

## Bonnie Arlene Walker, 79

Bonnie Arlene Walker made her peaceful transition from this life at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell on April 11, 2005, with her family by her side. She suffered with COPD and osteosteo-



arthritis for several years. Bonnie was born on July 21, 1926, in Fairmont, N.D., to Leslie and Wynne (McElhargy) Hoffmann. She grew up and was educated in Whitefish.

Bonnie married Raymond Walker in the early 1950s and moved to Libby, in Bost, where Raymond drove logging trucks for a living.

She enjoyed homemaking, gardening, visiting family, knitting, crocheting, working crossword puzzles, camping, fishing, playing games, and bowling and pool games. She occasionally accompanied her husband in his logging truck and loved spending time with him in the mountains.

After Raymond's retirement years, Bonnie devoted her compassionate care to him until his passing in 1988. Bonnie then moved to

Bigfork, in 2000, to be near to her daughter.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, and a sister, Wynne Stelbos.

She is survived by her daughter, Bonnie Hall and son-in-law, Dan of Bigfork, two granddaughters, Jackie LeBlanc, her husband, Bob, and their sons, Robert and Aaron of Fortine, Heidi Freeman, her husband, Mark, and their two daughters, Hannah and Maya of Flagstone, Australia; two brothers, Eugene Hoffman of Libby, and Vert Hoffman of Salt Lake City, two sisters, Ardis Moss of Seattle, and Joyce Lamb of Spokane, and several nieces and nephews.

Bonnie gave her love generously to her family and friends and will be missed by all who knew her. She loved life, traveling, Montana (especially Libby), music (especially Irish), all sports (especially the Seattle Mariners), and playing games (especially Klismet).

To honor her request there will be no services. The family suggests contributions be made in her memory to The American Lung Association of Montana 825 Helena Avenue, Helena, MT 59601 or POB 5537, Helena, MT 59604-5537.

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

## Leon Francis Walker, 88

Leon Francis Walker, 88, passed away at the Brendan House on Nov. 8, 2005, surrounded by his large family of nieces and nephews, and his sister "Nettie." The Brendan House had been Leon's home away from home for nearly six years.



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Leon was born on Aug. 19, 1917, in Somers, to Robert Lee Walker and Bessie Kay Thomas Walker. Leon lived and worked on the family farm in Proctor all his life. As a boy, he attended grade school in a one-room class in Proctor. When Leon was a young boy he was baptized into the Christadelphian faith and was a strong believer in the Lord all his life. Leon was an outstanding scholar and was able to graduate as class valedictorian after only three years of attending high school in Polson. As a young man, in his spare time, you could find Leon catching brook trout in the streams of Dayton Creek.

After graduation Leon chose to live as a single man and work on the family farm in Proctor with his brother Thomas. After their father died in 1949, Leon, Thomas, and their mother Bessie dedicated the balance of their lives to living and working on their section of land in Proctor. During this time Leon's sister, Nettie, husband, Richard Bain, and family, would spend weekends and Sunday dinners, as well as each Christmas for years to come, celebrating and making fond memories that will last forever. These tales of good times and laughter are still being recollected by the family each time they get together.

Leon had a close, special relationship with his loving sister

Nettie who played a major role in his life, especially during the past several years when she watched over him, guarded and guided him and took care of all his necessities.

Leon really looked forward to and enjoyed all the special family gatherings at Bitterroot Lake during the holidays and the annual grinding of apples in the cider press each fall at the family farm.

Leon was a kind, sweet, loving and honest man who was admired and respected by all who knew him.

He was preceded in death by his father, mother, and brother Thomas.

He is survived by his sister, Annette Bain Wilson, of Marion; his nieces, Carolyn Messner and husband, Joe, of Arlee, Richie Kay Stone and husband, Jerry, of Missoula, and Valerie Wolf and husband, Merritt, of Twin Falls, Idaho; nephews, Dennis Bain and wife, Marilyn, of Kalispell, Greg Bain and fiancée, Clare LaMeres, of Lakeside, and Jeff Bain and wife, Lori, of Kalispell; and numerous great-nieces and -nephews.

Leon was loved and will be dearly missed by all his family, as well as the wonderful, talented staff and all his friends at Brendan House.

Visitation for Leon will be held from 3 to 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 14, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home Chapel. Graveside services will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 15, at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Libby Luann Levitt Wallace, 39

Libby Luann Levitt Wallace, 39, went to "be with the Lord" on Friday, Oct. 7, 2005, after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

She was born Oct. 24, 1965, in Spokane, the daughter of Daryl and Barbara Levitt of Kalispell. Libby married Christopher P. Wallace in June 1993.

She is survived by her husband, Chris, a daughter, Kathryn, a son, Justin, her parents, a sister, Patricia Kauffman, and grandparents, Joe and Edna Sias, all of Kalispell; a sister, Jill Severa, of Omaha, Neb.; a brother, Christopher Levitt, of Hillsboro, Ore.; and several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Libby moved with her family back to Kalispell when she was 6 months old and graduated from New Covenant Christian School in 1983. She completed Discipleship Training School with Youth With A Mission in Salem, Ore., with outreach to the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles.

She attended Youth With A Mission Health Care School in Kona, Hawaii, in 1985, and nurses training at Northern Montana College in Havre, in 1986.

Libby attended Flathead Valley Community College at various times, completing an Associate of Arts degree. Throughout her life she worked at several local eateries, including Peppers Pizza, Sizzler and Dos Amigos. She also worked



at Maurices, Mahugh Agency, and Colin Andrews State Farm Insurance, and as a contract insurance phlebotomist and home health care giver. Libby worked with her husband in their decorative concrete business.

Along with her husband and children she was an avid hunter and fisherman. She loved the outdoors, her animals, her fountains and flowers.

She was active with her family in O Mok See and was the current president of the Smith Valley Saddle Club.

Libby will be remembered by those who knew her and loved her for her quick wit and sense of humor. She was a woman of great courage and perseverance and was an inspiration to family and friends. The great sense of loss will be tempered by the knowledge that she is finally at peace "in her heavenly abode and is dancing on streets of gold, fully healed and full of energy and joy." She will be greatly missed but will forever be loved and held close at heart.

A celebration of her life will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 12, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, with Pastor Stapler officiating. Interment will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens followed by a reception at 4 p.m. at Smith Valley School gym.

Viewing will be from noon to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 11, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

Memorial donations can be sent to Cowboy Down, 3444 Highway 93 S., Building No. 3, Kalispell, MT 59901.

# BONNIE ARLENE WALKER, 79

*April 14, 2005 at 5:00 am | Daily Inter Lake*

Bonnie Arlene Walker, 79, made her peaceful transition from this life at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell, on April 11, 2005, with her family by her side. She suffered with COPD and asbestosis for several years.

Bonnie was born on Jan. 31, 1926, in Fairmount, N.D., to Leslie and Winnefred (McIlhargey) Huffman. She grew up and was educated in Whitefish.

Bonnie married Raymond Walker in the early 1940's and moved to Libby, in 1954, where Raymond drove logging trucks for a living.

She enjoyed homemaking, gardening, visiting family, knitting, crocheting, working crossword puzzles, camping, fishing, playing games, and bowling and pool leagues. She occasionally accompanied her husband in his logging truck and loved spending time with him in the mountains.

After Raymond's retirement years, Bonnie devoted her compassionate care to him until his passing in 1989. Bonnie then moved to Bigfork, in 2003, to be near to her daughter.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, and a sister, Wynne Stelljes.

She is survived by her daughter, Bonnie Hall and son-in-law, Dan of Bigfork; two granddaughters, Jackie LeBlanc, her husband, Bob, and their sons, Robert and Aaron of Fortine, Heidi Freemantle, her husband, Mark, and their two daughters, Hannah and Maya of Flagstone, Australia; two brothers, Eugene Huffman of Libby, and Verl Huffman of Salt Lake City; two sisters, Ardis Moss of Seattle, and Joyce Lamb of Spokane; and several nieces and nephews.

