

## Fred Jaquith Jr., 44

Fred Jaquith Jr., 44, passed away Aug. 2, 2007, due to lengthy health problems. He was born April 13, 1963, to Fred and Betty Jaquith.



He was very knowledgeable in working computers and other electronics. He was also an avid race-car fan, Jimmy Johnson being his favorite driver.

Surviving him are his par-

ents, Betty and Carl Frodsham, and Fred and Mai Jaquith; sisters, Janna Heitschmidt and her husband, Paul, and Carol Kiefer and her husband, Fred; a brother, David; along with a number of cousins, nieces and nephews.

Cremation has already taken place. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 7, at the Salvation Army Church, 110 Bountiful Drive, in Kalispell.

Johnson Cremation and Mortuary is taking care of the family.

## Sammie Matthew Jarred, 59

Sammie Matthew Jarred, 59, died in Kalispell on Wednesday, Aug. 29, 2007. At his request, there will

be no services.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Nanette J. Jaqueth, 52

Nanette J. Jaqueth, 52, died Friday, Oct. 12, 2007, at her home in Libby.

She is survived by her mother, Kay Jaqueth-Watson, of Libby.

Mass of the Resurrection

will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Friday at St. Joseph Catholic Church with the Rev. Jozef Perehubka as celebrant.

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

## Scott Christopher Jeffords, 23

Scott Christopher Jeffords, 23, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 26, 2007, near Columbia Falls, as a result of an automobile accident.



Scott was born March 5, 1984, in Glasgow, Scotland, to Robert and Doreen (MacLeod) Jeffords. He moved with his family to Kalispell, where he attended Peterson School, Flathead High School and Laser School.

He started working when he was 16, worked at Ho Wun Chinese Restaurant for a short time, two years at Teleperformance, Stream, Super One Foods, Plum Creek and had been working at RBM Logging when he passed away.

During his school years, he played soccer, baseball and practiced martial arts. He loved to ride his bicycle, do things on the computer, read, music, playing pool, playing PC games and doing things outdoors. He loved most all spending time with his loving daughter, Autumn.

Anyone who knew Scott loved him; he had a great sense of humor and loved making people laugh. He will be greatly missed by all.

Scott was preceded in death by his grandpa, Donnie MacLeod; Grannie Catherine MacLeod; grandma, Shirley Jeffords; Doreen's fiancée, Mark Swanson.

He is survived by his former girlfriend, Rolanda, mother of his daughter, Autumn; father, Bob Jeffords; stepmother, Rachael Jeffords; mother, Doreen MacLeod; two brothers, Eric Angus Jeffords and Alexander William Jeffords; grandparents, Bob and Betty Jeffords, and Lynn and Bonnie Ogle.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 2, at Trinity Lutheran Church, with urn burial afterward at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. A reception will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church after the urn burial.

Memorials should be given in Autumn's name at the Parkside Credit Union.

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

## Ethel Caroline Jellesed, 92

Ethel Caroline Jellesed, 92, of Troy, died from natural causes Sunday, May 13, 2007, at the Libby Care Center.

Survivors include sons, John, Belvin and Chester Jellesed, all of Troy; and

daughter, Hazel Hollaway, of Granite Bay, Calif.

Private family services will be held.

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

## Kenneth David Jensen, 61

Kenneth David Jensen, 61, passed away at his Bigfork home on March 15, 2007. Kenneth was born June 15, 1945, in Polson, the son of Harlan and Marilyn (Herman) Jensen.

Kenneth was a Vietnam combat veteran and lifelong rancher.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Harlan O. Jensen and Marilyn Upham; and a brother, Allen Jensen.



He is survived by a son, Kenny Jay, of Washington; daughters, Billi Jensen and Jodi Jensen, both of Helena, Jami Jensen-Agular of Fresno, Calif., and Bobbi Jensen of Whitefish; brother, Tim Jensen, of Kalispell; and sister, Elaine Hecker, of Schaumberg, Ill.; and grandchildren, Ryan, Levi, Wylie and Alex.

Graveside memorial services will be held at 3 p.m. Friday, March 23, at the Montana State Veterans Cemetery in Helena. Flowers may be sent to Fort Harrison.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Louis Wesley Jepson, 78

Louis Wesley "Lou" Jepson died March 6, 2007, at age 78, in Kalispell.

Lou was born in Merrill, Neb., March 22, 1928, the first-born child of LeRoy Wesley Jepson and Laura Maretta Goodwin. He grew up living in Riverton, Wyo., where he graduated from high school.

