

Frank Miciewicz, 87

"His Lord and Savior Jesus Christ received Frank Miciewicz, 87, into heaven" in the presence of his loving family on June 21, 2006.

Frank was born Dec. 13, 1918, in Gardener, Mass., to Justine and John Miciewicz. He grew up with three brothers and each was very athletic. As a young man, he swam competitively and played football in high school. He was also a player on a semi-professional baseball team.

Frank entered the army in 1943 with the infantry. He served in the European Campaign in England, France and Germany. After his honorable discharge in 1945, he joined his brother Joe in Montana, working as a lumberjack.

On June 17, 1951, Frank married Marjorie May Alton of Creston. They were married for 55 years at the time of his passing.

Frank worked as telephone lineman for Pacific Power and Light Company from 1951 until retiring in 1984. He spent his retirement enjoying his grandchildren in Kalispell and traveling to see a grandson in Texas.

In addition to being an avid reader, he loved to collect books and tools. Frank loved to watch baseball and boxing on television and was fascinated with all things relating to blacksmithing. He enjoyed Montana's mountains, lakes and streams and treated them with the utmost respect.

Family was first and foremost in Frank's life. He loved them all, especially his beloved wife, Mar-



gie. He taught his children and grandchildren the importance of loving their Creator and showing affection.

Frank taught them how to tie knots, whistle, appreciate books, recycle and take care of possessions, share knowledge, value education, give a firm handshake, keep prejudice out of their hearts, to work hard, leave a place in better condition than how they found it, to remember their manners and to always remain humble.

Frank is survived by his wife, Margie; daughter, Diane Brooks and grandchildren Meredith Brooks, and Alex Brooks and his wife, Helen; son, David Miciewicz and wife, Susan Timmons, and grandchildren Caroline and Joseph Miciewicz; son, Daniel Miciewicz and wife, Tammy, and grandchildren Trever and fiancée, Rachel; great-grandson Gavin Lee Miciewicz, and Clinton and Noah Miciewicz, all of Kalispell; a daughter, Debra Royal and husband, Chuck, and grandson Zachary, all of Bastrop, Texas; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Frank leaves behind his wife's extended family, who became treasured friends.

His friend and son-in-law, Randy Brooks, preceded Frank in death in 2002. Brothers Kusty, Joe and Ed Miciewicz and infant sister, Anne, all preceded him in death.

"Farewell until we meet again, precious Grandpa."

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, June 28, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, following with interment of ashes at Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is lovingly caring for the family.

Ryan Michael Milan, 27

Ryan Michael Milan was born July 17, 1979. He died July 19, 2006 in Rock Springs, Wyo. He was 27.

Ryan was born in Brewster, Wash., but at the age of 5 he moved with his family to the Flathead Valley, there to remain for many years. He attended elementary school in Somers, and partially at Creston School. He homeschooled for the rest of his education.

To understand the beautiful person that Ryan was, would take a lifetime. Those who did know him, loved him because he was a deep well of giving.

Ryan was baptized as a Jehovah's Witness when he was 14.

He was an accomplished guitar player, and dabbled at drums, and his voice and lyrics rang deeply to those that were able to hear and will continue to.

An avid history lover, his shelves were filled with books that most would read in continuous schooling, but he did it for the love of knowledge. "To continue to write this obituary would take years." Ultimately Ryan loved deeply, felt deeper and was loved wholeheartedly by all those that knew him.



The surviving family of Ryan's include his parents, Michael S. and Theresa D. Milan who reside in Rock Springs; and his wife, Kristy K. Milan of Kalispell. He also leaves behind his two pets, Elvis and Bourbon.

Ryan's siblings include older sister, Autumn Dixon, of North Carolina, younger sisters, Moriah and Bethany Milan, of Rock Springs; maternal grandmother "Granny Todo," of Sultan, Wash.; grandmother- and grandfather-in-law, Jean and Marvin Ingraham, of Kalispell; in-laws, Mark and Dawn Ingraham, of Kalispell; sister-in-law, Lisa, and Matthew Culley, of Kalispell; maternal aunts, Caryl Munn and Bonnie Hausauer, of Sultan; maternal uncles, Joe Munn, Robert Hausauer, Donald Hausauer and Richard Hausauer, of Washington; paternal aunts, Melba Crowder, Hope Milan and Paige Milan; paternal uncles, Jacob Milan and Jeffery Milan; and many dear cousins, nieces and friends who looked past the quiet exterior to the beautiful complicated person that was Ryan.

Cremation took place in Wyoming.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, July 29, at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Bigfork, 100 Vista Drive, on Montana 35. Marc Milisavlievch will give the funeral talk.

Selia Adeline Mildren, 93

Selia Adeline Mildren, 93, passed away on Monday, Oct. 30, 2006, at her home in Bigfork. She was born Sept. 10, 1913, in Bigfork, to Sivert B. and Anna (Lee) Ramsfield.

Selia attended high school at Flathead County High School in Kalispell for two years before Bigfork High School opened. She finished her final two years at Bigfork High School.

She married Delmar O. Mildren on July 26, 1935, in Bonners Ferry, Idaho. They were married for 55 years during which they farmed and ranched in the Swan River area.

In the summer, Selia enjoyed gardening and arranging flowers. In the fall, Selia led a bough crew for Snowline Tree Co. for a number of years.

She was a longtime member of Bethany Lutheran Church in Bigfork. Other hobbies included ceramics and rug making.

The family would like to thank Jane Mildren for her love, friendship and care of



Selia.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Edwin and Orville Ramsfield; and one grandson, Mark Mildren.

She is survived by two sons, Stan Mildren and wife JoAnn of Pullman, Wash., and Alvin Mildren and wife Anna of Clancy; 10 grandchildren, Jane Lawford and husband Thomas of Moscow, Idaho, Lynn Miles of Seattle, Joelle Maley and husband Bill of Rosalia, Wash., Tim Mildren and wife Sally of Spokane, Nate Mildren and wife Rebecca of Tel-Aviv, Israel; Dan Mildren and wife Denise of Bigfork, Tom Mildren of Spokane, Keith Mildren and Mary Mildren of Clancy, and Stephanie Boysen and husband Randy of Boulder; 11 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral services for Selia Adeline Mildren will be at 2 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 3, in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Burial will follow in the Lonepine Cemetery in Bigfork. Visitation will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 3, at Johnson Mortuary.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for Selia's

Edith M. Miles, 74

Edith M. Miles, 74, of Libby, died Wednesday, July 26, 2006, at Sacred Heart Medical Center in Spokane.

She had worked at the State Liquor Store in Libby for a number of years.

Survivors include a daughter, Diane Martin; and two sons, Jim and Rick Miles.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 3, at the City of Libby Cemetery.

Cathy Jean Miller, 52

Cathy Jean Miller died peacefully at home at the Montana Waterfowl Foundation in Ronan on Friday morning, Oct. 13, 2006, with the dignity that she lived. Cathy was born in Hardin in 1954 and lived on the family ranch through high school.

She attended the University of Montana before returning to the Hardin area, where she broke the mold to become the first female in the Ironworkers Union while working at Colstrip.

She traveled to many and varied parts of the world, including Nepal, India, Europe, and Central and South America. A favorite trail wound through the Sawtooth Mountain Range, where she cooked and wrangled for the dudes.

Founding the Montana Waterfowl Foundation in concert with her "date" and soulmate, John Jarvis, was her life's heart contribution, and that endeavor is ongoing.

Ten years ago, she returned to the family ranch to care for her father and mother, Ed and



Edna Mae Miller, and the land they all held dear. While there she started a small gift store with Guatemalan crafts, actively worked with the Jailhouse Gallery and Big Horn Arts Association and served as a board member of the Custer Country Tourism Board for Eastern Montana. Meanwhile, the ranch bloomed through her hard work, and her last calf crop was to be envied.

She returned to the Waterfowl Foundation after her cancer diagnosis in June.

Throughout her life, Cathy shared her strong will and determination, love and endless generosity with all who knew her.

"As Cathy joins her mother, father and nephew, Carl," she leaves her sister, Sherry, her brother and sister-in-law, George and Monica, her niece and nephew, Maja and Augusto, her partner, John, and a family of hundreds of friends to carry on with their efforts to embrace and live life as fully as she demonstrated it can be lived.

"Cowgirl to the Core ... let 'er buck."

The gate to the Foundation will be open at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21, for friends to stop by and share in a celebration of her life and love.

Christopher Wagner 'C.W.' Miller, 21

C.W. (Christopher Wagner) Miller left this world on Sept. 23, 2006, in a fatal car accident. He was born in Minneapolis on Feb. 2, 1985, to Steve and Suzie Miller.



He grew up in Minnesota, attending Excelsior Elementary School through the fifth grade where he excelled in school and in all sports. During this period in Minnesota he was a national karate champion and a national BMX champion, traveling around the nation with his family and team.

