

Melissa Leann Sagen, 26



Melissa Leann Sagen of Columbia Falls and Whitefish, 26, born Nov. 13, 1980, in Whitefish, died Friday, Feb. 16, 2007. She was a passenger in an automobile accident between St. Regis and Platts that was caused by a deer lying on the road. Melissa was greatly loved by many who knew her and will be forever missed.

She is survived by two beautiful daughters, Jasmine and Megan Walters; the girls' father, Scott Walters; her loving mother and father, Yummy Benzine and Dan Sagen, of Columbia Falls and Whitefish; two cherished brothers, Joshua Sagen of Kalispell, and Jesse Sagen of Mesa, Ariz.; and her loving grandparents, Harvey and Lorraine Benzine of Columbia Falls, and Ed and Patricia Payne of Whitefish. Melissa also left many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends who love and miss her very much.

"We love you Melissa, thank you for all the memories, laughter and love that you gave each of us. The fishing and snowmobiling trips were unforgettable."

Melissa enjoyed all things in life. She lived life to its fullest and experienced more than most people hope for. Her children and family meant everything her. Jasmine and Megan are a tribute to Melissa's efforts and reflect their mother's character and great attitude.

"Our family would like to thank everyone for their support, prayers and help during this difficult time. Melissa was precious to us all."

In lieu of flowers or gifts, please send donations to Park Side Credit Union in Columbia Falls where a trust fund has been established for Melissa's children, Megan and Jasmine.

Services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, at Columbia Mortuary, 892-4289. After the services please join us for a barbecue-style celebration of Melissa's life at Tom Sagen's house on Skyles Lake in Whitefish.

Jo C. Sanderson, 61

Jo C. Sanderson, 61, died Sunday, June 3, 2007, at Kalispell Regional Medical

Center in Kalispell. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Carlton Sather, 75

Carlton Sather, 75, of Nerstrand, Minn., died at his home Thursday, June 28, 2007.

He had been a nursing home administrator for a number of years in Kalispell.

He is survived by his mother, Bernice Sather; daughters, LeAnn Finger and DeAnn Sather; and sons, Kim Sather, Daniel

Sather and Mark Sather.

Visitation will be from 2 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, July 4, at the Bierman Funeral Home of Northfield, Minn.

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, July 7, at the Lysne Lutheran Church of rural Hawley, Minn., with burial at the Lysne Church Cemetery.

Lavon A. (Wilson) Sather, 78

Lavon A. (Wilson) Sather, 78, a longtime Havre resident, who lived in the Flathead Valley during her retirement years (1986-2004), then moved in 2005 to the Cambridge Place in Great Falls, died Monday, April 30, 2007, from metastatic lung cancer at the Peace Hospice Center in Great Falls.

She is survived by two daughters, Sharman Sather of

Denver, and Jill Leo of Havre; and two sons, Vance Sather of Fairfield, Calif., and Grant Sather of Bremerton, Wash.

Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 5, at the First Lutheran Church in Havre. Burial of ashes will follow at the Highland Cemetery in Havre. Arrangements are by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester.

Jean Marlene Saubert, 65

"The whole world lost a real trooper" early Monday morning, May 14, 2007, when Jean Marlene Saubert, 65, of Bigfork, passed away in her sleep after a battle "royal" with breast cancer. Jean was born May 1, 1942, in Roseburg, Ore., to Jack and Lila Mae "Bobbie" (Jones) Saubert of Tiller.

Her father was a U.S. forester who moved frequently. Jean spent her elementary school days in Cascadia, Ore., and then graduated as valedictorian from Lakeview High School in 1960.

Jean spent the next six years pursuing her dream of becoming an Olympic skier while also getting her Bachelor of Science degree from Oregon State University. She was selected to the U.S. Ski Team from 1962 through 1966, and won a Silver Medal in giant slalom and a Bronze Medal in slalom events at the 1964 Olympics in Innsbruck, Austria.

After competing in Chile, she took a teaching job in the newly opened Vail, Colo., elementary school, teaching kindergarten through eighth grade. She then moved to Salt Lake City, where she taught elementary school for seven years before getting her master's degree at Brigham Young University. She then taught at BYU for three years.

The rest of her professional adult life was spent positively influencing hundreds of young lives in elementary schools and



LDS churches in Hillsboro, Ore. She retired in May 2000 and spent some time in Australia, enjoying the summer Olympics there. She moved back to Salt Lake to donate her time and energies to the Winter Olympics hosted there in 2002.

She then moved to Bigfork, where she had overwhelmingly become entrenched in the community by volunteering at local elementary schools, participating fully at the local LDS church and enjoying the Eagle Bend golf course, where she was president of the ladies golf association. Anyone who knew her loved her!

She is survived by her sister, Joan Cummings, and Terry Cummings, who own the Mountain Trader and live in Bigfork, and Rio Verde, Ariz. Terry and Joan express sincere appreciation to all her church family, golf buddies and neighbors for all the love and support during Jean's challenges.

Funeral services for Jean Marlene Saubert will be held at 4 p.m. Wednesday, May 16, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints chapel (LDS) in Bigfork, with interment in Pacific Sunset Cemetery in Florence, Ore., where her parents, grandparents and great-grandparents are buried.

The family suggests you please consider donations to your local hospice or American Cancer Society.

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

Alvin 'Bud' Senner, 86

Alvin "Bud" Senner, 86, died on Saturday July 28, 2007, at his home in Kalispell. Bud was born on May 8, 1921, in Malta, to Henry and Anna Ruff Senner. He moved to the Flathead Valley at the age of 13. He lived in the valley all during the Depression years, attending local elementary schools.

He moved to Seattle during World War II where he worked at Boeing. He returned to the Kalispell area and worked on construction of the Hungry Horse Dam Road, and the dam itself.

Bud help build the Aluminum Plant, then worked there from 1955 to 1982, when he retired.

Bud married Winnifred Leach in 1947. Two daughters were born of this marriage. Winnifred "Babe" died in 1977.

He married Dorothy Frank and lived in Kalispell until his death.

Bud is survived by his wife,



Dorothy, and two daughters, Lana Willis and her husband Mike, and Linda Boe and her husband Arnie all of Kalispell; two grandchildren, Robyn Frank and Jeff Frank of Kalispell; two great-grandchildren, Keenan and Danielle; four stepchildren, Tom Frank, Rita McManus, Fred Frank and Dan Frank, and their families.

He is also survived by his brother, Spike Senner, at Heritage Place; three sisters, Laura De Tillion of Citrus Heights, Calif., Vi Gardner of Rocklin, Calif., and Leona Nutter of Columbia Falls.

He was preceded in death by parents; and his first wife Winnifred "Babe."

Visitation will be from 3 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 1, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday Aug. 2, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home with the Rev. Tim Bartholomew officiating. Burial will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens. A reception will follow the interment, at the Moose Lodge in Kalispell.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Galen Warren 'Bud' Senner, 76

Galen Warren "Bud" Senner, 76, passed away Sunday, Jan. 7, 2007, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell. He was born Oct. 20, 1930, in Kalispell, to S.R. "Spike" and Daisy (Burnett) Senner.

Bud moved to Seattle and graduated from high school there. He then went to Welding Tech School. He worked for C and C Plywood Valley for 17 years and then Arco Aluminum for 17 years, retiring in 1986.

He married Carol Luckenbill on Aug. 20, 1978, in Idaho.

He was a member of the Moose Lodge.

Bud was involved in pool tournaments and horse racing, being involved with the Montana horse racing circuit.



He loved highway riding on his motorcycle. He played guitar with a band. He enjoyed going up behind his property to watch the animals and the new building going up there.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Daisy; and two infant brothers.

He is survived by his wife, Carol Senner, of Kalispell; two sons, Randy Senner and wife, Jenny, and Mark Senner and wife, Annette, all of Seattle; two daughters, Karen Senner and Cindy Senner, both of Seattle, his father, S.R. "Spike" Senner, of Kalispell; and one brother, Butch Senner, and wife, Peg, of Kalispell.

Funeral services for Bud will be held at 1 p.m. today, Jan. 11, in the Johnson Mortuary chapel. Burial will be afterward in Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

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

Leonard Lee Sauerbier, 72

Leonard Lee Sauerbier, 72, of Kalispell passed away Sunday, Sept. 16, 2007, in Idaho Falls, Idaho, while visiting friends. He had been fighting emphysema, and heart and lung problems for the past 10 years. The cause of death was due to a massive heart attack.

He was born June 28, 1935, in Kalispell to Leonard John and Minnie (Mayer) Sauerbier.

Lee was a lifetime Flathead native. He went to Evergreen Grade School and attended Flathead County High School. He had owned and operated Valley Tree Service since 1965. He and his wife, Gloria, were living in Kila.

Lee was preceded in death by his parents, Minnie and Leonard

John Sauerbier.

He is survived by his wife, Gloria Sauerbier, of Kila; his children, Gregg and Dawn, both of Spokane, Wash.; and his sister Luella, of California; and numerous grandchildren.

Graveside services for Lee will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 19, 2007, at Glacier Memorial Gardens, with Pastor Glenn Burfeind officiating. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 19, 2007, at Johnson Mortuary.

