

## Roy Taber

Roy Taber passed away Friday, June 24, 2005, at St. Luke's Hospital in Ronan.

Roy, an avid reader, a philosopher, photographer, antique collector, experimenter, humorist, o.k., lover of poetry and music, began his life in Barber, in 1916, on the plains of central Montana. He spent his first few years on his father's homestead near Shawmut until his family moved to the Winnecook Ranch where his father worked the ranch and his mother cooked. He often recalled the memorable childhood he had growing up on the ranch.

He moved with his family to the Anaconda Mining Company Ranch near Anaconda and spent his adolescent years in the vicinity of Anaconda attending high school at Deer Lodge where he was active, especially in FFA and sports. He moved again with his family to the area where he graduated high school in the spring of

the fall of that year, he married Cornelia. Roy and Cornelia spent 44 years together, raising a family, and enjoying the beaches of Mexico. During the early years of their marriage, Roy spent some time working the mines at Butte and the foundries of Anaconda. He also spent some time during World War II as an electrician in the shipyards of Seattle. He always returned to his ranching operation west of Ronan on the Round Butte road and in the Valley View area west of Polson.

Roy and Charity began their southern treks in the late 60s, trav-

eling for several months during the winter and returning to Ronan in the spring. That continued for more than a dozen years until Charity became ill and passed away in 1980. Roy then spent each winter at property they had purchased in Overton, Nev., and each summer at his summer place at Dayton, on Flathead Lake.

An intelligent man, Roy earned his way making wise investments and living conservatively. He read widely, enjoying the works of authors from Socrates to Louis L'Amour or Zane Grey to Rudyard Kipling. He knew much about some things and a little about all things.

Roy was preceded in death by his wife, Charity; his grandsons, Leonard and Raymond; his parents, Jesse and Rosa; his brother, Vernun; and his sisters, Hazel, Lillie, Ruth, and Eleanor.

He is survived by his daughters Marian and Kenneth Dunnwebber and Evelyn and Harold Tusler; his sons, Marvin and Marie Taber and Clarence and Jill Taber; his grandchildren, Debbie Wickum, Marvin Taber, Ron Taber, Tami Punkiewicz, Jerry Taber, Brad Taber, Laurie Kutz, Marsha DeBuff, Karlene Waltman, Chad Taber, and Zachary Jacobson; 22 great-grandchildren and several great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. on Wednesday, June 29, in the Shrider's Mortuary Chapel. Interment will follow in Calvary Cemetery.

The family requests memorials be made to the Ronan Senior Citizen's Center.

## Shannon Lynn Tallman, 47

Shannon Lynn Tallman of Whitefish passed away Dec. 4, 2005.

She was born in Polson on Dec. 11, 1957, while her dad was serving time with the U.S. Marine Corps in Okinawa. When he came home the following November, the family moved to Whitefish. Shannon was the first of the four Tallman kids and the leader of the pack who grew up on the east shore of Whitefish Lake with their golden retrievers, cats and a collection of other animals. It was an idyllic life of lazy summers on the water and ski racing in the winter.

Shannon became an accomplished artist, actor and writer, and she loved modern dance. She graduated from Whitefish High School and spent the next year at the Mendocino Art Institute in California. She continued her studies in Montana and Oregon and ultimately enrolled at the Desert Institute in Tucson, Ariz., where she graduated as a mas-



sage therapist.

She spent her life helping people and caring for animals. She was a volunteer in the early years of the Whitefish Food Bank and worked as a volunteer at the spay-neuter clinic for cats and dogs.

When her son, Jesse, was born in 1990, he became the center of her life. She taught him to enjoy all the things she had learned as a child of Montana, and she was always there to cheer for him as an athlete and as her best friend.

Shannon's strength in her battle with depression has earned the respect of all who knew and loved her. She had the power to heal everyone but herself.

She leaves her love with Jesse Strunk, her son; her dad, Gary Tallman, and her mom, Jeanne Tallman; her sisters, Kim James and Heather Tallman Ruhm; and brother, Brett Tallman.

Her messages of love go to all other family members and all the friends she valued and trusted.

We will gather to celebrate Shannon's life at 3 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9, at Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## George H. Taylor III, 73

George H. Taylor III, 73, passed away at his home in Lakeside on Tuesday, March 15, 2005, after a lengthy illness with emphysema.

He was born on Nov. 22, 1931 in West Chester, Pa., to George Hickman Taylor, Jr. and Esther (Brown) Taylor. He lived in the West Chester area until 1947 when he attended the Pennsylvania Military Preparatory School in Chester, Pa. He joined the Marine Corps in July 1950 and attained the rank of staff sergeant prior to being commissioned a second lieutenant in April 1955. After that, he served tours with the 2nd Marine Division at Camp Pendleton, Calif.; the 1st Marine Brigade in Hawaii; two tours at Headquarters Marine Corps in Washington, D.C.; the Marine Corps Development & Education Center in Quantico, Va.; a tour in Barstow, Calif., what was then known as the Marine Corps Supply Center.

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In 1981, Col. Taylor assumed duties at the Marine Corps Logistics Base in Barstow first as director of material division; then chief of staff until his retirement in 1996.

Col. Taylor's decorations include the Meritorious Service

Medal; two Meritorious Unit Commendations; the Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal; the Navy Occupation Service Medal and two National Defense Service Medals.

George and his wife, Mary Jane, were married in 1971. In addition to his 36 years in the USMC, he enjoyed gardening, reading and music. From July 1966 to July 1967, he and Mary Jane toured the United States in their motor home, taking in many of our country's landmarks and visiting family and friends. They retired in Lakeside in 1987.

George was preceded in death by his parents, George H. Taylor, Jr. and Esther Brown Taylor of West Chester. He is survived by his wife, Mary Jane Taylor, of Lakeside; a son, the Rev. Steven Taylor of Millersville, Pa.; a daughter, Tamya N. Menotte, of Jacksonville, Fla.; stepchildren Darlene Cramer of Waverly, N.Y., Robert K. Benner of West Chester, Diane E. Abel of Ephrata, Pa., Mark A. Benner of Mechanicsburg, Pa., and Glenn S. Benner of Bakersfield, Calif. He is also survived by two brothers, David Van L. Taylor of Westminster, Md., and Richard D. Taylor of Narvon, Pa.; 16 grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for George will be on Tuesday, March 22, at 2 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Darold Renner officiating. Visitation will be for one hour prior to the services. Burial will be in the Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va. The family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations be given to Hospice at 175 Commons Loop, No. 100, Kalispell, MT 59901; the Lakeside GRU, Box 911 Lakeside, MT 59922; or the American Lung Association at 1025 Helena Ave., Helena, MT 59601.

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## Leon Packer Taylor, 80

Leon Packer Taylor passed away on Friday, June 12, 2005,



at the Brennan House in Kalispell after a brief battle with cancer. Leon was born on Oct. 6, 1924 in Preston, Idaho to Vaughn Franklin and Anna Parkinson (Packer) Taylor.

He attended schools in the Weston, Idaho, area and at age 15 entered a job training program in Logan, Utah, in General Metals. He found that he had a great talent for welding and this proved to direct the course of his career for the rest of his life. He got a job as a welder in a shipyard in California and then joined the Navy and was a welder on an aircraft carrier, the USS Corregidor, for about two years during World War II.

Leon married Loretta Rae Griffiths on March 18, 1943, in Weston, Idaho. They were sealed in the Logan, Utah, Temple of The Church of Latter Day-Saints on Nov. 16, 1945. After a short stay in California, Leon and Loretta bought a farm in Preston, Idaho, and then a potato farm in Whitehall, Mont. After a short stay in Butte, they moved to Missoula in 1956 where Leon worked for Westco, a laundry, welding parts for bridge beams. In 1969, Leon started working for Champion International Paper Mill in Missoula, where he worked for 20 years as a maintenance supervisor and did specialized maintenance on boilers.

In 1979, the Taylors moved to Pablo, beginning 22 fun-filled years of retirement.

In 1983, Leon had a stroke, paralyzing the left side of his body. After extensive therapy and great determination, he regained some movement on the left side of his face and leg. He used this difficult

experience to help others with similar experiences. He understood their struggles and had a joke and a golf cart ride ready to lift their spirits.

