

## Richard Edward LaFontaine, 80

Richard Edward LaFontaine, 80, died Thursday, Nov. 1, 2007, in Kalispell.

He is survived by his wife, Laureen, of Eureka; two daughters, Lisa Ahern of Garden Valley, Calif., and Sheri Denlinger of Spokane; and two sons, Richard LaFontaine and

Glen Cline.

A celebration of life will be held at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 11, at The First Church of God in Eureka.

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

## Gladys Opal LaFrance, 88

Gladys Opal LaFrance, 88, an Olney resident, "went to be with her Lord" on Dec. 1, 2007.

She was born May 16, 1919, in Kalispell.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Mamie Viola (Barsby) Toney; and her father, Warren W. Toney; and by her husband, Donald B. Dickerson.

She is survived by her daughter, Myrtis Bray in Olney; her son, Richard LaFrance in Nevada; grandchildren, Michael Dickerson in Olney, Deborah Chapman in California, and Juanita Winters in Texas; three great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Gladys moved to California

in 1952. She went to nursing school and became a licensed vocational nurse. She worked in southern California and in the Bay area. She then worked at Stanford Medical Center in Palo Alto, Calif., for 30 years.

Gladys returned to Olney in 2002, where she resided next to first, second, third and fourth cousins. She will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

Memorial services will be 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, at the Whitefish Church of God with Rev. Larry Lauterette officiating. Inurnment will be 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 10, at the Whitefish Cemetery, all under the direction of the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish.

## Hubert Junior 'Frenchy' LaFrance, 76

Hubert Junior "Frenchy" LaFrance, 76, died on Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2007, at Health Center Northwest in Kalispell. He was born in Kalispell on

Aug. 13, 1930, the son of Joseph Hubert and Juanita Wilma (Hall) LaFrance.

Frenchy was a member of the Montana National Guard from April 3, 1950 to Dec. 9 1952. He then went on active duty in the U.S. Navy, serving on the USS Salem (CA-139) from Dec. 9, 1952, through Nov. 8, 1956, as a CSG-cook. He then went into the Naval Reserve on Nov. 8, 1956, to Dec. 8, 1960. Frenchy was then employed by Lee Distributing from 1966 to 1992.

He loved fishing, hunting and telling jokes.



He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Georgia LaFrance Akins; and brother, Arthur G. LaFrance.

He is survived by his wife, Anita Harding LaFrance, of Kalispell; six children; son, Christopher La France of Georgia, daughters, Julie Birky and Mary Thompson, both of Montana; stepson, Thomas Harding, of Montana; and stepdaughters, Cheryl Gibson of Florida, and Lela Sineri of Florida, 12 grandchildren; two brothers, Robert LaFrance of Montana, and William LaFrance of Washington; and two sisters, Gay "Tootie" McKean of Montana, and Bonnie Cash of Montana.

A celebration of life will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 7, at the Kalispell Eagles Lodge. There will be no visitation.

Johnson Mortuary & Crematory is caring for Frenchy's family.

## Charlemagne 'Chuck' Joseph L'Allier, Jr., 79

Charlemagne "Chuck" Joseph L'Allier, Jr., 79, passed away Thursday July 26, 2007, at his home in Whitefish. Chuck was born March 16, 1928, in St. Paul, Minn., to Charlemagne Joseph Sr., and Edonne (Connors) L'Allier. He attended Flathead County High School until he enlisted in the Navy in 1945 at 17 years of age.

Chuck was a senior chief in the Navy in World War II and Korea. While in the Navy he was one of only four Naval chiefs that traveled and checked all the Naval ships food supply and service in the Pacific. From New Orleans to Guam he took charge of making sure the sailors had the best to offer.

He served on the USS Lexington and USS Tucson among many other ships during his 22 years of service. Chuck was awarded six Good Conduct medals, the Korean Service, WWII Victory, Theatre service, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign and the Navy Occupation Service Medals. After retiring from the Navy he became the director of food services for Cal State Northridge for 15 years.

In 1980 Chuck married Pat Cannaday from Kalispell and they owned and operated the property management division of the Whitefish Land Office. For the past 12 years they spent winters in St. George, Utah, and enjoyed many summers at their

cabin on Flathead Lake. Chuck enjoyed building, repairing, and helping anyone who needed his help. He was a fabulous cook and loved to cook for large groups of people.

Chuck is survived by his wife, Pat, of Whitefish; brothers, Gene, Russ and Jim; and his stepmother, Millie; daughter, Michelle, and her husband, Dr. John Bradford; grandchildren, Brandon, Nicole and her husband Steve, and great-grandson Alistair; sons, Steve and wife Jeran, and grandchildren, Shawn and Ryan, and Richard and his wife Phyllis, and grandchildren, Brittney and Corey, all of California.

He is also survived by stepchildren, Sheri and Don Anderson, grandchildren Ian, Isaac and Elise; Greg and Marie Canaday and grandson Kaleb; Kirby and Ron Rierson and grandsons, Chad and Corey Campbell all of Kalispell; close family members, Roger and Melissa Somerville of Bozeman, Sue and Geoff Young of Australia; and several nieces and nephews and very close friends.

There was a private family urn burial at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. You are invited to go to [www.johnsonmortuary.com](http://www.johnsonmortuary.com) to offer condolences and sign Chuck's guest book.

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

## Anna Marie LaPorte, 88

Anna Marie LaPorte, 88, passed away Sunday, Dec. 9, 2007, at the Brendan House where she had resided for the past six years.

She was born on Oct. 27, 1919, to Michael and Katherine Pfeifer in Balfour, N.D. She was raised in Balfour and Kalsruh, N.D.

As a young lady, she moved to Minot, N.D., where she worked in the local hospital. This is where she met and married Leo LaPorte in 1949. They lived in different parts of eastern Montana before settling in Kalispell in 1964. Leo was an auto mechanic and Marie worked at the Palm Cafe until the B&B Restaurant opened where she worked until her retirement at age 62.



Marie enjoyed her family, garden, crocheting, and for the last six years, the wonderful people at Brendan House.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Leo, in 1973.

She is survived by two sons, Joseph LaPorte of Beaverton, Ore., and his children, Richard, Sunshine and James LaPorte, and Dave LaPorte and his wife, Cheryl of Kalispell, and their son, Jeremy of Missoula. Anna is also survived by one sister, Theresa Kuntz, of Minot; and five great-grandchildren.

Visitation for Anna will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. on today, Dec. 12, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home with Deacon Fred Topp officiating. Burial will be afterwards at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## James A. Laing, 89

James A. Laing, 89, of Topeka, Kan., passed away Tuesday, May 8, 2007, at a Topeka hospital. He was born June 22, 1917, in Wayne County, Iowa, the son of John and Osa Dunn Laing.

James married Lenora Zook in May of 1946. She preceded him in death.

Survivors include one daughter, Catherine Burgess, of LeCenter, Minn.; three sons, John Laing of Kalispell, Clinton Laing of Lawrence, Kan., and Thomas Laing of Topeka; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

James graduated from high school in Lawrence in 1935.

He was an Army Veteran of World War II, serving in the European theater as a soldier in the 95th Division. He was award-

ed the Bronze Star.

After leaving military service, his career was spent as a passenger agent with Santa Fe Railroad and Amtrak, retiring in 1982.

He was a member of the First Christian Church of Topeka since 1953.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at First Christian Church in Topeka. Private inurnment will take place in Oak Hill Cemetery in Lawrence.

Memorial contributions may be given to First Christian Church, 1880 S.W. Gage Blvd., Topeka, KS 66604.

Penwell-Gabel Mid Town Chapel is in charge of arrangements. A special message may be given to the family online at [www.PenwellGabel.com](http://www.PenwellGabel.com).

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## Dorothy Eleanore Lalum (Anderson), 95

Dorothy Eleanore Lalum (Anderson), 95, "passed on to join her beloved" on Friday, Dec. 14, 2007, at the Heritage Place in Kalispell,



where she had been a resident for two years.

She was born Sept. 1, 1912, in Almont, N.D. to Hogan and Anna (Seim) Anderson.

Dorothy became an elementary school teacher, and in 1962 went back to teaching in Whitefish until 1975, when they moved to Kalispell and retired.

Dorothy married Palmer Lalum in 1948, and they raised their children on a farm north of Joplin.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her husband, Palmer, in 1993; a daughter, Diane in 1999; and her daughter-in-law, Gaylene, in 2003.

She is survived by her son, Andy Lalum, of Kalispell; along with five grandchildren: Alysa and Annika Walker, and Adam, Andrea and Jessica Lalum; and a great-granddaughter, Abigail.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 18, in the Johnson Mortuary chapel, with Pastor Larry Stappler of Bethlehem Lutheran Church officiating. Burial will be in the Glacier Memorial Gardens.

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

## Maxine Lamb

Family and friends are invited to attend a celebration of life for Maxine Lamb, who died May 19,

that will be held from 2 to 6 p.m. Saturday, June 16, at Grouse Mountain Lodge in Whitefish.

## Warren Samuel Lamoreux, 84

Warren Samuel Lamoreux, 84, passed away Thursday, July 26, 2007, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center, surrounded by his family. Warren moved in 1929 to Stevensville, where he attended grade school and high school.

He served with the US. Army in the Pacific Theatre during World War II. He was a recipient of the Bronze Star.

