

## Edward Oscar Abel, 89

Edward Oscar Abel, 89, passed away July 5, 2007 of a failed heart valve and other complications.

Eddy began life in Manitowoc, Wis., in 1918, son of Oscar and Ada Abel. He attended Concordia High School and Concordia College. Ed's college career was cut short when his father died in 1938 and he had to take a job as a draftsman and machinist for Milwaukee Gas Specialty Company to help support his mother and sister.

In October 1942, Ed married Lucille Ketter of Milwaukee, just days before entering officer training school at Fort Belvoir, Md., where he became a lieutenant in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. During World War II, Ed was stationed in the Philippine Islands, where he built roads and bridges behind the infantry as they fought the Japanese. After the end of the war, he and his unit occupied Japan for one year.

Having achieved the rank of captain, Ed returned home from the war in 1946 and resumed work with Milwaukee Gas Specialty Company, where he was promoted into technical sales and marketing. During the late '40s and '50s, three children were born to Ed and Lucille: Tom, Jenny, and Lynn. Ed's passion was fishing the lakes of northern Wisconsin, which he did whenever time allowed.

In January 1960, Ed took a job in the Thermo-Electric Products division of 3M Company in St. Paul, Minn. In the early '60s he began singing barbershop music with the Minneapolis chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America (SPEBSQSA). By the end of his 3M career, Ed had been promoted to marketing manager of 3M's Electrical Products division, a position that saw him traveling the world marketing such products as thermoelectric generators and phone cable splicing systems.

In 1975, Ed took an early retirement from 3M Company and moved to Hamilton, Mont., where he founded Western



Environmental Homes to pursue a lifelong ambition to perform general contracting services for new home construction. In 1975, Ed became a dealer for Hallmark Pools and later started The Pool Works as an offshoot of Western Environmental Homes.

Ed and Lucille moved to the Flathead Valley in 1978. During Ed's retirement, he pursued his hobbies of fishing, woodworking, singing barbershop quartet music, and sailboat racing. He was a member of the Whitefish Boat Club in the late '70s and early '80s and later raced regularly as a member of the North Flathead Yacht Club. He was an enthusiastic member and office holder of the Flathead Valleyaires Chorus and held several positions in the Evergreen Division of SPEBSQSA.

Ed was a loving father and husband. He always had a positive outlook on life and had an unflinching sense of humor to the day he died. Ed had a strong faith in God and was an active church member all his life. He held church offices and sang in the choir. In Montana he was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church and later Northridge Lutheran Church.

Ed was preceded in death by his father and mother, Oscar and Ada Abel.

He is survived by his wife, Lucille, of Kalispell; sister, Margery Pohle, of New Berlin, Wis.; son and daughter-in-law, Tom and Sherry Abel, of Kalispell; daughter, Jennifer Abelle, of Puebla, Mexico; daughter and son-in-law, Lynn and Roy Dodds, of Elk River, Minn.; grandsons, Eric Abel, of Clackamas, Ore., and Eddy Abel, of Portland, Ore.; and two young great-grandchildren.

Ed will be sorely missed.

A memorial service for Ed will be held at Northridge Lutheran Church in Kalispell on Saturday, July 14, 2007 at 10 a.m. Friends are encouraged to join the family at the Flathead Lake Yacht Club on Saturday evening anytime after 7 p.m. to celebrate Ed's life.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for Ed's family. You are invited to go to [www.johnsonmortuary.com](http://www.johnsonmortuary.com) to offer condolences and sign Ed's guest book.

## William 'Bill' Ackley, 59

William "Bill" Ackley, 59, a former Kalispell resident, died Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2007, in Florida, following a long battle with leukemia.

He was an elementary school educator, and had served as superintendent of the Somers Elementary School District from 1983 to

1986.

He is survived by his wife, Marjory, at the family home in Ormond Beach, Fla.; and daughter, Erin Seifert of Red Lodge.

A funeral service was held Jan. 8 at the Church of the Holy Child in Ormond Beach.

## Diane Kay Adams, 64

"We have lost an angel." Diane Kay Adams passed away and "went home" Sept. 10, 2007, after a year-long battle with cancer. She left us with dignity and with courage.



a large Century 21 Real Estate concern in Carlsbad, Calif. If it involved interaction with people and helping them, she just plain excelled. People she hadn't seen in years would always comment that they could pick up a conversation with Diane just like they had never been apart. People always knew once a friend, always a friend.

Diane was born March 26, 1943, in Oregon City, Ore. This was the beginning of a diverse and joyous life. "When the Lord gave us Diane, He gave a true and loyal friend to all who knew her."

Diane attended Oregon City schools through her sophomore year. Her parents then moved to Whittier, Calif. She attended Whittier High School and then Fullerton State College.

In 1963, at the age of 19, she applied and was accepted as a Delta Airline flight attendant. This endeavor lasted for about a year. This is when Larry Adams saw her get into her car and he immediately wrote down her license plate, ran it through the DMV and, hence, the beginning of their 44-year romance. It was a great ride for both.

Diane and Larry were married June 20, 1964. Since their union they have lived in Whittier, West Covina, Newport Beach and Del Mar, Calif.

In 1992, they moved to Whitefish, where they have resided since.

Diane's high school majorette days assisted her in the early years as she taught ballet and modern dance. She also enjoyed interior decorating and design.

Before moving to Montana she was also a broker-owner of

Diane was a member of the Audubon Society, the Humane Society and Disabled Vets Association. However, her real joy came from being a member of the Chamber of Commerce and its affiliate, the Whitefish Ambassadors. She loved "Gone Fishin'" events, grand openings and, of course, Taste of Whitefish. Her Serenity Group was also a very important part of her full life.

Her beloved father, Ben F. Heinz, preceded Diane in death. Theirs was a relationship of great respect, immense love and tenderness; truly a bonded father-daughter.

Diane is survived by her husband, Larry; her son, Mark, who resides in Los Angeles; her beloved mother, Cloma Heinz, who resides in Oregon; and her adored sister, Judy McCullough, and her husband, Mike, of Las Vegas. She adored her entire family and they certainly returned devotion and love.

A memorial service is to be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 18, at Christ Lutheran Church, 233 Kalispell Avenue in Whitefish.

The family suggests memorial donations be directed to Hospice of Kalispell Regional Medical Center, which provided exceptional care and love to Diane and her family.

## Donald Adams, 72

Donald Adams, 72, died Wednesday, Nov. 21, 2007, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center. Arrangements for

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

## Laurence 'Larry' F. Ahrenholz, 57

Laurence "Larry" F. Ahrenholz, 57, died April 1, 2007, at his Kalispell residence.

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

## Rosalind Ainley, 95

Rosalind Ainley, 95, formerly of Kalispell, died June 9, 2007, in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Survivors include her daughter, Audrey Roulos;

and son, Lee Ainley. Cremation has taken place. There will be a graveside service at 1 p.m. Friday, June 22, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

## Catherine 'Kitsie' Akey, 77

Catherine "Kitsie" Akey, passed away Monday, Feb. 20, 2007, after a courageous eight-year battle with leukemia's disease.



