

## Johannes 'John' Antonsen Herset, 80

Johannes "John" Antonsen Herset, 80, passed away Monday, Jan. 2, 2006, at the Brendan House in Kalispell.



He was born Feb. 17, 1925, at Nesna, Helgeland, Norway, the son of Alf and Margit (Imsteren) Herset. He was raised with a brother and sister at Herset near Norway, where his dad made a living farming and selling fish caught in the ocean fjord. He was educated through the eighth grade, then began working for others doing carpenter work at the age of 15. At this time, Norway became occupied by the Nazis (World War II). Johannes was forced by the Nazis to leave his home to join the work force. His assignment was to build bunkers for the Germans. At great risk, he joined his fellow Norwegians in resistance.

After the war ended, Johannes said good-bye to his family in Norway, and immigrated to America in 1948 at age 24. He lived at Presho, S.D., working on an oil-drilling rig. A few years later, he moved to Rapid City, S.D., where he found his preferred work as a carpenter. He learned English by comparing texts with a Norwegian and English Bible and with lessons from a high-school teacher.

In 1954 Johannes was united in marriage at Zion Lutheran Church in rural Greenbush, Minn., to Ragnhild Isane, who also was a Norwegian immigrant. They began their married life in Rapid City, where he continued doing carpenter work for the company, Corner, Howe and Lee.

Johannes became a naturalized citizen of the United States on July 12, 1954. He was very proud

of his American citizenship, and loyal to his chosen country and its government. While in Rapid City, S.D., their four children were born (Allen, Sylvan, MaryAnn and Frederick). Wanting to relocate to the mountains, Johannes' family moved to Kila, 17 miles west of Kalispell, in 1965.

Johannes worked as a fourth partner with Sunset Builders, constructing many family homes in the Flathead Valley. In later years he did independent remodeling work until his retirement. In 1954 with the help of his sons, Sylvan and Allen, he built an A-frame house on 80 acres of forest land. He lived there for 40 years. He loved to fish for trout in his fish pond.

In his younger years, he enjoyed preparing Christmas trees to cut and sell from the family acreage. Johannes was an active member for many years at Stillwater Free Lutheran Church, until he became the primary caregiver for his wife. He loved his church and the spiritual leadership of various pastors. He served as deacon and trustee on the council. He also helped build the addition to the church in 1980.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his son, Frederick Herset; his brother, Author Herset; and sister, Marie Herset Imsteren.

John is survived by his wife, Ragnhild Herset, of Kalispell; two sons, Sylvan Herset of Kila, and Allen Herset of Kalispell; and a daughter, Mary Ann Rolf, of Valley City, N.D.

Memorial services for John will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 6, at the Stillwater Lutheran Church in Kalispell, with Pastor Tim Bartholomew officiating. There will be no visitation.

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

## Shiela Juanita Herzog, 34

Shiela Juanita Herzog, 34, of Stevensville, formerly of White Sulphur Springs, passed away Aug. 17, 2006.

"Shiela became our butterfly when the Lord came to take her home." After a long battle with illness, she is finally at peace.

Shiela was born July 18, 1972, in Great Falls, where she spent most of her life going between there and White Sulphur Springs. She moved to North Carolina, where she graduated from West Brunswick High School and returned to White Sulphur Springs.

She met Mark Herzog and they were married Dec. 10, 1994. Shiela, Mark and their three children, Alicia, Halie and Tristan, continued to make their home in White Sulphur Springs with a brief move to Alaska. They also spent a lot of time in Columbia Falls, a place Shiela fell in love with.

Shiela was involved with the school for many years. She spent five years working with Austin Clayton, whom she became deeply attached to. She took pride in her job and loved what she did.



Eventually the family moved to Stevensville and Shiela became involved in the after-school program.

Shiela was loved by many. She had a smile that would light up a whole room. She may have been little, but she had a big heart and lots of love to give. She will be missed by every life that she touched.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Lupe Deal.

She is survived by her husband, Mark, and children, Alicia, Halie, and Tristan, of Stevensville; her father, Floyd Elkins, of Great Falls; stepfather, Bill Deal, of White Sulphur Springs; brother and sisters, Manuel Trujillo of Helena, Mary and Gary Walter of White Sulphur Springs, Lita and Gary McDanel of Billings, Penny Trujillo of Albuquerque, N.M., Mike and Edwina Trujillo of Grants, N.M., Alex Trujillo of Helena, Jesse Elkins of Kentucky, and Tessa Elkins of Great Falls. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews whom she all loved very much.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 23, at Yoked Parish American Lutheran Church in White Sulphur Springs.

Twichel Funeral Home assisted the family with the services.

## Lillian Joyce Hibbs, 71

Lillian Joyce Hibbs, 71, died Monday, Feb. 6, 2006, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

She is survived by her husband, Roger Hibbs, of Cut Bank; and three sons, R. Wayne Hibbs and Rodney

Hibbs, both of Cut Bank, and Robert Ray Hibbs of Granbury, Texas.

Services are pending at this time. There will be no visitation.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for the family.

## Randolph Dean 'Randy' Hice, 38

Randolph Dean "Randy" Hice, 38, of White Swan, Wash., died Friday, June 2, 2006, as a result of an automobile-pedestrian accident.

Survivors include his mother, Raylene, and stepfather, Chuck Bowman of Columbia

Falls; and his two children, Zaccari and Kalah Hice, of Red Bluff, Calif.

There are no services planned at this time.

Johnson Mortuary & Crematory is caring for the family.

## Marjorie Ione Higgins, 83

Marjorie Ione Higgins died April 7, 2006, at her home in Troy.

She had been the postmaster in Bigfork and later Somers until her retirement.

Survivors include her son,

Ron Higgins.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. April 13, at the Christ Lutheran Church, 200 W. Larch, in Libby. A reception will be afterward at the Elks Lodge, 220 W. Fourth St., in Libby.

## John Higson, 70

John Higson, 70, passed away Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2006, at North Valley Hospital.

John was born July 31, 1936, in Columbia Falls. He was the youngest of four children which included Elizabeth Ramey, Robert Higson and Charles Higson. Also to include cousin Donna Tanaka whom the Hinsons raised from the age of 5. John was the son of late Harry and May Higson of Columbia Falls.

He graduated from Columbia Falls High School as a great football player, and started working at Plum Creek and then retired



from Columbia Falls Aluminum Company. He was avid bowler and enjoyed camping with his family.

He was survived by his three sons, Fred, Jeff, and Barry; sister Elizabeth; two brothers, Robert and Charles, and numerous nieces, and nephews.

"We will all miss him very much and remember him having a heart as big as the Montana valley he called home. We are sure whenever we hear the thunder roll it is John throwing a perfect bowling game he had always strived for."

Viewing will be from 1 to 5 p.m. today at Columbia Mortuary, and services will be graveside at Glacier Memorial Cemetery at 2 p.m. on Monday.

## June Hunter Hileman, 82

June Hunter Hileman, 82, of Libby, died Feb. 20, 2006, at home.

Survivors include children, Leslie Fletcher of Thompson Falls, Tom Hileman of Libby, and Todd Hileman of West

Glacier.

At her request, no service will be held.

Arrangements are by Nelson and Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

## Alice M. Preston Hill, 88

Alice M. Preston Hill, 88, died Friday evening at a Libby hospital.

Survivors include her husband, Dayton, a son, Ken Preston, and a daughter, Gloria Morrill, all of Libby; and stepchildren, Jim Hill and Jo Thompson of Helena, Don Hill of Libby, Gary Hill of Marion,

and Wayne Hill of Kalispell.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the First Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Wallace Smith officiating. Interment services will follow at the City of Libby Cemetery. Friends may call at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. today.

### **Dayton W. Hill, 81**

Dayton W. Hill, 81, died at the Libby Care Center on Nov. 1, 2006.

Survivors include his sons, Gary Hill of Marion, Don Hill of Libby, Jim Hill of Helena, and Wayne Hill of Kalispell; and daughter, Jo

Thompson, of Helena.

Private family services will be Saturday at the city of Libby cemetery.

Arrangements are by Nelson and Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

### **Edna V. Hill, 81**

Edna V. Hill, 81, of Trout Creek, died Wednesday, Sept. 27, 2006, after a long battle with cancer.

