

Florin Timothy 'Tim' Kahnberg, 84

Florin Timothy "Tim" Kahnberg, passed away in Kalispell on Saturday, Oct. 20, 2007, after a battle with cancer. He was born in Sacramento, Calif.,



on Aug. 30, 1923, to Alvar and Achsah Kahnberg. One of six children, he grew up in Oakland and Alamo, Calif.

Taking family vacations to Santa Cruz, Calif., he learned to love the ocean and fishing.

He graduated from San Ramon High School at the age of 16. He was active in theater and band throughout his high school years.

On his 18th birthday he began working for Pacific Bell Telephone Company in San Francisco.

On Oct. 20, 1942, he enlisted in the Army Infantry. During World War II he spent time in France and Germany.

He returned home three years later and married June Coe and had his first daughter, Kathleen, in 1947. After his return home, he continued working at the telephone company. He worked his way up from an office boy to a senior engineer during his 39-year career.

During this time he also played his clarinet and saxophone in a German band with friends and co-workers.

In 1964, he married Barbara and had his second daughter, Susie, in 1965.

After he retired from the telephone company he moved to Montana, in 1979, and lived here for the remainder of his life. For 25 of his 28 years in Montana he had the wonderful opportunity to return to the theater. Working with his close friend, Don Thomson, he was active in the summer theater productions as well as the Bigfork Community Players. His favorite role was the rabbi in "Fiddler on the Roof."

Tim's active membership in the Masonic Lodge began in California in the early 1940s and continued when he came to Montana. It was always an important and meaningful part of his life.

His many talents and hobbies included golfing, fishing, theater and band.

He was also an accomplished carpenter, building many homes throughout his lifetime.

Tim is survived by his two daughters, Kathy Korb Breshers and husband Jay of Cove, Ore., and Susie Walsh and husband Terry of Kalispell. He has five grandchildren, Jeff, Jamie, Kendra, Kyer and Kacey; and two great-grandchildren, Chris and Bobby. He is also survived by his younger brother, Nils Kahnberg; his baby sister, Betty Yamashita; four nieces and three nephews.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 25, at the Bigfork Masonic Lodge.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Bigfork Summer Playhouse Scholarship Fund.

Blanche M. Parks Kastella, 92

Blanche M. Parks Kastella, 92, died of natural causes Dec. 8, 2007, at the Northern Montana Care Center.

She was born March 23, 1915, in Littlefork, Minn., to Herbert and Carrie E. (Allen) Manery.

She moved to Whitefish in 1933 and married Charles (Dick) R. Parks on July 28, 1934. They had two children — Delores and Jerry. Charles R. Parks died July 21, 1977. She married Alf R. Kastella

June 25, 1983. He died Sept. 29, 1989.

Her memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the First Presbyterian Church in Whitefish, with Pastor Dan Davis officiating. A fellowship luncheon will be held at the church immediately after the service. A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. Friday in Whitefish Cemetery.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Holland and Bonine Funeral Home.

Jacob Talis Kaszuba, 6 weeks

survived by his father, Paul Kaszuba, his mother, Christine Hensleigh Kaszuba, and his big brother, Joshua Wyatt.

He "joins" grandmother Irene Kaszuba.

"In his short time on this Earth, our beloved boy taught us so much. We know now that love, family and friends, like



Jacob Talis Kaszuba, of Whitefish, passed away just after midnight April 24, 2007. He was born March 13, 2007. He is

at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 230 Baker Ave., in Whitefish.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations in Jacob's name to OHSU Foundation, c/o the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, 1121 S.W. Salmon St., Suite 200, Portland, OR 97205-2021; or the Ronald McDonald House.

spring, come to the corners of every winter. That there is great strength and peace in holding babies, and just that is enough. Our hearts have grown five sizes bigger thanks to Jacob, our little jellybean. We will miss you so very much."

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, April 27,

James Arthur Kauffman, 80



James Arthur Kauffman, 80, "was called home to God" on Wednesday, Nov. 7, 2007, at the Libby Care Center in Libby.

He was born Nov. 22, 1926, in Creston, the son of Norman Leroy and Anna Grace (Snyder) Kauffman.

James attended Cayuse Prairie School and Flathead County High School. He enjoyed Bible reading, singing and a job well done. He was united in marriage to Lenora Eash on April 5, 1951, and she was called home Jan. 4, 1961. He later married Naomi Mast on Sept. 1, 1961. Naomi divorced him in 2005.

James was a lifelong resident of Flathead County. As a teenager he worked in the family sawmill, and then served in the CPS during World War II. He was a lifetime logger and pastor. He was a member of the Mennonite Church and was a pastor of the Manicke Community Church for 20 years.

James was preceded in death by his wife, Lenora; parents, Roy and Anna; brothers, Sanford, Rueben and Aldine; sisters, Mabel Miller, Ruth Stutzman and Mary Slatter; a son, Thomas Samuel; a grandson, Norman Kauffman; and a granddaughter, Annie Wagoner.

He is survived by sons, Elton

and Gayla of Columbia Falls, Jay and Angie of Richland Center, Wis., Willard and Dawn of Kalona, Iowa, Ted and Natalie of Kalispell, Jeremiah and April, also of Kalispell, Jerry and Katie Dachs of Mayfield, Ky., and Vernon and Anna Dachs of Kalispell; daughters, Anita and Bill Stinde of Canby, Ore., Nettie and Steve Wagoner of Columbia Falls, and Renee and Jon Sanford of Woodville, Texas; brothers, Paul, Norman and Joe, all of Kalispell, and Dr. David Kauffman of Whitefish; sisters, Lillie and Gordon Weber, and Rosella and Claire Eby, both of Guernsey, Saskatchewan, Bernice Reimer of Newton, Kansas, and Gladys Reimer of Whitewater, Kansas; 22 grandsons and 26 granddaughters; one great-granddaughter.

Funeral services for James will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13, at the Mountain View Mennonite Church, with Gary Wayne officiating. Burial will be afterward at the Creston Cemetery. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday in the Johnson Mortuary chapel.

The family suggests memorial gifts be given to the Wycliff Bible Translators: 202 S. Prospect St., Orange, CA 92859.

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

Millicent Ann 'Mill' Kautz, 91

Millicent Ann "Mill" Kautz, 91, passed away March 5, 2007, at Colonial Manor Nursing Home in Whitefish. She was born to John and Anna (Brutosky) Dolin on June 6, 1915, in Belt, and graduated from high school there in 1933.

Mill was employed by the State of Montana in Helena, and for many years by Home Oil in Black Eagle.

On Nov. 9, 1947, she and William Kautz were married in Great Falls. They made their home in Lakewood, Colo., where she was a homemaker while their three children were small.

Mill then worked for the Employment Service of Colorado as a punch card tabulator, retiring in 1978. Her interests were ballroom dancing, crocheting, watching all sports, traveling by RV, and visiting Alaska and Montana.

Mill and Bill moved to Whitefish in October 2006, to be near family.

She was preceded in death by her parents; nine brothers and sisters; and a son, Duane, in February 2006.

Survivors include her husband of 59 years, Bill, at Riverside Senior Living in Whitefish; a son, Darrell Kautz, of Morgantown, W.V.; her daughter, D'Ann, and husband, Ron Wilhelm, of Columbia Falls; grandchildren, Alex Wilhelm of Columbia Falls and Bozeman, and Ketti Wilhelm of Columbia Falls.

At her request there will be no funeral. Inurnment will be at Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church in Lakewood, Colo., at a later date.

Constance 'Connie' Victoria Kay, 59

Constance "Connie" Victoria Kay, 59, died peacefully at her home in Swan Lake, April 1, 2017, with her family by her side



after a year and a half battle with lung cancer. She was born on June 29, 1947, to Decla (Smith) Kay and Ron Benn Kay in Denver, Colo.

