

James Victor Racicot, 71

James Victor Racicot, 71, passed away Saturday, Dec. 30, 2006, in Kalispell.

Jim was born March 4, 1935, in Libby to Johanna Ludvikson Racicot and Victor Racicot. Jimmy, or "Uncle Jimmy" as he was affectionately called, was raised and educated in Libby and, along with his twin brother, Chuck, entered the U.S. Air Force in 1952. He served 20 years in the Air Force, including a one-year tour in Vietnam. He also served 20 years with the Montana Department of Transportation as a law-enforcement officer, retiring in 1994.

Jim loved the outdoors and was especially proud of his hunting exploits. He was an avid competition pistol shooter and participated in many area matches. His legacy always will be the beloved family homestead on Pipe Creek. Known as the "Cabin Master," Jim dedicated his energies to preserving the cabin and its history for future generations. He loved to relax on the deck, listen to jazz music and enjoy nature. His many furry and feathered friends never went hungry.

Jim was proud to be a life member in the following organizations/fraternities: Libby Masonic Lodge No. 85, Kootenai Valley Shrine Club, United States Practical Shooting Association, Veterans of Foreign Wars, National Rifle Association, Montana Rifle Association, Montana

Rifle and Pistol Association, Mullen Pass Masonic Lodge No. 1866 (Charter Member, Helena), Bannack Masonic Lodge No. 1 (Charter Member, Virginia City).

A lifelong Democrat, Jim was also a regular member of these organizations: Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, S.J. USA, 32 Degree, Missoula; Algeria Shriners, A.A.O.N.M.S. of Helena, Noble; Vista Chapter No. 44 Order of the Eastern Star, Columbia Falls; Knights Templars, Cyrene No. 10 KSP MT; Cryptic Council, Flathead No. 15; Royal Arch Masons No. 13, Kalispell.

He is survived by twin brother, Charles "Chuck" Racicot, and wife, Sharon; brother Dave Stephenson and wife, Carole Anne; and sister, Linda Braley, and husband, Gene, of Libby; nephews Greg Racicot of Lexington, Ky., Jason Braley of Spokane, and Brent Stephenson of San Diego; nieces Jeana Wood of Libby, and Heather Jo Stephenson of San Francisco; and various grandnephews and grandnieces.

His ever present smile and unique sense of humor as well as his caring attitude will be missed by the many who knew and loved him.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 6, at the Masonic Lodge in Libby.

Arrangements are by Nelson and Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

Tanya M. Radabah, 33

Tanya M. Radabah, 33, of Kalispell passed away Friday Feb. 24, 2006, at her mother's house in Oldtown, Idaho, after a long battle with cancer.

Tanya was born Feb. 27, 1972, in Spokane, the daughter of Richard and Catherine (McGee) Erickson. She attended Priest River Lamana High School.

She married Rob Radabah in Kalispell on Aug. 2, 1997. She enjoyed camping, swimming, hunting and spending time with her family.

Survivors include her husband, Rob, and three children, Michael Radabah, Brian Radabah and Tiara Radabah, all of Kalispell; two stepdaughters, Ashlee Rad-

abah of Kalispell and Amber Radabah of Oregon; mother and stepfather, Catherine McDaniel and Bruce Rains, of Oldtown; father, Richard Erickson; one sister, April, and Travis Hurst of Oldtown; and one brother, Scott, and Becky McDaniel of Newport, Wash. Survivors also include numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

The family is planning a private memorial service at a later time.

Memorials or condolences are suggested sent c/o the Radabah family, P.O. Box 959, Lakeside, MT 59922.

Sherman-Knapp Funeral Home is in charge arrangements.

Donald Danforth Ralston, 87

Donald Danforth Ralston, 87, passed away Sunday, April 23, 2006, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

Don was born May 22, 1918, in Coeur D' Alene, Idaho, to Edgar S. and Emma Danforth. His mother died when he was very young, and he then was adopted and raised by Harry and Cleola Danforth Ralston.

Don was raised in the East Glacier area, and then attended high school in Cut Bank. After high school, he worked for a while for the Civilian Conservation Corps. On Dec. 2, 1941, he enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps, where he served as a photo recon cameraman. He was stationed in the European theater and was involved in several major battles, including Normandy. He was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army Air Corps on Oct. 11, 1945.

He returned to Montana where he went to work for the National Park Service at Two Medicine.

He always will be remembered by his friends for his truly enjoyable sense of humor and his wonderful quick wit.

Don was preceded in death by his adopted parents; and a sister, Beth.

He is survived by a half-sister, Mary Heffner, of Poulso, Wash., and a half-brother, Robert Danforth, of Waitsburg, Wash.

Visitation will be from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 25, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Graveside military services will be after the viewing at 11 a.m. at Glacier Memorial Gardens, with the United Veterans of the Flathead Valley doing the honors.

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

Bertha Rambo, 95

Bertha Rambo, 95, died Sunday, April 23, 2006, at the Cottonwood Care Home in Miles City.

Survivors include two daughters, Eleanor Everest of Lincoln City, Ore., and Darlene "Pinky" Rollins of Miles City; and one son, Bob Spencer, of Kalispell.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, April 27, at Glacier Memorial Park Cemetery in Kalispell.

Stevenson and Sons Funeral Home of Miles City and Buffalo Hill Funeral Home of Kalispell are in charge of the arrangements.

Janet Norene Randall, 72

Janet Norene Randall, 72, passed away at 9:45 a.m. Tuesday, May 16, 2006, of natural causes. Her final hours were spent with her high-school sweetheart and husband of 53 years, Gerald Randall, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

She was preceded in death by two of her brothers, Little CF and Bud, and her parents, Anna and Everet Willard.

She is survived by her husband and siblings, Joan Baker, Pat Anderson, Iva Galloway, Marge Horner and Francis Willard. She leaves her children, Willard and Tami Randall, Geraldine and Todd Lyons, and Tabitha and Chris Regoli, 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Janet was born March 29, 1934, in Cheyenne, Wyo. She graduated

from Whitefish High School in 1952.

She married Gerald on March 8, 1953. Janet and Gerald started their own business, Randall's TV, in 1969, and Janet spent much of her free time engaging in arts and crafts. She was known for her macramé and later for Intarsia wood design, but also spent craft time on ceramics, quilting, greeting-card stitching and others too numerous to mention. She often set up a booth at the local arts-and-crafts shows in the Mall and at the local parks selling her crafts. She was loved dearly and will be missed.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 20, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Graveside services will be afterward at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

Richard Sam' Rayburn, 64

Richard "Sam" Rayburn was born Feb. 26, 1942, in Seattle, and passed away Aug. 9, 2006, in Edmonds, Wash.

He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Evelyn; daughters, Dawn (George) Sly, and Pamela (Lisa) Rayburn; grandchildren, Megan, Daniel and David; parents, Harold "Swede" and Mary Nelson; brother, Chuck Nelson; sister, Donna (Larry) Blair; and nephews, Gordie and Sean.

Married in 1961, he was a loyal

friend, a lover of cars, dogs, technology, eclectic collectibles and music.

He had a lengthy career in automotive repairs.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to Puget Sound Kidney Center, Patient Assistance Program Fund/KAP, 1005 Pacific Aye, Everett, WA 98201.

A memorial service was held Aug. 13, at Beck's Funeral Home, 405 Fifth Ave. S., Edmonds, WA 98020.

Hazel M. Read, 76

Hazel M. Read, 76, a resident of Libby for the past 38 years, died May 9, 2006, in San Diego, Calif.

She had been a checker at Rosauer's for many years and later worked at Janet's Maytag.

She is survived by her stepson, William Read, of Cal-Nev-Ari, Nev.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, May 24, at the City of Libby Cemetery.

Arrangements are by Nelson & Vial Funeral Home.

Gladys Lynn Redfield, 61

Gladys Lynn Redfield, 61, passed away July 7, 2006, at her home in Kalispell. She was born in Billings on Dec. 20, 1944, the oldest child of Peck and Vi Rodgers. She attended elementary schools in a number of locations and attended high school at and graduated from Columbus High School in 1963, salutatorian of her class.

She graduated with a degree in secondary education from Eastern Montana College in 1967.

On July 22, 1967, she married Larry Redfield. They welcomed their only child, Stewart Hector, in July 1971.

Lynn was the director of the Conrad Mansion Museum in Kalispell for many years and served on a number of committees involved with history and

the arts. Lynn was a devoted wife, mother, sister and friend who was always ready to help those in need. She had a lifelong love of history and was a talented craftsman.

In lieu of flowers, Lynn would be pleased if any memorial donations were made to the Conrad Mansion.

Lynn is survived by her husband, Larry, of Kalispell; her son, Stewart, and wife, Shannon, of Atlanta; sisters, Pam, Pat and Cindy; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life will be held at 4 p.m. Thursday, July 13, in the gardens at the Conrad Mansion. A reception will be afterward at Lynn and Larry's home.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Francis 'Frank' S. Redmond, 82

Francis "Frank" S. Redmond, 82, passed away Friday, June 9, 2006, at his residence in Kalispell.

He was born on April 4, 1921, in Spokane to William Sumner and Vera JoAnn (Bigney) Redmond. His early years were spent in Spirit Lake, Idaho, where he enjoyed swimming, biking, hunting, getting into mischief with his best friend, Sam, and Model T Fords. When he was 16, the family moved to Somers for mill work. There he met his future wife, Janice Adams.

Frank graduated from Flathead County High School and then was drafted into the Army for World War II. He was a sergeant and wounded April 17, 1945, at Luzon. Not expected to live or even walk again, Frank proved doctors



wrong and lived on. Frank married Janice in 1948 and they had two daughters, Janet and Wendy.