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

Jean Gladys (Meinz) Savage, 81

Jean Gladys (Meinz) Savage, 81, of Armington died of cancer Saturday, Feb. 17, 2007, at Peace Hospice in Great Falls.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 23, at St. Mark's Catholic Church in Belt.

Jean was preceded in death by her husband, Mack Lawrence Savage, on Oct. 16, 1996; and a brother, Richard Joseph "Junie" Meinz, killed in action in Korea on July 26, 1952.

Jean is survived by six children, Jeffrey Savage of Great Falls, Richard Savage of East Helena, Tracy Savage of Lakeside, Troy and Blossom Savage of Missoula, Carol Savage of East Glacier Park, and Dean and Sarah Savage of Bozeman. She also is survived by 10 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, as well as her brother, Mike Meinz, of Cameron Park, Calif.

The family suggests memorials to the Belt Public Library, P.O. Box 467, Belt, MT 59412.

Robert 'Bobby' Scheeler, 56

Robert "Bobby" Scheeler, 56, passed of natural causes in Federal Way, Wash., on Nov. 18, 2007. He was born April 21, 1951, to Valentine M. Scheeler and Josephine (Stang) Scheeler in Missoula.

Bobby graduated from high school in St. Ignatius. He joined the Army and served in Vietnam.

After serving, he married Rene Ransier. They were later divorced. He then married Linda Walter.

For the past 20 years he worked as an airplane interior technician for Aim Aviation.

Robert was preceded in death by his mother and father, Bill and Josephine Scheeler; and

two brothers, Steven and David.

Robert is survived by three sons, Robert of Lewiston, Idaho, Steven and wife Callie of Columbia Falls, and Raymond of Columbia Falls; also grandchildren, Destiny and Gage of Lewiston, Idaho, Megan, Eli and DJ of Columbia Falls; sister, Marion and husband, Leland Johns of Whitehall; sister-in-law, Sherry Scheeler, niece, Sammantha Scheeler, and nephew Shawn Scheeler, all of Arlee.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Nov. 23, at St. Ignatius Mission (Catholic church) in St. Ignatius. Internment will be following services at the St. Mary's Cemetery in Missoula.

Grace Lynette (Moore) Scheffelmear, 49

Grace Lynette (Moore) Scheffelmear, 49, a claims manager from Shelby, passed away suddenly at her home on Saturday, Sept. 15, 2007, due to heart failure.



Visitation is from 1 to 8 p.m. today at the Whitted Funeral Chapel. Funeral services are at 2 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 21, at the Whitted Funeral Chapel with burial to follow in the Mountain View Cemetery.

Survivors include her husband, Brian Scheffelmear of Downey, Calif.; sons, Donn J. Alexander of Shelby, and David D. Moore of Spangdahlem AFB, Germany; sister, Penny, and Jim Horner, of Whitefish; brothers, Duane and Cathy Moore, and Brad Moore, both of Whitefish; grandson, Cade Alexander, of Great Falls; aunts,

Elizabeth Jackson of Seattle, Carol Lockwood of Polson, and Grace Lattrel of Eugene, Ore.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Grace was preceded in death by her parents; and brother, Gene Moore.

She was born Aug. 28, 1958, in Shelby to Harry and Margaret (Hanes) Moore, where she graduated from high school in 1976. She then attended business school in Great Falls for two years.

Grace worked as a claims manager for Watkins-Shepard Trucking at their Shelby and Helena locations for many years. She and her husband Brian had been together since 1995 and moved to California in 2000. She had just recently moved back to Shelby to live.

She had been an active member in the Elks, Moose and the JayCee's. Grace enjoyed reading, ceramics, arts and crafts, and doing jigsaw puzzles.

Elaine J. Schlenker, 68

Elaine J. Schlenker, 68, of Bozeman, passed away Oct. 19, 2007, in Seattle due to a cerebral aneurysm and strokes.

She was



born March 5, 1939, in Billings to George and Janet Stebbins.

Elaine is survived by her husband, Leo; children, Michael of Ennis and Merry of Seattle; four grandchildren; a brother, Paul Stebbins of Vancouver, Wash.; and a sister, Alexandra Herzog, of Kalispell.

Helen (Marker) Schilling, 88

Helen (Marker) Schilling, 88, of Kalispell, passed away on Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2007, at Immanuel Lutheran home of natural causes.



Helen was born Sept. 3, 1919, in Park City, to Jacob and Katherine Elizabeth Marker. She had three brothers and two sisters. Helen attended country school in Billings. In 1935 the family moved to Harlem where Helen attended high school.

In 1940 she began courting Ervin "Bud" Schilling, who she knew from high school. They were married on Feb. 15, 1941, in Harlem. They made their home on Bud's farm 12 miles north of Harlem. Helen and Bud had five sons and one daughter. She not only helped raise her family, she also worked at the Merry Market grocery store in Harlem for nine years, and at the post office for five years. In 1983, they moved to Somers where they met so many cherished friends.

Helen was member of Eidsvold Lutheran Church in Somers.

Helen and Bud were married

for 63 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Jacob and Katherine Marker; her husband, Bud; two sons, Wayne and Jerry Schilling; two brothers, Bill and Herman Marker; and a sister, Marie Helger.

Helen is survived by a daughter, Sharon Bruyer, of Kalispell; sons, Chuck Schilling of Harlem, William and Mark Schilling, both of Havre; one brother, Victor Marker of Sidney; one sister, Esther Allen of Billings; 10 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

"Helen will be greatly missed by all her family and friends. She enjoyed all her card playing friends, and came to know many fine friends through Immanuel Lutheran Home. May God Bless all of you."

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 28 at the Harlem Cemetery.

Memorials donations may be made to Home Options Hospice, 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell, MT 59901, Immanuel Lutheran Home, 185 Crestline Ave., Kalispell, MT 59901 or Eidsvold Lutheran Church, 5935 U.S. 93 South, Somers, MT 59932.

Buffalo Hill Funeral home of Kalispell and Edwards funeral Home of Chinook are caring for the family.

Robert Henry Schock, 82



Robert Henry Schock "departed this world" on Nov. 14, 2007, "to join his wife, Dorothy Swensen Rismon Schock, in the loving partnership which will never again be interrupted."

Bob and Dot operated the 2/S Ranch near Billings from the time of their marriage on June 1, 1956, until her death on July 12, 2005. Bob lived on, loved and nurtured that ranch from his birth on April 21, 1925, until Dec. 27, 2004, when he and Dot moved to Kalispell to be nearer their daughter, P.J. Rismon-Beckley and son-in-law, Paul Beckley.

Robert was the eldest child of Fred W. Schock and Henrietta Bliss Schock, and was later joined by siblings Mary Kathryn (deceased) and Fred L. of Cody, Wyo.

His mother was an elementary school teacher who taught him to read well before he was old enough to start first grade. He cherished books and learning throughout his life and spent many happy hours consuming a wide variety of reading materials. It was rare to find him without a book or magazine in his back pocket "just in case."

Bob's sense of civic duty was demonstrated by lengthy service as a leader of the Billings

area Lively Livestock 4-H Club. He also served for an extended period of time on the board of trustees for the Independent Grade School District. Other organizational involvements included membership of Atone-ment Lutheran Church, Billings Heights Lions Club and the Masons.

Like all good farmers and ranchers, he was skilled in the essential arts of hay production, animal husbandry, range management, carpentry, plumbing, welding, machine and vehicle maintenance, electrical work, fishing and poker (a genetic Schock predisposition).

The last three years of his life were spent in the loving care and companionship of staff and residents at Buffalo Hill Terrace and Immanuel Lutheran Home where he relished the many opportunities to socialize. His charismatic manner allowed him to make friends quickly, and he savored the warm and welcoming environment provided by both facilities.

A private burial has taken place. Celebrations of life are planned in the coming months at the Buffalo Hill Terrace, the Immanuel Lutheran Home, and the Yost Ranch in Billings.

For those wishing to make a memorial tribute, the family suggests donations to the Humane Society of Northwest Montana, P.O. Box 221, Kalispell, MT 59901; or the Humane Society of Park County, 5537 Greybull Highway, Cody, WY 82414.

Janice Lee Scholes, 54

Janice Lee Scholes, 54, died at her residence in Kalispell on Monday, July 9, 2007. She was born in Beloit, Wis., on April 23, 1953, the daughter of Franklin and Dolores (Osterberg) Wu.



Janice enjoyed knitting, playing cards and games and enjoyed her cats, Roger and Shasha.

She worked at several different jobs including at Beloit Telephone Company in Beloit as an operator, at the Travel Lodge in Missoula as a night auditor, the Outlaw Inn in 1978 as the front desk manager in Kalispell, a bookkeeper for several local valley businesses, and for the last five years she worked for LaSalle Lighting in Kalispell.

Janice was united in marriage to Stanley Scholes on Feb. 10, 1985, in Lone Pine State Park in Kalispell.

Janice was preceded in death by her father, Franklin Wu; both sets of grandparents, Hjalmer and Gladie Osterberg and Henry and Eva Wu; and aunts, Loraine Garrison, Ellie Klenke, Mary Drew, Evelyne Wiley and Julia Boyce.