Warren married Majel Carlson on Aug. 4, 1946, in Oakland, Calif.

He attended the San Francisco College of Mortuary Science and returned to Montana upon graduation. He was employed in mortuaries in Stevensville, Helena and Kalispell. He retired as manager of the Weatherford Funeral Home in 1983.

Warren was married to Majel for more than 60 years; she preceded him in death in August 2006. He also was preceded in death by his son, Chester.

He is survived by a son, Mark, and his fiancée, Sherry Stewart; a daughter, Janell Houston, and her husband, Jeff; granddaughter, Michelle Huff and her husband, Kenneth; granddaughter, Cynthia Thorsen and her husband, Clifford; great-granddaughter, Haley

Huff; and a daughter-in-law, Gail Drew, all of Kalispell; grandson, Mark James Lamoreux, and his wife, Nicole; great-granddaughter, Sierra, of Missoula; granddaughter, Amie Stevenson and husband, John; great-grandchildren, Ryan, Beth and Samantha, all of Rancho Mirage, Calif.

Warren found great joy in his family, especially his grandchildren. He liked almost everything out-of-doors: gardening, logging on his "holdings," hunting, camping, huckleberry picking, culling and splitting firewood. His wood shop was a special place with its woodstove and two coffee pots, and chocolate chip cookies for visitors.

Graveside urn burial will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 31, at C.E. Conrad Cemetery, with the Revs. Huston Green and Marvin Northcutt officiating. Military honors will be conducted by the United Veterans of the Flathead Valley.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be given to the Flathead Wildlife Fund.

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

## Russell Willard Landt, 68

Russell Willard Landt, 68, passed away Thursday, Dec. 20, 2007, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

Russell was born Feb. 21, 1939, in Detroit Lakes, Minn., to Willard and Bonita (Johnston) Landt. Russell attended school in Detroit Lakes and graduated from Detroit Lakes High School in 1957. He attended North Dakota University for a short time, then transferred to Moorhead State University in Minnesota, where he received his Bachelor of Science degree in history and biology.

Russell married Beatrice LaChance on Sept. 10, 1966, in Columbia Falls. Russell was able to spend his whole working career in the place he enjoyed most, Glacier National Park. His career started in 1958 and fin-



ished with his retirement in 2000. He held every job, starting on the trails and concluding as road foreman of the west-side crew.

His great love of the Park was filled with many joys and challenges. Among these was the opportunity to be the pioneer Caterpillar operator for the Going-to-the-Sun Road.

Russell loved the outdoors, his grandchildren and football, especially the Tennessee Volunteers.

Russell was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his loving wife of 41 years, Bea Landt, of Coram; children, Shawna Landt of Columbia Falls, and Rob Landt and his wife, Sherie, of Hurricane, Utah; seven grandchildren; brother, Dave Landt and his wife, Mary, of Lake Havasu City, Ariz.; niece, Kendra Condit and her husband, Dwayne; and nephew, Colter Landt.

Memorial services will be held at a later date. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

## Sue Elizabeth Lanier, 71

Sue Elizabeth Lanier passed away Feb. 23, 2007. She was born Nov. 28, 1935, in Polson, to Elizabeth and William Gregg. She graduated from Polson High School and the University of Montana.

In 1958, she married Keith Lanier, and they were happily married for more than 48 years. Together with their four children, they traveled the world while living on Kwajalein in the Marshall Islands, and in Germany and Japan.

In 1995, Sue and Keith returned to Montana and Sue's beloved Flathead Lake.

Sue was an avid hiker, skier, kayaker, gardener and beloved grandmother. She was a member of the PEO and St. Andrew's



Episcopal Church in Polson.

Sue is survived by her husband, Keith; her children, Elizabeth Laimbeer and John, Gregg Lanier and Megan, Tom Lanier and Cristina, and Catherine Young; grandchildren, Ian, Sean, Alex, Claire, Connor, Lucas and Cade; as well as her brother, Bill Gregg, and Jeannette; and sister, Kathy Farmer, and Mike; and numerous nieces and nephews, and friends worldwide.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 3, at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. Private family inurnment will be held.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle, Dollars for Scholars, Flathead Lakers, Mission Mountain Enterprises or the local charity of your choice.

Grogan Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

## Helen 'Poogie' Loretta (Kirkpatrick) Larrivee, 82

Helen "Poogie" Loretta (Kirkpatrick) Larrivee, 82, "slipped away from the hands of her devoted friends and family" on Oct. 18, 2007.



"We have no doubt that she was welcomed with outstretched arms by the Lord and by her family who have gone before."

Poogie's family was the centerpiece of her life. She had five children, 14 grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren. There was never a doubt in our minds that we were always loved and welcomed into her life and home. Upon entering her house, we would bend down to give her a hug and a kiss and then make straight for the candy dish.

She would then bustle around the house as she described her latest home decorating projects, showing off an array of matching curtains, bedspreads and pillows. Her skills with a glue gun were endless as she transformed thrift shop or garage sale finds into one-of-a-kind works of art. Her latest project was a collage of pictures of her beloved great-grandchildren. She never stopped learning and even tackled e-mailing and shopping online. Some of her favorite pastimes were shopping, playing cards, bingo, putting puzzles together, and did we mention shopping? All of her life she was a very hard worker with a job resume too long to allow printing in this obituary.

Helen leaves her sons, Larry Larrivee and Anne Berry, Noel and Shelley, and Mike and Diane Larrivee; daughters, Leslee "Joey" and Bruce Meyer, and Barbara "Bobbi" and Dale Larrivee-Bothell. She also leaves

her sisters, Shy McClarty, Kyrol Jystad of Kalispell, and Barbara Roche of Minnesota; and half brother, Marshall Murray, of Kalispell; half sisters, Mary Lou Puckett of Idaho and Carol Jean Dull of California. In addition, she leaves many grandchildren, Jonathan and Jill, Jackson, Patrick, Thomas Larrivee, Emily, Elliott Larrivee, Karla Berry of New Zealand, Lisa Larrivee, Lindsey and Jason, Jacob, Simone Williams, Erin Kollofski, Joe and Katie Taylor, Aubrey and Brad, Jacob, Christian Hutchison, Casey and Kyrene Taylor, Sherri and Scott Darlow, Amy and DJ, Kaylee, Allie Gracie Hickman, Alisha and Craig, Emma, Ethan Wickham, Brian Meyer, Rosie DiPietro and Oceananna Rice; plus many nieces, nephews, extended family and many, many friends. She also leaves behind her best friend Tommy (her cat).

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lester, in 2000; her brothers, Ted and Mick Kirkpatrick; and sister, Lois Byers.

Poogie died unexpectedly in Whitefish from complications of a stroke. She will be missed by all whose lives she touched.

There will be a celebration of her life for all friends and family at 11 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 20, at the cabin on Bitterroot Lake, which was a very special place to her with many warm memories. From the turn-off at the Hilltop, just follow the red balloons to 1078 Kelsey Road. There will be also be a Mass in her honor at 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, at St. Mathew's in Kalispell.

The Helen Larrivee family wishes to express their heartfelt thanks to the doctors, nurses, assistants and staff of North Valley Hospital in Whitefish, who showed her loving kindness during the last few days of this experience we call life.

## Nellie Lakey, 87

Longtime Kalispell resident Nellie Lakey, 87, died peacefully Tuesday, March 27, 2007, in Kalispell, surrounded by loved ones. She was born May 18, 1919, in Inverness, to Oscar and Emma (Lambott) Adams.



She was the second of 13 children. She was no stranger to hard work, helping to raise younger siblings and in her early teens was cooking for thrashing crews.

In November 1938, Nellie married Houston Lakey in Havre, and they lived on the family's ranch north of Chester until 1945.

Prior to settling in the Flathead Valley, Nellie and Houston owned and operated a private business in Terry for many years.

On retirement, they traveled together for almost 20 years. Winters were spent in Arizona and California, and summers visiting friends and family throughout Montana, and even making a few trips to Alaska.

Nellie was a wonderful cook. Her family remembers the homemade bread, juicy pies and especially her famous cinnamon rolls. She was also an accomplished seamstress. Her projects included ruffled baby rompers, prom dresses and even a camping tent. She crocheted elaborate designs on delicate linen hankies and on pillowcases. Later in life she made afghans for all the grandchildren and then baby quilts for all the great-grandchildren and for the babies of friends in her church.

Nellie enjoyed china painting and also was noted for her oil paintings of farm scenes and beautiful flowers. She loved picking berries, canning and shopping for bargains at the thrift stores.

More recently, she enjoyed her flowers, reading, and visiting with friends. Nellie was one resilient and very determined individual; winning three courageous and separate battles with cancer.

She was very devoted to her faith, opening up her home to visiting ministers and hosting weekly Bible studies. Although illnesses slowed her down in later life, "she let the Lord strengthen her to carry on longer than most could have." Her family would like to thank the very special people of Kalispell who loved and cared for Nellie especially all her devoted church family, neighbors, friends and the many health care providers and volunteers.

Nellie was preceded in death by Houston, her loving husband of 57 years; an infant grandson; two brothers, Victor and Thomas Adams; six sisters, Nora, Stella, Iona, Marie, Helen and Elsie.