Most of Frank's time was spent under the hood of old Fords, teasing people, going for drives and having fun. He worked for Westmont Tractor and Northwest Parts from 1956 to 1986.

As a grandpa, he taught the kids the foot bone was connected to the funny bone, how to change tires and pump gas. "He will live on in our hearts."

Frank was preceded in death by his wife and his parents.

He is survived by his daughters, Janet Redmond of Columbia Falls, and Wendy Decker of Kalispell.

Graveside services for Francis "Frank" Redmond will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, June 16, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Military honors will be by the United Veterans of The Flathead.

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

Arvilla B. Reed, 96

Arvilla B. Reed, 96, passed away Saturday, Oct. 28, 2006, at the Immanuel Home in Kalispell.

She was born Sept. 5, 1910, in Tacoma, Wash., to Mathias and Antoinette Ann (Merkel) Knudson.

The family moved to Colville, Wash., and then to Ponce Coupe, British Columbia, in 1913 where they homesteaded. In 1920, the family moved back to Colville. In 1930, they family moved to Columbia Falls.

Arvilla was married to Charles Elwin Reed on Dec. 27, 1931. They moved to Coram in 1936. She worked as the postmaster in Coram from 1944 to 1973.

She moved back to Columbia Falls in 1983.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Elwin, in 1977; and six brothers and sisters.

Arvilla is survived by her daughter, Nerma Barbo, of Columbia Falls; three grandchildren, Arles C. Earwood of Sacra-

mento, Calif., John E. Barbo of Rapid City, S.D., and Deana R. Salfen of Cameron Park, Calif.; five great-grandchildren, Troy D. Van Auken, Samantha R. DeVries, John R. DeVries, Kyle D. Salfen and Kelly C. Salfen; three great-great-grandchildren, Hunter DeVries, Jocelyn Van Auken and Conner Van Auken; and two sisters, Sylvia Fugate and Lois Shirley Broad.

She was a member of the Canyon Community Church for many years.

She loved to travel.

Visitation will be from noon to 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 2, at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 2, at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. Pastor Peter Bergen will officiate. Burial will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery.

A reception will follow the graveside committal at the United Methodist Church in Columbia Falls.

Glenda Mae Reed, 72

Glenda Mae Reed, 72, passed away Friday, Dec. 15, 2006, held in the arms of her family at Brendan House in Kalispell.



She was born Sept. 19, 1934, in Kalispell to Glen and Thelma Mikesell. She was raised on the family farm west of Whitefish. Glenda attended grade school and high school in Whitefish.

During her teenage years, Glenda met her future husband, who was working for her father on their farm. On Oct. 20, 1952, Glenda and Carl Martin Reed eloped and were married in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

Glenda spent the first years of her marriage in Fort Lewis, Wash., where Carl was stationed in the Army. Their first son, Billie, was born there. They then returned to the Flathead where sons Ron and David were born.

Glenda spent her life enjoying many things, including camping, gardening, ceramics and cake decorating. Raising and loving her family were what she did best; with family gatherings, camping trips, seeing her grandchildren, and chatting on the telephone the highlights of her life. Glenda shared a special

bond with her eldest granddaughter, Brittany.

"With a heart the size of Heaven and hugs to match, she will be missed and memories of her treasured until we meet again."

Glenda was preceded in death by her husband and parents.

She is survived by her three sons, Billie and wife, Lisa, and their children, Jennifer and Stephanie, and grandchildren, Zachary and Riley; Ron and wife, Kim, and their children, Kalen and Kyla; David and wife, Lore, and their children, Brittany, Travis and Smoky, all of Kalispell; except Jennifer, who lives in Texas. Glenda also is survived by a brother, Marvin Mikesell, and wife, Jolene, of Whitefish; a sister, Loretta Enger, and husband, Magnus, of Columbia Falls; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends.

Funeral services for Glenda will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 21, in the Johnson Mortuary chapel, with Dr. David Kauffman officiating. Burial will be afterward in the Glacier Memorial Gardens. Visitation for Glenda will be from noon to 4 p.m. Wednesday at Johnson Mortuary.

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

Lawrence 'Larry' B. Reeder Jr., 66

Lawrence "Larry" B. Reeder Jr., of Lakeside, was a Messianic Jewish believer and was "welcomed into his father's house" Sunday, Feb. 26, 2006.

He was born July 23, 1939, in Long Beach, Calif., to Lawrence Sr., and Juanita Walker Reeder.

Larry spent most of his early years in Kansas City and Lee's Summit, Mo. When he was a young teenager, his family moved back to his birthplace, Long Beach.

Larry married Arlene Garr and had six children. He also has two children from previous marriages.

Preceding him in death were his parents; 17-month old son, Michael; and sisters, Shirley Reeder and Susan Wink.

He is survived by his wife of 15 years, Lorri, of Lakeside; four sons, Lawrence III and wife, Bonnie,

of Redlands, Calif.; Terry of Long Beach, Garry and fiancée, Dina, of Downey, Calif., and stepson, Jack Schwulst of Spokane; four daughters, Penny Suzette, Charisse and husband, Frankie, and Kerrilyn Louise, all of Redlands, and Sarah Nicole; 15 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; brother, Lynn, and wife, Jackie, of Kalispell; five nephews; four nieces; and other relatives.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory assisted Larry's family with his final wishes.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Mar. 3, at Larry and Lorri's home, 155 Lakeview Lane (Tamarack Woods), in Lakeside. The service will be officiated by his son, Lawrence B. Reeder III.

"He ran a good race and finished a winner."

Eleanor Kent Reetz, 95

Eleanor Kent Reetz, 95, of Missoula, formerly of Kalispell, passed away Sunday Jan. 22, 2006, at the Riverside Health Care Center in Missoula.

She was born June 8, 1910, in New York City. At the age of 5, she came west with her family and spent her younger years near East Glacier.

She then moved to Kalispell and married Raymond Kent on Oct. 15, 1927, and he preceded her in death in 1975.

She married Harold Reetz in 1986. He preceded her in death, and she moved to Missoula in 1996.

Eleanor loved music, and her favorite hobbies included sewing, crocheting and gardening.

She is now survived by one son, Leonard, and Shirley Kent of Victor; one daughter, Delores Rapp, and Art of Missoula; two sisters, Frances Evans and Barbara Jean Busch, both of Kalispell; grandchil-

dren, Deanne and Keith Tucker of Missoula, Gwen and Rob Simonis of Troy, Mich., Melanie and Rick Weiss of Cleveland, Pat and Margie Kent of Spokane, Mark and April Kent of Milwaukee, Wis., Mike and Laurie Kent of Helena, and Pam and Tim Depuydt of Florence; and several great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. today, Jan. 25, at Garden City Funeral Home and Crematory with Eleanor's nephew, the Rev. Roger Casteel of Lincoln, Neb., officiating. Burial will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 26, at Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Kalispell.

Pallbearers will be Patrick Kent, Michael Kent, Keith Tucker, and Jack Francis. Memorials have been suggested to the charity of the donor's choice.

Garden City Funeral Home and Crematory is handling the arrangements.

Ashley Renae Reis

Ashley Renae Reis, age 1 day, of Kalispell, passed away on the morning of Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2006, surrounded by her family and loving staff of the Birthing Center at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

Ashley was born on Monday, Dec. 18, 2006, at North Valley Hospital to BryAnna and John Reis of Kalispell.

She is survived by her loving parents, Bry and John; brother, Justen; and sister, Stephanie; her maternal grandparents, Tammy and Gordie Olson, of Columbia Falls, and Gene Zechin of Kalispell; paternal grandparents, Audrey Lapka of Bigfork, and Mark Reis of Aberdeen.

S.D., and her godparents, Matthew and Tamara Larsen, of Columbia Falls; as well as many other relatives and close friends.

Our "Little Angel" had an all too short life, but a life that was filled with so much love. Bry and John would like to express their love and heartfelt thanks to all of the staff of the Birthing Center at North Valley Hospital and the ALERT flight crew and staff for their heroic efforts during Ashley's short life.

A memorial celebration will take place in the spring.

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

Billy Wallace Reis, 54

Billy Wallace Reis, 54, of Clark, Mo., was "called home to be with his heavenly Father and his dad" on Jan. 18, 2006, at his home.

He was born March 3, 1951, in Denison, Iowa, to Wallace Rollo Reis and Mary Kathryn Pelley Reis.

In 1955, he moved with his family to Whitefish. He attended primary schools and graduated from Whitefish High School in 1969. He was active in football, other sports and was in 4-H for many years. His childhood was spent helping to run the family farm.

He continued his education in Moberly, Mo., by attending Central Christian College of the Bible and received his bachelor's degree in counseling in 1989. He also attended college at Columbia University to obtain his master's degree. He continued working as a pastor of the Christian faith, as a farmer and "Do Everything Guy." Whenever he had the time, you could find Billy in his boat with a fishing pole in his hand out to get "The Big One."

On Jan. 18, 1974, he married Candace Barton. They were foster parents to many children for numerous years. From this marriage his



children were born and survive him: Shamaine Reis of Washington, D.C., Beau Reis of Kalispell, and Billie Reis of Washington, D.C.

On Oct. 29, 1994, he married the lady he was searching for, Betty Jane Cummings, of Clark, Mo., and she survives him at the family home in Clark.