Services will take place at 1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 5,

at the Trout Creek School gymnasium.

Arrangements are under the direction of Bunch-Toews Funeral Chapels.

### **Nadyne Ellen Hill, 84**

Nadyne Ellen Hill, 84, died June 16, 2006, at her home in Bigfork.

She is survived by her three children; Larry Hill of Bigfork, Connie Jennings of Coronado,

Calif., and Gary Hill of Sparks, Nev.

Private family memorial services will be held at a later date.

Johnson Mortuary and Cremation is caring for the family.

Edward Loren Hines, "Ed" to his friends and family, 81, passed away early Monday morning, Sept. 25, 2006, at his home in Kalispell after a short battle with pancreatic cancer.



He was born Feb. 12, 1925, in Great Falls, to James Thomas and Jeanette (Swain) Hines. Ed was the seventh of seven children. His father was an engineer for the Great Northern Railway and spent much of his time in Shelby. Because there were seven children in the family, moving every one to Shelby was not a feasible option. As such, Ed spent his formative years in Great Falls, attending school locally all the way through his freshman year of high school.

In 1929, 11 years after "proving up," his mother returned to the family homestead in Flowerree, with her sons to begin farming again. The homestead soon became home for Ed during his summers off from school in Great Falls. He worked hard when he worked, but always found time in the evenings to play baseball with the local kids and brother Warren, and occasionally head to the river for a swim.

In January 1941, Ed moved on to Shelby and enrolled in high school there. He was a popular student and exemplary athlete. During his senior year in 1943-1944, he was captain of the football team and even starred in a school play. It was during this time that he met and fell for his future wife, Betty Jean Addy. Introduced through friends, the two quickly became an item.

In 1943, Ed learned he was being drafted into the Army. Because he was drafted during his senior year, the Army allowed him to complete his education, which he did in six months. Prior to shipping off to boot camp in February 1944, he married his high school sweetheart, Betty Jean, and even managed to get in a short honeymoon to Chicago.

Thankfully, Ed's time with the Army's newly formed Signal Corps division was relatively peaceful. After several months of training, stationed in Bournemouth, England, with the rest of the 3325th SIAM (Signal Information And Monitoring) Company, Ed made the trip to the European mainland in the fall of 1944.

Sadly, it was during this journey east that Ed learned of the passing of his brother, Warren, killed in action in northern France. Ed pressed on, encountering little of the enemy other than an occasional strafing by a passing fighter plane.

When V-E Day finally arrived in May 1945, he found himself in Pilsen, Czechoslovakia, mere miles from the Russians and as far east as any of the U.S. Armed Forces had gotten during World War II. After the war ended, Ed was stationed in Munich, Germany, with the 301st Signal Battalion where he was promoted to staff sergeant and put in charge of a 50-man teletype platoon. He remained in Germany until his honorable discharge from the Army in May 1946.

Upon his return to the states in 1946, Ed went straight to work for his father-in-law at Addy Motor Company in Shelby, and settled down to begin raising a family with Betty. During his time in

Shelby, Ed was actively involved in the community, presiding not only as the president of the Chamber of Commerce but also as the (at the time) youngest exalted ruler of Elks Lodge No. 1696, from 1955-56. He remained a trustee of Lodge No. 1696 for five years. Betty and Ed resided in Shelby, until 1962, when they decided to strike off for Kalispell, with their four children to open their own Chrysler dealership.

Ed's community involvement continued in Kalispell, where he soon became a director of the Chamber of Commerce as well as the director of both the Montana Auto Dealers Association and the Northwest Chrysler Plymouth Advertising board for 10 years. In 1967, Ed was even named Kalispell Boss of the Year. All this and he still found a way to run a successful dealership, Hines Chrysler Plymouth, for nearly 20 years from 1962-1981.

As Ed and Betty's family grew up, the allure of nearby Flathead Lake grew stronger. In 1971, they purchased a 24-foot Fiberform boat, expecting it to be their summer "home on the lake." But in 1972, they stumbled upon a little cabin on Caroline Point and knew almost immediately that the boat was no match for a true home on the lake. The rest, as they say, is history. That little cabin remains in the family to this day.

In 1982, Betty tragically lost her battle with cancer and passed away peacefully at their home in Kalispell. During their life together, Ed and Betty loved to travel. They found themselves in Hawaii on occasion, and even ventured as far away as the Philippines, where they weathered Super Typhoon Irma in November of 1981. After Betty's passing, Ed continued to travel frequently, visiting the Europe of his time in the Army and venturing out with his RV. But he always found himself back in Kalispell.

In his later years, he enjoyed taking road trips, golfing, cycling and walking alongside his trusted golden retriever, Max, and his very special friend, Joyce.

Ed was preceded in death by first wife, Betty; parents, James T. and Jeanette Hines; brothers, Warren and Bill; sisters, Geraldine and Roselene; and great-grandson, Jasper.

Ed is survived by his sister, Genevieve Shryne; and brother, James Hines; his four children, Beth Calkins of Mukilteo, Wash., and children, Jeremy and Melissa, and Kirstie and Seth; Thomas and Olivia of Kalispell, and children, Eric and Samantha and Tara, and their mother Randy; Donald and Rachele of Kalispell, and daughter Addy; and Barbara and Dennis Peterson of Odessa, Texas, and children, Cody, Drew, Gage, Shelby and Landon; and many nieces and nephews. The most recent additions to the family are twin great-granddaughters, Quinn and Clara.

Memorial services for Edward Loren Hines will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, at Epworth United Methodist Church, with Pastor John "Kelly" Addy officiating.

The family suggests that memorials be sent to Home Options Hospice, 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell, MT 59901; or Virginia Mason Foundation, P.O. Box 1930, MS D1-M, Seattle, WA 98111.

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

Edward Loren 'Ed' Hines, 81

## Timothy Miles Hines, 43

Timothy Miles Hines, 43, died Oct. 8, 2006, in Kalispell after a short illness. Tim was born in Missoula on Dec. 3, 1962, to Thomas S. Hines and Beverly J. Hines.



He attended K-12 schools in Billings, Brown Technical Institute and graduated from Dunwoody Institute, both in Minneapolis, with a degree in graphics and printing operations. He also served in the Army and was stationed in Germany.

Tim enjoyed Montana's great outdoors: skiing, hiking, camping and fishing all his life. He was a gifted, creative — yet amateur — artist, working with watercolors, pencil, charcoal and clay. He was generous, caring and a born-again believer who often offered a helping hand to people less fortunate than himself.

Tim was preceded in death by his sister, Noelle; grandfathers,

F.L. Oliver, and T. Sewell Hines; grandmother, Louise Blackford, and cousin, Christi Oliver.

He is survived by his father, Tom Hines, and stepmother, Sandy, of Billings; his mother, Bev Hines, also known as Kate Oliver, of Edmonds, Wash.; his sister, Colette Jobs, and David, and their children, Sydney and Jackson, of Seattle; his grandmother, Lucille Oliver, of Tarzana, Calif.; his stepgrandmothers, Kathryn Hines and Mildred Oliver, of Billings; his stepbrother, Chris Wilde, and Rae, and their child, Molly, of Cedarburg, Wis.; his stepsister, Jennifer Hardy, and Chip, and their child, Connor, of Appleton, Wis., and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Tim's remains were cremated and buried Oct. 18 in a private family service conducted by Pastor Ron Todd of Faith Chapel.

Memorials may be sent to: Rimrock Foundation, 1231 N. 29th, Billings, MT 59101; Salvation Army, 2100 Sixth Ave. N., Billings, MT 59101; or Faith Chapel, 517 Shiloh Road, Billings, MT 59104.

## Mathias A. 'Matt' Himsl, 94

Mathias A. "Matt" Himsl, 94, longtime state legislator, prominent Kalispell businessman, educator and civic leader, died Saturday, Dec.



30, 2006, at Brendan House in Kalispell of natural causes, surrounded by his family. He was born Sept. 17, 1912, in Bethune, Saskatchewan, Canada, the son of Victor and Clara (Engels) Himsl.

