

Barbara May (Markell) Haaland, 84

Barbara May (Markell) Haaland, 84, died Thursday, Aug. 30, 2007, at her home in Troy.

She had worked for the U.S. Forest Service.

She is survived by her husband, John "Jack" Haaland, her son Rick Haaland,

and daughter Patti Haaland, all of Troy.

Services will be at 4 p.m. Tuesday at Milnor Lake Cemetery.

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

Steve Hagel, 55

Steve Hagel died Thursday, Oct. 3, 2007, in Kalispell. Death was caused by a congenital heart valve abnormality resulting in an aorta dissec-



tion. At his death, Steve was an adjunct instructor of stone setting at Flathead Valley Community College and a home health care giver with A Full Life Agency and Consumer Direct Services.

Steve began and ended his odyssey in Kalispell. He was born in Kalispell General Hospital Aug. 27, 1952. He grew up and attended primary schools around the world with his parents who were in Foreign Service. He graduated high school from the Culver Military Academy, Culver, Ind., in 1970.

He began his love of rocks and gems in his teens and started jewelry making at a class at a U.S. military base officers club in Taipei, Taiwan.

Following school, Steve met Janet Beckelhimer in Ohio in 1972. They were married June 20, 1980, and lived in the Philadelphia area.

Because of their love of Montana and the Flathead Valley, they moved to Kalispell in 1981, where Steve made his home the remainder of his life. He and Janet were among the founding board members of the Flathead Food Bank.

Steve worked at various jewelers in Philadelphia and Montana as an extremely talented designer and fabricator, includ-

ing several years at Keenan Jewelry in Kalispell.

He always loved the woods ... and especially huckleberrying. He also loved music and played the guitar for many years.

Steve was preceded in death by his grandparents, Fred and Winona Hagel, and Perry and Luella Melton. Both couples were Kalispell residents for many years.

Survivors include his mother, Pat Melton Hagel; his father, Fred C. Hagel; his sister, Cynthia Myers; his former wife, Janet B. Hagel; and a large extended family in both the Melton and Hagel family trees.

Steve also briefly left behind his beloved cat Romeo, "who has since joined him."

A casual celebration of Steve's life will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 13, in the Flathead Valley Community College new Arts and Technology Building, Large Meeting Room. Steve's family welcomes everyone to share memories, have a bite to eat, see pictures of Steve's life and listen to his favorite music. The room has a lovely view of the Flathead Mountains ... which Steve loved and where he spent so much time roaming, rock hounding and huckleberrying.

A private family cemetery gathering and interment will be held later in the week.

Contributions anyone wishes to make in Steve's memory can be sent to the Perry and Luella Melton and Stephen F. Hagel Memorial Scholarship Fund at Flathead Valley Community College Foundation, 777 Grandview Drive, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Amy H. (Ottis) Haines, 90

Amy H. (Ottis) Haines, 90, passed away Monday, March 5, 2007, of natural causes in Great Falls.

She was born Dec. 14, 1916, in Kindred, N.D., where she was also raised.

She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by husband, Clifford E. Haines; a son, William T. Haines; infant sister, Amy Katherine; sisters, Millie Baer and Connie Thoreson; and



parents, Louis and Bethilda Ottis.

She is survived by a son, John, and Kathy Haines of Great Falls; a stepdaughter, Margaret Engberg, of Kalispell; a daughter-in-law, Janet Haines, of Libby; a brother, Selmer, and Kay Ottis of Fargo, N.D.; grandchildren, Tatum Haines of Libby, Sara Weitzel of St. Louis, Kelsey and Justin Sheffler of Wichita, Kan., Anne and Ben Simmons of Libby, and Nicholas and Nathan Haines of Great Falls; six great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 10, at Johnson Mortuary in Kalispell.

Lowell Thomas 'Tom' Haines, 75

Lowell Thomas "Tom" Haines, 75, of Columbia Falls, formerly of Woodbine, Md., died Sunday, Feb. 4, 2007, at Carroll Hospice Dove House in Westminster, Md.

Born on March 7, 1931, in Woodbine, he was the son of the late Raymond and Helen Grimes Haines. He was the husband of Sylvia V. Canon Haines, his wife of six years.

He retired in 1988 as the director of the Carroll County Department of Social Services. He graduated from Western Maryland College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in history. He received his master's of social work from the University of Pennsylvania. He was an LCSW (licensed certified social worker).

He was on the founding board of directors for Human Services Programs of Carroll County Inc., and for Carroll County Food Sunday. He was instrumental in initiating the service units of the Salvation Army of Carroll County, Shepherd's Staff, and the Human Relations Commission. He was a strong advocate for low-income and disadvantaged people. His work was devoted to the families of Baltimore City, Baltimore County, and Carroll County.

From the age of 4, he was an avid hunter and fisherman his entire life. He enjoyed his hobby on every continent on Earth. He obtained many world-record

trophies. He supported conservation and the National Park System. He visited every national park in the United States. He enjoyed feeding "his" flock of wild turkeys and herd of deer.

Surviving in addition to his wife are stepdaughter, Laura Black, and son-in-law, Geoff Black, of Littlestown, Pa.; stepson, Thomas Canon II, of Westminster, Md.; six stepgrandchildren, Michael, Will, Jennifer, Nikki, Hannah and Thomas III; niece, Helen Haddad, of California; two cousins, Bucky and Elizabeth; and numerous life-long devoted friends whom he loved as family.

He was pre-deceased by his former wife of 47 years, Delores Rae Haines; and his sister, Jewell Makolin.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday at Pritts Funeral Home and Chapel, 412 Washington Road, in Westminster, with the Rev. Barbara Sears, chaplain for Carroll Hospice, officiating. Interment will be in Morgan Chapel Cemetery in Woodbine.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 2 to 4 p.m. and from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are encouraged to: Human Services Programs of Carroll County, Inc., P.O. Box 489, Westminster, MD 21158; or to Carroll Hospice, 292 Stoner Ave., Westminster, MD 21157.

Roger Hale, 93

Roger Hale, 93, passed away at 2:25 a.m., Oct. 17, 2007, at the Heritage Place in Kalispell.

Roger was born to Titus and Mary Hale in their home-sead cabin located at Twentyfive Mile Creek in Washington, Dec. 23, 1913.

He married Elizabeth Crockett in 1936. They had three children. In November 1945 a tragic bus accident claimed the lives of his two eldest sons. Distraught and emotionally destroyed, his life took a new direction.

He married Sue Woodruff of Granite Falls, Wash., and proceeded to Montana. Moving to Great Falls, he and his wife purchased a grain elevator. Tearing down the elevator and recycling much of the material, they built a modern three-bedroom home with an attached two-car garage. This property was sold and the proceeds were used to help purchase the Middlefork Motel.

Roger Hale arrived in the Flathead Valley in February 1962. He and his wife, Sue, had purchased the Middlefork Motel and began an extensive transformation of the business. Many of their guests returned summer after summer to enjoy the flower gardens and water fountains they built. Many other visitors on their way to Glacier Park pulled over to get photographs of the beautiful landscaping.

It was in Martin City that Roger and Sue raised six children. Roger had a very extended family that not only included his immediate family but many members of the community. His door was open to many. He often allowed tenants to "hole up for the winter" at the motel even though they couldn't pay.

