

## Frank Frederick Westphal, 80

Frank Frederick Westphal, 80, passed away on Thursday, May 24, 2007, at Health Center Northwest in Kalispell. He was born Sept. 2, 1926, in Greenville, Ind., to Anna and Roy Westphal.



Frank served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean Conflict.

He and his wife, Idella "Jo" (Stearns) were united in marriage on March 29, 1960, in California. They lived in the Flathead Valley their entire married life.

Frank was preceded in death by his wife, Jo.

He is survived by their children, Terry Westphal and wife, Alma, of the Flathead Valley, Reginald Westphal, and wife, Debora, of Pueblo, Colo.; Roxanne Meise, and husband, Donny, of Sauk City,

Wis., Raymond Westphal, and wife, Mercy, of Frisco, Texas; Calvin Westphal, and wife, Debbie, of Kalispell; and Kathy Loftis, and husband, Marvin, of Kalispell; 17 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by three brothers, Bob, George and John.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 16, at the Fairview Chapel on Middle Road, east of Kalispell on Montana 35. Military honors will be conducted by the United Veterans of the Flathead at the graveside following the service at the Fairview Cemetery.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for Frank's and Jo's families.

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

*Editor's note: An obituary for Idella "Jo" Westphal, Frank's wife who died in 2002, is also featured on this page.*

## Idella "Jo" Westphal, 77

Idella "Jo" Westphal passed away in Sept. 14, 2002, at her residence in Kalispell. She was born March 19, 1925, to Anna and Roscoe Stearns in Osage, Minn.



She was preceded in death by her brother, Boyd Stearns.

In addition to her children, Jo is also survived by her brother, Warren Stearns of Osage.

Jo was a wonderful mother and cook, and loved to sew.

Jo's ashes will be interred with her husband Frank's on June 16.

*Editor's note: An obituary for Frank Westphal, Jo's husband who died May 24, 2007, is also featured on this page.*

## Virginia 'Jenny' Wetherelt, 87

Virginia "Jenny" Wetherelt, 87, of Columbia Falls "went to the Lord" on Dec. 23, 2007. She was born to William T. and Lily V. French in Moscow, Idaho, on Jan. 29, 1920.

She attended school at the rural schools around the Moscow area and a couple of years at Lewiston Orchards school. She graduated from the eighth grade and worked for various families around Moscow, including her sister Molly Quist, on their farm.

In 1938, she met the love of her life Alvin Wetherelt; they were married on June 14, 1938, in Moscow, Idaho. In the fall of 1938 they moved to Broadus and lived on Alvin's father's homestead and built a house next to his.

They had two sons, Lawrence and Leonard. When Lawrence was school age, they bought an acre at Cranes Acres just west of Broadus and built a house there in 1946.

In 1956, they moved to Alvin's sister's ranch up Big Powder River from Broadus, until the fall of 1966 when they moved to Libby.

In April of 2000, they moved to Columbia Falls, to their present home.

Virginia was a homemaker and loved to cook and bake. She loved to make quilts, a large number of the family have had

them as gifts. She also sewed lap robe tops for the Klothes Kloset in Columbia Falls for a few years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, brothers Walter, Richard, Dan, Bob and Roy; and sisters, Carolene Weibe, Molly Quist, Lillian Gibbs, Maude Hall, Francis Schultz and Edith Burton.

Virginia is survived by her husband of 69 and a half years, Alvin, at their home in Columbia Falls; two sons, Lawrence and Helen Wetherelt of Columbia Falls, and Leonard and Sharon of Columbia Falls; two granddaughters, April Wetherelt of Post Falls, Idaho, and Rachael Koller of Rathdrum, Idaho; grandson, Matt Wetherelt of Columbia Falls; six great-grandchildren, Felicia, Megan, Ashley, Andrew, Angelique and Lita; two sisters, Mabel Wheeler of Colfax, Wash., and Mary Eaton of Spokane; and brother, Ben, and Bonnie French of Deer Park, Wash.

At her request, she has been cremated and a memorial service will be held 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 7, at Our Saviors Lutheran Church, 401 West Seventh Street, Columbia Falls, Montana 59912, with Pastor Peter Erickson officiating.

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

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### Priscilla Anne Wetzel, 23

Priscilla Anne Wetzel, 23, died Sunday, March 18, 2007, in Spokane.

Funeral arrangements are pending with Buffalo Hill funeral Home.

### Jack C. White, 96

Jack C. White, 96, died Saturday, March 10, 2007, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

Funeral arrangements are pending. Buffalo Funeral Home and Cemetary is caring for the family.

### Virginia Wetherelt, 87

Virginia Wetherelt, 87, died Saturday, Dec. 22, 2007, at her home on Braig Road near Whitefish.

She is survived by her husband, Alvin Clair Wetherelt.

Memorial services will

be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 7, at the Our Savior Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls with Rev. Pete Erickson officiating.

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

### C. Bob White, 77

C. Bob White, 77, "went to be with his Lord Jesus" on Saturday, March 3, 2007, at his home in Ferndale from congestive heart failure. The son of Bill and Emma White, Bob was born Jan. 11, 1930, in Great Falls.



Bob wore many hats in his life. At 9 years old, he was a shepherd for three bands of sheep. He counted elk with his father and a game warden in what is now the Bob Marshall. He enjoyed a long career of bull riding, starting at age 9 and ending at 36.

Bob was a Naval radar man and was connected with the U.S. Marines during the Korean conflict where he was also a member of the Naval Under-water Demolition Team. In 1952, he was honorably discharged as a chief warrant officer.

Bob decided Montana was the place he wanted to live. He married Rose Gelinan and raised five children. He supported his family by working at various auto-parts houses, driving trucks, building wooden boats, and wood carving.

