

Scott Waring Billmayer, 52

Scott Waring Billmayer, 52, passed away Monday, Feb. 26, 2007, at his home in Bigfork after a short illness. He fought a valiant battle against pancreatic cancer. Scott was born Dec. 1, 1954, to Frank and Jeanette (Kelly) Billmayer. Scott, the youngest of four sons, attended grade school in Hogeland. The Billmayer family later moved to Chinook, where Scott played football for the Sugarbeaters. He graduated from Chinook High School in 1973.



diverse talents. He had a great knowledge and love for farming, which he passed on to his son.

Friend, neighbor or stranger all received the same full measure of all he had to offer. Things just always seemed to work better after Scotty had been around.

Scott's many hobbies included metal fabrication, gold panning, fishing, spending valued time with the family and friends who loved him, and lounging with his best buddy, a cat named Festus. Scott will be dearly missed by all who knew him, those who were enriched by his humor and who were touched by his enthusiasm for life.

Scott was preceded in death by his father, Frank, in 1976.

He is survived by Joyce, his wife of nearly 30 years; daughter, Jacklyn Billmayer, of Kalispell; son, Josh, and Heidi Billmayer, of Conrad; mother, Jeanette, and Richard King, of Conrad; brothers, Allen and Merrillyn Billmayer of Hogeland, James Jay and Vickie Billmayer of Kalispell, and Gale "Pete" and Pam Billmayer of Conrad; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Friday, March 2, at the American Lutheran Church in Hogeland. Private family interment will precede the funeral. A luncheon will be after the service at the church.

Memorials honoring Scott's life may be given to the American Cancer Society or American Lutheran Church of Hogeland.

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

Don Bivins, 71

Don Bivins, 71, died Wednesday, Oct. 3, 2007, at his home in Libby.

He taught in the Libby Public School system for over thirty years.

Survivors include his son, Allen Bivins, of DeLand, Fla., and his daughter,

Kathy McDonald, of Valley Center, Calif.

An open house gathering will be held Monday, Oct. 8, at the family home, 108 Timber Lane, in Libby.

Arrangements are by Nelson & Vial Funeral Homes and Crematory.

Morris Conrad Bjorge, 90

Morris Conrad Bjorge, 90, of Polson, formerly of Hot Springs, died from natural causes on Tuesday, Aug. 14, 2007, at St. Luke Community Hospital at Ronan.

Visitation will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 17, at Grogan Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 18, at the Good Shepherd Lutheran

Church with the Revs. Paul Rowold and Greg Perkins officiating. A reception will be after the service at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Fellowship Hall. Interment will take place at 2 p.m. at Murray Memorial Cemetery at Lonepine, with Rev. Janet Young officiating.

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

Hazel F. Bjornstad, 99

Hazel F. Bjornstad, 99, passed away Monday, Aug. 13, 2007, at the Village Health Care Center in Missoula. She was born March 10, 1908 in Muskogee,



Okla., the daughter of Joe and Julia (Long) Deviney.

She was raised and educated in Clarksville, Texas.

She worked in the shipyards during World War II where she met her husband, James M. Bjornstad. They were married on Nov. 23, 1943, in Long Beach, Calif.

She, Jim and their son, Joe, moved to Whitefish in 1945 where they built and operated the Whitefish Motel. Jim passed away in 1980, then in 1982 Hazel moved to Missoula to be closer to her son where she resided until her death.

She was an excellent cook, seamstress and gardener.

Hazel was a life member of the VFW Auxiliary of Whitefish. She was also a life member of the Order of Eastern Star in Whitefish and, while living in Whitefish, was an active member of Christ Lutheran Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Jim; brothers, Elmer and Leon Deviney; a sister, Sybil Storm; and a nephew, Richard Flurry.

Hazel is survived by her son, Joe Bjornstad, of Missoula; and daughter-in-law Patricia, of Kalispell; grandchildren, Shari Goodmanson and husband, Dan, of Missoula, Susan Anton-Hruza and husband, Steve, of Whitefish, and Mark Bjornstad of Kalispell; and great-grandchildren, Jered and Airiell Anton of Whitefish, and Stephanie, Shay and Shannon Sweeney of Missoula; a cousin, June Parks, of Clarksville; and a nephew, Kenneth Flurry, and wife, Arlene, of Highlands Ranch, Colo.

Graveside services for Hazel will be held at noon today, Aug. 15, at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell, with Pastor Jeff Teeple officiating. There will be no visitation.

The family suggests that any memorial contributions be sent to the Christ Lutheran Church Building Fund, 233 Kalispell Avenue, Whitefish, MT 59937.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for Hazel's family. You are invited to go to www.johnsonmortuary.com to offer condolences and sign Hazel's guest book.

JayLee Elizabeth-Maria Bland

JayLee Elizabeth-Maria Bland "went to heaven" with the angels on June 13, 2007.



JayLee was born Nov. 27, 2006, at Ft. Lewis, Wash., to Phylicia and Andrew Bland.

Although her time with us was so short, she always will be shining in our hearts forever. JayLee was the most incredibly happy little girl who loved to giggle, laugh and most of all bring all those around her joy. She always welcomed everyone with a huge smile that instantly melted your heart.

JayLee absolutely adored her older brother, Jace, age 2, and the two of them often were hysterically laughing together and imitating each others' moves. JayLee was fascinated with butterflies and bunnies. She would spend hours just wrestling around with her bunnies, and trying to figure how to get her feet in her mouth. She was our little bright-eyed "JayLee Bug." We will never look at a butterfly or a bunny without remembering our little princess.

JayLee touched so many hearts and will never be forgotten.

JayLee was survived by her

parents, Phylicia and Andrew Bland, of Big Sandy; her older brother, Jace Bland; her maternal grandparents, Sherrie Bridger and Cameron Lingle, of Kalispell, and Charles and Kathy Toren, of Kalispell; paternal grandparents, Raelene and Jerry Fredenberg, of Big Sandy, and Tony and Cindy Bland, of Kalispell; Her uncle Kris Toren of Kalispell; uncle Austin and aunt Triana Bouillon, of Kalispell; her aunt Shauna Bland of Bigfork; her aunts Callie Thomas and Tiana Fredenberg, of Big Sandy; her maternal great-grandparents, Dana and Art Toren, of Kalispell, and Dave and Nancy Christensen, of Lakeside; her paternal great-grandparents, John Oftedahl and Bonnie Flagg, of Kalispell, and Bill and Jerry Crow. JayLee was also survived by numerous great-aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

Mass of Christian burial for little JayLee will be held at 12:10 p.m. Tuesday, June 19, 2007, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Kalispell, with burial afterward at Conrad Memorial Cemetery and a reception at the Country Kitchen at the Flathead County Fairgrounds. A memorial fund has been set up for JayLee at the Wells Fargo Bank in Big Sandy.

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

Eileen Catherine Blodnick, 74

Eileen Catherine Blodnick, 74, passed away Friday, March 2, 2007, at her home in Kalispell. She was born on March 25, 1932, in Anaconda, to John and Irene (Sokolich) Kriskovich. Eileen received her early education in Anaconda, graduating from Anaconda Central High School in 1950.



She married Fred Blodnick at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Anaconda on Aug. 2, 1951. The couple remained in Anaconda to raise their family. Eileen was very active in the lives of her six children. She attended 4-H activity and scout meeting. She was involved in each of the Catholic parishes and was a life member of the KSKJ Lodge.

After the Smelter closed, the couple moved to Kalispell where Eileen managed the Gateway Apartments until 1996. She very much enjoyed growing flower and vegetable gardens; and many blue ribbons were won at the local county fair.

While Eileen was still very involved in her children's lives, her focus shifted to her grandchildren. She was their biggest and loudest fan. Eileen also worked a few hours a day at Gresko Bakery where she excelled at baking and selling all kinds of goodies. After Fred's passing in 2001, Eileen stopped working at the bakery. She shifted her attention more fully to the time she spent at the Summit. She so enjoyed her time there exercising and especially socializing. She also took more opportunity to travel and had a very memorable trip to

Europe and the Oregon Coast.

Eileen and her family were so grateful to Dr. Karen Hunt and her staff, after her diagnosis, for all their love, guidance and support.

Eileen was preceded in death by her husband, Fred; her parents; and her brother and sister-in-law, Louis and Theresa Kriskovich.