Immediately following high school, Lou enlisted in the Army at age 18. As he prepared to leave for the service, and later a tour to Occupied Japan, his own dad hugged him firmly. This would be the last time they would see each other; his dad died during his tour. So, this led to a hardship discharge from the Army and Lou was able to return home to be support for his mom and family. Eventually, the family moved to Polson, where Lou met the love of his life, Loretta Wilhelm.

Lou and Loretta married in 1953. They moved to Hamilton to build their lives and family. Lou worked for the Northern Pacific Railroad which took them to Portland in 1958. It was there that he began to work as an accountant for A.D. Ford & Son Contractors, and then for R. Hoe & Co., (later, Pacific Hoe Saw Manufacturers) for the next 30 years.

Lou knew no stranger. Wherever he went, he made a friend. He was a talker, an all-out friendly guy. His involvement with youth would be the most remembered thing about Lou. He and Loretta always left an open door for those who needed a "safe" place to go. Lou provided that father figure many of these young people seemed to lack in their own lives. To this day, many still call him "Dad."

Always involved, his interests included Little League coach, Cub Scouts and Boy Scout adult trainer, Sunday School teacher, bell choir, various singing choirs, church elder, basketball coach, church financial secre-



tary, volunteer for CASA, and others. He loved sports, wood working and crocheting!

Above all, Lou's trademark would be the fiddle. From the age of 14, he had loved music. Being raised in a family that built their lives around the guitar, mandolin, piano and fiddle, Lou picked up fiddling, and has been "fiddling around" most of his life. Lou carried his fiddle to various family and group activities. He was part of a country western group called "One Way Train" that played gospel music. This group brought great joy and fellowship to his life. When Lou moved back to Montana, it didn't take him long to begin playing his fiddle for the senior citizen homes and church activities.

In 2002, Lou and Loretta sold their home in Portland and returned to their roots in Elmo. They lived where Loretta spent much of her growing years. They immediately became part of their community. Living near Flathead Lake and with mountains in view, Lou couldn't say enough about how blessed he was.

His life was full. He loved his wife, his Lord, his family and friends — life fully lived. He will be so greatly missed.

Lou is survived by his wife, children, LeRoy and Cheryl of Aloha, Ore.; Sandra Johanesen and Ron of Portland; Wesley and Lauri of Forest Grove, Ore.; and Louis of Elmo; sister, Edith Brown, of Portland; brothers, Bill Jepson of Townsend, and James Jepson and Paula of Portland. He also leaves behind 11 grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation for Louis will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, March 11, at the Grogan Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday, March 12, at the Presbyterian Church of Polson with Rev. Dave Anson officiating. Private family interment will be at the Lakeview Cemetery.

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

## Audrey M. (Hoffman) Jochim, 86

Audrey M. (Hoffman) Jochim, 86, died of natural causes at the Liberty County Hospital in Chester, Thursday afternoon of June 21, 2007.



Audrey was a retired south Inverness farm wife and homemaker, who spent the past 20 summers at the family cabin near the West Glacier Golf Course, and enjoyed reading, crossword puzzles, golfing, hiking, fishing, bird-watching, and playing Bridge.

Vigil Prayers will be at 7 p.m. Monday, June 25, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Inverness. Funeral Mass will be at noon Tuesday at the church. A memorial luncheon will follow. Graveside services will be at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Highland Cemetery in Havre.

Survivors include her husband of 53 years, Anton "Tony" Jochim of Inverness and West Glacier; two daughters, Jean Edwards and Peggy Currie, both of Spokane; and five grandchildren.

Arrangements are by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester.

## Arle O. 'Swede' Johnson, 95

Arle O. "Swede" Johnson, 95, of Polson, died on Saturday, Sept. 29, 2007, at St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula.



Swede was born on Feb. 9, 1912, in Dayton, to Oscar and Mary Johnson. He grew up and attended elementary school in Dayton and graduated from Polson High School.

In 1933, he married Bessie Mallory. She passed away in 1972.

After working for a few years at Cline Motors in Polson, Swede started working for Mallory Grocery Store, which he purchased and operated until his retirement in 1969. He also served in the U. S. Navy during World War II.

On April 27, 1977, Swede married Marie McNally Smith.

He loved to fish, hunt, play cribbage, bridge and visit with people. Swede was a charter member of the Mission Valley Elks Club No. 1695.

Swede is preceded in death

by his parents, his first wife, two sisters and three brothers.

