

Caroline 'Kerry' Felecia Facincani, 82

Caroline "Kerry" Felecia Facincani, 82, passed away at home Nov. 7, 2007.

She was born June 1, 1925, which in Kerry years, made her just older than 40. She was raised in Butte by Josephine and Gaetano Facincani, attending Butte High School, graduating in 1943. She then attended telegraphers school in Jamestown, N.D. She graduated from the "three-month wonders" class, which originally had been a one-year class and started working for the railroad as temporary help.

Kerry called herself the longest temporary help ever. She began with the Northern Pacific (at 32 cents an hour) and retired 40 years later from the Burlington Northern. She was an agent and telegrapher.



Kerry was active in the Morse Club, and was secretary-treasurer for many years. She was a life-long learner, taking classes at FVCC.

Kerry loved to create fancy-work. She was always busy with several projects at a time. She kept her family and friends in socks, eggs, afgans, pins, doilies, and bracelets.

Kerry is survived by her two daughters and their husbands, Roxie and Richard Lehl, Wendy and Jerry Armstrong. She had two grandchildren, Elizabeth and Samuel Armstrong; a brother- and sister-in-law, Robert and Linda Facincani; and sisters, Billy Facincani and Leona Shrum.

A memorial Mass will be said at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13, at the Risen Christ Catholic Church. A reception will be held at her home after the service. An additional service will be held in June in Butte.

Any memorials may be given to the charity of the donor's

Michael Wayne Farnum

Memorial services for Michael Wayne Farnum who died March 24, 2007, will be held today, March 31. Please meet at 11 a.m. in the parking lot of the Gospel Light Baptist Church to travel to the memorial site. Weather

permitting, the service will be held at noon at the church. A potluck luncheon will be held at 2 p.m. at the church.

Please call Dave Sprunger at 752-5651 or Barb at 307-349-6566 for more information.

David Fawcett, 64

David Fawcett passed away Tuesday, May 1, 2007, with family and friends both close at hand and close at heart.

Dave was born June 19, 1942, in Pomona, Calif., the first born of Gloria and Ray Fawcett, and tremendous big brother to Steven and Matthew Fawcett. Dave's early years were spent between Southern California, Wyoming, and then Northern California, and led to his wonderful teen years in Coalinga, Calif., where he was student body president at Coalinga High School.

Out of high school, David joined the Marines, and later worked for Union Oil Company in Santa Maria, Calif., moving to Whitefish to work for the Burlington Northern Railroad in 1977. Dave shared his life with his great love of 42 years, Connie Fawcett, at their home in Whitefish, across the field from great friends Bill and Marsha Voermans.

Dave later opened Whitefish Custom Meats, and it was in this role that he said gave him such connection to the many friends in and around the north Flathead Valley.

Dave later returned to school, graduating from the University of Montana with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business, and began Mountain Mortgage in Whitefish. Dave and Connie have found home, purpose, and joy in this beautiful country of equally beautiful friends and community.

A love of equal joy and intensity was for his son, Jason, who, with his wife, Erin, now lives in Seattle. Dave planned his year around spending a long weekend at the drag strip in Seattle with Jason and fortunate others during the summer. It honored their mutual interest in cars, spending purposeful time with one another, and a father/son relationship undimmed by a tender and aching body that would have sidelined so many others.

Both home and family were Dave's primary supports, and these were shared with so very many others. His many friends and extended family always found the barbecue ready, The Beatles, Stones, Beach Boys, Queen, and

music of similar genre playing at plaster-cracking levels, the door open, and a welcoming heart and hand.

In contrast to Dave's music-listening sound-level preferences, one of Dave's tremendous qualities was that of a quiet, caring, thoughtful, and purposeful listener, which so many friends and family appreciated and gravitated toward as they shared their thoughts, feelings, and ideas with him. Dave would hold up a loving mirror for them only if asked, and help them see their own light reflected in its surface.

Dave could discuss with you a layman's view of theoretical physics, '64 GTOs, macro/meso/micro economics, local happenings, world events, favorite lines from Shakespeare, football, hero cycles, metaphysics, engines, English literature, barbecue technique, early Spanish existentialist authors, Buddy Holly, best camping spots, Carlos Castaneda, jerky recipes, art, movies, music, and generally all things beautiful, regardless of context.

Quite a friend, husband, dad, brother, and man; he will be oh so very much missed.

Dave is survived by his wife, Connie, of Whitefish; son, Jason, and wife, Erin, of Seattle; mother-in-law, Wilma Atkinson, of Whitefish, father-in-law, Conn Meckler, of Missoula; brother Steven, and wife, Patty, of Whitefish; little brother Matt and wife, Lynn, of Kalispell; brother-in-law, Gerald Meckler, of Kalispell; nieces, LaChelle Freeland of Columbia Falls, Jenny Fawcett-Harris of Missoula, and Emma Fawcett of Kalispell; and nephews, Jesse Atkinson of Whitefish, and Zachary Fawcett of Moscow, Idaho.

A celebration of David's life will be held at 2 p.m. today, May 5, at the family home, 1850 Voerman Road, in Whitefish. All are encouraged to come eat, drink, share memories, and revel in the spirit.

Arrangements for cremation have been made with Austin Funeral Home of Whitefish.

William L. Felix, Sr., 92

William L. Felix, Sr. 92, died Thursday, Aug. 16, 2007, at St. John's Nursing Home in Billings. He was born in Bigfork on Nov. 11, 1914, to William L. and Mabel (Pengelly) Felix. He spent his early years on the family farm there until they moved to Kalispell after the death of his father. He graduated from Flathead County High School in 1932.

He was married to Hazel Yapple in Renton, Wash., and they moved to Billings in 1943 where he was an independent gas and oil distributor and eventually formed Marketing Specialties and Manufacturing.

Bill and Hazel enjoyed raising Arabian horses, in addition to other animals, and growing a large garden. They were active in the Billings Saddle Club, the Midland Empire Horse Show Association and the Montana Arabian Horse Association, and were members of First Methodist Church and Messiah Methodist Church. Bill was also a member of the Elks, the Masonic Lodge and was a vintage car collector. He enjoyed traveling and made trips to Australia, Alaska, England, Mexico, Central America and the Scandinavian countries. He was a mem-

ber of the Kiwanis Club and the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Kalispell.

Some years after Hazel died, he married high school friend, Phyllis Bolton, and moved back to Kalispell until her death, when he returned to Billings to live out his life near family.

Bill was preceded in death by his sisters and brothers-in-law, Virginia and Charles Ramsey, and Frances and Walt Hensley; and a brother, Kenneth, who died in World War II in the South Pacific.

Survivors include his three children, William L. and Darlene Felix Jr., of Tucson, Ariz., and Boise, Idaho, Lois and James Lodman of Lakeside, and Linda and Richard Cebull of Billings; eight grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

A private interment will be at Sunset Memorial Gardens, followed by a family memorial service.

The family suggests remembrances be given to the charity of your choice, or plants and trees to public gardens and arboreta.

Arrangements are in the care of Dahl Funeral Chapel.

Janet 'Jan' Marie Ferragamo, 50

Janet "Jan" Marie Ferragamo, 50, passed away approximately June 21, 2007, at her home in Kalispell. She was born Jan. 25, 1957,



in Kalispell, to Charles and Peggy Aurand.

Jan grew up in Columbia Falls and attended Columbia Falls High School. She later received her GED in Dixon, N.D.

She married Shawn Lake in 1981. They had a son, Christopher Lake. They were later divorced and she married Steve Ferragamo on April 13, 1986, in Las Vegas.

She worked at Wendy's, Hardee's, Big League Bagels, and Wal-Mart.

She enjoyed camping, fishing, drawing and watching the soaps, especially "Days of Our Lives." She also loved whales and her Dioxin dogs, Bruiser, Cedar and Pinky Lee.

Jan was a member of the Girl Scouts in 1969 and UNICEF.

She was preceded in death by her son, Mathew Adams;

her husband, Steve Ferragamo; three aunts and two uncles; and her beloved dog, Bruiser.

She is now survived by her son, Christopher Lake, and wife Jamie of Kalispell; one brother, Daniel Aurand, of Kalispell; one sister, Charlene White, of Columbia Falls; her parents, Charles and Peggy Aurand, of Columbia Falls; three grandchildren, Ryder Allan Lake, Hunter James Fleming and Parker Robinsons; two stepdaughters, Laurie Robinsons and Lisa Ferragamo, both of Wyoming; and one nephew, Keegan Charles White. She also leaves behind her two beloved dogs, Cedar and Pinky Lee.

