

Michael 'Mike' Alan Sacherer, 35

"The heavens rejoiced and the Angels sang," on Sept. 7, 2006, when Michael "Mike" Alan Sacherer "went home to be with his Lord and Savior."



He was born Aug. 22, 1971, in Daly City, Calif., and grew up in the Bay area. Mike moved to Montana in 1996 where he met his wife, Jessie, and they married in 1998.

Mike loved hunting, fishing, camping, four wheeling and watching NASCAR. He loved to go fast on anything that made a lot of noise. He had a deep love for his God and his family.

Mike was passionate about his children, they were his world. He had a laugh that was very contagious and a wonderful sense of humor. He loved to make people laugh. He ran his own company and loved what he did. Mike was a big man, with a big heart.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Christian LeBesque, and Frank and Verna Sacherer; a cousin, David McCort-

ney; and his father-in-law, Buck Lawrence.

He will always be loved by those he left behind, his wife, Jessie; his four adorable children, Zacherie, Dillon, Rylee and Christian; his parents, Bert and Christiann Disbrow, of Bigfork and Ron Sacherer of San Bruno, Calif.; one brother, Scott Sacherer, of San Francisco; grandparents, Walter and Mary Rossman, of Cupertino, Calif.; an aunt, Lesley McCortney, of Cupertino; mother-in-law, Anita Lawrence, of Roundup; and extensive family and friends.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 14, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, with Dr. Halden Curtiss officiating.

A memorial fund has been established for his wife, Jessie, and his children, Rylee and Christian, both 2, Dillon, 4, and Zacherie, 6. In lieu of flowers, please make contributions to the Sacherer Family Memorial Fund, in care of the Crossroads Christian Fellowship, P.O. Box 2078, Bigfork, MT 59911. Thank you for caring.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory caring for the family.

Harold Lewis 'Hal' Sampson, 87

Harold Lewis "Hal" Sampson, 87, passed away Monday, Nov. 6, 2006, at his home in Kalispell. He was born Nov. 2, 1919, to Harold and Flora (Shearer) Sampson in Binghamton, N.Y.



After graduating from Binghamton Central High, he moved to Fair Lawn, N.J. Here he became a linotype operator and worked in the composing room of the Patterson, N.J., local newspaper. Voluntarily joining the army in 1942, he served in the 341st Engineer Battalion on the Alcan Highway. After being stricken with scarlet and subsequently rheumatic fever in 1943, he was transferred to Baxter General Hospital in Spokane, Wash., where he served with the 1979th Service Command unit until receiving an honorable discharge in 1945.

While stationed in Spokane, he met and married the love of his life, Lois May Noble, who was completing her internship as a medical technologist at St. Luke's Hospital. Hal and Lois were married Aug. 4, 1945, in Kalispell. After a short stint in the east, the young couple realized their hearts were in Montana and moved to Bozeman, where Hal graduated from Montana State University in 1950 with a degree in the industrial arts. The couple moved to Kalispell where Hal worked in the retail lumber business for more than 40 years, aiding his father-in-law at Noble Lumber and eventually retiring from Western Building Center.

Hal was a 32nd degree Scot-

tish Rite Mason and past Master of Trinity Lodge 152. Serving on the Kalispell City Council in the early '70s, he helped to establish the Conrad Mansion Museum. Both Hal and Lois remained very active at their local church, Epworth United Methodist. Hal loved fishing, hunting, baseball, playing cards, and telling jokes. In recent years, he found great pleasure and new friends playing bridge at Vista Linda, exercising at the Summit, and dining with the Amazing Grays. Most of all, he loved spending time with his family, friends and loyal dogs. He will be missed dearly.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lois; two sisters, Edith and Leona; and his brother, Bob.

Hal is survived by his three loving daughters, Jan Loewen of Portland, Ore., and the twins, Pat Marcum of Kent, Wash., and Susie Sampson of Boston, Mass. He also leaves behind four beautiful granddaughters, Beth, Erin, Katie and Kelsey; two sisters, Dorothy Gesin of Fair Lawn, N.J., and Arleta Tripp of Binghamton, N.Y.

Memorial services for Hal will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 13, at Epworth United Methodist Church. Please bring your stories and fond memories to share. Urn burial will be private for the family.

The family suggests memorial contributions be sent to Epworth United Methodist Church, 329 Second Avenue East, Kalispell, MT 59901; or to the Salvation Army, P.O. Box 8357, Kalispell, MT 59904.

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

Don Sandman, 82

Don Sandman, 82, passed away Nov. 4, 2006, at his home in Helena. He was born in Dale, Minn., on July 15, 1924, the son of Algot and Grace Sandman.



The family moved from Minnesota to Montana, where his father was a signal maintainer for the Burlington Northern Railroad in Glendive. This is where Don learned about cowboy life and developed his love of horses and horsemanship. The family relocated to the Helena area, where he graduated from high school and enlisted in the U.S. Navy serving during World War II. He served in the Pacific until his discharge in 1946.

After his military service he attended the University of Colorado at Fort Collins. He returned to Montana and began a long career with the Burlington Northern Railroad.

He married Juanita Klein in 1951, and they raised two daughters. He served on the Board of Counterpoint, services for the developmentally disabled in Livingston, and was instrumental in their efforts to get a new group home constructed.

He and Juanita retired from the railroad in 1982 and spent winters at their home outside of Yuma, Ariz., for 12 years. He enjoyed a second career selling real estate in the Yuma area. They returned to the Flathead Valley in 1994, where they

enjoyed boating on various lakes in the area, delved into the cherry business and built their retirement home. They relocated to Helena in 2004 to be closer to family.

Don enjoyed helping his daughter Linda in the design, construction and management of her assisted living facility, SonHeaven, along with help from Juanita and daughter Diane. He had an endearing love for Montana and an avid interest in the farming and ranching lives of Montanans. He had varied and diverse interests in politics (a loyal Democrat), love of horses and all animals, construction of two family homes, gardening, reading, rodeo and love for his dog, Tucker. He wanted to be remembered as, "A father who loved his wife and daughters above all!"

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Jimmie; sister, Dorothy; and grandson, Ross.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Juanita; and daughters, Linda Sandman (Viv Hammill) of Helena, and Diane Sandman of Denver.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations be sent to Orphan Acres, an organization dedicated to the rescue of neglected or forgotten horses. Donations in his name can be sent to Orphan Acres, 1183 Rothfork Road, Viola, ID 83872.

Memorial services will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11 at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 512 Logan, Helena.

Retz Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements.

Joseph R. 'Joe' Sankovic, 81

Joseph R. Sankovic, 81, passed away Saturday, Oct. 28, 2006, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell. He was born Feb. 14, 1925, in Redstone Township near Pittsburgh, the son of Joseph William and Christine (Voytask) Sankovic.

His 81-year-old life was most Croatian (Montenegren) family background. He would tell friends that he was not "born" but merely "issued" into life.

Joe was professionally a soldier and a graduate civil engineer. His avocation was competitive rifle shooting. He was an accomplished competitive target shooter who was awarded the Distinguished Rifle Marksman Badge and was designated a member of the President's Hundred (service rifle) at the National Matches in Camp Perry, Ohio. He competed in all rifle disciplines and won several state championships in high power and long range matches. In the 1980s, his shooting abilities won him a position on the U.S. Army All Guard national team. He was a shooter's shooter who shared information and data on all aspects of competitive rifle competition. He had a wealth of knowledge about all things concerning rifle marksmanship and quality firearms.

When World War II commenced, Joe left high school in his junior year and enlisted in military service with the U.S. Army on his 18th birthday.

He was deployed to the Pacific Theater with a combat infantry unit that also included heavy construction companies. Among other activities he helped to build airstrips and communication centers in remote areas of the Pacific. He was actively involved in combat at Luzon and in New Guinea and received a commission as a regular Army lieutenant. He was credited with downing a Japanese Zero fighter that flew over his .50-caliber Browning machine gun on the perimeter of a jungle airstrip. When hostilities ceased in 1945, Joe remained in Japan to assist with rebuilding of new infrastructure projects.

For a detailed account of Joe's service, see the Library of Congress Veterans History Project: <http://lcweb2.loc.gov/cocoon/vhp/bib/18727> and <http://www.loc.gov/vets/>

After war service, Joe returned to Pittsburgh where he finished high school and then attended the University of Pittsburgh, received a degree in civil and mining engineering-magna cum laude.

He moved to Butte in the early 1950s and worked in underground mining until the 1960s. He then went to work for the U.S. Forest Service and relocated to the Kalispell office, where he remained until his retirement in 1987.

Joe surveyed and supervised construction many of the roads and bridges on the Deer Lodge and Flathead National Forest (Spotted Bear and Glacier View districts) as well as special projects on other U.S. Forests around the state.

He assisted the National Rifle Association with safe range development and planning in the Pacific Northwest. Because of his extensive experience with explosives, he was designated a certified blaster examiner for the Department of Agriculture.

Joe was always a soldier in addition to his regular professional civilian employment. He was disciplined athlete during his life and in great physical shape at all ages. Wanting to be the best, he re-enlisted and applied for Army Special Forces. He was accepted into special warfare training and attended jump school when he was 39 years old. He completed the course ahead of many paratroopers who were many years younger. It is interesting to note that until military service during WWII, Joe had never flown in an airplane, nor made a parachute jump. While in the Philippines, he "climbed" about a waiting aircraft and found himself in the company of some Airborne soldiers. He not only took his first flight that afternoon, but also "borrowed" a parachute and made his first parachute jump! Joe served with several Special Forces groups and was a non-commissioned officer at the time of his retirement and honorary discharge. He made his last parachute jump in South Africa in 1996.

Within the last three weeks, Joe spent special time shooting and camping at Spotted Bear with close friends, doing what he loved.

