

Florence 'Lenora' Palmer, 90

Florence "Lenora" Palmer, 90, of Polson, passed away on Sunday, Nov. 25, 2007 at Brendan House in Kalispell from natural causes.



She was born Dec. 17, 1916, in Wadena County, Minn., to Clyde and Lavina Lee DeLeal. She attended school in Polson, graduating from Polson High School in 1937.

In 1938 Florence married the love of her life, William Earl Palmer, in Polson. He passed away on April 4, 1972.

Florence spent much of her time working on the family farm, along with working and cooking meals at Price's Cafe in Polson, Rim Rock Cafe in Thompson Falls, and the Moun-

tain View Nursing Home in Eureka. Her husband; two sisters; and her only brother preceded Florence in death.

She is survived by her daughters, Jane Schiele and Nick Gabanyicz of Kalispell, Ida Howell of Libby, Gladys and Bill Harlan of Missoula; her son, Sidney "Sid" and Nancy Palmer of Kalispell; 10 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-granddaughter.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 29, in the Grogan Funeral Home with Pastor Ed Vainio of Missoula officiating. Interment will follow at Lakeview Cemetery.

Memorials in Florence's name may be made to Flathead County Hospice.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.groganfuneralhome.com

Penny June Palmer, infant

Penny June Palmer, born Nov. 4, 2007, "went to be an angel in heaven" on Friday, Nov. 23, 2007.

She is the beloved daughter of Jeff and Marie Palmer; and sister to Zoe Lynn Snook and Lucky Lee Palmer. She is also survived by her paternal grandparents, Gary and Marti Palmer; maternal grandmother, Jeanne Medved and grandfather Jim Medved; her aunts and uncles, Michelle and Zhaun Powell, Monica Taylor; Gene Palmer, Howard and Lawfawn Palmer, GR and Jamie Smith, and Jennifer Smith, of Kalispell, and Sarah and Jaymie Deemer of Grandville, Mich. She

has numerous cousins.

Penny was preceded in death by her grandmother, Barbara Drake; and uncle, Lucky Palmer.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend memorial services at 3 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7, at the New Covenant Fellowship at 436 Birch Grove Road in Kalispell.

The family welcomes memorial gifts to the Northwest Health-care Foundation designated for the KRMC nursery. We would like to thank the Community Medical Center for their outpouring of love and support during our time with Penny in Missoula.

Diane N. Parker, 72

Diane N. Parker, 72, died Tuesday, June 26, 2007, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

Arrangements are pending with Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory.

Hope G. (Ritzman) Parker, 83

Hope G. (Ritzman) Parker, 83, died Nov. 11, 2007.

She is survived by five daughters, Lorraine Khtaian of Anacortes, Wash., Beverly Parker and Roxanne Parker, both of Libby, Julie Dyck of Ritzville, Wash., Kathryn

Parker of Kalispell; and sons Ron Parker and Jerry Parker, both of Libby.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 17, at Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby. Burial will be afterward at the City of Libby Cemetery.

Ralph K. Parker, 103

Ralph K. Parker, 103, passed away on Monday, Nov. 26, 2007, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

Ralph was born Dec. 18, 1903 in Perth, Kan., to James and Delphia (Earhart) Parker. He was raised in Knowles, Okla. He spent much of his younger years working on the family farm.

On July 5, 1934, he married Martha O. Oswald in Ringwood, Okla. In 1935, they moved to Kalispell where he worked as a carpenter for several years. In 1942 they moved to Wichita, Kan., where he worked for the Cessna Aircraft Company. In 1946, they moved back to Kalispell, where they lived until his passing.

In 1955, he went into the investment business, and later became a branch manager. Ralph retired at the age of 99, Montana's oldest stockbroker. He was lifelong member of the Methodist Church. He became



affiliated with the Masons on April 7, 1952, he became a master Mason on Feb. 7, 1953, and was the head of the Four York Rite Bodies. He served as grand chaplain of Cryptic Masons of Montana for two years.

Ralph was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers; two sisters; and his wife.

He is survived by a brother, Orville Parker; nieces, Billie Nelson, Betty Wise and Chrystal Shonrick; nephews, Bobby Parker and Raymond Sinner; and very dear friend and companion, Veronna Cowell; and numerous great-nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be from 3 to 6 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 2 at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Burial will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 3, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Memorial services will follow the burial at noon at Epworth United Methodist Church in Kalispell.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Shriners Children's Hospital, or a charity of the donor's choice.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Charles C. Parks, 90

Charlie Parks departed this life on March 11, 2007, in Anchorage, Alaska, while on his last great adventure. He was a previous, long-time resident of the Bigfork area. He was born



July 14, 1916, in New York. Charlie was a decorated bombardier in World War II and had quite an interesting life. He taught school at Batavia, Swan Lake, Bigfork, and previously at Hardin in the early years, and was retired from teaching. He then fulfilled a longtime dream by having the Four Seas

Chinese restaurant at his house reservation only. He entertained many local people, the descendants of the King of Maui, and had the movie crew and actors when they were filming Kris Kristofferson's movie, "Heaven's Gate" here.

Charlie was well known all over the area for his cooking and cheerful help to many people.

He is survived by his daughter, Judy; grandchildren, Jeff, Karen and Reyanna; and two great-grandsons, Colton and Jakob.

He will be buried in the Veterans Cemetery in Columbia Falls in the Montana he loved.

He always marched to a different drummer and he will be missed.

Irene Parmenter, 90

Irene Parmenter, 90, died Monday at her home in Libby.

She is survived by a daughter, Jean Cole, of Warsaw, Mo.; and a son, Jim Parmenter, of Cave Creek, Ariz.

Services will be at 2 p.m.

Saturday at the Church of the Nazarene with the Rev. Bob Havens officiating.

Friends may call at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home from 1 to 8 p.m. today. Interment will follow at a later date at Hillcrest Cemetery in Kent, Wash.

Florence E. Parrish, 95

Florence E. Parrish, 95, a long-time Whitefish area resident, passed away Saturday, Oct. 13, 2007, at the Brendan House in Kalispell of natural causes.

She was born July 26, 1912, in Columbia Falls, the daughter of Joseph and Florence Muller.

Florence married Dewey Parrish in 1933, in Whitefish.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dewey Parrish; and children, Charlene Benton, Margie Sireuck, Beverly Parrish and Raymond Parrish.

Survivors include children,

Evelyn Boomer, Josephine Brown and Phillip Parrish; as well as numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 2 to 6 p.m. Friday at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, at the funeral home chapel with Rev. David V. Kauffman officiating. Burial will follow at the Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

Arvadia L. (Bennie) Parsons, 64

Arvadia L. (Bennie) Parsons, 64, of Libby died Friday Feb. 23, 2007, at her home in Libby after a long battle with cancer. She was born Jan. 24, 1943, in Stamford, Texas, to Cleir and Crystal Caldwell Sommer. She attended grade school in Phoenix. At the age of 10, she moved to Libby. At the age of 16, she graduated in the top ten of her class of 1960 from Libby High School.

She married Robert Parsons on June 10, 1960, at Crystal and Ken Paulson's home in Libby. She went to work for Lincoln County at the Department of Motor Vehicles and quickly worked her way to the head of the department. She retired from the Department of Motor Vehicles in 1998.

