

Wilbur Paul Werner, a distinguished citizen of Cut Bank, passed away in Mesa, Ariz., July 15, 2006, of natural causes. Wilbur was born Oct. 7, 1911, in Falls City, Neb., the second of three sons born to Albert and Anna Laura Werner. Wilbur spent his early childhood on the farm, but farm chores gave way to academic pursuits under tutelage of the Ursuline nuns. Graduating from Sacred Heart Academy in Falls City, he entered Creighton University in Omaha, Neb., in the fall of 1929.

Shortly after he entered Creighton, the stock market crashed and Wilbur's dreams of becoming a lawyer faded with the onset of the Great Depression. Two years later, broke and no degree, he returned to the farm and back-breaking construction work.

In 1933 he again pursued his goal of a law degree, this time enrolling in night school at the University of Omaha. To support school, he worked days as a bus boy, dishwasher, waiter, and any other odd jobs he could find. Three difficult years later, the law degree became reality.

In 1935, Wilbur married his high school sweetheart Mary Bauman, the mother of his five children. Wilbur was adventuresome and Montana was in his dreams. Enticed by stories from older brother Martin, he "rode the rails" to southeastern Montana several times in the early '30s. He was once entrapped in a refrigerator car for over 24 hours, almost succumbing to the low oxygen. Then in 1937, he cast the die. With Mary and first child Purnee, he moved to Cut Bank.

Over the next 60 years, Wilbur became a respected attorney and a prominent leader in Cut Bank civic activities. He was an achiever with a passion for law and community service that knew few bounds. His life was grounded in strong religious beliefs. Morals and ethics were important to him.

Among his accomplishments were three terms as Glacier County attorney, membership and/or president of the Elks, Chamber of Commerce, Red Cross, local Democratic Party, and Boy Scouts to name a few.

A number of lawyers have worked in his law practice, including his son-in-law Jim Nelson, currently on the Montana Supreme Court and Larry Epstein, currently Glacier County attorney. In practicing law, Wilbur never forgot his rural Nebraska roots or the painful lessons of the Depression. He was trusted by farmers, ranchers, oilmen, and businessmen throughout the Cut Bank area who remained friends and faithful clients to the end. A lifelong Democrat, he still believed it was the man, not the party that counted.

Early on, he worked extensively with members of the Blackfeet Tribe. To many of the full-blood Indians, he was a valued and trusted friend. He was inducted into the Blackfeet tribe in 1941 with the name Ah-Po-Tu-Can (Weaselhead). Later, he served as federal magistrate on reservation issues.

Wilbur lived Western history with a passion. He saw himself as part of it. His interests spiraled beyond Cut Bank to the Montana Historical Society where he served on the board for many years, including two terms as president. He was a founding father of the Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation. Financially and otherwise, he worked tirelessly to protect the Lewis and Clark trail through its Western course. His work is legendary



among Foundation members.

A Lewis and Clark scholar in his own right, his articles appeared in local, state and national publications. His home-spun slide show

entertained hundreds as did his colorful, guided hikes to the Two Medicine site where Lewis and companions met with the Blackfeet. With gusto and personal anecdotes, Wilbur brought to life the inspiring story of Captain Meriwether Lewis and the Corps of Discovery. His private, extensive library of Lewis and Clark publications is now at the Glacier County Library in Cut Bank as the "Wilbur Werner Western History Collection."

The indelible strength Wilbur showed throughout life was grounded in his Catholicism. St. Margaret's Parish in Cut Bank was the focus of that bond. If there was volunteer work to be done, he did it. Between 1969 and 1975, when the first Diocesan Pastoral Councils were established, he became the first vice-president and then the president of the council. From 1973 to 1975, he was one of two representatives for Montana, Idaho, Washington and Oregon chosen to serve on the Advisory Council to the Council of Catholic Bishops and the United States Catholic Conference. In his memoirs, he said "When I look back over the changes in the church since those days, I can scarcely believe it all."

Wilbur was an avid hunter, enjoyed fishing, liked to bowl, and loved to golf. He fell in love with the majesty of Glacier National Park. That love affair passed on to his entire family via picnics, hikes and camping. Gardening was an annual activity that kept his hand in the soil — a defining link to his boyhood.

Wilbur explored new countries and new cultures with a boyhood fascination, even into his late 80s. He traveled extensively throughout the world, first with Mary, his wife of 45 years who died of cancer in 1980, and later with his second wife, Martha Hurd, of Mesa, Ariz. His optimistic outlook and insatiable curiosity about all things were passed on to his children.

He is survived by his wife and five children: Purnee and Don McCourt of Golden, Colo.; Lynn and Kit Payn of Saint John, New Brunswick; Kirwin and Carol Werner of Ronan; Chari and Jim Nelson of Helena; Mark and Vera Werner of Billings; and his friend and trusted brother, Vince Werner, and wife June, of Missoula. He has 17 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

Wilbur was preceded in death by his older brother, Msgr. Martin E. Werner, in 1997. His life journey through the death of Mary is recounted in his autobiographical account "Recall," published in 1981 and available in local area libraries.

A memorial service will be held for Wilbur at 11 a.m. on Aug. 30 at St. Margaret's Catholic Church, Cut Bank. Interment will be at Crown Hill Cemetery, followed by a reception at St. Margaret's Social Hall.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Montana Justice Foundation, c/o State Bar of Montana, P.O. Box 577, Helena, MT 59624. The funds will be used to aid the indigent in legal matters.

Dorothy 'Dot' Mae Wertz, 77

Dorothy "Dot" Mae Wertz, 77, "went to her eternal home" Sunday, Aug. 20, 2006, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

She was born Nov. 1, 1928, in Tomahawk, Wis., to George and Edna (Righter) LaVigne.

Dorothy was a very beautiful person within and out. She was loved by all who knew her.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Michael; a sister, Mary Ellen DeLange; three brothers and their spouses, John and Lois, Robert and Doris, and Donald



and Marjean; and one brother-in-law, Andrew K. Holen.

Dorothy is survived by three sons, Kenneth and wife, Myoring, of Korea; Robert of Portland; and Clement and wife, Joanne, of Apple Valley, Calif.; as well as one grandson. She is also survived by three sisters, Genevive Holen, and Betty and husband, Frederick Huggins, of Auburn, Wash., and Sister Mary Dorothy LaVigne of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; one brother-in-law, Lester "Bun" DeLange of Rexford; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial services and graveside urn burial for Dorothy will be held sometime in July 2007.

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

Rose M. West, 76

Rose M. West, 76, died Wednesday, Sept. 20, 2006, at a Libby hospital.

She is survived by her children, Russell DeVon West of Santee, Calif., Anthony Dorn West of Spokane, Michael Dominic West of North Manchester, Ind., and Tina Kim Moore of

Libby.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at the city of Libby Cemetery, with the Rev. Kevin Lindgren officiating. Friends may call from 1 to 5 p.m. Friday and until 2 p.m. Saturday at Nelson and Vial Funeral Home.

Arlene Wheat, 63

Arlene Wheat, 63, passed away Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2006, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

She was born Jan. 29, 1943, to Frank and Evelyn Janicke in Roseau, Minn. She was the youngest of four children.

She is survived by her mother,



Evelyn Janicke; three brothers, Wayne, Frank Jr., and Kenneth; two sons, Chris and Jay Wheat; two grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Frank Janicke.

She enjoyed fishing, playing the organ, crocheting, doing ceramics and cooking.

By Arlene's request, there will be no services. A family gathering will be held 4 p.m. today, Sept. 13, at 203 Granrud Lane, Kalispell.

Bud R. White, 59

Bud R. White, 59, of Eureka died Dec. 14, 2006, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Survivors include his daughters, Lisa Urdahl of Rexford, and Melinda Peltier of Anchor Point, Alaska.

A celebration of his life will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 21, at the Sports Bar in Eureka.

