

William L. Heitert Jr., 71, of Libby, died Sunday, Dec. 9, 2007, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Surviving him are his wife, Alejandra "Sandra" Heitert, of Libby; and his children, Doris Boucher, Robert Heitert and Kayanne Johnson, all of Council

Bluffs, Iowa; Cecilia Lively of DeSoto, Texas, and William Heitert III, of Carson, Iowa.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at the Libby Christian Church.

Arrangements are under the care of Nelson & Vial Funeral Homes and Crematory.

## Charles A. Heleman, 89

Charles A. Heleman, 89, passed away Monday, March 19, 2007, at Brendan House in Kalispell. He was born Aug. 7, 1917, in Chidress, Texas, and raised in El Paso, Texas.

He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1941, and while serving his country, married Alexandra Verbiloff in 1944. He was honorably discharged in 1945.

Charles and wife have resided in Kalispell for the past 25 years, where he was an active member of the Whitefish Masonic Lodge, and the First Presbyterian Church in Kalispell.

He was preceded in death by his son, Charles T. Heleman.

He is survived by his wife, Alexandra; a son, John W. Heleman, both of Kalispell; a daughter, Mary Heleman and her husband, Richard; grandchildren, Richard Hutchinson Jr., Lisa Mari Bell, all of Tallahassee, Fla., Jon Erik Heleman of San Diego, Calif.

Visitation was held at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home on March 21, and graveside services were held in Anaconda on March 22.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home cared for the family.

## Berniece Amalia Hemmah, 79

Berniece Amalia Hemmah, 79, passed away on Sunday, Aug. 19, 2007, at Edgewood Vista in Kalispell. Berniece was born on Oct. 15, 1927, in Plaza, N.D.,



to Charles and Amalia (Zachow) Larson. She was raised on a farm near Plaza, graduating from Makoti High School in 1946.

Berniece attended Minot State Business College, graduating in 1947. She married Ben Vetter in 1947; they later divorced in 1971.

During the 1950s she was a homemaker and helped Ben with his men's clothing store in Garrison, N.D. They moved to Glasgow, in 1960. She started working at JC Penney Co., in the accounting department. In 1971 she was promoted to manager of the Malta store. She was the second woman to become a manager for the company. She retired in 1986.

During her years in Malta she was a member of the Chamber of Commerce, the fair board and women's auxiliary.

She loved to dance, sing, and work in her flower garden. She loved babies and dogs, and especially loved her family and being with her grandchildren.

Berniece moved to the Flat-

head Valley in the early 1990s, where after 32 years of being single, she married the prince of her life Ray, Hemmah in July of 2001. They wintered in Mesa, Ariz. for several years.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Clarence Larson in 1988, and Marvin Larson in 1994.

She is survived by her husband, Ray, at the family home in Kalispell; children, Brian and Becky Vetter of Glendive, Brent and Rosemarie Vetter of Helena, Barry Vetter of Los Gatos, Calif., Ben Vetter of Butte, Barbi and David Bell, Palos Hills, Ill., and Becky and David Maynard, of Ketchikan, Alaska; brother, Oliver and Annie Larson, of Minot, N.D.; sister-in-law, Kathy Larson of Minot; 17 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

She will be greatly missed by her family and everyone that knew her.

A celebration of her life will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 22, at Eidsvold Lutheran Church in Somers, with the Rev. Wayne Pris officiating. Burial will be at Sunset Memorial Cemetery in Minot, on Friday Aug. 24.

The family requests memorials be made to either the Alzheimer's Association, or the American Lung Association.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## James J. Hendrick, 78

James J. Hendrick, 78, passed away on Oct., 28, 2007, from cancer, at his home in Evergreen. Jim was born Aug. 9, 1929, to James and Ella Hendrick on the family homestead in Sweetgrass. He was raised on the family farm with his three older sisters.



In 1952, Jim entered the Army, but was given an honorable discharge soon after, as he was needed at home to help his dad on the farm.

Jim was united in marriage with Shirley Hagen on Feb. 9, 1953. Together they farmed the family homestead, and began their own family until they moved to Kalispell in 1965.

Those who knew Jim would say he was the true "jack of all trades." From farmer to chief of police to a master craftsman, Jim had a versatile array of jobs. In 1969, Jim and his family moved to Whitefish. There he was extremely active with 4-H, and spent most of his free time fishing, hunting and camping.

In 1977, Jim and Shirley bought a trailer court and apartments in Lakeside. While there, they enjoyed many things including lake fishing, saddle club, collecting antiques and delving into their love for music and entertaining. Many residents of Lakeside will never forget his many years of appearances as Santa Claus, bringing toys and candy to children with a horse-drawn sleigh.

Jim and Shirley bought their dream property in 1991. Jim built their home along with an authentic log cabin to house his many loved treasures. Jim often described his home, with the deer, turkeys and the creek, as the best place on Earth.

Jim was a showman and loved to entertain. Over the years, Jim and Shirley developed many close friendships with those who shared their love for music. Through Jim's retirement years he was a regular on the stage at the Eagles and at Syke's.

Jim was known for his passion for animals. Wherever he lived, you would be sure to find a broad assortment, including his beloved mules.

Jim was a hero to his family. Like a cat, it was believed that he had "nine lives." He had many narrow death experiences, such as being mistaken for a bear and shot, and on another occasion being run over by a covered wagon. It would not be a surprise to those who loved Jim that he was creative, talented and extremely competitive.

Even though Jim was a true rough and tough cowboy, he had a very strong love and devotion to his bride, Shirley, of 54 years, his four children and six grandchildren and many extended family. He loved when his family and friends would get together, and was usually the center of attention, while making sure everyone was having a great time. Jim was known as a "storyteller" and would be happy to tell anyone that would listen.

Jim will be missed by all those he leaves behind, "but will make those who greet him on the other side happy to have him home with them."

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, Jim and Ella Hendrick; sister, Christina Fitzpatrick; and grandson, Christopher McCready.

Jim is survived by his wife, Shirley; son, Dan Hendrick, and wife Connie; daughters, Debby McCready and husband Gene, Karen Danberg and Cindy Hendrick; granddaughters, Amanda Stewart and husband James, Kelly McCready, Kari Hendrick and Lisa Hendrick; and grandson, Tyler Hendrick; sisters, Ella Hocheit and Geraldine Austin; and many nephews, nieces and cousins.

A celebration of life will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 5, at the First Presbyterian Church, and a potluck lunch will follow downstairs at the Eagles. Burial will be at 11 a.m. Nov. 6, at the Sunburst Cemetery, with a lunch to follow at the Methodist Church in Sunburst.

The family suggests memorial gifts be given to Home Options Hospice, 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell, MT 59901; or to the Life Line of Hope, 135 Kelly Road, Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

## Troy Daniel Henry, 28

Troy Daniel Henry, 28, died Dec. 14, 2007, in Kalispell.

Funeral services will be

held in West Plains, Mo., at a later date.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Barbara J. Herman, 65

Barbara J. Herman, 65, died Friday, Sept. 21, 2007, at Libby.

Barbara was born July 16, 1942, to Harley and Metta (Coats) Hawks at Hornel, N.Y., was raised and educated in the Wellsville, N.Y., area. She had resided in Detroit and later in western Washington before coming to the Libby area in 1972.

She had been employed by Burns Security as a guard at W.R. Grace and Co. while in the Libby area.

A person who enjoyed the land, Barbara liked to hunt, fish and garden and also enjoyed sewing, canning and cooking. She loved her family deeply and is remembered by them as a person who had an affinity for "taking in" stray animals.

Barbara was preceded in death by husbands Joseph Weinman and Harold Hewson.

Surviving are her children, James Weinman and wife, Ruby, of Libby; Donald Weinman, also of Libby; Leo Weinman of Sterling, Colo.; Darlene Goucher and husband, Newt; and Tina Dunkel and husband, Lee, of Bozeman; brothers, Arnold Hawks and Larry Hawks, both of Wellsville, N.Y.; 14 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Nelson and Vial Funeral Home chapel, with interment services afterward at Milnor Lake Cemetery. Visitation will be from 3 to 8 p.m. Tuesday.

## Jami Marie Herness, 18

Jami Marie Herness, 18, died on Wednesday evening, Jan. 17, 2007, of injuries received in an auto accident.

Jami was born to Marge Osterman on Oct. 29, 1988, in Great Falls, and is the daughter of Donald and Jill (Loomer) Herness. They made their home in Culbertson, where she grew up and attended schools. Jami was a senior at Culbertson High School at the time of her death.

While in school Jami was very active in sports and school activities. They include: basketball, track, volleyball, speech and drama, the school play, Business Professionals of America, the drill team, band, choir, and softball. She was learning how to play the guitar and she loved her cats. Jami enjoyed writing poetry and drawing, she attended the Montana Institute of Art for two years. Jami was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Culbertson and was active in the high school youth group and had attended the national youth gathering in San Antonio, Texas last July.

