

## Dordy Fernanda Waage, 94

Dordy Fernanda Waage, 94, was born Oct. 18, 1912, in Fana, Norway. She passed away in her sleep Feb. 21, 2007, at Brendan House in Kalispell.



She married Ole Waage in February 1935 and immigrated to America in 1947.

She is survived by her son, John Waage, of Kalispell; and

her daughter, Aud, and son-in-law, Jerry Biederstedt, of Kalispell; her grandchildren, Richard Biederstedt of Santa Clarita, Calif., and Julie Ann Conroy of Houston; and two great-grandchildren, Sean and Sarah Conroy, of Houston.

Burial will take place in Franklin, Neb., next to her husband, Ole, who pre-deceased her in 1970.

The family wishes to thank Dr. Mark Welsh and the nurses and nurses aids at the Brendan House for their caring.

## Harrison Lee Wade, 68

Harrison Lee Wade, 68, died from natural causes Nov. 25, 2007 in Napa, Calif.

He was born Dec. 1, 1938, in Napa to Homer and Geraldine Stallings Wade.

A former city of San Francisco employee, he lived in the Yaak for the

past 20 years.

The funeral will be at noon Dec. 15, at the Yaak Community Center, with burial at Boyd Hill Cemetery.

Nelson and Vial Funeral home in Libby is in charge of the arrangements.

## David Eugene Walhus, 75

David Eugene Walhus, 75, of Kalispell, passed away on Sunday, Dec. 16, 2007, at his home in Kalispell. He was born on Dec. 29, 1931, in Spring Grove, Minn., to Enoch Arnold and Grace Irene (Johnson) Walhus.

David married Lorraine Kramer on Jan. 31, 1953, in Milan, Minn. The couple moved to the Berg Ranch in eastern Montana where David was a ranch foreman. This was a place he loved. They then moved to Puyallup, Wash., where David worked for Boeing.

In 1965, they moved to the Flathead Valley to raise their four children. David worked for Plum Creek. After retirement they spent half the year in the Flathead and the other half in Apache Junction, Ariz. He loved his Norwegian Fjord horses, hunting, fishing and gardening. Every year he had to make lefse and lutefisk for Christmas.

David was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Alden.

He is survived by his wife, Lorraine; four children, Jeanette Piersall and husband Don

of Port Orford, Ore., Greg Walhus and wife Julie of Whitefish, Bruce Walhus and wife Susan of Columbia Falls, and Haakon and wife Victoria BrayWalhus of Kalispell; grandchildren, Matt, Becky and Jessica Walhus, Daryl Walhus and wife Crystal, and Angie and Chuck Walhus; along with great-grandchildren, Mackenzie, Beau, A.J., Cole and Gabby Walhus. David is also survived by his sister-in-law, Hazel Walhus, of Columbia Falls; brother-in-law, Leonard Kramer, of Milan; and nephews, Tony Walhus and wife Elvira and daughter, Grace, of Great Falls, and Lee Walhus and wife Karen of Colorado.

Memorial services for David will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 19, at the Stillwater Free Lutheran Church with Pastor Tim Bartholomew officiating.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for David's family. You are invited to go to [www.johnsonmortuary.com](http://www.johnsonmortuary.com) to offer condolences and sign David's guest book.

## Arnold A. 'Whitey' Walkama, 81

Arnold A. "Whitey" Walkama, 81, passed away Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2007, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

He was born April 11, 1925, in Vandalia, to Andy and Martha (Korhonen) Walkama. He attended school in Boulder.

He served in the Army Air Corps from 1943 to 1946, as a flight officer.

After the service, he attended Montana State University where he graduated with a degree in electronic engineering. He worked for the Bonneville Power Administration for 33 years.

Whitey was married to June Hapgood Perrine on June 8, 1963. She preceded him in death on Feb. 7, 2003.

He is preceded in death by his

parents, his wife June in 2003, and a step son, Mike Perrine.

Whitey is survived by his daughter, Pam Altenburg and her husband, Bruce of Kalispell; a brother, Walt Walkama of Conrad; a stepdaughter-in-law, Sue Perrine of Columbia Falls; a stepdaughter, Sandra Perrine and her husband, Jim of Seattle, Wash.; a stepson, Gary Perrine and his wife, Beth of Kalispell; and a cousin, Ernie Mustonen of Washington.

The family has suggested that memorials be made to the Montana Veterans Home or to the Eagles Club in Kalispell.

A private service will be held at a later date.

Arrangements are with the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

## Don C. Walker, 79

Don C. Walker, 79, of Kalispell, passed away Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2007, after a two year battle with cancer.

Don was born the youngest of seven children in 1928 in Randlett, Utah, the son of Jeremiah and Charlotte Geneva Walker.

Don's growing up years were spent on horseback working on ranches. He became an expert roper and horse trainer. After graduating from Uintah High school in 1947 at Vernal, Utah, he served in the U.S. Navy.

Don married Anna Louise Peterson in 1952 and they had four children. He was employed with Halliburton Company for 20 years. The family moved to Kalispell in 1972 and purchased the Vacationer Motel and Cedar Bay Lodge Resort on Swan Lake. In the 1980's he returned to the oil field as a drilling consultant throughout the intermountain west.

Don is survived by his wife



of 55 years, Anna Louise (Peterson) Walker; and three of their children, Wade Walker and wife, Ronda (Remington), of Kalispell, Shelli (Walker) Nye and husband, Mark, of Pittsburgh, Pa., and Eric Walker and wife, Katrina (Herrick), of Provo, Utah; 15 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Don will be deeply missed by friends and relatives who knew him for his sense of humor, honesty, and work ethic. Don and Louise were active members of their church and spent many hours in the service of others. His joy in life was helping his family and teaching his children and grandchildren how to work, be responsible and respect their mothers.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday Feb. 26 at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Whitefish Stage Road in Kalispell with Bishop Catron presiding. Visitation will take place from 9:30 a.m. until the time of service. Burial will be in the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

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

## Mary Elizabeth Walker, 86

Mary Elizabeth Walker, 86, passed away Sept. 6, 2007, at her home in Somers. She was born Nov. 9, 1921, in Philadelphia to William and Nora (Lappan) Mahoney. Mary was one of four children.

In 1941, Mary married Frederick Street and gave birth to their son, Joe, in 1942. Fred was later killed in action in 1944, during the war in Germany. After her husband's death, she and her son traveled to Montebello, Calif., where they spent several years with relatives. In 1948, they moved to Montana, where Mary married Robert Walker. She and Bob made their home in Somers, where they had a second child, Patty.

Mary was an ardent gardener; she spent a great deal of her time raising and canning vegetables and fruits. Week-ends in the summer were spent with family and friends camping and fishing in the Swan Valley. Although not a native, Mary grew to love the Flathead.

She was actively involved in Saint Ann's Catholic Church in Somers, served as a librarian at the Somers Elementary School and served as a longtime contributing member of the Somers School PTA.

Mary was preceded in death by two brothers, John and Bill Mahoney. She is survived by her husband, Robert Walker, of Somers; a son, Joseph Street, of Mount Vernon, Ohio; and a daughter, Patricia Sollie, of Lakeside; her sister, Theresa Ewing, of Seattle; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorial gifts be given to Home Options/Hospice: 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell, MT 59901.