Other survivors include his mother, Katie Wilson, of Columbia Falls; stepsons, Kevin and Nancy Barton of Clark, Clifford and Barbara Barton of Mexico, and Paul Shearin and his fiancée, Jennifer, of Poplar Bluff, Mo.; stepdaughters, Ruth and Dwight Dixon of Higbee, Mo., Vicky and Lindall Miley of Farmington, Mo., and Brittney and Kevin Darlin of Poplar Bluff; three sisters, Linda and Bill Hoyt of Whitefish, Becky and Jerry Reed of Columbia Falls, and Barbara Dennis Raze of Kalispell; sisters-in-law and husbands, Charlotte, Charlene, Alice and Sue; 22 grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren; uncles, aunts, cousins, three nephews, close uncle Dude and cousin Dudley Reis; and special friends, Todd Reed and Gary Bailey.

Services were held Wednesday, Jan. 18, at the Million-Taylor Funeral Home in Moberly, Mo. Burial was at Chapel Grove Cemetery in Clark, Mo.

Memorials are suggested to the family.

Jean Isobel (Kirkness) Reynolds, 82

Jean Isobel (Kirkness) Reynolds, 82, passed away Feb. 24, 2006, at Heritage Place in Kalispell of natural causes. She was born April 6, 1923, in London. She was raised in England, and graduated from high school there.

On June 2, 1953, Jean married Lewis Reynolds. They were married for 23 years.

Besides her time spent as a house wife, Jean worked as a store clerk at Chambers Fisher

in Bozeman, and also with the Tele-care Program with the Help Center in Bozeman.

Jean enjoyed drawing and painting in watercolor, baking and gardening.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lewis; two daughters, Debra and Heather; and a son, Malcolm.

Jean is survived by her sons, David E. and wife, Diana Reynolds, of Lakeside, and Tavis and

wife, Judy Reynolds, of Bozeman; her sister, Margaret Osgood, in England; grandchildren, Dustin Reynolds, Heather Reynolds of Bozeman, and Sabrina and Allannah Reynolds, also of Bozeman; as well as great-grandchildren, Eli Reynolds of Kalispell, and Jeffery Hoffman of Belgrade.

No services are planned.

Cremation has taken place under the direction of Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory.

Doris Evelyn Richards, 91

Doris Evelyn Richards, 91, passed away Dec. 25, 2006, in Pocatello, Idaho.



Doris was born April 10, 1915, to John and Mary James Meikle in Harrison, Idaho. Although her family moved many times, she spent many years in the Spokane Valley of Washington.

On June 30, 1935, she married William Richards in Whitehall. He preceded her in death in 1980 in Kalispell. They had three children. In 1986, she married Irvin Miller. They later were divorced.

For many years, she was an active member of the Northridge Heights Church of God. She enjoyed the outdoors, traveling, painting and crafts. Most of all, she loved being with her family and many friends.

Doris is survived by one son, Ron, and wife, Anita Richards, of Seeley Lake; one daughter, Donna, and husband, Loren Braun, of Pocatello, Idaho. One son preceded her in death. Doris has nine living grandchildren. Two preceded her in death. Also surviving are her 16 great-grandchildren and 9 great-great-grandchildren.

She will be remembered with love and affection by all.

Funeral services for Doris will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 30, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service. Burial will be afterward at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Friends who wish may make donations in her memory to a charity of their choice, or to Heifer International, P.O. Box 8058, Little Rock, AR 72203. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Wanda M. Richardson, 77

Wanda M. Richardson, 77, of Troy died Monday, Dec. 18, 2006, at a Libby hospital.

She is survived by her children, Karla Hays and Roy Richardson, both of Troy.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Libby Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints with President Stewart Briskin con-

ducting; committal services will be afterward at Troy Cemetery. Visitation will be conducted and the family will receive friends from 9:30 a.m. to service time Thursday in the church Relief Society Room.

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

Cecil M. 'Dusty' Rhodes, 86

Cecil M. "Dusty" Rhodes, 86, a part-time resident of Whitefish, died June 6, 2006.

He is survived by his wife, Carolyn "Carlie" Rhodes; and children, Marian Eskridge of Denver, Scott Rhodes of Oklahoma City, Kathlyn Rhodes

of Sacramento, Calif., Janet Kelsey of Langley, British Columbia, and Julie Sanderude of Ridgefield, Conn.

Services were held June 12 at the First United Methodist Church in Casper, Wyo.

Larry A. Rhodes, 49

Larry A. Rhodes, 49, passed away at his Kalispell residence Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2006.

Larry was born March 28, 1957, in Kalispell. He attended Elrod Elementary and Kalispell Junior High, and graduated from Flathead High School. After graduation he went to Helena, where he attended the vo-tech for two years as an auto mechanic. He returned to Kalispell and primarily worked as a janitor for the Outlaw Inn, Grouse Mountain Lodge and other jobs around town.

As a young man, he was a member of the Boy Scouts and bivouacked in the Bob Marshall Wilderness Area to earn merit badges. He had hiked all over the

Wilderness area. From his Boy Scout days, he retained his love of camping. He also loved fishing, hunting and anything associated with the outdoors.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents, Lester George and Orrine Rhodes; and sister, Joyce Pearl Rhodes.

He is survived by his brother, Lester Rhodes, of Kalispell; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Memorial graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 14, at Glacier Memorial Gardens, with Pastor Duane Hull officiating.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Bernard P. 'Barney' Rice, 35

Bernard P. "Barney" Rice, 35, of Kalispell, and president of North Country Automotive and Marine, Inc., died Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2006, in Panama City,



Fla., of injuries sustained while participating in an Ironman Triathlon on Nov. 4. Barney was born in Great Falls on Aug. 25, 1971, to Peter C. and Patricia A. Rice.

He attended schools in Great Falls and graduated from C.M. Russell High School. After graduating from the University of San Francisco he worked in his family's automotive and marine businesses in Billings, Great Falls and Kalispell. At the time of his death, Barney was co-owner of North Country Automotive and Marine, Inc., in Kalispell.

Barney was an outdoor enthusiast and enjoyed fishing, boating, hiking and biking with family and friends. Barney was an adoring husband and loving father. His whole universe revolved around his wife and children — "Barney is her penguin." He lived for the moments spent with his family. Whether you met Barney for a minute, or had known him for years, his outrageous sense of humor and incredibly generous heart left an everlasting impression. Barney loved his family and friends with his whole heart. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

When he wasn't organizing everything in the house, or color coordinating the closet, Barney enjoyed golfing, scuba diving and shooting trap. Most recently, he had discovered the

joys of hunting with the boys. Barney's appetite for life led him on incredible journeys with friends and family. His dream was to have explorer Boyd Madsen's job on "National Geographic." He had already summited Mount Rainier and led his son, Hunter, to the top of Heaven's Peak in Glacier Park. He also loved canyoneering and backpacking with his best friend Brian.

Barney and Michelle loved to travel to exotic places. Swimming with the sharks was all in a day's fun for them. They had many more grand adventures planned. Barney was also a fierce competitor and a winning triathlete. He is a true Ironman.

Barney is survived by his loving wife, Michelle, and his three sons, Hunter, 9, Asher, 2, and Atlas, 5 months, all of Kalispell; his mother, Patricia A. Rice of Great Falls; his father and stepmother, Peter C. and Stella M. Rice of Bigfork; two sisters, M. Elizabeth Rice-DeBrae of Great Falls, and Katherine A. Ray of Gig Harbor, Wash.; stepsister, Carrie Simchuk, of Seattle; and stepbrother, Jason Eliason, of Kalispell; also numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

A memorial service for Barney will be held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 14, at Pope John Paul II Catholic Church in Bigfork.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the A.L.E.R.T. Foundation, 210 Sunnyview Lane, Kalispell, MT 59901; QRU (Quick Response Unit), 810 Grand Avenue, Bigfork, MT 59911; or to The Children's Hospital Foundation: P.O. Box 50020 mail stop S200, Seattle, WA 98145-5020.

Cremation has taken place. Johnson Mortuary & Crematory is caring for Barney's family.

Edna A. Rice, 97

Edna A. Rice, 97, a longtime Libby resident, died Thursday, Feb. 23, 2006, at a Billings nursing care facility.

She and her late husband, Don, had owned and operated the Libby Hotel for many years until her retirement.

Survivors include her daughters, Barbara Rice of Billings and Virginia Irvin of Half Moon Bay, Calif.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Nelson and Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

Thomas Arthur Rich, 77

Thomas Arthur Rich, 77, died Monday, March 27, 2006, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

He is survived by one daughter, Betty Munoz, of Kalispell; and four sons, Lawrence Rich of Elk Grove Village, Ill., Arthur Rich of Lake

in the Hills, Ill., Thomas Rich of Orlando, Fla., and John Rich of Wausau, Wis.

There will be no services at this time.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory of Kalispell is caring for the family.

Cynthia Lynn Richards, 43

Cynthia Lynn Richards, 43, passed peacefully "into heaven" at her home in Woods Bay, out of Bigfork this past weekend.

She was born the third child of James M. and Audrey D. Richards on June 8, 1963, at Malstrom Air Force Base in Great Falls. She grew up in Havre and attended school there, graduating with the class of 1982.

During her teenage years, while still attending high school, she worked at the Havre Clinic, pulling charts and filing for incoming patients. After graduation, she continued in this line of work and was employed by the Havre Clinic.

In 1988, she moved to the Flathead Valley and began work for the Flathead Valley Orthopedic Center in Kalispell. She had a smile on her face for all co-workers and patients and was especially fond of the elderly. Upon entering the office she would say, "Hey, hey, hey, it's a great day."

That phrase was a reflection of her most professional work ethic all her life. She gave her very best to any and all she met.

It was in Kalispell that she had and raised her only child, Hannah Jo Sherrill, 17, a senior at Flathead High School.

She recently opened her own private cleaning service which she managed out of her home in



Bigfork.

Her interests included hiking, camping, jigsaw puzzles, snowmobiling, her cats, Carla and Speckles, and helping and caring for those less fortunate.

