

## Joy L. Nadrau, 80

Joy L. Nadrau, 80, of Libby of Spokane, died Wednesday, May 16, 2007, at the Libby Care Center.

Joy had been a longtime employee of St. John's Lutheran Hospital.

Survivors include her daughter, Betty Drake, of Mount Vernon, Wash.; and her son, Tom Nadrau, services at Fireman's Park.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday in the Nelson and Vial Funeral Home chapel. Visitation will be Friday from 10 a.m. to service time. Interment services will be afterward at the city of Libby Cemetery. A reception will be after the interment services at Fireman's Park.

## Sydney Natelson



Sydney Natelson, who in an extraordinary career as a country doctor saved countless lives, died of old age Aug. 21, 2007, in Kalispell.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., to impoverished immigrant parents, he was the 11th of 13 children, 10 of whom lived to adulthood. It was a talented family. Among the brothers were Morris Natelson, later a highly prominent Wall Street investment banker, and Dr. Samuel Natelson, who became an internationally known scientist and inventor of medical technology.

While a young man, Sydney earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics from the City College of New York and a master's degree in mathematics from New York University. He worked both in retailing and as a high-school teacher. During World War II, he volunteered for military service four times, to three different branches of the service, but was rejected each time because of a leg injury received in childhood.

Eventually, Sydney's extended family scraped up enough money to send him to a medical school in Waltham, Mass., that is now part of the campus of Brandeis University. Upon graduation from medical school, he ranked first in his class.

It was in medical school also that he met his future wife, Florence Ackles, then working as a nurse. They married Dec. 26, 1943.

After serving residencies in New York City, the now-Dr. Natelson practiced briefly in Yonkers, N.Y., and then settled down to a general practice in the Hudson Valley town of Stony Point, N.Y. Stony Point was then a sleepy farming community where people grew apples, corn, cattle and poultry, and where people assessed their importance by how many generations their ancestors had lived there. Initially the town's only physician, Dr. Natelson he embarked upon a stunning medical career that continued until 1990.

His reputation spread quickly beyond Stony Point to the surrounding area. He was particularly respected among his peers as a diagnostician. He was prominent among physicians at the Nyack Hospital in Nyack, N.Y., served part-time as Stony Point health officer, and was one of the first physicians in the nation to earn a

diploma in family practice when that field became a recognized medical specialty.

More importantly, he was a dedicated, people-oriented family doctor who did not protect himself from patients, but interacted with them. Throughout his career, he fixed his schedule by the needs of the patients. His family often woke in the morning to find that he had been gone all night, delivering a baby or caring for a very ill patient. He served in a variety of community-service positions, and provided extensive no-cost and low-cost care for the poor. He never charged a fellow physician, and he never charged a member of the clergy of any denomination. He continued to make house calls until retirement in 1990.

The number of lives he saved is estimated to be in the thousands. He strongly believed in a "hands-on" approach to health care. While he embraced advances in medical technology, he was also convinced that some modern physicians were using technology as a substitute for interacting with their patients. He firmly believed that the growing intrusion of third-party payers — government and insurance companies — into medical practice was driving up costs and damaging the welfare of patients.

Dr. Natelson's life was not all medicine. He was a dedicated family man, an enthusiastic, though generally unlucky, fisherman, and a member of several Jewish congregations during the course of his lifetime. He loved the woods, and spent time there when he could. As a young man, he played baseball in organized leagues in New York City. He also was a fan first of the Brooklyn Dodgers, and later of the New York Mets.

After retirement in 1990, Dr. Natelson and his wife moved first to rural New Jersey and in 2000 to Kalispell. Shortly after the move to Kalispell, however, Dr. Natelson was incapacitated by a series of transitory ischemic attacks, and moved to a nursing home, where he died nearly seven years later.

Besides his widow, Florence Ackles Natelson, of Kalispell, he leaves surviving him his elder son, Rob Natelson, of Missoula, a law professor at the University of Montana and runner-up in the 2000 primary election for governor of Montana; Rob's wife, Betty; and their children, Rebecca, Deborah, and Sarah; and a younger son, Dr. Richard Natelson, an obstetrician and gynecologist in Salmon, Idaho; Richard's wife, Holly; and their children, Colton and Hannah.

## Clara L. Needham, 79

Clara L. Needham, 79, passed away Thursday April 5, 2007, at Lakeview Care Center in Bigfork. Clara was born Aug. 17, 1927, in Penrose, Colo., to Ludwig and Clara Idas Nothwang.

