

Charles David Nelson, 85

Charles David Nelson, 85, passed away Sunday, Feb. 5, 2006, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

He was born June 24, 1920, on the family farm southeast of Dooley, Mont., the son of David W. and Martha J. (Lindvall) Nelson. He attended schools at Rocky Springs School and graduated from the eighth grade. He attended Dooley High School. He graduated from the School of Agriculture and attended four quarters at the School of Agriculture at the University of Minnesota.

He was united in marriage to Alice M. Nielsen on Sept. 18, 1949, at the Highland Lutheran Church in Outlook. He was a farmer and raised cattle in northeast Montana until fall 1992, when they relocated to Kalispell. He was an avid reader



and loved working with his hands, especially working the land and woodworking.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Lucille Goetzinger.

Survivors include his wife, Alice Nelson, of Kalispell; his daughter, Charlene Kranitz and husband Tony, and son, Dale Nelson, and friend, Candy, of Great Falls; son, Clayton Nelson of Havre, and daughter, Debra Conaway and husband, Dean, of Kalispell; 10 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren; and a sister, Elizabeth Otten, of Kalispell.

Memorial services for Charles will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 10, at Eidsvold Lutheran Church in Somers, with Pastor Wayne Pris officiating. There will be no visitation.

The family suggests that any memorial contributions be sent to Eidsvold Lutheran Church, 5935 U.S. 93 S., Somers, MT 59932.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for Charles' family.

Dagney Marie Nelson, 97

Dagney Marie Nelson, 97, of Bartlesville, Okla., passed away Saturday, Jan. 21, 2006, in her home. She was born Dec. 12, 1908, in Webster, S.D., to Eva and Peder Sakariason. Dagney moved with her family to the Flathead Valley in Montana in 1911. She attended school in Kalispell.

She married Clarence Afdahl and had one son, Ronald Afdahl.

She remarried in 1932 to Oscar Nelson and they made their home in Kalispell for many years until Oscar's death. She maintained the home there until 1995, when she moved to Bartlesville, Okla., to be near her son.

Dagney was active in the Lutheran Women's Missionary League of the Redeemer Lutheran Church of Bartlesville, as well as in Kalispell, where she taught Sunday school for many years.

She enjoyed playing cards with friends at the Bank of Oklahoma.



Dagney was loved by her family and friends and will be dearly missed.

Dagney was preceded in death by her parents, Eva and Peder Sakariason; her husband, Oscar Nelson; her son, Ronald Afdahl; four brothers and five sisters.

She is survived by her daughter-in-law, Ann Afdahl; a great-nephew, Mitch Gamache, his wife, Mandy, and their children, Erika Ann and Julia; and a nephew, Wayne Sakariason. She also leaves behind her beloved kitty, Tammy, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to noon Thursday, Jan. 26, at the Johnson Mortuary. Graveside services will be afterward at 2 p.m. in the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery, with Pastor Mark E. Carter of the Redeemer Lutheran Church of Bartlesville officiating.

The family suggests memorial gifts, in lieu of flowers, be given to the Redeemer Lutheran Church, 3700 S.E. Woodland Road, Bartlesville, OK 74006.

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

Eva Leishman Nelson, 93

Eva Leishman Nelson, 93, of Idaho Falls, Idaho, died Dec. 21, 2006, at Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center.

Funeral services will be held at noon Thursday, Dec. 28, 2006, at Coltrin Mortuary, 2100 First St., in Idaho Falls. The family will

receive friends one hour before the services at the mortuary. Interment will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 30, at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.coltrinmortuary.com.

John A. Nelson, 86

John A. Nelson, 86, died Saturday, May 6, 2006, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

A service will be held at a

later date in Illinois.

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

Richard Darin Nelson

On the morning of April 18, 2006, the Nelson family, Schat family, Stimac family and countless others in Arizona, California, Nevada and Montana lost a favorite son,



brother, uncle, nephew and friend.