She had a great love of family, and nothing was too much or too tough for her to tackle if it would benefit another person.

She was a witness for Jesus and often said "It's a God thing." She saw and recognized small miracles that others people did not think of.

She is survived by her beloved daughter, Hannah Jo, who was her "Little Barbie Doll;" the immediate family, James M. and Audrey D. Richards, of Happy Valley in Whitefish; sisters, Alison Richards of Whitefish, and Rebecca Richards Lee of Havre; and brother, James Bradley Richards, of Whitefish.

Memorials to Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish to be used for the building fund would please her and the family. Also, the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, P.O. Box 50, Memphis, TN 38101 to be used for cancer research for children.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 21, at Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish, followed by a coffee hour.

A private family burial will be afterward at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls on Friday, Sept. 22.

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

Wayne Richmond, 87

Wayne Richmond, 87, died Friday, May 26, 2006, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center, after a short illness.

He was born May 13, 1919, in Newark, Ill.

Wayne was the eldest son of Lyle and Pearl (Green) Richmond. At age 9, he moved with his family to Montana, settling in Olney where he attended elementary school. Because there was no high school, his education ended for three years and he worked in the woods. When the family moved to Eureka, Wayne, at age 17, enrolled in Lincoln County High School. He graduated in 1940.

Wayne was inducted into the U.S. Army on April 2, 1942, and served in the European Theater in both England and France. He was honorably discharged on Dec. 8, 1945.

Returning to Eureka, Wayne worked as a sawyer in the woods, as half of a two-man cross cut team.

On Feb. 24, 1947, Wayne married Myrtle Shenefelt and they had two children, Sharon and Terry. With the outbreak of the Korean War, Wayne was recalled to active duty with the Army Engineers. He served with the Sixth Army in Korea from Sept. 11, 1950, through Sept. 3, 1951. A second son, Leon, joined the family in 1960.

Wayne and Myrtle made their home in Eureka until 1979. During that time, Wayne was elected to the Eureka Town Council and Roosevelt Grade School board. He was also a trustee for the Lincoln Electric Cooperative for many years and was a Boy Scout leader.

After many years in the timber and construction industries, Wayne finished his working career with the Burlington Northern Railroad. He was on the B & B crew in Essex for 10 years and retired from the Whitefish B & B crew in 1984. A skilled carpenter, he enjoyed building cupboards and cabinets as well as spending many hours constructing the family's North Fork cabin.

Wayne and Myrtle enjoyed three



years of winter sunshine in Arizona and exploring in their fifth-wheeler. They moved to Kalispell in 1987 and became active in the Libby Dam Good Sams. Wayne served as wagon master for several years. He also volunteered with the American Red Cross and was recognized as Montana's oldest blood donor in 1991.

Retirement allowed Wayne to pursue some hobbies, including photography and making stained glass. He had a lifetime love of dancing and discovered a new passion: growing dahlias. Sharing tubers as well as blooms, Wayne helped others start dahlia gardens.

He also made many friends while exercising at The Summit and having meals at Nickel Charlie's.

Wayne's favorite retirement activity was spending time with his grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lyle and Pearl Richmond; a sister, Vivian Perry; and two brothers, Frank and Everett.

Wayne is survived by Myrtle, his wife of 59 years; a sister, Ruth Burcham, of Kalispell; and a brother, Randall, and wife, Lula Richmond, of Eureka. He is also survived by daughter, Sharon, and husband, John LaBonty, of Glasgow; and two sons, Terry and wife, Jane, of Kalispell, and Leon and wife, Karon, of Helena. Wayne leaves five grandchildren, Tom and wife, Susanna LaBonty, of Portland, Eva LaBonty and husband, Greg Clensy, of Eagle Point, Ore., Amber Richmond and Justin Richmond of Helena, and Liz Richmond of Kalispell; and two great-granddaughters, Anastasia Richmond and Ruby Delight LaBonty.

A graveside memorial service with military honors will be held for Wayne Richmond at 11 a.m. Friday, June 2, in the Tobacco Valley Cemetery in Eureka.

The family suggests memorials be made to KRMC Cardiac Rehabilitation scholarship fund in care of Northwest Healthcare Foundation in recognition of the superior rehabilitation that Wayne received at The Summit.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Johnson Mortuary and Crematory in Kalispell.

Enoch Ellsworth Richwine, 81

Enoch Ellsworth Richwine, 81, of Polson, died at his home on the morning of July 10, 2006. Enoch was born Nov. 2, 1924, at Medicine Lake to Elmer and Susan Richwine. He moved to Ronan as a child. He grew up and attended schools in Ronan and graduated from Ronan High School.

He joined the U.S. Navy and served as a radar man on an LST boat during World War II.

He married Lucille Long on July 21, 1947, in Missoula.

After his military service, he worked for the Ford Garage in Polson for several years. He also worked for Cass Construction and later worked construction in Alaska.

He returned to Polson and operated the VFW.

He started Burgerville in Polson in 1962, and his family still continues to operate that business.

Enoch loved fishing, hunting, playing pinochle and drinking Budweiser.

Enoch was servant to many people and participated in all VFW activities. He was a past commander of the VFW for two terms and served on the VFW House Committee.

He would do anything for his children and friends. He will be dearly



missed.

He still worked for a few hours every day at Burgerville.

His parents; one sister, Sarah Sturm; and six brothers, Leroy, Bruce, Guy, Kenneth, Calvin and George, preceded him in death.

He is survived by his wife, Lucille, of Polson; three sons, Mason and Kathy Richwine of Columbia Falls, Corey and Kathy Richwine of Ronan, and Shane and Vicky Richwine of Polson; a daughter, Marcia Moen, and husband, Cameron, of Missoula; grandchildren, Jeremy Richwine of Florien, La., Samuel Enoch Richwine of Columbia Falls, Adam Richwine, Brandy Richwine, Christina Richwine and Danielle Richwine, all of Ronan, and Casey and Cassidy Moen of Missoula; great-grandchildren, Mathew and Elizabeth Richwine; and a sister, Jane Hall, of Washington.

Visitation will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, July 13, at the Grogan Funeral Home in Polson. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, July 14, at Polson Community Church. Interment with military honors will be afterward at Lakeview Cemetery. A reception will be afterward at the Polson VFW.

Memorials may be made to the VFW.

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

Andrew Michael Ricks, 6

Andrew Michael Ricks, 6, passed away Friday, April 7, 2006, near his home in Kalispell. He was born in Kalispell on Feb. 13, 2000, to Kenneth and Stephanie (Crosby) Ricks.

Andrew was a vibrant little kindergartner at West Valley School. He loved his Power Rangers, airplanes and his Game Boy, and was a whiz on the computer. Andrew had just learned to ski this year and was excellent at it. He spent many hours playing outside; loved being with his family; playing with his dog, Oso, and cat, Blaze; but mostly he loved being tickled by his dad.

Andrew is survived by his parents, Ken and Stephanie; a sister, Tiffany Opheim, and husband, Max; and a brother, Ryan Ricks, all of Kalispell. Also surviving are his maternal grandparents, Paul and Barbara Crosby, of Kalispell; his paternal grandfather, Gene Ricks, and wife, Barbara, of Kalispell; his paternal grandmother, Mary Cornett, and husband, Earl, of Colfax, Calif.; and his great-grandfather Victor Rinella of



Kalispell.

Other survivors include his aunts and uncles: Paul Crosby and wife, Ellen, Renee' (Crosby) Hart, David Crosby and wife, Yvonne, all of Kalispell; Kevin Ricks and wife, Kathy, of California; Robert Ricks and wife, Becky, of Nebraska; Kathy Cavier and husband, Don, of California; and Robert Cappell and wife, Michelle, of Arizona.

He is survived by 13 cousins: Justine and Melissa Crosby; Brandon Inhofer; Kylee Hart; Justin, Lauren, Spencer and Jeremiah Ricks; Jessica and Kayla Kostner; Alyssa and Conner Ricks; and Paige Cavier; as well as many other extended relatives.

Funeral services for Andrew will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 11, 2006, at the Glacier Mountain Fellowship Church, 4043 U.S. 93 S., with Pastor Noe Gomez officiating.

There will be a private family committal at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be from noon to 6 p.m. today, April 10, 2006, in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel.

The family suggests donations be made to the Glacier Mountain Fellowship on Andrew's behalf.

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

Jane Margaret Harshbarger Riedinger, 86

Jane Margaret Harshbarger Riedinger, 86, died Tuesday, June 20, 2006, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell. She was born Dec. 23, 1919, at Weyers Cave, Va., to John and Mattie Marie (Ruckman) Harshbarger.



At the age of three, she moved with her family to eastern Montana. Her parents homesteaded a section of land near Antelope. They were of the Mennonite faith and were dryland wheat farmers.

Jane was the second eldest of 20 children. She attended school near Antelope, often walking the three miles to school or being driven in a horse-drawn wagon. She attended high school in Plentywood, living with a family and working for them for her room and board. She dropped out of high school after her junior year to go to work as a mother's helper in Minot, N.D.

On Aug. 28, 1938, she married Arthur L. Riedinger and moved to St. Paul, Minn., where she had three children, Patricia, JoAnn and Arthur Jr. Because Art was a Teamster, they moved wherever

construction was booming. They went next to Boise where Bonnie and Richard were born.

The family ended up coming to Montana in 1948 to work on the Hungry Horse Dam. Another son, Michael, was born after moving to Montana.

One of the first homes Jane lived in was a large Army mess tent in Martin City. Because of the dam being built, there was no housing. She never complained but set up housekeeping as best she could. She even learned to fend off a bear from entering the tent one night.