There are no services planned at this time.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for Mary's family. You are invited to go to [www.johnsonmortuary.com](http://www.johnsonmortuary.com) to offer condolences and sign Mary's guest book.

## Wade C. Walker, 53

Wade C. Walker, 53, passed peacefully Sunday, May 20, 2007, at his home in Kalispell after a six-month struggle with cancer. Comfort and care were given



by his wife and family until the end. He was born Sept. 25, 1953, in Vernal, Utah, to Don C. and Anna Louise (Peterson) Walker.

He grew up and graduated in Glendive. He then moved to Kalispell with his family.

Wade served a two-year mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Australia and was married to Ronda Remington shortly after returning home. They settled into the Flathead Valley as he built their home with the help of his father.

He began as an apprentice electrician and worked to build his own business, Walker Electric. He was a master electrician in the valley for 25 years. He loved his work and was well-respected by all who knew him.

Wade was a Scout Master for 17 years, helping many young men become Eagle Scouts. His influence and knowledge earned him the "Scout Master of the Year Award" in 1998.

He enjoyed the outdoors, work-

ing on cars and other random projects with his son and father.

He was a loving husband and a wonderful father of five children. He loved his family and he always put them first. He made his home a place of joy with his sense of humor and words of wisdom.

Wade is survived by his wife, Ronda Walker, of Kalispell; four daughters, Jillana Bornemeier and her husband, Brad, of Farmington, Utah, April Williams and her husband, Steven, of Whitefish, and Lacey Walker and Larisa Walker of Kalispell; one son, Levi Walker, serving a LDS mission in Edmonton, Alberta; his mother, Louise Walker, of Kalispell; two grandchildren, Lydia and Elsa, and two more on the way; one brother, Eric Walker, of Provo, Utah; and one sister, Shelley Naye, of Pittsburgh.

A celebration of life for Wade Walker will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, May 25, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Whitefish Stage Road in Kalispell, with visitation one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will be at the Fairview Cemetery, on Fairview Cemetery Road in Columbia Falls.

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

You are invited to go to [johnsonmortuary.com](http://johnsonmortuary.com) to offer condolences and sign Wade's guest book.

## Duane Reed Wallace, 53

Duane Reed Wallace, of Troy, "made his transition from life to eternal rest," on Feb. 14, 2007, at his residence.



Duane was a voice of reason that will be missed by all who were fortunate enough to have met him.

Duane was born to Jack and Joan Wallace on July 23, 1953.

He is survived by his two

older brothers, Steve of Denver, and Don of Troy; his two younger brothers, Scott of Kalispell, and Vaughn of Troy; his son, Jack; and his three grandchildren, Logan, Corina and Heather of Bigfork.

We are having a memorial for D.R. Wallace at 1:30 p.m. on June 16 at The Lakes Community Church in the Thompson Lake Baptist Camp. Due to his passion for motorcycles, we ask that if at all possible you ride there. If you have any questions please call Jack at 406-982-3049. Thank you.

## Hannah Rose Wallace, 21

Hannah Rose Wallace, 21, died Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2007, as the result of injuries received in a vehicle accident near Libby.

She had been employed at Treasure Mountain Casino.

She is survived by her husband, Matt; her parents,

Crystal Rose Webley and David Hall, all of Troy.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at the Troy Church of God, with the Rev. Cam Foote officiating. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the Nelson and Vial Funeral Home.

## Barbara (Brinck) Waller, 89

Barbara (Brinck) Waller, 89, of Gillette, Wyo. died Friday, March 30, 2007, of natural causes in the Pioneer Manor Nursing Home. Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home of Gillette is entrusted with the arrangements for cremation, and a family memorial and burial will take place in Cut Bank at a later date.

She was born Oct. 17, 1917, in Butte to Claiborne William and Martha (Johnson) Brinck. She was raised and educated in Butte and Missoula. She graduated from Hellgate High School in Missoula. She attended the University of Montana, where she was a member of Alpha Nu Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta.

On Dec. 11, 1936, she married Dr. George DeLoach Waller at the First Presbyterian Church in Missoula. After World War II, they settled in Cut Bank. Mrs. Waller has been a resident of Gillette since 1996.

Mrs. Waller was an elder and a deacon of the First Presbyterian Church of Cut Bank, a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Gillette, a member of Chapter M of the Montana

P.E.O. and a member of the Bath Zabbia Temple No. 21 of the Daughters of the Nile.

Mrs. Waller was an avid reader and enjoyed traveling to Southeast Asia, Australia, New Zealand and Hawaii, classical music, flower gardens, golf and card games.

Mrs. Waller is survived by two daughters, Margaret Elise King of Gillette, and Barbara Joan Martin and Tom of Lafayette, Colo.; two sons, George Don Waller and Gayle of Kalispell and Bob Clay Waller and Mary Ann of Cut Bank; 11 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her baby son; her parents; two brothers; and her sister.

Memorials are suggested to benefit the Hospice of Campbell County Memorial Hospital. Condolences and donations may be sent in her name in care of Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home, 210 W. Fifth St., Gillette, WY 82716, or via the Internet at [www.stevensonwilson.com](http://www.stevensonwilson.com).

## Richard George 'RG' Walter, 81

Richard George "RG" Walter, 81, died Friday, Jan. 12, 2007, at his residence in Kalispell. RG was born on April 7, 1925, in Kalispell, to Claude Clifford and Violet (Hathaway) Walter.



RG was a lifelong resident of the Flathead Valley. He attended school in Kalispell, where he played football and basketball, and enlisted into the U.S. Navy in June 1943. After training in Farragut and Norfolk, Va., he was deployed on the USS LST 816 ship and spent most of his service in the Asiatic-Pacific Cummings. He was honorably discharged as a radioman first class in 1946, and received several medals.

Upon returning to Kalispell, he went to work in the family trucking business, City Transfer and Storage. RG married Irene Gorton. This union brought three children. RG later purchased the business from his father and expanded the moving and freight business to include heavy hauling. He won several awards as a top producing agent in the Mayflower Moving Organization. After selling the business in 1970, he, Irene, and his son, Rod, built and managed the Finish Line Cocktail Lounge until 1982.

RG was instrumental in bringing quarter horse racing to the Northwest Montana Fair and other Montana tracks. He

raised many top race and rodeo horses.

RG was also a founding member of the Silver Buckle Roping Club, an officer of the Montana High School Rodeo Association, past president of the Montana Transport Association and a member of Albader Shrine and Masonic organization and local ski clubs, where he helped organize youth ski races.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Irene; his parents; two sisters; Joyce and Ellen Walter; two brothers, Don and Ollie Walter; and a granddaughter, Camille Wagner.

He is survived by his three children, Jan Wagner and husband, Terry, of Miles City, Rod Walter of Fruitland, Idaho, and Connie Loucks and husband, Bob, of Wolf Point; six grandchildren, Ryan Wagner and wife, Stephine, of Sheridan, Wyo., Jase Wagner of New York, Rock Wagner and wife, Jenny, of Everett, Wash., Jackie Walter of Kennewick, Wash., and Bif and Jed Loucks of Wolf Point; several nieces and nephews; and special uncle, Bill Hathaway, and his wife, Grace.