He is survived by his wife, Marie, of Polson; his two sons, Elliott Johnson and his wife, Hattie, and Bryce Johnson and his wife, Ardith, all of Polson; two stepsons, Bob Smith and his wife, Kathy, of Pablo, and Brian A. Smith and his wife, Julie, of Polson; and a stepdaughter, Lucille Prenevost and her husband, Bill, of Monroe, Wash. He is also survived by 13 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, four great-great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 26 at the Grogan Funeral Home with Swede's nephew, Father Michael Mallory Smith, officiating. Interment with military honors will be held at Lakeview Cemetery. A reception will be held after the services.

Memorials may be made to the Mission Valley Animal Shelter or to the Polson City Library, or donor's choice.

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

## Bill Johnson, 54

Bill Johnson, 54, passed away early Sunday morning, Nov. 4, 2007, due to a one-vehicle car accident. Bill was born Aug. 15, 1953, in Eureka, Calif.



He graduated from high school in Santa Rosa, Calif., and then joined the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War.

Later in life he began a sales career at Bitney's Furniture. After 10 years he moved to Ashland, Ore., where he sold flooring at Carpet Mart. He then began a year-long journey around the United States with his family and later moved back to the Flathead Valley where he continued his sales career at Hometown Flooring and then, Roybals Abbey Carpet.

Bill met and married Anita Shoop, the love of his life, in Montana in 1981, and later was blessed with two wonderful sons, Jerry and Jesse.

Bill was well known for his wonderful smile and laughter. He enjoyed many summers

in Colfax, Wash., and at Lake Pend Oreille in Idaho with his aunt, uncles and cousins. He was an avid golfer. He enjoyed being active by riding his bicycle, fishing, hiking, playing basketball, and loved sports in general. His favorite hobby was "handicapping the horses."

He enjoyed life to the fullest and always tried to stay physically fit and was meant to be forever young.

Bill is survived by his wife, Anita; two sons, Jesse and Jerry; and all his family and friends who loved him. Everyone who knew him loved him, and he will always be missed.

Memorial services will be held at 4 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 8, at the Buffalo Hills golf course, 1176 North Main. The services will be officiated by Pastor Don Dukes.

Memorial contributions can be made to Anita Johnson at Glacier Bank.

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

## Freda Naomi Johnson, 84

Freda Naomi Johnson, 84, died Oct. 7, 2007, at the Heritage Place in Kalispell.

She is survived by her husband, Howard, of Kalispell; two sons, Lloyd Johnson of Puyallup, Wash., and Randy Johnson of Pahoa, Hawaii; and two daughters, June Clippert

of Federal Way, Wash., and Carole Wheat of Kent, Wash.

Funeral services in Bonita, Calif., are pending.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for the family. An online guest book is available online at [www.johnsonsmortuary.com](http://www.johnsonsmortuary.com).

## Hazel Angeline Johnson, 88

Hazel Angeline Johnson, 88, passed away peacefully on Saturday, June 23, 2007, surrounded by her loved ones. Hazel was born to Charles and Jeannette Halsey on Aug. 2, 1918, at Dore, N.D. She was the oldest of seven children and lived on the family homestead across the state line in Fairview, Mont.

In 1928 Hazel moved with her family to Libby and graduated from Libby High School in the class of 1936. She completed a post-graduate geology class from Professor Asa Wood and hiked to the high lakes and glaciers to study rock formations. Hazel graduated from Kinman Business College of Spokane, Wash., in 1938.

Hazel loved to walk and identify interesting rocks. She also enjoyed bird watching and picking the first wildflowers of spring.

She was preceded in death

by husbands, Thomas Baxter, James Sanders and Wilfred Johnson; her son, Douglas Sanders; and grandson, Wayne Maki.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Jeannette and Terry Maki; her three grandchildren, Michelle and Russ Hartly and family of Lake Oswego, Ore., Suzy Rios and family of Libby, and Terry Jr. and Delaine Maki and family of Baker, Fla. She has 12 great-grandchildren and a great-great-granddaughter. She is also survived by brother, Ron Halsey of Libby; sister, Grace Graeber of Kingman, Ariz.; sister-in-law, Hazel Halsey of Libby; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. today, June 27, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Visitation will be today from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the church Relief Society Room.

## Lourene Elizabeth Johnson, 73

Lourene Elizabeth Johnson, 73, most recently of Oldtown, Idaho, passed away in her sleep March 2, 2007, of natural causes.

During her life she was employed herself as a waitress and caregiver to many. She and her husband also have resided in Libby, Kalispell and Spokane.

She was born July 14, 1933, in Kingston, Idaho, to Glen and Elsie Parks.