She is survived by three sons, Mick Blodnick and wife, Kim, of Kalispell, Dick Blodnick and wife, Dr. Shari Marx, of Helena, and Skip Blodnick and wife, Diane, of Spokane; three daughters, Joanie Alban and husband, Rob, of Henderson, Nev., Peggy Felice, and Becky Byers and husband, John, all of Spokane; four sisters, Mary Tonkovich and husband, George, Evelyn Hekkel and husband, Richard, Rosalie Kriskovich, and Kathy Bleile and husband, John, all of Anaconda; two sisters-in-law, Regina Greany and husband, Dick, of Rapid City, S.D. and Alice Keihn and husband, Al, of Anaconda. She is also survived by her very, very loving friend, Rita Jemming; 14 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Mass of Christian Burial for Eileen will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 6, at Risen Christ Catholic Church with Father Rudy Bullman as celebrant. Committal will follow the service at Glacier Memorial Gardens. A Rosary will be said at 7 p.m. Monday, March 5, in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel.

The family suggests memorial gifts be given to Home Options/Hospice: 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell, Montana 59901.

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

Dale Leroy Blumenthal, 72

Dale Leroy Blumenthal, 72, passed away Friday, June 22, 2007, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell, after a lengthy illness. He was born in Sturgis, S.D., on Jan. 9, 1935, to Hugo and Pearl (Herriman) Blumenthal.



church, and he had a song in his head for every sermon text. Dale was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Juanita; and a grandson, Matthew. He is survived by his wife, Delphia Blumenthal, of Kalispell; three sons, Michael Blumenthal, Daniel and Marie Blumenthal of Puyallup, Wash., and Brett and Tami Blumenthal of Graham, Wash.; two daughters; Shellee Wolff of Tacoma, Wash., and Susan Wyatt of Yakima, Wash. He also leaves five stepchildren, Steven and Donna Vinnedge, Mac and Jodie Vinnedge, Paula and Candido Araujo, Pam and Don Spengler, and Lydia Buntten; 18 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Dale's early years were spent on the Sioux Indian Reservation where his father was a missionary. He attended grade schools in South Dakota and Montana, three years at Polson High School and then graduated from Centralia High School in Centralia, Wash. Dale served four years in the U.S. Navy during the Korean Conflict. He was deployed on the destroyer USS Halsey Powell the entire time.

Dale married Carol Miller in San Diego in 1956. They were later divorced.

After his honorable discharge from the Navy, he began working for the Boeing Company. He retired as an industrial engineer in 1994.

Dale married Delphia Vinnedge, a high school sweetheart, in Kalispell on June 18, 1974. They made their home in Kalispell.

Making music was such a large part of Dale's life, and his guitar fit perfectly on his lap. He loved to sing to audiences, large and small. He loved worship and Bible studies in his

Funeral services for Dale will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, June 22, at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church with Pastor Debra Koch officiating. Burial will precede the services at 10 a.m. in the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 4 to 6 p.m. today, June 21, in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel.

The family suggests that a gift in remembrance of Dale be given to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, The Dialysis Center Patients Fund, Samaritan's Purse, or the charity of your choice.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for Dale's family. You are invited to go to www.johnsonmortuary.com to offer condolences and sign Dale's guest book.

Roy E. Bodeen, 54,

Roy E. Bodeen, 54, of Missoula, formerly of Kalispell, died Jan. 30, 2007, in Missoula.

He is survived by his daughter, Sara Robinson, of Philipsburg; and son, Ryan Bodeen, of Columbia Falls.

Lucile M. Bodendick, 94

Lucile M. Bodendick, 94, died Sunday, July 22, 2007, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 28, in Trego; in conjunction

with her son-in-law, Alan Meyers, who died Feb. 17, 2007. (Follow the arrows from the Trego Store.)

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Robert Lee Boegler, 78

Robert Lee Boegler, 78, passed away Thursday, Feb. 22, 2007, in his home surrounded by family.



He was born Aug. 21, 1938, to Ernest William Boegler and Matilda Jeannette (Olson), joining two sisters in the family home in Glasgow. They moved to Absarokee, Mont., shortly there after and the Beartooth Mountains became his playground and the love for them never left him.

Hiking, camping, fishing and hunting were his loves and he spent as much time out-of-doors as he could. His family later moved to Billings where he attended school and graduated from Billings Senior High in 1956.

He married Judith Mae Haun on Sept. 21, 1951, and they moved into a home in Billings where he worked in the retail grocery industry. He remained in that industry with a brief break during which time he sold Lutheran Brotherhood Insurance in Tucson, Ariz. and Albuquerque, N.M. They then moved to southern California and purchased a convenience store franchise from Southland Corporation. After that, they purchased their own small supermarket in San Diego and did that for many years. During this time they had two daughters.

In 1973, they then decided to return to Montana and settled for good in the Flathead valley near Bigfork. They purchased

the Woods Bay Market and later operated the Blue Bay Resort and the Camino Bar in Polson. After some medical difficulties, he then semi-retired and owned and operated an internet wholesale stamp business out of his home and continued that until his passing.

During his later years, his love of sports shined through as he followed all the NASCAR, basketball and football teams. He was the Fantasy Football commissioner for a Bigfork league for the past 14 years. He also loved to play poker with the "boys".

He was preceded in death by his parents; and his sisters, Virginia Marie Lorenz and Adele Opal Milohov.

He left behind his wife of 49 years; daughters, Debi and her husband, John Singer, Denise and her husband, Joe Hamilton; grandchildren, Jennifer Lee Singer (Heidema), Amanda Gayle Singer (Buttars), J. Zachary Hamilton, Matthew Ron Singer, Rhiana Jeannette Singer, Cassandra Nicole Singer, and Jillian Marie Hamilton; five great-grandchildren; best friend, Jim Craft; his dogs, Lady and Lassie; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Feb. 27 in the Chapel at the Bigfork Funeral Home.

The Boegler family would like to thank the nurses and aids of Hospice for their wonderful care and concern during this time. The family suggests memorials be sent to the Flathead Chapter of Hospice.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Harold and Josie Boetcher

Memorial and urn burial services for Harold and Josie Boetcher will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 31, at

C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Harold died July 5, 2005, and Josie died Sept. 7, 2006.

Edward Lee Boggess, 66

Edward Lee Boggess, 66, of Troy, died Saturday, Aug. 4, 2007, in Bonners Ferry, Idaho.

is survived by his wife, Meg, of Troy; and a daughter, Brooke, of Mis-

soula.

A celebration of life and a potluck will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 11, at the 18th mile property in the Yaak.

Joe Ed Boggess, 55

Joe Ed Boggess, 55, passed away July 3, 2007, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center. He spent his formative years on the family farm in Friona, Texas.



Joe enjoyed fishing from the "Joe Boats" and, most recently, spending his days at the family property near Kooconusa Reservoir. Joe passed on the building tradition to his son and shared his many talents with family and friends. Some favorites include, playing pool, cooking for others, and time spent soaking at Ainsworth Hot Springs.

We will miss his humor and friendship. As quoted on one of Joe's many hats, he was "like oil, crude yet priceless". We love you, Joe.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents, Eugene and Doris Boggess; brother-in-law, Doug Watson.

He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Wendy Boggess; children, Dara and David Whittington of Seattle, Jared and Tessa Boggess of Whitefish; grandchildren, Zane and Bella; sister, Robbie Boggess; sisters, Pat, Brenda and Marsha; brothers, Mike, Ricky and David; and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service honoring Joe's life will be held at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, July 10 at the Whitefish Lake Lodge.

In 1970, he moved to Colorado where he began his career in building and met his wife to be, Wendy Watson. Joe and Wendy were married outdoors in the Rocky Mountains on April 29, 1972. Their love for the mountains brought them to Montana in 1974 where they raised their children, Dusty Dara and Jared.

Joe worked as a fire lookout at Werner Peak and could be found skiing the slopes of Big Mountain in his spare time. He d music, especially playing guitar with the Mission Mountain Band. Joe continued his work in carpentry and artisan woodcraft. His creativity can be seen all over the Flathead Valley and other areas of Montana.

When he wasn't building,

Mary Wolf Roling Bogue, 84

Mary Wolf Roling Bogue died June 14, 2007, at Brendan House in Kalispell, Montana, at age 84.

