

Katherine E. Tabor, 85

Katherine E. Tabor, 85, formerly of Polson, died of natural causes on Saturday, Feb. 3, 2007, at her home in Plains.

She is survived by her

husband, Bill; and three children, William D. Tabor Jr., Bruce D. Tabor and Sharon L. Cottet.

Memorial services will be held in the spring.

Evelyn H. Taylor, 102

Evelyn H. Taylor, 102, died Thursday, May 24, 2007, at Brendan House in Kalispell. Burial will take place at

10 a.m. Tuesday, May 29, at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

James W. Taylor, 77

James W. Taylor, 77, died at his home in Henderson, Nev., on July 18, 2007, after a long and valiant fight against prostate cancer. He was born Nov. 18, 1929, into a large family in Elk, Wash. Jim graduated high school from Ritzville, Wash., in 1947.

It was in Ritzville working for Robert Templin that he found his great love and passion for the restaurant industry. Jim opened his first restaurant in Seattle in 1970. Jim also worked for both Smitty's Pancake House and Perkins Family restaurant, both of which were franchise companies. Returning to his first love of operating a restaurant, Jim moved his family to Kalispell in 1977, where he was the owner and operator of Finnegan's located in Kalispell, Missoula and Bozeman.

Jim retired in 1989, moving to "sun country" where he enjoyed making new friends, golfing,

reading voraciously, doing crosswords, going out for his daily coffee and always critiquing restaurants he visited.

Jim is survived by his beloved wife of 41 years, Judy; daughter, Patti Jo Barber of Las Vegas; sons, Jim P. Taylor and Duffy Taylor, both of Coeur d'Alene and Robert Lowry of Hayden, Idaho; sisters, Verna Jackson of Everett, Wash., Lucille Allen of Spokane, and Lorena Hawkins of Sandpoint, Idaho; brothers, Wally Taylor of Seattle and Bill Taylor of Tulsa, Okla.; stepson, Kevin Alexander of Tucson, Ariz.; and seven grandchildren.

The memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. at the Palm Mortuary, 7600 S. Eastern Ave, Las Vegas, NV 89423, (702)464-8500.

Donations in his memory may be made to Nathan Adelson Hospice, 4141 Swenson St., Las Vegas, NV 89119, (702)733-0320.

Lee Daniel Taylor, 89

Lee Daniel Taylor, 89, who passed away Nov. 30, 2006, has been laid to rest next to his beloved wife, Marcella "Sally" at Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery. Lee was born Aug. 12, 1917, in Big Sandy. He was raised in the Whitefish/Kalispell area.

As a young man he logged in Stillwater and was also a mechanic.

A true Montana man, he loved to hunt, fish, and explore the beautiful country. He was always tinkering on old cars and tractors.

Lee and Sally raised three devoted children, their daughter, Joan Taylor Grant of Visalia, Calif.; two sons, Fred and Sandy

Taylor of Everett, Wash., and John and Stephanie Taylor of Anchorage, Alaska. He also leaves behind brothers, Robert Taylor of Seattle, George Taylor, also of Seattle; a sister, Gladys Rochon of Kalispell; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren that he enjoyed being with.

Lee was preceded in death by wife of 46 years, Sally; a son, Harold Taylor; brothers, Bill Taylor, Howard Taylor and Jessie Taylor; and sisters, Hazel Ramschen and Alice Walksmooth, all of Kalispell.

Family and friends are invited to celebrate Lee's life from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on April 1, at Birch Grove Community Center, 594 Birch Grove Drive.

Clarence E. Teel, 85

Clarence E. Teel, 85, a resident of Sena-Kean Manor in Smethport, Pa., formerly of Montana for 35 years and eastern Pennsylvania for two years, died Sunday morning, April 29, 2007, at the Bradford Regional Medical Center in Pennsylvania.

Born on Jan. 18, 1922, in Center Valley, Pa., he was the son of Paul B. and Olga Getz Teel.

On Sept. 12, 1942, in Pen Argyl, Pa., he married Pauline R. Teel, who died in 2004.

He was a submariner in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Later, he was a machinist for Anaconda Aluminum in Columbia Falls for many years.

He was active in the Flathead County Search and Rescue.

Surviving are a son, Lee Teel, of Ludlow, Pa.; a sister, Doris Bower, of Canonsburg, Pa.; two grandsons, Aaron and Scott Teel; and a great-grandson, Adam Teel.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by a daughter, Carole Louise Teel; three sisters; and a brother.

Services will be held in Bath, Pa., followed by burial in the Belfast Union Cemetery in Belfast.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

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Mildred Mabel Teskey, 75



Mildred Mabel Teskey, 75, a longtime Williston, N.D., resident, passed away Friday, Sept. 14, 2007, at the Mercy Medical Center in Williston.

Her Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:30 a.m. today, Sept. 18, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Williston by Father John Paul Gardner.

Interment will be at 1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 21, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell. All are welcome to attend.

A rosary was said the evening of Sept. 17 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

Visitation was held on Sept. 17 at the Everson Funeral Home in Williston, and will be held for the hour preceding the funeral at the church today.

Mabel was born Jan. 22, 1932, in Calgary, Alberta, the 10th child of Katarina and Philip John Schneidmiller. She attended elementary school and Langevin Junior High school to the ninth grade, and Crescent Heights Collegiate Institute in Calgary.

Mabel worked for the Alberta Government Telephone Company from 1950 through 1952.

She married Edward Roy Teskey on Sept. 19, 1952, in Calgary. Mabel and Ed established their home in Havre, where Ed worked for the Great Northern Railroad. Five of their six children were born in Havre. The family moved to Williston, in 1964, where Ed continued working for the railroad.

In 1973, Mabel attended University of North Dakota-Williston Center where she received her medical clerical certificate and completed various other courses. She was a volunteer for

the Well Baby Clinic and Mental Health Association. Mabel also worked for North Dakota Human Resource Center as a community home counselor until 1993.

She was active in various organizations and was a member of the Catholic Daughters of America, St. Joseph's Altar Society, Ladies of the Moose, and the North Dakota Mental Health Association where she served as delegate direct.

Mabel loved camping, traveling, music, playing piano, knitting, sewing and bowling. She also enjoyed family gatherings, where she delighted in visiting with family and friends whom she cherished. She especially treasured her five grandchildren.

She is survived by sons, Anthony Teskey of Williston; Jeffrey Teskey and grandson, Alexander, of Bakersfield, Calif.; Robert Teskey of Glasgow, and James Teskey and wife, Jackie, and granddaughters, Victoria and Katrina Teskey of Williston; one daughter, LaVonne Teskey Lucke, and granddaughters, Kristen and Tamara Lucke, of Whitefish; brothers, Ronald Schneidmiller of Calgary, Jack Schneidmiller and wife, Jenny, of Comax, British Columbia, and Elmer and wife, Eileen, of Calgary; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Edward Teskey, on Jan. 8, 2004, and son, Edward Teskey in 1983; her parents, Katrina and Philip Schneidmiller; her brother, Victor Schneidmiller, in 1999; her sisters, Esther West, in 2003; Leah Stainer, in 1999; Edith Burns, in 1999; Rachel Fitzpatrick, in 1987; and Jean Friezen, in 2007.

Mabel will be dearly missed by her family.

The Everson Funeral Home in Williston is caring for the family.

Margaret F. Teigen, 95



Margaret F. Teigen, 95, a long time Columbia Falls resident, "went to be with our Lord" on Saturday, June 2, 2007.