He is survived by his wife of 34 years, Miss Beverly "my bride" Sankovic, of Kalispell; a son, Michael Sankovic, of Pearl Harbor, Hawaii; and four daughters, Ruth Grecco and husband, Tom, of South Hampton, N.J., Patty Fisher and husband, Phil, and Pamela Berry and husband, Buzz, all of Kalispell, and Paula Mattern and husband, Brian, of Columbia Falls; his 98-year-old mother, Christine Sankovic;

brother, Ed Sankovic, and his wife, Marion; sisters, Connie Sankovic, and Helen Warren and husband, Robert, and brother-in-law John West, all of Pennsylvania; and 16 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial services for Joseph will be at 10 a.m. today, Oct. 31, at the First Baptist Church in Kalispell, with Pastor Jim Sandholdt officiating. There will be no public visitation. Urn burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery where full military honors will be conducted by the United Veterans of the Flathead.

The family suggests that any memorial contributions be sent to the Ronald McDonald House, P.O. Box 1119, Missoula, MT 59806; or First Baptist Church, 301 W. Wyoming, Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

Rose Russell Sapp, 65

Rose Russell Sapp was born Nov. 18, 1940, and died Sunday, April 23, 2006, at her residence in Fairhope, Ala.

Mrs. Sapp was born in Mobile, Ala., to Louis C. and Rose McPhillips Russell. She grew up in the Catholic school system, attending Bishop Toolen, then went to Auburn University where she was a member of Tri Delta Sorority. There she also met her future husband, Dr. Thomas F. Sapp.

Mrs. Sapp was a 1962 debutante in Mobile, making her debut that year. She was married in December 1962, and, after her husband completed medical training in Birmingham, Ala., moved to northwest Montana for 21 years. During that time she raised five children. During that time she also founded Doe Run Morgan Horses Inc., which kept her highly involved in breeding, raising, training and showing Morgan horses. She also raised Welsh ponies.

In 1988 Mrs. Sapp and her family moved back to the Mobile area, then subsequently to Fairhope, Ala., where she resided since 1999.

She is survived by her loving

husband, Thomas F. Sapp, M.D., and her five children, Leslie Vestman of Denver, Rose Rogers of Chelsea, Ala., Thomas Frederick Sapp Jr., of Kalispell, Bragg Mattingly Sapp of Warner Robins, Ga., and Alexander Byrnes Sapp of Columbus, Ga.; and mother, Rose McPhillips Russell.

She is further survived by nine grandchildren, Jocelyn Sapp, Madelyn Sapp, Abby Sapp and Makayla Clifton, all of Warner Robins; Ethan Sapp of Kalispell; Chris and Kelly Vestman of Denver, and Leah and Madelyn Rogers of Chelsea, Ala.; brother, Buddy Russell, of Point Clear, Ala.; and sister, Meme Russell, of Birmingham; other relatives and friends.

The family will receive friends Saturday, April 29, at Wolfe-Bayview Funeral Home in Fairhope, beginning at 10 a.m. with services afterward at 11 a.m. in the chapel.

Interment will be in Memory Gardens of Fairhope.

Arrangements are by Wolfe-Bayview Funeral Homes and Crematory, 19698 Greeno Road, Fairhope, AL.

Michele A. 'Missy' Sawyer, 40

Michele A. "Missy" Sawyer, 40, passed away Monday, Feb. 6, 2006, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center from the result of a stroke.

She was born Feb. 26, 1965, in Jacksonville, Ark., the daughter of Avery and Lynne Sawyer. Along with her parents, her brother, and sister, she moved to Columbia Falls in 1976. She attended school in Columbia Falls and graduated from Columbia Falls High School in 1983.

Despite a 25-year battle with multiple sclerosis, she was very athletic. She was an accomplished drummer, having played in local area bands. She was a licensed massage therapist, a bank teller, and a collector of Tigger memorabilia, Hot Wheels and trading cards.



Michele was preceded in death by her mother, Lynne Sawyer.

Michele is survived by her father, Avery Sawyer, and his wife, Rozan, of Dallas; brother, Matt Sawyer, of Irvine, Calif.; sister, Mandy Howard, and her husband, Brett, and their three children, Malyssa, Bethany and Marcus, of Lake Stevens, Wash.; grandmother, Agnes Sunell, of Columbia Falls; uncle, Con Sunell, and his wife, Teri, of Eugene, Ore.; stepbrother, Ty Williams, of Dallas; and caregiver and companion, Laura Black. Missy also leaves behind her beloved dogs, Velvet, Halliebear and Gracie May; and many close family and friends.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today, Feb. 9, at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. Mass of the Resurrection will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 10, at St. Richard's Catholic Church. Burial will be afterward in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Mary Block Schaub, 84

Mary Block Schaub, 84, died Monday, April 17, 2006, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

Funeral Mass will be held at 2:30 p.m. today, April 18, at Pope John Paul II Catholic

Church in Bigfork. Entombment will be afterward at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

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Margaret 'Peg' Scheffler, 81

Margaret "Peg" Scheffler died suddenly March 4, 2006, in an auto accident near her home by Bull Lake.

She is survived by her husband, Ed Scheffler; and their eight children, Mike Evans of Libby, Patrick Scheffler of Anchorage, Alaska, William Scheffler of Rota, Spain, Mavis Vaillancourt of Florence, Irene Corley of St. Albans, W.Va., and George Scheffler, Martha Odegard and Linda Sue Hays, all of

Troy.

Viewing will be from 1 to 6 p.m. Friday, March 10, at Nelson and Vial Funeral Home in Libby. A graveside service will be at 3 p.m. Saturday, March 11, at the Milner Lake Cemetery, with Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Branch President Stewart Briskin officiating. A celebration of life will be held immediately afterward at Morrison Elementary School, 501 E. Kalispell, in Troy.

Shirley Ann (McPhillips) Sonju, 68

Homemaker and nurse's aide, Shirley Ann (McPhillips) Sonju, 68, died peacefully of natural causes in her sleep on Thursday, March 23, 2006, at her home in Cut Bank.



Visitation is set for after 2 p.m. on Wednesday, March 29, at Whitted Funeral Chapel in Cut Bank. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 30, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Graveside service at Mountain View Cemetery in Shelby will be at 1:30 p.m. Condolences may be sent to www.whittedfuneralchapel.com.

Shirley was born to Vernon and Betty (Goodrich) McPhillips on a train between Cheyenne, Wyo., and Ft. Collins, Colo., on April 20, 1937. She was the first premature baby to test the incubator in Cheyenne, thus the name Shirley Ann. She grew up in Ft. Collins until her junior year in high school.

In 1954, the family moved to Shelby where she graduated from high school and met Leo Sonju. They were married on Dec. 10, 1955, and raised their large brood of 10 children in Shelby and Cut Bank.

Shirley leaves behind her sister, Connie Deleplanque; cousin, Ron McPhillips; children, Laurie and Dick Mitchell of Deer Lodge, Debbie and Gary Hallenberg of Cut Bank, Deanna and Ron Avent of Billings, Mark and Brenda Sonju of Kalispell, David and Laurie Sonju of Missoula, Leona and SJ O'Brien of Augusta, Maine, Sandy and Allen Cutchin of Spokane, Lynda and Paul Malcolm of San Antonio, Texas, and Robert and Jennifer Sonju of Olympia, Wash. Shirley is survived by 24 grandchildren and four great-

grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Leo; her sister, Barbara Jean Woods; and her son, Tom.

Shirley enjoyed spending time at the Senior Center in Cut Bank and taking blood pressures for anyone needing one. She was also a member of the Moose Lodge, the Historical Society, and a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church. She also enjoyed crafts and made many family treasures.

Shirley had a love of people and a willingness to help that sent her to work in the hospitals in Cut Bank and Shelby for many years. This also got her out of the house and let Leo become the "referee." She had the patience of Job and a heart of gold. She touched so many lives and was loved by all who knew her. She was quick with a smile and a kind word. She was never judgmental and would always extend a hand to anyone who needed it. She taught her children how to be strong, never give up, what a family means, unconditional love, and how to give to others.

Shirley was very proud of her Irish heritage and loved St. Patrick's Day and Christmas. She would make sure everyone in the family wore green on St. Patrick's Day. This was always quite a fiasco if it landed on a school day but she managed to pull it off every year. Christmas was just as chaotic but filled with love and joy. "Well, as much joy as one could have at 4 o'clock in the morning when Dad couldn't take it anymore and just let us open the presents. Mom always made one favorite dish for everyone in the house. This also made the meals interesting."

"Mom, your greatest legacy is teaching us faith isn't faith until it is all you have left to hang onto. We will miss you."

Dawsyn Levi Schelling, 2 weeks old

Dawsyn Levi Schelling, 2-week-old infant, died Sept. 13, 2006.

He is survived by his par-

ents, Aaron and Stefanie Schelling, and sister, Berlyn Kate, of Kalispell.

Services are pending.

Carol Martha (Kahn) Schlegel, 72

Carol Martha (Kahn) Schlegel, 72, passed "from this life to the next" Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2006, at her home in Kalispell, "on a cloud of love, good wishes and prayers." She was born Aug. 22, 1934, in Malta to George and Lillian (Evenson) Kahn.



Soon after her birth, her family moved to the Swan River area, where they lived until moving to Kalispell in 1939. Carol met and married the love of her life, Bill Schlegel, and they had 56 wonderful years together. Although she worked at various jobs, her true life's work was the raising of their children and making their home a happy, warm and inviting place.

Over the years, Carol was active in the Friendship Club, the Flathead Pioneer Auto Club and Bible Study Fellowship. She was also an avid sports fan — as long as the sport was one in which one of her kids and grandkids was participating.

What she lacked in formal education, Carol made up for, in useful, hands-on knowledge. She had a lifelong interest in genealogy and, before the computer, kept the family tree in her head. Although she explained over and over again which cousin's second wife had the son who married the neighbor's aunt's older sister, the rest of us could never quite keep it straight.

Carol didn't have a degree in engineering, but could build cakes, dolls, clothing, quilts and parties without blinking. She was a gracious hostess and set a table to put Martha Stewart (and the daughters-in-law) to shame. Everyone was welcome in her home and at her table. None of her children, grandchildren or their friends were ever turned away, and no one left the house hungry if she had anything to say about it. She showed us all how much we were loved by keeping open house 365

days a year.