She is survived by her husband, Ralph Ward Johnson Jr., of Oldtown; two sisters, Pat Smith of Spokane, and Vickie Johansen of Clarkston, Wash.; her children, Mike and Karen Nelson of Newport, Wash., Joanne Nelson of Williston, N.D., Mitch Johnson of Spokane, Bill Johnson of Spo-

kane, Donna and Bruce Brown of Coram, Kenneth and Dottie Nelson of Kalispell, and Donald and Nicole Johnson of Colorado Springs, Colo.; 22 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. She also leaves behind her "beloved baby girl and Tom-Tom" and her forest friends.

Lourene was preceded in death by her parents, one brother, two sons and one grandchild.

She was loved by so many and missed deeply.

Sherman-Knapp Funeral Home and Crematory in Newport is in charge of arrangements. Family and friends are welcome to sign the online guest book at [www.sherman-knapp.com](http://www.sherman-knapp.com).

## Maurice R. Johnson, 81

Longtime Kalispell resident Maurice R. Johnson, 81, passed away Thursday, Feb. 8, 2007, at his daughter's home in Boise, Idaho. Maurice was born June 17, 1925, in Redwood County, Minn., to Alfred H. and Esther (Hanson) Johnson. He was raised on his grandpa's farm and attended local schools, graduating from Belview High School.



He received his private pilot's license when he was 19 and enjoyed flying until he was 78. Maurice served in the U.S. Army during World War II in the Judge Advocate General's office in occupied Japan.

In September 1948, he married Dayett Phinney. The family moved to a farm at Swan River where they raised sheep, chickens and wheat. The family later lived at Hungry Horse and Columbia Falls.

Maurice worked for the State Forestry and in 1954 was employed by the U.S. Forest Service in Bigfork. In 1960, he took a full-time position as dispatcher and office manager, for 10 years at Hungry Horse. He retired from the USFS in 1978 as fuel-management officer on the Spotted Bear District.

Dayett passed on in 1984, and in 1986 Maurice married Myrtle Johnson.

As an active community member, he was on the Swan River School board, vice president and president of the Community Hall at Swan River. He served

with the Montana Search and Rescue, the Hungry Horse PTA, and was a member of the Montana Pilots Association and the Columbia Falls United Methodist Church, where he served on the committee to build the new church.

He chaperoned the Columbia Falls High School band to Europe and enjoyed square dancing, round dancing, and recently Saturday afternoon dances at the Eagles. He also enjoyed travel, restoring old cars, gold mining and writing letters to the editor.

Maurice was preceded in death by his two wives, Dayett and Myrtle; a brother, Myron; a sister, Lois; and a nephew, Ronald.

He is survived by his four children, Maureen Wiltrout and husband, Gary, of Boise, Idaho; Diane Hilmo and husband, Dusty, of Clinton; Connie Forbes and husband, Mark, of Helena; and Dayton Johnson and wife, Katherine, of Columbia Falls; a stepdaughter, Brenda Curtiss, and husband, Bob, of Kalispell; eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; and a brother, Truman Johnson, and wife, Jung, of Eagan, Minn.

Memorial services for Maurice will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, at the Johnson Mortuary chapel.

The family suggests that any memorial contributions be sent to the Kalispell Senior Center and Meals on Wheels, 160 Kelly Road, Kalispell, MT 59901. Both were valued for their help and friendship.

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

## Mary Elva Johnson, 95

Mary Elva Johnson, 95, died of natural causes at Colonial Manor in Whitefish.

Mary was born Jan. 23, 1910, in Frisco, Okla., to James Pascal and Myrtle Elizabeth Patton, the middle child of five children, including James, Bertha, Roxie and Pascal.

Mary attended school in Alex, Okla. She had her first paying job when she was 12, cooking and serving at a restaurant.

Mary met the love of her life, John Franklin Johnson, at a dance where John and two brothers provided the music. They were married Oct. 27, 1928, in Marlow, Okla.

They traveled throughout the Western states renovating mattresses, including the lodges in Glacier National Park.

Mary's first child, John Pascal, was born in Whitefish. Five years later her daughter, Barbara Jane, was born in Ellsworth, Kan.

She was a talented seamstress, sewing clothes for herself and her family. She also made dolls,

including Paul Bunyon, the Blue Ox and Dolly Parton.

After Pearl Harbor, the family settled in Wichita, Kan., where Mary's husband worked for Boeing. Mary's sisters and sisters-in-law also worked for defense factories. Mary contributed to the war effort by caring for her nephews and nieces while their mothers worked.

Mary was preceded in death by her husband. She is survived by her sister, Roxie Altimus, of El Cajon, Calif.; her son, John, and wife, Lonna Johnson, of Elko, Nev.; her daughter, Barbara, and husband, Sidney Golie, of Whitefish. She has 10 living grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Sept. 28, 2007, at Austin Funeral home in Whitefish. Viewing will be from 1 to 3 p.m. Sept. 27. Interment will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

She will be missed by those who love her.