In 1985, he married Jeanne McEwen and they raised two boys. After a 1989 fire destroyed their Bigfork home, Bob moved his family to the mountains just out of Trego.

In 1996, he and his family returned to Bigfork, where he resumed his passion of working

on wooden boats, including one for Doug Averill.

In 2000, he was elected to the Ferndale Fire Department board where he became an active member and was instrumental in the modernization of the department.

Bob was fortunate to be able to fulfill many of his dreams. He cherished building many wooden boats and loved operating his sawmill. "Following the example of his Lord Jesus, he treasured helping others, spreading his faith, and passing on his Christian beliefs."

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Virginia; former wife, Rose; infant son; and son, Rob White Jr.

He is survived by his wife, Jeanne; three daughters, Alice Ganz, husband, Scott, and their children, Shane and Shanna; Lisa Berryman, husband, Troy, and their children, Chelsea and Emily; and Victoria Hullett, husband, Barry, and their children, Kayla, Jenna and Alyssa; three sons, Scott White, wife, Dawn, and children, Sean, Shelby and Danielle; Jason May, wife, Ginger, and children, Kaitlyn and Cassidy; and Jordan White, and wife, Laura. He is also survived by two sisters, Emma June and Caroline; and many nieces and nephews.

There will be a celebration of life at 3 p.m. Friday, March 9, at Crossroads Christian Church in Bigfork.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Bigfork Ambulance, 810 Grand Drive, Bigfork, MT 59911.

## Julia Louise Grandchamp White, 59

Julia Louise Grandchamp White, 59, died Sept. 2, 2007, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell, after a long medical illness. She was born Sept. 3, 1947, in Glasgow, to Joseph and Elizabeth Grandchamp.

Julia was a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister and friend.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, James White; and sisters, Helen Grandchamp and Betty Jackson.

She is survived by her sons, Douglas Hammons of Kalispell, Daniel Hammons of Glendive, Dennis Hammons of Glasgow and Barry White of Kalispell; and her daughter, Nikki Hammons of Glasgow.

Services for Julia will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at Bell Chapel in Glasgow. Burial will be at 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9, at Pioneer Cemetery in Jordan.

Bell Mortuary of Glasgow is in charge of arrangements.

## Lucy M. White, 86

Lucy M. White of Eugene, Ore., passed away Dec. 29, 2006, of age-related causes at the age of 86 years. Lucy was nearly a lifetime resident of Kalispell until she moved to Eugene to be closer to her younger sister, Muriel Frosaker.

She was preceded in death by two other sisters, Helen Jones of Bismarck, N.D., and Harriet White of Eugene.

Lucy was born in Berthold, N.D., on March 22, 1920, to Harry and Agnes White.

She graduated from Minot State Teachers' College in Minot, N.D., in 1942.

Lucy taught school for a number of years in Washington state but spent most of her teaching

career in Kalispell. She never married but, throughout her life, Lucy shared a home with lifelong friend and fellow teacher, Loran Pierce. Miss Pierce passed away several years ago in Kalispell.

Lucy thoroughly enjoyed socializing with her many friends and she loved to play cards. Through her life, she was devoted to her pets, enjoying the company of her cocker spaniel, Lady, right up to her passing.

Lucy is survived by her sister, Muriel Frosaker of Eugene; along with two nephews, two nieces, and several great-nephews and nieces.

Lucy will be interred in Kalispell next to her lifelong friend, Loran.

## Douglas Earl White, 73

Douglas Earl White, 73, of Columbia Falls passed away Saturday, Dec. 29, 2007.

He was born Sept. 8, 1934, in Polson to James P. (Bud) and Mabel White.

He attended school in Round Butte, Ronan and Polson. He graduated from Polson in 1952.

He married Barbara Williamson on June 21, 1953, and later was divorced. They had five children.

He married Sharon Sampson and later was divorced.

Doug worked as a truck driver, a welder on the Alaska Pipeline and a mechanic at the Columbia Falls aluminum plant.

He was a member of the Elks Club in Polson, the Bagdad Shrine Center of Butte, the Salish Shrine Club of Polson, Mission Valley Lodge No. 78 of A.F.



& A.M., and the Royal Order of Jesters, Butte Court No. 23.

He loved hunting, fishing and gambling. But stock car racing was his passion. He loved helping other stock car racers in the pits.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Bud White and Mabel Williams; and his infant son, Douglas Alan White.

He is survived by his special friend, Irene Barnhart; children, Glenn White of Weed, Calif., Koko (Todd) Herreid of Thompson Falls, Lorey (Jeff) Jackson of Pablo, and Corey White of Polson; 11 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; his brothers, Dick White and Donald White, of Stockton, Calif., Jim White of St. George, Utah, and David Williams of Paradise, Calif.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 12, at the Masonic Temple next to the Catholic Church in Polson.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Purnal E. Whitehead, 83

Purnal E. Whitehead, 83, passed away May 31, 2007, in Buckley Wash. He was born May 19, 1924.

He joined the U.S. Navy, at the age of 17, shortly after Pearl Harbor was attacked, and served until the end of World War II, when he was honorably discharged.

Purnal worked at Flathead Valley Glass in Kalispell and also lived in Spokane and Anchorage before retiring to Auburn, Wash.

During his retirement he pursued his favorite pastime as a master model builder. His work has been exhibited in many Northwest galleries and he won many awards in competitions in model building.

Purnal is survived by his daughter, Rhonda Jendro, and her husband, Dean, of Buckley; sons, Purnal D. Whitehead and wife Ronda and Brock Whitehead, all of Kalispell; eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

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## Jane Mildred (Fouty) Whiting, 60

Jane Mildred (Fouty) Whiting, 60, went to rest on March 29, 2007. We will miss her kindness and her beautiful smile. Jane was



born in Missoula on Jan. 16, 1947, to Walter and Gladys Jo (Lozar) Fouty. Jane was a member of the Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribe. She attended school in Polson and graduated from Polson High School in 1966. She also attended Salish Kootenai College and the University of Montana.