She was born in Chicago, attended New Trier High School and Northwestern University, was a graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University, and lived for many years in Wilmette, DeKalb and Glenview, Ill.

She resided in Pebble Beach, Calif., since 1972 and then in her beloved Bigfork since 1991, where she enjoyed her children and grandchildren and "making countless cookies for the countryside," as she liked to say.

"Mary-Mom," as she was affectionately called, is survived by her three sons and their wives, Mark and Debi Roling of Kapalua, Maui, Hawaii, and



Swan Lake; Steve and Sue Roling of Columbia Falls; and Pete and Tammy Roling of Lahaina, Maui, Hawaii; and her three grandchildren, Kate Grenier and husband Eddie of Portland; Jamie Roling of Columbia Falls; and Hannelore Roling of Lahaina, Maui; and her devoted assistant and friend, Pat Russell of Monterey, Calif.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, James E. Roling; and her second husband, Verle D. Bogue.

Mary-Mom's friends and family will celebrate her life at an open house reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Sunday, July 22, at one of her favorite places, the Somers Bay Cafe.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests tax-deductible gifts to the Mary Roling Bogue Memorial Fund c/o Flathead Community Foundation, P.O. Box 1422, Kalispell, MT 59903, for charitable distribution as advised by the family; or to other charities.

Michael Danny Bolla, 61

Michael Danny Bolla, 61, passed away at his home in Brownsville, Ore., on Sept. 14, 2007.

He was born November 23, 1945 in Bellflower California to Athos and Jean Bolla.

At age 18 he enlisted in the Army. Serving his tour of Vietnam he was awarded the Purple Heart and Bronze Star for valor and injuries sustained in combat. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC Blackhorse Regiment.

Following his military service Danny owned and operated Bolla PreCast Concrete Products and Bolla Trucking in Kalispell, Montana. He touched many lives in Kalispell and spoke of his friends there often.

In 2002 Danny and Paulette moved to Springfield, Ore. They lived and worked in Springfield until Danny began employment with Weyerhaeuser Trucking out of Albany, Ore. in 2006. Albany was 52 miles north of Spring-

field and meant Danny would have to drive 104 extra miles each day. At this time they decided to move closer to his work and found a little house in Brownsville, Ore.

Danny loved his new job and his new home and yard.

Danny is survived by his wife, Paulette, of Brownsville; mother, Jean Christoffers; sister, Jan Piper of Bend, Ore.; his son, Michael Wade Bolla of Long Valley, N.J.; daughter, Stacey Bolla Hughes and their mother, Judy Bolla of Kalispell; stepson, Ryan Campbell of Fort Wayne, Ind.; stepdaughter, Abbielle L. Bessett and her husband, Zach Bessett of Eugene, Ore.; and six grandchildren.

In memory of his birth and life, his body is at rest with his "brothers" at Arlington National Cemetery but his spirit remains in his home in Brownsville and in the hearts of all who knew him.

Frank Bonneau, 84

Frank Bonneau, 84, formerly of Libby, died Wednesday, July 11, 2007, at a Missoula hospital.

Frank had been a long-time employee of the J. Neils Lumber Company and later, the St. Regis Paper Company, working as a diesel mechanic.

Survivors include his wife, Helen; and a daughter, Kathy Tennison.

Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated at 2 p.m. Monday at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Libby with Rev. Ray Hannigan as celebrant. Rite of interment will be afterwards at the City of Libby Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 1 p.m. Sunday at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home Chapel, followed by parish vigil and rosary being said at 6 p.m.

John C. Bordley, 63

John C. Bordley, 63, died Tuesday, April 17, 2007, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Arrangements are pending.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Ross Norman Boreson, 84

Ross Norman Boreson, 84, passed away Tuesday, March 27, 2007, in Lompoc, Calif., after a three year battle with cancer. He was born on April 28, 1922, in Littlefork, Minn., the son of Alfred and Leah Lillian (LaChapelle) Boreson. He was educated in Big Falls, Minn., and graduated from Big Falls High School in 1940.

He served in the European theater in the U.S. Army during World War II. After his service to his country, he furthered his education at the University of Minnesota and received a bachelor's degree in 1952.

He was united in marriage to Evelyn Naumann in 1948 in Kalispell. They were married for 46 years before her death.

He was employed in the economics department of Continental Oil in Houston and later as



executive vice president of Citizens National Bank and Union Bank, both in Los Angeles. He retired in 1981.

He was an avid golfer and card player, and he and Evelyn enjoyed traveling the world.

Ross was preceded in death by his wife, Evelyn Boreson, in 1994; his parents; and a brother, Vernon Boreson.

He is survived by nieces and nephews, including Vernell Drollinger and her husband, Randy, nephew, Alden Boreson, and wife, Debbie, all of Kalispell, niece Susan Kelly and husband, Curt, of Pearce, Ariz.; and numerous great-nieces and -nephews.

Memorial services for Ross will be at 1 p.m. Friday, April 13, at Johnson Mortuary chapel, with Pastor Peter Ramseth officiating. Urn burial will be in Glacier Memorial Gardens. There will be no visitation.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for Ross' family.

Ruth Botchek, 85

Ruth Botchek, 85, "left this life to be with her Lord" on Saturday, April 14, 2007, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell. She was born Sept. 25, 1921, in Byron, Wyo., the daughter of George and Cecile (Messick) Rice.



She was baptized as an infant and confirmed into the Lutheran faith at St. John's Lutheran Church in Libby.

On June 16, 1937, she married George Botchek in Libby. To this marriage two sons and one daughter were born.

She lived in Libby for many years before her husband was transferred in 1963 to Kalispell, where they continued to live.

She was a longtime member of Trinity Lutheran Church, teaching 5-year-olds in Sunday school class for many years, was also a LWML (Lutheran Women Missionary League) member and also member of several circles over the years.

After her husband's death, she went to work at the Outlaw Inn for 8 1/2 years until her retirement.

She was preceded in death

by her husband of 42 years; and her mother and father.

She is survived by her daughter, Susan Cohenour, and husband, Al, of Kalispell; and two sons, Kevin Botchek and wife, Virginia, of Kalispell, and Gary Botchek and wife, Nancy, of Missoula; her sister, Margaret Yarn, of Shelby; three nephews, Charles and Jacob Botchek of Spokane, and Gordon Peterson of Coulee City, Wash.; she is also survived by five grandchildren, Scott Botchek of Reno, Nev., Laine and Jamie Botchek of Missoula, and Rachelle Blake and Randy Blake of Kalispell; and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for Ruth will be held at 1:30 p.m. Friday, April 20, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Kalispell, with Pastor Mark Cutler officiating. Visitation will be from noon to 6 p.m. Thursday, April 19, at Johnson Mortuary. Burial will be afterward at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

The family suggests that memorials be sent to Trinity Lutheran Church, 400 W. California St., Kalispell, MT 59901; or Immanuel Lutheran Home, 185 Crestline Ave., Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

Amelia C. Bowen, 80

Amelia C. Bowen, 80, formally of Post Falls, Idaho, passed away April 5, 2007, in Scottsdale, Ariz., where she had resided since October 2004. She was known to her family and friends as "Tiny."



A family service was held April 11 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Phoenix.

Amelia grew up in Zap, N.D., where she was a teacher for several years. During World War II, she worked in Seattle, alongside "Rosie's Riveters."

On Sept. 3, 1949, she married Alfred W. Bowen in Beulah, N.D., before moving to Post Falls, Idaho, in 1952, where she raised her family.

She was a beloved wife, mother, homemaker, member of St. George's Catholic Church, and she loved fishing.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Alfred "Bub" and Valerie Bowen of Scottsdale, and Tom and Jereen Bowen of Kalispell; daughters, Patty Hegel

and Charlotte Gross of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; daughters and sons-in-law, Kathy and John Fisher of Renton, Wash., and Mary and Duane Grenny of Anchorage, Alaska; surviving grandchildren, Duane Rachunok, Dustin and Niki Bowen, Chad and Christina Bowen, Brandon Bowen, Aubrie Bowen, Rob Hegel, Kim Jones, Jill Bowen, Kelly and Dan Galle, and Ryan Gross; great-grandchildren, Ashley and Hunter Rachunok, Lexa Bowen, Kobe Bowen, Jessie and Riley Hegel, Casey Jones, and Hunter Dean; brothers, Sam Pulver of Bismarck, N.D., Leonard "Bud" Pulver of Beulah, N.D.; brothers and sisters-in-law, Louis "Curly" and Violet Pulver, of Zap, and Joe and Sally Pulver of Beulah; a sister, Lenora Schumacher, of Coeur d'Alene; and sister-in-law, Mary Pulver, of Beulah; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Alfred W. Bowen; father, Samuel A. Pulver; mother, Lenora A. Pulver; a sister, Florence Koester; and brother, Frank Pulver.