Connie lived a full and varied life. She grew up with horses and was a champion barrel racer. Connie graduated from Golden High School in 1965.

After high school she lived in Aspen and San Francisco. She lived and traveled in Europe for a year where she married Campbell Dalglish with whom she had her daughter, Sierra Camille Kay, born in Boulder, Colo., in 1971.

She moved to the Oregon coast after she was divorced. There she worked as a florist and pursued her career as an artist. She made many beautiful watercolors and did one of her most beautiful custom tile jobs of images of the native flora and fauna for a restaurant.

In the early '80s she moved to Whitefish where she made some of the most lasting and important friendships of her life. She adored hiking the mountains of Glacier.

She moved to Santa Fe, N.M., where she had a successful tile business and gallery with her sister, Ronda Kay. Connie's creative custom tile work and murals have been installed in homes, businesses and gardens all over the world from a public garden in Milan, Italy, to a McDonald's restaurant in Singapore. Her work ranged from beautiful landscapes, to life-sized Day of the Dead skeletons and has been published in most all of the major interior design magazines, including Architectural Digest, and House Beautiful. Her daughter, who is also

an talented artist, and her sister are continuing the Counterpoint Tile Studio and her inspiration will always be felt.

Connie always dreamed of having property in Montana. She purchased her home in Swan Lake in 1999, but because of her tile business and her mother's failing health she didn't move back to Montana until 2005. We all wish she had more time to live this dream.

Connie was at home in nature. It was not that long ago that she was known to take a 16 mile hike by herself in the mountains of Montana or Colorado.

Connie was an incredible artist and a beautiful and unique person that left an unforgettable impression on everyone she met. She was very spiritual but also had a wicked sense of humor, so it was very appropriate that she died on Palm Sunday and April Fool's Day.

Connie is survived by her daughter, Sierra Kay; sister, Ronda Kay; and her grandson, Bixby Boss, whom she loved dearly.

In the last months of her life she enjoyed playing and cooking with him and seeing him perform at plays at the Bigfork Theater.

One of her favorite things to do was to look for the first signs of spring. We invite all who knew Connie to join us at 11:30 a.m. April 14, at her beautiful home and property where we will celebrate her life. At 1 p.m. we will be hiking to Bond Falls so if you wish to join the walk, wear appropriate shoes.

Stop at the Swan Lake Trading Post for directions to Connie's House.

In lieu of flowers, Connie would have liked for donations to be sent to Friends of the Wild Swan, who work hard to protect the land that she so loved. Friends of the Wild Swan, P.O. Box 5103, Swan Lake, MT 59911.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Beverley Joan Keane, 72

Beverley Joan Keane, 72, passed away on Wednesday, May 2, 2007, at the Health Center Northwest in Kalispell. She was born on Nov. 27, 1934, in Wolf Point, to Henry and Lillian (Lyonias) Duval. Beverley moved with her family first to the Flathead Valley and then to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho at an early age.



After graduating from high school, she moved to Oakland, Calif., where she met and married William Keane. They married in St. Joseph Catholic Church on June 12, 1952, in Oakland. The family remained in the Bay area for 50 years while Beverley owned and operated an answering service. After her retirement in 2002, Bill and Beverley moved to the Flathead Valley to be near her family.

Beverley loved her flower gardens, cooking and spending time with her family, but her choicest possessions were her daughter and two grandsons. Beverley was a strong and persistent fighter. She will truly be missed by all who knew and loved her.

She is survived by her husband of 55 years, William "Bill" Keane; a daughter, Delia Keane; two grandsons, John and Bill Watkins, all of Kalispell; and a brother, Roger Duval of Santa Rosa, Calif.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, May 9, at Risen Christ Catholic Church with Father Rudolph Bullman as Celebrant. A Rosary service will be said at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 8, in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel.

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

Theo Jones Kearn, 90

Theo Jones Kearn, 90, died Monday, Sept. 3, 2007, at his daughter's home in Whitefish.

He is survived by his wife, Helen Marie Kearn, of Randolph, Utah; two sons, Kerry Kearn of Milford, Neb., and Kevin Kearn of Randolph; and daughter, Karel Kearn,

of Whitefish.

Services will be held in Evanston, Wyo., with burial taking place in Randolph.

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

Stephen Park Keeney, 51

Stephen Park Keeney, 51, of Columbia Falls, passed away Nov. 19, 2007.

He was born in San Francisco on June 29, 1956, and lived in California and Connecticut before moving to Montana in 1980.

Steve was moving to Alaska when he stopped to visit a friend in Polebridge, canceled the rest of the trip and set his roots here. He never moved far after that; Hungry Horse, Lakeside and Columbia Falls.

Steve loved Northwest Montana, its majestic scenery, its peace and quiet, and the people who live here.

Steve worked as a logger, firefighter, handyman and a carpenter.

He loved music, and was a talented writer and artist.

Steve was preceded in death

by his parents, Rodney in 1995, and Florence in May 2007.

He is survived by daughter, Kelly Keeney of Rensselaer, N.Y.; brother, William Keeney, and sister-in-law, Maureen, and their daughters, Erin and Sara of Lafayette, Colo.; a sister, Katherine, and brother-in-law, Lyle Hendricks, of Orofino, Idaho; four aunts; an uncle; and many cousins.

A graveside gathering, officiated by Pastor Darrell Newby, will take place at 4 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 28, at Woodlawn Cemetery and will be followed by a potluck celebration of his life at 5 p.m. at the Senior Center in Columbia Falls. Contact Kathy at 208-476-7740 for information.

If you would like to make a donation, please make it to the charity of your choice.

Rita Marie (Hewitt) Kellenberger, 52

Rita Marie (Hewitt) Kellenberger, 52, died Tuesday, May 8, 2007, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center. She was born May 5, 1955, in Helena, the daughter of Thomas L. and Dorothy F. Hewitt.



Rita was raised in the Flathead and was a graduate of Flathead High School. Rita had her first child, a son, Joel, and seven years later had her daughter, Jessica.

She received her associate's degree from Flathead Valley Community College in Kalispell. Rita worked in Missoula as a counselor for the state. She moved to Havre in 1983, and stayed there for three years, moving back to the Flathead, where she started tending bar.

She worked at Semitool for a short time, as well as being a counselor for the Lamplighter House, both in Kalispell.

Rita married David Kellenberger on Feb. 14, 1991, in Kalispell.

Rita enjoyed her many pet dogs, all of which were golden retrievers. Another passion of hers was riding horses. She enjoyed music, watercolor painting and art, flower gardening and landscaping, and enjoyed collecting unusual rocks.

She was a member of the 4-H group and was an honorary member of the Rock Club "Rock Hounds."

Rita cherished dearly her family, friends and clients.

She was preceded in death by her father; and grandparents.

She is survived by her husband, David; a son, Joel Hewitt, and his wife, Amber, and their children, Bailey and Wyatt; a daughter, Jessica Hewitt-Horner, and husband, Eric, and their expected son, Taren, all of Kalispell; mother, Dorothy Hewitt, also of Kalispell; one brother, Mike Hewitt, of Arizona, and his daughter, Carol, of Kalispell; and one sister, Patti Konken, and husband, Ron, and their daughters, Alicia and Maria, of Kalispell.

Funeral services for Rita Marie Kellenberger will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 12, at Johnson Mortuary chapel. Visitation will be held from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, May 11, and from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, prior to service time. Disposition will be cremation.

The family suggests that donations be to the Lamplighter House, 410 Windward Way, Kalispell, MT 59901, in Rita's name.

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

You are invited to go to johnsonmortuary.com to offer condolences and sign Rita's guest book.