Kitsie was born Oct. 31, 1929. She was the third child to John A. and Susan C. Lindsay of Great Falls. She attended grade school at McKinley Elementary and the Ursuline Academy until moving to Whitefish to complete the remainder of her primary education. Kitsie graduated from Whitefish High School in 1947. She attended St. Catherine's in Minnesota and the University of Montana in Missoula.

She met and married the love of her life, Homer "Gub" L. Akey, in 1949. From that union came the focus of the rest of her life, her six children.

Kitsie and Gub took their young family to California in 1960 in pursuit of life's dreams and the care of her ailing father. Their journey brought them back to Montana in the late '60s, and for the next 40 years she and Gub found joy and excitement in many venues and interests. They retired to Whitefish in the

mid '90s to enjoy family and the fruits of their diverse careers.

Kitsie was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Jack Lindsay; and sisters, Peggy MacDonald and Mary Jo Larsen.

She is survived by her children, Susan Bender, and her husband, Terry, of Prescott, Ariz.; Carrie Connors and Dean Ulrich, of Newark, N.J.; Lindsay Akey and Kathy, of Whitefish; Catherine Eithier and Steve Aaberg, of Billings; Rob Akey and Kim, of Whitefish; and Peggy Shoemaker and Bruce, of Tucson, Ariz.; 13 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren; sister-in-law, Laverne Lindsay, of Great Falls; brother-in-law, Reg MacDonald, of Whitefish; sister and brother-in-law, Leora and Rob Grinde, of Sykesville, Md.; numerous nieces and nephews; and a tremendous collection of lifelong friends.

We will miss her dearly and always admire her strength, courage and style.

There will be a rosary at 7 p.m. Friday at Austin's Funeral Home. A Funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Charles Catholic Church in Whitefish, with Father Charles Roman officiating.

The family request any donations made to the North Valley Hospital Foundation.

## Yasuko M. Aklestad, 81

Yasuko M. Aklestad, 81, died Tuesday, Sept. 18, 2007, at her home in Bigfork. Yasuko was born Sept. 7, 1926, in Tokyo, Japan. Her mother passed away in 1928 when she was just 2 years old, and her father passed away in 1954.



Yasuko had a lifelong passion for sports as her father, a newspaper man, managed a baseball team when she was a young child. Her father, also, an avid fisherman, passed on the love of fishing to Yasuko.

Yasuko met her husband-to-be, Arnold, in March 1948, and they carried on the tradition of sports and fishing during their long marriage. They raised three children who also developed a love for sports and fishing, and continue to pursue those interests today.

Yasuko, Arnold, and son, Jim, arrived in Bigfork in February 1953 after Arnold completed his second tour of duty in the Army. They have continuously resided in Bigfork since that time.

Yasuko was community-minded in not only sports but also she helped with the Girl Scout Brownie program and the Lady Lions. She helped to clean cabins for the Lady Lions as a fundraiser and worked in the Lions Club fair booth.

Many of the Bigfork Vikings athletes ate dinner at the family home prior to games. There were nearly daily visitations to the home for many years that Arnold was a scoutmaster, and the younger boys came to the house to pass scouting requirements, especially in the Tenderfoot and Second Class stages.

From 1953 to 1967, Yasuko and Arnold owned and operated a fishing tackle shop in Bigfork. The shop became a second home to many of the Bigfork youngsters who liked to hang out there when they weren't fishing on the Swan River. Yasuko became well-accomplished at tying flies, and she also refinished and wrapped bamboo fly rods that commonly were used in those days. When her husband was away from home a lot of the time working for the For-

est Service, she ran the business by herself.

After selling the store in 1967, Yasuko worked at the Bigfork School lunch room under three separate administrations. She helped the Lutheran Church make lefse for the annual lutefisk dinner, learning the art of making lefse from the older ladies in the church. Yasuko and her husband attended basketball games at the district, divisional and state games all across Montana.

Yasuko's health was failing after two surgeries, but she remained an ardent fan and looked forward to watching the Bigfork Vals and Vikings basketball games. She continued to follow the Montana Grizzlies football and basketball games. Even when she was not able to travel to Missoula, she listened to radio broadcasts and watched the televised games.

Yasuko was no longer able to accompany Arnold ice fishing or trolling in the boat for salmon and trout. Yasuko loved reading e-mail messages from the children and grandchildren who are all grown, finished college and have good jobs.

Yasuko is survived by her husband, Arnold, at the family home; sons, Jim and Lori Aklestad in Great Falls, Pete Aklestad in Sacramento, Calif.; daughter, Linda, and Larry Lockrem in Kennewick, Wash. Yasuko is also survived by granddaughters, Dannelle and Kevin Dyke in Great Falls, Jill Aklestad in Eatonville, Wash., Lisa Lockrem in Richland, Wash., and Lindsey Lockrem in Oceanside, Calif.; and one great-granddaughter, Karlie, in Great Falls.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 25, at the Little Brown Church in Bigfork, with the Rev. Ron Pierce officiating. Urn burial will be private. There will be a reception after the service at the Little Brown Church.

Memorial contributions may be made in Yasuko's memory to the Bigfork Quick Response Unit, 810 Grand Ave., ATTN: Vern Childers, Bigfork, MT 59911 or the Bigfork Volunteer Fire Department.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for the family. You are invited to go to [www.johnsonsmortuary.com](http://www.johnsonsmortuary.com) to offer condolences and sign Yasuko's guest book.



## Carolyn DeeAnn (Lasater) Aldous, 65

Carolyn DeeAnn Lasater Aldous, 65, passed away Saturday Nov. 10, 2007, at her home in Salt Lake City.



Carolyn was born on Feb. 18, 1942, in Salt Lake City.

Some of her many notable accomplishments were, at the young age of 16, being crowned Miss Sugarhouse. She continued very successfully winning numerous titles from pageants all across the state until 1961, when she took the prestigious title of Miss Utah. Then at the 1962 Miss America Pageant, she won the talent competition, and was crowned second runner-up. She subsequently attended the University of Utah. She was offered a contract with Warner Brothers and moved to California to pursue acting, having appeared in films with Troy Donahue, Cary Grant, and other notables, and had also been featured on "The Tonight Show" and "The Red Skelton Show." Two years later, she moved to New York, where she was offered a scholarship by the legendary Broadway producer, David Merrick.

While in New York, she met her loving husband-to-be, John Kay Aldous Jr. After dating for two years, they wed Sept. 4, 1964. They then moved to the Washington, D.C. area, where she gave birth and raised her two sons.

She was active in the PTA, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints church, and sang in the championship barbershop group Sweet Adelines. She was a dedicated mother, and stayed active by studying tae kwon do with her family, where she attained the rank

of black belt. One of her other notable achievements was her role as producer and founder of the East Coast performing ensemble of "Voices of Destiny," a youth group performing musical theater with a positive message.