She is now survived by her children and their spouses, John and Kathy Lakey of Twentynine Palms, Calif.; Sheila Coulston of Bainville, Naomi and Pat Leonard of Eagle River, Alaska; Sharon and Keith Schwartz of Baker; and Jim and Patty Lakey of Tioga, N.D.; two brothers, Charles Adams of Inverness, and Zane Adams and wife Cathy of Rudyard; two sisters, Gladys of Rudyard, and Joyce of Bremerton, Wash.; two sisters-in-law, Mary Ann of Livingston, and Ethel of Chester; 21 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; and a multitude of friends.

Funeral services for Nellie Lakey will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, April 2, in the Johnson Mortuary chapel, with burial afterward at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 31, at Johnson Mortuary.

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

## Daniel Ove Larson, 64

Daniel Ove Larson, born Nov. 11, 1942, to Ove and Florence Larson in Spokane, died at St. John's Lutheran Hospital in Libby on April 7, 2007, of cancer. He



was 64 years old. Daniel Larson lived life with great abundance! He worked hard, played hard and lived life to the fullest.

He was the oldest of three children. Along with his sister, Barbara Irene, and his brother, Herbert Rodney, Dan lived in Libby, near Pioneer Park, and then in Troy. Dan graduated from Troy High School with many honors — Boys State, Danforth Award, lettered in basketball, football and track, student body president and football scholarships at Whitworth, Wash. After one year, he transferred to the University of Montana-Missoula, where he majored in forestry. Dan was member of the SAE fraternity, and received his degree from the University of Montana in 1965.

During his student days, Dan met and married fellow student Kay Marie Baldwin, the head majorette for the Montana Grizzlies. They married June 13, 1964.

After graduation, they lived in Paramas, N.J. Atlanta, Denver, and Tacoma, Wash. Dan built his career in the wood-products industry. Dan worked for St. Regis-Champion Lumber Company as a salesman at Atlanta, Denver, Seattle, Klickitat, and Libby. Dan served as lumber manufacturing manager at the Libby facility and manager of Champion's Klickitat operations before becoming the manager of Champion International's Libby facility in 1988.

"You are the backbone of Libby and Troy," Dan Larson told Champion's Libby employees. "Nobody can move into Western Montana and hope to operate a mill without people like you."

Dan served on numerous boards in the community, including the Chamber of Commerce, St. John's Lutheran Hospital, the Cabinet View Country Club, the Lincoln County Port Authority, Kootenai Business Park Industrial board, and on Church Council at Christ Lutheran in Libby.

In 1986, Dan was appointed to the board of directors of First National Bank and Holding Company. He served as chairman of the board of directors for First National Bank of Montana from 1994 until 2007.

In 1995, Dan bought Coffman Motors of Troy, expanding his parents' strong business which became Larson Lumber Company, Inc. He is a third-generation owner of the 93-year-old family business. Larson Lumber Company Inc. is the major retail building supplies dealer serving Lincoln, Sanders and Flathead counties and north Idaho.

In 1999, Marc Racicot, governor of the state of Montana, appointed Dan to be a member of the Transportation Commission for the state of Montana, in which he served several terms.

Upon the closing of the Libby Champion-Stimson mill, Dan worked with Lincoln County Commissioners John Konzen, Rita Windom and Marianne Roose toward the purchase of the former mill site from Stimson Lumber Company. Many professionals, volunteers and agency representatives participated in the process. Stimson Lumber Company donated the 400-acre industrial site to the Lincoln County Port Authority for economic development of the Libby, Troy and Eureka communities.

Daniel's life would not have been complete without the family and loved ones he spent his life with. Dan said his single greatest moment was when his eyes saw Laurie, his beautiful newborn daughter. Laurie studied at Harvard and Stanford universities, becoming a Lutheran minister. She, her husband, Drew Caesar, and their daughter, Sophie, live in Portland.

Their family was also blessed by the birth of Marcia. Dan appreciated that Marcia was a great complement to both parents. He delighted in Marcia's "OK, Dad" response to his instruction while she continued right on with what she was doing. Marcia studied at the University of California at San Diego and Oxford University, earning a law degree with special emphasis on estate planning.

She and her husband, Mark (Zaroogian) Larson, are the proud parents of Anna Hope Larson and Erin Larson. During Dan's illness, Marcia's love and care was a tremendous comfort.

Dan was very proud of Marcia, Laurie and his grandchildren. His saved telephone messages include months of messages and singing from his granddaughters.

Dan was a biblical scholar. He enjoyed a good theological discussion, enthusiastically sharing his knowledge in a way others enjoyed and understood. As a member of Christ Lutheran Church, he offered Bible study classes for decades.

Dan married Bonnie Lynn Kittleson at Kootenai Falls near Troy on March 10, 2007. Bonnie has been Dan's business partner and co-owner for 10 years. Bonnie continues to own and operate Larson Lumber Company, Inc.

He is survived by wife, Bonnie Lynn Larson, of Troy; two daughters, Laurie Larson Caesar and her husband, Andrew Caesar, of Portland, and Marcia Annette Larson and her husband, Mark Larson, of Escondido, Calif.; three granddaughters, Sophie Anna Larson Caesar, Anna Hope Larson and Erin Nicole Larson; his parents, Ove and Florence Larson, of Troy; his sister, Barbara, and her husband, Frank Bain, of Turner, Ore.; his former wife of 42 years, Kay Larson, of Missoula; new daughters shared with wife, Bonnie, Dawn Lynn Opland and husband, Tori, of Troy, and Kristine Kittleson and fiance, James Kurtzenacker, of Seattle; grandchildren, Breanna and Sean Opland; Bonnie's mother, Carol Cooper; brothers, Allen and Art, Art's fiance, Kellie Hudson; and many beloved aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and friends in the Libby and Troy community and beyond.

He was preceded in death by his younger brother Herb, who died of bone cancer in 1964 at the age of 14.

The wife and family of Dan Larson would like to thank the outstanding medical professionals and many individuals for their support during the time of his illness. "Thank you so much, Sandy Matheny Fennessy and Mark Fennessy, and Les and Margy Nelson for your unending care. You made this walk bearable.

"Let us celebrate Dan's life, and may we live each day as he did — Christ-centered and willing to serve others. Thank you so much for your kind words and support through the loss of our loved one and friend, Daniel O. Larson."

Memorials may be made to organizations of your choice. Dan financially supported St. John's Lutheran Hospital, Christ Lutheran Church Endowment for Education and Children's Heart Institute of San Diego.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. today, April 13, at Christ Lutheran Church, 300 W. Larch St., in Libby, officiated by Pastor Steve Benson.

After a private burial at the Libby cemetery, please join in a celebration of Dan's life at 12:30 p.m. at the Mark Schoknecht Memorial Center, 111 E. Lincoln Blvd., in Libby.

## Loree A. Larson, 56

Loree A. Larson, 56, of Libby died Monday, April 16, 2007, at St. John's Lutheran Hospital from cancer.

Survivors include her children, Shyla Skramstad of Havre, and Steven Larson of Libby; and her mother, Ann Cole, of Eureka.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 21, at Nelson and Vial Funeral Home in Libby. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Friday, April 20. Committal service will be at 2 p.m. Monday, April 23, at Tobacco Valley Cemetery in Eureka.

## Paul Hollister Larson, 66

Paul Hollister Larson, 66, passed away Nov. 17, 2007, at his home in the Many Lakes area.



"For to me, live is Christ and to die is gain ... I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far." (Phillipians 1:21, 23). Those words from the Apostle Paul were immediately on the lips of Paul H. Larson when he was informed just last week that his death was imminent because his body was being ravaged by diabetes.

Paul, loving husband to two precious wives, father to seven, grandfather to 23, and loyal friend to countless down-and-out sojourners on the Earth, was born June 17, 1941, in Kalispell.

Empathetic, compassionate, integrity and a "family man" are words that were often used to describe Paul. He loved to make dreams come true for the less fortunate—especially for children, puppies and "strays" of all kinds. Known as a "man of the word," he was always available and even eager to discuss passages from the Bible and how they applied to everyday life in the 20th and 21st centuries.

Paul was preceded in death by his parents, Lawrence and Helen Larson; his first wife, Hulda Larson; his son, Jon Gunnar Larson; and his granddaughter, Anna Kristin Larson.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Larson, at the family home; his sons, daughters and their spouses, Erik and Barbara Larson of Alabama, Erik and Louey Charette of Washington, Martin and Jody Davis, also of Washington, Dwain and Nova Lakey of Oregon, Chris and Cary Krager of Kalispell, John and Setphanie Krager, also of Kalispell, and Darrell and Julie Green of Oregon. He is also survived by his 23 grandchildren; and his three brothers, L. Peter and Donna Larson of Kalispell, Jon Larson of California, and Kurt and Carol Larson of Kalispell.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Nov. 20 at the Bigfork Chapel Assembly of God church, with Pastors Richard Stewart and Lynn Lapka officiating.

For those desiring to make memorials gifts, the family suggests two of Paul's favorite charities: The Samaritan House, 124 W. Ninth Ave., Kalispell, MT 59901, or the Community Kitchen/Feed the Flathead, P.O. Box 3166, Kalispell MT 59903.

