard) Solberg. Orville had a residence in Hot Springs, but enjoyed his winter home in Yuma.

Orville married Marilyn Hadford in 1950. They were later divorced.

Orville loved trucking. He spent his earlier years driving truck and logging with his brothers. He started Solberg Trucking in 1981, mainly hauling wood chips from Olney to Missoula. He operated the business until his retirement in 1996.

On Oct. 28, 2000, Orville married Polly Olson. He loved music and would gather weekly with other couples to play guitar and sing. He loved exploring the desert. Polly and Orville loved traveling together and were always known as the "newlyweds."

Orville was preceded in death by his parents, two siblings, and a son, Wesley Solberg.

Orville is survived by his wife, Polly Solberg, of Hot Springs;

three children, Glena Solberg-Kosovich of Seattle, Darlene Nardi of Kalispell, and Chris Solberg of Idaho Falls, Idaho; two stepdaughters, Misty Olson and Jessie Olson; and one stepgrandson, J.J.; one brother, "Mike" Solberg of Othello, Wash.; two sisters, Grace Cowell of Colbert, Wash., and Hazel Lacock of Saco. He is also survived by four grandchildren, Erin and Camden Kelley, and Chandra and Jonathon Solberg.

Funeral services will be held 10 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 22, in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel; a private burial will follow. A memorial service will be held later in the day at 4 p.m. at the New Life Christian Center in Polson.

Visitation will be held at Johnson Mortuary from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 20, and Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The family suggests that memorials be given to Hospice Home Health Options, 175 Commons Loop, Ste. 100, Kalispell, MT 59901 or the charity of your choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

SUZIE SORENSON, 54

February 01, 2005 at 5:00 am |

Suzie Sorenson was born in 1948 in Texas and raised in Swan Lake by her parents, Adolf and Elaine Kopp, with sisters, Marion, Lisa and Cindy.

Suzie traveled back and forth from Colorado, Arizona and Montana with her husband, Curtis Abbott, who was always there for her.

A talented, creative artist, she could take something ordinary and make it beautiful.

She was cherished by her daughters, Kerrie, Ranette and Jessica; and son, Ehren; and loved by grandchildren, William, Jesire, Johnathan, Asha, Joshua and Caydence, who was born one week before she passed on.

Suzie died in her sleep on Jan. 19, 2005, at age 54, and will be remembered by friends and family as a vibrant, fiercely loving and loved woman who couldn't be brought down.

"Sleep tight, don't let the bed bugs bite; if they do, hit 'em with a shoe. We love you this much!"

Cremation has taken place. Suzie's ashes will be scattered in Swan Lake in the spring.

ARNELDA HAGEN SPARKS, 89

February 23, 2005 at 5:00 am |

Arnelda Hagen Sparks, 89, "our beloved mother, grandmother,



great-grandmother, and sister went to be with her Lord" on Feb. 19, 2005, in Carmichael, Calif. She was born on Sept. 20, 1915, in Crosby, N.D., to Peder O. and Eline (Olsen) Hagen.

Arnelda was raised on the family farm west of Crosby and attended local schools. She was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran church. On Sept. 29, 1933, she married Lester V. Sparks, also of Crosby, in the Lutheran Church in Ambrose, N.D. Lester, Arnelda and family spent their early years together living on a farm west of Crosby. They later moved to Kalispell where Lester was employed by the school system. Arnelda obtained her practical nursing certificate and was employed at the local hospital.

Arnelda was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and nine siblings.

She is survived by her sister, Agnes Olson, of Crosby, N.D.; two daughters, Darlene and husband, Ray Fritz, of Katy, Texas, and LaVon and husband, Mike Stafinbil of Lincoln, Calif., five grandchildren, Dr. Rodney Fritz, Lori and husband Steve Hart, Connie Fritz Creighton, Todd and wife Kim Stafinbil, and Dr. Susan Stafinbil; eight great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Arnelda loved cooking, gardening, and sewing. She was a very caring and dedicated nurse.

Burial with family graveside service will take place in Kalispell at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Calvary Lutheran Church, 2200 U.S. Highway 2 East, Kalispell MT 59901.

Shirley May James Sparano, 72

Shirley May James Sparano, 72, died Friday morning, Aug. 19, 2005, at her home in Eureka following an extended illness.

She is survived by her husband, Ernest "Buster" Sparano; and son, Mike, both of Eureka; and daughter, Wendy, of Eureka. She is predeceased by her husband, Walter Sparano.

Lavenia G. Barney Spencer

Memorial services for Lavenia G. Barney Spencer who died Oct. 16 will be at

3 p.m. Saturday, June 11, at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell.

Mary JoAnn Spencer, 53

Mary JoAnn Spencer, 53, passed away Sunday, Dec. 25, 2005, at her residence in Kalispell. She was born Aug. 5, 1952 in Kalispell, the daughter of Gerald Vern and Patricia Mae (Malone) Caudill.



her parents.

She is survived by her husband, Bob Spencer, of Kalispell; her daughter, Brandy Price, of Butte; her son, Joey Craft, of Shelby; stepson, Robert Spencer Jr., of Pocatello, Idaho; a stepdaughter, Krystal Spencer, of Portland; her grandson, Vincent Meuli, and stepgrandchildren, Brandon and Kenedee Spencer; her sisters, Debbie Meuli and husband, Ed, of Kalispell, Sharon Ramsey and husband, Ken, of Granite Falls, Wash., and Terry Lynn Roberts and husband, Tom, of Otis Orchard, Wash.; her brother, Steve Caudill, and wife, Jenny, of Kalispell; numerous nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles, and cousins, and numerous friends.