She enjoyed reading, music, computers, art, photography,

learning, cooking, and fishing. She was a member of the Libby Christian Church since 1964.

Survivors include her husband, Bob of Libby; three sons, Cash Parsons and wife, Patricia, of Kalispell; Carl Parsons and wife, Valerie; Chris Parsons and wife, Betty, all of Libby; sisters, Down Thrasher and husband, John, of Troy; Reba Varela and husband, Carlos, of Phoenix; eight grandchildren, Josh, Jeremiah, Stephen, Sunny-Mae, Rebecca, Stephanie, Tyler and Josiah.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday Feb. 27, at the Libby Christian Church. Visitation will be from 1 to 7 p.m. Monday and from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesday.

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

Elvan Lee 'Pee Wee' Pasha, 66

Elvan Lee "Pee Wee" Pasha, 66, of Rosebud died Saturday, Sept. 1, 2007, at the Holy Rosary Health Center in Miles City.

Pee Wee was a rodeo judge for the NRA and also for high-school rodeos.

Pee Wee is survived by his wife, Nancy Pasha, of Rosebud; a son, Larry Pasha, of Anaconda; two daughters, Amy Adler and Tara Moore, both of Rose-

bud.

A prayer service will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 4, at Grace Bible Church in Miles City. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 5, at Grace Bible Church in Miles City. Interment will be afterward at 3 p.m. at the Forsyth Cemetery in Forsyth.

Condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.stevensonandsons.com.

Jean M. Payne, 88

Jean M. Payne, 88, of Kalispell, died Thursday, Oct. 18, 2007, at the Brendan House in Kalispell. She has left behind a loving family and numerous friends, which will share her memories.



She was preceded in death by her husband Doug; her parents; twin brother, Jake; sister, Betty; and granddaughter, Patricia.

Jane was born in Kalispell on April 21, 1919, to Jake and Eva Nelson. She worked for Anderson Style Shop and Harmon's for 42 years. She spent her entire life in the Flathead Valley.

Upon her retirement, Jean and Doug wintered in California and spent the summers in the

beautiful Flathead Valley.

Jean's children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren were the light of her life.

She is survived by daughters, Jean Hissong and husband Chuck, their sons, Doug and wife Rebecca, and Charlie and wife Christina; and Katie Armstrong and husband David, and their sons, David and wife Nellie, Chad and wife Gina, and daughter Amy and husband Kelly; and son, Douglas Payne, and wife Stevi, and son Brian and daughter Kristien. She is also survived by 14 great-grandchildren; her sister-in-law and special friend, Lucy Nelson; and numerous nieces and nephews.

No services will be held at her request.

Memorials may be sent to either the Montana Cerebral Palsy Foundation, the Montana Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, or a foundation of your choice.

James Bruce Peachey, 82

James Bruce Peachey, 82, of Bigfork died Monday, April 30, at age 82. Born in San Francisco on Feb. 8, 1925, he was the youngest of three children born



to Glyndon and Robert Peachey. While still in high school, he worked as a dental technician at Camp Roberts near Paso Robles, Calif., where his family moved when he was 10 years old.

After high school, he attended the University of California, Berkeley. While still in dental school at the University of California, San Francisco, he married Charlotte Bleecker French and entered private practice with his father the next year.

Peachey grew up loving the sea and his country. He joined the U.S. Navy as a commissioned officer in 1949, serving aboard the USS Dixie, USS Princeton, and USS Frontier, and at Naval Air Stations, North Island and Miramar. A post-graduate course at the Bethesda Naval Hospital led to his assignment as dental officer for the VC-33 squadron in Atlantic City, N.J. He retired from the Navy in 1969 as a captain, and practiced dentistry in San Diego until 1993.

He was a longtime member of the San Diego Yacht Club, racing both Lightning and Soling sailboats to many victories, and he was an active member of the tennis group there. The pleasure and frustration he found in the game of golf remained with him throughout most of his life.

Enjoying motor-home travel,

Peachey and his wife explored many parts of Canada, Mexico, and the United States, including Alaska. After Peachey retired from dentistry and French retired from teaching, the couple set out in their motor home to find the "Promised Land." Finding it waiting for them in Northwest Montana, they settled in Bigfork in 1994. They continued to travel, indulging their shared love of history by following the route of Lewis and Clark and exploring old Montana mining towns. Most recently, they experienced the beauty and history of France on a river barge and visited ancient historic sites in Greece.

Peachey is survived by his wife of 60 years; his children, Glyndon Kimbrough and her husband, Kenneth, of Midland, Texas; Stephen Peachey and his wife, Colleen, of Tualatin, Ore.; Douglas Peachey and his wife, Nona, of Ivoryton, Conn.; and Thomas Peachey and his wife, Susan, of The Dalles, Ore.; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and his sister, Louise Webb, of San Diego. This family is tied together by their love for each other and their shared passion for vocal harmonies.

A memorial service will be held at 6:30 p.m. Friday, May 4, at the Swan River Community Hall.

The family requests that contributions be made to the Hall where Peachey, a dedicated board member since 1999, volunteered countless hours to help maintain this historic building. Send contributions to the Swan River Community Hall, in care of Linda Russell, 4750 Foothill Road, Bigfork, MT 59911.

Gladys E. Pearson, 86

Gladys E. Pearson, 86, of Fairfield, died Wednesday, Oct. 24, 2007, at the Teton Nursing Home in Choteau from natural causes.



Gladys was born Sept. 1, 1921, in Great Falls, the daughter of Oscar and Hilma (Orn) Johnson. She graduated from Power High School in 1939 and attended and graduated from Western Montana College in Dillon with a Bachelor of Arts in Education.

She taught school at Dutton Elementary School prior to her marriage and she was married to Elmer Pearson on Jan. 23, 1944, in Dutton. She then taught at Fairfield Elementary School (third grade) from 1961 until retiring in 1977. In 1980 she moved, with her husband, to Big Arm on the Flathead Lake and then returned to Fairfield in 1999.

Gladys was a member of the Grace Lutheran Church and the Home Demonstration Club. She and Elmer were members of the Moose, Eagles and Elks Lodge in Great Falls.

She enjoyed going dancing with her husband, yard work,

fishing, playing cards and crocheting.

She is survived by her husband, Elmer Pearson, of Fairfield; sons, Gary and Karen Pearson of Fairfield, and Alan and Susie Pearson of Havre; sisters, Evelyn LaValley, Lillian Jenkins, Jeanette Waltari, Blanche Waltari and Ethel Doheny, all of Great Falls, and Dolores and Arnie Gettel of PowerT; four grandchildren, Dean and Jennifer Pearson, Debra and Mark Coverdell, Drew Pearson and Matt Pearson, all of Fairfield; and six great-grandchildren, Cassidy Coverdell, Kaylynn Coverdell, Kourtney Coverdell, Cantor Coverdell, Amanda Steen and Taylor Pearson, all of Fairfield.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 30, at the Grace Lutheran Church in Fairfield. Interment will be in the Sunset Hills Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 29, at the Grace Lutheran Church.

Memorials are suggested to the Fairfield School for their memorial garden, the Missoula Children's Theater Fund or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gorder Funeral Home of Choteau.