Arrangements are by Nelson and Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

Sergeant Lucas T. White, 28

Sergeant Lucas T. White was killed in action on Nov. 6, 2006, in Baghdad, Iraq. A proud member of the U.S. Army since August of 2001, Sgt. White had also served in Afghanistan as part of Operation Enduring Freedom from July 2003, to April 2004, as part of the 10th Mountain Division.

Born Aug. 8, 1978, in Yakima, Wash., to Mervin White and Julia Brooks, Sgt. White spent his childhood in Pendleton, Ore., and White Swan, Wash. He graduated from White Swan High School in 1998. Sgt. White subsequently moved to Moses Lake, Wash., where he was to meet his future wife, Jennifer Leigh, of Moses Lake. Lucas and Jennifer had been married for over two years at the time of his passing.

Surviving Lucas are his spouse, Jennifer White, mother and stepfather, Julia and Lyle Brooks of Polson; siblings, Marcus Ramos, Seth Brooks, Nathaniel Brooks and Melissa Brooks; grandmothers, Patsy Durfee and Yvonne Malatare;



and grandfather Edward James; and his many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. Also surviving are Jennifer's father, Sam T. Leigh III, and mother, Judy Robinson-Leigh of Moses Lake.

Visitation for friends and family with Sgt. White will be from 8 until 9:30 a.m. today, Nov. 16, at Benson Family Funeral Service, 104 W Fifth Ave., Moses Lake, followed by the funeral service at 10 a.m. Additional viewing will take place following the funeral service. The family wishes to express that this service will be open to everyone in the community who wishes to attend.

At 4:30 p.m. today, the U.S. Army will hold a memorial service in honor of Sgt. Lucas T. White at Fort Lewis at the Main Post Chapel.

A traditional Yakama Nation Longhouse service will be held Friday, Nov. 17, starting at sundown (4:29 p.m.) and lasting through sunrise on Saturday, at the White Swan Pavilion. The public is welcome to attend this ceremony and pay their respects to Sgt. White.

Interment will be at Arlington National Cemetery at 2 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on Nov. 20.

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Elva Arlington Crockett Whiting, 88

Elva Arlington Crockett Whiting, 88, fell asleep in death June 22, 2006. Elva was an eccentric, feisty, young-hearted lady who loved her family, loved life, loved her fellow man and loved her god Jehovah, without reservation.



Elva was born on June 17, 1918, to William and Ethel Crockett in Minto Township, N.D. The third of nine children, she was taught to work hard and be loyal to family. Her mother taught her to sew exquisitely, and for many years Elva made stylish clothes for herself and her children.

Elva loved to dance, from schoolroom to grand ballroom and even on the Lawrence Welk Show.

Elva moved to Minneapolis, Minn., in the 1940s to find work. While working in an office, she met Donald Earl Whiting. They made a beautiful couple and were married Aug. 14, 1945, in Arlington, Texas.

While Don was serving in the Air Force, Elva was relieved when the war was over and Don could rejoin their family. She was a good mother to her four children, always working hard to provide for their health and encourage their individuality.

Elva longed for meaning and truth, and her search was reward-

ed when she began to study the Bible with Jehovah's Witnesses. She learned God's name and his wonderful purpose for the earth. She eagerly shared this knowledge with everyone she met.

From 1953 until the very end, her concern was that others have a good relationship with Jehovah God so they could see the fulfillment of his promise of a perfect new world. She firmly believed in this promise and looked forward with confidence to being resurrected onto a paradise earth and being reunited with her loved ones.

Friends from all over the world enjoyed Don and Elva's dinner parties. Their house on Flathead Lake was home to many gracious and joyful evenings.

Elva was also a talented photographer and artist. She loved to capture images of flowers and the mountains and grandchildren. She enjoyed working in her garden and harvesting fruit from her orchard, which her family enjoyed eating.

Elva was passionate about antiques and vintage hats, even being known as "the hat lady"! Elva loved pretty things and jazz

music and traveling anywhere.

Elva was a wonderful grandmother. She taught her loved ones to be creative, to be fearless and to enjoy life. She encouraged their interest in art, culture, people and spirituality, and comforted them in their trials.

Don and Elva kept a guest book from 1947 until 2006. The thousands of comments reveal love and respect for a gracious couple. Elva Whiting affected many lives in a positive way. At her own request, no memorial will be held. As a tribute to her, please read Revelation 21:3-5.

Elva Whiting was preceded in death by her husband, Donald Whiting, and siblings Norma Crockett, Nivea Domries, Nathan-

iel "Cal" Crockett and Willard Crockett.

She is survived by siblings Wanelda and Earle Schafer, Claude and Cleo Crockett, Ione Schmidt and Norene Bishop; her children Dave and Sharon Whiting, Bill and Kate Whiting, Claudia and Alex Ogilvie, and Jack and Jane Whiting; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Her family would like to thank Elva for giving her family the gift of life and a love for Bible truths. They appreciate it.

Arrangements are by Grogan Funeral Home and Crematory of Polson. Condolences may also be sent to the family at www.grogan-funeralhome.com.

Jack Joy Whitney, 89

Jack Joy Whitney died on Sept. 25, 2006, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Jack was born on Oct. 31, 1916, in Ronan, the third of seven children to Ida (Hart) and Ward B. Whitney. He lived in Bigfork for most of his life except for time spent in the Aleutian Islands while serving in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

He graduated from Bigfork High School where he was a star athlete in track and football. Jack received a scholarship to Stanford but chose to stay in his beloved Montana to attend the University of Montana to study art and play football.

Jack married Ursula Durocher on April 22, 1939. He loved to tell the story of the first time he saw Ursula, "She was running up and down the bleachers and I thought to myself, 'I am going to marry that girl.'" They celebrated their 67th anniversary this year.

Jack was a legend in his own time, widely renowned for his skill and knowledge as wood craftsman, naturalist, bow hunter, conservationist, great outdoorsman, and storyteller. Considered somewhat of an outdoor wizard, many looked to Jack for his expertise of the natural world. He met these numerous inquiries and requests for interviews with a generous and enthusiastic response and his trademark spar-



ling smile. He always found time to whittle out a whistle from a dogwood branch for the children, identify a bird or plant in the forest for his hiking companions, and skillfully weave a basket to present to a treasured friend.

He left his great legacy of the love for the outdoors through numerous contributions including a founder of the Audubon Society, who honored him with the Conservation Achievements Recognition Award; service as president of the Flathead Wildlife Association; decades of efforts helping establish the Swan River Trail, the Jewel Basin Hiking Area, and the Sprunger-Whitney Nature Trail; as a founding member of Montana Hunting Heritage, which honored him with a lifetime achievement award; and by establishing a conservation easement for 120 acres above the Swan River Nature Trail to ensure that future generations would forever enjoy the natural beauty of the area that he so enjoyed during his lifetime.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, three brothers, and one infant daughter.

He is survived by his wife, Ursula; brother, Wayne Whitney, and wife Helen, of Swan Lake; and 11 nephews and nieces.

Plans for a memorial service to joyfully remember Jack and his remarkable life are pending and will be announced at a later date.

The family suggests that memorials be made to the Audubon Society.

Buffalo Hills Funeral Home is caring for Jack's family.

Jack Whitney

A celebration of life for Jack Whitney, who died Sept. 25, 2006, will be from 4 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 25, at Bru Mar Estate.

Going south on Montana 83, turn left on Halvorson

Road (just past the Montana Artisan Center and storage units), then turn right on Broken Leg Road. Bru Mar Estate is on the left at 29048 Broken Leg Road, in Bigfork.

Beulah Sandenaw Wigfield, 93

Beulah Sandenaw Wigfield, 93, of Polson, died of natural causes on Feb. 9, 2006, at St. Joseph Medical Center in Polson.



Beulah was born in Martinsdale, on March 21, 1912, to Bertina and Thomas Sandenaw. Her parents were both born in Sanda, Norway. Her father came to America first and settled in North Dakota. His birth name was Torgerson, but since there was so many Torgersons living there, he changed his last name to Sandenaw, which was his mother's maiden name.

