

## Joseph C. Wagoner, 81

Joseph C. Wagoner, 81, passed away Sunday, March 5, 2006, at the V.A. Hospital in Helena from complications after surgery.

Joseph was born March 7, 1924, in Plentywood, the son of Joe and Beulah (Alexander) Wagoner. The family moved to Bigfork when Joseph was 11 years old. He graduated from Bigfork High School.

Joseph entered into the military in 1943 and served in the 3rd Army under General Patton until 1946.

Joseph married Nellie "Bobbi" Buchanan on Dec. 2, 1951.

Joseph ran a dairy farm in Bigfork for 15 years, then started Wagoner's Sand and Gravel.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Columbia Falls. He loved his Lord and loved to tell others about Jesus.



He was greatly loved and will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joe and Beulah Wagoner; brother, Ray Wagoner; sister, Rose McFarlane; and daughter, Annett Wagoner.

Joseph is survived by his wife, Bobbi Wagoner; daughter, Teresa and Rud Knudsen; daughter, Fay and Gary Schmidt; son, Lyle and Becky Wagoner; son, Steven and Nettie Wagoner; sisters, Fairy Watters and Ruby Strodiemier; brother-in-law, Bob McFarlane; sister-in-law, Retta Powell; 18 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Services will be held at noon Thursday, March 9, at First Baptist Church in Columbia Falls, with Pastor Jerry Buchanan officiating. Visitation will be held from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. today, March 8, at Johnson Mortuary. Burial will be at 3 p.m. at the Lone Pine Cemetery in Bigfork.

## Lucia H. Waldt, 83

Lucia H. Waldt, 83, "went into eternal rest" at Brendan House in Kalispell on Dec. 8, 2006. Much of her family was present to comfort her.

Lucia was well known and loved by the staff at Brendan House, where her warm smile and interest in people were a part of daily life since 2003. Lucia was born in Pirmasens, Germany, in the Pfalz region, on July 28, 1923, to Peter and Klara Petry Stutzenberger. A gifted student and athlete, Lucia competed in track and field (javelin) and swimming.

She attended college in Munich, Germany, during World War II, graduating with a degree in psychology and teaching. After graduation, she taught school in Bavaria for a time. She loved the Alps and spent her time hiking and enjoying the beauty of the area. She loved the time she taught in the villages of Prien and Bernau on beautiful Lake Chiemsee.

Lucia met her husband, Richard, while she worked as a telephone operator at a U.S. Army base where he was stationed after the end of the war. He fell in love with her voice before he even met her. They were wed on Aug. 30, 1948, and then moved to Washington, D.C. in January 1949, where Richard continued his military service. Lucia became a U.S. citizen, and they started their family.

Over the years they moved with the Air Force back to Germany, where they lived for five years in Bitburg, Trier and Ramstein. After that, they lived stateside, living in Plattsburg, N.Y., and Great Falls until 1972, when they retired from military life and moved permanently to Whitefish. Two of their three children were born in Germany, and the family was blessed to be able to be closely connected to Lucia's German family while stationed there.

Lucia was passionate about her children, fiercely protective of them and devoted to her family as a whole. She instilled in her children her own love of music, art, literature and nature, and encouraged their pursuits in those areas.

She was totally in love with her grandchildren and loved

taking them for little walks in the beautiful forest on their 10-acre home, showing them the wildflowers, trying to catch a glimpse of a deer, rabbit or squirrel, and truly delighting in hunting Easter eggs with them. At birthdays and Christmas, Lucia took great pains to find the perfect gifts, and then carefully wrapped each one, almost as a work of art. More recently, meeting her great-grandchildren brought incredible light and joy to her face.

Lucia's modesty and shyness kept most people from discovering her wonderful talents in the arts. Her beautiful oil paintings reveal her passion for the mountains and outdoors. She was an accomplished pianist and gifted writer.

She truly loved music, reveling in the classics of Beethoven, Chopin and Schubert; bouncing to a German folk song; or tapping her feet to the country music at the Blue Moon in Columbia Falls. Watching her daughter, Robin, dance ballet, and listening to the haunting melodies of son Ralph's violin brought rapture to her eyes.

Lucia brought her love, passion, tenderness and devotion to her family and instilled those qualities in them. Finally, she loved driving her red Wildcat with the top down, enjoying the warm Montana sunshine.

Lucia was preceded in death by her daughter, Robin.

She is survived by her husband, Richard W. Waldt Jr., of Kalispell; sons Richard R. and wife Teri J. Waldt, and Ralph W. and wife Kathleen D. Waldt; grandchildren Suzanne M. Colman, Richard L. Waldt, Ryan R. Nelson, Spring D. Hagen, Dawn A. Westphal and Cody Nicole Haack; and great-grandchildren Breanna J. Waldt, Shaya Waldt, Brandon H. Colman and Ashley M. Colman. Her sisters, Inge Helander and Gertrude Hoffman, live in Sweden and Germany, respectively.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, Dec. 11, 2006, at Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. A private family interment will follow. Lucia will rest at Glacier Memorial Gardens north of Kalispell.

## Joan Wallace, 73

Joan Wallace, 73, was found dead Monday, May 29, 2006, west of Kila, after being reported missing since May 9 while on a return trip to Libby. Arrangements are pending with Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

## Lew E. Wallace, 87

Lew E. Wallace, 87, died of natural causes on Sept. 23, 2006.

He was born Jan. 19, 1919, to Enoch and Blanche Wallace in Harrington, Wash., and raised in Eastern Washington.

Lew's mother, Blanche Wallace, was a rural school teacher, and taught Lew through the eighth grade. He graduated from Lewis and Clark High School in Spokane. He attended Cheney State College for two years and graduated from Oregon State University with Bachelor of Arts degree in science. He pursued additional graduate studies at Oregon State, and the University of Hawaii in entomology.

Lew married Norma Kliewer on May 2, 1944, in Tampa, Fla.

His studies were interrupted by World War II for service in the U.S. Air Force. He trained as an aircraft mechanic, then officer training, and finally as a pilot. He served with the 100th Bomb Group, stationed in England. His aircraft was shot down on Sept. 11, 1944, over the Ruland in Germany, and he was a Prisoner of War until the end of the war.