She is survived by her husband, Tom Needham, of Somers; daughters, Caren Jones of Idaho and Renee Mitchell of Virginia; stepdaughters, Kimberlie Che-

noweth of Colorado, Jamie Needham of California, Laurel Havlik of California, and Linda Turner of California; and brother, Louis Nothwang, of California.

A gathering of family, friends and neighbors will be held at the Needham Home in the early summer.

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

## Leon Edward Neier, 87

Leon Edward Neier, 87, died Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2007, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

He is survived by his wife, Elsie Neier; son, Glen Neier, of Kalispell; granddaughter, Shelly Neier; of Kalispell; and three stepgrandchildren, Teresa and Kirt Malzer along with their children, Richard, Andrew and Benjamin of Augusta, Ga., Jacey and Todd Johnson and their child, Connor, of Boise, Idaho, and Alicia and Matt Cumming and their children, Makayla and Noah, also of Augusta.

Leon was born Aug. 1, 1919, in Choteau and grew up in Butte.

He served in the United States Air Force from 1942 to 1945. On Feb. 4, 1946, he married Elsie Larson in Colorado, where he

worked as a railroad fireman and an electrician.

In 1956, Leon moved his family to Montana, where he worked as an electrician for the Columbia Falls Aluminum plant for 28 years. He enjoyed following politics and was a frequent editorial contributor to several local newspapers.

Leon was preceded in death by his parents, Edward and Anna Neier; and brothers, Lloyd, Howard, Emmett and Edward Jr.

Visitation for Leon will be from 3 to 8 p.m. today, Feb. 9, at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, at Columbia Mortuary, with burial afterward at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

## Joseph D. 'Joe' Neisess Sr., 67

Joseph D. "Joe" Neisess Sr., 67, died Saturday, Sept. 15, 2007, at his home in Troy.

He worked as a mechanic and millwright for ASARCO in Troy.

Surviving him are his children, Joseph Neisess Jr., of Libby, and Stanley Neisess and Karen Erickson, both of Troy.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Millnor Lake Cemetery with the Rev. Eric Christiansen officiating; military honors will be by the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion. Visitation will be from 3 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home.

## Sonya Anne Neisess, 45

Sonya Anne Neisess, 45, of Troy and Libby, died Saturday, Dec. 29, 2007, at her home in Libby.

She had owned and operated Cabinet Books and Music.

Survivors include her husband, Joe, at the family home in Libby; children, Ashley Renee and Adam Christian; and stepmother, Arline Colley, of Grand Rap-

ids, Mich.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at St. John Lutheran Church with the Rev. Eric Christiansen officiating; interment services will follow in the City of Libby Cemetery. Friends may call at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home from 3 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday at the church.

## Betty Jane Nelson, 84

Betty Jane Nelson, 84, of Eureka, passed away Sunday, May 13, 2007, at the North Valley Hospital in Whitefish. She was born Dec. 17, 1922, in Chicago, the daughter of William Wilbur and Isabelle (Smith) Cox.

After her graduation from Wirt High School in Indiana, she met her husband, William Elwood Nelson, on a blind date in Gary, Ind. They were married Oct. 13, 1943, in Long Beach, Calif.

She was an accomplished seamstress who designed and sewed clothing for herself, her four daughters, and their dolls. She enjoyed dancing, music, quilting, knitting, and was also an avid gardener who loved plants and flowers. She was famous for her love of chocolate and desserts.

She was devoted to the service of others and volunteered with the Therapy Dog programs in hospitals and nursing homes and was an active participant in Warm Up America, making quilts for people in need with the Presbyterian Women in Kalispell.

Her husband and children always came first. She was a great wife, mother, and friend

who was a great example to others.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and a sister, Evelyn Cox Monroe.

She is survived by her husband of nearly 65 years, William Nelson, of Eureka; four daughters, Nancy Nelson and husband, Michael Lawson, of Concord, Mass., Judith Nelson and husband, Edward Penttila, of Foxboro, Mass., Patricia Anderson and husband, Bruce Anderson, of Lynnwood, Wash., and Debra Armstrong and husband, Johnny Armstrong, of Eureka; two sisters, Janet McClain and Carolyn Malloy; as well as five grandchildren, John, Robert, Sarah, Catherine and Brendan; and two stepgrandchildren, Lisa and Sarah.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 19, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 960 Osloski Road, in Eureka. Burial will be afterward at the Tobacco Valley Cemetery in Eureka.