Roger worked as a foreman on the Libby dam, the railroad tunnel near Trego and the aluminum plant in Columbia Falls. After many years of working for others he invested in a backhoe and other construction equipment to start his own business, Hungry Horse Excavating and Construction. He went on to develop new water systems for the towns of Coram and Hungry Horse. He also constructed foundations and sanitary systems for many of the new homes in the rapidly expanding area. Roger's easygoing yet hardworking nature landed him jobs from Polebridge to Libby. He often commented, "My best work is



always buried."

In 1975, Roger sold the Middlefork Motel and developed a property near Whitefish, still continuing in his excavating business.

Yearning to develop another water system he sold his property, packed up and moved back to his ranch located at Twentyfive Mile Creek near Chelan, Wash. There he designed and built a water system for the small roadside community. The area now produces some of the finest apples from the state of Washington, due to the water system. Other endeavors in Washington were building a magnificent home and developing his own orchard. Roger took pride in his vegetable garden, fruit and walnut trees, but he especially enjoyed the roses he grew.

Roger loved to sing; the family was often awakened by his early morning renditions. He also enjoyed singing at church, playing a hot game of pinochle, fishing and hunting. Roger hunted elk, "bagging" one every year to include a royal bull in 1970.

He was preceded in death by both his parents; his brothers, Mirum Hale, Murdock Hale, and David Hale; his sister, Dorthy Milton; his sons, Douglas and Lenly Stuart; and his first wife, Elizabeth; stepson, Michael G. Pointec; and daughter in-law, Jennifer Zunick.

Roger is survived by his sons, Roger K. Hale and wife, Nadine, of Kalispell, and Neil A. Hale and wife, Eliecia, of Naselle, Wash.; his daughters, Kathie S. Salandi and husband, Micheal, of Hungry Horse, and Marci Hale, Chelan; stepson, Daniel Pointec of Kalispell; stepdaughter, Sandra L. Pointec of Columbia Falls; "adopted" son, Robert A. Zunick and wife, Pamela, of Kalispell; Sue Libby and husband, Roger, of Hungry Horse; four grandsons; six granddaughters; numerous great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews; sister, Caroline Yearout, of Wenatchee, Wash.; and many friends.

Roger was loved and will be missed by many.

Memorial services will be at noon Saturday, Oct. 27, at the Hungry Horse Chapel, 8664 U.S. 2 East in Hungry Horse. Brent Schmidt will officiate the service. Lunch will be provided after the service at the church.

The family suggests memorials to Hungry Horse Chapel.

The family extends their thanks to Heritage Place for the skilled care they provided to Roger when it became too difficult for the family.

Andrew A. 'Andy' Hall, 69

Andrew A. "Andy" Hall, 69, passed away on Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2007, at his home in Evergreen. Andy was born on July 29, 1938, in Kalispell, to Earl and Laverne Hall. He attended schools in Kalispell, graduating from Flathead County High School in 1956.

Andy was a contractor, that had built many fine homes in the valley.

He was known as a caring and honest person. He was a great counselor, who had taught many people many things.

He loved hunting, fishing, and especially camping with his family. He enjoyed telling stories and traveling.

He was a member of the Moose Lodge, former member of the Evergreen Fire Department, and a member of the Carpenters Union.

He married Kathy Snyder in 2001.

He is going to be greatly missed by his family and many

friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Kevin; a sister, Elaine Miller; and a grandson, Chris Shupert.

He is survived by his wife, Kathy; children and spouses, Rod and Kimberly Dofelmire, Geri and Dan Shupert, Dale and Cinnamon Hall, Cheryl and Gene Zechin, Becky and Darren Armstrong, Mary Ellen Hall, Jaquie and Mike A. Dunning, Tim and Mary Anne Davis, and Steve and Darrell Marie Smiley; a brother, Don Hall; mother-in-law, Harriet and Curtis J. Snyder; 27 grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives.

Funeral services will be at noon Friday, Oct. 12, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, with the Rev. Raymond Powell officiating. Interment will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

May Ethel Hall, 101

May Ethel Hall, 101, passed away in Spokane, on Sunday, July 22, 2007, where she had lived for the past nine years. She enjoyed a long, rich life "filled with the many blessings of a loving family and friends."



May was born near Galata, on Sept. 12, 1905, to Royal S. and Emily Caroline Wood. She moved to Great Falls with her mother in 1909, and attended McKinley School. Later, she moved to Shepherd, with her mother and beloved stepfather, Ben Bunker.

On Dec. 3, 1923, she married John Louis Hall in Billings. They lived in the Shepherd area until 1932, when they moved to their farm south of Sun River. May and John farmed there until his death in 1973. She remained at their home until 1978 when she sold the farm and moved to Great Falls.

May was an amazing lady, known to many as "Grammy", who lived life to the fullest. She was the family historian and a 4-H leader. She loved her flowers, horses, crocheting, sewing, making ceramics, baking special treats and entertaining in their home. After she moved to Great Falls, she participated in a pool league, Granny Scouts, and various craft groups. She touched and enriched the lives

of all who knew her. She made each grandchild feel he or she was her favorite.

May and John had three daughters, Elizabeth Lucille "Betty Lou", Marjorie Ann, and Emily May.

She was preceded in death by her husband of nearly 50 years, John L. Hall; her parents and stepfather; her brother, Eugene Bunker; and sisters, Mary Benjamin and Hazel Zell; and by a great-grandson, Zachary Paul Gilmore.

Survivors include her daughters, Betty Lou and Floyd Rada, Marjorie Ann and Paul Gilmore, and Emily May and Don Bogut. Also surviving are six grandchildren, Beverly Rada and John Hollensteiner, Jeanne Rada and Jim Hinman, John P. and Victoria Gilmore, Michael D. and Valerie Gilmore, J. Scott and Karyn Bogut, and Angela D. Bogut; as well as seven great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. May is also survived by her sister-in-law, Margaret Bunker Deering; and numerous loving nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be at 4 p.m. on Friday, July 27 at the Sun River Cemetery in Spokane and conducted by Pastor Evelyn Kunkel. After the interment service, coffee and dessert will be served at the Sun River Methodist Church.

Memorials may be sent to the Montana School for the Deaf and Blind in Great Falls or to your favorite charity.

Kim Halverson, 46

Bigfork resident Kim Halverson, 46, died Jan. 14, 2007, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center after a two-year battle with cancer.



A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27, at Crossroads Christian Fellowship in Bigfork, with a celebration of life gathering immediately following at the Marina Cay Resort. Pastor Larry Lautaret of Whitefish Church of God and Pastor Halden Curtiss of Crossroads Christian Fellowship, Bigfork, will co-officiate the memorial service. All those who knew Kim or her family are invited to attend. A small family ceremony will take place later in the summer for the final spreading of her ashes.

Kim was born to George and LaRue Boss on Aug. 28, 1960 in Harbor City, Calif., a suburb of Los Angeles. She attended high school at Miraleste High School in Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif., and went on to travel the world; living and working in lots of exciting places, including New York, Dallas, Seattle, Telluride, Colo., Kauai, Hawaii, Anchorage, Alaska, and finally settling down in Bigfork.

Kim had an adventurous spirit. Everything she did, from the way she dressed to the way she designed her home was extraordinary. She never liked to "go with the flow" in life. She always dared to be different and in so doing, set the bar a little higher for the rest of us.

