

Twila Elaine (Bergh) Clawson, 80

Twila Elaine (Bergh) Clawson, 80, passed away Oct. 13, 2007, in Missoula, at the home of her daughter, Kayce.



A memorial service celebrating her life will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, at the First Presbyterian Church in Havre.

Twila was born Nov. 16, 1926 in Sheyenne, N.D., to Elmer and Mae (Berglund) Bergh. She moved with her family to Harlem at an early age and graduated from Harlem High School in 1944.

At age 17, Twila taught school in Savoy, because of the teacher shortage during World War II. She went to college at the University of Montana and majored in journalism.

It was there that she met her husband, Keith Clawson. They were married on March 20, 1947, in Missoula. Twila taught in Hall while Keith finished school. They lived in St. Ignatius, Deer Lodge and Great Falls before settling in Havre, in 1957.

Twila finished her teaching degree at Northern Montana College and graduated in 1964. The major part of her professional career was teaching English at Havre High School, beginning in 1966 and retiring in 1984.

She was a member of First Presbyterian Church, Eastern Star, and PEO Chapter AZ. After retirement she was active playing bridge, attending PEO and watching her eight grandchildren

who "were perfect in every way!"

Twila was an avid sports fan of the Blue Ponies, the Northern Lights, the Grizzlies, and most recently, the Sentinel Spartans.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and infant brother, Donald; and her husband, Keith, in 1983.

She is survived by her son, Steve, and Nancy Clawson of Kalispell; her daughter, Kayce, and Steve Grimsrud of Missoula; her daughter, Nan, and Kirk Miller of Bozeman, and Kirk's mom, Sally Miller, of Havre; her grandchildren, Keith, David, and Lindsay Clawson of Kalispell, Karrol and Erik Grimsrud of Missoula, Katie and Danny Wirtzberger, and Scott Miller, of Havre, and Danny Miller of Bozeman; her sister, Phyllis, and Don Rasmussen of Harlem; and her sister-in-law, Verda Clawson, of Deer Lodge.

The family offers a special thank you to Twila's caregiver, Lisa of Home Instead; and Adeena, Greg, Lawrence and Karen of Hospice of Missoula; and Bob and Jan Pedersen. Twila was thankful for her many friends in Havre and the special members of PEO Chapter AZ.

Memorial arrangements are entrusted to Garden City Funeral Home in Missoula, and Holland and Bonine Funeral Home in Havre.

Memorials may be made to the Havre Public Schools Education Foundation, P.O. Box 7791, Havre, MT 59501; Hospice Care Foundation, 320 Express Way, Missoula, MT 59808; or to the charity of your choice.

Joan Marie Clayton, 54

Joan Marie Clayton, 54, passed away Aug. 7, 2007, at her home in Kalispell. Joan was born June 18, 1953, in Colorado Springs, Colo., to Leonard and Norma Jean (Roberts) Smith. She was raised in Manitou Springs, Colo., graduating from high school in 1971.



Joan married Barry Clayton on Nov. 17, 1984, in Toole, Utah. She worked in health-related fields her whole life as a certified nurses aide, and as an emergency medical technician.

She enjoyed doing crossword puzzles, as well as reading. Her family was the main thing in

her life.

Joan was preceded in death by her father, Leonard; and a very special aunt, Josie.

She is survived by her husband, Barry Clayton, of Kalispell; her mother, Norma Jean Smith; daughter, Marie, and husband, William Jackson, of Kalispell; a son, John Sablan, of Kalispell; siblings, George, Alex and Eric Smith; sisters, Marianne Moore and Rita Lewis; grandchildren, Gabrielle Sablan, Darroch Jackson, Tyler Jackson and Greylen Jackson.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 11, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, with the Rev. Tim Bartholomew officiating.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Doug Cleveland, 55

Doug Cleveland, 55, died Wednesday, Sept. 19, 2007. He is survived by his wife, Mary; his parents, Carr and Carrie Cleveland; and sons, Matt and Josh Cleveland.

Cremation has taken place, and services will be held at 11:30 a.m. Monday, Sept. 24, at Covenant United Methodist Church. Helena Funeral Chapel is caring for the family.

Marcellyn 'Marcie' Dee Clogg, 57

After living successfully with cancer for more than six years, life ended mercifully at North Valley Hospital on Sept. 11, 2007, for Whitefish resident Marcellyn "Marcie" Dee Clogg, at the age of 57.



Born and raised in rural Iowa, Marcie attended Gates Business College in Waterloo, Iowa, following her high school graduation in Greene, Iowa, in 1968. She finished a 12-month secretarial course in a record-breaking five months.

Soon thereafter, at age 18, she began her federal career with the Social Security Administration, where she remained for more than 16 years. In 1986, she transferred to the National Park Service at Glacier National Park and became secretary to Superintendent Gil Lusk. She often described those next four years as the absolute best and happiest in her life.

In 1990, she accepted a promotion in the Alaska Region of the National Park Service and over the next five years was privileged to be the executive secretary to three different regional directors.

She and her family lived in Anchorage until 1995, when she became eligible for early retirement after 25 years of federal service at age 45.

Between 1995 and 2001, Marcie, husband, Steve, and son, Jamie, lived in Wisconsin, Georgia and Alabama, before returning and making Whitefish their permanent home.

It was in Alaska that she was introduced to the world of dog mushing and the world famous Iditarod dog sled race. She treasured the years of involvement in the sport and remained active as a recreational musher until recently.

In her single years, Marcie's first love was her flute, and her accomplishments were many, performing for hundreds and thousands, and playing everything from classical music to jam sessions with Vegas bands and recording artists in Nashville.