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# FRANK W. WAKEFIELD, 92

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

Frank W. Wakefield, a resident of Sheridan, Wyo., most of his life, died at the age of 92 on Sunday, Oct. 30, 2005, after a brief illness.

Frank Wakefield was born Aug. 5, 1913, in Boston, and moved to Sheridan with his father and mother when a young child. Reared and educated in Sheridan, he grew to love the Big Horn Mountains and the outdoor adventures they provided all of his life.

On Sept. 1, 1935, he married Eleanor Odessa Mills. For a brief time after their marriage, the couple resided in Colorado to help Mrs. Wakefields family on their farm. They returned to Sheridan in 1936, where they made their home until Frank was called into service during World War II. He served with the U.S. Army in the South Pacific Theater, where he was seriously injured and returned via hospital ship to the states.

The couple shared their life with their four children, sons, Frank Gene, Robert Bob, Larry, and a daughter, Mary.

In 1949, Mr. Wakefield became the canteen manager at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Sheridan, a post he would fill until his retirement. Because retirement did not present much of a challenge, he returned to work and managed several theaters for Ross Campbell, including the WYO Theater and Skyline Drive-In in Sheridan and several in Buffalo, Wyo.

Frank Wakefield was an avid volunteer. He was a captain in the Civil Air Patrol; volunteered as a van driver for the VA Hospital, transporting veterans from the communities of Billings and Casper, Wyo., to receive services, and later was an active volunteer at the VA, working directly with patients. He was twice commander of the American Legion Post in Sheridan, commander of the VFW and the Disabled American Veterans.

For many years, he led the Apples for Teachers outreach program to all rural schools in Sheridan County.

His lifetime volunteer work was with the Boy Scouts of America, having joined at the age of 12. He was a Cub Scout Master and the scoutmaster of the American Legion Troop 107 of Sheridan. He was presented the highest honor of the Boy Scouts of America, the Silver Beaver, in December 1971.

Mr. Wakefield was very active in theater and musical activities throughout his life in Sheridan. He participated in numerous variety shows that were staged at the Orpheum Theater. He was a member of the Sheridan Community Concert Choir for many years and a member of the ensemble vocal group directed by Bob Wilson.

Mr. Wakefield was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 68 years; his eldest son, Frank Eugene; and his parents.

He is survived by his sons, Robert Wakefield of Sheridan, and Larry Wakefield of Kalispell; and daughter, Mary Wakefield, of Lander, Wyo. He also is survived by 14 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

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Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 3, at the Presbyterian Church in Sheridan in which Mr. Wakefield was ordained an Elder in 1991. The Rev. Doug Melius will officiate. After committal services at the Sheridan Municipal Cemetery, a reception for friends and family will be held at the Wingate Hotel.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to the Jack Andreoli Jr. Scholarship Fund, c/o Glacier Bank, 307 East Park St., Anaconda, MT 59711.

Kane Funeral Home in Sheridan is handling arrangements.

# FRANCES DOUGLAS WALKER, 87

*July 10, 2005 at 5:00 am | Daily Inter Lake*

Frances Douglas Walker, 87, died Friday, July 8, 2005, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She was born on Sept. 13, 1917, in Gastonia, N.C., to John and Edna (Propst) Douglas. Frances attended school in Gastonia, NC and after graduation spent some time in Norfolk, Va.

She met and married Arthur Walker in 1951. She and Arthur made their home in Elgin, Ill., until Arthur's retirement from the Travelers Insurance Co. They then moved to the Flathead Valley to start their retirement. They enjoyed many hours traveling together and absolutely loved the beauty of the Flathead Valley. She also enjoyed reading and doing lots of genealogy and has traced the Douglas ancestry back to their roots in Scotland.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; two brothers; one sister; and one half-sister.

She is survived by one brother, John Roscoe Douglas of Essex Junction, Vt., as well as many nieces and nephews.

Graveside services for Frances will be held 2 p.m. Monday, July 11, at Glacier Memorial Gardens. There will be no visitation.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for Frances' family.



## Kathryn Bess Wamsley, 80

Kathryn Bess Wamsley, 80, passed away, after fighting a courageous battle with cancer, on Wednesday, April 13, 2005, at her home in Kalspell.



She was born Feb. 11, 1925 in Cut Bank, Montana. She met the love of her life, Ray Wamsley, and was married on May 16th, 1942, and had three children. Then in 1962, they decided to move to Kalspell where they have resided ever since.

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Throughout her lifetime she belonged to the Montana Women's Bowling Association, The Moose Lodge and The Eagles. Kay raced stock cars for many years, back then it was called powder puff racing. She also was a bartender through out the valley and will always be remembered for her great sense of humor and wit.

As a loving Mother, Grandmother, Great Grandmother, wife and friend, she touched the lives of many people and she will be dearly missed by those blessed by her love and kindness.

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home one of the best, Kathryn Bess Wamsley. God saw she was getting tired so he wrapped her in His arms and said, 'Come home with me.' Kay suffered much in silence, her spirit did not bend. She faced her pain with courage until the very end. She tried so hard to stay with us, but she did not go alone, for part of us went with her the day God took her home. She was loved and will be missed.

Kay was preceded in death by her parents, Lyle and Emma Lindquist, one son, Jay Wamsley, one brother, Charlie, and two granddaughters, Kisty Kay and Gene.

She is survived by her husband Ray Wamsley of Kalspell, two daughters, Renee Morton and husband, Jeff, of Kalspell, and Doree Sigman and husband, Don, of Coalinga Dam, Wash., nine grandchildren, Bette Morton and wife, Heidi, Tonya Holden and husband, J.J. Leslie, Bradman and husband, Tim, Jeff Downing and wife, Caroly, Deana Dennison and husband, Gregg, Scott Downing, Jerry Ray Downing, Ernie Holmquist, and Tony Wamsley, 19 great grandchildren, Taylor, Marie, Max, Jaden, Kyle, Jessie, Brad, Madison, Brent, Brandon, Curtis, Lerrick, Debra, Tasha, Derrick, Josh, Koring, Stacey, Terry and one more on the way to be born in August, Gracie Gayle.

Graveside services for Kathryn Bess Wamsley will be held 10 a.m. Monday, April 18, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery for family and friends. A celebration of her life will follow at the Moose Lodge. Burial will be in the Kalspell Cemetery. Inquiries may be directed to the family.

## Paul V. Ward, 80

Paul V. Ward, 80, of Kalspell, passed away peacefully at his home on Monday, April 11, 2005.

Paul was born in Kalspell, Montana, on February 11, 1925. He was the son of Paul and Mary Ward. He was married to Mary Ward for 55 years. Paul was a member of the Kalspell Community Church and the Kalspell Golf and Country Club. He was a member of the Kalspell Kiwanis Club and the Kalspell Elks Club. Paul was a member of the Kalspell Lions Club and the Kalspell Rotary Club. He was a member of the Kalspell Moose Lodge and the Kalspell Elks Lodge. Paul was a member of the Kalspell Kiwanis Club and the Kalspell Elks Club. He was a member of the Kalspell Lions Club and the Kalspell Rotary Club. He was a member of the Kalspell Moose Lodge and the Kalspell Elks Lodge.

Paul was preceded in death by his parents, Paul and Mary Ward. He is survived by his wife, Mary Ward, and his children, Paul and Mary Ward. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Paul and Mary Ward. He is also survived by his great-grandchildren, Paul and Mary Ward.