Francis Alvin Keller, 79

Francis Alvin Keller, 79, passed away on Sunday, July 8, 2007, at his home in Somers. He was born Sept. 9, 1927, in Kalispell, to Frank and Anna (Sullivan) Keller.



Francis never had a bad word to say about anyone. He was a man that appeared almost frail but whose slight frame held the largest heart to all those who knew him.

He lived on the farm with his wife, in Somers, for most of his life. He tended a large number of pigs at one time and in later years cattle. He also bred horses.

He was always in his element with anything mechanical or electrical. He would recall the time he worked on the Hungry Horse Dam and go into great detail on how it operated.

He truly enjoyed sitting at the round table at Streeter's in Bigfork and shooting the breeze with his friends. He was a long-time member of the Eagles in Kalispell.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother; and wife, Betty Keller.

He is survived by his daughter, Pam Neukirch and husband, Ray, of Kalispell; one sister, Dorothy Danford and husband, Neil, of Somers; and his life long friend, James Rom, also of Somers.

Visitation for Francis will be held from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday, July 12, at Johnson Mortuary. After cremation, Francis' remains will be placed with his wife at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

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

Sharon Lea Kempe, 62

Sharon Lea Kempe, 62, of Spokane, "was called home by the Lord" on Dec. 23, 2007, in Spokane.

For the past nine years she had courageously battled the neurological disease ataxia. This illness was unexpectedly complicated in the last year by an aggressive form of pancreatic cancer, which eventually proved fatal. Thankfully, her last days were spent in the compassionate, supportive, comforting and caring setting of the amazing and wonderful Hospice House.

"May Sharon rest in peace through eternity in Jesus' arms."

She was born in Billings on May 28, 1945, to Monte and Betty Annear. Sharon was raised in a very loving, ranching environment in the beautiful greater Whitefish area. After graduation from Whitefish High School, she attended business college in Great Falls.

Sharon moved to Spokane in 1970, working in the restaurant and travel industries for many years.

Sharon had a deep love and devotion to animals, so it was



only natural that she became a life member and very strong supporter of both the local and national Humane Societies.

Prior to her illnesses she was an avid golfer and belonged to both the Wandermere and Deer Park Women's Golf Clubs, along with the Deer Park Eagles.

She is survived by Willard "Will" Kempe, her husband of 26 years; a son, Lonnie, and Shannon Baker of Olympia, Wash.; mother, Betty Kinniburgh, of Kalispell; sister, Debbie, and Steve Eayrs, of Homer, Alaska; brother, Harry Annear, of Livingston; two grandchildren, Sylvia and Sydney Baker; a niece, Kali, and Steve Macalino; nephew, Monte, and Melanie Annear; numerous cousins; and close friend, Patty Selden. She also leaves behind her beloved Shih Tzu dog, Topaz.

Cremation has taken place with Community Cremation Service of Spokane.

In accordance with her last wishes, no formal or informal service will be held.

It is suggested that any memorial contributions be made to either Hospice of Spokane, 121 S. Arthur St., Spokane, WA 99202; or the Spokane Humane Society, 6607 N. Havana St., Spokane, WA 39217.

John 'David' Kemple, 48

John "David" Kemple, 48, passed away on Thursday, March 1, 2007, at the Brendan House in Kalispell. He was born on Nov. 7, 1958, in Salt Lake City, to John Raymond and Nedra (Eagar) Kemple.

Dave received his early education in various schools as his family moved from Salt Lake City to Gresham, Ore., to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Dave graduated from Lakeland High School in Rathdrum, Idaho, in 1977. He immediately entered military service, becoming an air traffic controller in the Navy.

While on active duty, Dave met and married Jess, who was also on active duty with the Navy. They were married on April 1, 1983, in San Diego. After separating from the military, Dave spent 13 years as a professional master certified automotive technician. After a back injury, he retrained;

receiving his associate's degree in electronics technology at the University of Montana in 2003.

Since that time he had been employed with Sunburst Sensors where he manufactured, maintained and sold oceanographic chemical sensors.

Dave is survived by his wife, Jess, of Kila; parents, Ray and Nedra Kemple; three sisters, Katherine Mabrey and husband, Rick, of Tooele, Utah, Bonnie Jones and husband, Brian, of Pocatello, Idaho, and Lisa England and husband, Don, of South Jordan, Utah; and a brother, Kenneth Kemple, and wife, Teresa, of Elizabeth, Colo.

Funeral services for Dave will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, March 5, in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Chaplain Eddy Nye officiating. Cremation will follow the services.

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

Marilyn J. Kenelty, 82

Marilyn J. Kenelty, 82, died Tuesday, May 29, 2007, at her home in Libby.

Survivors include her husband, Jerry of Libby; her children, Rev. Donna Flynn Martin of Kalispell, Vicki Flynn Munson of Brimner, Wash., and Bill Blynn of Libby.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Donna Flynn Martin officiating. Interment services will be at the City of Libby Cemetery. A reception will follow at the American Legion Club.

Jeannie Kerr, 75

Jeannie Kerr, 75, of Eureka, died Monday, Aug. 27, 2007, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center from natural causes.

Survivors include her children, Danny Marquis of Eureka, Decie Miles of Baxley, Ga., Rena Drum-

mond of Auburn, Wash., Cora Townsley of Renton, Wash., and Patricia Imoe of Abernathy, Texas.

Private family services will be held. Local arrangements are by Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Eureka.

June (Haycock) Kesler, 93

June (Haycock) Kesler, 93, passed away on July 28, 2007. She was born June 21, 1914, in Panguitch, Utah, to Margaret (Davis) Haycock and Frank



Haycock. June graduated with a bachelor's degree in nursing after attending school in Portland.

She started her nursing career in southern Utah, where she met the love of her life, William James Kesler. They were married in the St. George Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Temple in 1941.

World War II intervened and Bill was drafted into the Air Force and spent three years in Europe. Not to be outdone, June enlisted in the Army as an Army nurse. After the war they found the perfect ranch in Montana and moved to Kalispell, where they lived for the next 45 years, raising Hereford beef cattle.

June's nursing career in Montana covered working in hospitals, being the public health nurse for Flathead County for many years and eventually being the head of the Family Planning Department.

Meanwhile, she baked bread, canned everything, grew huge gardens, cooked for family as well as all the ranch hands, and was the machine that kept everything running smoothly. If all else failed, her sense of humor saw us all through.

In addition to a full career and being a cattle rancher's wife, she also devoted much time and effort to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Kalispell, serving in a multitude of positions, ranging from Sunday School teacher to Relief Society president.

Bill died in 1989 and June moved to Spokane shortly thereafter to be close to family.

She is survived by her only child, Molly Kesler Harley, of Spokane; her sister, Elizabeth Child, of Draper, Utah; grandchildren, Brad Harley of Spokane, and Elizabeth Stevenson of Highland, Utah; great-grandchildren, Justin, Logan and Ashley Harley, and Alex, Samantha and Abigail Stevenson; and several nieces and nephews, whom she loved very much.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 4, at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

Ball and Dodd Funeral Home in Spokane has the honor of handling her final arrangements.

John M. Kessinger, 61

John M. Kessinger, 61, passed away Sunday, Aug. 12, 2007, at his home in Columbia Falls surrounded by family and friends. He had been struggling with COPD and asthma for months.



John was born July 26, 1946, in Eureka, to John and Edna Kessinger.

He married Karen Kaye Fortin on Dec. 30, 1967.

John graduated from Whitefish High School in 1965. He then joined the Army and served a term in Vietnam. After his tour of duty he worked for a short time at the Flathead Tunnel near Libby. He then went to work at Anaconda Aluminum Plant as a brick mason. He retired in 1993 after working there for 25 years.

He enjoyed many outdoor activities including hunting, fishing, boating, camping and water skiing. John enjoyed traveling, which included taking cruises in the Caribbean and trips to Mexico with family and friends.