Memorials in her name can be made to the Hospice Organization.

John Art Bower, 88

John Art Bower, 88, of Proctor, passed away of natural causes on the family ranch Wednesday, Aug. 29, 2007. Art was born in Eudora, in November 1918,



to Paul C. and Ilma Adams Bower.

He was a Sea-Bee in World War II. He was a dozer operator building airstrips at Adak, Alaska. He helped build the airstrips that carried the first atomic bomb to Hiroshima.

He was married to Barbara Lawrence on Sept. 19, 1942. They lived and ranched in the big draw in Elmo for several years. Later they moved to Proctor where he had since resided.

He was a true cowboy at heart. Over the years he raised sheep, cows, horses and a lot of hell. He could make any set of woods look like a park with his bulldozer skills. Even in his 80s he wanted to work an eight-hour day, but watching

the Western channel was still a highlight of his day.

"Dear old grandpa Buddy, I will miss you, and I will take good care of your mule."

Art was preceded in death by his wife of 62 years, Barbara; a brother, Jim Bower; sister, Erma Jaques; and sister, Betty Jaques, who passed away one day before Art.

He is survived by a daughter, Frosty, and husband, Larry Johnson, of Post Falls, Idaho; granddaughter, Rhonda and husband, Les Walter, and very special great-grandchildren, Jessica and Justin McCracken, all of Columbia Falls. Art is also survived by a brother, Paul Bower, of Pablo; and sisters, Jane Weeks of Springfield, Ore., and Shirley Puyear of Bismarck, N.D.; and a very special friend, Bob Stolz, of Proctor.

A potluck celebration will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 1, at the Idle Spur in Dayton.

Arrangements and cremation are under the direction of Grogan Funeral Home and Crematory.

Jeffrey Robert Bowman



CrossRoads Christian Fellowship, 7465 Highway 35, in Bigfork.

The funeral is planned for Sept. 6 at St. Vincent de Paul Church in Denver, with burial following on Sept. 7 in Estes Park, Colo.

Jeff is survived by his parents, Bob and Troy Bowman, of Bigfork; and brother, Alex Bowman, of Denver.

Jeffrey Robert Bowman passed away August 20, 2007. He was born September 7, 1989. A memorial service for Jeff will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, August 28, at

Rosella T. Bowman, 89



being; and four stepgrandchildren, Tracey and Trig Haugen, Ashley Eagleton and Jay Brandenburg Nau.

She was preceded in death by her husband; parents; four brothers; and five sisters.

Funeral Mass for Rosella T. Bowman will be celebrated at 1 p.m. Friday, May 25, in the Cathedral of St. Helena; with burial afterward in the Montana State Veterans Cemetery at Fort Harrison. A rosary service will be said at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 23, in the Cloyd Chapel in Lewistown. Visitation will be from noon to 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 23, in the Cloyd Chapel in Lewistown. Cremation will take place prior to the funeral Mass.

Cloyd Funeral Home of Lewistown and Retz Funeral Home of Helena are assisting the family with arrangements.

Friends are asked to make memorials to the Central Montana Home Health, Central Montana Ambulance, or the charity of their choice and they may be left at the Cloyd Funeral Home.

Condolences for the family may be left at www.cloydfuneralhome.com.

Rosella T. Bowman, 89, of Lewistown died unexpectedly of natural causes Monday, May 21, 2007, at her home in Lewistown. She was born May 27, 1917, in Albany, Minn., the daughter of Jacob and Barbara Lou (Berscheid) Kalla.

She received her education in Minnesota, and on Nov. 8, 1941, she was united in marriage to Robert C. Bowman in Crosby, Minn. In 1948, they moved to Montana.

They lived in Helena for many years where they raised their family. Later they moved to Lewistown, where they lived at the Eagles Manor.

Bob preceded Rosella in death Wednesday, May 16, 2007.

Rosella was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church of Lewistown.

She is survived by one son, Bruce, and Candy of Lewistown; one daughter, Barbara, and Gary Brandenburg of Billings; and granddaughter, Kelly Schiffel-

Elsie Kandel Boycott, 84



Elsie Kandel Boycott, 84, died Sunday, Aug. 19, 2007, at her home in Kalispell. Elsie was born Feb. 11, 1923, in Detroit, to Julius and Mynny (Pries) Kandel.

Elsie worked at Garner-Shelton Co., in Detroit, where she met Frederick George Boycott. They were married on Sept. 13, 1947.

She was later employed by the Detroit Osteopathic Hospital Corporation as a medical transcriptionist. She and Fred retired and moved to Kalispell, in 1988, to be near their grandchildren.

Elsie was a generous spirit who enjoyed trips with her family and square dancing with Fred. She also enjoyed gardening and was an avid reader. She enjoyed Trinity Lutheran Church and her women's Bible study. She was a wonderful wife to Fred, loving mother and grandmother, and, according to her grandchildren, she made the best lasagna ever.

Survivors include her children, William F. Boycott, of Lander, Wyo., and Kathleen S.

Boycott-Kuhlin of Kalispell; her grandchildren, Sandra A. Kuhlin-Shappell and her husband, Jared, and Samuel J. Kuhlin, and their father, John Kuhlin, all of Kalispell, Oakley Corsick-Boycott of Lander, Wyo., and her mother, Diane M. Corsick; Elsie's sisters, Lydia Hahn and Mildred Deman, both of Michigan; and various nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Fred; her sister, Tillie Moore; her brother, Edward Kandel; and her parents, Julius and Mynny Kandel.

Funeral services for Elsie will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 22, in the Glacier Church on Grandview Drive, with Pastor Hal Irvine officiating. Burial will be in the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel.

The family suggests memorial gifts be given to Home Options/Hospice, 175 Commons Loop, Ste. 100, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for Elsie's family. You are invited to go to www.johnsonmortuary.com to offer condolences and sign Elsie's guest book.

Mary H. Brackin, 68

Mary H. Brackin, 68, died Monday, Dec. 10, 2007, in Kalispell.

A memorial Mass will be said at 12:10 p.m. on Tues-

day, Dec. 18, St. Matthew's Catholic Church. A luncheon reception will follow.

Buffalo Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Evelyn B. (DeLong) Bradley, 89

Evelyn B. (DeLong) Bradley passed from

her life in the early morning hours of April 6, 2007, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center after a courageous

battle with cancer. She was born March 10, 1917, in Waite, Maine.

She met her life's partner, Kelsey Bradley, at the USO in Eastport, Maine, where he was stationed as a Sea Bee during World War II. They were married Aug. 15, 1948 in Waite, at her parent's home and honeymooned in Quebec. Kelsey then brought his war bride back to Kalispell, where they resided and remained life companions until his death in 1998.

Kelsey and Evelyn enjoyed each other's company in numerous outdoor activities, such as fishing, and family picnics and gatherings. She even learned to cross-country-ski so she could be with him while he was ice fishing.

Evelyn was an active and faithful member of the Methodist Church and participated in numerous church activities.

She was an avid bowler and bowled until the age of 86 and quit only then, when the bowling alley burned to the ground. She also loved her quiet times while gardening, walking, painting and reading.

After losing her soul mate, Evelyn surrounded herself with many friends who enjoyed activi-



ties such as luncheons, playing cards and games, attending music concerts, and going to movies and the Bigfork Playhouse.

She was a very spiritual person, a wonderful friend and neighbor, and will be missed by all!

She was preceded in death by her parents, David and Ethel DeLong; brother, Charles DeLong; and sister, Claire (DeLong) Pierce.