Johnson Mortuary is handling the funeral arrangements.

You are invited to go to johnsonmortuary.com to offer condolences and sign the guest book.

### Mary C. Nelson, 86



Mary C. Nelson, 86, died Friday, May 25, 2007, at her home near Libby. She was born at Seattle on Jan. 1, 1921, to Charles Cowie and Mary Gillies Cowie.

She was raised in Seattle and Burien, Wash., graduating from Highline High School at the age of 16.

Very early in life, Mary learned to love music and dance. While working as a musician and being active in Scottish dance, she met the love of her life, Swede. They were married May 12, 1951, and moved to Cougar Mountain in Issaquah, Wash., to raise their family, which was always a priority in Mary's life.

After her husband, Swede's, retirement from the Seattle Police Department, they moved to Okanogan, Wash., where they successfully operated a motel for

five years.

After their retirement from the motel business, Mary and Swede moved to Northwest Montana, where they settled into Mary's dream home on Middle Thompson Lake near Libby.

Mary was a friendly and talkative person who made friends wherever she went and will be missed by many.

She was preceded in death by a son, Richard D. "Sam" Rayburn.

She is survived by her husband, H.M. "Swede" Nelson; a son, Charles F. Nelson; daughter-in-law, Evelyn Rayburn; granddaughters, Dawn and George Sly and Pamela Rayburn; and two great-grandsons.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, June 3, at The Lakes Community Church, 561 ACM Road S., in Libby. Interment services will be at a later date at Evergreen-Washelli Memorial Park in Seattle.

Local arrangements are under the care of Nelson and Vial Funeral Home.

### Shirley Mae Netteberg, 69



Shirley Mae Netteberg, 69, "went to be with her Lord and Savior," due to respiratory failure Tuesday, March 20, 2007, at her home, surrounded by her family. Shirley was born April 9, 1937, in Havre to Wilbur and Kathleen Birr.

When she was an infant the family moved to Whitefish, where she graduated from Whitefish High School and lived her entire life. She was proud of being a breast cancer survivor.

She married Donald Slaybaugh in 1956 and they had three children. Shirley's second career after raising her children was at the Montana Highway Department for 12 years, as a purchasing agent.

Shirley married Ole Netteberg on Aug. 29, 1987. She was the "Shir" in Shirno Cabinets for many years and owner of Old World Cabinets at the present time.

Her main job in life, among many, was to raise her children and grandchildren.

Her hobbies included Ole, gardening, bowling, painting, traveling and spending as much time as possible following her grandchildren's lives. She loved nothing more than watching a ball game, school play or concert.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Kathleen Miller; her sister-in-law, Diane Birr;

and a nephew, Douglas Birr; and numerous aunts and uncles.

Shirley is survived by her husband of 22 years, Ole Netteberg, at the family home in Whitefish; her father, Wilbur Birr, and wife, Betty, of Spokane; three sons, Kevin Slaybaugh, and wife, Sherri, and children, Jessica and Jacob, of Whitefish; Kendall Slaybaugh, and his wife, Yvonne, and children, Guy and his wife, Joanie, and Jerod and Daniel of Whitefish; Olaf Netteberg, and his wife, Kay, and children Matt, Gunnar and Kale, of Nevis, Minn.; two daughters, Lisa Mitton, and husband, Brett, and children, Danielle, Tyler, Yvonne and Joseph, of Lees Summit, Mo., and Brooke Lizarraga, and husband, Juan, and children, Kallie, Maya and Mason, of Prior Lake, Minn.; her brother, Dallas Birr, and family, of Bothell, Wash.; her sister, Pam Staab, and husband, Randy, and family, of Spokane; and her brother, Jerry Birr, and wife, Sue, and family, of Spokane.

Funeral services for Shirley will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 24, at the First Presbyterian Church, 301 Central Ave., in Whitefish. Burial will be after services in the Whitefish Cemetery. Visitation will be from 2 to 6 p.m. on Friday, March 23, in the Johnson Mortuary chapel.

The family suggests that any memorial contributions be sent to the First Presbyterian Church Youth Ministries, 301 Central Ave., Whitefish, MT 59937.

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

### Betty Alice Neumann, 80

Betty Alice Neumann, 80, of Kalispell, passed away Monday, Jan. 15, 2007, at her residence in Kalispell. She was born July 7, 1926, in Bemidji, Minn., the oldest child of Earl and Carolyn (Aldrich) Hirt.