He liked woodworking, which

included building things for his family along with building two houses for himself and Karen. John also helped others build their houses or remodel them.

He especially enjoyed spending time with his family and friends in the great outdoors.

John was preceded in death by his father, John Sr.; his mother, Edna; and his brother, James.

He is survived by his wife, Karen; his sister, Rosalie and husband, Stan, of Stevensville; and daughters, Wendy Caldwell and her husband, Steve, of Columbia Falls, and Michelle Pullen and her husband, Jim, of Central Point, Ore. He has six grandchildren, Curtis, Seth, Jesse and Jamie Caldwell, Natali Kessinger and Zackary Becker. He is also survived by his brothers-in-law, Larry Fortin and his wife, Erna, and their family, and Gary Fortin; and by his very special friends, Ron and Vicki Lamoreaux and family.

A memorial service will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 18, at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. Rev. David Merkel will officiate.

"We also want to thank everyone who helped to ease John's passing. Your friendship meant the world to him."

Patricia Mae Kessler, 72

Patricia Mae Kessler, 72, passed away June 17, 2007, after a lengthy illness. Patricia was born June 28, 1934, in Idaho Falls, Idaho, to Pearl Lucile Winans



and Ralph Cleverley Barnes. She was their first child, the oldest of six girls and one boy. She was named Patricia because her mother liked the name (but they have always called her Patty) and she was named Mae after her dad's mother.

Patty was a talented person that had a lovely singing voice and an excellent craftsman. She worked hard her entire life. As the oldest child she was expected to help raise the other children. She worked hard in the Idaho potato and other fields. After she was married she bore eight children, seven from 1958 to 1963, and one in 1976. Her legacy of hard work, dedication to family, and testimony of love through adversity will be with us through all time and throughout all eternity.

Survivors include her husband, John Kessler, of Kalispell; five sisters, Jean and Frank Adamson of Ucon, Idaho; Joan and Larry Field of Grant, Idaho; Carol and Wayne Heiskari of Boise, Idaho; Mary Lou Barnes of Blackfoot, Idaho, and Shirley and Kevin Morris of Shreveport, La.; and one brother, Ralph Barnes of Clarkston, Wash.

Patricia is also survived by eight children, Bryan Kessler of Laurel; Kevin and Kimberly Kes-

ler of King City, Calif., Sherry and Russel Dohr of Kalispell, Sheryl Ruggles of San Diego, Mark Kessler of Laurel, Kent and Julia Kessler of Childress, Texas, Kay and Bobby Raymond of Columbia Falls, and Cindy Kessler of Kalispell; grandchildren, Jackie Ruggles of Laurel, Wendy and James Storey of San Diego, Brittney Dohr, Courtney Dohr and Joshua Dohr, all of Kalispell, Bobbie Ann Raymond, Stephanie Raymond, Tianna Raymond, Nicholas Raymond and Rebecca Raymond, all of Columbia Falls, David Kessler, Johnathan Kessler, Rachel Kessler, Casha Kessler and Hannah Kessler, all of Childress, Donna Kessler of Kalispell, Cora Kessler, Moriah Kessler and Jacob Kessler, all of King City; and great-grandchildren, Destinee Kessler of Kalispell, and Athena Storey and Aidian Storey, both of San Diego.

"We pray that her passing will help us remember to be a little more loving one to another. Let her passing be a unification of our family, of loving service to family, of dedicated hard work, and a testimony of endurance and may she be remembered in our hearts and minds as one who had the courage to live a Christ-centered life."

There will be a viewing from 3 to 7 p.m. today, June 20, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home in Kalispell. A closed casket service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 23, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Kalispell with Bishop Frank Wraught presiding. For more information contact the Buffalo Hill Funeral Home at (406) 752-0336.

Karen Kay Killingstad, 54

Karen Kay Killingstad, 54, of Libby died Nov. 5, 2007, at the Libby Care Center after a long battle with cancer, strokes and a near-drowning incident.

She was born Dec. 18, 1953, in Sheboygan, Wis., to Gordan and Shirley Killingstad.

In April 1991, she moved to Montana from Wisconsin with her daughter.

She is preceded in death by her parents; and husband, Gordon Hermon.

Survivors include her daughter, Kristina Price, of Libby.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Nov. 17 at the boat ramp at River Park on City Service Road.

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

Albert Amos Kinney, 78

Albert Amos Kinney, 78, died Jan. 4, 2007, at Mountain View Manor.

He started work in the sawmill at the age of 17 and retired from Plum Creek.

Survivors include many

nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 8, at the Church of God in Eureka. Arrangements are by Nelson and Vial Funeral Home in Eureka.

Alice (Connie) Kirby, 78

Alice (Connie) Kirby, 78, "left this life" on Monday, Jan. 29, 2007, in St. George, Utah, at Dixie Regional Hospital. A long time resident of the Flathead valley and Thompson Falls area, she was born April 27, 1928, in Logansport, Ind. to Otto and "Sophie" Grantham.

She loved the outdoors and family gatherings. She especially enjoyed her grandchildren and was happiest when they were around.

Even in poor health for many years, her kindness and love for family was a blessing to all that knew and loved her! She had a great love for her church and its hymns and loved it when her family sang to her. Even though she had little, she gave willingly, and always wished she could do more. She will be remembered always as an honest, caring person who found joy and courage in her family and faith.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Marion; son, Jim;

sisters, Florence and Iris; brothers, Willard, Melvin, Paul and Lloyd; son-in-law, Ralph Hogan; and grandson, Joshua Hogan.

She is survived by brother, Charlie Grantham; sister, Mae Corcoran; daughters, Jennie and Rob McMullen, and Linda and Clay Cook; granddaughters, Jeriee and Allison; and grandsons Lee, Rance, Kelly, Jake, Jon and David. Also left behind were many great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and one great-great-grandson!

"She has gone home, but will be greatly missed by all!"

Funeral services for Alice were held Feb. 1 in St. George, Utah.

Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8, at White Pine Cemetery west of Thompson Falls.

A remembrance gathering will be held for family and friends at 4 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 10, at the home of Allison and Don Maxwell, 404 S. Meridian, Kalispell.

Bernard Van 'Bernie' Kirk, 90

Bernard Van "Bernie" Kirk, 90, died Saturday, Jan. 27, 2007, at Riverside Senior Living in Whitefish.

He is survived by his son, Mark Kirk, of Whitefish.

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

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for the family.

Robert L. Kirk, 76

Robert L. Kirk, 76, passed away Friday, Jan. 5, 2007, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center with all his children at his side.

Bob was born in Somers on Dec. 27, 1930, to Arthur and Edna (Ritzman) Kirk. He was raised on the family farm and attended Somers School. According to Bob, he walked five miles to school, uphill, both ways.

Bob graduated from Flathead County High School, where he excelled in football, basketball and track. He received his degree in education from the University of Montana, where he was also a member of the Sigma Nu fraternity. Bob's military career started with the ROTC. He went into the U.S. Air Force as an officer and received his wings as a multi-engine pilot.

In 1953, he married K. Phyllis Treweek of Kalispell. He taught eighth grade at Evergreen School before embarking upon his career in the banking industry. He started at First National Bank as a loan officer and retired several years later from Conrad National Bank (First Interstate Bank) as vice president.

The active lives of his children pulled Bob into the realm of baseball coach and ski instructor. Bob's compassion extended beyond his family. His involvement as a board member with the Salvation Army was rooted in his belief that we are all here to help each other. Those fortunate enough to experience Bob as their friend knew that they could count on him during troubled times. A quiet knock on the door would announce that Bob, with toolbox in hand, was there to help. His community involvement also included the Jaycees, the Elks and the Kalispell Chamber of Commerce.