Beulah's mother was in poor health, and she wanted to go back to Norway for a visit. Beulah, her mother, and her brother, Arthur, went to Norway where they lived for a year. While there, she learned to speak Norwegian, and when she returned to Martinsdale, she had to learn to speak English, again. When Beulah was 4 years old, her family moved to Harlowton. Her mother died two years later and she became the lady of the house. By the time she was 9 years old, she did the cleaning and cooking for her family. She and her brother both graduated from Harlowton High School. While she was in high school, she worked and kept books for her father's grocery store.

On Sept. 15, 1932, she married John Wigfield at his parent's home in Harlowton. John had just finished college, and they moved to some acreage John's father owned west of Polson, in Irvine Flats. They had two daughters, Joan and Joyce. The girls helped their father round up cattle, brand calves, and many other jobs. They lived at their ranch in Irvine Flats for 43 years and she spent her time there cooking three meals a day and washing clothes for the hired men, who also lived with them. They needed a lot of help for plowing, haying, milking cows, picking rocks, and building a barn.

After selling the ranch, they bought a home on Bayshore Drive in Polson, where Beulah lived for 25 years. Her husband preceded

her in death in 1993, and in 2000, she moved closer to her daughter, Joyce and her husband, Marvin Carlyle.

Beulah enjoyed playing bridge, going to hobby club, and bowling. She was a member of Rebecca Lodge and the Polson Community Church. She enjoyed being with people of all ages.

Beulah was preceded in death by her husband, John Wigfield; her son-in-law, Nat Scarcella; her grandson, Craig Carlyle; her brother and sister-in-law, Arthur and Loretta Sandenaw; and her sister-in-law and her husband, Ruth and Mitch Phillip.

Surviving Beulah are her daughters, Joan Wigfield Scarcella of Long Beach, Calif., and Joyce Wigfield Carlyle with her husband, Marvin Carlyle, of Polson; three nephews, Tom Sandenaw and Debbie of Las Cruces, N.M., Richard Sandenaw and Gail of El Paso, Texas, and Dr. Douglas Phillip and Arlene of Federal Way, Wash.; three grandsons, John Scarcella and Karen of Visalia, Calif., and Joe Scarcella and Jim Scarcella of Long Beach; four nieces, Carole Sandenaw Blessinger and Bob of Pendleton, Ore., Rochelle Sanchez and Carmello, and son of Fort Collins, Colo., Andrea Frandsen and Doug, and four children, Phillip, Mathew, Tom and Laura Rose of East Missoula, and Gloria Phillip of Missoula; three great-grandchildren, John Scarcella of Elismore, Calif., twin girls, Ashley and Chelsea Scarcella of Long Beach; and several grandnieces and grandnephews. She also leaves her toy poodle, Angel, who she loved dearly.

Visitation will be held from 9 a.m. until noon today, Feb. 11, at the Grogan Funeral Home Chapel. The funeral service will be held 2 p.m. today, Feb. 11, at the Polson Community Church with Rev. Dick Widerholdt officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of Grogan Funeral Home of Polson.

Donations may be made in Beulah's name to the Polson Community Church. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.groganfuneralhome.com.

Paul Edward Whitson, 59

Paul Edward Whitson, 59, left us on Sept. 18, 2006, "to go to his heavenly home." He was born in Tacoma, Wash., on Dec. 5, 1946.



He served his country in Germany, serving in the Reserve and the National Guard for a total of 12 years.

He worked for Boeing for 15 years, then moved to Montana because of a disability he had. He loved Montana.

Paul is survived by a brother in Tacoma, Wash., a sister in Puyallup, Wash.; and two sons, Daniel of Seattle, and Tim of Everett, Wash.

He is also survived by his loving wife, Geri Whitson. They were married on July 1, 1983.

Paul also has three step-

daughters, Roseann of Omak, Wash., April of Kalispell, and Mary of Tacoma.; nine step-grandchildren, and 12 stepgreat-grandchildren.

Paul loved hunting, fishing, "D.D." shopping, music, raising his birds and loving his dog, Ginger "that went home with him to his eternal place in heaven."

Paul was led to the Lord by a lady by the name of Mrs. Greene who began taking him at the age of 4 to church and Vacation Bible School.

Paul was loved by the community. The family appreciates everyone who became a part of Paul's life and of his family.

A memorial service for Paul will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 7, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. A celebration of life will immediately follow at the Church of the Nazarene on Whitefish Stage, Kalispell.

Earle D. Winfrey, 80

Earle D. Winfrey, 80, former mayor of Libby, died Nov. 10, 2006, at his home in Boise, Idaho.

He and his wife Alice had owned and operated Libby Floral and Gift, and Earle later had been safety engineer for Morrison-Knudson Construction on the Libby Dam Project.

After moving to Boise, he had been contract administrator for Morrison-Knudson's railroad division.

He had served as mayor of Libby, as well as a city councilman in the middle and late 1960s.

Survivors include his wife, Alice; two daughters, Patrice Roberts and John, and Mary Siewert and Mike; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services and interment will be Wednesday in Boise under the direction of Summers Funeral Home.

Ruth O. Wilson, 86

Ruth O. Wilson, 86, "went home to be with her heavenly father" Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2006, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.



She was born Feb. 1, 1920, in Great Falls, the daughter of Melvin and Pauline (Tunseth) Hammer.

She was raised and educated in Great Falls and was united in marriage to Henry "Hank" Holombo in 1937. They moved to Kalispell in 1955, where Ruth worked at Diana's Shop, Anderson Style Shop and F.W. Woolworth for 18 years, retiring in 1980.

Ruth married Robert O. Wilson in 1984, and they resided in Whitefish briefly before moving to Kalispell in 1987, sharing 21 happy years until Bob's death in 2005.

Ruth was a godly woman of great faith and integrity.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, Hank Holombo and Robert O. Wilson; son Robert; her parents; a sister, Vera;

and her brothers, Paul and Loyd Hammer.

She is survived by her son, William Holombo and wife, Puggy, of Auburn, Wash.; four grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren; a stepson and stepdaughter from Missoula; sisters-in-law, Shirley Kirkland and husband, Archie, and Betty Stockwell and husband, Howard, of Kalispell.

Memorial services for Ruth will be 1 p.m. Monday, Dec. 18, at Calvary Lutheran Church with Pastors Kurt Rau and Robert Nilsen officiating. Urn burial will be at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery at noon Monday, Dec. 18. There will be no visitation.

The family suggests that any memorial contributions be sent to the Immanuel Lutheran Home, 185 Crestline Avenue, Kalispell, MT 59901 or to Calvary Lutheran Church, 2200 Hwy 2 East, Kalispell, MT 59901, or condolences to William Holombo, 306 R Street S.E., Auburn, WA 98002.

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

Jerry Harris Winkley, 68

Jerry Harris Winkley, 68, passed away on Wednesday, Sept. 20, 2006, at his lake house in Rollins.



Jerry was born on Nov. 17, 1937, in Cincinnati, to Jack and Madge Hutchinson Winkley. He attended school through the eighth grade in Rollins, then attended Polson High School, where he graduated in 1954. He attended GM Institute in Flint, Mich., from 1956 to 1958, then went on to MSU at Bozeman, where he graduated with honors, attaining his Bachelor of Science degree in 1960.

In 1958, Jerry went to work for Himsl-Wohlwend Motors, Korn Buick, and Don Aadsen Ford, all in Kalispell.

He entered OCS in Providence, R.I., in 1961, and was commissioned an ensign. He served on board the USS Procyon-Treasure Island, Calif., from 1961-1963. He was transferred to the Naval Station in San Diego, the USS Jason from 1963-1964. He was commissioned a lieutenant in 1968, then transferred to the U.S. Navy Reserve.

After his discharge, he worked for Carter Carburetor, a Division of ACF Industries in St. Louis, Mo., from 1964 until 1999. He returned to Montana, where he worked for Don Aadsen Ford in

Ronan, from 1980-1982.

