

## Andrew Lee Charles MacBay, 5

Visitation for Andrew will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, 2006, with services following at 4 p.m. at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

## Lillian M. Mackey, 80

Lillian M. Mackey, 80, of Libby died Sunday, Oct. 1, 2006, at St. John's Lutheran Hospital from natural causes. Survivors include her husband, Marvin, of Libby; and a daughter, Pam Cummings, of West Baylston, Mass. Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 7, at Christ Lutheran Church in Libby. Arrangements are by Nelson and Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

## Clara Fern Maddox, 81

Clara Fern Maddox, 81, passed away at HealthCenter NorthWest in Kalispell on Monday, April 17, 2006.

She was born on Aug. 18, 1924, in Cedar Bluffs, Neb., the daughter of Earl and Lula (Settles) Ruff, the second of four girls. Clara and her family moved to Springfield, Neb., where she graduated from high school. She attended normal school and was awarded a Nebraska teaching certificate. She taught for several years in a one-room rural schoolhouse at Rocky Ford School on the banks of the Niobrara River.

In 1962 she joined the Valentine Clinic, where she studied nursing under the instruction of Dr. Wilbur Johnson and Dr. John Farner.

Clara practiced her nursing profession for 30 years and was known by many as "Clara at the clinic."

Clara moved to Bigfork in 1997, where she became actively

involved in the Yellow Bay community and was soon elected to vice president of the Yellow Bay Auxiliary.

Clara was preceded in death by her parents, Earl and Lula Ruff; her husband, Wayne Maddox; and her sister, Vera Owens.

Clara is survived by her son, Jim, and wife, Martha, of Bigfork; grandson, Ryan, of Fullerton, Calif.; and her two sisters, Earlene Kuhl of North Platte, Neb., and Betty Cearfoss of Sun City, Ariz.

A memorial service for Clara Fern Maddox will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 4, in the Yellow Bay Clubhouse at mile marker 18, on the east shore of Flathead Lake.

Memorials in Clara's name may be made to the Yellow Bay Clubhouse or Hospice, send either to: c/o 23320 MT Hwy 35, Bigfork, MT 59911.

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

## Matthew 'Matt' Cole Madison, 20

Our beloved son, Matthew Cole "Matt" Madison, died Jan. 3, 2006, in St. Andrew's, Scotland, from injuries sustained in an accidental fall from the cliffs overlooking the St. Andrew's "Old Course" and the North Sea.

He and his friends were there to enjoy the birthplace of golf and to play the Old Course. They were traveling during their Christmas break from studies at Gonzaga University's campus in Florence, Italy. "Matthew loved the game of golf and that is where God decided to take our wonderful son from us. He was a Christian young man and we know he is waiting for all of us in heaven."

Matthew had been having the time of his life traveling throughout Europe with his friends. He would call home and say, "This is the best year of my life — everything is so awesome, Mom and Dad. Thank you for allowing me to attend the Gonzaga-in-Florence program this year! I love you."

Matthew was born May 28, 1985, in Bozeman to Dan and Marlyn Madison. He attended Belgrade schools and graduated with honors in 2003. Matt was an outstanding student at Belgrade High School and was involved in many activities, including National Honor Society, student council, speech, debate and drama, choir, football and golf, in which he made All-State his senior year.

Matt was in his junior year at Gonzaga University studying electrical engineering. He sang in



the choir his freshman year, and was a proud member of the Gonzaga basketball team's "Kennel Club." He attended all of the basketball games to cheer on the Zags with tremendous enthusiasm.

Matthew also enjoyed skiing, waterskiing, camping, fishing, windsailing, traveling and getting together with all his relatives at the "Madison lake lot" on Flathead Lake every summer.

Matt was a very kind and gentle young man with a knack for being a quiet leader. He will be missed dearly by all of his family and friends.

Survivors include his parents, Dan and Marlyn Madison; sister, Heather, and son, Anthony; brother, Taylor; and his cherished grandparents, Bob and Norma Petersen, all of Bozeman. He is also survived by numerous aunts and uncles, cousins, and special friends, Dave, Cherryll, Weston, Caitlin Makatura and Grandma Lois, as well as his entire "Gonzaga family."

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Ralph and Ruth Madison; and cousin, Robert "Bub" Murphy.

Matthew was a brother in Christ and baptized Sept. 29, 1985. "We love you and will miss you 'Mattchew Boy!'"

Funeral services will be held at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 4383 Durston Road, in Bozeman at 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 13.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Matthew Madison Scholarship Fund. Donations are accepted at any Big Sky Western Bank location, or may be sent to the Bozeman branch at 4150 Valley Commons Drive, Bozeman, MT 59718.

## Loran Mahlum, 51

Loran Mahlum, of East Helena and Wolf Point, died early on the morning of April 30, 2006, on the shore of Fort Peck Lake northwest of Jordan.

Loran was born Jan. 26, 1955, in Wolf Point to Willard and Malisse Mahlum. He graduated from Wolf Point High School in 1973, the same year he became the first wrestler from Wolf Point to win a state championship.

Loran made his living as an independent contractor. He started out building houses in Wolf Point with his brother, Gary, and then in the early 1980s he had an oil field service company for several years. He eventually got back into the construction field and lived in Lakeside, Fort Peck and Helena.

The great event in Loran's life



was in 1983 when his son, Norven, was born. Loran constantly was planning things that he could do with his son. Outdoor sports were what they enjoyed, and it was on a fishing trip with Norv that Loran passed on from this life, doing what he loved with the person he loved most.

Loran was a passionate, resourceful man, always exploring new ideas to help his friends. He was a truly unforgettable experience.

Loran is survived by his son, Norven Mahlum, of Belgrade; his mother, Malisse, and his brother, Gary, both of Wolf Point. Loran also leaves a special friend, Rene' of Helena.

His father, Willard, preceded him in death.

A service to celebrate Loran's life will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 6, at First Lutheran Church in Wolf Point.

Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel has been entrusted with arrangements.

## Joyce Maiden, 69

Joyce Maiden, 69, died peacefully May 25, 2006, at her daughter's home in Fresno, Calif.

She was born Jan. 30, 1937, in Cando, N.D. She grew up in Coos Bay, Ore., and moved to Kalispell in 1956. After her husband's death she moved to Fresno, Calif., in 2001.

She was preceded in death by her father, mother, brother, husband and daughter.

She is survived by her son, Dan

Struble, of Ulen, Minn.; daughters, Deanne Huff of Boise, Idaho, and Becky Struble of Fresno; her grandchildren, Nellie, Zack, Heather and Kelsey of Ulen, and Sarah Huff of Boise, Idaho; and her great-granddaughter, Riley, of Boise.

She requested that no public services be held.

"She will be loved and missed by us all."

## Raymond L. Managhan, 94

Raymond L. Managhan, 94, passed away Monday, March 27, 2006, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

He was born Dec. 19, 1911, in Kalispell to Robert and Minnie (Pierson) Managhan. Ray was one of eight children, including two half-brothers and one half-sister. He attended Batavia School in Smith Valley and worked on his family's farm while he was growing up.

On Dec. 9, 1933, Ray married Bernice Iverson in Kalispell. They recently celebrated their 72nd wedding anniversary.

Ray worked as a logger and farmer for many years. In 1938 he worked for Bev Lester and helped with the first two rail carloads of Christmas trees ever shipped from the Kalispell area. In 1940 they moved to a farm in the Deer Park area east of Kalispell, where he farmed and raised dairy cattle. In 1950 they moved back to a farm in Smith Valley where they also had a dairy herd.

Ray began in 1958 working for the Soil Conservation Office in Kalispell, and in 1961 he went to work for the Flathead County Reclassification Office. On Jan. 1, 1963, Ray was elected to the Office of Assessor of Flathead County. He held that office for 12 years, retiring in January 1974. He also held the office of state president of assessors for one year.

After retiring, Ray spent several years volunteering for the RSVP and the Kalispell Senior Center. He also served a term as



a senior legislator in Helena. In 1984 he was presented with the state award of the Area IX Senior Citizen of the year.

Ray was a charter member of the Kalispell Moose Lodge, serving on the first board of officers. He was also a member of the Kalispell Eagles, he served on the school boards of Deer Park and Boorman Schools; he was also active with local 4-H clubs.

During retirement Ray and Bernice spent time traveling throughout the United States and Canada.

Ray was preceded in death by his parents; five brothers and three sisters; one grandchild and one great-grandchild.

He is survived by his wife, Bernice Managhan, at the family farm in Kalispell; three sons, Ray Managhan of Whitefish, Robert Managhan of Spokane, and Richard Managhan of Gig Harbor, Wash.; three daughters, Faye Freeman of Kalispell, Thelma Diciocco of Libby, and Patty Binegar of Houston, Texas; 18 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren; also numerous other relatives.

Funeral services for Raymond L. Managhan will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 1, in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel, with Dr. David Kauffman officiating, with burial afterward at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be held from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, March 31, at Johnson Mortuary.

The family suggests donations be made in Ray's name to the donor's choice.

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

## Michael Gerald Manion, 65

Michael Gerald Manion, 65, passed away Friday, March 10, 2006, at his home in Kalispell. He was born on Jan. 2, 1941, in La Crosse, Wis., to Gerald "Bud" and Frances (Cremer) Manion.



He moved with his parents and brother, Timothy Manion, to Kalispell in 1946. After high school, Mike attended Montana State University and the University of Montana.