Second only to her children, Kim had a passion and talent for gardening. She loved to cook with the hearty vegetables grown from her garden and her home always felt like a tropical rain forest with all the beautiful plants and flowers. Kim loved the outdoors, spending much time at the lake, enjoying barbecues on her deck or just paddling in her kayak down the Swan River. But her most precious times were those spent with her kids, nurturing them and, like her plants and vegetables, watching them grow.

Kim leaves behind her three beautiful children: Presley Quinn Halverson (17), Rachel LaRue Halverson (14) and Aubrey Rose Halverson (4). Additionally, Kim is survived by her mom and stepfather, LaRue and Norm Lebel, of Bigfork; her dad and stepmother, George and Josephine Boss, of Valley Center, Calif.; her sister and brother-in-law, Tami and Ralph Ertz, and their children Jordan, Ryan and Dalton Ertz of Anchorage; her brother, Wally Boss, of Anchorage; and many other extended family and friends. She will be missed by all.

Those who wish to honor Kim and help in the fight against cancer are encouraged to participate in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life fundraiser in your area, lighting a candle in her honor.

Flowers may be sent to Crossroads Christian Fellowship, 7545 Highway 35, Bigfork, Montana, 59911 on the morning of the service.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Evangeline P. Hamilton, 82

Evangeline P. Hamilton, 82, died Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2007, at the Brendan House in Kalispell.

She is survived by her daughter, Tamara Hamilton,

of Kalispell.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Johnson Mortuary & Crematory is caring for the family.

Earl Hammer, 90

Earl Hammer, 90, "went home to his Lord and Saviour" on Feb. 2, 2007, with his loving family at his side in Kalispell. He was born June 23, 1916, the oldest of five children, at the family farm near Cushing, Iowa, to Ben and Dora Hammer.



Being raised on the farm, he was never afraid of hard work and continued that throughout his life. His love of the farm and livestock led him to farming, which he enjoyed for more than 50 years.

In 1942, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served proudly as signalman first class on the USS Colorado, which was one of the battleships that fought in the major battles in the Pacific Theater. He kept close ties to those he fought next to — they were truly a band of brothers. Over the years, they and their families attended many USS Colorado Navy reunions across our country.

In 1950, Earl married the love of his life, Elaine Stickney. Together they danced through and created 56-plus years of treasured memories. Together they raised four children and always continued to be involved in their lives.

They moved off the farm in 1989 and retired to Sioux City, Iowa. Earl's interests continued to be building where he spent many hours remodeling and creating gifts for the grandchildren. He and Elaine also found time to travel in all the states except Alaska. Montana became a second home for them. Earl loved the outdoors, family gatherings, animals and sports — especially

golf. He participated in 4-H, American Legion, the USS Colorado alumni, Methodist Men, XYZ, and men's golf leagues. He was a master gardener. They were members of Grace United Methodist Church in Morning-side.

Earl will be remembered always as an honest, caring, and humble man who found joy and courage in his family and faith. His kindness and love for family was a blessing to all who knew him and loved him. Earl loved his grandchildren and great-grandchildren very much. They always brought great joy to him and vice-versa. He taught them valuable lessons of life. He will be missed very much but will live in our hearts forever.

He is survived by his wife, Elaine; two daughters and their husbands, Dianne and Dallas Gronley of Columbia Falls, and Lynne and Jamie Gronley of Kalispell; two sons and their wives, Daryl and Maggie Hammer of Council Bluffs, Iowa, and Randall and Amy Hammer of Mountain City, Texas; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren; three brothers and their wives, Donald and Wilma of Odebolt, Iowa, Alvin and Phyllis of Cherokee, Iowa, and Dean and Karen of Ida Grove, Iowa; many nieces and nephews; and many dear friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister Vesta, and her husband, Frank Fey.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today, Feb. 9, at the Barker Funeral Home in Holstein. Family will be present. Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, at the Holstein United Methodist Church. Pastor Todd Schlitter will officiate. Burial will take place at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Memorial Park Cemetery in Sioux City.

Gwendolyn 'Gwen' Hammer, 80

Gwendolyn "Gwen" Hammer, 80, died Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2007, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell, with her family at her side. She was born on Aug. 31, 1926, in Murray, Utah, to David Merrill and Zella Monetah (Zabriskie) Hand.

Gwen married Glen LaMar Hammer in Draper, Utah, in 1943. Gwen and family lived in many states, moving to the Flat-head Valley in 1964 and calling it home since.

She was a wonderful homemaker who utilized her many creative skills, sewing, knitting, painting, crafting, etc. All fondly recall fresh baked bread or cookies from her kitchen! She filled many church callings over the years as counselor in the Relief Society, pianist, teacher, music chairman for the ward and singing in choirs. She found it especially pleasing to participate in a women's choir that traveled and ministered through song to others.

She was also a volunteer for hospice, taught ceramic and sewing classes, enjoyed singing, playing piano, oil painting, reading historical novels, knitting, making crafts and swimming.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Glen; her parents; a brother, Lee M. Hand; and a son-in-law, Carl Norton.

She is survived by her four children, Robert Hammer and wife, Kathy, of Seattle, Wayne Hammer and wife, Kay, and Keith Hammer and Virginia Norton, all of Kalispell; her sister, Delfa Andrus, and husband, Ray, of Murray; and a sister-in-law, Odette Hand, of Sterling, Va.; as well as many grandchildren; and great-grandchildren, all of whom she cherished.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 19, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Whitefish Stage Road in Kalispell. Burial will follow at the Lonepine Cemetery in Bigfork.

The family suggests that any memorial contributions be sent to Home Options Hospice, 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell, MT 59901; or to the Mountain Brook Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o Linda Benson, 275 Van Sant Road, Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

Peggy Hammond, 69

Peggy Hammond, 69, of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, died on Jan. 9, 2007, at Bee Hive Homes in Coeur d'Alene. She was born at the ranger station in Featherville, Idaho, on Sept. 11, 1937, to Neil and Zoelene (Smith) Platts.



In 1955, Peggy graduated from Flathead High School in Kalispell. She was employed as a survey technician for JUB Engineers and Meckel Engineering in Coeur d'Alene.

Her hobbies included running, hiking, biking and rock-hounding.

Peggy is survived by her two sons and daughters-in-law, David and Julia Hammond of Buckley, Wash., and Daniel and

Maria Hammond of Las Vegas; and by her daughter and son-in-law, Debbie and Mike Lewis, of Coeur d'Alene. She is also survived by three brothers and sisters-in-law, Terry and Madeline Platts of Gooding, Idaho, Richard and Karen Platts of Dallas, and David and Erin Platts of Covington, Wash.; one sister, Judith Loback, of Death Valley, Calif.; and two grandchildren, Suzie Hammond and Chelsea Lewis.

Yates Funeral Home, Coeur d'Alene Chapel, was entrusted with the care of final arrangements.

Visit Peggy's online memorial and sign her guestbook at www.yatesfuneralhomes.com.

Memorial contributions can be made to Hospice of North Idaho, 9493 North Government Way, Hayden, ID 83835; or North Idaho Cancer Center, 700 Ironwood Dr., Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814.

Ernest Edwin Hankinson, 85

Ernest Edwin Hankinson, 85, passed away Friday March 9, 2007, at his home in Kalispell, surrounded by his loving wife and family. Ernest was born Feb. 23, 1922, in Wenatchee, Wash., to Earnest H. and Gertrude Peterson Hankinson. He attended Harrison High School.

Ernest enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1942, where he served until being honorably discharged in 1948. He worked for 10 years at the Kalispell Lumber Company, then went to work as a heavy equipment operator for the Flathead County Road Department for 25 years.