She graduated from high school at Bemidji High School in 1944 and attended two years of college at Bemidji State College.

On Oct. 5, 1946, she married Francis "Bud" Neumann. Over the course of 12 years, four daughters were born to Betty and Bud: Sandra, Cheri, Carol and Kari. In 1949, the family relocated to Kalispell, where Betty had resided since.

Betty had many interests during her life, including acting, figure skating, arts and crafts, cooking, duplicate bridge, reading and sewing. She worked outside her home at JCPenney, Buttrey's, and Ferguson's in Kalispell. Later she and Bud owned and operated the Sportsman's Bar and Grill, Import Motors and the Ally Cat.

The family would like to extend a sincere thank-you to Betty's many friends, who provided support and companionship during these last few weeks

of her life, as well as to Hospice Home Options-KRMC group, who helped so much during the last week of Betty's life. Without their support it would not have been possible to keep her at home, which was her wish.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents; and her husband of 50 years, Bud Neumann.

She is survived by her four daughters, Sandra Helsop and husband, David, of Marysville, Calif., Cheri Dale and husband, Steven, of Billings, Carol Guy and husband, Burt, of Kalispell, and Kari Farnsworth and husband, Brad, of Spokane; 11 grandchildren, Jennifer and Robyn Heslop, Cori Hedstrom and wife, Nichole, Zachary Jesse and Joshua Dale, Ashley and Amanda Guy, and Melissa, Lindsay and Taylor Farnsworth; one great-grandson, Jack Hedstrom; and one brother, Max Hirt, and wife, Georgia, of Bemidji.

Memorial services for Betty Alice Neumann will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, in the Johnson Mortuary chapel. There will be no viewing.

The family suggests memorials be made in Betty's name to Hospice Home Options, 175 Commons Loop, Ste. 100, Kalispell, MT 59901; or the Duplicate Bridge Center in Kalispell.

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

### Joan Johanna Neumann, 89

Joan Johanna Neumann, 89, died Saturday, Feb. 3, 2007, at Brendan House in Kalispell. She was born Nov. 3, 1917, in Frankfurt, Germany, to George P. and Elizabeth (Roos) Glock.



at the Butternut Inn with their son and his family. In 1983, they moved to Kalispell, where they remained.

Joan was a member of the First Church of the Nazarene.

Joan was preceded in death by her husband; one brother, Peter Glock; and a sister, Ellen Martorano.

She is survived by a son, Peter Neumann, and wife, Marilyn, of Kalispell; two grandsons, Craig of Phoenix, and Scott and his wife, Kris, of Star, Idaho; as well as three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for Joan will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, in the Johnson Mortuary chapel, with Pastor Ed Koteskey of the First Church of Nazarene officiating. Burial will be afterward at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be from 2 to 4 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9, at Johnson Mortuary.

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

### Earlene M. Nevins, 77

Earlene M. Nevins "joined the Lord" on Thursday, Jan. 4, 2007.

Earlene will be laid to rest at 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 8, 2007. Services will be held at the United Methodist Church in Columbia Falls. Pastor David Merkel will officiate.

Earlene was born to Earl and Ruth Montgomery on July 2, 1929, and was joined by two sisters, Jeanne (Marvin) Atkins and Ann (Gerald) Pettit.

Earlene spent her childhood and received her education in Shelby, Mont. Earlene married James M. Nevins in Septem-

ber 1948 and raised together three sons, Gary (Joann), Mike (Kathy), and Raymond (Marilyn), living in Shelby, Brown- ing, and Columbia Falls.

Earlene has seven grandchil- dren, Sheri, Raeanne, Karrie, Jim, Earl, Cody, Raymond Jr., and 11 great-grandchildren.

Earlene was very artistic, creating her crafts and grow- ing gardens of flowers. Earlene loved her family, her church and her many friends.

One son, Mike, and Earlene's parents preceded her in death.



### Alvin R. 'Al' Nicholls, 81

Alvin R. "Al" Nicholls, 81, died Wednesday, Oct. 31, 2007, at a Libby hospital.

He worked for the J. Neils Lumber Company, Zonolite and W.R. Grace & Company for 25 years in the company's dry mill.