He was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army in 1967. While in the Army, Mike attended the U.S. Air Defense School at Ft. Bliss, Texas. Mike's interest in aviation urged him to get his commercial and private pilot's licenses shortly after leaving the Army.

On July 27, 1968, Mike married Dorothy Jean Skornogoski, in Three Forks, whom he courted by flying her around the Flathead Valley. This union was blessed by three children. In 1981 he received his Doctorate of Philosophy, Ph.D., from Donsbach University.

For 15 years, Mike was the first voice heard in the morning while working at KGEZ Radio as announcer, manager and chief engineer. He later worked and retired from Montana Power in 1998. Most recently, Mike worked part-time at Glacier International Airport as a weather observer.

Mike was a Rotarian for more than 30 years. He served as past president and received the Paul

Harris Fellowship during that time. Mike was involved in Leadership Flathead, America reads and served on the airport board. Mike will be remembered for his fascination with flying, fondness of the ocean, study of science and literature, quick wit and his love of entertaining his grandchildren with tall tales.

He was a member of Mount St. Michael's Catholic Church in Spokane, a traditional Latin Catholic Church.

Mike already is missed by those who knew and loved him.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Bud and Frances Manion; his brother, Timothy Manion; and a nephew, Lee Michael Manion.

He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Jeannie Manion, of Kalispell; one son, John Michael Manion, of Spokane; two daughters, Kathleen M. Manion of Missoula, and Kelly Manion-Johansen and husband, Ron, of Idaho Falls, Idaho; two grandchildren, Emily Grace and Andrew John Johansen; one sister-in-law, Susan Conroy; also a niece and nephew, Shannon and Kevin Conroy; and several cousins.

Funeral services for Michael Gerald Manion will be held at noon Wednesday, March 15, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. today at Johnson Mortuary, with a rosary service at 5 p.m. Burial will be at 3 p.m. Thursday, March 16, at Fairview Cemetery in Three Forks.

The family suggests memorials be given to St. Matthew's Building Fund, 602 South Main St., Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

### Walter F. Manis, 89

Walter F. Manis, 89, died Friday, July 28, 2006, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. today, July

29, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery with the Rev. Daniel Lambert officiating.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

### Jeffery Steven Marrott, 32

Jeffery Steven Marrott, 32, passed away Sunday, Jan. 29, 2006, at his home in Whitefish.

He was born May 30, 1973, in Provo, Utah, to Thomas M. and JoDeen (Nielson)

Marrott. Jeff received his education in Utah graduating from Independence High School in 1991.

He worked various jobs before moving to Boulder, Colo., where he lived for a time. On April 20, 1997, Jeff married Sandra Riey in Las Vegas. Back in Provo, Jeff worked in construction before beginning his career in the printing industry in 1998. The family moved to Whitefish in 2003, when Jeff went to work for Resource Label Group.

Jeff was an avid camper, hiker, fisherman and cook. He was a



very hard worker and was well-loved by all who knew him. Jeff had a very special relationship with his paternal grandmother.

Jeff was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, his paternal grandfather, one aunt and two uncles.

He is survived by his wife, Sandy, of Whitefish; one daughter, Syrria; a son, Skyler; his parents, Tom and JoDeen, of Orem, Utah; two brothers, Kenneth of St. George, Utah, and Thomas of Orem, Utah; his paternal grandmother, Lorraine Marrott, of Orem; and many other relatives.

Memorial services for Jeff will be held at 5:30 p.m. today, Feb. 1, in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Whitefish, with Bishop Mark Hudson presiding. Additional services will be held in Orem, with burial in the Orem City Cemetery.

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

### Delpha E. Martin, 85

Delpha E. Martin, 85, passed away on Saturday, Sept. 2, 2006, at her residence in Columbia Falls.

She is survived by her children, Gene Houston of Columbia Falls, and Estella Sanders and Leonard Houston, both of

Albuquerque, N.M.

There are no services being planned at this time. There will be no visitation.

Johnson Mortuary & Crematory is caring for the family.

## Jack 'Super Jack' Robert Martin, 66

Jack "Super Jack" Robert Martin, 66, of Polson, passed away Tuesday, March 7, 2006, at his home. His loving family surrounded him during his courageous battle with cancer.



He was born Sept. 10, 1939, in Missoula to Gaither and May Martin. He spent his childhood in Missoula and Auburn, Wash.

He enlisted in the Navy on April 25, 1957, and served as a nuclear weapons man aboard the USS Intrepid. On Nov. 5, 1959, while home on leave, he married his childhood sweetheart, Lucy Steele, whom he met while in the second grade. He loved to share stories of the far away places he visited while in the Navy. He was honorably discharged Nov. 1, 1963.

After leaving the service, he spent many years employed as a log-truck driver. He never tired of the smell of the woods in the early morning just before sunrise. He became very close to those he worked with over the years.

"We can't think about Dad without thinking of the beautiful music he made. He was a very talented guitarist and taught all his children to play. We have fond memories of the times we shared making music together." He played in two bands in the late '70s and early '80s, the 5 Valley Freight Line and the Cannon Ball Express.

After retiring and moving to Polson in 1996, he took up woodworking. He and Lucy enjoyed the time they spent with this new hobby. He always had a beautiful yard and built many birdhouses, which were "rented" each spring to a new bird

family. He kept the birds housed and fed, and it was a great pastime for him.

He loved his little dog, Moses, and played tirelessly with him each day. They were great buddies. He enjoyed most the time he spent with his family. When asked, "Where is your favorite place to be?" he would answer, "Anywhere Lucy is."

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Judy Kodis and Maryann McSloy; two brothers, Don and Jim Martin; and a son-in-law, John Bessette.

His wife of 47 years, Lucy, survives him; along with his daughters and their children, Devie Bessette, Levi, Zach and Madi of Missoula, and Derie and Rich Kain, Briana, Tasia and Lauren of Lolo; his sons and their children, Buster and Suzi Martin, Heather, Brandon and Savanna of Anchorage, Alaska, Dennis and Renee' Martin, Nick and Bobbi of Missoula, and Delane and Simone Martin, Megan, Lynnze and Jack of Kalispell; brother, Gene Martin; sisters, Grace Tanner and Jo Pullar; and friend and brother-in-law, Robert Steele.

Jack will be remembered for his quick wit, a smile on his face and a twinkle in his beautiful blue eyes.

A memorial gathering and military honors will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 11, at the East Missoula Community Center, 300 Montana Ave. Please come share in a celebration of Jack's life.

In lieu of flowers, a donation to the Montana Cancer Center would be appreciated. Arrangements and cremation are under the direction of Grogan Funeral Home and Crematory in Polson.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.groganfuneralhome](http://www.groganfuneralhome).

## Carl Martinson, 83

Carl Martinson, 83, of Polson, died Wednesday, Aug. 2, 2006, at St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula following heart surgery.

He retired after selling The Captain's Wardrobe Dry Cleaners in Polson.

He is survived by a daugh-

ter, Pam Hansen of Missoula, and a son, Curtis Martinson of Pablo.

Cremation has taken place. A graveside military memorial service will be held 2 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 15, at Lake View Cemetery in Polson.



## Margaret Martinus, 92

Margaret Martinus "entered into eternal rest" suddenly at Kalispell Regional Hospital on Monday, Sept. 18, 2006.

She was born May 19, 1914, in Detroit to Anthony and Agnes Chojnacki. She was the youngest of three siblings.

She was married to Henry J. Martinus on June 27, 1936, in South Bend, Ind. They made their home in Grand Rapids, Mich., until her husband's death April 19, 1965.

In 1975, she moved west to be near her family and especially to enjoy her grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters, stepfather, husband and one daughter.

Margaret is survived by her son, Donald R. Martinus, and Sally; two

grandchildren, Sam Martinus of Johnstown, Pa., and Sonja Nelson and Tom of Homer, Alaska; and four great-grandchildren, Zachary, Jakob, Luke and Carly Nelson; and one brother, John Shevsky, of St. Claire Shores, Mich.; and many nieces and nephews.

She enjoyed fulfilling her calling as a wife, mother, especially grandmother, and a homemaker. She will be greatly missed.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 640 Seventh St. W., in Columbia Falls.

Inurnment will take place in Grand Rapids at a later date.

Arrangements are with the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

## Carol G. Rea Masters, 90

Carol G. Rea Masters "went to be with her Lord" Saturday, Nov. 18, at the Fountain Springs Health Care in Rapid City, S.D.

Carol was born Nov. 27, 1915, to George and Mabel Rea in Kimball, S.D. She grew up on a farm 12 miles south of Kimball. She graduated from Chamberlain, South Dakota, High School in 1933.

While attending beauty school in Mitchell, S.D., she met Wayne E. Masters. They were married in January 1935 by the Rev. Frank McGovern, father of Sen. George McGovern.

Carol became a pastor's wife when Wayne entered the ministry after working for the Milwaukee Railroad almost 10 years. Their pastorates included Granite Falls, Minnesota, Mil-

bank, S.D., and Whitefish. They retired in Bigfork, in 1975. In 1992, they returned to South Dakota and made their home in Rapid City.

She is survived by her five children, Ronald and LaVonne Masters of Rapid City, Gary and Carol Masters of Colorado Springs, Colo., Janice Masters of San Diego, Dennis and Barbara Masters of Anaconda, and David and Lorene Masters of Kalispell; 17 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Wayne; three grandsons; and one great-grandson.

