

Gerald 'Jerry' Blake, 66

Gerald "Jerry" Blake, 66, died Saturday, Oct. 7, 2006, at his ranch in Garrison. Jerry was born in Missoula on Nov. 10, 1939, to Fritz and Alene Blake. He attended high school in Missoula and Butte, graduating from Butte Public High School in 1957.

Jerry enlisted in the U.S. Army upon graduation from high school and was stationed at Fort Dix, Fort Ord, and Frankfurt, Germany, where he was an accomplished marksman on the U.S. Army Skeet Team. After completing his tour of duty, Jerry attended the University of Montana, where he studied English and history.

In June 1963, Jerry married Gloria Christopher. He started his automotive career at 93 Chrysler in Missoula as a mechanic, and ultimately shop foreman. From there he became a Chrysler service representative for the state of Montana. Jerry's career led him through an unprecedented rise from mechanic up through the corporate ranks to the executive level. This required the family to relocate numerous times from Oregon to California to Texas, and ultimately Detroit.

Jerry graduated with an Executive Master of Business Administration degree from Duke University in 1987. He led the entire Mopar organization including marketing, parts warehousing, distribution and inventory. He went on to create



and implement the sales organization "Team Mopar."

Jerry married Jacqueline Fisher in May 1985 in Detroit. Jerry retired from Chrysler in December 1993, and he and Jackie relocated to their ranch at Garrison. There he pursued his many interests including hunting, fishing and the restoration of muscle cars and M37 Army trucks. Jerry's mechanical abilities were well known, winning him honors at numerous car shows, as well as a national reputation of excellence.

Jerry loved spending time with family and friends at his vacation home on the east shore of Flathead Lake.

Jerry enjoyed his 12 grandchildren and four nephews and three nieces, teaching them gun safety, fishing, hunting, mechanics and sharing his love of history.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Fritz and Alene Blake; and his son, Kenneth.

He is survived by his wife, Jacqueline Blake, of Garrison; sister, Anna Gibson, of Phoenix; daughter, Kimberly Blake, of Kalispell; stepdaughters, Denise Polin, Diane Bauman and Jill Stuk, of Michigan; stepson, Todd Fisher, of Virginia; 12 grandchildren, four nephews, three nieces; and his dearest friends, David Wren and Jack Hinkle.

Memorial services will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Jewell Funeral Home in Deer Lodge.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be sent to the Powell County Memorial Hospital Foundation or the Highland Hospice of Deer Lodge.

Kenneth Morton Bicknell, 90

Kenneth Morton Bicknell "went home to his Lord and Saviour" on Sunday morning, Dec. 17, 2006. He will be greatly missed by his many family and friends.

He was born July 9, 1916, in Maybell, Colo., to his parents, David E. and Lucy Bicknell, on the family homestead. One of 11 children, Kenneth is survived by a sister, Alice Perrine, of Salt Lake City; and brother, David Bicknell, of Apache Junction, Ariz. The family moved by covered wagon from the Maybell homestead in 1929. The folks left with nine children to Meeker, Colo. There the remaining two children were born.

Kenneth graduated from Meeker High School in 1936. He later worked for Janes Brothers Trucking during the early 1940s. On one of his driving outings he passed by the house where he would wave to his future wife, Margaret Richardson. Soon after, on June 27, 1947, he married Margaret.

The couple enjoyed a marriage of 59 years.

He later worked for Rio Blanco County, where he was a mechanic, and retired in 1975. The family moved to Kalispell in 1978.

Kenneth was considered a jack-of-all-trades and a master of many. He used his skills to help



family and friends in any way he could. He was an avid hunter and fisherman, and loved the outdoors. He enjoyed every opportunity to go fishing with his children, grandchildren and friends.

Kenneth was a great inspiration to those who knew him because he always extended kindness and patience in all he did. He provided a multitude of memories that will last a lifetime for all who knew him. A few such memories are: many woodcrafts, miniature furniture, refinishing and repairing furniture. Ken would do anything to be helpful or to provide keepsake momentos.

He was also known as the local guru for smoking fish and the word traveled fast everywhere he lived.

Kenneth came to know the Lord Jesus Christ sometime in the 1980s and this faith gave him peace and comfort as he began to decline in health.

Kenneth was blessed with four sons, Kenneth F., Gary, Ray and Ron; 18 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and eight siblings.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret; sons, Kenneth, Gary, Ray and Ron; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren; as well as his sister, Alice; and brother, David; all of whom will miss his presence and the joy he brought everyone.

There will be a celebration of his life held during the summer of 2007.

Gloria J. Blake, 63

Gloria J. Blake, 63, passed away Friday, Sept. 22, 2006, at St. Luke Hospital in Ronan. Gloria was born Oct. 25, 1942, in Richmond, Calif., to Kenneth and Ruby Christopher and she was raised in Arlee. She graduated from Arlee High School in 1960 and then attended Montana State University in Bozeman.



Gloria married Jerry Blake in 1962. Gloria supported her husband, Jerry, throughout his many relocations during his career at Chrysler Corporation. This took them from Montana to Washington, California, Oregon, Texas and Michigan. She held various clerical positions including Missoula Blueprint, Texas-New Mexico Power Company, Two Eagle River School, and Salish-Kootenai Fire Management.

Gloria loved the ocean, gardening and her family.

She was a devoted grandma, always the life of the party. She will be remembered for her unconditional love.

Her mother, Ruby Christopher, and her only son, Kenneth F. Blake, preceded her in death.

Surviving Gloria are her father, Kenneth Christopher, and stepmother, Millie Christopher, of Polson; sister, Marjorie Sparks, of Missoula; daughter, Kimberly Blake, of Kalispell; granddaughter, Julia Hudson, of Kalispell; grandson, Dylan Hudson, of Romeo, Mich.; grandson, Kenneth Clare; and her two nieces, Judy and Heather; and a nephew, Richard.

A memorial service will be held for Gloria at 11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 28, in the Grogan Funeral Home Chapel. Graveside services will be after the service at Lakeview Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of Grogan Funeral Home and Crematory.

Robert Morris Blake, 72

Robert Morris Blake was born to proud parents, Morris E. and Leah V. Blake, Feb. 10, 1934; and passed away peacefully in his home surrounded by all his children and loving wife in Aug. 20, 2006, after battling cancer for several years.



Bob joined the Army in 1954, served 21 months and finished off his 6-year obligation in the Montana Army National Guard. Bob was a third generation brick and stone mason in the Flathead Valley. He put his life and love of masonry work into hundreds of buildings and homes around the valley including the historic Conrad Mansion, Flathead Community College, Flathead County High School, and Kalispell Regional Medical Center. He was the secretary of the Brick Mason's Union for almost nine years.

In Bob's younger years, he enjoyed hunting, fishing, and golfing with his family and friends; and in his later years, he enjoyed making beautiful bird houses, walking sticks, lamps, etc. out of scrap materials for his family and friends. Bob touched the hearts of everyone who knew him and will be dearly missed.

Bob married the love of his life, Cynthia M. Williams, on Aug. 2, 1961. During their glori-

ous 45 years of marriage, he was a very loving husband and a proud supportive father to his four children, Kelly, Russell, Robert W., and Heidi.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, Morris and Leah Blake, and his brothers, Dr. Larry J. Blake and Dudley Blake.

Bob is survived by his wife, Cindy; brother, Gregory and his wife, Mary Jo, of Hungry Horse; sons, Kelly W. Blake and his wife, Patricia, and Russell D. and his wife, Teresa, all of Mountain Home, Idaho, Robert W. and his wife, Cindy, of Las Vegas; daughter, Heidi and her husband, Leroy Washington, of Moscow, Idaho; and his nine grandchildren, Nick and Jennifer Thornton, Bobbi Wiggins, Kristine and Brandon Blake, Joel and Sara Blake, and Mychael and Jayson Washington.

Memorial services for Bob will be held 2 p.m. at his home in his shop in Whitefish, for a celebration of his life on Sept. 23.

His family would like to thank all his medical personnel, and hospice workers who provided his wonderful care and to his family and friends for their unconditional support and prayers.

Family requests lieu of flowers that contributions be made to Homes Option Hospice, 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell, MT 59901, or North Valley Hospital Foundation, 6575 U.S. 93 South, Whitefish, MT 59937.

Josephine 'Josie' Boetcher, 77



Josephine "Josie" Boetcher, 77, passed away on Thursday, Sept. 7, 2006, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

She was born May 23, 1929, in Troy, to Joseph and Jenny (Sabatino) Solimando. She was raised with her two brothers, Tony and Matthew, on her parents' 2-acre strawberry farm. Their strawberries were known for their exceptional taste and size. Josie had many fond memories of playing in the fields and helping her parents harvest their crop for sale.

Being raised with two boys did not stop Josie from engaging in the usual activities of a little girl. One of her favorite pastimes was playing with her dolls. She also remembers riding to Bonners Ferry, Idaho, and enjoying trips to the grocery store in Troy and Libby.

When she was 20 years old, Josie met Harold Boetcher in downtown Kalispell. Harold had served in the Army during World War II and was a POW in the Bataan death march. They were married three weeks later by the Kalispell justice of the peace. Josie and Harold's marriage lasted until his death 56 years later. During that time they had a son, Mike, and a daughter, Linda.

Josie reveled in her role as a homemaker. She loved shopping and at one time won a couch from Bitney's furniture store. Watching Lawrence Welk, Larry King, figure skating, Wheel of Fortune and Jeopardy were some of her favor-

ite pastimes. She also liked listening to big-band music. Moonlight Serenade was her favorite song. Josie's two grandsons and two great-grandsons were her greatest pride.

Josephine was preceded in death by her parents; her brother Anthony Solimando; and her husband, Harold Boetcher.

She is survived by her son, Mike Boetcher, of Kalispell; daughter, Linda Taylor and husband, William, of Kalispell; grandson, Shawn Farnum and wife, Dezaray, of Kalispell; grandson, Josh Taylor, and girlfriend, Amanda Parsons, of Yuma, Ariz.; great-grandsons and great-granddaughter, Trevor Stroh and Ethan Farnum and Zoe Farnum, a baby on the way, all of Kalispell; sister-in-law, Kay Gordon of Spokane; nephew, Gayle Herman of Salem, Ore.; nephews, Malcolm Gordon and wife, Joan, of New Castle, Wash., and their daughter, Lauren, and Tim Herman and wife, Marilyn, and their children of Oak Harbor, Wash.; niece, Karren Nilsen, of Liberty Lake, Wash. and son, Kirk.