He moved with his family to Bigfork in 1996 where he attended Bigfork Middle School and

then transferred to Polson High School his sophomore year, graduating in 2003.

C.W. spent the last 10 summers crewing with his brother Nick on his father's commercial fishing vessel in Kodiak, Alaska. He traveled to Amsterdam after graduation with his father, the Dominican Republic, and many times to Jamaica and the Cayman Islands with his family and friends. He and his brother had recently obtained their scuba diver's certifications in Cayman Brac.

C.W. loved life! He loved scuba diving, swimming, playing poker and bridge and folking with his buds.

He was always joyous, loving, compassionate, kind, giving, hard-working and fun-loving throughout his 21 years. He brought so much joy and laugh-

ter into the world and will be sorely missed by everyone.

C.W. was preceded in death by his grandparents, Cliff and Marge Wagner, and Rowley and Susan Miller.

C.W. is survived by his father and mother - Steve and Suzie Miller, and brother Nick Miller, all of Bigfork, and his extended family and friends.

A gathering of family, friends and all who knew C.W. will be held at the Miller home located at 18649 E. Lakeshore, Bigfork, on Sunday, Oct. 8, from 3 to 5 p.m.

Memorials in C.W.'s memory may be made to the Cayman Brac branch of the Humane Society, Box 207 KY2-2101, Cayman Brac, Cayman Islands.

Arrangements are by Grogan Funeral Home & Crematory, Polson.

David Shomo Miller, 80

David Shomo Miller, 80, passed away Tuesday, March 14, 2006, at HealthCenter Northwest in Kalispell after a lengthy bout with cancer.

He was born March 16, 1925, at Reading, Pa., to Clarence A. and Katharine (Shomo) Miller. David graduated from Mount Penn High School in Mount Penn, Pa.

In June 1943, he was inducted into the U.S. Armed Services and served as a military policeman throughout World War II. He participated in the Normandy invasion of France.

After his honorable discharge in 1945, he was employed as a sawmill worker and woodworker in Pennsylvania and Michigan.

He came to Montana in 1949, and he was employed as a timber faller. Later he engaged in the logging industry as a self-employed logger.

In 1968, he married Elva "Todd" Kinniburgh and lived at the family home in Marion, until moving to Kalispell in July 2005.



David loved the woods and wilderness, hiking, camping and all the primitive country had to offer. He enjoyed working in his woodworking shop and Sno-Catting.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Richard, and a stepson, James Kinniburgh.

He is survived by his wife, Elva "Todd" Miller, of Kalispell; two stepsons, Kenneth Kinniburgh and wife, Arlette, and Robert Kinniburgh and wife, Robbi; one stepdaughter, Betty Jenkins and husband, Bob; one stepdaughter-in-law, Barbara Kinniburgh, all of Kalispell; one brother, Bill Miller of Bloomfield, Conn.; three nieces and many stepgrandchildren and stepgreat-grandchildren.

Funeral Services for David Shomo Miller will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, March 17, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Burial will be afterward at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be from noon to 6 p.m. today, March 16, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel.

The family suggests memorials to Hospice, Home Health Options, 175 Commons Loop, Ste. 100, Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

Emily LeAnn Miller

"Our beautiful little girl, Emily LeAnn Miller, went to be with the Lord" on Tuesday, Dec. 26, 2006, the day of her birth. "Some people come into our lives and leave footprints on our hearts and we are never ever the same."

Private family graveside services will be held.

Emily is survived by her parents, Michael and Tiffany Miller; two sisters, Katelyn and

MaKenna; maternal grandparents, James and Brenda Netherly; paternal grandparents, Joe and Dawn Miller; aunts, Amanda Davey and husband Brian, and Mandy Farnes and husband Josh of Washington; uncles, James Netherly Jr., and Alex and Aiden Miller; and cousins, Levi, Justin and Adam of Washington.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Johnathan James Miller, 32

Johnathan James Miller, 32, died Friday, April 21, 2006, at his residence in Kalispell.

He was born Nov. 8, 1973, at Medford, Ore.

He is survived by his wife, Moriah Miller; his children Tess, Jared and Hunter, of Kalispell; his mother and

stepfather, Edith and Ted Montgomery, of Kalispell; and his father, Phillip Miller, of Selma, Ore.

Memorial services for Johnathan are pending.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for the family.

Letitia Ann Miller, 71

Letitia Ann Miller, 71, of Swan Lake, died April 20, 2006, in Casa Grande, Ariz., after a long battle with cancer.

Survivors include her hus-

band, Harold Miller, and four children.

A memorial service will be held at Swan Lake at a later date.

Patricia 'Patti' Ann Miller, 40

Patricia "Patti" Ann Miller, 40, passed away Sunday, Oct. 29, 2006, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell. She was born Feb. 25, 1966, in Helena, to Forest and Joyce (McKellar) Kaufman.

Patti was raised in Helena and later moved to Kalispell, where she graduated from Flathead High School. She went to the University of Montana for one year, working toward being a veterinarian. During that time she met and married Thom Hildebrand. They had one daughter, Kyrie Jones.

After her marriage ended she met and married her second husband, Robert Jones, and they had one son, Logan Jones. During that time she was a clerk for Montana Environmental Lab, LLC of Kalispell, and also worked for a time at Evergreen Disposal. After that marriage ended, she met and married Frank E. Miller on Aug. 30, 2004, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. At that time she became self-employed, owning and operating the First Choice Repair and



Sharpening, where she worked until the time of her death.

Patti enjoyed track, basketball, softball, hiking and the outdoors. She loved birds and animals, especially dolphins. She was a spectator of the Miami Dolphins football team. She loved spending time with her family and friends.

She was preceded in death by one sister, Debra Kaufman; and her maternal grandmother, Bernice McKellar.

She is survived by her husband, Frank Miller, of Kalispell; daughter, Kyrie Jones, of Kalispell; son, Logan Jones, of Kalispell; one stepdaughter, Felicia Miller, of Kalispell; her mom, Joyce McGinnis, and husband Bob, of Sidney; her dad, Forest Kaufman, and wife Cheryle, of Plains; brother, Doug Ray, and wife Natalie, of Palmer, Alaska; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral services for Patti will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 2, in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel, with Pastor Duane Hull of the Kalispell Christian Church officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens. There will be no visitation.

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

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Shirley H. (Bozarth) Miller, 77

Shirley H. (Bozarth) Miller, 77, died Thursday, Nov. 16, 2006, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center, as a result of injuries from a car accident on Nov. 12 in Whitefish.

Survivors include her

brother, Raymond B. Bozarth Sr.

Inurnment will take place in New Jersey at a later date.

Arrangements are with Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

Joe A. Minjares, 84

Joe A. Minjares, 84, passed away on Oct. 23, 2006, in Spokane Wash.

Born March 26, 1922, in Dona Ana, N.M., Joe was one of eight brothers and sisters born to Tereso and Paz Minjares. He was raised in Sidney, and later moved to the Los Angeles area.

Joe is a veteran of World War II, having served on active duty with the U.S. Army from Nov. 11, 1942, to Feb. 2, 1946. During that time, Joe rose to the rank of sergeant, and saw extensive service overseas in Burma during the India/Burma campaign. After serving his country, he met and married Sylvia Zepeda on Aug. 6, 1951, in Las Vegas.

Joe began his own business and established Taco Joe's



Mexican restaurant, in Bell, Calif., which he operated for many years. He later moved and started the Vista Linda Restaurant in Somers.

He was loved and will be missed by many. He is survived by a son, Samuel Minjares and wife Lillian, of Lompoc Calif.; two daughters, Cynthia Pound and husband James, of Somers, and Sylvia Lundquist and husband John, of Spokane; sister, Lupe Rodriquez; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held at Conrad Memorial Cemetery at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to the American Kidney Fund, 6110 Executive Blvd., Suite 1010, Rockville, MD 20852, or a charity of your choice. Arrangements have been entrusted to Hennessey Valley Funeral Home and Crematory.

Albert Miron, 86

Albert A. Miron, 86, passed away Friday, Nov. 3, 2006, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell after a brief illness. He was born Aug. 19, 1920, in Columbus, Mont., the son of Roch and Cora (Petosa) Miron.



Al attended school in Columbus until the Great Depression forced his father to relocate to Billings for employment. Al continued his education in Billings, where he attended the Fratt School and graduated from Billings Senior High School in 1938. He also attended two years at Billings Polytechnic College (now Rocky Mountain College). At that time, Al was slated to attend seminary to become a priest. His father became ill about that time, and Al made the decision to return home and support his family and forego the seminary.

In 1940, Al was working for the company that was granted the contract for the building of a new bridge to be built across the Two Medicine River near East Glacier. After that job was completed, Al returned to Billings but vowed to return to the Kalispell area someday. He worked in Los Angeles in a paint factory for about a year, and in 1942 he was drafted into the U. S. Army and reported for duty in Fort McArthur, Calif. Al was eventually promoted with a fourth sergeant's stripe to a Technician 3rd Class and was granted an honorable discharge in 1945. Shortly thereafter he was hired by the Veterans Affairs Division in Helena.