Memorial services for Janet Ferragamo will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, July 6, in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Pastor Hunter Green officiating. Urn burial will be at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

The family suggests memorials be given to the charity of your choice.

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

Charles Edwin 'Chuck' Ferree, 69

Charles Edwin "Chuck" Ferree, 69, passed on May 9, 2007, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center. He was born Aug. 29, 1937, in Malta to Walter and Helen (Trethewey) Ferree. He was raised in Zortman and Kalispell.

He married Cheryl Ann Hanson on July 2, 1967, in Seattle.

Chuck left school at 16 and moved to Star Meadows with his parents where he helped them run a small stud mill, later working as a skidder operator and faller for loggers in the area.

He loved riding motorcycles, rebuilding several old Harleys and later racing stock cars, always building his own cars including body work, paint, engine and welding. He raced at Big Sky Speedway, Raceway Park and occasionally at Pablo, for 28 years.

Chuck had a great sense of humor, often telling new race



drivers, "I'll help you all I can, but when you beat me you're on your own." He was a great sportsman on and off the track.

The last few years fishing and camping became his latest pastime.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Walter and Helen Ferree; and his in-laws, Bernard and Phyllis Hanson.

He is survived by his wife, Cheryl Ann, to whom he was totally devoted; son and daughter-in-law, David and Tara, of Columbia Falls; three grandsons, Andrew "Spike" of Kalispell, and Scott and Will of Columbia Falls; one granddaughter, Kristina "Kridder," of Kalispell; two sisters, Sydne Smith of Hot Springs, Ark., and Peggy Street of Kalispell; two sisters-in-law, Carol Hanson of Redmond, Wash., and Dee Hanson of Kalispell; three brothers-in-law, Rick Smith of Hot Springs, Ark., and Mark and Vic Hanson of Kalispell; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 22, at Raceway Park, on Highway 93 North in Kalispell.

Joseph Francis Fennessy Jr., 90

Joseph Francis Fennessy Jr., 90, passed away at his home in Libby, on April 18, 2007, surrounded by his family. He was born to Joseph Francis Fen-



nessy Sr. and Audie Marie Fennessy in Libby, on June 2, 1916.

After completing high school at the early age of 16, Joe went on to Gonzaga University, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1938 and acquired a Bachelor of Law degree in 1940 (which was acknowledged as a Juris Doctorate degree in 1967). He came home to set up a law practice for a brief period before enlisting in the Navy during World War II.

During that short time back in Libby, he met and started courting his future wife, Dorothy Markus, of Whitefish, a graduate of the University of Montana and a biology teacher at Libby High School. Joe married Dorothy on Jan. 21, 1943.

He entered the Navy in June 1942 and served until October 1945, when he was honorably discharged as lieutenant senior grade. During his military tenure, he served on several ships, primarily in the Asiatic Pacific Area.

In the tradition of his father and co-founder of the Bank, J. F. Fennessy Sr., J. F. Fennessy Jr., served on the board of directors of First National Bank in the mid-1960s until his retirement from the board in 1988.

Joe's law practice spanned almost six decades. His semi-retirement years still found him at the office daily, staying in touch with his clients, friends, and family. He kept in contact with events at First National Bank and stayed up on town happenings over a daily cup with his coffee crowd. He loved a good story ... especially an Irish one. Joe will be remembered for many kind things he did for his long and good life ... perhaps especially for his warm and welcoming smile and ready humor.

Joe supported and participat-

ed in many civic organizations over the years: St. Joseph's Catholic Church, a charter member of the Libby Council of Knights of Columbus, a founding member of Cabinet View Country Club, a charter member and first exalted ruler of the Libby Elks Lodge. He was also a member of the Libby Chamber of Commerce, the American Legion and held a 60-year pin from the VFW. Joe served on the Lincoln County School Board, and as City Attorney for Eureka, Libby and Troy at different times in his law career. He also served for a time as the Lincoln County Attorney. Joe was an active member of the Montana and Washington State and American Bar Associations.

He is survived by his brother, Thomas, and wife, Gerry; three sons, Mark and his wife Sandy, Michael and his wife Terri, and Matthew; his grandsons, Patrick, Daniel, David and Dustin; granddaughters, Libby, Anna and Sarah; two great-grandchildren, Esmerelda and Michael; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, J. F. Fennessy Sr., and Audie Marie Fennessy; his dearly loved wife, Dorothy, on July 7, 1988; and his sisters, Margaret Fennessy Swartz and Florence Fennessy Zwang.

There will be a visitation from 1 to 7 p.m. followed by a prayer vigil and rosary at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, April 23, at the Nelson and Vial Funeral Home. Mass of the Resurrection will be held at 11 a.m. on April 24, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, concelebrated by Father Josef Perekhubka and long-time family friend, Father Gregory Burke of Butte. Following interment at the family gravesite, all are invited to gather at the Catholic Parish Hall for food, stories and time with friends.

Memorials may be made to the organizations of the givers' choice. Joe supported St. Joseph Catholic Parish, Gonzaga Law School, the Knights of Columbus, Shriners Children's Hospital in Spokane and many more charities.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Nelson and Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

Jack Fields, 72

Jack Fields, 72, a longtime resident of Columbia Falls, "entered into rest" on the evening of Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2007, at Kalispell Regional Hospital. He was born Feb. 26, 1934 in Ironton, Ohio, the son of Dorsey and Felix Fields. He grew up in Ironton one of seven brothers.

He met and married Mary Keene in Havre on Jan. 30, 1954. Jack and Mary were blessed with six children and made their home in Columbia Falls.

Jack served 10 years in the U.S. Air Force, during that time he and Mary had all seven children and upon his discharge came to Columbia Falls. He worked at the Columbia Falls Aluminum Plant for 25 years.

He was a dedicated father, grandfather and friend. Papa loved to have company and tell his many stories to all. Papa always had a line to make you laugh and to make you feel comfortable in his home.

Jack was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Mary; a son, Rick, and four brothers.

Jack is survived by his children, Jeff Fields and wife, Sandy, in Ironton, Ohio, Jack and wife, Jana, Terry and Penny Connolly, and Tom and Vickie Ridings, all of Columbia Falls; two brothers, Ralph and Jimmy Fields, of Ohio; grandchildren, Amanda, Genny, Kelly and Jimmy Fields in Ohio, JD and Jylisa Fields, Travis, Terra, Tavia Fields, Josh Fields, Desauri, Kris, Miranda, Tommy Connolly, Beau Blades, Zane and Khoy Ridings; seven great-grandchildren; and his good friend, Leonard Secord.

Graveside memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13, at the Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls. A celebration of Jack's life will follow at 555 C Street in Columbia Falls.

Austin Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Irene D. Finch, 71

Irene D. Finch, 71, of Eureka, died Sunday July 22, 2007, at Mountain View Manor from natural causes.

She had worked as a cook and bartender in Eureka.

Survivors include her children, Frank Finch of Fortine, Wayne Finch of Hutchinson, Kan., Sheryl Hostutler and Debra Hick-

man, both of Eureka.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Friday, July 27, at Tobacco Valley Cemetery in Eureka. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Thursday and from 9 a.m. to noon on Friday.

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

Sara Fine, 102

Sara Fine, 102, passed away on Thursday, Oct. 18, 2007, at Brendan House in Kalispell. Sara was born on Dec. 9, 1904, on the Kleinhans Farm north of Flathead Lake to Weber and Mary Jane "Minnie" Kleinhans.



She attended Rousellee and Somers Grade Schools, graduating from Flathead County High School in 1922. She attended Western Montana College summer sessions while teaching for two years at Stillwater School District and a year at Lakeside School.

She married Will Fine on June 17, 1925, in Missoula. During her married life in Somers, she was often called upon as a substitute teacher at Somers School. After Will passed away in August of 1966, she accepted a position as house mother on the campus at University of Montana in Missoula.

Sara was active all her married life at the Somers Methodist Church, serving as a Sunday-school teacher and superintendent. She also was active in the church's Women's Society. Other community activities included Somers School PTA, Home Demonstration Club, Lady Lions Civil Defense aircraft spotter, Member of the DAR, and judge on the election board.

After moving to Missoula, Sara was an active member of the group of dormitory head residents on the University of Montana campus. She also was active at Grace United Methodist Church, where she taught Sunday-school classes and was part of United Methodist Women.