Mary Ellen Kennedy Pearson

Mary Ellen Kennedy Pearson passed away at Colonial Manor in Whitefish on December 21, 2007. Cremation has taken place and services will be announced later. She is survived by 4

children: Don Pearson of Whitefish, Barbara McMahon of Boulder, Tom Pearson of Milwaukie, Ore., and Kathy Walker of Dothen, Ala. Austin Funeral Home is making the arrangements.

Julia Francine Perez, 50



Julia Francine Perez, 50, passed away on Wednesday, Aug. 22, 2007, at her home in Hungry Horse. She was born on Feb. 21, 1957, in Kalispell, to Hobart and Mary (Wise) Hamlin. Julia was raised in Kalispell, moved to Auburn, Wash., for a while, where she graduated from Auburn High School.

She married Gene Winne, and they had three children. He passed away.

Julia married Edward Perez in 1987, in Seattle.

She worked as a meat wrapper, cashier, beverage cart driver, beer babe, bartender, waitress, cook and stage hand. She loved helping the disabled and the elderly.

Julia enjoyed camping, fish-

ing, making fishing lures and working with beads. She loved to listen to rock, blues, and country music. She also enjoyed playing the piano and singing.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Mary Wise; first husband, Gene N. Winne; and a brother, Hobart Hamlin.

She is survived by her husband, Edward Perez, of Hungry Horse; father, Hobart Hamlin of Mineral Lake, Wash.; children, Angela Winne of Tacoma, Wash., Dustin Winne of Hungry Horse, and Kyle Winne of Tacoma; siblings, Roxie Olmstead and Douglas Hamlin, both of Kalispell, Teresa of Milton, Wash., and Mark Aldridge of Corvallis, Ore.; grandchildren, Julia Bradford, Olivia Winne, Noah Winne; and the Wise and the Baier families.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Aug. 27, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home caring for the family.

Woodrow W. Perry 85

Woodrow W. Perry 85, died Saturday, Sept. 29, 2007, in St. George, Utah.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy, of St. George.

Visitation will be from 6

to 8 p.m. Friday at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. Graveside services will be 11 a.m. Saturday at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

Douglas 'Doug' Carl Peters, 53

Douglas "Doug" Carl Peters, 53, died from natural causes Friday, April 6, 2007, at his home in Kalispell. He was born Feb. 21, 1954, in Kalispell, the son of Robert C. and Carlene (Widdowson) Peters. Doug attended grade school and high school in Kalispell and graduated in 1972.

He married Chris Baden in 1987, and from this marriage they had one son, Arin James.

Doug worked in water maintenance for the cities of Missoula, Kalispell and Columbia Falls for about 20 years.

He enjoyed traveling throughout the United States looking for, collecting and restoring antique cars. He also enjoyed golfing, snowmobiling, boating, and riding his Harleys.

We will remember all of his stories about his travels to Alaska, New York, Sturgis, S.D., and abroad.

He was preceded in death by his father, Robert; and a sister-in-law, Tina.

He is survived by a son, Arin Peters, of Denton; mother, Carlene, of Kalispell; brother, Gary Peters, and mate, Brenda Strum; sister, Roberta Diegel, and husband, Jerry, of Kalispell; and many aunts, uncles, nephews, nieces and cousins.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, April 13, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, with Pastor Larry Stappler officiating.

There will be no visitation. Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for Doug's family.

Orville James Peters, 83

Orville James Peters, 83, died Sunday, Sept. 9, 2007, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

Private burial will take place at Fairview Cemetery. Buffalo Hills Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Michael C. Peters, 61

Michael C. Peters passed away on Dec. 27, 2007, in Denver, from complications of chronic lymphocytic leukemia. He was 61. Michael was born on Jan.



2, 1946, in Wheatridge, Colo., to Clarence and Gladys Peters.

Michael attended school in Wheatridge and later served in the Army, and at the time of his death was a member of the American Legion Post 55 in Buena Vista, Colo.

On July 31, 1965, he married his life-long partner of 42 years, Donna Jean Peters (Rose).

Michael worked for the Park County Road and Bridge Department in Fairplay, Colo., for almost 30 years as a truck driver, utility inspector and a third-party CDL examiner.

On Oct. 20, 2007, he retired and moved with his wife Donna to Kalispell.

Michael loved the outdoors, especially the mountains.

Some of his best memories include pack trips every summer with friends and family to his favorite place in Buffalo Peaks outside of Fairplay.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, four-wheeling with Donna and many friends and family on his ATV, and riding his motorcycle.

He was a proud member of the original Sneezy Riders, a group of best friends that made many memorable trips through several states.

In November of 2003, with his son Don, he hunted the Wet Mountains and took a six-by-six bull elk.

After retiring to Montana he enjoyed taking his grandson hunting, being Grandpa and making many new friends.

Michael was preceded in death by his parents; and older brothers, Sonny, Leroy, Jim, Ed and his wife Marian, Dick, and Bobby and his wife Gerri.

He is survived by his wife, Donna, of Kalispell; son, Tracy, and his wife, Lindy, grandkids Tanya, Nick, Jessica, Brandon and Kaylynn of Wakapala, S.D.; son, Don, and his wife, Rae, grandkids Jamie, Kristen, and Matt of Pueblo, Colo.; and daughter, Shelly, her husband, Paul, and grandkids, Steven, Eric and Cale of Kalispell; mother-in-law, Elsie Rose of Arvada, Colo.; sister and brother-in-law, Marlene and Tim Briggs, of Broomfield, Colo.; several nieces, nephews, sisters-in-law and many friends. He also leave behind his dog and best sidekick, Tess.

A celebration of his life will take place next summer at the American Legion in Buena Vista, Colo. The exact date will be announced later.

Jimmie P. Peterson, 76

Jimmie P. Peterson, 76, died Thursday, March 29, 2007, in Libby.

He served for 22 years with the Miles City Fire Department from 1958 to 1980.

He is survived by his

daughters, Jamie Johnson of Antigo, Wis., and Andria Holman of Forsyth.

Visitation will be from 2 to 4 p.m. Monday at Nelson and Vial Funeral Home, with the family receiving friends.

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Janet Lynne (Thompson) Peterson, 61

Janet Lynne (Thompson) Peterson, 61, a longtime resident of the Flathead Valley, died Tuesday Jan. 22, 2007, from injuries following an automobile accident south of Whitefish.

Jan was born April 6, 1945, in Murphysboro, Ill., the oldest of nine children to Claude and Mildred Thompson. Jan was raised on a farm near Ava, Ill., which has been in the family for over 200 years.

She attended Southern Illinois University on a full academic scholarship and eventually graduated with a degree in elementary education. She returned and received a specialized reading certificate. She also attended Brigham Young University-Hawaii, Pepperdine and the University of Montana. She received associates degrees in computers and accounting.

She married Clyde "Pete" Peterson in 1973 at Makanda, Ill.

Jan loved to travel, meet and talk with any person she encountered and it seemed like she was everyone's best friend. She loved music and dancing until ill health made her stop. She liked hiking, bicycling and gardening.

She was preceded in death

by a sister, Carol; and by three infants lost in childbirth.