She is survived by her sister, Lois, and husband, Oric O'Brien, of Fort Myers, Fla.; sister Muriel, and husband, George Dion, and nephew, Ritchie Dion, all of Berlin, N.H.; nephews, Steven Dion of Maine, Charles Pierce, Richard Pierce and Terry Pierce, and niece, Donna (Pierce) and husband, Richard Lewia, all of Maine; sister-in-law, Velma Bradley; nieces, Joan (Bradley) and husband, Bryan Stahlberg, and Diane (Bradley) and husband, Frank Pelech, all of Kalispell; nephew, David Bradley, of Missoula; niece, Janis (Bradley) and husband, Bryan Marshall, of Pennsylvania; and numerous grandnieces and grandnephews.

A memorial service for Evelyn will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 12, at the Epworth Methodist Church, 329 Second Ave. E., in Kalispell, with a luncheon and gathering of friends and family afterward.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions be made in Evelyn's name to Hospice, 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Norma Gene Bradshaw, 75

Norma Gene Bradshaw, 75, died on Wednesday, July 11, 2007, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

She is survived by a

daughter, Cindy Couture, of Kalispell.

Cremation has taken place. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

William 'Bill' Earl Bradford, 70

William "Bill" Earl Bradford, 70, "has gone to be with the Lord." He passed away Feb. 17, 2007, in Phoenix. He was born May 31, 1936, in Kalispell, to James A. and Clara E. Bradford, who preceded him death.

Surviving him is his wife, Beverly; two brothers, Robert J. Bradford of Kalispell, and Dean A. Bradford of Bonnie Lake, Wash.; two sisters, Gayle E. Mastolier of Homer, Alaska, and Sharon K. Crowder of Kalispell; two children, Duane A. Bradford of Wenatchee, Wash.,

and Peggie J. Tarwater of Los Angeles; five grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and nieces and nephews.

Bill was educated in Kalispell, joined the U.S. Air Force and was discharged in 1957. He moved to Washington state in 1964 to work for Rohr Aircraft as a foreman. In 1971 he returned to Kalispell and owned the Subaru franchise until retiring, then lived in Phoenix until his passing.

There will be a memorial service in April in Kalispell.

Marlene Janis (Letts) Bradford, 70

Marlene Janis (Letts) Bradford, 70, passed away of natural causes Oct. 23, 2007, in Kalispell.

She was born Sept. 18, 1937, in Wenatchee, Wash., to Harry C. and Elsie M. Letts. She was raised in Montana and educated in Flathead County.

On July 28, 1955, Marlene married Robert J. Bradford in Kalispell at the home of his parents, James and Clara Bradford.

Marlene was the best, most dedicated, loyal, loving and nurturing sister, wife, daughter, mother and friend. She was the most beautiful, funny and gracious grandma, who was there for everyone, always.



"Thank you!"

Besides her deep love for her family and friends, Marlene enjoyed many hobbies and interests, among them crocheting, drawing and painting, and gardening.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and brothers, Terry Lee Letts and Dale E. Letts.

Marlene is survived by her husband of 52 years, Robert Bradford; sons, James and Mitch; daughters, Tamara McNulty and Deborah Long; two grandsons; seven granddaughters; and three great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her siblings, Harriet Fuger, Deanna Letts, Larry Letts, Susan Daugherty and Vicki Fuger.

Cremation has taken place. Services will be held at 1 p.m. Nov. 2 at Glacier Memorial Gardens, 2659 U.S. 93 N., in Kalispell.

Hjordis M. Bratsberg, 104



Hjordis M. Bratsberg, 104, passed away at her residence in Buffalo Hill Terrace in Kalispell on Tuesday, Oct. 16, 2007.

She was born on Sept. 5, 1903, in Oslo, Norway, to Harold and Margaret Kjar. Her family immigrated to Grand Forks County, N.D., in 1905. With homesteads still available in western North Dakota, her father decided to take his family, consisting of his wife, their son Erling and their daughter Hjordis. They also took one bred heifer and eight chickens on this adventure in 1907. Hjordis attended grade school and graduated from Reeder High School in 1924. She attended Dickinson College and taught in rural schools for five years.

Hjordis and Edgar Bratsberg were married on June 28, 1929.

The year 1930 brought about a double whammy with economic collapse and a 10-year drought. Disillusioned with farming, Edgar chose for them to take up a healing profession. They

attended in the National College of Chiropractic in Chicago. This was a four-year course, shortened somewhat by eliminating vacations and taking evening courses. With odds and ends of furnishings from both parental families, they established a practice in Hettinger, N.D.

They moved to Kalispell in 1934. They were especially drawn to the Flathead Valley because of a favorite aunt who lived here. They managed to attend the World's Fair in San Francisco in 1939.

In the 1940s, a government project, the Hungry Horse Dam, was started which was a sizable business stimulus, plus the rains finally came.

Age and failing health caused their aunt, Marie, to move to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, because there were no nursing facilities in Kalispell. They visited her once a month for four years in Idaho. It became Edgar's ambition to encourage the building of a nursing home in Kalispell. Deserving or not, Edgar received recognition for starting the Immanuel Lutheran Home. Immanuel opened its doors in

1957 and now houses 150 residents.

From time to time Hjordis and Edgar took refresher courses in California, combining study with sightseeing. In 1954, they had a surprise silver wedding celebration put on by Edgar's two sisters, who lived in Polson. On Pearl Harbor Day, they couple purchased a home at Second Ave. East in Kalispell. They did some traveling and had a great time with two other couples while in Hawaii. In 1968, they had their first airplane ride with a trip to Norway and followed by a second trip in 1973. At that time they visited Norway, Sweden and Denmark. Through the years they traveled by car over most of the United States.

They became members of Bethlehem Lutheran Church soon after moving to Kalispell. They were active members, with Hjordis serving in many women's groups and committees. She also belonged to the Business and Professional Women in the '50s, serving as president for two years. They belonged to the Sons of Norway for many years and they were members up to their deaths. Hjordis was also a member of Eastern Star, serving as chaplain for several years. She was a very special person; a gracious lady in every way and an inspiration to all who knew and loved her.

Hjordis was preceded in death by her brother, Erling, who drowned in 1922, and her husband in 1977.

She is survived by many dear friends including Lorraine Wagnild, Polly Nikolaisen, and Theresa and Don Morton.

A graveside urn burial will be held for Hjordis at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 24, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery with Pastor Peter Ramsefth officiating. The services will be immediately followed by a coffee hour in the Buffalo Room in the Buffalo Hill Terrace.

Memorial gifts may be given to the Immanuel Lutheran Home or to a charity of the donor's choosing.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for Hjordis' family. You are invited to go to www.johnsonmortuary.com to offer condolences and sign Hjordis' guest book.

Fred O. Brauer, 89



Fred O. Brauer, 89, of Missoula, passed away June 25, 2007, of natural causes. Fred was born Aug. 23, 1917, in Butte. His father and mother homesteaded at Divide which is where he lived until the homestead burned down in the early 1920s, forcing the family to move back to Butte. Shortly thereafter, the family moved to Bonner, where Fred attended Bonner School and then Missoula County High School, graduating in 1937.

He then went on to the University of Montana where he played football for his beloved Grizzlies from 1937 to 1940.

Before completing his degree, duty called and he was off to flight training and service of his country during World War II. Fred was awarded the distinguished flying cross for his heroic effort in the Battle of The Bulge. His supply mission to the 101st Airborne is widely recognized as a turning point in this epic battle.

Fred returned from the war and entered a career that would make him a legend: smokejumping. This was his true love and he approached it in a head-on, no nonsense fashion. Fred was responsible for training the new recruits, among other things, and often referred to the trainees as "My Boys."

Many of the recruits referred to Fred jokingly as "Good Deal" Brauer. He took his responsibility seriously knowing that his boys would be placed in harm's way on a moment's notice. They were required to be physically and mentally tough just like he was.

Fred was one of the true pioneers of smokejumping and made several appearances on

the History Channel and various other documentaries. He ended his 29-year Forest Service career as a technical director for the "Lassie" television program. He also served as a technical director and fire expert in the motion picture "Red Skies Over Montana."

He returned to Missoula in 1963 and built the Lolo View Manor mobile home park with his own two hands. He was very proud of the accomplishment and it served him well through his later years. He loved to work and his project list had no end.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Vera Brauer; his sister, Charlotte Edleman, of Nampa, Idaho; and his loving wife of 37 years, Harriett Anne Brauer.