Sara was preceded in death by her parents, Mary Jane "Minnie" and Weber Kleinhans; her husband, Will; brothers, Paul, Bill and Hank Kleinhans; sisters, Jeannette Koenig Lusier and Letitia Johnson; and a great-grandson, Danny Fine.

She is survived by a son, Ed and wife, Georgia Fine; daughters, Beth and husband, Bill Biddison, and Kathy and John Babcock; sister, Martha Pratt; grandchildren, Mark and wife, Christie Biddison, Ellen and husband, Chuck Knobel, David Fine, Steven Fine, Kimberly Nye, James and wife, Susan Babcock, and Kalli Babcock; great-grandchildren, Sommer and Will Biddison, Sarabeth Knobel, Jordan, Adam and Jacob Fine, Riley, Delaney, and Jacob Babcock.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 24, at Epworth United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Ray Davis officiating. Burial will take place prior to the service at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

James Ralph Finley, 71

James Ralph Finley, 71, of Dayton died of natural causes at his home Monday, April 23, 2007.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, April 30, at the United Methodist Church in Polson, with the

Rev. Esther Angel officiating.

Arrangements and cremation are under the direction of Grogan Funeral Home and Crematory of Polson. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.groganfuneralhome.com.

Margaret Louise (Maxwell) Fisco, 93

Margaret Louise (Maxwell) Fisco, 93, passed away on Tuesday, Aug. 21, 2007, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell. She was born on April 2,



1914, in Boise, Idaho, the daughter of Lonnie McCoy and Lena Martha (Roth) Maxwell.

Margaret attended schools in Boise and graduated from Boise High School and Boise Junior College, with a degree from the College of Idaho.

For six years Margaret taught home economics, typing and journalism at Melba High School in Idaho until her marriage on June 6, 1942, in Olympia, Wash., to Verne W. Fisco of Roundup.

Following Verne's discharge from the Army, they made their home in Roundup until coming to the Flathead in 1945. For over 50 years she was a member of the First Presbyterian Church where she was active in the women's organization, served as a member on several com-

mittees, and was a past deacon. Margaret was also a member of an extension club and served as a 4-H leader.

Margaret enjoyed sewing, crafts, crocheting, and tending to the flower garden.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 59 years, in 2001; her parents; a sister and a brother.

She is survived by a sister-in-law; and 10 nieces and nephews, including Robert Skagen of Roundup.

Funeral services for Margaret will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Aug. 24, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Pastor Glenn Burfeind officiating. Visitation will be from noon until 6 p.m. today, Aug. 23, at Johnson Mortuary. Burial will follow services at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the First Presbyterian Church, 540 South Main Kalispell, MT 59901; or to the donor's choice.

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

Bradley James Fisher, 45

Bradley James Fisher, 45, died on Dec. 17, 2007, in a tragic car accident near Vallejo, Calif.

He was born Feb. 13, 1962, in Kalispell, graduated from Flathead High School and worked many years in the valley.

Bradley will be greatly missed by those who knew and loved him. His good nature and keen wit often kept people laughing heartily.

Bradley was a member of the Ironworkers Union, Local 378 and for eight years enjoyed his work on bridges in the Bay area including the San Francisco Bay Bridge, the Al Zampa Memorial Carquinez Bridge, and the Benicia Bridge.

He was active in his union and felt strongly about the importance of political involvement.

He was an avid skydiver of many years and a dedicated



fisherman. Bradley especially treasured his fishing trips with his son, Alex. Brad enjoyed being a father and was proud of his son's accomplishments.

He is survived by his son, Alex, and wife, Judy, of Vacaville, Calif.; and by his father, Ray Fisher, of Weehawken, N.J. Bradley is also survived by three brothers and one sister, Adrian Fisher of Weehawken, Michael Fisher of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Eric Fisher of Cupertino, Calif., and Kimberly Fisher of Honolulu.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Clara Severance Fisher, in 2002.

Memorial services will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 19, at the Vacaville Elks Lodge, 302 Parker St. Friends are welcome to honor Brad's life.

"Peace and love be with you on your next journey, dear Bradley."

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Alfred Zampa Memorial Bridge Fund or the American Cancer Society.

Charles E. Fisher Jr., 81

Charles E. Fisher Jr., 81, of Columbia Falls, died Sunday, Sept. 9, 2007, at North Valley Hospital, surrounded by all of his family.

He was a mechanical engineer. He had worked for and retired from the aluminum plant, in 1983.

He is survived by his wife, Marion, of Columbia Falls; daughters, Jean Ervin, of Columbia Falls, Judy Shafter of Charlo and Janice Sellers of Missoula; and son, Andy Fisher, of Arlee.

A visitation will be held from 1 to 8 p.m. on Wednes-

day, Sept. 12, at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 13, at the Columbia Falls United Methodist Church, with the Revs. David Merkel and Ray Davis officiating. Burial will follow at Woodlawn 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.

Harry M. Fisher, 81

Harry M. Fisher, 81, of Libby died Feb. 14, 2007, at his home in Libby from natural causes.

He was born May 13, 1925, in Columbia Falls to Henry and Mabel Bethal Fisher.

He married Mildred Irene Loy in Florida. She preceded him in death in 1964.

Survivors include two sons,

Harry Fisher and wife, Julie, of Libby, and Brian Lizzote of Sidney; a sister, Ida Gehring, of Libby; five grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. March 2, 2007, at the city of Libby cemetery. Nelson and Vial Funeral Home of Libby is in charge of the arrangements.

Staci J. Fitzgerald, 44

Staci J. Fitzgerald, 44, died in Kalispell on Thursday, Oct. 25, 2007.

She is survived by her father, Gene Wink, of Kalispell.

Memorial services will be held at a later date. For service information, call Gene or her brother, Jared Wink.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Billy Edward Flatt, 66

Billy Edward Flatt, 66, died Oct. 5, 2007, at the home of his in-laws in Kalispell.

He is survived by his wife, Brenda, of Kalispell; and six children.

Cremation will take place and his ashes will be taken to his hometown of Phoenix.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Roy Lane Fletcher, 49

Roy Lane Fletcher, 49, of Libby, died of natural causes Saturday, Dec. 29, 2007, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He is survived by his mother, Geraldine, of Libby,

and his son, Justin Fletcher, of Kellogg, Idaho.

Graveside services will be held at 3 p.m. Friday, Jan. 4, at the City of Libby Cemetery. Nelson & Vial Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

Frank L. Floyd, 66

Frank L. Floyd, 66, a resident of Troy, died Thursday, March 8, 2007, at a Libby Hospital.

He had been a carpenter and building contractor at Lake Chelan.

Survivors include his wife, Sharon, of Troy; his children, Neil Floyd of Lynwood, Wash., and Jennifer Floyd of Illinois; and his

stepchildren, Christie Nichols of Troy, Teresa Crandall of Lake Chelan, Wash.; and Jeff Mullins of Palm Beach, Fla.

Services were held March 13 at the Troy Church of God with the Rev. Gene Bushnell officiating.

Arrangements were under the care of Nelson & Vial Funeral Home.

Marie Risdal Brevik Folkvord, 90

Marie Risdal Brevik Folkvord, 90, passed away peacefully Dec. 19, 2007, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home.

She was born Sept. 6, 1917, in Carpio, N.D., the third daughter to Hans and Malena Haaland. After high school, she went to Minneapolis and worked as a nanny.

During fall 1939, she married Jorgen Risdal; he preceded her in death in December 1943. She attended business college and worked for Sears, Roebuck and Company in Minot, N.D.

In March 1948, she married Archie Brevik and they farmed together in Lower Valley until his death in 1967.

She was employed at Valley Bank of Kalispell for approximately four years.

In September 1972, she married Ted Folkvord from Sidney. They continued to live on the family farm in Lower Valley and spent 10 years wintering in Arizona. One year, in their retirement, they visited Norway.

Marie moved from the family farm in 1998 to Kalispell to shorten her trips to and from Immanuel Lutheran Home, where Ted lived his last five and a half years. She was a great caregiver to each of her husbands. During the time Ted lived at Immanuel Lutheran Home she volunteered, playing the piano at the Bratsberg Wing, as well as for other func-

tions at the home.

She had been a member of Eidsvold Lutheran Church in Somers since coming to the area in 1948. She was the treasurer for many years and played the piano, several years ago, for church services.