She is survived by her husband, Clyde "Pete" Peterson, of Whitefish; a daughter, Penny, and husband, Blaine Decker, of Colorado; a son, Kuger Peterson, of Los Angeles; her parents, Claude and Mildred Thompson, of Ava, Ill.; three sisters, Shirley and husband Gary McComb, Kathy and husband Austin Riggo, and Teresa Thompson, all of southern Illinois; four brothers, Paul and wife Trudy Thompson, Fred Thompson, Kenny and wife Pat Thompson, and Brian and wife Patty Thompson; and by many other nieces, nephews, and family members; and by a host of friends who will miss her dearly.

Private viewing for family and close friends will be from 5 to 8 p.m. today, Jan. 26. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27, at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish, with elders of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, officiating. Burial will follow at the Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish.

Joyce C. Peterson, 76

Joyce C. Peterson, 76, passed peacefully on Tuesday, March 13, 2007, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She moved to the Flathead from her home in Great Falls in 1999 to be near her family and her Flathead Lake summer home, after the death of her husband Arden J. Peterson in 1997.

She was born in Columbus on Sept. 9, 1930. She was raised in the Columbus area where her father, Edward N. Young, farmed and ran the bulk-oil plant in Columbus. Her mother, Chloe (Brownfield) Young, was a school teacher and principal in the Billings area.

After graduation from Columbus High School, Joyce attended Montana State University in nursing where she met and married Arden John Peterson of Great Falls. As a homemaker and mother, Joyce supported Arden in his business endeavors.

She was active in her church, the YWCA, and the Daughters of the Nile as a Sapphire Temple Dancer. Her hobbies were bowling, crocheting and knitting, and spending summers on Flathead Lake.

Joyce was the beloved mother of Don Peterson and wife, Deb-



ra, of Londonderry, N.H., Cindy Galvin and husband, Michael, of Kalispell, Tedd Peterson and wife, Betsey, of Kalispell, Penny Haven and husband, Terry, of Billings, Gregg Peterson and wife, Mandy, and Kent Peterson, all of Butte. Joyce was blessed with 12 grandchildren, Vanessa and Angela Peterson, Travis Galvin, Michele Ross, Brandon and Lucas Peterson, Candra, Bryan, and Mark Haven. Dustin, Geoff and Lindee Peterson; and one great-grandchild, Allee Galvin; brother, Edward Young of Boise, Idaho; sisters-in-law, Maxine Davis of Sacramento, Calif., and Kay Peterson of Boise; and a brother-in-law, Clayton Peterson and wife, Wilma, of Lacey, Wash. and their families; along with numerous nieces, nephews and cousins and their families.

Memorial services for Joyce will be at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 20, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church with Pastor Larry Stappler officiating. There will be no visitation.

The family suggests that any memorial contributions be sent to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 603 S. Main, Kalispell, MT 59901 or to Home Options Hospice, 175 Commons Loop Suite 100, Kalispell, MT 59901 or to the Bratsberg Wing of Immanuel Lutheran Home, 185 Crestline Avenue, Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

LaLonnie Rae Peterson, 62

LaLonnie Rae Peterson, 62, passed away Sunday, May 27, 2007, in Seattle. She was born on May 31, 1944, in Kalispell, to Edgar and Phyllis Peterson.

Lonnie grew up with her sister Terrilyn at the Peterson Motel in Kalispell. Her mother was a beautician and her father was a lumber grader, in addition to running the motel.

Because of her physical limitations, Lonnie did not have any formal schooling. Despite her limitations she was very independent and had a strong mind and will of her own.

When her parents retired they moved with Lonnie to Echo Lake. Years later, she moved to Seattle to live with her sister, Terrilyn, when her parents were no longer able to care for her. Terrilyn continued to care for Lonnie until she died in November 2005.

Terrilyn's husband, Steve, Lonnie's niece, Holly Cayetano, and nephew, Allan Timlick, took over her care.

Lonnie was feisty and deter-

mined; affectionate and a tease with a contagious laugh that seemed to bubble up from deep within. She loved sunglasses, stuffed animals, hats, balloons, carrying bottles of pop and looking at photo albums.

She was dearly loved and will be greatly missed.

Lonnie is survived by her nephew, Allan Timlick, of Seattle and nieces, Vicki Gaines of Bigfork, Jill Curtis of Kalispell, and Holly Cayetano of Kent, Wash.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Edgar and Phyllis Peterson; and sister, Terrilyn Sweet.

Graveside services for Lonnie will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 2, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. There will be no visitation.

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

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

Michael Jason Peterson, 34

Michael Jason Peterson, 34, died unexpectedly Sunday, Jan. 28, 2007, in Thomasville, Ga.

Michael was born March 8, 1972, in Jacksonville, Fla. and moved to the Flathead Valley with his parents in 1975. He was raised in the Kalispell area and remained in the area into young adulthood. He was the son of Gale Peterson of Jackson, Ga. and Carole Peterson of Thomasville, Ga.

Survivors, in addition to his parents, include; two daughters, Leisa Peterson of Whitefish and Juliette Peterson of Missoula; one son, Mercy Peterson

of Whitefish; brothers, Chris Peterson of Griffin, Ga., Gabriel Peterson of Hampton, Ga., David Peterson of Jackson, Ga., Daniel Peterson of Cumming, Ga., James Peterson of Jacksonville, Fla., and Thomas White of Jackson, Ga.; sisters, Sandra Thomas of Jackson, Ga., Georgia Swearingin of Houston, Texas, and Laura Turner of Tucson, Ariz.; several nieces and nephews.

Memorial services for Mr. Peterson were held Saturday, Feb. 3, at the group shelter in Indian Springs State Park near Jackson, Ga.

Tucker James Peterson, infant

Tucker James "was delivered into the arms of the Lord" in the early hours Thursday, March 29, 2007, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

Tucker leaves behind his mommy and daddy, Jeffery and Ranee Peterson; his three big brothers, Cameron, Hunter and Jeffery Jr.; his grandparents, Gordon and Susie Peterson, Michael Tyrone Reid and Marsha Lukenbill; great-grandparents, Ona Zorn, Jerry Sargent and Floyd Kile; aunts and uncles, Heather Peterson, Trinity Reid, Kim Gange Reid, Billy Jean Reid, Becky Reid, Katie and Josie Furlong, Julie Erickson, Connie Erickson, Nick Erickson, Jason Erickson and Zac Reid. He also leaves behind many other family members.

He was preceded in death by his great-grandmas, Betty Pierson and Susan Reid; great-grandpas, Sam Norlander, Ervin James Pierson, Raymond Zorn and Robert Reid; uncles, Michael "Joe" Reid and David Erickson; and baby cousin, Conner Roberts.

The family would like to thank everyone who prayed for Tucker and his family.

An account has been set up to help the family with expenses. Any donations can be sent to Jeffrey and Marsha Ranee Peterson, in care of Tucker Peterson, at the Parkside Federal Credit Union, 1015 Ninth St. W., Columbia Falls, MT 59912. Please send all floral offerings to the family home, 1525 15th St. EN, Columbia Falls, MT 59912.

Erma Louease Pewitt, 77

Erma Louease Pewitt, 77, of Kalispell, passed away on Thursday, Feb. 8, 2007, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center. She was born on March 19, 1929, at Salem, Mo., the daughter of Columbus Edward and Anna (Hoodenpyle) Stagner. Erma grew up on a farm near Salem.