On June 10, 1952, Jane became a young widow when Art was killed on the job at the Hungry Horse Dam. Her oldest son, Art, at age 10 took Jane out in the field behind the house near Columbia Falls and taught her to drive the family truck. She quickly mastered driving and moved her children to Kalispell, where she bought her first home and got her first job working at Woolworth's Store.

Jane was a very hard worker and she instilled excellent work skills in each of her children. She worked at many different jobs from logging camp cook and janitress, to nurses' aid and an Avon lady for many years. She was not

afraid to do whatever she had to do to make ends meet.

Jane joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints later in her life and enjoyed having visiting teachers come to visit.

She was always troubled by the fact that she did not graduate from high school, so she decided to get her GED before her oldest grandchild graduated from high school. This she accomplished to the pride of her family, receiving her certificate in 1975.

"Until we meet again, we will miss your wonderful sense of humor and your soft kisses. We love you."

Jane was preceded in death by her husband, Art; four sisters, Madlyn Brown, Elizabeth Egeberg, Lone Lagerquist and Besie Kerlin; and six brothers, Joseph Harshbarger, Jasper and Jeremiah Harshberger, Shepard Harshbarger, James Harshbarger and an infant, Vernon Harshbarger.

She is survived by her six children, Pat Swanberg and husband Ted, JoAnn Oftedahl and husband Melvin, Bonnie Flagg and husband Stan, Michael Riedinger and wife Melanie, all of Kalispell; Art Riedinger and wife Mary of Prosser, Wash., and Richard Riedinger and wife Ardith of Storm Lake, Iowa; six sisters

Minnie Richardson of Duvall, Wash.; Evelyn Miller of Irrigon, Ore.; Ann Carter and husband Clarence, and Gloria Caudill and husband Tom all of Kalispell; Carol Torpen of Martin City; Bonnie Mudgett and husband Lee of Dewey, Ariz; three brothers, Bob Harshbarger and wife Marilyn of Shelby, Vincent Harshbarger and wife Norma of Lewiston; and Galen Harshbarger of Williston, N.D.; 17 grandchildren, David Swanberg, Kelly Kopitzke, Jan Swanberg, Melodee Curtis, Leonard Oftedahl, Karen Thurston, Susan Robison, Michael Todd Riedinger, Thailia Johnson, George Bland, Tony Bland, Dion Riedinger, John Riedinger, Jody Orth, Destiny Townsend, Mikelle Riedinger, Aurora Riedinger and Jeremy Turner; 30 great-grandchildren, Daniel and Audrey Turner, Paige, Lindsey and Lauren Swanberg, Dylan, Megan and Lucas Kopitzke; Alexander Swanberg, Andrea Swanberg-Bostwick; Devin and Ivy Curtis, Crystal, Melissa, Angela, Matthew and Jonathan Oftedahl, Derek, Kyle Davis and Kelsey Thurston, Christina and Kimberly Bland, Andrew and Shawna Bland, Bryce and Dustin Landon, Shavonna, Dion Jr. and Christopher Riedinger, Tarren Hillborn, and Zayden

Townsend; one great-great-granddaughter, Alaura Swanberg Bostwick; one great-great-grandson, Casey Bland; along with many nieces, nephews and many, many friends.

Funeral services for Jane Margaret Riedinger will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, June 26, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-

Day Saints on Whitefish Stage Road in Kalispell, with burial to follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, June 24, in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel and at the church one hour prior to service time.

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

Robert L. Rieben, 68

Robert L. Rieben, 68, of Eureka, died Thursday, Sept. 7, 2006, at a Kalispell hospital.

He managed the Farmers Union Station for several years and later worked as a sawyer for Graves Logging and also for Plum Creek Lumber Company in Fortine. He later worked for the Com-Force Company.

He also operated a retail store.

Survivors include his wife, Jan, of Eureka; his children,

Laurie Shutz of Cheney, Wash., Julie Radish and Gr Rieben, both of Eureka; and his mother, Mina Rieben Krankowski, of Eureka.

Services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Chapel of Praise Church in Eureka; interment services with military honors will follow at Tobacco Valley Cemetery. Friends may call at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Eureka from 1 to 8 p.m. Monday.

Francis Ernest 'Rip' Riepl, 85

Francis Ernest "Rip" Riepl, 85, died Friday, March 17, 2006, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

He was born June 22, 1920, in Herndon, Kan., the son of Matthew and Suzanna (Pingetzer) Riepl. Rip graduated from Herndon High School at the top of his class.

He joined the U.S. Navy in August 1941.

He married Irene Alice Lawson in 1945. They moved to Missoula in 1947, and he retired from the Navy in 1961. He then went to work for the Missoula post office as a postal clerk, retiring from there in 1978, and then moved to Polson. Rip's wife passed away March 12, 1995. Rip stayed in Polson for a few more years, then he moved to Columbia Falls to live



with his daughter and son-in-law. Rip enjoyed fishing, woodworking and spending his summers at Camp Tuffit on Lake Mary Ronan. "He will be greatly missed and always in our hearts."

Rip was preceded in death by his beloved wife; three sisters, Bertha Groves, Ida Saxrude and Helen Riepl; and two brothers, Edward and Gerald Riepl.

He is survived by his loving daughter, Connie Vetter, and husband, Jim Schelling, of Columbia Falls; his beloved grandsons, Michael Vetter of Camarillo, Calif., and Thomas Vitter, stationed in Greece on the island of Crete, of whom he was very proud; and great-grandsons, Dylan and Cody Vetter, of Camarillo.

Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 25, at Lake View Cemetery in Polson. There will be no visitation.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for Francis' family.

Harry A. Riley, 84

Harry A. Riley, 84, of Columbia Falls, passed from this life Aug. 31, 2006, "to be with his Savior."

Harry was born in Casselton, N.D., on July 20, 1922, to Mil-lard and Alma Riley.

He met his soulmate of 54 years, Lola Mae Winegar, in Bemidji, Minn., where they were married.

He served his country in the U.S. Army for two years toward the end of World War II. Harry farmed and cut pulp before moving to Columbia Falls. He was employed at Plum Creek Lumber Company for 35 years before retirement. Harry enjoyed wood-working, gardening, fishing, and hunting with family.



He is preceded in death by his wife, Lola M. Riley.

Harry is survived by his daughter, Beverly Benson, and her husband, Mickiel; his son, Bruce Riley, and his wife, Marilyn; a grandson, Justin Riley, all of Columbia Falls; brother, Herb Riley, of Bemidji, Minn.; sisters, Dorthy Hirt and Lila Cronemiller, both of Bemidji, Minn., brothers, Paul Riley of Grand Forks, N.D., and Ken, Wally, Don, and Jim Riley, all of Columbia Falls.

He will be missed by those who knew and loved him.

Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2006, at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 6, 2006, at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. Burial will be afterward in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Wayne Janson Riley, 58

Wayne Janson Riley, 58, died Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2006, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

Arrangements are pending with Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory.

Barbara Anne Ristine, 57

Barbara Anne Ristine, 57, passed away Tuesday, July 25, 2006, at her residence in Kalispell.

She was born on May 4, 1949, at Huntington, Ind., the daughter of Norbert and Margaret (Young) Karst.

On Jan. 31, 1970, she was united in marriage to Wayne Ristine. She was a wife and mother to seven children and grandmother to seven. The biggest love of her life was her children and grandchildren.

She consecrated her life to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and lived that out in her life as a member of Regnum Christi. She was also a member of St. Matthew's Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by her father, Norbert Karst.

She is survived by her husband, Wayne Ristine, of Kalispell; her children, Jennifer Ristine of

Greenville, R.I., Susan Ristine of Fort Worth, Texas, Thomas Ristine of Moscow, Idaho, Margaret Lidstrom of Havre, Laura Ristine of Napa, Calif., Matthew Ristine of Kalispell, and Rachel Ristine of Bad Munstereifel, Germany; seven grandchildren; her mother, Margaret Karst, of Huntington, Ind.; and five sisters.

A Mass of Christian burial for Barbara will be held at 12:10 p.m. today, July 27, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church, with Father Vic Langhans officiating. Burial will be after services at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. There will be no visitation.

The family suggests that memorial contributions be sent to Legionaries of Christ, P.O. Box 4186, Hamden, CT 06514.

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

Roy J. Roberts, 74

Roy J. Roberts, 74, a life-long resident of the Tobacco Valley, died Dec. 1, 2006, at Mountain View Manor in Eureka.

Roy was born in Eureka on Feb. 1, 1932, to Elmer R. Roberts and Ovella Cook Roberts and was raised and educated in the Tobacco Valley. He married Shirley Hoyt on Oct. 17, 1953.

Surviving him are his wife of 53 years, Shirley, at the family home in Eureka; his daughters, Debra, and

Karla and husband, Scott Geda, of Havre; his sisters, Dolly Treece and Fay Miller, both of Eureka; and four grandchildren, Kirsten, Jac-ey, Genna and Scott.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the First Baptist Church, with interment services afterward at Tobacco Valley Cemetery. Visitation will be from 3 to 8 p.m. today at Nelson and Vial Funeral Home in Eureka. Memorials may be sent to the Eureka Fire Department.

Alexandra Robbin, 71

Alexandra Robbin, formerly of Bigfork and Creston, passed away Aug. 7, 2006 in Minneapolis. She was 71.

Alexandra was born in Kalispell on Feb. 18, 1935. The daughter of Walter C. Robbin and Nita Zumwalt Robbin, her birth was attended by her uncle and longtime Kalispell physician, Dr. A.A. Dodge. At the age of 4 she moved to Bigfork with her family, where her parents operated a sweet cherry orchard near Yellow Bay and purchased the Horn and Smith mercantile, renaming it Robbin General Store.