He married Hazel Landers on Nov. 30, 1946. They moved from Helena to Bozeman in 1947 and then settled in Kalispell in 1950 to raise their family in the

valley Al had grown to love as a young man. Al and Hazel had three sons and two daughters: David, Ann Marie, Mary, Paul and Mark.

After Hazel's death, Al met and married Bessie Vinsant in Kalispell in 1979.

He became a member of the American Legion Flathead Post No. 7, where he served three years as post commander and two years as Legion District Commander of District No. 4. He eventually became a department executive committeeman, which included districts 4, 5 and 6. He was post commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 2252 and also VFW District No. 1 Commander.

He was active in the Knights of Columbus and eventually became a Fourth Degree Knight. He had a life membership in the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks in Kalispell. Al was an accomplished public speaker and served as an emcee for various veterans affairs functions and civic events throughout his life. After 39 years of combined service with the federal and state Veterans Affairs Division, Al retired Aug. 19, 1983.

Al also served on the Kalispell City Council for eight years and as a commissioner in Glacier National Park for five years.

Al loved the Catholic Church and was active throughout the years. He served as president for the Home and School Association at St. Matthew's School and was instrumental in the development of the school-lunch program, which he ran for 17 years. He served as altar boy in his youth and in later years enjoyed the role of lector and eucharistic minister whenever called upon. In Mesa, Ariz., where he and Bess spent 20 winters, he enjoyed the role of commentator, lector and eucharistic minister. He received many

compliments from the elderly parishioners as his voice was easily heard.

He loved the Flathead Valley and was an avid golfer during his younger years. Al also coached Peeewe Minor and Major League baseball teams for 10 years when his kids were young. He also coached women's slow-pitch softball for three years.

Al will be fondly remembered for many things, including his years of service to veterans in Flathead, Lake, Lincoln and Sanders counties. He greeted every person he met with a smile and his unique sense of humor. Al was a loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, who will also be remembered for his zest for life and his infectious laugh.

Al was preceded in death by his wife, Hazel, in March 1977 and an infant daughter, Ann Marie, in 1952.

He is survived by his wife, Bess, of Kalispell; daughter, Mary Abbott, and husband, Bruce, of Billings; son Paul Miron and his wife Jamie of Billings; son David Miron of Great Falls; son Mark Miron and wife, Lauri, of Billings; step-children Linda Morgan and husband, Roger, of Mesa, Ariz.; Larry Vinsant of Bellevue, Neb.; Lorri Riffle and her husband, Doug, of Thompson Falls; Vanessa Fitchett and husband, Clint, of Camas Prairie; Rene Vinsant of Polson; 47 grandchildren and great-grandchildren; one brother, Francis Miron, and his wife, Marge, of North Hollywood, Calif.; four sisters-in-law and five brothers-in-law, along with their respective spouses.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 10, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church, with Father Vic Langhans officiating. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday at Johnson Mortuary. A rosary will be at 7 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary. Burial will follow services at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family suggests that any memorial contributions be sent to the Northwest Health Foundation (for cancer), 310 Sunnyview Lane, Kalispell, MT 59901, or to St. Matthew's School, 602 S. Main, Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

Viola D. Mocko, 84

Viola D. Mocko, 84, a long-time resident of north Lincoln County, died Tuesday, Aug. 1, 2006, at her home near Rexford.

She is survived by her children, Colleen Emerson of Sterling, Alaska, Leland

Mocko of Eureka, and Lori Marvel of Rexford.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 12, at Kingdom Hall in Eureka.

Arrangements are under the care of Nelson and Vial Funeral Home in Eureka.

Arthur Molkjer, 69

Arthur Molkjer, 69, formerly of Kalispell, died April 13, 2006, of natural causes at his home in Lewistown.

He worked primarily in construction in the Flathead

Valley.

Survivors include his wife, Gina Molkjer, of Lewistown.

Cremation has taken place. At his request, there will be no services.

Louis 'Lee' Moller, 63

Lee Moller passed away Sunday, May 7, 2006, at his home in Walla Walla, Wash., after a year-long battle with cancer.

He was born March 24, 1943, in Chinook to Rex and Louise (Miller) Moller. He was raised in Cut Bank and Kalispell, and graduated from Flathead County High School in Kalispell. He lived his adult life in Walla Walla.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother.

He is survived by his sons, Shawn and his wife, Lynn, of Washington, Pete and his wife, Amy, and their children, Braeden and Mikayla, of Ohio, and Michael and Louis of Mississippi; daughter, Jeanella, of California; his sisters, Lynn

Norby and her husband, Ray, of Kalispell, Elverta and family of College Place, Wash., and Kelly of Oregon; and brother, Rozzi, and family of Oregon. He is also survived by his aunts, Jo Anne Ross and Vi Moller of Kalispell; his niece, Denise Belt, and her husband, Ben, and daughter, Alexxandra, who loved her Uncle Lee very much; and his nephew, Jerry Norby, and his wife, Patti, of Kalispell. He is survived by numerous grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins. He also is survived by his good friend Gary, who took care of him until the end, and his friend Tamara of Walla Walla.

His services will be in Walla Walla.

Rudolph R. 'Rudy' Moller, 81

Rudolph R. "Rudy" Moller, 81, passed away Tuesday, April 18, 2006, at Brendan house in Kalispell. Rudy was born Oct. 4, 1924, in Great Falls to Paul and Florence Cunningham Moller.

He worked in the lumber industry for years.

Rudy served in the U.S. Army during World War II, where he was involved in both the European campaign and the Asiatic Pacific campaign.

Rudy's father had taught him to speak German, and he had taught himself to read and speak French, so he was put in charge of several German prisoners during the war.

Rudy was an avid athlete; he was an amateur boxer, loved weightlifting, did gymnastics, track and field events, and had won numerous



medals. Even in his elder years, he tried to stay in shape and enjoyed dancing three to four times a week at Sawbucks.

He was known for his great sense of humor and was admired by everyone who knew him. He will be greatly missed by all of his family and friends.

Rudy is survived by his two daughters, Sylvie Moller James and Cynthia Moller, both of Kalispell; one son, Ronnie Moller, and his wife, April Lucas, and their daughter, Allison Lucas Moller, all of Mesa, Ariz.; a grandson, Tyler James, of Kalispell; one brother, Gene Moller of Draper, Utah, and many friends.

Veterans military honors will be at 1 p.m. Monday, April 24, at the Buffalo Hill Funeral Home parking lot. A potluck celebration of Rudy's life will be at 2 p.m. Monday, April 24, at Sawbucks in Kalispell. Everyone who knew him is invited. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Donald Lee Mollett, 81

Donald Lee Mollett, 81, formerly of West Glacier and Fairbanks, Alaska, died Friday, Oct. 27, 2006, in Anchorage, Alaska.

He was the former owner of the Vista Motel in West Glacier, and a volunteer fireman in Montana.

Survivors include his son,

David Mollett, of Fairbanks; and daughters, Nancy Gartin and Darcy Mollett of Anchorage, and Leisa Mollett of Reno, Nev.

A service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, at Lincoln Memorial Park, 11801 SE Mount Scott Blvd., in Portland, Ore.

Jeremy Scott Sandvick Monroe, 20

Lance Cpl. Jeremy Scott Sandvick Monroe, 20, of the U.S. Marine Corps, Echo Company 2 Battalion, 3rd Marines Division, was mortally wounded in action on Oct. 8, 2006, at Al Anbar Province in Haditha, in northwestern Iraq. Funeral services will be Monday, Oct. 16, at 10 a.m. in the Chinook High School Gymnasium, with burial following at the Hillside Cemetery in Dodson, Mont., with full military honors. Arrangements are by Edwards Funeral Home of Chinook.

Jeremy is the son of Melissa Sandvick Pike, of Chinook, and Monte Monroe, of Darby. He is a 2004 graduate of Chinook High School. Jeremy was known for his witty personality. He could make you smile with the greatest of ease. He loved all people, but the most important were his friends and family, all of whom appreciated and respected him deeply. Jeremy enjoyed playing his guitar and jamming with his friends. Everyone who had the opportunity to meet him loved him. He respected the young and the old. He will be missed by all who knew him.