Jane yearned for truth and happiness her entire life. In 1975, while living in the Mission Mountains near St. Ignatius, she learned that the Bible promises a clean, peaceful earth filled with righteous people. She appreciated God's promise of a future with no death, depression or pain. Jane devoted her life to sharing that truth with her family, friends and neighbors. She was especially motivated by Revelation 11:18 which promises no physical or moral damage of the beautiful planet which she loved.

Jane met Jack Whiting and was attracted by his sense of humor and strong work ethic. They wed in a simple country wedding on Sept. 6, 1975, in Dayton. Together they moved to their farm in Big Arm where she resided until her death. Jack and Jane ran a goat milk dairy, called Whiteline Dairy, and later they operated Jack Whiting Siding and Polson Storage.

Jane adored her children. She and Jack raised their daughters, Ann and Asia, with love and imagination. Jane taught them to be proud of their heritage, to create beauty and to love every part of life. She had a special connection with her grandmother, Mary Morigeau Lozar, who even helped her sew her wedding dress. Mary, like Jane, was an entrepreneur, nurturer, gardener and a kind-hearted

woman.

Jane was an artist. She could make everything from homemade butter to willow baskets. She enjoyed summer evenings on the houseboat on Flathead Lake. She also loved her animals. From childhood on she loved tall, pretty horses. She was an expert horsewoman and spent many weeks in the backcountry of Montana, including the Chinese Wall last summer, on the back of her favorite horse, Chico Rio. She was a brave and talented woman in so many respects and it was an honor for those who knew her. We have fond memories of Jane in her warm bright kitchen surrounded by her laughing family. "Her example has inspired us to love Jehovah, our God, and to keep learning about what the Bible promises."

Jane Whiting put her heart and soul into everything she did. She will be missed and remembered.

Jane was preceded in death by her parents, Walter and Gladys Jo (Lozar) Fouty and her brother, David Fouty.

She is survived by her husband, Jack Whiting, of Big Arm; daughters, Ann Whiting of New York City and Asia and Loren Gray of Kalispell; siblings, Robert Fouty, Walter and Joan Fouty, and Debbie Fouty, all of Polson; nephews, Mike Fouty, Steve Fouty, Roth and Mandy Fouty and Steven Statham Jr.; nieces, Strohm Fouty and Kristen Statham; along with Uncle Stephen 'Bud' Lozar and his wife, Maggie, of Polson; as well as numerous cousins, great-aunts and uncles.

A memorial service will be held at 5 p.m. Wednesday, April 4, at the Polson Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses located at Highway 93 south of Polson. There will also be a gathering at 6 p.m. at the KwaTaqNuk Resort, Polson.

Funeral arrangements have been made by Grogan's Funeral Home of Polson. Condolences to the family may be made at [www.groganfuneralhome.com](http://www.groganfuneralhome.com).

## Bradford C. Whiting, 81

Bradford C. Whiting, 81, died Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2007, at his Kalispell residence.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothea, of Kalispell; and

daughters, Laura Lass of Longmont, Colo., and Leah Sievert of Broomfield, Colo. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Ursula Durocher Whitney, 91,

Ursula Durocher Whitney, 91, died June 2, 2007, at Lake View Care Center in Bigfork.

Ursula was born in St. John, N.D., on April 22, 1916, to Alphonse and Victoria Durocher. The family moved to Malta in 1918 where Ursula spent her childhood. When Ursula was a teen she moved with her family to Bigfork.

She attended St. Matthew's School in Kalispell until Bigfork established their own high school in her senior year. In 1934 she graduated as president and valedictorian of the first graduating class of Bigfork High School.

After high school Ursula continued a job she began during high school, as school secretary for the elementary and high schools.

Ursula married Jack Joy Whitney on her 23rd birthday, April 22, 1939. They were married for 67 years, most of them spent in their home along Swan River. The couple left Bigfork for a short period of time during World War II when Jack was serving in the Navy in the Aleutian Islands. Ursula worked as a bookkeeper in Port Orchard, Wash., a skill she used for Jack's woodworking business when they returned to Bigfork.



The couple possessed a great love for the outdoors and were instrumental in founding the local Audubon Society, active members of the Flathead Wildlife Association, and helped establish the Swan River Trail, the Jewel Basin Hiking Area, and the Sprunger-Whitney Nature Trail. Ursula had a special connection with nature and wildlife, demonstrated by the squirrels that scampered up to Ursula to be hand-fed.

She loved to square dance and her avid reading kept her bright mind active even after her physical health deteriorated in recent years. She was also active in St. Catherine's Club and St. Catherine's Catholic Church.

Her husband Jack expressed his pride and affection for Ursula with his frequent reference to Ursula's senior class picture caption, "To know her is to love her."

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jack; and an infant daughter, Vicky.

She is survived by her brother-in-law, Wayne Whitney, and wife, Helen, of Swan Lake and numerous nephews and nieces.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family. According to Ursula's wishes, cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. June 16, at Pope John Paul II Church in Bigfork.

The family suggests that memorials be made to the Audubon Society.

## Carrollfaye 'Carrol' A. Wickham, 71

Carrollfaye "Carrol" A. Wickham, 71, passed away in Kalispell after a long illness.

Carrol was born Feb. 17, 1936, in Great Falls to Kenneth and Alice (Lundy) Javner.