Buffalo Hill funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Evelyn Wendt Latimer, 91

Evelyn Wendt Latimer, 91, "left this world for a place of love and peace" on Jan. 7, 2007, in the Dorsey Center of the Charlestown Retirement Community in Catonsville, Md. of kidney failure. Evelyn was born Nov. 4, 1915, to Gus and Minnie Wendt Jr., in the Lake Blaine area of Flathead County.

She attended grade school in Lake Blaine and Creston where her parents purchased a farm in 1924. She graduated from Flathead High School on May 25, 1933. After graduation she worked at many clerical jobs in Alaska and all over the United States.

Evelyn was always a leader fun and positive to be with and was committed to help anyone who was in need, as well as being very active in politics that she believed in. Music was a very important part of her life and she was an accomplished piano and accordion player. She played for many dance bands in Kalispell and elsewhere from 1930 to 2005.

After retirement she formed her own band, The Happy Tim-

ers Band and with the help of her husband, Jim (the drummer), they won the 1st place Grand Trophy as the best senior citizens band in Prince George County, Md. in 1993.

She left many loving memories to all of her family and she touched their lives with her special ways of showing them her love and care. She will always be with them even though she is not here in person and the memory of her will be with us forever.

She was preceded in death by her parents Gus Wendt, Jr. and Minnie Isch Wendt; her sister, Vivian; Brother, Wayne, who was killed in World War II and infant brother Carl.

She is survived by her wonderful and loving husband Jim Latimer and his family; her daughter, Karen Alexander; her sister, Patricia Giroux; and brothers, John, Roy and Roger Wendt and their families.

After cremation her ashes will be interred in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery with her parents.

A memorial will be held at a date to be announced.



## Norma Jeane Latzel, 75

Norma Jeane Latzel, 75, of Sunland, Calif., (formerly of Kalispell) passed away Nov. 13, 2007, at Kaiser Permanente Hospital in Panorama City, Calif., after complications with a lower aorta aneurysm.

Norma was born Dec. 29, 1931, in Ewing, Neb., to Amy and John Latzel. As a young woman, Norma moved to Kalispell.

In February 1958, she married John Engebretson of Kalispell. Norma and John were married for 30 years before parting ways in 1988. They remained friends throughout her life.

Norma worked with the Credit Bureau, Job Service, and Flathead County Clerk and Recorder's Office in the Election Department in Kalispell.

Norma and John were very active in civic groups including the Jaycee's and Jayceen's. Norma was named Jayceen of the Year in 1963-1964.

In 1978, she joined the U.S. Forest Service in Bigfork. She transferred with the Forest Service to Payson, Ariz., and then to Sylmar, Calif., where she retired in 1998 with 20 years of service. She stayed and worked part time until 2000.

She retired to Sunland in 2000.

Norma loved gardening, flowers, wild birds, and her cats. She enjoyed nature and loved her life in sunny southern California. She stayed active in her church and Bible study activities, and providing aid and support to under-privileged children's Christian relief organizations.

She is survived by two daughters, Debby and Tom Kent of Globe, Ariz., and Jami Deskins of La Porte, Texas; her former husband, John Engebretson, of Kalispell; grandchildren, Jake, Marci, and Scott Andrews of Kalispell; and several nieces and nephews in Washington

state, Minnesota and Nebraska.

Norma was preceded in death by her parents, Amy and John Latzel; and sisters, Alma Voorhies, Daurice Thiele, and Helen Kaczor.

Cremation was performed by the Neptune Society of Sherman Oaks, Calif., per her wishes.

Her ashes will be taken by her daughters to the Latzel homestead cemetery in Ewing, Neb., where she will be once again united with her mother and father.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, at Faith Lutheran Church in Tujunga, Calif., with Rev. Charles Collier performing the service.

Donations in Norma's memory may be mailed to the Faith Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 577, Tujunga, CA 91042.

## Theodore 'Ted' A. Laugen, 71

Theodore "Ted" A. Laugen, 71, "went home to be with Jesus" on Wednesday, July 25, 2007, at his family home in Hungry Horse with loving family



at his side. Ted was born in Havre on July 24, 1936, to Arvid and Myrtle Laugen. He was raised in Havre and graduated from Havre High School.

He married Ruth Bradbury on Sep. 8, 1956. They lived in Havre, Santa Maria, Calif., Federal Way, Wash., and Hungry Horse.

Ted worked on the Great Northern Railroad, farmed on the Bradbury farm north of Havre before going to college in southern California and starting employment with Boeing. Ted retired from Boeing in 1995.

He was a licensed minister with the Assembly of God Church.

Ted was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Julian Laugen; and a sister, Clara

Robertson.

Ted loved his family, friends and most of all Jesus. He showed that through the way he lived his life. Ted will be missed by all that knew him and we will see you soon.

Ted is survived by his wife, Ruth (Bradbury) Laugen of Hungry Horse; his daughters, Crystal and Jesse Macias of Burley, Idaho and Melody and Les Szostek of Columbia Falls; and his son, Tad and Kimberly Laugen of Burley, Idaho; his brother, Robert Laugen of Peoria, Ariz.; 10 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

A funeral service will be held at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, July 28, at the Columbia Falls Assembly of God Church. Pastor Darrell Newby will officiate. Burial will be afterwards in Woodlawn Cemetery.

A memorial has been set up in Ted's name at the Glacier Bible Camp, Hungry Horse, for youth scholarships.

Arrangements are with the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

## Melvin D. Lauteren, 64

Melvin D. Lauteren, 64, formerly of Libby, died June 11, 2007, at Yakima Regional Hospital in Yakima, Wash.

He owned and operated Kootenai Engineering in Libby for 14 years.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth, at the family home; his parents, Ernest and Clara Lauteren

of Zillah, Wash.; one daughter, Valerie Williams, of Juneau, Alaska; and one son, John Lauteren, of Moses Lake, Wash.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. today, June 16, at Colonial Funeral Home.

Colonial Funeral Home in Yakima is in charge of arrangements.

## Edward 'Eddie' Chester Leavitt, 91

Edward 'Eddie' Chester Leavitt, 91, passed away Jan. 8, 2007, just short of his 92nd birthday in North Valley Hospital after a brief illness. He was born March 10, 1915, in Clinton, Utah to George Henry and Isabella Alice (Hendry) Leavitt.

He was the sixth of eight children, all of whom preceded him in death. Eddie graduated from high school in Malad City, Idaho, and then served honorably in the U.S. Army during World War II. Upon his discharge, Eddie worked for a number of road-construction firms, retiring in 1980 from H and K construction of Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Eddie married Lucille Price on Sept. 10, 1948, in Elko, Nev. She passed away March 13, 1968. Eddie later married Lucille Geddes on March 11, 1974. She passed away March 23, 2000.

Eddie was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Columbia Falls. For the past 3 1/2 years, Eddie has been residing in the "Dom" at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls. The family wishes to sincerely thank the

many caring individuals in both the Montana Veterans Home and the North Valley Hospital in Whitefish for the care and comfort provided. Eddie was a kind, gentle man who will be missed by family and many friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents; all of his siblings; both of his wives; a grandson, Tony Lynn Olsen; and a granddaughter, Shannon Lucille Leavitt.

He is survived by his four children; Cherlyn Call and husband, Monte, of Rigby, Idaho; Linda Crimmins and husband, Mike, of Columbia Falls; Scott Leavitt of Tucson, Ariz. and Melvin Leavitt and wife, Lori, of Rigby, Idaho; 10 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services for Edward Chester Leavitt will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 12, 2007, at Eckersell Memorial Chapel in Rigby, Idaho. Interment will be in the Rigby Pioneer Cemetery after the service. The family suggests memorials to go to the charity of your choice.

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

## William J. 'Bill' LeCates, 76

William J. "Bill" LeCates, 76, died March 19, 2007, at his home in Owensboro, Ky., of natural causes.

He had been employed as a long-haul truck driver.

Survivors include his wife, Dixie, sons, Mike and Steve LeCates, and daughter, Tammy LeCates, all of Owensboro, and daugh-

ter, Debbie Hardison, of Kalispell.

Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday, March 22, at James H. Davis Funeral Home in Owensboro.

Cremation has taken place. His ashes will be scattered in June along the Eastern seaboard near his birthplace near Laurel, Del.

## Dorothea J. 'Dottie' (Jergel) LeDonne, 82

Dorothea J. "Dottie" (Jergel) LeDonne, 82, of Fox Chapel, Pa., passed away peacefully, surrounded by her loving family on Thursday morning, June 28, 2007.

Dottie was the loving mother of Thea LeDonne and her husband, Jim Bowen, of Whitefish, Peter O. LeDonne Jr. of Kalispell, Emile J. LeDonne of West Deer Township, and the late Gregory R. LeDonne.

Dottie was the beloved grandmother of Sara Miller of Tacoma, Wash., and Rebecca LeDonne of Kalispell. Her loving brother,

Robert F. Jergel, and his wife, Lucille, of Palm Coast, Fla., and their children: Marcie Hutchinson, Robert F. Jergel II, John H. Jergel III and Eric M. Jergel also survive her.

She greatly missed the love and companionship of her black lab, Beau.