At RG's request, there will be no funeral but a celebration of his life for family and friends to share a toast and break bread together that will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, at the Outlaw Inn.

The family suggests memorials be made to the charity of your choice.

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

### Kenneth E. 'Firewater' Walton Jr., 21

Kenneth E. "Firewater" Walton Jr., 21, died Nov. 14 as the results of injuries received in a vehicle accident near Libby.

He was employed at the Genesis Mine.

Surviving him are his father, Kenneth Walton Sr., of Libby; and his mother, Terri Walton of Hardin.

Services will be at 1 p.m.

Tuesday, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Libby. Interment services with military honors will follow in the City of Libby Cemetery. Friends may call at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home from 1 to 8 p.m. Monday and until service time Tuesday at the church Relief Society Room.

### Mary Lou Ward, 80

Mary Lou Ward, 80, died Sept. 11, 2007, at her home in Libby.

Survivors include her daughter, Helen Brickey, of Deer Park, Wash.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 14, at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. today, Sept. 13.

### Evelyn M. Warman, 79

Evelyn M. Warman, 79, of Troy, died from natural causes Sunday, April 29, 2007, at her home in Troy.

She owned and operated Warman Drug for many years in Troy, and retired in 2004.

Services will be at 2 p.m.

Tuesday, May 8, at Three Lakes Community Church in Troy. Interment will be afterward at Milnor Lake Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Monday.

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

### Urval S. Warner, 100

Urval S. Warner passed away Friday, July 27, 2007. For the past month he was a resident of the Colonial Manor Nursing Home in Whitefish where he touched the heart strings of many assisting him.

He was born in Peabody, Mass., on Nov. 10, 1906. Urval was the one of eight children born to Gilbert and Mae Warner. He moved with his parents to the Manchester community near Great Falls in 1910.

He began his working career in his grade school years. Urval married Alice Nelson on March 4, 1928, in Manchester. He worked on a large ranch farming and hauling hay until a job of working on road construction in the Nyack area enticed him to move his family to Nyack in 1931. When they moved, he drove a team of horses and wagon from Great Falls to Nyack.

Two years later they moved to Columbia Falls where he did more road construction and hauled logs for several years and raised his family. In 1956 they moved to a farm in the LaSalle community where he continued to raise crops and farmed through the age of 100 years young, with the assistance

and love of his son, Will.

In the '60s, for a few years, he was also a popular school bus driver on a route for contractor, Hank Larkin.

His dedicated, loving wife, Alice, preceded him in death in 1988.

Urval did not know the meaning of retirement; it was never a word in his vocabulary. The family believes his work ethic was a driving force in his longevity.

Urval is survived by two sons, Will Warner of Columbia Falls, and Pat Warner and wife, Yvonne, of Kalispell; sister, Faye Reeves of Columbia Falls, sisters-in-law, Mary Turnquist of Salt Lake City, and Jeanne Warner of Columbia Falls; grandchildren, Peggy and Bill Hoppe, Cathy and Chuck Loucks, Julie and Don Hanson, and Mike Warner; seven great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 2, at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls. Rev. David Kauffman will officiate.

Arrangements are with the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

## Yvonne V. Warner, 72

Yvonne V. Warner, 72, passed away Monday, Oct. 15, 2007, at the Brendan House in Kalispell after a courageous battle with leukemia.



She was born Dec. 16, 1934, in Orofino, Idaho, the daughter of Roger and Dorothy Cole. Although she moved with her family several times, she grew up most of her life in Columbia Falls.

Yvonne was a loving and compassionate person, whose motto was "You can do anything you put your mind to." She spent her life ranching with her soulmate and raising three children.

Yvonne had many passions

which included riding, showing, and training horses, modeling for local clothing stores and gardening. Most important was her love for her grandchildren.

Yvonne was preceded in death by her parents, Roger and Dorothy Cole; her sister, Frances Lambert; and her brother, Roger Cole Jr.

Yvonne is survived by her husband of 55 years, Pat Warner; her sister, Nina LeSueur, and her husband, Keith; her children, Cathy Loucks and husband Chuck, Julie Hanson and her husband, Don, and Mike Warner, all of Kalispell; and eight grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19, at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. Rev. David Kauffman will officiate.

## Edward 'Ed' Miles Warren, 83

Edward "Ed" Miles Warren, 83, passed away at his Kalispell residence after a lengthy illness Saturday, July 7, 2007.



He was born and educated in Spokane, graduating from Whitworth College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration.

During World War II he was in the U.S. Navy, serving in the South Pacific, North Atlantic and Caribbean.

In 1949 Edward married Evelyn McHugh. They made their home in Spokane until moving to Kalispell in 1975.

Ed worked for the Daily Inter Lake with the circulation department.

Ed was preceded in death by his parents and oldest son, Edward Arthur Warren.

He is survived by Evelyn, his wife of 57 years; two daughters, Katherine Amende of Everett, Wash., and Janice Warren of Spokane; three sons, Timothy of Kalispell, Joseph of Angel Fire, N.M., and Robert of Walla Walla, Wash.

Visitation for Edward will be held from 3 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 11, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home with a rosary beginning at 6 p.m. Funeral Mass will be held at 12:10 p.m. on Thursday July 12, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church. Cremation will follow the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to hospice or the charity of your choice. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

## Max Henry Warren, 89

Max Henry Warren, 89, of Kalispell, Rollins and formerly of Polson, passed away Thursday, Nov. 15, 2007, at Quality of Life Assisted Living Home at Kalispell.



Max was born in Conrad on the Marias River. He graduated in 1936 from Polson High School.

Dad was a wonderful husband, father, father-in-law, and grandfather. Over the years, he taught all of us to hunt, fish and enjoy life in "God's country." Max loved the great outdoors.

He drove a herd of 60 horses from Hooper, Wash., to Dayton, with his father, coming over the Mullan Pass. He worked for Montana Power for 35-plus years at the Kerr Dam village, and also at Ole Lee Boat Company, was a sawyer at Proctor and Olney, and he also worked in the shipyards at Kirkland, Wash., during World War II.

Max was a leader for the Boy Scouts of America with many of his scout members achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. He enjoyed the Good Sam Club, raising dollars for the Dogs for the Deaf, volunteered for the Rollins Fire Department, was a member of the Mission Valley Snowmobile Club and a lifetime

member of the NRA.

He also enjoyed elk hunting in the South Fork at Spotted Bear with his brothers, Gale and Glen, his father, Francis, and his father-in-law.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Francis and Angeline Warren; and his brother, Glen.

His wife, Ramona; daughter, Laurel, and her husband, Jerry Gates, of Kalispell; and their children, Tanya of Arlee, Mat and Kelly of Kalispell; son, David; granddaughters, Shauna and her husband, Scott Hemmelman; and their son, Cole, of Kalispell, and Brandy of Washington; step-granddaughter, Wanda, of Missoula; brother, Gale and his wife, Charlene, of Polson.