Jeremy is survived by his mother, Melissa and Ken Pike, of Chinook; father, Monte and Dana Monroe, of Darby; siblings, Zacharie and Danielle Gard, both of Chinook, Logan Monroe, of Darby, and Jordanne and Darryl Southwick, both of Chinook; great-grandmother Betty Wasson, of Columbia Falls; grandparents, Harold and Elizabeth Sandvick, of Malta, Marilyn Jensen, of Saco, and Monte Monroe, of Arizona; aunts and uncles, Robin Labrie Peterson, of Havre, Yvette Sandvick Hurley, of Tucson, Ariz., Michelle Monroe, of Wolf Point, Jess Jensen, of Absarokee, Beth Sandvick Walsh, of Columbia Falls, Chris Sandvick, of Malta, Bart Jensen, of Gillette, Wyo., Nathan Sandvick, of Malta, Yasmine Sandvick Baker, of Kalispell, Marty Jensen, of Harlem, Levi Sandvick and Karessa Sandvick, all of Malta; and various other relatives too numerous to mention.

He was preceded in death by his great-grandfathers, John Monroe and Martin Sandvick; great-grandmothers, Hazel Sandvick and Blanche Monroe; great-grandfathers, Ed Peterson and Jim Wasson; aunt, Shantel Sandvick; and cousin, Martin Sandvick Kuzmnl.

Jeremy was a truly wonderful person and will be missed.

Esther Marion Montgomery, 88

Esther Marion Montgomery, 88, passed away on Thursday, April 6, 2006, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She was born on Aug. 6, 1917, to Harvey and Anna Marie (Mang) Marsh, 10 miles south of Chinook on her parents' homestead. Esther received her early education attending Logie School; a small one-room school house.

She married James Montgomery on Sept. 19, 1934, in Havre. They made their home, mostly in Chinook, farming the original homestead until moving to the Flathead Valley in 1961. Esther then cooked at Spotted Bear Ranger Station for about four years. The couple moved to the Mountain Brook Community in 1965 where Esther remained until entering Brendan House in 2003.

Esther was a member of the Mountain Brook Ladies Club, enjoyed playing pinochle, was active in the Creston Fire Department Auxiliary and was an avid quilter. She was also a longtime member of the Presbyterian Church and Eastern Star.

Esther was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; an

infant daughter, Jesse; one grandson, Lyle Montgomery; and her only sister, Kathryn Wright.

She is survived by two sons, Ralph M. Montgomery and wife, Vanda, of Chinook, and Neal D. Montgomery of Whitefish; and one daughter, Ruth Holtz and companion, Wayne Fox, of Kalispell; four grandchildren, Calista Montgomery; Paul and Roberta Montgomery; Colin and Amy Holtz and Nathan Holtz; three great grandchildren, Arielle Holtz, Kyle Montgomery and Kayla Montgomery; along with numerous other relatives.

Memorial services for Esther will be held 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 11, in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Pastor Glenn Burfeind of the First Presbyterian Church officiating. Urn burial will take place in Chinook, later this summer.

The family suggests that memorial gifts be given to the Mountain Brook Scholarship Fund, c/o Linda Benson, 275 VanSant, Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

Darlene Jane Moore, 65

Darlene Jane Moore, 65, passed away on Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2006, of natural causes at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She was born Feb. 24, 1940, in Crosby, N.D., to James and Ida (Gudvangen) Moore. James and Ida moved to Denver when Darlene was a baby, where they stayed for about a year and one-half. They moved back to North Dakota where four of her five brothers were born. The family then moved to Kalispell, where the rest of the family was born and raised. Darlene lived in Boulder for a period of time before moving back home with her family.

In 1974, she went to work for Flathead Industries. She worked there until she retired in February of 2004. Darlene so enjoyed working there and it was a very important part of her life. In fact, she would get very annoyed if she couldn't go to work every day.

Darlene was preceded in death by her father, James Moore. She is survived by her mother,



Ida Moore of Kalispell; five sisters, Althea Mae Moore of Columbia Falls, Sadie Stowell and husband, Bob, of Dallas, Betty Bertelsen and husband, Roger, of Lakeside, Myrna Wade and husband, Mike, of Whitefish, and Pearl Carstens and husband, Tom, of Grafton, Va.; five brothers, Lyle and wife, Elaine, of Kalispell, Leland and wife, Darlene, of Somers, Ordean of Columbia Falls, Donald and wife, Frankie, and Jerome and wife, Debbie, all of Kalispell.

She is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Graveside services will be held 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 16, at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell. Pastor Kent Morrison of the First Baptist Church of Whitefish will officiate. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 16, at Johnson Mortuary in Kalispell.

The family suggests donations be made to Flathead Industries, 66 Fourth Ave. W.N., Kalispell, MT 59901 or Shepard's Home, 1805 15th Ave., Union Grove, Wis. 53182-1597.

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

Fern E. Moore, 96

Fern E. Moore, 96, of Polson passed away Feb. 10, 2006, at St. Luke Extended Care in Ronan from natural causes.

She was born July 17, 1909 in Sheridan, Wyo., to Roy and Anna Retzlaff Minster. Fern attended school in Sheridan, and moved with her family to Pablo in 1918. Fern and George Moore married May 25, 1925, in Kalispell, and they were married for almost 66 years.

She worked with George in their outfitting business for 50 years. She and George ran the Monture Lodge near Ovando, Mont. She did a lot of the books and correspondence and was an excellent cook for the groups that they outfitted. People from all around the United States and the world loved to come to the Monture Lodge to enjoy Fern's cooking.

Before her retirement, she served as the clerk for the Potomac School Board. She enjoyed sewing, reading, refinish-

ing furniture, the outdoors and her garden, and was known for her great sense of humor.

Preceding her in death was her husband in 1991, her parents, a son Bill in 1962, two brothers and three sisters.

She is survived by her son, Leonard (Ethel) Moore of Condon, Mont.; a daughter, Marian (David) Larson of Hayden, Idaho; a sister, Anna Mae Cheff, of Missoula; a brother, Garnet Minster, of Kalispell; eight grandchildren, several great- and great-great-grandchildren; and several nephews, nieces and other relatives.

Visitation will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17, 2006, at the Grogan Funeral home. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18, 2006, at the Grogan Funeral Home, with the Rev. Ron Pierce officiating. Interment will be afterward at the Ronan Cemetery.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.groganfuneral-home.com.

Margaret Sterling Moore, 62

"While each of us is special, every now and then someone beyond special is born into this world." That happened in Evanston, Ill., on March 30,

1946, when Margaret "Margie" Chandler Sterling was born to an Episcopal bishop, Chandler Winfield Sterling and his wife Catherine. The family moved to Helena when Margie was in the fifth grade, where she met Jim Moore, the son of Helena's first pediatrician, in what was to become a 49-year relationship.

Margie graduated from Helena High School in 1964 and then the University of Montana in Missoula, where she became the first member of her family to obtain a college degree. As a Missoula school teacher, she married her high school sweetheart on Nov. 2, 1970, and the couple moved to Whitefish, in 1972, where their first child, Sarah, was born.

The couple then moved to Kalispell where their second daughter, Meghan, was born in 1974, and their third daughter, Katie, was born in 1975. Margie was above all a loving and nurturing mother.



In 1987 Margie returned to the University of Montana and earned a master's degree in counseling and psychology. Thereafter, she accepted a position with School District Five as a school psychologist and counselor for Hedges school. There she touched the lives of all around her — listening to, inspiring and empowering children to believe in themselves.

Margie made people better. She cared for her friends and made people laugh. She created strength in those around her. She loved life and lived fearlessly, whether she was rollerblading down the steep slopes of the Going to the Sun Road, cliff-jumping into the Flathead River or white-water rafting with friends. Most of all, she loved the ocean and the sunshine, and it was there she eventually found comfort during her battle against ovarian cancer, which she was diagnosed with in December 1996.

In 2002, Margie relocated to Florida, where she lived with her middle daughter, Meghan and son-in-law, Rick, and continued treatment. She continued life too — swimming in the ocean, walking the sandy beaches, collecting seashells, and making memories with her friends and family.

Margie passed away Nov. 12,

2006.

She is survived by her soul mate, Jim Moore; her daughters, Sarah, Meghan and Kate Moore; her son-in-law, Rick Ferry; her mother, Catherine Sterling; her siblings, Mary, Kathy, Ann, Beth, Sarah, Julie and Jon; and a host of special friends.

At her request, her remains will become part of an eternal reef where ocean life can grow and flourish. That is just the kind of person she was — living and giving fully in any way she could.

On Saturday, Nov. 18, Margie's family will host an open house at 411 Sylvan Drive, in Kalispell, from 4 to 8 p.m., and friends and family are invited to stop by to share memories, pay respects and celebrate her life.

Roger J. Morris Jr., 54

Roger J. Morris Jr., 54, publisher and editor of The Western News, died Thursday, Sept. 21, 2006, in Libby.

Roger and his family came to Libby in July of 1992 where he joined the staff of The Western News and remained with the paper for the past 14 years.

He was born at St. Albans, Long Island, N.Y., to Roger and Catherine Morris and was raised and educated at Deer Park, Long Island, later attending college at Oklahoma University and the University of Northern Colorado at Greeley, receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree in journalism.