She is loved and dearly missed by three children — Joreen Graves and her husband, John, of Kalispell, Gerald Brevik and his wife, Linda, of Lower Valley, and Arlene Pierce of Stayton, Ore.; stepchildren, Howard Leland and his wife, Marilyn, of Fort Myers, Fla., Melvin Leland and his wife, Luella, of Squaw Gap, near Sidney, Helen Danielson and her husband, Russ, of Fargo, N.D.; 13 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren; sister, Ellen Hornberger, of Berthold, N.D.; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her three husbands; and sister, Rachel Sandberg.

Private family graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 29, at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell, followed by a memorial service at 11:30 a.m. at Eidsvold Lutheran Church in Somers, with the Rev. Wayne Pris officiating.

Memorials are suggested to Eidsvold Lutheran Church, 5935 U.S. 93, Somers, MT 59932; or Hospice, 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Isabel Boardman Follett, 104

Isabel Boardman Follett, 104, died Aug. 2, 2007. She was born to William Ralph and Mary Ann Boardman in Wigan, Lancashire,



England, on March 8, 1903. They traveled by ship a year later and settled in Fernie, British Columbia.

After fire destroyed Fernie in 1908, she, her grandparents, parents and six younger brothers and sisters went to live in "the bush" at the foot of the Lizard Range. The homesteads are now the Fernie Ski Resort.

Isabel met and married George A. Follett in Fernie on May 18, 1925. After their son Doug was born, the Great Northern Railway beckoned them to Whitefish in 1927. Their daughter Louise was later born in Whitefish.

In 1935, Isabel became a U.S. citizen, always proud that she was the only one in her group to pass the citizenship test because she knew the first three words of the Preamble: "We the People..."

Isabel was very active in the Presbyterian church and was "famous" for the dinner rolls she baked for church events. Her other favorite community activities were Eastern Star and Fortnightly.

Isabel was preceded in death

by her parents; brothers and sisters; husband George; and daughter, Louise.

She is survived by her son, Doug Follett, and Anastasia, of Whitefish; granddaughters, Lynn Stocking and Tom of Missoula, Jen Follett McCaw and Bill of Missoula, Audrey McNally and Michael of Nelson, British Columbia; and Karen Follett and Hal Bennett of Whitefish; her beloved great grandchildren, Geoff Stocking of Boston, Sarah McNally of Tokyo, Japan, as well as Sydney, Riley and Austyn McNally of Nelson, British Columbia.

"Auntie Bell" will also be missed by her Canadian families, Dick Bryant of Fernie, Shirley Bryant of Vancouver, British Columbia, Warren Boardman of Jaffray, British Columbia, and Wilfrid Boardman of Cranbrook, British Columbia.

Isabel always spent her quiet time on the front porch watching the trains roll by and on the evening of Aug. 2, surrounded by her family, she died peacefully as the last passenger train of the night headed west.

Church services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday Aug. 8, at the Whitefish Presbyterian Church with a reception following the service. Burial will be at the Whitefish Cemetery after the reception.

Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish is in charge of the arrangements.

Rev. Canon Loren S. Foot, 87

The Rev. Canon Loren S. Foot, 87, died of natural causes at Evergreen Health Center in Polson on June 2, 2007.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Stanley and Cora Bateman; his stepmother, Gladys; his stepsister, Lea; his wife, Lucile; his brothers-in-law, Tom Mahan and Leo Miller; his sister-in-law, Shirley Mahan; and his grandson, Cameron York.

Born in Choteau, in 1919, his family later moved to Helena, where Loren attended Hawthorne Elementary and Helena High. He went on to attend Carroll College, the University of Montana, University of Montana Law School, and Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria, Va., where he received a Master in Divinity degree in 1976.

During World War II, Loren was an air traffic controller in the Pacific arena, continuing in that field in his civilian career with the Federal Aviation Administration for thirty-two years. After retiring he was ordained in the Episcopal Church and was a beloved priest for thirty-one years, both within the church and the outside community. Father Foot was passionately involved in the Cursillo/Pathways movement for over thirty years and was a spiritual director to many.

Before retiring, Loren served as a Montana priest in Eureka, Ferndale, Polson and the Episcopal Cathedral in Helena. However, he continued shepherding all who he encountered until the day he died. This second career or "calling" spanned 31 years.

His 45 year marriage to Lucile Mahan began in 1941. Their three children, Sharon and Rev. John Payne, Michael and Mary Foot, and Corey and John York, live in the area and treasure the quality time they had with their father these last three plus years, since he returned to Polson.

After Lucy's death in 1986,



Loren retired from St. Andrew's in Polson and moved to Helena, where he married Erys Smart Mahan at the Congregational Church (UCC). She became an official "Congrepalian". They were married 21 years. Living in many places during his life, Loren made many wonderful and lasting friendships, his warmth and sense of humor drawing people to him.

To state a few activities, Loren belonged to SAE Fraternity and Bear Paws in college, the Toastmasters, Masons, Barber-shop, American Red Cross, and Flathead Cherry Growers.

He will be missed SO MUCH by his friends and family which include his three children and spouses; his two stepdaughters and nieces, Coleen and Chuck, and Molly and Rick; his wife, Erys; his sister, Marian Miller; his stepsister, Shirley; his brother-in-law, Jack Mahan; eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; thirteen stepgrandchildren; many nieces and nephews; and lots of god-children.

Loren, Father Foot, father, husband, uncle, brother, step-father/grandfather, grandpa, friend, mentor, Griz fan, loving man of God, you have left your gentle "Foot" print on the earth.

Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 30, in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, in Polson, with military honors following services at the church. A reception will be held in the basement of the church after services. At 10:30 a.m. Aug. 4, a memorial service will be held at St. Peter's Episcopal Cathedral, in Helena with a reception to follow. Memorial donations are suggested to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Heritage of Faith Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Port Polson Players, Camp Marshall Episcopal Church Camp.

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

Silvio Michael Fopp, 89

Silvio Michael "Mike" Fopp passed away Feb. 10, 2007. He was born on the Fourth of July, 1917, to the sound of fireworks set off by his two brothers at their home in Somers. Mike graduated from Flathead County High School in 1936.

To earn funds for college tuition at the School of Mines (now Montana Tech) in Butte, he worked a year in Somers and also worked in the copper mines during his college years. Upon graduation with a Bachelor of Science degree in mining engineering, he joined the U.S. Navy. Mike attended the U.S. Naval Academy and the U.S. Naval Gun Factory. He served in the Pacific Theater during World War II and was discharged as a lieutenant commander in 1945.

Mike was employed from 1945 to 1953 with construction firms in the San Francisco Bay area, Hawaii, the Philippines and for Braden Copper Co. (Kenicott Copper) in Chile as its field superintendent.

Mike married Barbara Jean Beeman of Kalispell on March 18, 1954. They moved to Marin County, Calif., and Mike began working in San Francisco for C.L. Harney Inc. as construction superintendent. In 1956 he became associated and later partner with Gordon I. Gould and Co. He worked on an international basis in more than 40 countries.

Mike was owner/president of Aggregate Engineers and was associated with C.P. & D., as vice president/general manager. Mike was a member of the National Defense Executive Reserve for the Department of the Interior. He also served as an expert witness for the EPA on mercury, asbestos, and beryllium, and testified before both Senate and House committees. He was a registered professional engineer in California (mechanical and metallurgical).

Mike retired in 1983 and enjoyed traveling extensively with his wife, golfing at the Meadow Club in Fairfax, Calif., as well as time spent in their Montana home.

Mike is survived by his wife, Barbara Jean, of Corte Madera, Calif. He is also survived by his

brothers, Gene P. Fopp and wife, Joan, of Great Falls, and George Fopp, of Visalia, Calif.

His brothers, Aleo (survived by his wife, Myrna) and Albert (survived by his wife, Angeline), predeceased him.

He also is survived by his nieces and nephews and their children, and by his cousins Mario Zandanel and wife, Ada, and Giulio Zandanel and wife, Carmen, and their children in Italy.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. today, Feb. 20, at Holy Innocents Church, 2 Tamalpais Ave., in Corte Madera.

Donations in his memory may be made to Montana Tech, for the Silvio and Barbara Fopp Endowed Scholarship, 1300 W. Park St., Butte, MT 59701-8997, or to Holy Innocents Church, 2 Tamalpais Ave., P.O. Box 5, Corte Madera, CA 94925.

Jack D. Ford, 90

Jack D. Ford, 90, passed away Wednesday evening, June 27, 2007. Jack was born in Elma, Wash., Feb. 28, 1917, to Eathel and Robert Ford.

Since his father worked in a logging camp and there were no schools in the area, Jack attended Hill Military Academy from fourth grade through high school.