Jami received the 2006 Spirit of Speech and Drama Award, and was Homecoming Queen



in 2006. While in eighth grade, Jami was very proud to be the manager for the Culbertson High Girls Basketball Team that placed second in the State of Montana for Class C School State in 2003. Jami was accepted to the Jamestown College and had planned to pursue a double major in music and theatre.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Wilfred and Martha Herness and uncle, Wayne Herness.

Surviving her are: her parents, Donald and Jill Herness of Culbertson; sisters, Lindsey Herness of Culbertson, and Heather Osterman of East Helena; a brother, Josh of Helena; grandparents, Francis and Esther Loomer of Glasgow; birth mother, Marge (Richard) Osterman of East Helena; aunts and uncles, Douglas Loomer and Suzie Ostrem of Big Fork, Jo (Randy) Pates of Billings, and Janice (Curtis) Miller of Sugar Land, Texas; nephews, Julian and Christian Pates; special friends, Bev, Terril, Jennessy and Jamie Raam of Culbertson; Jami's goddaughter, Kailie Leinen and her mother, Amanda Leinen of Culbertson.

Funeral services for Jami are at 10 a.m., Tuesday, Jan. 23, at the Culbertson High School Gym. Interment will be in the Hillside Cemetery in Culbertson under the direction of the Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney.

## James Daniel Herriges, 74

James Daniel Herriges, 74, "passed peacefully into the arms of our Lord" on Dec. 12, 2007, at the Brendan House after a long and valiant battle with his illnesses. He will be dearly and greatly missed by his family and friends.



Jim was born April 9, 1933, in Whitefish, to Anastasia and Nicholas Herriges, the eighth child of 12. He grew up in Whitefish, and after his schooling, joined the Navy in 1952. He served during the Korean conflict, which took him to many places abroad. He was honorably discharged in 1962 and continued his service with the armed forces in the 163rd Armored Battalion of the National Guard in Kalispell, retiring after 20 years of service. In the private sector, he worked at various businesses throughout the Northwest as an accountant.

He was married to Ina M. Rice in 1956. They were married for 37 years, and they raised a family of six children. The family moved throughout the West Coast and the Pacific Northwest, settling in Kalispell in 1970.

Jim was active in his community. He was a member of the Libby Jaycees, the Moose Lodge No. 1922 in Kalispell, and the VFW No. 276 in Whitefish. He enjoyed camping in the summers and traveling with his family. He also took great pleasure in leather tooling, furniture restoration and wood-working, creating unique gifts

for his family.

His quick, wry wit was an essential part of his character, accompanied by the twinkle in his steel blue eyes, traits that he kept through his final days. Everyone who knew him noticed this about him. His main concern was for his family, and he worked tirelessly to ensure their stability and happiness.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brothers, Edgar, Norbert, Allen, Patrick, Mark, and Arthur; also his grandson, Brandon Buck; and great-grandson, Talis Buck.

Jim is survived by his children, Nic and wife, Kirsten, and son, Spencer, of Portland. Jim Jr., of Fairbanks, Alaska, Dianne Buck and husband, Tim, and children, Chris and Danielle, Steve and daughter, Rebecca; Duane and daughters Mary, Alyssa and Kelsey; Eric and wife, Jennifer, and daughters Eden and Ivy; also five great-grandchildren; his sisters, Anastasia and Doug Follett, Carrie and Rod Fisher and Mary Bullman, all of Montana; his brothers, Roland of Spokane, and Daniel and Valerie of The Dalles, Ore.; scores of cousins, nieces and nephews; and Ina M. Herriges.

Memorial services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 19, at St. Matthew's Church of Kalispell, with Father Vic officiating. A reception celebrating his life will be afterward at the Moose Lodge, 2158 U.S. 2 E., in Kalispell.

Memorial donations may be made to Kalispell Jaycees, Coats for Kids or Brendan House Skilled Nursing Facility, 350 Conway Drive, in Kalispell.

Austin Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Esther L. Hesper, 95

Esther L. Hesper, 95, passed away Tuesday, Feb., 13, 2007, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.



Esther was born Aug. 25, 1911, in Powell, Wyo., to Margaret and Elijah Loomis. She lived in Powell until the family moved to The Dalles, Ore., when she was 12. Two years later the family moved to Vancouver, Wash., and lived there until 1927, when the family moved to Brockway. Esther went to high school in Terry until the school in Brockway re-opened. She graduated from Brockway in 1931 as valedictorian in her class of seven.

She then went to Bozeman and attended nurses training for 18 months. In 1933, she worked at the hospital in Wolf Point, where she met and married Joe Hesper. They were married Sept. 8, 1934. Joe had two sons, Edward and Milton.

Three years later, LeRoy was born, and one year later, Margaret Rose was born. During those years they owned and operated a farm just outside of Wolf Point, where all the children had chores to do to keep the farm running.

In May 1980, Joe passed away. Esther moved into Wolf Point

but continued running the farm until 1990, when she sold it.

She stayed in Wolf Point until 2002, when she moved to Kalispell. She was 91 years old at the time, and it was the first time she had a home with a dishwasher. In 2005, she moved into the Greenwood Village Assisted Living. She stayed there until 2006, when she moved into Heritage Place.

Esther was preceded in death by her husband, Joe, in 1980; sons, Edward in 1984, and Milton in 2001. She was also preceded by two brothers, Gordon and Harrison.

She is survived by a daughter, Margaret Onstad, and husband, Duane, of Kalispell; son, LeRoy Hesper, and wife, Dee, of Kalispell; sister, Verna Peterson, and her husband, Merle, of Hot Springs; seven grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Visitation for Esther will be from 3 to 7 p.m. today, Feb. 16, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Mass of Christian burial will be held at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, at Risen Christ Catholic Church in Kalispell. Funeral Mass will also be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Wolf Point with burial afterward at Greenwood Cemetery in Wolf Point.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Edward D. 'Kirby' Hicklin, 92

Edward D. "Kirby" Hicklin, passed away Monday afternoon, Oct. 15, 2007, with his loving wife, son and daughter at his side. He had just celebrated his 92nd



birthday on Sept. 18. Kirby was born in Cardwell on the Johnston Ranch Homestead. He was raised by his Grandma Johnston and his Uncle Archer Johnston. Kirby graduated, at the age of 16, from Cardwell High School in 1933.

On July 9, 1938, Kirby married Esther Dena Phillips in Kalispell. They had been introduced two years earlier by Esther Dena's sister, Gladys, and brother-in-law Thurman. Kirby and Esther Dena had just celebrated 69 years of this loving relationship.

Kirby retired from Kaiser Cement Plant in Montana City after 18 years of dedication, at the age of 64, as a big equipment truck driver. They moved to Polson where Kirby flourished in being part of the cherry harvests with his daughter Jeanie and son-in-law, Francis "Toot" who passed away in 2006. Kirby helped with construction of the new First Baptist Church on Highway 35 and he carried the cross up the ladder with great pride.

Kirby loved the Lord, adored his wife, his family and friends, and his surroundings. He truly appreciated all that he had and, to talk with him, you knew he took nothing for granted. Whether he stopped to show the grandkids the horse in the field or chat with the "fella" in front of him in the grocery line, he loved what life gave him and didn't hesitate to "thank you kindly."

Kirby was a generous and kind person and his passing

will leave a feeling of emptiness in the hearts of his family and friends. "Although we miss him, he will continue to remind us of the beautiful place he is in now where he will be reunited with his brother Raymond," who died at age 7 of spinal meningitis.

Kirby was preceded in death by his father, Edward B. Hicklin; his mother, Lydia A. Hocking; uncle, Archer Johnston; grandmother, Lilly F. Johnston; and son-in-law, Francis "Toot" Williams.

He is survived by his wife, Esther Dena; daughter, Jeanie Williams, of Polson; granddaughter, Kim Stallknecht, and her husband, Kurt; great-granddaughters, Ariel and Alanis Stallknecht of Bigfork; grandson, William W. "Bill" Williams, and his wife, Melody; and great-grandsons, Daniel and Benjamin Pierce-Williams of Lavon, Texas. Also surviving him is his son, Milton Hicklin, of St. Helens, Ore.; granddaughter, Tammy McLean; great-granddaughter, Brooke McLean and great-grandson Beau McLean, of Renton, Wash.; Therese Phillips and her husband, Greg; great-grandsons, Zayn of Bothell, Wash., and AJ Shive of Canby, Ore.; Troy Hicklin and his wife, Julie; great-granddaughters, Mikah and Mar- nie Clancy; great-grandson, Jayce Hicklin of Longview, Wash.; and numerous nieces and nephews and many dear friends.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 18, at Grogan Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 19, at the First Baptist Church with Rev. Rudy Ringhoff officiating. Interment will follow the services at Lakeview Cemetery. A reception will be after the services at the First Baptist Church.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.groganfuneralhome.com](http://www.groganfuneralhome.com).