Jerry was very active in the community. He was a volunteer fireman in Rollins, was on the Lake County Planning Board, Lake County Board of Adjustments and the Rollins VFD BBQ.

He loved cars, Milwaukee RR, traveling, photography, woodworking, puns, stories, area history, family and friends, and helping anyone who was in need of help.

He was preceded in death by his parents; infant daughter, Elizabeth Ann; several aunts, uncles and numerous cousins and friends.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Jane Winkley, of Rollins; a daughter, Mary Knighton of Bozeman; son and daughter-in-law, John and Mary Winkley of Farmington, N.M.; a grandson, Jack Knighton of Bozeman; aunt, Meg Winkley; numerous cousins, in-laws, nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 26, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Kalispell.

The family request memorials in Jerry's name be given to the ALERT Helicopter program, Kalispell Regional Medical Center of Kalispell, Miracle of America Museum of Polson, or the Bethlehem Church Gossbells Bell Choir.

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

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John Merrill Wigner (Westermeyer), 56

John Merrill Wigner (Westermeyer), 56, was born in Mount Vernon, Ill., on Dec. 3, 1949, to Jess W. and Janice Wigner. He passed away April 11, 2006, while residing in Roseburg, Ore.

He was raised in Glasgow and graduated from Billings High School in 1967.

He was preceded in death by his father, Jess Wigner; brother, Jesse Jr.; sister, Diane Wigner; son, Donovan, daughter, Jennie; nephew, Ken Walden; and niece, Beth Walden.

John is survived by his mother, Janice Jordan, of Florence, Ore.; sisters, Lorraine Wigner of Kalispell, Julie Wigner of Roseburg; Tammi Kennedy of Gold Beach, Ore.; Dee Dee

Wigner of Vancouver, Wash.; Irene of Portland; and Arlene of Conrad; brothers, Steve Wigner (Westermeyer) of Kennewick, Wash.; and Bobby Joe Wigner and Mark Wigner of Gillette, Wyo.; sons, Joel of Gillette, Justin of Kalispell, and Raymond of Gillette; daughter, Jamie, of Kalispell; granddaughter, Daisy, of Gillette; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews. He also leaves behind his dog, Cosmo.

John was loved by everyone and will be missed very much.

Cremation has taken place. Services will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, April 22, on the Swan River on Pine Ridge Road, across from the Holland Lake turnoff.

Leah Eileen Wild, 14

Leah Eileen Wild, 14, passed away Monday, Feb. 20, 2006, while snowboarding on Blacktail Mountain.

Leah was born on Jan. 19, 1992, in Poway, Calif., to Lee and Georgia Rowland Wild. She moved to the Flathead Valley when she was very young.

Leah was a very friendly young lady, who loved being around her family and friends. She loved scrapbooking, sewing, snowboard-



ing, photography and doing things on the computer.

Leah is survived by her parents, Lee and Georgia Wild, of Lakeside; two brothers, Paul and Micah Wild; paternal grandfather, Leon Wild, and maternal grandmother, Sharon Antonsen.

Visitation will be held from 3 to 8 p.m. today, Feb. 22, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 23, at Lakeside Community Chapel with the Rev. Rhett Loomis officiating. Burial will be after the services at C.E. Conrad Cemetery.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Willis W. Wilhelm, 90

Willis W. Wilhelm, 90, passed away Sunday, April 9, 2006, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

He was born Feb. 10, 1916, in Faulkton, S.D.

He is survived locally by his son, Ron, and wife D'Ann of Columbia Falls, and two

grandchildren, Alex and Ketti Wilhelm, of Columbia Falls.

Entombment will be at Hill of Rest Mausoleum in Sioux Falls.

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

Robert 'Bob' Wilkinson, 98

Robert "Bob" Wilkinson, 98, of Williston, N.D., died Saturday, Aug. 5, 2006, at the Mercy Medical Center in Williston.

Survivors include his son, Larry Wilkinson, of Fargo, N.D.; and his daughter, Roberta "Bobbi" Wisdom, of Kalispell.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 14, at Faith United Methodist Church in Williston. The Rev. Rod Tkach

will officiate and burial will be in the Trenton Cemetery in Trenton, N.D.

Visitation will be from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. Sunday at the Everson Funeral Home in Williston, and Monday the hour preceding the funeral at the church. At 7:30 p.m. Sunday, there will be a prayer service with the Rev. L. Jay Reinke at the Everson Funeral Home in Williston.

Estelle Jeanette Will, 84

Estelle Jeanette Will, 84, died Sunday, Feb. 5, 2006, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She was born March 21, 1921, in Sheyenne, N.D., to Martin L. and Kathryn (Burgess) Vick. Estelle's family moved to Kalispell during the Great Depression. She graduated from Flathead County High School in 1939 and had resided in Kalispell ever since.

On Sept. 25, 1941, she married Gene E. Will. Gene preceded Estelle in death on May 7, 1981.

She was active in girl's sports throughout her high school years, and has continued to support them as a booster and season ticket holder.

Estelle was a member of Ada Chapter No. 17 of the Order of Eastern Star and several other social groups. Until recently she was a volunteer with the Com-



munity Chest and the American Cancer Society.

She was preceded in death by her husband; parents; two brothers, Ilynn and Martin Vick.

She is survived by her son, John M. Will, of Bonney Lake, Wash.; a granddaughter, Michelle Martin, and husband, John, and their two children, Travis and Sara, all of Houston; and a grandson, James Will of Kirkland, Wash.; several cousins, nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Estelle will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 13, in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with burial to follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens. An Eastern Star Committal service will be conducted by Ada Chapter No. 17 of the Order of Eastern Star. Visitation will be Monday from 9 a.m. to the time of service.

The family suggests memorial gifts be given to the American Cancer Society, 3550 Mullan Road, Missoula, MT 59808.

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

Duane Willis, 78

Duane Willis, 78, passed away on Tuesday March 7, 2006, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

Duane was born on Feb. 5, 1928, in Lansford, N.D., to Leland and Agatha Behm Willis. He received his elementary education in Shelby, and his high school education at Gonzaga Prep in Spokane.

Duane married Frances Thomas in Butte in 1949. He started out his career in sales with the Fuller Brush Company in Butte, in 1950. He transferred to the Kalispell area in 1959 as territorial manager and representative. From 1970 to 1991, Duane worked as a route salesman for both Eddy's and Snyder's bakeries. He retired in 1991.

He was a member of the J.C.s, a member of Saint Matthew's Catholic Church since 1959, and president of the PTO at the West Valley School in 1963.

Duane loved gardening, bowling and fishing. His warm, cheerful, easy smile would draw people to him. You were never a stranger long in his presence.



His ethic, can-do attitude, and generosity will live on in the lives of his children and friends. He will be missed and held dear in our memories.

Duane was preceded in death by his father, Leland Willis; and one sister, Vera Crisafulli.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Frances, of Kalispell; his 103-year-old mother, Agatha Willis of Kennewick, Wash.; three sons and their spouses, Thomas and Carol Willis of Billings, Doug and Kathy Willis of Colby, Kan., and John Willis of Phoenix; four daughters and spouses, Susan Swan and Allan Sorokin of Tucson, Vicki and Norman Proctor of Havre, Michelle Chador of St. Petersburg, Fla., and Alexis and Mike Meehan of Kalispell; four sisters, Lela LeLacheur of Great Falls, Theresa Dunham of Pasco, Wash., Kathleen and Jim Sansaver of Vero Beach, Fla., and Rita and Eugene Glatt of Kennewick; 15 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; and a sister-in-law, Myrtle Christie of Butte.

A Mass of the Resurrection will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, March 13, at Saint Matthew's Catholic Church with the Rev. Vic Langhans officiating.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory caring for the family.

Charles Edward Willoughby, 55

Charles Edward Willoughby, 55, passed away Thursday evening, March 30, 2006, near Homestake Lake, doing something he loved in the outdoors.