In recent years, her passion became the source of many wonderful stories and jokes. Known as the "Dumpster Diva,"

Marcie showed no shame when it came to retrieving others' throwaways from Dumpsters, sorting through it, and re-donating it to needy organizations and individuals. Over the years, she literally processed tons of clothing and household goods all by herself and helped fulfill unknown numbers of peoples' special needs. She often scolded those who threw away their unwanted items instead of donating them, and labeled them as just plain lazy.

Marcie was a diehard Bulldog basketball fan which culminated with Whitefish winning the Class A NW regional this last winter with her son as starting post and receiving all-tournament honors.

She was preceded in death by her father, Robert L. Curtis.

Survivors include very best friend and treasured husband of 23 years, Steve; 18-year-old son, Jamie; stepdaughter, Josalyn Nordenstrom and her son, AJ, of Minnesota; her mother, Phyllis M. Curtis of Columbia Falls; sister, Sandy Curtis, of Minnesota; nieces, Kristen and Kim Hesalroad, of New Mexico and Texas, respectively; and numerous aunts and cousins.

Also considered as family left behind are Pam Barker and Craig Conklin, formerly of Whitefish, currently of British Columbia, and their original team of Siberian huskies, the Nite Flite Kennel, Knik, Kaltag, Kiana, Koyuk, Kinley, Kash and Kavik, and their many kennel mates.

Cremation has taken place.

In lieu of flowers or monetary donations, Marcie hoped friends would instead volunteer a bit of time occasionally to an ailing one by taking their dog for a walk. Pets are victims of their owner's diseases as well and are often forced into an unhappy, inactive lifestyle.

A brief memorial service is scheduled at 3 p.m. on Sept. 15, at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Whitefish on U.S. 93 North. In memory of Marcie's love of bold, bright colors, feel free to wear something colorful. A social gathering will follow the memorial service about 4 p.m. at Grouse Mountain Lodge. Friends are encouraged to attend either or both of the events and join the family in the recovery process.

Cards may be sent to 155 Mal-lard Loop, Whitefish, MT 59937.

Arthur G. Clough, 87

Arthur G. Clough, 87, died Monday, Dec. 24, 2007, in Libby.

Survivors include his wife, Leah, of Libby; and children, Carol Weyandt, Charles Clough, George Clough, and Nancy Rooney. Services will be at 2 p.m.

Monday at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home Chapel. Interment services with military honors will follow at the City of Libby Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Sunday and until noon Monday at the funeral home.

Edwin James Cole, 87

Edwin James Cole, 87, passed away Saturday, May 12, 2007, from kidney failure at his home in Beaverton, Ore. He was born June 16, 1919, in Sylvania, Ohio, and spent his childhood in Ohio and Michigan. He attended Bowling Green University.

During World War II, Ed served in northern Canada, followed by Skagway, Alaska, where he met his future wife, Elizabeth Lee Frazier, a civilian employee of the Army. They married May 4, 1944, in Juneau, Alaska.

After being discharged from the Army, Ed, his wife and infant son settled in Elizabeth's hometown of Portland. He worked for 13 years as an engineer for Standard Oil Company. In 1959, he founded E.J. Cole Construction Company, which he operated

for 25 years until his retirement in 1984.

In 1954, Ed visited Ashley Lake while on a hunting trip with his friend Don MacLean. Ed immediately fell in love with the Flathead Valley and built a summer home on Ashley Lake that served as the family's retreat for 40 years. At the lake, Ed's children and grandchildren learned the beauty of nature, including the call of a loon, identification of animal tracks, canoeing, fishing and hiking. Everyone who visited the Coles' home fell as deeply in love with the area as Ed had.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Cole is survived by three children; six grandsons; two great-granddaughters; and his sister, Elizabeth Trachet.

John 'Jack' D. Collin, 76

Jack Collin, 76, died on Jan. 19, 2007, of natural causes in Oregon. He was born in Glasgow, on Oct. 24, 1930. He graduated from high school and immediately enlisted in the U.S. Navy where he served our country and continued his education. He retired after 20 years as a chief petty officer.

He was hired by Lockheed and retired as an electronics engineer. Jack became very involved with computers in their infancy. He wrote programs and helped family and friends with software and hardware problems with great enthusiasm.

Jack moved from California to Montana, and finally Salem, Ore.

One of Jack's many hobbies was photography.

He will be missed by many for his love, generosity, sharing of his time and for the many computer jokes.

He is survived by his stepdaughter, Shelley Brown, his stepson, Jack Cretney, his two grandsons, Christopher and Matthew Brown, all of West Hills, Calif.; his aunt and uncle, Pat and Don Paulson, and many cousins, all of Kalispell.

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

Alice Edna Catherine (Cooper) Colla, 96

Alice Edna Catherine (Cooper) Colla, the beloved mother of James and Richard Colla, "joined her husband, Anthony, in heaven," as she died quietly after breakfast Sept. 12, 2007, at the age of 96.



She was born on Aug. 30, 1911, in Milwaukee, Wis., the daughter of John and Mary Cooper of 774 Racine Street. While attending Lincoln High School in Milwaukee, she met her future husband, Anthony Bernard Colla, whose sister, Catherine, attended the same school and shared a school locker next to Alice, and the two became close friends.

After high school, Alice began a career at Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co., where her fiancé, Anthony, began his career in insurance. He later studied to become one of the first Certified Life Underwriters, CLU, in the country. He was a life member of the Million Dollar Roundtable and a New England Life Hall of Fame life member, along with other designations.

The couple was married Sept. 8, 1934, at Saint John's Cathedral in Milwaukee, and Alice gave birth to their first son, Richard, on April 18, 1936.