Richard Darin Nelson was dearly and deeply loved by all who knew him.

Rick's early years were spent at the family-owned Holland Lake Lodge lying at the feet of the beautiful Swan Mountain Range in Northwest Montana. It was there that his lifelong love of the outdoors and his independent, adventurous spirit was encouraged and truly helped form his life. The days spent traversing the streams, lakes and mountains with his three sisters, Michelle, Nikki and Lindi made for many memorable (and sometimes scary) stories. Some of his "extreme" hikes with his beloved sister Lindi have become legend among their peers. Trails meant nothing to that pair.

Rick joined a health club at the age of 14, where his passion for fitness and bodybuilding would later become more than a vocation; it was almost the mission statement of his life.

He entered the U.S. Army at 18, and his natural leadership and infectious energy quickly propelled him to the top of his platoon. His exceptional physical abilities, strength and passion for fitness got him into the Army's Master of Fitness Program. He became a master military fitness instructor, where he trained troops and officers in strength conditioning, overall physical fitness and self-defense techniques.

After he left the Army, he took his training into the business world of fitness. He became a director for several athletic clubs

in California, and ultimately became founder and president of Master Fitness Academy/Global Fitness Corporation. He trained professional and amateur athletes from a wide array of athletic disciplines. He was also a consultant/trainer for the Miss America Pageant Committee as well as for a number of models for Playboy (undertakings that family and friends thought a large, handsome, muscular, funny man should not have to endure).

Rick's big heart, infectious laugh and endearing sense of humor make him fast friends wherever he went. You could not help but be drawn to the gentle giant with the mischievous grin.

The most important things in his life were his three sisters, his niece, his mom, Marion, and his father, Richard. He gave of himself freely and made more of an impact on people's lives than he will unfortunately ever know. Rick was a bright and beautiful light who had an ability to grab the most out of every moment. His light will live forever in our hearts. He will be sadly and sorely missed. He has gone too soon.

Rick was preceded in death by his grandparents and an uncle.

He is survived by his father, Richard Nelson; his mother, Marion Schat; three sisters, Michelle Nelson and her husband, Steve Fargan, Nicole and her husband, Mitch Stimac, and Lindi Nelson; a brother, Landon Ryan; a second mom, Vicky Tyree; stepmother, Mary Young; stepfather, Jack Ryan; and a niece, Kine Stimac.

Memorial services will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday, May 6, 2006, at Wayfarer State Park in Bigfork, followed by a celebration of his life at the Swan Events and Rooftop Gardens in Bigfork. The family requests memorials be given to the Missoula Youth Homes in Missoula.

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

Eunice Ilene Nelson, 86

Eunice Ilene (Nylander) Nelson passed away at Lake View Care Center on July 24, 2006. She was 86 years old.

Eunice was born April 30, 1920, in Tioga County, N.D. She graduated from Alexander High School in North Dakota in 1936. After attending college, she went on to teach school at Twelve Mile School in a one-room schoolhouse for several years.

Eunice and her friends would frequently attend dances. She met Victor H. Nelson at one of the dances, and they married in 1942. They lived on the family farm 16 miles southeast of Williston, N.D., and began raising a family of five children.

In 1965, Eunice and Victor and family moved to Blaine, Minn. While living in Blaine, Eunice substitute-taught at the neighborhood grade school. They retired to the Bigfork area in 1980 to live near Eunice's sister, Audrey Holman, and brother, Bud Nylander, and their families.

Eunice loved teaching, music and dancing. Most of all, she loved being around family and friends, and particularly enjoyed her grandchildren.

Eunice is survived by her five children, Lyle Nelson of Pasadena, Calif., Ardis Hägg of Los Angeles, Gordon Nelson of Reno, Nev., Barry Nelson of Bigfork, and Vickie Perry of Reno, Nev.; nine grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; her niece, Sharon Kinman; her nephews, Jim and Randy Holman; brother-in-law, Buck Holman; and sister-in-law, Marilyn (Nylander) Lloyd.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Thursday, July 27, at the Little Brown Church in Bigfork; with visitation beginning at 2 p.m.