Charlie was born in Butte on July 30, 1950, to John and Betty Jean (Little) Willoughby. He received his schooling in Butte, graduating from Butte High School in 1968.

He has worked for United Building Centers for the past 33 years. On June 24, 2000, he married Shirley Ann Dunks in Lake Tahoe, Nev.

Charlie loved everything outdoors, including hunting, fishing, camping, rafting, biking and especially snowmobiling. He also enjoyed carpentry work and was looking forward to his retirement in June when he planned to pursue his new occupation. Charlie lived life to the fullest and would lend a hand to anyone who needed it. Most of all he loved his family and had a very special place in his heart for his granddaughter, Heather.

Charlie was known and loved by people from all walks of life and will be remembered and



missed greatly by all of those whose lives he touched.

Charlie was preceded in death by his mother, Betty Jean, and his brother, Jack.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley, of Ricker; daughters and son-in-law, Chrissy and Terry Martin and Julie Willoughby, all of Butte; stepchildren, Jim and Kathy Dunks of Park City, Utah, Kelly Dunks of St. Paul, Minn., and Kristi Dunks and Richard Nelson of Redondo Beach, Calif.; granddaughter, Heather Parks of Butte; sisters and brothers-in-law, Sandy and Alen Hutchins and Lynn and Shawn LeCoure, all of Butte; sister-in-law, Em Willoughby of Helena; brother and sister-in-law, Randy and Mo Willoughby of Kalispell; stepfather, Joe Chatriand of Georgetown; step-brothers and sisters-in-law, Ron and Susan Chatriand and Rick Chatriand, all of Missoula, and Gary and Lacrechia Chatriand of Butte; stepsister, Sandra Kuschel of Onamia, Minn.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be conducted 1 p.m. Tuesday at Wayrynen-Richards Funeral Home.

Memorial donations may be made to Trout Unlimited, George Grant Chapter, P.O. Box 563, Butte, MT 59703.

Robert Charles Wilson, 78

Robert Charles "Bob" Wilson, 78, of Kingston, Idaho, died Aug. 6, 2006, at his home in Kingston.

He was born June 7, 1928, Mount Vernon, Wash., the son of James and Doris (Herrin) Wilson.

Bob served in the U.S. Air Force during World War II.

Bob married Irene Galloway on Nov. 18, 1982, in Anchorage, Alaska.

He and his wife Irene moved to Kingston in 2003 from Montana. Before living in Montana, Bob lived in Anchorage.

Bob worked as a bush pilot for 16 years and was known as one of the best. He was also a plane inspector. While in Alaska he also flew a mail route. After moving to Kalispell, he rebuilt an airplane and worked as a plane inspector here.

He was a member of the Whitefish VFW Post No. 276, the Moose Lodge, Teamsters Union, and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Pinehurst Ward.

Bob is survived by his wife, Irene, of the family home in Kingston; two daughters, Candy Heuser of Cottage Grove, Ore., and Judy Frank of Riverside, Wash.; a son, Cliff Wilson, of Cottage Grove; three stepchildren, Monica Williams of Spokane, Regina Hawks of Hawaii, and Shane Wyman of Kalispell; 11 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren; and one sister, Mary Wilson, of Mount Vernon, Wash.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Aug. 21 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Pinehurst, Idaho, with the Bishop Paul Lewis presiding.

Cremation has taken place with his ashes to be taken back to Alaska.

Shoshone Funeral Services in Kellogg, Idaho, is in charge of arrangements.

Edith Shew Wilson, 98

Edith Shew Wilson died peacefully in her sleep March 6, 2006, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She was a long-time resident of Montana, having lived in Kalispell, Billings and Helena most of her life.

She was born May 12, 1907, in Crookston, Minn., to Della and Bert Shew. Later, she was joined by a sister, Elizabeth "Bess." Edith attended school in Minnesota and Canada. The family moved to Kalispell to pursue her father's lumber career where he was the manager of the lumber mill at Half Moon. It was there that she graduated as valedictorian from Flathead County High School in 1926.

Subsequently she was awarded a bachelor's degree in home economics from the University of Washington in Seattle. She went on to study dietetics at the University of Chicago and became a registered dietitian. During these studies her father was killed suddenly and she returned to Kalispell to be with her mother and sister.

It was here that she met her husband of 47 years, the Very Rev. Charles A. Wilson Sr. They were married in 1932 in Whitefish. They had three children, Charles Jr., David Shew and Edith Elizabeth "Betsy."

Through these years Edith supported her husband in his service



to three Episcopal congregations — Christ Church in Kalispell, St. Luke's Church in Billings, and St. Peter's Pro-cathedral in Helena, where Charles was dean for 27 years.

Edith also completed a teaching credential and taught home economics at Helena High School.

Charles and Edith retired to their cabin on Flathead Lake in 1966 and lived there together until Charles' death in 1979. In 1983, Edith returned to Kalispell and continued her participation in Christ Church, and her social and charitable activities.

Edith was active in many of the guilds at the Episcopal Church. She was a member of P.E.O. She was an avid gardener. Edith's major joy was her family and her wide network of friends.

Edith was preceded in death by her parents; her sister, Elizabeth; an infant brother; and her husband, Charles.

She is survived by her three children and their spouses, Charles and Emily Wilson, David and Patricia Wilson, and Betsy and Roy Neighbors; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and her niece, Laurie Drummond.

Edith will be dearly missed by her family and many friends.

A celebration of her life will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 25, at Christ Episcopal Church in Kalispell. A reception for family and friends will be afterward.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to Christ Episcopal Church in Kalispell.

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Keith Marion Wilson, 51

Keith Marion Wilson, 51, died Saturday, Dec. 31, 2005, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center of natural causes. He was born June 30, 1954, in Fort Lewis, Wash., the son of Kenneth Marion and Bonnie Anne (Caveny) Wilson. Keith attended Elrod and Hedges Elementary schools, Central and Kalispell Junior High and graduated from Flathead High School in 1973. While at Flathead he was a member of Future Farmers of America, and was on the football and wrestling teams.



After graduation, he went to the Job Corps in Anaconda. He also graduated from Flathead Valley Community College in 1976 with an Associate of Arts degree in education. Working as a custodian, Keith earned enough money to go to Western Montana College, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in education, graduating in 1983.

For a while, he worked as a substitute teacher in the Kalispell area. He made the choice to go back to being a custodian, working for Diamond Lil's and Scotty's Bar and was employed at the Bull Dog at the time of his death.

Keith loved everything to do with history, science fiction and sports; mostly football. He had written short stories about each

of these subjects. He also loved to read. He was a die-hard Rams fan, and when the Rams won the Super Bowl he was proud and thrilled. Keith also never missed a Flathead Braves home game in either football or wrestling. He was a quiet and gentle man who loved his family and was very proud to be a son, brother and uncle. He never forgot a birthday or holiday. His family will truly miss him.

Keith was a long-standing member of the Red Cross Blood Drive. He would love it if everyone who ever crossed his path donated a pint of blood in his memory.

Keith was preceded in death by his father and grandmother, Mary Caveny.

He is survived by his mother, Bonnie, of Kalispell; one brother, Kevin Wilson, also of Kalispell; one sister, Kathe Hedges, and husband, Scott, of Bigfork; nieces, Angie Griswold, of Lewiston, Idaho, and Amanda Buckley and husband, Jesse, of Renton, Wash.; grandniece and goddaughter, Gabrielle Griswold, of Whitefish; and aunt, Betty Carlson, and cousins in Alberta, Canada.

Memorial services for Keith will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 6, in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel.

The family suggests memorial gifts be given to the American Red Cross, 17-A First Ave. E., Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

Jacob Michael Winter, 23

Jacob Michael Winter, 23, passed away Friday, June 16, 2006, in what he loved the most, his Cadillac, as the result of a motor vehicle accident on Foys Lake Road in Kalispell.



He was born June 3, 1983, in Billings to Michael and Cathy (Sampson) Winter. Jacob attended grade school in Aurora, Colo. After moving back to Billings, he graduated from Billings West High School in 2001.