Visitation will be held for Max from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 18, at Grogan Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 19, at Grogan Funeral Home, with the Rev. John Payne officiating. Interment will be afterward at Lakeview Cemetery. There will be a reception after the services at the Polson Senior Citizen Center.

The family requests memorials may be made in Max's name to the Rollins Volunteer Fire Department, Box 56, Rollins, MT 59931, Dogs for the Deaf, 10175 Wheeler Road, Central Point, OR 97502, or to the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.groganfuneralhome.com](http://www.groganfuneralhome.com).

## Jay 'J.P.' Patrick Wartnow, 68

Jay "J.P." Patrick Wartnow, 68, passed away Aug. 26, 2007, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center, after a five month battle with brain cancer.



Born July 17, 1939, (Jay was frequently referred to as "J.P." to friends) was born on the same farm he resided until the time of his death on J.P. Road in Whitefish.

Jay attended school in Whitefish and in 1956 left for the National Guard where he began service as a cannoneer in the 639th Field Artillery. From there he enlisted in the U.S. Navy as a radioman third class on the USS Lowe, a destroyer escort radar ship.

In addition, Jay served on the USS Nautilus which was the first commissioned nuclear powered submarine in the U.S. Navy. The USS Nautilus accomplished "the impossible" at that time, which was to reach the geographic North Pole-90 degrees north.

Jay also had the honor of carrying the flag during the Eisenhower inauguration for the presidency. He often joked with his grandchildren that he lost his shoe during the inaugural march, but kept on walking. Jay was honorably discharged from the U.S. Navy in 1959 due to tuberculosis contracted in service.

Jay married Patricia Jo Ann Rush on Nov. 11, 1958, in Seattle. After his discharge from the Navy, Jay moved his family back to Whitefish with his wife "Pat" and together they raised their four children near the Whitefish City Beach in Whitefish.

Across the street lived his older brother and best friend, George. George and his wife, Billie, continue to reside across from his brother at the Wartnow family farm in Whitefish on J.P. Road.

During this time Jay worked

at Plum Creek Timber Company, as well as serving his local community as a deputy sheriff. His tenure with the sheriff's office saw him assist in the investigation of the grizzly bear attacks in Glacier Park of 1967. This event later became the subject of the Jack Olsen's book, "Night of the Grizzlies."

In 1971, Jay began a career with the Burlington Northern Railroad as a switchman, working his way up to engineer in 1978. He retired from Burlington Northern Railroad in 2001, having made many longtime friends during his tenure with the railroad.

Jay had a great love for the outdoors and his horses. He was a talented horseman, winning many awards; most notably the MCHA "Rookie of the Year" award; and won the "20,000 Amateur Champion" on his cutting horse "Lucky Bottom." Jay tuned "Lucky" himself; a rare feat for an amateur.

Jay was preceded in death by his parents, John and Julia Wartnow; his brothers, Bobby and John; and his sister, Alice.

He is survived by three sisters and one brother. He will be deeply missed by his wife of nearly 50 years, Pat; his daughter, Sherry Hayman, and her husband, Robert, of Seattle; daughter, Teri Kohli, of Hutchinson, Minn.; son, Jay Wartnow, and his wife, Beth, of Billings; and daughter, Carie Oney-Gress, of Kalispell; grandchildren, Caesy Oney of Portland, Evan Kohli of Hutchinson, Mack Turnrose of Seattle, Tayler Gress of Columbia Falls, Julia Dietel of Hutchinson, Minn., and Kellen and Addison Wartnow of Billings.

A memorial service for family and close friends will be held at 11 a.m. today, Aug. 31, at Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish.

The family suggests memorial donations be directed to Hospice of Kalispell Regional Medical Center who provided exceptional care and compassion for Jay and his family.

Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish is caring for Jay's family.

## Shannon Lee (Glenn) Wasell, 47

Shannon Lee (Glenn) Wasell, 47, "went to be with her Lord Jesus," on Thursday, Feb. 22, 2007, at her home in Kalispell,



surrounded by her family and friends after a courageous, two year battle with cancer. She faced her illness fearlessly, without complaint and with unwavering faith. She was born on Nov. 13, 1959, to Pat and Alice Glenn in Seattle, and grew up in the Enumclaw, Wash., area. She graduated from Enumclaw High School in 1977, and attended Highline Community College. For many years Shannon worked at Leo's Clothing Store in downtown Enumclaw.

She married the love of her life, Greg Wasell, on July 29, 1978. One of Shannon's greatest joys was being the mother of Kellen, now 20 and Meisa 16.

Shannon's "faith and love for her Lord Jesus" led her and Greg to be active in Faith Center of Buckley and later joined Rainier Hills Fellowship Church in Buckley, Wash. She loved young people because they reflected her own vibrancy. She was involved with numerous King's Kids outreach teams. Her creative talents led her to be involved in women's ministries where her style, touch and ideas were a blessing to many. Shannon loved to entertain and was known for throwing wonderful theme parties. Shannon's homes have always been a reflection of her unique style, welcoming people with warmth and making them feel comfortable. She was a great cook.

In 1994, Shannon and Greg moved to Puyallup, Wash., as houseparents of New

Beginnings Maternity Home. Here she influenced the lives of many young women in crisis situations. After four years they moved to Lakeside and joined Youth With A Mission as Youth Coordinators. Her impact there and the lives she touched continue to be felt by many.

In 2001, Shannon and Greg moved to Kalispell where she enjoyed living in the historic east side neighborhood. Shannon had a passion and joy for life. She had a keen sense of justice, and walked out her faith with integrity, affirming and accepting others. She brought vitality into relationships which she highly valued and this was demonstrated by her loyalty and commitment to her family and many friends. She mentored people, bringing encouragement and hope, seeking the best for them. Shannon's kind heart and contagious laugh will never be forgotten and sorely missed.

Shannon is preceded in death by her mother, Alice Glenn Anoskey; her grandparents; and her uncle, Mike Glenn.

She is survived by her loving husband, Greg; son, Kellen; daughter, Meisa; father, Patrick and stepmother, Terry Glenn; sisters, Kelly and George Boles, Erin and Greg Spaulding; brother, Tom Glenn; and numerous nieces, nephews, uncles, aunts and cousins as well as many friends.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 28 at New Covenant Fellowship on Birch Grove Road in Kalispell.

In Lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial gifts be sent to the Wasell Medical Fund: Glacier Bank, 202 Main St., Kalispell, Montana 59901.

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



## Nancy Lee Watkins, 71

Nancy Lee Watkins, former resident of Billings, passed away in Bellingham, Wash., on Sept. 15, 2007, surrounded by her family. She was 71, born in Casper, Wyo., to Bettye (Fowlkes) and Marion Smith.

Nancy enjoyed spending time with her family and had a zest for life. Her stories will be shared for generations.

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

She is survived by her four children, Beth Wood of Clovis, Calif., Jeff Dorn of Aberdeen, S.D., Leslie Dillon of Bellingham, and Amy Kinshella of Ashburn, Va.; 12 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Whatcom Hospice Foundation, 800 E. Chestnut, #1-C, Bellingham, WA 98225; or the Bellingham Cancer Center, 3217 Squalicum Pkwy., Bellingham, WA 98225.