On Dec. 19, 1947, she was united in marriage to Maurice Pewitt at Salem. She and Maurice bought their own farm nearby after they married. After their three sons were born, they moved into Salem. In 1960 they moved to Mesa, Ariz., where they lived until Maurice's death. In 1999 Erma moved to Kalispell to live with her son, Dennis.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Maurice Pewitt; and a grandson, Stephen Pewitt.

She is survived by three sons, Donald Pewitt and wife, Linda, of Phoenix, Ariz., Dennis Pewitt and wife, Dorothy, and Lennis Pewitt and wife, Cheryl, all of Kalispell; 10 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for Erma will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 12, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Pastor Paul Arends officiating. There will be no visitation. Burial will be in the Dryfork Cemetery in Salem, Mo. at a later date.

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

Kerry W. Pflum, 58

Kerry W. Pflum, 58, died at his home in Trego, on Saturday, Oct. 13, 2007.

Survivors include his wife, Elaine, at the family home in Trego.

Kerry will be laid to rest in Cincinnati, on Oct. 20,

following a service officiated by Michael Vincent. Arrangements are by Rebold Funeral Home in Cincinnati.

Local arrangements were made under the direction of Nelson & Vial Funeral Home.

Everett Kelly 'Rusty' Phelps, 83

Everett Kelly "Rusty" Phelps, 83, of Troy, died from natural causes Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2007, at his home on Lake Creek.

Survivors include a son, Michael Phelps; and a daughter Laurel "Laurie" Scott.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 5, at the Church of God in Troy. Visitation will be from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4.

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

Roger S. Pierce, 92

Walla Walla resident, Roger S. Pierce, 92, died Feb. 26, 2007, at Park Manor Rehabilitation Center, in Walla Walla, Wash.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mountain View-Colonial DeWitt, 1551 Dalles Military Road, Walla Walla, WA 99362.

Mr. Pierce was born June 21, 1914, in LaMoure, N.D., to Clifford V. and Grace B. Sabin Pierce. He was a graduate of Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa, in 1939, with a Bachelor of Science degree in floraculture.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II in the Quarter Master Corps in New Guinea. Following discharge from the service, he went to Kalispell, where he owned

Pierce's Nursery, retiring in 1975. Growing plants was not only his career but also his hobby.

In 1952, he and Alice Painton married in Townsend. They enjoyed fishing on Flathead Lake and many other streams in Montana. She died in 1986. He moved to the Walla Walla area in 1995 from Kalispell.

Survivors include two daughters, Sandee Strampher of College Place, Wash., and Barbara Alvarado of Spokane; a son, Daniel M. Pierce, of Gold Bar, Wash.; a sister, Helen Callihan, of Fairview Park, Ohio; a brother and sister-in-law, Ralph and Anne Pierce, of Delray Beach, Fla.; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Michael Eugene Pitzen, 64

Michael Eugene Pitzen, 64, passed away Monday, Aug. 20, 2007, at his residence in Richey.

Mike was born April 29, 1943, in Walker, Minn., the son of Michael and Ruby (Adams) Pitzen. He was raised and educated in Walker, graduating from high school with the class of 1961. After graduation, Mike entered the United States Navy and served in the Vietnam War. He received an honorable discharge from the military in January of 1966.

Mike married Jacque Storbeck on Dec. 18, 1976, in Everett, Wash.

Mike worked as a salesman for Western Building Center in Kalispell off and on for 25 years.

He and his wife moved to Richey in 2002, where Mike was a member of the Richey Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 7887 for five years and had served as post commander for the last year.

He was an avid outdoors man who enjoyed hunting, fishing and camping with his wife Jacque. He especially loved pheasant hunting with his black



lab, Nikki, whom he always referred to as "his black girlfriend." Mike had taken many trophy animals over the years. Mike was preceded in death by his father, and a daughter, Chelsea.

He is survived by his wife, Jacque, of Richey; his mother, Ruby, of Walker, Minn.; two daughters; Melody Ollom and her husband, Keith, of Snohomish, Wash., and Laramie Head and her husband, Paul, of St. Charles, Ill.; a son, Michael Pitzen and his wife, Tonia, of Bothell, Wash.; three brothers; Jim Pitzen, Steve Pitzen and his wife, Mary, and Patrick Pitzen and his wife, Diane, all of Walker, Minn.; five grandchildren, Kacie Ollom, Kolten Ollom, Sam Pitzen, Dillon Pitzen and James Head; and numerous nieces and nephews. He is also survived by family friends, Jessie Serres of Bigfork, Melissa Hansen of Glendive, China Love of Kalispell, and Betty and Phil Reed of Bigfork.

Private funeral services are planned for a later date.

Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements.

Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at www.silvernale-silha-funeralhome.com.

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David Isaac Placer, 66



David Isaac Placer, 66, died peacefully at Health Center Northwest after a long and courageous battle with diabetes. David was born into the Jewish faith on Oct. 20, 1940, in Brooklyn, N.Y., and graduated from Brooklyn Vocational Tech in 1957.

David served six years in the National Guard. He then worked as an auto mechanic at a Sunoco service station, quickly took over ownership and purchased two more service stations in New York and New Jersey.

In 1975, David founded Hobbymasters Inc. to expand and share his love of hobbies. By 1980, he had purchased a much larger building and moved Hobbymasters to its current location in Red Bank, N.J., where it still is operated by David's family today.

David recognized Jesus as the Messiah, of whom he had been told, and chose to follow Him. He was baptized at Trinity Bible Church in Phoenix. His passionate devotion as a believer was evident as he ministered to everyone who would listen. He was involved in many churches after moving to Montana, was an avid reader, and had a unique gift of drawing even

the quietest person into conversation.

While battling diabetes and kidney failure, David continued to work on computers and enjoyed his Ham radio friends. David lost his battle with diabetes and kidney failure March 3, 2007. His warm, fun-loving spirit will be missed. "He is now at peace with his Lord and Savior."

David was preceded in death by his parents, Frank Placer and Anne Weissman.

Survivors include his aunt, Ruth Fuhrer, of Manhattan, N.Y.; uncle, Jerry Weissman, of Manhattan; and sister, Tema Brodsky, of Long Island, N.Y. David was a very devoted father to his three children and shared his love of trains and model railroading with them. He will be missed by his children, son Robert Placer and wife, Katrina, of Trenton, N.J.; daughter, Dawn Yuter, and husband, Greg, of Perkaspie, Pa.; and son Alan Placer and wife, Amanda, of Fair Haven, N.J. David is also survived by his beloved grandsons, Connor Placer and Aaron Yuter. He leaves behind many friends and family throughout the country.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 10, at Lakeside Baptist Church.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations on David's behalf to the American Diabetes Association.

Mildred 'Millie' Platt, 92

Mildred "Millie" Platt, 92, passed away on Sunday, Oct. 14, 2007, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell. She was born at home in Williams, Mont., near Valier on Sept. 19, 1915. She was one of eight children born to Anna (Hofland) and Anders Hammer, and was very proud of her Norwegian heritage.



She spent her childhood in Valier on the eastern front of the Rocky Mountains. She loved life in her small town and enjoyed school, swimming, dancing, trips to Glacier Park and playing cards throughout her childhood and long life.