He is survived by his wife, Marie, and a son, Paul Nich-

olls, both of Libby.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home Chapel. Interment services with military honors will follow at the City of Libby Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

### Marie Nicholls, 79

Marie Nicholls, 79, died Thursday, Dec. 27, 2007, in Libby.

Marie had worked at a drugstore, Pacific Power and Light and J.C. Penney, and later had owned and operated the Kootenai Art Gallery.

Survivors include her son, Paul Nicholls, of Libby.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Nelson and Vial Funeral Home chapel, with the Rev. Steve Benson officiating. Interment services will be afterward in the City of Libby Cemetery. Visitation will be from 8:30 a.m. to service time Wednesday.

### James Harold Nichols, 78

James Harold Nichols, 78, passed away Dec. 26, 2007, in Yakima, Wash.

He was born Sept. 6, 1929, to Alva Harold Nichols and Ida (Edge) Nichols, in Bigfork. He graduated from Bigfork High School in 1947, and attended Montana State College, majoring in range management. He transferred to the University of Montana in 1952, and enlisted in the Air Force. While in the Air Force, he attended specialized military language training at Indiana University, where he studied and became an expert in several Eastern European languages, including Russian and Bulgarian.

He was stationed in Europe when he proposed to his high school sweetheart, Nona Paul. They were married twice; first via a military radio operator in March 1957, and in August 1957. Jim and Nona were married in a church ceremony in Somers.

He and Nona farmed with her family in the Flathead Valley, before he accepted a position as a research analyst with the National Security Agency. He worked at Fort Meade, Md., and from 1977 until his retirement at the Yakima Firing Center.

The family settled near Naches, Wash., and had a small cherry orchard. He was a



devoted husband, father of two sons, and grandfather of five, faithfully attending and supporting the activities of his children and grandchildren.

He was active in St. John's Catholic Parish, serving as parish council president and adult Bible study leader.

He was an avid reader, flower and vegetable gardener and a fine cook who enjoyed family meals, working outdoors, woodcutting and Christmas tree gathering trips to the mountains.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Phyllis Marie.

He is survived by his wife, Nona, of Selah, Wash.; two sons, Clifford and Patty of Toppenish, Wash., and Timothy and Laurie of Brookings, S.D.; five grandchildren, Paul James, Lauren and Luke of Toppenish, and Jordan and Hannah of Brookings; and one brother, Donald and Phyllis, of Portland.

Visitation will be held from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 30, at Keith and Keith Ninth Avenue Chapel, Yakima, Wash., with a rosary being said at 4 p.m. Mass of Christian burial will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 31, at St. John's Catholic Church in Naches. Burial will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 3, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. John's Catholic Church, c/o Keith and Keith Funeral Home, 902 W. Yakima Ave., Yakima, WA 98902. To share a memory of Jim visit [www.mem.com](http://www.mem.com).

## Francis Anthony 'Frank' Nickol, 85

Francis Anthony "Frank" Nickol, 85, passed away Saturday, March 3, 2007, at the Marias Valley Care Center in Shelby. He was born on Dec. 29, 1921, to George and Elizabeth (Thiese) Nickol on their family farm east of Ledger.



Frank received eight years of formal education in the nearby Omholt School and then continued to educate himself for the rest of his life. He was a very prolific reader, reading hundreds of thousands of pages of political history as well as dozens of other subjects, and yet managed to avoid even reading one page of any instruction book, ever. Frank read until his eyesight failed him and even attended some community-college courses in his later years.

In 1939, at the age of 18, Frank purchased his first piece of farm ground. The seller asked Frank for one dollar and told him to make payments to him of "whatever and whenever you can make them." This farm grew to about 2,000 acres. He also purchased a ranch north of Havre that he once said, "Luckily, right before the prices went up," that was later sold.

In the late fall of 1941, Frank was arrested by the FBI and falsely accused of being a Nazi sympathizer. It was an event that left him with a lifelong suspicion and distrust of government and politics.

During the fall of 1953 he went to visit his cousin, Helen Frank, and met Mary Margaret Wendt, who was teaching at the Mountain Brook School. They were married June 14, 1954, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Kalispell. They returned to the farm he bought in 1939.

In 1960, the couple moved their growing family into a new home at the present farm site. Frank and Mary raised seven boys starting with George in 1955; Chris came along in 1957, then Matthew in 1958, Steve in 1960, Andy in 1961, Simon in 1964, Luke (who was still-born) in 1968, and finally, Sam in 1975.