Graveside services for Mary Spencer will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 30, at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell, with Pastor Wayne Pris of the Eidsvold Lutheran Church officiating. There will be no visitation. The family suggests that any contributions be sent to the charity of the donor's choice.

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

She was raised in the Flathead Valley and educated in Kalispell and graduated from Flathead County High School in 1971.

At 72 she was united in marriage to Barry Craft. They had two children and later were divorced.

On Nov. 25, 1981, she was united in marriage to Robert "Bob" Spencer in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. She worked as an executive secretary and office manager for the Redmond Insurance Agency for more than 20 years. She was also a licensed agent and underwriter and was currently working as office manager at Montana First National Bank in Kalispell. She enjoyed spending time with her family.

Mary was preceded in death by

Jacob Coleman Staats, 74

Jacob Coleman Staats, 74, died Monday, Nov. 28, 2005, at the Havasu City, Ariz.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Burial will be after the services at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Colleen R. Stacy, 44

Colleen R. Stacy, 44, died Friday morning, Aug. 19, 2005, at her home in Eureka following an extended illness.

She was a secretary in the Eureka public school system and then later a Title I teacher and a girls basketball coach.

She is survived by her husband, Doug Stacy; her children, Lucas, Amber and Cami Stacy; and her parents,

Dale and Marie Purdy, all of Eureka.

Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Eureka Middle School gymnasium. A rosary and parish vigil will be 7 p.m. Monday at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church.

Arrangements are by Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Eureka.

Paul B. 'Bud' Stancill

Paul B. "Bud" Stancill, formerly of Kalispell, passed away Friday, Feb. 4, 2005, at the family home in Glendale, Ariz.

Paul was born in Casper, Wyo. on Dec. 26, 1920. He graduated from Flathead High School in 1939.

Paul took civilian pilot training in Spokane, then went to Fort Stockton, Texas, as an instrument instructor, joining the U.S. Air Force in 1943 as a lieutenant.

Paul married Dorothy Monk, his high school sweetheart, in 1943.

In Kalispell, he was active in community affairs, serving as president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce. Paul was a lifetime member of the Kalispell Elks No. 725.

He moved to Arizona in 1990 and retired in 1982.

He was preceded in death by his father, Paul; his mother, Esther; and a brother, Jack.

In addition to his wife, Dorothy, Paul is survived by two sons, Douglas A. Stancill, and his wife, Pat, and Paul Mark Stancill, and his wife, Faye. Paul has four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. today, Feb. 8, in Glendale. Burial will be in the Veterans Cemetery with military honors.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Shumers Hospital, Spokane, Wash.

Agnes Marie Stefanatz, 88

Agnes Marie Stefanatz, 88, "left to be with the Lord" on Nov. 11, 2005. She passed away peacefully of natural causes surrounded by her family.

Agnes was born Jan. 12, 1917, in Wibaux to Nora and Justin Cassidy. She and her sister, Marguerite, grew up on the family farm and graduated from high school in Wibaux.

Agnes earned her teaching certificate from Western Montana College in Dillon and taught in several country schools throughout Eastern Montana. She met and married her loving husband, Rudy Stefanatz, on June 9, 1941. They had three children, Ed, Nancy and John, and moved to Kalispell in 1950 to raise their family.

She was an active mother, leading 4-H and Boy Scouts as well as teaching piano lessons. She enjoyed knitting and sewing for her family. Agnes was a wonderful cook. Family members would travel for hours to gather and enjoy her home-cooked meals.

Agnes was a longtime member of St. Matthew's Catholic Church and faith was an important part of her life. With her husband, she



enjoyed dancing and playing cards at the Eagles and Senior Citizens Center.

Agnes is preceded in death by her parents, Justin and Nora Cassidy, and her sister Marguerite and her husband, Leonard Sartz.

She is survived by her husband of 64 years, Rudy Stefanatz, of Kalispell; sons, Ed and John Stefanatz of Kalispell; daughter, Nancy, and her husband, Vince Jarvis, of Winfield, British Columbia; grandchildren Shelly and her husband, Eric Smith, of Kalispell; Carrie Stefanatz of St. Ignatius; Eddie Stefanatz of Kalispell; Kristen and her husband, Eric Dion, of Winfield, British Columbia; Nicole and her husband, Ryan Neggers, of Maple Ridge, British Columbia; great-grandchildren Cassidy, Kaycee, Claire and Kate.


Agnes, a wife, mother, grandma and friend, will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Visitation will be held from 3 to 8:30 p.m. today, with a recitation of the rosary at 8:30 p.m. at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home Chapel. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. Matthew's Catholic Church, with burial afterward at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

PAUL B. 'BUD' STANCILL

February 08, 2005 at 5:00 am |

Paul B. "Bud" Stancill, formerly of Kalispell, passed away Friday, Feb. 4, 2005, at the family home in Glendale, Ariz. 

Paul was born in Casper, Wyo., on Dec. 26, 1920. He graduated from Flathead High School in 1939.

Paul took civilian pilot training in Spokane, then went to Fort Stockton, Texas, as an instrument instructor, joining the U.S. Air Force in 1943 as a lieutenant.