Paul was a member of the Kalspell Community Church and the Kalspell Golf and Country Club. He was a member of the Kalspell Kiwanis Club and the Kalspell Elks Club. He was a member of the Kalspell Lions Club and the Kalspell Rotary Club. He was a member of the Kalspell Moose Lodge and the Kalspell Elks Lodge.

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## Patricia 'Patsy' Washburn, 57

Patricia "Patsy" Washburn passed away at her home with her loved ones by her side Saturday, Oct. 15, 2005, after a brave battle with cancer.



Patsy was born Sept. 19, 1947, in Whitefish, to Ray and Dorothy Fisher of Coram.

She was a devoted wife, loving and caring mother, and an awesome grandmother. Her grandbabies were so precious to her. The love and care she gave them will never be forgotten.

She loved having the family out to the cabin at McGregor Lake and enjoyed camping, fishing and swimming all her life. She also adored her pets and was an avid reader. Patsy was a centerpiece in her extended family, and her absence leaves a sad void.

Patsy's life was lengthened by the gift of a kidney from her brother Bob Fisher in 1975 — a surgery that put her brother's life at risk but extended Patsy's life for another 30 precious years. She was diagnosed with cancer in 2004 and fought until the end. We are so proud of her decisions and her bravery through her battle.

Patsy was preceded in death by her father, Ray Fisher.

She is survived by her husband, Gilbert Washburn, of Columbia Falls; a son, Donel Washburn of Columbia Falls; a daughter, Kimberly White, and husband, Sean White; grandchildren, Carson, 4, Baylee, 2, and Eliot, 1; her mother, Dorothy Fisher, of Coram; mother-in-law, Berniece Barry, of Coram; a sister, Peggy Kuzmic, of Seattle; brother, Marvin Fisher and wife, Kathy, of Coram; brother, Bob Fisher and wife, Karen, of Coram; brother, Ray Fisher and wife, Connie, of Hungry Horse; and numerous members of the Washburn family, and extended cousins, nephews, nieces and friends.

Words cannot express how much Patsy will be missed by those who loved her. "We know she is now well and whole and with the Lord. She will always live in our hearts. Bye-bye wife, mother, daughter, grandma, sister and friend. We will miss you."

Cremation has taken place. A memorial will be held Monday, Oct. 24, between 3 and 6 p.m. at the Assembly of God Church in Columbia Falls.

## Martha Jeanne Washington, 63

Martha Jeanne Washington, 63, passed away peacefully, at her home in Anchorage, Alaska, on July 17, 2005, after a courageous battle with cancer. "She will be sorely missed and indelibly loved and remembered in our hearts and souls."



Martha was born on Nov. 23, 1941, in Broadus, to Robert and Mildred (Laurie) Washington. She graduated from Powder River High School, and attended Cosmetology College in Miles City and obtained her license. She met Paul E. Ackerman, and the couple married on Jan. 11, 1964. They had two children.

True to the nature of her independent and adventurous spirit she moved to Anchorage, Alaska, in the spring of 1980. For five years she was employed in Prudhoe Bay, Alaska. Prior to and after her employment at Prudhoe Bay, she worked as a beautician for over 40 years.

Martha was an extremely kind, fun loving, generous woman, and she was blessed with a large circle of friends. She enjoyed camping trips, baking, crocheting, dancing, music, her dogs, and she was a voracious reader. She

especially enjoyed clamming and fishing. Her most prideful catch was a 169 pound halibut.

Her work ethic, bravery, optimism, humor, and forge-ahead spirit touched upon the lives of her extended family and friends. "We are rest assured she is in God's hands, and we will be reunited again."

She was preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Mildred Washington; and her younger brother, Michael Scott Washington.

Martha is survived by her two children; her daughter, Janelle Ackerman-Moon; and her son, Adelbert P. Ackerman, both of Columbia Falls; two brothers, J.O. Washington of Broadus, and Robert Washington Jr. of Miles City; two sisters, Charmaine Johnson of Broadus, and Laurie Martin of Cheyenne, Wyo.; her aunt, Marie Taylor, of Shepherd; her uncle, Jack Laurie, of Miles City; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

As per her request and wishes no services will be held. A private cremation was held on July 20 at Evergreen Memorial Chapel in Anchorage.

Gifts in Martha's honor may be made to a memorial of one's choice.

Evergreen Memorial Chapel in Anchorage is caring for Martha's family.

# KATHRYN BESS WAMSLEY, 80

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

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Kay was preceded in death by her parents, Lyle and Emma Lindquist; one son, Jay Wamsley; one brother, Charlie; and two granddaughters, Kelly Kay and Ilene.

She is survived by her husband Ray Wamsley of Kalispell; two daughters, Renae Morton and husband, Jeff, of Kalispell, and Diane Sigman and husband, Don, of Coulee Dam, Wash.; nine grandchildren, Bodie Morton and wife, Heidi, Tonya Holden and husband, J.J., Leslie Breimon and husband, Tim, Jeff Downing and wife, Christy, Deana Dennison and husband, Gregg, Scott Downing, Jerry Ray Downing, Ernie Holmquist, and Tony Wamsley; 19 great grandchildren, Taylor, Marie, Max, Jaden, Kyle, Jenelle, Brad, Madison, Brent, Brendon, Curtis, Lerrick, Doug, Dustin, Derrick, Josh, Kenny, Shaney, Tory and one more on the way to be born in August, Gracie Gayle.

Graveside services for Kathryn Bess Wamsley will be held 10 a.m. Monday, April 18, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery for family and friends. A celebration of her life will follow at the Moose Lodge.

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

# PAUL V. WARD, 80

*April 28, 2005 at 5:00 am |*

Paul V. Ward, 80, passed away on Sunday, April 24, 2005, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

He was born Dec.19, 1924, in Greenwood, Ark., the son of T. F. <sup>3</sup>Ardie<sup>2</sup> and Tavie (Elmore) Ward. He moved with his family to Montana in 1934. He attended until the 11th grade at Lone Pine School.

He entered the U.S. Navy in 1943 and served in the Asiatic Pacific Theater and was discharged in 1946. Following his discharge, he married Virginia Seager and they had two daughters. They later divorced.

In 1967 he married Linda Bergmann. They celebrated their 38th anniversary on April 1, 2005. He worked at Kalispell Lumber for a number of years, and then later went to work for Stoltze Land and Lumber where he worked for the next 25 years until his retirement.

He enjoyed the outdoors where he was an avid hunter and fisherman.

He was a longtime member of the Kalispell Eagles and Moose lodges.

He is survived by his wife, Linda Ward, of Kalispell; and his two daughters, Paula Forrest and her husband, Joe, of Eureka, and Twila LaBoube and husband, John, of Mead, Wash.; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; a sister, Wanda Sevier and her husband, Bob, of Kalispell; and numerous other relatives in Arkansas and Oklahoma; and <sup>3</sup>also his dog Buddy.<sup>2</sup>

A memorial service for Paul V. Ward will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, May 18, at the Kalispell Eagles Lodge.

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

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



# MARY CLARA WATTERUD, 87

*August 04, 2005 at 6:08 am | Daily Inter Lake*

Mary Clara Watterud, 87, "went home to be united with the Lord" on Tuesday, Aug. 2, 2005, at the Heritage Place in Kalispell.

She was born the first of five children to John and Frances (Engles) Redfield, at Opheim. Concerning her birth, Mary said, "In a five room shack on Snow Coulee at four o'clock in the morning on March 27, 1918, I first opened my eyes on this great wonderful world." She attended Bog Coulee School through eighth grade and graduated from Opheim High School in 1936.

Mary married Raymond Watterud on Oct. 26, 1938, in Glentana. They were devoted to one another and to their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. They ran the E-Z Rest Hotel in Opheim from 1957 until 1975. During the years they lived in Opheim, Mary was active in the Altar Society and involved in many community projects. She was a member of St. Raphael Catholic Church in Glasgow.