Fred is survived by his son, John F. Brauer, and his wife, Kathy, of Missoula; his daughter, Sherry Danielson, and husband, Jim, of Billings; his stepdaughter, Julie Davis, and husband, Craig, of Stevensville; his grandchildren, Tarah and Brett Brauer, Denise and Toby Tripp, Chris Poitras, Scott Wold, Kory and Krista Smith; and many great-grandchildren.

Great men are not born, they are made. Fred was an honest, good-natured, compassionate man that will be adored by his family forever.

Memorial services will be held at noon Saturday, June 30, at the Christian Life Center in Missoula. Placement of the urn will take place at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday at the Mausoleum of Remembrance at Sunset Memorial Cemetery. Military rites will be provided by Malmstrom Air Force Base. There will be a reception afterwards at Sunset Memorial Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials in Fred's name to the Museum of Mountain Flying.

Orville Peter Braun, 88

Orville Peter Braun, 88, died Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2007, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

Orville is survived by his wife, Betty J. Braun, and a

step-daughter, Sue Haugan.

Memorial services will be held in Illinois at a later date.

Buffalo Hill Funeral is caring for the family.

Mollie Brewer

A memorial service for Mollie Brewer, who died Nov. 24, 2006, will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, June

2, at the Messiah Episcopal Church, 1631 Ford Parkway, Saint Paul, MN 55116.

James Cecil Brickey Sr., 73

James Cecil Brickey Sr., 73, Libby, died Friday, Jan. 20, 2007, on his way to St. Ann's Lutheran Hospital. He was born Jan. 18, 1933, in Harlowton, Ky., to James Webb and Tracey Brickey. Jim was drafted into the Army in August 1953. He was stationed in the Marshall Islands and then Fort Knox, Ky. When returning to the states, he met the love of his life, the former Donna Lykins. They were married Nov. 20, 1955. Jim built fire trucks for the city from 1967 to 2003. Jim owned and operated Jim's Wrecking in Libby. Semi-retired, he then purchased a 1961 Buick Wildcat and raced their until his death. Jim belonged to The Mavericks band in the 1970s and 1980s. He built and raced stock cars with his wife in the early 1980s. Jim had the trophies to



show for his success.

He enjoyed spending time with family, camping and fishing at Big Creek with his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Jim will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his wife; children, Colleen Wruck and her husband, Jim, of Harlowton; James Brickey Jr., of Stevensville; Mark Brickey of Libby, and Tara Snyder and her husband, Chad, of Kalispell; grandchildren include Ryan Richards and his wife, Crystal; Dustin Richards and his wife, Tammi; Vanessa Rauser and her husband, Rob; Stu, Brooke, Justin and Logan Brickey; Cayla, Jenae and Maree Wruck; and Ceara and Tristan Snyder. Other survivors are great-grandchildren, Madison, Cameron, Ashley, Dylan, Gabriella and Ethan; brothers, Bill Brickey and his wife Beth of Choteau, and Lloyd Brickey and his wife Helen of Deer Park, Wash.; and many brothers- and sisters-in-law, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 25, at the Libby Christian Church. Viewing will be from 1 to 8 p.m. today, Jan. 24, at Nelson & Vial Funeral Home. A reception will follow at the church.

There will be no graveside services.

Joy Phyllis Brittingham, 87

Joy Phyllis Brittingham, 87, passed away peacefully Saturday, March 10, 2007. Joy was born August 10, 1919, in New York. She married George Brittingham on April 16, 1939 and they raised three children. After her husband's retirement, they traveled across the United States, residing in California, Nevada, Washington and Idaho. George died in 1998.



For the past four years, Joy lived at Heritage House in Kalispell because of her infirmities.

Joy was also preceded in death by her daughter, Joan Favre, who died in Kalispell on May 7, 2006.

She is survived by her children, Barbara, Patricia, Lauren and Thomas; eight grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

A viewing will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 4, at Johnson Mortuary, with burial afterward at Soldiers and Sailors Cemetery in Columbia Falls, where Joy will be buried next to her husband.

Frank James Brousseau, 83

Frank James Brousseau, 83, passed away Dec. 5, 2007, at the Veterans Home in Columbia Falls. He was born June 25, 1924, in Saginaw, Mich., to Frank and Gladys Brousseau Sr.



After high school, he entered the Navy on July 2, 1943, and served as an aviation radioman 2nd class.

After he was honorably discharged in April of 1946, he married to Madonna Hopkins whom he met in San Francisco. They were married in Glasgow on Oct. 10, 1946. They moved to Whitefish and raised five children.

Frank worked for the Chevrolet Garage for 30 years. He was known to be one of the best body and paint men in the state.

While raising four sons and a daughter, he was very active in the community as a coach

for PeeWee through American Legion ball. He wanted all the boys from the '50s and '60s to know how much he enjoyed his coaching experience and to thank them all for the memories.

Frank also enjoyed hunting, fishing and camping.

After Donna passed away in 1980, he married Joanne Carter in 1982 and they later divorced.

He was also preceded in death by his parents and three brothers.

Frank is survived by his five children, Maurice of Whitefish, Jim who lives on Middle Thompson Lake, Dean of Libby, Peggy of Kalispell, and Patrick of Columbia Falls. He also has 11 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 11 a.m., Dec. 15, at Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. A reception and luncheon will follow the services at the VFW Post 276.

Memorials can be made to the Whitefish Junior Baseball program.

G.O. 'Doc' Brown, 95

G.O. "Doc" Brown, 95, of Polson, died Wednesday, June 20, 2007, at Lily of The Valley in Pablo from natural causes.

Visitation will be held from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 24, in the Grogan Funeral Home. Masonic ser-

vices will be at 1 p.m. Monday, June 25, in the Grogan Funeral Home, with interment to follow at Lakeview Cemetery.

An online guestbook is available at www.grogan-funeralhome.com.

Lorraine A. Brown, 86

Lorraine A. Brown, 86, died Saturday, Oct. 20, 2007, in Libby.

She had worked at Thom's Drug Store and Trojan Lanes in Troy.

She is survived by her

three daughters, Wanda Brown, Leone Harner and Dedi Coy, all of Troy.

A celebration of life will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 27 at the Troy Senior Center.

Tim Brown, 52

Tim Brown, 52, a long-time resident of the Kootenai Valley, died Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2007, as the result of injuries received in a motor-vehicle accident near Libby.

He was a heavy-equipment operator for Montana Rock Works Company, served with the Libby Volunteer Ambulance, and was a reserve deputy with the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office. Survivors include his wife,

Penny, of Libby; his children, Lisa Byington of Laguna Nugal, Calif., Aaron Brown of Libby, and Hannah Brown of Ephrata, Wash.; and his mother, Betty Brown, of East Wenatchee, Wash.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at Faith Bible Church; interment services will be afterward at the city of Libby Cemetery under the direction of Nelson and Vial Funeral Home.

Dorothy A. Bruce, 85

Dorothy A. Bruce, 85, died Feb. 15, 2007, at the North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

A memorial service will

be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 2, at the Assembly of God Church in Columbia Falls with Rev. Darrell Newby officiating.

Dorothy 'Dot' Olson Bruce, 85

Dorothy "Dot" Olson Bruce, 85, passed away Feb. 15, 2007, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish, due to natural causes.



She was born June 2, 1921, in Whitewater, to Olaf and Millie Olson.

At the age of 2 she moved to Malta and two years later moved to Great Falls where she was raised and educated.

In 1941, she married Herb Bruce in Stanford. They moved to Cut Bank in 1960, where she retired from Schlumberger Well Service. They moved from Cut Bank to Hungry Horse in 1981 and later to Columbia Falls in 1994.

Dorothy was an avid bowler, loved to read, enjoyed crossword and jigsaw puzzles, crocheting and embroidering. She lived life to the fullest and always had a cute, snappy comeback for everything.

She was preceded in death by her mom and dad, Olaf and Millie;

her twin sister, Donna, at birth; her brothers, Clifford and Robert Olson; and her husband of 57 years, Herb Bruce.