He started his own business in Billings fixing cars after graduation, but soon decided to move to Kalispell to live with his father. Jacob's true passion in life was fixing cars. He was a brilliant young man who put all of his heart into vehicles. He often stayed in the garage with a huge cup of coffee all night. Jacob was always there for anyone who needed an oil change or a cup of joe. There was never a moment that he was without his coffee mug.

Jacob was interested in a variety of activities such as fishing, camping, golf, music and spending time with family. Family was very important to him and he always was willing to help anyone who needed him. He especially

enjoyed holidays because he could visit with family for hours.

Jacob loved music and was the one to ask about it. He constantly was writing down songs he liked and making CDs. He would listen to all of them as he drove and performed the silliest dance moves in his car. He had the ability to make everyone laugh, even on bad days. Jacob also had a strong friendship with the family dog, Sicily. The two of them frequently would get ice cream cones and eat them together.

Jacob's life ended unexpectedly, but his humorous personality deeply touched his family "and we want him to know that one day we will be together again."

Jacob is survived by his parents, Michael Lee Winter of Kalispell, and Cathy L. Winter of Billings; one sister, Jessica N. Winter; maternal grandparents, Paul E. and Donna M. Sampson of Billings; one aunt, Susie A. Macks; two uncles, William P. Sampson, and Michael P. Sampson and wife, Bobbi Jo; paternal grandparents, Leonard Winter of Williston, N.D., and Barbara Lesnick and husband, Dave, of Kalispell; along with many cousins.

Private graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, June 22, at Mountview Cemetery in Billings.

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

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Mollie C. Winter, 94

Mollie C. Winter, 94, passed away peacefully Tuesday, March 14, 2006, at her home in Kalispell after a long illness.

She was born Aug. 2, 1911, in Antelope to Christian and Tone (Kaasa) Island. Mollie attended school in Antelope as well as church and Sunday school. When weather allowed, Mollie could be heard singing hymns at the top of her lungs while swinging from the tree in her backyard.

In 1931 she married Archie I. Morken of Dagmar. They moved to Cut Bank, in the depths of the Depression, where Archie secured employment with Montana Power Company. Three children were born to the couple before purchasing a farm on Seville Flats, east of Cut Bank. Archie was stricken with multiple sclerosis during this time. The farm was sold and the family moved to Polson and operated a small neighborhood grocery store for several years before returning to Cut Bank. Archie passed away in 1963.

In 1965, Mollie married Wilbert O. "Bill" Winter of Whitefish. They made their home there and later moved to Kalispell. Bill retired from the Burlington Northern Railroad in 1980. For 20 years, Mollie and Bill enjoyed their retirement years traveling in their RV.

Mollie's greatest joy was her family. She was an inspiration to

all who knew and loved her. She had a gentle and loving spirit, was generous to others and will be sorely missed by her family. She will be remembered for the hymns she had memorized as a young girl and played so beautifully on her organ.

Hers was a life well lived, with a deep, abiding faith in God.

Mollie was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers; her husband, Archie; and grandson, Kevin Baker. Mollie will be buried close to Kevin, who loved her so much.

She is survived by her husband, Bill Winter, of Kalispell; two sons, Earvin Morken and wife, Beverly, and Gary E. Morken and wife, Karen, of Miles City; one daughter, Marilyn Morken, of Kalispell; three stepdaughters, Marvilla Davis and husband, Chip, of Fairbanks, Alaska, Christle England and husband, Glen, of Seattle, and Deneanne Winter of Sacramento, Calif.; six grandchildren, seven stepgrandchildren, and several great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for Mollie C. Winter will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 18, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel, with Pastor John Weaver officiating. Burial will be afterward at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

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

Claus Fredrick Witt, 86

Claus Fredrick Witt, 86, died on Friday, Feb. 3, 2006, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

He is survived by his wife, Aida Witt; two sons, David Witt of California, and Lance Witt of Bigfork; and one daughter, Nance' Fillmore also of California.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held 12:10 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9, at St. Matthew's

Catholic Church with the Rev. Vic Langhans celebrant.

A rosary will be recited at 11:30 a.m. at St. Matthew's Catholic Church by the Rev. Fred Topp. Burial will be private by the family.

There will be no visitation.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for the family.

Burton Omar 'Burt' Wollan, 81

Burton Omar "Burt" Wollan, 81, passed away on Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2006, at his home in Columbia Falls. Burt was born on Feb. 7, 1925, in Galata, to Robert and



Mabelle Finney Wollan. He attended grade school at Bissell Elementary School in Whitefish, and graduated from Flathead County High School in 1943.

He enlisted in the Army, serving from 1945 until 1947. Burt was awarded his Purple Heart in 2003, 58 years after he earned it.

Burt married Rose Mary Wilson, on Oct. 9, 1949. They moved to the Helena Flats area in 1957, where they resided until 2000.

He worked at a sawmill with his brother Mel, C&C Plywood, (Plum Creek), and was the county bridge foreman until his retirement.

Burt and Rose enjoyed going south to Yuma, Ariz., every winter after his retirement. They spent many weekends camping and fishing. He loved playing pinochle, and wore out the countertop playing solitaire.

Burt will be remembered for

his ability to break wild horses as a young man.

Burt and Rose had a 40-acre piece of land they farmed.

Burt was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Rose, in 1999; a brother, Mel Wollan, three sisters, Edna, Avis and Elizabeth; a son-in-law, Jerry Williams; and a grandson, Corrigan Kearns in 2006.

He is survived by daughters, Corinne "Corkie" Rae Williams of Columbia Falls, Charlene "Charlie" Rose Byington and her husband Vern, and Marlene Mae "Swede" Harmon and her husband Dennis of Laurel; grandchildren, Bobbie Rae Nielsen, Duane Nielsen, Kimberly Byington and Jenny Kearns; great-grandchildren, Kyle Nielsen, Kelly Rose Hanlon and Colton Patrick Freeto. He also leaves behind his beloved cat and companion, Rudy.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, at Calvary Lutheran Church in Evergreen. Urn burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, the family request donations to Home Options Hospice, or Calvary Lutheran Church.

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

Mildred Amelia 'Millie' Wollan, 92

Mildred Amelia "Millie" (Hark) Wollan was born Feb. 10, 1914, in Roberts County, S.D., to Adolph and Emma (Duwe) Hark, on sister Edna's second birthday. The sisters maintained a special bond throughout life.



"Our mother" was preceded in death March 14, 1989, by her loving husband of 53 years, Clarence "Cap" Wollan. "Others also waiting for her in our heavenly home" are their infant daughter, Rita, her parents, brothers, Morris Hark and Robert Hark; and sisters, Helen Kaelberer and Edna Pistorius.

"Millie" is survived by one brother, Ed Hark, and wife, Mae, of Plentywood; children, Ron Wollan and Joan of Seeley Lake, Shaneen Bergette and Rusty of LaGrande, Ore., Arlette McFadyean and David of Kalispell, Blaine Wollan and Kris of Mount Vernon, Wash.; son, Clair Wollan of LaGrande, Ore.; and cousin, Dora Kundiger of Flaxton, N.D. Millie leaves 15 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Cap and Millie and five children moved from Plentywood to Eureka in 1947 where they owned and operated Eureka Feed and Grocery Store on Main Street, which later included Little Fir Cafe. "Our mother" rented rooms in the old store building primarily to railroad crews, many of which became lifelong friends. She took pride in providing cozy, clean and comfortable facilities. Somehow she found time to cut Christmas trees, too.

After selling the store to Grant and Elaine Nelson, Cap and Millie refurbished several homes in Eureka until Cap retired. They spent

summers in the cabin at Radnor and winters were often spent with their children in California, Washington, and Oregon during which time they had their residence at Durado Apartments in Kalispell.

Millie moved to Canyon Creek with daughter Arlette in 1991, and relocated to Shelby in 1992, where she resided until she passed away May 24, 2006, after a brief illness in Kalispell.