## Larry Zain Hilliard, 36

Larry was born May 6, 1971, in John Day, Ore. He "went to be with his Heavenly Father" on Aug. 14, 2007. Larry is the son of Laramie and Mary Hilliard. He lived most of his childhood in a loving home in Marion, with the exception of a few years in John Day.



Larry was a single father, raising two beautiful daughters since a very young age. He was such a wonderful and patient father with his two girls.

Larry excelled at every occupation that he ever had. His first job after graduating from Flathead High School was working in the woods. Then he did carpentry for Hilliard Construction and Concrete. At the time of his death he was working for Wagar Excavating.

No matter what Larry did he was good at it. He could always put a smile on anyone's face, and he would give the shirt off his back to anyone who needed it. He will be greatly missed.

"We love you, Larry."

Larry is survived by his two

beautiful daughters, SharDay and Melissa Hilliard; mom and dad, Mary and Laramie Hilliard; two brothers and spouses, Zeph and Wendy Hilliard of Kalispell, and Tom and Cathy Hilliard of Coram; a loving sister and husband, Ellie and Mick Scheulen, of Marion; numerous nephews and nieces, ZJ Hilliard, Starla Hilliard, Thomas Hilliard, Kayla Hilliard, Stacey Scheulen, Angela Scheulen, Cody Barnett and Brianna Barnett; as well as many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Larry was preceded in death by his loving grandparents, Tom and Eleanor Mothka, and Dorothy and Zeph Hilliard.

"Larry, though gone from this world you will forever be in each and every one of our hearts. We will greatly miss you. Thank you for all the loving memories."

In lieu of flowers, a fund for Larry's girls, SharDay Dawn Hilliard, age 10, and Melissa Spring Hilliard, age 7, will be set up. Donations for the girls can be sent to the grandparents, Mary and Laramie Hilliard, at 565 Newlin Drive, Marion, MT 59925.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 17, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

## Milton Jacob Hilliard, 91

Milton Jacob Hilliard, 91, of Libby, died Sunday, Aug. 19, 2007, at the Libby Care Center from natural causes.

He had owned and operated the OK Tire store in Libby.

Survivors include his children, Robert Hilliard, of

Roseburg, Ore., Shelly Tuma and Vickie Lee of Bend, Ore.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 22, at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby. Visitation will be from 1 to 5 p.m. at the funeral home.

## Margery Miller Hilton, 85

Margery Miller Hilton, 85, of Bigfork, passed away peacefully at Lakeview Care Center, Jan. 12, 2007, "excepting her new path with grace."

As a young girl, her parents sold their ranch in Choteau. She grew up in the Missions and married, only to be told that she should not have any children as she had a hole between the chambers of her heart and would not survive to raise children. Around 1967, Margery was the first one to have and survive open heart surgery and live to raise six children.

The couple raised six children in St. Ignatius. They were both involved in the community of St. Ignatius. Margery took pride in the Senior Center along with her involvement in the Garden Club. She was most passionate when it came to the St. Ignatius Methodist Church.

Margery lived a life of passion. She loved her family, ranching, gardening, and teaching.

She was the wife of Everett Hilton, who preceded her in

death, along with a grandson, T.J., son of James and Shirley Hilton.

Margery is survived by Marilyn and Gordon Bradley, their children, Jeremy, Chrissy, and Jennifer; James and Shirley Hilton, their daughter Korrie; Ezequil Bautisa, father to Margery's great-grandchildren, Shanae and Jathaneil; Ken and Lori Hilton, their children, Ryan, Janelle and Tyler; Larry and Lou Ann Hilton, their children, Russell and Kimberly; Dave Hilton; Evelyn Jeannatte, her children, Dave and Joe; her brother and his wife, Don and Jo Miller; her sister and her husband, Dorthy and Howard Varnum; many nieces and nephews; family and friends.

Margery will be missed by her family and the family she became a part of at the Lakeview Care Center. No services are planned at this time. Any memorials can be sent to the St. Ignatius School District for Scholarship fund.

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

## Eloise R. Hinman, 103

Eloise R. Hinman, 103, passed away on Monday, March 19, 2007, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She was born on Oct. 26, 1903, at Farmington, Utah, the daughter of William Warren and Lucy (Pinder) Rose.

She was the oldest of six children. Her father worked at a local floral company, so money wasn't always abundant, so the family grew everything necessary to survive. They canned everything so they could reap the bounty all through the year.

She met her future husband, Henry Wallace Hinman, at a dance in Farmington and they were married in the 1920s. The couple had two daughters. The family eventually moved to Montana in 1934, where Henry was able to find work as a carpenter.

Eloise worked for 20 years at the F.W. Woolworth's Store in downtown Kalispell doing



window displays, one of her first jobs at the store. She retired when she was 65 as was required in those days. Following retirement, she continued gardening and remained active in her church, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Henry, in 1982; daughter, Beverly Torbergson; a brother, Alton Rose; and three sisters, Shirley Rose, Lucy McKnight and Elizabeth Larkins.

She is survived by her daughter, Kaye Adkins of Kalispell; and a brother, Guy Rose of La Mesa, Calif.

Funeral services for Eloise will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, March 26, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Whitefish Stage with Bishop Mark Robison conducting. Visitation will be for one hour prior to the services at the church. Burial will follow at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

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

## Myrtle E. Hofacker, 90

Myrtle E. Hofacker, 90, died peacefully Aug. 29, 2007, at her home in Billings. Myrtle was born Sept. 16, 1916, in Wadsworth, Ohio, to Earl and Gertrude (Stackhouse) Clinesmith. She graduated from Chatham High School in 1934 with a class of 18.

After high school she left home for the adventures of nurses training. She earned her degree as a registered nurse at Elyria, Memorial Hospital in 1938, and completed post-graduate work in obstetrics at the Margaret Hague Maternity Hospital in Jersey City, N.J., in 1940.

After the outbreak of World War II, Myrtle enlisted in the Army Nurses Corps. Her first Army station was in Iceland, where out of thousands of soldiers she met the love of her life, Signal Corps officer Roger A. Hofacker. A year later, on New Year's Eve 1943, she and Roger were engaged in London while on leave from their assignments in England. She served as a surgical nurse in a hospital in England prior to D-Day and later at hospitals in and near Paris. After working half of her shift June 15, 1945, Myrtle and Roger were married twice that day, once by the Army chaplain and again by the French Authorities.

After the war, they settled in Montana, where they lived in Helena, Lewistown, Livingston, Butte, and Colstrip during the course of Roger's career with the Montana Power Company.

Myrtle was active in the Presbyterian Church, living as an example of Christian service. She also shared her talents with the P.E.O. sisterhood. She took

an active role in her children's activities and was an all-around great Mom. She was a very loyal friend, maintaining lifelong friendships with grade-school and high-school classmates, Army colleagues, bridge-playing and camping friends.

Roger retired in 1980, and he and Myrtle moved to Whitefish, where they enjoyed hosting friends and family at their home on Whitefish Lake. They also spent much of their time traveling the world.

In 2003, they moved to Billings. Roger passed away that October, and Myrtle spent her remaining years living independently in Billings near her son, Michael. Visits from her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren brought her many happy hours.

Myrtle is survived by her children, Michael and Margaret, Susan and John Leland, and Richard and Amy; her grandchildren, Theresa and John Kanji, David, Karen and Terry Ray, Peter, Heather and Shane Davis, Jennifer, Mark, and Rachel; as well as four great-grandchildren, Isabella, Garet, Darien, and Ethan.

A memorial service will be held for Myrtle at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, at the First Presbyterian Church, 2420 13th St. W., in Billings. Interment with military honors will be afterward at the Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Memorials may be made to the Presbyterian Church, P.E.O., or the charity of choice.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary has charge of arrangements. Condolences may be shared with the family by visiting [www.michelottisawyers.com](http://www.michelottisawyers.com).

## Robert George Holcomb, 82

Robert George Holcomb, 82, passed away on Friday, Dec. 28, 2007, at Crestwood Convalescent Home in Sequim, Wash.

He was born on Nov. 16, 1925, in Bismarck, N.D., the son of George and Maggie (Hall) Holcomb. He was the 11th child of 13, and was the last surviving sibling.

He married Marion "Mary" Lucille Mellem on Dec. 4, 1943.

He entered the U.S. Army in January 1944, into the Army Corps of Engineers. He served in World War II, was wounded and returned to service. He earned several medals and ribbons. After serving two years and being honorably discharged he returned to Montana, working in the timber industry, and Anaconda Aluminum Company, where he retired from.



He was married to Mary for 36 years, until her death. He then relocated to Sequim in 1982. He married Katherine "Kay" Eunice Redman in 1989. They were married for 14 years until her death.