A memorial has been established. Condolences may be sent to [www.serenityspringsfuneralchapel.com](http://www.serenityspringsfuneralchapel.com).

## Marjorie Jean Mathison, 78

Marjorie Jean Mathison, 78, passed away Friday, Aug. 11, 2006, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center, after an automobile accident that occurred Aug. 5 near Bigfork.



She was born Oct. 7, 1927, in Underwood, N.D., to Ellen and Lloyd Miles Standish. She was a direct descendant of Miles Standish of Mayflower fame, but was extremely proud of her German heritage.

Most of her growing-up years were spent in Sandpoint, Idaho. She attended grade school there and graduated from Sandpoint High School. As a senior in high school, she became Idaho's state pair's roller-skating champion. She was quite an athlete.

She met her husband, Carl Mathison, after World War II. They were married Dec. 29, 1946.

A true pioneer, Marjorie spent her early married years in logging camps at Priest Lake and the Cedars in Idaho.

Her children remember wonderful childhoods in nature — rivers, mountains and fresh air. They liked to ride horses and learned to hunt. Her father was an excellent woodsman, fisherman and hunter. She was an amazing seamstress. She loved golf and would allow nothing to get in the way of her scheduled game.

In 1968, Marjorie and her husband Carl moved to Polson. They moved to Bigfork in 1977, continuing their logging business. Marjorie was a member of the Vol-

unteers of Foreign Wars and carried the flag in the Memorial Day parade for many years. Marjorie and Carl became very involved in their community, decorating Bigfork for Christmas every year. In 1991, Marjorie lost her husband, Carl, to cancer.

She was a devoted grandmother of seven, great-grandmother to one, and had great fun with them. She was an active, vibrant and elegant woman.

In the mid-1990s, she met her beloved Roger Emerson. They both loved dancing, cribbage and shuffleboard. Marge and Roger had many dear friends in the Bigfork and Palm Springs areas.

Marjorie was preceded in death by her husband, Carl, in 1991. Her beloved companion of 10 years, Roger Emerson, passed away Saturday, Aug. 12, 2006.

She is survived by children, Tom (Connie) of Manhattan, Mont., Carie Graham of Chicago, and Carla Benson (Philip) of Missoula; and by her grandchildren Michelle, Derek, Nicole, Stuart, Erik, Andrew and Adam; plus by her great-grandchild, Blake; and by one brother, Lee Standish, and wife, Betty.

A memorial service for Marjorie will be held in combination with the memorial service for Roger Emerson at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 15, at Bethany Lutheran Church, 8559 Montana Highway 35, in Bigfork. An urn burial will be at Lonepine Cemetery in Bigfork. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that donations go to the American Cancer Society, 3550 Mullan Road, Suite 105, Missoula, Montana, 59808.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for the family.

## Richard Mauzey, 88

Richard Earl Mauzey was born Feb. 7, 1918, to Earl Francis and Jenny (LeFevre) Mauzey at the family home on Woods Bay, and died Nov. 2, 2006, in Burley, Idaho.



Dick received his education at Bigfork and was a member of the first graduating class of Bigfork High School. After high school, he was drafted into the U.S. Army, eventually being sent to Hawaii and other places in the South Pacific.

His last place of combat was on Leyte Island in the Philippines. He received his honorable discharge on V-J Day. Shortly after his discharge, he enrolled in National Schools in Los Angeles, earning a diploma in auto mechanics. He returned to Kalispell in 1950. He worked in the auto-mechanics business for the next 12 years and then was hired by the city of Kalispell to service the parking meters. He retired from this job in 1983 and promptly began a love affair with computers that lasted the rest of his life.

In 1951, Dick took square-dancing lessons and discovered the passion of his life. He could be found (with his dance partner of more than 50 years, Frances Madler) at dances all across the state on many nights of the week, always making it to work the next day. Dick took his responsibilities of citizen-

ship seriously. He volunteered his time to many organizations. He was very involved in the political scene as an active member of the Republican Party and was the leader for the local John Birch chapter for several years. He also was a member of the American Legion, Flathead Post No. 7, where he served as commander. He was a member of the local Lions Club, volunteered for Meal on Wheels and was active in promoting Boys State.

He moved to Burley, Idaho, in November 2003 to be closer to family.

Dick never married, but took his duties as an uncle very seriously. His generous spirit of giving kept him involved in the lives of his niece and nephews, teaching them to drive and taking them on trips to places such as Canada, California and the Grand Canyon.

Dick was preceded in death by his parents and is survived by his brother, Gene (Helen) Mauzey, of Burley, Idaho; niece, Shirley (John) Ramey, of Burley, Idaho; nephews, John (Tina) Mauzey of Kalispell, Steve (Linda) Mauzey of Canby, Ore.; six great-nieces and nephews; and six great-great-nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held in Burley on Friday, Nov. 10, at Calvary Baptist Church, 515 W. 27th St., at 2 p.m. Urn placement will be in Kalispell at a later date.

Arrangements are under the direction of Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, Idaho 83318.

## Jack Archie May, 82

Jack Archie May of Martin City passed away March 3, 2006, at the Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

Jack was born Dec. 29, 1923, to Archie and Margaret May in Miles City.

Jack married Maxine Griffin on April 4, 1944, and he was drafted into the U.S. Army on April 18, 1944. He served with the 104th Infantry Division — the Timberwolves — and was in Africa, Germany, France and Italy. He was honorably discharged in June 1946.

After the war, Jack and Maxine resided in Miles City, and later moved to Martin City. Jack worked at the F, K & L Lumber Co. at Shannon Gravel running a crusher, and for the U.S. Forest Service, retiring in 1985. Upon retiring, Jack took up housekeeping and cooking, while Maxine worked at the U.S. post office in Columbia Falls.

Jack was an avid Agate hunter and dabbled in jewelry-making. He also had a great love for the outdoors, which included hunting, fishing, camping and looking at the stars. He loved to tell his grandkids of his childhood days — growing up with his brothers and the mischief they got into.



Jack was preceded in death by his parents, Archie and Margaret May; a sister, Dorothy, and her husband, Dick Kirkpatrick; brothers Bob, Glen and Bill May; an infant daughter, Judy Ann; and a son, John.

He is survived by his wife, Maxine May, of Martin City; a son, James, and his wife, Marilyn, of Ismay; sisters-in-law, Myrtle May of Biddle, and Pansy May of Miles City; daughter-in-law, Jody, and husband, Jimmy Lester, of Hungry Horse; grandsons, Melvin and his wife, Beth, of Billings, Matt and his fiancée, Beth, of Kinsey, Josh and his wife, Chantel, of Columbia Falls, Jake and his wife, Keyna, of Whitefish; granddaughters, Stacey and her husband, Todd Casey, of Spokane, Wash., Sarah and her husband, Jurgen Kuhr, of Laurel; and seven great-grandchildren, Rachel and Erica Casey, Connor and Elaine May, and Dalton, Harley, Paije and Yahtes May.

Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. today, March 6. Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 7, at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

Burial will be afterward at Woodlawn Cemetery with military rites.

A luncheon will be held after the services at the Canyon Community Church in Coram.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice or to Canyon Community Church.

## Dr. Howard N. Mazurkiewicz, 64

Dr. Howard N. Mazurkiewicz, 64, passed away at his home in Rollins on Feb. 24, 2006.

Howard was born Aug. 27, 1941 in Detroit, the son of William and Helen (Kozlowski) Mazurkiewicz.

Howard grew up in Detroit and graduated from the University of Detroit in 1959. He then went to Wayne State University Medical School and graduated in 1967.

He married Janet Kaminski in Detroit. The couple then moved to Los Angeles, where Howard served his internship at the Los Angeles County Hospital. He was then drafted by the U.S. Army and spent four years in Germany. Howard then moved to Denver, where he served three years at the Fitzsimmons Army Medical Center for his radiology residency.

He retired from the Army after



10 years of honorable service as a lieutenant colonel. After military duty, he moved to Great Falls, where he practiced radiology for 25 years at Deaconess Medical Center, which is now Benefis East. Howard retired in January 2001 when he moved to Rollins.

Howard is survived by his wife, Janet, of Rollins; sons Paul M., Mark M., and Michael M. Mazurkiewicz of Fort Collins, Colo.; daughter, Christina Boysen, of Kalispell; brother, Bill M. Mazurkiewicz, of Rochester, Mich.; grandson, Zane Mazurkiewicz, of Fort Collins; sisters-in-law, Monica Cavanagh of New Zealand, and Rita Kaminski of Greeley, Colo.

Memorial services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 8, at St. Matthews Catholic Church, 602 S. Main St., with urn burial afterward at C.E. Conrad Cemetery.

The family requests memorial donations be made to Habitat for Humanity in his name.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.



## George S. McBride, 88

George S. McBride, 88, passed away Tuesday, April 4, 2006, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

George was born July 25, 1917, in Chicago to George and Laura Eldridge McBride. He was raised in the Chicago area where he attended schools, graduated from high school, and attended the University of Chicago.

George enlisted in the U.S. Navy, where he served from 1940 to 1945. After being honorably discharged from the Navy, George moved to California in 1946, where he went to work as a PBX repairman for Pacific Bell Telephone. He was a Level 2 supervisor when he retired.