She is survived by her husband, Stanley Scholes of Kalispell; mother, Dolores Cole of Beloit; brothers, Nathan and James Wu, both of Janesville, Wis.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial services for Janice Lee Scholes will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, July 13, at Johnson's Mortuary Chapel. Memorial services will also be held at a later date in Wisconsin. There will be no visitation.

The family suggests memorials be sent to: Home Options Hospice, 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

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

Joan Schultz, 83

Joan Schultz, 83, formerly of Essex, passed away Tuesday, May 22, 2007, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell. She was born Oct. 13, 1923, in Park County, Wyo. She was the youngest child of Thomas Edward and Mary (Warren) Smith.

Joan moved with her family to Butte, where she met and married the love of her life, Alfred Schultz, on Feb. 13, 1947. They resided in Essex, where Alfred was employed by the Great Northern Railroad. Joan was a homemaker and the mother of two children, Christine and Philip. Joan enjoyed picking huckleberries, riding her bicycle, sewing, and being a wife and mother.

Joan was preceded in death by her parents; her brothers, Robert

and Philip; and sisters, Mabel and Kathleen.

She is survived by her husband, Alfred Schultz, of Kalispell; one son, Philip Schultz, of Kalispell; one daughter, Christine Calhoun, and husband, George, of Butte; and two grandchildren, Jennifer and Christopher Calhoun, of Butte.

Graveside services for Joan Eleanor Schultz will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, May 30, at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to noon Wednesday in the Johnson Mortuary chapel.

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

Ralph W. Schwarz, 82

Ralph W. Schwarz, 82, passed away Sunday, April 1, 2007, after a courageous battle with cancer. Ralph was born Aug. 31, 1924, in Gillette, Wyo., to Ralph and Edna Schwarz.



When Ralph was 2 years old, his mother passed away. He was raised by his grandparents, aunts and uncles. He graduated from high school in 1942.

In 1943, Ralph enlisted in the U.S. Navy, where he served until 1946, when he was honorably discharged.

He then traveled to Pennsylvania and became an iron worker. He helped build bridges and high rises across the United States.

He married Olga Kotoris and was blessed with three children, Ellen Baker, Michael Schwarz, and a son, Stephan, who passed away in 1970.

Ralph went to work at the Columbia Falls aluminum plant, where he worked for 30-plus years. Ralph and Olga later were divorced.

In 1980, he married Beverly Kostman, and joined her extended family.

He loved camping, boating, fishing and backpacking into the Bob Marshall Wilderness area with his friends.

Ralph enjoyed the Eagles Lodge and what it stands for

— its motto is "People helping people." He served as trustee for Aerie 234 for several years, as Aerie president twice, and served as Aerie state trustee and state president. He made many friends and was proud to belong to such a giving organization.

Ralph is survived by his wife, Beverly; daughter, Ellen Baker, and her husband, Rocky, of Kalispell; son, Michael Schwarz, and his wife, Isabelle, of Wilder, Idaho; three stepchildren, Sherry Stewart and her fiancé, Mark Lamoreux, Christy Doty and her husband, Steve, all of Kalispell, and Chuck McDowell and Kathryn of Bellevue, Wash.; grandchildren, Peter Baker, Alex Campbell and her husband, Aaron, Nidia Schwarz, Jose Schwarz, and Sascha Walters and her husband, Brent; stepgrandchildren, Billy Salmonson and his wife, Stacey, Michelle Morris and her husband, Rob, LeRoy Doty, Brittney Erie, and Justin Sherman and his wife, Scarlett; and eight great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 3 to 8 p.m. Thursday, April 5, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, April 6, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, with the Rev. Larry Stappler officiating. Cremation will be after the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to your favorite charity.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family

Lawrence Robert Schwedes, 84

Lawrence Robert Schwedes, 84, a resident of Sequim, Wash., passed away on Tuesday, July 24, 2007, at The Messenger House on Bainbridge Island, Wash. Lawrence was born on Nov. 23, 1922.



Born in the East on Long Island, N.Y., he moved to California as a teenager. During World War II he worked at North American Aviation in Dallas, met Billie Ann, then returned to California and joined the Navy. The West was his home. His working years were spent in Santa Monica, Calif. and his retirement years in Bigfork. He moved to Sequim in 2004.

He was a man of many interests, many talents: small business owner (investment casting manufacturing company),

scout leader for both his kids, photographer, observer of wildlife, student of the West (back roads, ghost towns, and miles of trails), world traveler (African trips were probably his favorite), private pilot, a 20th century mountain man (tomahawk maker and thrower) who loved his Macintosh laptop. He was also a hovercraft designer, home designer, model train builder, and woodworker. Always interested in doing something new, he often left the old undone. A collector of things, he was loath to part with any.

He is survived by his daughter, Jean Tyson of Port Angeles, Wash.; his grandson, Jeffrey Schwedes of Reno, Nev.; and his sister, Doris Swartz of Ramona, Calif.

He was preceded in death by his son, Gary Robert Schwedes and former wife, Billie Ann Schwedes.

Please sign the online Guest Book at: www.cookfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Donald E. Schweigert, 74

Donald E. Schweigert, 74, passed away Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2007, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center. He was born June 21, 1932, in Plevna, the son of John S. and Clara (Christman) Schweigert.

He was educated in Ekalaka, until enlisting in the U.S. Army, where he served during the Korean conflict. Upon his return, he began his lifelong work as an operating engineer, building roads all across the state and also in Wyoming and Washington. He loved his work.

He enjoyed being around his family and friends. He and his longtime companion, Dolores Wagner, spent several winters in Arizona. He was a member of the Operating Engineers Union for 40-plus years.

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

He is survived by his longtime companion, Dolores Wag-



ner, of Whitefish; two sons and three daughters, Ken Schweigert and wife, Nancy, of Butte; Tracy Stiefelman and husband, Dennis, of Jefferson City, Mo.; and Tammy Schweigert and Lori Schweigert both of Billings; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; a special granddaughter, Jennadee Wilkerson, of Kalispell; two brothers, Ken "Whitey" Schweigert and wife, Audrey, of Ekalaka, and Charles Schweigert and wife, Arlene, of Billings; three sisters, Eleanor Talkington and Gloria Preuss, both of Ekalaka, and Carol Hofiedt and husband, Paul, of Miles City; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial services for Don will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, at Johnson Mortuary chapel with Pastor Paul Ogle officiating. There will be no visitation.

The family suggests that any memorial contributions be sent to the Northwest Healthcare Cancer Fund, 310 Sunnyview Lane, Kalispell, MT 59901, or to the charity of the donor's choice.

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

Thomas P. Seabase, 40

Thomas P. Seabase, 40, died Sept. 11, 2007, in Kirkland, Wash., with his wife, Annette, at his side.

Tom was a remarkable man. He was diagnosed at an early age with kidney disease and survived two kidney transplants and numerous other illnesses. In spite of his many medical obstacles, Tom had a positive attitude and a joy for life. Tom touched many people's lives with his vibrant personality and outgoing presence. He will be missed by his many friends and relatives.

Tom was born Dec. 2, 1966, in Mount Clemens, Mich., to Thomas and Janet Seabase. Tom moved to Montana at the age of 6. He attended schools in Sterling Heights, Mich., Pablo and Ronan before graduating from Polson High School in 1985. Tom continued his education at the University of Montana, in the computer science field, and worked in the programming, development, quality assurance, and management areas of computer science as an adult.

Tom was an entrepreneur from an early age, fixing bicycles to aid a church-related outreach program. Tom's first international trip to Japan in 1982, less than a year after his first kidney transplant.

Tom started his computer career working for the Lake County Sheriff's Office, performing computer data programming related to undercover surveillance work. He later started his own computer sales business in Polson, called Ramdek. After a few years, Tom moved his computer business to Kalispell and changed the name to Point Computers and Electronics, a computer retail store. The last entrepreneurial venture for Tom was Northwest Media, a computer kiosk business. Tom created the FIDS program that local airports used for their real-time air-traffic control. These kiosks were installed in airports in Montana and Utah.

From 2001 to 2005, Tom managed the programming depart-

ment of a Kalispell data company before moving on to a quality assurance manager position at Intelius, a major national data provider in Seattle. Tom loved Washington and enjoyed his position and his co-workers at Intelius. Friends there had a memorial service for him earlier this month.

Tom also had a great love for music. Tom was a self-taught guitar player and played and sang in a high-school band with friends before recording his own music during his adult life. Tom wrote and played numerous songs for his wife and loved to "jam" with other musicians. His guitar was never far away.

Tom married the love of his life, Annette, in August 1997. Tom and Annette were best friends and soul mates. They did everything and went everywhere together. You rarely saw one without the other.

Tom was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Paul L. Seabase and Irene G. Seabase; his maternal grandmother, Anne Pugliese; and an older sister, Rebecca Anne Seabase.

Tom is survived by his wife, Annette; his stepson, Seth Foster; and his stepdaughter, Kassie Foster; his maternal grandfather, Leonard Kaye, of Akron, Ohio; his parents, Tom and Janet Seabase; his siblings, Laura Haskins, Eric Seabase and Janet Edington; his stepgrandchildren, Peyton, Jackson and Alexis Foster; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service for family and close family friends will be held at 3 p.m. Oct. 21 at the Glacier Camp and Conference Center, south of Lakeside. Mass will be held for Tom at 12:10 p.m. Oct. 25 at St. Matthew's Church in Kalispell, with Father Vic Langhans officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be made to the Tom Seabase Memorial Fund, 101 Park Ave., in Kalispell. Proceeds will be donated to kidney research.