Josie will be greatly missed by her entire family. Anyone wanting to bring a small trinket to display at the memorial that reminds you of Josie, please do so.

Memorial services for Josephine Boetcher will be held 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 13, in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Pastor John Weaver officiating. There will be no visitation. Burial will be at a later date.

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

Patricia Lou (Martin) Blood, 69, of Columbia Falls died of Lou Gehrig's disease Sept. 18, surrounded by family and friends.



Patricia was born in Hill City, Minn., on June 13, 1937, to Maurice and Nethalee Martin, at home with the help of a midwife.

She spent her childhood days in Minnesota before moving to Ferndale and then Bigfork, where she attended school and enjoyed attending school reunions for years to come.

The second child and the only blonde in a family that grew to 17 children, she was always happy and loving. She always said, "Life is too short to fight!" and never took sides. Her home was always open to everyone, and a lot of family and friends loved to visit.

Pat married Don Mapston and later divorced. They had two sons together, Donald and Douglas. She is survived by both Donald and his wife, Brenda, and Douglas and his wife, Jeanne. They gave her five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren who all called her "GG." They all live in Conroe, Texas. Pat spent as much time as she could with them and was very proud of them all. She cherished the precious moments with her grandbabies.

On Feb. 4, 1961, she married the love of her life, Lloyd Blood, and together they had their precious little red-headed daughter, Crystal, who is married to BJ Hader, and stepson, Cody, all of Columbia Falls. Crystal later would take care of both of her parents through their illnesses

with love and devotion. Lloyd died March 30, 2004. Pat took such great care of Lloyd during his illness, and we all hoped she would be able to enjoy life after he was gone, but it was not meant to be. A year later, she was diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's disease that would take her speech first, but never took her spirit. She would say, "You gotta take what is dealt to you and go on."

Pat cleaned homes for many little ladies and did housekeeping in Whitefish, the Park and in Columbia Falls. Along with taking care of little ladies' needs, she loved to follow Crystal's sports. She also loved to grow beautiful plants, bowl, fish and pick huckleberries for making jams and jellies that we all cherished and raided her cellar for.

Pat was preceded in death by her mother, father, sister Tawny, and husband of 43 years, Lloyd.

Pat is survived by her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nine sisters, six brothers, many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and a lot of very good friends.

"You were the best mother, wife, sister, grandma and friend. We will miss you dearly! You were always there for us and we won't know what to do without you in our lives, but we will remember your love and guidance through the years. We will never forget you; you will be in our hearts forever. God always takes the best!"

The family suggests memorial donations be made to Hospice, 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell, MT 59901.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m., Friday, Sept. 22, at Columbia Falls Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

James 'Jim' Vincent Boerner, 80

James "Jim" Vincent Boerner, 80, of Whitefish, "entered into eternal rest" on Aug. 10, 2006, at his home in Mountain View Manor.

Jim, a dual citizen of Canada and the United States, was born on Oct. 17, 1925, in Dromore, Prince Edward Island. Jim was the younger son of Emil Boerner of Whitefish and Stella Hughes Boerner of Prince Edward Island.

Jim was reared in Whitefish by his father, Emil, and his step-mother, Katie Boerner. After living much of his life as a free spirit wanderer, Jim returned to his Whitefish roots in his later years.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents; and his brother, Arthur Emil Boerner.

Though Jim had no children of his own, he will be fondly remembered by his nieces and

nephew, sister-in-law, and many other extended family members.

Jim is survived by his sister-in-law, Patricia Boerner Siliker, of Kalispell; nieces, Linda (Boerner) Borgos of St. Paul, Minn., Judith (Boerner) West of Little Rock, Ark., and Katherine "Katie" Boerner of Naples, Idaho; nephew, Robert Jones, of Seattle; and many grandnephews and grandnieces.

Jim's kind heart and adventuresome spirit will be remembered by other family members and friends as well.

A memorial service will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 19, at Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish, with the Rev. John Bent officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish.

Clarabel Dyr Dahl Bogut, 95

"One of the stars in the sky twinkled for the last time and went out" on Sunday, Dec. 3, 2006.



Clarabel Dyr Dahl Bogut, 95, passed away surrounded by family at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She was the first girl born in Lovejoy north of Malta in 1911. While her two brothers stayed home and worked the family farm, her widowed mother sent her three daughters to college, very rare back then. Clarabel graduated from the Deaconess School of Nursing in Great Falls in 1933 and became a surgical nurse in Wolf Point, where she met and married Frank Bogut. They had two sons and a daughter.

She became a single mother in 1941 and because of her desire to spend more quality time with her children she decided to change her career path. In addition to her nursing degree, Clarabel attended Western Montana Normal College in Dillon each summer for three years to complete her degree in education. Upon receiving her teaching certificate, she taught school in Strater and Whitewater.

In 1950, she was invited by her alma mater to become the college nurse. Clarabel accepted the position as registered nurse in charge of student health services and moved to Dillon to work and raise her family. After many years of service to Western, she became the public health nurse for all of Beaverhead County until her retirement.

Always thinking of others, Clarabel implemented a world mission project by gathering from local motels used soap bars that were boxed and sent to be recycled and shipped to foreign countries.

On May 4, 2005, Clarabel moved from Dillon to Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell to be closer to her family. She

loved being able to attend church services, Bible study, and enjoyed frequent visits with the resident (Norwegian) Pastor Peter Ramseth.

Clarabel was always highly respected for her nursing and educational skills, and loved for her hard work and compassion. She was also legendary for her quick wit and sense of humor. At her birthday party in October 2006, her table was adorned with 95 roses commemorating her 95th birthday. Her response, with just a trace of smile was, "Well, siss-boom-bah!" Her family laughed until they cried.

She took great joy in being Norwegian and loved using bits and pieces of the language to both delight and confuse her listeners. She also loved being Lutheran and never wavered in her faith, continuing to sing hymns until the end. Her songs were inspirational for many.

Clarabel Dyr Dahl Bogut is survived by her son, Jack, of Pittsburgh; son, Don, of Kalispell; and daughter, Marilyn Frazier, of Polson. Clarabel also felt she had been blessed with three additional children by marriage: daughters-in-law, Joni Bogut in Pittsburgh, and Emily Bogut in Kalispell, and son-in-law Loran Frazier of Polson. Clarabel has seven grandchildren, Loran E. and Laurie Frazier of Missoula, Steve and Caty Frazier, of Spokane, John and Jennifer Bogut of Pittsburgh, Brenda and Kirk Bechtel of Baltimore, Lisa and Adam Merzon of Greenwich, Conn., Scott and Karyn Bogut of Seattle, and Angie Bogut of Vernal, Utah; and 11 great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family has established a Clarabel Dyr Dahl Bogut Nursing Scholarship Fund at First State Bank, P.O. Box 1257, Dillon, MT 59725.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday at the First Lutheran Church in Dillon, with interment afterward in the Mountainview Cemetery at Dillon.

K and L Mortuaries of Twin Bridges in charge of arrangements.

Oliver Miller Bones, 82

Oliver Miller Bones, 82, of Bones, of Bigfork. No services are planned at Ronan, formerly of Polson, this time, and cremation has taken place. Arrangements are under the direction of Grogan Funeral Home and Cremation in Polson.

He is survived by his daughter, Gwen Nelda Bones, of Ronan; and son, Stan

Oliver Miller Bones, 82, of Bones, of Bigfork. No services are planned at this time, and cremation has taken place. Arrangements are under the direction of Grogan Funeral Home and Cremation in Polson.

Edwin B. 'Sonny' Boon, 84

Edwin B. "Sonny" Boon, 84, of Somers passed away Saturday, March 11, 2006, at HealthCenter Northwest in Kalispell. He was born in Somers on July 15, 1921, the son of Clarence Merle and Albina (Anderson) Boon.



Sonny was born 2 1/2 miles up Boon Road on Boon Ranch. He attended Somers schools and graduated from Flathead County High School. In 1984 was given the Spirit Award by the Flathead coaches and athletes; in 2002 he was given the "Super Fan" award by the Montana High School Athletic Association.

He was a proud member of the U.S. Navy for five years, from 1947 to 1952, serving during World War II and the Korean War as a mechanic.

He married Joyce Farrell on Oct. 6, 1949, and they had eight children. He lived in Polson for a while, but most of his life has been spent in the Somers area. He worked at various occupations over the years but generally spent one half of his working career in the "woods" and the other half in "construction."

Sonny's many talents served him in his life work as a logger, tree farmer, union carpenter and construction worker. "His love of his Lord and Savior, his family, outdoor activities including hunting, hiking and fishing and sports, were highlights of Sonny's life."

In his retirement years, Sonny became very busy as a volunteer, involving himself in many activities. He was involved as a survivor in the Relay for Life cancer walk. He was also a volunteer at Immanuel Lutheran Home.

He was a lifelong member of Eidsvold Lutheran Church, where he was involved with the youth group, church council and for which he provided the church Christmas tree for 46-plus years. His grandfather Anderson was one of the founders of Eidsvold congregation.

He volunteered at the Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp as an intern and caretaker, staying on for three years. He was also the Bible camp's expert logger and groundskeeper; he greeted people with hospitality and smiles. He would lead backpacking and canoeing trips, during which he amazed the younger campers with his physical strength and endur-

ance.

He was a director, board member and caretaker of Rails to Trails, for which he would help with maintenance and mowing of the Somers Trail and raising money for the upkeep of the projects on the trail.

He served on the Somers Volunteer Fire Department for 44 years as captain and assistant chief. He also was a member of the Flathead High School Booster Club and volunteered at the American Red Cross in the 1980s. He was an amazing person and his eight children together feel that they couldn't fill their dad's shoes.

Sonny was preceded in death by his parents, C. M. "Speck" and Albina Boon; and one brother, C.A. "Bucky" Boon.