The family moved to Plevna, when he was 1 year old. He attended grade school and high school in Plevna, graduated from St. John's University (Minnesota) in 1934 and earned a master's degree from the University of Montana in 1940.

Matt taught school and was superintendent of schools in Broadus for 11 years. He married Lois Wholwend in 1940. He and Lois moved to Kalispell in 1945 when he purchased an interest in the Dodge-Plymouth dealership, joining his father-in-law, Benedict Wholwend, establishing Himsl-Wholwend Motors.

Matt has a long career of community service, including leadership in the Kalispell Chamber of Commerce, United Way, Flathead County High School Board, state president of the Montana Automobile Dealers Association, and the president of the Kalispell Kiwanis Club. Matt was also the editorial voice ("Skywriter") for KGEZ radio, of which he was part owner. He was very active in Red Cross work and was elected to its National Board of Governors and is listed in "Who's Who in America." He was a director of the Conrad Bank (now First Interstate) for 35 years.

Matt was active in political activities, serving as Flathead County Republican Chairman for 12 years. He was elected to the Montana House of Representatives in 1968 and later was elected to the Montana state Senate. He served 24 years in the Legislature. During his legislative career, he served on the Appropriations, Education and Institutions committees. He also served as chairman of the Senate Finance and Claims and Long-Range Building committees. He was a delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1964.

He was elected chairman of the first Diocesan Council of Western Montana Catholic Diocese. He was active in the founding of the Flathead Valley Community College and taught political science and government after retiring from business.

In 1931, Matt's father's business, the Plevna State Bank, was

closed due to the effects of the Depression and crop failures. The state bank examiner took control of the bank's assets. Included in those assets were 320 acres held as collateral on a failed note.

Matt, after a series of legal victories over Shell Oil and the state bank examiner, acquired control of the land. As part of an oil-and-gas-production unit, he dedicated the mineral royalties to paying all depositors and creditors with interest. In 1976, all debts were paid. The Plevna State Bank is the only bank in the United States that was closed during the Depression to ultimately pay out all depositors and creditors. Victor Himsl's Plevna State Bank went down in history as "the little bank that could" because of the integrity and commitment of Matt Himsl.

Matt was driven by a keen sense of duty, service, integrity and responsibility. He was a man of deep and abiding faith, "who loved his God," his wife and his children and their families. He had a passion for Montana, his home in Kalispell, Flathead Lake, St. John's University, oil, Wall Street, sports, reading and politics (especially Republicans).

He generously provided for his family, his church, his alma mater, local and national charities, the Red Cross, and the Republican Party and candidates.

Matt was preceded in death by his parents; a twin sister, Sr. Clarus OSB; sister Rita Howland; and brothers, Alois and Vedic.

He is survived by his wife, Lois; a son and daughter-in-law, Allen and Linda Himsl, all of Kalispell; daughters and sons-in-law, Marilyn and Bernie Olson of Lakeside; Louise and Bob Robinson of Helena; Kathy and Rick Spear of The Dalles, Ore.; and Judi Choury of Littleton, Colo.; sisters, Lea Jupka of Great Falls, and Bernadette Johnson of Worland, Wyo.; 10 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Matt will be dearly missed by his family and friends. His family is deeply grateful to longtime caregiver Connie Kenfield.

Mass of the Resurrection will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2007, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church. There will be no visitation. A Rosary service will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2007, at Johnson Mortuary. Burial will be after services at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. The family suggests that any memorial contributions be sent to the American Red Cross, 157 Meridian Road, Kalispell, MT 59901; or to St. Matthew's Church building fund, 601 First Ave. W., Kalispell, MT 59901; or to the charity of the donor's choice.

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

## Ruth Hitland, 76

Ruth Hitland, 76, wife, mother, and friend, died Monday, Oct. 2, 2006, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell after a short illness.



She was born Dec. 20, 1929, in Bergen, Norway, to Britha (Fjeld) Instebo.

She was a talented singer and often sang at Christmas and other services. She had a flair for mischief, something her two daughters have inherited, and enjoyed teasing and being part of a large extended family there.

To try to sum up who she was in a few paragraphs is impossible. She was, at turns, fiercely loyal, blunt, hilarious, protective, stubborn and independent. She was, really at heart, a teacher, a lover of history, music, animals, the environment and she was devoted to her family. Family stories, always with a wry commentary, made conversations a delight.

She met her husband Kaare in 1948 in Bergen. They got into a discussion about music and in truth, were still discussing music, events of the day, and life in general until the day she died. Theirs was a true partnership and she was as devoted to him as he to her.

In 1952, they moved from Norway to Whitefish and in 1956, they moved out to Whitefish Lake where they built their home, watched bears, moose, deer and beavers from their front porch, and where she planted enormous flower beds

which she took great pride in.

To Ruth and Kaare were born two daughters, Brith and Janet. Our house was filled with the sounds of classical music, with Wagner, Debussy, Chopin, Liszt and Beethoven being particular favorites. The other things that she made sure of was that we had plenty of books to read (anything about Queens Victoria, Alexandra and Elizabeth I & II were great favorites), places to visit (her trips with Dad to the Gaspé, Las Vegas and Europe were things she recalled again and again) and concerts to attend. She made our lives richer for having known her.

Her insight into people was one of her greatest strengths. She encouraged people to follow their dreams, to take risks and to never, ever let anyone get in the way of them doing what they thought they needed to do.

She is survived at the family home in Whitefish by her husband, Kaare Hitland; her daughter, Brith Sutherland, and husband, Steve, of Kalispell; grandsons, Kory and Bret; her daughter, Janet Yeager, and husband, Greg, of Tulsa, Okla.; and grandsons, Eric and Scott.

A celebration of Ruth Hitland's life will be held from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 6, at Riverside Assisted Living in Whitefish.

The family is suggesting donations be made to either Stumptown Historical Society, 500 Depot St., Room 101, Whitefish, MT 59937, or the Whitefish Library Association, 9 Spokane Ave., Whitefish, MT 59937.

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



## Elaine Z. Hoagland, 56

Elaine Z. Hoagland, 56, passed away Saturday, Oct. 21, 2006, at her home in Kalispell. She was born Jan. 14, 1950, in Jersey City, N.J., to Joseph and Sophie (Supryniewicz) Zabahonski.



Elaine received her early education and graduated from North Arlington High School in 1967. She then attended Rutgers University, where she received her bachelor's degree. School was very important to Elaine, and she went on to finish her master's in environmental science at the University of Connecticut. She graduated with honors.

Elaine married Michael Hoagland in Watchung, N.J., on May 27, 1972, and moved to the Flathead Valley in Montana that same year. Michael passed away in 1986.

She worked for the Columbia Falls Aluminum Plant for 19 years before switching careers and becoming an investment representative of Edward Jones.

Elaine enjoyed traveling,

especially to exotic places. She enjoyed movies with her family and friends, writing, reading and church.

She was a longtime volunteer for Compassion International and was a member of Soroptimist when she lived in Riverton, Wyo.

Elaine was preceded in death by her parents, and her husband, Michael Coldren Hoagland.

She is survived by one son, Joe Hoagland, and wife, Sarah, of Moorehead, Minn.; her daughter, Jennifer Hoagland, and husband, Ryan Nelson, of Kalispell; and a stepson, John Hoagland, and his four children, Paula, Jacki, Michael and Chris. She is also survived by many cousins and relatives in New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

Funeral services for Elaine will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 26, at Faith Free Lutheran Church, with Pastor Steve Snipstead officiating. Burial will be afterward at the Bigfork Community Cemetery. Visitation will be from 2 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 25, in the Johnson Mortuary chapel.

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

## Laurence E. 'Larry' Hoepfer, 82

Laurence E. "Larry" Hoepfer, 82, passed away Sunday, Aug. 20, 2006, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

He was born Aug. 5, 1924, in Martin, N.D., to Emanuel M. and Freda Hoepfer.

Larry was raised and educated in Martin. He graduated from high school in 1942.

He served in the Navy during World War II. After his discharge in 1947, he returned to North Dakota.

He graduated from Minot State Teachers College in 1951.

He taught school from 1951 to 1953 in Great Falls, then from 1954 to 1957 in Bigfork. Larry taught in Columbia Falls from 1958 until he retired in 1976.