After graduating from Valier High School in 1933, Millie attended Western Montana College in Dillon and received her two-year degree in elementary education and a lifetime certificate to teach in Montana. She used that opportunity to teach in Brady, Dupuyer, Cut Bank and finally in Billings where she taught kindergarten in her home for 18 years before retiring.

In 1941, Millie married William "Bill" Platt in Cut Bank. Millie was teaching and Bill worked for Carter Oil Company in the refinery in Cut Bank, and they had met on a blind date.

In 1950, Carter Oil moved its facility to Superior, Wis., and Millie and Bill moved with it. Both missed their beloved Montana, and in 1952, Bill was hired as a refinery inspector with Universal Oil Company, and they moved to Billings, where they lived until Bill's retirement in 1980.

Millie retired from teaching a few years prior to Bill's retirement, and spent the years before his retirement traveling the world with him on assignment with his company. After Bill's retirement they moved to Lakeside.

Millie and Bill were married

for 44 years until Bill's death in 1985. Following his death, Millie became a Hospice volunteer because of the support and comfort Hospice had provided the family throughout Bill's illness. Through her work with Hospice and the game of bridge, Millie met Walter Hensley and they were married in 1990. They had five fun-filled years together, dancing, playing bridge and socializing with friends until Walter's death in 1995.

Millie was also preceded in death by her parents; her siblings, Olga Armstrong; Ernest Hammer and Isabelle Hammer; an infant sister; and a grandson, Andy Lindsey.

She is survived by her daughters, Holly Lindsey and husband Dan, Susan Gibson-Veyna and husband Peter, and Gretchen Platt and husband Charlie Bartberger; siblings, Andy Hammer of Missoula, and Shirley Elton and husband Claude of Arizona; her grandchildren, Chris Lindsey and wife Julie, Daniel Lindsey, Heather Copp and husband Mike, Rachel Johnson and husband John, Sarah Gibson and husband Ken Turley and Ben Bartberger; her great-grandchildren, Le'Arvay, Koda and Jake; many nieces and nephews; and by two special step-grandchildren, Lisa Veyna Lykins and Kevin Veyna.

Millie lived a long, full life with her large extended family and many, many friends. She kept her sharp wit and sense of humor to the end and will be greatly missed by all who knew her and loved her.

Memorial services for Millie will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 19, at the Community United Methodist Church in Bigfork.

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

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

Rockford Alan Plawman, 16

Rockford Alan Plawman, 16, passed away Nov. 25, 2007, in Whitefish. He was born June 25, 1991, in Portland and raised in Whitefish.

He attended Muldown Elementary and Whitefish Central School, Whitefish High School and Glacier High School. He was currently attending Laser School full time while also maintaining a full-time job. He was a dedicated Taco John's employee.

Rockford enjoyed youth group activities, and was always helpful to everyone who asked in the community.

He enjoyed skateboarding and building things with wood, loved horses, music and electronics, and loved people, laughter and life. He was accepting of all people.

Rockford was a good broth-

er, son, grandson and friend and will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

He is survived by his parents, James Plawman of Whitefish and Bonnie Plawman of West Bend, Wis.; his brothers and sisters, Dustin Britz of Portland, Safron Britz of Whitefish, Hope Plawman and Faith Plawman, both of West Bend; and his grandparents, Joanne Thomas of Arizona and Jim Plawman of Montana.

Cremation has taken place. Services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Whitefish Assembly of God Church. All are welcome.

In lieu of flowers, donations are requested to be made to the Plawman Memorial Fund, in care of Whitefish Assembly of God.

John F. 'Jack' Provence, 89

John F. "Jack" Provence passed away May 22, 2007 in Sandpoint, Idaho.

He was born on Nov. 20, 1917, in Shelby, to Oliver and Helen Provence. He spent most of his life in Montana. He enlisted in the Army and was stationed at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, during World War II and survived the attack.

After his discharge he settled in the Flathead Valley, where he logged and ranched in Lost Prairie for many years.

In 1972 he met and married Esther Fillis and they remained on the ranch until retirement. Then they moved to Hope, Idaho, and later to Priest River, Idaho. Jack and Esther loved fishing and camping and Jack became a loving father and grandfather

to Esther's family. They enjoyed traveling south for the winters for a number of years.

Esther passed away in 2003 and Jack lived in Sandpoint, Idaho, until his death. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Esther; sister, Mildred Fritz; and stepson, Burt Fillis.

Jack is survived by three brothers, Philip and Emma Provence of Kalispell; Ralph Provence, and Alan and Donella Provence of San Martin, Calif.; and a stepdaughter, Janice, and Emmet Mullaley of Priest River. He was a beloved uncle to five nieces and three nephews and also had many other friends and relatives.

Cremation has taken place and no service will be held, as was Jack's wish.

Louise A. Plough, 54

Louise A. Plough, 54, of Libby, died Friday, Dec. 28, 2007.

She worked at St. John's Lutheran Hospital in Libby.

She is survived by her children, Christopher Plough of West Chester, Pa.,

and Melissa Golden and husband, Allen, of Germany; and by her parents, James and Rose Kelly of Spokane.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 4, at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

Robert L. Plough, 49

Robert L. Plough, 49, of Libby, died Friday, Dec. 28, 2007.

He worked for the Montana Department of Transportation.

He is survived by his children, Christopher Plough

of West Chester, Pa., and Melissa Golden and husband, Allen, of Germany.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 4, at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

Helen L. Prugh, 87

Helen L. Prugh, 87, of Libby, died Sunday Nov. 11, 2007, at the Libby Care Center from natural causes.

Survivors include her children, Jana Lewis of Libby, Karla Yungk and C. Kerry

Prugh, both of Florida, and Bill Prugh of Kansas City, Mo.

Private family services will be held.

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

The Rev. John Bruce Plummer, 93

The Rev. John Bruce Plummer, 93, of Polson, died of natural causes early Tuesday morning, Nov. 20, 2007, at St. Joseph Hospital in Polson.



Father Plummer was a Catholic priest for 67 years, and was the eldest priest in the Helena Diocese.

The second of six children, Father Plummer was born May 24, 1914, in Anaconda to John Bowling and Eleanor Brennan Plummer. The family moved to Missoula, where he attended St. Anthony's and Loyola High School. He played football in high school and at Carroll College, where he graduated in philosophy.

During his college years, Father Plummer held summer jobs with the state as a border inspector for fruit and vegetables, first in Noxon and then near Yellowstone National Park. In 1936, he entered St. Edward Seminary in Seattle. He was ordained as a priest at the Cathedral of Saint Helena on May 18, 1940. Father Plummer served as an assistant at the Cathedral in Helena and at St. Anthony Parish in Missoula, where he also was chaplain to the Newman Club. During this time, he had the responsibility of looking after Italian ship crews from New York who were interned at Fort Missoula. Father Plummer recalled that they were excellent cooks and were, on special occasions, allowed to sign out to cook meals for the priests.

He was named pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Ronan in August 1949. In 1956, he was named pastor of St. Ann Parish in Butte. In 1968, he was named pastor of St. Matthew Parish in Kalispell, and in 1977, he was named pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in Polson. For several years, he served on the Carroll College board of trustees. Father Plummer retired in 1981.