He is survived by his children — five sons, Tom Boon and wife, Debbie, of Chicago, Daniel Boon and wife, Jan, of Somers, Jack Boon and wife, Dee, of Bigfork, Richard Boon and wife, Bonnie, of Somers, and Fred Boon and wife, Peggy, of Thompson Falls, three daughters, Sonja Waddell and husband, Doug, of Locust Grove, Ga., Tina Boon of Missoula, and Elizabeth "Beth" Rowley and husband, Brent, of Polson; 14 grandchildren, Ashley, Eric, Danny, Mandi, R.J., Jessica, Brenda, Blake, Chuck, Clint, Brice, Shawn, Brynn and Bridger; one great-grandson, Joel; two sisters, Ila Geno of Spokane, and Elaine McIntyre of Mount Vernon, Wash.; also numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Memorial services for Edwin B. "Sonny" Boon will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 16, at Eidsvold Lutheran Church in Somers, with Pastor Wayne Pris officiating. A reception will be afterward at the Somers Fire Department. There will be no visitation.

The family suggests memorials be given to one of these seven organizations: Rails to Trails, P.O. Box 1103, Kalispell, MT 59903; Marvel McManus Scholarship Fund, Montana First National Bank, P.O. Box 1996, Kalispell, MT 59903; Eidsvold Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 100, Somers, MT 59932; Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp, 603 Main St., Kalispell, MT 59901; Hospice, Home Options, 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell, MT 59901; or Somers Volunteer Fire Dept., P.O. Box 187, Somers, MT 59932.

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

Phyllis Jean Bosley, 80



Phyllis Jean Bosley, 80, "went to rest in the arms of our Heavenly Father" on Oct. 4, 2006. She was born Feb. 16, 1926, in Van Hook, N.D., to George Barton and Rebecca Margaret (De Tienne) Baker.

In her younger years, Phyllis worked at Camp Tuffit at Lake Mary Ronan, later at the Somers Lumber Company, and at the Kalispell Hospital. She worked the majority of her years at the Outlaw Inn, where for 25 years she made many, many wonderful friends.

She married Floyd Fredericks of Kalispell in 1943, who became the father of Connie, Jerry and Sidney. They lived in the Gallatin Valley, where she worked on a ranch. When evening came and the cowboys went about their chores, her passion for horses prevailed once again and she was free to go back to the cowgirl life she loved and would ride carefree.

In 1954 she married Robert Bosley and became the wife of a miner in Mullen, Idaho. One year later they moved back to Kalispell, and two years later Rob Bosley Jr. was born. Together they raised their four children in Kalispell.

Family was the most important thing in the world to her; she had a special bond with each and every one of her children, grandchildren and great-

grandchildren as they all were the joy of her life!

Phyllis was preceded in death by her parents, George and Rebecca Baker, of Parshall, N.D.; brothers, Everette Baker, Vern Baker and Sylvain Baker, who was killed on Omaha Beach during the invasion of Normandy, where he received the Silver Star; and sister, Adelaide Brunzell.

She is survived by her husband, Robert Bosley Sr., of Kalispell; three sons, Robert Bosley Jr., and wife, Debbie, of Kalispell; Sidney Fredericks and wife, Randi, of The Dalles, Ore., and Jerry Fredericks and wife, Leola, of Kalispell; one daughter, Connie (May) State, and husband, Tom, of Hanford, Calif.; 10 grandchildren, Cory Fredericks, Robert Bosley III, Lesa (Bosley) Lindahl, Lori (Bosley) Kaufmann, Alicia (Fredericks) Slawson, Amy Fredericks, Georgia May, Michele Marsh, David May, Charlie May, Danielle Warren and Brandon Warren; great-grandchildren, Joey, Brittany, Cody, Izach, Landin, Kathleen, Melissa, Savannah, Kimberly and Ryan; one remaining sister, Norma (Baker) Johnson, of Parshall, N.D.; and many nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 7, in the Johnson Mortuary chapel. Cremation has taken place. A memorial in North Dakota will be announced at a later date.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for Phyllis' family.

Gladys E. Dorner, 72



Gladys E. Dorner (Estes), 72, of Great Falls, formerly of Whitefish, died Feb. 1, 2006, at a local assisted-living facility, of natural causes. She was a homemaker.

Cremation has taken place under the direction of the O'Connor Funeral Home in Great Falls. No services are planned at this time.

She is survived by nephews, James and Jannett LaRue of Great Falls, Doug and Bev of Mason, Iowa; nieces, Mary and Roy Miller of Three Forks, and Alice LaRue of Palmer, Alaska; and several grandnieces, grandnephews, cousins, and friends.

She was preceded in death by a brother and five sisters; her husband, Dave, in 1973; a son, Donald, in 1994; and daughter-in-law, Muriel, in 1997.

Gladys was born in Belgrade on Oct. 26, 1913, to George W. and Mary Martha (Barclay) Estes. She graduated from Belgrade High School and married Dave Border

on Oct. 4, 1935. They lived in Gallatin Valley until the beginning of World War II, when they moved to San Diego, where Dave worked in the Naval shipyards.

They purchased a place on Blanchard Lake near Whitefish in 1947. Her husband worked in the timber industry, and later the U.S. Postal Service. Gladys worked at the Langdon Locker Plant and was a 4-H leader for several years.

Although Gladys had many adversities in her life, including the loss of her first home in Whitefish by fire, and the early death of her immediate family, she never complained and always maintained a positive attitude. She loved gardening, traveling with her son and his wife, and being with people, especially children, which kept her younger than her years.

During her later years she was an active worker and supporter of the North Valley Food Bank in Whitefish.

Memorials can be made to the North Valley Food Bank, 311 E. First, Whitefish, MT 59937, or the donor's choice.

"We will miss you, Gladys. Love You."

Frank Dean Bosworth, 79

Frank Dean Bosworth, 79, of Swan Lake, died Sunday, Dec. 17, 2006, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

Frank is survived by his wife, Theresa, of Swan Lake; daughter, Tammy Bosworth,

of Boise, Idaho; son, Rex Bosworth, of Swan Lake.

No services are planned at this time.

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

Gay Fitzgerald Bos, 72

Gay Fitzgerald Bos, 72, died Friday, July 21, 2006, at her Kalispell residence.

She is survived by her husband, Darrell, of Kalispell.

A gathering of friends will be held at a later date. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Charles Patrick Bouchard, 77

Just days are his beloved wife, Helen, passed away, Charles "Pat" Patrick Bouchard joined her, passing away "peacefully in his sleep". Sunday, Dec. 10, 2006.



He was born Feb. 3, 1929, in Missoula, to Joseph Albert Bouchard and Cynthia Taggart Bouchard, the second of four boys.

Pat grew up in Bonner with a great respect and love for the outdoors. He loved to ski, hunt, fish — you name it, and he tried it at least once. Once he left his parents' home, he joined the Navy and then the Forest Service. He spent many years with Mountain Bell and then his own company, CP Communications.

While working for the Forest Service, he met his future wife, Helen. They had a whirlwind courtship, and three months lat-

er they married on Oct. 14, 1950, in Bonner.

They retired in 1992 to Finley Point on his native Flathead Indian Reservation, where family gatherings were the center of his life, along with the Finley Point Volunteer Fire Department and the community.

Pat is preceded in death by his beloved wife, Helen; his parents and brothers, Joseph "Beez" Bouchard and Michael "Mike" Bouchard.

Pat leaves behind his younger brother, John "Sandy" Bouchard and his wife, Joan; four children, Patty Sikora, Terry Voeller and her husband, Jerry, Alan Bouchard, and Dawn Castaneda and her husband, Julio; 12 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren with another expected in January.

A funeral mass is planned for the summer of 2007 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Polson. In memory of Charles Patrick Bouchard, please support the Helping Hands Ministry at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

Helen Bouchard, 76

Helen Bouchard, loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt and friend, "went home to her parents" the morning of Nov. 29, 2006.



and close family. She was predeceased by her parents; sister Janie; and brother Horace.

She leaves behind four sisters, Gladys, Dot and Ting, Evelyn "Ev" and Tom, and Lavina "Sandy" and Lee; her brother, Frank and Tony; and numerous nieces and nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

All who knew Helen loved her, for she had the knack of always making them feel welcome and comfortable in her home. Her family came together in Polson to mourn their loss but more importantly to celebrate her life. We will miss her quiet wisdom and sage advice, but she taught us all well, and now we go on as she would have wanted us to, loving our families and living each day enjoying the simple pleasures that life hands us.

In lieu of flowers, please send memorials for Helen to Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 1002 Fourth Ave. East, Polson, MT 59860.

Memorials will be forwarded to "Share the Spirit" or "Helping Hands," both local children's charities.

A memorial will be held at 11 a.m. Dec. 6 at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 1002 Fourth Ave. East, in Polson. Lunch will be provided after the service.

Helen was born Oct. 29, 1930, to Ella and Gordon Mull in Gallatin Gateway, Mont.

She married a man that her father warned her against and for 56 years they lived and loved together.

Helen is survived by her husband, Charles "Pat"; and their children, Patty, Terry and Jerry, Alan, and Dawn and Julio; 12 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren, with another expected in January 2007.

Helen spent her early years raising their four children. As a family they enjoyed bowling, water skiing and snow skiing. She was also an accomplished knitter and seamstress. Helen loved being outdoors no matter the weather. Springtime found her putzing in her garden, summertime she fought the deer from eating her flowers, fall she was cleaning up the pine needles, and winter she would enjoy the crispness of the air.

Helen was part of a very large

Robert Charles 'Bob' Bothamley, 69

Robert Charles "Bob" Bothamley, 69, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2006, of natural causes at Kalispell Regional Medical Center. Bob was born Sept. 2, 1937, in Los Angeles to Charles Albert and Alice Marie (Gibson) Bothamley.

He attended and graduated from high school in the L.A. area. After graduation, he joined the U.S. Army and was honorably discharged.

Bob then became a fireman and worked for the city of Glendale, Calif., until retiring.

Bob loved to fish and hunt and fix up things around his ranch. He also liked rock hounding. He

spent many days at his ranch watching all types of wildlife cross his property.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Bob is survived by his partner, Carolyn Norstebon, of Libby; daughters, Carol Alexander, Cindy Zimmerman and Pam Bisson, all of Los Angeles County; sister, Edith Russakoff, of Oxnard, Calif.; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; one niece and one nephew.

Memorial services for Bob will be held at a later date.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Clarence A. 'Pinky' Bourne, 90



Clarence A. "Pinky" Bourne, 90, passed away Saturday, May 27, 2006, at Colonial Manor Nursing Home.

He was born on the Fourth of July, 1915, in Great Falls, the son of Charles and Louise Bourne.