Paul married Dorothy Monk, his high school sweetheart, in 1943.

In Kalispell, he was active in community affairs, serving as president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce. Paul was a lifetime member of the Kalispell Elks No. 725.

He moved to Arizona in 1960 and retired in 1982.

He was preceded in death by his father, Paul; his mother, Ruthe; and a brother, Jack.

In addition to his wife, Dorothy, Paul is survived by two sons, Douglas A. Stancill, and his wife, Pat; and Paul Mark Stancill, and his wife, Faye. Paul has four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. today, Feb. 8, in Glendale. Burial will be in the Veterans Cemetery with military honors.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Shriners Hospital, Spokane, Wash.

DOROTHY ANN STANCILL, 83

July 12, 2005 at 5:00 am | Daily Inter Lake

Dorothy Ann Stancill, 83, of Glendale, Ariz., passed away July 1, 2005. She was born Nov. 21, 1921, in Blackfoot, Idaho, to Allyn and Lucille Monk. She graduated from Flathead County High School in 1939.

Dorothy moved to Arizona in 1960 from Montana and worked for Malcolm's Department Store for 20 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 61 years, Paul B. Stancill; and her brother, John Monk.

Survivors include her sons, Douglas Allyn and Patricia Stancill of Peoria, Ariz., and Paul Mark and Faye Stancill of Phoenix; sisters, Mary Lavin of Somers, and Jeanne Linrude of Kalispell; four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren also survive.

A memorial service was held at the First United Methodist Church in Glendale on July 7.

Dorothy was a kind, generous and loving person who will be sadly missed by her family and many friends.

Memorial donations are suggested to Hospice of the Valley, 1510 E. Flower St., Phoenix, AZ 85014.

Arrangements were entrusted to Menke Funeral Home.

DR. JOHN D. STEPHAN, 78

May 03, 2005 at 5:00 am | Daily Inter Lake

Dr. John D. Stephan, 78, passed away on Saturday, April 30, 2005, at HealthCenter Northwest in Kalispell. He was born in Columbus, Ohio, on July 25, 1926, the son of Lewis B. and Dorothy (Fuller) Stephan.

He attended schools in Ohio and attended junior high in Helena and graduated from Hellgate High School in Missoula. He moved with his family back to Ohio and he attended and graduated from Oberlin College.

He entered the U.S. Army Air Corps where he served as a pilot and also was trained as a photographer, a hobby that he enjoyed throughout his life. He later received a Ph.D. in chemistry from Ohio State University and later attended medical school and received his medical degree in ophthalmology.

After his internship and many years in practice in Ohio, he relocated to the Flathead Valley where he began his medical practice in 1972. Many will remember him as an FAA Airman Medical Examiner who administered FAA flight physicals to area pilots.

He loved to fly and was a private pilot who owned and flew his pride and joy, a Beechcraft Bonanza. His love of flying also was passed on to his three children. He attended the Christ Church Episcopal in Kalispell. He was also a dedicated member of the Kiwanis Club, and was an enthusiastic participant of the Civil War Round Table.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother Robert E. Stephan.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia Stephan, of Kalispell; daughter, Peggy Jean Duggan, of Tacoma, Wash.; son, John William Stephan, of Capron, Ill.; and daughter, Sarah Stephan, of Capron; brother, Ted Stephan of Wilmette, Ill.; and sisters, Mary Ann Williams of Otto, N.C., and Suzanne Carpenter of Cincinnati, Ohio; and nephew/son, Michael Stephan of Livermore, Calif.; eight grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for John Stephan will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, May 4, at Christ Church Episcopal in Kalispell with The Rev. William Baumgarten officiating. Visitation will be today from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family suggests that any memorial contributions be sent to the Kalispell Lions Club, P.O. Box 905, Kalispell, MT 59903.

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

Myrle Carrie McWilliams Sterner, 80

Myrle Carrie McWilliams Hashbarger Krantz Sterner, 80, passed away quietly May 10, 2005, after a bout with lung cancer.

Myrle was born June 29, 1924, Bisbee, Ariz., to Opal Cora Dacey and John Vernon "Tink" McWilliams.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and brothers, Jack Theodore McWilliams who died in World War II flying P47 Thunderbolts, and Gerald "Jerry" McWilliams who died near Glasgow as the result of a car accident. She was also preceded in death by husbands, Herman Elmer "Babe" Krantz, Lloyd Noah Hashbarger, and Clarence Ray Sterner.

Myrle is survived by daughter, Jackie Hashbarger Young and Doyle of Melrose, N.M., son, William Ray Hashbarger McWilliams of Tulsa, Okla.; daughters, Janice Sterner Jones and Kumen of Red Lodge, and Marilyn Sterner Chew of Eugene, Ore. She is also survived by 11 grandsons, one granddaughter, three great-grandsons, a niece and nephew, and two stepdaughters.

She spent her early years near Flagstaff, Ariz., on the family homestead. She moved with her family to Somers, near Flathead Lake and graduated from Flathead County High School in 1943. Myrle joined the Navy WAVES and was stationed

Indianhead and Stumpneck, Md., where she worked in the X-ray and photographic departments.

Myrle returned to the Flathead Valley because she thought it was the most beautiful place in the world and continued to live here for the next 59 years. In 2002 she moved to Red Lodge to be near her daughter, Janice Jones.