He was preceded in death by 10 sisters; two brothers; his first wife, Mary, and second wife, Kay.

He is survived by his son, Robert E. Holcomb, of Vashon Island, Wash.; his daughter, Dorthy "Dolly" Poe, of Port Angeles, Wash.; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for Robert will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 5, in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel, with Pastor John Weaver officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens with military honors conducted by the United Veterans of the Flathead.

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

## Ann M. Hollinberger, 91

Ann M. Hollinberger, 91, passed away Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2007, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

Ann was born March 18, 1916, on the family farm in Creston, to Peter and Mary (O'Leary) Yenne. She attended grade school in Creston, then attended Flathead County High School.

Ann married Carroll Hollinberger on June 14, 1941, in Kalispell.

During her high school years, Ann worked at Woolworth's, then Montgomery Ward. Later she worked as an office manager and bookkeeper at the Cherry Warehouse for the Flathead Lake Cherry Growers for 30 years. She worked for the Snowline Tree Company from its beginning until the late 1970's.

Ann loved the family farm and was very involved in its operations. She loved gardening, canning, cooking and baking for her family and friends. She enjoyed doing needlework, crafts and had done ceramics for years. She loved being outdoors, and especially loved the Flathead Valley.

Ann was able to stay at her beloved home until earlier this year.

She was a member of the

Creston Home Demonstration Club — which later became the Creston Community Club — and was a member of the Cayuse Prairie School Board and parent activities, community and church fundraising activities, the Oro Y Plata Club of Kalispell, Christian Women's Club, and attended Creston Chapel and Lake-side community Chapel.

Ann was preceded in death by her parents, Peter Yenne and Mary (O'Leary) Yenne; her husband, Carroll, in 1978; her son, Dale, in 1980; her siblings, Clyde Yenne, Bill Yenne, Tom Yenne, Florence (Yenne) Marken and Frances (Yenne) Gudgel.

She is survived by her daughter, Linda McKinney, of Kalispell; grandchildren, Kevin Foy and wife, Anjie, Silas McKinney and his wife, Jennifer; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Private family urn burial was held Nov. 17 at Glacier Memorial Gardens. A celebration of Ann's life will be held at later date, and the announcement will appear in the Daily Inter Lake.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for Ann's family.

## James Paul Holmes, 30

James Paul Holmes passed away Thursday afternoon, Dec. 27, 2007, as the result of a tragic automobile accident while on his way home from work.

"God needed one more angel and took Jimmy to be home with him."

Jimmy was born May 9, 1977, in Butte, the son of Joe and Edie (Juarez) Holmes.

Jimmy attended local schools, graduating from Butte High School in 1996. He was employed for more than 10 years, as a cook at the War Bonnet Inn. He also was employed by Pioneer Weed Control before relocating to Kalispell. In Kalispell, he was employed as a cook at Heritage Place and Sizzler. He was currently employed as an electrical technician at Connector Technology Inc.

On Aug. 11, 2001, he married the love of his life, Angelette Yother, in Kalispell. Together they had been inseparable companions for more than 13 years.

Jimmy was a devoted husband, loving father, and adored brother, son, grandson, and friend. He lived, and loved, life to its fullest. He enjoyed listening to I.C.P. and watching his all-time favorite football team, the Indianapolis Colts. Jimmy enjoyed his time spent tinkering on automobiles.

He loved the great outdoors and all the pleasures it had to offer, such as fishing and camping with family and friends. An avid hunter, he was thrilled to see his son shoot his first buck this past hunting season. He loved to display his talent as a cook whenever there was a gathering. Jimmy also loved to return to Butte to visit his family and friends. For all his pleasures and pastimes, the greatest joy in his life was people and the time spent



with his family, friends, and co-workers. He will forever remain loved and missed by all who knew him.

Jimmy was preceded in death by his grandfathers, Merle Holmes and Angelo Juarez; and his brother-in-law, David Yother Jr.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Angelette; his son, Michael; daughter, Sharayah; parents, Edie and Joe Holmes; and his sisters and brothers-in-law, Blurette and Rocky Davis, and Melba and Josh Lewis, and their children, Elizabeth and Victoria.

He also is survived by his grandmothers, Melba Juarez and Mary Lou Priestly; mother-in-law and father-in-law, David and Christina Yother; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Michelle Yother, Shauna and Brandon Smith, and Tabitha and Mike Marsenich; great-uncles and great-aunts, Fred Juarez and family, Ernie and Rosie Robb, Ricky and Lillian Robb, Connie and Pete Benevidus, and Maxine Binder; aunts and uncles, Angelo and Romona Juarez and their children, Kathy and Angelo Jr.; Fred and Monica Juarez and their children, Angel, Vinny, and Jade; Frank and Cindy Juarez and their children, Frank, Reanna, and Edith; Joey Juarez and his children, Josh, Amy, Tionna, Jeremy, and Jazmine, and Jeremy "Ju Ju" Juarez; nieces and nephews, Bridget, Jacob, Scott, and Jaymz Smith, and Isaha, Aaron, Maratt, and Justine Yother; and best friend, Curt Beckman.

Jimmy's remains have been returned to Butte for cremation. Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. today at the Duggan Dolan Mortuary chapel. A service will be held in Kalispell at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the James Paul Holmes Memorial Fund at Glacier Bank. The proceeds will be used to benefit his children's education.



## Warren N. 'Buck' Holman, 83

Warren N. "Buck" Holman, 83, passed away Thursday, Jan. 4, 2007, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell, from natural causes.



He was born on May 16, 1924, in Independence, Iowa to Floyd and Verba (White) Holman. At an early age, Buck and his family moved to Williston, N.D. where he graduated from high school.

During his early years, he started his cowboy career working for W. D. Davidson on the Bird Head Ranch in the Williston Basin. After graduation, Buck joined the Navy and served four years as a first gunners mate in the Pacific Theater. Upon his return to Williston, Buck married Audrey Nylander, who remained his wife of 52 years.

In 1951, the family moved to Bigfork, where they bought a farm east of the Echo Lake Store. Buck ranched, farmed, and milked dairy cows before becoming a sawyer in 1961. He worked as a sawyer for 20 years. He then

began working at the Flathead Lake Lodge where he worked for the last 25 years and was still working at the time of his death.

Buck's faith in Jesus Christ was unwavering and he shared that faith in word and deed. He helped build and was active in both the Little Brown Church and Bethel Chapel in Bigfork. He will be sorely missed by his family and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Audrey.

Buck was survived by his three children; one daughter, Sharon Kinman, and two sons; Jim Holman and wife, Susan and Randy Holman and wife, Susan, all of Bigfork; five grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Memorial services for Buck will be held at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 9, at the Little Brown Church in Bigfork, with Rev. Ron Pierce officiating. There will be no visitation. The family suggests that any memorial contributions be sent to the Bigfork QRU, 810 Grand Avenue, Bigfork, MT 59911.

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

## Effie (Clark) Dockstader Holmes, 96

Effie (Clark) Dockstader Holmes, 96, died Thursday, June 14, 2007, surrounded by family at her daughter's home in Bigfork.



She was born Aug. 4, 1910, in Red Cloud, Neb., to Don and Nellie (Barrett) Clark. In 1917, she moved with her family to Bigfork, where they reclaimed a homestead on the East Lake Shore.

Effie graduated from Bigfork Elementary School, Flathead County High School, and Sacred Heart School of Nursing in Spokane, in 1934. It was so unusual for a Bigfork student (especially a girl) to go to college in the early '30s that the town hosted a going-away party for her in the I.O.O.F. Hall, which was located where the Bigfork Center for Performing Arts is now. Her first nursing position was at Thornton Hospital in Missoula.

On Aug. 13, 1936, she married James Dockstader in Sand Point, Idaho, and he preceded her in death on Nov. 20, 1988, after more than 52 years of marriage.

They lived in Somers when first married, and then moved during World War II to Hanford, Wash., where her husband worked for DuPont on the Atomic Project. At the end of the war, they returned to Bigfork, where Effie has lived ever since.

She quit nursing professionally when she was married in 1936, but continued using her nursing skills on a volunteer basis. She was "the nurse" for many years in Bigfork before there was a Quick Response Unit or a doctor in the community. No one seeking help was ever turned away, nor was anyone ever sent a bill for treatment. In 1982, she was presented with a Distinguished Citizen's Award for her service to the community.

She was always an active member of the Catholic Church and Altar Society. In the 1940's and early 1950's, Effie and her family attended Mass in the summer in the Bigfork High School auditorium where a handmade portable cedar altar, constructed by Daryle "Chub" Brown, was used. In 1953, Effie and the women in the Altar Society began working to raise \$1,000 a year to start a building fund for St. Catherine's Church. The church was dedicated in September 1958.

She also served as Democratic Precinct Committeewoman in Bigfork for many years and was an active volunteer at Bigfork Public Schools, including serving as president of the Parent Teacher Association, when her children were there.