Pinky and his brother, Earl, were raised in Great Falls, where they attended school. Out of school during the Great Depression, Pinky and his best friend left home and went "on the bum." They saw the Harley Davidson motorcycle factory in Milwaukee, and then rode the rails to see the rest of the country. They returned to Great Falls after a year, and Pinky went to work for the Great Falls Drug Company.

Unable to join the military during World War II because of blindness in one eye, he continued to work as a druggist until 1946, when he became an agronomist for the Montana State Grain Laboratory in Great Falls. He advanced to the position of federal grain supervisor. A chronic threat condition from the grain dust caused him to leave the business.

Pinky married Eva Rose in 1945, and they moved to the Flathead Valley with son, Dan, in 1950, where they bought an old ranch on Marion Stage Route in Foy's Canyon. Pinky ranched and worked in the woods and then returned to work in drug stores.

They sold the ranch in 1967 and moved to Billings, where Pinky managed two apartment houses and continued his saddle-making and fine leather work that he had begun in the 1930s.

Always closely associated

Olive Lorene

(Smith) Bouge, 82, passed away Friday, June 30, 2006, at Brendan House in Kalispell.



Olive was born July 23, 1923, in Salem, Iowa, to Bessie and Alvin Smith.

She is survived by a brother, Donald A. Smith, plus two sisters, Evelyn Jacobs and Irene Cook, all of southern California; one daughter, Diana K. Bouge Clarke, and her husband, Robert; and one son, Donald A. Bouge. She was blessed with eight grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and 12 great-great-

Olive Lorene (Smith) Bouge, 82

grandchildren in Montana, Utah and Arizona.

Knowing of her love for dancing, "we know that Olive is now dancing with the angels."

Her favorite verse was: "The fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control."

Olive will be missed by all who knew her.

Memorial services will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday, July 5, 2006, at the Whitefish Church of God, with the Rev. Larry Lautaret officiating.

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

William Godreau Bowd, 69

William Godreau Bowd, 69, passed away Tuesday, Oct. 31, 2006, after a long battle with a Parkinson's-type disease. Bill was born in Calgary, Alberta, Canada on Dec. 28, 1936. He graduated from the University of Montana in 1961 with a degree in wildlife technology. After graduation, Bill worked at a prestigious animal research laboratory in Quebec. He later returned to Alberta and became a successful rancher and farmer. After a number of years of farming and ranching, Bill attended the University of Calgary and graduated with a degree in education. Upon graduating from the university, he taught school for two years in Spirit River, Alberta.

On Nov. 12, 1971, Bill married Mary Huggans Schmale in Tacoma, Wash. The couple moved to Bigfork in 1972. Bill taught at Swan River Elementary School for 18 years, retiring in 1990 to become a full-time real-estate broker with his own office,

Bowd and Associates, in Bigfork. Bill loved to hunt and fish, and was an avid fan of the Montana Grizzlies. Bill was a longtime member of St. Catherine's Catholic Church in Bigfork, later to become a member of Pope John Paul II Catholic Church in Bigfork.

Bill is survived by his spouse, Mary Bowd, of Bigfork; his mother, Carmen Bowd, of Calgary; his daughter, Erin Simkins and family, of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; his stepson, William Schmale, of Zagreb, Croatia; his brother, Craig Bowd and family, of Calgary; and his sister, Carole White and family, of San Diego.

He was preceded in death by his father, William B. Bowd, of Calgary.

A funeral Mass will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, 2006, at Pope John Paul II Catholic Church on Coverdell Road in Bigfork.

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

Dawn Marie Bowker, 27

"The Lord smiled on the morning of Oct. 26, 2006, and said welcome home, to Dawn Marie Bowker." She will deeply missed by her friends and



family. She was born on May 3, 1979, at Steamboat Springs, Colo., the daughter of M. Dean and Irene M. (Fasse) Bowker.

Dawn's family and friends wish to remember her by her enjoyment of skiing, mountain biking, hiking and backpacking, fishing, music, reading, children and the elderly, sports, teaching, crocheting, baking (especially pies), cooking and by her passion for Jesus and sharing her faith with others.

Dawn received her education in Kalispell and graduated from Flathead Christian School (now Stillwater Christian School). She received a B.A. in Education from Montana State University in Bozeman in 2003. She was currently teaching sixth-grade math and physical education at Somers Middle School in Somers, Mont.

Dawn was preceded in death by her grandfather, Raymond G. Fasse, and grandparents, L. Monte and Jean Bowker.

Survivors include her mother, Irene Bowker, of Bigfork;

her father, M. Dean Bowker, of Missoula; two brothers, Joshua Bowker of Bigfork, and Mark Bowker and his wife, Emily, of Monument, Colo.; sister, Lori Sugimoto, and husband, Andrew, and nephew Tyler of Chula Vista, Calif.; maternal grandmother, Mary Edith Fasse, of Spencer, Iowa; and aunts and uncles, Jim and Barb Fornwall family, and Ed and Carolyn O'Donnell family, all of Wonder Lake, Ill.; Dennis and Sue Holck family of Spencer, Iowa; Ron and Karen Fasse of Loomis, Calif.; and Dale and Gail Fasse family of Winthrop, Wash.

A celebration of Dawn's life will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2006, at the Christian Center in Kalispell. There will be no visitation. Burial will follow services at Lonepine Cemetery in Bigfork. There will be a reception after the graveside service at the Somers Middle School, where there will be displays, students showing their love and remembrances done by Dawn's students as well as Dawn's classroom.

The family suggests that any memorial contributions be sent to LitNet1, P.O. Box 913, Kalispell, MT 59903 (a literacy ministry to Uganda, Africa, where Dawn was considering serving).

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

Phyllis May Bowman, 76

Phyllis May Bowman, 76, died on Thursday, March 2, 2006, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She is survived by her sons, Brad Bowman and Lee Bowman, both of Marjon. Private family services will be held at a later date. Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for the family.

Amasa Morse 'Amos' Bowles II, 72

Amasa Morse Bowles II, "Amos," passed away peacefully in his home in Kalispell on Oct. 23, 2006.

Amos was born June 13, 1934, in Santa Rosa, Calif., to Dr. and Mrs. Amasa M. Bowles. He attended elementary school in Santa Rosa and then continued on and graduated from Carlsbad Military Academy in California.

Amos earned the rank of Eagle Scout in his early teenage years. He attended the University of Oregon, and then served in the U.S. Army and was discharged with honors. He returned to California and graduated from Humboldt State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration.

Amos was an entrepreneur, owning and operating Amos' Christmas Tree Lots, Pay N Snak Candy, and Redwood Coffee Service in California, before moving to Montana.

Amos loved hunting, fishing, boating, and being with his family. He was known for his honesty, positive thinking, and his outrageous humor. He was a



genuine gentleman.

Amos was a member and past-president of the Aahmes Shrine Club in Eureka, Calif., where he was also the Sultan of the Band. After moving to Kalispell, he was a member of the Algeria Shrine Club.

He is survived by and will be greatly missed by his wife of 49 years, Anne; his brother and sister-in-law, Seawell and Elizabeth Bowles, of Hayward, Calif.; his daughter and fiancée, Julianna Lerner and Daryl Crow; grandchildren, Tasha and husband, Justin Olson, Kristina Amundson of Kalispell, Michael and Kevin Bowles of Murphy, Calif., and Jennifer and Tanner Crow; great-grandchildren, J.T. and Logan Olson, Caleb and Ethan Amundson of Kalispell; numerous nieces and nephews; and special friends, Gordon and Jo Ann Nelson.

Amos was preceded in death by his parents, Dr. Amasa M. Bowles and Dorothy Bowles; and his son, Michael H. Bowles.

Cremation took place Oct. 25 at Buffalo Hills Mortuary.

A celebration of life was held Friday, Oct. 27, in the family home.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the Spokane Shriner's Hospital for Children, West 911 Fifth St., Spokane, WA 99205.

Morris Sherman Bradford, 76



Morris Sherman Bradford passed away at his home in Kalispell, on Aug. 24, 2006. He was 76 years old.

Morris was born in McLouth, Kan., where his father and uncles were carpenters and built a large portion of McLouth. At the age of six, he and his family moved to the Bay area of California.

In high school Morris met his future bride, Ethel May Todd. They had six children together: Jennifer, Sandra, Timothy, Clifford, Mourna and James.

Morris worked as a glazier for over 20 years as Ethel provided loving care for their children as a

homemaker. In 1961 Morris and his family moved to the small town of Morgan Hill, Calif., and worked at his father's egg ranch. Ethel became involved in the local community choir as well as the church choir.

Morris and Ethel eventually divorced but remained close friends. With four of his children and Ethel living in the Flathead area, he ended up relocating to Kalispell in 1992, where he lived in retirement and enjoyed collecting coins, stamps, miniature trains, old recipes, and enjoyed Montana's beauty.

He is survived by six children, 15 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

He was deeply loved and will be deeply missed by all.

Florine 'Patrick' Box 81



Florine "Patrick" Box, 81, passed away on Thursday, April 6, 2006, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Patrick was born on Jan. 20, 1925, in Mercer, Pa., to Robert and Gladys McBride. She moved with her parents to New Mexico as a young child and later graduated from Albuquerque High School.

After completing nurses training, she became a very proud member of the U.S. Army Nursing Corps. On April 13, 1945, she married her childhood sweetheart, Ed, and they had 51 wonderful adventuresome years together, before he passed away in 1996.

After some years in the construction business in New Mexico, their lives took a different turn with the entry into the aviation business. During the next 32 years, Patrick and Ed enjoyed this industry which took them to Ohio, Texas, Idaho and Utah. In 1983, they retired to Bigfork, while still maintaining a home in Texas and later in Arizona.

Patrick and Ed were major supporters of many civic projects in Bigfork and the Flathead Valley including the Bigfork Center for the Performing Arts, the Bigfork Rod and Gun Club, and the Bigfork Community Trust.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, April 10, at the Bethany Lutheran Church in Bigfork, with the Rev. Jack Shan-non officiating.

Donations in lieu of flowers should be sent to the QRU, 810 Grand Ave., Bigfork, Montana 59911. Bigfork Funeral Home caring for the family.

Jerry L. Branch, 72



Jerry was born on Dec. 21, 1933, to Ida Margaret and Elmer Loyd Branch. He grew up in Enumclaw, Wash. His youth was spent enjoying the outdoors and mischief with older brother, Marvin and younger sister, Mavis. He spent many hours on his horse, Peanuts, playing his harmonica while exploring the woods. His father instilled in him a strong work ethic while he worked for the family logging company.