Robert 'Bob' Nelson, 54

Robert "Bob" Nelson, 54, "made his transition from this life to the next" at home with his loved ones at his side on Jan. 6, 2006.



He is survived by his lifelong love and wife of 31 years, Judy; their beloved son, Matthew; his mother, Maxine; a very large clan of brothers, Rick and Carol, and Jim and Ivy; sisters, Martha and Steve Shelley, and Margaret and Roger Radabah; and Bob's aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. Also his father-in-law, Eugene and Marjorie; brother-in-law, Larry and Debbie Messick; sister-in-law, Connie; and mother-in-law, Hazel Thorburn.

Bob was born in Chillicothe, Mo. Happily in February of 1977, Bob and Judy joined in an adven-

ture, spearheaded by Mom and Dad Nelson, that brought them to Kalispell. He enjoyed his life in Montana. He was an avid outdoorsman. A perfect day for Bob may have been spent picking huckleberries with "Bro" Gary Russell; coming home to enjoy a dinner of fish he had caught; enjoying the company of family or his friends, Carmen, Trenton or Ray; a walk to the garden with a ball and his best friend, his dog, Scooby Doo. All that knew him loved him. He will be deeply missed.

"He will be greeted in heaven" by his dad, Royce, and brothers, John and Jay.

Viewing will be Monday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Buffalo Hills Mortuary. Services will be held at 11 a.m. at Buffalo Hills Mortuary chapel with graveside services following in Bigfork at the Little Brown Church. A celebration of his life will be held at Sawbucks following graveside services.

Winona Mae Nelson, 91

Winona Mae Nelson, 91, formerly of Rutland, Vt., died, Monday April 3, 2006, in Bigfork, where she had been a resident for the past three years.



She is survived by her daughters, Faye E. Haering of Mountville, Pa., Sheila N. Buswell and her husband, John, of Bigfork, and Judith Rooker of Rutland; and her sister, Arlene

Rook, of Concord, Vt. Survivors also include her granddaughters, Darlene A. Janoski of Rutland, Jill K. Welch of Bigfork, and Kristen M. Kopp and Traci M. Guynup of Pennsylvania. She also is survived by her beloved great-granddaughters, Shelby K. Welch of Bigfork, Sarafaye Stribling, Cassidy Tshudy, Kelsey Tshudy, and Marci Tshudy, all of Pennsylvania; plus many nieces, nephews and beloved cousins.

Graveside memorial services will be held in June in Vermont at the convenience of the family.

Venita B. Nelson, 89

Venita B. Nelson, 89, "went home to be with our Lord and Savior" on Wednesday, June 7, 2006, of natural causes at Brendan House in Kalispell.



She was born on Feb. 25, 1917, at Moore, the daughter of Emil and Avis (Carse) Havlik. She was raised in Roundup, and graduated from high school in Missoula, in 1935.

On Aug. 15, 1939, she married Philip Nelson in Billings. They had two children, Gerald and Linda. They moved to Kalispell, in 1943.

She worked for Flathead National Forest from 1945 until 1967. After the death of her husband in 1979, she volunteered at Peterson School until 2005.

Venita had a love for children and loved to work with flowers and had a green thumb. "A big thank you to Colonial Manor and

Brendan House for taking such great care of Venita."

Venita was preceded in death by her husband, Philip Nelson; son, Jerry Nelson; grandson, Glen Grob; and granddaughter, Tina Clarke.

She is survived by her daughter, Linda Rickard and husband, Jack, of Kalispell; granddaughters, Chellie Hrabik, Lindy Rutledge and husband, Steve, all of Kalispell, Jackie Ashcraft and husband, Kelly, of Clovis, N.M., Joan Kuemmerle and husband, Bill, of Peyton, Colo.; grandsons, Kirk Grob of Kalispell, and John Nelson and wife, Heidi, of Pasco, Wash.; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for Venita will be held 2 p.m. Monday, July 12, at Epworth United Methodist Church with Pastor Ray Davis officiating.