She was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and served as a teacher and librarian for many years. She was involved in many community organizations such as PTA, Boy and Girl Scouts, and the VFW Auxiliary.

Her house was always a welcome place to many in need of comfort or just a listening ear.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a contribution to Beartooth Hospice, P.O. Box 590, Red Lodge, MT 59068; or your local American Cancer Society.

Opal Amanda Stevens, 88

Opal Amanda Stevens, 88, died May 11, 2005, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She was born April 27, 1917, in Eureka, to Earl and Myrtle Rhodes.

Opal and her older sister, Ruby, grew up in the country and enjoyed riding horses, which they did even to get to school.

Opal married Clarence Baker in Fort Peck. After living in the Eureka area several years, they moved to Kalispell in 1943 where they raised their three children.

Opal was a homemaker and worked 20 years as a clerk and department head for J. C. Penney. She enjoyed traveling; a trip to the Holy Land with church members was a high point for her and Clarence. Opal loved flowers and gardening in her flower beds, horseback riding, embroidery, picnicking and being outdoors. Most of all, Opal loved spending time with her family.

Opal married Arley Stevens on Dec. 15, 1986; he passed away in 2001. They lived in Whitefish, but enjoyed traveling, spending time in Arizona and at Arley's fish ponds south of Eureka. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two husbands, Clarence Baker who passed away in 1984, and Arley Stevens in 2001; and her sister, Ruby Stevens Hruby.

She is survived by her children and their spouses, Bonnie and Hubert McKenzie of Eureka, Betty and Bruce Jellison of Somers, and Ardis Baker of Prescott, Ariz. Also her grandchildren and their spouses, Fawn McKenzie of Enatchee, Wash., Jim and Patti McKenzie of Oxnard, Calif., John and Jelly McKenzie of Huntsville,

Texas, Bob and Rhonda Jellison of Bigfork, Barbara and Chuck Quall of Minneapolis, Darron Baker and his son, Dorien, of Henderson, Nev., and Lynette Baker, also of Henderson; 11 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson; her brother and sister-in-law, Victor and Madeline Baker of Kalispell; Clarence's loving family in the Libby area; and her sister's caring family from the Eureka area.

Funeral services for Opal Baker Stevens will be at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, May 16, at Trinity Lutheran Church with Rev. John Rasmussen officiating. Burial will follow at the Glacier Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be from 10:30 until the time of services at Trinity Lutheran Church.

The family suggests that any memorial contributions be sent to Trinity Lutheran Elementary School, 495 5th Ave WN, Kalispell, MT 59901 or the charity of your choice.

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

William H. 'Bill' Stevenson, 74

William H. "Bill" Stevenson, 74, passed away Aug. 16, 2005, at Colonial Manor Nursing Home in Whitefish.

He was born Nov. 7, 1930, in Winslow, Ariz., to Henry C. Stevenson and Marjorie Frances (Gaselle) Stevenson. William was raised in Winslow and played center on the Winslow High School football team. He went on to Stanford University in Palo Alto, Calif., and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in history in 1952.

He affiliated with the U.S. Marine Corps while at Stanford and was commissioned as a Marine officer after graduation. He proudly served at stations in Virginia, California and Hawaii.

In 1953, he married the former Jane Kabelin, also of Winslow, with whom he had two daughters. The marriage ended in divorce in 1987.

After his Marine Corps service, he settled in Southern California, working for Anheuser-Busch. He then obtained his Master of Business Administration from the University of Southern California (USC), and commenced a long career as an economics analyst on commercial, retail, residential and entertainment real estate development projects for numerous clients, including Walt Disney and Lockheed Martin, among others.

He was married to the former Virginia Christiansen in 1988. He and his wife, Virginia, moved to Whitefish in 1995.

He enjoyed 10 happy years living in the beautiful Flathead Valley, entertaining friends and family from out-of-state, and watching his grandchildren learn to ski on Big Mountain. A lifetime Episcopalian, he served on the vestry of Holy Nativity Episcopal Church in Whitefish.

He was preceded in death by both of his parents.

He is survived by his wife, Virginia L. Stevenson, of Whitefish; his daughter, Suzanne Stevenson Cross, and son-in-law, Daniel Carroll Cross, of Washington, D.C., and two grandchildren, Charles Carroll and Madeleine Stevenson; his daughter, Carolyn Jane Burgan, and son-in-law John Burgan, of Brookings, Ore., and three granddaughters, Corina, Elizabeth and Jacqueline; his stepdaughter, Jane Hughes, and son-in-law Bob Hughes, of Auburn, Wash., and two grandchildren, Danielle and Chris.

A memorial service for William "Bill" Stevenson will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 30, at Holy Nativity Episcopal Church in Whitefish.

The family suggests that contributions be made in Bill's memory to Holy Nativity Episcopal Church, 214 E. Second St., Whitefish, MT 59937.

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

Dorothy Eleanor 'Dottie' Stewart, 94

Dorothy Eleanor "Dottie" Stewart, 94, of Johnson County, Iowa, died Thursday, July 21, 2005, at Heritage Place in Kalispell. She was preceded in death by her son, William A. Stewart, and her mother, Leah

Johnson. There will be no visitation or services. Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Eleanor P. Stewart, 75



Eleanor P. Stewart, 75, passed away on Thursday, July 21, 2005, at her residence in Kalispell. She lost her battle with cancer, but won the victory over death

"through our Lord Jesus Christ." She was born on April 1, 1930, in Princeton, N.J., the daughter of Lester and Anna (Cronce) Paul.