Roger worked at the North Platte, Neb. Telegraph newspaper and later was employed in the public relations department of State Farm Insurance. He served as a reporter and later as editor and general manager of the Country Times in Gunnison, Colo., and the Mountain Sun News at Crested Butte, Colo., before coming to Libby.

A tireless community advocate and servant, Roger served on the board of Libby Nordicfest, Inc. since 1992 and had been a longtime member of the Lincoln

County Library Board as well as serving in a promotional capacity for The Treasure Tones. He had been an active supporter of Libby public schools and sports and was recently honored at a Libby Loggers football game with a signed game ball. He also served as president of the Libby Rotary Club.

Roger is remembered by many for his love of the outdoors, hiking in the Cabinet Wilderness area and in many of the national parks and his beautiful photography of those areas; he also enjoyed downhill skiing.

Survivors include his son, Christopher Morris of Bozeman; his parents, Roger Morris Sr. of Parker, Colo., and Catherine Morris of Tucson; a brother, Brian Morris of Aurora, Colo.; a sister, Michelle Simpson of Crested Butte, Colo.; and a host of good friends.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Sept. 25, at the Libby Memorial Center.

Memorials in Roger's memory may be made to Nordicfest Inc., P.O. Box 791, Libby, MT 59923. Arrangements are under the care of Nelson & Vial Funeral Home.

Frank Brenner Morrison Jr., 68

Frank Brenner Morrison Jr. left this life Jan. 8, 2006, in Renton, Wash. Ever the consummate attorney, he was en route home from taking a deposition in Canada when



he collapsed at the Seattle airport. Complications from emergency surgery claimed his life. He will be remembered for his love of family, the state of Montana, the law, and for his generous heart.

Frank was born Sept. 27, 1937, in the waning years of the Great Depression, the oldest of three children to Frank B. Morrison Sr. and Maxine Elizabeth Hepp Morrison. He was delivered in the same hospital delivery room as was his life-mate, Sharon. He was nicknamed "Biff" after the popular University of Nebraska Cornhusker football coach, Biff Jones. The Morrison family lived in Stockville, Neb., until they moved to McCook when Biff was 3 years old. Biff attended the McCook public schools in the idyllic 1950s, participating in all athletics, dancing to "rock 'n' roll," and garnering a spot in the Top 10 of the graduating class.

He met his soul mate, Sharon McDonald, in the sixth grade. The two became pals and then "steadies" through the course of the K-12 years. In 1959, Biff graduated from the University of Nebraska, where he was a member of Sigma Chi Fraternity and the Cornhusker track team. He and Sharon married on June 28, 1959, in the summer between college and law school. Sharon taught school while Biff attended law classes at the University of Denver School of Law. After the first year of law school revealed his legal talent, Biff worked as an assistant in a major Denver law firm and then as a clerk for Justice William Doyle of the Colorado Supreme Court. Son John was born June 18, 1961. A year later, Biff earned his Juris Doctorate degree with honors and was inducted into the Order of St. Ives, a legal scholastic honorary. The young family moved to Ogallala, Neb., in 1962 where Biff began his law practice in the Sand Hills cattle country of Nebraska with the firm of McGinley, Lane, Mueller and Shanahan. His first case involved the replevin of a squirrel, and his first verdict included an order from the judge for the parties to "Go home and sin no more." From that modest beginning, Biff moved in 1964 to the Omaha law firm of Eisenstadt, Lay, Higgins and Miller, joining nationally recognized trial lawyers in a fast-paced and exciting practice.

During the 1960s Biff lectured on legal programs across the country and served on the faculty of the Law Science Academy, a legal and medical institute that met annually in the summer at Crested Butte, Colo.

In 1968, the Morrison family was completed after Anne Elizabeth "Betsi" Morrison was born. With the deaths of Robert Kennedy and Martin Luther King Jr., and the race riots and civil strife, Biff and Sharon decided to relocate to a rural mountain environment. In 1969, after a friend suggested that they consider the Flathead Valley of Montana, Biff and Sharon found Whitefish and fell in love at first sight. Within a few months, the four Morrisons left friends and family in Nebraska, engaged visionary developer Gary Tallman to build a house, hung an "Attorney" shingle in Whitefish, and began a new adventure in Montana.

Frank (as he was always known in Montana) eventually associated with Dale McGarvey and James D. Moore, and then with Donald E. "Gene" Hedman and Terry Triewieler. In 1977, Sharon enrolled in the University of Montana Law School, and in 1978 Frank organized the Missoula law firm of Morrison, Jonkel, Kemmis and Rossbach.

Frank's natural love of politics was awakened when others encouraged him to become a candidate for the Montana Supreme Court. He was elected in 1980 and quickly became nationally recognized for his legal analysis and vision. He served as chairman of the Montana Sentencing Guidelines Commission, which developed uniform sentencing in the state. He was a guest lecturer and part-time instructor at the University of Montana School of Law. He co-authored "Constitutional Challenges to Tort Reform: Equal Protection and State Constitutions," which was published in the University of Denver Law Review in 1987.

In 1988, Frank returned to the law practice with son, John, in Helena. However, the Flathead called to him, and in 1992 he returned to practice in Whitefish. In 2002, he and Sharon, together with Sean and Diana Frampton, renovated the Frank Lloyd Wright Building and established the law firm of Morrison and Frampton.

Frank held an AV rating, the highest possible rating by Martindale Hubbell lawyer-ranking service, which also includes him in its publication, "Preeminent Lawyers of America." He was a member of the International Society of Barristers, an international fellowship of trial lawyers, and the American Board of Trial Advocates. He served on the Board of Directors of the Montana Trial Lawyers Association, was its president in 1979 and received its Career Achievement Award. He also was on the board of governors of the Western Trial Lawyers Association.

Frank's interest in politics was lifelong. He attended Democratic National conventions from 1951 until 1968, and in 1984 and 1988. In 1988 and 1992 Frank was a candidate for governor of Montana. He hoped to make Montana a world center for reclamation, attracting money to the state for scientific projects, employing heavy-equipment operators and construction workers in reclamation projects, and building reclamation departments at the university campuses and Montana Tech.

Frank was a visionary person of ideas, energy, generosity and passion. He loved and was devoted to his family, who cherished, respected and adored him. He loved Montana: its people, its mountains, its lakes and streams, its seasons and its beautiful lands. He climbed, skied, hiked, fished and camped in its embrace. When he had been away from the state, he always breathed deeply when he returned, saying, "There just isn't anything else like this." He loved theater and was instrumental in starting live theaters in Kalispell and Whitefish. He loved his friends and all those whom he intended to make his friends. He had a knack for making a decision and then doing what was necessary to make it the right one. Frank's life reflected his credo, "Service is the rent we pay for the space we occupy in this world." He loved life and made the very best of it — at G-force speed.

Frank is survived by his loving wife, Sharon, of Whitefish; son, John, daughter-in-law, Cathy, and granddaughters, Allison and Amanda of Helena; daughter, Betsi, and son-in-law, Luke Walrath, of Whitefish; brother, Jon Morrison, and partner, Sandy Juster, of Las Vegas; and sister and brother-in-law, Jean and Dr. Ben Galloway of Denver. Frank also is survived by nieces and nephews, Cindy Brady, Katie Seawell, Jeanne Eschenfelder, and Clay Morrison and their families.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 16, at the United Methodist Church in Whitefish, with a reception afterward at the O'Shaughnessy Cultural Arts Center. Frank's historical office, 341 Central Ave., also will be open after the funeral to those who would like to visit.

Memorials may be made to Alpine Theatre Project, P.O. Box 1959, Whitefish, MT 59937, or to any charity of choice.

John Alan Morrison, 50

John Alan Morrison passed peacefully away at his home in his sleep during the early morning hours of Saturday, Sept. 23, 2006. He had a beautiful Friday evening doing what he loved best — cruising the North Fork with his wife and best friend, Mary, and their new puppy, Winnie. They scouted for firewood, searched for wildlife, and visited with friends they encountered.

John was born in Whitefish, on Aug. 6, 1956, to Kenneth and Wilma "Jean" Morrison. He grew up on the family farm in Columbia Falls and attended Columbia Falls schools.

On Jan. 17, 1975, John married the love of his life, Mary "Muff" MacDonald, with whom he had three sons — James, John and Josh.

For several years, John was employed by the Forest Service and the Montana State Department of Lands. John then made carpentry his life's work. He was a very good carpenter who could build anything from the ground up.

John loved anything to do with the outdoors. He loved to hunt, fish, boat, and to ride four-wheelers. He looked forward to the snowfall, as he also loved riding snowcats with family and friends.

John also loved cruising the North Fork in his classic purple convertible. He was also a

mechanic and enjoyed working on everything from cars to snowcats.

Though not many knew it, John spent his last days in the loving company of his wife, sons, daughter-in-law, and grandchildren, barbecuing, riding four-wheelers, and just hanging out. We are so blessed to have spent that time with him.