There will be no visitation. Burial will be private by the family.

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

Willard William Netzel, 82

Willard William Netzel, 82, died Saturday, Sept. 30, 2006, at his home in Evergreen. He is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Lucille of Evergreen; three sons, Larry, Steven and Mark; and three daughters,

Carolyn Sturm, Lori Ausloos, and Lisa Romberg.

Memorial services for Willard will be held at a later date in Wisconsin.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for the family.

Arthur 'Art' Lowel Neufeld, 84

Arthur "Art" Lowel Neufeld, 84, passed Nov. 5, 2006, at Brendan House in Kalispell. He was born Aug. 31, 1922, in Lustrre, Mont., the son of Jacob and Emily



(Lantzer) Neufeld.

His German parents were immigrants from Russia to Montana around 1918. Art's earlier years were spent on a farm in Glasgow. He graduated from Glasgow High School in 1941.

In 1942 he married his high school sweetheart, Bess Rogers. They were able to celebrate their 64th wedding anniversary this year. Art and Bess had two children, Carol and Allan.

Art and his family left their farm and lived in Havre and Great Falls for a short time before settling in Kalispell in 1953. He eventually started his own construction company. He ran his successful business until 1978, at which time he suffered a serious head injury from a snowmobile accident. After the accident he had to overcome many obstacles in his life, including the death of his son from cancer in 1985.

Art loved the Lord and served as an elder in his church for several years and a highlight in his life was a mission trip to Africa. He also served as a Gideon.

He was an accomplished

musician, playing the harmonica and clarinet.

He loved ministering to the elderly and spent several years volunteering at Brendan House and other long term care facilities. In 1993 he was awarded "Senior Volunteer of the Year" by the United Way.

He was an avid sportsman, enjoying hunting and fishing the most. He loved being at his Ashley Lake cabin where he built a craft workshop. When he wasn't fishing, he could be found in his shop making beautiful wood products for his family and friends.

Art was a loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

He was preceded in death by his parents, several brothers and sisters, and his son Allan.

He is survived by his loving wife, Bess; his daughter, Carol Jean Counsell, and her husband, Don; his grandson, Tim Stocklin, and wife, Andrea; and two great-grandchildren, Parker and Peyton.

Visitation for Art will be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 8, in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel. He will be laid to rest at Glacier Memorial Gardens. A memorial service to celebrate Art's life will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9, the Christian Center/Assembly of God with Pastor John Weaver and Pastor Robert Ross officiating.

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

Mike A. Nevins, 54

Mike A. Nevins, 54, died of heart failure Monday, April 10, 2006, in Browning.

Survivors include his parents, James and Earlene Nevins of Columbia Falls; his wife, Kathy, of Browning; and his daughter,

Karrie Mendoza, of Kalispell.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Friday, April 14, at the Methodist Church in Browning. Visitation will be today and Friday at the Eagle Shield Center in Browning.

Dorothy Dean Rinker Johnson Newman, 87

Dorothy Dean Rinker Johnson Newman, 87, a former Whitefish resident, passed away Dec. 23, 2006, at a nursing home in Sidney of natural causes. She was born Dec. 14, 1919, in Minot, N.D., the daughter of Amos and Jennie Rinker. Dorothy was raised and graduated from Minot Model High School and then worked for various farms in the area.

She met and married Lloyd A. "Slim" Johnson on Jan. 24, 1942, in Wolf Point. At this time a son, Norman, and a daughter, Wanda, were born. The family then relocated to Williston, N.D., where the couple divorced in 1960.

Dorothy and the children then moved to Martin City; after the completion of a training course at the Kalispell Business College she went to work for the Canyon Logging Company and FK and L Lumber Mill in Martin City.