Frank worked with all his sons teaching them his mechanical genius as well as an amazing array of talent and ability to

get the job done no matter what it may be. In 1984 he turned the farm over to his eldest son, George, and moved to an 80-acre place in the Flathead Valley, which had been given to them by Mary's father. In 1985, Frank helped his son Steve buy and rebuild a marina on Flathead Lake. He then helped run it for the next 10 years.

After being involved in an auto accident in 1994, Frank quit working as hard and helped out at the Flathead Food Bank and other charities.

While at an old tractor show, Frank was noticed by the world famous photographer, Joyce Tennyson, and she published his photo in her book, "Amazing Men," which came out in 2004. Willie Nelson and B.B. King were also listed in her book as world-famous men. Frank was pretty proud to be the only farmer in the book, even though he wasn't world famous.

Last March, Frank moved to Somers to be closer to his sons and then in August he went to assisted living to be with his wife, Mary. Health problems necessitated a move to the Marias Valley Care Center in Shelby, where he passed away. Frank's generous nature and amazing talents and sharp sense of humor, along with many other good qualities, will be greatly missed.

Frank was preceded in death by his parents; a stillborn son; and his siblings, Fred, Clair, Ed, Joe, Lee and Anna.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Margaret Nickol, of Kalispell; and seven sons, George and wife, Bonnie, Chris, Matt, Steve, Andy and wife, Cindy, and Simon and Sam; five grandchildren: Jamie, Casey, Sherwood, Victoria Kay "Tori," and Mary Frances.

Mass of Christian burial for Frank Nickol will be held at 12:10 p.m. Monday, March 12, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church, with Father Vic Langhans as celebrant. Committal will be afterward at the Glacier Memorial Gardens, next to his son Luke. Rosary services will be at 6:30 p.m. Sunday in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel. The family suggests memorial gifts be given to the charity of the donor's choice.

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

## Wilda 'Willie' Nielsen, 63



Wilda "Willie" Nielsen, 63, passed away on July 25, 2007 in Kalispell.

Willie and Hans were married 16 years. They lived in Columbia Falls for several years, then moved to Coram.

Willie did waitress work and catering all her working days. She was very active in the Red Hat Society in Bullhead City, Ariz., where they spent there winters.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Dale and Frances Buck of Columbia Falls.

Willie is survived by her husband, Hans; two children, Tamara and Mark Johnston, and Bradley Mills and special

friend, Molly; two stepchildren, Duane Nielsen of Columbia Falls, and Bobbi Nielsen of Kalispell; also five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. She is also survived by four brothers, Stanley and Betty Buck of Columbia Falls, Eugene Buck of Columbia Falls, Jim Buck and Jan of Isle, Minn., and Gary Buck and special friend, Lisa, of Missouri; also four sisters, Barb Englert of Park Rapids, Minn., Judy Brenny and Leo of Sachse, Texas, and Linda Buck of St. Paul, Minn.

Graveside Memorial Services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday July 30 at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell.

Please send all memorials to Home Health Hospice, 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell, Montana 59901.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Franklin Harvey Noble, 13

Franklin Harvey Noble, 13, Kalispell. There will be a graveside burial afterward at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. There will not be a visitation.

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

## Krystal Lashea Noble, 18

Krystal Lashea Noble, 18, died Saturday, Sept. 1, 2007, in Ovando. There will not be a visitation.

She is survived by her parents, Frank and Mary Noble of Kalispell.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at Easthaven Baptist Church in Kalispell. There will be a

graveside burial afterward at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. There will not be a visitation.

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

## Irene Novak, 86

Irene Novak, 86, passed away on Monday, Oct. 15, 2007, at the Brendan House in Kalispell. She was born on Nov. 26, 1920, in Berwyn, Ill., to Joseph and Ella (Neckar) Sherry.



Keegan Novak, Able Price, Rafielle Novak and Claire Stefanatz. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 19, in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Burial will follow in the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be in the Johnson Mortuary Friday morning from 9 a.m. until the time of service.

After graduating from Morton High School in Berwyn, Irene met and married Arthur Novak. They were married on Oct. 18, 1942, and were just going to celebrate their 65th anniversary.

Irene had many hobbies and interests which included her flowers and gardening; she enjoyed baking, watching wildlife at her Lakeside home and her dogs; but mostly Irene loved watching her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren grow up.

Irene was preceded in death by her parents and a sister.