Carrol grew up in Great Falls and in the Swan Lake areas of Montana. She has lived in the Swan Lake and Kalispell areas for the past 60 years. She married Donald Wickham in 1963 in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

Carrol was a business owner, mother and wife. She also had been a Tupperware manager and had worked as a nurse at the Great Falls Deaconess Hospital.

She was a CB enthusiast and was known as the "Green Machine Mama." She enjoyed



bowling, painting ornaments for her family, and had a love for her family and animals.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Kenneth and Alice Javner; sister, Arlee Javner; nephew, Tim Geoddertz; and a brother-in-law, Harry Lovering.

Carrol is survived by her husband of 44 years, Donald Wickham; children, Kenneth Keegan, Donna Glas and husband, Bill, Dianne Wickham, Kelly Wickham, Darrissa Cowden and husband, Ken, and Dawndi Cameron and husband, Jay; sister, Betty Geoddertz; 16 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 18, 2007, with Pastor Tim Bartholomew officiating. A reception will be afterward at the farm.

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

## L. Ray Wicks, 72

L. Ray Wicks, 72, long-time certified public accountant, died at Kalispell Regional Medical Center on Friday, May 4, 2007, of apparent natural causes.



He was born June 3, 1934, in Strathmore, Alberta, to Annie Parsons and Perry Wicks, now deceased. Born an American citizen, a fact that Ray was always proud of, he moved to Mullen, Idaho, until shortly after his father's death. At the age of 10, he returned to Strathmore, where he later graduated from high school.

He moved to Great Falls at the age of 19 and was drafted into the United States Army. After he was honorably discharged he moved to Columbia Falls, where he later married his lifelong love of 42 years, Peggy Jean Stanley, on March 27, 1965.

Following the birth of their sons, Ray and Peggy moved to Missoula, where he graduated with a bachelor's degree from the University of Montana, and became forever a Grizzly fan. After graduation, the family moved to Helena for a short time

before returning to Columbia Falls.

Ray started his own CPA office with Dale Bjorge, and the business later was sold to JCCS when he "retired." Ray continued to work at JCCS until his death, often time working 62-plus hours each week. He loved his job almost as much as he loved his family.

Ray is survived by his wife, Peggy; his son and his wife, Rich and Ginger; his son and his wife, Pat and Heather; and two grandchildren, Michael and Will; his brothers, Gary Wicks, Bob Parsons, Dave Parsons and Albert Parsons; his sisters, Joyce Stalk, Shirley Fredenberg, Loretta Capristo and Sharon Parsons; and his best friend of 43 years, Randy Bocksnick, and his wife, Barb.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 12, at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. Pastor Darrel Newby will officiate. A gathering will be held at the Wicks' home after the service.

The family would like to thank Three Rivers EMS, ALERT, Columbia Falls Fire/Medical, the Columbia Falls Police Department and the staff at Kalispell Regional Medical Center for their efforts and support.

## Henry 'Hank' Wiersma, 71

Henry "Hank" Wiersma died at Kalispell Regional Hospital of pneumonia Tuesday, March 28, 2007.



He was born July 17, 1935, in Chicago, the son of John and Genevieve Wiersma and the brother of June Taylor, John Wiersma, Carol Joldersma and Mick Wiersma.

He graduated from Chicago Christian High School in 1953.

He married Mary Margaret Richards in Manhattan, Kan., on Nov. 10, 1959.

Hank was an entrepreneur and businessman. He was well-known for his flattop haircut, Cheshire cat grin, quick wit and mischievous sense of humor.

He was an artist, a craftsman and poet, and in all things, he loved to make people laugh.

He served in the Army from 1958 to 1960 and then started an appliance repair business, Always Ready Repair, in the Chicago-land area. In 1972, the

family moved to Kalispell, where he started another business, Answer Auction Service. After selling that business, he started Grade A Landscaping in 1977, which he operated until his death.

He is survived by his wife and their four children and their spouses, Jim and Beverlee Ludema of Geneva, Ill., Bruce and Leah Wiersma, and Edward and Barbra Morgan, all of Kalispell, and Brian and Jill Wiersma of Nashville, Tenn. Other survivors include all his siblings and eight grandchildren, Christina, Michael and Nicole Ludema, Benjamin, Aaron, Breanna and Amanda Wiersma, and Jelani Morgan.

The funeral service for Hank will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Faith Covenant Presbyterian Church, 611 Third Ave. E., with the Rev. Lloyd Pearson officiating. Visitation will be from 6 to 9 p.m. today, March 30, at Johnson Mortuary and the family will be present.

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

## Ralph H. 'Diggin' Wiggin, 87

Ralph H. "Diggin" Wiggin, 87, of Polson, passed away from natural causes on Tuesday, March 6, 2007, at St. Luke Extended Care Facility in



Ronan. He was born in Harlem on Dec. 14, 1919, to Andrew and Esther Wiggin, the oldest of six children.

After Ralph was born, his family moved to his parents' homestead near Zurich. They later moved to Charlo, and then moved to Pablo, where his father, Andy Wiggin, worked for the reclamation project running dragline. There in Pablo is where his parents built a home and all his siblings were born. They had a milk cow, chickens and a large garden.

Ralph attended school through the eighth grade in Pablo, and then he went on to Ronan High School, graduating with the Class of 1937.

Ralph later met the love of his life, Korrine Wigen, at a county dance. Ralph and Korrine were married Sept. 1, 1941. They soon settled in Polson and Ralph was the auto body repairman for the Dodge and Plymouth garage, then later for Tower and Robinson GMC Pontiac. He became known as the best in the business.

Right before the war, Ralph worked as a drag saw operator for Rauthers Tie Mill near the Flathead Mines. In 1944, he joined the Army, and was sent to Europe as an infantryman. Ralph served in the 317th Infantry Regiment 80th Division Company B under General George Patton. He saw action in the Battle of the Bulge, Rhine River and Argon Forest across France, Germany and Austria.