Kay and Carolyn relocated to Orlando, Fla., in 1989, where she became involved again with the pageant system as a coach, having successfully coached various local winners, a Miss Utah, a Miss Florida, a Miss Kansas and the 1997 Miss America. Kay and Carolyn moved to their dream home in Montana, when Kay retired from AAA. Shortly after his passing, she returned to her childhood home of Salt Lake, to be near her two sons.

Everyone who new Carolyn was enamored by her charm, elegance, grace and compassion. She served a welfare mission for the LDS church. Her passions were music, dance, and family history. She was well-loved and respected by her family, church members and the community. She was an inspiration to everyone around her and will be missed.

This loving mother and wife was preceded in death by her husband, John Kay Aldous Jr.; her parents, Forest and Eva Lasater; her sister, June K.; and brothers, Forest T., Terry S. and Steven S. Lasater.

She is survived by her sons, Shane Stephen Aldous and Bradley Lasater Aldous; as well as her grandsons, Kaden John and Channing Arion Aldous, all of Salt Lake City.

A service celebrating her life will be at noon Friday, Nov. 16, at the Foothill Chapel, 2215 E. Roosevelt Ave., in Salt Lake City. All are invited. She will be laid to rest at her ranch in Montana. Flowers can be sent to Larkin Mortuary, Salt Lake City, UT (801) 363-5781.

## Mary Elizabeth Allabaugh, 53

"It is with deepest sorrow that the most wonderful woman who touched so many lives followed the Angels home to be with our Lord" on Dec. 23, 2007.



Mary was born on July 18, 1953, to Kenneth and Elizabeth (Betty) Nutzman, in Bemidji, Minn. The family moved to Montana when she was 2, it was here that she called home.

On Oct. 6, 1975, she married the man of her dreams, Edward Allabaugh, and soon became the best mother two children could ever have, Misty Angel Allabaugh and Thomas Grant Allabaugh, both of Columbia Falls. She adored each of us and never failed to tell us how proud she was or how much she loved us.

Mom never passed on an opportunity to go with us on field trips or volunteer at school. She took us to school in the best and worst of weather, never making us ride the bus. She made sure we had everything we needed, from the time we were born until the day she passed.

Mom was the perfect example of a wife, mother, grandmother, daughter, sister, and friend. The past 15 months she felt so very blessed to have a new grandson, Mathew Dyllan Allabaugh, born on Aug. 7, 2006. One of her greatest joys was getting on the floor and playing "peekabooser" or teaching him how to dance.

Mom was happiest with her family, whether it be spending hours fishing on Lake Mary Ronan or hunting Thompson River, so long as we were all together she was happy.

There are not and never will be the words to express how much we will love and miss her.

One special little boy, Colten Mathew Jacobsmeyer, could turn any of her frowns upside down; for that and for him we will be eternally grateful for the impact he had on not just his "Gram Sam's" life but on ours too. Mom laughed from deep within, she loved from her heart and she lived to love and please her family.

She is survived by her husband, Ed Allabaugh; daughter, Misty; son, Thomas and his wife Adriann, along with grandson Mathew, all of Columbia Falls; her special boy, Colten Jacobsmeyer, of Kalispell; mother Betty Nutzman; brothers, David and James Nutzman, of Salt Lake City; brothers, Ron and Dick Nutzman, of Columbia Falls; sisters, Judy Counsell of Salt Lake City, and Sandy Lainhart of Tulsa, Okla.; along with many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her father, Ken; brother, Bobby; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

"Mom is now pain free and happy in the arms of our Lord. This is not a final good-bye but merely a farewell until we meet again in God's Heavenly Kingdom. Myself along with Dad, Tom, Adriann, the boys, and all your family and friends will miss you deeply, but we shall rejoice in the knowledge that you are now at peace in Heaven. You will forever be our Christmas Angel. We will never stop loving or missing you ... Be Happy Mama."

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 29, at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

## Dr. Bruce A. Allison, 86



Dr. Bruce A. Allison passed away peacefully in the presence of his family on Wednesday, Sept. 19, 2007, after a brief illness. He was born July 1, 1921, in Columbia Falls to Dr. William Carmine Allison and Valentine (Martin) Allison.

He was a third-generation Flathead County native, grew up in Kalispell, Columbia Falls, Coram and Whitefish, and graduated from Columbia Falls High School in 1939.

He attended college at the University of Montana and graduated with a degree in pre-med in 1943, then went on to medical school at Cornell University in New York, where he received his M.D. in 1946. He had wanted to be a doctor from an early age, wishing to follow in the footsteps of his father, Dr. William Carmine Allison, who died unexpectedly in 1932 when Bruce was just 11 years of age. It was a tortuous path as he was blinded in one eye as the result of a chemistry-lab explosion during his undergraduate years, rendering him unable to perform detailed surgery, but he persevered and got through medical school and was able to conduct a very satisfying and successful family practice over the course of more than 50 years.

Bruce was in the U.S. Army throughout medical school and after his graduation served as a doctor both in Germany and at Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D.C. He also worked at Bellevue Hospital in New York and met with and assisted in the treatment of Babe Ruth during the Babe's final illness.

Bruce married Arretta Dobrovolny, a Missoula native, in June 1943, in New York City. In the fall of 1949, the couple returned to the Flathead and opened a medical office in Hungry Horse, which was booming at the time because of the construction of the dam.

In the summer of 1950, they decided to move to Kalispell and open a medical office there. Dr. Allison worked tirelessly as a general/family practitioner in Kalispell for half a century, retiring in January 2000.

During his career he delivered nearly 3,000 babies in Flathead County, in addition to treating all forms of medical illnesses, injuries and conditions. For two decades he charged \$75 for full prenatal care up through and including the actual delivery itself, recently commenting

that a flu shot costs about that much now. He made house calls, often in the middle of the night or on the weekends, in the years prior to the existence of an ER at local hospitals. This small part of the world was a different place then, and a better place for his efforts.

Bruce and Arretta had three children, Robert Allison of Kalispell, Stuart Allison of Atlanta, and Rose Marie Benahmias of Ladera Ranch, Calif.; and four grandchildren, Ian Allison, Paige Allison, Alycia Clore and Adam Benahmias.

His beloved wife, Arretta, pre-deceased him in 1998, after nearly 55 years of marriage.

In the last five years of his life, he lived with his devoted companion and long-time friend, Mary Sibley, whom he had known since his high-school days in Columbia Falls in the late 1930s. His brother, Dr. William Allison, a well-known local dentist for many years, pre-deceased him in 1999.

His sister, Evelyn Grinde, lives in Ohio. He also leaves behind his brother's widow, Ebby (Beebe) Allison, of Columbia Falls, to whom he was very close; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In his rare free time, Bruce was an avid outdoorsman, canoeist, fisherman and hunter, and also enjoyed searching for arrowheads and artifacts of earlier times, much of which he contributed to museums and to the Montana Historical Society, of which he was an active member for many years.