Bob gave his children the greatest gift of all ... the gift of his time. Many memories were made while camping, fishing and recreating in Bob's beloved Flathead Valley. Winter seasons for the Kirk children were spent at Big Mountain, where Bob taught his children to ski and eventually supported them in their skiing and racing adven-



tures. Summer seasons were enjoyed at Echo Lake. With Bob at the helm, the Kirk boat ran continuously through the days, with the beginners learning to ski while the experts doled out advice. Sounds of laughter punctuated the nightly campfires — "Yabba-Dabba-Doo!"

In his later years, Grandpa Bob earned the name of "Mr. Mom." Always willing to help out, Grandpa Bob traveled to Missoula, Denton, Washington state, or wherever he was needed. Donning an apron for either cooking a meal or building a deck, Bob was always there to help his children. He so enjoyed watching the grandkids participate in their football, basketball and baseball games. Chuckling as they tried to emulate a cast, belt out a song, or create a curveball, Bob enjoyed the milestones of his grandchildren's lives.

Watching Grizzly football games with his buddies and his children brought Bob great moments of joy and jubilee (with just a few outbursts of frustration) ... Go Griz!

Bob is preceded in death by his parents, Edna and Arthur Kirk; his siblings, Patricia Kirk (age 3), Arthur (Ernie) Kirk, Edwin Kirk and Joyce Kirk Buscho.

Survivors include daughter Barbara Cook of Kalispell and her children, Andy Kirk, Katy Cook and Jayne Cook; daughter Janice Carter and her husband, Jack, of Denton, and their children, Beau and Josey; son, Tim Kirk, and his wife, Connie, of Missoula, and their children, Tyler, Mac and Cody; daughter Deanna Peck and her husband, Thom, of Bigfork, and their children, Taylor and Kylie; and great-grandchildren Andy and Andrea'.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 9, at the First Presbyterian Church, with the Rev. Glenn Burfeind officiating. Burial will be afterward at Conrad Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 11 to 6 p.m. today, Jan. 8, at Johnson Mortuary.

Memorials may be made to the Salvation Army, 110 Bountiful Drive, Kalispell, MT 59901, or the American Heart Association, 510 First Ave. N., No. 114, Great Falls, MT 59401, or to the donor's choice.

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

Dale O. Kimmel, 70

Dale O. Kimmel, 70, died Aug. 7, 2007, in Kalispell. A celebration of life will be announced at a later

date in his obituary. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Lula Inez King, 88

Lula Inez King, 88, passed away Sept. 17, 2007, at her Fortine residence.

"A Child of God" was born Feb. 18, 1919, to Floyd and Flora Fox in Walkerville, Mich. At a young age, Lula and her family moved to Montana.

Her father was a logger and they lived in logging camps in Trego and Kila. Lula attended first and second grades in Kila. They then moved to Lonepine, where she attended school from the third grade through her high-school years. Lula graduated valedictorian of her class. She attended every alumni banquet since they started in 1937, until this year because of illness.

Lula married Jack King in 1937. They lived in Lonepine, farming their entire lives.

Lula loved to bake, sew, garden, hunt, square dance, play cards and travel.

Lula and Jack raised four



children, Bobby, Jimmy, Delores, and Rick.

She is preceded in death by her husband of 50 years, Jack King; her parents; two sons, Bobby and Jimmy; son-in-law, Roger Parker; sister, Lucy Cochrane; brother, Clayton Fox; and granddaughter, Sheri Britton.

She is survived by her twin sister, Lila Sheldon; daughter, Delores Parker; son, Rick and Cathy King; grandchildren, Deb Reynolds, Connie Schultz, Bill King, Tim King, Deb Holder, Tamara Winkler, Dennis Parker, Shelley Parker, Abby Coleman, and Cody King; 19 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. She also leaves behind two special people, Penny Ross and Marlene Shaffer.

A celebration of life will be held at 1 p.m. Sept. 27 at the Lonepine Hall.

The family requests no flowers. Donations can be made in Lula's name to Kalispell Hospice Care.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Carla K. Kinkade, 52

Carla K. Kinkade, 52, of Libby, died July 11, 2007, at St. John's Lutheran Hospital from natural causes.

She worked as a waitress at the 4Bs in Libby and for Libby Floral.

Survivors include her husband, Randy Kinkade, of

Libby; children, Jenny Couture, and Jon Couture, both of Libby, and Missy Couture of Missoula.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, July 16, at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home. Burial will be at the City of Libby Cemetery.

Grace C. Kirshner, 83

Grace C. Kirshner, 83, died at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell on Tuesday, April 17, 2007.

Grace was born Sept. 1, 1923, in Los Angeles to Alexander Harris and Grace (Morgan)

Clarke.

She graduated high school and completed four years of college.

At her request, Grace will be cremated with no services.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Liv Anne Kittilsby, 72

Liv Anne Kittilsby, 72, passed away Nov. 16, 2007, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She was born April 8, 1935, in Larvik, Norway, to Paul and Helene (Lundeby) Tutvedt Boveng.

Liv Anne lived in Norway during the German occupation of World War II. She had special memories of taking eggs to Russian prisoners of war who were incarcerated just blocks from her family home. The family immigrated to the United States in 1947 when Liv Anne was 12 years old. They settled in Kalispell where Liv Anne graduated from Flathead County High School. She attended Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Wash., and received her bachelor's degree in chemistry.

On June 26, 1960, she married Jim Kittilsby, whom she had known since their high school days. Jim and Liv Anne have two children, Kim and Timothy. Jim, who is now retired, was in professional baseball and college sports administration. In later years he was involved in fund raising for Pacific Lutheran University and Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp.

After raising her family, Liv Anne was employed in the banking industry. She traveled all over the world including trips to Australia where her sister, Tele, resides with her husband, Tom.



Her brother, Oystein, lives in Kalispell with his wife, Gail.

Liv Anne had a passion for skiing and hiking. She taught community classes in the Norwegian language, baking and knitting. She also sewed and delivered doll clothes to orphanages in Russia. She served as past president of the Pacific Lutheran University Women's Club and was active in Lutheran church organizations. Her daughter, Kim, works for Alaska Airlines in Seattle. Her son, Tim, of Mercer Island, Wash., and his wife, Lisa are the parents of her cherished grandsons, Eric, 13, and Parker, 7. She was the loving aunt to her nieces and nephews, and leaves behind her dear aunt and cousins in Norway and Montana.

Liv Anne was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Kalispell.

Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 26, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery, followed by a memorial service at 11 a.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church with Rev. Larry Stappler officiating.

Memorial donations may be made to Immanuel Lutheran Home, 185 Crestline Ave., Kalispell, MT 59901 or Bethlehem Lutheran Church or Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp, both at 603 South Main St., Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

Beth J. Knapton, 83

Beth J. Knapton, 83, passed away Thursday, June 23, 2007, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell. Beth was a leap year baby, born Feb. 29, 1924, in Bemidji, Minn., to Ralph and Bernetta Cronemiller. She was raised on a dairy farm with her brother and sisters.



Beth received a teaching degree from Bemidji State College and then moved west.

She was married to Kenneth Knapton, a school mate at Bemidji, in 1946. They settled in Columbia Falls, where Kenny worked for Plum Creek and Beth raised their four children.

She was afflicted with Parkinson's and spent her last 10 years in assisted living, succumbing

at the Lutheran Home.

She was preceded in death by her husband; a son, Mark, and his wife, Carmen.

Beth is survived by her brother, John Cronemiller, and his wife, Lila; a sister, Marion Nelson, and her husband, Don; a sister, Helen Nelson; her son, Dean, and his wife, Jeri; daughters, Susan Supola and Roberta Pauley; eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was kind and good, loved loving, and the enormous strength of her faith carried her through the bad times and enriched the good times.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 7, at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. Pastor Darrell Newby will officiate.