After that, he lived in his beloved log cabin on the Narrows of Flathead Lake, except when he escaped the long, gray western Montana winters by going to Mexico or California. More recently he lived at St. Joseph Retirement Community.

As a young man, he spent a lot of time at his family's cabin on Placid Lake, rowing around the lake, fishing, relaxing, and working on the cabin there. In 1951, he purchased the Flathead Lake cabin on Lansing Point. Built in 1919, the rustic tamarack log structure was originally just the shell and porch. Father Plummer always had projects going at the cabin. One of the most significant changes was the addition of indoor plumbing and electricity. Visitors who had experienced the cabin's old outhouse had a true appreciation of that particular improvement. During another cabin project, a makeshift scaffold fell. Father Plummer fell with it onto the rocks below, severely injuring his back. As a result he had many back problems through the years.

The cabin became a focal spot for family gatherings and reunions, good times full of swimming, boating, water skiing, fishing, pancake-eating contests, hiking, skipping rocks, and just plain visiting. Infamous for his outrageous habit of speeding, both on land and out on the lake, Father Plummer went through an amazing number of boat propellers. For his nieces and nephews, as well as for many boys and girls from his parishes, staying at the cabin helped instill a love of and reverence for the outdoors. Father Plummer was the kind of person who could turn a summer night of patio stargazing into an expansive discussion of astronomy and physics.

He loved kokanee fishing, especially out by the Bird Islands. Many a boat ride included silently drifting and watching a fawn on the shore or bighorn rams clashing and clacking their horns at the water's edge on Wildhorse Island. He was also a world traveler. During reunions, he would give slide shows of his latest vacations to exotic foreign countries. While some family members were guilty of nodding off during those shows, others were inspired by Father Plummer's color photography of places such as Italy, India, Peru and China to develop their own lifelong habits of traveling.

Father Plummer was a gifted Renaissance man whose varied interests and accomplishments included: in 1965, designing and coordinating the construction of the new St. Ann Church in Butte; designing, commissioning and donating a unique stained-glass mural to the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Polson; designing his sister Laurine's lake home; drawing and sketching; completing numerous rockwork projects; hand-carving exquisite wooden artwork; and creating gorgeous vases and bowls with a wood lathe in his lakeside shop.

He was a voracious reader. His floor-to-ceiling library shelves in the cabin living room held a dizzying array of literature, from Greek philosophers to Catholic theologians, from popular fiction to carpentry manuals.

Father Plummer's large family and his many friends will miss his distinctively dry sense of humor.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and all five of his siblings, Virginia (Dick), William, Laurine (Hartman), Robert and Richard.

Surviving him are his sister-in-law, Vada Plummer, of San Jose, Calif.; and numerous nieces, nephews and their families.

Funeral services will be held at Immaculate Conception Church in Polson.

Visitation will begin at the church at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 25, followed by the vigil service at 7 p.m. Mass of Christian burial will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 26, with concelebrants Monsignor Joseph Harrington, and the Revs. Gary Reller and Jim Connor. Burial will be at the Ronan Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to Immaculate Conception Church in Polson, the Polson City Library, or a charity of choice. Condolences to the family may be sent to www.groganfuneralhome.com.

Tracy Muree Pledger, 44

Tracy Muree Pledger, 44, formerly of Kalispell, died Nov. 25, 2007, in Redmond, Ore.

Survivors include a daughter, Estelle Pledger;

and her parents.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Arrangements are under the direction of Autumn Funerals in Redmond.

Margaret Viola 'Vi' Polensky, 79

Margaret Viola "Vi" Polensky, 79, passed away June 8, 2007, at her Kalispell residence of cancer. Vi was born Aug. 7, 1927, in Dickinson, N.D., the daughter of Joseph and Katherine (Hirsch) Wolf. When she was still quite young, her family moved to Hirschville, N.D. and farmed until she was a teenager. She had many happy memories of those years on the farm.

In 1946, Vi met Fred Polensky. They were married in June of that same year. From this union, eight children were born.

Vi was preceded in death by her husband, Fred, in 1991; her parents; three brothers; two sisters; and a son, Leonard, in 1995.



Vi is survived by her sons, Kenneth and Sue Polensky of Spokane, and Rodney and Kathy Polensky of Kooskia, Idaho; daughters Kathy and Dwight Shurtleff of Kalispell, Linda and Arlie Peterson of Auburn, Wash., Charlene and Ken Logue of Spokane, Cindy and Dave Trosper of Missoula, and Jackie and Mike Manning of Boise, Idaho; brother, Ray Wolf; sister, Shirley Parker of Maine; 22 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to Home Options Hospice or the local Cancer Society. Graveside services for Vi will be held at 3 p.m. Friday, June 15, at Glacier Memorial Gardens with Deacon Fred Topp officiating.

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

Elizabeth Ann Pluger, 81

Elizabeth Ann Pluger, 81, died Friday at her home near Troy.

She was born Dec. 31, 1925, in Cadillac, Mich., to Doy Thomas and Addie Wilson Thomas.

She is survived by her husband of 55 years, Edwin "Sarg" Pluger. Also surviving are her three daughters, Lyn Renee Williams of Appleton, Wis., Lizann

Lanae Pluger of Troy, and Lisa Kay Pluger of Simi Valley, Calif.; her brothers, Dick Thomas of Minneapolis., and David Thomas of Deltona, Fla.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Milnor Lake Cemetery, with the Rev. Gene Bushnell officiating.

Arrangements are under the care of Nelson and Vial Funeral Home.

Edna B. Postlethwaite, 94

Edna B. Postlethwaite, 94, a resident of the Kootenai Valley for the past 87 years, died Tuesday, July 24, 2007, at the Libby Care Center.

She is survived by her sons, Robert Postlethwaite of Libby and Bert Postleth-

waite of Spirit Lake, Idaho.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the City of Libby Cemetery. Family and friends may call from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home.

Donald S. Powell, 63

Donald S. Powell, 63, of Libby died Monday Jan. 29, 2007, at St. John's Lutheran Hospital from natural causes.

He had worked for the Burlington Northern Railway, St. Regis Paper Co.,

and on a number of ranches.

Survivors include his seven children.

Private family services will be held.

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

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Karol Jean (Kaus) Powell, 70

Karol Jean (Kaus) Powell, 70, died on Dec. 25, 2007, Christmas morning, surrounded by her children at St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula.



Karol was the third daughter born to Wilbert and Frances Kaus of Kalispell. Karol enjoyed an enchanted childhood in Kalispell and especially loved summers at their cabin on Caroline Point at Flathead Lake. Although she rarely would talk about it Karol was the very first "Cherry Blossom Queen" in the Flathead Valley in 1952.

Karol married Bob Powell Sr., in 1954 and their marriage was blessed with two children, Mary Pat (Clark) of Anaconda and Bob Powell Jr., of Missoula. Bob Powell, Sr., passed away on Nov. 1, 1999.

Karol adored her five grandchildren and was anxiously awaiting the birth of her very first great-grandchild due in February 2008.

Karol loved to plan menus, take care of her home and her Boston Terrier. She enjoyed the Missoula Children's The-

atre, Friday Night Club Bridge Group, and traveling to Hawaii and Palm Springs when her health would allow. She had very many friends and loved to talk with each of them on the phone every day.