He loved spending time at his cabin on Flathead Lake where he served for years in an informal ER, removing fish hooks from the limbs and appendages of unfortunate anglers, and planting trees on his primitive, undeveloped property on the Swan River. He was a staunch environmentalist and social liberal, but fiscally conservative. Bruce served as a hospice volunteer for years. He was on the staff of Kalispell Regional Hospital for many years and served a term as chief-of-staff of that facility when it was still located on Fifth Avenue East.

A memorial service will take place at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 29, at Johnson Mortuary, 525 Main St., in Kalispell, with the Rev. Tom Best officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the Home Options Hospice, 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for Bruce's family. You are invited to go to [www.johnsonmortuary.com](http://www.johnsonmortuary.com) to offer condolences and sign Bruce's guest book.

## Glen Merl Ames, 74

Glen Merl Ames, 74, is "mending fences in heaven." He passed away Wednesday, Nov. 7, 2007, at his Kalispell home.

Glen was born Nov. 3, 1933, in Rhinelander, Wis., to Bernard and Olive Ames. He served his country during the Korean War.

He married Barbara Ann Lindahl in 1966 and followed his dream to live in Montana. Glen loved his family and worked hard to take care of them, never missing a single day of work — even after a tragic logging accident in 1967.

He taught his children respect, love and a good work ethic. He loved hunting, fishing, camping, woodworking and watching the Green Bay Packers play.

He had an uncanny way of coming up with a common-sense solution to any problem and could build almost anything. Glen will be remembered as being "one tough cowboy."

Glen is preceded in death by

his parents, Bernard and Olive Ames; brother, Dale Ames; and sister, Donna Smith.

Glen is survived by his wife, Barbara Ames; sons, Todd Ames of Billings, and Eric Ames of Kalispell; stepsons, John Lindahl and his wife, Linda, of Bozeman, Roger Lindahl and his wife, Kathy, of Marion, and Bruce Lindahl and his wife, Judy, of Kalispell; stepdaughter, Cindy Cloud and her husband, Clay, of Kalispell; sisters, Lauren Kress, Barbara McDonald and Darla Zuiker, all of Wisconsin; brothers, Dean Ames of California and Arvid Ames of Wisconsin; 12 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, at Risen Christ Catholic Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Barbara Ames.

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

## Shirley Anne Ammondson, 79

Shirley Anne Ammondson, 79, of Whitefish, died from complications of a rare neurological disease Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2007, at North Valley Hospital. Shirley was born July 13, 1927, in Waterloo, Iowa, the daughter of Frank and Beulah Black, the youngest of 10 children.



She married Ralph Ammondson in Fairfield on April 21, 1945. When Ralph was discharged from the Army they lived in Fairfield, where he served an apprenticeship in printing at the Fairfield Times newspaper.

They lived in Columbia Falls from 1956 through 1969, then in Missoula through 1979. Then they moved to Eugene, Ore., returning to Montana in 1999 when she was suffering from the neurological problem.

Shirley was a skilled seamstress and also worked for some time at a fabric shop in Missoula. Her favorite activities were making and dressing dolls, doing floral arrangements and gardening. During her early married years she joined her

husband fly fishing and camping with friends. In later years she had to give up the fishing. They belonged to RV clubs in Eugene and were members of the Twin Oaks Christian Church.

She was especially attached to and proud of her grandchildren and even as her health was failing she was concerned about them and her great-grandchildren.

Survivors include her husband, Ralph; daughter, Leslie Jo Darling and her husband, Larry, of Columbia Falls, and their sons, Ken, Kyle and Kevin; daughter, Barbara Jane McEvoy and her husband, Bruce, and their daughter, Heather, of Whitefish; and son, Randall John and his wife, Joyce, of Peoria, Ill., and his daughter, Cyndi; one brother, Carl Black, of Sacramento, Calif.; and eight great-grandchildren.

Viewing will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 19, at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls followed by inurnment in Woodlawn Cemetery later this year.

The family suggest memorials to the North Valley Hospital Foundation, 6575 Highway 93, Whitefish, MT, 59937.



## Susan K. Amos, 59

Susan K. Amos, 59, of Libby, died Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2007, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Survivors include her husband, Tim; her children, James R. Fincher, Vanna M. Blevins, Timothy W. Amos Jr., and Nichole L. Jungst,

all of Libby, and Joni M. Johnson of Troy.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Nov. 24, at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home Chapel. Friends may call at the funeral home on Friday from 3 to 8 p.m. and until service time Saturday.

## Ann Marie Anderson, 73



Ann Marie Anderson, 73, of Sun City, Ariz., passed away peacefully Aug. 4, 2007, at home with family at her bedside.

Ann battled cancer with the same selflessness, resolve and quiet dignity that defined her life. To her family and countless friends whom she loved and adored, Ann was grounded, quick-witted, modest, vibrant and fun-loving. Above all, Ann was authentic and accessible. She was a loyal, constant and steady presence to all of those whom she touched. She made everyone feel special.

Ann always was willing to lend her hands to help others. Even while battling her disease, she donated time to the First Presbyterian Church of Sun City, the Boswell Hospital and to the Arizona Supreme Court on issues related to child protection.

She loved playing the piano, line dancing, her Red Hat Club, her bowling league, reading and working crossword puzzles. She most especially loved her time with those closest to her.

Although born in Wilmer, Minn., Ann's journey also brought her to Montana, California and Arizona. With a bachelor's degree in education and master's in social work, Ann's life was dedicated to the

service of others as a teacher, and as a social worker for the Child Protective Services for the state of Montana for 20 years. Ann also owned an antiques business in Kalispell and Lindstrom, Minn. In her spare time, she was a reporter for the Chisago County Press.

Ann was preceded in death by her parents, Bill Trumbull and Dorothy Spindler Trumbull.

Ann is survived by her husband, Ken Anderson, of Sun City, Ariz.; and brothers, Tom Trumbull of Bigfork, and Mike Trumbull of Las Cruces, N.M. Her eight sons are Dan Welch of Oak Grove, Minn., Michael Welch of Forest Lake, Minn., Scott Anderson of Minneapolis, Todd Anderson of Rosemount, Minn., Jeff Anderson of Kalispell, Greg Anderson of Louisville, Ohio, Paul Anderson of Seattle, and Terry Anderson of Olympia, Wash. "Granny Annie also is survived by 10 grandchildren, Alison Welch, Brian Welch, Shane Anderson, Kayla Bulera, Kellie Welch, Emma Anderson, Towner Anderson, Aspen Anderson, Megan Anderson and Annika Anderson. Nieces and nephews include Anne Trumbull of Highlands Ranch, Colo., Nancy Trumbull of Spokane, and Monte Trumbull of Evansville, Wyo.