You may share your thoughts and memories of Nancy in the memorial guest book at [www.molesfuneralhomes.com](http://www.molesfuneralhomes.com).

## Robert R. Watt, 49

Robert R. Watt, 49, of Polson, passed away Friday, Sept. 7, 2007, at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

Visitation will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 12, at Grogan Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 13, at

Faith Lutheran Church, with the Rev. Rand Drollman officiating. Interment will be afterward at the Ronan Cemetery. A reception will be after the services at the Blixt residence, 40144 Paper Trail Lane. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.groganfuneralhome.com](http://www.groganfuneralhome.com).

## William F. 'Bill' Watt, 91

William F. "Bill" Watt, 91, died Wednesday morning at a Libby hospital.

Surviving him are his children, Willis "Bill" Watt of Libby, Robert Watt of Butte, and Bud Watt of Polson; Connie Busby of West Helena, Ark., Gerry Abbott of West Paris, Maine, and

Sharon Hale of Cunnigham, Tenn.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home Chapel; interment services with military honors will follow at the City of Libby Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Sunday.

## Gerard 'Dard' Wayland-Smith, Jr., 72

Gerard "Dard" Wayland-Smith, Jr., 72, died Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2007, at his home in Libby, following an extended illness.

Survivors include his wife Carol of Libby; daughters, Laura Wayland-Smith Hatch

and Jennifer Wayland-Smith; and son Scott Wayland-Smith.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 23, at the Nelson and Vial Funeral Home. The family will receive friends from 10 a.m. until service time.

## Cory Douglas Weaver, 57

Cory Douglas Weaver, 57, passed away at his home Friday, April 27, 2007. He was born Jan. 9, 1950, in Marysville, Calif. Cory was raised by his mother, Dorothy, and stepfather, Ira Weaver. Cory grew up in Kalispell and graduated from Flathead County High School in 1968.



He served as a seaman in the U.S. Navy from January 1969 until March 1972, and was a veteran of the Vietnam War.

Cory had worked for Pyramid Mountain lumber company in Seeley Lake, Plum Creek and the oil-fields of eastern Montana. He was also an experienced roofer, tree planter and commercial truck driver.

Cory was an avid Montana outdoorsman, and enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping and huckleberry picking. Cory loved music. He was a talented guitarist and prolific songwriter. He also played the drums, keyboard, banjo and harmonica.

He was married to his first wife, Debbie Guthrie, in 1977. Out of that marriage was born his daughter, Anna Rose. Cory was remarried twice, most recently to Thresa Clapper of

Pablo. They were married in May 2003.

Cory was a dedicated father and grandfather, husband, son, brother and friend.

He is survived by his parents; his daughter, Anna Rose, of Salem, Ore., and her husband, Richard; and Cory's granddaughters, Catherine, Christina, Allison and Lauren. He is also survived by his wife, Thresa Weaver, and much loved family including stepson, Coby Johnson, and his wife, Adrienne, and their children; stepdaughter, Melinda Klienmans, and her husband, Jason, and their children; sisters, Judy Shiels, Kathleen Egosque and Vivian O'Connor; brothers, Sam and Nick Weaver; as well as many wonderful friends who thought the world of Cory.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Bob.

A service and celebration of Cory's life will take place at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 5, at Lone Pine State Park in Kalispell. A reception will be afterward at another location, depending on the weather.

Please send any cards and condolences in care of Anna Rose, who is staying with her mother's family in Kalispell, to the Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is taking care of the family.

## Grace Weaver, 73

Grace Weaver passed away, after a nine-year battle with breast cancer, on Oct. 5, 2007, at her home in Kalispell, surrounded by her family. She was a loving and devoted wife, mom and grandma, and a wonderful friend and teacher who will be greatly missed.



Grace was born July 22, 1934, in Devil's Lake, N.D., to Walter and Ella Palmer.

She grew up in Minnewaukan, N.D., and graduated from Minnewaukan High School in 1952.

She attended Concordia College in Moorehead, Minn., and received a two-year teaching certificate. She loved teaching and spent three years as a first grade teacher in Plentywood, before returning to the University of North Dakota to receive her four-year degree.

In 1959, she met Art Weaver while attending the University of North Dakota and they married on June 12, 1960. Grace and Art lived in Lisbon and Fargo, N.D., where Grace continued her teaching career.

In 1963, she made the decision to become a full-time homemaker and mom. From 1966 to 1985, the family lived in Jamestown, N.D., Huron, S.D., and Great Falls, before moving to Kalispell in 1985.

Grace enjoyed sharing her spirit and talents with others. She was a Big Sister with Big

Brothers and Sisters of Flathead County for more than 11 years, a volunteer teacher for Literacy Volunteers of Flathead County, and was actively involved with every church in which she was a member, most recently Bethlehem Lutheran.

She loved meeting new people, traveling, dancing, watching Seattle Mariners baseball, shopping and keeping in touch with her family and friends.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Francis and Mayo Palmer.

Grace is survived by her best friend and husband of 47 years, Art Weaver, of Kalispell; her three daughters, Elizabeth Smith and husband Adam of Yakima, Wash., Jane Lally and husband Tim of Whitefish, and Sara Ogborn and husband Dan of Seattle; and two grandchildren whom she adored, Garrett and Hannah Lally of Whitefish. She is also survived by two brothers, Wesley Palmer of Reno, Nev., and Douglas Palmer of Great Falls.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 12, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church with Pastor Larry Stapler officiating. Lunch will be served following the service.

Memorial donations may be made to Big Brothers and Big Sisters, 137 Main St., Kalispell, MT 59901; or to the Literacy Volunteers of Flathead County, P.O. Box 3234, Kalispell, MT 59903.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for Grace's family. You are invited to go to [www.johnsonmortuary.com](http://www.johnsonmortuary.com) to offer condolences and sign Grace's guest book.

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## James Christopher 'Jamie' Webb, 45

James Christopher "Jamie" Webb, 45, died Friday, Feb. 23, 2007, at his home in Kalispell. He was born Oct. 9, 1961, in Whitefish, the son of Ted and Patti (Sume) Webb.



He attended high school in Ranle, Wash., and received his GED from Yakima Valley Community College. He then attended J.M. Perry Technical Institute, graduating second in his class.

He served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1979 until 1982.

In 1995, he received his master machining certification in machine tooling and production. He started employment at Yakima Quality Welding in Yakima, Wash., then later at Timpke Machine Service, also in Yakima. He came to the Flathead Valley and began working at Industrial Pacific Machine Services, then Commercial Machine, and was working for Riebe Machine Works at the time of his passing.

He enjoyed the outdoors, hunting and fishing, and also racing

cars. He was also a crew chief in auto racing.

He was preceded in death by his father, Ted Webb, in 1978; a half sister, Gretchin Webb; grandparents, Chick and Margaret Sume, and Doc and May Webb; stepfather, Gary Keeper; stepbrother, Robert Keeper; and a cousin, Shannon Lamkin.

He is survived by his sons, Theodore J. and Brandon P. Webb, both of Sheldon, Wash.; his mother, Patti Keeper, of Columbia Falls; three half sisters, Tracy St. Onge and husband, Jay, of Spokane, Shawna Myrick and husband, Greg, of Brookings, Ore., and Tarey Schelling and husband, Bruce, of Olney; an aunt, Dottie West, of Fairbanks, Alaska; and uncle, Shane Sume, of Packwood, Wash.; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles.