In 1975, Mary and Ray retired and moved to Glasgow. In Glasgow, they worked together in the Senior Citizens Center and various odd jobs until Ray's death on July 22, 1990. At the time of Ray's death, Mary moved into the Nemont Manor. She had a good life at the manor for 12 years. She enjoyed dancing, crocheting, embroidery and knitting. She considered herself a "common ordinary girl off of the farm."

During the past few years, Mary's health began to decline and she moved to Kalispell with her daughter and son-in-law. Her health continued to decline and she moved into Heritage Place for more skilled nursing care for the last two months of her life.

All of whose love will be with her when she joins her husband Ray; her parents, John and Frances Redfield; her brother, Walter Redfield; and sister, Margaret Anderson who went before her.

Mary will be greatly missed by those left behind; her son, Gordon Watterud and wife, Vivian, of Melbourne, Fla.; daughter, Lily Harms of Largo, Fla.; daughter, Luella Jennings and her husband, Don, of Gilroy, Calif.; daughter, Mary Ann Moniz and husband, Jim, of Kalispell; and son, Dale Watterud and wife, Rita, of Loveland, Colo.; two sisters, Amelda Bruch of Kalispell, and Elona Kirkorian of Hinsdale; 20 grandchildren and 35 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian burial for Mary Watterud will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 6, at St. Raphael Catholic Church in Glasgow. Burial will follow at Highland Cemetery in Glasgow. A Rosary will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Bell Mortuary in Glasgow. Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring locally for Mary's family.

# RICHARD 'DICK' PORTER WATTS, 66

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

Richard "Dick" Porter Watts, 66, passed away Monday, June 13, 2005, at his home in Kalispell.

He was born Oct. 25, 1938, in Glasgow, to Cary Porter and Evelyn (Anderson) Watts. Dick was raised on the family farm in the Flathead Valley.

He was educated at the Lake Blaine Country School, graduating from Flathead County High School and then joined the Army to serve in the tank recon in Korea.

Upon departure from the military, he followed in his father's footsteps in heavy construction as a crane operator, a widely traveled career, much of which centered around Anchorage, Alaska, and surrounding islands.

He was a member of the International Union of Operating Engineers, Locals 302 and 612 and the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie No. 234 Inc.

Dick was preceded in death by his parents, C.P. and Evelyn Watts, and two brothers, Clifford E. Watts and James A. Watts.

He is survived by one brother, Clarence A Watts, of Kalispell; three sisters, Georgia J. Doane, Signa M. Howe and Verna L. Wilson; two stepdaughters, Patrice and Mandi; as well as many friends and beneficiaries of his sharing and caring.

Memorial services on behalf of Richard "Dick" Porter Watts will be held 2 p.m. Saturday, June 18, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel.

A reception in his memory will be announced at the service.

The family suggest donations to your own favorite charity.

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

# WILMA RUTH WEIGLE, 85

*May 25, 2005 at 5:00 am |*

Wilma Ruth Weigle, 85, passed away Sunday, May 22, 2005, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

Wilma was born Sept. 29, 1919, in Canada, to William and Martha (Hoffman) Fritzke.

Wilma graduated from nurses training, earning her RN degree from Victoria Hospital in Yorkton, Saskatchewan. Wilma then worked in various fields of nursing including hospitals, doctors offices, school nurse, migrant worker clinics, and military induction centers.

Wilma was involved in her church, the Rocky Mountain Baptist Church, and enjoyed sewing, needlework, fishing, camping and gardening.

Wilma was preceded in death by her husband, Clarence Weigle, two brothers, and three sisters.

She is survived by two sons, Wilson Weigle of Kalispell, and Neil Weigle of Crocker, Mo.; one daughter, Jackie Lowery, of St. Ignatius; three brothers, Bernard Fritzke, George Fritzke and Arthur Fritzke; five sisters, Esther Harris, Felicia Sardar, Jo Anne Hait, Millicent Bunkowski, and Judith Voth; four grandchildren, Mike Ettl, Steven Johnson, and Sarah and Kelly Weigle. Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. today, at Rocky Mountain Baptist Church in Kalispell.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

# MILDRED HANSEN WELLS, 87

*January 28, 2005 at 5:01 am | Daily Inter Lake*

Mildred Hansen Wells, 87, passed away on Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2005, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She was born Feb. 12, 1917, in Sterling, Colo., the daughter of John and Ogle (Smith) Hansen.

She attended all 12 years of schooling in Stoneham, Colo. In 1936, Mildred moved with her parents and six siblings to Bigfork, where she met and married Robert Wells on Jan. 19, 1937. Robert and Mildred lived in Bigfork, until 1949, when they moved with daughters, Joelyn and Donetta, to a farm in Ferndale.

During this time, Mildred cooked for the Ferndale School District for 18 years and had a son, Douglas. She was always very involved in community events and especially enjoyed sewing circle. In 1980, they moved to Kalispell, and in 1984, Robert passed away.

In her retirement years, Mildred enjoyed the warm winters in Tecopa Hot Springs, Calif., and in 1989, moved to Phoenix. She remained there until coming to live at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in 2001 with her cousin and best friend, Noreen Bjork.

Mildred enjoyed traveling, dancing, doing multiple craft projects, playing games and visiting with family and friends. She was very involved with activities at the Lutheran Home and always enjoyed a good game of pinochle. She was a member of the Rebecca Lodge in Bigfork and the Ferndale Sewing Circle.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Robert Wells; daughter, Joelyn Murer; grandson, Jake Wells; and a great-granddaughter, Madison Murer; also four brothers, Ingwald Hansen, Leland Hansen, Arthur Hansen and Harold Hansen.

She is survived by her daughter, Donetta Barney and husband, Bruce, of Yuma, Ariz.; a son, Doug Wells and wife, Lori, of Kalispell; and sisters, Norma Walton of Kalispell, and Jean Day of Bigfork. "Nanny" is also survived by nine grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Mildred L. Wells will be held 2 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 29, at the Little Brown Church in Bigfork. Burial will follow in Lonepine Cemetery next to the church. Visitation will be held from noon to 6 p.m. today at Johnson Mortuary Chapel.

The family suggests that any memorial gifts be sent to the Arthritis Foundation, Montana Branch, 1643 Lewis Avenue, Ste. 3, Billings, MT 59102-4151.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.



# DUANE H. WETHERN, 50

*March 01, 2005 at 5:00 am /*

Duane H. Wethern, 50, of Kalispell, died Feb. 19, 2005, of injuries he received in a traffic accident near Otter Creek Road, 13 miles southeast of Raynesford.

A memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. today, March 1, at the Agricultural Center in Fort Benton.

Duane was born June 29, 1954, in Fort Benton to Gilbert and Lucille (Heiter) Wethern.

Duane attended school in Geraldine as well as Fort Benton, where he graduated high school.

He married Lisa Chaplin and was blessed with three children - Alan of Kalispell, Scott of Great Falls, and Lindsey of Florida. They later divorced.

He later married Leslie (Gibson); they were married for 13 years, were recently divorced, but continued to be close friends and companions.

He worked several years as a grain elevator manager.

Prior to his death, Duane had his own landscaping business in Kalispell. He had the ability to transform a neglected piece of land into a beautiful healthy environment.

Duane loved hunting, fishing, rafting and spending as much time in the great outdoors as possible.

He had a great sense of humor, as well as a fun-loving nature accompanied by an intoxicating giggle that could be recognized from a mile away. He graced the lives of people lucky enough to know him.

He recently developed a strong interest in outdoor photography and spent much of his free time capturing pictures of the countryside and wild animals.

He left this world while doing what he loved most with his companion and eternal friend and brother, Jerry Koch.