Ann was exceptional. She was loved deeply and will be profoundly missed.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 17, at Elim Lutheran Church in Scandia, Minn.

## David L. 'Andy' Andersen, 85

David L. "Andy" Andersen, 85, a longtime resident of Libby, died Tuesday, May 1, 2007, at the VA Hospital in Spokane from natural causes.

Andy had worked for J. Neil's Lumber Company, St. Regis Paper Company, and had retired from Champion Inter-

national.

Survivors include three sons, Harris Andersen of Wilkiston, N.D., and Ed and Alan Andersen, both of Libby.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 8, at the Nelson and Vial Funeral Home in Libby. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Monday.

## Doralia 'Lia' Ann Moon Anderson, 36

Doralia "Lia" Ann Moon Anderson, 36, beautiful daughter, mother, wife and friend, passed away unexpectedly Dec. 30, 2007, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center.



Lia was born Dec. 2, 1971, in Conrad, to Roger and Marlene Moon, now of Joplin. She attended elementary school and part of high school in Conrad, but graduated from Joplin-Inverness (J-I) High School in 1990. Lia attended Northern Montana College for a year and transferred to Montana State University, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree in fine arts in 1996.

After college, Lia moved to Whitefish, where she made a home for her family.

She married David Anderson on Aug. 27, 2005, in Whitefish.

Lia had a large network of friends who provided support to her during her illness. She had a special light inside of her that made her an instant friend to those around her, and was very giving and thoughtful of others. Lia had a deep passion for self-expression, and was a talented artist, beautifying everything around her.

Lia was a co-founder and artist-in-residence at the Stumptown Art Studio. She participated in several community benefit projects including "Moose On The Loose" and "The Great Bear Affair."

Lia also operated her own busi-

ness, "Someone Else's Wife," providing cleaning services and other tasks that "you always wished another woman would do."

The most important things to Lia were her family, especially her children and her husband. Her family and friends are in shock and an incredible vibrant force is now gone too soon from all of our lives. She will be terribly missed, impossible to forget and forever remembered.

She is survived by her parents; her husband, David; daughters, Tember, 16, and Parris, 9; son, Jarick, 7; brother, Pat, and Rachelle Moon, and niece Maci, of Billings; sister, Lori, and Howard Lorenz, and nieces Keri and Britney, of Vacaville, Calif.; and grandmother, Helen McIntyre, of Conrad. She is also survived by numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

She was preceded in death by grandparents, Manning McIntyre, and Herbert and Alphonsine Moon.

A private family memorial service is scheduled for 11 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 5, at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. Cremation has taken place. A public reception will be held after services from noon to 3 p.m. at the Stumptown Art Studio at 145 Central Avenue in Whitefish.

In lieu of flowers, a fund has been set up at the Whitefish Credit Union, P.O. Box 37, Kalispell, MT 59901, or any Whitefish Credit Union office. The funds will be placed in trust for the children. This future gift of love from their mother will ensure that her memory lives on, and allow Lia to provide for them as she would have liked to.

## Eugene Arthur Anderson, 92

Eugene Arthur Anderson, 92, of Kalispell, died Thursday, Dec. 13, 2007, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

He is survived by his two children; his son, Dean Anderson of Hudson, Wis.,

and his daughter, Gayle Roeser of Delano, Minn.

There are no services planned at this time.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for the family.

## Elizabeth 'Betty' M. Andrews, 90 *Middle Name is*

Elizabeth "Betty" M. Andrews, 90, died Friday, Nov. 30, 2007, as result of a fall Monday evening.

She was born Jan. 22, 1917, to Mary E. McLaughlin and John J. McLaughlin in Atlantic City, N.J. Her mother, a telephone operator at the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin, raised her in Philadelphia as a single mom. Mary had a large supportive group of family and friends who shared their homes and hearts and helped shape Betty's life.

After high school, she joined her mom at the Bulletin, where she was surrounded by wonderful friends. Together they grew from single young girls to wives and mothers, moving from exchanging recipes to exchanging pictures of great-grandchildren.

Betty and her husband,



Robert "Bob" L. Andrews, had three children, Robert, James and MaryJean. Her love for family was equaled only by their love of her. After Bob's death, she moved to Montana in 1983 to join her daughter's family here, returning often to Philadelphia. When she no longer could travel to be with family there, they traveled west to spend time with her, even packing up newborn twins to see their great-grandmother.

We saw Betty's adventurous spirit when, as a young woman, she drove her car "Daisy" everywhere, with her beloved dog, Frisky, at her side. She met Bob while canoeing on the river in Valley Forge, Pa. During their years together, they explored the corners of the country, from Alaska to Florida, often with a canoe on the roof of a car laden with camping gear. Their love of adventure was contagious, and each generation follows in her footsteps, thinking of nothing of a "sister trip" to Paris, a climb up Mount Kilimanjaro, or a swim with whale sharks in

Mexico. *May on anniversary*

She will be missed by her Kalispell family: Daughter, MaryJean Welling and husband, Mike; granddaughter, Sarah Schussler, and her husband, Joe; and great-granddaughters, Jezalyn and Jadyne; her Denver family: Granddaughter, Rebecca Thingelstad, and husband, Blane; and her Boyertown, Pa., family: Son, James Andrews, and companion, Ingrid Weil; grandson, Clint; grandson, Robert and wife, Penny; and great-granddaughters, Stephanie and Ashley.

She will be buried in Pennsylvania next to her mother, husband and son, Robert, all of whom preceded her in death.

The family would like to thank all the wonderful people of Kalispell, friends and strangers, who were so kind and made her feel so special and who helped make each of her days a unique adventure.

No memorials, please. Hug a kid, take a mom to lunch ... celebrate your family!

## Nina May (Dawson) Anderson, 88

Nina May (Dawson) Anderson, 88, at her daughter's residence in Polson, on Wednesday, May 16, 2007. She was born in Pauline,



Power County, Idaho, the daughter of William Edward and Effie Estella (Smith) Dawson.

Nina was the sixth child born in a family the eventually included eight children, two brothers and five sisters. She lived in Logan and Smithfield, Utah, in her earliest years, and then moved to Rexburg, Idaho, where she completed her education. She loved learning and always excelled in her school activities.

In 1935, she fell in love with and married her one and only love, Joseph Merlin Anderson, (Dr. Merlin J. Anderson). This union was a wonderful example of love, loyalty and devotion, to each other, to their family and to their "Heavenly Father" in the 63 years they shared together. They were separated only for a time by his death on May 25, 2000.

A young mother she had to join the work force during World War II to work at the small arms plant near to Salt Lake City, Utah. She was always supportive and worked alongside her husband throughout their lives together while they had a grocery store in Star Valley, Wyo., or farming, and later as he went back to school and became a Naturopathic Physician.

In 1956 they moved to Kalispell, which they loved, for the next 22 years. She was a receptionist, accountant, nurse, secretary, and assistant throughout those years. In 1978

they moved to Orofino, Idaho, to retire.