The family suggests donations be made to Animal Friends, 562 Camp Home Rd. Pittsburgh, PA 15237; or [www.thinkingoutsidethecage.org](http://www.thinkingoutsidethecage.org)

Send condolences to [post-gazette.com/gb](http://post-gazette.com/gb)

## Margaret Le Duc, 97

Margaret Le Duc died peacefully Thursday morning, Sept. 13, 2007, at her home in Bigfork. She was born on Jan. 8, 1910, to Edward J. and Madeline Murphy at the family homestead in South Minnewaukan Township, Devils Lake, N.D. Margaret attended the rural school for her elementary education, Crary High School and St. Mary's Academy for her high school, and Valley City Teachers' College, where she received her teaching certificate.

After teaching in rural schools in North Dakota, Margaret and her sister Genevieve were both selected for the teacher training program at the renowned Lexington School for the Deaf in New York City, where they received degrees in education of the deaf. Margaret eventually became a highly-esteemed member of the faculty at the Lexington School.

A highlight of her professional career was a visit from Helen Keller, the world famous speaker, author, and advocate for persons with disabilities, who came to Margaret's classroom to observe her instructional methods. Her exceptional teaching skills were documented in the textbook, "Natural Language for Deaf Children" by Dr. M.A. Groht. Margaret's complete lessons in composition were recorded in shorthand and included verbatim as exemplary methodology in this groundbreaking book.

Margaret treasured her lifelong friendships with the dedicated educators with whom she worked. She traveled to Europe in 1958 with several of her colleagues to participate in the International Congress on Education of the Deaf. The highest tribute to her work, however, came from the many students who remained in communication with her long after she completed her career in New York. Each June when the school term ended, Margaret returned to her family's farm near Crary, N.D., where her nieces and nephews spent wonderful summer days with their intelligent, independent and much-loved aunt.

She married Don Wood in the



1940s. They made their home in a lovely vineyard in St. Helena, Napa Valley, Calif. When Don died unexpectedly seven years later, Margaret returned to New York and resumed her teaching career.

On April 15, 1963, she married Greg Le Duc of Bigfork. He passed away in 1970 and Marg continued living in her beautiful home on Flathead Lake. Marg enjoyed gardening and had a truly spectacular yard.

She was a member of Pope John Paul II Catholic Church, The Village Art Center and belonged to several bridge clubs. Marg will be remembered by her family and friends as passionate, loving and proud to be Irish.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Edward and Madeline Murphy; sisters, Mary Byerly and Genevieve Rutten; husbands, Don Wood and Greg Le Duc; stepson, Grant Le Duc; nephews, Richard and Kenneth Le Duc, and grand-niece, Kelly Rutten.

She is survived by nephews, John Rutten and wife, Mary, of Devils Lake, N.D.; Tom Rutten and wife, Char, of Myrtle Creek, Ore.; Dick Rutten and wife, Jacque, of Minot, N.D.; Don Rutten and wife, Deb, of Woodbury, Minn.; Robert Rutten and wife, Caryl, of Bismarck, N.D.; Keir Francisco Byerly of Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico; and Patricia Byerly of Navajoa, Sonora, Mexico; and Robert Le Duc and wife, Betty, of Kalispell; nieces, Susan Anderson and husband, Terry, of Roseburg, Ore.; Patricia Helfenstein and husband, Gary, of Shillington, Pa.; Donna Jones and husband, Richard, of Portland; and Patricia Weed and husband, Kenneth, of Whitefish; daughter in law, Sue Le Duc, and husband, Grant, of Phoenix; and numerous grand-and great-grandnieces and -nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial for Margaret will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 20, at Pope John Paul II Catholic Church in Bigfork. Visitation will be from noon until 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 19, at Johnson Mortuary. Cremation will follow services and urn burial will be at a later date in California.

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

## Grant David Le Duc, 70

No official service will be held, as were Grant's "orders," but a celebration of his life will be held at a future date in Bigfork which he always referred to as "back home."

If you wish to do something nice in Grant's memory, feed a homeless person, adopt a stray animal, hug a loved one, pass on a good deed, and remember that every day is a gift, life is short, and treasure each minute.

There will never be another Grant. He was a very unique and special person to those who knew and loved him. As we relate the stories, jokes and special times he shared with us, we laugh, cry and know that he always will be with us.

Grant David Le Duc, 70, died unexpectedly July 11, 2007, at his home in Bullhead City, Ariz.

He is survived by the love of his life for 34 years, Roberta Sue LeDuc. Grant also is survived by his stepmother, Margaret LeDuc, of Bigfork; his favorite aunt, Sylvia Reap Sanders, of Phoenix; his children, Vikki LeDuc Rios, Jeanne LeDuc Rios and Michael David LeDuc; their spouses; children; grandchildren; his half-brother, Raymond Olson, and his family; and especially the "heifers."

Preceding Grant in death were his parents, Evelyn and Gregory LeDuc; lots of aunts, uncles, and friends.

## Eunice (May) Lee, 79

Eunice (May) Lee, 79, passed away March 27, 2007, at Spokane Valley General Hospital after a long battle with kidney problems.



A graveside memorial will be held at 11 a.m. May 19 in Fortine.

Eunice was born to Fredrick Russell and Susie (Hess) Hume in Kalispell, and spent her school years in Fortine.

After marrying Robert E. "Bob" Lee, they settled in Kalispell until 1958, when they moved to Crosby, Minn. In 1963, they moved back to Kalispell, where they stayed until Bob retired in 1983. At that time, they moved to Sun City, Ariz. In 1990, they moved to Kennewick, Wash., where Bob passed away in

2001. Eunice then moved to Spokane to be closer to her grandchildren and her sister, Julia.

Eunice was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Bob; six brothers; two sisters; and one son.

She is survived by her children, son, Jim Lee, and wife, Penny, of Spokane; daughter, Candy Davis, and husband, Dale, of Richland, Wash.; son, Bob Lee, of Kalispell; and daughter, Carol Lee, of Snohomish, Wash.; brother, Pat Hume, of Fortine; sister, Julia Conrad, of Otis Orchards, Wash.; brother, Frank Hume, of Tacoma, Wash.; and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

Eunice met many people over the years and had many close friends and family who will miss her dearly. She will now rest in peace with Bob, the love of her life.

## Marilyn Elaine Lee, 69

Marilyn Elaine Lee, 69, beloved wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, passed away Sunday, March 4, 2007, in Brendan House in Kalispell. She was born July 21, 1937, in Grand Island, Neb., to George Andrew and Serena (Nickles) Dangaard.

In her lifetime, Marilyn had many jobs. She was a bus driver, a police dispatcher and an active youth-group leader at her church. She loved the Lord and was a great prayer warrior. Marilyn loved life and brought joy into ours.

She is survived by her loving and devoted husband of 54 years, Lloyd Edwin Lee. She also leaves behind her faithful dog, Skeeter. She also is survived by her three children and their spouses, her 10 grandchildren and their spouses, and her nine great-grandchildren.

Her eldest child and only daughter, Terri Lynn Bray, is married to Michael Bray. Together they have four children, Jason Tost and his wife, Felicia, and their children, Zeke and Meena; son, Brian Tost and his wife, Lydia, and their daughter, Naomi; their third son,

Ian Svinth; and their youngest son, Justin Bray.

Marilyn's eldest son, Mickle Dennis Lee, is married to Jamie Lee. Together they have three children, including Amy Udeen and her husband, Dave, and their children, Savannah, Raeanna and Brenna; their next daughter, Amanda Cook, and her husband, Om, and their children, Zimmery and Natayia; and their youngest daughter, Cassandra Lee.

Marilyn's youngest son, James Brian Lee, is married to Tracy Lee. Together they have three children, including their eldest daughter, Jamie Lee; their only son, TJ Lee, and his wife, Krista Lee, and their daughter, Kenadie; and their youngest daughter, Courtney Lee.

Funeral services for Marilyn Lee will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 8, at Easthaven Baptist Church, with Pastor Dan Lambert officiating. Burial will be afterward at Conrad Memorial Cemetery. There will be no visitation.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for Marilyn's family,

## Pat Lee, 86

Pat Lee, 86, of Browning, passed away Aug. 14, 2007. She was born in Van Hook, N.D., on June 20, 1921. She moved with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G.V. Johnson to Browning, where her father was a business owner.

Pat attended Browning High School where artist Bob Scriver was her music teacher. She graduated at 16, and became a school teacher. While teaching in Fairfield, she met and mar-

ried Alton Lee, who preceded her in death in April 2005.

Together they owned and operated businesses in Browning, West Glacier and East Glacier.

Pat played and taught beautiful classical piano. She was a stylish lady with a heart for helping people and animals.

She is survived by her daughter, Patti Lee of Sedona, Ariz., and wonderful family members in Montana and Colorado.

## Peggy Lee, 83

Peggy Lee, 83, died Monday, Dec. 24, 2007, at her home in Libby, from natural causes.

Survivors include her children, Jenny Kair of Libby, Isaac Spicer of Kooskie, Idaho, Naomi Snider of Oro-

fino, Idaho, and Curtis Williams of Kennewick, Wash.

Private family services will be held.

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

## Howard L. Leighty, 59

Howard L. Leighty, 59, a longtime Troy area logger, died Monday, March 26, 2007, at the Libby Care Center.

He had worked with the family operation, Leighty Brothers Mill and Logging Company in Troy.

He is survived by his children, Darwin and LeeJay Leighty, both of Troy, and

Michelle Leighty of Redmond, Ore.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Troy Church of God, with the Rev. Gene Bushnell officiating. Interment services will be afterward at Troy Cemetery under the direction of Nelson and Vial Funeral Home.