Ernest married Alice M. Exley in 1950 in Kalispell. He was a charter member, with 20 years service, of the West Valley Fire Department, and was a 30-year member of the Eagles Lodge.

He enjoyed fishing, camping, traveling and spending time with his grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Earnest and Gertrude Hankinson; a brother,



Fran, and wife, Mary Hankinson; and sisters, Dorothy, and husband Chuck Frach, and Ruth, and husband Kenny Keller.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Alice; children, Karen Tobel of Helena, Edwin and Jolen Hankinson, and Lonnie and Julie Hankinson, all of Kalispell; grandchildren, Will and Elisha Hankinson, Rial and Tucker Hankinson, Scott and Charlene Tobel of Juneau, Alaska, Brad Tobel of Helena, and April and Mike Stanisich of Romona, Calif.; great-grandchildren, Bryor and Brooke-Lynn Hankinson, Cruz and Chassity Stanisich, Elexa, Aurora, Alura and Ethan Tobel of Juneau, and Tyler and Justin Tobel of Helena; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 13, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home with Rev. Ron Youde officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens, with the United Veterans of the Flathead Valley doing Military Honors.

The family requests memorials in Ernest's name be made to the West Valley Fire Department.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Anna L. Hanks, 72

Anna L. Hanks, 72, passed away on Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2007, at Brendan House in Kalispell. She was born Nov. 15, 1934, in Terra Haute, Ind., the daughter of Elmo and Georgia Louciale (Henning) Cook.

She was educated in Indiana and enjoyed the outdoors, fishing, camping, bowling, video games, cooking, crocheting and her pet "Munchkin." She also loved unicorns. In 2001, she was united in marriage to Jerry Hanks in Florida. She had four children, whom she dearly loved.

For many years, she worked in the snack bar at the Rosedale Country Club in Bradenton, Fla. Anna moved to Kalispell a few

months ago to be near her sons.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and a daughter, Patricia Israel.

She is survived by two sons, John Anello and Frank Anello III, both of Kalispell; a daughter, Pam Lecher, of Blue Ridge, Ga.; seven grandchildren; a great-granddaughter; a brother, Elmo Cook, of Georgia; and a sister, Fran.

There are no services planned at this time for Anna.

The family suggests that any memorial contributions be sent to the American Cancer Society, 3550 Mullan Road, Suite 105, Missoula, MT 59808.

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

Norman W. Hanson, 82

Norman W. Hanson, 82, of Libby died Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2007, at the Libby Care Center in Libby, from natural causes.

Norm worked in the lumberyard in Malta, J. Neil's Lumber Company in retail, and owned and operated Norm's Trustworthy Hardware Store from 1972 to 1982.

Survivors include his

wife, Inez Hanson, of Libby; six children, Doug Hanson of Spokane, Dolly Cline of Libby, Darrell Hanson of Fresno, Calif., Diane Olson of Greenfield, Calif., Dorreen Tiffany of Polson, and Darla Perkins of Burien, Wash.

Private family services will be held.

Local arrangements are by the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

Renee Desiree Hanson, 97

Renee Desiree Hanson, 97, of Jefferson City, Mo., formerly of Kalispell, died Sunday, March 18, 2007, at Capital Region Medical Center in Jefferson City.

Graveside services will be

at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 24, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery, with the Rev. Huston Green officiating.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for the family.

Ruth Hansz, 90

Ruth Hansz, 90, of Whitefish, passed away Tuesday, Sept. 18, 2007, at her home at Riverside Assisted Living in Whitefish.



Ruth was born Sept. 7, 1917, on the family farm of Charles and Verna Edwards located near the town of Red Rock in Noble County, Okla. She was the eldest of two daughters and grew up accustomed to the hard labor and sacrifices of farm life.

Her work on the farm and a deep appreciation for education led her to Oklahoma City and a life that continued to revolve around the welfare of her family and friends.

In 1944, she married Charles Hansz and moved to Santa Rosa, Calif., and from there

to the beautiful Napa Valley. Their romance lasted 58 years until it was interrupted by Charles' death in November 2002. Soon after, Ruth moved to Riverside Senior Living in Whitefish where, on Sept. 18, attended by her son, James, and her daughter-in-law, Lynn, and her adopted family at Riverside, she passed on.

James and Lynn of Kalispell, and Ruth's younger sister, Bette, of Edgerton, Wis., are consoled with the knowledge that when Ruth is laid to eternal rest in Fairview Cemetery next to her beloved husband, Charles, their romance will resume with no more interruptions.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, at Fairview Cemetery. There will not be visitation.

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

Harriet Harbin, 84

Harriet Harbin, 84, passed away April 18, 2007, at the Clark Fork Nursing Home in Plains, where she was a resident. Harriet was born in Kalispell on Jan. 30, 1923, to Louis and Adelaide Jensen. She was a third generation Montanan, the granddaughter of Hans and Inga Gilbertson, who settled in the Flathead Valley in the 1800s.

Harriet was preceded in death by her parents.

She is survived by her husband of 64 years, Miles "Pat" Harbin; and her five children, Nancy Harbin Richwine of Woodinville, Wash., Connie Harbin Voth and Robert of Missoula, Joanne Harbin Erickson and Rich Shaffer of

Bozeman, Raymond Harbin and Carol of St. Ignatius, and Roger Harbin and Joan of Redmond, Wash. Harriet also is survived by her brother, Robert Jensen, of Sumner, Wash.; and sister, Jeanine Pederson, of Kalispell. She is mourned by her 12 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Harriet was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother, and she will be missed by her family.

Private services have been held with the immediate family, and a celebration of her life will held this summer.

Arrangements are under the care of Bunch-Toews Funeral Chapel of Plains.

Shava Harper, 13

Shava Harper, 13, died March 15, 2007, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Memorial services will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday,

March 17, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, with the Rev. Duane Hull officiating.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Kaye Louise (Conn) Harris, 65

Kaye Louise (Conn) Harris, 65, of Missouri, formerly of Whitefish, died at her home Wednesday, March 7, 2007, after a courageous battle with a rare degenerative brain disease.

She is survived by her sons, Bradley Harris of Springfield, Mo., and Rodney Harris of Chula Vista, Calif.; daughters, Tammy Paul of St. George, Utah, Debby Harris of Spring-

field, Mo., and Wendy Weight of Lehi, Utah; and her mother, Edna Conn, of Whitefish.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. today, March 13, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 320 W. Jackson St., in Willard, Mo. Interment will be afterward in Greenlawn Memorial Gardens under the direction of Greenlawn Funeral Home North.

Donald E. Hart, 79

Donald E. Hart, 79, died Thursday morning, Sept. 20, 2007, at his home in Libby.

He had been employed by the St. Regis Paper Company and later Champion International.

Survivors include his wife, Dawn; his children, Kathy Backen, Stuart Hart,

Julie Hart and Michael Hart, all of Libby.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 26, at the Libby Baptist Church with Rev. Darwin Scofield officiating.

Arrangements are by Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

Florence Harter, 95

Florence Harter, 95, died Sept. 28, 2007, at her daughter's home in Libby.

She is survived by three daughters, Flo Wood of Olympia, Wash., Marbie Randall of Troy, and Susie Rice, also of Libby.

A service of remembrance and hope will be held at 7

p.m. Thursday, Oct. 4, at Christ Lutheran Church. Friends are invited to this informal service. The family will have a private interment service Saturday, Oct. 20.