## Maxine Johnson, 82

Maxine Johnson, 82, passed away April 19, 2007, at her home in Lake Oswego, Ore.



Maxine was employed by the Bureau of Business and Economic Research at the University of Montana from 1950 to 1988, first as a research associate, and later as the director and a professor of management. She spent most of her career studying the Montana economy and briefing government and business leaders on her results. She was the author of about 140 articles and 18 monographs dealing with state and regional economics.

She served on the boards of directors of The Montana Power Company (1975-1988), First Bank Western (1972-1988), and the Montana Board of Investments (1971-1976).

Other service included the board of the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation from 1989 to 2002, (president, 1993-2002); the board of the Burton R. Wheeler Center at Montana State University from 1987 to 2006 (chair, 1999-2006); the board of the AAUW Educational Foundation (1989-1993), and a trustee of the Washington State University Foundation (1993-1999).

In 1975, she received the Dis-

tinguished Alumni Award from The University of Montana, followed by an honorary Ph.D. from Montana State University in 1981.

Maxine was born in Kansas in 1925 and moved with her family to Bellingham Wash., in 1941. She attended college at Washington State University, where she met and married Manford "Buzz" Johnson. After graduating in 1948 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics, she moved to Missoula, where she earned a master's degree in economics in 1950 from the University of Montana.

Buzz and Maxine retired to Bigfork in 1988, and since 2002 have divided their time between there and Lake Oswego.

Maxine loved to travel and enjoyed ballet, classical music and paintings.

Maxine is survived by Buzz; son, Kurt; brother, Robert; daughter-in-law, Julie; and granddaughter, Cory.

Both Maxine and her husband received scholarships while students, which led them to establish a scholarship in their name at Washington State University. Memorials can be sent to: The M.E. and Maxine Johnson Honors Scholarship, WSU Foundation, P.O. Box 641042, Pullman, WA 99164-1042.

Arrangements are by Crown Memorial Center in Tualatin, Ore.

## Ruth Alberta (Hardaway) Johnson, 88

Ruth Alberta (Hardaway) Johnson, 88, a longtime Kalispell resident, passed away peacefully at Good Samaritan Lutheran Nursing Home in Fort Collins, Colo., on Friday, April 13, 2007. Ruth was born in Kalispell on February 11, 1919, to Thomas Hunter and Martha Blanche (Chestnut) Hardaway, who have both preceded her in death, as have siblings Harriet, Florence, Robert, and Evaline. Her namesake granddaughter, Sarah Ruth, also preceded her in death.

In 1941, Ruth married Thomas Floyd Johnson and they made their home on a dairy farm in the Stillwater area, north of Kalispell. To this union, three sons were born. Both Ruth and Floyd were active in Stillwater Grange, as well as Epworth Methodist Church and later Riverside Missionary Alliance

Church, and in a host of other community activities and organizations. Following Floyd's death in 1995, Ruth moved to Good Samaritan to be near Mark and his family.

Survivors include her three sons, Loren and Steve, Klamath Falls, Ore., Mark and Trish, Highlands Ranch, Colo., and Herbert and Pam, Vancouver, Wash. Ruth is also survived by four grandchildren, Chris, Matt, Jamie and Katie; eight great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews, as well as friends from across the entire span of her years.

Internment at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell will be announced later.

Remembrances may be sent to Good Samaritan Lutheran Nursing Home, 508 W. Tribly Road, Fort Collins, CO 80525, or to a charity of choice.



## Judith F. Jolley, 82

Judith F. Jolley, 82, died Sunday, Aug. 26, 2007, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

Graveside services will be held at 3:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 31, at Glacier Memorial

Gardens. There will be no visitation.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for the family. An online guest book is available at [www.johnson-mortuary.com](http://www.johnson-mortuary.com).

## Amy Marie Johnson-Battleson, 91

Amy always said, "A person can do anything they put their mind to," and she did.

Amy Marie Johnson-Battleson, 91, passed away April 26, 2007. Amy was born in Scobey to Oscar August Johnson and Julia Amanda Bystrom-Johnson, May 12, 1915. Her mother, Julia died in the 1918 flu epidemic as did her unborn child. Amy was raised by her grandparents, John and Petra Amanda Bystrom, on their farm north of Scobey.