He was married to Norma J. Kippen in 1952 in Great Falls.

Larry worked for Glacier National Park in the summers until he retired from there in 1986. After his retirement, they

wintered in Arizona.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Norma, in 1995; and five brothers and sisters.

Larry is survived by his daughter and her husband, Janice and Robert Hall, of Whitefish; his son and his wife, Don and Pam Hoepfer, of Pierre, S.D., and their daughters, Sarah and Sonya; and his son, Jim Hoepfer, of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

A memorial service will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 26, at the Columbia Falls United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Ray Davis and Rev. David Merkel officiating. A reception will be after the service at the church.

The family has suggested that memorials be made to the Columbia Falls United Methodist Church or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements are with the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

## Ida Ann 'Pixie' Hoerner, 73

Ida Ann "Pixie" Hoerner was born Sept. 10, 1932, in Eureka to Floyd and Myrtle Carvey and passed away Aug. 21, 2006, at her home near Columbia Falls.



Pixie had six brothers, Nick, Beryl, Floyd "Toag," Steve, Lorn and Clyde Carvey; four sisters, Melba Cain, Louis Workman, Yvonne Pain and Delores "Patty" Keller. They were raised together in Libby and Eureka where Pixie attended school.

Then she met the love of her life, Fred "Cliff" Hoerner. They were married Aug. 25, 1949, and shared 42 years until he passed away Aug. 23, 1991. "They have been reunited to celebrate a 57th wedding anniversary."

Pixie and Cliff lost their first child, Gary Wayne, shortly after his birth in 1950. They had seven more loving children. They lived as a family in Eureka, until 1967. Then made a home in Columbia Falls for their remaining years.

Ida's full time job was raising her children and her "part time" career was as a chemical technician with Columbia Falls Aluminum Plant. She retired in 1990 to spend precious time with her husband and family. They were her life and passion.

Ida was preceded in death by her infant son, Gary; husband, Cliff; brothers, Nick, Beryl, Floyd "Toag," and sisters, Melba, and Patty "Delores."

Pixie will be forever in the hearts of her family and friends who loved her, and memories of all her days will continue to be shared by her children, Sharon and Steven Yerman, Dennis and Jill Hoerner, Cindy and Bryan Slautbaugh, Darrell and Teresa Hoerner, Brenda Blakney, Bart Hoerner, and Cliff and Chris Hoerner; 20 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

A visitation will be held from 1 to 8 p.m. today, Aug. 25, at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls, with the Rev. John Miller officiating. Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 26, at St. Richard's Catholic Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

## Evelyn Anita Hoffman, 87

Evelyn Anita Hoffman, 87, beloved wife, mother, grandmother and friend, "arrived in Heaven" on Dec. 14, 2006, from her daughter Aileen DeRoses' home in Phoenix. Her husband of 60 years, John Louis Hoffman, who went on before her in 2005, "undoubtedly was there to greet her at the gates!"



Evelyn was born Oct. 29, 1919, and raised in San Diego. She graduated from San Diego High and the San Diego College of Business, where she obtained her business degree. Evelyn also attended beauty college.

She went on to work for Convair, General Dynamics and was a woman ahead of her time as she joined the U.S. Army Air

Corps. During World War II, she was assigned to towing military airplanes and there met the love of her life, her future husband, John.

After marriage, they settled in Chula Vista, Calif., where they raised three daughters. Evelyn, a member of Eastern Star, went on to open her own business, Broadway Beauty Salon, in 1959.

After retirement, Evelyn and John evenly split their time between Yuma, Ariz., and Kalispell.

She is survived by two daughters, Aileen DeRose of Phoenix, and Phyllis Barman of Lakeside, Calif.; and grandchildren, Robert Barman III, Charlene Theakston, Randi Roush Gomez and John Roush.

There will be no services. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Evelyn's name to Hospice of the Valley, 3238 N. 16th St., Phoenix, AZ 85016.

## Shirley Ann Hogan, 75

Shirley Ann Hogan, 75, of Polson, died Monday, Feb. 20, 2006, at St. Joseph Hospital from natural causes.

She is survived by her husband, Ray, of Polson; daughters, Tammy Puglia of Hungry Horse, and Jenny Ione Hogan of Spokane; and sons, Danny

Hogan of Polson, Jeffery Hogan of Kalispell, and Mark Hogan of Missoula.

Cremation has taken place under the direction of Grogan Funeral Home and Crematory in Polson.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

## Alfred 'Bud' Clair Holden, 86

Alfred "Bud" Clair Holden, 86, passed away Saturday, Feb. 4, 2006, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

He was born May 7, 1919, in Williston, N.D., to Alfred and Olga (Overby) Holden. Bud came to Kalispell with his parents in the early 1920s. He graduated from Flathead County School in 1937. He had worked as a paper boy, a service station attendant, and a saw filer at Kalispell Lumber Co.

Bud married Dorothy Fuglestad on Jan. 1, 1939, in Missoula.

He built a home in East Evergreen in the early '50s, and while living in Evergreen worked as a salesman and a manager at Studebaker Garage. Just before moving from their home in Evergreen he became a piano tuner.

After the flood of 1964, they moved to a small ranch on the



Whitefish River at Birch Grove, where he built a new home and fixed up the ranch. In 1971, they moved to Lake Blaine, where he again built a new home and lived there until 2004. His wife moved into Heritage Place and he moved into Prestige Assisted Living where he lived until his passing.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Ruth Holden; one brother, Louis Holden; and one son, Dennis Holden.

Bud is survived by his wife, Dorothy Holden, of Kalispell; one son, Ron Holden, of Trego; one brother, Norman Holden, of Central Point, Ore.; and seven grandchildren; also a nephew, Willis Randall, and his wife, Avis, of Arvada, Colo.

Funeral services for Alfred "Bud" Clair Holden will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel, with burial afterward at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel.

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

## Dorothy Holden, 88

Dorothy Holden, 88, died on Saturday, Oct. 21, 2006, at Heritage Place in Kalispell. She was born on May 24, 1918, in Fosston, Minn., at the home of her maternal grandparents, Andrew and Kari Gordon, the daughter of Chris and Carrie (Gordon) Fuglestad. Dorothy was the youngest of seven children. She lived her early years in Climax, Saskatchewan, as well as graduating there; it is also where her parents had homesteaded.

She swam in the White Mud River and in Cypress Lake, Saskatchewan.

When her sister and brother-in-law, Ella and Clarence Gryde, and daughter, Avis, moved to Kalispell, Dorothy joined them here.

She married A. C. "Bud" Holden on Jan. 1, 1939.

She was first employed as a waitress and then was hired by the telephone company. She worked there for many years, and took a few years off when their sons, Dennis and Ron, were young. She retired at the age of 64 after her many years of employment with the telephone company.

Dorothy was a devoted Christian, very faithful in reading and studying the scriptures and lived out her faith.

In 1998 their son, Dennis died — a heartbreaking experience for both her and "Bud."



The last years of Dorothy's life were difficult as her memory failed her and she began her long good-bye. Her sweet husband was a fine care giver for many years. Several years ago she was admitted to long term care up to the date of her passing.

Dorothy did wonderful needlework, was a very fine gardener and a marvelous cook. She was also a fine athlete throughout her life, swimmer, slalom water-skier; she water-skied up into her 80s. Her husband drove the boat while she did the skiing.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, "Bud" in February of 2006; a son, Dennis; and each of her siblings; each of them passed away in Canada except one that passed away in Montana.

She is survived by her son, Ron Holden, of Trego, and his sons, Chris Holden and wife Tausha, and their daughter Siarah, and Eric Holden and wife Brittany, all of Kalispell; four additional grandchildren, Sean, Erin, JC and Jenny; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Norman and Leona Holden, of Central Point, Ore.; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 26, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Pastor Bob Ross officiating. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Visitation will be held from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. today, Oct. 25, at Johnson Mortuary.

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

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## Gloria May Holladay, 46

Gloria May Holladay, 46, died on Thursday, Jan. 26, 2006, at her residence in Kalispell.

Memorial services will be

held at a later date in Boise, Idaho.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for the family.