After graduation he worked for a year in his father's service station before attending the University of Washington and graduating in 1942 with a degree in history.

It was during his college days that Jack met his wife-to-be, Nancy Elliot. They married June 4, 1942, and moved to Pittsburgh, Calif., where Jack was stationed in the Army during World War II. He was responsible for moving soldiers into the various positions where they were needed. At the end of their stay in California, Jack and Nancy's first daughter arrived.

After the war, they moved to Seattle where they both worked for the Boeing Corporation. Jack moved to Billings in 1947 where he had a career working at Elliot's Furniture for 43 years (25 years as manager).

A second daughter was added



to the family in 1951. Summers were spent at the family lake home at Flathead Lake near Kalispell. That area was one of Jack's favorite places.

Jack was an avid stamp collector since childhood and would spend many happy hours working on his collections. He was active in the Billings Stamp Club and a lifetime member of the U.S. Philatelic Society.

Jack was a member of the First Congregational Church, the Billings Petroleum Club, and a former member of the Downtown Businessmen's Association.

Jack is survived by his wife of 65 years, Nancy E. Ford; daughter, Jeanne Dove, of Colorado Springs, Colo.; daughter, Deborah Powell, and David, of Billings; one grandson, Jim Powell, and Gloria, of Lexington Park, Md.; and two great-grandchildren, Daniel Powell and Stephanie Powell. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be held at 3 p.m. on Monday, July 2, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary in Billings. Burial of cremated remains will take place at a later date at the Conrad Cemetery in Kalispell. Memorials may be made to First Congregational Church, N. 27th St. Billings, MT 59101.

Michelotti-Sawyers is in charge of arrangements.

Laurie Mae Wittlake Forman, 46

Laurie Mae Wittlake Forman, 46, passed away at Kalispell Regional Medical Center May 19, 2007.

Laurie was born in Kalispell on Jan. 21, 1961. She was raised in Kalispell.

She married Ron Forman on Aug. 25, 1984, in Mount Lake Terrace, Wash.

She attended school in Everett, Wash., to become a certified nurses assistant, and worked as a CNA for 12 years, retiring to be an at-home mother. Laurie helped where she could with her daughter at school.

She loved reading, cooking



and gardening. Montana held a special place in her heart.

Laurie was loved and will be greatly missed by all of her family, especially her daughters, Shandra, Brandee, Lacey and Kalei.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Heather, on July 20, 1987; her mother, Alice Wittlake, on Nov. 1, 2003; and by both sets of grandparents.

Laurie is survived by her husband, Ron Forman, of Columbia Falls; her children, Lacey Forman and Kalei Forman of Columbia Falls, and Shandra Forman and Brandee Forman of Ohio; and her granddaughter, Hailey.

Private services will be held.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association.

Suzanne Forrester, 61

Suzanne Forrester was born Jan. 11, 1946, in Los Angeles, the daughter of Joan and Charlie Forrester. Our beloved mother, daughter, sister, aunt and friend

died suddenly Feb. 22, 2007, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

She grew up in California with her sister, Becky. Her mother, Joan, remarried when Suzanne was 4 to Raymond Devine and he was a loving father to her all of her life. She loved the Monterey Bay area and being near the ocean. Suzanne graduated from Lindsay High School in 1964.

She met and married Ray Gene Washington and had two children, Judy and Richard Gene. In 1970, they moved to Oregon to raise their children, and in 1985 Suzanne moved to the Flathead Valley to reunite with her sister, Becky, and soon talked her mother, Joan, and daughter, Judy, into moving here also.

Suzanne shared her zest for living with all, giving generously to all her family and friends, always trying to feed us or give us flowers or garden produce.

She was passionate about many things in life. She adored her cat, Nikki, horses, flowers (especially roses), gardening and her favorite crocodile hunter, Steve Irwin.

She took great joy in her hobbies of scrapbooking, completing many albums of her life and of her mother's and daughter's, and also crocheting. She made



many an afghan for her family. She was a great lover of music, especially Jack Gladstone, Elvis and Johnny Cash. She was always up for a long soak in a lake on a hot day.

She loved the outdoors and couldn't wait for spring to come so she could start planting and gardening. She loved to go fishing or just relax with a good book. She also had a great love for horses and collecting horse memorabilia.

Suzanne was preceded in death by her father, Raymond Devine; her grandmother, Melba; and her Auntie Anne.

She leaves behind her beloved cat, Nikki; and is survived by her daughter, Judy Washington, of Kalispell; son, Richard Washington, of Deer Lodge; her grandchildren, Josh Washington and Cherysa Washington of Vancouver, Wash., and Shayla Washington of Kalispell; her great-grandchildren, Mystique Sherman and Contessa Washington, of Vancouver; her mother, Joan Devine, and sister, Becky Madison, of Kalispell; nieces, Joanna Bauer and husband, Chad, and their daughter, Jordan, all of Columbia Falls, Bethany Madison, and her special niece, Laura Madison, and Alexis Wallace, and husband, Buck, with children Destiny, Denali, Delani and Daelen, and Angela Ogle, all of Kalispell; dear friends, Alex Ogle of Elk, Wash., and Sherry and Sam Stockholm of Kalispell.

Services will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday, March 3, at Family of Faith Church, at the corner of Reserve Drive and Country Way North in Kalispell.

Johnson Mortuary is caring for the family.

Julian F. 'Foot' Forthofer, 82

Julian F. "Foot" Forthofer, 82, died Monday, April 30, 2007, at St. John West Shore Hospital in Westlake, Ohio. He was born Nov. 21, 1924, in Avon, Ohio, and was a lifelong resident. He was a graduate of the Avon High School class of 1942, where he lettered in basketball, football and track.



He was owner and founder of Avon Hardware/Gun and Tack, established in 1943.

Julian was an avid hunter, trap shooter and outdoorsman. He was a founding member of Avon Sportsman Club, life member of the Amateur Trap Shooting Association, and life member of both the NRA and Ducks Unlimited. He was also a member of the Silver Wheels Cycle Club.

He enjoyed following his children's and grandchildren's sports and activities.

Julian was a member of St. Julie Billiard Catholic Church in North Ridgeville, Ohio, where he was active in the Prime Timers and was a Minister of Hospitality.

He is survived by his wife, Norma (nee Linden); children, Linda Forthofer and Michael

Uzelac of Avon, Dr. Lawrence Forthofer and Dr. Marsha Heinke of Grafton, Ohio, Daniel and Ann Forthofer of Avon, Joseph "Pete" and Deborah Forthofer of Whitefish, Charles Forthofer and Preston Phillips of Bridgehampton, N.Y., and Lisa and Kenneth Matuszak of Avon and six grandchildren, Brian, Jason, Joseph, Justin, Kelsey and Tyler.

He was preceded in death by brother Dr. Clinton Forthofer; and one sister, Ruth Plas.

Family will receive friends from 7 to 9 p.m. today, and from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday at the Misencik Funeral Home, 36363 Detroit Road, Avon, where closing prayers will be at 10:15 a.m. Saturday, followed by an 11 a.m. Mass at St. Julie Billiard Catholic Church, North Ridgeville, with the Rev. Richard Gonser, pastor, officiating. Interment will be at Saint Mary Cemetery in Avon.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, Church Street Station, P.O. Box 780, New York, N.Y. 10008-0780 (Phone No. 800-708-7644); or St. Julie Billiard Church Endowment Fund, 5500 Lear Nagle Road, North Ridgeville, OH 44039; or the Monastery of the Poor Clares, 3501 Rocky River Drive, Cleveland, OH 44111.

Judy Darlene Foss, 64

On June 19, 2007, Judy Darlene Foss, 64, "went home to the heavens, joining her father, Joseph Allen Foss and her mother, Hazel Pearl Taylor." Judy was born Oct. 5, 1942, in Whitefish.

Judy is survived by her two brothers, Ben Foss and his wife Mary Jane of Olney, and Bill Foss and his wife Ruby of Columbia Falls.; her three children, Mary Anne Aleferas and Shannon Bailey of Shelton, Wash., and Allen Sagen of Kalispell.

July loved and adored her family. She has numerous grandchildren, nieces, great-nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles, and many friends that will miss her greatly.

July loved all animals of all kinds.

She was not only a sister

to Ben and Bill, she was best friends with them.

Judy was talented in everything. She wrote radiant poetry and stories.

She loved to play the harmonica and sing and dance. She had a spirit and soul "that flies high in the heavens."