In 1980, she and a small group of women founded the Shining Mountains Doll Club. Collecting, making, and dressing dolls, as well as the deep friendships she made with club members, became an important part of her life. Last summer, the club made her an honorary lifetime member "for outstanding service to the club as a founding member and contributor."

In St. Catherine's Church in Bigfork on Aug. 4, 1995, her 85th birthday, she married Ernest Holmes, her high school sweetheart, whom she had not seen in 66 years. They had five years together filled with trips, a cruise, and season tickets to Griz football games. He preceded her in death on April 11, 2000.

She was also preceded in death by three brothers: Freddie, who died in childhood, Richard who was killed in World War II, and Verne; two sisters, Margaret and Wanda; and one grandchild, Matthew Hein.

She is survived by three children, J. Michael Dockstader and his wife, Wanda, Mary Sullivan, and her husband, Paul, Maureen Hein and her husband, Raymond, all of Bigfork; eight grandchildren, James Dockstader, Nicole Dockstader, Mark Hein, Mary Amanda Guffin, Paul Sullivan Jr., Maureen Sullivan, Michael Dockstader and Levi Dockstader; and one great-grandchild, Zoe Guffin. She is also survived by her youngest brother, Don E. Clark of Bigfork; two stepchildren, Ernest Holmes III and his wife, Janice, of Dallas, and Sally Sutherlin and her husband, Jack, of Las Cruces, N.M.; and many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Mass of Christian burial will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, at John Paul II Catholic Church in Bigfork with Monsignor Donald Shea celebrating and Deacon James Butts assisting. Her grandchildren will serve as her pallbearers. Burial will be at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for the family. You are invited to go to [www.johnson-mortuary.com](http://www.johnson-mortuary.com) to offer condolences and sign Effie's guestbook.

## Ruth Adah Holmquist, 79

Ruth Adah Holmquist, 79, died from natural causes Sunday, May 27, 2007, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center. She was born April 14, 1928, in Glen Cove, N.Y. She was the daughter of Charles and Adah (Hawkins) Gloss.



Ruth graduated from Glen Cove High School with honors. After graduation she worked for AT and T. She met her future husband, Paul Holmquist, at a church youth group in Hempstead, N.Y. They fell in love on a Jack Werten boat trip up the Hudson River. They were married Oct. 18, 1952, in Sea Cliff, N.Y., after Paul had received his discharge from the U.S. Air Force.

They then moved to Paul's hometown of Kalispell. Ruth soon was employed by P.P.&L., and later she managed the office of Montgomery Ward. She then joined the U.S. Census Bureau as an interviewer, traveling the surrounding areas for 26 years. She enjoyed this work a lot, though it was tough drive alone in the winter months.

She raised two children while working. As a 4-H leader, she worked with many family and other children. She was an excellent crotchetier, cook, and bookkeeper. Ruth helped

her husband, Paul, develop and build up their residential construction company.

Ruth loved taking two weeks each winter to visit Florida and her sister, Marilyn, in St. Petersburg. She loved the ocean, the beautiful sand, and swimming in the ocean's inviting warm water.

Ruth had a green thumb and tended hundreds of flowers and plants. Her health deteriorated in recent years. Most recently, she was in Renaissance Assisted Living.

Ruth was preceded in death by her parents; and many cousins. She is survived by her husband of 55 years, Paul Holmquist, of Kalispell; her daughter, Karen Maroney, and husband, Ron, of Portland; one son, Allen Holmquist, of Kalispell, and his children, Tabitha and April Holmquist, of Seattle; her sister, Marilyn, in Florida; and many other relatives.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, May 31, 2007, at Johnson Mortuary chapel, with Pastor John Weaver officiating. Burial will be afterward at the Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will take place one hour before the services, and when the service ends for family and friends to attend briefly.

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

## John Lester Holyoak, 69

John Lester Holyoak, 69, passed away Friday, Jan. 12, 2007, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.



He was born — one of six children — on April 25, 1937, in Lovell, Wyo. to Howard and Maude (Lester) Holyoak.

John grew up in the small farming community of Cowley, Wyo. He graduated from Cowley High School in 1956 and began his career in construction. After working in Glenrock and Hanna, his career led him from Wyoming to Montana.

He spent 38 wonderful years in the valley. During this time he received a Presidential Citation by President Gerald Ford for working on the Libby Dam. He was employed in the paving industry for many years and was well-respected and liked by all who knew him.

John married Gail Thompson on May 18, 2005, in Kalispell, and the couple spent their honeymoon visiting their children. John enjoyed the outdoors, especially tending his garden and lawn. He and Gail spent many hours enjoying their scenic view and the deer that lived nearby. John also enjoyed archery and fishing. He was

dedicated Denver Broncos fan, and never passed up an opportunity to watch football.

John was preceded in death by his parents: two sons: Wesley and Verne; as well as two brothers: Howard and Robert.

He is survived by his wife, Gail, of Kalispell; two daughters, Michelle Pixley and husband, John, of Cheyenne, Wyo.; and Jeannie Hollister and husband, Steven, of Bar Nunn, Wyo.; a son, Shan Holyoak of Cheyenne Wyo.; stepdaughter Dawn Michelle Johnson and husband, Russ, of Fairbanks, Alaska; stepdaughter, Lori Balsino and husband, Chris, of Tucson, Ariz.; stepson, Don Jennings of Tucson, Ariz.; 11 grandchildren, one great-granddaughter; a sister, Pat Welch, and husband, James, of Kaiser, Ore.; three brothers, William and wife, JoAnne, of Morgan, Utah; Bentley and wife, Betty Ann, of West Valley City, Utah; and Wayne and wife, Sandra, of Blairstown, N.J.; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial services for John will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, at Sawbucks, 1301 S. Main St. The family suggests memorial gifts be given to the Brendan House/Hospice, 310 Sunnyview Lane, Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

## Forrest Dale 'Frosty' Horstman, 71

Forrest Dale "Frosty" Horstman, 71, passed away Aug. 14, 2007. Frosty was born Sept. 5, 1935, in Kalispell, to Bernard "Barney" and Evelyn (Sally Getchell) Horstman.



Frosty married the love of his life, Shirley Mae Wisherd, on Aug. 14, 1954, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Their marriage was blessed with five children, Vicki, Jack, Kim, Dawn and Brett.

Frosty was a member of the Flathead Search and Rescue.

He worked at the Anaconda Aluminum plant as an electrician from 1955 to 1963. He then moved to Tri-Cities, Wash., to work for Hanford. In 1967, the family moved to Bellingham, Wash., where Frosty worked for Intalco Aluminum plant as a meter instrument technician, from 1967 to 1977. In 1977, Frosty, Shirley, and sons moved back to the Flathead where Frosty was shop foreman for McElroy and Wilken and owned his own trucking business. He leased trucks to McElroy and Wilken from 1977 to 2001.

Frosty was preceded in death by both of his parents, and best friend, Delbert Wilken.

He is survived by his loving

and devoted wife, Shirley Mae, of 53 years; daughters, Vicki and husband, Wayne Wray, of Everett, Wash., Kim and husband, Frank Ortenzio, of Jacksonville Beach, Fla., and Dawn Wickingstad of Kalispell; and sons, Brett Horstman, and Jack and his wife, Hope Horstman, of Kalispell. He was a loving "Papa" to his grandchildren, Nicolette Orkney, Jessica and Jon Wray, David Wickingstad, and Travis, Justin and Shannon Horstman. He is also survived by his stepmother, Opal Horstman; brothers, Ed and wife Kathy, Alan and wife Carol, and Harlan; and sister, Jeannie, and husband, Terry Dodson. Frosty also leaves behind a loving extended family and many friends.

Frosty's family would like to thank Drs. Beal, Winkie, Stutzman and Boehme, all the nurses, and special friend, Wendy. The family would also like to express their gratitude to the special people at Hospice, Lon, Sue, Pat and Lori.

Frosty's family suggests in lieu of flowers that memorial contributions be made to either Hospice or the American Cancer Society in Frosty's memory. Per Frosty's request, there will be no formal service, but a celebration of life will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 19, at the Elks Lodge.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Lyle Dean Hosterman, 97

Lyle Dean Hosterman, 97, passed away Friday, April 13, 2007, in Sandpoint, Idaho. Memorial services will be held at a later date with interment in the Polson Cemetery.

Lyle was born Aug. 25, 1909, in Cormorant, Minn., to Henry and Pearl Hosterman. He grew up in Pelican Rapids, Minn.

Lyle became a lineman and went to work for Otter Tail Power Company in North Dakota. In 1928, he moved to Hot Springs with the Rural Electric Association. They brought power to the Bitterroot Valley and Western Montana.

Lyle married Blanch Hollingsworth on Dec. 11, 1938, in Asotin, Wash. They made their home in Seattle while Lyle worked in the shipyards during World War II. They then moved to Kalispell to raise their family, and Lyle worked at the Hungry Horse Dam.