After his studies he was employed by Oregon State as a research entomologist. In 1955 he joined the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Bozeman, doing research on wheat stem sawflies.



He finished his career doing research for the USAID in Nigeria, Africa.

He retired in 1977 and built his home in Lakeside. He continued his research and had extensive notes and a large collection of insects.

He loved outdoor activities, fishing, hunting and gardening. He could identify almost all of the wild fauna in Montana. He was also an avid reader and pinochle player. He was first and foremost a family man and "the best Grandpa ever." He lived life to the fullest his way. He was much loved and will be truly missed.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his stepfather, Ralph Aling; his two brothers, Jack and Fritz, and their wives.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Norma, of Lakeside; his children; Jim and Liz Wallace, Christi Small, and Steve and Rachael Wallace, all of Bozeman; his grandchildren, grandson, Jim Small of Reno, Nev., Amy and Jeff Potter of Montera, Calif., and Lisa and Jake Pintok and their children, Ashton, Zack, and Andrew of Hamilton.

Services will be held at noon, Friday, Sept. 29, at the Vista Linda Restaurant, Somers, in memory and celebration of Lew's life.

In lieu of flowers please send donations to the Lakeside QRU.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## David A. Walter, 63

David A. Walter, 63, Helena research historian, writer and teacher, died of a heart attack Wednesday, July 19, 2006, at a Helena hospital.

Services for immediate family have been held. Friends are invited to a celebration of Dave's life at 3 p.m. Sunday, August 13, at the Montana Club in Helena.

Dave is survived by his wife, Marcella; daughter and son-in-law, Heather and Coby Ellison, of Tucson, Ariz.; daughter and son-in-law Emily Walter and Sergio Romero, of Missoula; daughter Amanda Walter and Cory Guthmiller, of Great Falls; grandchildren Rhain Walter, Guillermo Romero Walter and Rocko Guthmiller; and by brother Peter and family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Dorothy Walter.

Dave was born Jan. 1, 1943 — the first New Year's baby in Racine, Wis. He graduated from high school in Appleton, Wis., and received his BA from Wesleyan University, Connecticut, in 1965. From 1965 to 1977, Dave conducted graduate research under Montana historian K. Ross Toole at the University of Montana.

Dave's love for Montana began in the late 1940s when his family began camping at Bowman Lake in Glacier National Park. He moved to Montana permanently in 1965, spending the remainder of his life helping Montanans discover all the stories that comprise the mosaic of the state's past.

From 1979 until his death, Dave worked for the Montana Historical Society as a reference and research historian. He authored and edited hundreds of articles and a dozen books. For 20 years, Dave contributed a regular history column to Montana Magazine.

For over a decade, Dave trav-



eled Montana as a Montana Committee for the Humanities Speakers' Bureau presenter. Although he always preferred research to administrative responsibilities, he contributed time to boards and committees.

The breadth and importance of Dave's work in Montana history research and education are reflected in the awards he received: an honorary doctorate of humane letters from the University of Montana in 1994, the Governor's Humanities Award in 1998, the H. G. Merriam Award for contributions to Montana literature in 2001 and the Montana Historical Society Educators' Award in 2003.

Dave took greatest pride in his work on Montana's World War II conscientious objector camps, the state's World War I Councils of Defense, the 1920s Ku Klux Klan movement and Jeannette Rankin.

Well known as a mentor, Dave reveled in helping Montana history students of all ages. He believed that we learn from our heroes and our villains; he celebrated the irony, humanity and humor he found in historical events.

Dave loved his family's North Fork of the Flathead property passionately and was its skilled steward. He never missed a Green Bay Packers or Atlanta Braves game on TV. He arrived at the Society each day in a button-down collar shirt and tie. He treasured helping his daughters with 4-H rabbit projects and their own research papers, cheering them on at sporting events and encouraging them in their vocations and avocations.

He measured himself and others by work accomplished, not titles. He was a steady, quiet champion of social justice, civil rights and nonviolence.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions either to the Dave Walter Memorial Fund, Montana Historical Society, P.O. Box 201201, Helena, MT 59620-1201 or the North Fork Preservation Association, c/o Ellen Horowitz, 880 Blackmer Drive, Columbia Falls, MT 59912.

Retz Funeral Home of Helena is in care of the arrangements.

# Heart attack kills Montana historian

HELENA (AP) — Dave Walter, an author and Montana Historical Society research historian, died Wednesday night after suffering a heart attack earlier in the week. He was 63.

Walter drew national attention for his research into wolves in Montana, World War II conscientious-objector camps in the state, and U.S. Rep. Jeannette Rankin's 1941 vote against entering World War II, Tom Cook, a spokesman for the historical society, said Thursday.

Society trustees, staff and others praised him for his work with people and organizations across the state to further the cause of Montana history, said Richard Sims, director of the historical society.

"We have lost a great friend and a champion of Montana history and heritage," Sims said. "No one has done more to tell the story of this special place, from its earliest people to those today who follow in their moccasin and boot steps."

**WALTER WAS** born in Wisconsin and took an interest in Montana when he visited the state with his family as a child, Cook said. In 1963, Walter took a summer job at Glacier National Park as a fire guard and packer.

After graduating from Wesleyan University in Connecticut, Walter spent 10 years



**DAVE WALTER**

working with K. Ross Toole at the University of Montana.

He joined the Montana Historical Society in 1979 as reference librarian and later became a research historian.

Walter was well-known for his "Jerks in Montana History: Speaking Ill of the Dead" series, which became a mainstay at Montana Historical Society history conferences, Cook said.

He traveled the state speaking on behalf of the society, and was a frequent contributor to its "Montana The Magazine of Western History."

He also wrote three books and was working on a Montana history textbook.

Walter received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from UM in 1994.

## James G. Walter, 77

James G. "Jim" Walter, 77, "went to be with the Lord" on June 25, 2006, after a long and courageous battle with cancer. He will be remembered by his family and friends as a very loving and caring man. Jim was born Sept. 21, 1928, in Froid to Joseph and Inez (Tunison) Walter.



He spent his childhood in Wolf Point. He served in the United States Army as a paratrooper during World War II, post occupation.

In 1948, he married the love of his life, Renell Ann Hagestad. This union was blessed with three children.