In 1987, Leon and Loretta began wintering in Mesa, Ariz., and summering in Montana. Leon's greatest joys were his family and making people laugh. He and Loretta recently spent their 60th wedding anniversary in Hawaii with their children. Leon was an avid sportsman and loved the outdoors of Montana. His family and friends will miss him very much.

He was preceded in death by his parents,

He is survived by his wife, Loretta Taylor of Kalispell; his seven children, Dennis Taylor and wife Emily of Missoula, Cheryl Wraught and husband Frank of Kalispell, Vyonne Zentner and husband Robert of Bullhead City, Ariz., Bradley Taylor and wife Julie of Sheridan, Wyo., Blaine Taylor and wife Annie of Virginia Beach, Va., Michelle Lies and husband Mark of Great Falls, and Lisa Hager and husband DeJohn of Eagle Mountain, Utah; 28 grandchildren and 34 great-grandchildren.

He is also survived by two sisters, LaPriel Price and husband Eugene of Brigham City, Utah, and Norma Bayes and husband Ted of Red Bluff, Calif., and brothers DeMar Taylor and wife Joanne, Keith Taylor and wife Rhea, Garth Taylor and wife Norma, all of Dillon, and Paul Taylor and wife Diane of Polson and numerous extended family members.

Visitation for Leon will be on Wednesday, Aug. 17, from noon until 6 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 18, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Kalispell, with Bishop Frank Wraught officiating.

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

## Margaret A. Strand Taylor, 92

Margaret A. Strand Taylor passed away peacefully in her sleep of natural causes on June 28, 2005, in Merced, Calif.

She was born in Miland, Minn., on July 20, 1913, to Tilla Running Strand and Hans Strand.

Margaret is survived by her sons, Wesley Moran and wife, Clara, of Pasco, Wash.; Monte Moran, of Welches, Ore.; Doug Moran and wife, Donna, of Missoula; George Taylor and wife, Janice, of Farmington, N.M.; Lee Taylor and wife, Mary, of Atwater, Calif.; and Dave Taylor and wife, Charlotte, of Whitefish; as well as numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank Lee Taylor; son, Billy Taylor; and brothers, Clifford Strand, Bud Strand and Harry Strand.

Margaret's parents were Norwegian immigrants who came to the United States as children. They met and married in Minnesota, where they operated a farm. When Margaret was 3 years old, they were granted a homestead 30 miles south of Malta. They loaded all of their belongings, livestock and family on the train and arrived in Malta, where they hitched up their team of oxen and hauled everything they owned to their homestead.

They built a sod house and lived in it until a neighbor's frame house became available. They moved the house in pieces to their property and reassembled it.

Margaret and her brothers went to school in a one-room schoolhouse that was on skids and was moved to the most convenient location for the majority of the students. The Strand kids rode to school on horses or on a stone boat pulled by horses.

Margaret went to high school

in Malta. In order to do that she worked at a dairy delivering milk and cream before school for her room and board.

Margaret was a cook for many years. She cooked at a restaurant in Fort Peck during the construction of the dam and for numerous ranches in Montana — the Mafador in Malta, and the 66 Ranch and Spokane Ranch in the Big Hole area to name a few. She continued to enjoy cooking all of her life and would often bake banana bread for friends and family when she was in her 90s.

Margaret married Frank Taylor in Malta. They moved to Camp 9 in Babb, where he was an operating engineer on the Milk River Project for the Bureau of Reclamation.

In 1956, they moved to Columbia Falls and purchased a home on Rogers Road. Margaret lived in that home until January 2005.

Margaret enjoyed country music and particularly fiddle music. She loved to dance and did so on a regular basis well into her 80s. She liked to tell jokes and go out for Chinese food. She kept her sense of humor all of her life. She also read and watched the news and did crossword puzzles to keep her mind sharp. She loved birds and animals. She could still ride a horse at 85 and cross-country ski. She was always up for an adventure.

She is truly missed by her friends and family. She was blessed with good health and a long life. She was a real cowgirl and Montana pioneer.

There will be a memorial service to honor Margaret at the Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls at noon on Saturday, Sept. 10, with a luncheon to follow at the home of Dave and Charlotte Taylor at 1090 Hodgson Road.

## Sally Pauline 'Polly' Tellow, 94

Sally Pauline Tellow, 94, died Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2005, from injuries received in a well-drilling accident near Libby.

## Barzia Robert 'Bart' Teske, 61

Barzia Robert "Bart" Teske, 61, died Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2005, from injuries received in a well-drilling accident near Libby.

He was a partner in T.C. Carpets in Libby. He later opened Kootenai Karpets, eventually selling that business and starting Big Sky West Well Drilling. He previously worked for Plum Creek Plywood in Columbia Falls.

He is survived by Irene Sirey, his lifelong companion; a son, Barzia Brent Teske; and a daughter, Shonda Dee Jennings.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Libby Memorial Center. Interment services will follow at the City of Libby Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home.

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## Roberta Marie Sanderson Thick, 66

Roberta Marie Sanderson Thick was born Oct. 29, 1939, in Hamilton. She was the daughter of Evelyn Saurey Beatty and Ed Wells. Roberta passed away on Monday, Nov. 28, 2005, at her home in Polson surrounded by her family members. She died after a long battle with a rare form of cancer.

Roberta was raised in the Flathead Valley, a great-granddaughter of Robert and Mary Saurey, Swiss pioneers who homesteaded in Columbia Falls in the later 1800s, and the granddaughter of Dan and Wilma Saurey. Roberta attended elementary school in West Glacier, where her parents worked for the National Park Service. She graduated from Columbia Falls High School in 1957.

Roberta married Richard G. Smith in 1957 and they raised three children: Evonne, Dan and Darryl Smith in Columbia Falls.

Roberta was very active in civic affairs. She served as the director of her Sunday school and the junior choir. She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star. Roberta was a trustee of the Columbia Falls School

Board for many years and is a past president of the State of Montana School Boards Association. Roberta was also active in the Columbia Falls Jayceens and served as the state president and as a national secretary for the organization. She attended nearly all of her children's many athletic events, and in her positions on the local and state school boards was an avid supporter of girl's high school sports in the '70s.

In 1979, Roberta was named the Outstanding Young Woman of Montana.

Roberta divorced in 1975 and she moved to Missoula to advance her career with the U.S. Postal Service.

Roberta started as a distribution clerk with the post office in Columbia Falls. After moving to Missoula, Roberta took advantage of all opportunities that the Postal Service provided, including stints as the officer in charge of post offices in Libby and in American Fork, Utah. She was the customer service representative in Missoula and the manager of the Hellgate Station Post Office.

While in Missoula, she met the love of her life, Ray Thick, who

was also an employee of the Postal Service. Together they moved to Polson, where Ray became the postmaster at Ronan, and Roberta was named the postmaster at the Polson Post Office.

Ray and Roberta married on August 25, 1990. After working several years in Ronan and Polson, Ray and Roberta opted for an early retirement. Roberta did not slow down in retirement. She enjoyed hosting large family vacations at their home in Polson, and golfing with Ray, her children, grandchildren and friends. Ray and Roberta frequently traveled to Idaho, Oregon, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Canada and the East Coast to play golf and visit family members.

Roberta also found time to learn quilting, finding this to be an unexpected connection to her ancestors. She made beautiful quilts for her family and numerous items for charitable events.

She was an active member of the Polson Soroptimists, and for several years Ray and Roberta sponsored the Polson Wine Festival.

Roberta served as a Polson City Council member until illness

forced her to resign.

She loved her work with the Polson Golf Association and was a passionate supporter of the Polson Library, serving on its board.

Roberta is survived by her husband, Ray Thick, of Polson; her children and their families, Evonne and Ed Wells, (R.J. and Jackie) of Missoula; Dan and Karen Smith (Adam, James, Danine, Lindsey and Ryan) of Scottsdale, Ariz., and Darryl and Caron Smith (Luke, Ashley, Seth and Kyle) of Madras, Ore.; a brother and his wife, Sandy and Patti Sanderson, of Kalispell; a brother, Ben Beatty, of Green River, Ariz.; and a sister, Myrna Nicholas, of Hawaii.