The family soon moved to Lakewood, Ohio, a suburb of Cleveland, where Anthony had been offered a position with National Life of Vermont. The couple returned to Milwaukee five years later, where their son, James, was born July 14, 1943. They lived first on Oakland Avenue, and then on Morris Boulevard in Shorewood, Wis., where Alice filled her life being the mother to her two growing sons, and wife to her husband. In 1961, Anthony agreed to accept a position of co-general agent for New England Mutual Life Insurance in Great Falls, where Alice moved with her husband and son James.

There she created a new home for her family at 1830 Beech Drive, across from Meadowlark Country Club, where she and her husband were members for more than 20 years. They perfected their games of golf and became involved in the social life of their community.

Alice and her family attended Saint Joseph Catholic Church, where she was a member of the altar society. She grew proficient in the arts of needlepoint, knitting, crochet, and various crafts such as collage and stained glass, creating beautiful and enduring pieces, and became known locally as a great cook.

Alice's husband passed away suddenly on Feb. 11, 1982, and for many years after, Alice committed herself to service at Saint Joseph Church and became a Pink Lady at Columbus Hospital, where she spent hundreds of long hours in that volunteer program. She adored playing bridge and visiting with friends.

In her later years, when she found herself incapable of living without assistance, Alice moved Cambridge Place in Great Falls, where she continued a productive life.

Alice moved to Whitefish after her son James had moved to his new home on Whitefish Lake and brought Alice to live closer to him. She moved to Riverside Senior Living in Whitefish, and then to Heritage Place in Kalispell, where she lived until her gentle death.

She is survived by her sons, Richard and Denise Colla of Malibu, Calif., and James Colla of Whitefish; and a daughter-in-law, Sidney Stapp Colla, of Great Falls. Alice has five grandchildren, Elizabeth Colla, Anthony James Colla, Constance Marie Colla-Bentley, Candra Niswanger and Bromley Ann Rittel, 12 great-grandchildren, who came together with her sister-in-law, Catherine Alioto; and numerous grand-nephews and grandnieces to celebrate her birthdays and family reunions in Whitefish.

Visitation will be from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 16, at Schnider Funeral Home in Great Falls. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Sept. 17, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Great Falls. Interment will be afterward in Mount Olivet Cemetery, also in Great Falls.

Memorials are suggested to Alzheimer's Fellowship of the Northern Rockies, 2621 15th Ave. S., Great Falls, MT 59405.

Schnider Funeral Home is handling arrangements. Condolences for the family may be left at www.schniderfuneralhome.com.

Antoinette S. 'Toni' Collins, 74

Antoinette S. "Toni" Collins, 74, passed away on Thursday, Jan. 11, 2007, at her home in Bigfork, surrounded by her loving family and close friends. "Toni peacefully entered into heaven to join her parents, Peter and Anna Jaeger, and her cherished sisters and brothers."

Toni is survived by her loving husband Charles; three children, son Douglas of Bigfork, and his three children, Katie and her husband Kasey Harte, their children Heidi and Ella; and Peter and Carrie; son Michael of Treasure Island Fla.; and daughter Anna Marie and husband Scott Christie of Fountain Hills, Ariz., and their children, Alexandra and Nicholas; brothers, George and Don Jaeger; and many nieces, nephews and best friends.

Toni was born July 13, 1932, in Hankinson, N.D., the ninth of 10 children.



She graduated from St. Francis Academy in 1950, and soon after worked for the telephone company in Long Beach, Calif., where she met her husband Chuck. They married in 1955, and would have celebrated their 52nd wedding anniversary in February.

Toni loved her family, her church and her friends. She enjoyed every day of her life, whether gardening, traveling, working or playing bridge. Her warm and generous spirit will be missed by all who have been fortunate to be a part of her life.

A Memorial Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday Jan. 16, at Pope John Paul II Catholic Church in Bigfork; a luncheon will follow the service at the church.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggest memorials be made to Pope John Paul II Catholic Church (Rose Garden) 195 Coverdell Road, Bigfork, MT 59911; or to Home Options Hospice 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100 Kalispell, MT 59901. Bigfork Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Barbara A. Conners, 81

Barbara A. Conners, 81, passed away peacefully Friday, Dec. 21, 2007, at her home on Whitefish Lake.

Barbara enjoyed traveling and spending time with her family and friends. She was a champion of Native American people and their concerns for health care and education. She was known for her warm, loving and most generous nature, and will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

She is survived by her loving husband of 61 years, John D. Conners; her six children, Patti Conners of Kennewick, Wash., Tom and Jan Conners of Great Falls, Doug and Linda Conners of Kalispell, John P. and Sue Conners of Whitefish, Jeff and



Barbara Conners of Windsor, Calif., and Mike and Tracy Conners of Kalispell; 17 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; sisters, Patricia Lough of Vacaville, Calif., and Dorothy Jones of Great Falls; numerous nieces and nephews; and family friends.

A visitation will be held from 1 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 26, at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. A rosary will be said at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 26, at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. A Mass will be held to celebrate Barbara's life at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 27, 2007, at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Whitefish, with the Rev. Pat Patton officiating. Burial will be afterward at Whitefish Cemetery in Whitefish.

The family suggests memorial donations in lieu of flowers and may be made in Barbara's name to a charity of the donor's choice.

James E. 'Jim' Connolly, 74

James E. "Jim" Connolly, 74, passed away early in the morning of Tuesday, May 22, 2007, at HealthCenter Northwest in Kalispell, after a courageous fight against cancer. He was born Nov. 30, 1932, in St. Paul, Minn. to Jerry and Lillian Connolly.