As a young adult, he served his country as a Naval air traffic controller during the Korean War. He returned home to marry his high school sweetheart, Sylvia Blaker.

While starting his family, he pursued his dreams of becoming a geologist, graduating with a master's degree from the University of Washington in 1958. His career took him on an adventure that included working for Humble Oil Company in Texas and becoming a candidate for NASA during the Apollo Program. He always dreamed of becoming an independent oil and gas producer and when his "tie wouldn't tie" one morning, he abruptly left the corporate world, packed up his pregnant wife, three kids and began a journey that took him to Shelby in 1965.

He was a consulting geologist while he and his wife started Branch Oil and Gas Company. He was an extremely hardworking man and during the lean times, worked in the oil patches in the Yukon Territory, often during subzero winter. He also worked for the Strategic Air Command, going across the United States and mapping sites for the MX Missile System.

Through his extensive research

and mapping skills, he was able to build the business to become one of the top independent natural gas producers in the State of Montana.

Jerry shared his love of the outdoors, traveling, camping, hunting, fishing, and exploring the San Juan Islands (Washington) with his wife, Cindy. He passed this love as well as the importance of family values, education, hard work and being a good steward of the land on to his children and grandchildren.

On July 8, 2006, "the Lord called Jerry home."

He was preceded in death by his father, mother and his first wife, Sylvia, and her parents.

Survivors include his wife, Cindy (Dills) of Columbia Falls; daughters, Shelby and Shawn Akane of Seeley Lake, Jeni and Dan Frank of Whitefish, and Valenna and Jim Becker of Shelby; and son, Colby and Jill Branch of Billings. He is also survived by 11 treasured grandchildren; brother, Marvin and Joyce Branch of Enumclaw, Wash., and a sister, Mavis and Dick Scott of Thompson Falls; and many loving nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, July 15, at the United Methodist Church in Shelby. Pastor Dolly Collins will officiate.

An additional service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, July 17, at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls. Pastor Terry Forke will officiate.

Memorials are suggested to the Montana Hope Project for the Terminally Ill Children. Montana Hope Project, P.O. Box 5927, Helena, Montana 59604.

Jerry's personality was larger than life to those who loved him. He and his sense of humor will be missed greatly, but we thank the Lord for giving us such a wonderful husband, father and friend.

Mollie Rhea Stamp Brew.

Mollie Brew-er died quietly in her sleep Nov. 24, 2006, at her home in Forsyth.



She was born in 1931 to Mary Virginia Rhea, the daughter

of Hildred and Lee Rhea of Tongue River, and lived for her first five years at the SH Ranch. After the death of her mother, and needing a place to live in order to enter school, she was moved to Miles City, where she lived with Harry and Edna Stamp. She was placed in school with the name Mollie Rhea Stamp. She was adopted by the Stamps but maintained a relationship with her father, Lee Rhea, and his second wife, Doris Bembrick Rhea.

Mollie was a graduate of Macalester College in St. Paul, Minn., and completed her graduate work at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis.

She married Roy Richardson, and from that union were born three children, Beth Allison Barnett of Kalispell, Jessica Eubanks of New York City, and Adam Richardson of Roseville, Minn.; and grandchildren, Ian Martin Allison of Minneapolis and Paige Rhea Allison of Kalispell.

Before becoming a ranch wife, Mollie was employed by the St. Paul school system, first as a teacher of English and speech, then as a teacher of the deaf, then as school audiologist, and finally as consultant in special education. She was an early advocate for the inclusion of signs and finger spelling into the oral program.

In 1970, Mollie married Walter Brewer Jr., and moved to the family ranch at Powderville. His children were Ben, Tom, Linda, Walter Thomas, Margaret Mary, Miriam Elizabeth and Harrison Lee.

In 1979, the Brewers acquired property in North Mississippi and divided their time between the two homes. During these

Lieselotte "Lilo" Dorothea Brander, 79, passed away Sunday, July 2, 2006, at Immanuel Lutheran Home.

She was born May 8, 1927, in Berlin, Germany.

She was an only child in a family that was trapped in World War II. Lilo came to the United States as the bride of a serviceman. She brought her own mother to the U.S. in the 1950s.

Lilo and her husband, Herbert Brander, married March 8, 1958. They lived with their seven children in Pennsylvania, near Pittsburgh.

In 1969, Herb moved his family to Kalispell, where the couple raised their children and Lilo lived out the rest of her life.

After the death of her husband in 1976, Lilo raised her five youngest children in their home on the Stillwater River. She was the kitchen manager at the Elks Club and at the Finish Line restaurant. She was dedicated to the family and was involved in all of their activities. She was a member of the German Club and Trinity Lutheran Church.

Lilo's interests include German music, cooking and entertaining. She is famous for her delicious sauerbraten. She was an avid knit-



ter. Each birthday and Christmas, the family could expect to receive a new pair of booties, mittens or a blanket.

Once she was retired, she traveled to the homes of her children, going to Alaska, California, Pennsylvania, Florida, Illinois, Texas and even Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. Nothing gave her more enjoyment than to be with family and friends. She will be missed and loved by all who knew her.

Lilo was preceded in death by her husband and parents. She is survived by seven children: Heidi Evans and husband, Mickey, of Lakeland, Fla.; Delores Clay of Kalispell, Gwynn Bramer and husband, Rob, of Sterling, Ill.; Karin Stark and husband, Wade, of Fairbanks, Alaska, Kevin Brander and wife, Leslie, of Temecula, Calif.; Ralph Brander of Kalispell, and Roger Brander of Missoula; 16 grandchildren: Michael, Danielle, Anita, Jimmy, Niel, Brian, Grant, Drake, Kyla, Abbey, Josh, Kiel, Julia, Heather, Shelby Lee, and Jenna Jean; and five great-grandchildren.

Graveside services for Lilo will be at 11 a.m. Friday, July 7, at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be from noon to 6 p.m. Thursday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel.

The family suggests memorial gifts be given to Immanuel Lutheran Home at 185 Crestline Ave., Kalispell, 59901, or to Home Options Hospice at 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell, 59901.

years, Bud and Mollie raised registered English pointers that were run in the field trials at Grand Junction, Tenn., restored a pre-Civil War farmhouse, and Mollie developed an antique business, "Fine Idea," and was active in the civic and artistic life of College Hill and Oxford.

Together she and Bud developed the farm, restored tillable acres, and planted and tended a large orchard. They designed outbuildings including a shop, kennel and a large all-purpose building that housed two offices, storage space and a pleasant apartment for visiting children and friends.

During these years Mollie was the primary caregiver during surgery and illness for Harry and Edna Stamp, and Lee and Doris Rhea. She also cared for Bud Brewer during his long and courageous battle with cancer. Bud died at home in Mississippi in September 1999. His ashes were interred at the ranch at Powderville in July 2000.

In fall 2000, Mollie moved to Kalispell to be near her daughter Beth. During her stay in Kalispell she was active in the community and church, and enjoyed entertaining in her restored apartment in the historic Opera House.

Mollie moved to Forsyth in fall 2005. Having had successful back surgery, she resumed an active life, enjoyed new friends, and renewed ties with friends in Miles City and Powderville.

Mollie enjoyed outdoor activities. She enjoyed theater, music and art, as well as cooking, reading and travel, and was always involved in her church and community wherever she lived. She loved life.

Per Mollie's request, cremation has taken place, and services are planned for a later date. Stevenson and Sons Funeral Home, Forsyth, has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.stevensonandsons.com.

James M. Brantner, 84

James M. Brantner, 84, of Polson, died Sunday, Feb. 5, 2006, at his home in Polson.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley, of Polson; daughters, Mabrey Lee Henry of Lewiston, Idaho, and Linda LaBonty-Snyder of St. Ignace; and sons, John LaBonty of Glasgow, and Dennis LaBonty of Logan, Utah.

A military memorial service will be held at 2 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 21, at the Polson Community Church, with the Rev. Richard Widerholdt, military chaplain, officiating. Cremation has taken place.

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

Thomas Dalton 'Tom' Bright, 80

Thomas Dalton "Tom" Bright, 80, passed away on Monday, April 10, 2006, at Health Center Northwest in Kalispell.



He was born on Feb. 22, 1926, at Centralia, Ill., the son of John W. and Elizabeth (Knight) Bright.

He attended schools in Peoria, Ill. and San Diego, Calif.

He entered the U.S. Marine Corps in 1943, and served in World War II where he was a member of the 3rd Marine Division, and served in the Asiatic

Pacific Area, the Solomon Islands, Marshall Islands, Mariana Islands and the Volcano Islands. He was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation. He also participated in action against the Japanese on Guam and Iwo Jima. He is credited with the capture of the first Japanese prisoner on Guam. He toured in Vietnam where he received the Bronze Star.

On May 25, 1951, he was united in marriage to Margaret Grover at Williams Air Force Base at Chandler, Ariz. Following his discharge from the Marines, he entered the U.S. Air Force and proudly made the next 26 years his career. He worked as a panel engineer on B-29 Bombers and was also a member of the 52nd Air Rescue Squad. He was stationed on many different duty stations including Newfoundland and Taiwan. His last duty was at Ellsworth Air Force Base in South Dakota from which he retired in 1973 as a senior master sergeant.

He and Marge moved to San Antonio, Texas, where Tom began a career of selling real estate. Following a vacation to the Flathead Valley, they loved the area so much they decided to relocate

to Kalispell in 1975. He was a licensed hearing aid specialist and worked for Chuck Olson Real Estate for many years.

He loved the outdoors and was an avid hunter and fisherman. He also was a very talented woodworker and was a past member of the Artists and Craftsmen of the Flathead Valley. Many of his products have found homes all over the world.

He was a member of the Knights of Columbus where he was a 3rd & 4th degree Knight; a member of the National Rifle Association; the Whitefish Rifle Range and a devout member of St. Matthew's Parish.

He was preceded in death by his son, John Dalton Bright, on April 29, 1984; eight little babies; his parents, John W. and Elizabeth Bright; and a sister, Joy Raney.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret "Marge" Bright of Kalispell; a sister, Joan Ackmann of Elgin, Ill.; two nieces, Rhonda Finke and husband, David, of Paducah, Ky., and Barbara Mars of Nashville, Tenn.; two nephews, Dale Raney and Eric Raney, both of Illinois; and numerous other nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Mass of Christian burial will be 12:10 p.m. on Tuesday, April 18, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church, with Father Vic Langhans as celebrant. A Committal will follow the services at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, April 17 with a Rosary service following at 7 p.m. at the Johnson Mortuary Chapel.