A memorial service for Roberta will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, at the First United Methodist Church in Polson.

In lieu of flowers, Roberta would have appreciated memorials to the Polson Junior Golf program, the Polson Library, or the St. Joseph Hospital, especially its Home Health Care program.

Arrangements and cremation are by Grogan Funeral Home in Polson.

## Jack Thompson, 71

Jack Thompson, 71, passed away Dec. 4, 2005, after a lengthy illness.

Jack was born in Burley, Idaho, on Jan. 10, 1934, to George and Sibil Thompson. He was raised in Rupert, Idaho, with brother, Glenn, and sisters, Linda and Susan.

Jack was one of the founding members of the North Valley Search and Rescue, serving as president for the past 20-plus years. He was also involved in various community organizations.



Jack retired from the Columbia Falls Aluminum Company in the early 1990s.

He was preceded in death by both parents; his brother, Glenn; daughter, Paula; and son, Steve.

Jack is survived by his daughter, Julie, and her husband, John Grange, of Snohomish, Wash.; his son, Allen, and his wife, Kristiana Thompson, currently stationed at Naval Base Ventura County in California; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Jack was loved deeply and will be missed by all.

Services are at 2 p.m. today, Dec. 8, at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

## Lena Lula Mercer Thomas, 96

Lena Lula Mercer Thomas, 96, died Tuesday, May 17, 2005, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She was born Jan. 25, 1909, in Fort Branch, Ind., the eldest of five children of Gem and Lydia Ulrigg Mercer. The family lived at Ava, Mo., moving to Missoula, in 1918. Lena attended Lowell Grade School and graduated from Missoula County High School in 1927 where she was a member of National Honor Society, the debate team and president of the senior class. She attended Montana State University and worked at Missoula Public Library.

She married Edward William Thomas in Missoula, in 1929, and the couple resided there until 1975 when they moved to the Rollins area of Flathead Lake. Following the death of Edward in 1999, Lena resided at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

During her many years in Missoula, Lena was active in school and youth activities and community projects. She served as president of Missoula Woman's Club in

1950-51 and was a member of First Methodist Church. Later at Flathead Lake, she was a member of the Polson Friends of The Library. She loved caring for her family, reading and writing letters and journals and doing needle work and gardening.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Edward; a brother, Gerald Mercer; and a sister, Rita Mercer Nelson.

She is survived by brothers, Gem Mercer of Polson and Harry Mercer of Visalia Calif.; daughters, Patricia Arm Colby, of Seattle and Rollins, and Shirley Jane Harryman, of Kalispell; a son, Gary Edward Thomas, of Langley, Wash.; 10 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Cremation has taken place and a private family memorial service will be planned for a later date.

The family suggests memorials to the Polson Public Library or to Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Howard Peter 'Pete' Terry, 89



Howard Peter "Pete" Terry, 89, beloved husband, father and friend passed peacefully from this world July 28, 2005, in his Kalispell home.

He was born March 26, 1916, in Everett, Mass., to Peter and Esther (Johnson) Terry.

Pete Terry was born to a musical family.

His mother, Esther, was an accomplished pianist. His father, Peter Terry, performed in many Gilbert and Sullivan productions in the Boston area. As a high school musician, young Pete already had his own band and sat in at jazz sessions with visiting groups.

Pete played the saxophone with the Company Brass at the Bigfork Inn for 14 and was known widely for his warmth, humor and fine musicianship.

When World War II started, Pete was on the first Army transport to leave the Pacific front. In Guadalcanal, New Zealand, Australia and New Caledonia, Sgt. Terry served as an Army medic with the 101st Medical Regiment and formed his own Army jazz band and provided much-needed relief for the troops.

After the war, Pete returned stateside and dove enthusiastically into the music world. He played with Ray McKinnly and Miguelito Valdez and, during a short stint with the Bob Crosby Band, he met his future wife, Ann Clark.

Pete and Ann married in the Los Angeles area, where Pete

studied and practiced his music. He became proficient in playing the flute, clarinet and bassoon. His versatility and dedication to his craft created a niche for Pete. His life was filled with recording dates, and television and movie work. He played in such movies as "Gigi," "Singin' in the Rain," and "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers." He worked on The Red Skelton and Danny Kaye shows and as a member of the NBC staff orchestra. He played for such shows as "Rowan & Martin's Laugh-in," "The Flip Wilson Show," "The Dean Martin Show," "The Andy Williams Show" and many more. Besides working in the commercial and jazz mediums, Pete also played with a more classical saxophone group known as The West Coast Saxophone Quartet.

Pete and his wife moved to Whitefish in 1983. They built a home overlooking Whitefish Lake in 1984. He played occasionally in the Don Lawrence Orchestra and was a regular member of the Company Brass at the Bigfork Inn.

Pete is survived by his wife, Ann Terry, of Kalispell; daughters, Meg Terry of San Diego and Kay Lynn of Kalispell; and two grandchildren, Meca Lynn and Brian Holden.

Friends are invited to join the family members in celebration of Pete's life at a jam session at the Bigfork Inn from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 14.

The family suggests instead of flowers, that contributions be sent to the Flathead Jazz Society, P.O. Box 2627, Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

## Nicholas James Thomas, 21

Sgt. Nicholas Thomas, 21, was buried Aug. 16, 2005, at Willamette National Cemetery after full military funeral services at New Hope Community Church in Portland.



he was asked and agreed to return for Operation Iraqi Freedom II.

Nick was promoted to the rank of sergeant with top honors.

He returned from Iraq in April and a month later he was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia. Complications took his life on Aug. 11, 2005.

Nick was preceded in death by his grandfathers, John Thomas and Bill Dilworth.

He is survived by his wife, Corey, and his daughter, Kaitlyn, in Kalispell; his parents, Terry and Maureen; and his sister, Ashley.

Memorials may be made to The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Donor Services, P.O. 4072, Pittsfield, MA 01202; or online at [www.leukemia-lymphoma.org](http://www.leukemia-lymphoma.org).

Nick was born June 12, 1984, in Portland, where he lived all his life.

After graduating from high school in 2002, he joined the Oregon National Guard and studied business at Mount Hood Community College.

While attending college, he met Corey McAlister, whom he married in 2003 just before he was deployed to Iraq. He returned to Portland in April 2004, and six months later

## Jerry L. Thompkins, 65

Jerry L. Thompkins died suddenly at his home in Bigfork on Nov. 16, 2005, with his wife at his side. He was 65.

Jerry was born July 9, 1940, in Grants Pass, Ore., the oldest of four boys. He grew up at Lake Tahoe, Calif., and developed his life-long passion for hunting and fishing while living there.

In 1959, he married Nona Coffey and they had two sons.

Jerry graduated from San Jose State University and worked for a time in the insurance and securities business.

In 1972, he married the love of his life, Carol, and returned to Lake Tahoe. Finding the area too crowded, they moved to West Yellowstone where they owned and operated several businesses.

In 1981, Jerry and Carol moved to Bigfork and have resided there ever since. Jerry owned and operated a charter fishing lodge in Petersburg, Alaska, for the past 10



years until his death.

Jerry was known for his big heart and unflinching trust in people. He was passionate about his family and his fishing. He loved going to the auction and finding the good deals.

Jerry leaves his wife of 33 years, Carol; sons, Rodney of Kalispell, Bradley of Modesto, Calif., and Dustin of Bozeman; and a stepson, Richard Rumley from Eden Prairie, Minn. Survivors also include his mother, Fran; two brothers, Dennis and Andrew; grandchildren, Elizabeth, Tiffani, Sarah, Autumn, Allen and Heidi; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Gene, and his brother, Greg.

Cremation has taken place and there are no services planned at this time.

His ashes will be scattered at his favorite place, Alaska, in the spring.

## Dawn R. Thompson, 36

Dawn R. Thompson, 36, "went to her Lord" Saturday, Aug. 27, 2005, at her home in Fern-dale.



Dawn was born Jan. 17, 1969, in Great Falls, to Robert and Janet Thompson. She was raised in Great Falls and the Flathead Valley, graduating from Flathead High School in 1987.