Jennie Eichelberger Sederdahl, 85

Jennie Eichelberger Sederdahl, 85, quietly passed away Jan. 7, 2007, at Mountain View Manor in Eureka, where she has resided for the past five years.

Jennie was born Jan. 22, 1921, at Bald Rock near Kalispell to Henry L. (Lee) and Celia Eichelberger. Later the family lived in Kalispell except when they lived in logging camps at Swift Creek, Lupfer and Trego when her father worked for the Deseve family. She remembered quickly leaving camp during a fire at Lupfer around 1930 and the family having to live in a tent in the store parking lot in Kalispell until they found a house. Her father, brother and first husband later ran a small sawmill and cut lumber and wood for people during the late '30s.

At 15, Jennie married Howard Everhart in 1936. Their only child, Howard Lee, was stillborn in 1938. She later married Harold "Curly" Moore in Fort Peck and had two sons, Harold and Henry. In 1946, she married Don Sederdahl and had a daughter, Donna.

Don and Jennie lived in Eureka until 1965, when Don was transferred to Havre. In 1970, they moved to Whitefish for a year, and then to Helena, where

Don worked at Fort Harrison until his death in 1973.

While in Eureka, Jennie always found time to visit with many of the older residents who were homebound. She always had a large garden and did a lot of canning. She learned how to make rag rugs and made many for her friends.

In the spring, the first thing we had to do was find her favorite, the pussy willow, to make a nice arrangement.

After Don died, she suffered from a debilitating inner-ear problem that kept her from participating in many activities. Jennie loved music and dancing, but her illness prevented her from attending most social activities.

She enjoyed her grandchildren, growing flowers and spoiling her cat. She decorated the inside of her house for every holiday. Going to town for her cup of coffee or lunch was part of each day. A shopping day in Kalispell was always a favorite. She loved to buy colorful clothes and shoes to match. She went on several trips with her daughter, grandchildren, and sister-in-law, Alma, to California, Oregon, Yellowstone Park and eastern Montana.

Jennie was a charter member of the local Ladies VFW Auxil-

iary organized in 1953. She was unable to actively participate, but she supported their projects. She was proud to get her 50-year pin in 2003.

She was preceded in death by husband, Don; sons, baby Howard Lee Everhart, and Harold Moore; her parents; infant sister, Nellie; sister, Lewella Curtis; and brother, Roy Eichelberger.

She is survived by daughter, Donna Gentry, and Bob of Eureka; son, Henry Moore,

and Cindy of Tucson, Ariz.; grandchildren, Vikki Anderson of Anaconda, James Anderson of Pasco, Wash., and Jerry Moore and Christina Moore of California; sister-in-law, Alma Edwards, of Kalispell; one niece and several nephews.

Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m. March 8 at the Tobacco Valley Cemetery.

Memorials gifts can be made to Eureka Ambulance, P.O. Box 670, Eureka, MT 59917; or the charity of the donor's choice.

Eileen C. Sell, 60

Eileen C. Sell, 60, died Monday, Dec. 3, 2007, at her home in Eureka.

Survivors include her husband, Steve, of Eureka; a daughter, Nicole Shively, of Clairmont, Calif.; and step-

children, Chris and Michael Sell of Minnesota.

Private family services are being held.

Arrangements are by Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Eureka.

Matthew Morgan Sellards, 25

Matthew Morgan Sellards, 25, passed away on Sunday, Oct. 14, 2007, at his residence in Kalispell. He was born on Sept. 16, 1982, in Ketchikan, Alaska, the son of Scott M. and Carolyn S. (McDonald) Sellards.



He spent most of his childhood running through the woods starting fires and chasing bears with his cousin, Wayne. He was always up for any adventure whether it was free diving in the Flathead River, or kayaking with his dad in the open ocean.

He was passionate about jamming on his electric guitar, and loved to go on crazy road trips.

He loved his family with all of his heart, and his sister and his mom could do no wrong in his

eyes.

Matt excelled at his work as a Cat operator, and bragged about each new road he had carved out with his uncle, Alan.

Matthew leaves behind a large extended family of cousins, aunts, uncles and grandparents. He is survived by his fiancé, Janet; his baby girl, Chloe (11 months); his mother, Carolyn Sellards; his sister, Stephanie, and brother-in-law, Dan; and niece, Ava Scarlett, all of Kalispell; and his father, Scott Sellards, of Seattle.

Graveside services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 18, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

A memorial fund has been set up for Matthew's family at First Interstate Bank in Kalispell.

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

Beverly Ann (Hauge) Semer, 73

Beverly Ann (Hauge) Semer, 73, died of cancer at her home in Cocoa Beach, Fla., on Tuesday, May 22, 2007, surrounded by family. She was born May 28, 1933, in Powers Lake, N.D., the daughter of Clarence and Sylvia Hauge.



She grew up in the Kalispell area and attended Egan School and Flathead County High School. She moved to Washington and worked for the Boeing Company in Kent, Wash., for 32 years. She retired to sunny Florida in 1990.

Beverly was preceded in death by her parents, Henry and Sylvia deYong and Clarence Hauge; her daughter, Laurel Diane Seelig; and a son, Gregory Clarence Leighty.

She is survived by her adoring husband, Nick A. Semer; loving daughters, Kim Sheree Cheney and Desiree Dior Tauvell; her 13 grandchildren and

12 great-grandchildren, whom she doted on. Also surviving her are three sisters, Denise Role and husband, Howard, of Spokane, Cheryl Fritz and husband, Carter, of Kalispell, and Bonita Hunt and husband, Bob, of Houston; one brother, Ron deYong and wife, Dee, of Kalispell and California; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was a wonderful mother, wife, sister and friend. She loved having family members around her and filling her home with laughter. She loved playing with her cats, doing crossword puzzles, and playing cards (which she nearly always won). She was funny, smart and witty. Bev was beautiful inside and out. She was a very gutsy, courageous and classy lady. Bev was so incredibly gracious, giving and generous and couldn't do enough for those she loved. She will be deeply, deeply missed.

Memorial services were held May 25 at South Brevard Funeral Home in Melbourne, Fla. A memorial service will also be held on June 23 in Seattle.

Thomas 'Parkie' Sevier, 82

Thomas "Parkie" Sevier, 82, passed away Friday, Jan. 12, 2007, surrounded by family and friends at Kalispell Medical Regional Center.



He was born Jan. 30, 1924, to Herbert and Grace Muir Sevier of Windham.

The sixth of eight children, Parkie's family moved to the Flathead in 1932, and he was a member of Flathead County High School's Class of 1943.

As a senior in high school, Parkie enlisted with the U.S. Navy and joined the greatest generation's fight in World War II. He was a Storekeeper Second Class with Company 54-43, Regiment 3, Battalion 10 and was stationed at Farragut, Idaho, and Oahu. He served on the USS Pennsylvania, which was torpedoed while in the Pacific Theater. Parkie was wounded during the battle and recovered at a hospital in Hawaii. He was honorably discharged in April of 1946 and earned medals including the World War II Victory Medal, the Navy Unit Commendation, the Asiatic Area Campaign Medal, the American Area Campaign Medal and the Good Conduct Medal.

After leaving the Navy, Parkie worked at the Firestone Tire Co. and the Buick garage before starting a 40-year career at Kelly Main Street Furniture.

He was a modern-day Renaissance man. He became famous for his ability to refinish old furniture and work wood, to play the accordion and to bring a smile to anyone's face. He also received his private pilot's license. He used his flying lessons as another way to court Patricia Buck, who would see him tip his wings as he flew over her house in Kalispell.

Parkie and Patricia were married at St. Matthew's Catholic Church on April 4, 1948. They were married for 59 years and raised five children together.

In 1973, Parkie joined the Kalispell Lions Club and spent 34 years helping needy children

receive glasses. He received the Melvin Jones Award, which is the highest award given to a Lions member.

Parkie was an avid outdoorsman and spent more than 30 years making tracks through the Bob Marshall Wilderness. Later in life, his travels continued with the Friendship Force of Flathead County. He and his wife traveled with the group to various locations around the world.

Above all his many accomplishments, Parkie was a devoted family man, whose strong and gentle character shaped generations of family members. He loved much, and was well-loved in return. He will be greatly missed.

Parkie is survived by his wife, Patricia, and their five children: daughter, Kari Ann Sandor, Kalispell; Tom Jr. and wife Sharon, Kalispell; David and wife Tami, Spokane, Wash.; Colonel Douglas and wife Melissa, Stuttgart, Germany; Daniel and wife Michelle, El Cajon, Calif.; 16 grandchildren: Matt Sevier, Ogden, Utah; Jennifer Roettig and husband, Brock, Vancouver, Wash.; Michael Richeson and wife, Richelle, Bigfork; Eric Richeson, Kalispell; Megan Richeson, Billings; Logan Sevier, Nampa, Idaho; Jordan and Kayla Sevier, Spokane; Justin Sevier, Virginia; Melissa Sevier, Las Vegas; Amber, Stuttgart; Parker, Sophia, Leland, Cecelia and Cole Sevier, El Cajon, Calif.; seven great-grandchildren: Isa-beau, Connor, Cain, Saxton and Dorian, Vancouver; Kadin and Brodie, Kalispell; a sister-in-law, Judy Balas, of Kalispell; and a brother-in-law, Steve Buck, and his wife, Rosie, of Georgia.