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## Jeanie Holm, 58

Jeanie Holm, 58, of North Plains, Ore., formerly of Kalispell, died unexpectedly July 12, 2006.

She co-owned, with her husband, Oregon Canadian Forest Products in North Plains.

She is survived by her

husband, Wayne Holm; three daughters, Darby Anne McConnell, Kelly Short and Alison Nightingale; and a son, Mike Holm.

Services were held July 17 at the Sunset Presbyterian Church in Portland.

## John Richard Holmquist, 78

John Richard Holmquist, 78, of Kalispell and San Gabriel, Calif., died Friday, Aug. 11, 2006, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He had been living in his summer home in Kalispell.

John was born July 17, 1928, in Anaconda.

He and his wife, Dolores, lived and worked in the Los Angeles area, and raised four boys, John, Thomas, Robert and Christopher. The boys and their wives, Lynn, Marlene, Ann and Tricia, gave John and Dolores 13 grandchil-

dren.

John, a widower for 15 years, returned to his Montana roots two years ago when he bought land next to his cousin Marj DeZort's property, and built his summer home.

The time for John's visitation in Kalispell will be from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. today, Aug. 14, at Johnson Mortuary. Final services for John will be held in Southern California. After those services, he will be buried next to his wife.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for the family.

## Robert Roy Holmquist Sr., 71

Robert Roy Holmquist Sr., 71, of Spokane Valley, Wash., formerly of Kalispell, died March 24, 2006, in Spokane Valley.

He had been a commercial residential painter.

Survivors include his children, Rick Holmquist of Silverton, Idaho, Darrell Holmquist of Nye, Rob Holmquist of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and Kathy Braid of Spokane Valley.

## Roxy R. Hollopeter, 94

Roxy R. Hollopeter, 94, passed away Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2006, at Lake View Care Center in Bigfork. Roxy was born on Aug. 15, 1912, in Salem, Ore., to Frank and Martha (Erwin) Hollopeter.

In 1916, Roxy's family moved from Oregon to the Swan Valley by team and wagon. They homesteaded in the upper Swan. Roxy spent much of his youth trapping, hunting and fishing. He also had a saw mill in the Swan. Roxy developed a great love for nature, especially in the Swan Valley. He received his schooling at the Rumble Creek School, and Missoula County High School.

He married Belle Triplett in 1934; they had three children, Ronald, Larry and Delores. They later divorced.

In 1977, Roxy married Rose Ingram. They made their home

at Swan Lake until they moved to Kalispell. Roxy entered Lake View Care Center in June 2006.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Ronald; three brothers; and five sisters.

He is survived by his wife, Rose, of Kalispell; son, Larry, and his wife, Maria, of Swan Lake; daughter, Delores, and husband, Steve Berglund, of Prineville, Ore.; stepchildren, Margaret Love of Swan Lake, and Dan Ingram of Kalispell; sister, Evelyn Taylor, of Kalispell, who is 102 years old; and numerous grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins.

There will be a memorial service next spring at one of his favorite places in the Swan Valley. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory caring for the family.

## Francis 'Jean' Holt, 67

Francis "Jean" Holt, 67, passed away Monday, Sept. 25, 2006, at the Rosetta House in Kalispell.

Jean was born in Newell, S.D., Dec. 26, 1938, to Rolfe and Ruby Holt.

Jean had many children and loved each one very much. They are: Robert Widdoss and Daniel Widdoss (deceased); Perry Van Orden, Monte Van Orden, Pamela Van Orden and Marty Van Orden; Cathy Wright; Melanie Dalimata; and Marvin Sage.

She has 28 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Jean did home health care; she took care of the elderly. She was a cook and had many other



service-related jobs. Also she was a long-haul trucker with her husband, Ed.

But mostly she was Mom. She loved her kids and was a good mother.

Mom loved the outdoors and loved to fish. She always seemed to catch the biggest one. And she loved to dance!

An avid bowler, she won many trophies. Pool was also one of her loves and she was very good. Gardening took much of her time

in growing season.

But Jean's best and most beloved garden was her children.

A funeral service will be held at 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, at the Bread of Life Church, Fifth Avenue West and Sixth Street, followed by a potluck. Burial will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Oct. 2, in Woodlawn Cemetery, Columbia Falls.

Donations for funeral costs are encouraged and greatly appreciated. They can be sent to P. Van Orden, 1027 Seventh Ave. E., Kalispell, MT 59901.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Rudolph John 'Jack' Holterman Jr., 91

Rudolph John Holterman Jr., "Jack" to his friends and family, 91, passed away Tuesday, Sept. 26, 2006, of natural causes.



Jack was born April 18, 1915, to Rudolph and Florence (Stelter) Holterman in San Francisco. Jack was formally educated in California public schools and graduated from Lowell High School in San Francisco. He received a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in Spanish from Stanford University, and did additional work in Spanish and philosophy in Mexico, Arizona and Washington.

After college, Jack looked for a teaching job, which brought him to Montana. He taught for one year in a private home near the Canadian border. From there, he taught at Star School on the Blackfeet Reservation. For the next two years, Jack studied at seminaries in Seattle and Camarillo, Calif. After World War II broke out, Jack served in the U.S. Navy as a hospital corpsman, stationed in Japan and China.

When the war ended, Jack came back to the United States via a trip around the world, the first of four such trips. For many years, Jack taught on the Navajo, Hopi, Blackfeet and Salish Reservations. While teaching in Winslow, Ariz., Jack was afflicted with Bell's palsy and was released from his teaching job in order to rehabilitate himself with the help of his mother.

Once his health improved, Jack made his way back to Montana, with two brothers from the Navajo Reservation, Roy and Albert Pete, and Mark Talas from the Hopi Reservation. Roy was 15 years old, Albert was 5 years old, and Mark was 16 years old. In addition to teaching Spanish, Jack raised Roy, Albert and Mark in Whitefish along with boys from the Hopi, Navajo, Blackfeet, and Rocky Boy reservations and other troubled boys seeking a home. As the years went by, Jack's generosity extended to his grandchildren. Jack taught at Whitefish High School and Flathead Valley Community College.

Jack's love of the Spanish language continued throughout his lifetime. He spent a summer studying at the University in Mexico City. He also loved genealogy and spent hours and hours researching his own heritage.

As a linguist, Jack put the Blackfeet language in written form for the Piegan Institute in Browning. He was a familiar face in Glacier National Park headquarters and Glacier Natural History Association offices. Jack wrote many historical monographs, the result of hours of research of western history. In the process Jack wrote "King of the High Missouri," which tells the story of the Culbertson Family. Jack was best known for his book "Place Names of Glacier National Park," which he recently revised and published after being out of print for 15 years.

Jack resided in Apgar for several years before selling his property to the National Park Service. He moved to Nyack where he resided until 1988. Until a year ago, Jack resided in West Glacier.

Jack's second home and love was for the country of New Zealand. He spent many winters residing in Rotorua on the North Island. He loved the Maori people along with the study of their culture. He was well known by the residents of Rotorua. On Nov. 5, 2005, Jack attempted to return to his favorite winter haven, which also included a scheduled round the world jaunt. Unfortunately, Jack fell at the airport, which hindered him from living alone and further travel. Jack's final residence was the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls. He left with a sense of peace after finishing a fictional historic novel — a first for him.

Jack will be missed by many, including adopted son, Albert; his wife, Mary Pete; and grandsons, Justin, Cory and Travis; Mark Talas and family; Roy Pete and family; Reggie Talayumptewa and family; Frank Talayumptewa and family; Louie De Cora and family; cousin Rosemary and Dove Delameter and family; and Greta Holterman and family. As a scholar, world traveler, author and friend to many, including those who sought his knowledge and wisdom, "We love you, Jack."

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m., Tuesday, Oct. 3, at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls. Burial will take place at St. Richard's Catholic Cemetery. Lunch reception to follow.

Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish is caring for the family.

### Anton C. 'Tony' Holzer, 59

Anton C. "Tony" Holzer, 59, a longtime Kootenai Valley resident, died Monday, Jan. 9, 2006, at his home in Libby.

He had worked as a sawyer for various independent logging companies in Libby, as a self-employed logger, and also built houses in the area.