He moved to Montana in 1992, where he had resided every since.

He was a very proud member

of the Eagles Lodge, and enjoyed working in his garden, as well as woodworking.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Alice; and one brother, Eldridge.

He is survived by two sons, Stephen McBride and his wife, Jane, of Laguna Niguel, Calif., and Richard McBride of Kalispell; and one brother, Ralph McBride, of Duluth, Minn., four grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 9, on the third floor of the Eagles Lodge in Kalispell.

The family request memorials be made to the American Lung Association.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family

## Virginia C. McCaffree, 83

Virginia C. McCaffree, 83, passed away Saturday, April 22, 2006, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

Virginia was born Virginia Christina Mary Hansen on Oct. 1, 1922, in Winnett, to Martha and Emil Hansen. She was the oldest of five children.

She was raised in Musselshell as her family moved there in 1927 so the girls could attend school. She graduated from high school there and attended college in Dillon for a year with her sister Marge.

On Sept. 7, 1943, she married Roy W. "Bill" McCaffree in Roundup. Bill and Virginia moved to Fort Riley, Kan., where Bill was stationed with the Army Cavalry. After Bill's discharge in 1945, they returned to Musselshell where they ranched and raised six children for 33 years. Virginia loved the ranch life and always said, "It was a good place to raise kids."

She nurtured more calves and lambs in her home as a ranch wife than you can imagine and even raised a three-legged whitetail fawn. She especially enjoyed her chickens, and during one spring had two dogs, each with a litter of pups for a total of 17 dogs on the ranch.

Virginia's children were her pride and joy. She always told people she had two families: two girls and a boy who turned out so good they wanted more, so six years later she had another two girls and a boy. With a total of six children to keep track of, she always was



reminding the kids to wear your hat, watch out for snakes, stay off the barn, don't rope the chickens, listen to your Dad and get out of the water tank.

In 1985, Bill and Virginia moved to Townsend, where they lived for 20 years. Then, in August 2004, they moved to Columbia Falls, where Virginia enjoyed living closer to three of her children and grandchildren.

Virginia was preceded in death by her parents, sister Freida Butt, and brother Johnny Hansen.

She is survived by her husband, Bill, of Columbia Falls; sons, Ernie McCaffree and his wife, Wendy, of Columbia Falls, and Marlin McCaffree and wife, Sue, of Shepherd; daughters, Mona Parker and husband, Darwin, of Hot Springs, Karen Smith and husband, Bob, of Eureka, Dianna Ammerman of Anchorage, Alaska, and Virginia "Lee" Smith and husband, Billy, of Humble, Texas. Grandchildren include Zane and Shane McCaffree, Olivia and Kelly Parker, Jim Boyd and Kari Peak, Steve and Stacy Ammerman, Justin and Quentin McCaffree, and Billy Smith. Virginia has two surviving sisters, Marge Lutey of Salem, Ore., and Viola Deputy of Polson.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today, April 25, at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

Burial will be held at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls at 9 a.m. Wednesday, April 26, followed by a memorial service at 10:30 a.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls.

Memorials may be made to Woodlawn Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 2962, Columbia Falls, MT 59912.

## George Walter McCallum, 87

George Walter McCallum, 87, passed away of a heart attack at his home in Terry, Mont., on Oct. 30, 2006.



George was born July 8, 1919, in Conrad, the eldest of eight children born to Warren Daniel and Jessie Gwen (Blackshaw) McCallum. He attended schools in western Montana and graduated from Thompson Falls High School.

On Aug. 10, 1943, he married the love of his life, Verdie Nadine Armstrong, in Reno, Nev. To this union were born four daughters, Janice, Anita, Glenda and Deborah.

George and Verdie made their home in western Montana, settling in Sanders County for the next 46 years. During those years they ranched, owned and operated McCallum Realty and Plains Cable Television, and were involved in various aspects of Christmas tree production.

Upon retiring, George and Verdie made their home in Helena from 1993 to 2003, at which time they moved to Terry. In retirement, they spent many happy winters in Arizona, where they enjoyed the sunshine and made many special friends.

George dedicated a major portion of his life to public service, serving as chairman for both the Sanders County Fair Board and Hot Springs School District Board of Trustees. He represented the northwestern portion

of Montana for 18 years in the Montana State Senate, from 1970 to 1988. During his tenure in the Senate, he served as chairman of the Taxation, Local Government and Education committees. George was elected president pro tempore by the Senate membership for the 1987 legislative session.

Throughout his life, his passion was his love for his wife of 63 years, Verdie, and his family and friends. He achieved many things in his lifetime and was known to be honest, fair and a man of his word. George was a Master Mason with the Ponemah Masonic Lodge No. 63 in Plains for 47 years, and a 20-year member of the Scottish Rites.

He is survived by his wife, Verdie, of Terry; daughters, Janice Jennings of Terry, Anita and Jim Oppedahl of Helena, Glenda and Chris Ueland of Terry, and Deborah and Ken Swingley of Helena; eight grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; sister, Marion Kelly, of Kalispell; and numerous nephews and nieces.

George was preceded in death by his parents and six of his siblings.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. today, Nov. 3, at Prairie Community Church in Terry. A memorial service and interment will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14, at the Plains Methodist Church in Plains.

Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting [www.stevensonandsons.com](http://www.stevensonandsons.com).

If friends should desire, memorials can be made to the Shriners Children's Hospital or the charity of your choice.

## Hilda Rolseth McCallum, 90

Hilda Rolseth McCallum, 90, a former Libby resident, died Saturday, Nov. 4, 2006, in Spokane.

She is survived by her husband, Clarence "Bud" McCallum, and sons, James and David McCallum, all of

Spokane.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Nelson and Vial Funeral Home, and interment services will follow at the City of Libby Cemetery.

## Robert W. McCallum, 80

Robert W. McCallum, 80, passed away Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2006, at the Dialysis Center in Kalispell. He had been a patient there since 1998.



He was born Aug. 13, 1926, in Columbia Falls to Warner and Jessie Gwen (Blackshaw) McCallum. The family moved to Echo Lake when he was 2 years old and later to the Niarada Lonepine area, where he grew up and attended schools.

He worked in sawmills and mines and served in the 2nd Infantry Division in the Army of Occupation in Japan during World War II. He was honorably discharged in 1947. He then worked on the Hungry Horse Dam and later the Anaconda Company in Butte and Anaconda.

Bob married Shirley H. Arnold in Salem, Ore., in 1953, and they made their home in Butte. When the Anaconda Company built the aluminum plant in Columbia Falls, they moved to Hungry Horse, and he began work at the aluminum plant in July 1955. He was employed there until his retirement in 1991. He began work as a potman and later became an environmental control operator, a position he held until he retired.

He and Shirley purchased a farm south of Columbia Falls along the Flathead River and moved there in 1962. Farming was always an important and enjoyable part of Bob's life. Over the years, he built and sold two houses and part of his farm. He was always an ardent outdoorsman and made many hunting and fishing trips with

his sons. He and his wife made a number of trips, including Australia and Mexico, during his retirement years before he became ill.

Bob was a member of the Columbia Falls Lodge No. 89 AF & AM.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, William McCallum; sisters, Margaret (in infancy), Jessie Cayer, Sharleen Scott, and May June Lesofski; his brothers-in-law, Charles Kelly, Jack Cayer, Lucien Scott and Larry Lesofski; and a daughter-in-law, Sandra McCallum.

Bob is survived by his wife, Shirley, at the family home; sons, Douglas McCallum of Kalispell, Robert J. McCallum and his wife, Sandra, of Kalispell, and Kevin L. McCallum and his wife, Anne, of Columbia Falls; his daughter, Pamela Dagnillo, and her husband, Michael, of Aurora, Colo. his grandchildren, Joshua Ott and his wife, Alyssa, of Aurora, Brandon Ott of Aurora, Shirley Pate and her husband, Andrew, of Gridley, Calif., Kimberly and Bonnie McCallum of Kalispell, and Jessica, Meghan and Zane McCallum of Columbia Falls; stepgrandson, Tom Dunlap, of Kalispell; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. today, Oct. 27, at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls, with the Rev. David Kauffman officiating. Burial will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery with military graveside honors.

The family has suggested that memorials be made to the DCI, 135 Commons Way, Kalispell, MT 59901.

## Elwood McClarty, 79

Elwood McClarty, born Oct. 30, 1927, in Kalispell, passed away Oct. 27, 2006, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center after a brief illness.



He is preceded in death by his parents, Homer and Beryl McClarty; sister, Bonnie Craft; and brother, Dr. Jack McClarty.

He is survived by his devoted wife, Shirley; his loving children, Bill and Sandra McClarty of West Palm Beach, Fla., Karin and David Sullivan of Las Vegas, Gary and Mary McClarty of Kalispell, and Robert and Jana McClarty of Hutchinson, Kan.; and grandchildren, Chelsea McClarty, Kirk and Kelley Kimbrell, Kara Humphreys, Jessica Gilchrist, Ryan McClarty, and Justin and Alycia McClarty.

Having lived all his life in the Flathead Valley, he began working at a young age, eventually learning the butcher trade from a favorite uncle, Glenn King. Subsequently, he purchased McClarty Well Drilling from his father which he operated for 37 years. He also owned and operated the Merritt Motel for 10 years.