For the past several years, Dawn had been a mail carrier for the U.S. Postal Service in Bigfork. She loved painting, crafts, gardening and cooking. Dawn touched the lives of everyone who knew her. She excelled in everything that she did, from her paintings to her gardening and cook-

ing and her great '80s dance moves.

Dawn was preceded in death by her father, Robert Thompson.

Dawn is survived by her mother, Janet Thompson; children, Nathan, Austin, Emily, Shandri and Kassie Thompson; brothers and sisters, Merry Bell Thompson, Roberta Lind and her husband, Tim, Bert Thompson and wife, Jodi, Billy Thompson and wife, Christy, and Daniel Thompson and wife, Joanne; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 4, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home with the Rev. Tim Bartholomew officiating.

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

## Lillian G. Thomipson, 85

Lillian G. Thompson, 85, died peacefully of natural causes Wednesday, June 29, 2005, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.



She was born at the family home on 4th Avenue E.N. in Kalispell, on June 19 1920, to Monroe and Margaret Spink. Lillian was the fourth of five children, and she enjoyed the close and enduring ties with her brother, Bill, and her three sisters, Mary, Mable "Burma," and Peggy, and their families.

The Spink family homesteaded in Swan Lake and as a family, lived at the original Teakettle Ranger Station north of Columbia Falls, then to Kalispell, then to Libby and back to Kalispell, all before Lillian started her education and years of growing up with family and lifelong friends.

Lillian and Tommy Thompson were married on Oct. 6, 1945, and made their home in Kalispell. Lillian worked hard raising her four girls, loving Tommy and making a wonderful home for them. As charter members of the Grizzly Century Club, Tommy and Lillian enjoyed going to the Grizzly games in Missoula as well as going to games as far away as Hawaii. Both Lillian and Tommy enjoyed their many friends whether it was at the bridge table, golf course, Grizzly games, and neighborhood block parties or over a nice dinner in their home.

Some of her best memories were the summers at the cabin on Flathead Lake. The 4th of July was always a great family and friend reunion. Lillian had a great sense of responsibility

to her family, neighborhood, church and community. She was a longtime member of her church prayer group and her generosity was well known by so many.

Lillian was preceded in death by husband, Tommy Thompson; mother, Margaret Wright; father and step-mother, Monroe and Mary Spink; brother, William Bradbury; brother-in-law, A.D. Stillman; niece, Donna Reesman; and great-nephew, Gordon Graham.

She is survived by four daughters, Janet Lund of Lakeside, Sandra Lindstrom and husband, Bill, of Florence, Mary Lupton and husband, B.J., of Kalispell, and Jamie Lennick and husband, Dennis, of Kennewick, Wash.; grandchildren, Brent and Kathy Polanchek of Lakeside, Kristin Lund of Highlands Ranch, Colo., Karen Polanchek of Seattle, Stephanie Perkins of Portland, Jon Lupton and Sarah "Annie" Lupton both of Lakeside, Matt Lennick of Portland, Mandy Lennick of Kennewick, and Jason Lindstrom of Polson; as well as many nieces, nephews and great-nieces and nephews.

How wonderful for her family and friends to be loved and cared for by Lillian. "We will all miss her."

Memorial services will be held noon Tuesday, July 5, at the Central Christian Church after a graveside service for Lillian at 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 5, at C. E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be held both on Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Tuesday, July 5, from 9 to 10 a.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel.

The family suggests that memorials be sent to Immanuel Lutheran Home, 185 Crestline Avenue, Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

## Robert A. 'Bob' Thraikill, 65

He had to say "Good-bye" to his family and friends on Saturday, July 23, 2005, at his home in Kalispell, MT.

He was born on June 10, 1940, in Kalispell, MT, to Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Thraikill.

He was a member of the Kalispell Lutheran Church and a member of the Kalispell Golf and Country Club.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Thraikill, and his children, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thraikill, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thraikill, III.

## Lucille W. Thompson, 84

Lucille W. Thompson, 84, of Englewood, Colo., died Sept. 7, 2005, at her home.

She was born in Kalispell on Feb. 2, 1921.

Lucille was the beloved wife of Robert G.

Thompson; mother of Don, Janet, and John; and is also survived by four grandchildren; and her sister, Phyllis Campbell.

Memorial services were held Sunday, Sept. 12, at the St. Andrews United Methodist Church in Denver.



Lucille lived for her family, and there was never a moment that she didn't find a reason to laugh or smile and will be remembered that way. Her husband, Bob, was devoted to her daily care, as Lucille suffered with declining health over the past several years and she repeatedly commented that she could not have lead a happier life.

The love that radiated from Lucille's spirit enriched the lives of all those who knew her and she will be missed.

The family has requested that those wishing to may contribute to the local or regional PEO in Lucille's memory.

## Ronald B. Thomson, 50

Ronald B. Thomson, 50, of Libby, died Thursday, Sept. 22, 2005, at Community Medical Center in Missoula.

He was employed by the St. Regis Paper Company for five years and later by the Burlington Northern Railroad.

Survivors include his daughter, Heidi Thomson, of Libby.

Services were held Sept. 23 at the Nelson and Vial Funeral Home Chapel in Libby.

# ROBERT A. "BOB" THRAILKILL, 65

*February 25, 2005 at 5:00 am /*

Robert A. "Bob" Thraikill, 65, of Kalispell, died Saturday, Feb. 19, 2005.



He was born Feb. 2, 1940, in Elliston, to Herbert and Bernice Thraikill. He was raised in Elliston.

Bob moved to Helena, in 1942, and worked for his grandfather as manager of a produce plant in Helena.

In 1966, he moved to Kalispell and was well-known for his ability in furniture refinishing.

Bob enjoyed working in his yard, raising all types of flowers and plants.

He was a collector of many things.

He had many friends in Kalispell whom he spent many hours with, refinishing furniture, working in his yard and playing games.

Bob will be dearly missed by his relatives and many friends.

He was preceded in death by both his mother and father.

Survivors include his sisters, Cora Butler and family of Lakeland, Fla., and Nancy Byrington of Bakersfield, Calif.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 28, at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.



## John M. Thorson, 81

John M. Thorson, 81, former mayor of Whitefish, died May 10, 2005, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

John was born on June 16, 1924, to a Conrad, to Julius and Audrey Thorson. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II with Anti Tank Company, 363rd Infantry 91st Division and was honorably discharged on Nov. 28, 1945.

He married Shirley Jeanne Maddux on Aug. 22, 1974; they worked together in his shop, Flathead Upholstery, which he ran for 55 years.

He was very active in the community, having served on the City Council, then serving as mayor for four years. He had helped to start the downtown Christmas decorations and continuing to work on them up until the time of his death.

John and Jeanne loved high school sports and followed the Bulldogs faithfully with their sup-

port and with any projects they had, including taking in the last track meet in Whitefish; John himself was a runner.

He is preceded in death by his parents; and his infant son, John Roger Thorson.

John is survived by his wife, Jeanne; his sister-in-law, Janice Maddux; mother-in-law, Evelyn Maddux; and by Donna Maddux, and her daughters and grandchildren; and his aunt, Ruth Creighton.

A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, May 13, at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish with the Rev. David Kauffman officiating. Burial will follow at Whitefish Cemetery.

The family suggests that memorials may be made in John's name to the Whitefish Bulldogs Boosters, P.O. Box 173, Whitefish, MT 59937.

## Jerry Robert Thumm, 71

Jerry Robert Thumm, 71, passed away on Tuesday, May 17, 2005, at his home west of Kalispell.

He was born on July 29, 1933, in Polson, to Jerry and Helen (Flammeau) Thumm. Jerry was raised in Great Falls but spent many years at the Catholic School in St. Ignatius, where he served as an altar boy. He came to the Flathead in 1955, fell in love with the valley, and decided to stay.

Jerry met and married Arlene on July 13, 1956, in Kalispell. Together they raised three children in Evergreen.

Jerry worked for McElroy and Wilken for 19 years and was a logger for 22 years. He was a musician in local bands for several years and entertained many family and friends.

After retiring, Jerry and Arlene moved to Hot Springs. With their daughter, Lori and husband, Randy, they built and started Second Home Restaurant. They sold their share of the business to Lori and Randy after two years and moved back to Kalispell, where they built a home west of town.