Nina was above all else a devoted wife and mother. She is best remembered by all for her hospitality and great ability to cook and bake. She was always an example of service and hard work. She served as the Relief Society president for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She and Merlin also served as Missionaries in the Anchorage Alaska Mission from 1980 through 1981.

After the passing of her husband, she has spent her declining years in the homes of her children, where she will be greatly missed.

She is survived by her seven children, Judy Sloan and husband Rob, Nancy Andrews and husband, Ronald, Nina Laird and husband, Steve, Merlin Anderson and wife, Raquel, Nyle Anderson, Layne Anderson and wife, Pat, and Norman Harding and wife, Dawn. Nina leaves behind a legacy of 46 grandchildren and 97 great-grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren; and also two sisters, LaRee Winn and Donna Anderson.

Funeral services for Nina Anderson will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, May 25, at the Church of the Latter-day Saints on Whitefish Stage Road in Kalispell, with Bishop Frank Wraught conducting. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be held at two times and locations, Thursday, May 24, from 3 to 6 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary, and one hour prior to service time on Friday at the church.

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

You are invited to go to [johnsonmortuary.com](http://johnsonmortuary.com) to offer condolences and sign Nina's guest book.

## Lance L. Anderson, 50

Lance L. Anderson, 50, passed away on Tuesday, June 26, 2007, at Health Center Northwest and Hospice in Kalispell, after a long struggle with Huntington's disease. Lance was born on June 27, 1956, at Culbertson, the son of Vernon and Pearl (Lunde) Anderson. He graduated from Great Falls High School and the University of Denver.

Lance worked as an accountant until his health failed.

He loved hunting, fishing and camping and was an avid sports fan. He enjoyed football and the Denver Broncos and the Minnesota Twins baseball team. He loved church and music. He also loved long walks and was an honest family man who shared many thoughts with his many friends and always had a smile, and saying, "Happy, happy, happy." "He loved God and lived a good life."

He was preceded in death by his father, Vernon Anderson, in September 1975; stepfather, James Lunde, in August 2006; and a stepbrother, Bruce Lunde, in 2001.



He is survived by his wife, Edilia Anderson, of Kalispell; son, Eric Anderson, of Polson; his mother Pearl Lunde, and brother Paul Anderson, both of Great Falls; three stepsisters, Suzanne Tynes and husband, Kelly, of Lincoln, Becky Guinness and husband, Dave, of Great Falls, and Cheryl Lunde, also of Great Falls; a stepbrother, Brian Lunde of Lincoln; numerous aunts, uncles and cousins; and sisters-in-law, Consuelo Prado and Liz Stella Prado, who cared for Lance in his last days; also a nephew and niece, Adrian and Raquel; and Lance's college friend, Allyn Brown, of Colorado Springs, Colo.

Mass of Christian Burial for Lance will be held at noon Saturday, June 30, at Risen Christ Catholic Church with Father Rudy Bullman as celebrant. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, June 29, at Johnson Mortuary with a rosary being said afterward at 7 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary. Burial will follow services at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for Lance's family. You are invited to go to [www.johnsonmortuary.com](http://www.johnsonmortuary.com) to offer condolences and sign Lance's guest book.

## Lois Anderson, 77

Lois Anderson, 77, died on Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2007, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

Arrangements are pending with Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory.



## Russell L. 'Andy' Anderson, 85

Russell L. "Andy" Anderson "went home to be with the Lord" following a heart attack on March 30, 2007, after a short stay at Brendan House in Kalispell.



He was born Dec. 19, 1921, in McLeod, N.D., the son of Charles and Jenny (Erickson) Anderson.

Andy, just a toddler when his mother died, was raised by relatives. By age 10, he was driving teams of work horses on his uncle Oscar's farm. He loved hearing the sound of the work horses' hooves on the wooden floors of the barn at the end of the work day — which was every day.

During World War II, Andy, U.S. Marine corporal, met the love of his life, Gwen Robinson, in Poughkeepsie, Wash., while escorting workers at the torpedo plant. He later served in the Pacific islands as a heavy-equipment operator. After he was discharged, Andy and Gwen were married and settled in Ferndale, where they raised their family and still reside.

Andy was employed in various career-related jobs all of his life. He worked at Fergie's Mill in Ferndale, operated a bulldozer for clearing in preparation for the Hungry Horse Dam, and then became a sawyer, logging "down the Swan," bringing his bride to live in a tiny trailer in a logging camp.

In 1955, Andy lost his leg in a logging accident. He spent more

than 25 years working for Royal Logging, maintaining the tires for the log trucks.

After retirement, Andy gave up his love for snowcatting. He and Gwen became "snowbirds," pulling their trailer to Arizona each winter. Never losing an interest in using a chain saw, Andy's hobby was cutting firewood. During the year he was 80, he cut, split, stacked and delivered more than 110 cord of firewood.

His hard work ethic followed throughout his life. He was always willing and available to help others, including haying, fencing and driving a hammer. Whether at work or at play, Andy always had a smile on his face and a twinkle in his eyes. Forever an optimist, Andy never met a stranger.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Lynn LaVonne, age 16 months; sisters, Ella and Alma; and brothers, Ellick, Percy and Walter.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Gwen, at the family home in Ferndale; daughter Rene Sudan and husband, Bill, of Ferndale; son, Brian, and wife, Terri, of Ferndale; sister, Alice Daniels, of Bigfork; special cousin, Ed Erickson, and wife, Marlys, of Milner, N.D.; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 4, 2007, at Swan Chapel in Swan Lake.

Memorials can be made to The Gideons or to a local memorial of your choice.

Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Laura J. Angstman, 87

Laura J. Angstman, 87, passed away on Tuesday, June 5, 2007, at the Brendan House in Kalispell, following a brief illness. She was born on Oct. 29, 1919, at Dagmar, the daughter of Jake and Dagmar (Andersen) Petersen.



Following graduation from high school, she continued her education at Northern Montana College in Havre graduating with a teaching certificate. She then taught in a one room school house north of Chinook.

Laura married Jess L. Angstman Jr., on June 25, 1941, in Havre. The couple had two children.

Laura worked for over 28 years in the parts department of Angstman Motors, Inc., the Chevrolet Dealership in Havre. Following the sale of their business, Jess and Laura spent a lot of time at their cabin in Beaver Creek Park south of Havre.

They were great entertainers and had many close friendships.

Laura was very active and never really retired. Following her first retirement, she went to work at Wells Fargo Bank in Havre in the safety deposit box and escrow departments retiring, at the age of 79.

Laura moved to the Flathead Valley in the fall of 2003 to be closer to her daughter, Darlene Downen. She was cared for by the staff at Prestige Assisted Living and she loved all the people there and enjoyed visiting with everyone. She was a very energetic lady and never missed a party or bingo game. Her years at Prestige were full of happiness, friends and family.