Judy fell in love with the rolling hills in Dillon, so much that she painted beautiful painting of them.

She moved to Dillon to be with her best friend and brother, Bennie, to road the hills and fish the ponds with him.

Judy's memorial services will follow her niece's memorial services, Tina May Darlene Foss Toftum, at 1 p.m., Aug. 5, at her brother's home in Olney.

All family and friends are welcome.

Leland Herbert Fountain, 86

Leland Herbert Fountain, 86, died Wednesday, Aug. 15, 2007, at his home in Kalispell.

Memorial services will be

at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 21, at the Church of the Nazarene in Kalispell.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Robert W. Fowler, 87

Robert W. Fowler, 87, died April 27, 2007, in Libby.

He had worked for J. Neils Lumber Company and the St. Regis Paper Company.

He is survived by his wife, Adeline, of Libby.

Services will be at 2 p.m.

today, May 9, at the First Presbyterian Church. Interment with military honors will be afterward in the city of Libby Cemetery. Arrangements are under the care of Nelson and Vial Funeral Home.

Michael Timothy Franklin, 46

Michael Timothy Franklin, 46, died peacefully Saturday, Jan. 27, 2007, from complications of diabetes, which was diagnosed when he was a juvenile. He was at

home and surrounded by loved ones in his final moments, just as he wanted it to be.

He was born in Minneapolis to Gerald B. Franklin on Aug. 21, 1960. He was raised in Minnesota and Iowa, then went to school in Las Vegas. Mike moved to Kalispell in 1996 and has called this his home since.

He started trucking as a very young boy, going out on the road with his father. After he got out of school, he resumed that first love, trucking, until his poor health forced him to quit.

He was preceded in death by his beloved father, Gerald Franklin. He also lost his canine



friends, Julie and Rosie.

He is survived by his brother, Ron Weltzin, and wife, Connie, of Twin Falls, Idaho; nephews, RB Weltzin of Monroe, Wash., and Cody James Weltzin of Twin Falls; two uncles, Steve and aunt Bunny Franklin of Eureka, and Jim "Black Jack" Franklin of Glassboro, N.J.; as well as numerous cousins.

Also surviving Mike is "the best thing that ever happened to him and for him," his soulmate, Robin Lupo, and her two daughters, Keisha and Samantha, as well as several friends and trucker buddies.

Services will be announced and held at a later date when the family has been able to contact his trucker friends.

In lieu of flowers and to help take care of expenses, please mail donations to Robin Lupo, P.O. Box 8191, Kalispell, MT 59904.

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

Edward Alan Frehse, 45

Edward Alan "Ed" Frehse, 45, was born in Kalispell on Oct. 31, 1961, the son of Dorothy and Ernest E. Frehse Sr.



Ed passed away May 8, 2007, at Harbor View Medical Center in Seattle, from complications of a motorcycle accident in Spokane.

He is survived by his wife, Peggy, of Spokane Valley, Wash.; his daughters, Christina and Andi, of Moses Lake, Wash.; his stepchildren, Gabe of Kalispell, and Willow and Hank, of Spokane Valley; his mother, Dorothy Graham, of Denton; father, Gene Frehse, of Kalispell; his brothers, Ernie Frehse of Kalispell, and Duane Frehse of Danvers; his sisters, Linda Frehse of Rimrock, Ariz.; and Diana Sweeney of Libby; two grandchildren; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

Ed graduated from Flathead High School in 1980; he then joined the United States Marine Corps, for which he held positions in the Philippines and Japan until 1984.

In 1985, he joined the United States Air Force, for which he

was stationed in Texas and toured England, Somalia, Africa, Panama, and served in Desert Storm. He served in the Air Force for eight years.

After his service in the military, he lived in Thompson Falls, Kalispell and Spokane Valley.

He was employed by the city of Spokane at the time of his death.

He was a member of the Christian Motorcycle Association.

Ed's passion for motorcycles was endless. It started when he was a little boy, and he used to stare at a picture of his grandfather and his Hard Tail Harley. It was known back then to be the first motorcycle group of Kalispell, known as Benny and the Rough Riders. Ed loved to ride, and his adventures took him and his wife, Peggy, over a lot of miles of open road.

"If the truth be known, he's probably tuning up the big one as we speak. Ed, we will miss you!"

Cremation has taken place. Services will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 17, at Valley Fourth Memorial Church in Spokane Valley; and also at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 19, at Whitefish Community Church of God, 5685 U.S. Hwy. 93 South, in Whitefish.

Gene Frehse, 75, passed away at his home in Kalispell, the Lake Blaine community, on Thursday, June 21, 2007, of natural causes.



He was born Feb. 27, 1932, in Falls City, Neb., the son of William Frederick and Faye Rita (Gunn) Frehse.

His work included a lot of driving; whether it was trucking furniture, fuel, or "precious cargo" — namely the kids who were destined to be on his bus routes. His life was well-lived, full of adventure, and laughs. It is said that if laughter makes you a happy person, then his life was most definitely a happy one.

Most of Gene's days were spent in the mountains and valleys of western Montana. He loved hunting, fishing, seeing the countryside, golfing and a good tale told. He loved his family, his friends, and most of all, he delighted in his grandchildren. The last few years he spent much of his time contemplating the mountains out his backdoor and counting the deer in the fields. Every now and then he had to head east of the mountains to "stretch his eyeballs".

As we reminisce about his life, many stories (whether true or not) come to mind. It is a well known fact that Gene had a lot of stories to tell — anyone that knew him heard at least one or two of these myths. After all, what is life but a story!

Gene Frehse, 75

"... Down in the hen house on my knees, thought I heard a chicken sneeze...it was only a rooster sayin' his prayers, sayin' his prayers to the hens upstairs ..."

He was preceded in death by his son, Ed Frehse; his parents; and five siblings.

His survivors include, his companion Vicki Hileman of Kalispell; Ernie and Dawn Frehse, also of Kalispell and their children, Justin Frehse, Brittney Frehse, Ryan Dennison, Jordan Dennison, and Nate Dennison; Duane and Chris Frehse of Danvers, and their children, Arin Peters, Jesika Frehse, and Julius Frehse; Diana Sweeney of Libby and her children, Sean Sweeney, Ben Sweeney, Caitlin Sweeney, and Alyssa Sweeney; Linda Frehse of Rimrock, Ariz.; Ed's daughters, Christina and Andi Frehse of Washington; daughter-in-law, Peggy Frehse of Spokane Valley, and her children, Gabe Anderson, Hank Anderson, and Willow Becker; three great-grandchildren; sisters, Karen Olson and Donna Engleman; cousins, Duane and Helen Lockard; and numerous other relatives, nieces and nephews

Memorial services will be at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, June 26, in the Johnson Mortuary chapel. There will be no visitation. Urn burial will be at a later date in Falls City, Neb.

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

Betty Jane Friske, 78

Betty Jane Friske, 78, died Monday, Nov. 19, 2007. Born on Dec. 10, 1928, in Columbia, S. C., she was a true southern belle. Betty married Donald G. Friske of Polson shortly after the Korean War. Betty was a faithful member of The Church Of Jesus Christ Of Latter-day Saints, serving as a Sunday school teacher for children, young women, and adults. She also served in her community. Betty had a zest for life and a sparkle in her eyes. She was an accomplished home designer and interior decorator. Betty was an amazing cook. Her grandchildren especially loved her buttermilk pancakes. She had a knack for turning any gathering into a festive occasion and often hosted holiday celebrations. Her family and friends



will miss her wise, empathetic counsel.

Her parents, brother, sister, and a granddaughter preceded Betty in death. She is survived by her husband, Donald; daughters, Lynne Thompson of Orem, Utah, Gaye Bailey of Salt Lake City, and Marla Friske of Kalispell; her son, Tom Friske of Buda, Texas; 30 grandchildren; and 46 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 26, 2007 in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Fourth Avenue East in Polson. A viewing will be held at 1 p.m. in the Relief Society Room of the church. Interment will be after services at Lakeview Cemetery.

Donations may be made to the Dialysis Patient Fund, 135 Commons Way, Kalispell, MT, 59901. Arrangements were made under the direction of Grogan Funeral Home. Condolences to the family may be made at www.groganfuneralhome.com.

Larry Frost, 56

Larry Frost, 56, a lifelong resident of Eureka, died Friday, Oct. 5, 2007, at Health Care Northwest in Kalispell from pancreatic cancer.