Jerry enjoyed fishing, camping, bowling, singing and playing his guitar. Most of all he enjoyed spending time with his loving family including his many sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law and their families.

He was a longtime member of Moose Lodge and the Eagles

Lodge. He was also a Mason.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Marjorie Spoonmore, Genevieve Gettel, Bonnie Bowers, JoAnn Elletson and Betty Malcolmson; a brother, Mike Thumm; and three brothers-in-law, Floyd Fredericks, Jesse Lewellen and Paul Ward.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Arlene of Kalispell; daughters, Lori Giese and husband, Randy, of Hot Springs, and Connie Langton of Kalispell; a son, Mike Thumm and wife, Kelly, of Kalispell; and the three "Lights of his Life" grandchildren, Nicole and Nate of Hot Springs and Cassidy of Kalispell. Jerry is also survived by a brother, Richard Thumm and wife, Rose, of Great Falls; and sisters-in-law, Barbara and Arnie Sundberg of Columbia Falls, Linda Ward, Connie Bergmann, Janice and Ralph Geldrich, Leslie Lewellen and Sharon Omholt, all of Kalispell; and a brother-in-law, Richard Bergmann and wife, Helen, of Echo Lake.

Memorial services for Jerry will be at noon on Saturday, May 21, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church with Father Vic Langhans as celebrant. A light luncheon will follow at the Moose Lodge in Evergreen. Arlene's mailing address is P.O. Box 7271, Kalispell, MT 59904.

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

## Douglas Bruce Tibke, 84

Douglas Bruce Tibke, 84, died Tuesday, Aug. 9, 2005, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

He was born Aug. 22, 1920, in Blackfoot, Idaho, to Jacob and Sena Tibke. In 1921, the family moved to Cascade, where they lived until moving to Kalispell in 1934.

He served in the Army Air Corps during World War II in the Asiatic-Pacific theater of operations.

He was married to Marguerite V. Johnston on April 27, 1944.

He farmed and ranched and logged in various parts of Montana before returning to the Flat-

head in 1997.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Marguerite, a son, Darwin, three sisters, and three brothers.

He is survived by his son, Edwin Tibke, of Idaho Falls, Idaho; three sisters, Mrs. Mayme Abraham of Kalispell, Grace Hanson of Cut Bank, and Betty Held of Bigfork; three grandsons, Ron and Don Tibke of Helena, and Reno Tibke of Portland; and many great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 13, at the Fairview Cemetery with military graveside honors.

## Lyle M. Tiensvold, 69

Lyle M. Tiensvold, 69, of Bigfork, passed away at his home on Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2005, from natural causes.

He was born on Sept. 29, 1936, at Rushville, Neb., to Leonard D. and Jean Britton Tiensvold. He attended school in Polson, and graduated from

Bigfork High School in 1953. Lyle served in the U.S. Army from 1955 to 1957 as a paratrooper stationed in Germany.

Lyle received his teaching degree at Northern Montana College and his master's degree from Montana State University. He taught at Missoula Technical Center for 10 years and was the owner of Green Mountain Cherry Orchard. He married Nancy Louise DeYoung at Yellow Bay in 1960.

Lyle was past president of the Flathead Cherry Growers Association and a member of the Lutheran Church.



His parents Leonard and Jean Britton Tiensvold preceded him in death.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy Louise Tiensvold of Bigfork; a daughter, Gail Tiensvold of Denver; sons, Leonard and Vern Tiensvold of Crocker, Mo., Steve

and Christine Tiensvold of Salt Lake City, and Mike and Kelly Tiensvold of the East Lake Shore; and sisters, Margaret Olmstead of Boise, Idaho, and Joni Hanson of Charlo; along with numerous grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held 1 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 22, in the Yellow Bay Club House with Rev. Ron Pierce officiating.

Cremation has taken place. Memorials in Lyle's name may be made to the Salvation Army or the Yellow Bay Club House.

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

## Maria Lee Timm, 87

Maria Lee Timm, 87, died July 14, 2005, in sleep at Evergreen Extended Care Facility.

She was born July 11, 1918, to Herman and Annie Viola (Brown) Rigal in Casper, Wyo. Her mother died when Maria was three and she was raised by her father. Maria attended Casper schools, graduating from St. Anthony Elementary Catholic School and Natrona County High School in 1936.

Following graduation she was employed as a piano player and singer at a Casper radio station, on a dude ranch near Dubois, Wyo., and for Ma Bell as a telephone operator. She later moved to Cheyenne, Wyo., where she eventually was employed as a long distance switchboard operator with the Army at Fort Francis E. Warren. She well remembered being called in to work on her day off, Dec. 7, 1941, following the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

She married her partner-in-life, Philip E. Timm, in Cheyenne, on Nov. 6, 1941. During the early war years she followed her husband around Kansas, Colorado and Wyoming, where he was employed as several contractors performing flight training for the military. In 1944, Maria returned to Casper to live while Phil was on active duty in the Army Air Corps.

Following the war, Phil and Maria came to the Flathead to help Maria's mother-in-law harvest her cherry crop. That was the first of many trips to the Polson area, which stimulated the couple to move the family of four to Polson on Christmas 1955, and start a new family aviation business at the Polson Airport.

Whether as a wife, mother or businesswoman, Maria was her husband's partner in all things. In aviation, she ran the details of the business side of the operation, saw to and guided the educational



and extracurricular development of their children, Glenn and Elizabeth, including designing and sewing costumes for Beth's ballet dancers, accompanied her dancers on the piano and participated as a Scout leader and a leader in the Civil Air Patrol cadet program.

She organized the family vacations designed to impart geographical and historical education to the family as much as recreation. In later years, she organized and orchestrated worldwide travel for her and Phil. These excursions included sailing the Caribbean on a schooner and cruises on the Nile and through the Panama Canal.

In 2000, she and Phil moved into St. Joseph Assisted Living in Polson where for several years she participated in providing musical entertainment for the residents, travel slide shows and organ music for Mass and other church services held there. The Phil-Maria partnership ended after nearly 60 years with his death shortly after 9/11. Maria continued playing the piano and organ for religious services and for birthday celebrations at St. Joseph until failing health restricted her ability to get around. Shortly after moving to extended care in May, reviving spirits allowed her to take up playing the piano on a limited basis. This continued until a few days before her death.

She is survived by her daughter, Beth, and her husband, Byron Christian, of Polson and Las Vegas; her son, Glenn, of Polson; and grandson, Pfc. Colin Timm, U.S. Army, Fort Lee, Va.

Visitation will be held from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday, July 18, at the Grogan Funeral Home Chapel. Rosary will be held at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Polson, at 7 p.m. Monday, July 18 followed by the funeral Mass 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 19, with Father Val Zdilla officiating. Interment is at Lakeview Cemetery followed by a reception in the church basement.

Arrangements are by Grogan Funeral Home in Polson.

## Loren Charles 'Bus' Torgerson, 83

Loren Charles "Bus" Torgerson, 83, passed away early Thursday morning, Feb. 10, 2006, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls after an extended battle with Alzheimer's disease.

Bus was born on April 19, 1923, in Max, N.D., to Charles and Gladys Torgerson. The family moved early in his life to the Flathead Valley in Montana where Bus and his seven brothers and sisters were raised, living at various locations in Kalispell and Whitefish.

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Bus is a graduate of the University of Eastern Washington, Whitefish, Moose Club and the Warm Springs, Wyo., Coffee Club at the Buffalo, Wyo.

Bus Torgerson was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Gladys, a brother, Alvin, Oregon, his mother, Ethel, Nevada, his brother, John, and his sister, Ruth, "Dolly" Nevada.

Bus is survived by his wife of 55 years, Mary, his two sons, John and Roy, Roy of Whitefish and Paul, and wife, Colleen, of Polson, his brother, Don, of Libby, and his sister, Phyllis Howell, and her husband, Roy, of Yuma, Ariz. He is also survived by his grandsons, Rich Torgerson and Mike Torgerson, Jared Smith and Cameron Smith, Adam, Elmore, and Logan Torgerson, and his granddaughter, Kedy Torgerson. Also surviving him are two great granddaughters, Tosta Torgerson and Aspen Thornton, and one great grandson, Garrett Smith.