The family suggests that any donations be made to: John Bright Memorial Fund, St. Matthew's Catholic Church, 601 Sixth Ave. W., Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

William 'Bill' Sydney Briner, 89

William "Bill" Sydney Briner, 89, formerly of Kalispell, died May 3, 2006, in Santa Barbara, Calif.

He worked as a plumber for many years in the Flathead Valley.

Bill is survived by his wife, Alice; his six children,

Dan Briner, Sharon Grunt, Richard Briner and Nancy James, all of Santa Barbara; Rosie Wagner of Lodi, Calif.; and Steve Briner of Kalispell.

A memorial service was held May 12 at Living Faith Center in Santa Barbara.

Blanche Eileen Brist, 84

Blanche Eileen Brist, 84, passed away Friday, Dec. 22, 2006 in her daughter's home in Tacoma, Wash.



Blanche was born April 18, 1922, in the family farmhouse near Verwood, Saskatchewan, to Sanford and Winifred Leibrand. Sandy broke sod in Saskatchewan with oxen, and later with horses near Scobey, during the Depression. The Leibrand family moved to the Flathead Valley in 1937.

Blanche married Freeman Brist on June 5, 1941. They had 61 years together before Freeman passed away April 18, 2002. They spent most of their years together on the family ranch near Kalispell, where they raised their five children. After retirement, they had seven years together in Sun City, Ariz. Shortly after Freeman's death, Blanche relocated to the Renaissance Retirement Home in Tacoma, Wash., to be near her daughter, Joyce.

She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and friend. She enjoyed being a homemaker in every respect. Her favorite pastime was writing to her many friends all over the world. She also enjoyed knitting and making quilts and afghans, especially for her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Prior to her husband's death, they enjoyed traveling to many parts of the world enjoying fellowship with God's people. She made scrapbook journals of their travels and other significant events.

In addition to her husband, Blanche was preceded in death by sisters, Margaret and Muriel; brother, George; and granddaughter, Carrie Holladay.

She is survived by two sons, Lyle and Mary Brist of Happy's Inn, and Glen and Tanya Brist of Ashley Lake; three daughters, Joyce and Leonard Wright of Tacoma, Julia Brist of Great Falls, and Jeanne and Cedric Coolahan of Broadus; brothers, Bob Leibrand of Washington, and Albert Leibrand of Oregon; sisters, Ruth Harris of Wolf Point and Eileen Reed of Oregon; 10 grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 30, 2006, at the Expo Center in Kalispell. Guests are invited to remain for a potluck immediately after services. Burial will follow at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 1 to 6 p.m. Friday at Johnson Mortuary.

Maribelle Violet Brist, 85

Maribelle Violet Brist, our beautiful red-haired mother and grandmother passed away on Jan. 26, 2006, from a major stroke.



She was born April 10, 1920, in Cumberland, Wis., and later moved to Kalispell. At age 11, she was placed in the Twin Bridges Orphanage, returning to Kalispell at age 16, where she later graduated from Flathead County High School.

Soon after graduating she met and married Ellis Wicklund and moved to Salt Lake City, where she gave birth to two daughters, Phyllis and Jeannette.

In 1944, the family moved to Eugene, Ore., where Harvey was soon born. The family lived in Metaline Falls, Wash., from 1945 until 1948, leaving just six months after her third daughter, Ellen, was born.

One snowy day in December, Maribelle and Ellis packed up their four children and left for Kalispell where a job awaited Ellis at the nearby Hungry Horse Dam, which was under construction.

Maribelle brought her second son, Roger, into the world in 1949.

Aug. 16, 1950, was a sad day for the Wicklund Family when Ellis suffered a fatal fall on the job and Maribelle became a widow with five young children ranging from 11 months to 10 years old. She worked hard supporting her family on her own, always putting her children first.

In 1955, Maribelle and Tom Brist fell in love and were married shortly after. The couple

made the family complete with a fourth daughter, Joan, in 1957.

Maribelle adored fishing with Tommy and she sometimes caught the most fish!

Maribelle especially enjoyed gardening. She provided her family with bountiful food from her garden — not only in the summer, but preserved beautifully in jars for the year around. Everyone she met throughout her life enjoyed her sense of humor and gentle spirit. Maribelle was truly a blessing.

Maribelle was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas E. Brist; son, Harvey Wicklund; daughter, Phyllis Wicklund; and grandson, Steven Hinrichsen.

Her son Roger Wicklund; daughters-in-law, Sharon Wicklund and Judy Wicklund; daughters, Jeannette Wicklund, Ellen Wicklund, Joan Morse and son-in-law, Dennis Morse; grandchildren, Greg, Michael, and Richard Hinrichsen, Lynda Rygmyr, William Goetter, Scott, Paul, and Mark Wicklund, Shelli Thomas, Jamie Rose, Michael Houchins and Holly Bude, Brandon, Austin, Dion, Dawson and Alex Morse; and 19 great-grandchildren survive her.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to noon Monday, Jan. 30, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Burial will take place at 1 p.m. at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery, followed by a 2 p.m. memorial service at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 400 West California St. in Kalispell. Friends and family are invited to attend a reception and celebration of Maribelle's life at the Moose Lodge, 2158 U.S. 2 East in Kalispell, directly following the memorial service.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Wayne Donald Britt, 47

because he wouldn't until he was sure you knew you were loved by him. His mission in life was to be sure his mom was OK and that he knew where his brothers and sisters were.

Wayne was preceded in death by his hero and dad, John Britt Jr.; brothers, Ricky and Ross Britt; a sister, Sharon Rios; and his precious baby, John Richard Britt, IV.

He is survived by his mother, Miriam Foot; his "Poppa," Frank Foot; four brothers, Lloyd Waller, Steven Waller and his wife Mona, Randy Britt, and his wife Nancy; Ryan Britt and his wife Nancy; five sisters, Cynthia Whitbeck, Lynne Cook and her husband Steven, Judy Mason, Pat Meznarich and Pam Britt; and by many nieces and nephews. "We all miss him."

Private family services will be held at a later date. The family suggests that any memorial contributions be sent to the Brain Injury Association of Montana, 1280 S. 3rd West, Suite 4, Missoula, MT 59801. Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for Wayne's family.



Wayne Donald Britt, 47, died Thursday, Oct. 26, 2006, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center, following a work-related accident.

Wayne left us suddenly on Thursday to be with his hero, his father. Wayne was born in Billings on April 22, 1959, to Miriam (Britt) Foot and John Britt. He joined many sisters and brothers on that day. "Waynie" to those of us who he left behind was an adorable baby, even winning the cutest baby contest in Roundup, where he grew up.

His three most important things in life were his karaoke, his guitar and selling siding and roofing. These were only outshined by his love for the "Lord Jesus and his all-important family, who he loved so very, very much." He was often heard to say, "I love you so much" to whoever was next to him or wrapped in his arms. When he hugged you, you had to be the first one to let go.

Belva Magdalyn Strand Brosten, 85

Belva Magdalyn Strand Brosten died Aug. 7, 2006, in Lewistown.

Belva was born July 9, 1921, at Grenora, N.D., to Meinert and Beulah Caldwell Strand. She lived on her father's homestead at Fortuna, N.D., until at the age of five when the family moved to the Flathead Valley. She attended Mountain Brook School for six years where her mother was a teacher. She attended Central Junior High School in Kalispell. She graduated from Flathead County High School in Kalispell in 1938.

She married Henry Brosten Oct. 8, 1940, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Kalispell. They lived most of their married life in the Swan River community.

She was active in community affairs, a 4-H leader for 27 years, a longtime member of Bethany Lutheran Church and the Sons of Norway. She was a faithful and tireless volunteer.

Her special interests were history, genealogy, quilt making and education. She wrote the book "Swan River Echoes," a history of the Swan River community and organized the Swan River School Centennial Celebration

in 1993. She was also instrumental in organizing family get-togethers and family reunions. She made two trips to Norway to visit family.

She was proud that all five of her children are college graduates.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Henry; an infant son, Mark Chandler Brosten; and her brother, Milfred Strand.

Surviving children are Deanna Conley, Arne Brosten, Rodrik Brosten, all of Bigfork, Henrik Brosten of Lewiston, Idaho, and Kariena Brosten of Arlington, Wash.; grandchildren, Bryan Conley of Renton, Wash., Delia Conley of Seattle, Mark Brosten of Missoula, Troy Brosten of Boise, Idaho, and Jessie Chism of Galveston, Texas; great-grandchildren, Katherine, Shane and Benjamin; niece, Regina Houston of Bigfork; nephew, Terrence Strand of Kalispell.

Inurnment will be 2 p.m. Sept. 1 at Bethany Lutheran Cemetery. Memorial service will follow at 3 p.m. at Bethany Lutheran Church in Bigfork.

Memorials may be made to Bethany Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 398, Bigfork, MT 59911, or donor's choice.

Belva Jolene 'Jo' Brockel, 73

day school teacher, and for many a surrogate mother/grandmother. In 1997 she was honored by being named First Lady of Whitefish.

With the birth of her grandsons, Joel and Kellen, Jo became a super sports booster. She could be seen at any of the sports the boys were playing; golf, soccer, football, baseball and basketball — Jo and Lee were named Fans of the Year, by Whitefish Bulldog Basketball in 1999. Many kids in Whitefish will always remember "Grandma Jo" for always having the bubble gum, sunflower seeds and the Powerade and she always supported her kids for their efforts, win or lose.

Jo was preceded in death by her father; four sisters, Nancy, Karen, Janet and Kay; and an infant son, John William Brockel. She is survived at the family home by her loving husband of 50 years; her mother, Earlene; and sister, Kathy Paul, of Whitefish; daughters, Vickie and Teri and son-in-law, Conway Sunell, in Eugene, Ore.; grandsons, Joel and Kellon Barranger, in Portland; numerous nieces and nephews; and by many extended family members and friends.

Memorial services for Jo will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, June 30, at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish with Terry Abell and Bob DePratu officiating.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations be made to the Whitefish Booster Club in care of Whitefish High School.

Belva Jolene Brockel, 73, "Jo" to her friends and family, passed way of natural causes, June 26, 2006, at her home in Whitefish.