Mom was born in Waynesboro, Va., on May 13, 1912. She was 7 years old when the family moved to Cando, N.D., where they homesteaded until they moved to the family farm near Fortuna, N.D. The family grew up there and she later married Dad and they raised their family there.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Oliver Teigen; her daughter, Ollie Knoepfle; her son, Lloyd Teigen; and two

grandsons, Dana and Darwin Knoepfle.

Margaret is survived by her daughter, Donna Smith, and her son, Del Teigen, of Columbia Falls; her sister, Jean Stevens of Theinsville, Wis.; and many grandkids, great-grandkids, two great-great-grandkids; and numerous nieces and nephews.

"We had you for 95 years, Mom, and we are so grateful for every one of them. We all love you so much and we will miss you dearly."

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 16, at the City of Libby Cemetery in Libby Pastor Darold Reiner will officiate.

Arrangements are with the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

Robert 'Bob' Anthony Testa, 64



Robert "Bob" Anthony Testa, 64, passed away

of natural causes June 13, 2007, at his home at the Mountain View Manor in Whitefish. Bob

was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., on Dec. 11, 1942, to Salvatore and Esther Testa.

In 1972 he moved to Lakeworth, Fla., to be with his parents, and in 1994 moved to Whitefish to join his mother and brother, Roy.

Bob served his country proudly as a soldier in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War and received an honorable discharge in 1969. He worked at various occupations in his life — motel night auditor, toll booth collector and in manufacturing.

Bob was a gentle soul who had a good heart. He lived a quiet life while in Whitefish and at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls. He had a great passion and expertise for chess and loved to play against the computer when finding someone

to play with was difficult.

He had a special sense of humor that was shared with all he met, from the grocery clerks at Safeway to the waitresses he met on his frequent visits to local cafes where he went to sit and drink his coffee. He could be seen in his last few years riding around Whitefish on his motorized chair as he would venture out to shop and take care of business. That little chair gave him his independence that he cherished so much.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Sam and Esther, and is survived by his brother, Richard, of Lakeland, Fla., his brother, Roy, and his wife, Addie Testa, of Whitefish; along with his four nieces.

Bob was a kind and honest person who served his country with distinction and liked to joke around with everyone. He will be missed.

Bob's request was that any donations in his name be made to North Valley Hospital. Austh Funeral Home is handling arrangements for the family.

Nancy Sue Thacker, 53

Nancy Sue Thacker, 53, passed away Friday, May 4, 2007, at her home in Kalispell. Nancy was born April 21, 1954, in Kalispell to Troy and Louise Thacker. She was raised in Columbia Falls, and was very proud to be known as a native Montanan.

Some of her happiest days were spent at Kalispell Regional Medical Center, where she worked as a ward clerk for nearly 10 years. She loved to "surf the Net" on her computer, and was very competent even though she was self-taught.

Nancy was preceded in death by her parents; and a sister,

Wilma Rehmer.

She is survived by Ethan Thacker; sisters, Lois and husband, Alton Johnson, and Marsha Wilkerson, all of Kalispell; brothers, Gary Thacker of Columbia Falls, Troy, and his wife, Jan Thacker, of Anchorage, Alaska, and Glenn and wife, Barbara Thacker, of Silverdale, Wash.; and numerous other relatives.

Graveside urn burial will be at 11 a.m. Friday, May 11, at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory caring for the family.

Barbara Jean Thomas, 80

Barbara Jean Thomas, 80, died Thursday, Nov. 8, 2007, at her home in Columbia Falls, surrounded by her family.

Survivors include her daughters, Cheryl Stevens, Coral Campbell, Debra Campbell, Victoria Allum,

all of Spokane, and Merla Barta of Columbia Falls.

A celebration of life will be held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 11, at the Fellowship Alliance Church in Columbia Falls.

Arrangements are with the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

Jerome Thomas, 93

Jerome Thomas, 93, of Camp Tuffit, Lake Mary Ronan, passed away on Christmas evening, Dec. 25, 2007, surrounded by his family.

Jerome was born on March 22, 1914, at the family home in the Proctor Valley to Charlie and Edith Thomas. He was the youngest of four children. The family moved to Lake Mary Ronan when Jerome was 4 years old. They established and operated a family-run fishing resort, Camp Tuffit, that his father had started in 1917. He graduated salutatorian from Flathead County High School in Kalispell.

Jerome and his dad continued to run the resort together until he was called to service in the Army Air Corps during World War II. Upon returning from the military, Jerome continued to help in the operation of Camp Tuffit and also established a Christmas tree business.

Jerome met and married Ruth Sines after meeting her during her family's visit to Camp Tuffit. They had three children, Gary, Mark and Jeanne.

Camp Tuffit has continued to run as a family business, being passed on from Charlie to Jerome and on to sons Gary and



Mark. In later years, Jerome was known for planting all of the beautiful flowers around the resort and loved to spend hours in his greenhouse. He loved watching the birds and feeding the squirrels. Jerome never stopped working at "Camp" and always was doing something to help out up until just a few years ago.

Jerome was preceded in death by his parents; and sisters, Marie Cederstrom and Jennie Eichmann.

Jerome is survived by Ruth, his wife of 70 years; a sister, Helen Hall, of Boise, Idaho; sons, Gary and Carol, and Mark and Dianne of Camp Tuffit; and daughter, Jeanne Maas, and Lynn of Los Alamos, N.M. He is also survived by eight grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

The family suggests that memorial gifts may be given in Jerome's name to the Polson City Library.

A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 29, at Grogan Funeral Home with Rev. John Payne officiating. Interment will follow at Lakeview Cemetery. A reception will follow the services at St. Joseph Retirement Center in Polson. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.groganfuneral-home.com.

Gayle Draper Thomason, 87

Gayle Draper Thomason, 87, died March 19, 2007, at the Masonic Home of Montana in Helena. Gayle was born — and lived her first 15 years — in Red Lodge,



where her father owned and produced the local newspaper.

In 1934 she moved to Kalispell, where she worked in her grandparents' drug store and graduated as valedictorian of Flathead High School two years later. She graduated from the University of Montana at Missoula in 1940.

In 1941, Gayle married the great love of her life, Howard D. Thomason, in Cincinnati, where they lived for the next 16 years. During that time, Gayle became adept at and fond of gardening, an enterprise often less successful in the frigid Montana winters she had grown up with. After her husband's death in 1957, however, Gayle gravitated back to Montana, but this time to the Helena area — which she has only now left.

For 28 years, Gayle worked for Oscar Carlson, CPA. Her abilities at tax preparation were perhaps augmented by the coincidence of her April 15 birthday — which she had every reason to celebrate each and every year.

One's employment, however, does not define one, and Gayle clearly illustrated that principle. She was an extraordinary storyteller, and her family histories and embellishments thereon will certainly prove to be irreplaceable. Her sense of humor was by turns, refined and outrageous, but always well-developed. All of her friends can attest to the

copied cartoons and pilfered jokes they received with every correspondence.

For many years she produced an extraordinary supply of hooked rugs, which still grace floor space in every relative's home and which remain highly prized. She was also active at St. Peter's Episcopal Cathedral for most of her adult life. In short, she was a complex and interesting woman of varied interests and uncommon talents.

For five years, Gayle lived at the Masonic Home, and she quickly and easily came to feel truly at home there. The staff was extraordinarily good to and with her, and she and her family appreciated the quality of care she received. That care may be universally excellent, but we all like to think they paid special attention to Gayle because, well, she commanded it.

Gayle is survived by her brother, Harold Draper, and his wife, Nadyne, of Kalispell; her sister, Virginia Fleming, of Richmond, Utah; and a baker's half-dozen of dotting nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by not only her husband and parents, but also by her third sibling, brother, Dick Draper, and his wife; and by her brother-in-law, Bill Fleming.