Arrangements are by Nelson and Vial Funeral Homes and Crematory.

Gerald Gene 'Jerry' Hart, 68

Gerald Gene "Jerry" Hart, 68, passed away Wednesday, April 11, 2007, at Brendan House in Kalispell. He was born Aug. 26, 1938, in Alcona, Mich., to Harry W. and Evelyn (Pelton) Hart.



He grew up in the Detroit area. He was united in marriage to Marion Brooks in 1953 in Alpena, Mich. He and his family relocated to the Flathead Valley in 1977.

Jerry's greatest gift in his life was helping people in any way. He was a very loving soul. He loved fishing, hunting, camping, boating, and riding his four-wheeler. He also enjoyed boating and driving his truck. He was a member of ABATE — raising funds for kids.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers; and a sister.

He is survived by his wife, Marion, of Martin City; three daughters, Christine Syme and husband, Guy, of Columbia Falls, Thrisa Hart and companion, Nick Wurtz, of Bigfork, and Ronda Hart of Martin City; and one son, Gerald G. Hart Jr., "Buddy," and wife, Chrisann, of Columbia Falls; 10 grandchildren, Steven, Lenny, Maria, Jessica, Jeannie, Brittani, Whillo, Kyla, Camille and Kyle; four great-grandchildren, Jasper Hart, Seabastian Riebe, Ryan Nolan and Dartanian Hart (due very soon); three brothers and four sisters; and many nieces and nephews.

Memorial services for Jerry will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 18, at the Martin City Fire Hall.

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

James W. Hartry, 81



James W. Hartry, 81, "peacefully left this life" on Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2007, at Health Center Northwest in Kalispell. He was born in Hannah, N.D.

to George A. and Christian M. (Mortimer) Hartry.

In 1929, James' family moved to Brockton then on to Culbertson where he was raised and educated. He joined the U.S. Navy at a very young age.

While home on leave, he met his future wife, Jeannine I. Gabrielson, and they were married in February 1947. James spent six and a half years in the Navy. He then went to work for the Federal Aviation Administration in 1952 and apprenticed for four years in electronics at Alameda Naval Air Station. He and his family traveled extensively with his work to many states including California, Washington, Colorado, Oklahoma and finally back to his roots in his beloved state of Montana where he retired in 1980.

Over the years, he enjoyed visiting and reminiscing with the lifelong friends they had made along their journeys.

James and his family enjoy many memorable camping and boating outings to state and national parks, and various scenic locations throughout the western United States.

James was preceded in death by a son, Stuart; his parents; an uncle, Jack Mortimer; four brothers: Maurice, Clifford, Jack and Floyd; and a niece, Jackie Lynn (Larsen).

He is survived by his loving wife, Jeannine Hartry, at their family home in Marion; daughter, Wanda Bissell and her husband, Dennis, of Burlington, Wash.; a son, Warren Hartry of Marion; a sister, Thelma Larsen and her husband, Les, of Libby; grandchildren, Brian Marcus of Anacortes, Wash., Jeff Marcus of Seattle, Dawn Hawkins, Courtney and Brittney Hartry of Pequot Lakes, Minn., and Caleb Hartry of Kalispell; a stepbrother-in-law, Howard Nordmeyer, and his wife, Genny; special friend, Sam Marcus; and numerous beloved nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. At Jim's request there will be no visitation.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for James' family.

J. Torrance Harvey, 92

J. Torrance Harvey, 92, of Kalispell passed away Sunday, April 29, 2007.

Torrance was born Dec. 4, 1914, in Bainville to Fred and Gertrude Harvey. He was the oldest of eight children.

Torrance served as pastor of Lakeside Community Chapel from its beginning in 1950 to 1999, served with School District 5 in Kalispell from 1948 to 1976 as a science and math teacher, an assistant principal at Central and Linderman and as an assistant superintendent for the district. Additionally, he was director of the Methodist Camp in Rollins from 1945 to 1970.

After graduating from Bainville High School in 1932, he attended Intermountain College in Helena (now Rocky Mountain College in Billings). While at Intermountain, he was asked to serve as a supply pastor at the Methodist Church in Chester while the minister was away. The minister did not return, and Torrance continued to serve the Methodist congregations at Chester, Hingham, Inverness, Gilford and Kremlin while finishing his teaching certificate at Northern Montana College in Havre.

In 1938, Torrance left Montana to attend Iliff Seminary in Denver. While at Iliff, he served as a supply pastor at Lafayette, Colo., where he met and married Betty Johnson in August 1942. Torrance then returned to Chester, again serv-

ing as pastor. In Chester he also served as a principal in the Chester School and later was elected county superintendent of schools for Liberty County.

Torrance moved to the Flathead Valley in 1947, where he taught school one year at Columbia Falls before joining the faculty in the Kalispell system. Torrance was active in Kiwanis and was a Mason. He was a member of Trinity Lodge No. 152 and served as grand chaplain of Montana Grand Lodge.

Torrance was preceded in death by his wife; his parents; two sisters; and two brothers.

He is survived by his daughter, Marcella Taylor, of Pine Bluff, Ark.; his son, Torrance D. Harvey, of Pacific, Wash.; a sister, Adelaide Foy, of Boise, Idaho; two brothers, Robert Harvey and Dale Harvey, both of Kalispell; seven grandchildren; one great-grandson; and several nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Torrance's life will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 2, at Lakeside Community Chapel. Urn burial will be afterward at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family requests memorials be given to the Lakeside Community Chapel.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Katherine Louise Willaman Harvey, 78

Katherine Louise Willaman Harvey, 78, passed away on Aug. 4, 2007, at Immanuel Lutheran Home, from complications of Alzheimer's. Kathy was born in New York City on Aug. 17, 1928, to Robert and Grace Willaman. As a young girl, the family moved to Salt Point, N.Y., where Kathy attended grade school and high school. She graduated valedictorian of her high school class in 1945.

She attended New Jersey College for Women in New Brunswick, N.J., and graduated with a degree in journalism in 1949.

Immediately following graduation she and two friends set off on a cross-country trip, and when they traveled through Kalispell, Kathy applied for a job with the Daily Inter Lake. She was subsequently hired as the society editor and she moved to Kalispell in the fall of 1949, fulfilling her childhood dream of living in the West.

In 1951, she left her job to marry Robert Harvey, a Kalispell rancher. They were married on March 18, 1951, in New York and the couple lived in the Stillwa-

ter area until Kathy moved into the Lutheran Home in 2006.

She returned to journalism several times throughout her life and worked for several area newspapers over the years including the Hungry Horse News. Her final job was working as a guide at the Conrad Mansion, a job she very much enjoyed.

She was active in many local groups and in her church. She loved to read and learn new things and to travel.

She loved her family and was especially fond and proud of her two grandsons.

She is survived by her husband, Bob, of Kalispell; daughter, Gail Drew, and husband, Bruce, of Kalispell; son, Rick Harvey, of Billings; and daughter, Sara Martin, and husband, Tony, of Whitefish; two grandsons, Bret and Randy Martin; brother, John, and wife, Joan, of Byron, Minn.; and many nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 9, at the Stillwater Free Lutheran Church with Rev. Tim Bartholomew officiating.

Charles Leaphart Hash, 86

Charles Leaphart Hash, 86, died Sept. 16, 2007. He was born Sept. 6, 1921, in Billings, the only child of Sarah Francis (Leaphart) Hash and Charles Jackson Hash. His family moved to Kalispell, where he attended Central School and Cornelius Hedges School at the school's inception.