Memorial services for Jamie are at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 1, at Johnson Mortuary chapel. There will be no visitation.

The family suggests that any memorial contributions be sent to the Jamie Webb Memorial Fund, 100 E. Cottonwood Drive, Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

## Emma K. Webster, 89

Emma K. Webster, 89, of Whitefish died peacefully at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Jolene and Marvin Mike-sell, on July 4, 2007.



Emma was born in Gilford in 1917 to Gottfried and Sarah Roedel.

She married Francis McAlister in 1933. Four children were born from this marriage, Evelyn, Rosemary (deceased), Jolene and Maryann.

Francis preceded her in death. She later married Arthur L. Webster in Kalispell. One son, Forrest (deceased) was born of this marriage. Art preceded Emma in death. Two stepchildren from this marriage joined the family, Arlene Reese and Rocky Webster.

Emma married Fred Ferraro in California. Fred preceded Emma in death.

Four brothers preceded her in death, Harry, Herman, Bernard and Bill Roedel; and one sister, Ella Case.

Two surviving sisters are Martha Buyer of Great Falls, and Clara Hill of Virginia, Minn. Emma's surviving children are Evelyn Wilkerson, Jolene and Marvin Mikesell, Maryann and Rod Wilkerson of Whitefish, Arlene and Gary Reese of Kent, Wash., and Rocky and Beverly Webster of Kalispell. She also left 21 grandchildren, and many great- and great-great-grandchildren.

Emma touched many lives by her caring ways. She was a strong nurturing woman. When she married Francis, she went into a home with his invalid father and three younger brothers and sisters to care for. Emma has always been a person where family was of utmost importance. She saw to the need of the people who came into her life. She had a hard time saying she cared and loved, but her actions always showed she did.

"We rejoice that Mom is with her Savior the Lord."

Emma's memorial service will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 4, at Whitefish Foursquare Church. There will be a celebration gathering after the service at Marvin and Jolene's home.

## Carl Douglas Weese, 90

Carl Douglas Weese, 90, of Bigfork, died Saturday, Sept. 29, 2007, at Lake View Care Center in Bigfork.

He is survived by three daughters, Shirleen Weese

and Roma Taylor, both of Bigfork, and Karleen Jones of Tucson, Ariz.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for the family.

## Charles Alfred Wegener, 89

Charles Alfred Wegener, 89, passed away on Friday, Jan. 19, 2007, in the Hillcrest Nursing Home in McCook, Neb. He was born on Oct. 15, 1917, in Estevan, Saskatchewan, to Anton C. and Clara Amanda (Lippman) Wegener.

At an early age Charles moved to North Dakota with his family where he received his early education. He graduated from Granville High School in Granville, N.D., in the class of 1936. He then attended Minot State Teachers College for one year.

Charles entered the U.S. Army on Nov. 20, 1937, in Lincoln, N.D., and separated on May 18, 1939.

During his military service, he married Bertha Mary Teppo on March 3, 1939, in Bismarck, N.D.

During his career, Charles had worked in the petroleum industry, being product superintendent for the British-American Oil Company. He had also been employed as chief and field inspector for the Nebraska

Oil and Gas Commission for 19 years, prior to retiring in 1980.

Charles moved to Bigfork, where he was a member of the Bigfork Methodist Church and enjoyed his retirement. He had lived in McCook, Neb., for the past 15 years.

Charles was preceded in death by his wife, Bertha, in 1990; and one son, Wayne.

He is survived by a daughter, Karen Miller, and husband, Ray, of McCook; a son, Ronald Wegener, and wife, Sherry, of Klamath Falls, Ore.; a son, James Wegener, and Patti, of Kalispell; and his adopted grandchildren, Donald Wegener, Tina Wegener, and Rhonda Wegener and husband Jamie. He is also survived by nine other grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren; along with numerous other relatives and friends.

Graveside services for Charles will be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 25, at the Lonepine Cemetery in Bigfork.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for Charles' family.

## Donald N. Weiland Jr., 54

Donald N. Weiland Jr., 54, passed away Saturday, Dec. 15, 2007, at the North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

Don was born on Ground Hogs Day, Feb. 2, 1953, to Helen and Donald Weiland in Whitefish.

Don graduated from Columbia Falls High School in 1971. He worked for B & B food stores before he went to work for Stoltze Lumber Company. He retired in 1998 due to health reasons.

Don was a child of the '70s. He was known to his family and friends as "Hippie Don." He was also known as "The Whiz" because of his fascination with wizards. His favorite holiday was Halloween. He loved to interact with all the children. Every year the kids would return to his home because of the good time provided by "Wizard Don."

He loved to camp at Big Creek, go hunting and fishing, and driving around the North Fork.

He was preceded in death by his father, Don Sr.

Don is survived by his mother, Helen Weiland Brinkerhoff; his brother, Randy Weiland; his sister, Darlene Herman, and her husband, Henry; two nephews, Wade Herman and Guy Herman and his wife, Michelle; two great nieces, Brittney and Jade Herman; all of Columbia Falls. He also leaves behind his best buddy, Beau, his dog; double cousins, Steve Weiland and wife, Lynda of Nashville, Tenn., Chris Weiland of Columbia Falls, Coletta Calnan of Kalispell, Sheri Gibson of Helena; and many relatives and friends.

A rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. today, Dec. 18, at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 19, at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls. Rev. John Miller will officiate. Burial will follow in St. Richard's Catholic Cemetery.

## Regina Marie Weiland, 94

Regina Marie Weiland, 94, passed away peacefully in her sleep on Saturday, July 28, 2007, in Mount Juliet, Tenn. She was born Nov. 6, 1912, in Hazen, N.D.

Regina was a devout Catholic who prayed to her Lord daily. She attended Mass every day until age 90 and for many years she provided the flowers for the altar at St. Richard's Catholic Church. She was a kind-hearted woman who welcomed everyone to her home where she provided them with something to eat. Her specialty was cooking German food in the tradition of her German background. She never had a bad thing to say about anyone. She loved everyone she met.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ray Weiland; her parents, Anton and Caroline Hoerner; and 16 siblings.

Regina is survived by her son, Steve and Lynda Weiland of Mount Juliet; a grandson, Chris Weiland, of Columbia Falls; a sister, Helen Brinkerhoff, of Columbia Falls; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 2, at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. A rosary will be said at 7 p.m. A Funeral Mass will be held at 9 a.m. Friday, Aug. 3, at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls. Rev. John Miller will officiate. Burial will follow in St. Richard's Catholic Cemetery.

Arrangements are with the Sellars Funeral Home in Mount Juliet.

Local arrangements are with the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

## Arlene Gladys Weiler, 69

Arlene Gladys Weiler, 69, passed away on Sunday June 30, 2007, at the Brendan House in Kalispell.

Arlene was born on Nov. 20, 1937, in Tappan, N.D., to Frank and Marie (Neumiller) Wiegand. She was raised in Janesville, Wis., where she attended schools, graduating from Janesville High School.