Funeral services will be at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, March 24, at the Masonic Home of Montana's chapel, 2010 Masonic Home Road. Her family will be there, and hope to see many of her friends. Interment will be at 4 p.m. in C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell, on the same date.

Donations may be made in her name to either the Masonic Home or St. Peter's Episcopal Cathedral.

Bonnie J. Thomson, 91

Bonnie J. Thomson, 91, passed away on Friday, March 16, 2007, in Kalispell. At the time of her death, she was a resident of Heritage Place. She was born on Dec. 2, 1915, in Bynum to E.B. Noble and Mabel (Malone) Noble.

Bonnie was raised in the Choteau area, where her father was in the lumber business. After graduating from Choteau High School, she continued her education at Western Montana College and later graduated from Eastern Montana College.

Bonnie's teaching career took her to rural Valley County, Sweet Grass, Harlowton, Shawmut, Lewistown, Judith Gap and Kalispell.

On March 17, 1940, Bonnie married F. M. "Tic" Thomson in Harlowton. They raised their four children in Harlowton, Don, Bob, Jean and Jack.

Bonnie was active in the Methodist church, Eastern Star, Delta Kappa Gamma and Retired Teachers of Flathead County.

She was preceded in death by

her sister, Lois Sampson; husband, "Tic," and daughter, Jean.

Surviving Bonnie are sons, Don Thomson and Jude of Bigfork, Bob Thomson and Jan of Great Falls, and Jack Thomson and Muffie of Lakeside; her brother, Robert Noble of Naples, Fla.; sister, Margaret Walker of Great Falls. Also surviving are grandchildren, Brach, Gavin, Kerry, Elli and Andrew; and five great-grandchildren, Kyle, Jenica, Paige, Tristan and Brooke. Other survivors include numerous cousins, nieces, nephews and their families.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 24, at Epworth United Methodist Church in Kalispell. Cremation has taken place and burial will be in Wheatland Memorial Cemetery in Harlowton at a later date.

Memorials may be directed to the Epworth United Methodist Church, 329 Second Ave. E., Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

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Merrie Elaine Thompson, 84

Merrie Elaine Thompson, 84, a longtime Whitefish resident, passed away Saturday evening, Sept. 8, 2007, at the Colonial Manor Nursing Home



in Whitefish, of natural causes.

She was born July 6, 1923, in Berthold, N.D., the daughter of Leatha Blanche (Albin) and Emery Elmer Pritchard. She graduated from Minot High School in about 1940.

She met and married Melvin Thompson in Shelby, in 1942 and came to Whitefish in that same year. She worked as a waitress in several restaurants in Minot, Shelby and Whitefish where she operated a restaurant in the bowling alley within the City of Whitefish.

She was a member of the Moose Lodge, Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish, and the Royal Neighbors of America. She also was the founder and very active as a coach in the junior bowling league and in bowling tournaments and activities for over 45 years. She bred, raised and showed champion poodles in the Flathead and Canada. She was also a dog groomer and dog stylist in the Flathead Valley.

She enjoyed square dancing and listening to jazz and blues sessions in Whitefish where she cut records for various musical groups.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Emery Elmer Pritchard and Leatha Blanche (Albin) Pritchard Howell; her husband, Melvin; a son, Calvin Eric Thompson; and close friend, Barbara Roberts.

She is survived by two children, her son, Gary Thompson and ex-wife, Kristi Allam, and grandchildren, Dean Andrew Thompson and Tamera Lynn Thompson; and her daughter, LaVonna Bowers, and her children, Rayna Strike and Mike Casey and wife Denice; great-grandchildren, Danny and his mother Karlyn, Rachel and Catherine; close friend, Margaret Murdock, and many other friends.

Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. Sunday at the Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish with a luncheon to follow at 2:30 p.m. at the Whitefish Moose Lodge provided by the Women of the Moose.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Senior Center in Whitefish and their Meals on Wheels program.

Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish is in charge of arrangements.

Janette Thompson, 70

Janette Thompson, 70, died Saturday, Sept. 29, 2007, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

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

Chuck Thompson, 81



Chuck Thompson, 81, passed away Tuesday, May 1, 2007, at Brendan House in Kalispell. He was born April 8, 1926, in Flat Rock, Ill., to Ted and Ada (Dunlap) Thompson and was the eldest of four children.

After graduating from high school, Chuck joined the U.S. Navy, where he was a gunner's mate for two years. Upon his discharge, he worked his way up to Billings, where he met and married Doris Anthony on March 18, 1949.

Chuck was a man of many talents; welder, heavy-equipment operator and, best of all, fisherman.

He was happiest when he was hunting or fishing. One of his greatest joys was sharing his love

of the outdoors with friends and family.

Chuck was preceded in death by his parents; and his loving wife and favorite fishing partner, Doris.

He is survived by four children, Bill Thompson and wife, Terry, of Long Beach, Calif.; Ron Thompson and wife, Donna, of Bonny Lake, Wash.; Rick Thompson and wife, Kathy, of Kalispell, and Deb Barrett and husband, Roger, also of Kalispell; two brothers, Carl Thompson of Bailey, Colo., and Don Thompson of Des Moines, Wash.; one sister, Lois English, of Robinson, Ill.; 11 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren, with one on the way.

Chuck's family is honoring his wish for no formal services and instead encourages all of his family and friends to "take a day off and go fishing."

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

Michael Edward 'Mike' Thompson, 64

Michael Edward "Mike" Thompson, 64, died peacefully, Tuesday, March 20, 2007, in Kalispell, under the loving care of his wife, Gail Thompson, assisted



by Home Options Hospice. He was born in Eureka, Calif., Aug. 22, 1942, to Ralph and Frances Thompson. Mike spent the first 26 years of his life in Eureka where he attended Eureka High School.

He was a celebrated quarterback for the football team as he led them to four consecutive titles. He attended college in Redding, Calif., before returning to Eureka to start in business.

Over the years Mike started several businesses in California, Oregon, and Colorado, before moving to the Flathead Valley in 1983 to open a couple of businesses that still support our local community. Mike had a genuine love of life and was a true friend and compassionate employer.

Mike was an avid sportsman throughout his life as he continued to enjoy football, golfing, boating, skiing, dirt biking, and car racing. A true delight of Mike's life was to support his stepdaughter, Tiffani Wilson, in her high school basketball career playing for the Bravettes. He also enjoyed special times spent with his daughter, Tiffani Thompson, as she pursued music, playing the cello at Flathead High, and later developing her skills with the guitar as she writes songs and sings for family enjoyment.

We are so very grateful that Mike was able to enjoy the birth of his granddaughter, LilliAna Rose Mollenkopf, for it was observed, "I don't think I've ever seen my dad as happy as when he was holding her."

Mike was preceded in death by his parents, Ralph and Frances Thompson; his maternal grandparents, Frank and Nae Pidgeon Dunn; paternal grandparents, Ike and Nellie Thompson; and a granddaughter, Ellie Suzanne Serio.

Mike is survived by his wife, Gail Wilson Thompson, at their family home in Kalispell; stepson, Travis Wilson, of Salt Lake City, Utah; stepdaughter, Tiffani Wilson, of Pocatello, Idaho; four daughters, Nicole Thompson, Katrina Thompson-Mollenkopf, and Jesse, all of Kalispell, and Tiffany Thompson-Serio and Jeff of Lake Worth, Fla.; one granddaughter, LilliAna Rose Mollenkopf of Kalispell; his grandfather, Frank Pidgeon of Scotia, Calif.; one sister and brother-in-law, Michele and Norman Garrett of Clarkston, Wash.; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

A non-denominational celebration of Mike's life will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, March 26, in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Visitation will be on Monday from 9 a.m. until service time. Burial will follow services at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Home Options Hospice, 175 Commons Loop Ste. 100, Kalispell.