Millie treasured time spent with her neighbors and friends at the Shelby Senior Center. A favorite saying of hers was "God and Shelby have been good to me." She especially enjoyed playing white, pitch, bingo and many other games. She made friends easily and valued them highly anywhere she made her home.

She loved her children unflinchingly, no matter what choices they made or what they did in life. She expressed her love of family, life and her Lord through poetry, which they all treasure, as well as writing a novel — a work in progress.

"How we miss her."

She was a lifelong member of Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and she and Cap raised their children in the Christian faith. She worshiped at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Eureka and Trinity Lutheran Church in Kalispell. Pastor Ebel led a small group of worshipers in her pleasant apartment in Shelby.

Memorials may be made to Senior Citizen Center, 739 N. Benton, Shelby, MT 59474, Trinity Lutheran Church, 400 W. California, Kalispell, MT 59901, or a charity of choice.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 3, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Plentywood. Pastor Jay Reinke will officiate at the service with interment in Outlook Cemetery.

Friends may call at Fulkerson Funeral Home in Plentywood.

Dr. Douglas Edward Wood, 72

Dr. Douglas Edward Wood, 72, passed away Friday, April 14, 2006, at his home in Kalispell, Montana, surrounded by his beloved wife, Marilee, and family. He had courageously fought a six-month battle with brain cancer.



Doug was well known as a kind and gentle man, a man of honor and integrity. With a spring in his step and a zest for life, his eyes always twinkled when he smiled. As a practicing dentist in Kalispell for nearly 40 years, he cared deeply about his patients; they became his extended family.

He was born Nov. 24, 1933 in Conrad to Ralph Walton and Florence Geneva (Peterson) Wood.

Doug attended grade school in Cut Bank and continued his schooling in Billings, graduating from Billings High School. He went on to the University of Oregon for his pre-dental studies from 1953 to 1956, and graduated from St. Louis University with a Doctor in Dental Surgery degree in 1960.

Doug married Nancy Ann Werden in 1961, and later they were divorced. In August 1960, Doug entered active duty as a captain in the U.S. Air Force, serving until 1967. During that time, he served at Travis Air Force Base in California and at RAF Kirknewton, Scotland, for three years, where he was chief dentist and dispensary commander. He also served at Adair Air Force station in Oregon.

In May 1967, Doug entered private practice in Kalispell and worked until his retirement in 2001. He was well respected in the dental community for his ongoing studies and high levels of achievement. Best of all, he was loved and trusted by his patients.

Doug was an active and longstanding member of the First District Dental Society, serving several terms as president; the Montana Dental Association, where he was a member of the board of directors from 1974 until 1977; and the Ameri-

can Dental Association. He had been a Fellow with the International College of Dentistry since 1979.

In 1977, he was appointed by Montana's governor to the Montana Board of Dentistry (the State Board of Dental Examiners) for a five-year term. In 1981, Doug served as president of the Western Regional Examining Board (Oregon, Utah, Arizona and Montana) in 1981. In recognition of his many accomplishments, he was twice listed in "Who's Who in Dentistry."

Doug was also an active member of the community. He was a member of the Rotary Club of Kalispell since 1971 and was named a Paul Harris Fellow by the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International. He was also a long-standing member of the Home Options Professional Advisory Board and a board member of the Glacier Orchestra and Chorale.

In his free time, Doug used his creativity and artistic talent to make beautiful stained-glass windows. He also lovingly restored antique clocks and was a member of National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors. He enjoyed reading, travel, antique cars, history and old movies.

Doug was preceded in death by his parents, and a daughter, Natasha Wood.

He is survived by his wife, Marilee Wood, of Kalispell; son Eric Wood, and his wife, Colby, and their children, Charden and Jaben of Kalispell; son James Wood of Kalispell; son Jeffrey Server and wife, Rosa, and their son, Alexander, of Denver; daughter Kristina Server of Lima, Peru; sister, Andrea Roberts, of Newport Beach, Calif.; brother, Robert Wood, of Elko, Nev.; and several nieces and a nephew.

The family suggests memorial gifts be given to Camp Make-A-Dream c/o Children's Oncology Camp Foundation, P.O. Box 1450, Missoula, MT 59806

Memorial services for Dr. Douglas Wood will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 18, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Burial will be afterward at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. There will be no visitation.

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

Mishelle L. Woodring, 57

Mishelle L. Woodring, 57, died Saturday, Aug. 12, 2006, at her home in Kalispell.

Mishelle is survived by her parents, Earl E. and Louise (Grotte) Woodring; three brothers, Trace, Kim, and Eric Woodring, all of Kalispell; and one sister, Sue Cameron, of Kalispell.

Funeral services will be

held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 17, 2006, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Burial will be afterward at Demersville Cemetery on Cemetery Road in Kalispell. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 17, at Johnson Mortuary.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for the family.

Evelyn Ann Woolard, 72

Evelyn Ann Woolard, 72, passed away Sunday, Nov. 12, 2006, at her home in Kalispell. Evelyn was born Sept. 27, 1934, in Kalispell to Jerold A. and Anna C. (Stenswick) Drake. She attended grade school in Somers, then Flathead County High School in Kalispell.

Evelyn married Michael Woolard on Aug. 7, 1951, in Kalispell. They had five sons and one daughter.

Evelyn loved people, and truly enjoyed being around her friends and family.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Michael; and one sister, Betty.

She is survived by her daughter, Cheryl Jones; sons, Patrick and his wife, Nina, Woolard, Clifford, Dave and Jeffrey Woolard, and Dale and his wife, Corrine Woolard; six grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Nov. 15, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, with the Rev. Tim Bartholomew officiating. Burial will be after the service at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Betty Ann (Elizabeth) Woods, 54

Betty Ann (Elizabeth) Woods, 54, of Columbia Falls, grabbed a ray of sun and rode away while held by her family Sept. 10, 2006, at HealthCenter NorthWest in Kalispell.



Betty was born in Billings on Sunday, July 13, 1952, to Richard and Ellen Zaharko. Born as a caulbearer, she was destined for greatness.

She met Timothy Howard Woods at the Augusta Rodeo in the summer of 1973. Following two years of courtship, they began their marriage of 31 years on Sept. 6, 1975. Betty was a wonderful, caring mother, deeply involved in the lives and interests of her three children, Richard William, Lance Elliott, and Barbara Ann.

Betty graduated from Great Falls Central High in 1970. Her passion for nursing was first formalized by her certification as a nurse's aide. She graduated from the Northern Montana College of Nursing in 1975, launching a rich and distinguished career of healing and helping those in need. This career began as a certified nurse's aide in Columbus Hospital. She then served as a nurse at Warm Springs State Psychiatric Hospital. She brought her compassion and experience next to Deaconess Hospital Psychiatric Unit in Great Falls.

Many know Betty best, however, from her 28 years of service at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center. She began on the medical floor, and rapidly moved to the Intensive Care Unit. Here, Betty found her fondest passion; helping those critically ill or in the most dire need of her lifesaving talents. This passion drew her to the Emergency Room and the ALERT flight team, where she found her true calling.

Betty has worked in many capacities to serve and improve her community. She was never one to sit back when the community had needs. As a Cub Scout and Girl Scout leader, she helped guide our community's youth with strong values and interests. As a member of the Columbia Falls Baseball Association, she fostered teamwork and sportsmanship, as well as being an ardent fan and supporter. Betty's work on the Columbia Falls Three Rivers Ambulance Board focused on serving as an advocate for the volunteers to raise community awareness of their efforts, as a mentor and guide for its members, and guest lecturing and other training in the Flathead Valley.

Betty loved life to its fullest, and had many diverse hobbies that demonstrated her vitality

and fun-loving nature. Her love of fishing started early in life. Throughout her life, she continually enjoyed the sport, from her early years with her grandparents, Joe and Sophie Zaharko, and her parents, Rich and Ellen, through her many fishing trips with her husband and children, she fished at any opportunity. Her nurturing nature was also expressed by her gardening and raising livestock. Although she raised many types of animals over the years, sheep were her favorite, and she spent many hours helping them lamb and tending their hurts, and served as an active member of the Montana Columbia Sheepbreeder's Association.