## Herschel H. Leist, 93

Herschel H. Leist, 93, passed away Wednesday, June 20, 2007, at his daughter's home in Kalispell. He was born in Purdum, Neb., on Nov. 14, 1913, to John and Hortense (Mapes) Leist.

The early years were spent in Minnesota, Arkansas, Kansas, and during the Great Depression in Nebraska.

Then, with his ailing father, he moved to Houston, Mo., until his father passed away in 1936. From there he journeyed to Casper, Wyo., where he completed an apprenticeship in recapping tires at the Vito Cap shop. In the early '40s he moved to Albuquerque, N.M., to work in another Vito Cap shop, working there until the war broke out. He enlisted in the Army Air Force in 1942 and within a year was overseas, in England, flying in a B-24 bomber, bombing occupied France and Germany; from England to a time in Africa, Italy, and then back to England. He completed 27 missions and was sent Tonopah, Nev., to instruct new recruits in aerial gunnery on B-24 bombers.

In 1944, he married his Missouri sweetheart, Jean Gourley,

and they lived in Tonopah. In 1945, they moved back to Casper, where they lived for 55 years. During his time in Casper he worked in the oil patch as a welder, construction as an ironworker, and finally for the Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training promoting apprenticeships in all trades, until retiring in 1978.

Herschel was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Jean; a daughter, Connie; and a son, Gordon.

He is survived by his son, Sterling, and Vicki Leist of League City, Texas; and daughter, Delores "Dori" Leist of Kalispell. He also leaves five grandchildren, Rachel Brooks, Shannon and Erick Patton, Rebekah and Jeff Smith, Susan Carter, and Nathan and Joy Leist; and five great-grandchildren.

The family suggests that a gift of remembrance of Herschel be given to the Gideon's International, Hospice, or the charity of your choice.

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

## Edward O. Levenson, 98

Edward O. Levenson, 98, died May 21, 2007, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

He was born May 9, 1909, in Salem, N.D.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1942 to 1945. Ed worked as a lumber grader for a saw mill for many

years.

A graveside service will be held at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, May 31, 2007, at the Montana Veterans Home Cemetery in Columbia Falls, with military graveside honors.

Arrangements are with the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

## Donald F. Lewis, 79

Donald F. Lewis, 79, died Jan. 26, 2007, in Libby.

He was born in Rochester, N.Y., on Dec. 30, 1927, to Donald Lewis and Beatrice Lowe Lewis.

He was a retired facilities engineer at Florida-Atlantic University, and he moved to Libby in 1994.

Survivors include his wife, Jana, of Libby; his children, Kim and his wife, Terry, of

Bozeman, Erin of Spokane, and Ryan of Seattle; his twin brother, Ronald, of LaMont, Calif.; sister, Joan Sandford, of Louisville, Ky.; and two grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the city of Libby Cemetery.

Nelson and Vial Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

## Roscoe D. Lewis, 87

Roscoe D. Lewis, 87, passed away May 17, 2007, at Heritage Place in Kalispell. Roscoe was born Nov. 23, 1919, to Josephus and Mamie (Pherigo) Lewis.

On March 7, 1942, he married Valee E. Jenkins in Glendive.

During the 1940s, Roscoe was a blacksmith in Fairview Roscoe and was never in the Armed Forces. Because he was the only blacksmith in the area, when he was served with draft papers, the local ranchers and farmers appealed to the draft board that Roscoe was needed more at home to keep the equipment for the ranches and farms in working order.

In 1947, Roscoe moved his family to Portland, where he worked for Cummins Diesel.

In 1956, he moved his family to Kalispell, where he owned and operated Flathead Valley Diesel Service. He built what is now the fairgrounds shop, using the Old Libby Bridge.

Throughout his life, and especially after he retired, he got

great enjoyment from his music and entertaining others with his storytelling.

Roscoe was preceded in death by one son, Dale; three brothers; and three sisters.

He is survived by his wife, Valee, and one son, Jim, both of Kalispell; two daughters, Eva Elaine Stahlberg of Albuquerque, N.M., and Nancy and Patrick Murphy of Ocean Shores, Wash.; three granddaughters, Valee Stahlberg, Sherry and Peter Bugnet, and April and Alex Harris; two great-grandchildren, LeeAsa Pomeroy and Andrew Pool; one brother; four sisters; and several nieces and nephews.

At Roscoe's request, there will be no service. The family always will remember Roscoe's mischievous laugh and spontaneous displays of affection with love in their hearts.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations to the charity of your choice in Roscoe's memory.

## Frances Jesse Liebig, 97

Frances Jesse Liebig, 97, passed away Jan. 29, 2007, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell. She was born Oct. 15, 1909, in Kalispell, to Frank F. and LuLu Mae (McMahon) Liebig.



Frances was raised for a brief time at the head of McDonald Lake in a USFS cabin before Glacier Park became a park. Her family moved to Libby, where Frances attended school as a child. Her father was transferred to Kalispell, where Frances and her siblings attended school at the Central School and also Flathead County High School.

As a girl, she summered on Lake McDonald as a nanny for several families and friends vacationing on the lake. She enjoyed her time in Glacier Park, and gained much knowledge about the botany and flora of the park, and used it throughout her entire life. The animals also became part of her life forever, and were always in her memories and stories of the park. She hiked the many trails made by her own father, a forest ranger, and fished the lakes by herself and with her friends.

She became a fire lookout in the park during the war, on Mount Brown for two summers, and on Canyon Lookout. She loved her work as a lookout and had many stories to tell about hiking down through the woods for a half mile to get water at a creek for her drinking and cooking. The grizzlies, mountain goats and hikers became her excitement during her stay high on the mountaintops.

She attended the Montana Western division of the University at Dillon, and the University of Seattle in Washington. She also attended the University of Montana at Missoula during the summers.

She became a teacher and taught at many country schools in Montana, including Niarada, D'Aste, Great Falls, Plentywood and Elmo.

In 1945, she stretched her wings and moved to California, where she found employment as an assistant auditor on the

Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco. She remained at that wonderful job for 15 years and enjoyed all the cultural events in the area during that time.

In 1960, she returned to Montana and ranched with her brother Carl on the Thompson River, west of Kalispell, where she and her brother took care of their mother, Lulu. Frances retired from ranching in 1983, and moved to the Flathead Lake area, and made her own little mountain paradise high above the lake, which she enjoyed very much.

She will also be remembered by all of the friends, Tom Watts of Kellogg, Idaho, Bob Watts of Kent, Wash., Bill Sanders of Finley Point, Elmer Bender of Missoula, Ethel and Ralph Videtto of Pleasant Valley, Calif., and all others who loved her and cared for her over the years and helped her stay on her mountaintop. Her intelligence and spirit inspired all of them over the years. She was the tiny little lady known to them as "Frances of the Forest."

Frances was preceded in death by her mother, Lulu, and her father, Frank F. Liebig; and her brothers and sisters, Carl G. Liebig, Lyman Liebig, Margaret Miller, Irma Lyght and Jean Soldowski.

Frances is survived by many nieces and nephews, David and Dorothy Lyght of Thompson Falls, Connie Lyght Grant of Thompson Falls, Bonnie Lyght of Anchorage, Alaska, Dennis and Barbara Lyght of Thompson Falls, Delbert Lyght of Alaska, Charles and Diane Miller of Hamilton, Albert and Nancy Liebig of Eureka, Theodore Soldowski of Huson, Rosemary and Rudy Polamo of Huson, Darryl Lyght of Libby, Carl F. and Bonnie Liebig of Thompson River; and many grandnieces and grandnephews, and great-grandnieces and great-grandnephews; and her longtime friend and caregiver, Marjorie Sizemore.

Graveside services will be held at a later date at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Frances will be cremated and laid to rest beside her mother and father, Frank and Lulu Liebig, and her brother, Carl G. Liebig.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for Frances' family.

## Grace E. 'Dolly' Lincoln

On Monday, July 16, 2007, Grace E. "Dolly" Lincoln, 83, of Lakeside, passed away at the Health Center Northwest facility under hospice care after a three-year battle with cancer. Because of a snowstorm, Dolly was born June 10, 1924, at her family's homestead, 855 Conrad Drive, in Kalispell while the doctor was trying to get there.

Dolly was a registered nurse who graduated from St. Luke's Hospital in Spokane. After graduation, she stayed on at St. Luke's as a floor supervisor. While working at St. Luke's, as Dolly Smith, she came home for a two-week vacation and became reacquainted with a returning Kalispell World War II B-17 pilot and high-school friend named Bob Lincoln.

Bob followed her to Spokane and, after a three-month romance, they were married in Kalispell in 1945. They returned to Spokane to begin Bob's accounting education at Gonzaga, which he concluded in Missoula at the University of Montana. While in Missoula, Dolly worked at the Community Hospital.

In 1949, Bob and Dolly moved home to Kalispell for good. During her career in Kalispell, she and Sister Loyola started the first surgical recovery room at Kalispell Hospital on Fourth Avenue East. She also worked as a registered nurse and office manager for a wonderful person, Dr. Benke, until 1979. Dolly was a hospice volunteer for a year and a half after her retirement. Dolly loved her career as a nurse.