Elwood and Shirley never missed an opportunity to travel, having traveled the world and

all 50 states. After retirement, winters were spent in West Palm Beach, where he negotiated the traffic of big-city freeways with care and precision as with everything he did.

Every day was a blessing for Elwood. A meticulous and conscientious man, his greatest love was helping his fellow man, whether it was a customer or someone in need. Every day was filled with hearty laughter and work even though he was retired. He will always be remembered and missed for his generosity, which included literally giving the coat off his back to someone in need more than once.

"Some say that love equals time. In that respect, the greatest legacy he leaves may be the time, sincere interest and undivided attention he gave to every person whose life he touched. His approach to life was simple and the lessons of character he leaves have not been wasted."

Vigil will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 30, at Buffalo Hills Funeral Home. Funeral Mass is scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 31, at St. Matthews Catholic Church. Burial will follow at Conrad Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions to the building fund at St. Matthews are suggested.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

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## Garold 'Mac' McConnell, 88

Garold Melvin McConnell passed away peacefully in his sleep after a short illness, at North Valley Community Hospital on Aug. 18, 2006.

He was born on the family farm Aug. 4, 1918 in Ragen, Neb., to Frank and Rosie McConnell, the oldest of five children. After graduating from high school in Ragen, he served honorably in the U.S. Army during World War II.

On Sept. 8, 1945, he married Dorothy Ann Knox of Holdrege, Neb. They were blessed with two sons, Robert and Don. While living in Nebraska, he worked for the Soil Conservation Service in Minden and Hastings. In 1968, he accepted a transfer to Helena to be nearer to his beloved mountains. He worked in Helena until he retired in 1968 after more than 30 years of service.

He and Dorothy moved to Whitefish in 1997 to be closer to their sons, Bob and Don, and their grandchildren, Molly, Karl, Shawna, and stepgrandson, Brooks.

Mac especially enjoyed wood-working, photography, living in Montana, and shooting the breeze

with his neighbors.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Margaret; and his brother, Bud.

Mac is survived by his wife of 60 years, Dorothy; his son, Bob and his wife, Vicki and their daughter, Molly, all of Whitefish, and their son, Brooks, of Lake Tahoe, Calif.; his son, Don and his children, Karl and Shawna, all of Whitefish; his brother, Keith, and his wife, Bernieta, McConnell of Kearney, Neb.; and his sister, Zella, and her husband, Harvey Richman, of Alma, Neb.; his sister-in-law, Wanda, of Phillipsburg, Kan.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He will be remembered for his sense of humor, his gentle spirit, and a friendly wave to everyone who passed by his porch.

Memorial services will be held in Whitefish and Minden, Neb., on dates to be announced later.

Memorials may be sent to the National Arbor Day Foundation, 211 N. 12th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, "Trees in Memory" program.

## Josie Dochtermann McCracken, 64

Josie Dochtermann McCracken, 64, of Berthoud, Colo., died March 23, 2006, at McKee Medical Center in Loveland, Colo.

She was born Dec. 24, 1941, in Longmont, Colo., to Charles Martin Brossman and Irene Frances Eachus Brossman.

She married Chester "Bud" McCracken on May 21, 2005, in Berthoud and moved to Berthoud from Kalispell.

She was a self-employed tile setter and spent her free time fishing, camping, traveling and enjoying the outdoors.

Josie loved her children and grandchildren immensely.

She is survived by her husband, Chester McCracken, of Berthoud; two sons, Martin Derr and wife, Michelle, and Jeff Basnett and wife, Cindy, and two daughters, Jennifer Goo and husband, Les, and Robin Basnett, all of Kalispell; stepsons, Matt Becker and wife, Heather, of Twin Falls, Idaho,



Mike Becker, Chester McCracken Jr., and wife, Jana, of Loveland; two stepdaughters, Robin O'Dell and husband, Dennis, and Dixie Phillips and husband, Mark, all of Berthoud; brothers, Dan Brossman and wife, Hazel, of Lander, Wyo., Aaron Brossman of Libby, Chuck Brossman and wife, Gracie, of Fort Smith, Alaska, and George Brossman and wife, Carol, of Dacono, Colo.; sisters, Irma Doss of Alaska, Emmy Brunk and husband, Steve, of Greeley, Colo., Kathy Rudd of Loveland, Mary Colwell and husband, Frank, of Lander, Wyo., and JoAnn Byrns and husband, Dean, of Spokane; numerous grandchildren; and lifelong friends, Marilyn Barker and Marty Bell.

She was preceded in death by her parents; an infant son, Michael; husband, David Robert Becker; and sister, Bessie Divas.

Cremation has been conducted. No services are scheduled at this time.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society in care of Kibbey-Fishburn Funeral Home, 1102 N. Lincoln Ave., Loveland, CO 80537.



## Byron Lee McCrory, 88

Byron Lee McCrory passed peacefully, with this family at his side, on Oct. 2, 2006. His family held a private memorial on Oct. 4.

Lee was born in Williston, N.D., on Feb. 20, 1918. He graduated from high school in Williston then served in the Army in World War II.

Lee is survived by Peg, his wife of 60 years; and their three

children, Ken and Sandi McCrory, Leann and Lorin Cranson, and Mary Ann and Jim Gillespey. He is also survived by two grandchildren, Megan and Josh Kutner, and Matthew McCrory.

Lee and Peg lived in Great Falls most of their working years, retired to Lakeside, then moved to Vancouver, Wash., to live with Mary Ann and Jim.

## Billie M. McCrum, 86

Billie M. McCrum, 86, passed away at Kalispell Regional Medical Center on Saturday, April 15, 2006. Billie was born July 8, 1919, in Clay, La., to John Wesley and Jessie Emma Stewart Harden. She was raised in San Antonio, where she graduated from high school and attended beauty school.

Billie married Samuel B. McCrum in 1938.

She worked for the government for about 25 years.

She moved to Spokane, where she went to work for the Spokane School District, developing the teachers center for 10 years.

She was a member of the Eastern Star in Okinawa, Great Falls and Spokane Chapters, and a member of the Lady Shriners and the Ladies of the Nile in Spokane.

She volunteered at the Shriners Burn Center for children in Spokane, and at the Lakeview Care Center in Bigfork and the Art Center.

Billie was a can-do person; she had many skills, including painting, needlework and sewing.

Billie was preceded in death by her parents; and her husband, Samuel McCrum.

She is survived by her daughter, Sandra Hults; stepson, Don Carberry, and his wife, Carol; stepdaughter, Gwen Pollard, and her husband, Jerry, and their children; sister, Anna Beth Hewgley; grandchildren, Samuel B. Hults, Janine Kay Hults and Richard Warren Hults; stepgrandchildren, Heather Bruner and Aaron Carberry; niece, Billie Beth Kretzschmar; and nephews, Richard Hewgley and Warren Hewgley.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. today, Tuesday, April 18, at the Community United Methodist Church in Bigfork, with the Rev. Jan Witman officiating. Burial will take place at the Oak Island Cemetery in San Antonio.

Memorials are requested to the Guide Dogs for the Blind in San Rafael, Calif., or the Community Methodist Church in Bigfork.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Christine 'Chris' McCully, 62

Christine "Chris" McCully died Jan. 7, 2006, at home. She was born in Eureka on Feb. 7, 1943, to Darrell and Lillian Roose. She was a lifelong resident of Eureka.

She married Keith McCully in 1962 and had four children, Darrell, Travis, and Lance, and daughter, Gail.

Chris could always be found wherever her children happened to be, and later wherever her grandchildren happened to take her. Whether it was football, wrestling or team roping, she was there cheering for her children. Chris was a devoted wife and mother.

In later years she cared for those who couldn't take care of themselves. She could always be counted on to help if you called. Chris's kitchen was often referred to as the neighborhood coffee shop. There was never a time

that you stopped in that someone was not there visiting around the kitchen table with coffee cup in hand. She was a truly generous person.

Chris will be missed by all who ever met her.

Chris is survived by her husband, Keith McCully; sons, Darrell and Lance McCully; daughter, Gail Mee; grandchildren, Cole, Kallee, Morgan, Dalton, Michael, Lexy, Travis and Chet; father, Darrell Roose; brother, Kent Roose; and sister, Linda Shoup.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Lillian Roose; brother, Kurt Roose; and son, Travis McCully.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 11, at the First Baptist Church in Eureka.

Arrangements are by Nelson and Vial Funeral Home in Eureka.



## Theodore Keith 'Ted' McDougall, 82

Theodore Keith "Ted" McDougall, 82, died at his home Sunday, May 21, 2006, in Rollins.

He was born Feb. 17, 1924, in Cleveland, N.D., to Wilmer and Eureka (Strand) McDougall. Ted was the fifth of eight children. He grew up in Cleveland where he won best male actor his senior year of high school and graduated from Cleveland High School.

He went one year of business college in Ellendale, N.D. Ted joined the CCC when he was a teenager, then the U.S. Navy at age 17.

After service in the Navy he came home and later married Vivian Oberg on Aug. 20, 1948, in Moorhead, Minn. While working for Standard Oil, Ted and his family moved to California, where they lived from 1956 to 1988. Ted and Vivian retired in 1988 and moved to Rollins.

Ted will be remembered for his wonderful whistle, his love of card-playing and his philosophies on life and his ability to make a person feel



at ease. He loved playing pinochle, and jigsaw puzzles, fishing and woodworking.