Arlene worked at Deaconess Hospital in Great Falls.

She enjoyed dancing, reading and listening to music.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Marie



Wiegand; and her husband, Bernard Weiler.

She is survived by her daughter, Rhonda Anderson, and son-in-law, Edward Boggs, both of Kalispell; son, Randy Anderson, and his wife, Sarah, of West Concord, Minn.; a sister, Marie Cribben, and her husband, Gene; a brother, Gerald Wiegand; and grandchildren, Jestine, Karissa, Raymond and Anna Jean.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, July 5, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery, with Rev. Tim Bartholomew officiating.

The family requests memorials to the American Cancer Society.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Elmer B. Weinrich, 97

Elmer B. Weinrich, 97, passed away on Wednesday Feb. 14, 2007, in Kalispell. Elmer was born on Dec. 8, 1909, in Rochester, Minn., where he was raised on the family farm.



Elmer says it seemed to him like his family was raised in two separate groups. The four older children were pretty much on their own during his childhood. However he and his three sibling, Jenness, Anna Ruth and Harvey all had their "childhood" entertainment together.

He loved fishing, bobsledding, ice rafting, boating and swimming at the old swimming hole.

In 1941, Elmer worked as a foreman for the U.S. Forest Service in French Town. He joined the U.S. Navy in 1943, where he served as an electrician. After being honorably discharged, he returned to Montana and

the Forest Service, where he worked until his retirement in 1970. Elmer married the love of his life, Laniora in 1951. Lamora passed away in 2000. Elmer wished to return to her on Valentines Day, and his wish came true.

Elmer has a daughter named Dixie, who resides in Missoula; and a son, Delmer, from a previous marriage.

Elmer and Lamora were both very active members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

He was a sensitive man, humorous and pleasurable to be with. He had many friends.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday Feb. 19, at the Kalispell Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Whitefish Stage Road. Visitation will take place at 10 a.m. The graveside dedication will take place at approximately 3 p.m. in Thompson Falls. Bishop Mark Robison will preside.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home caring for the family.

## Eunice Maxine 'Roxy' Welch, 80

Eunice Maxine "Roxy" Welch, 80, died from natural causes, Friday, Sept. 28, 2007, at her home in Columbia Falls. She was born June 1, 1927, to Karl and Agnes Larson in Fargo, N.D.



She moved to Shelby after graduating from high school, where she met and married Wilford Welch on June 13, 1946. They lived in the Oilmont-Sunburst area until moving to Columbia Falls in 1991.

She was preceded in death by her parents, four brothers and two sisters.

Survivors include her husband, Wilford, of Columbia Falls; daughters, Linda Ham-

mer and Larry of Spokane, Dixie Lawrence and Howie of Kalispell; son, Frank and Sheri Welch of Kentwood, Mich., sisters, Luella McClure of Bismarck, N.D., Beverly Holmes of Fargo, N.D., Donna Mitzel of Indianapolis; eight grandchildren, Mike and Shana, Marci and Tracy, Matt, Brent, Brenda and Mike, Ben and Julie, Robyn and Justin, and Kayla; and numerous great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 4, at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. Services will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 5, at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. Rev. Ray Davis and Rev. David Merkel will be officiating. Interment to follow at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

## Delores M. Weldon, 71

Delores M. Weldon, 71, died Friday, Aug. 24, 2007, at the Libby Care Center. She worked as a cook for many years.

Survivors include her children, Debra Marshall of Libby,

Robert Weldon of Clarkston, Wash., Mike Haskins of Libby, Mac J. Haskins of Spring Creek, Nev., and Edward Haskins of Battle Ground, Wash.; and her mother, Frances Myers, of Libby.

## JoAnn Welles, 80

JoAnn Welles, 80, passed away peacefully in her home in Whitefish on Dec. 17, 2007.

Jo was born in Beloit, Wisc., on Feb. 8, 1927, where she lived most of her life.

In 1994 she moved to Whitefish to be with her son, John Holt and was soon followed by her daughter, Ann Wood.

Jo enjoyed her volunteer work with various organizations including Habitat for Humanity, the Mash Bash, the Spring Fling and her latest involvement with the gift shop



at North Valley Hospital.

She loved her family, pets, her many good friends and especially her Monday "Stitch and Bitch" get togethers! She had many interests, including environmental issues, politics, home design, gardening, being outdoors and travel.

She is survived by her son, John and Ginny Holt; her daughter, Anne and Jim Wood; and step-daughter, Barbara Welles Rasmussen. She also leaves behind her beloved pets, Bubba, Maggie and Sammy.

Jo will be remembered, with love, for her buoyant spirit, big heart, great sense of humor and generosity.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

## Robert E. Wellman Sr., 78

Robert E. Wellman Sr., 78, died on June 21, 2007, in Kalispell, after a lengthy illness.

Memorial services are pending.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Helen Marjorie (Pond) Welsh, 87

Helen Marjorie (Pond) Welsh, 87, passed away early Sunday morning, Feb. 25, 2007, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.



She was the oldest of eight siblings, and was born March 2, 1919, to Cecil Evert Pond and Hazel Pearl (Betts) Pond in Caney, Kan.

Her family moved to Oregon when she was 4 years old and she remained in Oregon and Idaho for most of her life, spending over 30 years in Keizer, Ore. On March 8, 1943, she married Edward "Eddie" Young Welsh in Pueblo, Colo., and they were happily married for more than 54 years.

After Eddie's death in 1997, she remained in Keizer for a couple years, and then lived with her oldest daughter, Joanne, for five years in Minnesota and Wisconsin.

In August 2004, she moved to Kalispell and into Immanuel Lutheran Home. Being in Kalispell was a blessing to her and to all of her family because she was centrally located and able to have frequent visits from her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Helen was a kind and compassionate person. There was always room in her home for anyone in need, whether it was

just for a meal or for shelter. For years she and Eddie provided a halfway house for girls just out of reform school. Then it was various relatives in need of a temporary place to stay, servicemen who needed a home away from home, and co-workers who needed a helping hand. Some would come for a few weeks, and some would stay for months.

"Helen loved the Lord" and was a lifelong member of the Christian church. She taught pre-schoolers in Sunday School for more than 30 years. She only quit when she no longer could sit on the floor with the children.

She was preceded in death by her parents; six of her brothers and sisters; her husband, Eddie; a daughter, Rebecca Davenport; and a grandson, Trent Richardson.

She is survived by three daughters, Joanne Richardson and husband, George, of Worland, Wyo., Jeanne Renfrow and husband, Doren, of Kalispell, and Janice Thompson and husband, Dave, of Spokane; and one son, John Welsh, and wife, Loretta, of Boring, Ore. She is also survived by six grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and one sister, Martha Smith, of Gueydan, La.; plus many nieces and nephews.

No public memorial service is planned. Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for Helen's family.

## Lyle P. Weltch, 73

Lyle P. Weltch, 73, of Troy died Tuesday, May 22, 2007, at his home. Lyle was born in Eugene, Ore., to Addrow Weltch and Nina (Wilson) Weltch on May 13, 1934. He was raised and educated in Eugene and graduated from high school there, and later engaged in professional boxing for a short period of time.