As a young boy, he was a member of the "Seven Terrors Club," known to protect their fort with their weapon of choice — greased horse chestnuts.

In 1932, his family moved to Missoula. Shortly after the move, his father, who was the assistant supervisor for the Lolo National Forest Service, was killed by a lightning strike. Hash Mountain, located at the source of Lost Johnny Creek in the Flathead National Forest, is named in his honor.

After losing his father, Charles resided with his maternal relatives William and Mary Leaphart and their children in Washington, D.C. While there, he graduated in 1939 from Woodrow Wilson High School.

During World War II, he served four years with the 15th Air Force as a bombardier, with overseas duty in Italy.

After the war, in 1946, he married Margaret Louise Draper in Bel Air, Md. With the assistance of the G.I. Bill, he then attended Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. Upon graduation, he convinced his new wife that Montana was the "best new place to be."

It was "Montana or Bust" as Charles and Peggy piloted a 1936 Ford Phaeton to Missoula to attend law school, where his Uncle Bill Leaphart was the dean. In 1951, he received his law degree from the University of Montana, where he was editor of the Law Review.

He then wanted to attend medical school or homestead in Alaska with a good friend and colleague. However, Peggy convinced him that it was time to settle down, and they hoped to establish roots in the Flathead Valley where Charles had spent much of his boyhood. Their plans were delayed when he was accepted as a law clerk for Federal Judge Walter Pope at

the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco.

In 1952, Charles and Peggy finally came to the Flathead, and he began practice in Kalispell, first with Baldwin and Baldwin, and then with D. Gordon Rognlien. Later, Ken O'Brien joined the firm of Rognlien and Hash. The firm evolved to include Dean Jellison, Jim Bartlett, Charles' son, Mark Hash, and Anne Biby.

Representing a wide range of clients, Charles practiced law full-time until his death. In 1955, he participated in the formation of First Federal Savings and Loan Association (now Glacier Banc Corp. Inc.) and had been an attorney for them ever since.

Charles was known for his civic mindedness. He was chairman of the Flathead County Central Democratic Committee for three terms. He also served on the City-County Planning Board, the Flathead National Forest Advisory Council, and the Montana Board of National Resources. In addition, he was a member of various school boards and many service organizations.

Charles was a conservationist, supporting the preservation of the pristine quality of Montana's natural resources. He treasured nature and was an avid fly fisherman, being drawn to the rivers "to restore his soul." Peggy often lamented, "Why does a fish have to be included in all our family trips?"

He is survived by his wife, Margaret "Peggy"; his son, Mark, and his wife, Tere, and their children, Nicholas and Meagan; and his daughter, Sarah "Sally" Hash-Savage, and her husband, Dr. Dan Savage, all of Kalispell.

A memorial celebration of Charles's life will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 25, at the Epworth United Methodist Church in Kalispell. A reception will be afterward at the Central High School Museum.

Friends of the family wishing to make gifts in his memory may consider the Hockaday Museum of Art or the Central School Museum, both in Kalispell.

Grace Jeanette Hathaway, 88

Grace Jeanette Hathaway, 88, passed away on Saturday, Oct. 13, 2007, at the Brendan House in Kalispell. She was born Dec. 14, 1918, in Kalispell, to Harry and Nettie (Amez-Dvoz) Weldon.



Grace received her early education in the Kalispell area and graduated from Flathead County High School in 1935.

She married William "Bill" Hathaway on Nov. 11, 1939, in Kalispell.

Grace worked as a bookkeeper in Kalispell for many years.

She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church. She enjoyed camping, fishing, and gardening. Grace and Bill enjoyed traveling to Arizona in

the winters.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Bob in 1959, and Jim in 1965.

She is now survived by her husband of 67 years, Bill Hathaway; and one daughter, Judy Hathaway.

The family also offers a special thanks to nieces, Trudy Ost and Jill Tonn; nephew, Rod Walter; and best friend of 50 years, Lorraine Wheeler.

Memorial services for Grace will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 18, at the First Presbyterian Church with Pastor Glenn Burfeind officiating. A private urn burial will take place at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. There will be no visitation.

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

Perry Wayne Hauck, 56

Perry Wayne Hauck, 56, died Sunday, Jan. 14, 2007, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

He was a musician.

Survivors include his wife, Alice Alsop, of Martin City; and children, Michael Snyder and Amber Hauck of Columbia Falls, Jeff Snyder

of Libby, Robert Alsop and Rachel Hauck of Hungry Horse, Marie Hauck of Martin City, Diane Walters of Kila, and Donald Hauck of Kalispell.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21, at the Dam Town Tavern in Hungry Horse.

Alma Hauth, 86

Alma Hauth, 86, died Tuesday, Oct. 16, 2007, at the home of her son in Creston.

She is survived by her husband, Wilbur; and two sons, Alan and Don.

Graveside services will be

held in Cleveland, at a later date.

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

William 'Bill' T. Haw, 75

William "Bill" T. Haw, 75, of Whitefish, passed away on Sept. 24, 2007, at the Brendan House extended care facility in Kalispell.

He was born and raised in Detroit and attended Michigan State University, with doctorate work at Wayne State University.

Bill retired from an extensive career including work as the curator of birds at the Detroit Zoo, teacher/guidance counselor at Browning High School, founder/director of the Browning Free School, director of the Indian Education Program for Flathead Valley Community College, dean of rural education for the University of Alaska and owner of Noah's Bark Pet Center in Kalispell.

He was an avid reader, photographer and animal lover. Throughout the years he trained a number of bloodhounds for Search and Rescue. He had a love affair

with Glacier National Park and loved to photograph the beauty he saw there.

Bill is survived by his wife, Lynn Haw, of Whitefish; his daughter and son-in-law Kristin Laird and Ian of Bozeman; grandson, Camden Laird, of Bozeman; his daughter, Kelly Haw, of Whitefish; and his sister, Mollie Bartlett, of Altamonte Springs, Fla.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, William and Ella Haw and his daughter, Wendy Haw.

A celebration of life for Bill will take place at 2 p.m. on Oct. 27 at the Moose Lodge in Whitefish. Bill was cremated and his ashes will be spread at a later date in Glacier National Park.

In lieu of flowers please send donations to the Women of the Moose to help support the Moose Heart Child City Orphanage and Scholarship Program at 230 10th St. West, Whitefish, MT 59937, (406) 862-2669.

Lois Mae (Stults) Hawley, 92

Lois Mae (Stults) Hawley, 92, passed away Tuesday, Jan. 30, 2007, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell. She was born in Pittsville, Wis., on July 15, 1914, to John Allen and Kate (Davenport) Stults.



Lois grew up in Carlinville, Ill., and graduated from Carlinville High School in 1932. She was educated at Illinois Wesleyan University and Brokaw School of Nursing, graduating in 1936.

On Oct. 10, 1936, she married Ralph B. Hawley and to that marriage were born sons David and Ralph A., and daughter, Kathryn. They lived in Mason City, Ill., where Lois worked as a private duty nurse. During the polio epidemic of 1946, Lois was a Red Cross nurse serving three months in Hickory, N.C.

The family moved to Escondido, Calif., in 1953 where Lois worked in a physician's office and was instrumental in establishing a free health-care clinic. Upon retirement, Ralph and Lois moved to Roseburg, Ore., and Lois volunteered at the Veterans Hospital and served as a deacon in the First Presbyterian Church.