Dolly also loved being a mother and raised their two sons, Bill and Bob, on Woodland Avenue. Bob and Dolly loved entertaining and enjoying time with friends at the card table or on Flathead Lake.

In 1970, they bought the



Somers community center, Del's Bar, and enjoyed the extended family they gained. They moved to Flathead Lake in 1972. Their son Bob joined the family business and extended the family tree with grandchildren, Tanis and Bobby.

In the early 1980s, their son Bill returned to the Flathead Valley from his career in education.

Bob and Dolly's retirement brought a cadre of new friends and good times from Flathead Lake to El Centro, Calif. After Bob's passing, Dolly expanded her travels from Ireland to Costa Rica with her family and several special friends. Dolly always found the silver lining and lead the way to the best of all times.

Dolly was preceded in death by her husband of 50-plus years, Robert E. "Bob" Lincoln; her "wonderful Irish gentleman" father, William A. Smith; and her "lovely" beautician mother, Grace Macomber.

She is survived by her sons

and daughters-in-law, William T. and Kari Lincoln of Lakeside, Robert C. "Bob" and Tami Lincoln of Somers; grandchildren, Tanis and Nikia Hernandez of Libby, and Robert W. "Bobby" Lincoln and Beth of Somers; stepgrandchildren, Andy and Lisa Kelly of Kalispell, and Scott and Dawn Kelly of Lemmon, S.D.; and great-grandchildren, Morgan, Kuger and Klæ; and special friends who always called Dolly "Mom," her traveling partners from Canada, and many of her bridge partners.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, July 23, at Johnson Mortuary chapel, with burial afterward at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. A

reception will be held at 4 p.m. at the Somers Fire Hall.

If you wish to send a memorial please send them to hospice or the Lakeside QRU.

## Doris Gessner Lierboe, 90

Doris Gessner Lierboe, 90, a longtime resident of Whitefish, died Saturday, Feb. 24, 2007, at the North Valley Hospital of natural causes.

She is survived by two

daughters, Kristine Lierboe of Whitefish, and Randi Tor-ske of Hardin.

No services are planned locally.

Austin Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.



## Joan Lincoln, 84

Joan Lincoln, 84, of Kalispell, passed away Monday, May 14, 2007, at her winter residence in Zephyrhills, Fla.

She is survived by a daughter, Valerie Gillies, of Havre; a son, Rodney Lincoln, of Zephyrhills; a nephew, David Dawson, of Essex, England, seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Albert; son, Jerome; and her brother, Joseph Dawson.

She was born Sept. 28, 1922, in Reading, England to William Henry and Florence Ann (Wilder) Dawson.

Joan was working in London England during World War II, where she met her husband, and moved to Montana in 1946. Joan and her husband, Al, lived and raised their children

on the family farm and ranch south of Joplin and bought a winter home in the Flathead Valley in 1978.

She was a loving and dedicated wife and mother.

Two of her favorite hobbies were painting and gardening. Joan was an avid reader, a great conversationalist and will be missed by all who knew her.

A viewing is planned for 9 to 6 p.m.; the family will be there from 4-6 p.m., Tuesday, May 29, at the Johnson Mortuary, 525 S. Main St. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m., Wednesday, May 30, at Glacier Memorial Gardens, 2659 Highway 93 N., followed by a reception at noon at the Red Lion Hotel, 20 N. Main Street, Kalispell.

Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of your choice.

## Benjamin Lindsey, 70

Benjamin Lindsey, 70, was born May 3, 1936. He died April 9, 2007, at Brendan House in Kalispell. Ben was born and raised in Kalispell and the Libby area. He attended school in Libby.

He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Judy Lindsey; six children; two sisters; one

brother; two grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter; seven nieces; one nephew; two great-nephews; and four great-nieces.

He was preceded in death by one son.

Ben and his wife have been living in the Trego area for 13 years.

No services are planned.

## C.W. Lintz, 56

C.W. Lintz, 56, died Monday, Feb. 5, 2007, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

Services are pending.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## John Loban, 79

John Loban, 79, of Libby died Saturday, Nov. 24, 2007, at St. John's Lutheran Hospital from natural causes.

Survivors include his children, Kathleen Loban and Susan Abern, both of

Chicago, Cheryl Bocchinoth of Florida, and Karen Meyerhoff of Kalispell.

Services will be at 4 p.m. today, Nov. 28, at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby. Visitation will be from 1 to 4 p.m. today.

## Adeline Frances Logan, 92

Adeline Frances Logan, 92, passed away on Friday, June 22, 2007, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.



She was born on Dec. 17, 1914, at the family home in the Pine Grove area of Kalispell, the daughter of Lawrence and Emma (Raasch) Bruyer.

She attended a one room, rural school. She graduated from Saint Matthew's School. Her first and only paying job was at Todd's Bakery.

On Sept. 7, 1940, she married her longtime neighbor and beau, Darrell Logan. They lived in the Half Moon area while Darrell was the bookkeeper of Stoltz Mill. Their next adventure was to join the Sr. Logan's in a farming operation. Adeline was a very active farm wife who knew how to handle most farm jobs. In her spare time she liked to crochet and also enjoyed embroidery and tending to her flowers.

Adeline had lived at Prestige Assisted Living since 1998. She had won her share of bingo prizes and walked a mile, most days.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Darrell Logan; her son, Allen Douglas Logan; her parents; and her brother, Gregory.

She is survived by a son, Clinton Logan and his wife, Linda, of Pleasanton, Calif.; a daughter, Donna Buechle and her husband, Jim, of Kalispell; and two sisters, Leona Martin of Seattle and Ellen Naumann of Reno, Nev.; and a sister-in-law, Jackie Donovan of Kalispell; six grandchildren; and seventeen great-grandchildren.

Mass of Christian Burial for Adeline will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 27, at Risen Christ Catholic Church with Father Rudy Bullman officiating. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, June 26, at Johnson Mortuary. Burial will held at 2 p.m. at Glacier Memorial Gardens. The family suggests that any memorial contributions be sent to Home Options Hospice, 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell, MT 59901 or to the charity of the donor's choice.

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

## Lois Mae Huffman Louterback, 74

Lois Mae Huffman Louterback, 74, passed away Sunday, June 24, 2007, at home with her family by her side.



Born in 1932 in Los Animas, Colo., Lois was the daughter of Morris Huffman and Lenna Morrow Huffman. She grew up in Seattle and graduated from high school in Redmond, Ore.

Lois came to the Flathead Valley in 1959. Working as an Avon lady during the 1960s, she came to know many of the faces of the Flathead. It was while working for Dr. Windauer, a local orthodontist, that she became familiar with many of the smiles in the area.

Although hunting and fishing were her pastimes, gardening, cooking and entertaining were her passions. Inviting large groups of family and friends into her home gave her such pleasure. The garden, surround-

ed by flowers and birds, was her great joy.

Her underlying grit and determination saw her through many of life's challenging situations.

An active member of the Moose Lodge, Lois served its members selflessly for many years with flowers, meals and words of encouragement.

Lois was preceded in death by her husband, Dannie Louterback, her brother, Virgil Huffman, and her parents, Morris and Lenna Huffman. She is survived by her children, Jack Lundy, Robert Lundy, Becky West, Renee Yarbrough, Craig Lundy, Gayle Blount, stepdaughter Sharla Louterback Bailey, adopted children CJ Stenseth, Albert Mohs and Dave Stark, and many grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be conducted at 3 p.m. Wednesday, June 27, at the Christian Center, 255 Summit Ridge Dr., Kalispell. A reception with the family will be held at the Moose Lodge on LaSalle Road, Kalispell, immediately following the service.

## Laura Ann Loven, 47

Laura Ann Loven, 47, "went home to be with her Lord" on March 25, 2007, in Kalispell, surrounded by her family and friends after her battle with cancer. Laura was born Nov. 18, 1959, in Long Beach, Calif., to Marvin and Gladys Graham.



Affectionately known as "Lo-Lo" to her family, Laura had a quiet and gentle spirit that all who knew her loved.

Laura loved the simple things in life and did not need extravagance to make her happy. She was very creative, making homemade cards for friends and family with poetry and drawings. She loved to bake bread, go to garage sales and pick huckleberries with her husband in late summer.

Laura had a heart and love for babies, and for many years nurtured babies in her own home for working parents. She had a deep love for her own three children and treasured being a mom. Laura loved to laugh — with a quiet, quick wit and well-timed pun always in hand.

Evident in her life was her love for the Lord. She enjoyed Bible studies and worshipping with her husband and friends. She served overseas with Youth With a Mis-

sion to Singapore and Thailand, sharing her love for Jesus.

Laura worked at Stillwater Christian school in the cafeteria and at Buffalo Hill Terrace kitchen.

Laura was devoted to her family and friends, especially to her husband, Patrick, who stood by her in life and through a difficult illness — she loved him with all her heart.

Laura is survived by her husband, Patrick Loven, sons, Ryan Johnson and Randy Johnson; her best friend and daughter, Faith Loven; her mother, Gladys Graham; her brother, David Graham, and his wife, Kathy; her sisters, Linda Seymour and her husband, Phil, and Christine Daspit and her husband J.R.; numerous aunts, cousins, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Marvin Graham; and grandparents, Grover and Hazel Graham, and Albert Smith and Eda Smith.