Dorothy and friend Betty Kartheiser traveled extensively throughout the Pacific Northwest and Canada. While on one of the adventures, the two friends were caught on film at the Radium Hot Springs, and that shot was published in the July 1966 issue of National Geographic.

Dorothy learned to fly-fish, which she enjoyed immensely. She also enjoyed hiking, picking huckleberries, gardening and hunting for meat. While acting as a cook in Russ Baeth's hunting camp she also, in her off time, took an elk, a black bear and a whitetail buck. The Hungry Horse News ran a picture and story of her hunting prowess. The headline read "Modern Day Diana."

Dorothy learned many of her outdoor skills from her father, Amos. And father and daughter often fished together.

Dorothy went to work for the Anaconda Aluminum Company in Columbia Falls, as a receptionist and a printer operator. It was at that time she met and married James Newman. The couple enjoyed traveling and enjoyed life until Jim had a debilitating stroke. Dorothy took early retirement to care for him until he passed away in Lewistown.

Dorothy had a beautiful home on South Hilltop Road in Columbia Falls that she worked on so diligently to maintain and improve. She had various fruit trees including apple, apricot, cherry, pear and plum, as well as large strawberry and raspberry patches and a vegetable garden.

She loved to plant trees and flowers, mow the lawn and maintain her various gardens. She later sold her property and moved to McMinnville, Ore. She then later moved to a condo in Lewistown.

Ill health forced Dorothy to eastern Montana. First she lived with her daughter, Wanda, in Fairview and then the Savage Sunrise Manor, and finally after a stroke she moved to the Sidney Health Center Extended Care in July 2005. After a massive stroke, she passed on Dec. 23.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Amos and Jennie Rinker; sister, Delores Ritter; a half-brother, Charlie Rinker; maternal grandmother, Jennie Stepp; uncle, Bob Mills; and granddaughter, Joleen Johnson.

She is survived by a son, Norman Johnson, and wife, Emily Peck, in Polson, and their children, Teresa Malzer, in Grovetown, Calif., Jacey Johnson and her son, Connor McGee, in Boise, Idaho, and Alicia Cunnings and her children, Makayla and Noah. She also is survived by a daughter, Wanda Miller, and her children, Beth Purcell in Kent, Wash., and Lisa Miller in Auburn, Wash.; and grandchildren Sari and Charlotte.

Viewing will be from 1 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 28, at Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 29, at the funeral home chapel, with the Rev. David V. Kauffman officiating. Interment will be afterward at the Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

John Norman Nicholson, 64

John Norman Nicholson, 64, a Montana Department of Transportation section supervisor from Shelby, passed away Friday Nov. 10, 2006, while hunting in the Missouri Breaks in southern Blaine County, due to heart failure.



Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 15, at the Whitted Funeral Chapel in Shelby. Burial of ashes will take place at a later date in the Chinook Cemetery.

Condolences may be sent to www.whittedfuneralchapel.com.

Survivors include his wife of 44 years, Myrna Nicholson, of Shelby; daughter, Peggy Halquist, and Chad Taylor, of Tacoma, Wash.; son, Norman, and Becci Nicholson, of Kalispell; sisters, Thelma Halteman of Roach, Mo., Alice and Paul Green of Cut Bank, and Barb and Dick Letang of Great Falls; brother, Pete, and Darlene Nicholson, of Billings; grandchil-

dren, Bradly Halquist of Tacoma, and Danielle and Amanda Nicholson, both of Kalispell.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Jessie Nicholson; and brothers, Chet and Bill Nicholson.

John was born Nov. 28, 1941, at Birchtree, Mo., to John S. and Jessie (Hannah) Nicholson. The family moved to the Harlem area when John was a youth, and where he grew up and graduated from high school.

He served with the U.S. Army from 1961 until 1963, having married Myrna Scheafer at Harlem in 1962.

He worked for the Montana Department of Transportation for many years as a section supervisor and would have retired next August.