He was a member of the American Legion.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Bill, Bobby and Tom; and one sister, Bernadine Heitz.

Ted is survived by his wife, Vivian McDougall, of Rollins; one son, Jeff McDougall, and wife, Suzette, of Rocklin, Calif.; one daughter, Debbie Schipper, and husband, Jeff, of Norfolk, Neb.; four grandchildren, Ashley and Taylor McDougall, and Daniel Schipper and Kelly Schipper Acuna; two great-grandchildren, Avery Schipper and Aliya Acuna; two brothers, Wilmer "Willy" McDougall of Spokane, and Charlie "Mac" McDougall and wife, Beatrice of Nebraska; and one sister, Norma Jean Huseh, of Sioux City, Iowa.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, May 25, in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel.

The family suggests memorials be given to Lake County Home Health Hospice, 711 Main St. S.W., Ronan, MT 59864.

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

## Carlyn Russell McElroy, 70

Carlyn Russell McElroy, 70, of Butte, formerly of Libby, died Aug. 22, 2006, at his home in Libby after an illness.

He was a carpenter and boat builder.

He is survived by his wife, Jeanette, of Libby.

A memorial celebration will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 3, at Petrusha Cabin on Bootjack Lake.

## Christine Siefke McGuire, 52

Christine Siefke McGuire, 52, died Tuesday, March 28, 2006, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She worked as a certified nurse assistant at Libby Care Center for over 15 years.

She is survived by her husband, David, of Libby; and her mother, Margaret Siefke

Halvorson of Libby.

Services will be 2 p.m. Monday 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. today at the funeral home.

## Jack McGuire, 65

Jack McGuire passed away Feb. 7, 2006.

He was born in New York, lived in California, but loved Montana. Jack was a larger-than-life character who lived his life to the fullest.

He is survived by his brother, Paul, and sister, Suzy, in New York; his two children, Cheryl and Dennis; and grandchildren, Brad, Christal, Mike, Matt and Kat. He is also survived by his

true love, Mary.

Jack was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Ann.

There will be a celebration of Jack's life at 4 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10, at the Swan River Hall in Bigfork. Friends and family are welcome.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Bigfork Veterans Center, P.O. Box 645, Bigfork, MT 59911; or Bigfork QRU, Bigfork, MT 59911.

## James McGuire, 81

James McGuire, 81, died on Thursday, June 15, 2006, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

His ashes will be buried in

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

## Gerald McGowen, 85

Gerald McGowen, 85, of Eureka, died Thursday, April 13, 2006, at Kalispell.

He is survived by his sons, Gerald McGowen of Hermosa Beach, Calif., and Jim McGowen of Eureka; and a stepdaughter, Carol Reynolds of Eureka.

Services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday at the family residence at 1880 Therriault Creek Road in Eureka.

Arrangements are by Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Eureka.

## Vivian McHenry, 85

After along battle with Alzheimer's disease, Vivian McHenry passed away at her Kalispell home on July 10, 2006, at age 85.

She is survived by her husband, Floyd "Mac" McHenry, and four children, Gary McHenry and his wife, Shirley, of Kalispell, Kay Lynn Hertlein of Kalispell, Kelly McHenry and his wife, Linda, of Apache Junction, Ariz., and Connie Soto of Chico, Calif.; her nine grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

She and Mac have lived in the Flathead Valley for 35 years. As proprietors of McHenry's Tree Nursery, they provided Christ-



mas trees to the Northwest for 17 years.

Vivian was known for her love of gardening, reading and animals, especially cats.

She was a devoted wife of 63 going on 64 years as of July 12, and a kind and gentle mother and grandmother who loved seeing her family grow.

Her artistry could be seen from watercolor paintings to fabric art.

A longtime member of the Kalispell United Methodist Church and Eastern Star Vivian always could be counted on for a bright smile and her generosity. She will be greatly missed.

There will be a memorial service at 2 p.m. today, July 13, at the Masonic Lodge in Bigfork.

Donations can be sent to the Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Fl. 17, Chicago, IL 60601-7633 or 1-800-272-3900.

## Mary Irene McKean, 85

Mary Irene McKean, 85, passed away Sept. 25, 2006, at Lakeview Care Center in Bigfork, where she resided for eight years.

Mary was born June 5, 1921, in Butte to George and Lottie Tripp. She married Archie McKean on June 13, 1933, in Ennis. Archie and Mary had three children.

Mary was a homemaker. She loved and enjoyed her family. Her favorite pastime was fishing and camping at Middle Thompson Lake.



One of the loves of her life was "her flowers."

Mary was preceded in death by her parents, George and Lottie; husband, Archie; daughter, Mary Louise; and sister, Georgia Sinerius.

She is survived by two sons, George and Lee McKean of Middle Thompson Lake, and Jack and Carol McKean of Bozeman; three granddaughters, and two great-grandsons. Mary also is survived by one brother-in-law, Les McKean, of Libby, and several nieces and nephews.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held in the near future at Middle Thompson Lake.

## Avela Wildermuth McKee, 87,

Avela Wildermuth McKee, 87, of Polson passed away on Sunday, Nov. 26, 2006, at St. Joseph Hospital in Polson from natural causes.



She was born April 13, 1919, in Fargo, N.D., to Jerome and Ave (Dutton) Wildermuth.

She graduated from Greeley Teachers College in Greeley, Colo., in 1950. She met Orville Nelson at college and married him on June 12, 1951.

She first taught in a one-room schoolhouse in Colorado for grades from one through eight where she baked biscuits on the wood-burning stove for her students. She also taught elementary school in Anaheim and Pasadena, Calif., and Corvallis, Ore., for a total of 33 years of teaching, and retired at the age of 62.

Avela renewed her acquaintance with Bill McKee, whom she had not seen in 24-plus years, in 1980 at a family reunion, and they were married May 23, 1984. Their love story took them on a wonderful journey from marriage to celebrating the birth of great-grandchildren, to traveling around the Pacific Northwest, United States and the world. She called Montana home, first at Whitefish, then Polson, but spent their winters in a second home at Palm Desert, Calif.

She will be remembered for her thoughtfulness to family and friends, her zest for life and the many little things she did for others that made such a

difference in their lives. Avela loved sewing, knitting, crocheting and cooking.

Never at a loss for words, she always had a welcoming smile in her eyes, enjoying laughter, a good conversation and the good friends that made both of those things happen. Avela delighted in bringing out the child in all of us no matter what our age, but particularly related with the young ones.

She was preceded in death by her parents; first husband, Orville Nelson; brothers, Rodney, and wife Olive Wildermuth, and Loren Wildermuth; and sister, Doris, and husband Charley Houser.

Avela is survived by her husband, Bill McKee, of Polson; daughters, Laurie and Doug Schmitt of Castro Valley, Calif., and Lynn McEachren of Spokane; sons, Loren Nelson of Mission Viejo, Calif., and Mike and Jeanette McKee of Hamilton; two brothers Berl and Helen Wildermuth of Clinton, Wis., and Ortliss and Polly Wildermuth of Seattle; six grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

A celebration of her life will be held at 11 a.m. today, Nov. 29, in the First Presbyterian Church in Polson with Rev. Dave Anson officiating. Inurnment will be held in the spring at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell.

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

Condolences to the family at [www.groganfuneralhome.com](http://www.groganfuneralhome.com).

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

## Leroy Ross McLeod, 54

Leroy Ross McLeod, 54, died Thursday, July 6, 2006, at his home in Kalispell, from heart failure.

He was born on June 13, 1952, in Kalispell, the son of Clarence and Gladys (Sundt) McLeod. Leroy was raised and received his education in Kalispell.

He and Marolyn were married in Kalispell and were married for 25 years. He worked as a painting contractor all his life. You would either find him on the lake with a fishing pole, in his shop with a paint brush or on the lawn mower with his goggles and ear plugs or on the couch with the remote



in his hand and his cat under his arm. He was an avid fisherman who was always content on the lake.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife, Marolyn McLeod of Kalispell; their two daughters, Lori of Phoenix and Malisa of Kalispell; his beloved granddaughter, Madelyn; two sisters, Gloria Smith and Sharon Askelson, both of Kalispell; and many other relatives. He also leaves behind his favorite cat, Chubby.

Memorial services for Leroy Ross McLeod will be held 9 a.m. Monday, July 10, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel in Kalispell. There will be no visitation.

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

## Cleo McManus, 55

Cleo McManus, 55, passed away Aug. 22, 2006, in Kalispell.

She was born July 28, 1951, in Roseburg, Ore.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Ellen Schmalz; and nephew, Christopher Schmalz.

Cleo is survived by her children, Brad McManus and Jason and wife, Lavonnie McManus, and their son, Justice, all of Kalispell; her

father, Frank and Mary Schmalz, of Plains; brothers, Tim Schmalz and wife, Billie, of Thompson Falls, and Bob Schmalz and wife, Bethy, of Israel; sister, Robin Forester, of Kalispell; and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 26, at Kalispell Apostolic Church, 1765 Montana 35, in Kalispell.

## Sister Margaret Ann McManus, 94

Funeral and burial services for Sister Margaret Ann McManus, RSM (formerly Sister Mary Annunciata) who passed away Sept. 4, 2005, and



who donated her body to the Anatomy Department at University Hospitals in Iowa City, will be held at 10 a.m. Nov. 28, 2006. The Mass of Resurrection will be held at Sacred Heart Convent Chapel and burial to follow at Mount Calvary Cemetery in Cedar Rapids.