A kind, gracious and loving woman, Carol was the glue that held her family together, and her arms were always open to encompass newcomers into her circle of love. Our lives will never be quite the same and we look forward to seeing her in heaven.

Carol was preceded in death by her mother and stepfather, Lillian and Clarence Atteberry; her father, George Kahn; and a sister, Delores Kahn.

She is now survived by her husband, Bill Schlegel, of Kalispell; four sons, Leslie Schlegel and wife, Mary, Ron Schlegel and wife, Vickie, Mike Schlegel and wife, Julaine, and Mark Schlegel and Codi, all of Kalispell; one daughter, Sandy Manning, and husband, Jeff, of Laurenceberg, Ind.; grandchildren, Wayne Schlegel and Denise, Jerry Schlegel and Tanya, Karen Graham and Scott, Priscilla, Alex and Hannah Schlegel, Shannah Billington and Tony, Jessa and Karsen Manning, Kaylynn, Kylie and Kayden Schlegel, and Kahn Schlegel; great-grandchildren, Royce and Shelby Schlegel, Casey Marquete, Marlie and Ashlyn Graham, Dylan Billington, Joel Turner and Kobe Schlegel; siblings, George Kahn and Carla; Dorothy McMillan, Betty Farris, and Tom and Carol Hamlik; also numerous nieces and nephews; Aunt Dolly Evenson, and dear friends, Barb Bennett, Roy and Phyllis Caldwell, Cleo Keenen and Violet Saino; and very special cousin, Leonna, and husband, Lou, Udahl and family.

Funeral services for Carol Martha Schlegel will be held at 3 p.m. Monday, Oct. 16, at the Christian Center, with graveside services afterward and a reception at the Eagles Hall in Kalispell.

The family respectfully suggests memorials to Home Options Hospice, 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell, MT or Shodair Children's Hospital, P.O. Box 5539, Helena MT 59604.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for Carol's Family.

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M. Jack Schmitt, 92

Memorial services will be held in Kalispell in the spring for M. Jack Schmitt, 92, of Choteau, formerly of Kalispell, who died Thursday, Dec. 28, 2006, at his home in Choteau from natural causes. Cremation has taken place.

Jack was born Jan. 13, 1914, in Clements, Calif., to Louis F. and Joie B. Schmitt. He graduated from Stockton High School, then attended the College of Commerce in Stockton, Calif. After college, he went to work with his father in the general insurance business. In 1935, he went to work for the Bank of America in Stockton.

In 1941, he left the bank to take over his dad's insurance business.

He married Rita Moran in 1941. In 1942, he was called into the Air Force until 1945. He then returned to continue in the insurance and real-estate business. In 1957, he sold the business and purchased a farm unit in the Columbia Basin in Washington. In 1963, he went to Missoula, and in 1970 went to work for Production Credit Association there, and in July of that year he was transferred to Kalispell, where he worked for them until he retired in 1975.

Jack is survived by his daughter, Gail Lee, of Choteau, a son, Milo Schmitt, of Pasco, Wash.; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and his wife, Rita.

Bobbi (Barbara) Schultz, 66

Bobbi (Barbara) Schultz, 66, "went home to be with the Lord Jesus" on Friday, Dec. 8, 2006, at her home in Kalispell. She was born in Grayling, Mich., on Sept. 23, 1940, to Lumen and Marjorie (Powrie) Legg. She grew up in Roscommon, Mich.

Bobbi married Denny Schultz on Nov. 9, 1962, and from this marriage was born three sons. The family moved to Kalispell in 1975.

Bobbi enjoyed gardening, kayaking, redecorating, skiing, and even taught skiing on Big Mountain for 10 years. She loved doing anything and everything for other people.

Bobbi demonstrated the reality of God's undergirding presence in her valiant struggle with multiple myeloma. Her incredible faith through extensive treatments and pain was a shining example to all those around her. In spite of these unrelenting difficulties, she always reflected



the peace and joy of the Lord through her quiet dignity and grace; always with a warm smile for all she encountered.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Robert, Pete and Louie; and one sister, Carol Legg.

Bobbi is survived by her husband, Denny Schultz, of Kalispell; three sons, Victor Schultz and Perry Schultz, both of Kalispell, and Andrew Schultz of Lake in the Hills, Ill.; four sisters, Betty Hoeltzel of Marshall, Mich., Kathy Schenck and husband, Dennis, of Sutton's Bay, Mich., Joan Lucia of Palm Desert, Calif., and Cindy Larimore and husband, Tom, of Tehachapi, Calif.

Memorial services for Bobbi will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15, at the Easthaven Baptist Church, 2010 Whitefish Stage Road, in Kalispell, with Pastor Scott Keller of Aletheia Christian Fellowship officiating.

The family suggests memorials be sent in Bobbi's name to Iris Ministries, P.O. Box 493995, Redding CA 96049-3995.

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

Dorothy Marcella Schmaing Stenseth, 86

Dorothy Marcella Schmaing Stenseth, beloved mother, grandmother, friend to many, and "child of God," passed away Jan. 15, 2006, at age 86.



Dorothy was born to Henry and Clara (Vangerud) Schmaing on Feb. 28, 1919, in Fargo, N.D. She attended school there, including St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing.

Dorothy married Gilman Stenseth, also of Fargo, in 1939, where they resided. To this union three children were born, Richard "RJ" Stenseth of Houston, Charlotte "C.J." Stenseth of Kalispell and Donna Stenseth Larsen of Seattle. She also has three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren, Bradley Johnson and family of Sweden, Karl Johnson Perkins and family of Saudi Arabia, and Kristen Stenseth and daughter of Santa Fe, N.M.

Dorothy's parents, husbands and sister have preceded her in death.

In 1953, Gil and Dorothy purchased Modern Machinery Co., of Kalispell, and thus started their love affair with Montana, the Flathead Valley and its people. Dorothy dedicated her life to God, her family, her community and Montana. She loved people and was inspired by them. Dorothy taught at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in many phases, including a two-year adult Bethel course for college credit.

She worked with the Red Cross

on county and state levels, starting the blood-drawing program throughout the valley. She also drew up a plan for all the blood-drawing sites in the state. Then the United Way called on her for help. She was its second executive. She initiated meetings for all state executives. The United Way grew rapidly and was able to assist more and more organizations.

All the while she also supported the Republican Party, organizing and assisting with local, state and national campaigns. She served as state committeewoman for 20 years and was often referred to as "Mrs. Republican."

In 1980, Dorothy married Doug Christensen, with whom she spent 23 happy years before his death in 2003.

"Dorothy's reward for all this was learning to know God's presence was with her always, and she is with him today." She was happy when she could ease the lives of others in some way.

She was honored publicly by a nomination to "Who's Who of American Women."

For the past five years she resided at Buffalo Hill Terrace where she was the president of the Resident Association, and so enjoyed her many dear friends there.

Her family was her greatest joy as she encouraged them in the appreciation of beauty, music, art and excellence.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 19, at Buffalo Hill Terrace.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Jimmie Lee Schmidt, 69

Jimmie Lee Schmidt, 69, of Eureka died Friday, Feb. 17, 2006, at Prompt Care in Eureka from natural causes.

Survivors include his wife, Gloria, of Eureka; children, Randy Schmidt of Redding, Calif., Tony Schmidt of Columbia Falls, and Lori Har-

rison of Denver.

Service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, at The Chapel of Praise in Eureka. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Friday.

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

Dorothy Elaine (Kelleher) Schrade, 78

Dorothy Elaine (Kelleher) Schrade, 78, of Kalispell, died of cancer early Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2006, at Brendan House. Dorothy was born to Daniel and Bessie (Kolphammer) Kelleher on Sept. 6, 1928, in Columbia Falls. She graduated from Flathead High School in 1946, after attending school in Columbia Falls, Whitefish, Olney and Mountain Brook.



Dorothy will be remembered by her family and friends as a caring neighbor, a very spiritual and devout Catholic, and a family-oriented person. Her house resonated with good-smelling food and a warm, inviting feel that seemed to lead in those close by, and was always the perfect spot for family events. Memories among the family go from competitive card games on the weekends and holidays, to sledding, playing on the family farm, and fun in the outdoors.

The smell of Dorothy's homemade cinnamon rolls served as the alarm clock for holidays among family and was just the beginning of her homemade food — impossible to enjoy in one day. On Sundays you could find her at early Mass at St. Matthew's Catholic Church, and whether they know it or not, her family and friends felt and feel her many prayers.

The young Dorothy loved animals and the outdoors. She spent summers riding horses with her sister and seemingly knew the names of all plants and flowers. She was a Girl Scout leader and belonged to the Eagles Drill Team.

After high school, she took a job at Conrad Bank before she met her husband, George, at a logging camp in Red Meadows. Her caring heart extended to the poor as she often donated her garden canned goods to charity.

She also donated time to St. Matthew's, taking an active roll in the RE program and CCW, helping with Christmas boxes, and tending to flower gardens around the church.

Her loves included bowling (secretary of the bowling league for years), camping and fishing (especially in the South Fork), hiking, pets, cooking, knitting and crocheting, crafts (which she sold) and gardening, but it was always clear that God and her family were at the center of her life.

Dorothy celebrated her 53rd anniversary with George on Sept. 26.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents, Daniel and Bessie Kelleher; her son, Matthew Schrade, of San Diego, in 1998; and her grandnephew, Spencer Schrade, in 1998.

Dorothy's Kalispell survivors are her husband, George Schrade; her sister, Marie Greason; daughters, Pamela Magee and Bonnie Grubb; and grandchildren, Jarod, Nathan, Ryan and Allison Grubb. Her son, Anthony Schrade, and daughter-in-law Alyce Schrade, of Castro Valley, Calif., cousin, Thelma Powell, of Kalispell; brother-in-law, Karl Schrade, of Kalispell, sister-in-law, Linda Burns, of Spokane, and numerous nieces and nephews round up those who are left to miss Dorothy Schrade.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held at St. Matthew's Catholic Church at 12:10 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 17. Committal will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens after the service. Visitation is in the Johnson Mortuary chapel starting at noon and ending at 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 16, with a rosary at 7 p.m.