He entered the U.S. Army, serving for 20 years on tours of duty at various places including Viet Nam in air defense artillery and was the recipient of two Purple Hearts.

After his military retirement, he returned to Eugene, working as a mechanic for the Porsche-Audi dealership.

He and his wife, Loretta, moved came to the Troy area 10 years ago, where Lyle enjoyed outdoor activities including fishing, hunting and snow skiing.

An example of his Christian

servanthood, Lyle's favorite activity was helping other people, offering his ability to "fix anything" to those in need.

He was preceded in death by a son, Benjamin, in 1996.

Survivors include his wife, Loretta; his children, A.C. Illig of Eugene, Robert Weltch of San Diego, Rodney Weltch of Sandy, Ore., Rochelle Lang of Clarkston, Wash., and Michael Weltch of Springfield, Iowa; his siblings, George Weltch, Rosalie Richards, Earl Weltch, Betty Fore, Nancy Stuck, Timothy Weltch, David Weltch, and Daniel Weltch; 11 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday at the Nelson and Vial Funeral Home Chapel in Libby. Interment services with military honors will be afterward at Milnor Lake Cemetery. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Wednesday.

### Teresa 'Terri' Lynn Seek Welty, 44

Teresa "Terri" Lynn Seek Welty "left this life on July 21, 2007, to be with her Lord."

Terri was born in Denver on March 27, 1963, to Floyd and Sonya Seek. Terri was one of three children.

The family moved to Kalispell, where Terri attended West Valley School and later graduated from Flathead High School in 1982. In July 1984, she married Kevin Welty. To this marriage, three sons were born. Terri was very proud of her boys, and they were a joy to her life.

Over the years, Terri served in several areas of volunteer work, which included Community Kitchen cook and coordinator, Sunday school teacher and helping with the MOMS group. Terri always took pride in her work and had a variety of skills where she was employed in different occupations. In her earlier years, she did long-haul truck driving, about which she enjoyed reminiscing. She was

also fond of the years that she had the opportunity to interact with children as she drove a school bus. Terri served in the Montana National Guard from 1998 to 2003.

Terri loved camping, fishing and hunting — especially when her boys were with her.

Terri married Doug McCallum in May 2006. Terri had many close friends and particularly received support and encouragement from Perry Pluid and Tori Allison.

Survivors include her teenage sons, Jonathan, Brian and Jeremy, all of Kalispell; her longtime friend Kevin Welty of Kalispell; her parents; her brother, Robert Seek; her sister, Geri Seek, of Aurora, Colo.; and husband, Doug McCallum, of Kalispell.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 1, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 400 W. California St., in Kalispell.

### Ben E. Werner, 83

Ben E. Werner, 83, died Wednesday, April 11, 2007, in Kalispell.

Graveside urn burial will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, April

19, at Crown Hill Cemetery in Cut Bank.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

### Kathrine Werner, 101

Kathrine Werner, 101, died on Friday, March 16, 2007, at the Brendan House in Kalispell.

She is survived by one son, John B. Werner, of Mandan, N.D.; and five daughters, Irene Doerr of Bismarck, N.D., Lois Schmidt of Fort Worth, Texas, Sharon Whitten of Pacifica, Calif., Gloria Vigil of Fairfield, Calif., and Rita Karlin of Kalispell.

Mass of Christian Burial

will be at noon Thursday, March 22, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Bismarck, N.D., with Rev. Bruce Krebs as celebrant. Burial will follow in the St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery. There will be a vigil service at 7 p.m. on Wednesday in the Eastgate Funeral Home Chapel in Bismarck.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring locally for the family.

### David Louis Wesley Sr., 60

David passed away peacefully March 12, 2007, at his home. David was born June 19, 1946, in Whitefish.

After high school, David joined the United States Navy and was stationed in Philadelphia. While there, he met Shirley, marrying her on June 23, 1967.

After being discharged in 1970 they moved to Coudersport, Pa. While living in Coudersport, they gave birth to their three children. In 1974 they moved back to Whitefish with their three children.



Dave was an avid outdoorsman, enjoying fishing and hunting. His passions were playing with his grandchildren, sharing time with all of his friends and family, and camping at Upper Whitefish Lake.

Dave is survived by his wife of 39 years, Shirley; his three children, Robert, Karen and Dave; their spouses, David and Lexi; and his grandchildren, Megan and Kelsey.

Dave will be cremated and his ashes spread over Upper Whitefish Lake, a place close to his heart.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, March 16, at Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. A reception will follow at Grouse Mountain Lodge.



## Stephanie 'Steph' Suzanne West, 47

Stephanie "Steph" Suzanne West, 47, "went to be with the Lord" on Thursday, Aug. 30, 2007, at her home. Steph was born Feb. 20, 1960, to Winfield



"Gene" E. West and Rosemary (Hackenberg) West in San Diego. She grew up in Coram after moving here with her family in 1964.

Steph loved her children and family. She shared her faith and love of the Lord with so many and was a devoted mother, wife, daughter and sister.

Stephanie was preceded in death by her father, Winfield.

She is survived by her husband, Randy Beck; children, Justin and Aleisha Goodsell of Columbia Falls; mother, Rosemary, also of Columbia Falls; four brothers, Steve West of Cottonwood, Ariz., Ron West of Sandia Park, N.M., Jim West of Boise, Idaho, and Winfield West II of Columbia Falls; two sis-

ters, Hiromi Tousey of Ogden, Utah, and Jeannine Giesregen of Westchester, Calif.; and many nieces and nephews.

The family would like to express a very heartfelt thanks to Steph's caregivers in Hospice and the wonderful community support she had over the past two years; and for the wonderful friends at the Nite Owl who were always there for us. Thank you to the many people who brought and shared their great faith and prayers to the end.

Stephanie has lost a two-year battle with breast cancer.

Steph's wish was that all people could have yearly check-ups and screenings to catch this disease early.

Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m. today, Sept. 1, at the Columbia Falls Assembly of God Church with the Rev. Darrell Newby officiating.

In lieu of flowers the family is asking that donations be made to the American Cancer Society or the local Relay for Life.

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

## Zuma M. West, 95

Zuma M. West, 95, passed away Saturday, Aug. 4, 2007, at Mountain View Manor in Eureka. Zuma was born May 13, 1912, in Springfield, Mo., to Oren and Jessie (Cook) Andrews. At an early age, the family moved to Southern California where Zuma graduated high school.

She married Larry West in Los Angeles, on Nov. 16, 1934. He preceded her in death in 2001.

Zuma lived in El Monte, Calif., from 1934 until 1997 when she moved to Eureka to be near her daughter and grandchildren. She told the family many stories about how Southern California grew up with her.

One of Zuma's biggest interests was doing handi-

work. She also enjoyed gardening and will always be remembered for her strong-willed independence.

Zuma was preceded in death by her parents; and husband Larry.

She is survived by her daughter, Ora, and husband Jack Bullock of Eureka; grandchildren, Bret and wife Kim Bullock and family, Loren Bullock, and Pam and husband Andy Martinez; and nine great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 8, at Glacier Memorial Gardens with Pastor Tim Bartholomew officiating. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.