Sister Margaret Ann McManus was born Aug. 6, 1912, in De Witt, Iowa, the daughter of Edward and Hazel Butterfield McManus.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Marcella Wagner; and two brothers, Robert and Paul. In addition to her Sisters of Mercy, Sister Margaret Ann is survived by a sister, Esther Hovey; and a brother, E. Eugene; both of De Witt, and several nieces and nephews.

Sister Margaret Ann entered the Cedar Rapids Regional Community of the Sisters of Mercy on Jan. 3, 1932, and made her final profession of vows June 23, 1937. She celebrated her Jubilee for 70 years as a Sister of Mercy in 2002.

She received her associate's

degree from Mount Mercy College, Cedar Rapids; a Bachelor of Science degree from the College of St. Teresa in Winona, Minn.; and Master of Science and Ph.D. degrees from St. Louis University in St. Louis. She did post-doctoral study and research at the University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa, and at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa.

Sister began her ministry in education, teaching in various schools of the Archdiocese of Dubuque including St. John in Waterloo, Sacred Heart in Oelwein and Mount Mercy College in Cedar Rapids.

Sister Margaret Ann established Schools of Medical Technology and Radiological Technology at Mercy Hospital (now Medical Center) in Cedar Rapids, at Mercy Hospital in Anamosa and at Kalispell General Hospital in Kalispell.

She chaired the division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics at Mount Mercy College for 22 years and directed the Department of Genetics at Mercy Medical Center in Cedar Rapids for 17 years. She published a number of articles on her academic and research work, and received several research grants and awards for her work. After retiring to Sacred Heart Convent in Cedar Rapids in 1997, Sister continued to do research in her chosen medical field.

## Wendy Sue McMurdo, 39

Wendy Sue McMurdo passed away Dec. 25, 2006. She was born in Whitefish, on March 2, 1967, to Reginald and Carol McMurdo. She was the oldest of three children, the big sister to twin brothers Kevin and Jesse.



Wendy grew up in Whitefish. She enjoyed life in a small town and was fortunate enough to live one block from the Whitefish City Beach. She was a member of the swim team and participated in pep club and cheerleading for the Whitefish Bulldogs. Wendy was very loved by her fellow classmates as well as by all who met her.

After graduating from Whitefish High School with the class of 1985, she attended flight attendant school in Vancouver, Wash. She continued her education at Sun College in Utah. While in Salt Lake City she worked as an office manager at a metal finishing company. Wendy lived and worked in various places, including Missoula. While there she spent valuable time with her mother, Carol. During that time she became a

certified personal care assistant. She finally came "home" to Whitefish. While in Whitefish she spent the last several years with her father, for which she was very grateful.

Wendy had beautiful eyes and a contagious smile. She was loved and will be missed terribly by all who loved her.

Wendy was preceded in death by her grandpa, Rex McMurdo; grandma, Vera McMurdo; and grandpa, Carl Benson.

She is survived by her father, Reginald "Reggie" McMurdo, of Whitefish; mother, Carol Hubley, of Riddle, Ore.; brothers, Kevin and Jesse McMurdo; grandma, Frances Benson; nephew, Jacob McMurdo; uncles, Martin McMurdo, Larry Benson and Mike Benson; aunt, Barbara Benson; and several cousins.

There will be a formal memorial service to be held in the spring. It will be announced in the local papers at a later date. The family has been in the care of Pete at Austin Funeral Home.

Donations in Wendy's memory can be made to the local diabetes foundation at Northwest Healthcare Foundation, c/o Kalispell Regional Medical Center, 310 Sunnyview Lane, Kalispell, MT 59903.

## Lavina 'Louise' McNair, 86

Lavina "Louise" McNair, 86, died March 29, 2006, at St. John Lutheran Hospital in Libby.

She had worked as a waitress and cook at the Husky Restaurant in Kalispell and was known for her pies.

Survivors include four children, May Baeth of Missoula,

Mike McNair of Marysville, Wash., and Mary Beth Alkire and Roland McNair, both of Libby.

Visitation will be from 3 to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 11, at Nelson and Vial Funeral Home in Libby. Services will be at 3 p.m. Friday, May 12, at Christ Lutheran Church.



## William H. 'Bill' McNitzky, 83

William H. "Bill" McNitzky, 83, passed away on Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2006, at his home in Kalispell.

Bill was born on April 26, 1922, in Los Angeles to William and Wanda Henderson McNitzky. He attended schools in Denton, Texas.

After high school, Bill attended Lon Morris Junior College in Jacksonville, Texas, and then North Texas State College in Denton. He studied printing and other industrial arts courses. He became an apprentice in his father's printing plant in 1934, and followed the printing trade for most of his life.

Bill enlisted in the Army Air Corps immediately after the attack on Pearl Harbor. He served in several capacities in the Air Corps, including training instructor, photographer, information specialist, and for a while he was a pilot trainee. He later transferred to the Army ground forces, winding up as a Signal Corps Army Pictorial service photographer. He finished his military service on the staff of the Army newspaper Stars and Stripes in the Pacific Ocean area.

After returning home, he became a reporter-photographer on the Denton Record-Chronicle, where he won first place for news writing awarded by the Associated Press in 1947.

In 1948, he married Nelda McCormick in Denton. They moved to Bay City, Texas, where he was a reporter-photographer on the Daily Tribune. For several

years he held positions with several newspapers, including the Freeport Facts, the Santa Fe New Mexican and the Socorro Chief-tan. He was also editor of the Angleton Times.

Returning to his original profession, he and his wife Nelda were owners of the Paragon Press in El Paso, Texas, at the time of their retirement. They moved to Kalispell in 1988. He attributed his long life to the love and care of his devoted wife of 57 years, Nelda.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, William and Wanda McNitzky; one sister, Wanda Elsie Vaughan; and his son-in-law, Jake Foot.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Nelda; four daughters and their spouses, Beth and Jeff Moore of El Paso, Bettye and Rich Hull of Cheney, Wash., Becky Speir of Albuquerque, N.M., and Cindy Foot of Kalispell; seven grandchildren, including Andrea and Garrett Foot of Kalispell; seven great-grandchildren; one brother, Duncan McNitzky of Ogden, Utah; and two sisters, Anna Louise Ludeman and Martha Ann Williams of Lake Jackson, and Midland, Texas.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 14, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home with the Rev. Ray Davis officiating. Urn burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

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

## Margaret Minnie McRae, 84

Longtime Alaskan and former Seward, Alaska, and Kalispell resident Margaret McRae died from a hemorrhagic stroke April 1, 2006, at Providence Alaska Medical Center in Anchorage.

Graveside services for Mrs. McRae were April 10 at the American Legion Cemetery with Father Emmanuel officiating.

Mrs. McRae was born on Dec. 22, 1921, in Kalispell, to Schuyler and Laura Rhone.

After graduating from Flathead County High School in 1940, she planned to attend art school. Her plans changed when she met Albert "Scotty" McRae in Glacier National Park in the summer of 1940. They married on Christmas Day, 1940, and moved to Kodiak, Alaska, in the spring of 1941.

She worked as a bookkeeper while in Kodiak and often talked about life in Kodiak during the war. She moved to Seward with her husband in 1942 and loved Seward from the minute they arrived. In the winter of 1946 she and Scotty, along with their 2-year-old son Doug, traveled over the Alaska Highway from Washington to Alaska. They traveled the road with Cap Lathrop, who was building the Fourth Avenue movie theater in Anchorage. During the 1964 earthquake/tsunami, Mrs. McRae, along with her family, had the harrowing experience of riding the roof of a house at the head of Resurrection Bay.

Mrs. McRae had exceptional



artistic talent, and she also loved to sew, cook and garden. Her husband and children were the center of her universe, and she was most happy as a wife and mother.

In Seward, she was a member of the Seward Lutheran Church, Order of Eastern Star and the Pioneers of Alaska. She also enjoyed traveling and just six weeks ago had returned from Kona, Hawaii. She spent a week in Seward last month and was headed for the airport and Las Vegas on March 28 when she suffered a stroke in her home.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Albert "Scotty" McRae; infant son, Roger Bruce McRae; father, Schuyler Colfax Rhone; mother, Laura Stroebe Rhone; and brother, John Rhone.

Mrs. McRae was loved by her family and will be missed forever.

Her survivors include her son, Doug and Diane McRae, of Seward; daughter, Linda and Steve MacSwain, of Anchorage; son, Robert McRae, of Michigan; three grandchildren, Doug and Pam McRae Jr., Steve and Claudia MacSwain, and Stephanie MacSwain Skoutas and Parris Skoutas; and three great-grandchildren, Stevie, Matthew and Corbin.

Mrs. McRae gave the gift of life through organ donation to make life better for others.

Gifts in Mrs. McRae's memory may be made to the Seward Senior Center at Box 1195, Seward, AK 99664. The family may be contacted through Linda MacSwain, 4154 Apollo Drive, Anchorage, AK 99504.

Arrangements were made by Evergreen Memorial Chapel in Anchorage.

## Blanche E. Meeker, 77

Blanche E. Meeker, 77, a longtime Eureka resident, died Saturday, Jan. 21, 2006, in Kalispell from natural causes. She was born in Kalispell on June 16, 1928, to Floyd and Bessie Lewis Haddow. She grew up and attended school in Kalispell and graduated from Flathead County High School in 1946. She attended a business college in San Diego.