Viewing will be held at Johnson's Mortuary from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 16. The funeral service also will be at Johnson's at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 17. A reception will be afterward from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Hampton Inn. Urn burial will be later this summer.

The family suggests memorials be sent to the Kalispell Lions Eyesight Program for Children, P.O. Box 321, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Robert E. 'Bob' Sevieri, 61

Robert E. "Bob" Sevieri, 61, passed away on July 28, 2007. He was born on Dec. 2, 1945, in San Francisco, the youngest of two children born to Norma and Johnny Sevieri.



He is survived by his three children, John and Jason Sevieri and Gina Gunal; his only grandson, Kia; and his ex-wife, Shelly Sevieri, of 30 years, with whom he shared a special relationship

with up to the very end.

Bob's dream was to build his home in Whitefish where he finally started living in 2002. Bob was a man's man who LOVED the outdoors. Bob was always so proud of the many friendships he had made while living in Whitefish, and bragged about them often.

Although he has passed, his spirit will remain in Montana forever.

As a husband, father, son, brother, grandfather and friend, his strength and character made him a unique man who will be greatly missed.

Jerrold Mel 'Jerry' Sexton, 69

"A great loss was felt by many on April 24, 2007. Jerrold Mel Sexton slipped away from us and went on to a better life." There is no heart that he touched that will not truly miss him.

Jerry Sexton was born in Kalispell on June 5, 1937, to Walter Melvin "Bud" Sexton and Myrtle Jeanette Lee. At the age of 4, Jerry lost his father, Bud, and he and his sister, Judy, were raised by their grandmother. Her love and sense of hard work were positive traits passed on to Jerry and Judy. Jerry had a love for life that was evident in everything he did. He never stepped back from the edge, always looking forward and never regretting a moment.

Jerry leaves behind his two sons, Daryle and J.D. He was very proud of his sons and their families. Jerry was, in his way, a father to many. He shared his love freely and never expected anything in return. To try and

describe his impact on our lives is impossible in words; only in our hearts can we feel him. We can no longer hug him, share a drink with him or listen to him wax eloquent; we can only hold on to his love.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Sue; his sons, Daryle, and J.D. and Bernadette; his grandsons, Kyle, Jeremy and Jonathan; his granddaughters, Bobbi, Heather and Jennifer; and his great-grandchildren, Tristana and Taylor. Jerry leaves many great friends and family; and to each a toast.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 28, at Eagle Academy High School, in Eagle, Idaho. A celebration of life will be afterward from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Dutch Goose on State Street.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to Eagle Academy High School-Jerry Sexton Fund, c/o Wells Fargo Bank 4712 N. Eagle Road, Boise, ID 83713.

Noah Sanford Seybold, 89

Noah Sanford Seybold, 89, of Kalispell, died Friday, May 11, 2007, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He is survived by his daughter, Janice Bradley, of

Kalispell.

Services will be at a later date in Spokane.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for the family.

Dane Merton Shattuck, 14

Dane Merton Shattuck, 14, was a loving, generous, adventurous young man whose life was cut short on Wednesday, July 10, 2007, near Somers.



Dane touched the hearts and lives of the many whose paths he crossed with his exuberant, cheery personality. Always ready to reach a hand out to those in need, he loved life and the people in it.

Dane began his too-brief journey of life on April 18, 1993, as the son of Gail and Tim Shattuck. The person Dane became was formed by the many colorful people and experiences he enjoyed within his life. It was at St. Mary's of Hannah in Michigan where Dane first entered school and began to spread his contagious smile and his amazing personality. Dane later continued his education in Montana at Somers Middle School, from fourth to eighth grade, where he developed his love of music and skill at playing the bass clarinet. He was also developing a love of the guitar, which we all know would have made him famous one day! Dane looked forward to college and pursuing a career in music, where he would have surely changed the world.

We are grateful to the many friends and mentors who helped Dane throughout his life and contributed their influence in shaping him into the marvelous person he was.

We were all so looking forward to seeing what great

directions Dane would take as his life unfolded along this earth's journey. "May he touch as many on his continuing spiritual path as he has here." Just as he embraced everyone, we embrace Dane in our hearts. It was a true privilege to know him and we will miss him forever.

He leaves behind his father, Tim Shattuck, mother, Gail Shattuck (Bradley), both of Somers; two older brothers, Danyle Lambert and Kyle Schack, and an older sister, Meranda Lambert, all of Michigan; his dearest cousin, Brandi Lock; and a grandfather, Robert Bradley; aunts, Roberta Haworth and Brian, and Geri Bradley; uncles, Vern Bradley and Karen, Robert Shattuck and Beth, Raymond Shattuck, and David Shattuck; and cousins and many friends.

Dane was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Merton Shattuck; his maternal grandmother, Geraldine Bradley; and his cousin, Vern Lock; and his beloved dog, Sam.

Our family invites you to share with us in the celebration of Dane's life at 11 a.m. Sunday, July 15, in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel, 525 S. Main St., Kalispell, Montana. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and again from 5 to 8 p.m. Saturday, July 14, at the funeral home. A dinner will follow at the Vista Linda Restaurant where Dane was employed. Interment will be at the Bethel Cemetery in Somers.

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

Darryle James (Haegele) Shearman, 45

Darryle James (Haegele) Shearman, 45, of Spokane passed away Tuesday Aug. 21, 2007, at Sacred Heart Hospital in Spokane, of cancer. Darryle was born July 6, 1962, in Bozeman, the son of Sherrilynn (Jensen) and Darryle Glen Shearman.



Darryle came to Kalispell in 1969 and graduated from Flathead High School in 1980. He served honorably in the U.S. Air Force for four years and then was employed by the U.S. Postal Service for 20 years.

He was preceded in death by his father Darryle; Grandmother and Grandfather Shearman; and Grandad Jensen, all of Belgrade.

Darryle is survived by his daughter, Gwen, the light of his

life, of North Carolina; parents, George and Sherrilynn Haegele, of Kalispell; brothers, Rick, of Kalispell, Mark and wife, Nadeen, also of Kalispell, Robert and Tina of Seattle, Stephen and Debbie of Phoenix, Michael and Donette of Helena; and sister, Lynnette and husband, T.J. Nilan, of Washington D.C. He is also survived by his grandmother Cora Jensen of Belgrade, with whom he was very close.

Darryle's passion was golf. He was a scratch golfer and won many tournaments. He played all across the United States. His hobbies also included hunting, fishing, and horticulture. He enjoyed the out of doors.

At the time of his death Darryle was employed at the Spokane Country Club as an irrigation specialist. He thoroughly enjoyed his job and the friends he made while working there.

"Darryle was a loving father, son, and brother and he will be sorely missed by us all."

Chauncy James Shields, 25

Chauncy James Shields, 25, left his family and friends on June 6, 2007, in a car accident in Snohomish County, Wash.

Chauncy was born Oct. 2, 1981, in Kalispell to Pam Van Orden and Frank Shields.

His parents, Frank Shields and Pam Van Orden, survive Chauncy along with his siblings, Natoma Van Orden, Andrew Shields, Liz Shields and Stephanie Shields; his two daughters, Analise Aspen Moore-Shields (4 years), and her mother, Karmen Moore-Knievel; and Faith Shields, who will arrive in the world in October 2007, with mother, Noel Wedekind. His nieces and nephews also survive Chauncy, Natoma Jr., Van Orden, Maya Van Orden, Fedilino Van Orden, and Lakin Shields.

Chauncy was a lover of camp-



ing, fishing, hiking, music, concerts, travel and food. He was able to travel to Oregon, Louisiana, Alaska, Washington, Idaho, California, and all the stops to Louisiana.

Chauncy had many different occupations throughout his life.

You could always find Chauncy outside swimming, hiking, camping and shooting guns. He loved the outdoors.

His love for his family was strong and proud. Chauncy loved being a father and his daughter was the world to him. Chauncy touched everyone he ever met and could always make you smile.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday June 15, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home in Kalispell, for all of Chauncy's family and friends. A memorial and potluck will follow at the Elks Club in Kalispell. Chauncy's family will join the memorial after the burial.

"We love you, Chauncy James Shields. You are always in our hearts."

Barry 'Ben' Shelley, 64

"Our Heavenly Father took his child Ben Shelley back into his arms" on March 1, 2007. Ben was on this Earth for 64 years.

Ben was born in Mountain Grove, Mo., on June 9, 1942. He was the fifth child born to Ernie and Esther Shelley. Ben's family moved to Southeastern Washington in 1950. He spent his school years in Dayton, Wash., graduating from high school in 1961.

Ben married his high-school sweetheart, Eleanor Ann Hoon "Sami," in 1962. They had two children, Tammy born in 1965, and Timothy was born in 1967.