A celebration of Laura's life will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 29, at Easthaven Baptist Church. A burial service will be afterward at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

A fund has been created for Laura's beloved daughter, Faith Loven, for her future education. Those wishing to donate may send checks to Valley Bank of Kalispell, c/o Faith Loven Fund, P.O. Box 48, Kalispell, MT 59901.

## Russell A. Lundin, 46

Russell A. Lundin, 46, died Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2007, at his home up Pipe Creek, from natural causes.

He worked sawing logs all over the western United States, including Montana.

Survivors include his stepmother, Doris Lundin,

of Libby.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Oct. 1, at Libby Christian Church. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 30, at the funeral home.

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

## Ray L. 'Buzz' Lutz

Family and friends are invited to attend a celebration of life for Buzz Lutz, who died Nov. 16, 2006.

Services will be held at 11:30 a.m. Friday, June 29, at

the Catholic church in East Glacier. A potluck will be afterward at the community hall.

His ashes will be buried at the John Clarke Cemetery.

## Bradley Joseph Lowney, 36

Bradley Joseph Lowney, 36, a Kalispell resident, passed peacefully in his sleep at his home on Jan. 9, 2007, of natural causes. He was born Sept. 6, 1970, in Salt Lake City at Holy Cross Hospital.



He attended grade school at West Lake, Utah and graduated from high school at Laser in Kalispell. He attended FVCC for over a year and Salish Kootenai College for four years.

Brad loved his friends dearly, of which there were many. He was an avid sports fan and loved his computer and to dress up. He also learned how to operate and enjoy doing laundry at home where he lived with his brother Scott at their apartment on Airport Road.

Brad was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, John Joseph Patrick Lowney; his father, John J. Lowney; his maternal grandfather, Joseph Hayden Frye and paternal grandmother, Isabel Mary

Downey Lowney.

He is survived by his mother Maeloye Frye, her companion, Gene Speelman; his brothers, Jeffrey J. Lowney and Scott R. Lowney, all of Kalispell. He is also survived by his maternal grandmother, Lillian Myrle Frye of Richfield, Utah; two aunts: Rita and spouse Allen Willardson of Gunnison, Utah, and Judy Stewart of Richfield, Utah; uncles: Ted and spouse Jenny Frye, of Kearns, Utah; Ron and spouse Toni Frye, of West Valley, Utah; Val and spouse Melree Frye of West Jordan, Utah; and Shon and spouse Brenda Frye of Sigurd, Utah; one niece, Breanna May Lowney, of Kalispell; and one nephew, Jacob John Lowney of Kalispell; as well as numerous cousins.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary, Tuesday, Jan. 16. Burial will follow at Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Cremation will follow. The family suggests memorials be sent to Flathead Valley Community College or Salish Kootenai College.

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

## Maeloye Lowney, 65

Maeloye Lowney, 65, passed away peacefully Thursday morning, March 22, 2007, at her home in Evergreen. She was born Feb. 4, 1942, in Richfield, Utah, to Joe and Myrle (Syddall) Frye.



Maeloye grew up in Richfield, where her father Joe ran a freight-line business for many years and also was a fire chief of the Fire Department there. She attended school at Richfield and later went to Business College in Salt Lake City.

She married John Lowney, and their home was a social center in West Valley near Salt Lake City.

She worked as a troubleshooter at a large company in Salt Lake City. The family moved to Kalispell, where John ran a trucking business. Maeloye started helping at a nearby restaurant and motel. After a few years she was working full-time, mostly in the early shift at the restaurant, which was in Evergreen. It was a job she enjoyed very much as

she got to know the customers, many of whom were regulars.

She and her husband John raised three sons, Jeffrey, Brad and Scott, in the Salt Lake and Kalispell areas. All her friends and relatives remember her as a fun-loving lady with an infectious smile.

She was preceded in death by her father, Joe, in 1988; her husband, John, in 1989; and her son, Brad, earlier this year.

She is now survived by her companion of 13 years, Gene Speelman, of Kalispell; two sons, Jeffrey Lowney of Somers, and Scott Lowney of Kalispell; two grandchildren, Breanna and Jacob, both of Kalispell; her mother, Myrle Frye of Richfield; two sisters, Rita Willardson of Gunnison, Utah, and Judy Stuart of Richfield; four brothers, Ted Frye, Ron Frye and Val Frye, all of Salt Lake City, and Shon Frye of Sigurd, Utah.

Memorial services for Maeloye Lowney will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 28, in the Johnson Mortuary chapel, with Pastor Glenn Burfeind officiating. There is no visitation. It was her wish to be cremated.

Johnson Mortuary is caring for Maeloye's family.

## Alvena Mae Lyford, 75

Alvena Mae Lyford, 75, of Kalispell, passed away Wednesday, Sept. 12, 2007, after a lengthy illness. She was at home surrounded by her loving family at the time of her death. Alvena was born Oct. 1, 1931, to Pete and Minnie Jensen in Choteau. She was raised on her grandparents' ranch (still known today as the Townsend place) by her parents John and Minnie Leubner, in Bynum. They all moved to the Deer Park area south of Columbia Falls in the mid-1940s. She completed her education in Kalispell where she graduated in 1950.



She married Wilbur A. Lyford on July 19, 1950. They spent their married life and raised their three children in Kalispell.

Wilbur preceded her in death on Jan. 15, 2000. She was also preceded in death by her parents, John and Minnie Leubner.

In the early years she was a member of the Glacier Go-Cart club and The Arabian Horse Club. She also attended pilot school.

She worked as a bookkeeper for Davis Pipe and Machinery for more than 30 years.

Alvena's greatest joys in life were her family, friends, traveling, gardening, quilting, and her dog, Gidget.

She was a member of The

Women of the Moose, Chapter 1710, of Kalispell. She was best known as a "friend who would do anything for anyone." She was fun-loving and very creative.

Alvena is survived by her loving companion, Art Olson, of Kalispell; son, Lon, and wife, Debbie, of Big Lake, Alaska; daughter, Cassandra Bowen, and husband, Steve, of Kalispell; daughter, Roxanne Mellstead, and husband, Brian, of Sandusky, Mich.; sister, Martha Kassel, and her companion, Bill Beierle, of Columbia Falls; and brother, Johnny Leubner, and his companion, Beverly Price, also of Columbia Falls. She is also survived by 12 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and her special extended family, Trent and Becky Olson and their son, Darin.

Memorial services for Alvena will be held at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 19, at the Central Christian Church, at 240 Second Ave. East in Kalispell. Afterwards there will be a celebration of Alvena's life at Moose Lodge 1922 at 2158 U.S. 2 East in Kalispell. There will be no visitation. Her cremains will be interred at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery at a private family service.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions be sent to Home Options Hospice or to the donor's choice.

Arrangements are being handled by Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

## Daniel Wayne Lynch, 81

Daniel Wayne Lynch, 81, passed away Saturday, March 17, 2007, at his home in Kalispell.

He was born Nov. 13, 1925, in Upton, Wyo., to Jesse Warren and Margaret Bell (Hill) Lynch.

When Dan was 5 years old, his family moved to Trego, where he received his early education. They later moved to Kalispell, where his father worked as a farmer.

On June 10, 1944, at the age of 17, Dan was inducted into the military, serving in the U.S. Navy in the Pacific during World War II. He was honorably discharged March 15, 1946, at which time he and his father bought the Yellow Cab company and ran it for a few years and then moved to working on the Hungry Horse Dam project. He then went to school becoming an electrician and began work at the Anaconda Aluminum Plant, remaining there for 35 years. Dan made many lifelong friends from his work and activities before retiring in 1991.

Dan's first love was his family, and then came his love of the outdoors. Dan took many fishing, camping and hunting trips with his family and friends all across Montana and Alaska. After his retirement, Dan continued those passions.

Dan had four brothers and five sisters. Also of special mention is Dan's lifelong friend, Alvin Krantz. Having met Dan when they were 11, Alvin was like another brother, spending many fun times through the years of his life. He was there many times



through the days and at the end, not leaving Dan's side, for which his family will be forever grateful.

Dan was a member of the Masons, the Moose Lodge, the Eagles and was involved in the Boy Scout organization for many years.

Dan was preceded in death by his parents; son, Wesley; two brothers, Warren and Neil; and sister, Orrine Rhodes.

He is survived by his wife, Florence "Bess" Lynch, of Kalispell; two daughters, Wanda Hinzman and husband, Ken, of Columbia Falls, and Charlene Lynch of Seattle; daughter-in-law, Dorothy Lynch, of Columbia Falls; five grandchildren, Andrea Hinzman and fiancé, Jeff Merrifield, of Seattle, Clint Hinzman and wife, Kristie, with their three daughters Danielle, Lauren, and Josie, of Columbia Falls, Kyle Hinzman and wife, Lindsay, and children Garrett and Allie of Kalispell, Justin Lynch of Bozeman, and Dawson Lynch of Columbia Falls. One brother, Jess, and wife, Opal, of Hungry Horse; and four sisters, Gerri Mitton, Maude Bauska, Donna LeRue and Rose Hollopeter.

Graveside services for Dan will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 21, 2007, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery with the Rev. Ron Pierce officiating. There will be a reception afterward at the Moose Lodge, 2158 U.S. 2 E., in Kalispell. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday at Johnson Mortuary. The family suggests memorial gifts to be given to Home Options/Hospice, 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell, MT 59901.

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