The family suggests memorial gifts be given to Grace Hospice Project, 1117 S. Main St., Kalispell, MT 59901; or to St. Matthew's Catholic Church Building Fund, 601 Sixth Ave., Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

Rose M. Schroeder, 89

Rose M. Schroeder, 89, passed away Sunday, March 5, 2006, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell. She was born 12 miles north of Glen Ullin in Mercer County, N.D., to Henry and Dorothea (Mormon) Holler on Aug. 23, 1916. She was baptized in St. Clemen's Church at Haymarsh, N.D.

In 1919, the family moved to a new home, six miles north of Glen Ullin. Rose attended St. Clemen's School and graduated from the eighth grade. The family then moved in 1936 to Grassy Butte, and in 1938 to a home five miles east of Grassy Butte.

Rose worked at St. Joseph's Hospital from 1937 to 1938. In 1942, she worked for Adolph Ruffler and while there met the love of her life, John Schroeder, who was a fellow employee. They were married in June 1943.

During the early years of their marriage, they were employed by Tony Zurn and Roy Lillibridge until 1949. In 1949, they moved to their home on Montana 40 between Columbia Falls and Whitefish.



Rose and John had two children, Alvin and Marlene. Later, in 1971, they moved to Kalispell; then to Marion, where they lived on their son's farm; and then back to Kalispell, where they lived in the Two Mile Drive Apartments.

Rose was preceded in death by her husband of 51 years; her parents; three brothers, Albert, Leo and Andrew; two sisters, Philomena and Annie; her son-in-law, Cliff Struck; and twin granddaughters, Shirley and Angie.

She is survived by her son, Alvin Schroeder, and wife, Marian, and their son, Jared, and her daughter, Marlene Struck and her daughter Shelley, all of Kalispell; a brother, Clem Holler, of Great Falls; a sister, Mary Hecker, of Butte; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Rose will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 8, in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel, with Pastor Peter Ramseth officiating. Burial will be afterward in the Glacier Memorial Gardens.

The family suggests memorial gifts be given to the Immanuel Lutheran Home Bratsberg Wing, 185 Crestline Ave., Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

Edith N. Schultz, 87

Edith N. Schultz passed away Feb. 25, 2006, in Whitefish. She was born June 8, 1918, one of 13 children of John A. and Anna (Olsen) Lien, in Alden, N.D., a town her father established. She lived in North Dakota until her parents passed away, and then moved to Seattle where she worked as a household manager and for Western Electric.

During World War II she was an undercover agent for the FBI and traveled extensively on assignment. In 1945 she relocated to Montana and married Edward G. Schultz. They resided in Smith Valley, where they raised two children, and Edith was active in school, church and community projects.

In 1962 the family moved to Columbia Falls, where for a time Edith worked at the Montana Veterans Home. She was a wonderful cook and enjoyed making chil-

dren's toys and quilts. She loved music, gardening, and taking care of her home and animals. She was a special soul who was much loved and will be missed.

Edith was preceded in death by her husband, parents, and 11 siblings.

She is survived by her son, Gary E. Schultz, and daughter, Janice K. Schultz, both of Columbia Falls; brother, Walter Lien, and his wife, Nellie, of Albany, Ore.; sister-in-law, Margaret Howard, and her husband, Don, of Kalispell; and several nieces and nephews. At her request, no services are planned.

The family is grateful for the loving caregivers at Colonial Manor Nursing Home and the Professional Center in Columbia Falls. Any memorials received by the family at P.O. Box 518, Columbia Falls, MT 59912, will be forwarded to Edith's favorite charities.

Christopher Jay 'Chris' Schmalz, 21

Christopher Jay "Chris" Schmalz, 21, of Kalispell, formerly of Thompson Falls, "went home to be with the Lord" as the result of an avalanche Saturday, Jan. 14, 2006.



He was born Jan. 31, 1984, in Whitefish, the son of Tim and Billie (Burnside) Schmalz. Chris attended Kila Elementary School until the sixth grade, when he and his family moved to Thompson Falls. He is a 2002 graduate of Thompson Falls High School.

On Sept. 18, 2004, Chris married Megan Goodrum in Kalispell.

Chris loved the outdoor activities of Montana and was an avid snowmobiler. He loved to hunt and swim, as well as both pitting and driving in demolition derbies. Chris also enjoyed movies and music; he especially loved to play the drums. He often even wrote his own lyrics.

Chris was funny; he loved life and will be remembered for his unique character. He loved his family and, in fact, considered everyone family. He was loved by just about everyone who came to

know him; his gentle, kind spirit and wonderful sense of humor drew people to him.

He died doing what he loved most — snowmobiling — and will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Chris was preceded in death by his grandmother, Ellen Cecilia Powell.

He is survived by his wife, Megan, of Kalispell; his parents, Tim and Billie, of Thompson Falls; two brothers, Jacob and wife, Corinna, of Kalispell, and Hartley Shawn of Thompson Falls; maternal grandparents, Roy and Marie Burnside, of Thompson Falls; paternal grandparents, Frank and Mary Schmalz, of Plains; a great-grandmother, Mary Cole, of Thompson Falls; two nieces, and three nephews; numerous aunts, uncles and cousins; and he also leaves behind his and Megan's beloved pets: their dogs, King Arthur and Sketches, and cat, Lykin.

Services will take place at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 20, at the Assembly of God Church in Thompson Falls, at the far west end of Preston Avenue.

Arrangements are under the direction of Bunch-Toews Funeral Chapel of Thompson Falls.

Pastor Gerald Curtis Schulze, 73

Pastor Gerald Curtis Schulze, 73, passed away Saturday, Oct. 7, 2006, at Brendan House in Kalispell due to complications of Parkinson's disease.



He was born July 5, 1933, in Brookings, S.D., to George F. and Anna Hummel Schulze. He was raised in Ivanhoe, Minn., and Kalispell. He attended schools in Minnesota and Montana, graduating from Flathead High School.

He attended Walla Walla College, where he earned his B.A. in theology. Gerald served in the U.S. Army in Germany, where he was a member of the United States Marksmanship Team. He received two General Commendations.

He married Genevieve Warkins on Feb. 14, 1963, in Kalispell.

Gerald worked as a minister for the Seventh-day Adventist Church for 34 years in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Nevada and Montana. He participated in the Mission Endeavor Operation Bear Hug in Iran and Russia. He loved golf and was a former partner in the Village Greens Golf Course. He was a farm

boy at heart, which made him a "jack of all trades and master of none." He liked woodworking, tinkering with his Cadillac, traveling and just going for drives.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Anna Schulze, and a son, Monte Ross Schulze.

He is survived by his wife, Genevieve Schulze, of Columbia Falls; daughters, Roxanna and her husband, Brent Menish, Melinda Schulze and Melanie Schulze; brothers and sisters, George and his wife, Elaine Schulze, Roger and his wife, Renate Schulze, Debra and her husband, Randy Walette, and Elmer and his wife, Monica Schulze; grandchildren, Melina Fifield, Stephon Schulze, Laurel Howell, Magon Menish-Golie; other relatives, Lyman and Myrna Warkins, uncle William Hummel, and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2006, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2006, at the Seventh-day Adventist Church, 1375 U.S. 93 N., in Kalispell. Burial will be afterward at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Mary Virginia Schulze, 62

Mary Virginia Schulze, 62, known as "Meim" by her grandchildren, passed away peacefully Friday, March 10, 2006, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell after battling cancer and eventually succumbing to an MRSA infection.

Mary was born in Ames, Iowa, on Nov. 25, 1943, the daughter of Gordon E. and Madeline (Daly) Hoven.

Her family lived in Plentywood, then moved to Havre, where she was raised and attended school. After graduation, Mary went on to college at the University of Montana, where she received a bachelor's degree in sociology.

Mary met Stephen Schulze in 1969, and married him in March 1970. She worked for the Department of Family Services in Great Falls and Missoula, and finally in Kalispell. She retired as a social worker supervisor after working for the agency for 36 years.

Mary loved her grandchildren, pug dogs, drinking a glass of brandy and reminiscing about the past. She wanted everyone to know "I told you I was sick" and "I don't like shopping at Wal-Mart." We all love Mary and she will be greatly missed.

"We would like to thank all Mary's friends who were there to support her. We would also like to thank Virginia, who was not only her nurse, but also her friend, and Dr. Pistorese who took great care of her also."

Mary was preceded in death by her parents; her sister, Renee Hoven; and a cousin, Barbara Keller.

She is survived by her husband, Stephen Schulze, and her two daughters, Shawna and Kristin Schulze and their husbands, Bryan McLaughlin and Cobey Foster, all of Kalispell; four grandchildren, Quinn Brockman, Savannah Foster, Paige Foster and Gabrielle McLaughlin, all of Kalispell; and two brothers, Gordon and Danny Hoven, of Helena.

A Mass of Christian burial for Mary Virginia Schulze will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 16, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church, with Father Vic Langhans celebrant and Deacon Fred Topp assisting. There will be no visitation.

The family suggests memorials be sent to the Northwest Montana Humane Society, 3499 U.S. 93 N., Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

Marie D. Schutt, 61

Marie D. Schutt, 61, passed away on Tuesday, July 27, 2006, in Missoula.

She was born on July 28, 1944, in Rockhampton, Australia, to William and Joyce Ramsey. She moved with her parents to Kalispell in 1946. She graduated from Flathead County High School and spent most of her life with her family.

Marie was dedicated to Christ and her mission was through her music.

She was preceded in death by

her mother and father.

Marie is survived by her two sons, Brian K. Schutt of Anacortes, Wash., and VanKirke Schutt of White Salmon, Wash.; five grandchildren; her sister, Addie Howard; brothers, Vaughn, Val and Chris Ramsey; and aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

There will be a memorial service at 3 p.m. Sunday, July 30, at Lawrence Park. Any further proceedings afterwards will be confirmed at the service.

Velma Schwager, 75

Velma Schwager, 75, of Bellevue, Wash., died Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2006, at her home.

Survivors include her children, Sister Joan Schwager of Cedar Rapids, Richard Schwager of Otter Creek, Nancy Hingtgen of Bellevue and Mark Schwager of Kalispell.

A Mass of Christian burial

will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 30, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Bellevue. The Rev. Stephen Meyer will preside.

Burial will be in the Parish Cemetery. Visitation will be from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday at the Kingery Funeral Home in Bellevue.

David Alan Schwartz, 58

David Alan Schwartz, 58, a native of Whitefish and resident of Lynnwood, Wash., died June 10, 2006, at his home.

He is survived by his wife, Wanda Schwartz, at the family home; his parents, Willard

and Dorothy Schwartz, of Kalispell; and a stepson, Tim Estes, of Chickasaw, Ala.

A memorial service was held June 17 at the Madison Community Church in Everett, Wash.

Betty Viola Scott, 83

Betty Viola Scott, 83, of Paradise, "went home to heaven" Friday, Dec. 15, 2006, at Clark Fork Valley Nursing Home in Plains after an almost seven-year battle with cancer.

She was born Nov. 2, 1923, in Concrete, Wash., the daughter of Alva Free and Alice Elizabeth Walker. In June 1928, the family moved to St. Maries, Idaho, where Betty graduated from St. Maries High School.

Betty married Robert Leroy Scott on Jan. 2, 1942. They lived in St. Maries as well as North Richland, Wash., before moving to Kila in 1949. They had a cattle ranch in Kila until 1974. During that time, Betty also worked in several restaurants in Kalispell. In 1974, they moved to Arkansas and then finally to Paradise in 1993, due to Robert's ill health.

Betty had a very strong faith in God. She was always helping others however she could. She enjoyed embroidery, knitting, and making quilts. Most of



Betty's quilts were given away to people in need of bedding.

Betty is survived by her daughter, Nancy Diesen (and husband, Carl), of Plains; a granddaughter, Debra Howard (and husband, Robert), of San Antonio; and step-great-granddaughter, Brianna; one brother, Alden, of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; and two sisters, Freda Marsh of Delta, Colo., and Jessie Haken of Eagle River, Alaska.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 59 years, Robert; and a brother, Fred.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to: Cancer Network of Sanders County, P.O. Box 1311, Plains, MT 59859, or to the Clark Fork Baptist Church, P.O. Box 176, Plains, MT 59859. We all know Betty would worry about what to do with the flowers, but she would be quite pleased with donations for Christ's sake.

Services are planned for 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 22, at the Clark Fork Baptist Church in Plains, with viewing one hour before the service. Burial will be at Plains Cemetery.

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

Jeffrey Eugene 'Jeffman' Scott, 45

Jeffrey Eugene "Jeffman" Scott, 45, passed away Thursday, Feb. 16, 2006, as the result of a snowmobile accident near Kalispell.

Jeff was born Nov. 6, 1960, in Windom, Minn. He was raised in Pablo, and attended and graduated from Ronan High School.

Jeff was a master carpenter who loved working with his hands. He had been working as a supervisor for Swank Construction.

He loved the outdoors, and hunting, fishing, rafting, snowmobiling, hiking and motocross were just some of the things he loved to do. He was a very talented artistic



painter, and loved to bowl.

He will always be remembered as a loving father, son and brother who leaves behind many, many friends.

Jeff was preceded in death by his daughter, Kari Jo Scott; and a sister, Tiffany Duford.

He is survived by his parents, Gene and Kay Scott, of Polson; a daughter, Kim Scott, of Stevensville; brother, Marc Scott, of Kalispell; nephew, Brandon Scott; and nieces, Brittany Scott and Tiara Duford, Misti Scott, Sonya Dirk, Gage Graham, Debbie Solomon and Ryan Roberts.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 23, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, with the Rev. Jim Martinez officiating.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Matthew Paul 'Matt' Scotten, 49

Matthew Paul "Matt" Scotten, 49, passed away Thursday, May 18, 2006, at his home in Whitefish, surrounded by his family and friends.

Matt was born March 16, 1957, in Billings to Rose Marie and George Francis Scotten Jr. Matt received early education in Great Falls and attended high school in Whitefish. He attended the University of Montana for one year. He worked at the Columbia Falls



Aluminum plant for 25 years before he opened his office of Video Data Services in Whitefish.

Matt's favorite recreation was golf.

He was preceded in death by his father, George Scotten Jr., in 1987.

He will be dearly missed by his mother, Rosie Horn; brothers, Tim and Dave Scotten; and daughters, Katie and Jessica Scotten; and his fiancée, Diane Stenger.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. May 30, at the United Methodist Church in Whitefish.

Memorials may be made to Kalispell Hospice.

Jean Louise Scull, 87

Jean Louise Scull, 87, died Saturday, Dec. 9, 2006, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She is survived by two

sons, Samuel and K.C. Scull.

There are no services planned at this time. Johnson Mortuary & Crematory is caring for the family.

Robert Duane "Bob" Severson, 74

Robert Duane "Bob" Severson, 74, passed away at his home in Whitefish on Friday, July 14, 2006.

He was born April 27, 1932, in Detroit Lakes, Minn., to Sam and Julia Severson.

At age 17 he joined the Air Force and served in the Korean War, earning a Purple Heart.

In 1953, Bob married the beautiful Carol Hamre and, shortly after, moved to Kalispell and raised their five children, David, Lorinda, Rickie, Daniel and Paul.

Bob built a beautiful home for his family, complete with a "little red barn," equipped with apartment and all. He always burned the candle at both ends for his family.

Bob was a "master mechanic" and had a love for cars. He retired from the North Slope in Alaska and then became "Handyman par Excellence." He could fix, build, or create whatever the task called for. "If he was ever your handyman, you know what I'm talking about."

His pranks, as far as we know, are unsurpassed. And his gift for joke telling brought on many tears of laughter. Bob never judged you; he just accepted you.

Bob loved his granddaughters, Keela and Nishka, and was always there with report card money, love and "keeping it real." He was so excited when grandson Ryan came to carry on the Severson name.



Bob only called one person, "Boss" and that is his son, Daniel, who was always there for him and with him — his buddy, friend, cook and caretaker.

Bob loved playing cards and going to Casey's with Richard, Colin and Daniel.

He kept up with the Mariners and 49'ers, even though at times it seemed they couldn't keep up with him, wheelchair and all.

Bob was very proud of his children and always supportive of their accomplishments, choices and adventures.

Bob always treated family and friends to holiday dinners, bringing everyone together. For breakfast at Denny's or the VFW friends and extra were always welcome.

"He was always our 'stubborn Norwegian,' but really our 'loving Norwegian.'"

Preceding him in death were his wife, Carol; son, Rickie; parents, Sam and Julia; brother, John; and sisters, Irene and Delores.

Bob is survived by his son, David and his wife Lan, and their son, Anthony, of Honolulu; daughter, Lorinda, and her husband, Richard, and their daughters, Keela and Nishka, of Whitefish; son, Daniel, of Whitefish; son, Paul and his wife Shannon, and their son, Ryan, of Las Vegas; his brother, Sam, and wife, Beverly, of Spokane; and many nieces and nephews.

Bob's generosity to all he met will never be forgotten. He was a wonderful and awesome human being. He will be greatly missed.

"We love you, Bob."

William James 'Bill' Shanahan, 81

William James "Bill" Shanahan, born in Whitefish on March 2, 1925, passed away quietly on Sunday, Aug. 20, 2006, at the age of 81, after a lengthy and valiant battle with bone cancer. As a father and dear friend to many people, he will be surely missed.



Bill attended elementary and high school in Whitefish, joined the Army in 1944 and then married Betty Jane Sagen that same year. Bill and Betty were married for 56 years before Betty passed away in September 2000.

Bill and Betty ventured forth from the Flathead to attend Montana State University and later, after the birth of two children, finished college at the University of Montana in Missoula. Throughout the decade of education, Bill worked for the Great Northern Railroad in Whitefish, where he had previously worked before moving to Bozeman for college.

Once graduated, Bill began his teaching and counseling career at Three Forks High School, where he taught five different science classes and supported the superintendent of schools to create the first guidance counseling program for that school district. He found his lifetime calling as a counselor, and with his advanced degrees from Washington State University and colleges in the California Bay area, he embarked on a role as psychologist and guidance counselor for the Cupertino School District in California.

During his 20 years of employment with the Cupertino School District, he was responsible for developing a special education program as well as a gifted-child education program. He spent his entire tenure at Cupertino Junior High School, where he worked closely with students and families as they needed his guidance. His greatest sense of achievement, other than his family, came from knowing how he contributed to the growth and education of more than 6,000 students. Many have sent him letters and cards over the years, expressing appreciation for his guidance and support, and he saved each note as a way of remembering his students and how much they meant to him.

Betty and Bill returned to Whitefish for retirement in 1984 so they could be closer to their family and to encourage their two children to visit and appreciate the Flathead Valley. Their retirement years were hardly

"retiring"! Bill continued with landscape painting, did quite a bit of wood working for craft galleries in California and enjoyed doing yard work. Driving was one of Bill's many pleasures, so there were many short vacations to California and Washington, with frequent day-trip interruptions around Western Montana!

Bill is survived by two daughters, Jan and Sheryl; a son-in-law; three grandchildren; a grandson-in-law; and one great-grandchild. Sheryl Shanahan Brown married George Brown III in 1979 where both reside in San Jose, Calif. Jan Shanahan worked in the Bay area, in Redmond, Wash., and recently moved to Whitefish. Bill's grandchildren include Charlene Brown Alonso, her husband, Lucas, and their baby, Gavin William, who reside in Lake Stevens, Wash.; George Brown IV, who is currently serving in the U.S. Air Force, stationed at Eglin AFB, Fla.; and Becca Brown, who is in high school in San Jose.

Bill's sister, Pat Erickson, lives in Kalispell, where she raised five children and is a busy grandmother. Bill's sister-in-law, Margaret Shanahan Gesek and her two children, also survive Bill's passing. Margaret and her husband, Bob Gesek, currently reside in Columbia Falls after living in Whitefish for more than three decades. Bill also has two surviving brothers-in-law, John Baker, who lives Whitefish and is retired from the Great Northern Railroad; and Eugene "Mac" McCartney, who is also retired from the Great Northern Railroad, currently living in Mesa, Ariz. John has two sons and Mac has one daughter who reside out of the area.

Of special importance is the dear friendship Bill had with Char Marcus. They grew up in Whitefish, attended school together and had the delightful opportunity to meet again in 2001. Char has been a very special blessing in Bill's life, and he adored having her for a special friend and companion. Char's children, Marilyn and Don Moyer and Alan and Jo Gianoli, became devoted members of Dad's Flathead Valley family. They were very devoted to him, and he very much enjoyed spending time with them over the past several years.

Memorial services to honor Bill will take place 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 2, at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. Burial services at Glacier Memorial Gardens will follow. The service will be conducted by Debbie Schmidt of the Methodist Church.

Bobby Dewayne Seybold, 74

Bobby Dewayne Seybold, 74, died March 26, 2006, at his home in Libby.

He had worked for St. Regis and later the Montana Development Center.

He is survived by his wife, Georgia, of Libby; son, Gary, of Missoula; and daughters, Theresa Talbott of Libby, and Melinda Mercer of Rogers,

Ariz.; and stepchildren, Pamela Kemp of Bullhead, Ariz., Wayne Rogers of Helena, Leasu Rogers Miller of Rock Springs, Wyo., Lori Badder of Midland, Mich., and Terri Bennett of Kalispell.

Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. today, March 30. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, March 31, at the Nelson and Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

Ethel M. Shanor, 79

Ethel M. Shanor, 79, of Belgrade, passed away at the Bozeman Deaconess Hospital on May 19, 2006.

Ethel was born to the late Charles and Lorena Kallner, Aug. 5, 1926, in Malta. As a child she moved with her family from Malta to Conrad and then to Whitefish, where she attended school.

She lived her whole life in Montana, working as a cook on many cattle ranches and at the Whitefish school.

In 1972 she moved to Bozeman to be near her daughter, Robin, where she worked at the Montana State University Student Union Building and worked on her own as a domestic engineer.

Ethel was an avid reader, puzzle solver and worked with her hands doing latch hook, sewing and many other hand crafts.

Ethel is survived by her loving daughter, Robin Sullivan, of

Bozeman; one grandson, Keith "Shawn" Williams; and three great-grandchildren, Chris, Austin and Ellen, all of Shelbyville, Ind. Also surviving are her twin sister, Edna Doyle of Belgrade, and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Russell Quest, Ralph Quest and Jordan Kallner; and three sisters, Merle Moore, Jean Osborne, and Shirley Kallner.

A memorial and committal service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, June 2, at the Nazarene Church of Whitefish.

George P. Shea, 93

George P. Shea, 93, of Eureka, died from natural causes Monday, March 6, 2006, at Kalispell Region Medical Center.

Survivors include his children, Margaret Brockmann and Pat Shea of Eureka, and Shannon Nelson of Ogden, Utah.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 9, at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church in Eureka. Rosary will be at 7 p.m. today, March 8, at the church.

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

Keith Allen Shennum, 50

Keith Allen Shennum, 50, passed away on Thursday, Jan. 12, 2006, at his residence near Columbia Falls.

He was born on Jan. 3, 1956, in Summit, N.J., the son of Robert H. and Doris L. (Postlewait) Shennum. He attended grade school in New Jersey and graduated from high school in Greensboro, N.C., in 1974. He attended Montana State University in Bozeman, where he studied psychology.

He worked in the woods as a sawyer and crouser where he was employed by Randy Bohannon for over 10 years. He also worked in the oil fields for many years before moving to Columbia Falls. He was united in marriage on May 15, 1993, to Judy K. Beebe at Bigfork.

He loved fly fishing, camping and watching Atlanta Braves baseball. He loved his step-daughters very much. Keith also helped run his family's orchard, was cur-



rently doing a study on gray cats and was an avid reader.

He was preceded in death by his father, Robert Shennum, in 2005.

He is survived by his wife, Judy Shennum of Columbia Falls; his mother, Doris Shennum of Bigfork; and two sisters, Marsha Burns and husband, David, of Salem, N.H., and Sharon Vonk and husband, Harry, of Carlsbad, Calif.; three stepdaughters, Lynn Ann Monroe and April M. Monroe of Columbia Falls, and Debbie R. Monroe of Chinook; and four grandchildren, Melody and Andrew Sterling and Stryker Paradise and Jacquelyn Jackson, all of Columbia Falls.

Memorial services for Keith will be held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 17, at the Community United Methodist Church in Bigfork, with Pastor Jan Witman officiating. There will be no visitation.

The family suggests that any memorial contributions be sent to the Humane Society, 3499 U.S. 93, Kalispell, Mont. 59901.

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

Gladys N. Shoop, 83

Gladys N. Shoop, 83, passed away Saturday, Sept. 16, 2006, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

Gladys was born April 1, 1923, in Marion, S.D., to Carl and Johanna Van Enter Deckert. She grew up in Marion, where she graduated from Marion High School.

Gladys married Jay Shoop on Dec. 19, 1942, in Oklahoma City, while Jay was in training to be a pilot during World War II. After the war, they moved to Kalispell, where they owned and operated Shoop Motors for more than 40 years. She served as the business manager for Shoop Motors.

She was a member of the Epworth United Methodist Church, where she served as treasurer for the church from 1974 until 1992. Gladys also was a member of the United Methodist Women, where she served as treasurer from 1954 until 1981. She was a member of Beta Sigma Phi.

Gladys and Jay loved traveling, and had traveled extensively throughout the United States, Canada and Mexico.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Lon Deckert; a sister, Shirley Biondi; and her husband and life partner, Jay Shoop.

She is survived by sisters, Marjiam Kitchen, Beverly Myers and Lillian Mitchel; brothers, Orville Deckert, and Glade Deckert; very special friends, Clark and Carol Fontaine, Ron and Cindy Rasmussen, and Marvin and Glenda Northcutt; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 21, at Epworth United Methodist Church. Urn burial will follow at 1 p.m. at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family request memorials be given to the Epworth United Methodist Church in Kalispell.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory caring for the family,

Jay Ivan Shoop, 86

Jay Ivan Shoop, 86, passed away at his home in Kalispell on Sunday, Feb. 26, 2006.

Jay was born Oct. 9, 1919, in Salem, S.D., to Ainsworth and Mertha Tyler Shoop. He was raised on a rural farm near Salem.

Jay married Gladys Deckert in December 1943 in Oklahoma.

He attended an automotive engine repair school in Chicago.

Jay enlisted in the Army Air Corps, where he attended flight school. He was a member of the Flying Sergeants during World War II, where he flew numerous missions over New Guinea. He was battlefield commissioned and received his Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross, and his Air Medal.

After the war, they moved to Montana where he owned and operated Shoop Motors for more than 40 years before retiring. After he retired he enjoyed helping to build homes with a very dear friend in the Flathead Valley.

Jay loved flying, playing golf, fishing, cars, chocolate milk shakes, and

turkey dinners.

He and Gladys were longtime members of the Epworth United Methodist Church.

Jay was a past member of the Evergreen Water board, and was a huge supporter of getting the Flathead Valley Community College started.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ainsworth and Mertha Shoop; and one sister, Myrtle Elliot.

He is survived by his wife, Gladys, of Kalispell; very dear friends, Clarke and Carol Fontaine, Ron and Cindy Rassmunsen, and Marvin and Glenda Northcutt; and numerous dear in-laws, and cousins.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 4, at Epworth United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Dave Merkel officiating. A luncheon will be after the services at the church; urn burial will take place at 1 p.m. at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery, with the United Veterans of the Flathead Valley.

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

Christopher John Shupert, 25

Christopher John Shupert, 25, died at Kalispell Regional Medical Center on Aug. 2, 2006, from natural causes. He was born in Kalispell on July 5, 1981. He was the second of

three sons born to Dan and Jeri Shupert. Christopher spent his childhood life in Trego and the remainder of his life in Kalispell.

Christopher, "Chris," attended Flathead High School. After high school, Chris worked odd jobs here in the valley. In 2005, Chris was the founder and owner of the Clean-Up Crew, where he worked with both of his brothers, Matt and Danny, and the rest of his crew.

He volunteered at the Evergreen Fire Department, where he was well-respected and loved. Chris also enjoyed volunteering at Flathead Industries, where he worked closely with his mother, Jeri, and his aunt, Sue.

Chris was an avid hunter and outdoorsman. His children always came first and he was eager to show them the fundamentals of life.

He also liked working on cars and enjoyed hot rods.

Chris was the first to start off



"our country's favorite holiday," the Fourth of July. No one could start the festivities before him.

Chris is survived by his mother and father, Dan and Jeri; brothers, Danny and Matt and his wife, Colleen; three sons, Anthony John, Brady Christopher and Cameron Daniel, and their mother Crystal Cobb; and daughter, Marissa Nickole, and her mother, Kara Dewitt, all of Kalispell. He is also survived by grandparents, numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

His dearest friends, Ben Covington, Lance Hall, Justin Kornkven, Micah Sampson and the Eystad brothers, all of Kalispell, share the family's sympathy.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 12, at Evergreen Fire Department. Chris's family would like to invite friends and family to join them in the memory of Chris.

In lieu of flowers, a trust fund will be open for Chris's children at Park Side Credit Union in Kalispell and Columbia Falls. The funds will be used for future education.

"Chris was a loving father, son, brother and friend to many. We shall be thankful for the time and memories spent and made with him. He will always touch a place in our hearts."

Michael Robert Shupert, 55

Michael Robert "Mike" Shupert, 55, died of natural causes at his home in Trego on June 6, 2006.

Mike was a true Montanan who always had smiles to share and hugs to give. Mike always kept a positive attitude as he enjoyed a life filled with fishing, camping, hunting and family.

He was a loving person and father who always expressed his love for his nine children, 18 grandchildren and family whenever possible.

Mike is truly loved and remembered by his dearest friend and brother, Tom Shupert; sister, Sue,



and Mike Porter; brother, Dan, and Jeri Shupert; brother, Richard, and Char Shupert; sister-in-law, JoAnn Shupert; son, Lance, and Tina Shupert; son, Mike, and Jennifer Shupert; daughter, Tanya, and Phil Flores; son, Tom, and Kimberly Kemppainen-Shupert; daughter, Barbie Shupert; son, Jason Shupert; daughter, Jenny, and James Bertram; twin sons, Ben and Sid Shupert; and grandchildren, Tashia, Dallas, Brittany, Skylar, Sydney, Alexis, Talon, Katelyn, Laker, Phillip, Auburn, Winter, Storm, Kayla, Andrea, Jada, Josh and James Jr.

He also leaves behind his faithful dog, Buck.

Services will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 29, at the Trego Civic Center.

Nancy L. Winegar Simantle, 64

Nancy L. Winegar Simantle, 64, "went home to our Lord" where she is at peace and in no pain on Monday, July 31, 2006. She was born in Omaha, Neb., Nov. 13, 1941.

She relocated to her current home with her family in Columbia Falls in 1956 where her father Jim Winegar was employed at Plum Creek. She attended school in Columbia Falls.

Nancy was employed at Creative Sales in Whitefish, and worked previously at C&C Plywood in Evergreen.

She loved the outdoors, was an avid fly-fisher, hunter and a gatherer of huckleberries.

Nancy was a loving and kind mother.

She was preceded in death by her parents, James L. Winegar and Loretta Winegar; and one brother, Larry Winegar.

Nancy is survived by her husband, Ken Simantle, at the family home; son, Blake Winegar of



Pullman, Wash.; two daughters, Gina Day of Emmet, Calif., and Teresa Stratton of Kalispell; sister and brother-in-law, Judy and Frank Sizemore, of Columbia

Falls; sister, Charlotte Rawlins, of Orville, Calif.; brothers, Mike Winegar, and Steve Winegar and Kurt Winegar, both of Clarkston, Wash.; her grandchildren, Cassie White of Portland, T.J. Pellegrine of Seattle, Katie White of Portland, and Jessy Pellegrine of Seattle; and stepchildren, Randy, Tony, Trina, Tracy, Kim and Mike.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 8, at Our Redeemers Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls.

She will be very missed by all who knew her. She was loved.

Sister Bernice Simon, OSB, 72

Sister Bernice Simon, OSB, 72, died Monday, Aug. 28, 2006, at St. Martin Monastery, Rapid City, Iowa, after battling leukemia for several years.



The sixth child in a family of seven, Bernice Margaret Simon was born March 9, 1934, at New Prague, Minn., to James and Mary (Kubes) Simon. She attended parochial grade school at Veseli Catholic. Following graduation from New Prague High School in 1951, she attended St. Cloud State College for a year. She entered St. Martin's Convent, Sturgis, S.D., on Aug. 28, 1954. She received the Benedictine habit on July 12, 1955, and made monastic profession on July 16, 1956, followed by perpetual monastic profession three years later.

Being a nurses' aide during high school convinced her of her calling to that profession. She began nurses' training in the fall of 1959 at St. John's McNamara School of Nursing, Rapid City, S.D., and later worked on the medical and surgical floors and as night supervisor at St. John's Hospital. She obtained certification as a registered nurse, received a Bachelor of Science degree in biological science from Mercy College, Detroit, a Master of Science degree in guidance and counseling from SDSU, and a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from University of Mary with emphasis on care of the terminally ill.

Never a person to concentrate only on one ministry, Sister Bernice also was a classroom teacher. She taught at St. Martin's Grade School, Sturgis, and at St. Catherine's School, Laguna Beach, Calif. From 1964-1972 she taught at St. Martin's Academy, Rapid City, where she was also school nurse, dormitory supervisor, and coordinator of athletic activities. At a critical time at the Academy in 1984, she was principal for several months.

From 1975-1984, Sister Bernice

directed St. Martin's Community Center. She served as liaison between River Park Alcohol and Drug Treatment Center and the Benedictine community. Her experience in spending a month at a Christian ashram in India in 1976 under the guidance of the late Father Bede Griffith, OSB and her association with Retreats International spurred her interest in helping others through retreats and spiritual direction.

In 1984, Sr. Bernice started ministry as a pastoral assistant at St. Richard's Church, Columbia Falls. Sisters Gemma Schatz, OSB and Lorane Coffin, OSB joined her in establishing Epiphany Monastery there in 1990. Sr. Bernice began working part-time at the Montana State Veterans' Home, Columbia Falls, and eventually spent more than 20 years there, most of them as assistant director of nurses. She was appointed superior of Epiphany Monastery in 2000 and also directed the Benedictine Oblates connected with the monastery.

Due to illness, Sister Bernice resigned from the Veterans' Home staff in the spring of 2006. She returned to St. Martin Monastery in July where she celebrated her 50th jubilee of monastic profession on July 22.

Sister Bernice is survived by two brothers, Theodore of New Prague, Minn., and Bernard, her twin, of Anchorage, Alaska; two sisters, Marion Tuma of Le Center, Minn., and Alice Schanus of Lonsdale, Minn.; many nieces and nephews; and by her Benedictine Sisters.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers.

Funeral services at St. Martin Monastery for Sr. Bernice include a vigil service at 7 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 1, and Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 2, with Most Rev. Blase Cupich, Rapid City, presiding. Burial will be in the monastery cemetery.

A memorial has been established.

Osheim-Catron Funeral Home of Rapid City is in charge of arrangements.

Alma Belle Simons, 97

Alma Belle Simons, 97, of Polson, passed away on Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2006, at Heritage Place in Kalispell from natural causes.

She was loved and will be missed by her daughter, Beverly, and son-in-law Elmer Kraft of Kalispell, her grandchildren, Sheryl and Tim Rickard of Sandpoint, Idaho, Greg and Brenda Kraft of Polson, and Jeff and Julie Kraft of Belgrade; and great-grandchildren, Carly, Tucker and Molly Rickard, Tiffany and Dandee Kraft, Nichole Gilpatrick, Casey, Zach, and Tyson Kraft. She is also survived by her sis-

ter, Minta and Wayne Powell of Great Falls; her brother, Kenny and Dorothy Eller of Vancouver, Wash.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will start at 9 a.m. Monday, Feb. 20, until service time in Absarokee.

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 20, in the Congregational Church in Absarokee, with Rev. Nan Solo officiating. Interment will follow at Rosebud Cemetery.

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

Frank J. Simurdak, 93

Frank J. Simurdak, 93, died Thursday, Oct. 12, 2006, at the Libby Care Center.

He is survived by his children, Frank Simurdak Jr., of Rainbow, Texas; John Simurdak, of Bay Center, Wash.; Tom Simurdak, of Wenatchee, Wash.; Judy Lenmark, of Libby; and Rosemary Coines, of Great Falls.

Mass of the Resurrection

will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 17, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Libby with Father Jozef Parhubka as celebrant, and interment services will follow at the City of Libby Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 3 p.m. Monday, Oct. 16, at the Nelson and Vial Funeral Home, followed by a parish vigil and rosary at 7 p.m.

John Allan 'Jack' Sitton, 70

John Allan "Jack" Sitton peacefully "slipped into the arms of his Savior," surrounded by family on Sunday, July 30, 2006. Between his fighting spirit and the support of his wife, he lived a full life for two and a half years after hearing he only had weeks to live. He was sustained by the prayers and support of those who knew and loved him.

Jack was born in Washtucna, Wash., on June 16, 1936, to John "Everett" Sitton and Velma Gillis Sitton. He spent his early life there with his sister, Marjorie, his brother, Tom, and many cousins. He moved to Richland, Wash., in 1952, and graduated from Richland High School in 1954.

After a couple of years in southern California, where he worked for Hughes Aircraft, and the television industry, Jack moved back to the Tri Cities where he met his bride, Nancy Ann Shanks. They were married on Nov. 22, 1958. Six weeks later, he was drafted by the U.S. Army; they spent two years in Washington, D.C., where Jack was assigned to the Nike Missile project.

They returned to Kennewick, Wash., in 1961, and Jack went to



work as a deputy for Franklin County. In 1963, he took a patrolman/special agent position with the Northern Pacific Railroad (later Burlington Northern Santa Fe-BNSF) where he served 35 years until retiring in 1998. His work for the railroad took him to Yakima, Wash., in 1982-84, and then to Whitefish, in 1984, where he lived until May 2006, when he and Nancy moved to Marysville, Wash., to be closer to their children and grandchildren.

Jack was a member of the Whitefish Nazarene Church where he generously volunteered and served in many areas, wherever his talents could be put to use, including Hope Ranch Ministry and Habitat for Humanity.

Jack is survived by the love of his life, Nancy; their four children and spouses, Dana and Jeff Anderson of Sherwood, Ore., Pam and David Jackson of Everett, Wash., Allan and Karen Sitton of Sandy, Utah, Holly and Chad Case of Everett, and nine grandchildren, Julie, Kent, Kaylene, Christopher, Taylor, Kylie, Rylee, Paityn, and Cody; his sister Margie, brother Tom, and many beloved relatives and friends.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Aug. 7 at the Whitefish Nazarene Church in Whitefish.

Donations in honor of Jack may be made to the church's building fund.

W. Eric Sjoden, 77

W. Eric Sjoden, 77, of Whitefish, passed away Feb. 21, 2006, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Eric was born Aug. 26, 1928, in Birmingham, Ala., educated at Rutgers University, followed by service in the Navy during the Korean War.

He worked as an industrial salesman for 27 years before retiring to Whitefish, where he raised horses and chickens. He enjoyed



his serenity at his cabin.

Eric leaves behind his loving wife of 53 years, Barbara, at the family home; his son, Eric E. Sjoden, and wife, Teri Balaska, and grandchildren, Sierra and Dane, all of Whitefish; and his daughter, Elaine Sjoden-Gutierrez, and husband, Marty Gutierrez, and grandchildren, Emily, Elisa, Jessica and Mathew, all of Whitefish.

Eric requested cremation, and the family is celebrating his life at his cabin on Lone Hawk Ranch. Friends are encouraged to stop in and have a margarita Saturday afternoon.