He worked in construction on Whitman College in Walla Walla, Wash., and for a private contractor, Glen Magill, in Dayton, and in 1971 they moved their family to Columbia Falls, where he worked at Columbia Falls Aluminum Company for 29 years, retiring in 1998.

Ben enjoyed his 10-acre farm. He took a burned-out house and made it into a very comfortable home to raise his family in. He spent his days fencing, feeding animals and doing yard work. He enjoyed being a "farmer."

He was a 4-H leader while his kids were active, and he spent many hours with Tammy and her horses and Tim and his pigs.

After Tammy and Tim were gone, his interest in working with wood was renewed, and he built many boxes, nutcrackers and different projects, and his wife painted them. They made a good team and were members of Artists and Craftsmen of the Flathead Valley, doing craft shows over the years. If he could see it, he could build it.

Ben had a great love for hunting and fishing. He hunted with family members, especially taking an interest in the "young hunters" of the family coming up. He was a good teacher and so proud of his son and brothers-in-law and nephews when they got their first wild game. He loved to talk about the "great hunts" and adventures he had. He had a small fishing boat and many memories were made fishing Lake Kootenai and the Hungry Horse Reservoir. He finally got his mother-in-law out in the boat fishing and he was proud of that.



Ben made two fishing trips to Kodiak, Alaska, "and he takes good fun memories with him to the hunting and fishing wonderland in the sky." He was proud of his captain, Bruce McNeil, who always made sure that Ben had a good time and caught fish, and his first mate, Cheryl, who made wonderful food for all of us to keep our strength up.

Ben loved camping and cooking outdoors, whether it was hunting, fishing or just camping. He enjoyed frying up a large frying pan with "camping hash" as much as his family enjoyed eating it.

They had a wonderful period in their lives, when his wife had her horse, "Kee," and Ben had his horse, "Duce." They went on so many trail rides and saw so many

things that they wouldn't have otherwise seen. Probably our favorite ride was in to Cracker Lake. The color of the lake was beautiful, and there was a rainbow, absolutely gorgeous.

Ben loved the gift that Tammy gave him, his four grandchildren. Colton is 17, Nicole is 13, Lilly Ann is 11, and Marshall — or "Buster" as his "Papa" called him — is 8. "We are ever so grateful that Ben was able to spend some time with them and hope that they have good forever memories of their Papa."

Ben had a deep faith in "our heavenly Father" and was not afraid to die. He knew where he was going; he just didn't want to go yet. "He will join our son, Tim, and they will be waiting for me when my time is done." Tim passed away in 2002.

"Waiting for Ben to complete his journey" is his son, Tim; Ben's mother and dad, Ernie and Esther Shelley; brothers, Bill, Larry and Grover Lee; and his sister, Freda.

There are many of us left behind for now, and we will have to enjoy the memories that he left us:

Besides his wife, Eleanor, Ben leaves behind his best bud, Duane, whom he shared coffee with and, along with his wife, Laimie, we have so many memories that we made traveling together and playing cards and helping each other through the many trials that life always pitches at you. Through the years we shared our children, loving each and every one for who they are.

His brother-in-law Mick and wife, Brenda, his sister-in-law, Nancy, and husband, Earl; and brother-in-law Dan; his nieces and nephews will always miss him "picking on them," but I hope they realize how proud he was of them and the love he has for them.

His sister, Deane, and husband, Donald, who live in Missouri, he always had a few whoppers to tell her.

His mother-in-law and dad-in-law, who traveled all across the Western states to see rodeo and bull riding. We truly love the sport, it didn't matter whether it was a big show or a little show, we loved it. We have so many memories of that.

Ben has been in extreme pain for several years and now he is free of the pain and limitations that he had. "He will be around us and probably 'bugging' the kids. He'll come visit his horse, Duce; they have so many memories."

Ben liked to be gruff, but he didn't do a very good imitation; he was a marshmallow. He was a good man who was always ready to help his neighbor. He has a large extended family, and one little young man named after him, Baby Ben Beatty, that lives in Arizona.

Ben leaves behind so many friends, his family is taken care of. He would like any donations to be made to hospice.

When you think of Ben, please think of him with a smile.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 10, at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

Judith Lorene Sheils, 61

Judith Lorene Sheils, 61, "went to sleep in death" Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2007.

Born on July 14, 1946, in Long Beach, Calif., she was raised in Kalispell by her loving parents, Ira and Dorothy Weaver.

She graduated in 1964 from Kalispell High School and went on to use one of her many talents as an electrical draftsman for Boeing in Everett, Wash., for 17 years.

Judy resided in Missoula.

She loved animals and left behind four furry friends.

She was preceded in death by

her biological father, Howard Brown; and her brothers, Bob and Cory Weaver.

Judy is survived by her parents, Ira and Dorothy Weaver; siblings, Kathleen Egosque, Sam Weaver, Nick Weaver and Vivian O'Connor and their families; many aunts, uncles, and cousins, plus many loving friends.

A private family service will be held, in her loving memory, at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks donations be made to the Humane Society of Western Montana.

Mona Ann Shirley, 78

Mona Ann Shirley, 78, of Nampa, Idaho, formerly of Kalispell, died Tuesday, May 22, 2007, at a Nampa hospital of natural causes.

She worked at the Safe-

way market for many years.

At her request, no public funeral services are planned.

Arrangements are being provided by Zeyer Funeral Chapel in Nampa.

Mae Rose Shirliff, 79

Mae Rose Shirliff passed away Wednesday,

May 30, 2007, of natural causes

at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell. She was born May

8, 1928, in Havre, the daughter of Carl and Rose Elizabeth Larson.

Mae Rose married A.J. Shirliff, on April 29, 1945. The couple had three children. They lived and worked in Havre for many years before moving to Kalispell 35 years ago.

Mae worked many years for Buttreys Foods and Rosauers. A.J. and Mae enjoyed Flathead Lake especially after A.J. retired from Hillstead's Furniture where he had worked for years. The family holds many fond memories of boating and picnicking on Flathead Lake.

After she retired, Mae Rose was very active in her church, Bethlehem Lutheran. She was a member of many women's circles over the years and a member of the choir for 35 years. Music was her second passion next to her husband and children. A song was always in the air.

She shared her love for music by joining the Sunshine Chorus, Razz-Ma-Tazz, and her beloved Kitchen Band. As a member of R.S.V.P., the different groups travel weekly to Brendan House, Heritage Place, the Lutheran home, Lakeview Manor, Colonial Manor, Senior



Center, and Greenwood Village, entertaining to bring joy of music to the residents.

Mae Rose was an avid crossword solver; she crocheted beautifully, and had a zest for life that was contagious. She was friendly, and so kind.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Bill, Larry and Russell Larson, her beloved daughter, Tina Rae, and Tina's 4-year old son, Soliel Watcon.

She is survived by her loving husband, A.J., of Kalispell; son, James Shirliff, and wife, Christina, of Kalispell; and daughter, Carol Bailey, and husband, Howard, of Havre. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Kimberly Edwards of Havre, Shannon Solomon of Havre, Gwho-ee Jackson of British Columbia, T'she Jackson of British Columbia, and Nuci Jackson, California; aunt, Aldora Hervol Dodson, of Havre, aunt, Leona Larson, of Havre; and many great-grandchildren. Relatives include Bob and Helen Shirliff and family of Kalispell, and Ron and Gloria Shirliff and family of Kalispell.

Memorial Services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, June 15, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Kalispell. A reception will follow the service downstairs in the church.

Memorials may be sent to Bethlehem Lutheran Church Choir Fund, 603 S. Main, Kalispell, or to R.S.V.P., Attention: Marge Littlefield, The Kitchen Band, 160 Kelly Road, Kalispell.

Orville D. 'Ozzie' Shock, 84

Orville D. "Ozzie" Shock, 84, longtime Kalispell resident, died Nov. 19, 2007, at Libby Care Center in Libby. He was born June 6, 1923, in Detroit Lakes, Minn., the youngest of five children, all of whom preceded him in death. Orville was raised in Detroit Lakes, where he graduated from high school.

In November of 1944, he married Inez Williams and they were married 58 years until her death in November 2002.

Ozzie was a B-24 bomber pilot in the 8th Air Force during World War II, flying 28 missions from England over Germany. Among the many medals he earned were the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Service Medal.

Following his military years, he spent most of his employment career in sales.

In 1956, he moved his family to Montana where he worked at Kalispell Mercantile, Zenith Radio Corp. and KGEZ Radio

station from which he retired.

He enjoyed the outdoors, hunting, fishing and camping. For many years he and Inie spent all their spare time at their cabin on Ashley Lake.

Survivors include his sons, Thomas and wife, Lee, of Cut Bank, and Michael and wife, Anita, of Libby; four grandchildren, Cindy Bucklin of Dowingtown, Penn., Chad Shock of Bainbridge, Ohio, Mindy Haroldsen of Kearns, Utah, and Charism Kepford, Carlton, Ore.; seven great-grandchildren, Alexandria, Isabel, Andrew, Jeffrey and Mark Bucklin, all of Dowingtown, Penn., Trenton Shock of Bainbridge, Ohio, and Emmalee Haroldsen of Kearns, Utah.