Laura was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Jess L. Angstman Jr.; several sisters and brothers; and her grandson, Elio Tait Angstman.

She is survived by her daughter, Darlene Downen, and husband, Jim, of Bigfork; her son, Jess "Tab" Angstman, of Florence, Colo.; two grandchildren, Todd Downen and wife, Terri, of Kalispell, and Pam Sundene and husband, Eric, and their son, Mitchell, of Renton, Wash. She is also survived by a sister-in-law, Ann Jambor of Kalispell; and sister-in-law, Peggy Angstman, of Spokane; and many loving nieces and nephews and their families.

Memorial services for Laura will be held in Havre at a later date.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for Laura's family. You are invited to go to [www.johnsonmortuary.com](http://www.johnsonmortuary.com) to offer condolences and sign Laura's guest book.

## John F. Araujo Jr., 75

John F. Araujo Jr., 75, passed away on Saturday, Oct. 6, 2007, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell. John was born on Aug. 22, 1932,



in Paauilo, on the Big Island of Hawaii, to John and Cozy Gou-eia Araujo Sr. He was raised in Hawaii, attending and graduating from Honoka'a High School. After high school, he attended Lilo Vocational School.

John married Anna K.

on Sept. 1, 1962. He worked as merchant seaman for many years hauling things between the Hawaiian Islands.

He moved with his wife to Florida in 1999, and then the Fontana in 2000 where he resided until he passed away.

John was a member of the Boatmen's Union of Hawaii, the

Hawaiian Tug and Barge Association, the Hawaii Motorcycle Club, and the Eagles Lodge of Kalispell.

He loved riding and rebuilding Harley Davidson motorcycles.

John was preceded in death by his sister, Eva Stein; and daughter, Audrey Aina.

He is survived by his wife, Anna K. Araujo; children, Paula Jean Ignacio, Wendell Aina, Kelly (Araujo) Pimentel, John P. Araujo, Anna "Cory" (Araujo) Alcock and Anuhea Shakra; 13 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A celebration of John's life will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home with the Rev. Dennis "Bear" Kirby officiating. A reception will follow the services at the Eagles Lodge in Kalispell.

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



## Hector R. Arbour, 63

Hector R. Arbour, 63, "went to be with God" on Thursday, Nov. 29, 2007, after a brave and valiant struggle with cancer. His constant positive attitude as he faced this uphill battle was an inspiration to all of us.



Hector was born in Augusta, Maine, on Dec. 16, 1943, the son of Hector C. and Maria (Goselin) Arbour. His early years were spent on "Sand Hill" in Augusta, where many precious moments were shared with family and friends. As he was growing up, "Babe," as he was known, played Legion Ball and delivered newspapers on Sand Hill.

Hector graduated from St. Augustine School in 1958 and Cony High School in 1962. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology from Bowdoin College in 1966, and subsequently obtained his master's degree from Russell Sage College in Albany, N.Y. While at Bowdoin, he was a member of Beta Theta Phi, where he made and maintained friendships that have lasted all his life. During the baseball season, their usual greeting was: "Go Red Sox!"

Hector was employed by

Travelers' Insurance Company in the Medicare claims department for 25 years, and his work required that he and his family move to different locations in Rhode Island, Maryland, Massachusetts; and Voorheesville and Albany in New York. While living in Voorheesville, he was elected town justice, a position he took very seriously. Not only did he try cases, but also he had the pleasure of marrying many couples as part of that job. After retiring, he moved to his beloved Montana in 1995, in sight of the mountains he loved so much. In Kalispell, he was a photographer for Kalispell News and later worked for Karen Weyer Photography.

Hector was a past member of the Elks and Kiwanis Clubs and a present member of the Flathead Shrine Club, having been chairman of the Shrine Circus in Kalispell for many years. He was "Shriner of the Year" in 2001. He was happy to find children who could benefit from the care Shriners Hospitals could give. He worked diligently to raise the money to make that happen.

Hector loved his God, his family, hiking and biking in Glacier Park, and traveling. He was a loving husband, devoted father and proud grandfather. His favorite meal included lobster, orange soda, chips, followed by ice cream. His family

made sure that he always was treated to this when he visited them in Augusta and on their trips to Boothbay Harbor, Maine. His appreciation of nature was evident in the photography he enjoyed and shared with others. From the windows of his home in Kalispell he could watch the panorama of the changing mountain scenes, the geese, ducks, deer, eagles, hawks, fox, and coyotes as they passed the property.

Hector's favorite saying was "life is good," and he worked hard to make that true! A sports fan, he avidly followed the Red Sox, New England Patriots, Indianapolis Colts, and any NBA team that Steve Nash played for. He had a wonderful sense of humor and was an honest, honorable, and loving man.

Hector was preceded in death by his father, Hector C. Arbour; two brothers, Bertrand J. Arbour and J. Clement Arbour; and his brother-in-law, Herbert G. Foley.

He is survived by his wife, Sharon, at the family home in Kalispell; his mother, Maria Arbour; his sisters, Christine I. Arbour, of Augusta, and Jacqueline Foley, of Hallowell, Maine. He is also survived by his daughter, Nicole, and husband, Richard Lennon, and grandchildren, Alexandra, Samantha, and Victoria, of Tampa, Fla.; his son, David, and wife, Mary Lynn, and

grandchildren, Sarah and Michael, of Port Richey, Fla.; his daughter, Renay Arbour, and husband, Davide Cernuschi, of Brooklyn, N.Y.; extended family, Joseph Chase of Idaho Falls, Idaho, Susan Chase, Frank Bellion, and granddaughter, Marie-Claire of Hayling Island, England. Also surviving are nephews, Michael and Dennis Arbour; nieces, Kim Bard, Susan Fontaine, and Lisa Pare, all of Augusta, and Kathy Smith of Sacramento, Calif.; two sisters-in-law, Lucienne Arbour and Gloria Fleming, of Augusta; and grandnieces, grandnephews, cousins, and an aunt.

A memorial service to celebrate Hector's life will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 12, at the First Presbyterian Church in Kalispell, with food and fellowship afterward in the basement.

The family suggests memorial gifts be given to the Flathead Shrine Club, P.O. Box 762, Kalispell, MT 59903. Please designate for the transportation fund, so the travel expenses can be paid to the more than 150 Flathead Valley youths who are sponsored by the local Shrine Club.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for Hector's family. You are invited to go to [www.johnsonmortuary.com](http://www.johnsonmortuary.com) to offer condolences and sign Hector's guest book.

## Joel Nicholas Atkinson, 25

Joel Nicholas Atkinson died May 12, 2007, while following a skydiving.



Joel was born to Gail (Shay) and Jim Atkinson on Aug. 4, 1981, in Kalispell.

Joel was an intellectual individualist. He was well known for his smile and his contagious compassion. Joel never knew a stranger and always kept a friend.

Joel attended Flathead Valley Community College.