She married David Wojtusik in California, and he preceded her in death in 1953.

She then returned to Kalispell, where she met and married Jim Meeker in 1956. They moved to Eureka in 1959, where they became the owners and operators of a local gas station, which they operated for 18 years. She also started the Queen Bee Drive Inn in 1963 and operated it for more than 20 years.

She was an active member of Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church in Eureka.

She also served on the City Council in Eureka, The Glacier Bank board and the Mountain View Manor board. She also enjoyed golf.

Survivors include her three sons, David Meeker of Eureka, Mike Meeker and wife, Margaret Ann, of Kalispell, and Pat Meeker and wife, Julie, of Kalispell; as well as her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 28, at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church in Eureka. Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, with rosary starting at 7 p.m.

Local arrangements are by the Nelson and Vial Funeral Home in Eureka.

## Jesse Eugene Megahan, 86

Jesse Eugene Megahan died June 1, 2006.

He was born Oct. 23, 1919, to Myrtle J. Lear and Foster Alvin Megahan in Hollidaysburg, Pa., and graduated from high school there in 1937.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II in Europe, Africa and the Middle East — fighting in Tunisia and Italy. He received two Bronze Stars, the American Defense Service Medal, a Good Conduct Medal and the Combat Infantryman Badge.

Jesse worked at McClellan Air Force Base in 1952 where he met and married SunnyGrace Louise Smith, and they raised a family of seven children. The family lived in Lincoln and Rocklin, Calif., where he was a rural letter carrier before they moved to Ronan in 1969, where he became a well-known mail carrier at Charlo. He truly enjoyed his job and all the families he got to know on his route before retiring in 1980. He had many stories about his adventures on the route, such as pulling other vehicles out of ditches and the interesting people he enjoyed visiting along the way.

He loved to watch any and all televised sporting events, but Grace managed to pull him away for a few trips. They mostly visited their children across the states. They even managed a couple of great trips to visit their youngest

daughter in Hawaii and Okinawa, Japan, which gave them lasting memories.

One of Jesse's greatest attributes was that his home was always open to anyone who needed a helping hand, no questions asked. Anyone staying with them automatically was made to feel like part of the family.

He was preceded in death by his wife, SunnyGrace, daughter, Abigail Madsen, brother, Robert and sister, Irene.

He is survived by his children and their spouses: Jayne and Wayne Wangerin of Bigfork; Jennifer Megahan and Claire Schultz of Mililani, Hawaii; Jeffrey Megahan of Wausau, Wis.; Linda and Larry Padilla of Roseville, Calif.; Steven and Linda Megahan of Oregon; and James Megahan of Kalispell.

His grandchildren are Chad and Courtney, Trina, Dana, Joshua, Jarali, Jenne', Seth, Alexia, Riley, Chuck, Lesa, Nancy, Katrina, Marisa, Alison, Ashley, Logan and Jayme. He has 19 great-grandchildren.

He will be missed by those who knew him.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. today, June 12, 2006, at Ronan Missionary Church, with a graveside service afterward and then a reception at the church.

Shrider-Thompson Funeral Services Chapel in Ronan is in charge of the arrangements.

## Michael R. Mercer, 59

Our beloved Michael R. Mercer (formerly of Missoula and Polson) passed away Feb. 23, 2006, at his home in Yakima, Wash., of heart failure.



He was born Oct. 22, 1946, in Whitefish. Mike graduated from Sentinel High School in 1964 and the University of Montana in 1971. While at UM, he was a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity and was on the track team, lettering in the triple jump. He received his master's degree in secondary education in Washington.

Mike was experienced in several occupations, but his last 16 years were spent as a teacher and counselor at Fort Simcoe Job Corps in White Swan, Wash. He was also a skilled carpenter and entrepreneur.

Mike was an avid Griz fan. If you were in the vicinity of Yakima, he was the man to call for any information on satellite parties for watching the Griz-Cat games as home away from home supporters. Not only did he love the Griz, Mike was a huge Beatles and Bob Dylan fan. His love of music led him to play guitar in folk bands in the late 1960s.

His passion for life expanded to being an avid downhill skier, a dancing fanatic, a great cook and he loved to boat and waterski. Mike was also very enthusiastic about golf; this was a passion he loved to share with his daughter, Ashley.

Mike will be remembered for his compassion, his sense of caring and his unconditional love for his family. He was known for his sense of humor; he loved to make people laugh. His phenomenal strength through his health adversities was testimony to his character.

Mike is survived by his wife, Carole, of Yakima; daughter, Ashley and Jeff Reed of Gunnison, Colo.; parents, Billie and Gem Mercer of Polson; four brothers, Jack, John and Tina, David and Jessica of Polson, and Toby of Kalispell; two sisters, Gem Renee' Mercer of Challis, Idaho, and Shan and Dennis Toussaint of Florence; and several nieces and nephews. He also leaves his three beloved Chihuahuas and constant companions, Pepe, Lola and Bonita.

His family and friends will miss Mike, but he will not be forgotten. "We love you Michael." At Michael's request there will be no services. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.grogan-funeralhome.com](http://www.grogan-funeralhome.com)

## Roger Mellies, 59

Roger Mellies, 59, of Kalispell, died Tuesday, April 18, 2006, in a car accident which the family believes was caused by complications of diabetes.



Roger is survived by his

daughter, Carie Mellies, and three brothers, Gary, Wayne and Terry.

A celebration of life will be held in his honor from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, April 23, at 145 N. Riding Road, Kalispell.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Diabetes Association, 3203 Third Ave. North, Suite 203, Billings, MT 59101.

## Richard E. 'Dick' Mendenhall, 87

Richard E. "Dick" Mendenhall, 87, died Friday, July 7, 2006, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

He was born Feb. 21, 1919, in Scobey to Edmond and Bertha (Safty) Mendenhall.

Richard moved from Scobey as a small boy along with his family to Kalispell. After graduating from Flathead High School, he joined the Civilian Conservation Corps and then enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. He served his country in Italy and North Africa during World War II. After his honorable discharge, Richard returned home, where he went to work for the Burlington Northern Railroad, from which he retired after 35 years.

Richard took much pleasure in his cabin and property by Bitterroot Lake, where he enjoyed hunting, firewood cutting and hiking. He also took numerous trips into the Bob Marshall Wilderness with his family. He enjoyed Chevy cars and pickups, pancakes and sausages, Savage lever action rifles,

and had a great love for children. Although Richard remained a single man his entire life, he was actively involved with his nieces and nephews.

Richard was preceded in death by his parents, and a sister, Edna Mendenhall.

He is survived by his nieces and nephews: Aurela Craig, Vivian Atkinson and Steve Swanberg, all of Kalispell; Evelyn Nyholm of Spokane; and Harvey Hendrickson of Avon.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, July 12, 2006, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel in Kalispell. Burial will be in the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be from noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 11, 2006, at Johnson Mortuary.

The family suggests memorial gifts be given to the Shriners Hospital for Children, P.O. Box 2472, Spokane, WA 99210.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for the family.

## Gene Messina, 56

Gene Messina, 56, lost his battle with cancer on Sept. 14, 2006.

Gene was born in Chicago on Feb. 19, 1950, to Marie and Geto Messina.

On Dec. 11, 1984, he married Carol Varese. They lived in Tucson from 1985 to 1999. They



moved from Tucson to Bigfork before settling in Grants Pass, Ore., in 2002.

Gene received his master's degree in special education and rehabilitation. He spent the majority of his career working with the mentally and physically disabled population.

Gene worked for Options of Southern Oregon before his cancer forced him to retire in December 2005.

Gene is survived by his wife, Carol; his sons, Mike and Jason Varese; daughter-in-law, Cheryl; granddaughter, Dakota; and grandson, Naiche.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Youth Ministry at Calvary Chapel, 235 SE Seventh St., Grants Pass, OR 97526.

Memorial service to be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 23, at Calvary Chapel, 235 SE Seventh St., Grants Pass, OR 97526.

## Dorothy Dagmar Metcalf, 89

Dorothy Dagmar Metcalf, 89, passed away Feb. 4, 2006, in Lewistown.

She was born Feb. 3, 1917, in Whitefish, the second of three daughters born to Hans and Colombe Zacharias who homesteaded in Broadview before coming to Whitefish in 1916.

Dorothy graduated with honors from Whitefish High School in 1935. She worked at J.C. Penney before moving to Kalispell and going to work at Montgomery Ward.

On Feb. 7, 1942, she married V. Bernard Metcalf of Kalispell. Soon after, he was drafted into the Army during World War II, and they moved to Marysville, Calif., where he was stationed during the war.

After the war they moved back to Kalispell, where Dorothy's husband worked for Pacific Power and she was a housewife. Dorothy enjoyed

cooking, sewing, gardening, canning and crafting. She was active in the Girl Scouts, and Dorothy and her husband especially enjoyed square dancing.

Her husband passed away July 8, 1984. Dorothy was admitted to the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls on Nov. 13, 1985, and transferred to the Montana Mental Health Care Center on Feb. 5, 2004.

Dorothy is survived by a sister, Gladys Fredenberg, of Lakeside; a daughter, LaDonna Jimison, and husband, Jerry, of Glendive; four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

A graveside service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, July 28, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery, with the Rev. David Merkel officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.