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

Rebekah Ann Thompson, 51

Rebekah Ann "Becky" Thompson, 51, passed away Feb. 3, 2007, in Kalispell because of cancer.



Becky was born Aug. 21, 1955, in Milwaukee, Wis. She was raised in a military family and traveled throughout her childhood.

Becky was a certified dog groomer. She began dog grooming 25 years ago in Las Vegas. She mastered the art of show cuts and puppy cuts, and had the ability to custom groom to each pet owner's wish.

Becky loved her work and each of her clients; they became family. She always added that special touch that brought her clients back year after year.

For the past five years she resided in Kalispell, where she opened her own business, Becky's Barking Lot.

She also had her own jewelry business, Crystal Hound; her other love. She would find precious stones and design jewelry with wire and silversmithing. Each piece was a creation of her

heart.

Becky also worked as a vendor at the fair each year and at Samaritan House.

Becky is survived by her parents, Lucy and Tom Thompson; son, Travis, and his wife, Shawntal, Johnston; brother, Dale Thompson, and his wife, Susie, and family; brother, Mark Thompson, and his wife, Maurine, and family; and sister, Desa Burton, and her husband, Gary, and family. She also leaves behind her beloved dog, Ayla, whose companionship she loved very much.

Becky loved her surroundings of mountains and lakes.

"We will forever have a piece missing in our lives now that she is gone."

Each of those who knew her will carry her spirit with them always.

Memorials are suggested to be sent in care of Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, for Becky Thompson's medical bills.

Friends and family are welcome to come to a celebration of life for Becky at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9, at Bethel Baptist Church, at the corner of Ninth Street and Fourth Avenue West in Kalispell.

Robert 'Bob' Thone, 64

Robert "Bob" Thone, 64, beloved father and brother, passed away Jan. 30, in Tacoma, Wash., after a long battle with cancer. Bob was born in Kalispell September 12, 1942 to Royal and Margaret Thone.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and sister, Nancy

Jo.

He is survived by his sons, Robert Jr. of Draper, Utah and Justin of Albuquerque, N.M.; sister Pennie Wilke of Tacoma and brother Royal "Tunk" Thone of Wheat Ridge, Colo.

No services were held at his request.

Edgar L. Thorsrud, 84

Edgar L. Thorsrud, 84, of Missoula, formerly of Finley Point, died March 27, 2007, at Community Medical Center

in Missoula.

Memorial services are pending and will be announced in a full obituary.

John Tidwell, 80

John Tidwell, 80, of Rexford, died in Eureka on Friday, Oct. 19, 2007.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara; and stepchildren, Joetta Reed, Edith Neumann, Roy Truman, Jane Sleeper, Pam Hutton and Gay Plympton.

Services will be held at

2 p.m. Wednesday at the Church of God with the Rev. Jay Kroft officiating; interment will follow at Tobacco Valley Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. today, and until noon Wednesday at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Eureka.

Mavis Thornton, 70

Mavis Thornton passed away at her home south of Lakeside on the afternoon of June 19, 2007. She was in comfort of her family and friends who were able to be there to say their farewells "and escort her to the next life."

Mavis was terminal with kidney cancer which turned into other secondary cancers. The cancer may have been fatal but she never thought that she should let the cancer get the better of her. She was a very courageous, optimistic, loving, and resilient woman.

Mavis was born Aug. 25, 1936, to Roy and Leona Simons in Michigan, N.D. She was the second child of four.

In 1946, Mavis and her family moved to Lakeside. She brought her beloved horse, Pony, with her on whom she rode at the fair races and also in the Fourth of July parades. Her love of horses survived through her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Mavis lived most of her life here in Lakeside. She married Dellivan "Dell" Thornton Sr., on July 6, 1955. They were blessed with five children.

She was a very family-oriented person, her and Dell's door was always open to her children, grandchildren, and family friends as well. Mavis was a very giving person and would take in anyone who was in need. She would give the clothes off her back if she knew it would help someone.

She also was a very honest and hard working person, a person who thought, "What can I

do?" and not "what can I gain?" Most of her working years were spent in the public eye. She worked in such places as The Park Inn, Finish Line, Blacktail Inn, and later on as a home healthcare worker. She worked for many, many years until she fell ill and was unable to physically work any longer.

One of the things that Mavis was known for were the stories she used to tell about when she was a child. She and her wonderful stories will be greatly missed. Her philosophy in life was to never stay angry and her life's motto was "kill them with kindness."

As to her grandchildren, Mavis put the "grand" in grandma. They believe that there never will be a person like her in a million years.

She was preceded in death by the tragic losses of her son, Dale; great-grandson, Talis; husband, Dell; and grandson, Collin.

She is survived by her sons, Dellivan Jr., Donald and Dennis; and daughter, Sherry; grandchildren, Melanie and Derrick Blair, Marri and Duane Brown, Dustin, Candice, Amber and Dallas Thornton, Josh and Aaron Cork, and Holly and Josh Rich; and great-grandchildren, Angelo, Makenzy, Sierra, Santiago, Chester, Dalton, Katelynn and Aleshanee. She is also survived by her mother, Leona; sisters, Lenore and Karen; and special friends, Diane and Donna.

A celebration of Mavis' life will be held at 9:30 a.m. on July 1 at Lawrence Park. Friends and family are welcome. A reception will follow.

Fern H. 'Gramma T' Tiemyer, 84

Our beloved mother, Fern H. Tiemyer, affectionately known to all who knew and loved her as "Gramma T," passed away on Wednesday, Nov. 7, 2007.



She died peacefully with her family by her side at Village Health Care in Missoula. She was born on Aug. 19, 1923. She was one of 10 children born to Clarence and Eunice Donaldson.

Fern and her husband Harris "Bud" Tiemyer, raised five children in their home across the street from Bonner Park in Missoula. After the kids were raised, they lived many years at beautiful Flathead Lake.

After Bud's death in 1986, Fern moved to Polson where she resided with the loving help of her daughter, Dianne, and support of her son, Ralph "Butch," until she could no longer live alone.

She so enjoyed her time at her Lady's Auxiliary luncheons and had many lovely friends there.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Harris "Bud" Tiemyer; her grandson-in-law, Randy Ingram; granddaughter-in-law, Robin Erickson; two brothers; and three sisters.

She is survived by her children, Gwen and Charles Wemple of Frenchtown, Dianne and George Dahl of Elmo, Sandra and Dale Erickson of Missoula, Candice and Ken Snell of Hillsboro, Ore., and her son, Ralph "Butch" Tiemyer of Bigfork. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Chuck and

Mary Wemple of Houston, Mike and Kelli Wemple of Alberton, Rebecca Pace of Frenchtown, Brooke Ingram of Polson, BD Erickson and Ragan Erickson of Missoula, Kacie Snell of Mesa, Ariz., and Cory Snell of Hillsboro; great-grandchildren, James M. Wemple and Rebecca Ralls of Alberton, Sarah Pace and Jacob Pace of Frenchtown, Evan and Seth Ingram of Polson, and Dalen Erickson of Missoula. Also surviving are her siblings, Allen Donaldson of East Missoula, Irene and Dale Hendricksen of Missoula, Eileen and Don Creswell of LaPine, Ore., and Genevieve Salido of Antioch, Calif.; and her aunt, Helen Self, of Missoula.

A celebration of her life will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 24, at the Orchard Homes Country Life Club at 2537 South Third St. W. in Missoula. Mother always wore a "signature" scarf around her neck. We thought that it might be fun if ladies who attend would wear one around their neck, if they wish. Please come so that we might tell you more about this very loving and gracious lady.