On his 18th birthday, Joel discovered his love of skydiving. He worked his way through the ranks, starting packing parachutes and going on to earn his D license, coach rating and tandem rating. He was a member of the United States Parachute Association, and an experienced skydiver with approximately 1,400 jumps. He was a respected instructor at Lost Prairie, his home base, and was able to jump year-round at drop zones across the country.

At the time of his death, Joel was working as a skydiving instructor at Lost Prairie, and a delivery driver for Pizza Hut in Kalispell.

Joel was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents,

Dwight Atkinson, Helen (Atkinson) Metier and Tom Metier; maternal grandfather, Al Shay; his cousin, Russ Schulte; several friends; and his dog, Mr. Chips.

Joel is survived by his mother, Gail Ann Linne, and her husband, Mitch, of Columbia Falls; his father, Jim Clark Atkinson, and his wife, Vivian, of Kalispell; his brother, Wade Michael Atkinson, of Seattle and his fiancée, Stacy Amundson; stepbrothers and sisters, Justin Linne and Bill Linne, both of Spokane, Crystal Boyd and Jason Gronley, both of Kalispell, and Wendy Helm of Portland; his grandparents, Gladys (Van) Shay of Columbia Falls, Jean Linne of Clearwater, Fla., Marjie MacDonald of Columbia Falls, and Connie and Don Swanberg of Kalispell; numerous aunts, uncles and cousins; and numerous friends, including those in the skydiving community.

Funeral services are at 2 p.m. Thursday, May 17, at Glacier Church, 690 Grandview Drive, in Kalispell, with Pastor Hal Irvine officiating.

There will be a memorial that will honor Joel's intense love for skydiving. Those who would like to contribute are invited to do so at the Joel Atkinson Memorial Fund, care of Wells Fargo Bank, P.O. Box 88, Kalispell MT 59903.

## Reese Reynold Audette, 47

Reese Reynold Audette, 47, passed away of natural causes Wednesday, Nov. 21, 2007, at his residence in Columbia Falls.



He was born June 22, 1960, in Newcastle, Wyo., the son of Reynold and Pat (Goetz) Audette. He received his education in Kalispell and completed the 11th grade at Flathead High School.

He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1979 and was stationed at Fort Carson, Colo. While in the Army, he received his high school diploma at St. Mary's High School in Colorado. He served in the U.S. Army until being honorably discharged in 1982.

He was united in marriage to Kelly Albert on June 2, 1980, in Kalispell. He and Kelly welcomed one child, a son, Scott. They later divorced but remained friends until his death.

They returned to Kalispell in 1982 and then relocated briefly

to Oklahoma, where Reese worked in the oil fields. They returned to Kalispell in 1983, and he spent the remainder of his career working as a lumber grader at several lumber mills in the West and Northwest and also worked in Alaska. He had most recently worked at Idaho Timber in Whitefish.

He was an avid outdoorsman, enjoying hunting, fishing, football, baseball and basketball with his dad and passing that love on to his son, Scott.

Reese was preceded in death by his brother, Scott Audette in 1977.

He is survived by his son, Scott Audette, currently serving in Iraq, and wife, Tiffany, and their son, Bradley, of Kalispell; his parents, Reynold and Pat Audette, of Yuma, Ariz.; and his former wife, Kelly Lee, of Kalispell.

At his request, there are no services planned at this time.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for Reese's family. You are invited to go to [www.johnsonmortuary.com](http://www.johnsonmortuary.com) to offer condolences and sign Reese's guest book.

## Grant Bernard Arend, 45

Grant Bernard Arend was born in Riverside, Calif., to Bob and Margaret Brown Arend on Dec. 28, 1961. He died in Cedar City, Utah, on Nov. 3, 2007. His father, Robert Arend, already misses him.



Grant married Melanie Johnson in Parowan, Utah, on Feb. 25, 1983.

Grant was a good man, a great husband, a family man and a wonderful grandfather. He enjoyed camping, fishing, hunting, and most of all he loved to spend time with his grandchildren. He truly loved his family.

Wherever he went, he made friends. His wife is proud to call him husband for close to 24 years, and he will always be in her heart and the hearts of others. He will be missed.

He is survived by his wife, Melanie, of Kalispell; his children, Melena and Tim Cox of Texas, Christine and Brett Backus of Montana, and Grant Jr., and Lacy Jo Arend of Montana; his father, Robert Arend, of Kanarrville, Utah; his brothers, Craig of Utah, Keith of Texas and Gary of California; one sister, Diane, of California; and his five grandchildren, Briget Cox, Alea Ann Arend, Haley Sprele, Tyson Backus and Grant Bernard Arend III.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Margaret Arend.

## Nellie Mae (Walters) Arnold, 82

Nellie Mae (Walters) Arnold, 82, "passed on to be with the Lord" on March 22, 2007, at Brendan House in Kalispell. She was born to Aaron Arthur Walters and Minnie Mae (LaMott) Walters on June 16, 1924, in Browning. Nellie was the ninth of 11 children. Her early life was spent in Browning, where she attended the Browning School system through grade 10.



She met and married Epharm Robert Arnold on June 30, 1941. Their first son, Walter, arrived in 1942, an adopted son, Marvin "Tony," in 1952. And later a foster daughter, Joann, joined the family.

The family moved around, and Nellie worked for a few years in the shipyards in California before the family finally settled in Whitefish. There she managed and cooked at Casey's Cafe for well more than 20 years.

Nellie loved life and enjoyed being around people and helping others. She was an avid bowler, and was for many years in league play. She and Epharm were both members of the Whitefish Boat Club. After Epharm's time in the military, they joined the VFW and Nellie became an active member of the Auxiliary. The couple were members of the Moose Lodge, and Nellie was active in the Women of the

Moose, where she went through the chairs and earned the Friendship Degree. She later earned the College of Regents degree. Nellie was involved in both organizations for many years.

She was preceded in death by her parents; 10 brothers and sisters; her husband, Epharm; a son, Marvin "Tony"; a daughter-in-law, Elaine Arnold; and great-granddaughter, Leahdonis Hinkley.

Nellie is survived by a son, Walter, in Columbia Falls; grandchildren, Robert Arnold and wife, Rowena, in Alaska, Wendy Hinkley and husband, Bryan, in Columbia Falls, David Arnold in Kalispell, Katrina Arnold in Columbia Falls, Lori Arnold and her children, Ruben, Marvette, Tonya, Cheryl and Duane in Whitefish, Angelicka, Jaymie and Christian Arnold in Columbia Falls; foster daughter, Joann May; grandchildren, Josetta and husband, Louis, and children, Chadera, Mike and Chris; Mike and wife, Sherry, and children, Jade and Tyler; Mary and children, Ashley and Dylan; Mykal Anne and child, Levi; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Nellie will be missed by many relatives and friends alike!

Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Friday, March 30, at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Whitefish Moose Lodge, with the Rev. David V. Kauffman officiating. Cremation will be after services under the direction of the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish.