

Alan Dale Meyers, 75



Alan Dale Meyers, 75, passed away Saturday, Feb. 17, 2007, at his home in Kalispell. Alan was born March 15, 1931, in Medical Lake, Wash. He attended schools in Medical Lake, graduating from Medical Lake High School.

He served with the U.S. Navy from 1952 until 1954. Alan worked for the Railroad for more than 45 years in many capacities, including welding.

He married Maxine Meyers in Eureka in 1986. He loved fishing, hunting, yard sales, bowling, doing puzzles, reading and traveling.

He was a good friend of Bill W. for 27 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and four brothers.

Alan is survived by his wife, Maxine Meyers, of Kalispell; daughter, Teresa "Teri" Simpson, of Great Falls; stepchildren, Kay Midro and Jerry Greenstein of Kalispell, Marjorie Howell of Columbia Falls, and Duane and Mary Erie of Trego; sister, Dorothy Wellen, of Burien, Wash.; grandchildren, Kevin Wolfe, Kristina Simpson and Andrew Simpson, all of Great Falls; stepgrandchildren, Mike and Kevin Howell, Devin and Jesse Midro, Jeromi and Danielle, Erie Jesse and Neil Volkman, Charity Mathews and Heather Dodson and Aaron; stepgreat-grandchildren, Jenna and Kaelin Volkman, and Gavin Remter.

A celebration of Alan's life will be held later on this coming summer.

"He was our big soft teddy bear and will be missed by all of us, we love you."

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

James Clarence 'Jim' Meyers, 84



James Clarence "Jim" Meyers, 84, passed away after a short illness Friday, Feb. 23, 2007, while wintering in Gilbert, Ariz.

He was born June 4, 1922, in Waite Park, Minn., to John A. and Irene C. (Biding) Meyers. Jim attended St. Joseph Catholic School in Waite Park and graduated from St. Cloud Technical High School in St. Cloud, Minn., in 1940.

Jim entered active duty in the U.S. Army on Nov. 9, 1943. He was a staff sergeant, serving in the 88th Division, Company L 350th Infantry in several locations near Rome-Arno, Po Valley and the North Apennines in Italy. Jim was wounded by mortar fire, sustaining a shrapnel wound to the leg. He was awarded a Purple Heart, Good Conduct medal, European African Middle Eastern Service ribbon and a Distinguished Unit Citation for 2nd Battalion, 350th Regiment.

On Valentine's Day, 1947, Jim married Marilyn Patricia Wimmer. They lived in St. Cloud while Jim worked in retail sales, advertising and management at Montgomery Ward, Fandel's Department Store and Herberger's Department Store. He was active in various fraternal and service organizations, including the Elks, Lions and Rotary clubs; St. Cloud Industrial Development board, Top Hatters, Downtown Association for Chamber of Commerce and Jr. Chamber of Commerce.

Jim and Pat moved to Kalispell in 1977, where they owned and operated a Thrifty Scot Motel franchise (currently named the Aero Inn) until 1989. The Thrifty Scot Motel fulfilled a life-long dream of owning a business.

They became members of St. Matthew's Catholic Parish and various Kalispell social organizations including the Jazz Society. Jim served on the board of directors of the Kalispell Area Chamber of Commerce from 1980 to 1982, was president of the Kalispell Development Corporation from 1986 to 1987, and was director of Rotary International from 1987 to 1988.

Upon retirement, Jim and Pat enjoyed traveling throughout the United States, attending 88th Division 'Blue Devils' reunions, visiting family and friends in Europe and spending the winter months in Mesa, Ariz.

Jim enjoyed golfing, hiking, bicycling and cross-country skiing, especially with his friends in Kalispell. He also enjoyed dancing and listening to Big Bands, played and taught cribbage to other adults and to local elementary school children. He often joked that he won Pat in a cribbage game, as her father pressured him into always playing a game before they could go out on a date.

Jim loved his hunting and fishing adventures throughout the Big Sky Country of Montana, Minnesota and Canada. Several years ago he took up woodworking as a hobby, which included crafting unique pen and pencil sets.

Jim will be greatly missed as a father, grandfather, uncle and wonderful friend. His friendly, outgoing nature will be remembered by all who knew him.

Jim was preceded in death by his wife, Pat, in 2004; and a brother, Tom Meyer, in 2000.

He is survived by four daughters, Vicki Walbruch, and husband, Lee, of Knaresborough, United Kingdom; Jackley Stean, and husband, George, of Big Sandy; Geri Meireis, and husband, Kent, of Denver; and Melani Jaskowiak, of Gilbert. He was the proud grandfather of four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren and uncle to six nieces and five nephews. His siblings include a brother, Bill Meyer, of Black River Falls, Wis., and a sister, Jackie Albers, of Vining, Minn.

Funeral Mass will be at 12:10 p.m. Wednesday, March 14, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church, 602 S. Main St., followed by lunch in the church basement. A burial at Fort Snelling National Cemetery in Minneapolis will take place at a later date.

The family suggests memorials go to the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), www.vfw.org/donations; The Flathead Valley Jazz Society, P.O. Box 2627, Kalispell, MT 59903; St. Matthew's Catholic Church, Attn. Building Fund, 602 S. Main St., Kalispell, MT 59901; or a charity of the donor's choice.

James Edward 'Jim' Michael, 53

James Edward "Jim" Michael, 53, passed away Monday, March 26, 2007, at his residence in Kalispell. He was born Nov. 22, 1953, at Ernest Harmon



Air Force Base in Newfoundland, the son of James H. and Joan P. (Giles) Michael.

Jim attended grades one through eight at Somers School. He graduated from Flathead High School. He had several jobs before he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and was an engine mechanic aboard the USS Sperry.

He married Marudy DiTolla, and they later divorced. They have one son, James R. Michael.

As a young boy, he was a Boy Scout with Troop 88 of Somers. He hiked twice through the Bob Marshall Wilderness to earn his 50 mile hike merit badge. One trip was made with his dad.

He was preceded in death by a son, Rudy James Michael; and his father, James H. Michael.

Survivors include his son, James Michael; his mother, Joan Michael, both of Somers; sisters, Christine Ann of El Paso, Texas, Jennice Diane of Olympia, Wash., Patricia Jean and Deborah Kay, both of Somers, Darlene Marie of Swindon, England, and Jennifer Ann of Maryland; a brother, David Brian, of Kalispell; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial services for James will be held at a later date.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for James' family.

Leland Dale Mickle, 50

Leland Dale Mickle, 50, died Monday, June 25, 2007, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

Arrangements are pending with Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory.

Vernon E. Mickelson, 86

Vernon E. Mickelson, 86, of Libby, died Monday, Sept. 17, 2007, at his home from natural causes.

He had worked for the St. Regis Paper Company, and retired from Champion International.

He is survived by his children, Diane Boeckel and Rob in Mickelson, both of Phoenix, Darlene Komrosky of Fingal, N.D. Judy Detrick of Wheatland, Wyo., Marvin Mickelson,

Cindy Wagner and Kris Erickson, all of Libby, and Steve Mickelson of Spokane.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday Sept. 21, at the Libby Christian Church. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Thursday, and from 8 a.m. to noon on Friday. Interment will follow at the City of Libby Cemetery.

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

Michael Vincent Milat, 47

Michael Vincent Milat, 47, of Hot Springs passed away peacefully Friday evening, Sept. 21, 2007, at home in the arms of his loving wife.



He had fought a courageous battle with lung cancer since May 2007.

Michael was born June, 21, 1960, in San Francisco, the eldest son of Richard and Sharron (Wilkins) Milat. He graduated from St. Helena High School and worked 15 years as an assistant manager for Keller Brothers Grocery Store in St. Helena, Calif.

In the late 1980s, Michael began spending summers in Northwest Montana, and he became captivated by the openness and beauty of the land.

In 1990, he moved permanently to Coram and then, in 1992, relocated to Hot Springs, where he met his wife, Tina (Maas) Dougherty. Michael and Tina were married Aug. 4, 2001, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

He has been employed for the past 14 years as a dietary aide at the Evergreen Hot Springs Health and Rehabilitation Center.

His hobbies included hiking and listening to music; he also enjoyed going to the movies, reading endlessly for

knowledge, and had a passion for designing and assembling advanced audio sound systems. Mike seemed to know how to fix anything, and if he didn't, he would research it and teach himself.

He is survived by his wife, Tina, and daughter Misty, in Hot Springs; his father, Richard Milat, of San Francisco; mother, Sharron Milat, of St. Helena; brother and sister-in-law, Vincent and Elaine Milat, and their children, Ryan and Kaley, of Roseville, Calif.; sisters, Dawn and her daughter, Sunny, also in Roseville, and Maureen and Dale Chandler, and their son, Jacob, of Mobile, Ala. He is also survived by his maternal grandmother, Frances Wilkins, of San Jose, Calif.; and many aunts, uncles and cousins; and his father and mother-in-law, David and Ingrid Maas, of Lakeside.

Michael's wish was to be cremated and he requested no public funeral; however there will be a celebration of life for him between the hours of 1 and 4 p.m. Oct. 4 at the Hot Springs Senior Center.

He also requested, in lieu of flowers, that donations should be made in his name to the local hospice organization; or Cancer Network of Sanders County.

The family is forever grateful for the loving care and assistance provided by the local hospice personnel — Laura, Lori, Fern and Donna and Janet.

Grace J. (Fly) Miles, 91

Grace J. (Fly) Miles, 91, passed away Monday, Nov. 26, 2007, at her home in Columbia Falls.

She was born Sept. 24, 1916, to Elbert and Grace (Roberts) Fly in Riverton, Wyo.

Grace and her family came to Montana when she was 12. She and her brother rode horseback and drove a herd of horses from Wyoming to Montana. They were heading to Tally Lake, where her uncle Albert Fly lived, but settled in Tarkio, Mont., instead.

Grace graduated from high school in Superior. She married Morris Miles about 1935. They owned a large ranch in Tarkio. After they sold the ranch, they settled in Roseburg, Ore. After Morris died in 1976, Grace moved to Columbia Falls. She worked at the Wallflower until she retired.

Grace loved flowers, gardening, NASCAR, stock car racing, and the University of Montana Grizzlies.



She always had time for any and all visitors. She especially enjoyed her great-great-grandchildren, Joe and Luke Lamb, and Madysen Martin, all of Columbia Falls, Aiden Puckett of Colorado and Kawena Kassner of Kalispell.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Morris; son, Daniel, 2; and grandson, Duke Holmes, 13.

Grace is survived by her daughter, Kay, and husband, Richard Holmes of Marion; son, Vic, and wife, Pat Miles of Columbia Falls; grandchildren, Kathy and husband Tom Martin of Columbia Falls, David and wife Teresa Holmes of Wyoming, Dan and wife Dana Holmes of Colorado, Victor and wife, Dawn Miles of Arizona, Jody and wife Hallie Arvidson of Columbia Falls, Scott and wife Courtney Arvidson of Nevada, and Rhonda Arvidson of Arizona; 14 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren and a large extended family.

A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30, at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. Burial will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery. The casket will not be opened for viewing.

Maren R. Miles, 64

Maren R. Miles, 64, of Libby, died Tuesday, Oct. 16, 2007, at her home in Libby from cancer.

Survivors include her husband, Fred Miles, of Libby; four children, Ralph Miles of Seattle, Alta "Sissy" Miles of Libby, Fred Jr. Miles of

Vashon, Wash., and Star Shine Miles of Lake Tahoe, Calif.

A celebration of life will be at 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, at the Elks Club.

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

Albert Amos Miller, 78

Albert Amos Miller, 78, born Oct. 14, 1928, "went to be with his heavenly Father" on Father's Day, June 17, 2007, in his home at Cougar Mountain Bible Camp in Yelm, Wash.

Albert is survived by his wife, Mildred, of Yelm; daughters, Alma Ramlow of Whitefish, Faith Peterson of Spokane, and Rachel Peterson and son, Harry, of Yelm. He is also survived by brothers, Harry of Ronan, Paul of Libby; and his sister, Nona, of Ronan.

Al was preceded in death by his mother, Effie Lela, and his brother, Pat.

Al was born in Beach, N.D., to Lela and Harry Miller. Harry died when Al was younger than 1 year old. The family then moved to Ronan, where he lived until he finished high school and entered into the Marine Corps. He was a parachute rigger and instructor with the First Marine Air Wing, stationed both in Quantico, Va., and El Toro, Calif.

Al received the call to preach and found his life mate in Santa Ana, Calif. Al and Mildred journeyed to North Dakota to begin his first pastorate. Al was ordained by the Church of the Nazarene, where he served until retirement. Albert and his brothers Harry, Pat and mom, Effie Lela, were instrumental in the formation of the Pablo Church of the Nazarene. His pastor's heart lead him to many other places, but his heart was always in the valley.



Al pastored the following Nazarene churches: Hurdsfield, N.D., Libby, Pablo, Butte, Anchorage, Alaska, Laurel, Federal Way, Wash., Tacoma Westgate - Tacoma, Wash., and Cougar Mountain, Yelm.

He refused to be limited by what he did not have, and believed that all God requires of us are open hearts and willing hands. He lived in God's abundance, often singing "Little is Much, when God is in it." He believed John 3:16 and lived it. Al did not have a dad, but he became the father to countless others because he learned to walk with his heavenly Father. He loved children and started two Bible camps for them, one in Wasilla, Alaska, and Cougar Mountain Bible Camp in Yelm.

We salute the passing of a giant. Dad lived Semper Fidelis (Always Faithful).

Al's family invites all to attend a public memorial Saturday, July 21, at the Whitefish Church of the Nazarene, 1125 Seventh St. E., in Whitefish, with Pastor Cliff Purcell, 406-862-2433. The celebration will be at 11 a.m. with a time of sharing and food afterward. There also will be a memorial service Sunday, July 22, at the Pablo Church of the Nazarene, 42653 Old Hwy. 93, in Ronan, with Pastor Jim Perry, 406-675-0081. A potluck lunch will be shared at 1 p.m. and the celebration service will start after lunch at about 2:20 p.m. Dad always sang better on a full stomach.

Al's final arrangements were made by Woodlawn Funeral Home in Lacey, Wash.; www.woodlawnfh.net

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Donald A. Miller, 85

Donald A. "Don" Miller was born Jan. 29, 1922, in Spokane to Albert and Mary Miller. He passed away March 17, 2007, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center. Don graduated from Rogers High School in Spokane in 1941.

He married Margie L. Blair on Dec. 5, 1941.

Don enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1943 and served on the sub tender USS Anthon in the South Pacific. He was very proud of his service to his country during World War II. Upon receiving his honorable discharge in 1945, he returned to Spokane and worked for Kaiser Aluminum.

In 1955, Don moved his family to Columbia Falls, where he worked at Anaconda Aluminum Company until his retirement.

Don built his own home when he moved to Columbia Falls. While in Columbia Falls, he served as a city councilman, building inspector, and coached Pee Wee and Babe Ruth baseball.

He and Margie moved to Woods Bay in 1973 and enjoyed 28 years of living on the lake. They moved to Kalispell in 2001.

Don especially enjoyed his time hunting and fishing with his sons and grandsons. His favorite spots were the Swan and Thompson River country.

Don is survived by his wife of 65 years, Margie, at the family home; sons, Mike and wife, Ron-da, Dan, and Randy and wife, Julie; grandsons, Jeff and wife, Donna, David and wife, Amanda, Jason and wife, Rhonda, and Doug and wife, Nikki; and great-grandchildren Dylan, Kendall, Emma, Vincent, Abbey, Beth and Nick.

His brother, Bill, preceded Don in death in 1989.

Don wished memorials be made to the animal shelter of your choice.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, March 22, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, March 23, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home; interment will be after the service at Glacier Memorial Gardens. A reception will be at the Elks lodge in Kalispell after the interment.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Joan Leslie (Harp) Miller, 83

Joan Leslie (Harp) Miller, 83, passed away Monday, April 2, 2007, at the Immanuel

Lutheran Home in Kalispell. She was born Sept. 4, 1923, in St.

Paul, Minn., to Leonard and Mae (Rudd) Harp. Joan moved with her family in September 1935 to Montana, where she later graduated from Flathead High School.

She met her lifelong partner, Orville, at the age of 18 through friends Jane and Rollin Kaufman. They all went roller-skating for the first date. After only eight dates, Orville proposed to Joan. Joan Harp married Orville Miller on March 14, 1942, at the First Baptist Church in Kalispell, with Maxine Burrell and Vilas AuClaire as witnesses. Joan and Orville honeymooned at the Florence Hotel in Missoula.

Joan worked with her husband in the tree industry for many years. She would design and create beautiful Christmas centerpieces for the business. Joan was also an accomplished artist.



Painting landscapes and old buildings was her passion. Later in life, when her health forced her to give up painting, Joan wrote her autobiography, leaving a legacy and treasured timeline for her family.

Joan was preceded in death by her husband, Orville Miller; her parents; one sister, Peggy Graham; a brother, John R. Harp; and an infant daughter, Mary Lisa.

She is survived by a son, Stephen Miller, of Missoula; a daughter, Bronwyn Barthule, and husband, John, of Sturgis, S.D.; eight grandchildren, Cory, Cali, Caelon, Cole, Nicole, Bryan, Lance and Jeff; three great-grandchildren, Emily, Bobbi Jo and Kyrsten; one sister, Nancy Huffsmith, of Phillipsburg; her lifelong friend, Audy AuClaire, of Kalispell; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Joan will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 7, at Central Bible Church, with Pastor Ron Youde officiating. Burial will be afterward in the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, April 6, at Johnson Mortuary.

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

John M. Miller, 85

John M. Miller, 85, passed away March 19, 2007, in Kalispell. John was born in Canada and was raised near Rouleau, Saskatchewan, and in Denver.



John served in the Army Air Corps during World War II as a radioman in a B-17 bomber in the European theater. He received three Bronze Stars and the Distinguished Flying Cross. He was honorably discharged in 1945.

John farmed in Audubon, Iowa, and then worked as a telephone switchman into the 1980s.

He met and married Clara Miller in 1946 in Los Angeles. They had 57 wonderful years together.

John enjoyed agriculture, woodworking, hunting and cats. After his wife Clara died in 2003, he moved to Kalispell to live with his son's family until his death.

"'Grand-Paw,' we'll miss your twinkling blue eyes, your wry sense of humor and your putt-putt tractor. We're grateful that you were part of our home."

John was preceded in death by his wife, Clara; and daughter, Candace Susan Miller.

He is survived by a son, Orla Miller, of Kalispell; daughter-in-law, Rita Haskins of Kalispell; grandchildren, Kiley Hayden Miller, Winter Rose Miller, and Kaden Haskins Miller.

A celebration of John's life will be held in the summer, with the burial of his ashes in Billings.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Mary E. Miller, 87

Mary E. Miller, 87, died Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2007, at the Libby Care Center.

She had been a longtime employee of Lincoln County, serving in the assessor's office both as clerk and deputy assessor, until her retirement.

Survivors include her son, Ray Miller, of Libby. Mass of the Resurrection

will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Friday at St. Joseph Catholic Church with the Rev. Jozef Perhubka as celebrant. Rite of interment will follow at the City of Libby Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 1 p.m. today at the Nelson & Vial Chapel followed by a parish vigil and rosary service beginning at 7 p.m.

Kenneth Leroy 'Ken' Miller, 78

Kenneth Leroy "Ken" Miller, 78, passed away Wednesday, May 9, 2007, at his residence in Dayton, after a long illness of COPD, heart failure and cancer.



He was born on March 13, 1929, at Aredale, Iowa, the son of George Harry and Martha (Timmer) Miller.

He joined the U.S. Air Force and was stationed at Fairchild Air Base in Spokane. While in Spokane he met Elaine Harms. After a tour of duty in Guam and Japan, he returned to Spokane and he and Elaine were married on Aug. 5, 1950.

Ken started his career as a desk salesman for North Robbins Plywood (which later merged with Georgia Pacific Corp.) Ken was an outside salesman for Georgia Pacific in the Washington Tri-Cities area, branch manager in Great Falls, and retired from Georgia Pacific after 25 years in Spokane.

Upon retirement, he and Elaine moved to Kalispell and oversaw the construction of

their home on their lot on Flathead Lake, doing all of the interior work. He also enjoyed fishing and boating, etc.

In 1980, Ken purchased the Yary Sports Photography franchise for this area and later built his own business, Crown Sports Photography, selling it and retiring again, and returning to the lake in 1998.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Holda Dolaney and Grace Miller; and brothers, Wilbur, Archie and Harold Miller.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Elaine M. Miller, of Dayton, and a brother, Clarence Miller, of Lusby, Md.

Graveside services for Kenneth will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, May 14, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery with Pastor David Anson officiating. Military honors will be conducted by the United Veterans of the Flathead. There will be no visitation.

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

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

Marian S. Miller, 96

Marian S. Miller, 96, died March 9, 2007, at her home in Kalispell.

Survivors include her son, Ron Miller, of Kalispell; and daughter, Marilyn Farra, of Kansas.

Services and burial were conducted March 17 in Greensburg, Kan.

Local arrangements were provided by Johnson Mortuary.

Earl R. Milne, 69



Earl R. Milne, 69, a resident of Pray and Columbia Falls areas, passed away at his home in Pray on March 13, 2007. Earl was born Oct. 2, 1937, to Leonard and Winona Milne in Deer Lodge. He attended Park High School in Livingston, where he graduated in 1955.

In June of 1957 he married his wife of 49 years in Butte. Together they raised six children.

Earl is survived by his wife, Betty; six children, Katherine Milne, Peggy Fish and husband, Rance, Earl Ross Jr. and wife, Robin, Robert and wife, Char, Christopher and his wife, Melody, Elizabeth Murray and her husband, Shane. Also sur-

viving are 15 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; a brother, Leonard of Spokane, Wash.; and a sister, Barbara Rowe, of Cleveland, Tenn.

Earl enjoyed spending time with family and friends going hunting, fishing, camping and boating.

He retired from Schellinger in 2002. He also worked at various heavy diesel mechanic and construction jobs throughout Montana.

Visitation will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, March 18 at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Monday, March 19, at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls with Rev. Darrell Newby officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell.

Terry Miller, 58



Terry Miller passed away at 58 years of age, Saturday, April 28, 2007, Kalispell, as a result of injuries sustained from an accident while with friends and family. Terry was born at the General Hospital in Kalispell on Aug. 31, 1948, the son of Irvin C. and Jane D. (Omyer) Miller.

Terry was an active member of the Valley View congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses. His faith was of primary importance followed by caring for the needs of his family and friends.

Terry was raised and educated in Kalispell, graduating from Flathead High School. He enjoyed and participated in many recreational activities with a particular love of fishing, hunting and boating. Although Terry sought association with family and friends, he valued his customers as friends too.

Terry and his brother, Leonard, were co-owners of Northwestern Truss Company. They were

very proud of what they had accomplished with their business. Terry will be remembered for many things, generosity being among the foremost.

Terry is survived by his beloved wife of 10 years, Katy Miller, of Kalispell; and a very extended family including one son, Christopher Miller of Seattle; two stepsons, Justin Skalsky and Rick Skalsky, both of Kalispell; his father and mother, Irvin and Jane Miller of Kalispell; two brothers, Steven Miller of Billings, and Leonard Miller of Kalispell; two sisters, Kathy Montgomery of Great Falls, Va., and Janice Miller of Seattle. Terry is also survived by his very close cousin, Rexford Miller and his wife, Sherry; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial services for Terry will be held at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, May 9, at the White Oak Grand Ballroom on the corner of Hwy 93 South and Hwy 82 in Kalispell. There will be no public visitation.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is participating in the caring for Terry's family.

Rachel 'Marie' Ming, 90

Rachel "Marie" Ming, 90, passed away on Sunday, Sept. 23, 2007, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell. She was born Nov. 29, 1916, to Carl and Clara (Noble) Bowlds in Ames, Iowa, where she lived until she was five.



Marie's family moved to Clyde Park, where she received her early education, graduating from Clyde Park High School. One of Marie's fondest memories was the trips to school in a horse-drawn buggy driven by her teacher.

Marie married John Ming on July 2, 1939, in Clyde Park. The couple then moved to a farm in Bloomfield, where they raised four children.

She loved music and had

many hobbies, including, cooking, sewing, crocheting, embroidering and gardening. Marie was a member of the Community Alliance Church. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

Marie was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; one brother; two sisters; and a great-grandson.

She is survived by two sons, Robert Ming of Butte, and Kenneth Ming of Kalispell; and two daughters, Beverly Twist of Kalispell, and Carol Ming of Altadena, Calif.; seven grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Graveside services for Marie will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 28, in the Dawson County Cemetery in Glendive.

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

Marilyn Minikus, 72

Marilyn Minikus, 72, passed away Sept. 27, 2007, in Salt Lake City after a long battle with cancer.

She was born Marilyn Ann Hummel on April 27, 1935, in Missoula to Lyle and Frieda Hummel, who preceded her in death.

She graduated from Flathead County High School in the class of 1953.

She was married to Rollo "Jack" Jermyn, with whom she has two sons, Bruce and Craig. They were later divorced. She later married Darrold "Whitey" Minikus. He

preceded her in death.

She is survived by sons, Bruce and wife, Karen, and four stepchildren, all of Salt Lake City, and Craig and wife, Debbie; two grandchildren, Heather and Tom Jermyn, of Moses Lake; two sisters, Shirley Heil and Laurel Powell, of Kalispell; two brothers, Lyle of Ellensburg, Wash., and Jon of Lyons, N.Y.; and many nieces and nephews.

Cremation has taken place, and burial will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens. There will be graveside services at 2 p.m. Oct. 18.

Garnet L. Minster, 88

Garnet L. Minster, 88, passed away Tuesday, April 10, 2007, at Heritage Place in Kalispell. He was born Feb. 7, 1919, at Ellensburg, Wash., the son of Roy and Anna (Retzlaff) Minster.



He was drafted into the U.S. Army and served in North Africa and Italy during World War II. After being honorably discharged, Garnet returned to Missoula where he met and married Clara Manthe on June 24, 1946.

Garnet worked for Montana Power Company for 37 years, retiring as district manager in 1984. He was active in many civic, church and charity organizations, including; president and director of the Kalispell Chamber of Commerce; past president of Rotary Club, was also a member and congregational president of Bethlehem

Lutheran Church; and president of the United Way.

Garnet was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed hunting, fishing, photography and cross country skiing.

He is survived by his wife, Clara Minster, of Kalispell; and a son, Allen Minster, and wife, Claudia, of St. Louis; three granddaughters, Jamie Minster-Selby of Charleston, S.C., Katherine Minster-Faulkner of St. Louis, and Jessica West of Charleston; one great-granddaughter, Lotus Garnet, of Charleston; a sister, Anna Mae Cheff, and husband, Floyd; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Garnet will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, April 16, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Kalispell with Pastor Larry Stappler officiating. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. until service time at the church. Burial will follow services at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

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

Donna LuElla Redfield Mitchell, 75

Donna LuElla Redfield Mitchell passed away Saturday, Aug. 11, 2007, surrounded by her family, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center. She was born June 24, 1932, in Great Falls, to Wert and Luella (Hovey) Redfield.

Donna lived in Culbertson until 1969 when she moved to Hot Springs with her family. She attended the first licensed practical nurse school in Kalispell in 1971, and worked at the Hot Springs Convalescent Center, Kalispell Regional Medical Center, and the Columbia Falls Veterans home until 1985.

In 1985 she married Fred Mitchell and moved to Butte, until they retired and traveled around the United States ending up in Pensacola, Fla. Donna and Fred volunteered at the Naval Air Museum in Pensacola and Donna also volunteered with the Park Service at Fort Barrancas.

She cherished the many people and friends she made at both places. She enjoyed many years of traveling and especially enjoyed watching her grandchildren grow up and spending time with her family.

Donna was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Fred.

She is survived by her daughters, Sheila and Marcus Burget of Desert Center, Calif., and Diane and Darrell Stoner of Whitefish; sons, Robert Petersen of Culbertson, and Clay and Pam Petersen of Culbertson; two stepdaughters, Shirley and Gary Mandick of Butte, and Donna and Pat Kinney of Butte; a sister, Esther Petersen, of Great Falls; 10 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; and her special friend, Bob Wilson, of Whitefish.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 18, at Christ Lutheran Church, 233 Kalispell Ave. in Whitefish.

Memorials can be sent to Home Options Hospice, at 175 Commons Loop Suite 100, Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

Erik L. Mize, 42

Erik L. Mize, 42, a former Kalispell resident, died Nov. 7, 2007, in San Francisco.

He had been a resident of Stevinson, Calif., at the time of his death. He was born at Great Falls on April 13, 1965, to Charles and Nancy Mize. He attended grade school in Pacifica, Calif., and came to Kalispell with his parents where he completed middle school and attended Flathead High School, graduating from there in 1983. Following high school graduation, he resided in the Turlock and Modesto, Calif., area, receiving an associate's degree at Merced Junior College.

Erik had worked for Rite-Aid in Livingston, Calif., for the past years.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping and bicycling. He had been a member of Harvest Christian Center in Turlock.

Preceding him in death were his grandparents, Virginia Dirks, and Fred and Mary Mize.

He is survived by his parents, Charles and Nancy Mize of Libby; a sister, Vicki Brown, of Kalispell; a brother, Fred Mize, of Missoula; two nephews; and three nieces.

Services were held Nov. 13 in Turlock. Local graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 3, at the City of Libby Cemetery with Pastor Kevin Lindgren officiating.

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

Donald W. Moen, 61

Donald W. Moen, 61, a longtime Libby area businessman, died Wednesday, March 21, 2007, at his home in Libby following an extended illness. He was born to Wernell and Elda Moen on Feb. 10, 1946, at Devil's Lake, N.D., and came to the Flathead Valley with his family as a child where he was raised and educated at Kalispell.

He married Sharon Taylor and they came to the Libby area in the mid-1960s; they were later divorced.

Don worked as a laborer and driller on the Flathead Tunnel (during the Libby Dam Project) and also on the ASARCO mine exploration project. He also worked in uranium mining in New Mexico and on the Alaskan Pipeline Project before returning to the Libby area in 1976.

He later married Virginia "Ginny" Howard Doyle.

He and his wife currently owned and operated both The Mint and Harold's Place in Libby; during that time, Don remained involved in construction, doing road construction work in the area.

Don is remembered by his customers and associates not just for business, but as a good

friend as well.

Don remained an active outdoorsman during most his life, enjoying camping, hunting, fishing and boating; he loved his family and particularly enjoyed being grandpa to his grandchildren, Sarah, Alyx, Kamren, Kelsey, Riley and Samantha.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Jean Owens; and a brother, Dale Moen; as well as a brother-in-law, Jerry Syth.

He is survived by his wife, Ginny, of Libby; his children, Donald Moen and wife, Tracie, of Montesano, Wash.; Juliana Williams and husband, Chad, and Christina Crowley and husband, Jerry, all of Kalispell; and Megan Moen of Libby; his sister, Noreen Syth, of Kalispell; as well as his five grandchildren.

Graveside services will be Monday at 1 p.m. at the City of Libby Cemetery. Friends may call at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday and until noon Monday. A reception will follow the service at the Libby Memorial Center.

Memorials may be made to Wings, P.O. Box 1550, Libby, MT 59923.

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Esther (Bradford) Dern Moenich, 95

Esther (Bradford) Dern Moenich, 95, "went to be with the Lord" June 30, 2007. She was born Nov. 14, 1911, to James A. and Floria (Lawton) Bradford in Roletta, N.D. She moved to Kalispell in 1934.



She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, James A. and Eugene E. Bradford; one sister, Lily Baldwin; one son, Lloyd A. Dern, and his father, Lloyd A. Dern Sr.

Esther received her business education in Kalispell, then moved to Puyallup, Wash., where she met and married John Moenich. She worked as a bookkeeper many years until retirement.

They moved to Kalispell and purchased a commercial building on Main Street for investment, and became snowbirds to Quartzsite, Ariz., until his death.

Esther then moved to Washington, then Kalispell, until moving to Homer, Alaska, for six years. She came back to Kalispell and made her home at WEL-Life and Heritage Place, until her nieces, nephew and great-niece took care of her at home.

Esther loved to dance, do crossword puzzles, bake and read.

She was a classy lady, and had a sense of humor and quick wit that never failed.

Esther was well loved.

She is survived by several nieces and nephews, and grandnieces and nephews.

Her memorial will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 28, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Following the service, family and friends are invited to meet at the home of Gayle and Gary Mastolier at 27 E. Nicklaus in Village Greens to celebrate Esther's life.

The family suggests that any memorial contributions be sent to Home Options Hospice, 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Inez DeSanti Moon, 97

Inez DeSanti Moon, 97, passed away peacefully at the Brendan House on June 27, 2007. Inez was born in New York City to Gerunzio and Giuseppina DeSanti, natives of Italy and Austria. She was the third youngest of four siblings — a sister and three brothers.

She spent her early years in New York City and New Jersey, moving to the West coast in 1934. Inez worked as a baker in San Francisco.

She loved to take care of her family, to garden and to support charities. Listening to all types of music was a joy throughout her life.

Inez was preceded in death by her husbands, Orva Donahue and Charles Moon, a sister, Elvira; and her brothers, Lionel, Andrew and Louis.

She is survived by her son, John Donahue; a daughter-in-law, Joyce, of Kalispell; her granddaughters, Kathleen Hansen, Colleen Showalter and Lori Cadwell; nieces, Rita Boaz, Mary Ann Morea and Jean Kitchen; six great-grandchildren; and 17 great-great-grandchildren.

Burial will take place with her late husband in Santa Clara, Calif.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Joe Montgomery, 88

Joe Montgomery, 88, passed away Friday, Sept. 28, 2007, at the North Austin Medical Center in Austin, Texas. He was born Sept. 1, 1919, in Helena to Joseph and Carolyn Montgomery.



He graduated from Helena High School in 1937 from railroad coaches that were brought in after an earthquake demolished the new school in 1935. After graduation he worked at Helena Sand and Gravel until Pearl Harbor. He enlisted the next day with the Navy and was in a Seabees Construction Battalion in the South Pacific.

Joe returned from the South Pacific to California where he met and married his wife of 62 years, Hazel Ransch Montgomery. After the war, he returned to the state he loved the most and settled in Kalispell, where he started a construction company, Montana Builders. Joe was in business for 35 years until he retired after building hundreds of homes, schools, banks, churches and businesses and employing thousands of people over the years.

Joe was a past exalted ruler of the Elks Lodge as well as district deputy, and he even managed the club without pay in one of its more difficult times while helping return it to solid financial footing. He was a past president of the Kalispell Shrine club and member for 30 years. He is famous for his support of fundraising barbecue dinners and his Mother's Day brunch at the Elks Club for more than 40 years.

Joe had a great love for Montana and the great outdoors, which resulted in as many fishing and hunting trips as time would permit. There were even times he would be the cook and bottle washer just to be on a trip into the Bob. He had taken 34 elk over the years, and felt this was all that one man should take and he had met his lifetime limit.

He is survived by his wife, Hazel; son, Gary, and his wife, Deborah Montgomery, of Austin; granddaughter, Jessica Montgomery, of Dallas; sister, Melba Montgomery, of Helena; niece, Marsha McCall, of Denver; and great-nephew, Blain Wenger, of Billings.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 11, at the Kalispell Elks Club.

Donation in lieu of flowers can be sent to the Joe Montgomery Memorial Fund at Johnson Mortuary, 525 S. Main St., Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

Harold G. 'Harry' Moore, 77

Harold G. "Harry" Moore, 77, died Saturday, Feb. 3, 2007, in Fort Myers, Fla. He is survived locally by his sister, Shirley Stubbs, of

Kalispell. Cremation has taken place. Services are planned in May in Massachusetts.

Irvin 'Irv' R. Moore, 79

Irvin "Irv" R. Moore, 79, of Yuma, Ariz., passed away Thursday afternoon, Sept. 13, 2007, after a lengthy battle with Parkinson's, Alzheimer's and multiple myeloma in Springfield, Ohio. He was born June 22, 1928, the son of Frieda Endicott, in Fox Lake, Wis.

He was employed with the railroad and retired after 25 years of service from Joseph T. Ryerson Steel in West Allis, Wis.

Irv's lifelong passion of hunting and fishing led him to Kalispell with his wife, Flo. Irv supported his family through hard work, sacrifice and devotion.

He was preceded in death



by his mother, Frieda; and two brothers, Fritz and Arthur Moore.

Survivors include his wife of 51 years, Flo (Stiemke) Moore, of Yuma; sons, Michael of Mequon, Wis., Ronald and Gloria of Delafield, Wis., and Bryan of Granton, Wis.; daughters, Kathie and Randolph Schwarz of Springfield, and Darla Robey of Flagstaff, Ariz.; siblings, Lucille Mueiner, Ruth Robertson, Esther and Harold, Karl and George Moore, all of Wisconsin; nine loving grandsons; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service is being planned at a later date in Yuma. Family is being served by the Littleton and Rue Funeral Home, Springfield, Ohio. You may express condolences to the family at www.littletonandrue.com.

Ida Helene (Gudvangen) Moore, 90

Ida Helene (Gudvangen) Moore, 90, "went home to be with her Lord and Savior" on Monday, April 30, 2007. She went peacefully at home surrounded by her children.

Ida was born to Lars and Inga (Norheim) Gudvangen on Nov. 19, 1916, in Wildrose, N.D., where she was raised.

Ida married James Moore on June 25, 1939. Jim and Ida had their first five children in N.D., and then moved to Kalispell, where they had six more children. Ida's greatest joy in life was raising and loving her children, of which they are most grateful.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James; and daughter, Darlene Jane Moore.

She is survived by sons



and daughters, Lyle Moore and wife, Elaine, of Kalispell, Leland Moore and wife, Darlene, of Somers; Ordean Moore of Columbia Falls; Donald Moore and wife, Frankie, of Kalispell; Jerome Moore and wife, Debbie, also of Kalispell; Aletha Mae Moore of Columbia Falls; Sadie Stowell and husband, Bob, of Texas; Betty Bertelsen and husband, Roger, of Lakeside; Myrna Wade and husband, Mike, of Whitefish; and Pearl Carstens and husband, Tom, of Virginia.

She also was blessed with numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren, who will cherish their memories of her always.

Graveside services will be held at noon Saturday, May 5, at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be held from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, May 5, at Johnson Mortuary prior to the graveside services.

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

Paul K. Mooring, M.D., 83

Paul K. Mooring, M.D., 83, died at his home on Swan Lake on Wednesday, June 13, 2007. He was born Sept. 16, 1923, in Houston, and raised in Stuttgart, Ark.



Dr. Mooring served in the U.S. Navy Medical Corps from 1941 to 1946. After World War II, he attended the University of California, Berkeley and completed an undergraduate degree at New York University. A graduate of Columbia Medical School, Dr. Mooring interned at Bellevue Hospital, and did his residency at Babies Hospital at the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center in New York City. Board certified in pediatric cardiology, he moved to Omaha, Neb., in 1962, where he was professor of pediatrics and director of pediatric cardiology at the University of Nebraska Medical Center until his retirement in 1986. Dr. Mooring was also an associate editor at MD

Magazine for many years.

Dr. Mooring raised cattle on his farm in Fort Calhoun, Neb., before retiring to Montana. An avid reader and gardener, he spent his time clearing land, developing an azalea and rhododendron garden, and observing the wildlife on Swan Lake. He enjoyed life in Bigfork, and served as president of the Bigfork Development Company from 1990 to 1991 and was part of the initial efforts to secure the Swan River Nature Trail.

Dr. Mooring is survived by his wife, LaVon; and his daughters, Karen Wennerstrom of Seattle, and Tanya Emmerich and son-in-law Tim Emmerich of Fort Calhoun, Neb.; as well as his brother, Dana, of Conway, Ark.

He was much loved by his patients, friends, neighbors and family. He made a difference in the lives of many and will be surely missed. A memorial service is planned for a future date.

The family suggests memorials to the Bigfork Library or Doctors Without Borders.

Thomas Alvin Morris, 89

Thomas Alvin Morris, 89, passed away Tuesday, Oct. 2, 2007, at Brendan House Hospice Care in Kalispell.

"His spirit is with his Savior Jesus Christ awaiting the resurrection day."

Thomas was born in Handsboro, Miss., (Harrison County) on Aug. 7, 1918, the son of William C. and Annie B. (Rippy) Morris. He was a lifelong resident of Satsuma, Ala., (Mobile County) before moving to



Kalispell a few years ago with his family.

He is survived by his daughter, Arlene DeVito, and granddaughter, Daphne Lisenby of Kalispell, who describe him as "The best dad and grandpa in the world."

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. today, Oct. 5, in the 300 Pod at Brendan House with Pastor John Weaver officiating. Burial will take place in Creola Cemetery in Creola, Ala.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

This paid obituary is being run again at the request of the family.

Thomas R. Morris, 56

Thomas R. Morris, 56, of Columbia Falls died of liver cancer Monday, May 1, 2007, at a Great Falls nursing home.

He worked as a log truck driver.

Survivors include his daughters, Mary Parker of Castle Rock, Wash., and Tera Hernandez of Kalispell; and sons, Rick Morris of

Longview, Wash., Dean Morris of Great Falls, Steve Morris of Kalispell, and Chris Morris of Columbia Falls.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 5, at LaSalle Grange in Columbia Falls.

Cremation has taken place under the direction of the Chapel of Chimes Funeral Home.

Paul Michael Boe Mosby, 21

Paul Michael Boe Mosby died Nov. 15, 2007, at the age of 21, as the result of injuries sustained in a motor-vehicle accident.



He was born March 7, 1986, in Kalispell to Beverly Boe and David Mosby. His arrival was celebrated at their West Valley home by his parents, sister, Taylor, and proud "Grammers" Mabel Boe.

When Paul was 9 months of age, his father, David, left to develop a business in South Carolina. The family was able to join him when Paul was 18 months old. Pre-school and his primary grades were completed there.

He loved hearing stories and delighted in reading to himself. He was an active boy, swimming with friends in our backyard pool, riding tricycles, then bikes, playing soccer, Pee Wee League baseball and discovering the skateboard. Highlights of those years included trips to the coast of the Atlantic Ocean, eating fresh shrimp, sailing on the Gulf of Mexico in Grandma Alyce's boat, touring South Carolina, Georgia and Florida, visiting Disney World and the Okefenokee Swamp. Perhaps best of all was attending an Atlanta Braves baseball game when he was 8 years old.

The family returned to Kalispell that same year to live again in West Valley, just across the road from Paul's very first home. He completed grades 3-7 at West Valley School.

He watched his dad build their new home and rode his bike, rough-housed and played with friends all across the neighborhood. He played Little League baseball, Rotary basketball, and football, and went sledding, skiing and ice-skating, and discovered hockey. His musical interests expanded with exposure to the recorder, clarinet and piano.

Paul transferred to Kalispell Junior High for grades 8-9. He was delighted to get into tackle football, playing defensive cornerback and wide receiver. He won "Chipping Champ" (14-17) at Buffalo Hills Golf Course when he was 14 years old. He belonged to the Kalispell Ski Club and loved teaching little children to ski. He swam on the KATS for a time and started playing golf with his dad. He wrestled in the Little Guy program until moving on to Flathead High School.

Paul's musical abilities grew at FHS under the influence of Kevin Allen-Schmid through men's a cappella choir and guitar classes with Steve Eckels. He started playing drums during this period, but guitar was his first love and the conduit of his heart and soul. Paul began composing music,

writing lyrics and jamming with other like-minded musicians. His punk rock band, The Rotten Rebels, was formed.

Paul worked on several part-time and summer jobs during his high-school years. He was proud to have been selected to participate as a caddy for the first two years of the program at the Iron Horse Golf Course. Paul left high school in the 11th grade and went out on his own. He earned his GED in 2004.

In spring 2006, Paul enrolled part-time at Flathead Valley Community College. During breaks, he delighted in traveling to several cities in Montana and to the Southwest United States to punk rock concerts. He also took a solo trip to Seattle to explore that punk rock music scene. In the fall of 2007, he declared a business major and began full-time studies while working at the Red Lion Hotel and playing music. He had recently realized another dream by joining the men's community hockey team in Whitefish.

He was jamming with new musicians, exploring new techniques on the guitar, and the Rotten Rebels were playing gigs now and again. He was surrounded by friends of all ages and persuasions, including musicians, thespians, those in student government, those who excelled in traditional ways and those who did not. He had a dream and a business plan for a mobile recording studio to help other musicians who had no access to quality recording equipment. This has been a very good time in Paul's life.

Paul is survived by his parents, Beverly and David, at the family home in West Valley; his sister, Taylor, and her husband, Robbie Torgerson, of Kalispell; maternal grandmother, Mabel Boe, of Kalispell; uncle and aunt, Douglas Boe and Lou Ann Carver, and cousin, Ryan Boe, of Spokane; plus aunt, Linda Mosby, uncle and aunt, Chuck and Melody Mosby, cousin, Heather Mosby, and paternal grandfather, Bob Mosby, all of Georgia. He is missed at home by the family dogs, Abbey, Angel and Mijo, and by his cat, Gideon, The Great Destroyer.

Among his closest friends are Tim and Ariel Lockwood and their children, Pippin and Adina, whom Paul loved and took great delight in as he would have his own. All of Paul's friends are treasured.

A memorial service to celebrate Paul's life will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 27, at the new theater at FVCC. You are invited to go to <http://www.johnsonmortuary.com> to offer condolences and sign Paul's guest book.

Donations in memory of Paul may be made to the Flathead Valley Community College Foundation, Paul Mosby Memorial Fund, to benefit the music and theater programs.

Roger Motichka, 98

Roger Motichka, 98, lifelong resident of the Flathead Valley, passed away Sunday morning, Feb. 11, 2007, at Brendan House in Kalispell.



Roger was born Jan. 24, 1909, on the family farm in Columbia Falls, the son of Frank and Alma (Tetrault) Motichka.

Roger's working career included the U.S. Forest Service, several lumber companies in the Flathead, including Stoltz Lumber of Columbia Falls, and Superior Lumber, from which he retired in 1974.

Roger was an avid and well-known horseman, woodcrafter and outdoorsman. He spent many years guiding pack trips into the Bob Marshall Wilderness, fishing and hunting for both business and pleasure. His talents as a woodcrafter, as well as his love for the outdoors, truly were passed along to his children and grandchildren.

His best and most well-known

quality was his infectious sense of humor. He was always front and center with the newest and latest joke, and enjoyed making wooden brain teaser puzzles to share with family and friends.

On behalf of Roger, the family would like to extend a special thanks to the nurses and staff at Brendan House for their wonderful care for the past two years.

Roger was preceded in death by his wife, Lois, of 68 years; brothers, Arthur and Leonard; one sister, Ell; son, Warren Motichka; grandson, John Lawlor; and great-grandsons, Chad and Bo Motichka.

He is survived by daughters, Elaine Lawlor of Kalispell, and Pat Berg of Whitefish; 13 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15, at Johnson Mortuary chapel. Urn burial will be afterward at Glacier Memorial Gardens. There will be no visitation.

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

Renee Alison Stringfellow Mountan, 52

Renee Alison Stringfellow Mountan, 52, a loving daughter, mother and friend, died Sunday, Dec. 23, 2007, at her home in Martin City due to complications from an extended illness.

Renee was born Feb. 27, 1955, to Norman and Nikkie Stringfellow in Kalispell. She graduated from Columbia Falls High School in 1973 and attended classes at Flathead Valley Community College until marrying her first husband in 1973.

Renee was re-married in 1982 in Great Falls, and had two children, Michael Mountan in 1983, and Shawn Mountan in 1984.

Renee moved back to the Flathead Valley in 1988 where she devoted herself to the raising of her two young boys. Most of all throughout her life, Renee enjoyed being in the outdoors, hunting, camping, hiking, and gold panning; but her one true passion in life was fishing.

Renee had a great passion for all animals, having a range of pets including turtles, raccoons, horses and her beloved dogs, Sammy, Sydney, Ceria, Sophie,

Squirt and Poodle Boy.

Renee was preceded in death by her brother, Ty Scott Stringfellow; and her father, Norman Madison Stringfellow.

Renee is survived by her two sons, Michael Mountan of Kalispell, and Shawn Mountan of Great Falls; mother, Nikkie Stringfellow, of Columbia Falls; two sisters, Tikki Levenson of Delta Junction, Alaska, and Judy Hall of Tallahassee, Fla., three grandchildren Joey, Ty and Lillian Mountan; and numerous nephews and nieces. She is also survived by her companion, James Stiller.

Visitation will be held from 1 to 8 p.m. today, Jan. 3, at the Columbia Falls Mortuary in Columbia Falls. A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 4, at the Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

"Mom you gave us life, protection, hope, and most of all you gave us love that will always be with us for now and ever. We love you and will miss you, and your love will live on with us forever."

Patrick Michael Murray, 65

Patrick Michael Murray, 65, died Wednesday, Nov. 21, 2007, after a courageous battle with cancer. He was under the care of Grace Hospice and



died at home in the presence of his loving wife and daughter.

He was born March 26, 1942, to Bernard J. and Marie (Troy) Murray of Roseville, Mich. He attended Catholic school at Sacred Heart in Roseville. He was active in high school athletics and both loved and excelled in football and basketball where he earned varsity letters and accolades.

On Oct. 2, 1965, Patrick married Joyce Elaine Hawes, "the girl down the street," also of Roseville. Their ceremony took place at Sacred Heart Church in Roseville. Together, they became proud parents of three children, and eventually ecstatic grandparents to three grandchildren.

Patrick had various talents during his life and career. He started out driving heavy machinery/equipment, such as dump trucks, loaders, and even an 18-wheeler at one point. His true love was finish carpentry, especially custom cabinetry and Formica work. He was a talented builder/general contractor and had a way with numbers and measurements. Patrick was a perfectionist in his trade and never did anything "on a small scale." Many in the Flathead Valley cherish his woodwork.