He graduated from Cretin High School in St. Paul in 1950, and after serving in the U.S. Army National Guard, received both his bachelor's degree and Ph.D. in communications from the University of Minnesota.

In 1954, he married Naomi Lofgren and they remained in the Twin Cities area for more than 35 years, raising their family of four sons, Marc, Paul, Michael and Steven, and making many friends in the community.

Jim began his college teaching career as chairman of the speech department at Hamline University in St. Paul where he taught for more than 10 years before moving on as professor of rhetoric at the University of Minnesota where he taught for an additional 25 years.

His thirst for knowledge and dedication to the craft of teaching left a lasting impression on all the students that attended his classes, including three of his four children. He also was well known as a professional communication consultant and public speaker.

His family spent many summer vacations in the west and the whole family fell in love with the beauty of the Rockies, particularly Glacier National Park.

After retiring from teaching, Jim and Naomi followed the path of three of their sons and settled into their retirement years in beautiful Kalispell.

In his retirement years, Jim was active in the community, including serving as the president of Village Green Home Owner's Association.

Jim had many hobbies, including reading, crossword puzzles, public speaking, hiking and spotting wildlife. He was also active in the church as an elder and choir member, and was an avid golfer, storyteller, advisor and Golden Gopher sports fan. More importantly, he was a loving and dedicated husband, father, grandfather, teacher and friend, and enriched the lives of all those he met with his kindness, wit, knowledge, sense of humor and quiet confidence. He will be missed by many.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jerry and Lillian Connolly.

He is survived by his loving wife of 53 years, Naomi Connolly, of Kalispell; four sons, Marc Connolly and wife Mary, and Michael Connolly and wife Maggie, all of Kalispell, Paul Connolly and wife Kathy, and Steven Connolly and wife Nicki, of Shoreview, Minn.; his 10 grandchildren, Eric, Sarah, Caitlin, Abigail, Megan, Cheyenne, Logan, Christine, Patrick and Cody; and his brother, John Connolly, and wife, Joan, of Bowie, Md. He also leaves behind his beloved dogs, Reggie and Annie Jo.

A celebration of Jim's life will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, May 25, at Risen Christ Catholic Church with Father Rudy Bullman as celebrant. There will be no visitation.

The family suggests memorials be given to Home Options Hospice, 175 Commons Loop, Ste. 100, Kalispell, MT 59901; or the charity of your choice.

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

Brian Lee Cooley, 45

Brian Lee Cooley, 45, of Tacoma, Wash., formerly of Kalispell, died May 15, 2007, after a courageous seven-year battle with cancer. He was born May 23, 1961.



A memorial service was held May 19 in Tacoma.

Brian was a 1979 graduate of Flathead High School.

He is survived by his wife, Kathy, his son, Rian, stepson, Jarod Rice, stepdaughter, Shemariah Rice, stepgrandson, Jarod Rice Jr., and stepgranddaughter, Mackenzie Rice, all of Tacoma.

He is also leaves his parents, Frank and Pat Cooley, of Kalispell; three brothers, Scott and his wife, Leslie, of Tacoma, Paul and his wife, Donna, of Bellingham, Wash., and Roger of Peru, Ill.

Brian will be thoroughly missed by family and friends.

Kalob Michael Connors, 3

Kalob Michael Connors, 3, "was suddenly taken from his beloved family" on Nov. 11, 2007, at Community Medical Center in Missoula.



Kalob "came into our world strutting directly into our hearts" on April 8, 2004, to Michael Connors and Brandy Klein.

Kalob was a comedian with the world as his audience. He loved his family and family parties. Cars, monster trucks and anything with wheels were a passion of Kalob's. When Kalob heard an alarm sound he always asked, "Daddy, are you going to help someone?" since his dad is a volunteer firefighter.

His love of baseball brought out his neighbors to watch his "batting practice," where he nearly never missed the ball and often hit one over the house. He spent much time outdoors hunting, fishing and swimming at the pool.

He attended Plum Tree Day Care for his first year of preschool, which he loved and was so proud of the work he brought home. He had a great love for learning.

Kalob was preceded in death by a cousin, Logan Hewitt, "who now has a playmate."

Survivors include his parents, Michael Connors and Brandy Klein; grandparents, Dan and Sherie Shewalter, Andy and Diane Klein, Lorrie Kao-Allen,

Garth Allen, and Don and Becky Connors; great-grandparents, Lennard and Bea McBurney, Judy and Roy Sindon, Jack Klein, John and Mitzi Pemberton, Jim and Ellen Womack, and Stan and Doris Connors; uncles, Tony Shewalter, Braxton Shewalter and Levi Shewalter, Tom Krissie and Ryan Foust; aunts, Michelle Shewalter, Jami Shewalter, Dawn Foust, Christy Krissie and Amber Krueger; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and adopted papas and grandmas.

"Our sweet little man is now in heaven. Always full of personality with a twinkle in his eyes. He will always be in our hearts, never forgotten and forever young. In a world with so much wrong, Kalob was everything so right."

Visitation will be held from 1 to 8 p.m. today, Nov. 15, and from 1 to 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 16, at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. A celebration of Kalob's life will be at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 17, at East Haven Baptist Church, 2010 Whitefish Stage Road in Kalispell, with Rev. Scott Keller of the Aletheia Christian Fellowship officiating. A fire truck will give Kalob his final ride to Woodlawn Cemetery after services.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be sent to Kalob Connors memorial fund, Whitefish Credit Union, P.O. Box 1322, Columbia Falls, MT 59912 and/or Canyon Quick Response Unit of Coram, West Glacier Fire Department, Evergreen Fire Department or ALERT.