Survivors include his wife, Janet, of Eureka; children, Tracie Casazza of Columbia Falls, Lisa Frost of Kalispell, and Kim Lane, Scott Frost and Sandra

Frost, all of Eureka; and parents, Wayne and fiance Opal Frost of Eureka.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 11, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Eureka. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Wednesday.

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

Orrin 'Frank' Frost, 82

Orrin "Frank" Frost, 82, died Saturday, June 2, 2007, at his home in Evergreen, surrounded by his loving family. He was born on Oct. 13, 1924, in Eureka, the son of Orrin Spencer and Elsie May (McCoy) Frost.

Frank was raised in Eureka and received his education there. He married his life-long companion, Sherry Eberth, on June 3, 1948, also in Eureka. He served in Army Air Corps during World War II.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers, LeRoy and Lynn Frost.

Frank is survived by his wife, Sherry Frost, of Kalispell; one son, Steve Frost, and his wife, Rayleen, of Great Falls; three daughters, Ann Frost Klimas and her husband Charlie of Havre, Angie Frost Toner of Kalispell, and Karen Frost Klug and her husband Paul of Kalispell; 10 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; five

sisters, Beatrice McLaughlin of Kalispell, Evelyn O'Boyle of Medford, Ore., Leola Hanson and her husband Stan of Whitefish, Lucy Rude of Kalispell, and Mary Ellen Handford and her husband Jim of Kalispell; sister-in-law, Jean Frost, of Eureka; and many nieces and nephews.

Mass of Christian Burial for Frank will take place at 12:10 p.m. Thursday, June 7, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church with Father Vic Langhans as celebrant. Committal will begin at the Tobacco Valley Cemetery in Eureka, following the reception at 3:30 p.m. sharp. Visitation will be held at Johnson Mortuary from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Wednesday with a rosary following the visitation at 7 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel.

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

Margo Jean Frownfelter, 54

Margo Jean Frownfelter, 54, known to most as "Margo of Bolster's Towing," passed away in her home with her family by her side on Dec.



4, 2007, after a short battle with cancer. Margo was born Oct. 3, 1953, in Jamestown, N.D., to Erick and Lorna (Larson) Holmgren.

She has an older brother, Lorance, and a younger brother, Michael. She was raised at the family homestead north of Kulm, N.D., and attended school in Kulm.

Margo met Dennis Frownfelter on April 20, 1969, while roller skating in Jamestown. They were married three years later on April 21, 1972, in Edgeley, N.D. Margo and Dennis lived north of Bismarck, N.D., on a feedlot where Dennis worked for four years. Their children, Todd and Tina, were born in Bismarck.

Margo and Dennis fell in love with the Flathead Valley while visiting Dennis' brother, Donald. The family moved here in April 1976, and purchased the farm where they currently reside in September 1976. Margo enjoyed milking cows and raising pigs. She helped Dennis run the farm while the kids were growing up.

The family often took pack trips in the mountains with the horses; they were members of Back Country Horsemen of the Flathead for many years. Margo taught many members how to back up a pickup/trailer combination; not many people could parallel park a pickup and a two-horse trailer on Main Street in Kalispell like she could.

While Dennis worked construction with Donald, Margo was a substitute custodian for School District 5. In the fall of 1985, the new neighbors introduced Dennis to Maynard Bolster, owner of Bolster's Towing. Dennis started working for Maynard part-time during the winter and was full-time soon after. Margo would go with Dennis on long calls and help with recoveries. Maynard convinced Dennis and Margo to buy him out in 1990. Margo enjoyed driving the tow trucks, she could back the truck and vehicle better than any other driver, including Dennis; the shops would tease the drivers about calling Margo if it took them more than one try to back a vehicle into their shop.

In 1992, Margo and Dennis started expanding the business by purchasing their first tow truck other than the five that came with the business. The business allowed them to travel (tow vehicles) to Denver, Seattle, Portland, Edmonton, Calgary, Lethbridge, Alberta, Yukon Territory and Prescott, Ariz. They also purchased tow trucks or had them built in Salt Lake City, Portland and the San Francisco Bay Area. In 1994, Todd started driving tow truck and Tina worked in the office until 2000 when she started

working for Flathead County.

Margo started bowling at Skyline Bowl's Monday Little League; after a few years she started sponsoring a team. Margo enjoyed bowling; she recruited driver's wives, her daughter and future employees. She quit bowling a few years before the alley burnt down. She needed the extra time for her Christmas caramel rolls. As many know, the rolls are a "thank you" to the businesses that give Bolster's their patronage throughout the year. When Margo and Dennis bought Mountain Towing in Whitefish, the list grew even more. Last year Margo and the rest of the office staff made 174 dozen rolls.

In 1999, Margo joined Dennis at the Montana Tow Truck Association meetings as the Mountain Towing representative. They alternated with Todd's family attending the state conventions; one other driver and spouse attending also. Margo was the planner for the 2007 convention in Kalispell this past September. She was elected the secretary for 2008.

Margo and Dennis really enjoyed their trip to Sweden in April 2006 with Lorence and Connie to visit Margo's relatives. Her goal was to learn Swedish and call Monica's mother. Last month, Margo talked about how much fun it would be if the family could chip in and buy a house in Sweden for the family to share. She would have loved to go back to Sweden again to visit the relatives and her new friends.

Her parents, Erick and Lorna numerous aunts, uncles and father-in-law, Ira Frownfelter, preceded Margo in death.

Margo is survived by her husband, Dennis; son Todd and Mindy, and her only grandchildren, Daniel and Kimberly; and daughter, Tina, all of Kalispell; her brothers, Lorence and Connie, and Michael and Della, aunt, Frieda Larson; uncle, Wilbur and Carol Holmgren; five nieces and three nephews, and their families, in North Dakota; her in-laws, Donald, Raphael, Bernadine, Kenneth and Christine; plus four nieces, and their families. Margo is also survived by many friends and her unofficial children, Robert and Lisa. She treated their employees like family.

Visitation will be from 3 to 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

Because of attendance and time of year, services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, at Easthaven Baptist, 2010 Whitefish Stage Road, in Kalispell. Burial will be at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. A potluck reception will be at Helena Flats School immediately following burial. Please bring a dish for the reception.

Memorials may be sent to either Grace Hospice, 1117 South Main Street, Kalispell, MT 59901; or the Montana Tow Truck Association (MTTA) Survivors Memorial Fund, 332 Tobin Creek Road, Livingston, MT 59047.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Fred Mathias Fry, 88

Fred Mathias Fry, 88, passed away Sunday, March 25, 2007, in Kalispell. He was born July 30, 1918, in Kalispell to Louis and Caroline (Wilhelm) Fry.

Fred grew up in Kalispell and enjoyed playing football and basketball while in high school, and graduated from Flathead High School. He attended the University of Montana in Missoula, and enjoyed keeping up with the local sports throughout his life.

He married Willie Caldwell, who preceded him in death in 1970.

Fred enlisted after Pearl Harbor and was stationed throughout the war, serving in Guam-Saipan-Tinian in the South Pacific as a bombardier in a B-29. He was a member of the VFW and American Legion.



After he returned from the war, he owned and operated the Kalispell Bar and Wagon Wheel Lounge from 1955 until his retirement in 1983.

He married Kathleen Freer in the early 1980s, and she passed away in 1990.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and his two wives.

He is now survived by his son, Jack Fry, of Kalispell; one grandson, Eli Fry, and family of Granite Bay, Calif.; and one stepson, Jack Craven, and family of Arnold, Md.; two brothers, Don Fry of Kalispell, and Burt Fry of Coquille, Ore.; two sisters, Verda Robertson and Carol Sloan, both of Kalispell; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Memorial services for Fred will held at a later date.

The family suggests memorials be given to Kalispell PeeWee Baseball, c/o Vince Calles, 1512 Klondyke Loop, Somers, MT 59932.

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

Harry W. Fry, 75, passed away Monday July 16, 2007, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

Harry was born March 22, 1932, in Bozeman.

He was raised in Ennis, Thompson Falls, and Butte, graduating from Butte High School.

Harry earned his Bachelor of Science degree at the College of Engineering at Montana State College in Bozeman.

Harry married Keige (Sally) Mosby, who is deceased, in 1954, in Miles City. They were married for 40 years.

In 1995 he married Donna Bork Craver in Butte and had been married for 12 years.

Harry worked for Dow Chemical, Mattel Toys and then 25 years with Snap-On Tools, where he retired as senior vice-president in charge of administration.

He was the volunteer executive director in the Kenosha, Wis., area development council for five years. Several industrial parks were developed under his leadership.