He is survived by his children, Angela "Angie" Grot-

john of Libby, and Brian Holzer of Livingston.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home Chapel; interment services will follow at the City of Libby Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Friday and until noon Saturday.

### Audie O. 'Jr.' Hood, 48

Audie O. "Jr." Hood, 48, passed away April 9, 2006, at his Kila home.

Jr. was born in Shelby, on Oct. 26, 1957, to Luci Sorkness and Audie Hood. He attended school in Harlem.

Jr. was a logger by trade and a musician at heart. He loved to laugh and make those around him laugh.

He was quite the joke teller.

He married Rhonda Guy in 1993 at Woodland Park in Kalispell.

Jr. was preceded in death by his parents, and a brother, D.J.



Hood.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his wife, Rhonda of Kila; sons, Keith Hood of Colorado, and Christopher Hood of Montana; brothers and sisters, Reba Freese of Colorado, Robin Holt of Kalispell, Audrey Sorkness and Tom Sorkness, both of Kalispell; grandchildren, Korey and Mariah Hood and Ashton.

The family requests memorial contributions be made to the Diabetes Foundation, Montana Affiliate, P.O. Box 2411, Great Falls, MT 59403.

Memorial services for Jr. will be held 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 18, at Buffalo Bill Funeral Home.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

### Abigail R. Horn, 6 months

Abigail R. Horn, 6 months, passed away Sunday, May 7, 2006, at her home near Columbia Falls.

Survivors include her parents, Angela King and Carl Horn; her brothers and sister, Michael, Kayla, Daniel and Eric; and her grandmother, Nana.

Viewing will be from 1 to 5 p.m.

Monday, May 15, at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

A funeral service will be held 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 16, at the Stillwater Free Lutheran Church with Pastor Tim Batholomew officiating. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

### John Otis Horne, 88

John Otis Horne, 88, died at his home in Bigfork on Saturday, April 22, 2006.

Arrangements are pending at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory.



## Lillian Marie Horner, 83

Lillian Marie Horner "slipped peacefully into the arms of her savior" surrounded by her family on Tuesday Aug. 1, 2006. Lillian was born in Polson on March 23, 1923, to Julius and Lena Meiers. She graduated from Polson High School.



Lillian spent many years helping her father and mother in Meiers Studio.

Lillian married Delmar Horner on May 18, 1944, in Baton Rouge, La., where Del was stationed during World War II. After the war, they settled in Polson to raise their three children.

Lillian is survived by her husband Delmar; her three children, Randy and Dee Horner, Franci

and Bob Dailey, and Julie and Lonnie Hankinson; her seven grandchildren Randy and Jeff Horner; Shawn, Bo and Lena Dailey, Rial and Tucker Hankinson; one great-grandchild, Korbyn Horner; four step-grandchildren, Bryan, Kayla, Justin and Mandy; and many beloved friends.

Visitation will be held from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 4, at the Grogan Funeral Home Chapel. The funeral service will be held 11 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 5, at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church with Rev. Paul Rowold officiating. Interment will follow the services at Lakeview Cemetery. A reception will follow the service at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall.

Arrangements are under the direction of Grogan Funeral Home. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.groganfuneralhome.com](http://www.groganfuneralhome.com).

## Frank Leonard Hougen, 76

Frank Leonard Hougen 76, a resident of Kalispell, Whitefish and Somers, laid down for his final nap on Friday, Sept. 15, 2006. He died of old age peacefully in his sleep at his home in Evergreen with his family holding him and loving him.

Frank was born in Bonners Ferry, Idaho, the son of Frank and Vera Glass. He was raised by Marie Hougen.

Frank joined the U.S. Army where he was a military policeman. He then worked as a fireman on the Hungry Horse Dam, and then went to work for the railroad and retired as a conductor after 43 years.

Frank belonged to the VFW, the Eagles, the Whitefish Gun Club and loved to duck hunt, tie flies and play ball with his chil-

dren.

He was preceded by his parents; his adoptive mother, Marie Hougen; a daughter, Wanda Hougen in 1977.

He is survived by his ex-wife, Joy Elgaen in Somers; four daughters, Renae Cousins in Washington, Debbie Bark in Idaho, Cindy in California, Charlye Puryer in Evergreen; three sons, Jerome Hougen in Texas, Mike Hougen and David Hougen, both in Washington; and by 15 grandchildren.

Memorial services will be 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 23, at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish with Rev. David V. Kauffman, officiating.

Friends are invited to a gathering after the memorial service at the Whitefish VFW.

## Delores Mae Houle, 77

Delores Mae Houle, 77, passed away Feb. 23, 2006, at Valley Hospital in Spokane Valley, Wash.

She was born July 3, 1928, in Rugby, N.D., to Sam G. and Olive Hagen.

She was preceded in death by her parents, an infant son, her brother Darcy Hagen, and an infant sister, Alice Mae.

She is survived by her brother,

Donald Hagen, and his wife, Jean; Vickie and Gene Petersen and family; numerous nieces and nephews; and many greatly loved friends.

A service will be held in Montana at a later date.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Hennessey Valley Funeral Home and Crematory, 1315 N. Pines Road, in Spokane Valley, Wash.

## Edward Wing Chamberlain Houser, 84

Wing Chamberlain Houser, 84, passed away from natural causes on Wednesday, Oct. 4, 2006, in Kalispell. He died peacefully, surrounded by loving family and friends.

Born March 27, 1922, in St. Louis, Wing was the oldest of two boys to Vic and Earlene Houser. His mother died unexpectedly when he was a child.

Vic married Melody Runyan, and she became mother to Wing and his younger brother, Robert. The family moved to Los Angeles in 1929. He graduated from Los Angeles High School and later attended Pomona College. A passion for the outdoors, hunting and large quantities of good food became his calling card at a young age.

He entered the United States Navy in 1942 and served his country with honor as a medical corpsman in the South Pacific during World War II and again during the Korean War.

After returning home, Wing finished college and went on to the University of Southern California, School of Dentistry. He started his practice working with disadvantaged children in southwest Los Angeles and later moved to Anaheim, Calif., where he practiced general dentistry until he retired. Dentistry, for Wing, was an art form and a labor of love. Even after he retired to Montana in 2004, he continued to receive letters of appreciation from grateful

patients.

After a stroke in 2004, Wing moved into Prestige Assisted Living where he continued to make friends and bring smiles to the faces of

staff and other residents. Later, he moved to Edgewood Vista where he kept his trademark indomitable spirit, in spite of the loss of many of his physical abilities. His family extends its heartfelt appreciation to the tireless care providers and to the medical community in Kalispell who made his last months comfortable and allowed him to enjoy his life and family to the fullest ... right to the end. "You know who you are. Thank you."

Wing married twice; in 1948 to Deke Weber, and in 1959 to Elaine Kelly of Whittier, Calif. He had two children, Vic Houser, of Kalispell, and Wendy de Leon, of Whittier. Wendy and her husband, Rich, have four children and one grandchild. Vic and his wife Myia share seven children and six grandchildren.

Wing loved to have his family gathered around. His clan was by no means limited to his biological family. Many other people "adopted" Wing and included him as an hon-



ored member of their families. These extended children and their children's children are too numerous to name. We will all miss him greatly.

Wing was a scientist, a perfectionist, a skeptic and for most of his life an agnostic. A "grudging awareness" of God's presence in his life started 25 years ago and grew into a deeply personal relationship with Jesus Christ. One of his proudest moments was being baptized by his grandson, Pastor Joe Houser, the Christmas before he died.

Wing was a tall, striking man with a resonant voice who made an impression on everyone he met. He loved to laugh and play with little children. He always encouraged people to smile and when asked how he was doing, never failed to reply "Absolutely Magnificent!" He became a role model for many.

People often remarked how Wing was "one of a kind," a true representative of the "greatest generation." His handshake was his contract; honor and integrity were more important to him than the bottom line. He was not perfect, but those are the things he believed in.

A celebration of his life will held at Glacier Church at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 28, with reception following at the church. Bring your laughter, stories, tears and memories of a remarkable man.

Another celebration of his life will be held for his friends and family in Southern California in December, the date and location to be announced in the near future.