John was preceded in death by his mother, Jean; his stepmother, Ruby; his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Mary and Francis MacDonald; as well as his brother-in-law, Mike McFadden.

John is survived by his loving wife of 31 years, Mary, at the family home; his father, Kenneth Sr.; sons, James Allen and Heather Morrison, John Andrew Morrison and Joshua Adam Morrison; his adoring grandchildren, Jessica, Amanda and Matthew; his brothers, Tom, Richard and Kenneth Jr.; his sister, Barb; and numerous nieces, nephews and family friends.

"Goodbye for now, John. We will miss you, but someday we'll be together again."

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 29, at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

Memorials may be sent in John's name to the North Valley Search and Rescue, Columbia Falls Fire and Ambulance, or to the donor's choice.

Lamont 'Monty' D. Morrison, 82

Lamont "Monty" D. Morrison, 82, died Feb. 5, 2006, at Fairview Red Wing Medical Center in Red Wing, Minn.

He was born April 24, 1923, in Sac County, Iowa, the son of Hubert and Gladys (Friesner) Morrison. He attended high school in Everly, Iowa.

He married Carol Larson in 1946 in Iowa. They moved to Minnesota in the early 1950s, and in the early 1970s to Red Wing. Monty worked for the Minnesota Highway Department, retiring in 1985.

They lived in Rochester for three years, then moved to Kalispell in 1997 to be near their son, Gary. Carol died in 2000.

Monty married Marcella "Marcie" Melchert Petersmeyer in Red Wing in 2002. They lived in Montana and spent summers in Wisconsin. In fall 2005, they moved to Grove, Okla. They recently moved back to Red Wing. Monty enjoyed traveling, country music and Bible study.

His wife Carol; son, Robert; granddaughter, Julia; sister, Mary; and brother, James, preceded Monty in death.

Survivors include his wife, Marcie; one daughter, Sylvia, of Rochester, Minn.; two sons, Gary and wife, Laurie, and Craig and wife, Debra, of St. Paul, Minn.; one stepson, David, and wife, Jan Petersmeyer, of Red Wing; grandsons, Greg and wife, Jenny, of Connecticut, and Alexander and Jon of Kalispell; granddaughter, Jennifer Madigan of Minneapolis; two stepgrandsons; three stepgreat-grandchildren; and two sisters, Betty Lou and husband, Robert Lint, and Wilma Jean Hanson, both of Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

There was a visitation in Red Wing at the Mahn Family Funeral Home. Memorial services and interment will be at 1 p.m. April 22 at the Foursquare Church in Kalispell, with the Rev. Richard Whittet presiding.

Nelson G. Morrow, 89

Nelson G. Morrow, 89, a resident of the Kootenai Valley for the past 40 years, died Tuesday, July 4, 2006, at his home in Libby.

He served as chief administrative officer and public information media officer for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the Libby Dam Project during its construction.

Surviving him are his son,

Garnett Morrow of Anchorage, Alaska; and a daughter, Cheryl James, of Lake Forest, Calif.

Services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 12, at St. Luke Episcopal Church in Libby with the Rev. Glen Gleaves officiating. Visitation will be from 3 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home.

Evelyn Mortenson, 84

Evelyn Isabella Della Smith Mortenson, 84, a lifetime resident of Lincoln County, died Tuesday at her home in Troy.

Survivors include her children, Marilyn McDougall of Troy, and Sandra Burk of Reno, Nev.

Services will be at 11 a.m.

Friday, May 5, at the Troy United Methodist Church, with a reception afterward in the church fellowship room. Interment will be afterward at 2 p.m. at the city of Libby Cemetery.

Arrangements are by the Nelson and Vial Funeral Home.

Wes Lawrence Morton, 24

Wes Lawrence Morton, 24, "an incredibly loved and cherished young man, left his family and friends to be with his heavenly father" on Dec. 24, 2006.

Wes was born Nov. 1, 1982, in Missoula. Wes, with his love for the outdoors, enjoyed to the fullest the move his family made to the Flathead Valley in 1987.

Wes lived and attended school in Columbia Falls since 1992. Wes was a hard worker but packed in a full life of fun in the short amount of time he was with us. Wes was an avid outdoorsman. He enjoyed hiking,



camping and hunting with his friends, dad and brother.

Wes' true joy was found with his faithful dog, Bear, by his side and a fishing pole in his hand. His true love of the outdoors was captured the day Wes made the catch of a lifetime — the third largest pike caught in the state of Montana.

Wes is survived by his parents, Cintra and Gary Morton; sisters, Michelle Stutzman and husband, Landis, and Carissa Wetzal and husband, Jeremy; brother, Zane Morton; grandparents, Lawrence Orłowski, Eleanor and Herbert Morton; and many other family and friends.

There will be a celebration of Wes' life at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 30, at New Covenant Fellowship.

Bo J. Motichka, 30

Bo J. Motichka, 30, "was put in the Lord's hands to rest in peace" on Sunday morning Aug. 27, 2006.

He was born Oct. 19, 1975, the first day of hunting season, in Whitefish, to Carl and Diana Motichka.

Bo was always the outdoorsman. He loved hunting and being outside with nature. He bought his first bike in 2003 and every spare minute he was making road trips on his bike and soaring across the valley. Bo is now flying in the wind. He will be missed and loved by all.

Bo was preceded in death by his brother, Chad; grandparents, Warren and Joyce Motichka;

great-grandparents, George and Verna Ward; great-grandmother, Lois Motichka; great-grandfather, Ted Hudson; and great-grandmother, Hazel Hudson.

Bo is survived by his parents, Carl and Dee (Diana) Motichka; a sister, Jackie Motichka; and nephews, Wayne and Jordan.

A viewing will be held from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 1, at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 2, at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. Burial will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery.

The family suggests that memorials be made to ALERT.

Roderick Paul 'Rick' Muffitt, 60

Roderick Paul "Rick" Muffitt, 60, passed away Tuesday, May 16, 2006, at his home in Kalispell, after battling liver cancer and pneumonia.

He was born March 18, 1946, in Omaha, Neb., to Deiss Edward and Eleanor Louise (Mackenzie) Muffitt.

Rick received his early education in Omaha and in 1963 enlisted in the Navy, becoming a Seal. He served two tours of duty in Vietnam, separating in 1969.

In the early '70s Rick played football for the Oakland Raiders. Back in Omaha, he worked in the car business, which is what brought him to Montana. Rick worked in most of the car dealerships in the valley until 2003. At that time he became the general manager for Unicore Construc-



tion, which is owned by Jack Bauska.

Rick was diagnosed with liver cancer in 2005 and contracted pneumonia in April of this year.

Rick liked to fish, race horses and the breed of Arabians, Monday Night Football and karaoke singing.

Rick was preceded in death by his father in 1987 and his mother in 2004.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley Muffitt of Kalispell; one son, Russell Muffitt of Omaha, from a previous marriage; one brother, Greg of Texas; three sisters, Sandra of California, Valerie of Nebraska and Melanie of Washington.

A Celebration of Life for Roderick "Rick" Paul Muffitt will be held at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, May 24, at the Eagles Lounge in Kalispell.

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

Velma Muhleman, 88

Velma Muhleman, 88, of Bigfork passed away in peace at her home Monday, May 29, 2006, after a very long illness. She was surrounded by her daughters and husband.



She was born Oct. 15, 1917, in Crookston, Minn., to Esther and Carl Gustav Olson, and grew up to be a lady in Minneapolis.

Velma considered her greatest achievement to be her three daughters whom she unconditionally loved to her last breath, Kathy Tom of LaVerne, Calif., Christina Sandra Soquist of Kalispell, and Nancy Piscitelli of Hayden Lake, Idaho. Her husband of more than 50 years is Duane "Dewey" Muhleman, who was with her from the beginning to the very end of her life.

Velma followed Dewey's long academic career with constant support and encouragement, with a sense of fun and adventure, from Harvard to Cornell and on to 34 years at Caltech, in Pasadena, Calif. She always loved Pasadena but had no trouble with their sojourns in the East.

She was a member of PEO most of her adult life in Pasadena and in Bigfork. She loved PEO and completely believed in their work and the friendship of like ladies. She served two terms as the president of the Caltech Women's Club and had a great interest in helping the families of foreign students and new faculty members. Equally dear to her heart was the Methodist Church in which she was a member for more than 60 years. She was a member of the Community United Methodist Church of Bigfork for the past decade.

Velma was a great aid to the education of her daughters and others. She began a career in real estate in the 1970s, which she continued for more than 20 fulfilling years in Pasadena and Arcadia,

Calif., where she developed at least one friend per real estate deal! She will be remembered by all the families of Dewey's graduate students for whom she mitigated the impatience of Dewey's rather high-pressured manner. University life was a treasure for her.