She is survived by her husband, Arthur, of Kalispell; and two sons, Russ Novak and wife Dianne of Kalispell, and Mark Novak and wife Patti of Sammamish, Wash.; six grandchildren, Kim Gunlickson and husband Rial, Christopher Novak and wife Callie, Jason Novak and wife Jennifer, Heidi, Brian and Carrie Novak; and seven great-grandchildren, Gabrielle and Rial Gunlickson, Eli and

## Roberta A. Soucy Noble, 63

Roberta A. Soucy Noble, 63, of Troy died Nov. 14, 2007, of lung cancer from asbestosis.

Survivors include her husband of 32 years, Bill, of Troy; three sons, William Kessel of Hauser Lake, Idaho, Jerald Noble of Post Falls, Idaho, and Thomas Noble of Troy; two daughters, Melissa Williams

of Rathdrum, Idaho, Christina Williams of Airway Heights, Wash.; stepchildren, Duane Kessel, Rod Kessel, Wade Lipfert, Richard Noble, Glenn Noble and Loren Noble.

Services will be held at a later date.

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

## Christopher Scott Norrell, 43

Chris Norrell, 43, died Friday, May 25, 2007, at his home in Englewood, Colo.

Survivors include his par-

ents, Barbara Ann and Alton Neil Norrell, of Columbia Falls.

Memorial services are pending.

## Marvin A. Norris, 66

Marvin A. Norris, 66, a longtime Libby resident, died Monday Jan. 8, 2007, at his home in Libby from natural causes.

He had a milk delivery route for many years until his retirement in 2002.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth, of Libby; sons, Mike Norris of Libby, and Mark S. Norris of Spokane; daughter,

Pam Dotson, of Las Vegas; mother, Irene McClain, of Pinedale, Wyo.; and stepmother, Ann Norris, of Wichita, Kan.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, at St. John's Lutheran Church.

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

## Stuart Ragan Nuss, 52

Stuart Ragan Nuss, 52, passed away Dec. 24, 2007, at his home in Columbia Falls.

He was born Sept. 17, 1955, in Livingston and raised in Yellowstone National Park.

He was owner of Nuss Excavating in Columbia Falls, and a former National Park Service employee at Glacier National Park, as well as various other national parks. He was also a smokejumper for the U.S. Forest



Service.

Stuart enjoyed woodworking, stained glass art work and gunsmithing.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Nuss; parents, Bunny and Dale Nuss; and sisters, Cara Lee Nuss and Lori Nuss.

Cremation has taken place.

A celebration of life will be held at 1 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 13, at 1370 Mooring Meadow Road. A family memorial will follow this spring.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Best Friends Animal Society, 5001 Angel Canyon Road, Kanab, UT 84741, (425)644-2001, or visit [www.bestfriends.org](http://www.bestfriends.org).

## Roberta (Hume) Field Nutting

Roberta (Hume) Field Nutting died of natural causes Jan. 30, 2007, four days before her 88th birthday.

Roberta was born in Kalispell on Feb. 3, 1919, the 14th child born to Robert and Hannah (Brockton) Hume, early pioneers in the Kalispell area.

She graduated from Flathead County High School and married Ronald Keen Field of Whitefish in 1936. They raised three children primarily in Denton, where he was manager of Denton Flying Service.

In the late '50s, Roberta and Ronnie built a bowling alley in Denton, and Roberta operated the restaurant for seven years. They were moving the bowling alley to Eureka in 1965 when Ronnie suffered a fatal heart attack at his parent's home in Whitefish. She operated this bowling alley until the early '70s.

Roberta married Art Nutting of Eureka in 1970. As an



active senior-citizen advocate, she worked thousands of hours for Legacy Legislature and was named Senior Citizen of the Year. Art died in 1993, and Roberta eventually moved back to the Kalispell area and settled in Bigfork in 1999.

Surviving children include: sons, Richard N. Field of Bigfork, and Dwight Keen and Beth Field of Fernie, British Columbia; and daughter, Bobbin K., and Ken Maki of Belt. Catherine Brownlow of Helena is the sole survivor of Bert's 13 siblings. Other survivors include nine grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Her love of the land, flowers and nature remained with her all her life. She planted trees, landscaped her yard and beautified her surroundings until the auto-immune disease, myasthenia gravis, so weakened her body she could not work outside.

Her remains have been cremated, and a service will be held at a later date with burial in the Whitefish cemetery near her beloved Ronnie.