Robert F. 'Bob' Cooney, 97

Robert F. "Bob" Cooney, 97, died Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2007, of natural causes at his home in Helena.



Born the second of three siblings to Fred and Fanny Cooney of Canyon Ferry, Bob had a keen interest in the out-of-doors from the very beginning. Early formal education occurred at the family ranch at the mouth of Avalanche Creek. Later, the children moved to Helena and eventually graduated from Helena High School.

Bob earned a degree in forestry from the University of Montana-Missoula, where he met and married his wife of 71 years, Carol Wells.

His first employment was with the U.S. Forest Service, then later with the Montana Department of Fish and Game. Appointed as the Department's first chief of big-game management, Bob was responsible for initiating a massive wildlife restoration program targeting decimated populations of elk, mountain sheep and goats, antelope, deer and bear.

After retiring, Mr. Cooney worked for the National Wilderness Society's "Way to the Wilderness" program with offices in Denver.

For his sustained achievements in wildlife conservation,

Bob received the American Motors Conservation Award in 1958, a University of Montana Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1983, a Hunting Hall of Fame Lifetime Achievement Award 1992, and a special conservation award from the Montana Wilderness Association in 1994. Bob's continuous association with the wildlife and conservation community across the country assisted in the establishment of preservation legislation leading to the National Wilderness Act and the Wild Rivers Act.

Mr. Cooney was a member of Rotary International and held membership in the Montana Sons and Daughters of the Pioneers.

Bob was preceded in death by a daughter, Kay Peterson; and a brother, Ted.

He is survived by his wife, Carol; a sister, Sayre Dodgson, of Stanwood, Wash.; a daughter, Jean Roberts, of White Sulphur Springs; and a son, Ted Cooney, and his wife, Jacquy, of Choteau. Bob leaves six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 1 to 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 5, at Retz Funeral Home in Helena. Funeral liturgy will be 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 6, at the Retz Funeral Home Chapel. Cremation will be afterward. An informal reception will be held at the funeral home after the liturgy. Interment of his cremated remains will be at Resurrection Cemetery at a later date.

Floyd Irvin Cooper, 85

Floyd Irvin Cooper, 85, died Dec. 5, 2007, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

Memorial services will be

held at a later date this month. Buffalo Hill Funeral and Crematory is caring for the family.

Memorials

Floyd 'Pete' Cooper, 85

A memorial service for Floyd "Pete" Cooper, 85, who died Dec. 5, will be held at 3 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 22, at Easthaven Baptist Church, on Whitefish Stage Road in Kalispell.

Harold S. 'Bud' Cottet Sr., 84

Harold S. "Bud" Cottet Sr., 84, of Kalispell, passed away Monday, Oct. 29, 2007, at Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.



Bud was born in Fredrick, S.D., on June 15, 1923, the son of Harold and Edna B. (Weekly) Cottet. He received his education in Fredrick before moving with his family to the Flathead in 1938. Bud worked for the CCC's and Somers Lumber Company, prior to marrying Joyce O. Burton on Aug. 15, 1942.

He was drafted into the United States Army at Butte, on Feb. 20, 1943, serving in the 60th General Hospital Medical Corps, in the New Guinea and Philippines areas as a ward master, and was discharged Dec. 31, 1945, from Fort Lewis, Wash.

Bud returned to Kalispell working as a carpenter. He was a 50-year member of the Carpenters Union in Kalispell. He worked on the Hungry Horse Dam, Columbia Falls Aluminum Plant and for local contractors.

He always enjoyed gardening, fishing, hunting and camping with his family.

He was a life member of the VFW, 40-year member of the Eagles 234 and past trustee of the Epworth Methodist Church. After retiring, he found time to attend his Hospital Unit's reunions, traveling and building furniture for friends and family.

Bud and Joyce had recently celebrated their 65th Anniversary.

Bud was preceded in death by a son, Duane Cottet; his parents; his brothers, Cort, James and Percy Cottet; his stepfather, William Wilson; stepbrother, Robert Wilson; and stepsister, Alice Buck.

He is survived by his wife, Joyce, at the family home; his son, Harold and Karen Cottet, of Spokane; sisters, Edna Mae and Dick Colville, and Martha and Clayton Odegaard of Lake Havasu, Ariz.; sisters-in-law, Harraite Cottet of Plains, and Betty Burton of Yuma, Ariz.; grandchildren, Debbie and Joe Fournier of Billings, and Justin and Joan Cottet of Snohomish, Wash.; three great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 2, at Epworth Methodist Church in Kalispell. Bud will be laid to rest at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Military honors will be conducted by the United Veterans of the Flathead.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Elks Veterans Memorial Fund at BPOE Box 790, Kalispell, MT 59903; or to Flathead Lake Methodist Church Camp, in care of Epworth Methodist Church, P.O. Box 1020, Kalispell, MT 59903.

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

Bernice Coup, 80

Bernice Coup, 80, a former longtime resident of the Libby area, died Feb. 6, 2007, at Millpond Assisted Living Facility in St. Ignatius, following a battle with cancer.

She is survived by a daughter, Ronda Noland, of St. Ignatius.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 12, at the City of Libby Cemetery with her nephew, Randy Cummings, officiating. Visitation will be Monday morning at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home.

Cheyenne Kay Renee Coxen, 13

Cheyenne Kay Renee Coxen "went to be with the Lord and her Papa Earl Coxen" quietly in her sleep on Nov. 18, 2007, in Missoula, surrounded by her



loving family, close friends, and favorite Community Medical nurses. Cheyenne came into this world three months early on Aug. 28, 1994, in Corvallis, Ore., with fight and the will to live.