Karol is survived by her son, Bob, and Charlene, Powell Jr., of Missoula; daughter, Mary Pat, and Allan Clark, of Anaconda; two sisters, Betty Ann Husebye of Indio, Calif., and Nancy McDermott of Bend, Ore.; grandchildren, Christopher and Miranda Clark of Great Falls, Jonathan Clark of Anaconda, Melissa Powell of Seattle, and Trevor and Matthew Powell of Missoula.

Memorial Services for Karol will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 31, at the Christian Life Center Chapel in Missoula. A reception will immediately follow. Private inurnment will take place at Sunset Memorial Gardens Columbarium in Missoula.

In lieu of flowers memorials are requested to St. Patrick Hospital Heart Institute Foundation Research Fund or to the Rolling Dog Ranch, 400 Rolling Dog Ranch Lane, Ovando, MT 59854

Sunset Memorial Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

James Reil 'Jim' Prevost, 75

James Reil "Jim" Prevost, 75, former resident of Kalispell, died on Dec. 1, 2007, in Vancouver, Wash.

He is survived by his wife, Lucille; his children Debbie Nesbitt, Valerie Coval and Scott Prevost; and a step-

daughter, Louise Lambson.

A memorial service will be held 3 p.m. Dec. 8 at Shiloh Fellowship, 10709 SE 10th Street, Vancouver.

Burial will take place at Willamette National Cemetery in Portland.

William Darell Pross, 86

William Darell Pross, 86, "went home to be with His Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" after passing away on Jan. 1, 2007, at Brendan House in Kalispell. He was born in Rudd, Iowa, on Oct. 17, 1920, to William Fred and Myrtle (Femrite) Pross.



He graduated from Rudd High School in 1938 and went to Louisiana State University on a baseball scholarship. After two years there and working for one more year he enlisted in the Army Air Corps and served for three years before being honorably discharged in 1945. During that time he served as a radio operator and gunner on the "Tiger Girl" B-17 Flying Fortress and completed 25 successful bombing missions over Germany from his home base in England.

Before going overseas he married Sylvia Petersen in Chicago on New Years Eve, 1942. They were married for 60 years and had two sons.

Darell then began a 55-year career in the interstate trucking industry. He started as co-owner of Pross Truck Lines in Mason City, Iowa, with his brother Irving for 10 years; then worked 30 years with Campbell "66" Express in Memphis, Tenn., Blytheville, Ark., New Orleans, and Gulfport, Miss., as safety supervisor and terminal manager. The last 16 years he

was a consultant with Fayard Fast Freight in Gulfport. He was once named Businessman of the Year in New Orleans and was a past president of The New Orleans Motor Carrier Association.

Darell was an avid golfer all of his life, a proud member of Diamondhead Country Club for 30 years, and of the VFW. He was a charter member of the Diamondhead Community Church. He loved following his alma mater, Louisiana State University, in all sports and was one of the faithful, original New Orleans Saints fans.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Sylvia; one son, Terry; both of his parents, Bill and Myrtle; his brother, Irving; and one sister, Lola.

He is survived by his son, Ron Pross and his wife Marce, of Kalispell; daughter-in-law, Anitta, of Birmingham, Ala.; his sister, Mary Anne Shepard, of Springfield, Mo.; three grandchildren, Scott of Tucson, Ariz., Taylor and Ryan of Birmingham, Ala.; and two stepgrandchildren, Angie of Kalispell, and Suzette of Tucson; three great-grandchildren and five stepgreat-grandchildren.

No local services will be held in Kalispell. Burial will be at the Spring Grove Cemetery, Rudd, Iowa, later this year.

In lieu of flowers donations to the Diamondhead Fire Department, Diamondhead Miss., would be appreciated.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for the family.

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Dorothy Marie Priebe, 80

Dorothy Marie Priebe, 80, died Saturday, Aug. 11, 2007, at Heritage Place in Kalispell, Montana.

She will be cremated, and no local services are scheduled.

She is survived locally by her daughter, Nancy Janikowsky.

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

Earl Pruitt, 68

Earl Pruitt, previously a longtime resident of Kalispell, died Feb. 9, 2007, at his home in El Dorado Springs, Mo., at the age of 68 after a brief but very heroic battle with cancer.



Earl was born to Byron and Bertha Pruitt in Ontario, Calif., on May 27, 1938. He was preceded in death by his parents; infant brother, Ken; beloved stepmother, Etoile Pruitt; and brother, Clint.

Earl moved to Kalispell in 1977 from Oregon, taking a job offered to him while he was here on vacation earlier that year, working as a mechanic with the Flathead County Road Department until 1982, when he purchased Fire Systems Unlimited.

In 1997, Earl sold that business and set up shop in his garage, learning to make custom-made knives totally from scratch. This craft, hobby and livelihood was to become the passion of his life. He was a master at making various styles of knives as well as hatchets,

sheaths, daggers and tomahawks, crafting masterpieces desired by many, not only for gift giving, but also for hunting and collector's items, and his craftsmanship ended up in many places across the U.S.

At the time of his death he continued to operate this same business, Wolverine Knives, from his home in Missouri.

He is survived by his children, Marci Pruitt of Kalispell, Byron Pruitt of Canada, Shari Baney and her children, Anthony and Alyssa of Washington, and Dan Pruitt and his children, Cody and Dani, of Texas. Among his other surviving family members are his siblings, Don Pruitt of Janesville, Calif., Jimmy Pruitt of Pamona, Calif., Ardella Plott of Green Forest, Ark., Ann Chavarria of Portland, and Betty Davis of Berryville, Ark.

Earl never knew a stranger and leaves behind a host of friends and relatives who will remember him always for many things, including his bravery during his illness.

No formal services will be held. Cremation has taken place, and Earl will be laid to rest in Montana.

Robert M. Putman, 89

Robert M. Putman, 89, passed away Monday, Feb. 5, 2007, at Heritage Place in Kalispell. He was born July 20, 1917, in Kalispell to Glenn G. and Nellie (Schäfer) Putman.



Robert received his early education in the valley, graduating from Flathead County High School in Kalispell. He worked with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers before attending technical school in Los Angeles. He returned to the Flathead Valley and continued his work as an electrician.

Robert married Theo Mae Adams on Oct. 6, 1939, in Kalispell. His electrical work evolved into a position with the phone company. He took an early retirement but then became a private contractor for the phone company doing telephone traffic surveys. He enjoyed this period of his career most, as he was able to have Theo travel with him all across the Western United States. Robert retired again in

the late 1980s.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church and enjoyed traveling with his wife. They were able to travel to Australia and New Zealand for their 50th wedding anniversary. They loved to winter in Arizona and spend summers at the house on Ashley Lake.

Robert was preceded in death by his wife, Theo, in 2005; daughter, Nancy Putman; two brothers and one sister.

He is survived by one daughter, Sandra Aderholt, of Kalispell; and a son, Wayne Putman, and wife, Jeannie, of Gig Harbor, Wash.; two grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, three great-great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Robert will be held at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9, in the Johnson Mortuary chapel, with Pastor Jim Sandholdt of the First Baptist Church of Kalispell officiating. Visitation will be Friday from 9 a.m. until the time of service. Burial will be in the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

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