Jim established a successful business, Jim's Meat Market, in Poplar. He was actively involved in the Lutheran Church, Poplar school system, the Masonic Lodge, American Legion, Montana Pilot Association, and other local organizations.

Jim moved to Bigfork in 1984 to enjoy retirement and spend time with his wife and family. He spent his years at home, elk hunting, ice fishing, watching his grandchildren play sports, and enjoying quality time with family and

friends.

Jim will be remembered as a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, and a true friend to many.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his loving wife, Renell; and his son, Raymond Walter.

He is survived by his son, Mitch, and wife, Nan Walter, of Columbus; daughter, Deb'e, and husband, Terry Skellenger, of Polson; brother, Kenneth, and wife, Leone Walter, of Wolf Creek; his sister, Dorothy, and husband, Marvin Wambach, of Cartwright, N.D.; six grandchildren, Michael, Travis, Bradley, David, Tosha and Mandy; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for James Walter will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, June 28, at Bethany Lutheran Church in Bigfork, with Pastor Jack Shamon officiating. Burial will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Lakeview Cemetery in Polson. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. today, Tuesday, at Johnson Mortuary.

The family suggests that any memorial contributions be sent to Home Options Hospice, 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell, MT 59901; or to Northwest Healthcare Foundation, 310 Sunnyview Lane, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for James' family.

## Tim Walters, 42

Tim Walters, 42, passed away Thursday, Dec. 14, 2006, due to injuries sustained in an industrial accident.

He was born Aug. 15, 1964, in Whitefish to Wayne and Carol Walters.

Tim served in the U. S. Marine Corps from 1985 to 1989.

He was a beloved son, brother, and uncle, and was employed at Flathead Concrete Products at the time of his death.

Tim is survived by his mother, Carol Walters of Kalispell; his father, Wayne Walters, of Jerome,



Idaho; his brothers, Darryl and his wife, Tammi Walters, and Anthony Walters of Columbia Falls; three nieces, Ashley, Tasha, and Michaela; a nephew, Cody; aunts and uncles, Liz Gibbons, Larry and Janet Stinger, Judy and Dave Sizemore, all of Kalispell; Jana and Leroy Grundmier of Columbia Falls, and Ted Corne of Olney; and many cousins.

Visitation will be from 1 to 6 p.m. today at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

A funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2006, at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls. The Rev. John Miller will officiate. Burial will be afterward in Woodlawn Cemetery

## Oliver 'Ollie' Walter, 86

Oliver "Ollie" Walter, 86, died Feb. 21, 2006, in Port Orchard, Wash.

He drove trucks for many years and also owned several businesses. He is survived by his wife,

Shirley, of Port Orchard; and sons, Wilbur "Will" Walter of Arlington, Texas, and Dale Walter of Kalispell.

He was laid to rest at Tahoma National Cemetery near Seattle.

## Mason Shea Walsh, 9

Mason Shea Walsh, 9, "was received into the arms of Jesus" on Feb. 16, 2006, in St. Peter's Hospital in Helena due to respiratory failure.

Mason Shea Walsh was born Sept. 20, 1996, in Fort Lewis, Wash. In the relatively short time that Mason was with us, he accomplished more and touched more lives than most people do in a lifetime. Mason loved ranch dressing, monkeys, robots, peanut butter sandwiches, ramen noodles and everyone. His creativity and imagination were far beyond his years. He loved to draw, write and dream up inventions that would change the world. He wanted to be an entrepreneur and build a restaurant and create his own toy store. He exceeded all boundaries and expectations.

He is survived and missed by his parents, Rob and Cheri Walsh; his brother, Daniel; and his sister, Clover; his grandparents, Ellen Gibson of Helena; Fred



Gibson, Dave and Carolyn Walsh of Kalispell; and his aunts and uncles, which include Aaron Gibson and Kacey Scott of Kalispell, Christopher and Angela Walsh of Roundup, Michele and Joey Thomas of Yuma, Ariz. He is also survived by numerous other relatives and very special friends. His classmates and staff at Hawthorne Elementary will especially miss him. No heart is left untouched and the world will be a little less bright without Mason and his unique and amazing abilities and gifts.

And from all of us to you, Mason, have an incredible journey, "Bye! Bye! See you next time!"

A memorial service will be held 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22, at the Retz Funeral Home Chapel. Following the memorial service the family invites all his friends to participate in a celebration of Mason's life at the Service Club at Fort Harrison at 6 p.m.

A memorial fund for the Walsh Family Memorial has been set up at: Helena Community Credit Union, P.O. Box 159, Helena, MT 59624.

## Lucille Helean Wamsley, 90

Lucille Helean Wamsley, 90, passed away peacefully Dec. 1, 2006, at HealthCenter Northwest in Kalispell.



She was born to James E. "Buck" Helean and Mayme Byron on May 22, 1916, in Great Falls. However, she always celebrated her birthday on May 19 "so she could get her presents early."

Shortly after birth, her family moved to Missoula, where she lived for most of her life. Her twin sister died in infancy and her mother passed away in 1932, when she was just 16. She and her three sisters, Marie, Helen and Grace, attended Sacred Heart Academy, where she graduated from high school. It was there that she learned to dance and play the piano, two of her favorite things.

During the summer months, the Helean girls loved to work for their dad, who was a road contractor back in the days when men and horses did the work. Buck Helean built many of the original highways in western Montana, Idaho and Washington. The girls held many jobs, from bookkeeper to cook to the most coveted job: driving Dad's Buick from Missoula to the camps with the men's money on payday.

Lucille attended the University of Montana, where currently all four of her grandchildren attend, and was a longtime Griz fan.

Lucille worked for many years at the Missoula Mercantile, now Macy's, in the hat department.

She married Philip John "Pink" Wamsley on Dec. 28, 1946, at St. Francis Xavier Parish in Missoula upon his return from World War II. They were married for 56 years before his death in May 2003.

They spent the first year after they were married in Charlo, where Lucille's new mother-in-law proudly introduced her to the D'Aste Women's Club and other Charlo social groups. The couple moved to Missoula a year later.

Lucille also spent the early years of her marriage enjoying hunting and fishing with her husband and spending time with family and friends. They spent every summer at their

cabin on Indian Bay of Flathead Lake, where many family and friends share happy memories.