Private interment will take place at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell.

Memorials may be made to St. John Lutheran Hospice at 350 Louisiana Ave. in Libby.

Arrangements are by Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

Sadie Maude Shook, 80

Sadie Maude Shook was "received into the loving arms of her Lord and Savior" on Sunday morning, Nov. 4, 2007.

Sadie was born the seventh of eight children Oct. 5, 1927, on the family farm in Woodbine, Iowa, to George Robert and Rhoda Alveda Carrier Conyers.

Sadie spent the first half of her life mainly in Council Bluffs, Iowa. There, she met and married Byron Earl Shook. They were blessed with three children.

In 1967, she moved with her children to Azusa, Calif., where she worked for the credit bureau, State Farm Insurance, and eventually owned her own bureau. She also served as church secretary for four pastors. Upon retirement in 1996, she joined her daughter and family in Whitefish. She became active in her church, the Whitefish Golden Agers, and the Moose.

Sadie was an avid reader. She also loved working on her computer, playing games (especially pinochle and Mexican Train), doing crafts, participating in and leading Bible studies, and being with her friends and family.

In her 11 remaining years spent in the Flathead Valley, she made many more dear friends. She'll be remembered for her beautiful smile, her kind and gentle nature, her witty sense of humor, her very strong work ethic, her devotion and love for her family, and her deep, unflinching faith in God.

Sadie is preceded in death by her parents; four brothers; and three sisters.

She is survived by her three children: son Earl and his wife, Melanie Shook, of Greenville, Texas; son George Shook of Omaha, Neb.; and daughter, Teresa, and her husband, Tom Frieze, of Whitefish.

She is survived by 11 grandchildren; granddaughter Mollie and her husband, Coy Dalton, of Weeki Wachee, Fla.; granddaughter Katherine and her husband, Bobby Fenton, and granddaughter Jessica and her husband, Cody Echols, all of Arlington, Texas; grandson David and his wife, Carissa Shook, of Irving, Texas; granddaughter Lydia and her husband, Chase Potter, of Greenville, Texas; granddaughters Emily, Anna, and Sarah Shook of Greenville; granddaughter Amanda Frieze of Arcadia, Calif.; grandson Andrew Frieze of Bozeman; and granddaughter Allison Frieze of Whitefish.

She is also survived by five precious great-grandchildren: Casey, Abigail, Hayden, Emma, and Luke. In addition, she leaves behind many nieces and nephews; and many special friends.

A memorial service will take place at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 23, 2007, at the Whitefish Church of the Nazarene.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a donation to the Whitefish Church of the Nazarene or the Whitefish Golden Agers.

Josephine Marie Shortell, 90

Josephine Marie Shortell, 90, a longtime Whitefish area resident, passed away peacefully Monday, April 16, 2007, after a long stay at North Valley Extended Care and then Colonial Manor in Whitefish.

She was born Jan. 18, 1917, in Great Falls, the youngest of three children born to Annie and Joseph McClintock, who homesteaded a ranch out of Geysers. She was educated at Geysers and the Ursuline Academy of Great Falls.

She was united in marriage to Leonard E. Shortell on July 3, 1937, in Great Falls. They had three children while living in Great Falls.

The family came to Whitefish in September 1944 where her husband worked for the Great Northern Railroad. Josephine worked as a cook at several different restaurants in and around Whitefish for more than 30 years. The couple also worked a small farm on the north side of Whitefish.

Josephine enjoyed gardening, playing the piano for family and friends. She enjoyed a long peaceful and happy retirement with her husband, friends, two

dogs, and some traveling.

Along with her big heart, she always had a big, warm smile for everyone she met.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two siblings; husband, Leonard; and by a son, Donald.

She is survived by her loving daughter, Rose K. Berg, of Whitefish; a son, Daniel Shortell, and wife, Sherry, of Columbia Falls; step-great-grandchildren, Marty Stryker of Great Falls, Darby Stryker and her children Cedar, Haven and Jayden Hamilton, all of Columbia Falls; nieces, Elsie Sprague and family of Port Orchard, Wash., and Donna Stiers and family of Missoula; nephew, Raymond McClintock, of Lake Tahoe, Nev.; also nieces and nephews of the Shortell family in and around Havre.

She was loved by so many and will be missed deeply by everyone who knew her.

At her request, a private burial will occur at a later time.

The family suggests that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the benefit of their own choosing. Arrangements are under the direction of the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish.

Michael W. Shriner, 49

Michael W. Shriner, 49, died Friday in Missoula. He was born Feb. 28, 1958, at Libby to Ben and Donna Shriner. He was raised and educated in Libby, graduating from Libby High School in 1976.

He had resided in Kalispell for six years until coming to Missoula where he had lived for more than the past 20 years. After his arrival in Missoula, he met and married Sabrina; they were later divorced in 1990.

While residing in Missoula, he worked at River House.

He is survived by his parents, Ben and Donna; his brothers, Ben Richard Shriner and wife, Susan, Joe Shriner and wife, Sue, and Del Shriner; his grandmother, Rachel Shriner, all of Libby; his uncles and aunts, Chuck Challinor and Chris of Great Falls, Kay Davidson of the Phillipines, Elvira Orsborn of Libby and Bernice Palmer of Charlo; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Services will be Thursday at 1 p.m. at the City of Libby Cemetery.

Arrangements are by Nelson & Vial Funeral Home & Crematory.

Barbara F. (Gosney) Shryock, 94

Barbara F. (Gosney) Shryock was born Sept. 14, 1913, and died peacefully at her home in Bigfork, on Flathead Lake, on Nov. 23, 2007.

Her mother, father, nine siblings, one grandson, Ty Willis, and her beloved husband, W.L. Shryock, preceded her in her "home-going."

Barbara was the youngest of 10 children. She attended Deer Park Elementary School in Columbia Falls, and graduated from Flathead County High School in 1931.

She was employed in Kalispell and Spokane.

She is most remembered for the love and care she gave to her family, her unwavering faith and unending devotion to serving others in any way she could.

With a spirit of selflessness, Barbara and Lester shared their home on the lake with family and friends since 1960. She, as a mother, grandmother, great-

grandmother and friend, lived a Godly life of grace and hospitality until the very end.

Barbara is survived by her daughter, B. Armintha Willis-Recator, in Spokane; a son, William D. Shryock, in Houston; six grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews; and many close friends.

A celebration of Barbara's life will be held at 6 p.m. Dec. 7, at the Bigfork Baptist Church, located on Highway 35, in Bigfork. You are invited to a desert reception following.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Barbara's name to Home Options Hospice, 175 Commons Loop, suite 100, Kalispell, MT 59901; Missionary to Mexico, Jon Kuefler, c/o First Baptist Church Marion, 180 Pleasant Valley Road, Marion, MT 59925; or Samaritan Purse, P.O. Box 3000, Boone, N.C. 28607.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

William George Shull, 79

William George Shull, 79, of Great Falls died Tuesday, March 20, 2007, at a local assisted-living home, because of natural causes.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 24, at Sunrise Presbyterian Church in Great Falls, followed by a reception at 12:30 p.m. in the Schnider Funeral Home hospitality room. Schnider Funeral Home is handling arrangements. Condolences for the family may



be sent to www.schniderfuneralhome.com.

Survivors include his children: Brad Shull of Kalispell, Scott Shull of Great Falls, Brian Shull of Millcreek, Wash., Sandy Shull of Helena, Darren Shull of Billings, Kurt Guisti of Rockport, Mo., and Kari Yuhas of Billings; a brother, Dr. Thomas Shull, of Georgia; and grandchildren Pete, Erin, Jeff, Andrew, Daniel, Christine, Tyler, Logan, Melissa and Danielle.

William was preceded in death by his wife, Marlene; stepson, Casey Guisti; grandson, Matthew Yuhas; parents, Amy and Earl Shull; and stepmother, Rosemary Shull.

Fred R. Sighting, Sr., 70

Fred R. Sighting, Sr., 70, of Libby, died Thursday, May 10, 2007, at a Kalispell Hospital.

Fred was a longtime employee of the J. Neils Lumber Company, the St. Regis Paper Company and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Survivors include his wife of 50 years, Dixie, at the family home; children, Donna O'Neil and Jackie Drake, both of Libby, Diane Kyes

of Bellfair, Wash., and Fred Sighting, Jr., of Libby.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, at the City of Libby Cemetery. A reception will follow at the VFW Club. Friends and family may call at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home from 1 to 8 p.m. Monday.

Memorials in Fred's memory may be made to Wings, P.O. Box 1550, Libby, MT 59923.

Marian Simonson, 83

Marian Simonson, 83, from Williston, formerly of Kalispell, died Monday, March 19, 2007, in a Minot, N.D., hospital.

Her funeral service was held March 23 at the Springan Funeral Home chapel in Stanley, N.D. Burial took place in Fairview Cemetery in Stanley.

Marian was born Dec. 26, 1923, in Clifford, N.D., to Nick and Malena Lomen. The family moved to the Stanley area when Marian was young.

She attended school at Stanley and graduated in 1942.

Marian married Willard Simonson on Jan. 20, 1944, in Sidney. The family lived in Stanley until 1963, when they moved to Poplar.