Oscar married Nancy Nylen Poyner Aug. 29, 1927. They operated the Peerless School Dormitory and Amy went to live with them and became active in drama classes. A daughter, Betty Lou Poyner-Rhodes, was born to this union giving Amy a half sister in addition to a stepbrother, John Poyner, and a stepsister, Vera Poyner-Ferguson.

In 1934, Amy married Earl Collin Brown Battleson. They operated grocery stores at the Fortpeck Dam settlements. Amy also delivered mail until 1938. They moved to Peerless and operated a pool hall. In 1939, they moved back to the Battleson Ranch on Butte Creek. In 1940, they began farming land west of Peerless. They also operated the Scobey Airport and Radio Shop from 1947-48. They wintered in Kalispell where their children, Phyllis, Willis and Sharon attended school. Amy and Earl were active members of the Elks.



After their family was grown, they wintered in Arizona. Amy was a master on the knitting machine and sold knitted swimming suits to the trendy shops in Arizona. Her quilts and quilted jackets were a work of art. In 1985, Earl and Amy bought a home Glasgow.

Amy loved to sew, crochet, knit, needlepoint, work with ceramics, and porcelain dolls with her life-long friends, Verna Jones and Margaret Sunby, her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She also loved to read, back, dance and visit. Amy, aka Grandma Amy or Little Amy, was always up for a game of Yatzee or cards in the evening.

She is survived by two daughters, Sharon Anderson, of Glasgow, and Phyllis Frederick, of Portland, Ore.; 13 grandchildren, Steve Frederick, Julie Frederick-Todd, Camille Frederick-Greenslade, Laurie Battleson, Dixie Battleson-Benjamin, Debbie Battleson, Earl Dale Battleson, Jessica Battleson-Welk, Raelyn Womack, Bill Anderson, Duane Anderson, Skeg Anderson, Tom Anderson; 27 great-grandchildren; 6 great-great grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews.

Amy was preceded in death by her husband, Earl Collin Brown Battleson; a son, Willis Dale Battleson; stepbrother, John Poyner; stepsister, Vera Poyner-Ferguson; and half sister, Betty-Lou Johnson-Rhodes.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, May 3, at the Scobey Lutheran Church in Scobey, a reception will follow.

## Margaret Florence Johnston, 76

Margaret Florence Johnston, 76, "went to live with her Lord" on Dec. 17, 2007, after a courageous battle with cancer.

She was born on July 17, 1931, in Lethbridge, Alberta, to Reuben A. and Constance S. Deglow. Margaret and her family homesteaded in Del Bonita, Alberta, until May 24, 1946, when her dad and mother bought a home and acreage in the Lake Blaine area. Margaret graduated from Flathead County High School in 1950, then attended Kalispell Business College.

Upon graduation, Margaret was employed with Treasure State Equipment Company in Kalispell, where she remained a trusted and faithful employee for many years, until the company closed. She then was employed at Louisiana Pacific and, later, numerous housekeeping positions for Kalispell area motels until her health declined last year.

Following a long courtship, she married Archie Johnston in May, 1967. Margaret and Archie

made their home on Archie's family homestead off Mooring Road, south of Columbia Falls. After Archie's retirement in the 1990s, they moved to Kalispell.

Margaret was preceded in death by her parents, and her sister, Bernice Cordier.

Margaret is survived by her husband, Archie; her brother and sister-in-law, Bert and Gloria Deglow; nieces and nephews, Doug Cordier, Tammy Deglow, Becky Adamson and Lance Deglow; numerous grandnieces; and two great-grandnieces.

Graveside services for Margaret will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 20, at Glacier Memorial Gardens with Rev. Richard Whittet of the Kalispell Foursquare Church officiating. A reception will follow at the Foursquare Church, 2794 U.S. 93 North.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, the Flathead County Agency on Aging/Meals on Wheels, or the charity of one's choice.

## Max Edward 'Ed' Johnston, 64

Max Edward "Ed" Johnston, 64, died on Thursday, Jan. 25, 2007, at the Brendan House in Kalispell.

He is survived by his wife Suzanne Johnston of Kila

and a son Michael Johnston of Lake Havasu City, Ariz.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring the family.

## Ryan J. Johnston, 27

Ryan J. Johnston, 27, of Libby, died Monday, May 21, 2007, of injuries received in a vehicle accident near Libby.

He was a carpenter and welder, working both for Evey Construction and for Montana Machine Works in Libby.

He is survived by his wife, Teresa; his children, Rylie and Reece; and stepchildren,

Levi, Logan and Colton.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the Nelson and Vial Funeral Home chapel, with interment services afterward at the city of Libby Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. A reception will be afterward at the Elks Club, 220 West Fourth St., in Libby.