She lived and attended school in Toledo, Ore., until her family moved to Polson in November of 2004. She enjoyed being outside and swimming in Flathead Lake. Cheyenne had a big heart and touched the lives of all who knew her.

She loved popcorn and her favorite past time was watching movies. One of her happiest recent highlights was receiving her wish from Make-A-Wish Foundation, to Disneyland on Nov. 17, 2006, with her parents, sister, and one of her favorite nurses, Maria.

Although she spent a lot of time in the hospital throughout her life, she was a beautiful, brave, strong willed, and determined young lady. Cheyenne always had a smile on her face and never complained no matter how much pain she endured.

She was proud to turn 13 and become a teenager this past August.

Cheyenne was preceded in death by her best buddy and papa, Earl Coxen.

She is survived by her parents, Doug and Angie Coxen, and best friend and big sister, Candace Coxen, of Polson; paternal grandma, Frances Coxen of Prineville, Ore.; maternal grandparents, Jerome and Marge Hanson, of Polson; and numerous uncles, aunts, cousins, godparents, friends and Community Medical nurses.

"Although we will all miss you deeply, Cheyenne, we love you and are comforted by the fact that you no longer have to fight the pain and can run free. God Bless and thank you for the time, love, and courageous spirit you so graciously gave us each day."

Condolences can be sent to Doug, Angie, and Candace Coxen, 902 10th Ave. E., Polson, MT 59860.

All who knew Cheyenne are welcome to join her family for memorial services, at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 24, at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 409 Fourth Ave. E., Polson. A luncheon will follow.

The family requests donations be made in memory of Cheyenne Coxen to the Montana Make-A-Wish Foundation at www.northwestwishes.org.

Jason Lea Crayne, 20

Jason Lea Crayne, 20, "left this world" on Dec. 31, 2007.

"His walk on this earth was short, but he left footprints on many."

His love for friends, family and all creatures great and small was abundant. He was loving, kind and generous to a fault. Jason's joy was snowboarding, listening to music and drawing. He loved



nature and cared for the earth.

His beloved grandfather, Rufus Lea, preceded Jason in death.

He is survived by his mother, Linda Lea Crayne; brother, Jesse Lea Crayne and his family, Amanda and children, Naomie, Jamison and Julian; sister, Amber Lea Crayne; grandmother, Dorothy Lea; aunt, Julie Lea; cousin, Riley Shackelton; uncle, Bruce Lea; and uncle, Steven Lea, and his wife, Barbara.

Please join us in a celebration of his life at 3 p.m. on Jan. 8 at the Nazarene Church in Whitefish.

William Crockford, 79

William Crockford, 79, of Essex, passed away on Nov. 27, 2007.

William Richard "Bill" Crockford was born on Oct. 5, 1928, in Great Falls, to Merlin and Kathleen Crockford. He was raised in Sunburst and attended school there, graduating in 1946.

In August of 1946, he enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserve and was discharged in 1948.

On Feb. 11, 1950, he married Doris Mary Ellen Driscoll in Los Angeles. In August of 1950, Bill was recalled into the Marine Corps and was sent to Korea, where he served until July of 1951, at which time Bill and Doris moved back home to Montana. Bill was a mechanic most of his life.

He was a Scout master, Catholic Youth Organization leader, fire chief, civil defense director, past grand knight of the Knights of Columbus, a 55 Alive instructor and a support member of the Middle Fork Quick Response Unit.

He enjoyed participating in community musicals in Fort Benton and the church choir at St. Richard's.

Bill was preceded in death by

his parents, Merlin and Kathleen; and sisters, Edith Crockford, Patricia Cunningham, Mary Lou Cross and Phyllis Maulorico.

Survivors include his wife, Doris, at the family home in Essex; a brother, Frank Crockford, of Suamico, Wis.; eight children, Dick and Deborah Crockford of Dillon, Theresa and Matthew Norman of Great Falls, Mary Ellen Crockford and Becky of Baltimore, Thomas and Gina Crockford of Boise, Idaho, Paul and Shirley Crockford of Casper, Wyo., Patrick and Veronica Crockford of Everett, Wash., Christopher Crockford of Billings, and Mary Pat Johnston of Commerce, Texas; 10 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A Mass will be held at 11 a.m. today, Dec. 1, at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls, with Rev. John Miller officiating. Burial will follow at St. Richard's Catholic Cemetery in Columbia Falls. Military graveside honors will be by the United Veterans of the Flathead Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is in charge of the arrangements.

Chuck Cromer, 74

Chuck Cromer, 74, a long time resident of Kalispell, died Jan. 1, 2007, in Quartzite, Ariz.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara; daughter, Missy; and son, Cory.

No services are planned.

Donal E. Croucher, 39

Donal E. Croucher, 39, died Sunday, Dec. 23, 2007, at Forsyth, as the result of injuries received in a vehicle accident.

Surviving him are his wife, Kathy; children, Eddie and Tana Croucher; as well as stepchildren, Desirae Riva, Amanda Thorstenson, Ronald Riva and Michael

Riva, all of Glendive; and his parents, Ed and Chris Croucher of Libby.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at the Libby Christian Church. Interment services will follow at the City of Libby Cemetery. Friends may call at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday.

Marjorie Mae 'Mardi' Marsh Crow, 69

Mardi passed away Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2007, in an automobile accident. Mardi was born Oct. 21, 1937, to Frederick and Nellie Marsh.



She was the 13th of 14 children. She graduated from Flathead High School in 1956, and Beeman's College in 1957.

She married Bill Crow in May 1957. They moved to Stratton, Colo., where she worked for the school system. They returned to Montana, where she worked for the Forest Service. She divorced in 1981 and retired from the Forest Service in 1994. She made Flathead Valley her home until her death.