The true joys of Lucille's life were her two children, Pat and Mike. She was a devoted mother, a Campfire Girl leader, Cub Scout leader, home room mother, sandwich-maker extraordinaire, and whatever it would take to make sure her kids were happy.

Lucille's most wonderful gift was her positive attitude. She was always smiling, had a sparkle in her eye, and was quick to laugh. She never said a mean thing about anyone and never complained even when her health declined.

Lucille had a deep belief in God and was an active member of St. Anthony's Parish in Missoula. There were many times when her guardian angels were with her. She met many wonderful "angels" on Earth, such as Denise Ryan and also those who cared for her when she moved to Prestige Assisted Living in Kalispell in February 2004 and then to the Brendan House in August 2006. Lucille loved her family more than anything and was a wonderful, kind and gentle woman. She will be greatly missed.

Lucille was preceded in death by her husband, Pink; and her sisters, Grace Howard, Marie Johnson and Helen Helean.

She is survived by her daughter, Pat, and husband, Jeff Wilson, of Bigfork; her son, Mike Wamsley, of Missoula; her grandchildren, Trevor and Ashley Wamsley, and Bergen and Whitney Wilson; her sisters/brothers-in-law, Marney Wamsley, Connie and Fran Wamsley, and Barbara and George Wamsley; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A Mass of the Resurrection will be held to celebrate the life of Lucille at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, at St. Anthony's Parish in Missoula, followed by a reception at 10370 Kona Ranch Road. Inurnment will be held at a later date at St. Ignatius Catholic Cemetery.

The family suggests that any memorial contributions be sent to: NWHC Foundation, c/o Brendan House, 310 Sunnyview Lane, Kalispell, MT 59901, in honor of the wonderful employees who cared for Lucille in the last months of her life.

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



## Arthur C. 'Bud' Ward, 84

Arthur C. "Bud" Ward, 84, passed away Sunday, Aug. 13, 2006, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.



Bud was born in Aitkin County, Minn., to Wallace W. Ward and Anna (Rieve) Ward. Bud had two brothers, Gareld and Harold, and five sisters, Ruth, Esther, Dorothy, Virginia and Patsy.

In 1941, while working construction building roads between Big Timber and Harlowton, Bud met and married Margaret Louise Allman of Melville. He then moved to Billings to work as a truck driver for McGary Brothers. A son, Terry, was born in 1942.

In January 1944, Bud entered the Army and trained to be a high-speed radio operator at Davis College in California. He served in the Philippines, setting up communications at various sites including Leyte, Luzon, Batangas Bay and Manila.

In February 1946, he was honorably discharged from service and moved to Melville, where he worked at various jobs and built a house.

In 1947, Bud's daughter Jan was born. Bud joined the Highway Patrol and moved from Helena to Missoula to Hungry Horse. In 1951, Bud moved to Columbia Falls where his daughter Kathy was born. He left the Highway Patrol

and worked as an iron worker on the Hungry Horse Dam. After the dam job, he traveled around building teepee burners at various mills and then worked for a while on the Hanford Nuclear Project.

In 1953, Bud went to work for the Anaconda Aluminum Company, where he worked as a guard during the construction of the plant and then went on to become a pot line foreman.

In 1957, Bud's daughter Nancy was born.

Bud moved to Bigfork in 1965, and back to Columbia Falls in 1980. He retired from the aluminum plant in 1982.

Through the years, Bud was involved with the Eagles, VFW, and Senior Citizens Meals on Wheels.

His hobbies were fishing, hunting, driving new cars and trucks, and operating the TV remote.

He loved good friends, music, dogs, and his 14 grandchildren and 23 great-great-grandchildren.

Bud is survived by his wife, Louise, of Columbia Falls; his son, Terry Ward, of Deer Lodge; his daughters, Jan Knudson of Florence, Kathy Plummer of Whitefish, and Nancy Ward of Kalispell; and numerous other relatives and friends.

A memorial service will be 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 19, at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. The Rev. Ron Pierce will officiate. Inurnment will be after the service at Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Kalispell with military graveside honors.

## Margaret Louise Ward, 84

Margaret Louise Ward, 84, passed away Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2006, at the Brendan House in Kalispell.



Louise was born to Victor Allman and Janice W. (Johnson) Allman on Dec. 22, 1921, on a homestead in the prairie east of Melville. She had two sisters, Dorothy and Esther. At age 5 she moved to Peaceful Valley, south of Harlowton, where she attended the Peaceful Valley School until age 9, when she moved to Melville, where she attended school through grade 8.

Starting at age 14, Louise worked summers at the Donald Dude Ranch as a waitress and cabin attendant for \$30 a month, which went for school clothes and supplies. During her high school years (two in Harlowton and two in Big Timber) she worked for board and room, as it was too far to travel from Melville. She played basketball and volleyball until the state stopped women's sports in 1940.

Louise met Bud in 1941 and they were married on Sept. 27. After Bud joined the Army in 1943, Louise and her son, Terry, returned to Melville, where she lived and worked at the Cremer Ranch until Bud returned in 1946.

In 1947, the family moved to Missoula, in 1948, they moved to Hungry Horse, and in 1952, they moved to Columbia Falls. During those years, Louise had

daughters, Jan, Kathy and Nancy. In 1965, the family moved to Bigfork and then in 1976 they moved back to Columbia Falls to be near old friends.

Louise was a den mother for Cub Scouts in Hungry Horse and started the Girl Scouts with Virginia Mason in Columbia Falls in 1954. She was an active member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls and Bethany Lutheran Church in Bigfork for many years; teaching Sunday school at both. Louise also spent 10 years directing exercise classes at North Valley Senior Center in Columbia Falls. Her hobbies were sewing, crocheting, baking breads, pies and special birthday cakes, and gardening. She liked remodeling her homes and huckleberry picking too.

Louise loved and was loved by her family.

She is survived by her sister, Dorothy Kamrowski, in Melville; her son, Terry Ward, in Deer Lodge; her daughter, Jan Knudson, in Florence; her daughter, Kathy Plummer in Whitefish; and her daughter, Nancy Ward in Kalispell; 14 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 18, at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. Rev. Ron Pierce will officiate. Inurnment will follow the service at Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Kalispell. At 3 p.m. there will be a reception at the North Valley Senior Center in Columbia Falls.