"We wish to thank all of the wonderful people at Village Health Care for their tender loving care. They helped her to pass with dignity and grace. Knowing that she was so well cared for, right up to the end, made our lives so much easier. Thank you!"

In lieu of flowers she would want you to hug and kiss your children, hug your friends and be kind to others. She was that kind of lady.

"Rest in peace; Gramma T. You are pain free!"

John Edward Tietema, 81

John Edward Tietema, 81, of Kalispell, passed away Nov. 25, 2007, at the Brendan House in Kalispell. He was born March 30, 1926, the second of six children, in Havre, to John H. and Rose Tietema.



In his early years he was actively involved in sports such as softball, Golden Gloves boxing, wrestling, football, basketball, track and field and played semi-pro hockey; to which he set long-standing records in several of those sports.

John maintained a life of service to the Boy Scouts of America, serving more than 24 consecutive years as district chairman. He was also chairman of the North Central Montana Council and as a member of the Council executive board. The Scout Law was central to the formation of the man John became.

John was raised a Methodist and served in many offices including that of lay minister. He taught classes and programs for more than 20 years and administered the Flathead Methodist Camp for several summers.

John served in the Air/Sea Rescue in the Philippines during World War II and upon discharge he enrolled at Northern Montana College in Havre, where he met his future wife, Donna Austin, of Kalispell. John and Donna were married June 18, 1950, and became parents to five children. They also partially raised a nephew. Over the years they shared their home with a number of young people who needed love and care.

John graduated from Northern Montana College and Western Montana College and received his master's degree from the University of Montana where he continued working toward his doctorate. He received his education specialist certification in 1983.

John taught every level, from elementary through university and served as an

administrator in Montana, Idaho, Nevada, Wyoming and Oregon. He served on the administrative staff at Northern Montana College and taught university courses in Idaho, Montana and Washington. He also pioneered and implemented programs related to many aspects of education, and published a number of his writings.

He served as chairman of the Governor's Advisory Committee and of the Montana State Guidance and Personnel Association. His work as a federal funds raiser for the schools he served and received widespread success and attention. Unique to John was that he never took payment from those grants, turning all proceeds back into the grant. Concern for people characterized his work and life, his goal was to help others, and he succeeded! He loved his God, his family, his profession and his fellow man.

"Well Done Thou Good and Faithful Servant."

John was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, George; a daughter, Linda Kay; and his nephew, Bill.

He is survived by his wife, Donna Tietema, at the family home in Kalispell; one son, John R. Tietema, and his wife, Deb, of Powell, Wyo.; three daughters, Marilyn Pyke and Kathy Tietema of Kalispell, and Sharon Tietema of Billings; six grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for John Tietema will be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 29, in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with burial to follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation for John will be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. today, Nov. 28, in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel.

The family welcomes memorial gifts to: Brendan House at 350 Conway Dr. Kalispell, MT 59901; or Glacier Oncology at Northwest Health Foundation at 310 Sunnyview Lane, Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

Clarence H. Tipton, 77

Clarence H. Tipton, of Kalispell, died Monday, Oct. 8, 2007, at the Fort Harrison Veterans Administration Hospital in Helena. He was 77.



Clarence was born in Powder River County June 30, 1930, to Ruth Yarger Tipton and Bill Tipton. He was one of nine children and attended schools in Powder River County.

He served in the Army during the Korean war and was awarded a Bronze Star and other medals. Clarence was one of the few from his battalion who returned home.

After returning from the service, he lived in Washington state and worked for the Thomas family in a Christmas tree business. He then worked in Rock Springs, Wyo., in the oil fields with his brother-in-law.

Clarence then returned to his hometown of Broadus, living with and caring for his mother Ruth. While there, he worked for Frank Bandy drilling water wells in southeastern Montana. He also lived in Willston, N.D., and worked for Getter Trucking out of Cut Bank. At various times he worked for farmers and ranchers in the Powder River country.

Clarence then became a long-distance truck driver, driving his own truck. He received many awards for safe driving and was given the Driver of

the Year award from the A&A Transport Co., for which he worked before retiring in 1996.

In the early 1970s, Clarence met and married his wife Connie which brought him to Kalispell where he resided at the time of his death. Connie died in the late 1980s of cancer.

He later married Eunice Erickson.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Frances and Marcella; and his brothers, Ralph and Alfred "Buck."

He is survived by his brother, Willis; and sisters, Naomi and Beth. Clarence and Eunice had no children, but unofficially adopted a child, Carley, as their "granddaughter." He was a volunteer for Head Start while Carley attended. He loved her as his own and bragged to everyone of her accomplishments. Clarence also has eight stepchildren, and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Clarence has many nieces and nephews for whom he had great affection.

Clarence loved animals and taking in strays.

He was a member of several fraternal organizations and was extremely generous with his time as well as his money for many causes. All who knew Clarence will miss the sound of his voice.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, in C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery at Kalispell.

A reception will follow at the Kalispell Moose Lodge. Memorials may be sent to V.F.W.

Kathleen Nova Titland, 87

Kathleen Nova Titland, 87, passed away May 22, 2007, at her home in Kalispell. She was born on Jan. 18, 1920, in Duran, N.M., the daughter of Daniel and Nova (Simpson) Kelly. She was raised in Tucumcari, N.M., and graduated from New Mexico State University with a degree in education.



She pursued flying with the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASPS); flying various airplanes during World War II.

She was united in marriage to Robert John Titland in Superior on June 1, 1947.

She received a Master's of Education degree and she enjoyed a long career of teaching in Cutbank, retiring after 25 years. Following her retirement, she volunteered for many years at Kalispell Regional Medical Center and the Kalispell Dialysis Center.

She enjoyed traveling, paint-

ing, hiking, photography and continued to enjoy flying.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert, in 1994.

She is survived by a son, Robert Titland Jr., and wife, Michelle, of Great Falls; and three daughters, Lee Scroggins of Las Vegas, Susan Foley and husband, Mark, of Wasilla, Alaska, and Sarah Tutland of Albuquerque, N.M.; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Memorial services for Kathleen will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday, June 4, at Johnson Mortuary with Pastor Tim Bartholomew officiating. There will be no visitation. Military honors will be conducted by the United Veterans of the Flathead.

The family suggests memorial contributions be sent to the Dialysis Patient Fund, 135 Commons Way, Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

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

Nettie Tkachyk, 94

Nettie Tkachyk, of Scobey, "went to be with the Lord" on June 28, 2007, at the Brendan House Nursing Home in Kalispell, at the age of 94. Nettie was born Sept. 28, 1912, in Scobey, to Dick and Katrine Kytzor. The family lived in the Ukrainian community north of Scobey. Nettie attended the country school there.

In 1931, she married Peter Tkachyk in Scobey and raised their family there, leaving Scobey in 1962 and living in various places.

In 1988 they moved to Laurel; after the death of her husband she moved to Kalispell.

Her family and grandchildren were her life. She was a faithful Christian, reading her Bible and being involved in her church. She loved cooking, sewing

quilts, her children and grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Peter; daughter, Leona; brothers, Bill and John; and a sister, Ann.

She is survived by her daughters, Mary and Ernie Hackmann of Scobey, Deloris and Leslie Weber of Billings, Patty and Merlyn Haugon of Greenbush, Minn., Jeanne and Robert Beglau of Laurel; sons, Paul and Edna Tkachyk of Missoula, and Ralph Tkachyk of Kalispell; 19 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held from 5 to 8 p.m., July 5, at Smith Funeral Chapel in Laurel. Funeral Services will be held at 2 p.m., July 6, at Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel; interment will follow at the Laurel Cemetery.