After high school, Eleanor graduated from nursing school at Monmouth Memorial Hospital. She met and married her husband of 53 years, Robert "Bob" Stewart Sr. They spent the first 16 years of their marriage traveling the U.S.A. and the world compliments of U.S. Navy.

After becoming a grandmother, Eleanor influenced many young people. She was very involved with Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts from den mother to leadership trainer. She was a recipient of the rare Silver Fawn award, and was known for years as "Mother Nature" to many young men for whom she was a volunteer Scout camp cook.

Since moving to the Flathead in 1967, Eleanor was a vital part of the Church of God, serving in the Kalispell congregation for more than 30 years. She spent her last years in the Whitefish Community Church of God. She especially enjoyed teaching and directing vacation Bible schools and Bible studies. She loved to organize and cook for the church socials. She was a longtime member of the Women of the Church of God and, most recently, the Women of

Faith.

In 1995, Eleanor was a nurse with Humanitarian International Services to Rivne, Ukraine. A year later, she helped sponsor two Ukrainian boys and their interpreters, who came to Kalispell for medical treatment. Even during her treatment for breast cancer, Eleanor was a source of encouragement and laughter to the caregivers at Glacier Internal Medicine, Northwest Imaging, Glacier Oncology, and North Valley Hospital. She would certainly want to thank all those people who touched her life and the lives of her family.

Eleanor was preceded in death by two sisters, Norma and Marion; and three brothers, Ronald and his infant twin, and Kenneth.

She is survived by her husband, Robert Stewart Sr. of Kalispell; a daughter, Pam Stewart; two sons, Ted Stewart and wife, Joan, and Robert Stewart Jr. and wife, Patti, all of Kalispell; and grandchildren, Chris and Sean Stewart, are a great joy to them, too. Eleanor is also survived by a "sister-in-love," Donna Paul of Pennington, N.J.; as well as nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be held 10:30 a.m. Monday, July 25, at Glacier Memorial Gardens. There will be a memorial service for Eleanor at Whitefish Community Church of God at 2:30 p.m. Monday, July 25.

The family suggests that any memorial contributions be sent to Home Options Hospice, 175 Commons Loop Suite #100, Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

Eleanor Helen Stickel, 91

Eleanor Helen Stickel, 91, died on Thursday, Sept. 8, 2005, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

Funeral services are pending. Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for the family.

Sister Anne Marie Stickling, 103

Sister Anne Marie Stickling, RSM, 103, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, died Aug. 21, 2005, at Queen of Angels Health Center, Sacred Heart Convent.



and science at Saint Wenceslaus in Cedar Rapids; Saint Cecelia in Ames; Saint Xavier in Manchester; and Sacred Heart in Oelwein, all in Iowa.

In 1936, Sister Anne Marie began additional advanced education in the field of X-ray technology.

She served at the Mercy Hospitals in Oelwein and Anamosa, Iowa, and Kalispell General Hospital, Kalispell. Sister became the assistant director of the first School of X-ray at Mercy Medical Center in Cedar Rapids. In this capacity, she also served as the main instructor at the school, teaching more than 80 students from 1955 to 1971. During this ministry, not one of her students failed to pass the National Registry Examination for Radiologic Technicians.

In 1982, she retired to Sacred Heart Convent.

In 1984, Sister came out of retirement to accept a volunteer position as parish visitor at St. Mary Church in Marshalltown, Iowa, a position she held until 1989. She also volunteered at St. Nicholas in Evansdale, Iowa. Upon returning to Cedar Rapids to retire once again, Sister became a member of the board of directors for the Catholic Worker House, where she remained an active volunteer until 1996.

Sister Anne Marie recently commemorated her 75th anniversary as a Sister of Mercy, having celebrated her jubilee July 17, 2005.

Memorials may be sent to Sisters of Mercy, 1125 Prairie Drive NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 24, at Sacred Heart Convent Chapel, by the Rev. Marvin C. Salz, celebrant, and the Rev. Mark Brummel, homilist. Burial will be afterward at Mount Calvary Cemetery in Cedar Rapids.

Sister Anne Marie was born Dec. 14, 1901, in Ambia, Ind., and grew up in Greene County, Iowa. Sister was the daughter of Henry and Anna Schroeder Stickling.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Sister Mary Invalista Stickling, RSM, and Amelia Worster; and a nephew, John Leonard Tilley.

Sister is survived by a nephew and several nieces.

Sister Anne Marie entered the Cedar Rapids Community of the Sisters of Mercy on Aug. 1, 1929, and professed perpetual vows June 24, 1935.

She received her Bachelor of Arts degree from St. Teresa's in Winona, Minn. She also attended Mount Mercy College in Cedar Rapids; Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa; Iowa State Teachers College in Cedar Falls, Iowa; and Gonzaga University in Spokane.

Sister's first ministry was education, teaching elementary and middle-school levels of English

Delores M. Stickney, 73

Delores M. Stickney, 73, passed away May 21, 2005, at her daughter Patti's home in Valparaiso, Ind.

Delores was born to Ben and Agnes Bauman May 10, 1931, in Paynesville, Minn., where she grew up and went to school, graduating there in 1952.