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## Norma Mae Walton, 82

Norma Mae Walton, 82, "went to be with the Lord and beloved husband Benny" on Nov. 26, 2006. Norma was born Feb. 6, 1924, in Stoneham, Colo.,



to John and Ogle Hanson. She grew up with four brothers and two sisters. At the age of 12 she moved to Bigfork with her family and graduated from Bigfork High School, class of 1941. It was in high school she met the love of her life, Benny Walton. They were married on March 27, 1943, in Tacoma, Wash. At the time of Benny's death, they would have been married 60 years. Benny was drafted into the U.S. Navy one month after they were married. Norma worked at the torpedo plant in Bremerton, Wash., during the war. When Benny was discharged, they moved back to Bigfork.

Norma enjoyed gardening and was a fantastic cook. She enjoyed Bible Study and her circle group. She was also a member of the Queen League bowling group.

She was involved in her children's lives as a den mother, room mother and brownie leader, and followed her children in whatever activity they were involved with. When grandchildren arrived, she followed them in their sports. She was a devoted and loving daughter, wife, sister, mother, grandmother and

great-grandmother.

Her faith and love of the Lord saw her through many trying times.

Norma was preceded in death by her parents, John and Ogle; four brothers, Lee, Ing, Harold and Art; sister, Mildred; grandson, Brad; and granddaughter, Dena.

Norma is survived by her sister, Jean Day, and husband, Howard, of Bigfork; son, Dennis, and his wife, Debbie, of Kalispell; daughter, Darla, and her husband, Gerry, of Kalispell; and son, Jeff, of Beaverton, Ore. Granddaughter, Tana Smithson of Spokane; grandsons, Tyson Hall of Newport Beach, Calif., Tanner Hall of Park City, Utah, Dustin Bowers of Kalispell, and Tyler Walton also survive Norma. Norma's great-grandchildren are Julio, Marcelo, and Diego Morales of Spokane, Zaakary Walton of Puyallup, Wash., and Cydnee and Baillee Bowers of Kalispell. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive her.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1 at Gospel Light Baptist church with Pastor Dave Sprunger officiating. Burial will take place at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 30, at Buffalo Hill Mortuary.

Memorials may be made to the Parkinson's Disease Foundation, 1359 Broadway, Suite 1509, New York, N.Y. 10018.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Morrissey E. Warner, 93

Morrissey E. Warner, 93, died Tuesday, Oct. 17, 2006, at Lake View Care Center in Bigfork.

Arrangements are currently pending with Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

## Victor 'Dale' Warren, 74

Victor "Dale" Warren, 74, passed away Tuesday, April 4, 2006, at his home in Bigfork.

He was born Aug. 17, 1931, in Zortman to Bill and Isabell (Laverdure) Warren.

The family moved to Ronan, where Dale received his early education. He made his mark in the logging industry, operating heavy equipment, a skill he would later transfer to Alaska's North Slope, moving oil rigs for 20 years.

Dale lived life on his own terms. He was a very loving person to his family and his many friends. He enjoyed reciting poetry, bowling, hunting, fishing, Western music,



pets and telling jokes.

Dale was preceded in death by his parents; and a sister, Vera Wold.

He is survived by his wife, Judy Warren, of Bigfork; two daughters, Peppy Wood and Lori Lindsay and husband, Gary, all of Bigfork; a son, John Warren, and wife, Laurie, of Forest Grove, Ore.; two sisters, Loyce Huber of Bigfork, and Betty Thomson and husband, Stan, of Anchorage, Alaska; seven grandchildren, Josh, Patrick and Madison Wood, Ashley and Haley Lindsay, and Adam and Dustin Warren; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Memorial services for Dale Warren will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 22, at the Christian Center/Assembly of God.

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

## Pearl Waters, 92

Pearl Marie Waters, 92, died Nov. 1, 2006, at the Mountain View Manor in Eureka. She was born Aug. 21, 1914, in Beggs, Okla., to Emmett and Maggie Gleason Benningfield.

She is survived by seven children, including Jesse and wife, Joann; Joe and wife, Kathy; Jan Rieben; and Eva Jean and husband,

Gene Ekholt, all of Fortine; 24 grandchildren, 32 great grandchildren, and 1 great-great grandchild.

Friends may call from 3 to 8 p.m. at the Nelson and Vial Funeral Home in Eureka. Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at the Fortine Community Church, with interment at Fortine Cemetery.

## Donald M. Weaver, 79

Donald M. Weaver, 79, of Cut Bank passed away Friday, Nov. 3, 2006, at Northern Rockies Medical Center in Cut Bank due to natural causes.

Survivors include his wife of 59 years, Colleen; and sons, Don Jr., and Bonnie Weaver, Lynn and Gloria Weaver, Randy and Stephanie Weaver, and Glenn "Hank" and Rhonda Weaver, all of Cut Bank. Also surviving are his brother, Art Weaver, and wife, Barbara, of Kalispell; sisters, Kathy of Billings, and Sandy of Oregon; grandchildren, Brian Weaver, Lori and Paul Huxtable, and Kim and Brandon Nuckolls, all of Missoula, Herb and Sandy Weaver of Post Falls, Idaho, Steve and Jana Weaver of Great Falls, Chad Weaver of Butte, and Cory Weaver of Butte; stepgrandchild, Russell and Joan King of Phoenix; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Don was born March 23, 1927, in Kalispell to Mart and Adeline (Black) Weaver. He graduated from high school in Kalispell and the next day he enlisted in the U.S. Navy. After his discharge, he returned to Kalispell to farm and work the Christmas tree harvest.

He married Colleen Hatton on July 30, 1947, in Kalispell.

Don and Colleen moved to

Cut Bank in 1948 and worked for Sammons Farm for four years. He went to work for Anderson Implement as parts man and climbed the ladder to store manager. Later, he and partner Jim Newman purchased the business. In 1980, son Randy purchased Jim's share of the implement, and together they operated the dealership as Weaver Farms. Don retired from the family farm and business and worked for the North Montana Joint Refuse until his health forced him to retire.

Don's love of horses began as a child, and raising horses and horse racing were an integral part of his life. He raised some of the finest quarter horses around. Don coached baseball for 15 years in Cut Bank, winning state championships in Little League, Babe Ruth and Legion. Other than the love for his family, Don loved to fish and hunt, and ride horses in the mountains with his hunting and fishing companions.