During his service in the Army, Ralph was awarded the Bronze Star. At war's end, he was stationed in Munich, with the RTO, running the rail system. Ralph was discharged in 1946 and returned to home in Polson.

He went into business for himself, in 1956, and was known as "Diggin Wiggin." Later, he and Korrine built a new home in the Mountain View area and they raised cattle, put up hay and all that goes along with a small farm.

He served with the Red Cross during the Gulf War. Ralph was American Legion commander three times and district commander for one year. He was a member of Hardwick Post No. 112 for more than 50 years. Ralph also enjoyed his membership with the IOOF.

He loved to fish and hunt, watch his cows, his dog "Blue," and playing cards with his friends. He also loved the family gatherings with the children and grandchildren all attending.

His wife, Korrine; his parents, his sisters, Blanche, June, Hazel and Alice; and a brother, John, preceded Ralph in death.

Surviving Ralph include his sons, Tom of Kalispell, and Ernie and Sherree of Polson; daughter, Janice, and Dave Tromp of Missoula; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A visitation will be held from noon until 5 p.m. for Ralph on Sunday, March 11, in the Grogan Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on Monday March 12, at the First Baptist Church of Polson with Rev. Rudy Ringhoff officiating. Interment will follow the services at Lakeview Cemetery with full military honors. A reception will follow the services at the First Baptist Church Hall.

The family is suggesting memorials in Ralph's name to either the American Legion or to the Polson Veteran Honor Guard.

The Ralph Wiggin family would like to graciously thank the staff at St. Luke Extended Care Facility for their loving care for Ralph.

Arrangements are under the direction of Grogan Funeral Home.

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

## Pat Wilcomb, 77

Pat Wilcomb, a longtime Whitefish resident, passed away Saturday morning, July 21, 2007, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center after a brief illness.



She was born Feb. 24, 1930, and raised in Havre, the youngest of 12 children to Andrew and Magdeline McGuinn.

Pat married Jesse Wilcomb in 1950, and they followed Jesse's teaching career on a tour of Montana — Missoula, Dixon, Sand Coulee, Frenchtown and eventually to Whitefish in 1961 with four sons in tow.

She worked 20 years for the Great Northern Railroad as a payroll clerk. In her "spare" time, she was a secretary for the Whitefish Planning Department, involved in various community activities and always had a warm meal on the dinner table.

Pat discovered golf in Whitefish and pursued the sport passionately throughout her life. After her boys were raised, she and Jesse spent many winters in Hawaii. She was more than a tourist and immersed herself in the local culture.

Everywhere she went, Mom seemed to know everybody — organizing, getting people together and simply helping.

Her flower garden was beautiful, and her vegetable garden fed not only family, but friends as well.

She was the fun Grandma with a basement full of Barbie stuff and a drawer full of candy bars for her nine granddaughters. She will be missed by all her family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 50 years, Jesse; and her parents; and eight siblings.

She is survived by four sons: Mike (wife, Graziella) in Townsend, Mass., Ric (wife, Claudia) in Missoula, Brian (wife, Jennifer) in Louisville, Colo., and Shaun (wife, Kris) in Whitefish; nine granddaughters; five great-grandchildren; a brother, Joe McGuinn in Portland, and a brother, Chuck McGuinn in Seattle; and a sister, Ann Henson, in Seattle.

A memorial funeral Mass will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 25, 2007, at the St. Charles Boromeo Catholic Church in Whitefish, with Father Miller of Columbia Falls officiating.

Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish is in charge of arrangements.

## Dennis Keith Williams, 43

Dennis Keith Williams "has left us to begin his greatest adventure in Heaven with our Lord." He died Jan. 5, 2007, in Kalispell. He was born Feb. 11, 1963, in Whitefish.



Dennis "Denny" was raised in Trego until his midteens. He was active in 4-H and wrestling. The family then moved to Kalispell. He spent a summer with his brother Larry working in the wheat fields of the Midwest; they also worked together as juggies with their Uncle Robert in the Alaskan oil fields. He then worked trailblazing in Northwest Montana, on a crabbing boat around St. John's Island, Alaska, owned his own construction company, drove a truck, worked as a foreman for the Mutual Self Help Housing, and most recently was employed doing construction for Olbert Construction.

He was active in the Flathead County sheriff's Dive Team and in the past had been on the Sheriff's Posse and a leader of the Royal Ranger youth club at the Christian Center.

His hobbies and interests were vast, and he put his whole heart into everything he did.

This fall, he finished building a beautiful cabin in Trego. The cabin was built almost entirely from recycled wood and materials, and he had a story for every scrap that went into it. He rebuilt his Harley and loved riding. He loved scuba diving and had the chance to dive the Great Barrier Reef in Australia.

His cooking was, shall we say, interesting, and almost always delicious. He enjoyed the woods more than most and loved fishing, camping, panning for gold, and wrestling bears.

Dennis was larger than life, and his dimpled smile, infectious laughter and wonderful stories will remain in our hearts "until the day we join him in his cabin in the woods of heaven."

Dennis is survived by his children, Calvin and Samantha Williams; his fiancée, Deanna, and her daughter, Spring; his parents, Ronald Keith and Alta M. Williams; and his siblings, Tony and wife, Sherri, Larry and wife, Cindy, Rhonda, and, as he affectionately called his youngest sisters, "the Trolls," Krystina, Shauna, Sonia, Cecilia, Anna and Sara Williams; his ex-wife, Linda Brash; Deanna's adult children, Erica, Elicia, and DJ, by Jeremiah Zimmerly; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends he considered family.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Ronald and June Williams, and Lawrence and Wanda Borup.