The family has suggested that memorials be made to the Big Brothers and Big Sisters Program.

Carole Mae Knickerbocker, 70

Carole Mae Knickerbocker, 70, of Libby died from natural causes Sunday, May 13, 2007, at her home in Libby. She was born Oct. 19, 1936, in Minneapolis to Austin and Stella Elleretson Curtis.



She grew up and attended school in Minneapolis and graduated from Central High School in 1953.

Carole married Robert Knickerbocker in 1953 in Minneapolis. In 1965, they moved to Libby.

Carole enjoyed gardening and crossword puzzles.

Survivors include her hus-

band, Robert Knickerbocker, of Libby; children, Mike Knickerbocker of Sandpoint, Idaho, Patti Knickerbocker of Tracy, and Greg Knickerbocker and wife, Sharon, of Lewisville, N.C.; brother, Charles Curtis, of Annandale, Minn.; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Private family services will be held.

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

Memorials may be given to hospice.

The family would like to thank Penny, Brenda, Laura and Penny, who work with hospice, for all the loving care they gave to Carole.

James Michael Knoll, 80

James Michael Knoll, 80, "went home to be with his Lord and Savior" on Sunday, March 18, 2007, at the home of his son in Whitefish. He was born Aug. 6, 1926, in Tacoma, Wash., the son of Walter and Esther (Hart) Knoll.



He served in the U.S. Army from Dec. 9, 1944, until March 1946, during which he was involved in the Philippines liberation and the occupation of Japan.

After his service discharge, he returned to Chehalis, Wash., where he met and married Lorraine King in June 1948.

He resumed his job as an auto mechanic for the next 32 years, in the Chehalis area, where he enjoyed carpentry, and most of all teaching his family the love of music, playing piano and guitar as well as worshipping the Lord.

James was loved by his family and will always be remembered as a great example and father. He will be missed.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, LaVaun;

two brothers, Kenneth and Russell; and two grandsons, Caleb and Matthew.

He is survived by his wife, Lorraine Knoll, of Kalispell; five sons, Michael Knoll and wife, Gail, of Whitefish, Lawrence Knoll and wife, Dana, of Kalispell, Christopher Knoll and wife, Clarièce, of Centralia, Wash., and Nathan Knoll and wife, Brenda, of Marion; and five daughters, Inis Baker and husband, Tom, of Lafayette, Ind., Joan Pedersen and husband, Wayne, of Centralia, Mary Husted and husband, Paul, of Kalispell, and Mamie Goodwin and husband, Dennis, and Judy Roose, all of Whitefish; a brother, Richard Knoll, of Entiat, Wash.; and a sister, Donna Kitchen, of Euphrata, Wash. He also left a legacy of 33 grandchildren and 47 great-grandchildren; along with numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial services for James will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 22, at the Cornerstone Community Church (formerly Northridge Heights Church of God), 1970 U.S. 93 N., with pastors Larry Lautaret and Mark Foreman officiating.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for James' family.

Elmer A. Knudson, 96, passed away in Kalispell on Thursday, June 21, 2007. Elmer was born June 23, 1911, in Fowbells, N.J. He grew up in the area and went from farming to employment as a station agent for the Great Northern Railroad.

Elmer is survived by his daughters, Marlene Koenig of Vancouver, Wash., and Patricia Ormiston of Kalispell; grandsons, Jay Robert Norrtonne of Florence, Texas and Brian Ormiston of Seattle; and his great-granddaughter, Cassandra Nordlunde of Kalispell. In honor of his request there will be no formal service.

Buttalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory caring for the family.

Elva Mae Knudson, 70



Elva Mae Knudson, 70, of Kalispell, "went to be with her Heavenly Father" on Friday, July 13, 2007, at Health Center Northwest in Kalispell, following a short battle with cancer. She was born on June 12, 1937, in Kalispell, to Harold and Elva (McConnell) Haven.

She was educated in Kalispell and graduated from high school and also attended some college in Idaho.

She married Jerry Knudson on Aug. 29, 1963, in Kalispell. Elva was a wonderful mother of three who stayed home to raise them.

She loved camping with Jerry and doing crafts. She also loved to brag on her three beautiful granddaughters.

She would cook for Bible Camps during the summer. She also loved to sing and was a member of the Church of the Nazarene in Columbia Falls.

"We love you Mom, Grandma and Mama. You'll always be in our thoughts."

She was preceded in death by her parents, Harold and Elva Haven; and her sister, Ardyce

Dubia.

She is survived by her husband, Jerry Knudson, of Kalispell; her three children, Jerilyn Martinez, and husband, Ron, of Spokane; son, Aaron Knudson, and wife, Cyndy, and their two daughters, Erika and Kathlyn Knudson, all of Aiea, Hawaii; and daughter, Tracy Ware, and husband, Rob, and their daughter, McKenna, all of Spokane; her siblings, Harold Haven and wife, Sandy, of Kalispell, Glenys Bowerman and husband, Gordon, of Nena, Alaska; and Cliff Haven and wife, Karen, of Kalispell; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial services for Elva will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, July 20, at the Kalispell Church of the Nazarene on Whitefish Stage. There will be no visitation.

The family suggests that any memorial contributions be sent to the American Cancer Society, 3550 Mullian Road, Suite 105, Missoula, MT 59808; or to Home Options Hospice, 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

Elmer A. Knudson, 96

Maureen Diana (Walsh) Knutson, 59

Maureen Diana (Walsh) Knutson, 59, died after a long battle with multiple sclerosis and lung cancer, on June 26, 2007, at the Hospice of Larimer



County, in Windsor, Colo. Maureen was born to Richard Walsh and Bernice Peterson on Nov. 2, 1947, in Kalispell.

On June 6, 1966, Maureen married Frank Knutson at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls.

Maureen lived her life to the fullest, making an impact on all who were blessed to know her. She enjoyed traveling and made lasting friends wherever she went. She loved spending time with her family and spoiling her grandchildren. She was loved

and will be greatly missed.

She is survived by her husband, Frank; her two children, Lisa Broeder and husband, Wade, and Shane Knutson; her grandchildren, Nicholas, Halley, and Hunter Broeder; and her brother, Pat Walsh and wife, Trish, and their children, Richard and Courtney, of Columbia Falls.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her son, Richard Christopher Knutson.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, July 3, at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church, Windsor. A celebration of life reception will be held after the memorial service. Memorial contributions can be made to Hospice of Larimer County or The Multiple Sclerosis Society in care of Marks Funeral and Cremation Service, 9293 Eastman Park Dr., Windsor, CO 80550.

Patricia Ann (Enevold) Knutson, 74

Patricia Ann (Enevold) Knutson, 74, of Kalispell (formerly of Great Falls and Havre), died on Nov. 9, 2007 in a Missoula Hospital of natural causes. She was disabled.



Patricia was preceded in death by her husband, Dean Knutson Sr. in 1981; and sons

Dean R. Knutson Jr. in 1969 and John A. Rockstroh in 2006.

Survivors include a daughter, Jamie Lynn Heard, of Great Falls; sons Gareth Knutson of Colorado, Robert Whitaker and William Whitaker, both of Utah; a sister, Donna Bloyd, of Kalispell; and 13 grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 16 at the Chapel of Chimes Funeral Home. Burial to follow in Manchester Cemetery.

Chapel of Chimes is handling arrangements.

Gladys Marie (Soderstom) Koford, 89

Gladys Marie (Soderstom) Koford, 89, passed away Thursday, May 31, 2007, at Eden House assisted living home in Kalispell. She was born in



Camas Prairie on May 12, 1918, to Charles and Ida Soderstrom. As a young girl, Gladys moved with her family to Kalispell where she attended school and graduated with the class of 1936.