She was born June 25, 1933, in Wapato, Wash., the daughter of John Robert and Earlene Olive Paul. The family moved to Whitefish where she lived most of her 73 wonderful years and always considered Whitefish home.

On Jan. 15, 1956, Jo married Lee Brockel and they worked together at Lincoln Cleaners, eventually purchasing the business in 1970. Together they successfully and relentlessly served the community until they retired in 2000.

Through the years Jo was active in many organizations in the community. She was involved for many years in bowling as a league bowler, league and association secretary, and held many bowling records for several years.

With husband Lee, she was committed to the Whitefish Volunteer Fire Department. Jo was a dedicated fireman's wife for 20 years. From making calls to serving coffee, to keeping the business running, as well as waiting up at all hours of the day or night to support her husband. There was, of course, her mandatory potato salad at the annual Fireman's Picnic.

Jo also participated in the Jaycees and the Whitefish Winter Carnival where she helped organize the original infamous Yetis. Jo was a Girl Scout leader, Sun-

Lester 'Red' Brothers, 69

Lester "Red" Brothers, 69, died Sunday, March 12, 2006, from natural causes at his home in Libby.

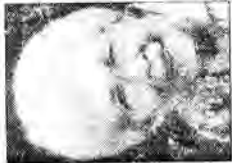
He had worked for J. Neil's Lumber Company, St. Regis Paper Co., Champion International and Stimson Lumber Co.

Survivors include his wife, Carol, of Libby; and nine children, Don Brothers, Marianne Orr, Les Brothers, Kenny

Brothers and Traci Bauer, all of Libby, Channy Payne of Blairsville, Ga., Julie Luce of Palmer, Alaska; Shane Brothers of Kennewick, Wash., and Staci Manson of Spokane. Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 16, at the Libby Christian Church in Libby. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Wednesday. Arrangements are by the Nelson and Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

Edna Pickering Bruce, 91

Edna Pickering Bruce, 91, passed away of natural causes Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2006, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.



She was born July 14, 1914, in Cheyenne, Wyo., the daughter of Martha Agnes Terry Pickering and Edward Glenn Pickering. Edna attended grade school in Clinton. She graduated from Florence Carlton High School. When she was 21, she married Ray Bruce and adopted his four daughters.

Another daughter was born to

this family. Edna was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; her brothers, Terry and Richard; and her sister, Margaret Whitney.

Also preceding her in death were her daughter, Adele Bruce Zink; and a son-in-law, Loren Gerdes. She was loved and is mourned by her daughters and their spouses, Bonnie and Bill Burgess, Betty Bruce, James Zink, Shirley Gerdes, and Martha and Eugene Johnson, as well as 20 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Friday, Feb. 3, at Montana Crema-tion and Memorial Society. Interment was in Sunset Memorial Cemetery in Missoula.

Florence (Lanfear) Bruce, 105

Florence (Lanfear) Bruce, 105, died on Friday, July 21, 2006, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell. She was born on July 16, 1901, in Carberry, Manitoba, to Hubert and Louise (Price) Lanfear.



Florence was one of nine children. The family moved to Fernie, British Columbia, and eventually across the Canadian border to a ranch at Gateway, Mont., which was flooded when Lake Koocanusa was formed. That is where she met George Bruce and they were married on July 22, 1919. They moved near Spokane where George worked in the woods.

George and Florence had two daughters. Their first daughter, Florence, "Flora," was born in Plummer, Idaho; their second daughter, Emiline, was born in Weippe, Idaho.

The family moved to a logging camp in Bay View, Idaho, and in 1927 to Montana, where they lived in camps in Kila, Ashley Creek, Brown's Meadow and Coon Hollow.

George passed away on June 27, 1964, and Florence continued to live in Kila.

Florence says she could do most anything, "but my favorite was horseback riding ... I could break horses with the best of them."

In later years she enjoyed cards, puzzles and reading the

newspaper, when her eyesight permitted.

She had been an active member of the Bible Presbyterian Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, George; daughter, Emeline; five sisters; three brothers; and two sons-in-law, Willis Lauman and William Kinniburgh.

She is survived by her daughter, Florence Lauman, of Somers; three grandchildren, Dale Lauman and his wife Lois of Lakeside, Dan Kinniburgh and his wife Carol of Marion, and Jerry Kinniburgh and his wife Janene of Marion; four great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Florence also leaves behind a "special" niece and nephew, Gordon and Evelyn Peters of Fernie, and niece Pearl Collinson, of Cranbrook, British Columbia. Gordon and Evelyn frequently came down to visit her and she always looked forward to their visits.

Graveside services for Florence Bruce will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, July 27, at Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, July 26, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel.

The family suggests memorials either to Home Options (Hospice), 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell, MT 59901; or Immanuel Lutheran Home, 185 Crestline Avenue, Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

Corinna Marie (Kager) Brubaker, 45



Corinna Marie (Kager) Brubaker, 45, passed away peacefully in her sleep on Friday, Nov. 3, 2006, at her home in Columbia Falls.

She was born April 8, 1961, in Anacortes, Wash., to Barbara and Robert E. Kager. She attended Conway Grade School and graduated from Mount Vernon High School in 1979.

Corinna married Timothy Brubaker on March 17, 1979. She has raised two children and just became a grandmother on June 18, 2006. She was a Girl Scout Leader for eight years in Mount Vernon, Wash.

The family moved to Montana in 1994. She worked in retail sales for the past 10 years.

Her interests were her spinning wheel where she spent uncountable hours making yarn for numerous projects for herself and others. She loved light-houses and carousels and orcas, all of which she has a large collection. She spent time with

the Flathead Spay & Neuter Task Force and was very active with Crossing the Barriers. She was always working on some community project. She loved animals and spent uncountable hours on pet forums.

Corinna is survived by her parents, Barbara and Robert E. Kager; of Mount Vernon; her husband of more than 27 years, Timothy Brubaker, of Columbia Falls; her daughter, Clarissa and Roger McCallister; her son, Benjamin Brubaker; her granddaughter, Charity Jean McCallister; a brother, Robert W. Kager of Plummer, Idaho; many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews in the Northern Puget Sound area. She also leaves behind her assorted "fur kids."

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, at the Assembly of God Church in Columbia Falls.

The family has suggested that memorials be made to the Flathead Spay & Neuter Task Force, P.O. Box 2095, Whitefish, MT 59937.

Arrangements are with the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

Stephen C. 'Steve' Brown, 59

Stephen C. "Steve"

Brown, 59, died Thursday, Nov. 9, 2006, at Mountain View Manor in Eureka following a lengthy battle with MS.

He worked as a logger throughout the northwestern part of the state and later worked at the Columbia Falls Aluminum Plant and for Stoltz Lumber.

He is survived by his children, Tony Brown and Tan-

ya Radabah, both of Columbia Falls; and his mother, Velma Brown, of Kalispell. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the Nelson and Vial Funeral Home in Eureka.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Eureka with Rev. Christ Tabbert officiating. Interment will follow at Tobacco Valley Cemetery.

Richard Rich Lee Bucher, 62

Richard Lee "Rich" Bucher, 62, passed away in Great Falls on July 30, 2006.

Richard spent his early years with his family in small communities around the Great Falls area. After his discharge from the Air Force, Rich lived briefly in California, then returned to his home state of Montana. Kalispell was Richard's home for many years.

Family was very important to Rich, and he recently returned to Great Falls to be closer to his family.

He is survived by his brothers, Charles and Steve of Vaughn, and Bradford of Virginia Beach, Va., and their families; and many nieces and nephews.

Richard was an advocate and spokesperson for his needs and wishes and for others who have disabilities. Many local and state agencies benefited from his volunteer work.

He gave his time and talents to

Northwest Montana Mental Health, NAMI, United Way of Flathead County, Warm Springs Medication Review Committee, Managed Care Oversight Committee, and People 1st of Montana.

Richard gave thousands of hours of volunteer time to the Special Friends Advocacy Program. His dedication and talents were instrumental in the growth of services for people who have developmental disabilities.

A memorial tribute will take place at 4:30 p.m. Aug. 23 at the Woodland Park Pavilion in Kalispell. A barbecue will be afterward.

Richard requested that memorial donations be made to the Special Friends Advocacy Program, 313 Second Ave. W., Kalispell, MT 59901.

Dale M. Buck, 91

Dale M. Buck, 91, of Columbia Falls, passed away Sunday, Dec. 10, 2006, at Colonial Manor in Whitefish. Dale was born May 24, 1915, in Moore, Minn., to Dudley and Lydia Buck; he was the last of nine children.

He was preceded in death by his parents; eight siblings; and his first wife, Frances.

He is survived by his wife, Lorna; 80 descendants, including nine children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-

grandchildren; and his faithful son and best friend, Stanley Buck, of Columbia Falls; also Jim, Barb and Linda, all of Minnesota; and Gary of Missoula.

He will be sadly missed by all of us.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 14, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, with the Rev. Jerry Buchanan officiating.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Beulah Catherine Chapman Buck, 91

Beulah Catherine Chapman Buck, 91, formerly of Columbia Falls, passed away March 22, 2006, in Auburn, Wash.

Beulah was born Sept. 11, 1914, in Makoti, N.D., to Frank and Grace Brassfield Chapman. In 1919, Beulah came to Kalispell with her parents and siblings. Beulah was educated in Kalispell, graduating from Flathead County High School in 1934.

Beulah married Howard V. Buck of Creston on June 1, 1938, in Kalispell. They lived a few years on the Buck homestead in Creston, before moving to a farm south of Columbia Falls. Howard and Beulah ran Howard Buck's Garden until Howard's death in 1979. They were charter members of the First Baptist Church of Columbia Falls, Beulah being the longest living charter member. Beulah and Howard raised five children, Loretta, Barbara, Howard Jr., Keith and Mary.

In the early 1980s, Beulah moved to Kalispell. In August 1989, Beulah moved to Tacoma, Wash., and in January 2004, moved to Kent, Wash. She always missed Kalispell and wanted to return many times.

Beulah was preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Grace Brassfield Chapman; her husband, Howard V. Buck in 1979;

Beulah is survived by one sister, Jane and Dale Powell of Wilsonville, Ore.; two daughters, Barbara and Mick Michalson of Des Moines, Wash., and Mary and Mike Murphy of Las Vegas; one son, Keith Buck of Bellevue, Wash.; 11 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Beulah will be fondly remembered for her love to shop, travel, raise flowers, sew, and collect dolls, spoons, bells, dishes, music boxes and other things that caught her eye. She loved to work at crafts. In later years, due to failing eyesight and health, many of these joys for her became a thing of the past. Beulah had a sharp mind and was a wealth of information.