Mardi had many interests,

including bowling, caring for her flower gardens, traveling, and spending time with friends and family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Frederick and Nellie Marsh; brothers, Orville, Leroy, Jerry, Earl and James Marsh; and sisters, Ruby Shepard and Shirley Crow.

She is survived by brothers, Arnold Marsh of Somers, and William Marsh of Plains; sisters, Ruth Gray of Lynnwood, Wash., Louceal Sinclair of Kalispell, Ione Marsh of Thompson Falls and JoAnne Strawn of Phoenix.

Her siblings, and 48 nieces and nephews will miss her smiling face and caring personality.

Memorial services will be held at 6 p.m. Saturday, March 10, at the Eagles in Kalispell, followed by a potluck dinner.

Cremation was handled by Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

Randolph W. 'Randy' Crowder, 90

Randolph W. "Randy" Crowder, 90, died Friday, Oct. 12, 2007, at the Heritage Place in Kalispell.

He is survived by his son, Russ Crowder, of Marion.

Memorial service for Ran-

dy will be at a later date in California.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for the family. An online guest book is available at www.johnson-smortuary.com.

Jean Croy, 90

Jean Croy, 90, of Libby, died Tuesday, March 27, 2007, in St. Paul, Minn.

Survivors include her children, Dorothy Salesses of St. Paul, Minn., Brenda Riggleman of Allyn, Wash., and Gerald Croy of Kent, Wash.

Mass of the Resurrection

will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Libby, with interment in the City of Libby Cemetery.

Rosary and parish vigil will be said at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Nelson and Vial Funeral Home.

Roger Clarke Crymes, 75

Roger Clarke Crymes, 75, died Dec. 4, 2008, at the Lakeview Care Center in Bigfork, where he received care for the final year of his life.



Roger was born in Edmonds, Wash., on Sept. 7, 1932, the son of John and Queenie May Crymes. He graduated from Edmonds High School and attended Broadmoor College and Eugene Open Bible College, in Eugene, Ore.

Roger retired after a life-long career with Standard Oil/Chevron, having served earlier as a Merchant Marine in Alaska, and worked later at marketing in the Los Angeles area.

Roger enjoyed a life-long singing career in churches and with the Whittier Choraliers, of

Whittier, Calif. He recorded his own long play album and also a CD.

His outstanding tenor voice was a blessing to many.

Roger is survived by his wife, Elora, of Bigfork; daughter, Barbara West, of Sequim, Wash.; son, Duane Crymes, and wife, Lori, of Norwalk, Calif.; one sister, Selma Alden, of Edmonds, Wash.; and one brother, Clayton Crymes, of Junction City, Ore.; stepchildren, Scott and Kari Rieke, and Kelly and Kathy Munson; five grandchildren, Jonathon, Amy, Alison, Clayton and Isaiah; and step-grandchildren, Skyler, Samantha, and Shane Rieke and Kelsey, Kaylee, Gabe and Kaelin Munson.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

A private family service was held in Bigfork on Sunday, Dec. 9. Arrangements are pending in Edmonds for the Crymes family to celebrate his beautiful life.

Laddie Edward Cubrda, 91

Laddie Edward Cubrda, 91, of Kalispell passed away Feb. 13, 2007, at Heritage Place in Kalispell. Before being in Heritage Place, he resided with his wife, Ethel, at Prestige Assisted Living.



Laddie was born Sept. 1, 1915, in Chicago to Edward and Anna Cubrda.

After marrying his first wife, Ruth, they moved to Burbank, Calif., and raised two children. Laddie went to work at Lockheed Skunkworks, building planes, working on several projects, including the SR-71 Blackbird. He loved his work, and retired from Lockheed in the '70s.

After Ruth's passing, he married Ethel in 1979.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Edward; sisters, Lillian and Mildred and their spouses; wife, Ruth; daughter, Beatrice Thayer, and her

husband, Ray; and Ethel's son and daughter, Jack Hecketsweiler and Ann Bielz.

He is survived by his wife, Ethel; son and daughter-in-law, Edward and Colete of Grants Pass, Ore.; son-in-law, Arthur Bielz, of Victor, Colo.; grandchildren, Karen Thayer of Redding, Calif.; Rondi and Bill Martin of Grants Pass, Bryan and Debi Fischer of Los Angeles; Arthur and Tracie Bielz of Kalispell; Katrina and Rodney Vannest of Victor; and Donald Bielz of Colorado Springs, Colo.; great-grandchildren, Megan Miletich and her husband, Eric, A.J. Bielz and Toby Carter; Emelia, Colete and William Martin; and Bryce and Griffin Fisher; numerous nieces and nephews, cousins and many, many friends.

The family would like to offer a special thanks to all those who took care of Laddie, both at Prestige and Heritage Place.

Laddie's gentle humor, kind heart and his fierce love of his family will never be forgotten.

A brief prayer service will be held at Prestige Assisted Living at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18.

Amy A. Culbert, 94

Amy A. Culbert, 94, who died of natural causes, was "promoted to Heaven" on Jan. 19, 2007. She was born in Ramey, Minn. to Herb and Jessie Conant on Nov. 25, 1912.



The family of 11 came to Montana part way by covered wagon and when mired in mud and unable to continue came the rest of the way by train to the area south of Glacier Park where they homesteaded on the banks of the Flathead River. Amy attended grade school and high school and nurses training in Kalispell where she met George Culbert.

In January of 1935 they were married and they spent 23 years traveling while George was in the U.S. Navy. These travels included China, Japan, the Philippines and Central America.