Six young people called her "Grandma" — Suzanne Tom, Eric Tom and Lisa Tom, all of Southern California, Chayne Piscitelli of Portland, Carina Piscitelli McGee of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and Cody Piscitelli of Hayden Lake, Idaho. She has a great-grandson, Izaak Piscitelli; and a great-granddaughter, Mia Tom, of Pasadena.

Velma is survived by two sisters, Genevive Harkness of Tampa, Fla., and Ardelle Maack of Springfield, Mo.; very dear nieces, Judy Canning and Kristie Somerville of Tampa; and nephews, Terry, Rick and Don Flattem in the Midwest. Dear to her were her brother- and sister-in-law, Roland and Betty Muhleman in California, and a far off brother-in-law, Jerry Muhleman, in Ohio.

All who really knew her will remember her as an energetic, cheerful and always optimistic person who wanted to make friends for life. She left most of them in Southern California when, after Dewey's retirement, they moved to Lakeside. She always loved the mountains and the lake but didn't have much of a chance to get to know her new house in Bigfork.

The family is very grateful for the loyal and gentle care during the past four years of Elly Jones and Sandra Brown. Hospice care was exactly what the family needed and "we wish to particularly thank nurse Pat Erickson and the wonderful hospice volunteers, Marion and Jane."

A memorial service for Velma M. Muhleman will be held at 1 p.m. Sunday, June 4, at the Community United Methodist Church in Bigfork. A reception will be after the service.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for Velma's family

Robert 'Bob' Mummey, 70

Robert "Bob" Mummey, 70, beloved husband, father, grandfather, in-law and friend of many, died suddenly in the early hours of Tuesday, March 21, 2006, at his home on Foothill



Road in Kalispell, from the effects of a recently diagnosed brain cancer.

He was born Jan. 21, 1936, in Weed, Calif., to Lester and Esther (Weston) Mummey. He moved with his family to Sacramento, Calif., on Nov. 20, 1941, just two weeks before the start of World War II. Bob liked to play the piano in his youth. Bob earned his high-school diploma at Sacramento High School. He joined the Navy during the Korean War serving aboard the attack Carrier USS Oriskany CVA 34 from 1953 to 1955.

Bob married in 1955 and from that union had a daughter, Pamela Ann, and a son, Randy. The marriage ended in divorce some years later. After his honorable discharge from the service, he worked for 10 years at Aerojet General producing rocket fuel for Minuteman missiles.

Bob left Aerojet to join Foster Industries in Modesto, Calif., as night manager of the chicken processing plant and also attended night school during that time. He graduated from Modesto Junior College with an associate of science degree in microbiology.

In the 1980s, Bob left California and settled in Eureka, where he owned and operated a ranch as Grave Creek Bed and Breakfast from 1983 through 1995.

In 1991, he met and married the love of his life, Lindalee Voss Kanzler, of Columbia Falls. In 1995, they sold the Grave Creek Ranch, and

Bob and Lindalee moved to Kalispell. They built their dream home along Foothill Road in the east side of the Flathead Valley.

In his early years, Bob was an avid big-game and bird hunter. He loved to fish, especially in Alaska during the king salmon runs. His special talent was to plant and nurture orchard trees and grass, and soon had a beautiful and productive orchard surrounded by well-kept grass at his Foothill property. He built a pond and raised huge trout that soon became pets.

He enjoyed helping his neighbors in any way he could and was a friend to all. Bob was known for his kind heart and generous spirit. He took great pride in his family and all their accomplishments. He will be greatly missed by the many who knew and loved him.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, and is survived by his wife, Lindalee Mummey, at the family home in Kalispell; his daughter, Pamela Miller, and husband, Bruce, of Roseville, Calif.; and his son, Randy Lawrence, and wife, Mary, of Elk Grove, Calif.; four grandchildren, Bradley Isbell, Phillip Miller, Emily and Adam Lawrence; one stepson, Jamie Kanzler, and wife, Jennifer, and their son, James Kanzler, of Park City, Utah.

Funeral services for Robert "Bob" Mummey will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 25, at the Mountain View Mennonite Church. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, March 24, in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel, with viewing also one hour prior to service Saturday at the church.

The family suggests memorials be given to the Mountain View Mennonite Church, 795 Mennonite Church Road, Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

Helen A. Munter, 92, of Los Altos, Calif., "entered into rest" on Nov. 21, 2006. She was preceded in death in 1990 by her husband of 55 years, Russell. She is survived by her daughter, Susan, and son-in-law, Richard Moss, of Los Altos; granddaughter, Anja Hart, and great-grandsons, Jake and Nate Hart, of Piedmont Calif.; and her sister, Bernice Mattson of Casselton, N.D.



Helen was born in Creighton, Neb., and moved to Creston with her parents, Robert and Anna Prischmann, about 1930. She married Russell Munter in 1934, and they lived first on the Munter family farm in Demersville, and later in Kalispell. Her working career included selling real estate, working in various departments at the Kalispell Mercantile, and managing Martins Clothing Store on Main Street. During World War II she was a volunteer plane spotter. In the 1970s she was chef for the Holiday Inn Resort on Flathead Lake, and later managed the Elks Rest Resort on the lake for two summers. She was a life member of the Lady Elks, and volunteered many hours of landscape care and organizing duplicate bridge games. A member of the American Contract Bridge League, she always said her love of bridge kept her young.

In her younger days, she was an avid fisherman, camper and huckleberry picker. She loved to entertain friends in her home and on the back patio, and her cinnamon rolls, dill pickles and pan-fried chicken were legendary. When she finally had to leave her little home on Second Avenue East in the summer of 2005, she had her going-away breakfast with the Sykes' bunch, a favorite spot for her and her friends. Helen was a loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother ("G-G"). She will be in our hearts, and those of her lifelong friends, forever. A celebration of life will be held in Kalispell in the summer of 2007, and interment will be alongside her husband at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Helen A. Munter, 92

Miriam Lee Murdock, 75

Miriam Lee Murdock, 75, of Polson, passed away on Tuesday, June 6, 2006, from natural causes at Evergreen Health and Rehabilitation Center.



She was born June 9, 1930, in Great Falls.

After high school Miriam attended school for secretarial and nurses training, and worked as legal secretary in Great Falls, but her main job was as a homemaker.

She married James Alexander Murdock in Whitefish, in 1955.

She was active in Meals on Wheels and the Eastern Star.

She loved horseback riding and exploring the out-of-the-way places

in Montana; her favorite outing was the National Bison Range.

She was preceded in death by a son, Russell Murdock, and two grandchildren.

Miriam is survived by her husband, Jim Murdock, of Polson; daughter, Kathy and John Chaney; sons, David and Lois Murdock, and Ivan Murdock; sisters, Jean Weirich, and Marie Dorrrough, Miriam's twin sister, Helen Wassemler, and Carolyn Nelson; nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

No services are planned at this time and cremation has taken place.

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

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.groganfuneralhome.com

Thomas Warren Murphy, 55

Thomas Warren "Tom" Murphy, 55, passed away at his home in Marion on Wednesday, Oct. 18, 2006.

Tom was born on July 13, 1951, in Tulare, Calif., the son of Maime Sue and Lou Murphy.

Tom is survived by his parents, Sue and Lou Murphy; his brother, Tim Murphy; and sister, Coleen Paggie; his ex-wife, Deborah Lujan, and their three children, Dedra Espindola, William Murphy and Melissa Murphy. He is also survived by three grandchildren, Kiane Mur-



phy, Alissa Murphy and Gabriella Espindola.

Tom worked for his dad's tire business growing up in Tulare where he lived until the '90s. He then moved to Marion and worked for Paul Margini, and then worked for Penske Auto Senter.

Tom really enjoyed the outdoors. He loved to fish and hunt. He will be very dearly missed by everyone.

Viewing will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27, at Global Miller Funeral Home, 144 South L Street, Tulare, CA 93274.

Burial will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Oct. 30, at a gravesite at 900 E. Kern Ave., in Tulare.

A service in Kalispell is pending.

Madison May 'Maddy May' Murray, 2

Madison May "Maddy May" Murray, 2, passed away on Wednesday, March 15, 2006, near her home in Somers.

Madison was born on May 10, 2003, in Voorhees, N.J., to Alan and Danielle Murray. She was raised in Lindenwold, N.J., until she moved with her family to Somers, on May 5, 2005.

Madison enjoyed spending time with her sister, who was her best friend. She liked to play dress up, color, paint, do arts and crafts, and play with her dolls.

She loved fire trucks, racecars, Princess and dogs especially. She also liked to watch Dora, Scooby Doo and Diego.

Madison is survived by her parents, Alan and Danielle Murray; a sister, Autumn E. Murray; great-great-grandmother, Alma E. Stypinski; great-grandmother, Doris Edmunds; grandparents,

Darlene and Walter McMaster, and Susan and Bill Kaminski; uncles, Mike Murray and Curtis Murray; aunts, Ashley Corcoran, Courtney Corcoran, and Brittany Corcoran; as well as numerous great-aunts, uncles, cousins, other relatives and friends.