## Bessie Serina Jones, 84

Bessie Serina Jones, 84, died from COPD on Saturday, April 14, 2007, at Heritage Place in Kalispell. She was born June 5, 1922, in Greycliff to Jonas Sharpe



and Lucy (Davis) Sharpe. She attended school in Big Timber and Hot Springs, and graduated from the eighth grade at Mountain View Grade School.

She married Phillip Jones on June 14, 1941. Bessie, Phillip and family moved to the Smith Valley community in 1945, where she lived until the past five years. She lived with her daughter and son until she moved to Heritage Place.

Bessie was a mother first, a waitress at the Husky Truck Stop, cook's helper at the Lutheran Home, a caregiver for Jeane Jahnke Rest Home, and a maid at the Blue and White Motel until her retirement.

She was a life member of Ladies Auxiliary Veterans of World War I, 34-year member of Ladies Auxiliary of VFW, and a 59-year member of Smith Valley Grange. She had been a 4-H leader for the Smith Valley Booster 4-H Club and member of the Flathead Home Demonstration Club in the 1950s.

Bessie enjoyed taking care of her garden, and cows and cats when she was able. She made many blue-ribbon afghans that

she gave away as graduation, birthday and wedding presents.

She was preceded in death by her father, Jonas Sharpe; mother, Lucy Cartwright; step-father, Walter Cartwright; husband, Phillip Jones; and brother Ernest Sharpe.

Bessie is survived by her sisters, Ellen Nutting and Mary MacDonald, both of Kalispell, and Bette Mathes of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; brother, Robert Cartwright, of Kalispell; sisters-in-law, Emma Shero, Mary Bauer and Evy Jones, and brother-in-law, Abraham Jones, all of Kalispell; son, Roger Jones, and special friend, Karen Lee, and daughter, Phyllis Carr, and husband, Melvin, who was like another son to her, all of Kalispell; granddaughters, Donna Carr, Melissa Senner and husband, Brent; great-grandchildren, Keyanna Carr, Kassandra, Jared and Quentin Senner; and many nephews and nieces.

She always enjoyed taking care of small children. Her great-grandchildren always put a sparkle in her eye and a smile on her face.

Visitation will be from 3 to 7 p.m. today, April 17, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 18, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, with Pastor Nathan Bemis officiating. Burial will be afterward at Glacier Memorial Gardens, followed by a luncheon at the Smith Valley Grange Hall.

## Daphne Jones, 62

Daphne Jones, 62, passed away Tuesday, April 10, 2007, at Brendan House in Kalispell, after a short battle with cancer. She was born Aug. 24, 1944, in Peterborough, England. Daphne was the oldest of six children of Cyril and Kathleen Courten. She was raised in Peterborough.

Daphne loved to spend time on the ocean and going to the parks for the rides.

In 1961, Daphne met Richard "Dick" Rue Jones, who was stationed at the R.A.F. Air Force Base in Alconbury, England. On April 7, 1962 they were married. She was working at a local grocery store as a grocery assistant.

On June 5, 1962, they had their first child, Nicholas Wayne, in Peterborough. On July 14, 1963, only a year later, they were on their way to the United States.

Daphne was a devoted wife and mother, as she continued her new life in the Creston area. Leslie Anne was born July 21, 1964. Daphne also had two baby girls "who are angels in heaven now," Angleia and Tawnya, who were lost at birth. In 1969, Dick moved his family up to the Foy's Lake homestead when his father passed. Melanie Ruth was born June 27, 1977.

On June 18, 1985, Dick passed. This was the first time that Daphne had to go to work since she was a teenager. She first started working as a housekeeper at the Best Western Outlaw Inn. A few years later, she started working the winters at Snowline Tree Company. Daphne made

many lifelong friends that she could share a cry with and with whom she also had many laughs. Her hands were made of leather, and showed how hard she worked every day. Keeping up with the farm and working to support her children and grandchildren, she never seemed to stop ... well, except for that hot cup of lovely tea!

Daphne loved her grandchildren and great-grandchildren very much. If you knew her, you know that these children were her life. She loved her birds and birdhouses, and always made sure that there was a warm nest, for a new year of life, that very next spring. She had a heart of gold. She would always make sure that everyone was loved in their own special way.

Daphne was preceded in death by her husband and two daughters.

She is survived by a son, Nick Jones, and wife, Cindy, of Kalispell; two daughters, Leslie Low and husband, Marty, of Kalispell, and Melanie Hayek and husband, Doug, of Somers; eight grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; three brothers; two sisters; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives. She also leaves behind her cat, Tabitha.