Larry Jerome Tommerup, 68

Larry Jerome Tommerup, 68, passed away on Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2007, at Odessa Hospice in Tucson, Ariz. He was born June 25, 1939, to Clarence and Lillian Tommerup in Sidney.



He was passionate of all card games, especially bridge. He enjoyed golfing, fishing and hunting. He was a gold medal Senior Olympics shuffleboard player and won many team and individual trophies.

He obtained his private pilot license and had numerous adventures. He was a Bob Ross instructor, and taught painting wherever he traveled.

He was a Mason, Scottish Rite, Shriner, and a member of Eastern Star. He was in the Shriners Clown unit and had recently joined the Elks.

He was preceded in death by his parents; both sets of grandparents; and an infant brother, Harvey.

He is survived by his wife, Dorthy; four children; 12 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister, Carol; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

He will be deeply missed by his loved ones and by his friends. He was a very generous man with his time and energy.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19, at Johnson Mortuary. Visitation will be from noon to 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 18, at Johnson Mortuary. Military honors will be conducted by the United Veterans of the Flathead. Burial will follow services at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family suggests that any memorial contributions be sent to the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, P.O. Box 2472, Spokane, WA 99210.

He moved to Blaisdell, N.D., as a young boy, where he was joined by a sister, Carol. In 1948, they moved to Kalispell, to a ranch that later became a dairy farm. He went to school the first through eighth-grade years at Boarman School, then to high school at Flathead County High.

In 1957, he joined the Navy to see the world. He started out working as a boiler operator, and then later went into the underwater demolition unit. He was later injured and had to leave the Navy.

In 1960, Larry met and married his wife Dorthy (Radabah), of 47 years. They had four children, Larry Tommerup Jr., and wife Joni; Laurie Hazard; Cynthia Tinnel, and husband Tom; and David Tommerup, and wife, Vonda.

In 1962 they moved to Seattle to begin his life's work in construction. He started out as a carpenter and worked his way up to vice president of several companies. His career took his family to many states so they were able to see a lot of different places. He was able to fulfill his dream to see and experience a lot of the world. He loved to see new places, learn new things and meet new people.

Clarice Jake Tootell, 75



Clarice "Jake" Tootell, 75, "is delighted to join the choir praising the Lord in heaven." She died March 29, 2007, at St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald; her parents; her dear friend, Chris Christensen; and numerous other family members.

Jake is survived by her two children, Linda Tootell Thomas and her husband, Thad, of Boise, Idaho, and Chris Tootell and his wife, Jenny, of Missoula. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Erin Adams-Griffin and her husband, Morie, Jake Adams, Joe Adams, Ryan Tootell, Kjelst Tootell, Lindsay Tootell, and Austin Tootell; great-granddaughter, Michal Adams-Griffin; brother and sister-in-law, George and Lenora Jacobson; brother-in-law, Bob Tootell; as well as numerous other friends and relatives. Jake was an animal lover and

adored her canine companion "Sunny" and feline friend, Isabella, "Izzie."

A visitation will be held from 4 to 9 p.m. Monday, April 2, at the Grogan Funeral Home in Polson. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 3, at the Presbyterian Church of Polson with Rev. Dave Anson officiating. Later this summer she will be laid to rest next to her husband, Don, at the family plot in Bozeman.

Memorials may be made to the National Alzheimer's Association or a charitable organization of your choice.

The family would like to give a special thanks to those lovely friends and caregivers who were with Mom at the lake before her move to Missoula, including Chris and Viktra Bunnagarter, Steve and Christina Pittenger and Laurali Sego. We're also thankful to the Missoula Springs Memory Care and Dr. David Gorman for the kind, competent, and respectful care they provided.

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

Karen Marie Torske, 68



Karen Marie Torske, 68, of Helena, passed away Monday afternoon, Jan. 15, 2007, at St. Peter's Hospital in Helena.

Karen was born in Anaconda on Sept. 20, 1938, to Carl and Mary (Lesh) Rydberg. She received her education in Kalispell, graduating from Flathead High School in 1956. She continued her education, receiving her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Montana at Missoula. She was the first homecoming queen of Flathead High School.

Karen and Donald Bert Torske were married in San Diego on Feb. 16, 1962. She worked for the state of Montana Department of Labor for 20 years.

She enjoyed being a grandmother, and the National Football

League, especially the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Karen enjoyed other activities, including traveling, cooking, sewing, knitting and music, favoring artist Bob Dylan. Precious events in her life were her travels to Okinawa, Japan, Hong Kong, China, and Hawaii. She had a love for animals, having five cats and two dogs during the past 40 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and her husband, Don, in 1993.

She is survived by her children, Kevin R. and Holly Torske of Honolulu, Hawaii, and her daughter, Sharon M., and Ron Newbury of Helena; brother, Leon Rydberg; and granddaughter, Jenny Risken.

The family wishes to invite friends to join them at an open house from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, at 2000 E. Sixth Ave. in Helena.

Retz Funeral Home in Helena assisted the family with their arrangements.

Jewell Carman Tracey, 85



Jewell was born in Duncan, Okla., on July 2, 1921, and departed Jan. 21, 2007. She spent most of her life in Santa Clara County in California.

She married Thomas Joseph Tracey Sr. in 1944, and together they opened Tracey's Morgan Hill Bakery in 1953. The bakery was under their ownership for nearly 30 years.

They had four children, Thomas J. Tracey of Bigfork, Daniel P. Tracey of Reno Nev., Sharlene A. Davis of Hollister, Calif., and Karen E. Howard of Atascadero, Calif. Jewell has five grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. She displayed great pride as a moth-

er and grandmother. Jewell also loved many sons and daughters who adopted her.

When she and her husband retired in 1981 they moved to Bigfork. Jewell was preceded in death by her husband, Tom, in 1989.

Jewell had a fun-loving, independent spirit. She enjoyed dancing, Big Band music and two-step country when gathering with friends.

Jewell enjoyed the company of her friends in the Red Hat Society, aka the Red Hot Mamas of Bigfork; as well as the VFW Lady's Auxiliary No. 4042, Bigfork, and the Moose Lodge, Kalispell.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 25, at the Bigfork Funeral Home. A wake will follow at the VFW in Bigfork.

John Russell Treweek, 36



John Russell Treweek, 36, passed away Saturday, Nov. 17, 2007, at his home in San Diego from complications of a rare heart disorder.

He was born June 15, 1971 in Kalispell to Wayne and Sharon (Coppedge) Treweek.

John graduated from Flathead High School in 1990 and enlisted in the U.S. Navy in January 1991. He graduated from Electronics Technical School and was stationed in California, where he has served five tours of duty to the Persian Gulf and most recently completed a

goodwill tour in South America. John was just finishing his 17th year of active duty. He will forever be remembered for his loyalty and dedication to the U.S. Navy.

John was passionate about automobiles and snowmobiles. He loved four-wheeling the California dunes, going to NASCAR and drag races with friends. He also loved spending his free time in the outdoors of Montana.

John was loved by many and will be remembered by all who knew and loved him; especially the nieces and nephews he adored so much.

John is survived by his parents, Wayne and Sharon (Coppedge) Treweek, of Kalispell; two sisters, Lori Gibson and her husband, Kevin,

and their children, Kylee and Justin, of Kalispell, and Kris Latimer and her husband, Jeff, and their children, Lindsey and Jack, of Camas, Wash. He also is survived by numerous other relatives and friends.

Funeral services for John will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 26, in the First Presbyterian Church of Kalispell, with Pastor Glenn Burfeind officiating. Burial will be afterward in the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery with military honors. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 25, in the Johnson Mortuary chapel.