We would ask that instead of flowers or money to the family that donations be made to the Flathead Co. sheriff's Dive Team so they can purchase needed safety equipment. Send to: Sheriff's Office, Attn: Dive Team, 800 S. Main, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Family and friends are invited to a celebration of Dennis's life and potluck luncheon from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, at the Elks Lodge, 1820 Highway 93 S., in Kalispell.



## Max W. Williams, 90

Max W. Williams, 90, passed away Dec. 24, 2007, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls, where he had resided for the past three years.



Max was born Sept. 26, 1917, in Provo, Utah, to Willard and Marie Williams. He attended school in Provo and Orem, Utah. He worked on the family farm and dairy as a young man.

In 1941, he joined the Army and served during World War II in Africa, Southern France and Germany.

After the war he returned to Utah and worked in the family grocery store until he moved to Montana.

After moving to Montana, he worked as a foreman on the Hungry Horse Dam and later on Box Canyon Dam in Ione, Wash. Max then became a timber faller, working for several logging companies. He later worked for Glacier National Park and helped clear the Going to the Sun Road every spring. He retired from the Park Service several times but each spring he would go back for "just one more year."

He owned and operated Angels Tavern in Coram, with Charlotte (Parker) Williams, until selling it in 1973. He was

a founding member of the Coram Water Department, placing many of the original water lines. Max resided in Coram from 1949 to 2004, when he moved to the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

Max was married to Frances Diller in 1949. They had three children, Susan, Joan and Bill. This marriage ended in divorce.

Max married Charlotte Parker in 1967. She passed away in 1974. He then married Doris Fitzpatrick, who preceded him in death in 2003.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; brother, Warren "Bill" Williams; sisters, Elleanora Skinner, Edith Jones and Maurine Madsen; son-in-law, Darryl Parker; and grandson, Robert Parker.

He is survived by two sisters, Lois Park and Norma Hiatt; two daughters, Susan Parker of Pasadena, Md., and Joan Kelly and son-in-law, Dick Kelly of Priest River, Idaho; one son, Bill Williams, of Coram; grandchildren, Shawna Bandoch, Sheree Reich, Jody Barta and Jennifer Kelly; and eight great-grandchildren. He is also survived by stepsons, Jerry Ivers, Ed Ivers, Ron Ivers, Tom Ivers, and Mike Fitzpatrick; stepdaughters, Carol Truskowski and Jeanne Weber; as well as numerous stepgrandchildren.

There will be a memorial service at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 2, at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

## Raymond Oscar Williams, 69

Raymond Oscar Williams, 69, "was called home to the Lord" on Wednesday, Nov. 21, 2007.

Raymond was born Dec. 4, 1937, in Great Falls to Harry and Thelma Williams. He was the second of four boys. Raymond loved his brothers and told many memorable stories of their childhood together. He attended and graduated from Big Sandy High School, where he loved playing football and basketball. After graduation he went into the military. While in the Army, he met his true love, Michele.

On June 1, 1963, they started their lifetime together. Raymond and Michele moved to their first home outside of Geraldine. While at this home, two daughters were born. In 1967, Raymond moved his family back to Big Sandy, where four more children entered his life. Farming and ranching kept him very busy, of the two Raymond loved raising his cattle the most. He enjoyed working on all kinds of vehicles. That is why it was no surprise when he built the first modified truck in Montana. He took his family all across Montana, Wyoming and Canada, and he even competed in the Super Dome in Seattle.

In 1984, he and his family moved to the Flathead Valley, where they eventually ended up on Spoon Lake. The Evergreen Motel and Cabins became the next adventure for Raymond

and Michele. He loved meeting all kinds of people and sharing stories with them.

Raymond was a great husband and the best father you could ask for. To Raymond, his family was truly his whole life.

Raymond was preceded in death by his parents, Harry and Thelma Williams.

He is survived by his loving wife of 44 years, Michele. All of his six children and their spouses: daughter, Angela and husband, Chris Burtchett, of Geraldine; daughter, Rachelle and husband, K.C. Johnson, of Columbia Falls; daughter, Gina and husband, Bob Turner, of Columbia Falls; son, T.R. and wife, Tammy Williams, of Phoenix; daughter, Sophia and husband, Bob Wells, of Kalispell; son, Michael and wife, Cozy Williams, of Corman. He adored all 15 grandchildren, Cory, Alicia, Courtney, and Raymi Burchett, Abbey and Rusty Johnson, Weston, Dannah, Kolton, and Keaton Turner, Nevaeh Williams, Rory and Sammy Jo Wells, Trace and Trent Williams; his brothers, Roger, Robert and Randy Williams, and their families, of Big Sandy; and many more friends and relatives.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 27, at the Fellowship Alliance Church, 1025 Seventh Ave. W., in Columbia Falls.

## Paul T. Williams, 72

Paul Thomas Williams died Monday, Jan. 15, 2007, at St. Patrick's Hospital in Missoula, as a result of an aortic dissection. Paul was born Aug. 20, 1934, in Stamford, Conn. His parents were Harold T. Williams and Catherine Fairbanks Williams, both deceased.

Paul grew up in the Shippan Point area of Stamford in the Depression and Post-Depression era. After graduating from the Mount Hermon School in Gill, Mass., where he was a scholarship student, Paul went on to Wesleyan University in Middletown, Conn., where he received a bachelor's degree in economics in 1956. While at Wesleyan, Paul was a proud member of the Delta Kappa Epsilon (Deke) fraternity, and held the positions of steward and scholarship chairman.

After graduation, Paul began a 41-year career with the Northern Trust Company, beginning as a secretary in the accounting department at Northern's Chicago headquarters in August 1956. Paul rose through the ranks to become a trust officer.