He is survived by his mother, Lucille Wethern, of Great Falls; two sons, Alan Wethern of Kalispell, and Scott Wethern of Great Falls; daughter, Lindsey Wethern of Florida; brother, Dennis Wethern and his wife, Connie Wethern, of Glasgow; sisters, Linda Wethern of Portland, Evelyn Wethern of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Ann Koch of Fort Benton; numerous nieces and nephews; and many, many friends.

Memorials in Duane's name are suggested to the Choteau County Search and Rescue.

Burial has already taken place.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Benton Funeral Home.

# SARAH ANN WHARTON, 70

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

Sarah Ann Wharton, 70, of Vancouver, Wash., "joined Jesus and her beloved husband, Kip," on Feb. 14, 2005.

Sarah was born on May 7, 1934, in Independence, Mo., to Arthur and Elizabeth Smith, who later homesteaded at Swan Lake. She attended high school in Kalispell. She graduated from the University of Oregon, majoring in English.

Sarah married Kip Wharton in 1956. He preceded her in death in 1999.

Sarah was a member of First Christian Church in Vancouver, and very involved in volunteer work through the church. She was past president of Church Women United, and past president of the regional CWF.

She enjoyed sewing, cooking, reading, studying the Bible, and trips to her cabin at Swan Lake in Northwest Montana.

Survivors include son, Jeffrey Wharton, of Goldsboro, N.C.; daughter, Julie Koenig, of La Center, Wash.; brother, Bob Smith, of Woodburn, Ore.; sister, Mary Bonham, of San Jose, Calif.; and grandchildren, Nicholas and Jacob Wharton, and Elizabeth and William Koenig.

A celebration of life service will begin at 2 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 18, at First Christian Church in Vancouver.

Contributions in lieu of flowers may be to The Share House, P.O. Box 1209, Vancouver, WA 98666.

Arrangements are under the care of Vancouver Funeral Chapel, Vancouver, Wash.

# PENNY 'PENNY' HARVEY WHITE, 54

*May 08, 2005 at 5:00 am |*

Penelope "Penny" Harvey White of Whitefish, died Monday, May 2, 2005, as a result of a plane accident near Mt. Aeneas in the Jewel Basin in Northwest Montana.

Penny was born Jan. 19, 1951, in Corvallis, Ore., daughter of Francis and Lawrence Harvey. She was raised in San Diego, attended the University of San Diego and later graduated from the University of Idaho with a degree in dental hygiene.

She married Martin V. White on Dec. 31, 1987. They moved to Whitefish 13 years ago.

Penny was an amazingly creative person, and showed her genuine warm and

loving nature while entertaining friends, hosting cooking extravaganzas, golfing with her team at Whitefish Lake Golf Course, flying her plane or skiing, with her beloved "Divine Bovines."

She was an artist with leather. She began designing purses, portfolios and pillows. Her creativity grew to restoring the leather interior of airplanes. She developed Penelope, Inc., Aircraft Interiors, at Glacier International Airport, which she operated up until the time of the accident.

Penny is survived by her parents, Francis and Lawrence Harvey of Sacramento, Calif.; sister, Patricia Griaalva, and brother, Dennis Harvey, both of Colorado Springs, Colo., and David and wife, Diane Harvey, of Sacramento; a number of nieces and nephews; and her stepsons, Andrew and Justin White.

A memorial celebration of life will be held 2 p.m. Monday, May 9 at their hangar just north of Glacier International Airport. Turn west at gate near Rocky Mountain Avionics.

Memorials may be sent to the Gary Norby Junior Golf Program, c/o Whitefish Lake Golf Course, P.O. Box 1888, Whitefish, MT 59937, The Humane Society of Northwest Montana, P.O. Box 221, Kalispell, MT 59903 or memorial of your choice.

# MARTIN 'MARTY' VERNON WHITE, 61

*May 08, 2005 at 5:00 am |*

Martin "Marty" Vernon White of Whitefish, died, Monday, May 2, 2005, as a result of a plane accident near Mount Aeneas in the Jewel Basin area of Northwestern Montana.

Marty was born Sept. 4, 1943, in Pasadena, Calif. He attended the University of Southern California, graduating with a degree as a doctor of surgical dentistry in 1968. He operated a successful dental practice in San Diego for many years before moving briefly to Sand Point, Idaho, and then on to Whitefish, where he and his wife Penny enjoyed living for 13 years

Marty was a great athlete, participating in track and football in high school. He loved the outdoors, growing up camping in Yosemite, trekking in Nepal, traveling and flying and refining his seasonal love for golf and skiing.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Peggy Roldan, and father, Vernon.

He is survived by his mother, Rosemary White of Whitefish; his two sons, Andrew Martin White and his wife, Krista, of Flagstaff, and Justin Hamel White and his wife, Tammie; daughter, Megan Emily of Apple Valley, Calif.; as well as his cousins, Leslie, Jennifer, Emily and families.

A memorial celebration of life will be at 2 p.m. Monday, May 9, at the White's hangar just north of the main entrance of Glacier International Airport. Turn west at Rocky Mountain Avionics.



# BILL WIEFERICH, 78

*March 31, 2005 at 5:00 am |*

Bill Wieferich, 78, of Kalispell, passed away March 26, 2005, at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Dayton, Ohio. After a long struggle with congestive heart failure and cancer he left his circle of family and friends poorer for his leaving, but much richer for having been.

Bill arrived into Frank and Katherine (Meyer) Wieferich's growing family on Oct. 5, 1926. He was the sixth of 14 children. Katherine's sister helped deliver Bill at their family home in Canton, Mont., where Frank and Katherine farmed and ranched. He learned his love of farming from his father that he pursued throughout his life, and passed onto his own children. Bill graduated from Broadwater High School in 1942 while working on his parents Missing Horn Ranch.

He met Grace Fisher while their family was moving from Helena to Townsend, won her heart and they married on July 27, 1951.

He enlisted in the Air Force on March 30, 1951, in Butte. He and Grace spent their first year of marriage in Albuquerque, N.M., followed by a transfer to England. While stationed in England the first two of their four children were born and died in infancy. England remained their home until the end of his tour in 1955.

When they returned to the United States they moved to the Bitterroot Valley, where they farmed for Bill's father. In 1957, they came to the Flathead Valley to begin their own farm, where they remained until Grace's death in 2003.

Nothing was more important to Bill Wieferich than his family. Growing up with 13 siblings made for many adventures and wonderful stories that he enjoyed sharing with his children and grandchildren. Bill could always be found cheering on his kids, and then grandkids; whether it was a "prized" pig in FFA, or the sidelines of a basketball game, he and Grace were their biggest fans.

In addition to being a loving husband and father, Bill was a hard-working farmer and a good neighbor to all. He was a member of the board of trustees of Flathead Farm Mutual for almost 30 years and on the school board for Rousselle School on Lower Valley Road. He enjoyed working and welding in his shop. He could often be found there working on equipment or building some new idea. He always had butterscotch candies in his pocket and all his animal "pals" knew about this habit and begged treats as he went about his farm chores.

He and Grace were founding members of their parish of St. Catherine's of Bigfork. He helped with the planning and landscaping of the church. Wherever hands were needed his large ones were there to quietly help.

Bill lived his final years with his daughter's family in rural Ohio. His love of farming was apparent by his comments during many "field trips" through the countryside. He marveled at the crops, dairy farms and multitudes of hardwood groves in the area. Ohio's plentiful rainfall and bumper crops always amazed him.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Grace; sons, Randall William and Steven Raymond; and his siblings, Frances Glisan, Evelyn Richardson, Franklin Wieferich and Henry Wieferich.