Don's family would like to give special thanks to the nurses and doctors at Northern Rockies Medical Center, whose special care and consideration meant so much.

Services were held Nov. 8 in Cut Bank.

## Deborah Lynn Webb, 51

Deborah Lynn Webb "went to be with our Heavenly Father" on Monday, Feb. 6, 2006. She battled with cancer since 2000. She fought it with everything she had, but "when God called her home," she was ready.



Deborah was born in Flagstaff, Ariz., on June 28, 1954, to Dorothy Jean Stanfill. She joined the Air Force at 18, where she met her loving husband. She was honorably discharged when she had the first of 13 children, five of whom survived and according to doctors she would never have. God had other plans.

She enjoyed everything about the outdoors, ceramics, crafts, teaching children about Jesus, doing for others, and she loved her family.

She leaves behind her beloved husband, Johnny Webb, of 33 years. Her children, Tammy Kickbusch and her husband, Phillip, and their two beautiful children, McKenzie and Lauren, all of Montana; Josh Webb of Arizona; Vanessa Vinson and her husband, Jeremy, and their handsome son, Chance, all of Arkansas; Johanna Carter and her husband, Roger, and their two children, Hunter and Levi, and one on the way, all of Arkansas; and Jeremiah Webb of Montana; her younger brother, Patrick McDow-

ell, and his wife, Robyn, and their son, Matthew, of Arizona; her older brother, Don McDowell, and his son, Donnie McDowell, and daughter, Shannon O'Lesky, of Arizona; her uncle, Kenneth Stanfill of Arizona, her uncle, Ed Stanfill, aunt Rosalee, and their sons, Eddie, Lee and Jimmy Stanfill, all of California; aunt, Donna Turner, and aunt, Donna Holland, both of Arizona; and many, many friends from Arizona, Texas, Colorado, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Montana.

"When she got home, she was reunited with her mother, Dorothy Stanfill, her dad, William McDowell, her grandma, grandpa, and her eight other children, along with many others."

Debbie had once said, "One blink of God's eyes in Heaven is like a year on Earth," and all she wanted was a few more seconds. "Thank you, God, for blinking twice." The time we all shared with her will be treasured always and never forgotten.

"While our flesh mourns the loss of a wonderful lady whose life spread light and planted more seeds in the life of more people than we will ever know; our hearts need to rejoice for this isn't good-bye, it's just see you later."

Private services will be held Sunday.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund has been set up through Shilo Valley Bible Church, P.O. Box 130211, Coram, MT 59913.

## Vernon Sid Webb, 78

Vernon Sid Webb, 78, passed away on Thursday, April 27, 2006, at his residence in Columbia Falls.



He was born on Oct. 26, 1927, at Birch Tree, Mo., the son of Ernest and Ester Elizabeth (Bailey) Webb. He received his early education in Birch Tree and graduated from Birch Tree High School in 1945. He began his working life plowing behind a mule and finished it by raising a family.

He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and later received a Bachelor of Science in agriculture with a major in soil science and a minor in chemistry at Montana State University.

He was united in marriage to Rita Aileen Halseth in Kalispell on Sept. 16, 1951.

He worked as a soil scientist and soil conservationist with the Bureau of Land Management and Soil Conservation Services, retiring in 1982. He was a man's man who put family first his whole life. A Christian who worshiped not just by going to church but living his religion all day every day. He was an outdoor enthu-

siast. He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

He was preceded in death by his parents and six brothers and sisters.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Rita Webb, of Columbia Falls; his seven children, son, Vernon Webb and wife, Naida, of Dover, Del.; daughter, Barbara Werner and husband, Dean, of Columbia Falls; son, Ernest Webb and wife, Reina, of Rexburg, Idaho; daughter, Deborah Bingham and husband, Steve, of Twin Falls; son, Mike Webb and wife, Karel, of Columbia Falls; son, Byron Webb and wife, Cindee, of Hillsboro, Ore.; and daughter, Becky Busick and husband, Matt, of Columbia Falls; one brother, Ernest Webb of Oklahoma; and two sisters, Ethel Graf of Southern California and Betty Lewis of Arizona; 34 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for Vernon Webb will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, May 1, at the Church of Christ of Latter-day Saints in Columbia Falls. Burial will follow services at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls. Visitation will be one hour before services at the church.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for Vernon's family

## Edward A. 'Tony' Webber, 29

Edward A. "Tony" Webber, 29, died July 25, 2006, at his Kalispell home.

Services are pending. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Ara Roberta Weber, 91

Ara Roberta Weber passed away Jan. 27, 2006, at the home of her daughter Dolly and Duane Fite of natural causes.

Ara was born Feb. 25, 1914, in Beattyville, Ky., the daughter of Robert and Bertha Green. She graduated from Pasco High School in Pasco, Wash., in 1932.

She studied nursing at Lady of Lords Hospital in Pasco until her marriage to Jerl Charles Weber on Nov. 19, 1933. Jerl and Ara moved to St. Ignatius in 1937, and ran the Farmer's Union Station until 1941. They started farming in St. Ignatius and Charlo until Jerl's death in 1977.

Ara moved to Ronan where she was active in the Senior Citizens Center. She enjoyed bowling, volleyball, tennis, swimming, embroidery, cooking, crocheting, crossword puzzles and quilting; making quilts for most of her grandchildren. Her special joys were playing cards, flower gardening and dancing. She traveled all over to dance to the music of the fiddlers and accordions.

She was a member of the Ladies Club, Grange, Senior Citizens and Kalispell Chapter of the Women of the Moose.

Ara was preceded in death by her husband, Jerl Charles, in 1977; her son Charles Robert in 1951; three brothers, Emery

Glenway Green in 1928, and Roscoe and Scotty Green in 2005; her sister, Mary Bozlee, in 2005; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Ara is survived by her sons, Jerl L. and Wanda of Soap Lake, Wash.; James R. "Pete" and Arlene of Nelson, Neb.; John F. of St. Ignatius, and Milton R. of Charlo; her daughters, Hazel Trusler of Polson, Dolly and Duane Fite of Stevensville, Darlene and Ray Solomon of Polson, Rosalie "Rose" Noel of Kalispell, Eleanor and Jack Mitchell of Tacoma, Wash., Linda and Bill Taylor of Moody, Texas, Lydia and Ken Pippins of Temple, Texas, Katie and Kelvin Seiller of Green River, Wyo., and Terry and Mike McGuire of Ridgecrest, Calif.; brother, Otto Green, of Milton-Freewater, Ore.; 48 grandchildren, 89 great-grandchildren and 18 great-great-grandchildren.