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

Hugh C. Trimble, 83

Hugh C. Trimble, 83, of Troy, died from congestive heart failure Saturday, Dec. 22, 2007, at St. John's Lutheran Hospital in Libby.

He was born to Fredrick and Ruth Marshall Trimble on July 21, 1924, in Harrisburg, Pa.

Survivors include his wife, Doris Trimble, of

Troy; three children, Sara Knight of Olympia, Wash., Eric Trimble of Tumwater, Wash., and Amy Hubley of Auburn, Wash.; and eight grandchildren.

Private family services will be held. Local arrangements are by the Nelson and Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

Rodney W. Triplett, 78

Rod Triplett, 78, "went to meet Jesus" Nov. 4, 2007, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center. He fought hard to overcome pulmonary and congestive heart failure. Rod was born in San Francisco on Nov. 17, 1928. He graduated from Albany High School in Albany, Calif., in 1946.

While in California, he joined the U.S. Air Force where he worked as a jet mechanic. Here he was a champion cross-country and slalom racer and won many races.

He also worked for Ma Bell telephone Co., the Forest Service, and was a professional ski patrolman and avalanche buster at the 1960 Winter Olympic games in Squaw Valley, Calif. This is where he met his wife, Rusty.

They then moved to Dillon, Colo. He again worked for the Forest Service as a professional ski patrolman and avalanche buster at Arapaho Basin and Breckenridge Ski areas.



Rod built many upper-end Colorado mountain homes and became involved in law enforcement. He was an undersheriff of Summit County for 10 years. Rod and his family then moved to Kalispell, in 1970, due to the construction of the Keystone Ski Resort.

Rod had made it a point to contribute to the Flathead County Sheriff's Department each year in support of their work and efforts.

Rod was a true leader in all that he did. He was a generous man and an avid outdoorsman. He loved to fish, hunt, camp and play golf.

Rod was preceded in death by his brother, Edward Triplett; his mother, Faye Triplett; and his father, Frank Triplett.

He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Margaret "Rusty"; his daughter, Linda Herset, and son-in-law Sylvan, and their children, Wesley and Julie Herset; and his son, Tom Triplett, and daughter-in-law, Dawn Triplett, and their children Logan, Gauge and Laura Triplett, all of Kalispell.

A memorial service is pending at this time.

Henry 'Ed' Triplett, 82

Henry "Ed" Triplett, 82, a native Flathead Valley resident, died "in peace" Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2007, with many family members present.



Ed was born June 3, 1925, to Henry and Edna Triplett, the 10th child of 11 children. He was preceded in death by his loving wife and childhood sweetheart, Beverly Triplett, on March 18, 2005.

Ed was born in a farmhouse between Kalispell and Whitefish, and was raised in a homestead cabin above Smith Valley. He went to work at the Flathead mine when was 15.

In the fall of 1944, he joined the U.S. Army. He boarded a ship for France in New York City on Christmas Eve 1944. He earned an expert rifle marksman designation and a sub-machine-gunner rating. He was trained as a Sherman Tank driver and began his active duty with the 707th Tank Battalion in the Battle of the Bulge. He drove through Belgium, across the Rhine River, and into Germany, just to the outskirts of Berlin. At the end of the war, he was stationed in Nuremberg, Germany, in the same building that later housed the Nuremberg trials. He earned the European African Middle Eastern service ribbon, the Good Conduct Medal and the Victory Medal.

He married Beverly Daly on Feb. 20, 1946. He trained as a meat cutter and worked as a logger. Together they raised five children; Beth, Steve, Tom, Bill and Danielle. They were preceded in death by Tom and Beth in 2002.

In 1957, he purchased Sterling Grocery, and together Ed and Bev built a thriving business.

In 1964, they sold the store and started Triplett Meats. There he became renowned for the custom cutting of beef, pork, game and making ham, bacon, thuringer and other specialty products. They sold the business in 1975 and with the help of friends and family, Ed built a home on his fathers' homestead land, nestled in the trees overlooking Smith Valley.

Ed was hired by Montana Power, and for the next 15 years he worked testing pipelines in Northwest Montana.

In his mid-50s, Ed taught himself to play the fiddle. He went on to be a member of the Montana Old-Time Fiddlers Association and won numerous fiddle contests in Montana and Canada. He encouraged Bev to play the guitar, and together they performed at Big Mountain for visitors from all over the world. They donated their talents at nursing homes, hospitals and events throughout the region. With the help of their son, Bill, they recorded several albums of their music that sold worldwide.

Ed is survived by his daughter, Danielle Prichard, of Kalispell; sons, Bill Triplett of Portland, Steve Triplett of Vancouver, Wash.; grandchildren, Michelle Boedecker, Kadin Prichard, Todd and Josh Harvey, and five great-grandchildren; sisters, Frankie Gibbs, Glen Rose of Texas, Belle Carter, Bend, Ore., and Tom Triplett, Whitefish; also numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and in-laws.

A memorial service, with military honors, will take place at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, at the Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, with a celebration of life potluck dinner at 2:30 p.m. at the Smith Valley School. Please bring musical instruments. Interment will be a private ceremony at Conrad Cemetery.

Richard P. Thrasher, 81

Richard P. Thrasher, 81, died Thursday, April 12, 2007, at the Colonial Manor in Whitefish.

He worked as a Marine Electrical Design Engineer.

Survivors include his wife, Evelyn Thrasher, of Columbia Falls; and his

children, Gordon Thrasher, Julie Hansell, Susan Thrasher, and Sarah Wise, all of Columbia Falls.

A private memorial service will be held for the immediate family.

Arrangements are with the Columbia Mortuary.

Linda Ivers Trickey, 55

Linda Ivers Trickey, 55, of Spokane, and formerly of Whitefish, passed away on Sept. 15, 2007, after a brief battle with lung cancer. She was at home surrounded by her loving family at the time of her death. She was born on Nov. 6, 1951, in Kalispell, to John and Vera Ivers. Linda was raised in Whitefish and attended schools there.

She married Jim Aleferas and they made their home in Centralia, Wash. They later divorced.

In order to find work to support herself and her daughter, Jina, she moved frequently, living at times in Montana, Utah and western Washington before settling in Spokane. Over the years, she held a variety of jobs and most recently worked in food services at St. Luke's Hospital.

Linda married John Trickey and is survived by him at the family home.

She treasured her family and friends. Her door was always open to anyone in need. She was a caregiver to many people and animals.

Robert C. 'Bob' Trobenter, 83

Robert C. "Bob" Trobenter, 83, died Monday, Feb. 5, 2007, at his home in Kalispell.

He is survived by his wife,

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Vera Ivers; and grandparents, Esther (Ambrogini) Hilliker, Virgilio Ambrogini, and Bernard and Anna Ivers.

Survivors include her husband, John Trickey; daughter, Jina Clark, and husband, Kevin; grandchildren, Christopher, Cassandra and Cameron Aleferas, and Cheyenne Clark, all of Spokane; brother, Donald Ivers, and wife, Mariana, of Sacramento, Calif.; sister, Donna Jones, and husband, David, of Kalispell; and nephew and niece, Logan and Miranda Jones, both of Kalispell. Linda is also survived by John's daughter, Chrissy, and her children, of Osburn, Idaho.

Cremation has taken place. Graveside services and urn placement will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, at the Whitefish Cemetery. Following the services, a reception will be held at the Whitefish Christian and Missionary Alliance Church, 600 West Seventh Street in Whitefish.

Susie, of Kalispell.