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He is survived by his son, Frank, and wife, Rexanne Wieferich, of Kalispell; daughter, Theresa, and husband, Mark Sethre, of Forest, Ohio; grandchildren, Erica (Wieferich) and husband, Jason Burlingame, of Dillon, Trevor and Daren Wieferich of Whitefish, Eli Sethre of Kennesaw, Ga., Erin Joy (Sethre) and husband, Jon Motsinger, of Columbia, Mo., and Adam and Nathan Strash of Kalispell; great-granddaughter, Makaila Burlingame of Dillon; sisters, Mildred and husband, Slim Bucy, of Townsend, Helen and husband, Larry Rider, of Manhattan, Pat Allen of Stevensville, Margaret "Peggy" Miller of Milk River, Mary Anne Mockel of Helena, Gladys and husband, Darwin Younggren, of Great Falls, Eilleen and husband, Gene Erie, of Kalispell, and Gerri and husband, James Higgins, of Ringling; brother, James Wieferich, of Twin Bridges; as well as numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

A vigil will be held at 7 p.m. April 8. The funeral will be at 10 a.m. April 9. Both will be held at St. Catherine's Catholic Church in Bigfork. Interment will be at 1 p.m. April 11 at the Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery in Townsend.

# MIKKI GENE WILCOX, 27

*January 28, 2005 at 5:00 am /*

Mikki Gene Wilcox, 27, passed away on Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2005, at his home in Kalispell.

Mikki was born on Aug. 17, 1977, in Camp Lejeune, N.C., to Wade and Corliss Wilcox. He attended schools in Whitefish.

Mikki was working as a cook at the Qdoba Mexican Grill in Kalispell. He loved fishing, skiing, camping, golf and water sports. He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends, and especially enjoyed being with children who dearly loved him.

He was preceded in death by grandparents, Rudy and Hedwig Karlin; uncle, Duane Karlin; aunt, Gloria Clarke; cousins, Laura Haag, Ryan Karlin, and Brenda and Casey Clarke.

He is survived by his mother and father, Mike and Corliss Butzlaff, of Wolf Point; stepbrother, Michael Butzlaff, of Columbia Falls; grandparents, Hank and Thelma Butzlaff; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 31, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, with the Rev. Rudy Bullman officiating. Cremation has already taken place.

Memorials may be made to the Butzlaff family.

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

# SANDRA BUSHNELL WILHOIT, 67

*May 22, 2005 at 5:00 am |*

"Our loving, giving companion, my wife," Sandra Bushnell Wilhoit, 67, passed away on Sunday, May 15, 2005, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

She was born Dec. 21, 1937, in Oakland, Calif., to Lucius and Ruth (Stahl) Bushnell.

Her parents raised a very special and unique daughter. She graduated from Acalanes High School in Walnut Creek, Calif., and worked for the Del Monte Corporation for 21 years and Nordstroms for six years.

She was united in marriage to Chuck Wilhoit on May 2, 1981, in Reno, Nev. Following marriage and retirement, she spent 10 rich and fulfilling years in Tucson, Ariz. She leaves many dear friends as well in the residential community of Saddlebrook. She moved to Kalispell, in January 2004, and reveled in all of her wonderful new friendships and the magnificence of the Flathead Valley.

She loved golf, hiking, travel, sewing, and was a world class cook and homemaker. She attended Epworth United Methodist Church.

The family would like to pay a special tribute and expression of deep appreciation to the physicians, nurses and CNAs of KRMC and Brendan House who provided such first class medical and affectionate care to Sandy. The same expression goes to Dr. William M. Boehme and his exceptional family of nurses.

"Sandy, we all love you dearly and salute the wonderful quality of your life."

She was preceded in death by her parents.

She is survived by her husband, Charles P. Wilhoit of Kalispell; two stepsons, Michael Wilhoit of Newberg, Ore., and Jason Wilhoit of Tucson; three stepgrandsons, Jacob, Daniel and Henry Wilhoit; her loving brother, William Bushnell and his wife, Gerry, of Lynchburg, Va.; as well as numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Memorial services for Sandra Wilhoit will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, May 27, at Epworth United Methodist Church, 320 2nd Ave. East, Kalispell, with Pastor David Merkel officiating.

If so moved, the family would be grateful for contributions in Sandy's name to the Northwest Healthcare Foundation-Cancer Treatment Center, 310 Sunnyview Lane, Kalispell, MT 59901.

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



# COLIN MACKAY WILLS, 94

*May 18, 2005 at 5:00 am |*

Colin Mackay Wills, 94, died Friday, May 13, 2005, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

Colin was born at Dumbartonshire, Scotland, March 22, 1911. As a small boy he came to Canada with his parents, Charles and Anna (Dalglish) Wills. The family later settled in Butte where Colin attended school.

As a young man Colin traveled extensively across the United States and, for a time, managed the Dutch Tavern, a restaurant owned by his parents.

On July 16, 1936, Colin married Winifred Hartwell and for the next 68 years they were devoted partners. They made their home in Kalispell where Colin was employed at Kalispell Commercial before becoming managing partner of Kelly Furniture. After 27 years in the furniture business Colin retired in 1964.

After retirement Colin "dabbled" in real estate when he and Win weren't traveling. They spent winters in Arizona, Florida and Mexico. They visited the U.K., especially enjoying a visit to Colin's birthplace in Scotland. A trip around the world by ship was a highlight in their lives.

Colin was very civic minded and belonged to many organizations. He was a tireless volunteer and often held office. He was president of the Taxpayer's Association and a regular attendee of the county budget meetings, a member of the city council, a SCORE representative, and served on the advisory board of the Salvation Army, receiving a lifetime award for his efforts.

When Buffalo Hill Golf Course expanded to 27 holes, Colin donated most of a summer's labor helping Ted Borgen shape fairways and greens.

Colin is survived by his wife, Winifred, daughter, Colleen and Steven Breeze, and son, Robert and Nina Wills, all of Kalispell. There are five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Colin was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, and his eldest daughter, Barbara Wills Meyers.

At his request Colin will be cremated and no public services will be held.

Donations may be made to either Alzheimer's or glaucoma research.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

# VERDA E. WILSON, 94

*January 25, 2005 at 5:00 am |*

Verda E. Wilson, 94, "embarked on her heavenly journey" on Jan. 17, 2005. Verda was born on Dec. 7, 1910, in Memphis, Neb. When she was a young girl her family moved to Wyoming.

Verda graduated from high school in 1928, and thereafter, married Jack Corbin and had one child, Peggy Marie. After the loss of Jack, Verda married Wayne Wilson and had another daughter, Arrah Lee.

In 1947, Verda and Wayne moved to Libby, where they managed a ranch in the Fisher River area before moving into town.

Verda spend her life devoting her time to her family, neighbors and community. Although her family came first, Verda also found time to serve her community. She collected donations for the Heart Association, worked on the election board in Libby for 30 years, and served on the Libby Women's Club, as well as the Farm Women's Club.

In 1949, Verda was initiated into the Medora Rebekah Lodge No. 53. In 1965, she was honored by the state of Montana through the Rebekahs and awarded the Chivalry of Degree pin.

Verda also worked as a nurse's aide at St. John's Lutheran Hospital until her retirement.

As a senior citizen she served as president, vice-president, and site manager for the Libby Senior Citizens Center. In August of 1990, Verda was named Senior Citizen of the Year for Lincoln County.

Verda was an active member of the Libby Christian Church. Her faith knew no bounds and came straight from her heart. She lived a Christian life and set an example for others through her kind words and humility.

Verda is survived by her daughters, Peggy Moe and husband Lloyd of Libby, and Arrah Lee Wilson and husband Merritte of Washington; her sister, Evelyn Johnston, of Wyoming; six grandchildren, Jon Moe and wife Donna, Deborah Decker and husband Mark, of Libby, Kelly Moe of Kalispell, Merritte Wilson III of Hawaii, Lloyd W. Moe and wife Becky of Idaho, and Melissa Sadler and husband Lance of Washington; 13 grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Verda was preceded in death by her father, mother, husband, sister, and two brothers.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Libby Senior Citizens Center, P.O. Box 1401, Libby, MT 59923.