Services will be held by Grogan Funeral Home, 205 West 10th Street, at the Veterans Home in Whitefish.

The family suggests that memorial gifts be given to the Montana Veterans Home Memorial Fund.

The family would like to extend their most profound appreciation to the nurses, doctors and staff of the Montana Veterans Home for the wonderful care provided for their father during his illness.

"Your help, sensitivity, and loving manner was truly appreciated. Thank you very much."

Bus loved hunting, fishing,

## Thomas G. 'Tom' Torgerson, 89

Thomas G. "Tom" Torgerson, 89, died Sept. 22, 2005, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center of natural causes.

He was retired from American Timber Company.

Tom is survived by his wife, Margaret Torgerson, at

the family home in Olney; daughter, Melissa Torgerson; and son, Jason Torgerson, of Whitefish.

At his request, no services are planned.

Austin Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

## John Lester Truman, 57

John Lester Truman, 57, formerly of Kalispell, died Dec. 29, 2005, at his home in Worland, Wyo.

He is survived by his wife, Peggy, of Worland; and his five sons, Jason Buck, Charley, Jade and Luke, all of

Worland, and Joe of Brooklyn, N.Y.

Memorial services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 6, at the Elks Club in Worland.

Arrangements are under the direction of Bryant Funeral Home in Worland.

# LOREN CHARLES 'BUS' TORGISON, 83

February 16, 2005 at 5:00 am |

Loren Charles "Bus" Torgison, 83, passed away early Thursday morning, Feb. 10, 2005, at the Montana Veteran's Home in Columbia Falls after an extended battle with Alzheimer's disease.

Bus was born on April 19, 1921, in Max, N.D., to Charles and Gladys Torgison. The family moved early in his life to the Flathead Valley in Montana where Bus and his seven brothers and sisters were raised, living at various times in Kalispell and Whitefish.

The Great Depression had a big impact on his family life. His father was a brakeman/conductor for the Great Northern Railroad and his mother was a homemaker. The family regularly hunted and fished to keep food on the table. Cutting wood to heat the home and to sell was also a large part of their existence. The outdoors was a second home to Bus and his friends.

Bus graduated from Whitefish High School in 1939. He worked on the railroad for a short time, but soon after the war started. Bus joined the Army and served in the European Theatre as a military policeman during World War II. He saw combat action during the Battle of the Bulge and entered the Buchenwald death camp shortly after Germany's liberation. The things he encountered during the war shaped him for the rest of his life. He served in Germany during its occupation until he was sent back to the states in 1946 where Bus continued to work as a military policeman teamed with the California Highway Patrol.

In 1947, Bus was discharged from the service and returned home to Whitefish, where he began to work for the Great Northern Railroad. It was at this time while playing baseball with the Whitefish local town team that he met Mary Carey. They dated, fell in love and married in May, 1949. They were unable to have children of their own, but raised two sons, John and Paul, whom they loved as their own.

Bus continued to live and work in Whitefish until his retirement in 1983. He resided at 426 West Fourth Street in Whitefish for 50 years until his illness made it impossible for him to stay at home.

Bus loved hunting, fishing, bowling and baseball. He was an avid follower of his sons' and grandchildren's sporting events. Bus loved to build and carpentry was his real passion. He spoke many times of how he would love to become a carpenter. He was always helping out in the local clubs such as the VFW of Whitefish and the Moose Home, and with his friends' and neighbors' building jobs. His services were always free and all he expected in return was a good cup of coffee and to be able to tell stories while he worked. He collected scrap lumber and created many projects that were always handed out to family and friends.

Bus was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Whitefish Moose Club and the Worn-out Wolves Coffee Club at the Buffalo Cafe.

Bus Torgison was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Gladys; a brother in infancy, Orville; his brothers, Glenn, Vernon (his twin), and Merle; and his sister, Ruby "Dolly" Newell.

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Services will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 26, at the Moose Home in Whitefish.

The family suggests that memorial gifts be given to the Montana Veterans Home Memorial Fund.

The family would like to extend their most profound appreciation to the nurses, doctors and staff of the Montana Veterans Home for the wonderful care provided for their father during his illness. "Your help, sensitivity, and loving manner was truly appreciated. Thank you very much."

## Rose M. Triepke, 89

Rose M. Triepke, 89, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2006, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

She was born Feb. 26, 1917, in Whitefish, the daughter of John and Josephina Smolenski. Rose was a great-grandmother of seven, in Whitefish in 1944.

She married Francis Triepke in Whitefish in 1947.

Rose worked as a cafeteria cook for St. Leo's High School in Lewistown. In 1962, she moved to Great Falls for a position as head housekeeper at the College of Great Falls until her retirement in 1981. She then moved to Kalispell to enjoy her retirement.

Rose was a member of St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Kalispell. She loved her flowers



and gardening, and her dog, Jiggs.

Rose was preceded in death by her husband, Francis, in 1944; her parents, a brother, Johnny; and two sisters, Ludy and Gladys.

Rose is survived by her sons, Richard Triepke of Seeley Lake, Jack Triepke of Bietork, and Ken Triepke of Rancho Cucamonga; all four sisters, Mary Pippen of Lewistown, Kay Heller of Missoula, Frances Lozier of Snohomish, Wash., and Lucy Bossell of Helena; two brothers, Joe Tuss of Helena, and Frank Tuss of Lewistown; 11 grandchildren, and 21 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 18, at St. Leo's Catholic Church in Lewistown.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

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

## Beverly Lorraine Triplett, 78

Beverly Lorraine Triplett, 78, died of cancer at her home in Kalispell on Saturday, March 19, 2006.

She was born Feb. 20, 1927, in Denver, Colo., and was raised in Montana, living Miles City, Wheeler and Kalispell. She graduated from Flathead High School in 1944 and went on to graduate from nursing school at Montana State University in 1946.

She married her husband, Ed Triplett, on Feb. 22, 1946, in Great Falls. The marriage lasted 59 years, until her death.

Triplett worked as a labor and delivery nurse at Kalispell General Hospital from 1949 to 1957. With her husband, she was a co-owner and operator of Sterling Grocery in Kalispell from 1957 to 1964. The couple owned and operated Triplett's Meats in Kalispell from 1964 to 1976.

Triplett went on to be a manager of Weight Watchers in Kalispell, and to work as a nurse at the Wilderness Treatment Center near Marion.

From 1989 through 1999, the couple operated Old Wild West Adventures at the Big Mountain ski resort. She played guitar and performed with her husband, who played the fiddle and drove wagons and sleighs for visitors.

The couple told stories as part of their performances for visitors from all over the world.



Triplett was active in the Soroptimist Club for most life, participating in fund raisers, charity events, and playing music with her husband at nursing homes and care facilities for more than 30 years.

She enjoyed crocheting, painting, writing poetry and knitting, in addition to playing music with her husband, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and entertaining friends and family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Mayme Pierce and Jim Daly; a daughter, Beth Oettinger, a son, Tom Triplett; and two infant grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband, Ed Triplett; sons, Steven Triplett of Vancouver, Wash., and Bill Triplett of Kalispell; daughter, Danielle Prichard, of Kalispell; sisters, Yelva Bruyer and Audrey Kiser, both of Kalispell; a brother, Jim Daly of The Woodlands, Texas; grandchildren, Michelle Bodecker of Anchorage, Alaska, Todd Harvey of Kent, Wash., Josh Harvey of Kent, Wash., and Kadin Prichard of Kalispell; great-grandchildren Trevor, Ashley and Jacob Harvey; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Memorial Services will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 23, at the Buffalo Hill Funeral Home Chapel, with a potluck meal following immediately afterwards at the Stillwater Grange Hall. Please bring musical instruments to celebrate Beverly's life.

Memorial gifts should be directed to Kalispell Hospice.

## Allen Truman, 51

Allen Truman, 51, died Sunday, Feb. 13, 2006, in Eureka.

Survivors include his wife, Debbie, and two children, Troy Truman and Jennie Bakkala, all of Eureka; and his mother,

Betty Truman, of Rexford.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the First Baptist Church, under the direction of Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Eureka.