In 1953 she married W. Clint Stickney in Paynesville, they lived in Kansas City and Seattle, but most of their life was spent on a small farm outside Kalispell, with their two daughters, Patti and Vicki.

Delores worked as a recovery room nurse in Kalispell for 17 years before retiring. She and Clint then moved to Thompson Falls.

Delores is survived by her husband, Clint, in Thompson Falls, Patti Jo of Valparaiso, Vicki (Stickney) husband, Randy Melby, and son, Ryan of Seattle; and a sister, Bernette Helling of Paynesville, Minn.

A memorial service will be held 2 p.m. on June 18, at the First Presbyterian Church in Kalispell.

Harold 'Jim' Stipe, 60

Harold "Jim" Stipe Jr., 60, formerly of Coram and the Flathead Valley, died peacefully in his sleep on April 29, 2005, in Petersburg, Alaska.

Jim is survived by his son, Ed Stipe, of Petersburg; and

his daughters, Trish and Christy Stipe of Fairbanks, Alaska.

Memorial services were held in Petersburg on May 4.

No services are planned for Montana.

Cecil 'Jack' Stokes, 88

Cecil "Jack" Stokes, 88, passed away Saturday, Oct. 15, 2005, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center. Cecil was born Aug. 12, 1917, in Fletcher, Okla., to William and Alice (Carter) Stokes.

Cecil graduated in Lawton, Okla., then moved to California with his family in 1936. He worked on an assembly line as a welder for GMC in California.

He married his wife, Bernice, in 1941. Cecil served in the U.S. Army aircraft maintenance during World War II and was honorably discharged.

He moved to the Flathead Valley in the early 1950s where he worked for a short time, then worked as a welder for the Bur-

lington Northern Tie Plant until his retirement.

In his younger years he enjoyed hunting, fishing, and working with horses and dogs. After retirement, he took up golf and playing pool.

Cecil was preceded in death by his parents and his wife, Bernice.

He is survived by his sister Nettie Stokes of Lakeview Care Center in Bigfork and his "extended" family of friends.

At his request no services will be held and cremation has taken place.

The family requests memorials to the Lakeside QRU.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Deola 'Tiny' Stolte, 83

Deola "Tiny" Stolte, "passed gently into God's arms" at Mountains Community Hospital, Lake Arrowhead, Calif., on April 2, 2005, at the age of 83.



She was born Aug. 18, 1921, in Sundance, Wyo.

As a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and dear friend to many, she touched the lives of many people and she will be dearly missed by those blessed by her love and kindness.

Tiny was preceded in death by her loving husband, Orval; two sisters, Kay and Millie; and her brother, Bill.

She is survived by her son, Jerry, and his wife, Pam; daughter, Janice, and her husband, Bill; son, grandchild, Kim King and

her husband, Tary, Kevin Luke, Ryan and his wife, Tara, and Geoff and his wife, Pam; and three great-grandchildren, Justin, Jeremy and baby Kael. She also is survived by her brother, Harry, and his wife, Betty.

She will be sadly missed and lovingly remembered by her lifelong friend, Bobbie Stocking, and her sisters-in-law, Georgia and Mary Ellen Stolte; and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service to celebrate Tiny's life will be held for family and friends at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 9, at the Whitefish Presbyterian Church with Dr. Kaufman officiating.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Umbrella Ministries, P.O. Box 4906, Palm Springs, CA 92263 (Reaching out to mothers who have experienced the loss of a child) or a charity of your choice.

Michael Allen 'Mike' Stotts, 54

Michael Allen "Mike" Stotts, 54, died Thursday Sept. 22, 2005, at the Northwest Health Center in Kalispell.

Mike was born on Oct. 10, 1950, in Kalispell. He attended schools in Kalispell, graduating from Flathead High School in 1969.

He enlisted in the Army in 1969, and served his country with pride until 1972 as a military police officer. Upon returning to the Flathead Valley, Mike worked for a short time as a firefighter in Kalispell, prior to becoming a police officer in Columbia Falls.

His wish was to stay in law enforcement in some capacity, so he sponsored himself to the Backster Polygraph School in San Diego, and became a polygraph examiner. His background as a military policeman, fireman, Columbia Falls policeman and polygraph examiner made his transition in 1979 to become a deputy state fire marshal for the state of Montana a comfortable and successful move.

Because of his dedication to his work, he was honored by being selected for training many times at the National Fire Academy. His career took him across the state of Montana on fire investigations and inspections. He received thousands of hours of furthering education in the fire investigation field, and had returned from one such school in Denver on the day "the Lord decided He needed Mike" more than those he left behind.

Mike became a member of the Smith Valley Fire Department in 1990, and had been a member of the Flathead Fire Investigation team since 1989. He was a member of many professional associations, a few being the International Association of Arson Investigators, Montana Association of Arson Investigators, Montana Fire Chiefs, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association, International Fire Code Institute,



Montana Association of Polygraph Examiners, Northwest Polygraph Association and American Association of Police Polygraphists.

He received an award from the attorney general of the state of Montana for more than 30 years of community-related service, and several letters of appreciation for the work he has done over the years.

Mike is a deacon at the First Presbyterian Church in Kalispell, a member of the Kalispell Elks, member of the Kalispell Lodge No. 42 A.F. & A.M. and the Algeria Shrine.

Mike loved his family, church and life. He loved to camp, golf and spend time with friends. He especially enjoyed his trips to Hawaii, and was looking forward to another trip this year. He touched the hearts of anyone he ever came in contact with, and will be missed by so very many.