On June 28, 1935, in Polson, she married the love of her life, Carl Victor Koford and to this union three children were born. Gladys and Vic celebrated their 71st anniversary in June 2006 before his passing in July 2006.

Gladys worked several years at Montgomery Ward and Company, later at F.A. Buttrey Company until it was sold to Hillstead's. Gladys retired at that time and she and her husband enjoyed many years traveling south in the winter.

She enjoyed traveling, the outdoors, fishing, and camping — especially at Hungry Horse Reservoir and Lake Koccanusa. She spent many summers with her family, traveling with them through the Parks of Canada and Glacier National Park. Her grandsons, Kevin and Jeff, have fond memories of skipping rocks on Lake McDonald, hiking through the backwoods, learning how to fish and stories around the campfire.

She dearly loved all her grandchildren and liked to spend time baking cookies and playing cards with them. When she and Vic would go south for the winter, her granddaughters would be waiting on the front porch for Grandpa and Grandma to come home.

Gladys loved all of her family and perpetuated strong family ties. She would be the first person on the phone to plan the next birthday or celebration for everyone to gather and enjoy. Gladys was a pillar of strength

and always stepped in to take care of everyone and anyone.

Gladys was a long time member of Epworth United Methodist Church and United Methodist Women. She served on several different committees of the church. She loved her church very much.

Gladys was preceded in death by her husband, Vic Koford; two sons, Donald and Ronald Koford; her sister and brother-in-law, Margaret and Maurice Kelly; her sister and brother-in-law, Mildred and Bob Frach; her brother and sister-in-law, Clarence and Alice Soderstrom; and her brother, Lloyd "Bud" Soderstrom.

She is survived by her daughter, JoAnn Paullin of Kalispell; two granddaughters, Kimberly Paullin Edinger and husband, Sid, of Newman Lake, Wash., Angela Paullin of Phoenix, Ariz.; one daughter-in-law, Judy Koford and her husband, Joe, of Bend, Ore.; grandsons, Kevin Koford and wife, Kym, of Portland, Ore., and Jeff Koford and wife, Kim, of Seal Beach, Calif. She is also survived by nine great-grandchildren, Jacob, Zack, Ariel, and Ashley of Newman Lake, Wash., Taylor, Cameron, and Courtney of Portland, Ore., and Alex and Grant of Seal Beach, Calif. Gladys is also survived by sisters-in-law, Lucille Soderstrom of Sandpoint, Idaho, Helen Seek of Kalispell; and by many loving nieces, nephews and their families.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, June 5, at the Epworth United Methodist Church. Burial will follow at Conrad Cemetery. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Monday, June 4, at Johnson Mortuary. The family suggests that any donations be made to Meals on Wheels, 160 Kelly Road, Kalispell, Montana 59901.

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

Donald Edwin Kokoruda, 56

Donald Edwin Kokoruda, 56, died Friday July 27, 2007, at his home in Marion.

Arrangements are pending with Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory.

Harold Kolden, 95

Harold Kolden, 95, passed away very early Thursday, Oct. 11, 2007. Harold was born Sept. 21, 1912, in Hallock, Minn., the second of six children born to Knute and Anna (Hoversland) Kolden. The family moved to a homestead at the Cottonwood area north of Wolf Point in 1917.

As a young man, he left the homestead to attend mechanics school in Fargo, N.D. He drove a truck for the building of Fort Peck Dam and was the camp barber in the evenings, using hand-powered clippers.

On Oct. 30, 1939, he married Ruth Moen in Whitefish. During World War II, he worked as a welder in the shipyards in Vancouver, Wash. Well known as a top car and diesel mechanic, he worked for car dealers in Whitefish and later on, large trucks and equipment in logging and road construction.

Harold was preceded in death by his parents; brothers Leif, Leslie and Einar; and a sister,

Aagot Johnson.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth, of Missoula; daughters, Janice Potter of Spokane, Karen and Allen Dykstra of Thompson Falls, Lois and Richard Benjamin of Great Falls, and Marla and Howard Dykstra of Plains; son, Norman and Bonnie Kolden, of Missoula; one sister, Margaret Deering, of Shelby; 15 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; many in-laws, nieces, nephews, and too many friends to count.

Visitation for Harold will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Oct. 15, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Monday, Oct. 15, at the Flathead County Fairgrounds Expo Center, with burial afterward at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Tanner Robert Kolodejchuk, 22

Tanner Robert Kolodejchuk, 22, died in the evening of Tuesday,

Oct. 9, 2007, at the Columbia Falls home of his Aunt Brenda and Uncle Dave Stewart, from medical complications.

Tanner was born on Jan. 3, 1985, in Whitefish to Shirley and Arlen Kolodejchuk. He attended grade school at Canyon Elementary School and graduated from Columbia Falls High School with top honors in 2003. He attended the University of Utah for three years, majoring in mechanical engineering, and was loved by his Aunt Paula and cousin Emily Daniels while in Salt Lake.

Tanner loved to learn and had a passion for knowledge. He jumped full throttle into everything he attempted, including perfecting catching 10 buoys on his favorite water ski course, working on his trucks and bodybuilding. Tanner was Mr. Junior Big Sky, winning the first bodybuilding contest he entered in 2003; he loved to show his muscles.

He loved to build things, from his LEGO creations as a little boy to his most recent passion, construction. He loved spending hours learning from his Uncle Dave, learning about building while living with Dave, his Aunt Brenda and cousin Cody.

Tanner had many friends and loved spending time going out and enjoying their company. He especially loved plan-



ning and taking trips with his Aunt Kathy where his dreams came true. He looked up to and admired his older brother Timber, who thought the world of his little brother and loved to brag about him to all his friends.

Tanner endured a life battle with diabetes and had suffered many close calls with his health this past year. Like everything he ever did he worked as hard as he could to overcome the disease.

Tanner was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Izzy and Eileen Kolodejchuk; and his cousin, Jake Davis.

He is survived by his parents, Shirley and Arlen Kolodejchuk; brother, Timber and Katy (Yost); his maternal grandparents, Jerry and Eleanor Bell; his adopted sister, Caitlan Woods; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins whom he loved dearly.

Tanner will be greatly missed by everyone whose life he ever touched, especially his family.

A viewing will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. today, Oct. 12, at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, at the Canyon Elementary School Multi-Purpose Building in Hungry Horse.

The family would especially like to thank the Three Rivers Quick Response Unit and the Flathead Valley ALERT for all their efforts over the past year in helping Tanner.

Anyone wishing to make a contribution please do so to either the Three Rivers QRU or the American Diabetes Association.

Arlene R. Korte, 70

"An angel of mercy took Arlene into her arms" on Feb. 1, 2007, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center. Arlene suffered from severe rheumatoid arthritis and numerous associated illnesses since 1993.

Arlene was born May 26, 1936, to Nick and Elizabeth Hensel in Dickinson, N.D. There she finished high school, and married Dale Korte in 1954. They had two girls, Terry and Nancy.

Arlene enjoyed being on the move, from Montana to Panama City, Panama.

She was involved with many enterprises. Arlene had a keen eye for art and design.

She liked to watch Western movies, and, before her arthritis, going on 10-mile bike rides.

She enjoyed traveling and camping, which she got plenty of, married to Dale and later

with Terry Eggen.

Arlene had a twin sister and twin brothers.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Dale, in 1987; daughter, Nancy, in 1972; three brothers; and her twin sister, Darlene.

Arlene is survived by her daughter, Terry Wilson, and friend, Larry Engstrom; her special friend, Terry Eggen, of 20 years; brothers, Nick and Robert Hensel; one sister, Mary Lefor; and brother-in-law, Dick, and Martha Korte.