## Charles Franklin Triloff, 77

Charles Franklin "Chuck" "Bud" Triloff, 77, of Martin City, died Oct. 15, 2005, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

He had been an electrician for the U.S. government prior to his retirement.

Survivors include his wife, Melody S. Triloff, of Martin

City; and stepchildren, Kelly Dougherty of Martin City, and Mike Dougherty of Encinas, Calif.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29, at Christian Life Fellowship, 5600 U.S. 93 S., in Whitefish.

## Ellen K. Tschache, 87

Ellen K. Tschache, 87, passed away on Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2006, at Spring Meadows Assisted Living where she enjoyed her final four months of life under the additional care of Bozeman Dementia Hospice.

Ellen was one of 14 children born to Ben and Martina (Ludwig) Dimes on May 28, 1917, in Hingham.

Ellen was a care giver and a friend to everyone she touched. She loved meeting people and she shared her happiness everywhere she went and with everyone she met.

"What you do for yourself will soon be forgotten, what you do for others will live forever." Many more, but all who know her, Ellen will live forever.

Ellen was an active member of the community serving at First Presbyterian Church, the Republican Party, Eastern Star, and as an affiliate member of the Gallatin Empire Ladies Club, for many years. She was an avid sports fan, attending games from grade school through university.



Ellen is survived by her son, Gary Tschache, and his wife, Cindy, of Bozeman; his daughter, Char Latta, and husband, Jim, of Centennial, Colo.; grandchildren, Chad Latta and wife, Wendyl of Coryallis, Ore.; Rich Latta and wife, Candice, of Doney, Twinny Mollus and husband, Bill, of Arlington, Tenn.; Jalisco Pacheco and husband, Brandon, of Aurora, Colo.; Keri Heiss of Parker, Colo.; Amber Wilkinson and husband; Mike, of Kingstons, Wash.; Elyse Dehn and husband, Mark, of Bozeman; and Rhett Tschache of Bozeman; brothers, Cliff, Vic and Dennis Dimes; and sister, Clara Cooke, as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins.

A memorial service will be at 1 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 24, at First Presbyterian Church in Bozeman. Should friends desire, memorials may be made to Bozeman Dementia Hospice, 915 Highland Blvd., Suite 300, Bozeman, MT 59717; Gallatin Empire Dementia Foundation, P.O. Box 91, Bozeman, MT 59713; and Porter Hospital, Patient Care Foundation, 400 W. Hanger Ave., Suite 100, Eagle Creek, ID 83819.

Donor Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Bozeman is in charge of arrangements.

## LaVona Mae Tucker, 80

LaVona Mae Tucker, 80, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2005, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She was born in Molalla, Ore., on May 6, 1925, the daughter of Jim and Artie Mae (Murphy) Snyder.

After LaVona's years of education she met and married William Voigt of Whitefish, in 1949, where they became parents of three daughters. While raising their girls, LaVona ran a day care in their home. William and she later divorced.

She remarried Aug. 4, 1980, to Don Tucker of Polson, making their home in Eureka. They moved back to Kalispell, where she went to work as a grocery clerk. LaVona retired in 1995 at the age of 70. She enjoyed her sewing, knitting, crocheting and crafts. She also liked traveling with Don and visiting with their family.

LaVona was preceded in death

by her parents, Mae Hamilton and husband, Vern, and her father, Jim Snyder; and an infant sister, Theresa.

She is survived by her husband, Don, of Kalispell; and three daughters, Verna Crawford and husband, Brian, of Highland, Calif., Sherryl Main and husband, Ted, and Dottie Broad, all of Kalispell; brothers, Richard Snyder of Whitefish, and Robert Snyder of Salt Lake City; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Private family graveside services will be held at Glacier Memorial Gardens. There will be no visitation.

The family suggests that donations be made to Hospice Home Health Options, 175 Commons Loop, Ste. 100, Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

# ROSE M. TRIEPKE, 89

*February 15, 2005 at 5:00 am | Daily Inter Lake*

Rose M. Triepke, 89, passed away Saturday, Feb. 12, 2005, at Heritage Place in Kalispell. Rose was born Dec. 26, 1915, in Winifred, the daughter of John and Johanna (Smovier) Tuss. Rose grew up and graduated high school in Winifred in 1933.

She married Francis Triepke in Winifred in 1935.

Rose worked as a cafeteria cook for St. Leo's High School in Lewistown.

In 1962, she moved to Great Falls for a position as head housekeeper at the College of Great Falls until her retirement in 1981. She then moved to Kalispell to enjoy her retirement.

Rose was a member of St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Kalispell. She loved her flowers and gardening, and her dog, Jiggs.

Rose was preceded in death by her husband, Francis, in 1944; her parents; a brother, Johnny; and two sisters, Judy and Gladys.

Rose is survived by her sons, Richard Triepke, of Seeley

Lake, and Jack Triepke, of Bigfork; four sisters, Mary Pipinich of Lewistown, Kay Heller of Missoula, Frances Lozier of Snohomish, Wash., and Lucy Bossell of Helena; two brothers, Joe Tuss of Helena, and Frank Tuss of Lewistown; 11 grandchildren, and 21 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 18, at St. Leo's Catholic Church in Lewistown.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

# ANNA SHIPMAN TRACHT, 89

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

Anna Shipman Tracht, 89, passed away at her home in Kalispell, April 30, 2005. She was born June 22, 1915, at Goldstone, Mont., to Ernest and Mary Waugh Shipman.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Raymond; and sisters, Bernece Wolery, Ruthie Smith and Doris Een.

She is survived by Howard, her husband and soulmate of 70 years; her daughter, Maryle, and son-in-law Arlen Roll; her son, Lloyd; a grandson, John Roll, and his wife MaryAnn; great-grandson, Marshall Roll; granddaughter, Linda Robb, and her husband, Don. She is also survived by one brother Ercell Shipman; sisters, Louise Richter, Marion Gilson, and Donna Nealy; and many nieces and nephews and friends too numerous to mention.

Anna went to grade school in Wisconsin and Gladstone, attended high school in Rudyard Montana and received her teaching degree from Northern Montana College in Havre.

She taught at country schools in north central Montana and was married to Howard in 1935. She enjoyed raising her children, and their home on the Stillwater River where they lived for 36 years. She especially enjoyed having her grandchildren there in the summer and holidays.

Anna spent many happy hours involved in church work and volunteering for church committees. She was active in PEO, and volunteered for community services. There was nothing more important to her than her family friends and her religion.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, May 6, at Epworth United Methodist Church in Kalispell. Visitation will be Wednesday from 2 to 8 p.m. and on Thursday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Buffalo Hills Funeral home.

The family suggests that memorial gifts be sent in Anna's name to a charity of their choice.

# BEVERLY LORRAINE TRIPLETT, 78

*March 21, 2005 at 5:00 am |*

Beverly Lorraine Triplett, 78, died of cancer at her home in Kalispell Sunday. □

She was born Feb. 20, 1927, in Denver, Colo., and was raised in Montana, living in Miles City, Wheeler and Kalispell. She graduated from Flathead High School in 1944 and went on to graduate from nursing school at Montana State University in 1946.

She married her husband, Ed Triplett, on Feb. 22, 1946, in Great Falls. The marriage lasted 59 years, until her death.

Triplett worked as a labor and delivery nurse at Kalispell General Hospital from 1949 to 1957. With her husband, she was a co-owner and operator of Sterling Grocery in Kalispell from 1957 to 1964. The couple owned and operated Triplett's Meats in Kalispell from 1964 to 1976.

Triplett went on to be a manager of Weight Watchers in Kalispell, and to work as a nurse at the Wilderness Treatment Center near Marion.

From 1989 through 1999, the couple operated Old Wild West Adventures at the Big Mountain ski resort. She played guitar and performed with her husband, who played the fiddle and drove wagons and sleighs for visitors.

The couple told stories as part of their performances for visitors from all over the world.

Triplett was active in the Soroptomist Club for most life, participating in fund raisers, charity events, and playing music with her husband at nursing homes and care facilities for more than 30 years.