An avid rockhound, she sought minerals both precious and mundane, from sapphires and diamonds, to ordinary but pretty rocks. A reader of eclectic tastes, Betty read at an amazing rate, through topics fanciful and practical. She wrote stories and poems of her own, on many diverse topics. This creativity also manifested in an astounding array of crafts, in many different fields and styles. She loved to travel, and was always up for a road trip. Betty loved dancing, and seized every opportunity to shake her booty to rock, country, or whatever had a good beat.

Betty is survived by many friends and relatives, her loving husband, Tim; their three children, Rich, his wife, Julie, and son, Alex; Lance and his wife, Stephanie, and daughters, Bryn and Gwendolyn; and Barbie and her husband, Jason. She is also survived by her parents, Richard and Ellen Zaharko; aunts and uncles, Jean and Jay Hutchison, Jim Hagberg, Anne and Dick Willems, Nellie Hagberg, Eddie and Linda Hagberg, Herk and Donna Hagberg, Robert and Pat Zaharko; sisters and brother-in-law, Marsha and Ken Haynes, and their beloved children, Brenda, Michelle, and Stacy; Wally and Dianne Woods and their children, Vicki, Veda, and Woody; Arthelle Duke and her children, Lee and Danielle.

She will be welcomed on her journey by Sophie and Joe Zaharko, Oscar and Irene Hagberg, Toad and Irene Woods, John Hagberg, and other friends and relatives.

Please join us in celebrating Betty's life and legacy 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16, at St. Richard's Catholic Church of Columbia Falls.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be sent to the Betty Woods Flathead Valley Emergency Services Endowment, c/o Northwest Healthcare Foundation, 310 Sunny View Lane, Kalispell, MT 59901. Following the ceremony, there will be a pot-luck luncheon at the Blue Moon in Columbia Falls.

Colleen Woodward, 77

Colleen Woodward, 77, died Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2006, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

Survivors include her children, Patrick Woodward of Colville, Wash., Vicki Austin of Clatskanie, Ore., Brenda Gossard of

Valier, Stephen Woodward of Libby, and Kim Fyall of Whitefish.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 27, at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday.

Veronica R. Worthington, 93

Veronica R. Worthington, 93, died Friday, Dec. 15, 2006, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She is survived by her daughter, Elizabeth Colucci, of Kalispell, and a son and his wife, Steve and Jane Sekelsky, also of Kalispell.

There will be no local services. Memorial services will be held at the Oakwood Memorial Park in Chatsworth, Calif., at a later date. There will be no visitation.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for the family.

Leonard Allen Wurtz, 77

Leonard Allen Wurtz, 77, passed away Saturday, May 27, 2006, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell after many years of a long hard battle with lupus and other illnesses.

"He left this world for a far better place."

Leonard was born Feb. 6, 1929, in Black Diamond, Wash., to Frank and Ella (Heins) Wurtz. The Wurtzes had homestead land in the North Fork in 1913, and after Leonard's birth they returned to the homestead. Leonard attended school in the North Fork and Kalispell.

At age 14, he went to work for the Forest Service, manning fire lookout stations. Then at the age of 17 he enlisted in the Army and was stationed in Alaska for two years. Leonard was very proud of his service in both. After his discharge from the Army, he returned to the Forest Service for several years. From there he moved on to help build the Hungry Horse Dam. Leonard worked in many different trades until 1956, when he joined the operating engineers and drove heavy equipment on construction. He helped build many roads across Montana. He took great pride in his work. He retired in 1996.

In 1950, he met Pearl Gleason



and they married in March 1951. Together they raised four children while living in the Kalispell area. They were married for 55 years until "God called Leonard home."

Leonard loved the outdoors, camping, hunting and fishing. One of his greatest joys was sitting with a fishing pole in hand while swapping stories with his best friend, Rod Gleason. Later in his life it was going for a friendly lunch with his good friend Glen Koski. He was always there to give a helping hand to his family and friends. His strength through his struggle with his health and adversities was a testimony to his character.

Leonard was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Fairy Marie, Louise, Thelma and Dorthy; brother, Harold Frank; a grandson, Shilo David; several nieces and nephews; and best friend, Rod Gleason.

He is survived by his wife, Pearl Wurtz, of Kalispell; two daughters, JoAnna Aurand and husband, Dan, and Janice Delaney; two sons, Larry Wurtz, and Nicolas Wurtz and Therssa, all of Kalispell; six grandchildren, Brandy, Alta, Nicole, Brady, Shane and Hayden; six great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

There will be no public services. There will be a family memorial service at a later date.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for Leonard's family

Donald Marshall Wylder, 89

Donald Marshall Wylder, 89, passed away on March 23, 2006, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell, due to pneumonia.



Graveside services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 28, at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

Donald was born Aug. 27, 1916, the son of Louis and Mary (Montgomery) Wylder, of Cathay, N.D. He grew up on the family farm in Cathay, and was raised there and in Harvey, N.D. He attended Cathay High School, graduating with the class of 1933.

On May 11, 1947, he married Marjorie F. Kirkelie in Donnybrook, N.D.

Donald owned and operated a farm in Harvey, N.D. In

1954 they moved to Kalispell, where he owned and operated a farm in the LaSalle area until 1963.

He then worked in the rod mill at the aluminum plant in Columbia Falls for 23 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his daughter, Nancy Wylder Western, in 1979; his brother, Eugene Wylder; and his sisters, Robina Davis and Ellen Heron.

Donald is survived by his wife of 59 years, Marjorie Floriene Wylder, at Buffalo Hill Terrace in Kalispell; son, Dennis, and wife, Francine Wylder, of Tucson, Ariz.; and daughter, Donette, and husband, Bruce Williams, of Louisville, Ky.; granddaughter, Diedre Ogden, of Las Vegas; great-granddaughters, Jocelyn Ogden, 8, and Terryn, 5, of Las Vegas; and his sister, Lucille Hesley.

Marjorie Floreine Wylder, 86

Marjorie Floreine Wylder passed into the next life at the home of her son, Dennis Wylder, and wife, Francine Wylder, in Tucson, Ariz., on May 7, 2006.

Marjorie was a former resident at Buffalo Hill Terraces in Kalispell until April 30, 2006. Due to her illness, she was moved to Tucson to spend her final days in the home of her son Dennis, where she received Home Hospice Care.

Marjorie was born in Donnybrook, N.D. July 15, 1919, the daughter of Sidney and Clara Kirkelie. She grew up on the family farm, graduated from Donnybrook High School and then attended The University of North Dakota, where she graduated in 1941 with a degree in commercial subjects and English education. Marjorie taught school in Town-er, N.D.

She married Donald Wylder in 1947 and then became a homemaker. Marjorie and Donald oper-



ated their own farm in Harvey, N.D., until they moved in 1954, to the LaSalle area in Kalispell, where they purchased another farm. They continued to operate their own farm in LaSalle, where they raised their three children, Dennis, Donette, and Nancy.

Marjorie is survived by her son, Dennis Wylder and wife, Francine, of Tucson; her daughter, Donette Williams and husband, Bruce, of Louisville, Ky.; her granddaughter, Dierdre Ogden and her two children, Jocelyn, 8, and Terryn, 5, of Las Vegas; and Marjorie's brother, Marlyn Kirkelie, of Donnybrook.

Marjorie's eternal rest will be beside her beloved husband Donald, who recently died on March 23, 2006, and her deceased daughter Nancy (Wylder) Western, who left this world on Nov. 14, 1979.

Graveside memorial services will be held 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 24, at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls. For more information, contact Buffalo Hill Funeral Home at 752-0336.

Memorial donations to: Casa de la Luz Hospice Foundation, 400 W. Magee Rd., Tucson, AZ 85704