Mike was preceded in death by his parents, Alleene and Morgan Stotts, and one sister, Marschell Logan.

He is survived by his loving partner of eight years, Kathy McAllister, of Kalispell; daughter, Erin, and son, Shawn Stotts, both of Las Vegas; brothers, Dick Stotts, and wife, Lorraine, of Kalispell, and Jim Stotts and wife, Adeline, of Las Vegas; and son, Scott Salter of Portland, from a previous union.

Anyone who ever met Mike became a member of a very extensive extended family who all loved him dearly and will miss him deeply.

Visitation will be from 6 to 9 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 25, and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Sept. 26, both at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Sept. 26, at the First Presbyterian Church in Kalispell, with the Rev. Glenn Burfeind officiating. Several of the local fire departments will participate in his honor. Burial will take place at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery, with military honors being conducted by the United Veterans of the Flathead Valley.

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Helen M. Strand-Bundt, 89

Helen M. Strand-Bundt, 89, passed away Saturday, April 9, 2005, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

Helen was born March 21, 1916, in St. Paul, Minn., to

E.H.C. and Josephine (Stoll) Strand. Helen attended grade school in rural North Dakota and graduated high school in Comertown, Mont., in 1935.

She then attended beauty schools in Billings and New York City. She then owned and operated her own beauty shop in Westby for several years.

Helen married William C. Bundt in Glendive on April 2, 1949. They then moved to Billings and lived there for 18 years before moving to Kalispell where they retired. Helen loved to read, write letters and travel, and was an avid gardener.

Helen was a born, baptized, and confirmed Lutheran. She was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Westby, Peace Lutheran Church in Billings and Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Kalispell.

Helen was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Guy; and three sisters.

She is survived by her husband, William, of Kalispell; sister, Olga Griffin, of Oroville, Calif.; two brothers, Earl Strand of Kalispell, and Ervin Strand of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; and several nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, please make



contributions to Home Options Hospice, 175 Commons Loop Ste. 100, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Memorial services for Helen will be at 2 p.m. Friday, April 15, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home Chapel.

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Emil E. "Bud" Struck, 75, passed away on Sunday, March 13, 2005, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center due to complications of diabetes.

He was born on Feb. 18, 1930, on a homestead south of Malta to Emil and Emma Struck. In 1936, the family moved to Kalispell and resided near the Flathead River on East Cottonwood Drive.

Bud attended Flathead County High School and in 1947, at the age 17, he joined the United States Army at the end of World War II. He served as military policeman while stationed in Germany.

On Dec. 24, 1949, he married Eva Mossgraber in Bruchsal, Germany. They returned to the states in March of 1960 and resided in Kalispell. They had a son, Gary, in 1964.

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He enjoyed fishing, woodworking, picnicking in Glacier Park and socializing over coffee at Ciscos.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley, of Kalispell; one son, Gary, and wife, Debbie, and their children,

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The family suggests memorials be made to Bethlehem Lutheran Church Music/Organ Fund.

Visitation will be on Friday, March 18, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Johnson's Mortuary.

Services will be held on Saturday, March 19, at 2:30 p.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church with Pastor Larry Stuppler officiating. Burial will be at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. A reception will follow at Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

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Burnell 'Bun' W. Strom

Burnell "Bun" W. Strom, formerly of Kalispell, died at his home in Great Falls, of pulmonary hypertension disease.

He is survived by his wife, Shirle Strom of Great Falls; daughters, Marlene Holbrook of Great Falls, and Debi McE-

wen of Alberton; and sons, Cory Strom, Kelly Strom, and Shawn Strom, all of Great Falls.

Cremation has been handled by the Croxford Funeral Home. Services will be announced at a later date.

Edward Frank 'Ed' Strachota, 78

Edward Frank "Ed" Strachota, 78, passed away Tuesday Aug. 9, 2005, at his home in Kalispell. Ed was born Feb. 12, 1927, in Chicago to Frank and Marie (Miklica) Strachota.

After high school, he attended Purdue University, where he graduated with a degree in engineering. He later attended Northwestern University.

Ed joined the Navy, where he served as an electronic technician's mate. He was honorably discharged in June of 1959.

He worked as an aerospace engineer for Lockheed Martin and also for NASA. Later, he was a licensed real estate salesman in Colorado and Montana.

He married Marilyn Smith and would have celebrated their wed-

ding anniversary this month. He loved golfing, boating and dearly loved being with his family.

He is survived by his wife, Marilyn, of Kalispell; children, Larry and his wife, Nancy Strachota, Cheryl and her husband, Charles Bloom, Deborah Catello and Tim Strachota; and grandchildren, Cory and his wife, Cara Bloom, Chris Hicks and David Bloom.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 13, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, with the Deacon Fred Topp officiating.

The family requests donations be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

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Clifford R. Street, 73

Clifford R. Street, 73, died Sunday, Aug. 21, 2005, at his residence in Kalispell.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret Street, of Kalispell, and his children, Ray Street of Whitefish, Sandy Samples of Columbia Falls, Ronald Street

of Libby, and Darrell Street, Joan Steiner, Arlene Hock, Mark Street and Brian Street, all of Kalispell.

There are no services planned at this time.