In his later years, Lyle became a snowbird, summering in Hot Springs, and wintering in Arizona. In 2003, Lyle moved to Sandpoint to be closer to family.

Lyle was an inventor of sorts,

a jack of all trades, and a hard worker. He was honored as one of the oldest members of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers union, and in 2005 he received his 75-year pin. He also belonged to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Old Time Fiddlers.

He loved music, and played several string instruments and the harmonica. He also enjoyed gardening, raising fruit trees, panning for gold, and fishing.

He is survived by a son, Larry, and Sachiko Hosterman, of Moyie Springs, Idaho; and daughter, Mary Jo, and Larry Knutson, of Priest River, Idaho; four grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Lloyd and Penn; sister, Leone; and two great-grandchildren, Walter VanHouten and Isaac Branscome.

Lakeview Funeral Home in Sandpoint is handling the arrangements. Please visit Lyle's memorial at [www.lakeviewfuneral.com](http://www.lakeviewfuneral.com) and sign his online guest book.

## Amy V. Howell, 93

Amy V. Howell, 93, of Polson, passed away on Thursday, Jan. 4, 2007, at St. Joseph Medical Center in Polson.



Amy was born on April 15, 1913, near Glendive, to Louis and Leila Chrest. She grew up and graduated from high school in Glendive and attended business college in Miles City.

She started her career working for Attorney Desmond J. O'Neal in Glendive and in 1936 she moved to Washington, D.C., to work for Montana Senator Burton K. Wheeler and Congressman J.F. O'Connor. She was also very proud of the fact that she had lunch with Eleanor Roosevelt while she lived in D.C.

She returned to Montana and worked for the Internal Revenue Service in Helena until she joined the WAAC (U.S. Army Air Force), serving from 1942-1946. She was discharged from the military as a first lieutenant.

After her discharge from the military, Amy moved to be with her parents in Polson. She book-keeping in the valley for several businesses including Helmer & Harris Chevrolet, Tower & Robinson, General Shay Morrison during the construction of Hungry Horse Dam, Hanson Motors in Ronan, Pioneer Chevrolet, Rolfson Lumber Company, and Polson Auto Parts, where she retired in 1978.

Amy married C.H. "Slim"

Mavis in 1950 and they divorced a few years later.

She married Delbert Ross Howell on Feb. 5, 1955, in Polson.

Amy and Ross had a ranch in Irvine Flats where they raised Tennessee Walking horses and cattle.

Amy designed and owned the Bellevue Trailer Court in Polson, which she eventually sold.

Amy enjoyed raising and showing Tennessee Walkers throughout the Northwest.

She enjoyed camping, fishing, riding horses, traveling and spending time with her family.

She was a member of the American Legion, a past member of the Rebekahs, Polson Saddle Club and Tennessee Walking Horse Association.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ross; a brother, Russell Chrest; and a grandson, Casey Graham.

She is survived by her daughter, Una Rose Graham, and her husband, David, of Polson; three grandsons, Dever, Dillon and Derek, of Polson; two sisters, Emily Currie of Polson, and Arlene Tompkins of Big Arm; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held from 9 a.m. to noon Monday, Jan. 8, at Grogan Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at the Grogan Funeral Home at 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 8, with Pastor John Payne officiating. Interment with military honors will follow at Lakeview Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Montana Association of the Blind, Dogs for the Deaf, or to the donor's choice.

## Gary David Hower, 24

Gary David Hower, 24, passed away Thursday, Nov. 22, 2007, at his residence in Kalispell.



He was born June 13, 1983, in Whitefish, the son of Michael David and Marica Grace (Weller) Hower and Duane Evans.

This extraordinary young man brought much joy and laughter. To watch him shoot hoops with his cousin Elijah was something to see. He surely always will be known for his ear-to-ear cheeky grin. As well as being valedictorian, he also excelled in sports.

As important as it is to grieve such a tragedy, moreover we must always remember to celebrate the gift he was in life.

"Mom says it's time to sleep little man; see you at the big paw'dy. May His heaven bring only peace. You will be missed by us all."

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandmother, Mona Jellef Weller.

He is survived by his mother,

Marica Weller, and husband, Aldis Bettis, of Libby; his father, Michael Hower, of Maine; father, Duane Evans, of Kalispell; grandparents, Gary and Donna Weller, also of Kalispell; Janet and Matt McConville of Columbia Falls; Cathy and Stan Evans of Kalispell; sisters, Christina Marie and RaeLene Mae Evans, both of Kalispell; a brother, Michael Hower, of Maine; numerous aunts, uncles and cousins; one niece and one nephew on the way; and a pack of friends we can't forget, because they were Gary's family, too.

Memorial services for Gary will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 27, at the Swan River Community Hall at the intersection of Highway 83 and Swan River Road, with Pastor Jim Holman officiating. The family would like to thank the Bethel Chapel family for their help in easing the burden. After the service, there will be a hackysack game outside the church in honor of Gary.

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

## Vivian Joy Hoye, 91

Vivian Joy Hoye, 91, went quietly and gracefully "into the hands of God" on July 9, 2007, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell. She was born on Dec. 1, 1915, in Opheim, to Harvey Lyman and Harvine Rose (Cookson) Moothart. She spent her youth in eastern Montana, mostly around Opheim, Culbertson and Froid.



She married Alfred M. Hoye on June 29, 1934 in Froid. They lived in Froid and Culbertson until moving to Columbia Falls, in the summer of 1946.

Family and home were very important to Vivian. She enjoyed family gatherings and was a wonderful homemaker, cook and baker. She always enjoyed her roses and gardening.

She was a founding member of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls and a current member of Calvary Lutheran Church. For many years she was a member of the LaSalle - Birch Grove - Half Moon Club (home demonstration unit). She was a volunteer for 15 years at Kalispell Regional Center and was an active volunteer at the Immanuel Lutheran Home since 1992.

As mother, grandmother and matriarch of this family, she will be greatly missed by all.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Alfred M. Hoye, in 1994; one son, Morton Hoye, in 1996; and one grandson, Henry M. Hoye, in 2000. Also preceding her were her parents, one sister, and three brothers.

She is survived by her son, Ron Hoye, and his wife, Anita, of Kalispell; son, Art Hoye and his wife, Lue, of Columbia Falls; daughter, Susan West and her husband, Bob, of Columbia Falls; a son, Adrian Hoye and his wife, Nancy, of Missoula; a daughter-in-law, Sandra Hoye of Veneta, Ore.; 15 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-granddaughter; one sister, Betty Osborne of Denver; three sisters-in-law, Beverly Hoye of Froid, Jean Barr of Bismarck, N.D., and Adeline Moothart of Minnesota; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial services for Vivian will be at 11 a.m. on Friday, July 13, at Calvary Lutheran Church on LaSalle and Evergreen. Visitation will be from noon to 6 p.m. Thursday, July 12, at Johnson Mortuary. Burial will be private by the family.

The family suggests that any memorial contributions be sent to Calvary Lutheran Church, 2200 U.S. 2 East, Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

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

**Marie Helen Huettl, 96** will be held in Mankato, Minn. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Marie Helen Huettl, 96, died Wednesday, March 7, 2007, at Heritage Place in Kalispell. Funeral services and burial

## Nona Marie Hoylman, 85

Nona Marie Hoylman, 85, passed away Tuesday, July 31, 2007, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell. She was born Aug. 14, 1921, in Libby, the daughter of Henry and Mildred (Williams) Velten. The family lived in Olney, and moved to Kalispell in 1925. She had been a Kalispell resident since that time.



She attended the old North Side Grade School, Central School and graduated from Flathead High School in 1938. Nona then attended Northwestern Business College in Spokane, graduating in 1940. Her employment included Conrad Bank, Northwest Video, First Federal Savings and Loan and General Sheet Metal.

Nona married Byron Hoylman on Sept. 6, 1942, in Yuma, Ariz. They were married for 55

years until his death in 1998.

Nona was a kind and loving person who will be missed by all who knew her.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and her husband.

She is survived by two sons, Douglas of Chevy Chase, Md., and Richard and his wife, Darlene, of Columbia Falls; sister-in-law, Elsie Greuter, of Lincoln, Neb.; and several nieces and nephews, including her special nieces, Janet Sands and Starlene Puuri, of Kalispell; and also her dear friends.

At her request, cremation has taken place, and no services are planned.

The family of Nona Hoylman would like to thank the staff of Heritage Place and Kalispell Regional Medical Center for their special care.

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

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

## Burt Lawrence Huffman, 31

Burt Lawrence Huffman, 31, formerly of Whitefish, died peacefully Jan. 25, 2007, at his home in Eagle River, Alaska.

A visitation will be from 1 to 2 p.m. today, Jan. 30, at St. Andrew's Catholic Church, 16300 Domain Lane, in Eagle River. A memorial service will be from 2 to 4 p.m.