John was a member of the Shelby Elks Lodge and served as Past Exalted Ruler, Past Worshipful Master of the Shelby Masonic Lodge and OES Past Worthy Patron.

He enjoyed hunting, farming and spending time with his grandchildren.

Louis 'Louie' Charles Nielson, 56

Funeral services for Louis "Louie" Nielson, 56, of Sidney, will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 26, 2006, at the Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church. Interment will be in the Sidney Cemetery, under the direction of Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney.



Louis Charles Nielson was born Feb. 9, 1950, in South Gate, Calif., to Wilfred and Eileen (Terry) Nielson. Louie moved from Quartz Hill, Calif., with his parents and brother, Matt, to the Flathead area in 1969 where he lived for 25 years, working as a logger and trucker and collecting hordes of friends.

Louie married Sue Stairs, and they had a daughter together, Christy Lee. On Dec. 5, 1986, Louie married Cindy Haddad in Las Vegas. They had two daughters, Jennifer Rose and Hannah Louise. In 1994, Louie and his ladies moved from the Flathead area to Sidney, where he ultimately owned and operated Sidney Dry Cleaners and Laundry.

Louie was proud of his girls and of their many accomplishments. They were his pride and joy. He spent countless hours following them in their sports, drill team, and tap dancing.

With his wife, Cindy, and his friends, Donnie and Linda Byer, he coached at least 10 years of girls' summer softball teams, encouraging many "hapless" girls to do their best at every facet of the sport. There really was no cheerleader of girls' sports more enthusiastic than Louie.

In the area of men's sports, Louie was a die-hard Raiders football fan. No one escaped Louie's accurate, but optimistic, assessment of each year's Raiders team. Loyal to the core, Louie never abandoned the Silver and Black, no matter what their record. Louie was almost, but not quite, as passionate about fantasy football as he was about his Raiders.

Outside of sports, Louie loved fishing and boating. With his friends and family, Louie solved a lot of the world's problems on some calm body of water, patiently waiting to bait the big one and at one time catching a trophy walleye that he proudly displayed at work. Many of his and his family's friends benefited from unparalleled fun on escapades with his boat and camper.

Louie never met a stranger. He could carry on a meaningful conversation with anyone. He had a heart of gold. Hundreds of tap dancers traipsed and tapped through the Nielson home, never to be excluded from the wholesome meals prepared in the Nielson kitchen and always made to feel as if they were just one more part of the Nielson family.

The heart of gold couldn't last forever, and Louie succumbed to a heart attack in his sleep Aug. 22, 2006.

Louis is survived by his wife, Cindy, daughters, Jennifer and Hannah, of Sidney; his daughter, Christy Nemeh and her husband, George, and her children, Maddy Jane and Jacob, of Orange, Calif.; and mother, Eileen Nielson, of Sidney.

He was preceded in death by his father, Bill Nielson; and his brother, Matt Nielson.

Ruth Cecelia Nordtome, 90

Ruth Cecelia Nordtome, 90, died Wednesday, April 19, 2006, at the Lakeview Care Center in Bigfork. She was born on Sept. 1, 1915, at Bigfork, the daughter of Kaurin B. and Johanna (Petterson) Johnson.



Ruth grew up on the family farm and attended schools in Bigfork and graduated from Bigfork High School. After high school she attended Kalispell Business College and worked as a bookkeeper at the Conrad Mansion.

She was married to Melford Nordtome on July 11, 1942. They made their home in Kalispell for many years.

Other employment included the Diana Shop and Wholesale Grocery in Kalispell.

She was a seamstress and homemaker. Ruth spent many hours crocheting intricate doilies and afghans, knitting sweaters, and embroidering various other items. She also enjoyed gardening and raising roses.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Melford; a daughter, Marian Mitchell; two sisters, Olive Case and Sylvia Martinson, and three brothers, Carlyle Nordtome, Eivin Nord-

tome, and Harry Nordtome.