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March 17, 2005 at 5:00 am |

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Jean F. Suhr, 79

Jean F. Suhr, 79, passed away on Friday, Sept. 9, 2005, at Immanuel Lutheran Home of natural causes.

She was born Olive Jean Farmer on Aug. 16, 1926, in Great Falls. She was adopted at birth by Alfred E. and Olive A. Farmer. Jean attended schools in Great Falls, graduating from high school in 1944. She then attended college in St. Paul, Minn., Kalispell, and Great Falls. She loved expanding her mind through continuous education.

Jean married Louis William "Bill" Suhr on Dec. 26, 1950, in Great Falls. Together they adopted and raised three children. Jean was a lifetime member of the Episcopal Church in Great Falls, Polson and Christ Church Episcopal here in Kalispell, and her local chapter of the P.E.O. She helped support several children through Amnesty International, and spent many years raising money for the Friends of the Library.

Life enjoyments for Jean included animals, gardening and grandchildren and great-

grandchildren. She loved studying and playing the classical organ. She loved traveling, and had been to several countries around the world.

Jean was preceded in death by her parents, Alfred E. Farmer and Olive Dobson Farmer and her devoted husband Bill.

She is survived by her brother, Alfred E. Farmer Jr. of Scottsdale, Ariz.; her three children, Stephen F. and Teresa Suhr of Kalispell, Esther J. and Ken Suhr-Stewart of Townsend, and Marybeth Surh of Santa Clara, Calif.; four grandchildren, Dustin and his wife, Leslie, Tiffany and Sari Surh, and Hillary Hale; and two great-grandchildren, Ethan and Zoe Suhr.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 13, at the Christ Church Episcopal in Kalispell.

The family request memorials be sent to the Friends of the Library, in care of the county library, the Episcopal Church, or donor's choice in Jean's name.

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Terrilyn Peterson Sweet, 64

Terrilyn Peterson Sweet, 64, "walked into the loving arms of Jesus" Nov. 15, 2005.

Terri was born in Kalispell, April 23, 1941. She spent most of her life playing on Main and Idaho as her folks owned and operated the Peterson Motel on this intersection. She graduated from Flathead County High School in 1959 and shortly thereafter moved to Seattle, where she lived until the time of her death.

She married James Robert Timlick Jr. in 1959. Four children were born in the next four years from this union. Terri married Steven Sweet in 1976 and shared with him her next 29 years to the time of her death.

She will be remembered most for her childlike faith and zeal for life. No problem she encountered ever was greater than her God. Terri had a contagious faith and positive outlook. She was known for her avid reading and drama. She was a loving friend and encourager of many. Her children and grandchildren were her treasure. Her life centered around her children and grandchildren and

being a part of their activities.

She was an active member of her church, participating on numerous church committees.

Terrilyn is survived by her husband, Steven Sweet; her children, Vicki and husband, Jim Gaines, of Bigfork, Allan Timlick of Seattle, Jill and husband, Randy Curtis, of Kalispell, and Holly and husband, Rico Cayetano, of Kent, Wash.; five stepchildren, whom she loved as her own, Laura, Michelle, Melissa, Andrew and April; sister, LaLonnice Peterson; 29 grandchildren and one great-grandchild; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and brothers and sisters-in-law.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Edgar and Phyllis Peterson, and best friend, Barbara Coleman.

Celebration of her life was held Saturday, Nov. 19, in Seattle. Burial will be 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 23, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery, Kalispell.

Arrangements under the direction of Yarrington's White Center Funeral, 10708 16th Ave. SW, Seattle, WA 98146 (206) 242-2771.

James L. Swallow, 96

James L. Swallow, 96, formerly of Kalispell, died Saturday, Dec. 17, 2005, at the home of his daughter in Long Prairie, Minn.

He is survived by his wife, Irma, of Long Prairie, and children, Gene A. Swallow of Quartzsite, Ariz., Betty A. Elston of Long Prairie, and Donald J. Swallow of Chaing Rai, Thailand.

No services are planned.

James Allen Swigart, 89

James Allen Swigart, 89, formerly of Columbia Falls, died Aug. 25, 2005, at the Hearth at Windermere in Fishers, Ind.

He constructed and ran the Bad Rock Canyon Motel, and also helped to build several other buildings in Whitefish and Columbia Falls.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret; and daughter, Dolores Simon, of Silverthorne, Colo.

Lisa D. Swidler, 45

Lisa D. Swidler, 45, passed away on Wednesday, June 22, 2005.

Lisa was born on Nov. 20, 1959, in Milwaukee, Wis., to Byron and June Schuster Swidler. Lisa was raised in Milwaukee, where she graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee with a degree in fine arts. Lisa was an enlightened spirit who spent her life serving others.

She married Jert Smit in Bloemendall, Holland, Netherlands in 1994. They were married for 10 years.

She was preceded in death



by her parents, Byron and June Swidler.

She is survived by her former husband, Jert Smit; two children, Alexander and Samantha; her stepmother, Fredrika Rodgers; brother, Steven Swidler and his wife, Elaine Kornitzky; nephew, Jordan; sisters, Debbie Beamont, and Bonni and her husband, David Stephenson; and grandmother, Lillian Schuster.

Memorial services will be at 4 p.m. today, June 26, at the Little Brown Church in Bigfork, with the Rev. Hal Curtiss officiating.

A trust fund for her children, Alexander and Samantha Smit is being established at a local bank and will be announced later.

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