Mr. Huffman was born Aug. 4, 1975, in Whitefish. He moved to Alaska in April 1981 and was a 1993 graduate of Chugiak High School.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, archery, snowmachining, camping and traveling with his family.

Mr. Huffman was a foreman in the family business, Universal Sign and Lighting.

His family said: "Burt was a caring, giving and loving man who loved his family and was always there for them."

He loved the outdoors, whether it was fishing, hunting or snowmachining.

A good friend of his, Travis Tucker, had said, "If it can be done, Burt can do it." No matter what time of the day it was,

he was there to lend a helping hand.

He loved life, his friends and especially his family. Everyone who knew him was touched by him and made an everlasting friendship. He was respected and loved by many and wanted to enjoy every minute of the day.

"He will be missed immensely and remembered with a smile until we meet again. As Burt would say, 'Keep your powder dry and shoot straight.'"

Mr. Huffman is survived by his wife, Susan Ann Huffman; children, Brayden and Lauren Huffman; parents, Jim and Marty Huffman; sister and brother-in-law, Christina and Curtis Foster; brother and sister-in-law, Doug and Sharon Huffman; brother, Jimmy Huffman; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Christine and Kurt Kahklen; mother-in-law and father-in-law, Kim and Steve Simonka; nieces and nephews, Jake, Jesse, Ashley, Adam and Kylie; and aunts, uncles, cousins, many other loved ones. He also leaves behind his beloved springer spaniel, Ruger.

## Robert James Hunt, 63

Robert James Hunt, 63, of Kalispell, "left us for a better place" on Nov. 20, 2007, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center with his wife, Barbara, at his side.



Bob was born June 27, 1944, to James and Alice (Krogh) Hunt in Crookston, Minn. In 1952, Bob moved with his family to Kalispell, where he received his education, graduating from Flathead County High School in 1962. On June 24, 1980, Bob married Barbara Brabender in Kalispell.

Bob was a lifetime member of the NRA and an avid reader. He spent many enjoyable hours working on guns, gardening, puttering in his shop and working around the mountain home that he loved. You often could find Bob sitting on the deck watching the birds and squirrels that he would feed sunflower seeds to daily.

Bob was a master electrician and a member of the IBEW local 768 before retiring in July 2006. He worked construction all of his working life, working in the

North Pole and the South Pole and many points in between.

Bob was preceded in death by his dad, James, in 1996.

He is survived by his wife of 27 years, Barbara, of their home in Kalispell; his children and their spouses, Elizabeth Peterson and her husband, Court, of Idaho, Larry Hunt and his wife, Angie, of Washington, Charlene Mead and her husband, Scott, of Oregon, Robert Hunt and his wife, Cheryl, of Oregon, and Niki Kerzman and her husband, Ryan, of Montana. He also is survived by his mother, Alice Hunt; his sisters, Bonnie Sisson, Sharon Howard and her husband, Gary, and Jeri Hunt, all of Montana; 12 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 27, in the Johnson Mortuary chapel in Kalispell. There will be a potluck reception at the Country Kitchen at the Flathead County Fair Grounds after the service.

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

## Leslie 'Eugene' Huffman, 90

Leslie "Eugene" Huffman, 90, of Libby died Sunday, March 11, 2007, at St. John's Lutheran Hospital in Libby from natural causes.

He drove a logging truck in Washington, Montana and Oregon for many years.

Survivors include two stepsons, Richard and Jack Hart; and stepdaughter, Norma Jean Walter.

Private family services will be held.

Arrangements are by Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

## Barbara (Wilson) Hughes, 71

Barbara (Wilson) Hughes, 71, of Ronan, passed away Sunday, Sept. 16, 2007, at St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula following a horse accident. Barbara

was born Nov. 11, 1935, in Hamilton, the daughter of Milo and Juanita Wilson. She graduated from Darby High School.

Barbara was the owner and operator of Snow's A&W, co-owner of Crow Haven Arabians and the owner of Barbie's Hand Crafts. She was a member of the Woman's Club and a member of the Arabian Horse Organization. Barbara was very involved with her horses, breeding, showing and riding them. Many of her "babies" grew up to be National Champions.

She was a talented artist creating sculptures, paintings, sweaters, and scarves. She



enjoyed gardening, knitting, crocheting and sewing.

She was preceded in death by her father, Milo Wilson.

Survivors include her husband, Charles Hughes of Ronan; mother, Juanita Reeves of Hamilton; sister, Wanda and Max Mavros of Hamilton; children, Roberta and Dale Walker of Missoula, Steve Snow of Missoula, Tom and Margarita Hughes of Highland Ranch, Colo., Laurie and Chad Ronholdt of Aurora, Colo.; grandchildren, Destry Walker, Emory Walker, Matt Frieauf, Nicole Frieauf, Chandler Hughes.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 21, at the First Presbyterian Church in Missoula, 201 South Fifth St. West, Missoula. Private family urn placement will take place at a later date. A reception for family and friends will be held in the church fellowship hall after the memorial service.

Arrangements are under the care of the Daly-Leach Chapel in Hamilton.

## Clara Edith (Pugh) Hunt, 98

Edith Hunt was born Nov. 9, 1908, near Balko, Okla., to Estelle Alexander Pugh and Emma Ann Alexander-Pugh where she spent her childhood and

teenage years. She married Cheslie Herbert Hunt and they enjoyed 66 years together. The couple lived in Batesland, S.D., and Custer, S.D., before moving to the Flathead Valley in 1965.

Edith was a homemaker, donut maker and enjoyed crocheting. She loved to entertain her friends, family, sing, read her Bible, and serve the Lord.

Edith "passed into heaven" on Oct. 14, 2007, at the Mountain View Care Center in Bozeman, at the age of 98.

She was preceded in death by



her husband, Cheslie Herbert Hunt; her sisters, Lillie May, Fannie and Verna; her brothers, Swanson, Grover, Talbot, Senator, Floyd and Roy; and her daughter-in-law, Betty Hunt.

She is survived by her son, Estile Hunt; daughter and son-in-law, Shirley and Dean Hartman; grandchildren, Wayne and Tina Hunt, Patrick Hunt, Ardean and Tom Johnson, and Linda and Jon Reed; and great-grandchildren, Steven, Christopher and Jessie Hunt. She is also survived by sister and brother-in-law, Anna and Marvin Wilson.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, at the Nazarene Church in Whitefish. Arrangements are in the care of Dokken-Nelson Funeral Service of Bozeman.



## Ruth Cecelia Hunter, 84

Ruth Cecelia Hunter, 84, of Polson, died on Thursday, Nov. 22, 2007, at St. Joseph Hospital in Polson.

Ruth was born July 20, 1923, in Conrad to John Edward and Alice Ann Brophy. She grew and attended schools near Valier.

Ruth married George M. Dean on Oct. 15, 1941, in Shelby. They had two children together and later divorced.

She married Lawrence Perry, and they later divorced.

Ruth married Eugene Hodge in Idaho on June 18, 1975. He preceded her in death in 1975.

She married Robert Hunter on Aug. 6, 1983. Bob passed away in 2005.

Ruth moved to Polson in 1967.

She was active in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and she operated "Ruth's Bed and Breakfast" in Polson for many years. Ruth



liked to dance, play pinochle, travel, take rides in the country and make quilts. She made quilts for all of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Ruth was preceded in death by her husbands; and a sister.

She is survived by her two sons, Edward Dean of Polson, and Dwight T. Dean and his wife, Yvette, of Biddeford, Maine. She is also survived by 10 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren; and several cousins.

Visitation will be held from 1 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 28, in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, with a vigil service at 7 p.m. Mass of Christian burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 29, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Polson. Interment will be afterward at Lakeview Cemetery. A reception will be held after the graveside service.

Memorials are suggested to the American Heart Association.

Condolences may be made to the family at [www.groganfuneralhome.com](http://www.groganfuneralhome.com).

## Montgomery James 'Monty' Huntington, 47

Montgomery James "Monty" Huntington, 47, passed away Friday, May 18, 2007, as the result of an industrial accident while at work.

Monty was born Nov. 29, 1959, in Waconia, Minn., to David and Karen (Kroeger) Huntington.

He was raised in Excelsior, Minn., and graduated from Minnetonka High School in 1978. After high school, he attended the University of Minnesota at Duluth. He worked for a few years as a lift operator in Colorado, but had worked most of his life as a blacktopper. He loved his job, which allowed him time to do things during the off season.

Monty married Debbie Harris on Aug. 1, 1992, in Prior Lake, Minn. They moved to the Flathead Valley on July 2, 1999, when



he went to work for T-Bend Construction as a blacktopper.