Amy was a courageous young woman who was not daunted by fear as she travelled alone with Jo to be with her husband even in dangerous times of war in the 1930's. In 1958 George retired and they made their home in Seattle for two years and then moved to Big Arm in

1960 where George was in Real Estate.

Amy loved her husband, family of three children and her extended family.

Her favorite things to do were gardening, sewing, camping, fishing and traveling. She was always a hard worker but loved to have fun as well.

Amy is survived by her three children and their spouses, Jim and Sharon Culbert, Bill and Roberta Culbert, both of Helena and Jo and Dick Weaver of Big Arm. Her grandchildren and their spouses, Susie and Rick Johnson, Sandi and Jeff Anderson, James and Dani Culbert, Ron and Caroline Culbert, Pam Clouds and Yvonne LaFromboise; her great grandchildren, Jerad and Joel Anderson, Kirsten and Kristoffer Johnson, Ethan Culbert, and Connor Sout; and her sister, Ardis Measure of Mt. Vernon, Wash.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 2, in the First Baptist Church of Polson. Memorial donations may be made to the charity of your choice or Gideon's. Condolences may be sent to the family at <http://www.groganfuneral-home.com>

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

Emily Currie, 88

Emily Currie, 88, passed away Nov. 2, 2007, at St. Joseph Hospital in Polson.

She was born Oct. 18, 1919, on a farm 25 miles outside of Glendive, on Box Elder Creek, with a mid-wife in attendance. She attended schools in Glendive, Bell Parie County School and Miles City.

On July 1, 1939, she married Andy Blades. Three children were born to them, Darlene Jackson of Ronan, Joe Blades of Laurel, and Larry Blades of Warden, Wash.

Emily was a cook at Rocky Bar O dude ranch in Bigfork, camp cook for George Moore in Glacier Park, also for Walking Wilderness Society, Herb Tolke in the Bob Marshall Wilderness, Holland Lake Outfitters, and her family hunting camps. Emily also worked at Western Bee, Marshall sawmill in Polson and St. Joseph Hospital, and cooked for the Day Care Center in Polson.

She loved to fish and play horseshoes. She belonged to the Flathead Lake Good Sams and American Legion Auxiliary.

Her parents, Louie and Leila Chrest of Polson; her husband, Andy Blades; granddaughter, Lona Mae Sauerbier; her second



husband, Roy Currie, whom she married in 1977; brother, Russell Chrest, of Glendive; and her sister, Amy Howell, of Polson preceded her in death.

Surviving Emily are her children, Darlene, Joe and his wife, Carol, and Larry and his wife, Mary Jane; her grandchildren, Mike Sauerbier of Missoula, Brett and Seth Blades of Billings, Matt Blades and Katie Davison of Billings; two great-grandchildren, Nicole and Caleb Sauerbier of Walla Walla, Wash.; one sister, Arlene Tompkins, of Big Arm; her stepchildren, Ronnie and Dan Currie, and Jeri Ann Halford of Polson; and several nieces and nephews.

The family gives special thanks to her niece, Una Rose Graham, for everything over the past years.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 5, at the Grogan Funeral Home, with the Rev. John Payne officiating. Inurnment will be at Lakeview Cemetery after the memorial. There will be a reception after the services at Grogan Funeral Home for sharing memories of Emily and family gathering.

The family requests memorials be made to the Dogs for the Deaf, 10175 Wheeler Road, Central Point, OR 97502. Condolences may be made to the family at www.groganfuneralhome.com.

Lew A. Curtis, 98

Lew A. Curtis, 98, "went to be with his Lord" on April 18, 2007, surrounded by his family at home in Missoula.

Lew was born in 1908, in Nahma, Michigan to Asa and Ina Curtis. He had an older sister, Grace Lyle. At an early age his family moved to Astoria, Ore., where he started school. He liked to spend time at the Columbia River docks watching and talking to the fisherman and sometimes was given a salmon to take home. He enjoyed spending vacations by the ocean at his aunt's cottage on Cannon Beach. His brother, Harold, was born in Astoria.

In 1918, when he was 10, his parents homesteaded near Fortine. He helped build their log house and barns along with the hard work of clearing fields from the timbered land. He walked 2 miles to school each day. Another sister, Ruth, was born on the homestead.

In 1934 he married Dorothy Brown in Kalispell. They made their home near Fortine, where he drove the school bus, worked



in the woods, and cut Christmas trees. Two daughters, Della and Marie, were each born in Eureka, and later two sons, Jack and James. During World War II he began working on the section crew for the Great Northern Railroad and retired at age 65.

In his retirement years the couple traveled extensively in the U.S. and visited family in Alaska, and moved to Kalispell where Dorothy passed away in 1996. Lew spent his final years in an apartment near his son, James, in Missoula.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Harold; and his wife, Dorothy, of 67 years of marriage.

He is survived by his sisters; Grace Johnston in Missoula and Ruth Pomeroy in Kalispell; four children, Della Holcomb in Troy, Marie Ivers in Yakutat, Alaska; Jack Curtis in Columbia Falls; James Curtis in Missoula; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 24, at the Fortine Community Church with Rev. Cade Bichel, officiating. Interment will follow at the Fortine Cemetery under the direction of the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish.

Nelson E. Cutshall, 78

Nelson E. Cutshall, 78, died Saturday, July 28, 2007, at Heritage place in Kalispell.

Survivors include his daughter, Debbie M. Burke, of Columbia Falls; and his son, Loren R. Cutshall, of Alvin, Texas.

A memorial service will

be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Aug. 20, at the Assembly of God Church in Columbia Falls. The Rev. Darrell Newby will officiate. A luncheon will follow the service at the church.

Arrangements are with the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.