At his request, no services will be held.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Donald Lee Tucker, 71

Donald Lee Tucker, 71, passed away on Tuesday, April 17, 2007, at the Brendan House in Kalispell. He was born on April 14, 1936, at Polson, the son of Arther G. and Grace A. (Mosley) Tucker. He was raised and educated in Polson.

He entered the U.S. Army in 1957 and served until 1959. Don worked for several years as a heavy equipment operator on road construction and for many years was the general handyman for Flathead Industries. He married Glenda Daley and to this union three children were born, Pat Tucker, Mick Tucker and Trisha. He later married LaVon and was a wonderful "Pa" to her three girls and



"Papa" to their four children.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, LaVon; and his son, Pat.

He is survived by his son, Mick Tucker, and his children, Tanner and Tess of eastern Montana; a daughter, Trish Tucker and son, Jake; sons of the late Pat Tucker, Coby and Tyler of the Flathead Valley; three step-daughters, Verna Crawford and husband, Brian, and their children Charla and Brandon of San Bernadino, Calif.; Sherryl Main and husband, Ted, and their daughter, Sarah; and Dot Broad of the Flathead Valley and her daughter, Chantel of Portland, Ore.

As per his wishes, Donald was cremated and private family memorial services will be held at a later date.

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

Rose Irene Tucker, 96

Rose Irene Tucker, 96, of West Glacier, died Monday, July 16, 2007, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She worked as seamstress for many years.

Survivors include her daughters, Norma J. McClure

and Lynn R. Stegherr.

Visitation will be from 1 to 5 p.m. Thursday, July 19, at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, July 20, at the Columbia Mortuary. Rev. Peter Bergen will officiate.

Jerry 'Jay' Wilson Turner Jr., 51

Jay Turner "left this world" surrounded by family on Oct. 5, 2007. Born in 1956 to Barbara and Jerry Turner Sr. at the "old" Stanford Hospital in Palo Alto Calif., Jay spent his early years playing and riding bikes in the fields where Hewlett Packard now stands. As a teen, he lived in the Chicago area, and as a young adult moved to Montana to live near his sister Laura and her family.



always a gracious patient with a ready smile and a willing attitude. Through the help of his sisters, Jay was placed on the liver transplant list at Stanford Hospital and was reborn with a new liver Dec. 22, 2006. Jay struggled with numerous complications and hospitalizations before and after his transplant, and was appreciative of the excellent care he received at Stanford.

His nephew, David, and his two sisters took turns caring for Jay near Stanford and by April 7, Jay was honored to walk his niece, Erica, down the aisle and give her hand in marriage. When he was finally able to return home to Nipomo in May, he lay on the floor so his faithful dog, "Trooper," could give him a joyful, "slobbering" welcome home.

In September, it was again at Stanford Hospital that he received the somber diagnosis of metastatic cancer.

Jay leaves behind many who feel blessed to have had him in their lives. Jay has pulled us closer as a family and he will remain in our hearts forever.

He is survived by his parents, Barbara and Jerry Turner Sr., of Nipomo; sisters, Janne Turner and Laura Gebhart, also of Nipomo; nephews, Nathan Jay and Heidi Gebhart, and their children, Shevelle and Jay, of Kalispell, and David Gebhart of Nipomo; nieces, Jocelyn and Mike Nelson of Butte, Jennifer Luhdorff and her daughter, Allison Bayer, of San Pedro, Calif., and Erica and Adrian Garcia, and their children, Mallory and Adrian, of San Pedro. Also surviving are his stepchildren, Stephanie and Jeff Pernell, and Theresa and Doug Milander of Kalispell, and Forrest Messman of Austin, Texas; and his grandchildren, Victor, Elizabeth, and Steven Milander, plus Miranda and Zander Pernell, all of Kalispell.

Cremation has taken place, and a private memorial service will be held next year to return Jay to Montana. A memorial garden in Jay's honor will be built at his parent's home in Nipomo.

In honor of Jay, we ask you consider organ donation, the true "gift of life" for the many thousands awaiting transplant (www.donatelifecalifornia.org). Donations may be made to Donate Life California, 1760 Creekside Oaks Drive, Suite 220, Sacramento, CA 95833; or to Hospice of SLO, 1304 Pacific St., San Luis Obispo, Ca 93401.

Randy E. Turnacliff, 39

Randy E. Turnacliff, 39, passed away on March 14, 2007, in Minneapolis.

He was born May 19, 1967, in Kalispell, to Ron and Lorraine Turnacliff. He was raised in Swan Lake, and graduated from Bigfork High School in 1985.

Randy graduated from St. Paul Bible College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in ministry in 1989.

He married his beautiful wife, Jana Cerny Aug. 10, 1991. They shared their lives in Minneapolis and Tampa, Fla. Together, they graduated from Normandale Community College, 1997, with an A.D. in nursing.

In 2005, Randy completed his master's degree in nursing anesthesia. He loved taking care



of children and had an amazing ability to connect with them. He scooped them up in his arms, brought them to the operating room and protected them in surgery.

Randy and Jana celebrated their son Jackson's birth on June 11, 2006. He was Randy's delight. Jackson loved rubbing his daddy's head. Randy also enjoyed getting dirty in the yard, working out, playing the piano, eating chocolate, and playing with his two Newfoundland dogs, Wilbur and Casey. Cooking was an adventure for him and he loved comfort food.

Every birthday he wished for a horse of his own.

He is survived by his wife, Jana; son, Jackson; parents, Ron and Lorraine; a sister, Sue, and David, Beach; nephews, nieces, and many loving family members and friends, who miss him.

Services were held March 19 in Minneapolis.

Lloyd Michael Turner, 64

Lloyd Michael Turner, 64, died at his residence on Sunday, Aug. 26, 2007, in Kila. He was born Sept. 4, 1942, in Hardin, the son of Lloyd Neulen and Beulah Irene (Dunn) Faw.

At an early age Lloyd was adopted by his uncle and aunt, Robert Guy and Lora Arvilla Turner. He later moved to Kalispell.

After school Lloyd joined the United States Army where he was awarded the Sharp Shooter Award. After his assignment he returned home to Kalispell, and served in the Army National Guard.

He met and later married Norma Jean Calkins on Jan. 11, 1967, and made their home in Kila; they were married for 40 years.

Lloyd was a heavy equipment operator for Canyon Logging, Royal Logging and for Mike Walters.

Besides his family, the love of his life was building and painting street rods, many which are still here in Kalispell. They are street rods to be proud of.

Lloyd enjoyed woodworking,

and could almost do anything with his hands. He loved the outdoors and enjoyed camping on the rare occasion that he could go. He was a member of the Glacier and National Street Rod Associations.

He was preceded in death by his biological parents; and by his adopted father, Robert Guy Turner.

Lloyd is survived by his wife, Norma Jean; daughter, Melissa Yarde; son, Darin Turner and wife, Katie; granddaughter, Kiley, and grandson Ashton; loving mother, Lora Arvilla Turner; and sister, Francis Nichalas, all of Kalispell; half sister, Donna Dewald, of Hardin; half brother, Kenneth Doane, of Semi Valley, Calif.; and many nieces and nephews.

Lloyd's wishes were to be cremated. Private family services will be held at a later date.

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

Jack M. Tyree, 68

Jack M. Tyree, 68, died Dec. 13, 2006, at his comfortable, beautifully landscaped home in West Glacier.

Survivors include his daughter, Jackie Lynn Hatcher, and grandson, Travis, of Liberty Lake, Wash.; son, James Tyree, of Spokane; brothers, Dick and

Doug Tyree, of Kalispell; sisters, Shirley Howard of Spokane, and Barbara Layson, of Hayden Lake, Idaho; and many nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held at his home in West Glacier, sometime in the spring. The date will be announced later.