Because Bigfork was a lively community in the 1940s, with a disposition quite different from that of today, Alexandra credited as influences upon her life, the excellence of teacher Winifred Taylor, the uniqueness of life in a small town and her experiences with nature. Anticipating a move to the family ranch at Creston, she began high school in Kalispell and completed her first year while living at Cayuse Prairie with her maternal grandmother, Minnie Reimer.

Alexandra graduated from Flathead County High School in 1953 as one of the high honor ten, and completed her undergraduate studies at the University of Montana.

While residing in Sandpoint,

Idaho, she taught school at Spirit Lake and commuted to graduate study at Eastern Washington State College at Cheney. Subsequent to completing a master's degree, she was an educator in the Billings school system. Later her training in English and knowledge of grammar and writing led to editorial opportunities which she pursued professionally in Atlanta and Minneapolis. In addition to private assignments, Alexandra was employed by American Guidance Service, a publisher of text projects and educational materials.

Forever the friend to animals and champion to people disadvantaged, any memorials acknowledging Alexandra's life should be directed to providers of relief and compassion.

Preceded in death by her parents, she is survived by her brother, Rand Robbin, and wife, Linda, of Creston; niece, Marca Robbin Gibson, and husband David, and their sons, Gage and Holt, all of Helena; and niece, Tia Robbin, and husband Dan Wilson, with their daughter, Liv, all of Kalispell. Alexandra is also survived by several cousins and stepcousins.

At rest beside her grandmother in eternal companionship, interment and family reverence was conducted privately, in C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

David Wright Robinson, 82

David Wright Robinson, 82, of Conrad Point, Lakeside, died early Friday morning, August 18, 2006, after a prolonged stay at Heritage Place in Kalispell.



He was born Dec. 13, 1923, in Great Falls to Fred and Alice (Brooks) Robinson.

David grew up in Great Falls, where he attended grade school and junior high. He then attended and graduated from Shattuck Military Academy in Faribault, Minn. Every summer, he returned to the family's Flathead Lake summer home in Lakeside, working one summer at the Somers' Mill and another at Lake Blaine Mill.

After attending one quarter at Montana State University (then College), David enlisted in the U.S. Army after the Pearl Harbor attack in 1941. He was chosen to attend officer training and was then commissioned a second lieutenant in the infantry, but was assigned to a U.S. Navy aircraft carrier near the Philippines as an aerial observer. During these harrowing times of World War II, Dave and his pilot tried to draw enemy fire while flying torpedo bomber missions a few hundred feet above ground over hostile jungles. "It was the first time this tactic had ever been tried," Robinson reflected 60 years later.

After he rejoined his Army unit for the ground campaign in Okinawa, he was seriously injured by enemy fire and spent a year in the hospital recovering from shrapnel wounds in his foot and leg. He received the Purple Heart.

After his recovery after World War II, Robinson returned to Montana State University and earned a degree in mechanical engineering in 1950. Also in that year, Dave met his wife, Jean, in Libby. Jean was from Chicago and was a Northwestern University graduate. They were married in 1951.

At the time, Dave had already begun his career as an engineer with the W. R. Grace affiliate Zonolite Company in Libby. The couple lived in this northwestern Montana community until 1969, spending summers at Crystal Lake, raising their family and "Summer Sons," orphaned nephews Reed, Ted and Ross Robinson. The family moved to Greenville, S.C., in late 1969 where they lived until 1972. But the love of Montana drew them back home. The Robinsons returned to Great Falls in 1972 to join the family busi-

ness, Lumber Yard Supply, (previously known as Grogan Robinson Lumber Company). Here, Dave continued his career in management until his retirement in 1987, but he stayed on the firm's board of directors until 2004.

Dave and Jean have made Flathead Lake their permanent residence since 1987. Dave was the consummate gentleman, ready with a big smile to greet one and all. He lived his life in an exemplary manner, always helping and encouraging others. As an active resident of the Flathead Valley, Dave was an enthusiastic skier, hiker, fly-fisher, outdoorsman, star-gazer, inventor and proud "Captain" of the MaryTom, his 26-foot StanCraft wooden boat built in 1946. He was very active in community service, spending much of his time as a member of Rotary Club, SCORE, Flathead Lakers, Lakeside Men's Coffee Group, the Ski Bums and a as proud member of Sigma Chi Fraternity.

Dave was preceded in death by parents, Fred and Alice; stepmother, Mary Addison Robinson; brothers, J. Brooks and Alfred. Four of the couple's children predeceased their parents. Tommy died in infancy, Davy and Mark from congenital heart disease, and Meg in a hiking accident.

Surviving David are his wife of 54 years, Jean Kearney Robinson; daughter Polly Addison (Dr. John) and their children, Megan, Bennett and David, of Mercer Island, Wash.; daughter Dr. Alice Robinson (Joe Cielak) and their children, Sperry Robinson, Louis and Jonathan Cielak of Libby; daughter-in-law, Sabrina Robinson (wife of Mark, deceased) and their children, Andrew, Kevin and Crystal of Spokane; step-sister, Mary Christine Peterson (George, deceased); stepbrother, Dr. Robert Addison (Ouida); and 15 nieces and nephews. David's family and friends brought him much joy and love. He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him. He was a lovely man.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 22, at Johnson Mortuary, 525 Main St., in Kalispell. Funeral services will be held at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 23, at Lakeside Community Chapel on U.S. 93 in Lakeside. Burial will be held at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 24, in Great Falls at Highland Cemetery. Memorials can be made to Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, FHCRFCF, J5-200, P.O. Box 19024, Seattle, WA 98019; the Mark A. Robinson Memorial Scholarship Fund at MSU Foundation, 1501 S. 11th Ave., Bozeman, MT 59717; or the American Heart Association.

Elsie May Robinson, 88

Elsie May Robinson passed away peacefully on the morning of June 7, 2006, at her home in Whitefish of natural causes.

She was born in Westhope, N.D., on June 2, 1918, and was the oldest of 10 children. The Livesay family moved to Montana, where Elsie met and married Alvin Robinson.

She helped run the family sawmill in Fortine, and later the Robinsons relocated to Whitefish. After raising their four children, she traveled with Alvin on the railroad.

After his retirement they traveled to Arizona in the winter and spent some time fishing and camping with their grandchildren in the summers. The grandchildren were a special part of their lives.

Elsie was a long-standing member of the Whitefish Moose Lodge.

She loved bingo and was a member of the Bingo Babes.

Elsie was preceded in death by her husband, Alvin, in August 1992.

She is survived by a sister, Helen Forschen of Minot, N.D.; a brother, Ted and Nancy Livesay in Garrison, N.D.; her sons, John and Geraldine and Harold and Linda; her daughters, Elsie and Ray and Alta and Dan, seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held 1 p.m. on Tuesday, June 13, at Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Tribute Fund of Northwest Healthcare Foundation Home Options Hospice, 175 Commons Loop #100, Kalispell, MT 59901 in the name of Elsie May Robinson.

Brian Craig Roche, 34

Brian Craig Roche, 34, died at his residence in Whitefish, after his valiant battle with melanoma for almost three years.

He was born on Jan. 8, 1972, in La Mirada, Calif., the son of Mike and Karen (Coppedge) Roche. His father lived in various states during his military career. The family moved back to the Flathead Valley in 1984; this was a first time in the Flathead for both Brian and his sister, Diana. Brian played football and wrestled while going to Flathead High School and graduated in 1990.

He worked as a chef in both Portland and the Flathead Valley. Brian helped with the construction of the chairlifts at Big Mountain and Blacktail Mountain, also helped on the construction of the golf course at Iron Horse. He was involved in home construction until his illness.



Brian won numerous championships and placed at the National Snowboard Championships in 1998. He learned to surf while undergoing cancer treatment. He enjoyed his motorcycles, hunting, fishing, camping, cooking, skateboarding and above all, he loved his family, friends and dogs, Sirkuk, Kiska and Ammy.

He is survived by his parents, Mike and Karen Roche, a sister, Diana Harrison and husband, Scott, nephews, Jay and Drew Harrison, and niece, Sara Harrison, all of Kalispell; numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and many friends.

A memorial celebration for Brian Roche will be held at 3 p.m. Monday, July 17, at Brian's house, 5094 Whitefish Stage Road in Whitefish.

The family suggests that any donations be made to: Home Options, Hospice 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100 Kalispell, MT 59901; or charity of the donor's choice.

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

Charles "Charlie" Elmer Rock, 87

Longtime Mineral County resident Charles "Charlie" Elmer Rock passed away Tuesday, Aug. 2, 2006, in Missoula at St. Patrick Hospital after suffering a heart attack. He was 87 years old.



Charles was born in Webster, S.D., on April 17, 1919, to parents Andrew J. Rock and Jennie (Cass) Rock, who lived in Avery, Idaho, and Montana, and later became longtime Mineral County residents. Charlie spent the first years of his life in Avery, where his father worked for the Milwaukee Railroad. The family moved to Alberton in 1925, where Charlie attended elementary school and graduated from Alberton High School in 1936.

In 1937, Charles met the love of his life, Elsie Spence, at a dance in Avery.

Following their wedding on Oct. 26, 1940, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, they moved to Alberton, where Charles was working for the railroad. Except for a few years spent in Spokane, the couple raised their three boys, Donald, Danny and Robert, in that community.

Charles worked as a brakeman and a conductor for the Milwaukee Railroad for over 44 years and was the last conductor to ride the Milwaukee Railroad that stopped at the Missoula Depot on the last caboose on March 20, 1980.