On June 9, 1962, Paul married Suzy Calkins — the same day she graduated from Pennsylvania State University. They honeymooned on Martha's Vineyard and then returned to Chicago, where Suzy took a teaching position in Wilmette.

Paul and Suzy had three children. David was born in 1964, just minutes before Paul's 30th birthday and the day after Paul's father's — filling a three-generation inside straight. Fraternal twins Matthew and Christopher followed in July 1967, after the family had moved to the suburb of Lake Bluff on the north shore of Lake Michigan.

While in Lake Bluff, Paul was David and Matt's Little League coach and served on the Village's Parks and Recreation board. He was president in 1974-1975 when the village built an Olympic-sized community pool and made several upgrades to the public golf course with a successful bond referendum that Paul orchestrated.

In 1976, the Williams family relocated to Coral Gables, Fla., where Paul began the second half of his career with Northern Trust in the downtown Miami office. Paul eventually was named as the chief fiduciary officer for Northern Trust of Florida, responsible for trust and fiduciary services for Northern's many offices throughout the state. Paul was known as a brilliant mind in the realm of trust and fiduciary services; a man of insight and vision who could see through to the heart of a matter with integrity, honesty and fairness to all.

Paul was also a soccer coach for all three of his boys, and was very active in the Rotary Club of Miami, serving as the chapter president in 1990-1991. An avid golfer, Paul was also an active member of the Riviera Country Club in Coral Gables, serving on several committees during his membership, as well as president from 1994 to 1995.

In November 1997, Paul retired from Northern Trust after more than 41 years with the corporation. At the time of his retirement, Paul was the longest-serving active Northern Trust employee.

In 1998, Paul and Suzy relocated from Coral Gables to Kalispell, where they built an award-winning home — designed by son Matt — that is spacious enough to accommodate the entire family during visits. The Williams family

first fell in love with Kalispell, Glacier National Park and the Flathead Valley on a family vacation during summer 1980.

Paul's second career began after the move to Kalispell. Paul quickly became involved in local and regional organizations. At the time of his death, Paul was involved with no less than a dozen foundations, boards and organizations: treasurer of the University of Montana Foundation, member of the National Advisory Board of Grizzly Athletics, instrumental in the creation and continuing operation of the Northwest Healthcare (Kalispell Regional Medical Center) Foundation, where he was serving as the chairman of the Finance Committee, treasurer of the Flathead Valley Community College Foundation, immediate past-president of the Flathead Lakers, appointed by Gov. Judy Martz to the Flathead Basin Commission, newly appointed to the Glacier National Park Fund, and was instrumental in the creation of the Rotary Foundation of the Flathead Valley. Additionally, Paul helped found the Republicans for the Flathead and Flathead Republicans United. Paul was proud to have been inducted into the Grizzly Riders International this past fall.

Paul was known for his great intelligence, deep compassion, and absolute integrity, morality and ethics, in addition to his deep sense of community. He had a tremendous thirst for knowledge, whether it was the rules and mechanics of golf, which he spent his lifetime

playing, or more recently the history of the Lewis and Clark expedition, and readily shared his knowledge, wisdom and experiences. Paul was never at a loss for words and commanded a great mastery of the English language. He was a true wordsmith, and avidly did crossword puzzles in pen.

Paul is survived by his wife, Suzy; sons, David, Matthew and Christopher, daughters-in-law, Jeri, Dana and Emily; and grandchildren, Erin, Emily, Isabel, Sarah, Samuel and Katherine; as well as his older brother, Bruce.

As life would have it, Paul's sons, their wives and the six grandchildren were in Kalispell to celebrate Suzy's birthday. Paul enjoyed four wonderful days and evenings with all of them before his passing. Paul leaves a host of friends and admirers, indicative of the number of lives he touched in his long professional career and tireless community involvement.

A memorial service for Paul will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, at the First Presbyterian Church of Kalispell, 540 S. Main St., with a celebration of Paul's life afterward at Averill's Flathead Lake Lodge in Bigfork.

At the family's request, memorials in Paul's name may be sent to: University of Montana Foundation, Brantley Hall, P.O. Box 7159, Missoula, MT 59807-7159; the National Advisory Board of Grizzly Athletics, NABGA Opportunity Fund, Brantley Hall, P.O. Box 7159, Missoula, MT 59807; the Northwest Healthcare Foundation, 310 Sunnyview Lane, Kalispell, MT 59901; the Flathead Valley Community College Foundation, 777 Grandview Dr., Kalispell, MT 59901; the Flathead Lakers, P.O. Box 70, Polson, MT 59860; or the Glacier National Park Fund, P.O. Box 5600, Whitefish, MT 59937.

## Albert Edward 'Monte' Williamson Jr., 86

Albert Edward "Monte" Williamson Jr., 86, avid golfer, civil engineer and Pittsburgh Steelers football fan, died peacefully Sept. 26, 2007.

Born and raised in Montana, Monte graduated from Missoula High School, where he was a champion golfer and also excelled in football and basketball. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering from Montana State University, where he was also a member of Sigma Chi Fraternity.

While working for the war effort in Seattle, he met Lora Stratford. They were married in 1943 and had two children, Carole and Albert Edward III "Ed".

Monte was employed as a civil engineer by Chicago Bridge and Iron Company, headquartered in Chicago and later in Pittsburgh. During the 1960s in Pittsburgh, Monte was instrumental in securing contracts with Westinghouse Electric for the construction of nuclear power plants.

In 1972, Monte began a new chapter in his career with Chicago Bridge, becoming vice president of operations in Beirut, Lebanon. There he coordinated the construction of oil pipelines and storage facilities throughout

the Middle East. When Beirut became unsafe, he was transferred to London.

Monte and Lora retired in 1981 to his favorite place, Flathead Lake. There he was able to pursue his passions for sailing and golfing. He was very proud of his home state and always delighted in showing visitors the beauty of Big Sky Country.