She is survived by her son, Robbin Nordtome, of Kalispell; and her daughter, Linda Desch, and husband, Richard, of Wolf Point; seven grandchildren, Tonya Nordtome, Tara Nordtome, Kim and Bob Sutton, Jennifer Desch, Andy and Jessica Desch, and Matt and Holly Desch, all of Kalispell, and Rob and Debbie Miller of Columbia Falls; eight great-grandchildren, Krystal Sutton, Madeline Sutton, R.C. Sutton, Mykala Desch, Sophie Desch, Elijah Desch, Joshua Desch and Ethan Desch, all of Kalispell; four sisters, Eunice Gilbertson and husband Sid, of Oceanside, Calif., Viola Johnson of Missoula, Judy Corneliuson of Tucson, Ariz., and Lillian Nelson of Bremerton, Wash.; two brothers, Harold Nordtome of Columbia Falls, and Henry Nordtome of Kalispell; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Family and friends of Ruth Nordtome are invited on Sunday, April 23, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Central Bible Church gymnasium, 902 First Ave. East in Kalispell, to a light luncheon reception hosted by the immediate family in celebration of Ruth's life. At Ruth's request no formal services will be held.

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

Clifford Lee Noll, 86

Clifford Lee Noll, 86, passed away Monday, April 10, 2006, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He was born Aug. 4, 1919, in Lambert to Milo and Nora (Shouse) Noll. He was the oldest of three children. He attended elementary school in Lambert and high school in Peerless.

On May 21, 1944, he married Helen Clarke of Nashua, and they would have shared 62 years in May.

He and Helen moved to Vancouver, Wash., to work in the shipyards during World War II. In 1946, they moved to Kalispell, and he worked on the Hungry Horse Dam. In 1956, he was employed with Anacoda Aluminum Co., in Columbia Falls and worked there until he retired in 1982.

In May 1969, he joined the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aeries No. 234. In 1974 he was elected presi-



dent and in 1994 he was inducted into their hall of fame. He was also a beneficial member of the Eagles. Clifford and his wife, Helen, were very active in the organization and were issued the Certification of Appreciation for the devoted service rendered to the Alzheimer's hamburger night.

When living in Evergreen he was a member of the Volunteer Fire Department for 11 years.

Cliff is survived by his loving wife, Helen Noll, of Kalispell; one daughter, Sharon Corneliuson, and husband, Vern, of Bigfork; one granddaughter, Corrina Arnold, of Amarillo, Texas; and two great-grandchildren, Aspen and Tre; one brother, Don Noll, and wife, Mary Jane, of Quartzsite, Ariz.; with numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial services for Clifford Lee Noll will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 13, at the Eagles, 37 First St. W., in Kalispell.

The family suggests memorials be given to the Eagles in Cliff's name.

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

Cathy Marie Norman, 45

Cathy Marie Norman 45, of Hungry Horse "was called home to her Heavenly Father" Sept. 19, 2006. Cathy was born Sept. 9, 1961, at the War Memorial Hospital in Powell, Wyo., to Ted Norman and Pauline (Townesley) Siebel.

She graduated from Columbia Falls High School in Columbia Falls (class of 1979). After graduation she moved to Powell, and married and had three children. Later, she divorced and moved back to Columbia Falls.

In 2004, she married her soul mate Jeff Padgett.

Cathy enjoyed swimming, fishing, and camping with her family.

She is survived by her children, Sean and Shannon Kinyon,

both of Columbia Falls, and Landon Bodle of Seattle; five brothers, Vincent Norman of Spokane, Leon Norman of Powell, and Don, Kevin and Robert Norman, all of Columbia Falls; and her stepfather, Bob Siebel, of Columbia Falls.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jeff Padgett; both parents, Ted Norman and Pauline Siebel; and her brother, Dean Norman.

"Cathy will be sorely missed but we know that we will meet again!"

Memorials can be made out to Columbia Falls Mortuary and sent to Don and Lynette Norman, 190 Rocky Lane, Columbia Falls, MT 59912.