The couple spent two years in Kalispell but the winter of 1978 helped them decide to move to Keizer, Ore., where they lived for 16 years.

In 1994, Ralph and Lois moved to Buffalo Terrace in

Kalispell and later to Prestige Assisted Living; both were members of First Presbyterian Church of Kalispell. Lois moved to the Immanuel Lutheran Home in March 2006. The family appreciates the loving care that Lois received during her last 10 months at the Immanuel Lutheran Home.

Lois enjoyed her family, church and traveling, but her passion in life was her nursing career.

Lois was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, and her brothers, Herschel and Lloyd.

She is survived by her sons, David Hawley and wife, Kay, of Corvallis, Ore., and Ralph Hawley of Port Angeles, Wash., a daughter, Kathryn Murray, and husband, Wayne, of Kalispell; six grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews, as well as her church family.

Private graveside services will be held for Lois in the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery with Pastor Glenn Burfeind of the First Presbyterian Church of Kalispell officiating.

Memorials may be given to: First Presbyterian Church, 540 S. Main, Kalispell, MT 59901; or FVCC Nursing Scholarship Fund, 777 Grandview Drive, Kalispell, MT 59901; or to the Immanuel Lutheran Home, 185 Crestline Ave., Kalispell, MT 59901; or Home Options Hospice, 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for Lois' family.

Thomas Reese Hay, 82

Thomas Reese Hay, 82, passed away Saturday, Nov. 3, 2007, at the home of his daughter in Kalispell.

He was born Sept. 7, 1925, in Nashua to James and Anna (Anderson) Hay.

After graduating from Nashua High School in May 1943, Tom joined the U.S. Navy in June 1943, and upon receiving an early exit, left the service in February 1946. He worked road construction in the Glasgow area for a couple of years.

Tom married Grace Cole, also from Nashua, in September 1948.

He graduated from the University of Montana in May 1953 with a degree in wildlife biology. He immediately moved to Great Falls, where Tom began his career with Montana's Fish and Game Department, which spanned 32 years with time spent also in Glasgow and Kalispell. He retired in 1985 as Region 1 coordinator for the Fish and Game Department in Kalispell.

Tom was an avid hunter, fisherman, gardener, and golfer. Although he spent much of his adult life in the western part of the state, he loved the land



in which he grew up and spent many happy hours exploring the area upon his return to Glasgow after Grace's death in 2000. He was an active member of Glasgow's Sunnyside Golf Club in its early years, as well as of Kalispell's Buffalo Hills Country Club well into the 1990s.

Tom is survived by a son, Brian, and Dorene Hay of Sedona, Ariz.; daughters, Terri Sisson of Glasgow, and Kellie and Sonny Danielson of Kalispell; and seven grandchildren, Reese and Heather Hay, both of Vail, Colo., Paul Hay of Sedona, Ariz., Brette and Eli Sisson, both of Salt Lake City, and Whitney and Shelby Robinson, both of Kalispell.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Phyllis; younger brother, Clinton; and his loving wife, Grace.

Memorial services will be held at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 7, 2007, in the Johnson Mortuary chapel, 525 Main St., in Kalispell, with Pastor Jim Holman officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to KRMC Home Options Hospice, 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

Donald B. Hayden, 89

Donald B. Hayden, 89, a resident of the Kootenai Valley for the past 77 years, died Saturday, Dec. 22, 2007, at his home in Libby.

He had been a longtime employee of the J. Neils Lumber Company, St. Regis Paper Company and Champion International.

Surviving him are his wife, Marion, at the family home in Libby; daughters, Dawn Hayden and Rhea Hayden, both of Coeur

d'Alene; and a stepson, Marvin Keller of Kamloops, British Columbia, Canada.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 28, at the Libby Seventh-day Adventist Church. Interment services with military honors will be afterward at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at the city of Libby Cemetery. Friends may call from 3 to 8 p.m. Thursday and until noon Friday at the Nelson and Vial Funeral Home.

Eleanor M. Hayden, 97

Eleanor passed peacefully on March 10, 2007, at Crestwood Convalescent Center in Port Angeles, Wash., where she moved in 2006 to be near her daughter.

Eleanor was the beloved mother of Judy Hayden Wilhelm, and Wayne, of Port Angeles, and the late Patrick-Henry Hayden, and Mary Ann of Seattle. Eleanor will be sorely missed by her grandchildren who were the joy of her life, Rick Hayden and Dana, Kristin Newland and Andy, Karin Irigon and Paix, Kellie Anderson and Jerry, Scott and Tammy Hughes, and Michael Hughes. Her great-grandchildren are Chantal, Madison, Andrew, Nicole, Hank and Sam.

Eleanor was born in Whitefish on Feb. 15, 1910. She was



raised in Kalispell, where her father, John H. Metcalf, became county sheriff in 1919. Her mother, Serena Snyder Metcalf was a schoolteacher.

Eleanor graduated from high school at age 16. She traveled to Spokane to attend Deaconess Hospital's school of nursing. While there, she met her husband Richard J. Hayden, who preceded her in death (March 1966) after 36 wonderful years of marriage.

Also preceding her in death were her sister and brothers, Grace K. Metcalf, John "Jack" and Raymond.

Special love and thanks to Eleanor's faithful cousins, John Franklin and Leslie and Homer, who were there with words of encouragement and love. "She loved you dearly."

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 17, in the chapel of Evergreen-Washelli Funeral Home, Seattle. Private burial will follow at Holyrood Catholic Cemetery.

Michael Richard Hayden, 60

Michael Richard Hayden, 60, died on Sunday, May 27, 2007, at Sidney Health Center. He was born on Nov. 6, 1946, to Richard and Kathryn (Noteboom) Hayden.

He attended East Fairview Elementary school and graduated from Fairview High School in 1964.

After graduation Mike served in the National Guard and went to boot camp for six months in Texas. When returning from a road trip to Oregon, he stopped in Columbia Falls to visit his sister, Deloris, and decided to stay in the Flathead.

He was employed by Plum Creek Plywood Mill.

Michael was united in marriage to Linda J. Holcomb in Kalispell on March 27, 1967. Two sons were born to Mike and Linda in Kalispell, Michael James (June 4, 1968) and Rickey Lynn (Jan. 18, 1974). Michael and Linda remained in Columbia Falls until 1976 when the family moved to Fairview.

Michael farmed with his father and later purchased a farm of his own. A daughter, Kerry Anne, was born in Williston, N.D., on Aug. 26, 1982. After selling his farm, Michael continued to live in Fairview and work throughout the valley for various farmers until forced to retire due to health reasons.

Michael married Rose Nay on

Aug. 10, 2002, in Sharbono Park in Fairview.

Michael was an avid fisherman and hunter all his life. He loved spending time outdoors with family and friends.

Michael always enjoyed the Fourth of July, whether he was in the mountains camping, or in Fairview having a picnic in the front yard.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Michael is survived by his wife, Rose, of Fairview; and his children, Michael and Jennifer Hayden of Eureka, Rick and Lori Stinespring Hayden of Bigfork, and Kerry Anne and Josh Davis of Kalispell; stepchildren, Ryan Larkin of Fairview, and Jayme and Michael Bartelson of Sidney; siblings, Marlene and Darrell Spencer of Billings, Deloris and James Matson of Columbia Falls, Beverly and Larry Thompson of White Earth, N.D., Bonnie and Ed Schirmer of Atlanta, Dwayne and Becky Hayden of Salem, Ore., and Debbie and Luke Williams of Cheyenne, Wyo.; 10 grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. He also leaves behind his dog, Shadow.