Viewing will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20; and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 21, at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home, 422 W. Second St., Libby.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 29, at the Libby Christian Church, East Third Street, Libby.

# VERNA CHRISTINE WIMSETT, 91

*November 03, 2005 at 5:00 am |*

Verna Christine Wimsett, 91, passed away Sunday, Oct. 23, 2005, at Health Center Northwest in Kalispell.

She was born Feb. 23, 1914, in Flasher, N.D., to Klaus and Emma (Schachenmeyer) Janssen. Verna graduated from high school in Steel City, Neb., in 1933.

She worked at Lockheed for a number of years, and later worked at Highline Community College in Washington state.

Verna enjoyed sewing all of her life. She also enjoyed gardening, but most of all she loved her family and loved to be around her children and grandchildren.

She was survived by her two daughters, Kristine Wimsett of Kalispell, and Karyn Weipert and husband, Mark, of Auburn, Wash.; and five grandchildren, Lucas, Nicholas and Jacob Weipert, Kelsie Wimsett and Sierra Dean.

Memorial services for Verna will be held at 10 a.m. today in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel, with Pastor Tim Bartholomew of the Stillwater Free Lutheran Church officiating. Urn burial will be afterward at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for Vernas family.

# BERNARDINE A. WINDAUER, 89

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

Bernardine A. Windauer, 89, passed away as a result of a brain hemorrhage on Thursday, June 23, 2005, in the presence of her loved ones at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

She was born on Feb. 23, 1916, in Chicago, the daughter of John and Antoinette (Eiben) Moenich.

Bernardine grew up, married and raised her family in Chicago, until 1973. She then moved to Columbia Falls, where she lived for many years before moving to Kalispell.

Bernardine courted Bob (Robert Windauer) from early childhood and they married on Aug. 23, 1941, shortly before Bob entered the Navy for World War II. After the war, they raised their family in Illinois.

Bernardine's first love was her family and in her creative times she enjoyed oil painting. Her favorite subjects were beautiful portraits, still lifes, flowers and wildlife. She enjoyed many friends, participated in church activities and the Busy Bees Club of Columbia Falls.

Bernardine supported her husband and children at all times, sharing her love with family, friends and anyone in need. She lived as a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. She lives on in the values she instilled in her family, the love she shared with all around her and in her beautiful artwork.

She is survived by her husband, Robert J. Windauer of Kalispell; her six children, three sons, Robert P. Windauer and Bernard Windauer, both of Kalispell, and William Windauer of Iowa City, Iowa; three daughters, Barbara Wolgast of Brooksville, Fla., Elizabeth Carlos of Crete, Ill., and Bernadette Newton of Columbia Falls; one brother, John Moenich of Salt Lake City, Utah; 20 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

Mass of Christian burial for Bernardine Windauer will be held 10 a.m. Tuesday June 28, at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls, with Father Vic Langhans officiating. A committal will follow at St. Richard's Cemetery. Visitation will be held from noon until 6 p.m. Monday June 27, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with a Rosary to follow at Johnson Mortuary at 6:30 pm.

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

# SUSAN L. WINK, 67

*August 19, 2005 at 5:00 am |*

Susan L. Wink, 67, passed away Tuesday, Aug. 16, 2005, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

She was born Aug. 22, 1937, in Independence, Mo., the daughter of Lawrence and Juanita (Walker) Reeder. Susan grew up in the Kansas City area.

She married Charles Shearer, and the couple had two children, Rhonda and Chuck, before divorcing.

In 1970, she married Gene Wink in Livingston, enfoldng his children, Terry and Staci, into her love. Two children, Derek and Jared, were born to Gene and Susan. Susan's heart and her home always had plenty of room for all the children and their children, and for the many friends and extended family who found peace and laughter and welcome in her home.

Susan's passion for gardening was another of the ways in which she created a beautiful home wherever she was. She leaves behind the memory of her loving care of all who needed her. She leaves us all with seeds to plant to grow patience, tolerance and the art of making laughter and fun out of the most tedious and mundane tasks.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a sister in infancy, and her first born grandson, James Hayes.

She is survived by her husband, Gene, at their home in Kalispell; her children, Rhonda Walsh, husband Bill, Chuck Shearer, wife Carrie, Terry Wink, wife Kelly, Staci Fitzgerald, Derek Wink, and partner Donny, and Jared Wink, wife Amber. She is also survived by her beloved grandchildren, Joshua and Brian Hayes, Fin and Liam Walsh, Jessica, Cassidy, Erica, Abigail, Parker and Olivia Shearer, Genny, Kyle and Tyler Wink, Zachary Wink, Christie and Jeydin O'Malley, and Cecilia Rose Wink, born July 27. She is also survived by her special friends, Sunday and Sassi.

Memorial services for Susan will be at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel, with Pastor Jeff Towns officiating. There will be no visitation. Urn burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

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

# MARGERY INEZ "MARGIE" WINTER, 66

February 09, 2005 at 5:00 am | Daily Inter Lake

Margery Inez "Margie" Winter, 66, of Kalispell, passed away Saturday, Feb. 5, 2005, from complications following cancer surgery, in Seattle.

She was born on July 23, 1938, at home on the family farm in Sheyenne, N.D., to Knute and Gunhild (Rue) Strand.

After graduating from high school she married and moved to Montana, living several years in Somers. They were later divorced.

In 1973, she married William "Bumps" Winter and moved to Kalispell, where they lived together until her passing.

Margie enjoyed adorning her Victorian home with cozy and cheerful decorations. Her passion was counted cross stitching, and her home is full of her beautiful stitched pictures. She also enjoyed her flower garden, garage sales, playing Keno, dining out with her husband, and was a great bargain shopper. She took pride in her appearance and enjoyed shopping for and wearing stylish clothes.

Margie was a strong woman who had bravely battled and won a previous bout with cancer. She knew how precious life was and she lived every day to the fullest. She was generous and caring, and she brought so much joy to those who knew her. She will be missed by those whose lives she had touched. She will be always remembered for her strong spirit and she will be thought of often.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Marvin; and her sister, Elmyra Longnecker.

She is now survived by her beloved husband, Bumps, of almost 32 years; four daughters, Deborah Robinson and husband, Herb, of Columbia Falls, Cindy Pilcher and husband, Lloyd, of Seattle, Lori Nelson and husband, Jim, of Spokane, and Tammy Bohland and husband, Darin, of Kalispell; one son, Terry Peterson of Kalispell; nine grandchildren, Timothy, Jenny, Matthew, Nicole, Trist'n, Danny, Heather, Eric and Austin; also her husband's children, Della Kienas of Kalispell, Sandie Winter of Phoenix, and Robert Winter and wife, Debbie, of Colorado, with six grandchildren, William, Robbie, Travis, Jackie Jo, Jerry Lee, and Tyler; two brothers, Milton Strand and wife, Solveig, of Sheyenne, and Rodney Strand and wife, Sheila, of North Platte, Neb.; and one sister, Gwen Sheldon of Coon Rapids, Minn.

Memorial services for Margery Inez Winter will be held 10:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 11, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Pastor Ron Pierce officiating.

A gathering after the service will be held at William "Bumps" Winter's home in Kalispell.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

# EDNA MARIE MYERS WISE, 85

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

Edna Marie Myers Wise, 85, passed away Saturday, Dec. 17, 2005, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

Edna was born Aug. 6, 1920, in Kansas City, Mo., to Arthur and Anna Beach Myers.