It didn't take long for Charlie to find another passionate pursuit — that of serving his community as a local office holder. In 1980, he was appointed Mineral County Commissioner to fill a vacancy, and he served in that capacity until the end of 1996. During his time as commissioner, he served on the Regional Mental Health Center board. In honor of his commitment to this cause, the Mineral County Commissioners named the Mental Health Center building in Superior after him. Charles was involved with the Masonic Temple, Mountain Lodge No. 110 at Superior. Charles

received his 50 year Masonic pin in June 2006.

This July 15, Charles was honored as the oldest living graduate at the Alberton High School's all-class reunion. In high school, he had served as class president, valedictorian, and played a number of sports. That same day he had also served as the grand marshal of the Alberton Railroad Days Parade and rode the Montana Rail Link fundraiser "Money Train" from Missoula to Superior, dressed in his conductor's suit from his days working on the Milwaukee Road's Hiawatha Line. These three special events highlighted much of what Charles enjoyed in life, after his family and community life, railroading, and his many longtime friends.

Charlie truly loved his life in Montana. He was an avid fisherman and hunter his whole life. Gardening was also another of his hobbies. He loved to visit with folks and was a wonderful source of stories about life in Western Montana. Over his many years in "the West End," Charlie (and Elsie Rock) made thousands of friends and could always be counted on to contribute to their community in many ways.

He was preceded in death by his sons, Don and Danny, and daughter Connie.

Charles leaves behind his loving and caring wife of 65 years, Elsie; and son, Robert, and his wife, Donna, of West Jordan, Utah. He is also survived by his sister, Dorothy Slosson, of Anaconda; and numerous nephews and nieces.

Pallbearers will be his grandsons, Andy Rock of Orange Park, Fla., Don Rock of Spokane, Sonny Rock of Mesa, Ariz., and Jason Rock of Salt Lake City, and nephews, Chuck Spence and Patrick Spence, both of Alberton.

Viewing will be held at Sunset Memorial Gardens Funeral Home in Missoula from 4 to 7 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 7. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Aug. 8, at Alberton High School gymnasium, followed by a graveside at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Missoula. A reception will be held in Sunset's community room.

Mary Belle Markell Rogers, 81

Mary Belle Markell Rogers was born May 9, 1925, at St. Joseph Hospital in Sioux City, Iowa. She died peacefully Thursday, Nov. 23, 2006, at St. Joseph Care



Center in Spokane, Wash., after a brief but courageous battle with an undiagnosed malady. She was the only child of Frank R. Markell and Louise Margaret Hildebrand Markell.

Survivors include her husband, John Logan Rogers, of Maryland; and her son and only child, John Logan Rogers II, his wife, Judy Long Rogers, and her only grandson, John Logan Rogers III. Mary Belle is also survived by numerous cousins in Iowa, Illinois, Colorado and Washington.

Mary Belle was the namesake of her maternal and paternal grandmothers, Mary and Belle. Her youth was spent in the farming community of Salix, Iowa. She would often discuss life during the depression era of rural Iowa where her grandparents had emigrated and her parents engaged in farming, milk production and even "bootlegging," as she would tell. She spent much of her time swimming in Brown's Lake inside her grandfather Tinkum Bigelow's donated parkland under the watchful eye of one of her Dalmatian dogs.

She was admitted directly into Briar Cliff College in Sioux City after her junior year at St. Joseph School in Salix, under the then-experimental Hutchinson Plan. After two years studying parks and recreation, she pursued a career that combined her passion for swimming and her gregarious nature taking a job with Red Cross of Omaha,

Neb. That was the beginning of an extensive career; she was a volunteer and state board member involved primarily with water safety and first aid, lasting more than 57 years until 2004, in Nebraska, Illinois and Montana. She also remained involved with her college studies as a board member and committee chair of the Illinois Association of Parks and Recreation and the Community House in St. Charles, Ill. She was actively involved with the Delnor Hospital Auxiliary, Marmion Military Academy's Mothers Association and the Pottawatamie Garden Club while residing in the Fox River Valley of Illinois. She once again pursued her passions in recreation and water safety running the family-owned KOA franchise on Montana's Flathead Lake during the summertime for almost 30 years.

She provided unconditional support to her husband of 54 years, Logan, moving from Illinois to Idaho, Montana and finally Spokane, while maintaining her interests in Red Cross and recreation. She was devout in her faith, a devoted wife, loving mother, grandmother and remarkable conversationalist.

Donations may be made to your local Chapter of the American National Red Cross in her name or to the charity of your choice.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Wednesday, Nov. 29, (time of Mass pending), at Sacred Heart Church, 219 E. Rockwood Blvd., Spokane. A memorial service will be held at 12:10 p.m. Nov. 30, at St. Matthew's Church in Kalispell, and entombment at Glacier Memorial Cemetery will follow.

Hennessey-Smith Funeral Home, 2203 N. Division, Spokane WA 99207, is caring for the family.

Gertrude Evangeline Rognlie, 93

Gertrude Evangeline Rognlie, 93, of Somers, died Sunday, July 2, 2006, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell. She was born Nov. 12, 1912, near Bisbee, N.D., to Berthina Lee and Ernest Jacobson.



In 1917, the family moved to the Swan Valley, then to Somers in 1919. Gertrude attended grade school and high school to the 10th grade in Somers.

Upon graduation, Gertrude helped deliver milk from the family cow to neighbors. That is how she met her future husband, Forrest Rognlie. The two were married Feb. 28, 1931. Despite the Depression and hard economic times, they made their home in Somers. They had three children: Inez, born Dec. 17, 1931, Ellen, born Jan. 24, 1933, and Paul, born July 24, 1940.

Gertrude was a faithful Christian and at the time of her death was the longest surviving member of Eidsvold Lutheran Church in Somers. She enjoyed the fellowship of Eidsvold and spent many years volunteering her time four years as Sunday school superintendent, and six years as president of the Ladies Aid.

She was active in the Somers community as president of the Home Demonstration Club and president of the Somers PTA, for two years each.

She was an avid reader and loved books on all subjects, but particularly anything historical.

In 1950, she and husband, Forrest, purchased what is now known as Rognlie's Island from the Somers Lumber Company. The island, located in Somers Bay, was shared by she and Forrest with Eidsvold Church, holding the annual church picnic; the family still holds its annual picnic on the island every Fourth of July; family from as far as Norway come for a family

reunion.

In 1973, Forrest passed away. Gertrude continued to live in the family home until 1986, when she moved to Catherine McDonnell's house on Juniper Bay Road in Somers, to assist with housekeeping. She continued to live there until 1998, when she moved to Brendan House in Kalispell. Gertrude was very active at Brendan House participating in exercise classes, going to "movies" night, playing bingo, participating in presidential trivia, visiting and, of course, reading. She said the key to her longevity was keeping busy and "talking to God."

She was preceded in death by her parents, Berthina and Ernest Jacobson; her husband of 43 years, Forrest; a daughter, Inez; a grandson, Stanton Poier; and one brother, Basil Jacobson.

Gertrude is survived by her daughter, Ellen Poier, and husband, Stan, of Kalispell; son, Paul Rognlie, and wife, Lamoyne, of Boise, Idaho; one sister, Sylvia McKenzie, of Libby; a brother, Arnold Jacobson, of Missoula; seven grandchildren, Michelle Ahern and husband, Todd, of Somers, Don Poier and wife, Deb, of Kalispell, Howard Poier of Kalispell, Dawn Monroe and husband, Ken, of Boise, Candice Rognlie of Boise, Shauna Howell and husband, Dick, of Kirkland, Wash., and Jeff Records and wife, Kolleen, of Boise; 14 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Gertrude Rognlie will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, July 6, at Eidsvold Lutheran Church in Somers. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday at Johnson Mortuary. Burial will be after services at Lonepine Cemetery in Bigfork.

The family suggests that any memorial contributions be sent to Eidsvold Lutheran Church, 5935 Hwy 93 S., Somers, MT 59932; or to the charity of the donor's choice.

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

David LeRoy Romine, 55

David LeRoy Romine, 55, passed away Tuesday, Sept. 19, 2006, in Kalispell.

He was born May 17, 1951, in Des Moines, Iowa, to Clell and Mildred (Rutan) Romine.

David was a very loving father to his three children. They were his pride and joy in life. In 2003, David became a "PaPa" to a wonderful grandson, Degan. Degan could always make his "PaPa" smile.

David was preceded in death



by his father; a brother, Mike; a sister, Penny; and his daughter's fiancé, Tim Zundel.

He is survived by his two sons, Joshua and Daniel Romine; a daughter, Kimberly Romine and son, Degan Eisinger, all of Kalispell; his mother, Mildred Romine, of Oregon; and three sisters, Sue Taff and Pat Benson of Oregon, and Julie Smith of South Carolina.

Memorial services for David will be held at 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23, at the Bread of Life Church, 544 Fifth Ave. W., in Kalispell. There will be a potluck following the service.

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

Raymond A. Ronseth, 82

Raymond A. Ronseth, 82, died Monday evening, Aug. 28, 2006, at his home near Columbia Falls.

He had worked for the railroad for many years.

He is survived by his wife,

Jessie Ronseth, of Columbia Falls.

No services are planned at this time.

Arrangements are with the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

John Alfred Roog, 84

John Alfred Roog, a resident of Stuart, Fla., was born June 17, 1921 in Shelton, Conn., the son of Peter and Aniela (Garbien) Roog. He graduated from Shelton High School in 1939 and attended Montana State University.

On June 2, 1945, he married Thelma P. Herd of Kevin and raised three children in Shelton.

He retired from the Sherwin Williams Paint Co. as credit manager.

They moved to Kalispell in 1976, where he worked and retired from the Columbia Paint Co., and was a member of St. Matthew's Catholic Church and the American Legion. The last 10 years of his life were spent in Stuart, Fla., where he enjoyed the heat and the hurricanes. He had a love of golf that he shared with many throughout his entire life.