Monty loved the outdoors, and his hobbies showed it. He loved hockey, and played hockey in a league in Whitefish. He was an avid bird hunter. He loved being a telemark skier, and was a member of the Lost Prairie Skydivers. Monty was a very thoughtful person who loved his family and had many friends. He is going to be missed by all whom knew him.

He is survived by his wife, Debbie Huntington; three children, Jasmine and her husband, Cason Conn, Jonathan and David Quist; his parents, David and Karen Huntington; two twin grandchildren, Audriella and Victoria Quist; a brother, but especially his best friend, David Huntington; and his sister, Staci Howren.

A celebration of Monty's life will be held at 2 p.m., Tuesday, May 22, 2007, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Edith H. Hurd, 98

Edith H. Hurd, 98, passed away Thursday, Oct. 25, 2007, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She was born Nov. 1, 1908, at Kathryn, N.D., the daughter of Hubert and Eva (Helland) Peterson.

When she was a child, she moved with her parents to Montana to homestead 28 miles north of Havre. Edith had two younger brothers, and they attended a country school one mile from the Canadian border. She attended and graduated from Havre High School. She attended Kinman Business College in Spokane.

When she was 24 years old, she was married to Leo Wall at Cottonwood. He died very suddenly, a day before the birth of their daughter.

After the death of Leo, she continued working as an office worker for a government project when she met Verlin Hurd, a project developer for the Department of Agriculture. They were married in 1936 in Red Lodge and expanded the family with four more children.

She was a homemaker and raised five children. She also worked at Big Sandy Drug and Wells Drug in Shelby and later was manager of American Land and Title in Thompson Falls. She continued working and retired as a manager of a title company in Havre when she was in her 80s.

Edith also stayed busy with 4-H, Reliance Club, and Ladies Aid. She also enjoyed dancing and met both of her husbands at community dances. She learned to crochet when she was four



years old and also knits.

She moved to Kalispell in 1997 to be closer to her daughters and became a resident of Immanuel Lutheran Home in 2004.

She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star, an active member of Christ Lutheran Church in Big Sandy, Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Thompson Falls and was also a member of the Ladies Club of Thompson Falls.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, Leo Wall, in 1936, and Verlin Hurd in 1983; her parents; brother, Russell Peterson; a granddaughter, Jennifer Taylor; son-in-law, Dean Taylor; son-in-law, Buster Buttram in December 2006; a daughter-in-law, Mary Ann Hurd, in June 2007; a sister-in-law, Helen Peterson.

She is survived by four daughters, Linda H. Taylor, and Sandra E. Olson and husband, Milton, all of Kalispell, Sharon G. Gatewood of Lexington, Ky., and Ruth A. Buttram of Greeley, Colo.; a son, Russell W. Hurd, of Glendale, Ariz.; and a brother, Arnold Peterson, and wife, Alice, of Havre; nine grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Memorial services for Edith will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, at Christ Lutheran Church in Big Sandy. Urn burial will be in the Big Sandy Cemetery.

The family suggests that any memorial contributions be sent to the Immanuel Lutheran Home, 185 Crestline Ave., Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

## Ralph Raymond Hurd, 84

Ralph Raymond Hurd, 84, died Tuesday, Oct. 30, 2007, at his home in Kalispell.

He is survived by his wife, Mary, of Kalispell; two sons, Ron Hurd of Bigfork, and Robert Hurd of Entiat, Wash.;

and one daughter, Laurel Hurd, of Ontario, Calif.

No services are planned at this time.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for the family.

## Hazel Virginia Hutchinson, 92

Hazel Virginia Hutchinson, 92, died Saturday, Feb. 17, 2007, at Lake View Care Center in Bigfork. She was born March 9, 1914, in Philadelphia, the daughter of Clifton D. and Eleanor Virginia (Warren) Walton.



She was raised in the Chester Valley area west of Philadelphia. She attended schools in Downingtown, Pa., and graduated from Downingtown High School in 1931. She was an excellent athlete and excelled at basketball and tennis.

She was united in marriage to Henry P. Hutchinson on Oct. 19, 1935, at Westchester, Pa.

In January 1965, the family relocated to Kalispell and have enjoyed all that the Flathead Valley has to offer. She and Henry enjoyed their lives and enjoyed traveling to the

Southwest and took many train trips back to the Philadelphia area to visit old friends and family.

Hazel was a member of the United Church of God in Kalispell.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, and two sisters.

She is survived by her husband, Henry P. Hutchinson, and son, Jan Kieth Hutchinson, both of Kalispell; and one nephew, John Houston, of Litzitz, Pa.

Funeral services for Hazel will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 23, at Johnson Mortuary chapel with Elder Roc Corbett and Pastor Glen White officiating. Visitation will be just prior to the service Friday. Burial will be after services at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family suggests that any memorial contributions be sent to the Humane Society of Northwest Montana, 3499 U.S. 93 N., Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

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## Kenneth E. Hutton, 68

Kenneth E. Hutton, 68, died Thursday, Nov. 8, 2007, at his home in Libby.

He was employed by the J. Neils Lumber Company and the St. Regis Paper Company.

He is survived by his children, Penny Conway of Walnut Creek, Calif., Michael

Hutton of Reno, Nev., Lisa Hutton-Woest of Brentwood, Calif., Larry Hutton of Discovery Bay, Calif., and Chad Rebo of Great Falls.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home Chapel. Interment services will follow in the City of Libby Cemetery.

## Gary Lee Hylton, 56

Gary Lee Hylton, 56, of Hungry Horse, husband, father and grandpa, passed away Feb. 7, 2007, due to cancer.

He was born Dec. 16, 1950, in Renton, Wash. He graduated from Franklin High School in Seattle and attended a few years of college in the Seattle area.

Along with managing a gas station, he was a jack-of-all-trades.

Gary was a Vietnam veteran and during his service in the Army he was awarded two Purple Hearts, a Bronze Star and a Commendation Medal.

In 1999, he married Sandra Gomes at the Southfork Saloon in Martin City.

He was captain and president of the Men's Canyon Pool League and took in stray critters.

Gary's hobbies and interests included golf, soccer, pool, rafting, burping, long drives with good tunes, and a "green thumb."



He was preceded in death by his father, James Radley; his grandparents; and his ex-wife.

Gary is survived by his wife, Sandra Ann Hylton, of Hungry Horse; mother, Irean Radley of Seattle; children, Jennifer Hylton, Curtis Gomes, Sara Gomes and Laura Gomes; brothers and sisters, George, Ronnie and Marie; and grandchildren, Karma Hylton and Bailey Hylton. He also leaves behind his "grand-puppy" Dakota.

He is also survived by his nephews, Chris Anderson and Lars Larson; niece, Bonnie Larson; sister-in-law, Suzie; brothers-in-law, Ed and George; in-laws, Quintin and Catherine Richter; and many, many friends.

Cremation has taken place.

A service with military honors ceremony will take place at 2 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 17, at Hungry Horse Park. A celebration of life and potluck will follow at the Southfork Saloon; no black attire, please. Families are welcome.

Memorials are suggested to cancer research.

## Lowell 'Buck' Hylton, 75

Lowell "Buck" Hylton, 75, passed away on Friday, June 1, 2007, at Lakeview Care Center in Bigfork. Buck was born on Feb. 9, 1932, in Roanoke, Va., to Jake and Frankie Hylton.



He served in the U.S. Air Force as a medic.

After being discharged he went to work for the U.S. Government on the Boeing missile sites until his retirement.

He played music in the Great Falls area for many years.

He married Rosanna Murray in 1994 in Kalispell.

Buck is survived by his wife, Rosanna, of Bigfork; children,

Rick Kelso of Kalispell, Jacki and her husband, Terry Lewis, of Kalispell, Shel Coblentz of Washougal, Wash., and Anthony Oberhelman of Kalispell; sisters, Lorrene Bishop, and Geraldine Garvey, both of Roanoke, Va.; grandchildren, Richard and Brian Kelso, Zackery, Ariel, Melonie, Tyler Lewis, Michelle and Melissa Coblentz; and great-grandchildren, Ivy, Carter, Mark and Tyisha.

Memorial services will be at noon, Saturday, June 9, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. A Western-theme potluck will follow the service at the Bigfork VFW.

The family requests memorials in Buck's name be made to the Veterans Center Building Fund, 7950 Montana 35 Bigfork, MT 59911.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Ruth Hutton, 74

Ruth Hutton, 74, of Libby died from natural causes Saturday, May 26, 2007, at her home in Libby.

She was born Aug. 1, 1932, in Libby to William (Dee) and Rachel Payne Shriner. She married Lorne Hutton in 1954. She worked as a waitress in a number of cafes around Libby: The Ten Pin Cafe, The Surprise Cafe, The High Note,

and Tilly's Restaurant. She also worked at Three Corner Grocery and Magic Cleaners.

Services will be at noon Wednesday, May 30, 2007, at the Libby Christian Church. Visitation will be from 5 to 9 p.m. Tuesday and from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday.

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