Patrick had a love for motorcycles, especially Harleys. And, yes, that was "Big Murr" you saw riding the pearl white Harley all over town this summer and early fall. He was an excellent pool player and competed once in a tournament in Reno, Nev. He was dangerous at horseshoes and cribbage, it was best to be his partner and not his opponent. He loved hunting, fishing, boating and the outdoors, especially here in Mon-

tana. Patrick enjoyed the art of conversation and spending time with friends and family. He was a sports buff and a die-hard fan of the Rams, Dodgers, Lakers, and Grizzlies.

Patrick liked to be his own boss and had an independent nature. However, he did belong to the Carpenter's Union and the Eagles/Bald Eagles.

He was a loyal friend, devoted husband and father, proud grandfather, and all around good man. He was loved and adored by many, and earned numerous nicknames including: Big Murr, Papa Smurf, Big Teddy Bear, Papa Dog, Papa Murr, Meece, Big Daddy, Pat Baby, Honey Bunny and Patty Boy.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Patrick is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 42 years, Joyce, of Kalispell; son, Mark Murray, and wife Layne, and their children, Zachary and Taylor, of Fort Benton; daughter, Dawn Murray of Kalispell; son, Patrick Murray, Jr., and wife, Merisa, and son, Tanyon of Kalispell; sisters, Jeanne Murray and Grace Begg of Kalispell; brother, Bud and his wife, Diane, of Clinton Township, Mich.; sister, Joyce Crabtree and husband, Denny, of Commerce City, Colo.; sisters, Janet Hubbell of Phoenix, and Sharon Elie of Mesa, Ariz.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life is planned for 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, at the Eagles at 37 First St. West, Kalispell. The family requests that guests wear green in honor of Patrick's Irish heritage. Please bring your light-hearted stories and anecdotes about Patrick to share at the celebration. If you would like someone else to read or tell the story for you, please put it in writing. We will greatly miss our "Big Teddy Bear."

Patrick's family would like to give special thanks for the outpouring of love and support they have received as well as the gentle and reverent care from Grace Hospice, Father Vic Langhans and Johnson Mortuary.

Robert G. 'Bob' Murphy, 62

Robert G. "Bob" Murphy, 62, passed away of natural causes March 30, 2007, at his home in Kalispell.

Bob was born June 4, 1944, in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, to James and Isabelle Murphy, joining a sister, Kathleen.

The family moved to the United States during his childhood. They had two other children, Micky and Patricia.

Bob attended Sacred Heart Catholic School through the eighth grade and began working during his teenage years.

He had two sons, Robert Jr. and Michael Murphy, by 1973.

Bob began managing lounges and casinos while a young man, working in Las Vegas to learn the gambling trade.

In the early 1980s, Bob and his mother bought TJ's Restaurant, Lounge and Casino in Eureka. He enjoyed the Canadian as well as the local trade — providing poker, card games and live music for entertainment. Bob owned and managed TJ's until it closed in December 2000.

It was during his time in Eureka that he met and married

Nikki Radish. They had two children: Chelsey, born in 1996, and Bobby, born in 1998.

Bob enjoyed owning and racing thoroughbred horses, fishing in Alaska, card games with his friends, and most of all spending time with his children — the "lights of his life."

Preceding Bob in death were his parents, James Murphy and Isabelle Murphy Quesnell; his stepfather, David Quesnell; sister, Kathleen; brother, Micky Murphy; and son, Robert Jr.

Survivors include his wife, Nikki, of Eureka; son, Michael Murphy, of Deer Lodge; daughter, Chelsey, and son Bobby, of Eureka; sister, Patricia Murphy of Grassmere, British Columbia, Canada; a grandson, Kale Truman, of Eureka; several nieces and nephews; and many friends

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 3, 2007, at Glacier Memorial Gardens, Kalispell.

A reception for family and friends will be afterward at the Moose Lodge, 2158 U.S. 2 E., in Kalispell.

Buffalo Hill Funeral home is

Eleanor Stella Myers, 84

Eleanor Stella Myers, 84, passed away Friday morning, Sept. 14, 2007, at the Brendan House in Kalispell, surrounded by her beloved family. She was born Oct. 22, 1922, in Cut Bank to John and Anna Price.

Eleanor married Leslie Myers in 1941 and homesteaded in Alaska soon after. They returned to the Flathead Valley in 1968.

After Les passed away in 1962, Eleanor founded the Bingo Babes group, who met nearly every Wednesday for 13 years to play bingo and socialize. These times spent with friends and family

were always her greatest joy.

Eleanor was preceded in death by her sister, Anna Rose Royland.

Eleanor is survived by her five children, John Myers, Sheila Richardson, Roberta Mackman, Karen Wrzesien, and Debbie Osgood. She had 11 grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren; and one great-great-grandson, all whom she loved dearly.

A small gathering will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, Sept. 17, at the Moose Lodge in Whitefish.

Arrangements are with the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

Isabella Myers, 95

Isabella Myers, 95, died Saturday, April 14, 2007, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

She is survived by two daughters, Roberta "Bobbi" Nygaard and Elizabeth

Myers, both of Whitefish.

Funeral services are pending.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for the family.

Wilma (Jordan) Myers, 90

Wilma (Jordan) Myers, 90, passed away Sunday, Oct. 7, 2007, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

Wilma Beatrix (Jordan) Myers (Mrs. Melvin W. Myers) was born April 1, 1917, in Kalispell, the youngest of the three daughters of Walter Benjamin and Minnie A. (Front) Jordan.

Wilma was baptized and confirmed at Christ Church Episcopal, where she remained a lifelong member. She graduated from Flathead County High School in 1934 and attended the University of Washington in Seattle. Wilma met Mel Myers in Kalispell and they were married Nov. 27, 1943.

Wilma led a life of service to her family, to her church and to her community. She worked at the family restaurant, Jordan's Café, and managed the business until 1987. As well as being an active member of Christ Church Episcopal all her life, she was a member of the Rainbow Girls, the ADAH chapter No. 17 Order of Eastern Star, the Sapphira Temple Daughters of the Nile and the Chief Ignace Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Because of her knowledge and interest in the history of Kalispell, Wilma was an invaluable source of inspira-



tion and information for the founding of the Central School Museum. She and her husband, Mel, spent their later years working on projects together for the museum.

Wilma was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; two sisters, Ann Lillian Jordan and Mary Lucille (Jordan) Swanson; her brothers-in-law, Olaf E. Swanson and J. Ray Myers; her sister-in-law, Ila Kossel; and a grandniece, Wendy Christine Sutfin.

She is survived by several nieces and nephews and their families; Margene Berry, Janet Sutfin, Linda Jenkins, Jim Myers, Ken Myers, Ardith Cushing; sister-in-law, Vi Myers; and 19 grandnieces and nephews, who all hold fond memories of her fried chicken dinners and her joyful ragtime piano playing.

Funeral services for Wilma will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 16, at Christ Church Episcopal, 215 Third Ave. E., with Father William Baumgarten officiating. Burial will be after services at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family suggests memorial gifts be given to the Central School Museum, 124 Second Ave. E., Kalispell, MT 59901, in Wilma's memory.

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