She also leaves behind her two dogs, Biscuit and Brutus.

Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 21, at the Lakeside Community Chapel, Lakeside. A reception will follow the service for family and friends at the Fire Hall in Somers.

Flowers can be delivered to the Lakeside Community Chapel or donations may be made to the Madison May Murray Memorial Fund at the First Interstate Bank

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

Nels William Murray, 82

Nels William Murray, 82, a survivor of Iwo Jima, a nurturing, loving father and a good friend to many, died July 5, 2006.

Bill was born on Aug. 28, 1923, to Thomas and Esther Murray in Warrick. Bill voluntarily enlisted in the Navy in 1942, spending most of his active duty as a signalman on the destroyer USS Weber.

He completed his service in 1946 and returned to Montana, where he met his future wife and lifelong friend, Dorthea Murray. They married in 1949 and raised three children who survive him, Cheri and husband, Kelly, of Bigfork; Scott and wife, Tina, of Whitefish; and Carol and husband, Robin, of Seattle.

Bill is also survived by his six grandchildren, Trina of Lacey, Wash., whose husband, Dan Elder, was deployed to Iraq on the date of Bill's death; Brad of South Korea, where he is teaching English; Brett of Whitefish; K.C. of Bigfork; and 5-year-old Jane Li



of Seattle. Bill is survived by one great-grandchild, 4-year-old Kyler. Bill was one of seven children and only two survive him, Ruth Hamilton and Tom Murray of Texas.

In 1987, after 40-plus years with the railroad, Bill retired, spending those many years doing the things he loved — hunting, fishing, golfing and spending time with his family and close friends and neighbors.

Bill died suddenly, but peacefully.

Bill was a kind, compassionate and humorous father and friend and will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

In lieu of flowers, please send memorial donations to either VFW, P.O. 1008, Eureka, MT, 59917 or Our Lady of Mercy, 500 Dewey Ave., Eureka, MT, 59917.

A Mass of the Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Monday, July 10, at the Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church in Eureka, under the direction of the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish.

Burial will follow the Mass at the Tobacco Valley Cemetery, near Eureka, with military honors.

Roger B. Mycroft, 79

Roger B. Mycroft "went to be with the Lord" on Sunday, May 28, 2006, resting peacefully after an extended battle with myelodysplastic syndrome at his home in Kalispell.

He was born Nov. 7, 1926, to Edgar and Hazel (Dale) Mycroft in San Francisco.

Roger remained in the East Bay area until enlisting in the Navy in 1943, when he served aboard the USS Stormes.

In 1953, he married fellow Simpson Bible Institute student Eloise Hatch. They settled in Alameda, Calif., where they raised their four children.

Earning his way in a variety of sales and manufacturing enterprises, his favorite career, one from which

he never retired, was that of magical entertainer. On the big stage, at a close-up table, in tails or in full white-face as "Rags, the Magic Clown," or just wearing a simple sport coat at Tiebuckers or Barley's, his pockets were always full of balloons and tricks, and his audiences were delighted.

Roger was also a gifted pianist, watercolor artist, photographer, and model railroad enthusiast.

He loved animals, and after moving to Kalispell in 1984, enjoyed making friends with the birds, squirrels, and raccoons.

His deepest passion was the study of God's word, and he shared his faith and his beloved books right up to his final days.

The family is grateful to the staff of Kalispell Regional Medical Center, Dr. John Ward, and the staff of medical oncology, all of whom provided gentle loving care during the past four years.

He was preceded in death by his son, Bruce Mycroft, in 2000, and his sister, Audrey Calder, of Sacramento, Calif.

Surviving are his wife of 52 years, Eloise; daughter, Sheryl Mycroft, of Kalispell, and her children, Shana, Brighton and Nathaniel; daughter-in-law, Charmaine Proctor, of Lolo, and her sons, Matthew and Joseph; daughter, Cynthia Leib, of Thomp-

A memorial service for Roger B. Mycroft, who died May 28, will be at 4 p.m. Sunday,

son Falls, and her sons, Kaiser and Schaeffer; son and daughter-in-law, Steven and Maria Mycroft of Aurora, Colo., and their sons, Jonathan and Eugene; great-granddaughter, Kayleigh; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Cremation has taken place, and a celebration of Roger's life will be held at a later date.

The family suggests that any memorial contributions be sent to Home Options Hospice, 175 Commons Way Suite 100, Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

July 9, at Easthaven Baptist Church on Whitefish Stage in Kalispell.

Scott Mustard, 33

Scott Mustard, 33, died Monday in Libby.

He is survived by his father and stepmother, Gene and Jeannie Mustard, of Libby; and his mother, Cheryle Stal-

ey, of Kentucky.

Visitation will be from noon to 6 p.m. Friday at Nelson & Vial Funeral Home. Services will be at 1 p.m. at Nelson & Vial Funeral Home Chapel.

Edna Myers, 95

Edna Myers, 95, died at her home in Hungry Horse on Saturday, April 22, 2006.

Arrangements are pending at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory.

Margaret June Myers, 74

Margaret June Myers, 74, of Yakima, Wash., passed away March 3, 2006, at Yakima Regional Cardiac Center.

June was born March 28, 1931, in Walla Walla, Wash., to Samuel Gerkey and Frances Fehrenbacher. She graduated from Walla Walla High School and St. Mary School of Nursing.

She began her nursing career at St. Mary's Hospital in Walla Walla as a surgical nurse. She moved to Yakima in 1970 and worked at St. Elizabeth Hospital as assistant supervisor of surgery, and at Memorial Hospital as surgery supervisor until her retirement in 1987. June was dearly loved and respected by the medical community.

Margaret June Gerkey married Merrill Maurice Myers on May 16, 1951, at Fort Lewis, Wash. June and "Tubby" were blessed with six children and seven grandchildren whom they dearly loved.

June was a woman of strength whose Catholic faith guided her life. Her family and friends were touched by her loving and gentle spirit. She was generous to others and made friends wherever she ventured. Her infectious sense of humor and joy for helping those in need depicts the wonderful person that she was. "Her quiet acceptance of life's challenges is a



lesson to all that faith in God will get us through." June will be dearly missed by all.

Survivors include six children, Nancy Myers and husband, Mark Hull, of Kalispell, Maggie Marsh and husband, Steve, of Kent, Wash., Mary Myers-Hall and husband, Jim, of Yakima, Mark Myers of Troutdale, Ore., Lisa Turner and husband, Steve, of Hoodspport, Wash., and Carolyn Bell and husband, Eric, of Clackamas, Ore.; seven grandchildren, Hossein, 27, Clinton, 17, Stephen, 17, Christopher, 16, Grant, 11, Garrett, 9, and her "princess" Nicole, 22 months. She also is survived by two aunts, Margaret Bergevin and Helen Mitchell; brother, Gene Gerkey; and sisters, Pat Ray and Betty Hastings.

June was preceded in death by her parents, Sam and Frances Gerkey; stepmother, Lola Gerkey; sister, Carol Ferrante; brother, Bud Rose; and her loving husband, Merrill Myers.

June was a hospice volunteer, nurturing and caring for those in need. Donations in her honor can be sent directly to Memorial Homecare Services, 1019 S. 40th Ave., Yakima, WA 98908.

A vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, March 10, at the Keith and Keith Ninth Avenue Chapel. A Memorial Mass will be celebrated at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 11, at Holy Family Catholic Church.

To celebrate the life of June, please visit our Web site at <http://www.mem.com>.

Melvin Wiley Myers, 89

Melvin Wiley Myers, 89, passed away Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2006, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

He was born July 14, 1916, on a homestead north of Columbus, in Stillwater County, to Ira and Myrtle (Tucker) Myers. Mel graduated from Columbus High School, Class of 1934.

In 1943, he married Wilma Jordan in Kalispell, while on "leave" from the U.S. Coast Guard. On Nov. 27, 1993, they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary aboard the cruiser ship Celebration in the Western Caribbean.

After the war, he returned to Kalispell where he was owner of Northwestern Montana Realty Co., and then traveled across the state of Montana for several insurance companies as their special agent.

In later years, Mel and his wife operated Jordan's Cafe in Kalispell until 1978, when it was sold and they retired.

He was a member of Christ Church Episcopal, a life member of Kalispell Elks Lodge, several Masonic orders, Algeria Shrine Temple of Helena, American Legion and life member of the VFW.

He enjoyed collecting coins, flower gardening and spent the last several years working on his family history and genealogy.

Mel was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, J. Ray Myers; and one sister, Ila Fossel.

He is survived by his wife, Wilma Myers, of Kalispell; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Melvin Myers will be in April at the Christ Church Episcopal in Kalispell with burial afterward at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. There will be no visitation at this time. Notice will be given in April with a time and date.

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