Cremation took place with Fulkerson Funeral Home in Sidney. Services were held May 31 at Fulkerson Memorial Chapel, officiated by Jerry Gartner, with music by Michael Bartelson.

Interment will be under the care of his children on Memorial Day 2008, beside his parents at Fairview Cemetery in Fairview.



Lillian F. Hays, 83

Lillian F. Hays, 83, died Monday, Dec. 24, 2007, at a Libby Hospital.

She is survived by her husband, Kenneth, of Libby; a daughter, Bruna Bogart, of Lolo; a son, John Larson, of Missoula; and stepdaughters, Liane Jordan of Spokane, and Linda Clark of Troy.

Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Rite of Interment will follow in the City of Libby Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 1 p.m. today, followed by a parish vigil and rosary at 7 p.m., at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home Chapel.

Jeanne Anita Hayward, 49

Jeanne Anita Hayward, 49, died Thursday, April 19, 2007, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

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

Brian Heastan, 42

Brian Heastan, 42, passed away due to an industrial accident on Friday, Oct. 12, 2007. Brian was born on Feb. 19, 1965, in Fort Wayne, Ind., to Harvey and Sally (Miller) Heastan. He was raised in Pueblo, Colo.

Brian married Elisa Bernabe on June 28, 1993.

Brian is survived by his wife, Elisa, of Kalispell; children, Joe,



O'Canna, Jessica and Tim Shiell, Jeremy O'Canna, Adam Heastan, and Matthew Heastan of Kalispell; mother, Sally Salem, of Elkhart, Ind.; father, Harvey, and Lisa Heastan, of Colorado Springs, Colo.; sister Kami Procop, of Littleton, Colo.; and grandfather, Edy Heastan, of Salt Lake City.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 18, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home with the Rev. Duane Hull officiating. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Claude S. Hedges, 61

Claude S. Hedges, 61, passed away June 11, 2007, in Kalispell.

He was an honorable veteran as well as an avid outdoorsman. He loved nature and stressed the importance of environmental conservation.

Claude is survived by his seven loving children; three ador-



ing grandchildren; his parents, Ira and Betty Hedges, of New York; his brother, Ira; sister, Georgianna; his close friends, Phil, Kathy and Jared Dill; as well as numerous other wonderful people who surrounded him.

Claude touched the lives of many and will be missed greatly.

A memorial service will be held for Claude Hedges at 1 p.m. Saturday, June 23, at the VFW, 330 First Ave. West, in Kalispell. A reception will follow.

Larry Hefty, 43

Marjorie Lee Lambrecht Hedges, 70

Marjorie Lee "Mergie" Lambrecht Hedges, 70, passed away peacefully Wednesday, April 11, 2007, at Sage Towers in Billings where she had resided for several years. Margie was born March 23, 1937, in Billings, to Adam and Theresa Lambrecht. She later lived in Joliet, Columbus, and graduated from Huntley Project High in Worden.

Upon graduation she worked for Security Bank as a bookkeeper until her marriage in 1958 to Wayne Hedges. Of this union were born four children. She was a wonderful mother and loved teaching her children.

She was interested in current affairs and loved to strike up conversations about any subject. She had a good sense of humor and the kindest of souls. Her highlights in life were her children, grandchildren and great-granddaughter. She was proud of her German ancestry and growing up on a farm. She continued with a strong belief in her Catholic faith throughout the years.

Mergie was known for her excellent cooking, housekeeping and skills as a seamstress. One accomplishment that had the whole family in awe was the custom-made drapes she



stitched that graced the windows of their house on Wyoming Avenue.

"Mom, your loss is already felt but we know you are in good hands and with loved ones that have gone before. Have a pleasant journey and God bless."

Mergie is survived by her four children, Janet Hedges and Michael Gottleib of Helena, Randy and Sandra Hedges of Kalispell, Rick and Angie Hedges of Joliet, and Tim and Cathy Hedges of Kalispell; seven grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter. She is also survived by her three brothers, Leo Lambrecht of Kinsey, Harold Lambrecht of Billings, Dave Lambrecht of Pompey's Pillar; and one sister, Shirley McJunkin, of Red Lodge.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Frank, Leonard, Donald, and John Lambrecht; and one sister, Dorothy Henson.

A vigil will be held at 3 p.m. on Sunday, April 15, at Smith's Downtown Chapel, 925 S. 27th St. Funeral Mass will be held at noon on Monday, April 16, at St. Patrick's Co-Cathedral in Billings. Rite of Committal will follow at Holy Cross Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the charity of choice. Some of Margie's favorites were Rocky Mountain Hospice and St. Patrick's Co-Cathedral.

Larry Hefty, 43, "went home to be with the Lord" on Thursday morning, Jan. 4, 2007, after a year long battle with cancer and kidney failure. He died peacefully at home in the presence of family and friends, content that he had done much of what he set out to do in life, leaving behind no regrets.

Larry will always be remembered as a vibrant, fun loving man, with a mischievous sense of humor. A dedicated father and friend, he was known for being a man of his word and a man of integrity, vision and selflessness.

Larry was a man of many talents and interests. He loved hunting, fishing, camping, reading, traveling, playing music, recording/engineering and teaching. He was especially fond of world and missions history, and of volunteering his knowledge and skills in other cultures. He loved the challenge of big projects and was often called upon to pull together people and resources for everything from concert tours and international arts festivals to world premier theatre productions.

Larry was born on July 5, 1953 in Lewistown, the son of Harry and Echo Hefty. After graduating from Stanford High in 1971, he attended two years of Bible school in Briercrest in Canada. In 1975, he took mission training through Youth With a Mission in Bozeman where he met his wife Becky, whom he married in Sept. 1977.

For the next six years, they traveled throughout the U.S. full time with their gospel band, Shekinah. In 1985, they moved to Lakeside, and helped launch



a new Youth With A Mission training facility where they lived, served and raised their family of adopted children for the next seventeen years. Larry served as the director of the performing and fine arts division, helping to launch programs in music, dance, theater and recording.

After a brief stay in Singapore in 2001 through 2002, Larry and his family returned to the Kalispell area where he divided his time between a position as an associate pastor at Faith Lutheran Church and traveling and teaching internationally.

Larry was preceded in death by his father Harry Hefty, and his grandparents, Ethyl and Rupert McCafferty.

He is survived by his wife Becky and their three children, Jennifer and Daniel Hefty of Kalispell and Asher currently deployed to Bahrain; his mother, Echo Hefty of Kalispell; one sister, Sandy Reeder of Camano Island, Wash.; two brothers, Barry Hefty of Santee, Calif. and Garry Hefty of Belgrade, and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 9 at Faith Lutheran Church at 405 Liberty Street; with Rev. Steve Snipstead officiating. Visitation will be from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. at the church. There will be a luncheon and memorial time in the fellowship hall of the church afterward. Burial will follow at Conrad Memorial Cemetery. The family suggests that any memorial contributions be sent to Stillwater Christian School, 125 Willow Glen Road, Kalispell, MT 59901 or to a College trust fund for the Hefty children % Mountain West Bank, 444 W. Idaho, Kalispell, MT 59901.

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