At her request, there will be no services at this time. A celebration of her life will be held later this summer at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell.

Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice. Klontz Funeral Home in Auburn, Wash., is caring for the family.

Frederick R. Buck Jr., 79



V.F.W.

He is preceded in death by his parents; one brother, and one sister.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Norma L. Buck, of Kalispell; two children, Doreen "Dody" Green and her husband, Raymond, of Billings, and Mark Buck and his wife, Jennifer, of Great Falls; three grandchildren, Kenton Green of Missoula, and Lindsey and Collin Buck, both of Great Falls.

Visitation will be from 2 to 6 p.m. today, Dec. 5, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 6, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, with the Rev. Drew Buckner officiating. Cremation will be after the service.

The family requests in lieu of flowers memorials in Frederick's name be sent to Care Team Ministries c/o Immanuel Lutheran Home, 185 Crestline Ave., Kalispell, MT 59901.

A reception will be after the funeral at the Eagles Lodge in Kalispell.

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

George William 'Bill' Buck, 76

George William "Bill" Buck, 76, died Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2006, at Providence St. Peters Hospital in Olympia, Wash. He was born on Dec. 16, 1929, in Kalispell, the son of George Edward and Gladys June (Hopkins) Buck.



He was raised in Kalispell and started traveling around the world after attending Montana State University. He worked for many years in dam construction as paymaster, starting with the Hungry Horse Dam and Libby Dam. He also worked at Glen Canyon in Arizona, Cougar, Green Peter and Foster — Sweet Home in Oregon. He also worked in Alaska and Utah.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1953-1955 and visited several wonderful places such as Italy, Germany, France, Ireland, Wales, Belgium, Scotland, England, Switzerland and the Netherlands.

He later worked for many years in the logging industry, also in the payroll department. He retired in 1991 to his farm near Olympia, where he had a

small orchard and raised Christmas trees.

He enjoyed traveling, the outdoors, fishing and hunting and also collected stamps and coins, but his real love was being a gardener and gentleman farmer raising a few cows and chickens.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by two daughters, Heather Loraine "Lori," of Washington, and Patricia June Buck, of Oklahoma; two sisters, Marilyn Eggbert of Arizona, and Shirley Arnold of California; three grandchildren; and a special friend, Linda Miller, of Washington.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Oct. 30, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel, with Pastor John Weber officiating. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 9 a.m. until service time Monday, Oct. 30.

The family suggests that any memorial contributions be sent to the American Cancer Society, 3550 Mullan Road, Suite 105, Missoula, MT 59808.

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

Wiley A. 'Buck' Buckner, 83

Wiley A. "Buck" Buckner, 83, died Monday, Dec. 4, 2006, at St. John's Lutheran Hospital from natural causes.

Survivors include children, Randy Buckner of

Libby, and Yvonne Buckner of Arizona.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, at the Nelson and Vial Funeral Home in Libby. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Friday.

Thomas Edward Burch Jr., 76

Survivors include his daughters, Anne Brissette of Austin, Texas, and Barbara Kroenke of Death Valley, Calif.

Services will be held at a later date.

Thomas Edward Burch Jr., 76, of Eureka, died Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2006, at Mountain View Manor in Eureka from natural causes.

He was a heavy equipment operator, logger and auto mechanic.

John Henry 'Ted' Burcham, 99

John Henry "Ted" Burcham, 99, passed away Sunday, Jan. 22, 2006, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

He was born July 23, 1906, at Knox, N.D., the son of Marion Robert and Margaret (Bradford) Burcham. Ted received his education in North Dakota. He worked on farms in North Dakota and Montana in his younger years.

Ted joined the Civilian Conservation Corps in 1934, was encamped in Southern California, Olney and Montana. He later worked in the woods as a sawyer and catskinner for 35 years. Then he went to work for Glacier Concrete for 10 years. It was located on Fifth Avenue East across from where he lived.

He enjoyed gardening, and cutting and selling firewood. In later years he repaired and sold lawnmowers. Ted enjoyed a good deer hunt. He also enjoyed dancing and bowling and traveled in his pickup



camper.

He was preceded in death by his parents; first wife, Anna E. Swenson Burcham; two daughters, Carolyn E. Burcham, and Shirley J. Bowers; one sister, Ethel Egbert Garner; and four brothers, Maynard, Jim, Casey and Sherman Burcham.

Ted is survived by his partner of many years, Ruth Burcham, of Kalispell; three sons, Kenneth L. Burcham of Great Falls, Gene S. Burcham of Sea Tac, Wash., and Marvin F Burcham of Kalispell; one daughter, Earlene M. Burcham, of Estacada, Ore.; sisters, Elsie Watson of Arlington, Wash., and Charolette Baumgart of Minot, N.D.; 15 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; and 16 great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 27, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 26, at Johnson Mortuary. Burial will be afterward at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

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

Earl R. Burger, 89

Earl R. Burger, 89, of Libby, died Saturday, April 1, 2006, at St. John's Lutheran Hospital from natural causes. He worked in construction for many years.

Survivors include his wife, Pearl, of Libby; sons, Linnis Burger of Libby, and LeRoy Burger of Boise, Idaho; and

daughters, Sylvia of Sioux Falls, S.D., Karen, Audrey Embler of Deer Park, Wash., and Anette of Mission, Texas. Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, April 6, at the Libby Christian Church.

Arrangements are by the Nelson and Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

Violet Widdifield Burk, 88

Violet Widdifield Burk, 88, passed away peacefully in her sleep with family by her side Oct. 27, 2006.



She was born Aug. 18, 1918, in Lambert, Mont., to Ella and James Hawley. She married Andy Widdifield on Dec. 15, 1940, in Fairview, and they were married for 40 years until Andy's passing in 1980. In 1989, Violet married Gib Burk of Olney, and they honeymooned in Arizona, seeing Violet's brother. They enjoyed 18 wonderful years together in Whitefish and traveled to Arizona during winters.

Violet worked at North Valley Hospital for years in the laundry department. For more than 30 years, she was an active member of the Whitefish Moose Lodge. Both Gib and Violet were avid campers and spent many weekends camping with friends and Moose members. Violet's life was spent enjoying her six children and their families. Violet was an amazing wife, Mom, Grandma, and friend. She will be deeply missed and will

live on in our hearts forever.

Violet was preceded in death by her parents, Ella and James Hawley; her brother, Dale Hawley; her sister, Lucille Ulrich; her first husband, Andy Widdifield; and two grandsons, Dwayne Slocum and Michael Widdifield.

She is survived by her husband, Gib; her two brothers and their families, Curt Mavity and Gary Mavity; her six children and their families, Chuck Widdifield of Alaska, Shirley Stoner of Arizona, Sylvia Slocum of Arizona, Andy Widdifield Jr. of Whitefish, Don Widdifield of California, and Ella Kerr of Spokane; 19 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. today, Oct. 30, at Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. Funeral services will take place at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 31, at Austin Funeral Home with cemetery services at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Reception will be after cemetery services at Whitefish Moose Lodge.

In lieu of flowers, family requests donations to breast cancer or heart research associations of their choice, or to the Whitefish Moose Lodge.

Vernon J. 'Vern' Byrer, 90

Vernon J. "Vern" Byrer, 90, a longtime resident of the Kootenai Valley, died Saturday, Feb. 4, 2006, at the Libby Care Center.

He had owned and operated Vern's Auto Repair Shop for many years before retiring. Survivors include his children, Dale Byrer of Libby,

Charlene Alexander of Buford, Ga., and Jim Byrer of Lewis-ton, Idaho.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Feb. 13, and from 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Feb. 14, at Nelson and Vial Funeral Home in Libby. Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the city of Libby Cemetery.

Marylenn L. Burton, 62

Marylenn L. Burton, 62, passed away July 22, 2006, in Kalispell.

Marylenn was born July 16, 1944, in Portland. She graduated from Costa Mesa High School in 1960.

Marylenn was a wonderful wife and mother who loved God with a whole heart.

She is survived by her husband of 43 years, Raymond G. Burton; and five children, Kimberlea Lowe, Kelly G. Gann, Rebecca A. Burton, Sara L. Smith and Mikhael R. Burton; as well as 12 grandchildren.

Visitation for Marylenn will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Friday, July 28, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 29, at the Bigfork Chapel Assembly of God Church, with Pastor Richard Stuart officiating. Burial will be afterward at Swan View Memorial Gardens.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.



Donald Tibbits Burtch, 84

Donald Tibbits Burtch, a former resident of Kalispell, passed away of cancer at his home in Flames City, Fla., on Dec. 5, 2006. He was born May 26, 1922, in Rome, N.Y., to Clarence F. and Bessie Tibbits Burtch.

He attended Ithaca College before entering the Naval Air Corps where he served as an F-6F Hellcat pilot during World War II.

He married his childhood sweetheart, Katherine Virginia Krumbach, in Rome, N.Y., on Nov. 29, 1944. They raised two children near the St. Lawrence River in upstate New York before moving to Florida in 1965, then to Kalispell to be near their son and his family in 1979.

They later spent three years in Nuremberg, Germany, where he sold insurance to members of the military. They returned to Kalispell in 1988 where they resided until Don's retirement and move to Florida in 1999.

Don was a salesman for Syracuse Steel while in New York,



an investment banker marketing municipal bonds in Florida, and a salesman for Weissman's and Pacific Hide & Steel in Kalispell.

He was an avid golfer and enjoyed many years playing at Village Greens, Buffalo Hill and many other area courses. He continued to golf and work at Southern Dunes Golf & Country Club after moving to Florida. He was a member of St. Ann Catholic Church in Haines City.

Don is survived by his wife, Virginia, and daughter, Sue Chaney, at the family home; son, Don Burtch, and wife, Gwen, of Kalispell; four grandchildren, Kristi Burtch of Seattle, Chris Burtch and wife, Beth, of Lakeside, Diana Stowe of Birmingham, Ala., and Patrick Chaney and wife, Melissa, of Lake Wales, Fla.; and two great-grandchildren, Darren and Trenton Chaney, also of Lake Wales.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service with military honors was held on Dec. 12 at Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, Fla.

Contributions in Don's memory may be made to Hospice or to cancer research.