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

## Eunice Howard, 84

Eunice Howard, 84, died Friday, Oct. 20, 2006, at Riverside Senior Living in Whitefish.

Funeral services are pending at this time. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Steven Roy Howe, 48

Steven Roy "Steve" Howe "was welcomed into Heaven" on April 28, 2006.

Steve was born on March 10, 1958, in Pontiac, Mich. He was one of five children born to Virgil and Barbara Howe.

Steve was born an extremely gifted, left-handed pitcher and was drafted by the L.A. Dodgers in 1979. Steve was only 22 years old on April 11, 1980, when he made his debut with them, wearing No. 57. Steve had the privilege of being named the National League Rookie of the Year in 1980 and went on to celebrate winning the 1981 World Series with L.A.

Steve is remembered for being one of the best closers in franchise history. He was privileged to be selected for the National League All-Star team in 1982. In 1991, Steve teamed up with the N.Y. Yankees, again donning No. 57.

After well over a decade of baseball, Steve retired in 1996, at the age of 38.

Aside from baseball, Steve enjoyed many things. He especially loved his family and enjoyed being involved in the lives of his children, Chelsi and Brian. Whether he was helping them in sports or chaperoning for field trips, he was there to bring some energy to the occasion as well as advice and life lessons.



He loved his friends and enjoyed visiting with them. He was blessed with the gift of gab and shared many stories that resulted in a from-your-toes kind of laughter. God gave Steve a smile that could light up the darkest of rooms. "We will miss that grin."

Steve enjoyed hunting, his animals, snowmobiling, playing in the water, on the mountains, helping people and fixing up his truck, always adding one more thing to make it the finest around.

Steve did many kind things for a lot of people, never expecting to receive recognition for them. He did these things because he had an enormous heart.

Steve is survived by his wife, Cindy; son, Brian; daughter, Chelsi Blackwell, and her husband, Cole; parents, Virgil and Barbara Howe; brothers, Chris, Jeff and Mike; father-in-law, Dick Holliday; and numerous relatives and close friends.

He was preceded in death by sister, Kathi, and mother-in-law, Marianne Holliday.

There are far too many words and remembrances about Steve to fit into a small section of a newspaper, so please join in a celebratory gathering of family and friends at 6 p.m. Saturday, May 13, in Whitefish at the Christ Lutheran Church.

In lieu of flowers, gifts can be sent to the Steve Howe Foundation c/o Investment Centers of America, 6410 U.S. 93 S., Whitefish, MT 59937.

## June Luella Hughes, 85

June Luella Hughes, 85, of Missoula passed away of congestive heart failure at St. Patrick Hospital on Sept. 4, 2006.

She was born Oct. 30, 1920, in Creston, to Henry and Anna Marie Isch.

On Nov. 5, 1955, she married Stuart Hughes in Missoula. She traveled with Stuart throughout his career and assisted him with many forest service functions until they retired in Missoula.

June enjoyed dancing and especially enjoyed socializing with her friends.

She was preceded in death by



her husband, Stuart; her parents, Henry and Anna Marie; as well as brothers, Harry Isch and Burton Isch; and her first husband, Julian Tripp; and other family members.

She is survived by sisters-in-law, Betty Trueblood and Flora May Isch; nieces, Rita McKinney and her children, Nichole and Boone, Stephanie Isch, Lori Isch and Sid and Stacey Koester and twin daughters, Rerese and Regin.

Viewing will be held from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 8, at Garden City Funeral Home. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

Family suggests memorials be made in June's name to the national foundation for Parkinson's disease.

## Doris L. Hulbert, 83

Doris L. Hulbert, 83, passed away at Brendan House in Kalispell Oct. 27, 2006. Doris was born Jan. 3, 1923, in Brockton, Mont., to Herman and Laura (Whitney) Druessedow.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard; her parents; and two sisters, Susan Hagadone and Vivian Whitwright.

She is survived by two brothers, Wally Druessedow and his wife Phyllis, and Charles Druessedow and his wife Shirley, all of Kalispell; sister, Virginia Bickle, of Hot Springs, Ark.; three daughters, Myrna Fleming and her husband Dave, of Whitefish, Lora Paulson and her husband Victor, of Cheney, Wash., and Gay Ann Caldbeck

and her husband Ronald J., of Kalispell; her grandchildren, David Fleming, of Kalispell, Connie Heckman, of Atwater, Calif., Amie Heushkel, of Cheney, Melanie Reiersen, of Spokane, and Geoffrey Richard Caldbeck, of Kalispell; 10 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

Doris liked to read and travel with Jeanette Oliver's Botany of Special Areas group. She always enjoyed interacting with her grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, Oct. 30, at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Buffalo Hills Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Cheslie Herbert Hunt, 88

Cheslie Herbert Hunt, 88, of Whitefish, passed away Feb. 7, 2006, in Bozeman.

He was born Dec. 18, 1917, in Norden, Neb., to Harold W. and Mabel L. (Havens) Hunt.

He married Clara Edith Hunt, and they enjoyed 66 years together. The couple lived in Batesland, S.D., and Custer, S.D., before moving to the Flathead Valley in 1965. He was a timber faller until his retirement.

He was a God-fearing man and was active in his church. He loved to fish and hunt. He especially loved his family.

He was preceded in death by his sisters, Glenna Hunt and Bonnie Bauer; brothers, Verlin, Jessie and

Gerald; and daughter-in-law, Betty Hunt.

Cheslie is survived by his wife, Clara Edith; son, Estile Hunt; daughter, Shirley and Dean Hartman; grandchildren, Wayne and Tina Hunt, Patrick Hunt, Ardean and Tom Johnson, Linda and Jon Reed; and great-grandchildren, Steven, Christopher, and Jessie Hunt. He is also survived by brothers, Kenneth, Lauren, Wes and Duane.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, at the Church of the Nazarene in Whitefish. Interment will be in Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Arrangements were in the care of Dokken-Nelson Funeral Service in Bozeman.

## William J. Hurd, 59

William J. Hurd, 59, passed away Sunday, April 2, 2006, at his home in Kalispell.

William was born July 19, 1946, in Dexter, Maine. He had worked at several jobs including truck driving.

He is survived by his daughter, Venessa (Hurd) Ford, and her husband, Rich, of Phelan, Calif.; mother and father, Mary C. and

Ralph R. Hurd, of Kalispell; two brothers, Ron Hurd and his wife, Barbara, of Bigfork, and Robert "Rusty" Hurd of Entiat, Wash.; one sister, Laurel "Lolly" Hurd of Chino, Calif.; and four grandchildren.

Private family services are being held.

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

## Benjamin F. Hurlbut, 84

Benjamin F. "Ben" Hurlbut, 84 years young, of Billings, passed away Nov. 5, 2006, in Missoula, surrounded by family, after a brief and courageous battle with cancer. Ben was born to Josephine and Oscar Hurlbut on June 3, 1922, in Walsenburg, Colo. He graduated from Custer County High School in Miles City in 1940.

Ben served with the 220th field artillery battalion of the 44th infantry division during World War II in active duty in the European theater. After the war, Ben attended Montana State College in Bozeman, graduating with a degree in civil engineering in 1949. He then moved to Spokane, married Betty Meyer with whom he had six children, and worked for various firms before coming to Billings in 1955.

Ben and Betty divorced in 1965, and he married Rosalie Lackman in 1966 with whom he had two daughters.

Ben's engineering career spanned nearly six decades and involved many milestones. One young engineer, upon meeting Ben for the first time, referred to him as the "godfather of engineering in Montana."

He founded HKM, Inc. in 1955. Hurlbut was the structural engineer for private and public buildings throughout Montana, including Billings West High School, Bozeman Senior High School, C.M. Russell High School in Great Falls and schools in Livingston, Glendive, Miles City, Broadus, Red Lodge, Polson and Missoula. He was the structural engineer for Brick Breeden Fieldhouse at Montana State University-Bozeman. At the time of its construction in 1956, the fieldhouse was the largest clear-span, timber-frame dome in the world.

His career also included consulting on a grain elevator building in Tokyo, a World War II memorial in Guam, and laminated wood turning vanes for a NASA wind tunnel. Ben was an inaugural inductee into the Montana Professional Engineers Hall of Fame in 2002. He possessed a common sense approach to construction methods that many contractors, architects, and colleagues appreciated.