Dorothy is survived by a daughter, Donna Samson, of Columbia Falls; a son, Richard Bruce, and wife, Sharon, of Missoula; a son, William "Bill" Bruce, and wife, Rose, of Columbia Falls; grandchildren, Tami Finwick of Billings, Bruce Samson of Newman, Calif., Shelly Hobbs of Columbia Falls, Lorrie Jones of Spokane, Yancy, Wyatt and Kathy Bruce of Missoula; and seven great-grandchildren, three great-great-grandchildren, and numerous nephews.

Dorothy will be deeply missed and always will be remembered as a loving and devoted mother, grandmother and friend.

A memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 2, at the Columbia Falls Assembly of God, with the Rev. Daryl Newby officiating.

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

This paid obituary is being run at the request of the family.

Donald Wayne Brunett, 78

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of our father and grandfather, Donald Wayne Brunett, 78, on Thursday, Dec. 6, 2007, at Brendan House after a lengthy battle with heart disease.

Don was born July 5, 1929, to Alfred "Toots" and Frances Brunett at his beloved Uncle Alfonse "Foe" Brunett's home in Columbia Falls. Foe mentored him in hunting and fishing. Don was raised in Columbia Falls, graduating from Columbia Falls High School in 1948. He enlisted in the Air Force at the age of 18. He went to the Aleutian Islands, serving two years before being stationed in Amarillo, Texas, for the remainder of his four-year tenure. He was honorably discharged in 1952.

When he returned home, he remembered a pretty girl, Carol Russell. They went out on their first date and on Sept. 12, 1952, they were married. They were married for 48 years when he lost his Carol to emphysema. Several years later, the Lord blessed him with another special lady, Elaine Lawlor, whom he loved dearly. They spent many happy days enjoying each other's company.

Don had a rich and full life with family and friends who loved him. He taught us many things we will take with us throughout our lifetimes. He was happiest when spending time with his loved ones. Don was an avid outdoorsman. He enjoyed boating, water skiing, hunting, camping, snowmobiling and motorbiking, and he loved nothing more than pulling in a big fish.

He represented the rich history of this area, helping to build Hungry Horse Dam and the Garden Wall in Glacier National Park. He then worked for the



Anaconda Aluminum Company, Superior Lumber Company, and became well known for his superb skills as "the best darn backhoe operator around," running heavy equipment for his dear friend at B&F Excavation and the Montana Power Company, where he worked until his retirement.

Don is preceded in death by his parents, Alfred and Frances Brunett; his wife, Carol; and sister, Deloris Loehr.

Don is survived by his four children, Beverly "Kandi" Chase of Grangeville, Idaho, Bill Brunett and his wife, Kathy, of Columbia Falls, Nancy Brunett Veigel of Kalispell, and Neil Brunett and his wife, Denise, of Helena. They helped to raise three grandsons, James Johnston Jr. and wife, Erin, of Kennewick, Wash., Jason Johnston and wife, Lauren, of Kalispell, and Jacob Johnston of Helena; grandchildren also include Robert Chase Jr. and wife, Jen, of Kooskia, Idaho, Amy McCubbins and husband, Pat, of Buckeye, Ariz., Kristy Corbett and husband, Scott, of Kalispell, Karlee Yeager and husband, Greg, of Helena, Olivia Brunett of Conrad, and Alexander and Nathaniel Brunett of Helena; 11 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; seven nieces and nephews; as well as special friends, Greg and Wendy Jones; and special niece, Sheila Wade.

Visitation will be from 1 to 5 p.m. today, Dec. 9, at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. Mass of the Resurrection will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 10, at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls. The Rev. John Miller will officiate. Burial will be afterward at Woodlawn Cemetery, with military graveside rites by the United Veterans of the Flathead. There will be a reception after the graveside committal at St. Richard's Catholic Church.

Arrangements are with the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

Larry Bruno, 76

Larry Bruno, 76, of Casa Grande, Ariz., formerly of Kalispell, died Jan. 11, 2007, at his home in Casa Grande.

A memorial service was held Jan. 19 at J. Warren Funeral Services, Cole and Maud, The Gardens Chapel, in Casa Grande, with Aurora Stutenroth officiating.

He worked in the logging industry as a sawyer.

Survivors include four daughters, Linda Stewart of Seattle, Danetta Lee of Las Vegas, Karry Bruno of Casa Grande and Heidi Walters of Arizona City, Ariz.; and two sons, Mark Bruno of Casa Grande and Jeffery Bruno of Arizona City.

Mark Matthew Bruss, 61

Mark Matthew Bruss, 61, died Saturday, Feb. 3, 2007, at his residence in Kalispell. There are no services

planned at this time.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for the family.

John 'Jack' William Brultz III, 66

an "Jack" William Brultz III, 66, died on Monday, Aug. 6, 2007, in Kalispell.

He is survived by his son, Shawn Brultz, of Williamsburg, Va.

There are no services

planned at this time.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for the family.

An online guest book is available at www.johnson-mortuary.com.

Vera E. Bunker, 93

Vera E. Bunker, 93, died Wednesday, May 23, 2007, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She was born Jan. 16, 1914, in Downers Grove, Ill., to Clive Malvern and Mathilda Marie (Ahrens) Byxbe.

Vera moved with her family to Wolf Point soon after her birth. She married Raymond Bunker on Jan. 7, 1933. They moved to the Flathead Valley in 1941.

Vera enjoyed gardening, quilting, knitting, walks, and family and friends. Vera was loved and will be missed by all her family, especially by her children: Kenneth, Nadine, Donald, Mark and Barbara.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond, on April 30, 1989.

She is survived by three sons,

Kenneth Bunker and Donald Bunker, both of Kalispell, and Mark Bunker of Fallon, Nevada; two daughters, Nadine Sand of Kalispell, and Barbara Hayes of Missoula; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for Vera will be held at 2 p.m. May 30, 2007, at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls, with Pastor Marty Kaare officiating. Visitation will be from 12:30 p.m. until the time of the service at the church. Burial will be after the service at Fairview Cemetery.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for Vera's family. You are invited to go to www.johnsonmortuary.com to offer condolences and to sign Vera's guestbook.

Thomas Richard Bundy, 86

Thomas Richard Bundy, 86, passed away peacefully at his home in Kalispell on July 6, 2007. Thomas was born Nov. 7, 1920, in Osawatomie, Kan. He was raised on the Whitefish dairy farm of his grandparents, Thomas and Barbara Rice.

As a boy he would swim in Whitefish Lake "anytime he could make it." Tom worked on his family's dairy farm and made milk deliveries before school. He graduated from Whitefish High School in 1940 where he earned his letter in the mile. He especially enjoyed singing in the school musical productions.

In 1937, he met his forever true love Norma Baumgarner and took her to the Flathead Valley Fair for their first date. They were married in 1940 and were sweethearts for close to 65 golden years.

Tom served in World War II, running a bakery at the U.S. Camp for Italian POWs in Florence, Ariz.

After the war, Tom and Norma had two beautiful daughters, Barbara in 1945 and Susan in 1950. They owned and operated Tom's Home Bakery in Hamilton, from 1953 until they moved to Kalispell in 1974.

Tom continued his baking career at Kalispell's B & B until he retired in 1982.

Tom and Norma lived in Hillcrest Estates until 1999 when they moved to their home in Meadow Manor. Luckily for all that knew him, Tom continued



baking cookies and making special deliveries.

When he wasn't fishing for steelhead or hunting for pheasant, he was often found in his garden tending to the 10-foot tall corn patch and tomatoes. Tom loved Bing Crosby and had a marvelous singing voice. He was active in the Shriners, becoming potentate of Baghdad Temple in 1970. He was always busy, canning pickles, smoking salmon or baking mouthwatering apple pies. Tom went walking for two to three miles every morning, often in Woodland Park.

Kalispell's Senior Center filled his days. Tom was often planning new adventures, ocean fishing in British Columbia, a boat ride in Many Glacier, cruising local waterways with his family searching for "the one that got away."

Tom enjoyed taking his grandsons ice fishing and for sunny rides through Glacier Park, always with his beloved wife Norma at his side until her death in 2004. Tom was also preceded in death by his daughter, Susan Valencia.

He is survived by his daughter, Barbara Barclay, of New Market, Md.; and grandsons, Tom Valencia of Los Angeles, and Tony Valencia of Creston.

Graveside urn burial services will be held at 3 p.m. Friday, July 13, at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to the Shriners' Hospital for Crippled Children, P.O. Box 2472, Spokane, Washington 99210-2472.