Viewing will be from 2 to 6 p.m. today, Wednesday, Feb. 1, at Shrider's Mortuary in Ronan. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 2, in the Missionary Alliance Church on Terrance Lake Road, Ronan. Interment will take place in Pleasant View Cemetery in St. Ignatius.

Ara suggested memorials can be made to Camp Mak-A-Dream, P.O. Box 1450, Missoula, MT 59806.

## Sharon Ann 'Minnie' Weekly, 57

Sharon Ann "Minnie" Weekly, 57, passed away peacefully Jan. 28, 2006, while living with her sister, Evon, in Kalispell.

She was born Oct. 20, 1948, to Michael and Sarah Gladeau. She grew up in Great Falls, where she attended school. Minnie married Luis Villanueva and together they had two daughters, Michal and Shirlee. After a divorce, she married Rob Whitmore, and they had one daughter together, Daria.

Minnie always had the knack to make you laugh or smile, with a great sense of humor. She loved being around family and especially her grandchildren.

She liked playing bingo, crocheting, camping, fishing and playing with her dog, Joey.

Minnie was loved greatly by her family, and will be missed by all.



She was preceded in death by her parents; sisters, Cora and Doris; and one granddaughter, Rebecca.

Minnie is survived by her daughters, Michal Villanueva, of Sugarland, Texas, Shirlee Villanueva of Spring, Texas, and Daria Wright of Juneau, Alaska; seven grandchildren; sisters, Evon and husband, Dan Behrens, of Kalispell, Julia Gladeau and Evelyn Gladeau of Great Falls, Eleanor and husband, Warren Currie, of Winston, Ore., Shirley Geaudry of Sutherland, Ore., Diane Mattingly and Lynn and husband, Jeff Chase, and one brother, John Gladeau, and wife, Vivian, all of Columbia Falls; many nieces and nephews; and several other relatives.

Memorial services for Minnie will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 2, at Saint Matthew's Parish in Kalispell.

Memorial contributions may be made to Home Options Hospice, 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell, MT 59901.

## Frank Weimar, 96

Frank Weimar, 96, passed away of natural causes Sunday, March 26, 2006, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell. He was born Jan. 13, 1910, in Larimore, N.D., to Jack and Annie (Sheberle) Weimar.



Frank and his family moved to Box Elder during his early childhood where he spent his school years. Frank became the man of the family at a very young age. He and his mother and sister operated a large ranch near Box Elder for many years.

As a young man, he made many adventurous trips on the cattle trains to take his stock to market at St. Paul and Minneapolis. During the 1934 trip, Frank attended the Chicago World's Fair — returning with many memories. Frank could tell many stories about the Depression days in the '30s.

In 1949, they sold the ranch and bought a farm near Rose Crossing in Kalispell. Frank sold his beloved farm in 2005. Frank loved his cattle and was a man's man among cattle ranchers.

During his semi-retirement years from farming and ranching, Frank enjoyed traveling with adventures to Mexico, Italy — where he visited the Vatican, Australia, New Zealand, Hawaii, and numerous European countries.

He was married to Lena Wunderlick and was later divorced.

In 1994, Frank married his friend of more than 40 years, Gail Seelye. Gail was the widow of

Frank's best friend and companion, Dale Seelye. Frank and Dale spent decades hunting, fishing, ranching, card playing and maybe even a little mischief!

Frank and Gail took many wonderful trips during their marriage. They especially enjoyed several "Mystery Tours."

Frank was preceded in death by his parents, Jack and Annie Weimar; his sister, Mae "sis"; and his best friend, Dale Seelye. He is survived by his wife, Gail, of Kalispell; and four step-children, Terry Seelye and wife, Karen, Judy Motichka and husband, Myron, Fay Skiles and husband, Dan, and Laura Seelye and friend Paul Steele; nine stepgrandchildren and 10 stepgreat-grandchildren. Frank also is survived by his half-sister, Leah Ziegler, of Calgary, Alberta; and two special cousins, Lawrence Pogrebo of California, and Lorraine Vaughn of Havre.

Visitation for Frank will be held in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel from 9 a.m. on today, March 28, until 7 p.m., when a rosary will be said. A Mass of Christian burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 29, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church, with Father Vic Langhans as celebrant. Burial will be afterward in the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family suggests memorial gifts be given to the Immanuel Lutheran Home, 185 Crestline Ave., Kalispell, MT 59901; Home Options Hospice, 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell, MT 59901; or to the charity of the donor's choice.

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

## Barbara Langford Welliver, 84

Barbara Langford "Barb" Welliver, 84, passed away June 16, 2006. She was born July 12, 1921, in Pensacola, Fla., to parents, Adrian E. Langford and Ruth Alden Langford. Barb's was the fourth generation in her family born in Pensacola, where she was raised and educated.



Barb was active in tap dancing, ballet, drama, music, Spanish, piano and accordion. She was queen of the Senior Carnival, and voted "most beautiful girl" of her class.

Barb loved opera and had a beautiful voice.

She attended Washington, D.C., National Park Seminary.

Barb married 17-year-old Navy man Les "Bud" Welliver at the Naval base in Pensacola in 1945.

Barb moved to Poplar, Fort Peck Reservation, awaiting Bud's discharge. They had six children and raised several other children.

Barb delighted her (wide-eyed) children with her jaw-dropping tales of her life in a 48-room mansion, her love and admiration for the servants, her mother's travels to Europe and Panama, the summer camps she attended in North Carolina, her strict and disci-

plined roots, as well as parties, clam digging, white sandy beaches and formal events. Barb was fun, mischievous, and a joker.

While at the base, Bud and Barb would clear the dance floor to the delight and entertainment of onlookers.

Barb moved to Kalispell in 1972 and worked at C&C Plywood. She would climb atop the plywood and tap dance for her co-workers. What a way to lighten up a work day!