Harry was a charter member of the Kalispell Daybreak Rotary; a member of the Rotary in Kenosha, Boy Scouts, United Way board director, and involved in Girl Scout fund raising, and other community activities, all in Kenosha.

Harry worked with the Rotary Club for the Flathead Youth Home. He enjoyed Montana, music, travel, hiking, family, friends, reading, newspapers,



Harry W. Fry, 75

listening to TV (news, music, and weather), golf and skiing.

Harry was preceded in death by his parents, William E. and Naida (Wellman) Fry; and a sister, Betty Fry Bieber.

He is survived by his wife, Donna, of Kalispell; son, Ronald Scot Fry, and wife, Susan Fry, of Racine, Wis.; daughter, Valerie, and husband, Rob Sarich, of Hebron, Ill.; brothers and sisters, William and wife Peg Fry of Billings, Carolyn Fry Severson of Henderson, Nev.; stepsons, Nathan and wife Rose Craver of Martinez, Calif., Daniel Craver of Kalispell, and Alan and wife Tamara Craver of Victorville, Calif.; grandchildren, Hillary Fry of Glasgow, Scotland, and Rachael Fry of Hebron; step-grandchildren, Jared Craver of Hollister, Calif., Andrea Craver of La Honda, Calif., and Lilianne and Kimberly Craver, both of Victorville, Calif.; nieces and nephews, Carol Fry Ohs and children, Stephanie, Brian and Derek; Doug and Annie Fry and children, Tychia and Kelsey; and Mark and Andrea Fry and children, Dylan and Kaitlyn.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 25, at Epworth United Methodist Church with a reception luncheon following in the fellowship hall.

The family suggests remembrances be made to Epworth United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 1020, Kalispell, MT, 59903; or the Daybreak Rotary Club c/o treasurer, Box 1042, Kalispell, MT 59903; the Alzheimer's Association; or to the donor's choice.

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Michelle Frymire, 22

Michelle Frymire, 22, of Eugene Ore., died July 7, 2007, of unknown causes. She was born on July 3, 1985.



A celebration of life ceremony will be held at New Song Christian Fellowship in Springfield Oregon on Saturday July 14, 2007.

Michelle graduated from Bridge Academy in Kalispell in June 2007. Michelle planned to attend Lane Community College in Eugene in the fall and pursue

a nursing degree.

Michelle had a passion for helping people. Michelle was a kind and free spirited person. She will be missed by all who knew her.

She was a loved daughter, sister, granddaughter, niece and friend.

Michelle survived her father, Kenneth Frymire; her mother, Nevay Frymire of Eugene; brother, Jose Harris of Fort Worth, Texas; sisters, Leah Habeger and Nessa Marshall, both of Yakima, Wash., Kendy and Salome Prater of Sherwood, Ore., and Melissa Fuller of Eugene.

Dale Fuehrer, 82

Dale Fuehrer, 82, passed away April 5, 2007, at St. Peter's Hospital in Helena, surrounded by his family.



He was born May 18, 1924, to Lester and Kattilla Fuehrer in Casper, Wyo. He grew up in Mitchell, Neb., graduating high school in 1942. Dale served in the United States Army in the Philippines during World War II.

After the war, Dale attended the University of Wyoming, graduating from the business school in 1950. Dale took a job with Galusha, Higgins and Galusha in Helena. In the early years, he enjoyed working summers in Virginia City and winters in Helena. During this time he met his future wife, Esther Muske. They were married in Helena at St. John's Lutheran Church on July 8, 1953. Dale and Esther raised five children and shared 54 years of marriage.

Dale retired from Galusha's in 1986 after 36 years.

Dale was active in numerous community organizations over the years, including Jaycees, past president of Montana Club, was a member of the City-County Airport board in 1965 and was instrumental in providing Helena with a new airport

terminal, Lions Club, member of the Green Meadow Country Club, Morning Star Lodge No. 5, and became a member of the Algeria Shrine on Oct. 8, 1969, and participated with the Algeria Shrine Chanters and the Circus Patrol.

Dale is survived by his wife, Esther; his children, Leslie and Dave Baldrige of Great Falls, Paula and Mark Blessinger, Nancy and Dewey Bruce, Kurt and Susan Fuehrer, all of Helena, and Kris and Laurie Fuehrer of Whitefish; 10 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

A memorial service is scheduled at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 10, at St. John's Lutheran Church. Cremation has been entrusted to Anderson Cremation Services. Private family interment will take place at a later date at the Montana State Veterans Cemetery at Fort Harrison. Graveside military honors will be conducted by the Lewis & Clark Veterans Council.

Memorial donations are suggested to the Algeria Shrine Transportation Fund, P.O. Box 1174, Helena, MT 59624-1174; Lewis & Clark Humane Society, P.O. Box 4455, Helena, MT 59604-4455; St. Peter's Hospital Dialysis Unit, 2475 Broadway, Helena, MT 59601; or the charity of the donor's choice.

Local arrangements are under the care of Hagler-Anderson Funeral Home.

James Seymour Fulford, 86, "went home to be with Lord" on Feb. 20, 2007, the day after turning 86. James was born Feb. 19, 1921, in Monroe, La., and was raised in Bastrop.



He joined the U.S. Navy at 18, and served from 1940 to 1946. He served as an airplane mechanic aboard several aircraft carriers but while serving on the Wasp at Guadal Canal, at the height of World War II, it was sunk. His story was reported in The Daily Inter Lake last summer, when he and his fellow shipmate, Russ Roy, of Kalispell were reunited.

He met and married Betty Rose Kudlacek in San Diego where Betty Rose was a true "Rosy the Riveter." They married in 1943 and lived separate lives while Jim finished out the war.

They moved to Longview, Wash., where they raised two girls and two boys before retiring from the U.S. Post Office. They moved to Bigfork in 1976, and three of their children

moved with them. Jim was a lover of the outdoors, especially hunting and horseback riding. Jim was a former member of the Back Country Horseman. He raised and rode horses as long as his health would allow him.

He was a long time member of the First Christian Church in Longview, Wash., serving as an elder until he moved to Montana where he again served as elder of the Little Brown Church. He later attended the Bigfork Chapel. Jim and Betty Rose left a legacy of faith with all their offspring to the third generation serving God.

He is survived by his wife, Betty Rose; and children, Linda Bradford and her husband, Del, of Olympia Wash., Rosemary Lafever and her husband, Jim, and Kirk Fulford and his wife, Debbie, all of Bigfork, and Brian Fulford and his wife, Gina, of Kalispell. He is also survived by seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his grandson, Kyle Fulford.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 3 at the Bigfork Chapel to celebrate his life. All friends and loved ones are welcome to attend.

Louise Marie Furlong, 78

Kalispell; two daughters, Laurie Schmidt of Chadron, Neb., and Judy Buckmaster and husband, Neil, of Bellevue, Wash.; three sons, Mark and wife, Terri, of Columbia Falls, Brian and wife, Sharon, of Auburn, Calif., and Michael and wife, Theresa, of Wilmington, Mass. She is also survived by 13 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Louise will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, May 24, at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, with Pastor Mark Cutler officiating. Burial will be in the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family suggests memorial gifts be given to Trinity Lutheran Church or to the Northwest Healthcare Foundation, 310 Sunnyview Lane, Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

Louise Marie Furlong, 78, passed away Tuesday, May 24, 2007, at the HealthCenter Northwest in Kalispell. She was born March 7, 1929, in Kalispell to Walter and Anna (Timm) Franz.

After graduating from the University of Montana in Missoula, Louise married Noel Deane Furlong on June 7, 1951, in Kalispell. The couple moved to Alberton, where she taught for 1 1/2 years before giving birth to one of six children.

Noel and Louise relocated to Kalispell, where Noel took a teaching position at Flathead County High School, and Louise was a homemaker until she returned to teaching when her youngest was in school full time. After acquiring continuing education credits in library sciences, Louise worked full time in the Flathead County High School Library until retiring.

Louise was baptized and confirmed at Trinity Lutheran Church, where she remained active her entire life. She touched countless lives through her life.

Among Louise's loves in life were gardening, cooking, reading, scrapbooking/archiving and her family.

She had a Bachelor of Science degree in political science and was a member of Delta Delta Delta, Ladies' Aide and Quilt Club.

Louise was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Ruth Slitter and Elfrida Knutson; and an infant daughter, Susan Marie Furlong.

She is survived by her husband, Noel D. Furlong, of