She married Virgil S.H. Wise.

Edna was preceded in death by her parents, Arthur and Anna Myers; her husband, Virgil S.H. Wise; one grandson, Jeffery Ryan Gibson; and one sister, Bernice.

She is survived by her two daughters, Patricia Maryann Dove, and Madeline Anna and her husband, Randy Lee Steeley; grandchildren, Tina Thorman, Debbie Luhrs, William Dove Jr., Lori Miller, Mary Zillweger, Angela Rodrigue, Heather Ambute, Laura Gibson and Justin Steeley; great-grandchildren, Patricia Thorman, Remington Lee Thorman, Hunter Luhrs, Joshua Dove, Stephanie Miller, Shelby Miller, Samuel Miller, Bryce Zillweger, Nathanael Zillweger, Abbey Zillweger and Summer Ambute; and great-great-grandchildren, Jasmine Thorman, and Connor and Avery Rodrigue.

Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 22, at the Assembly of God Church in Whitefish, with the Rev. John Weaver Jr. officiating. Edna will be sent to Pensacola, Fla., for burial at Bayview Memorial Park Cemetery.

The family request memorials be given to the Assembly of God Church Building Fund, 420 East Fifth St., Whitefish, MT 59937.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

# ROBERT WILLIAM 'BOB' WISWELL, 76

*February 23, 2005 at 5:00 am /*

Robert William "Bob" Wiswell, 76, of Thompson Falls, passed away on Thursday, Feb. 17, 2005, at the Clark Fork Valley Hospital. He was born on Oct. 18, 1928, in Deadwood, S.D. Losing his father while an infant, Bob was raised by his Aunt Anna and Uncle Herbert Wiswell. He grew up and attended school in Deadwood.

Bob loved sports from the time he was young. He excelled in most sports, but football was his passion. After graduating in 1947, he began working various jobs in the Black Hills area.

On Nov. 1, 1951, he enlisted into the U.S. Air Force. Bob served our country overseas at many places including Iceland during the Korean conflict. He was honorably discharged on Oct. 31, 1955, and returned to Rapid City, S.D. After spending some time there working, Bob decided to move to Colorado where he eventually met and married Alta Lowe.

Shortly thereafter, they moved to Kalispell where Bob would become the warehouse manager for Sloan's Appliances. Alta passed away in 1971. Bob continued working in the Kalispell area. He met Janis (Blair) Wilkerson, and they were married on April 27, 1974, in Kalispell.

They enjoyed nearly 31 years together. Janis' sons became like sons to Bob and the grandchildren were dear to his heart. In 1996, they moved to Thompson Falls to make their final home.

A special moment took place later in his life when he and his brother were reunited after 40 years.

Throughout his life, Bob enjoyed all kinds of sports, gardening, hunting and fishing, building black powder guns and animals - especially dogs and cats. He took great delight in the time he spent with his grandchildren.

He is survived by his loving wife of 30 years, Janis; two sons, Mitchell Wilkerson and his wife, Kerre, of Kent, Wash., and Robin Wilkerson and wife, Linda, of Denver; two special grandchildren, Nathan and Mariah; a brother-in-law, Don Blair and wife, Rene; and special bud, Ronnie, of Thompson Falls; a sister-in-law, Barbara Clausen and husband, Bill, of Vancouver, Wash.; and four cousins, Walt Wiswell and wife, Verlene, and Anne Iverson all of Deadwood, Oliver Wiswell and family of Louisville, Ky., and Nancy Cox and husband, Bill, of Rathdrum, Idaho.

A memorial service will take place at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, at the Community Congregational Church, Thompson Falls.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Old Jail Museum of Thompson Falls.

Bunch-Toews Funeral Chapel of Thompson Falls is handling the arrangements.



# SHIRLEY V. WITT, 79

*July 20, 2005 at 5:00 am |*

Shirley V. Witt, 79, "went to be with the Lord" on July 17, 2005, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Shirley was born Sept. 13, 1925, in Eureka, to Columbus and Kate Clark. Shirley attended school in Eureka, and in 1942 she married Bob Davis. They had one child, Carol. Bob later was killed in a car accident in 1948.

Shirley married Rodney Witt on Sept. 11, 1949. They were part-owners of Tobacco River Lumber Company, where Shirley was the bookkeeper. They sold the mill in 1961 and moved to Whitefish, where they built the Mountain Holiday Motel. They later sold that and purchased the Greenwood Trailer Park and campground in 1972.

Shirley was a longtime member of the First Baptist Church in Whitefish.

During her retirement years, she would try to attend any activities that her grandchildren and great-grandchildren were involved in. Shirley loved to try to take trips each year to see her grandchildren and families who lived away from the Whitefish area. Last year, she took her final trip and flew to Alaska to see grandchildren, and, while there, went on a train ride to Denali Park and also went whale watching in Homer, Alaska.

"We will miss her deeply, but we know that she is in Heaven with the Lord."

Shirley is survived by her daughter, Carol Cuffe, and son-in-law, Tom; five grandchildren, Glenda Carr and husband, Jim, of Whitefish, Dina Roberts and husband, Ryan, of Boise, Idaho, Dana Oliver and husband, Roger, of Aurora, Colo., Bob Cuffe and fiancée, Julie Hamilton, of Whitefish, Katie Mobley and husband, Mark, of Wasilla, Alaska; great-grandchildren, Lisa and Chris Jellsion; Becca and Sarah Roberts; Mandie, Josh and Jordan Oliver; Keaton and Hailey Helgeson; Conner, Payton and Hudson Mobley; her sister, Nancy Stallings, and husband, Barry; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins; also her best friend for many years, Loretta Fauske.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, July 22, at Austin Funeral Home. Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 23, at First Baptist Church in Whitefish, 6232 U.S. 93 South. After the service, there will be a luncheon, and after lunch at 2:15 p.m. graveside services will take place at the Tobacco Valley Cemetery in Eureka.

# DOROTHY DARLING WIXSON, 94

*October 18, 2005 at 5:00 am | Daily Inter Lake*

Dorothy Darling Wixson, 94, Columbia Falls, died Sunday, Oct. 16, 2005, at the North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

Dorothy was born Dec. 26, 1910, in Montford to Claude and Etta Huntsinger. They moved to Columbia Falls when she was 3 years old.

She graduated from Columbia Falls High School in 1930. As a teenager, she played background music for the silent movies at the Park Theater in Columbia Falls. After high school, she worked as a telephone operator in Whitefish.

Dorothy was a longtime member of the United Methodist Church in Columbia Falls. She was active in the Epworth League as a young girl and later a member of Circle 1, as was her mother, Etta. She had many fond memories of service in her church.

Dorothy joined the Royal Neighbors Lodge at 16 and served as a musician for many years. She was a member of the North Valley Senior Citizen Center and also did volunteer work at the Klothes Kloset.

Dorothy married Lester Darling in 1932, a union that lasted until Lester's death in 1976. They had eight children, all of whom have happy memories of the summers living at Spotted Bear when Lester worked for the Forest Service.

Dorothy was married to Howard Wixson in 1982 until his death in 1996. They enjoyed dancing and traveling.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her husbands, Les and Howard; and a daughter, Donna.

She is survived by her children, Connie Gamble of Sierra Vista, Ariz., Shirley and Bob Adams of Columbia Falls, Jerry and Marion Darling of Creston, Shari Benzien of Columbia Falls, Bobby and Diane Darling of Fort Benton, Sue and Joe Smith of Columbia Falls, and Ronnie Darling of Columbia Falls; a stepdaughter, Myrtle Langton of Columbia Falls; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 20, at the United Methodist Church in Columbia Falls. Pastor David Jones will officiate.

The family has suggested that memorials be made to the United Methodist Church in Columbia Falls.

Arrangements are by the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.