In the early 1970s, they moved to Kalispell.

Marian worked as a pharmacy clerk at B&B Drug in

Kalispell for 20 years. Willard and Marian were very active in the Kalispell Eagles Lodge and Marian was a member of the Eagles Drill Team.

Marian loved to visit with friends and enjoyed making visits at the nursing home and helping at the Senior Citizen Center. Willard and Marian also were active in Sons of Norway.

Willard died in March 2003, and Marian returned to Williston to be near family.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Willard; brother, Leonard; and daughter-in-law, Betty.

Marian is survived by daughter, Peggy Snyder, of Casey, Iowa; daughter, Judy Simonson, of Polson; son, Greg Simonson, of Alexander, N.D.; eight grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Lauretta Kay (Luckey) Simpson, 59

Lauretta Kay (Luckey) Simpson, 59, died Tuesday, July 3, 2007, surrounded by her family at her residence in Kalispell, after fighting with the disease of COPD. She was born in Great Falls on July 12, 1947, the daughter of Lawrence and Josephine (Kneifel) Luckey.

Lauretta was raised in Great Falls, until moving to the Flathead Valley in the early 1960s.

She loved to collect angels of any kind: dolls, figurines and pictures, etc. Her other love was collecting Christmas decorations and early on she loved to dress up for Halloween.

Lauretta was a certified nurses assistant for many years, working in Montana and also in Portland. For the last four or five years of her career, she became a physical therapist assistant, working with the elderly.

Lauretta had also worked as a waitress and bartender. She loved to be around people and enjoyed every job she did. She had to retire from nursing in 2000 because of her illness. She was a homemaker after that and a wonderful wife and mother.

Lauretta was preceded in death by one son shortly after birth; her parents; two aunts, Helen Kneifel and Barbara Cordes; and one brother, Jerry Luckey.

She is survived by her husband, Jack Simpson, of Kalispell; six children — one son, James Sizemore of Kalispell, and five



daughters, Kim Donahue of Kalispell, Tori Allison of Kila, Jackie Stamm and Wanda Simpson, both of Billings, and Tina Geldrich of Portland; two brothers, Ken Luckey of Kalispell, and Al Luckey of Stafford, Va.; 18 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Graveside services with an urn burial will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 14, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. There will be no visitation. There will be a potluck after the services at the residence of Jack Simpson.

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

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

Elizabeth A. Skees, 9

Elizabeth A. Skees, 9, died in Bigfork on Dec. 19, 2007. Memorial services will be held at the Little Brown

Church at a later date.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Louise Irene (Lynch) Skiftun, 83

Louise Irene (Lynch) Skiftun, 83, passed away Nov. 29, 2007, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

Louise was born Dec. 7, 1923, to William James Lynch and Jean Mary (Wilson) Lynch of Lower Valley. She received her primary education at the Hodgeson School in Lower Valley, and graduated from Flathead County High School in Kalispell with the class of 1942. She spent that summer working on the farm helping her father, as it was hard to find help because of the war. That winter she worked at Associated Seed Company.

In the spring, she went back home to the farm and on Oct. 3, 1943, she married Norman Skiftun, the love of her life, at the Eidsvold Lutheran Church in Somers. They made their home on a farm in the Swan River community for many years.

She enjoyed gardening, and maintained a large vegetable garden, which she canned, along with many quarts of jams, jellies and meat to feed the family year-round. She loved to sew and was an accomplished seamstress, making her own clothes and also clothes for her three daughters.

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She loved to travel, and she and Norman traveled from coast to coast, seeing most of the United States. They also lived in Sitka, Alaska, and Hawaii, over the years.

She was active in the Swan River community, taught Sunday school, and both she and Norman sang in the choir at Bethany Lutheran Church in Bigfork for more than 60 years.

She is survived by her husband, Norman Skiftun; her sister, Joanne (Lynch) Larue of Valdez, Alaska; her daughters, Aneda and Ray Wykoff

of Great Falls, and Cathleen Anderson and Carol Carter of Juneau, Alaska; four grandchildren, Lori and Jeff Cormier, Steve and Kristen Childers, Morgan and Dianna Carter and Megan Carter; four great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

"Be at peace Louise, and free of pain. We love you."

Service arrangements are pending.

Donations in her honor can be made to the American Cancer Society of the Alzheimer's foundation of America.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

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Steve L. Sklany Jr., 72

Steve L. Sklany Jr., 72, passed Sunday, March 25, 2007, in Kalispell.

Steve was born Feb. 18, 1935, in Weyerhaeuser, Wis., to Steve and Mary

Koscom Sklany Sr. He was raised in Chippewa Falls, Wis., where he attended and graduated from school.

Steve married Harriet Heabel on June 21, 1956, in Chicago. They moved to the Flathead Valley in 1967, where he went to work for the Anaconda Aluminum plant. He retired after 32 years of service.

Steve was a longtime member of the NRA, and had been a former chairman of the Kalispell



Gun Shows. He was an avid hunter and fisherman, and loved camping.

Steve was preceded in death by his parents, Steve and Mary; a granddaughter; and a sister, Joann Divik.

He is survived by his wife, Harriet; children, Claudia and Brad Stanton, Steve and Laura Sklany, Chris and Jenny Sklany, and Eric and Mary Sklany, all of Kalispell; grandchildren, Francis Sklany, Caleb Stanton, Jessica Gemmel, and Josh and Kati Sklany, all of Kalispell; one brother, Ted Sklany, of Virginia; and a sister, Angie, and Bob Holmes of Missouri.

Steve will be deeply missed by all his family and friends.

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

Lester Lewis 'Les' Skramstad, 70

Lester Lewis "Les" Skramstad, 70, a longtime resident of the Kootenai Valley, died Sunday at his home in Libby following a long battle with mesothelioma.

He was an outspoken advocate for those affected by the disease.

He is survived by his wife, Norita; his children, Laurel Porte of Great Falls, and Brent Skramstad, Gayla Cody, Brady Skramstad

and Sloan Thompson, all of Havre.

Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Monday at the Libby Christian Church. A brief interment service will follow at the City of Libby Cemetery. Friends may call at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home from 1 to 8 p.m. Sunday and from 8 a.m. until noon Monday. A potluck reception will follow at the Mint, 110 Mineral Avenue, Libby.

Mary Ione Slama, 87

Mary Ione Slama, 87, a former longtime resident of Kalispell, passed away Wednesday, March 28, in Deer Park, Wash., where she has resided for the past several years.

Mary is the dear mother of Gary Slama and Richard Slama of Boise, Idaho, James Slama of Vancouver, Wash., Dianna Slama and Betty Stinger of Deer Park, and Robert McGillivray of Mukilteo, Wash. Her sister, Betty Emerson, resides in Spokane Valley, Wash. Mrs. Slama enjoyed nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Born in 1919 in Kalispell, where she lived for many years, Mary attended grade school and St. Matthew's High School.

Her dear husband, Herman Slama, passed away in 1994. A son, Ronald Slama, passed away in 1971.

She was a member of St. Mary's Presentation Catholic Church in Deer Park and was a longtime member of St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Kalispell.

A funeral Mass honoring Mrs. Slama will be held at 10 a.m. today, Monday, April 2, 2007, in Deer Park, at St. Mary's Presentation Catholic Church, directed by Lauer Funeral Home of Deer Park.

A graveside service will be held at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 3, 2007, at the Conrad Memorial Park Cemetery in Kalispell.

Thomas Grant Slater, 59

Thomas Grant Slater, 59, passed away Monday, Dec. 10, 2007, at Fairbanks Memorial Hospital in Fairbanks, Alaska.



Tom was born June 10, 1948, in Devil's Lake, N.D. After graduation, Tom enlisted and served his country honorably in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War. He began his Alaska residency in Cold Foot. He has also lived in other various locations in Alaska but always returning to his home in Montana.

Tom was employed as a technician with AT&T- Alascom. He also worked at Columbia Falls Aluminum Company for many years and served as a volunteer firefighter for Columbia Falls.

"Tom was a cherished grandpa, father, and friend. He

always made time for everyone. He was loved by all who knew him. He lived an amazing life full of love, laughter, and adventure."

Tom was preceded in death by his parents, Angus and Cecelia Slater; and his brother, James Slater.

He is survived by his son, Jason Slater, and his wife, Krystin, and their children, Hope and Reilly; daughter, Amy Laws, and husband, Chadd, and their children, Jaron, Tanner, and Lindsay; mother of his children and wife of 25 years, Norma Mitton; brothers, George and Joe Slater; sister, Barbara Saint; many nieces, nephews and cousins; and special friends, such as Jill and Marina Jackin.

A celebration of life will be held at a future date in Montana.

Arrangements were by Fairbanks Funeral Home and Crematory, 3704 Erickson Ave., Fairbanks, AK 99709; telephone (907) 451-1110.

Donald L. Sleizer, 84

Donald L. Sleizer, 84, a lifetime resident of the Kootenai Valley, died Friday, Feb. 9, 2007, at the Libby Care Center.

He had been a longtime employee of the J. Neils Lumber Company and St. Regis

Paper Company.

Survivors include a stepson, Warren Ben Adams, of Hays.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16, at St. John Lutheran Church in Libby.