She enjoyed crocheting, painting, writing poetry and knitting, in addition to playing music with her husband, children, grandchildren great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Mayme Pierce and Jim Daly; a daughter, Beth Oetinger; a son, Tom Triplett; and two infant grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband, Ed Triplett; sons Steven Triplett of Vancouver, Wash., and Bill Triplett of Kalispell; daughter Danielle Prichard of Kalispell; sisters Velva Bruyer and Audrey Kiser, both of Kalispell; a brother, Jim Daly of The Woodlands, Texas; grandchildren Michelle Bodecker of Anchorage, Alaska, Todd Harvey of Kent, Wash., Kadin Prichard of Kalispell; great grandchildren Trevor, Ashley and Jacob Harvey and Gavin Harvey; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Memorial Services will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 23, at the Buffalo Hill Funeral Home Chapel, with a potluck meal following immediately afterwards at the Stillwater Grange Hall. Memorial gifts should be directed to Kalispell Hospice.



# ELLEN K. TSCHACHE, 87

*January 15, 2005 at 5:00 am | Daily Inter Lake*

Ellen K. Tschache, 87, passed away on Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2005, at Spring Meadows Assisted Living where she enjoyed her final four months of life under the additional care of Bozeman Deaconess Hospice.

Ellen was one of 14 children born to Ben and Martina (Ludwig) Ulmen on May 28, 1917, in Hingham.

Ellen was a care giver and a friend to everyone she touched. She loved meeting people and she shared her happiness everywhere she went and with everyone she met.

"What you do for yourself will soon be forgotten, what you do for others will live forever." -- Anonymous. For all who knew her, Ellen will live forever.

Ellen was an active member of the community serving at First Presbyterian Church, the Republican Party, Eastern Star, and as an affiliate member of the Gallatin Empire Lions Club, to name a few. She was an avid sports fan, attending games from grade school through university.

Ellen is survived by her son, Gary Tschache, and his wife, Candy, of Bozeman; her daughter, Char Latta, and husband, Jim, of Centennial, Colo.; grandchildren, Chad Latta and wife, Wendy, of Corvallis, Ore., Buck Latta and wife, Cammie, of Denver, Tawnya Mullins and husband, Bill, of Millington, Tenn., Jaimee Pacheco and husband, Brandon, of Aurora, Colo., Keri Heiss of Parker, Colo., Amber Wilkinson and husband, Mike, of Kingston, Wash., Ellyse Dehn and husband, Mark, of Bozeman, and Rhett Tschache of Bozeman; brothers, Cliff, Vic and Dennis Ulmen; and sister, Clara Cooke; as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 24, at First Presbyterian Church in Bozeman. Should friends desire, memorials may be made to Bozeman Deaconess Hospice, 915 Highland Blvd., Suite 3200, Bozeman, MT 59715; Gallatin Empire Lions Foundation, P.O. Box 511, Bozeman, MT 59715; and Porter Hospice, Porter Care Foundation, 333 W. Hanpden Ave., Suite 620, Englewood, CO 80110.

Dokken-Nelson Funeral Service in Bozeman is in charge of arrangements.

## Patrick D. Tucker, 44

Patrick D. Tucker, was born Nov. 10, 1961, in Polson, Mont. He was with our Lord and Savior," on Saturday, Aug. 6, 2005, in Lakeside.



Although Patrick was young when he left this world to be in heaven, he lived a great life! He loved his wife Angela who calls him "her knight in shining armor"; they were married July 18, 1998.

He was a very dedicated father to his sons, Coby and Tyler.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, golfing and was a sports fanatic. He grew up in the Flathead Valley and had many wonderful friends. In high school he was an all conference wide receiver his senior year for the Polson Pirates football team. He was an avid Oakland Raiders football fan.

He was a very skilled butcher working at M & S Meats for over 14 years.

He also beat the whole family at every trivia game we played. But he did it with a smile.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Glen and Pauline.

He is survived by his wife, Angela Tucker, and sons, Coby

and Tyler of the home in Lakeside; his parents, Kip and Glenda Knoté, of Kalispell; his sister, Trisha Tucker, and nephew, Jake, of Kalispell; his brother, Mick Tucker, and niece, Tess, of Lakeside; and nephew, Tanner Tucker, of Denver; stepbrothers, Kip Knoté and wife, Arlene, and nieces, Addison and Dana, and Cory Knoté and wife, Tracie, and nieces, Stacie, Meghan and Emma, all of Denver; aunts, Lois Buck of Lakeside, and Gretchen Baker of Ronan; grandparents, Gerald and Helen Knoté, of Great Falls; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins and friends.

He also leaves behind his faithful dog, Hunter.

His wife and sons would like everyone to know that his memory will continue on in everything that they do.

He was well loved and well lived! He will be sadly missed by all.

Memorial services for Patrick will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 12, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel, with Pastor John Ulrich officiating.

There will be no visitation.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the Pat Tucker Children Trust Fund, P.O. Box 48, Kalispell, MT 59903-0048.

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

## Rose L. Tyler, 85

Rose L. Tyler, 85, passed away Tuesday, July 5, 2005, at Brendan House in Kalispell.



She was born Feb. 6, 1920, at Landa, N.D., the daughter of John and Bertina (Dalsing) Foss. She was born to a large farming family. She spent most of her youth in Frontier, Saskatchewan, where her family homesteaded.

After she completed her schooling, she attended and graduated from beautician school in Billings. After her schooling, she moved to Big Sandy, where she met Donald Tyler. They were married June 29, 1941, at the Methodist Church in Big Sandy.

They moved to Kalispell in 1942, where Donald managed a construction company and Rose was a beautician. Later, Donald owned and operated a diesel mechanic repair shop, and Rose quit her beautician work to raise their three children and spend time with her mother and sisters, owners of the White Cottage Café in Kalispell.

Rose and Donald built their dream home on the west side of Kalispell, where they resided for

a number of years. They enjoyed fishing, socializing with friends and family, traveling and spending time with their grandchildren during the summer. Rose was an avid gardener, enjoyed painting, swimming, sewing, reading and cooking.

She was a member of the Elks Lodge, The Sons of Norway and was an active member of the Brendan House Community.

Rose will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Donald Tyler; and two brothers, Melvin Foss and Elvis Foss.

Survivors include sons, Troy Tyler and wife, Michell, of Kalispell, and James Tyler and wife, Dianne, of Spokane; daughter, Jeannette McAneny, and husband, James, of Salem, Ore.; grandchildren, Heidi, Heather, Robert and Shawn; and great-grandchildren, Michael, Tyler, Jazmine and Brady; her brother, John Foss, of Eureka; sisters, Gudren Rowland of Bigfork, Myrtle Brown and husband, Bob, of La Jolla, Calif., and Ruby Larson and husband, Bill, of Big Sandy; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services will be held at a later date.

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

## Evelyn C. Twet, 86

Evelyn C. Twet, 86, passed away on Feb. 22, 2005, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.



Evelyn was born on Nov. 24, 1918, in Plentywood, to Jim and Tillie Olson Vincent. She was raised in Comertown, and graduated from Comertown High School.

She attended a college of nursing in Mankato, Minn. Evelyn married Omer Twet on Dec. 2, 1941, in Seattle. She worked as registered nurse in Minot, N.D., Seattle, Fort Smith, Ark., and Billings.

Evelyn was a longtime member at the Central Christian Church. She truly enjoyed the services and the many friends that she had met there. Evelyn spoke fondly of the many church tours she had gone on.

She loved working around her house, and especially in her flower garden. She was an avid painter, and her many pictures will be shared by her children, grandchildren and great-grand-

children.

Evelyn and her husband were members of the local Old Car Club.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Omer Twet; two brothers, Roy and Arthur Vincent; and just a few days after Evelyn passed away, her brother, Elmer Vincent, died; three sisters, Jo Gates, Irene Otten and Mae Rose.

She is survived by a son, Steven Twet, and his wife, Diana; one daughter, Lois, and her husband, Fred Savard; one sister, Anne Seltvedt, of Harvey, N.D.; grandchildren, Brian Twet, Scott Twet, Kris Dennett and Brandon Tribble; great-grandchildren, Kristin Twet, Tana Twet, Samantha Twet, Jacob Twet, Jenell Twet, Aubrey Tribble and Desmond Tribble; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. today, Saturday, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home with Rev. Peter Ramseth officiating. Urn burial will take place at Glacier Memorial Gardens next week.

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