John was a veteran of World



War II and the Korean War, serving as a navigator with the U.S. Army Air Corps and the U.S. Air Force where he attained the rank of captain.

He is survived by his son, Michael, and Dawn of West Palm Beach, Fla.; two daughters, Lt. Col. (retired) Paula and Charles Stephenson of Fruit Heights, Utah, and Suzanne "Sam" McClung of Crest, Calif.; two grandchildren, Stacey and Anil Asnani and Christopher Roog; two brothers, Fred Roog, and Walter and Lucille Roog of Shelton; a sister, Cecilia Rafalowski, of Ansonia, Conn.; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Thelma Herd Roog; a sister, Pauline Roog; and a brother, Peter Roog.

John A. Roog passed away March 9, 2006, at his home in Stuart at the age of 84.

A graveside service/burial will be held at noon Saturday, June 17, at the Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery, U.S. 93 North, in Kalispell.

Kimberly 'Kim' B. Roper, 51

Kimberly "Kim" B. Roper, 51, died Sunday, Dec. 24, 2006, at her home in Kalispell, with her family at her side.

She is survived by her two daughters, Kelsey Cofer and Jesika Jones, both of

Kalispell.

At the families request, there will be no services at this time.

Cremation has taken place.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for the family.

Kathleen Phyllis (Caddie) Rose, 75

Kathleen Rose, of Rifle, Colo., died Jan. 24, 2006.

Survivors include her husband, Dwain; son, Larry Rose, of Silt, Colo.; and daughters, Gail Schoepfner of Silt, and Brenda Moen of Whitefish.

Calling hours will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today, Jan. 27, at

the Rifle Funeral Home, 1400 Access Road, Rifle, Colo. Funeral services will be held there at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28., with the Rev. Jim Warn officiating. A luncheon will be after the service at the Rifle Senior Center. Interment will be in Rose Hill Cemetery in Rifle.

Florence S. Roskos, 89

Florence S. Roskos, 89, passed away Sunday, March 12, 2006, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

Arrangements are pending at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory.

Carroll J. 'Hap' Rost, 82

Carroll J. "Hap" Rost, 82, died on Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2006, at Brendan House, in Kalispell. He was born on Oct. 11, 1924, in a log cabin to Ludwig "Happy" and Clarice (Chapman) Rost.

Hap enjoyed the Montana life of fishing, hunting and horses. He worked as a heavy equipment operator most of his life. He very much enjoyed being a pilot and flying his own plane. Most people will remember Hap from a meal that he treated them to. He enjoyed inviting others out to breakfast, lunch or dinner and a good visit.

But foremost in his life was his love for Jehovah and wanting to share his hope with others.



Hap is survived by two daughters, Lindy, and husband, Larry Eslick of Charlo, and grandson, Davey Shacklett; and Diana, and her husband, Greg Hopingardner, and granddaughters Shona, Anita, Amanda and Alicia; four brothers, Lee, Maynard, Robert and Jon Rost; a sister, Madeline Rost Utter; and many cousins and nieces and nephews. He also has a large extended family of friends.

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

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 25, at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Columbia Falls, with a gathering of friends and family at the senior center in Columbia Falls following the memorial service.

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

Gudrun V. Stafford Rowlan, 91

Gudrun V. Stafford Rowlan, 91, born Oct. 11, 1914, in Landa, N.D., passed away Sunday, June 4, 2006, at Lake View Care Center.

She was preceded in death by two husbands, Bob Stafford and Steve Rowlan; one son, Bill Stafford; two brothers, Melvin Foss and Alvin Foss; and one sister,



Rose Tyler.

She is survived by three sons, Glen Stafford of Cut Bank, Don Stafford of Columbia Falls and Jerry Stafford of Kalispell; two sisters, Myrtle Brown of San Diego and Ruby Larson of Big Sandy; and one brother, John Foss of Eureka.

Graveside services will be held 11 a.m. Thursday, June 15, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Russell Roy, 82

Russell Roy, a long-time resident and supporter of the Flathead Valley community, passed away from his battle with cancer Wednesday evening, Nov. 15, 2006.

The life and legacy of Russ exemplifies a man who loved God, his country, family, friends and strangers.

Russell was born Sept. 4, 1924, in Bowdoinham, Maine, to Marion (Pelletier) and Walter Roy. He grew up with his older brother Richard in the Portland, Maine, area and had a love for the rock coast, lighthouses and the sea.

At age 17, Pearl Harbor was attacked by Japan, and he volunteered to serve his country in the Navy and Marines. Russ worked as a gunner and cook while on ships in the Atlantic and Pacific, and he experienced the tragedy of war and survived the sinking of his ships. He served in the military for seven years.

During the war, Russ met Doris Ruth Ramsey of Kalispell, and on April 21, 1944, they were married. Russ and Ruth settled in the Flathead Valley with their three children. While in the Flathead Valley, Russ worked at a variety of positions for Flathead Grocery, Elks Club, Conrad Cemetery and the Columbia Falls Aluminum Plant.

Russ's life was exemplified by



service. He served as an Elder and numerous positions at the Central Christian Church; president of the Fraternal Order of Eagles No. 234; Master Mason Kalispell Lodge No. 42; and numerous associated Masonic organizations.

Russ had a great love for fellow veterans, and he encouraged and nurtured fellow soldiers residing during their final days at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

His favorite sports were bowling and baseball. He enjoyed camping, fishing, and hunting during his younger years; and traveling at any time.

Russ is survived by his beloved wife, Ruth, three children, Sharon and husband Dave Stroisch of Colville, Wash., Nancy Roy Johnson of Whitefish, and Russell L. Roy and wife Gail of Richmond, Texas. Russ delighted in his 14 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Friends can meet with the family from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, at Johnson Mortuary. Memorial services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Nov. 20, the Central Christian Church with inurnment at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family suggests that any memorial contributions be sent to the Central Christian Church, P.O. Box 955, Kalispell, MT 59903; or Masonic Lodge No. 42, P.O. Box 42, Kalispell, MT 59903, would be appreciated.

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

Virgil A. Ruckdasher, 83

Virgil A. Ruckdasher, 83, of Lewiston, Idaho, died in Spokane, Wash., Monday Nov. 27, 2006. There will be a service at 11 a.m. Dec. 4, in Polson at Grogan's Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Lakeside Cemetery.

Art Denny Rundhaug

Art Denny Rundhaug passed away Tuesday, March 28, 2006, at Desert Springs Hospital in Las Vegas after suffering a long bout with COPD.

He was raised in Montana and, after serving in the U.S. Army in Vietnam, he relocated to Las Vegas in 1968, his favorite place on Earth. He worked for Circus Circus, the Dunes, and many years at the Western Hotel.

As Art Rundy, he also had a short stint as a stand-up comic. He said the stage fright did him

in, and others said it was the jokes that did him in; come to find out it was the smoking that did him in.

He is survived by his brothers, Wally in Las Vegas, David in Tacoma, Wash., and Gordon Evenson of Winona, Minn.; and sisters, Lorna Vollmer of Kalispell, and Lora Evenson of Missoula. He will be buried in Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Boulder City, Nev.

No services are planned

Marcel Jakob Rutschmann, 67

Marcel Jakob Rutschmann, 67, passed away March 25, 2006, in Whitefish due to cancer.

He was born Jan. 14, 1939, in Pfaffikon, Switzerland, where he also was raised.

He was a retired engineer who had worked for Comcast Steel and New Sulzer Diesel in Switzerland, and at Wartsila NSD in New Orleans.

Marcel married Elisabeth Blackman Hutchison on July 14, 1998, in New Orleans.

Together, he and his wife started his own company, Limar New Orleans LLC, a service-and-repair business for ship diesel engines in New Orleans.

Marcel's hobbies and interests included photography and bicy-

cling.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jakob and Regina Egger Rutschmann.

He is survived by his wife, Elisabeth Rutschmann-Hutchison, of Whitefish; daughter, Monica Rutschmann Rune, and son, Willy Rutschmann, both of Bergen, Norway; sister, Yrma Rumo of Fribourg, Switzerland and nephew, Etienne Rumo, and niece, Chantal Rumo; grandson, Bjorn Rune, of Bergen, Norway; stepson, Jesse Hampton, of Tokyo, Japan; son-in-law, Jan Ove Rune, of Bergen, Norway; and brother-in-law, Joseph Rumo, of Frigourg.

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

Lenore O'Connell Ruzziconi, 84

Lenore Ruzziconi passed away Jan. 13, 2006, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center after a sudden heart attack at the age of 84.

She was born in Greenland, Mich., to Robert and Gertrude O'Connell.

She married Frank Ruzziconi in August of 1938, and they had three daughters.

Lenore moved to Idaho with her family in August 1953. They lived in Weippe, Idaho, for two years before moving to Orofino, Idaho, where they resided until moving to Kalispell in 2000.

Lenore was employed for many years at Oud's Hardware and then in the auditor's office at the Orofino Court House.

Lenore is survived by her husband, Frank; daughters, Karen Hollinga and son-in-law, Ken, of California, and Sharon Androes

and son-in-law, Herman, of Kalispell. Other family includes grandchildren, Kim Herberholt and husband, Rob, of St. Louis, Jennifer Androes and Michael of Victor, and Kristen Hollinga of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.; two great-granddaughters, Kate and Erin Herberholt; and numerous nephews and nieces.

She also is survived by two sisters, Shirley Savela of Greenland, Mich., and Geraldine Anttila of Mass City, Mich.

She was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Colleen Mary; her parents; two brothers; and two sisters.

No services are planned at this time. A private family memorial will be held at a later date.

If you would like, please remember Lenore with a donation to your favorite charity.