After coming down with rheumatoid arthritis, Arlene often had dreams of when she was a young girl running and playing with the farm animals. "We like to believe she has returned to the same pain-free place."

Cremation and private services have taken place.

Cecilia Therese Kotecki, 84

Cecilia Therese Kotecki, 84, died on Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2007, at the Heritage Place in Kalispell.

She is survived by three brothers, Lawrence, Al, and Leon Kotecki.

Funeral services will be

held in Colorado with burial at the Fort Logan National Cemetery.

Arrangements are pending.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for the family.

Dorothy Mae Krause, 69

Dorothy Mae Krause, 69, passed away Nov. 26, 2007, at her home in Kalispell.

She was born March 9, 1938, in Kalispell to Herbert and Martha Schwenke. She attended Bald Rock School in Rhodes Draw and married Floyd Krause on Aug. 24, 1955.

She moved with her family to Alaska, where she resided for a time before returning to Kalispell.

She was preceded in death by Floyd Krause; her son, Dick Krause; her father and mother, Herbert and Martha Schwenke; and grandson, Kevin Krause.

She is survived by her son, Deryl Krause, and his wife, Deanne, of Nenana, Alaska, their children and their grandchildren of North Pole, Alaska; son, Kirk Krause, and his wife, Dhana, their children

and grandchild, also of North Pole; sister, Lois Jackson, of Kalispell; sister, Florence, and Carl Rhodes, also of Kalispell; brother, Francis, and Carol Schwenke of Tucson, Ariz.; brother, Bill Schwenke, of Kalispell; brother, Wayne, and Anita Schwenke of Colville, Wash.; sister, Barbara, and Bing Daugherty of Paradise, Calif.; sister, Irene, and Jim Ferguson of Kalispell; sister, Shirley, and Clyde Shipp of Columbia Falls; granddaughter, Kristine; great-granddaughter, Rowan Hill, of North Pole; also numerous nieces and nephews.

Cremation has taken place and burial will be at the Spring Creek Cemetery in Kalispell in the summer of 2008. Time and date will be announced.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Gene W. Kubes, 48

Gene W. Kubes, 48, died of heart failure Jan. 6, 2007, at the Veterans Hospital in Denver.

A memorial service and reception will be held at 3 p.m. at the Eagles in Columbia Falls.

He is survived by children, Aleshia and Scott Arensmeyer, Timothy Kubes, and Jenna Kubes, all of Great Falls; his parents, Tony and Helen Kubes,



of Columbia Falls; sister, Gerri Gardner, of Bigfork; and grandsons, Brandon and Ethan Arensmeyer.

Gene was born Sept. 29, 1958, and was raised in Whitefish where he graduated in 1976. In 1982, he enlisted in the Navy where he served for 14 years before retiring in 1996.

In 1978, Gene married Robin Thomen and together raised three children before later divorcing.

He enjoyed spending time with friends and family, working with his hands, and fishing.

Wesley 'Shorty' Kubes, 79

Wesley "Shorty" Kubes, 79, died July 13, 2007, at the Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

He is survived by a brother, Tony Kubes of Columbia

Falls; and a sister, Frances Britton of Spokane.

Cremation has taken place. Services have yet to be announced.

Ruth Helen (Miller) Kuechmann, 76

Ruth Helen (Miller) Kuechmann, 76, passed away on Sunday, Dec. 30, 2007, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

Ruth was born on Oct. 1, 1931, in Midwest, Wyo., to Gary and Helen Miller. They moved to Bigfork, where she attended grade school. The family moved to St. Maries, Idaho. She graduated from St. Maries High School.

Ruth met and married James H. Kuechmann in 1954. They moved to Montana.

Ruth was an extraordinary cook and a wonderful homemaker. She loved trying new recipes and cooked from scratch. She was an avid trout fisherwoman and occasionally went ice fishing. Some of her favorite memories were of fishing at Brown's lake. She loved to garden and spend time with her grandchildren and "surrogate" grandchildren in the neighborhood. She was a member of the Eagles Ladies Auxiliary No. 234 in Kalispell.

Ruth and Jim were a team.



Together, they traveled extensively in Europe, South America, New Zealand and Australia, as well as all 50 states. Ruth particularly liked New Zealand, Ireland, Switzerland and Germany. Their last trip took them to Hawaii to visit their first great-grandchild.

Ruth was preceded in death by her parents, Gary and Helen, and her brother, Vernon of St. Maries, Idaho.

She is survived by Jim, her husband of 53 years; her only son, James T. Kuechmann II and his wife, Allyson A. Kuechmann; along with three grandchildren, James R. Kuechmann III and his wife Anastasia, Tamara D. Kuechmann and Anthony C. Kuechmann; as well as a great-grandson, James N. Kuechmann IV. Ruth has three living sisters, Odessa Jones, Virginia Hauerfaat and Irene Miller; and one brother, Carl Miller.

A celebration of her life will be at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 5, in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel.

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

Elizabeth Faye Kunnary, 60

Elizabeth Faye Kunnary, 60, passed away Friday, Nov. 30, 2007, at her Kalispell home, after a 12-year battle with breast cancer.



Liz was born Jan. 21, 1947, in Kansas City, Mo., to Bill and Dorothy Reynolds. They resided in Clinton, Mo., where Liz attended grade school and junior high. The family moved to Denver when Liz was entering high school. She graduated from George Washington High School, then entered Colorado State University in 1965.

Liz married Buddy Jones in 1967 and they had two daughters, Heather and Kimberly. Their marriage ended in 1974. Liz met Cliff Kunnary on a Friday night at "The Good Life" in March 1975. It turned out that that name followed them for the next 32 years. Heather and Kim were adopted

by Cliff, and a year and a half later along came little brother Tyler. For the next 10 years, Liz would raise the children in Denver. The family would travel to the mountains almost every weekend for sailing on Lake Dillon or skiing one of the many ski areas close to their Dillon home.

In 1984, the family decided to move to Montana, where Cliff had been raised. Liz designed her "dream home" and was more or less the construction foreman when her home was built. Liz opened the local Baskin Robbins store in 1986 and ran the store for five years. She worked endless hours in filling the many special orders that came in for her beautiful ice cream cakes.

After selling the store, she returned to working as an ophthalmic assistant for Glacier Eye Clinic. Liz worked there for more than 15 years, and only after the recurrence of breast cancer did she retire.

"Liz was one of the most beautiful women I've ever

seen" was a comment made many times over the years. Her beauty was combined with a genuine compassion for life and ever-present grace. Her main love and priority in life was family. She loved the holidays and birthdays, making sure they were "special" for each person. She was never late on having her presents ready on the morning of that particular day. Liz enjoyed entertaining friends at her home and made those occasions special by her attention to every detail.

Liz loved to ski with the family and go sailing and golfing with Cliff. She had a love for others that was ever present. She was like by everyone she met. Liz will be deeply missed. Always positive and smiling is how Liz lived her life.

Liz is survived by her husband, Cliff; her mother, Dorothy Reynolds; her daughters, Heather Conti and husband, John, of Denver, and Kimberly Milliron and husband, Dan, of Kalispell; son, Tyler Kunnary,

and fiancée, Tammy Price, of Colorado Springs, Colo.; grandchildren, Nick, Tonya, Doris and Gabriel, all of Denver, Cody and Cory of Kalispell, Daylen of Colorado Springs; a sister, Marnie Fallon, and husband, Tom, of Crafton, Md. Liz also is survived by many loving nieces and nephews who fondly called her "Big AL." (Aunt Liz).

Memorial services for Liz will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 5, in the Johnson Mortuary chapel, with the Rev. Paul Lobb officiating.

The family suggests memorial gifts be given to Home Options/Hospice, 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell, MT 59901, or American Cancer Society, 3550 Mullan Road, Suite No. 105, Missoula, MT 59808.

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