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

Clifford Chester Burau, 94

Clifford Chester Burau, 94, passed away Tuesday, March 20, 2007, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls. Clifford was born Aug. 9, 1912, in Larson, N.D., the son of Ben and Ida Burau.

He was drafted in the U.S. Army in 1941 and served in the 46th Engineer Construction Battalion during WWII in the South Pacific. Upon receiving his honorable discharge in 1945, he returned to Flaxton, N.D.

In 1945, he married Melba Holte. He worked at various jobs until moving to Columbia Falls in 1964. Cliff was employed with Arrowhead Construction helping to build the Outlaw Inn and the Kalispell Regional Hospital.

He enjoyed gardening and fishing in his spare time. Cliff's favorite spot was Foy's Lake with his grandson, Glenn.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ben and Ida; a sister, Evelyn Holte and her husband, Benny; and two brothers, Tex and Roy.

Cliff is survived by his wife of 61 years, Melba, in Whitefish; a son, Monte Burau; a daughter, Vickie Ott and her husband, Art; his grandchildren, Glenn Ott and his wife, Sandy, Sara Kentros and her husband, Louis III, and Angela Berlinger and her husband, Aaron, all of Columbia Falls.

He always had a good sense of humor, which we will all miss.

He wished for no services. He will be cremated at a later date and will be interred at the Montana Veterans Home Cemetery.

Cliff would have liked any memorials to be given to the donor's choice.

Arrangements are with the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

Sharon Marie Burton, 63

Sharon Marie Burton, 63, "traveled peacefully to the glorious other side in her sleep," Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2007.



Sharon was born July 2, 1943, in Pasco, Wash. Shortly after, her family moved to Libby, where she grew up.

During those years she served in the Civil Air Patrol, married, had two daughters and was employed by the U.S. Forest Service as a tree planter.

During the early '70s, Sharon and her family moved to Kalispell, where she lived out her life.

During those years, she went to C and C Beauty School, and became a hairdresser. She worked for a short time at the B and B Beauty Salon, then worked for more than 30 years at the Country Curl Beauty Salon. During this time, she divorced, then met the love of her life, Don Burton.

They recently celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary. One of her proud accomplishments in her life was writing a winning essay to the American Diabetes Foundation. She won

a trip to Washington, D.C., and took along her grandson, Nicholas Handford, who was her inspiration. During this trip, she met Gladys Knight and her family.

Sharon was preceded in death by her parents, Carl and Valmeda Cole, and a brother, David Cole.

She is survived by her husband of 24 years, Don Burton, of Kalispell; daughters, Barbara Handford and her life mate, Rusty Hayek, of Kalispell, and Marja Handford of Nashville, Tenn.; grandchildren, Amber Thompson, Chris Handford and his fiancée, Daisy Berg, Nicholas Handford, Austin Csikasz, Levi Handford and Chance Handford; one great-grandson; and another light in her life, Gabriel Thompson.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, with the Rev. David Sprunger officiating. Cremation will take place after the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to either the American Heart Association or the Diabetes Foundation.

Buffalo Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Earl L. Burkett, 62

Earl L. Burkett, 62, of Libby, died Friday, Sept. 14, 2007, at St. John's Lutheran Hospital from natural causes.

He worked in construction for many years.

He is survived by a daughter,

Tammy Ramsey.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29, at the Libby Baptist Church in Libby.

Arrangements are by the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

Randall S. 'Randy' Burns, 53

Randall S. "Randy" Burns died June 19, 2007, surrounded by his family. Randy was born to John Burns and Mildred Burns on June 29, 1953, in Sidney.



He had three older sisters, Bonnie, Tana and Linda, and it has been often said he had four mothers. Randy attended schools in Sidney, and attended college at Montana State in Bozeman.

Randy married Robin C. Vitt on Aug. 25, 1973. Their daughter, Regan, was born on March 27, 1975.

Randy enjoyed being with his family and friends and enjoying the outdoors with them, hunting and fishing. He always had a good story to share about his many adventures with his father, nephews, wife, daughter, and/or his hunting buddy, Stuart.

He had many plans to teach his grandchildren, great-nephews, and great-nieces how to hunt and fish too. He spent countless hours watching the hunting and fishing network with anyone that could stand it; he would give all of us the play-by-play as it went.

When Randy was younger he spent many hours working on planes with his dad and cars with his friends and relatives. He enjoyed sharing his knowledge of both with everyone. He was also an avid reader which helped him pass the time when he was not feeling well. He loved reading everyone a bedtime story.

He was always up for a game of cards or board games which were always played at Christ-

mas with his family, and he was a fierce competitor. Just ask his sister, Tana.

Randy's greatest joy was being an uncle, father and husband. He loved watching his daughter and her children grow. He was quick to share their many successes with others.

Randy had many different professions but especially enjoyed constructing houses, his last project being the home that Robin and he lived in. He made it his goal to teach family members the joy of being in the outdoors.

Randy's health created many obstacles for him but he kept fighting each day. He was an inspiration to all of us that knew him and his fight for life will live on in his family.

He was preceded in death by his father, John Burns; his stepfather, Rusty Packard; and his mother, Millie Packard.

Randy is survived by his wife, Robin; daughter, Regan Ostroot and husband, Jack Lindsey; grandchildren, Calen, Cameron and Alora; sisters, Linda and Pete Carson, Tana Streeter, and Bonnie and Tom Campbell; nieces, Lisa Malby, Heather Bradbury and Heidi Smith; nephews, Lance Streeter, Bryan Carson, Tom Campbell and Ryan Campbell; his great-nieces and great-nephews; his cousins; and many life-long friends.

Memorial services for Randy will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, July 2, at the Bethany Lutheran Church in Bigfork. There will be no visitation.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for Randy's family. You are invited to go to www.johnsonmortuary.com to offer condolences and sign Randy's guest book.

Keith C. Buzzell, 73

Keith C. Buzzell, 73, died Sunday, Oct. 7, 2007, at the Brendan House in Kalispell.

He worked at the Anaconda Aluminum plant for many years.

Survivors include his wife, Carol, of Kalispell; his mother, Martha Buzzell; his son, Rick Buzzell, and his daughters, Dawn Martin and Lynette Skinner.

Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 10, at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 11, at the New Covenant Fellowship Church. Burial will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Arrangements are with the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

Keith Curtis Buzzell, 73

Keith Curtis Buzzell, 73, passed away on Oct. 7, 2007, after a courageous battle with cancer. He was born to Curtis and Martha (Staples) Buzzell in Havre on March 24, 1934. He moved with his family to Coram in 1947 and attended school in Columbia Falls.

He married his wife, Carol, of 53 years, in 1954. They lived, worked and raised four children in Columbia Falls and later retired in the Lakeside/Kalispell area.

Keith spent 37 years of his career at the Columbia Falls Aluminum Company, retiring from the Employee Relations department in 1992.

Keith's interests included building several homes of quality workmanship and assisting his children and grandchildren with numerous building and construction projects.

He was a man who was well respected and very giving and generous in spirit.

He was preceded in death by his son, Danny; father, Curtis; and his brother, Art.

He is survived by his wife, Carol, of Kalispell; his 95-year-old mother, Martha Buzzell,

of Coram; his son, Rick and Leanne Buzzell, and their children, Teri, Lacey, Gabe, Caleb and Josh of Columbia Falls; his daughter, Dawn and Gary Martin of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and her children, Cody, Val and Danny Bothun; his daughter, Lynette and Todd Skinner of Eatonville, Wash., and her children, Mike and Geena Welch. He had 10 great-grandchildren with two more making their appearance in 2008. Keith is also survived by his siblings, Luann Copeland of Helena, Bill Buzzell of Big Sky, Dewayne Buzzell of Spokane and Joyce Jensen of Valley, Wash.

Viewing will be held from 1 to 8 p.m. today, Oct. 10, at the Columbia Mortuary, 1010 Fourth Ave. West in Columbia Falls. Services will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 11, at New Covenant Fellowship, 436 Birch Grove, Kalispell, officiated by Pastor Don Burleson. Interment will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery located off of U.S. 2 in Columbia Falls.

The family requested that donations and memorials go to Hospice of Kalispell, Brendan House or a charity of your choice.