Barb was preceded in death by her grandson, Tim Zundel; brothers, Adrian Langford and Donald Langford; and sister, Joyce Langford.

She is survived by her brothers, William A. Langford Sr. (Esquire) and Dr. Richard Langford; sons, Bob Welliver and Tony Welliver; and daughter, Memoree Zundel; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The family wishes to say, "If we may offer legacy for our mother, it's to understand that all mothers were once young, strong, beautiful and graceful, and would sacrifice anything and everything for their babies.

"May mother rest in peace in the Lord's loving arms."

A memorial service will be held at 6 p.m. Saturday, July 8, at Bread of Life Church, 544 Fifth Ave. W., in Kalispell. A potluck will follow.

## Virginia Murel Wellman, 77

Virginia Murel Wellman, 77, died at her residence in Kila on Monday, July 31, 2006, from natural causes. She was born in Clare, Mich., on April 15, 1929, the daughter of Willis and Myrtie Alameda (Bruner) Richardson.

She was raised in the state of Michigan, and in 1961 with her husband moved her family to the Seattle area. In 1998 she moved to Montana to be near two of her children.

She attended Kalispell Christian Church where she helped out in the nursery.

She had a deep desire to help children and was a foster mom for many years. She also enjoyed painting, crocheting and reading.

She was preceded in death by



her husband, Augustus Milo Wellman, and a son, Michael Milo Wellman.

She is survived by her son, Jeffrey Wellman; daughters Virgie Flascher, Cheryl Calhoun,

Kimberlee Woodward and Tia Magnusson, who reside in Washington state, and daughters, Kelli Eilers and Tracy Lee of Kila; 17 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren; and two sisters.

There will be no services at this time.

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



## Beatrice Eva Wells, 90

Beatrice Eva Wells, 90, passed away Monday, Oct. 16, 2006, at Heritage Place in Kalispell. She was born Feb. 19, 1916, in Sundance, Wyo., to Melvin and Sylvia Chalmers.



She was adopted by John Davis and Vera Davis Warner.

She grew up near Devils Tower, Wyo., and later moved with her family to Montana. She graduated from Bigfork High School.

She spent a number of her adult years in Fairbanks, Alaska, where she worked for the Salvation Army helping people. She also worked as a pilot car driver for the great Alaska pipeline. She baked cookies and other things and gave them to the truckers who loved her.

Bea moved to East Missoula and renovated a garage she called home for more than 30 years.

She loved to cook and loved

large family gatherings. She was always artistic and creative, following in her adoptive mother's activities. She loved painting and bingo, and couldn't pass by a garage sale without *stopping*.

She was preceded in death by her adopted parents, John Davis and Vera and Austin Warner; father, Red Chalmers; adopted brothers, Hadden, Melvin and Snook Davis; and ex-husbands, Art Wells and Clarence Peterson.

She is survived by her four sons, Leroy Wells and wife, Gloria, of Fairbanks, Ed Wells and wife, Florence, of Kalispell, Tom Wells and wife Judy of Missoula, and Arlo Wells and wife Donna of Fairbanks; a daughter, Clara Constantine, of Kalispell; as well as numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

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

## Florence Ruth Seager Wenholz, 96

Florence Ruth Seager Wenholz, 96, of Missoula, passed away at Village Health Care Center on Sept. 27, 2006.

Florence was born on Sept. 4, 1910, to Arthur and Clara (Hagerman) Seager, and grew up on a homestead north of Forsyth. Her mother died at a young age, leaving four children to be raised by her parents, who had homesteaded that place. She attended Orinoco grade school and Forsyth High School. In Forsyth, she boarded in a home where she was a nanny for Carol Thurston, who went on to play in a few Hollywood movies.

The day Florence graduated, May 18, 1928, she married Clinton L. Wenholz, who lived near their family homestead. They were married in the Methodist church in Miles City. They continued to live and farm on the Wenholz place, where Marvin was born, and then moved to Seattle where Richard was born. Later, moving back to Montana, to live in the same area, Robert and Ruth were born.

Life was a challenge for a farmer's wife, but Florence faced all sorts of difficulty with grit, determination and confidence. She was a loving and wonderful wife, mother, grandmother and dear friend to many people.

She loved the homemaker role and shared her many talents of cook, seamstress, and friend to many through Orinoco Homemakers Club. She won many ribbons and prizes at the Rosebud County Fair. Florence also brought 4-H clubs to her area when they were just in formative stages. She was a great 4-H leader and mentor to many in the Perky Porcupine 4-H Club.

Her walk with God began at an early age and she spent much of her life teaching Sunday school, Bible school and studies, singing, serving on church boards, etc. She was part of the backbone of the merger of the Methodist and Presbyterian churches in Forsyth and was a leader, in many ways in the federated church, as long as she lived there. Florence served in all capacities for the

"Ladies Aid," later to become the federated women. Who knows how many times she was president of that or superintendent of Sunday school?

Many athletic and graduation banquets, under her direction, flourished at the church and the high school faculty knew they could count on Florence for just about anything.

Upon the sale of their farm, in the late '50s, she and Clinton moved to Forsyth and she became active in the Federation of Women's Clubs of America. She remained active in that, serving as local and district president through subsequent moves to Lolo and Kalispell.

After Clinton's death she moved to Cottonwood, Ariz., where she continued to be active in the Methodist Church, Women's Society and the Federation of Women's Clubs.

In this entire time, she raised their four children, and was a big part of the lives of her grandchildren and volunteering wherever needed.

Florence was deeply loved by all her offspring and people were blessed to call her "friend." She will be missed by all of us. She was a Godly woman who lived her faith. "Peace to her memory."

Florence was preceded in death by her husband, Clinton; two sons, Marvin and Richard; sisters, Alice Wenholz and Edith Seager; and brother, Ernest.

She is survived by her son, Robert, and Rosalie; daughter, Ruth, and Robert West; and daughter-in-law, Marian Wenholz. Florence is also survived by 11 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren and 18 great-great-grandchildren.

Inurnment will take place at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 1, at Livingston-Malletta and Geraghty Funeral Home, 224 W. Spruce St., Missoula.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Grace United Methodist Women, P.O. Box 2999, Missoula, MT 59806.