Ben was an active member of his profession and community. He was a national director and co-founder of the Montana chap-



ter of the American Council of Engineering Companies. He served on the Technical Review board for the American Institute of Timber Construction. He was a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, the Elks Club, Optimists, Knights of Columbus, initial member of the Montana Tramway Council and the Billings Boat Club.

Ben enjoyed working with wood, fishing, bowling, camping, boating and took up golf at the age of 79. Other hobbies included playing cards, especially pinochle and 31, spending time with his family, tinkering in the garage, and visiting friends.

"Dad, we will remember the good times, the many camping trips, fatherly advice, doctoring of cuts and scrapes, stern lectures, car wrecks, pulling boats of the sand bar, finding you stuck in the sand in Nevada, and the laughter we shared. There are so many more memories and achievements that we want to remember. We love you, Dad!"

Ben was preceded in death by his wife, Rosalie; daughter, Rebecca Hurlbut; brother, Lu Hurlbut; grandson, Gabriel Solbrack; and brother-in-law, Wilard Lackman.

He is survived by his brother, John and Dorothy of Stanford; four sons, Joseph and Arsenia of Half Moon Bay, Calif., Samuel and Terri of Kennewick, Wash., Daniel and Linda of Spokane, and Steven of Lake Havasu City, Ariz.; three daughters, Melissa and Brad Solbrack of Kennewick, Wash., Melanie and Scot Rindal of Carson City, Nev., and Sonia and Vince Gavin of Missoula.

Ben is also survived by three granddaughters, Erin Matheson and Jason of Seattle, JoAnna LaTorre of Olympia, Wash., and Eugenia Hurlbut of Half Moon Bay; and three grandsons, Thomas Hurlbut of Half Moon Bay, Seth Solbrack of Kennewick, and Roy Rindal of Carson City; sister-in-law, Beverly and Richard Sanders of Basin, Wyo.; and five nephews and two nieces. He also leaves behind many "granddogs."

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, at St. Pius X Catholic Church, 18th St. W. and Broadwater Avenue in Billings with burial services following at Sunset Memorial Gardens, 1721 Central Ave., Billings.

The family suggests memorials to the MSU Foundation, P. O. Box 172750, Bozeman, MT 59717-2750.

Michelotti-Sawyers is assisting with arrangements.

## Kaye Helen Hursley, 68

Kaye Helen Hursley, 68, passed away Monday, Jan. 16, 2006, at her residence in Lakeside.

She was born May 11, 1937, at Manistee, Mich., the daughter of Rex and Fern (Holmes) Anderson.

She started spreading love the day she was born and never stopped. Her transition won't hinder her in any way. She possessed wisdom you won't find in books. Her greatest gift was her ability to meet a stranger and within five minutes, plant the seeds in them to bring forth their own greatness.



What a way to change the world. Indeed she has. Her seeds are many.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Leane Haskee; and a brother, Bill Anderson.

She is survived by her other half of one soul, James Hursley, of Lakeside; two sons, Bert Haewski of Commerce Township, Mich., and Bill Haskee of Royal Oak, Mich.

There are no services planned at this time for Kaye.

The family requests that any memorial contributions be sent to the Kaye Haewski Hursley Memorial Fund, 427 Devillen Ave., Royal Oak, MI 48073.

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

## Polly Elizabeth (Gilham) Huser, 88

Polly Huser, 88, passed away July 1, 2006, in Silverdale, Wash., at the Clearbrook Inn.

She was born on March 25, 1918, in Townsend. Her mother and father, Ralph and Carrie Gilham, lived in Townsend where Ralph was a mining engineer for the copper mines. Polly graduated from Missoula High School where she lettered in tennis. She graduated from the University of Montana in 1939 with a degree in business.

While at the University, she followed in her mother's footsteps and pledged Kappa Alpha Theta. She also met her husband, Stanley Huser, the handsome independent red head from Whitefish, while in school. They were married in

November of 1941. Polly remained in Montana while Stanley was serving in the Pacific as a Seabee. Their first daughter, Karen, was born in 1943. After the war, the family moved to Kalispell. A second daughter, Carol, was born in 1948.

Polly and Stanley shared a love of photography, spending many hours searching for the perfect light and scene in Glacier National Park and the Flathead Lake area. This love of photography continued after their move to Bremerton, Wash., in 1958. They were long-time members of F67 camera club. They also shared a love of teaching; Stanley, a special education teacher at Dewey Jr. High, and

Polly, a first grade teacher.

Polly was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, a teaching sorority. She was also a member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Polly is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Jay and Karen Cook of Renton, Wash.; her daughter and son-in-law, Bob and Carol Mansfield of Clackamas, Ore.; two grandchildren, Erik and Heather Cook of Bothell, Wash., and Carrie Mansfield of Clackamas; and two great-grandchildren, Katherine and Rachel.

Interment services will be noon, Sept. 19, at Glacier Memorial Gardens. All friends are invited to join the family for this ceremony.

## Jeremy Scott (Pilgrim) Hutchison, 26

Jeremy Scott (Pilgrim) Hutchison, 26, passed away in the early morning of April 23, 2006, in Columbia Falls.

Jeremy enjoyed the outdoors, music, hanging out with friends, and car stereos.

He is loved and survived by his mom, dad, two brothers, a sister, and an extensive extended family of the Pilgrims, Hutchisons,

Oscarsons, Collinses, and Slaters, as well as a million friends and co-workers.

In loving memory to the world's best charmer and the guy with the greatest smile, a memorial will be held from noon to 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 26, at Woodland Park to honor his life.

Columbia Mortuary is assisting the family, 892-4289.

## Velma Miller Stacy Hutton, 89

Velma Miller Stacy Hutton, 89, died Thursday, June 22, 2006, at Brendan House in Kalispell. She was born Oct. 14, 1916 in Valier to Clarence and Rose (Adams) Miller.



She lived with her grandparents in Shelby until the age of 6. She moved with her mother and brother to Browning where she received her education, graduating from Browning High School in 1934.

On Nov. 22, 1934, she married Norman Eugene "Brownie" Stacy. In the fall of 1935, they moved to Kalispell where she raised her children. She lost her husband, Brownie, in May of 1950.

In 1957, she married Delbert Hutton who preceded her in death in 1977. She lived in Kalispell for the rest of her life.

She was a longtime member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles Auxiliary serving as secretary and past president. She was a member of the Scandinavian Fraternity of America. She was

employed as a clerk of West Valley School for 13 years.

She was preceded in death by her mother; her two husbands; her brother, John Miller; her sister, Bertha Arnoux; and her son, Robert A Stacy.

She is survived by her three sons; James E. "Lucky" Stacy and wife Lois of Kalispell, Dennis Stacy and wife Debra of Fairbanks, Alaska, and N.E. "Gene" Stacy and wife Tudy of Arizona; one stepdaughter, Carolyn Tonkinson and husband Tom; 11 grandchildren; four stepgrandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; six stepgreat-grandchildren; and 12 great-great-grandchildren, all of whom she loved with all her heart these many years.

She is also survived by four brothers, Alvin, Burton and Donald Arnoux, and Bill Turner, and their wives, along with many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Velma Miller Stacy Hutton will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, June 30, in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with burial to follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

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

## Mary K. Hveem, 87

Mary K. Hveem, 87, died Thursday, Feb. 2, 2006, at the Libby Care Center.

She was a long-time resident of Wolf Point, where she had been a teacher and school librarian for many years.

She is survived by her daughters, Chrys Ann Marchant of Libby, and Lee Ellen

Hveem of New York.

Funeral services will be at 4 p.m. Monday, Feb. 6, at Christ Lutheran Church in Libby. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today and until 2 p.m. Monday at Nelson & Vial Funeral Home. Interment services will be at a later date in Wolf Point.

## Loretta Agnes Hyde, 91

Loretta Agnes Hyde, 91, died Thursday, Sept. 21, 2006, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She is survived by two sons, Robert Hyde and Andrew

Hyde; and one daughter, Kathryn Hyde.

There are no services scheduled at this time.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for the family.