Samuel E. Skidmore, 76

Samuel E. Skidmore, 76, died Monday, April 3, 2006, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

He worked as a roughneck and logger for many years.

Survivors include his wife,

Victoria, of Libby.

No services are planned at this time.

Cremation and arrangements are with the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

Harriet Slama, 85

Harriet Slama, a longtime resident of Kalispell, passed away July 17, 2006.

She and her husband, Orly, owned Orly's, a supper club they built in the early '60s. The Slamas retired to Tucson, Ariz., in 1986.

Mrs. Slama is survived by her husband, Orly; two children, Allan Weydahl and Bobbi Wey-

dahl Wright; three sisters; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A memorial service for Mrs. Slama will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, July 21, at Heather Mortuary, 1060 N. Columbus, in Tucson.

The family requests that, in lieu of flowers, donations be sent to Odyssey Hospice, 750 E. Foot-hills Drive, Tucson, AZ 85704.

Richard Hugh Slauson, 79

Richard Hugh Slauson, 79, of Libby, died Thursday, March 23, 2006.

He owned and operated Slausons Disposal Service and later worked for W.R. Grace while owning and operating the Libby Cab Service.

He is survived by four daughters, LaRelle Alcock of Bonney Lake, Wash., Patti Kel-

ly of Sammamish, Wash., Collette Weston of Buckley, Wash., and Kim Olsen of Libby.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 30, at the Libby Baptist Church in Libby. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. today.

Arrangements are by Nelson and Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

James William Slater, 59

James William Slater, 59, of Great Falls, formerly of the Flathead Valley, died May 17, 2006, at the VA Regional Medical Center, Fort Harrison. The cause of death has not been determined by the coroner at this time. James was a self-employed mechanic and a U.S. Army veteran.

Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, May 25, at the O'Connor Memorial Chapel in Great Falls. Rite of Committal will be afterward in Highland Cemetery with military honors. O'Connor Funeral Home in charge of the arrangements.

Survivors include his ex-wife and friend, Diana Dorris, of Kalispell; daughters, Diana Slater of Great Falls, and Elizabeth and Dennis Greenwood of Great Falls; son, James, and Lynelle Slater of Martin City; sisters, Barbara and Steve Saint of Ennis, Daneen and Barry Schultz of Kalispell, and Dena Wood of Columbia Falls;



brothers, George and Shirley Slater of Great Falls, Joe and Cheryl Slater of Great Falls, and Tom Slater of Alaska; 12 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews, and extended family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Curly and Ceil Slater; a nephew, Joey Dewolf; and a great-grandson, Tyler Greenwood.

James was born Oct. 7, 1946, in Devils Lake, N.D., and was raised in Montana. He married Diana Dorris in 1966 at Bonners Ferry, Idaho; they later divorced.

James was a member of the U.S. Army, and served proudly in the Vietnam War. He owned and operated his own business most of his life in the Flathead Valley. He enjoyed working hard, spending time with family and friends, and going fishing.

Jim was a wonderfully friendly, generous and outgoing man who made friends of everyone he met. He was the cornerstone and center of our family, and is very irreplaceable and will be greatly missed.

Jim's goal was to make sure that he left everyone he met smiling.

A. Harold Small Jr., 80

A. Harold Small Jr., 80, passed away at his home on Saturday, June 3, 2006, in Kalispell.

He was born in Kalispell on Oct. 8, 1925, the son of Arthur Harold Small Sr., and Therma McGlaughlin.

Harold attended his elementary years through the eighth grade at Lake Blaine and graduated from Flathead County High School in 1943. He attended Montana State University and belonged to SAE Fraternity.

Harold married Glenna Bear on June 10, 1951, at the First Presbyterian Church of Kalispell.

Harold lived on and operated the family farm pre-empted by his grandfather in 1884. He continued to raise certified russet seed potatoes started by his father. These were the first certified seed potatoes in the state of Montana.

He enjoyed ice fishing and his coffee bunch; was extremely proud of his children and his heritage. He loved to help people and sponsored several children for admission to the Shriner's Children Hospital.

He was a licensed pilot.

Harold was a life member of the First Presbyterian Church of Kalispell, serving on the Board of Deacons and Session. He was a 50-year member of each of the following organizations, Kalispell Lodge No. 42 AF & AM and was past master, Scottish Rite 32nd Degree, Algeria Shrine and Adah Chapter OES and was past patron. He was also a Past Grand Master AF & AM of Montana, 1973, past Dad advisor and member of AD MacDonald Chapter of DeMolay. He served on the Masonic Home Board and served as chairman of the Masonic Service Association



of North America. Harold was a charter member of Creston Volunteer Fire Department where he served on the board of trustees. He was a member and chairman of Montana Potato Improvement Association.

Harold was preceded in death by his parents; and a sister, Virginia Small Yaeger.

He is survived by his wife, Glenna Small, of Kalispell; four children, Dr. Connie Small and husband, Mark Alsup, Dr. Robert Small and wife, Dr. Cynthia Roberts, Dr. Calvin Small, and Howard Small and wife, Susan; grandchildren, Abigail and Henry Small, Stuart, Natalie and Spencer Alsup, Lucas, Charlie and Stephanie Small and Mathew Weaver; one brother, Dr. J. Milton Small, and wife, Ellie; and several nieces and nephews.

He considered Melissa Smith and Paul Quigley as his grandchildren.

Memorial services for A. Harold Small Jr. will be held 2 p.m. Thursday, June 8, at the First Presbyterian Church with Pastor Glenn Burfeind officiating. Grave-side services will be held prior to the memorial service at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery 1 p.m. Thursday, June 8, with Masonic services.

Visitation will be held at Johnson Mortuary from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. today, June 7.

The family has suggested that memorials be sent to: First Presbyterian Church of Kalispell, 540 South Main Street, Kalispell, MT 59901; Hospice Home Options, 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell, MT 59901; Masonic Home of Montana, 2010 Masonic Home Road, Helena, MT 59601; or the Creston Volunteer Fire Department, 4498 Montana 35, Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

Mira Lynn Smart, 6 months

Mira Lynn Smart, 6 months of age, passed away on Wednesday Aug. 2, 2006, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell. Mira was born on Jan. 29, 2006, at Polson, to Michael and Ciara Rehbein Smart.

Mira was an absolute joy to her whole family and will be deeply



missed.

Mira is survived by her parents, Michael and Ciara Smart; grandparents, Kent and Lila Pomeroy, Rod and Sherry Tinseth, and Doug and Annette Rehbein; as well as numerous other relatives.

Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 8, at The Cornerstone Community Church at 1970 U.S. 93 North, with the Rev. Terry Harper officiating.

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

Alison Smith-Moser, 38

Alison Smith-Moser, 38, passed away "to join God in heaven" on Nov. 26, 2006, after a courageous battle with cancer.



Alison was born to Bill and Jan Smith in Wauwatosa, Wis., on Jan. 30, 1968. She graduated from Wauwatosa East High School in 1986 and soon after followed her mother Jan back to the great state of Montana.

She graduated from the University of Montana with a teaching degree in special education in 1994. Upon graduating, Alison married Aaron Moser of Missoula. Together, they took young son Alexander on a wonderful adventure to the island of Guam where Alison taught.

It did not take long for Alison's loving personality to gain many life-long friends in any place she lived. They returned to Missoula, where Aaron pur-

sued a degree at U of M, and the remaining four children were born with the help of special friend Corey Wolferman.

In 2003, following the death of her mother, Jan, Alison and family moved to Whitefish. As in every move Alison made, her kindness and open heart captured another special group of friends, reiterating her magnetic personality that touched all whom she met.

The generosity and care as she battled the illness exemplified the life she led. She will be missed by all, especially her family, in which she demonstrated the uncanny ability to be such a magnificent mother and wife. The memories and joy she created for all will never die.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been set up for the children's education fund in care of Dave Stewart at P.O. Box 2098, Whitefish MT 59937; a local hospice; or a recipient of the donor's choice.

Services were held in Whitefish and Missoula.

Amber Maxine Smith/Nelson, 20

Amber Maxine Smith/Nelson, 20, passed away Thursday, Sept. 14, 2006.



She was born Jan. 26, 1986, in Spokane to James and Ivy (Smith) Nelson. Amber attended Kalispell grade schools and seventh grade at Linderman, then went on to graduate from Sweet Home High School in Sweet Home, Ore. She was studying to be a crime scene investigator.

Amber was engaged to be married to Tom Taylor of Sweet Home.

Amber was deeply loved by everyone who knew her. She captured the hearts of everyone she met. Her sense of humor tickled everyone's funny bone. Other times, she was Little Miss Attitude.

Amber was preceded in death by her sister, Lisa Marie; grandpas, James E. Smith Sr., Royce J.

Nelson, and Ed Dickinson; great-grandma, Rosie Florence Littlefield; uncles, Frank Littlefield, and John, Bob and Jay Nelson.

She is survived by her parents, James and Ivy Nelson; sisters, Jamie and Tamara Nelson; brothers, Adam, Alden and Chris; fiancé, Tom Taylor and family; special parents, the Johnson family; grandparents, Maxine Nelson, Gary and Norma Houff; uncles and aunts, Ronnie and Carla Smith, Rick and Carol Nelson, Steve and Martha Shelley, Roger and Margaret Radabah, James Jr., and Chad Smith, Judy Nelson and Doreen Marquez, and many other relatives, including Riley, Sammy, Alysa and William.

Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 20, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Urn burial will be after the service at Lone Pine Cemetery behind the Little Brown Church in Bigfork. Celebration of Life will be after the burial at Aunt Judy's house in Evergreen. It will be potluck.

Carroll K. Smith, 82

Carroll K. Smith, 82, died Feb. 2, 2006, at the Libby Care Center in Libby.

He was born in Hazelton, N.D., on May 3, 1923.

He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and the Korean War, and lived for

many years in North Dakota. He moved to Libby in 1980. His wife, Ruth, died in 1965.

Interment with military honors will be in Linton, N.D. Local arrangements will be handled by Nelson and Vial Funeral Home in Libby.