Celebration of life services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 21, in the Foy's Lake Community Center, 100 Foy's Canyon Road, in Kalispell.

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

## Donald E. 'Don' Jones, 66

Donald E. "Don" Jones, 66, a resident of Libby for the past 41 years, died Saturday, May 6, 2007, in Libby.

He was a 28-year employee of the St. Regis Company and later, Champion International, working in the big sawmill for many years in several capacities. He later worked for Envirocon for six years until his retirement. In recent years, Don

drove a bus for Libby Senior Citizens Transportation.

He is survived by his wife, Loretta, of Libby; his daughter, Sheryl Vandertuin, of Libby; and his son, Brian Jones, of Stevensville.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Nelson and Vial Funeral Home chapel, with Pastor Kevin Lindgren officiating.

## Michelei Vickie (Sylva) Jones, 52

Michelei Vickie (Sylva) Jones, 52, passed away Thursday Oct. 25, 2007.

She is survived by her husband, Rick Jones; her two sons, Jordan Paul Sylva and Anthony Norbert Sylva; her daughter, Jeanette Kristie Sylva; her in-laws, Marilyn and Aarron Jones; her stepson, Aarron Jones; and her granddaughter Cheyenne, all of Marion.

Also surviving are her three brothers, Fred L. Sylva, Sterling H. Sylva Jr., and Dwayne D. Sylva, and her sister, Cathy J.

Smith, all of Honolulu; and also numerous nieces, nephews, relatives, loved ones and friends.

She was preceded in death by her father, Sterling H. Sylva, and mother, Jeanette V. Sylva Kilby.

A celebration of her life will be held at 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 28, at the Seventh Day Adventist Church. After her cremation, her ashes will be taken back to Hawaii for her final burial.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Cathy Smith, 728 Shadow Lane, Kalispell, MT 59901.

## Ethel Jordan, 87

Ethel Jordan, 87, of Libby, died Saturday, June 23, 2007, at the Libby Care Center.

She operated the Three Corner Grocery in Libby for 10 years until her retirement.

Survivors include her children, Sandra Peterson of McCall, Idaho, and Steve Jordan, Jerry Jordan and

Tom Jordan, all of Libby.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, June 28, at the City of Libby Cemetery. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Thursday.

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

## Roy Jones, 69

Roy Jones, 69, passed away Monday, May 21, 2007, at his home in Eureka, after a long and courageous battle with cancer. He was born Nov. 29, 1937, at Mountain Brook in Creston to Harry and Jeanette (Mills) Jones. He was the youngest of 12 siblings.

In 1956, Roy joined the U.S. Air Force and was honorably discharged after four years of service.

He married Jo Ann Ryder, and two sons and one daughter were born to them: Mike Jones, Dave Jones, and Pam Ridenour. They later divorced. He later married Sue (Engbretson) Bunker. They had two daughters, Holly Kreider and Charity Leighty. Roy considered his three stepchildren, Kelly Sorg, Becky Williamson and Ron Bunker, as his own.

Roy spent most of his life in the Flathead Valley working in the woods as a sawyer. He was partners for a while with Jack Slack in their own logging operation. Roy loved working in the timber industry and made several lifelong friends who meant a lot to him.

He always was thrilled with the first mountain snowfall, which meant elk hunting season was close. Roy loved the outdoors, which helped inspire him to move to Eureka in fall 2005. The growth of the Flathead Valley was overwhelming to him, and he longed for a beautiful, peaceful area to retire to. He loved Eureka and the people there.

Roy's children and grand-

children were a great joy and comfort to him, and he cared a great deal for their well being. Roy enjoyed life and he looked forward to his early morning coffee sessions with the guys, both in Kalispell and Eureka.

Roy was a simple man who enjoyed the simple pleasures of life. He had his heart and priorities in the right place, and he had the love and respect of family and friends.

Roy is survived by his wife, Lorene "Sue" Jones, of Eureka; his children, Mike Jones of Alaska, Dave Jones of Idaho, Pam Ridenour of Kalispell, Holly Kreider of Eureka, Charity Leighty of Creston, Kelly Sorg and Becky Williamson, both of Kalispell, and Ron Bunker of Columbia Falls; his brothers, Harry, Walt, Rex and Ron Jones; several grandchildren and stepgrandchildren; his daughters- and sons-in-law; sisters- and brothers-in-law; several nieces and nephews; and his "adopted kids", as he fondly called them.

He loved them all and was touched in some special way by each one.

Memorial services for Roy will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, May 29, in the Johnson Mortuary chapel, with Pastor Ron Pierce officiating. Military honors will be conducted by the United Veterans of the Flathead.

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