Lora passed away in 1989.

While later vacationing in California, Monte met Charlotte Carver, another avid golfer. They married in 1997 and split their time between Flathead Lake and Goleta, Calif. Together they enjoyed travel to Europe as well as a sailing adventure in the San Juan Islands on Sneakin' Around, Monte's sailboat.

Monte is survived by his wife, Charlotte Carver, of Goleta, Calif.; brother, Hu Williamson, of Bozeman; daughter, Carole Wade, of Park City, Utah; son and daughter-in-law, Ed and Colleen Williamson, of Pittsburgh; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

A tribute, "Remembering Monte," was held Tuesday, Oct. 2, for family and friends.

The family wishes to thank the many people who have been so helpful and supportive.

## Raymond Lee Wilton, 47

Raymond Lee Wilton, 47, of Kalispell, died with his loving family with him, July 26, 2007, at St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula, following a



short and courageous battle with leukemia.

Ray was born Aug. 14, 1959, in Denver. He moved with his family to the Flathead in 1967, where he lived the remainder of his life. He attended school in Columbia Falls graduating in 1977. Following graduation Ray worked at Plum Creek and Columbia Falls Aluminum Company.

Many people know Ray just from seeing him daily, as he walked from one end of town to another. What few people knew was Ray suffered a brain injury in 1979 resulting in numerous problems and difficulties as the years passed but he carried

on with dignity and courage. Although very reluctant to ask for help from others, Ray was always ready with a smile to lend a helping hand.

Ray was preceded in death by two nephews, Matthew Frank Buentemeier and Joshua Arnold Stumvoll; and his mom, Carmel Wilton.

His father Frank Wilton and stepmother, Dawn, survive him along with his two sisters and their families, Debbie and Mike Ridenour; their children, Meghann and Jesse Mann; and their daughter, Sydney Mann; Levi and Kenanne Ridenour; and sister, Barbara and husband, Bob Stumvoll; and their children, Justin and Katie Stumvoll.

He will be missed deeply. We love you Ray and are so proud of the courageous battle you fought. Keep smiling!

Inurnment beside his mother will be in Anaconda. Memorial services will be held at a later date.

## Harriet Trippet Wilson, 93

Harriet Trippet Wilson, 93, a former Flathead Valley resident, died Sunday at the Libby Care Center.

She is survived by her children, Carol Wilson Cady of Libby; and John Wilson of Cordova, Alaska.

Services will be held

Thursday at 11 a.m. at the Assembly of God Church with Pastor Kevin Lindgren officiating; interment services will follow at the City of Libby Cemetery. Friends may call at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home from 3 to 8 p.m. Wednesday.

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## Lucille A. Wimett, 78

Lucille A. Wimett, 78, died Monday, Sept. 10, 2007, in Missoula, after her seven-year battle with cancer. She died peacefully in her home sur-



rounded by her husband, children and grandchildren.

Lucille was married to Bill Wimett and they recently celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary. Bill honored his wedding vows and cared for and loved our mother in sickness as in health. He devoted his life to making sure she was comfortable and happy throughout her battle with cancer.

Lucille was born in Carrington, N.D., on April 24, 1929, to Emmett and Helen Carroll.

She was a member of the band, loved history and academics. Helen often described Lucille as a bright student who excelled and loved learning. The Carroll family moved from Carrington to Missoula where Lucille's dad started an auto mechanic garage (where the current Sound West is located). Lucille, at age 18, attended secretarial school and worked at Interstate Lumber.

She met Bill Wimett, who was raised in the Bitterroot Valley, and they married when Lucille was 21 at a family home in Mis-

soula. Lucille and Bill raised five children together.

She devoted her life to her family, which she said up to her death was her greatest joy and achievement in life.

In addition to family, Lucille loved her country and had a strong interest in politics. She wanted to witness the eradication of poverty in America and she hoped and prayed that the world would see an end to religious and racial strife.

Lucille is "reunited in heaven" with her son Mark, her mom and dad, sisters and brothers, and all the loved ones who preceded her in death.

She is survived by her husband, Bill; and children, Bill, Bob and Lisa, Barbie and Don Creveling, and Jacquie and Tim Gaertner; and her grandchildren, Tom, Jeff, Matt, R.J., Lindsay, Jordan, Josh, Bridger and Colter.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, at the University Congregational Church in Missoula, followed by a celebration of her life at the Linda Vista golf course in Missoula. Service and celebration are open to all who knew and loved Lucille.

In lieu of flowers or gifts please make donations to the following organizations in honor of Lucille: Poverello Center, Hospice of Missoula, and the cancer center at St. Patrick's hospital.

## Robert J. Windauer, 91

Robert J. Windauer, 91, passed away in the presence of his children and their families on Wednesday, March 28, 2007, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell. He was born May 14, 1915, in Chicago, the first son of Adolph and Barbara (Beer) Windauer.



He attended St. Nicholas Elementary School, Mount Carmel Catholic High School, St. Mary's College in Minnesota and University of Illinois College of Dentistry, graduating with a D.D.S. degree in June 1941.

He then commissioned with the U.S. Navy as a dental officer, entering into active duty prior to Pearl Harbor. Bob served much of his sea duty on the battleship USS President Adams and participated in the major sea battles of Iwo Jima and Tarawa. He distinguished himself by risking his own life while bringing the wounded back onto the ship for medical attention during heavy seas and enemy attack.

Bob also spent part of his military duty as a dental officer on Johnson Island in the Pacific Theater, and was honorably discharged from active duty at the end of World War II in 1945.

Bob then returned to Chicago and his wife of five years, Bernardine A. (Moenich) Windauer. He and Bernardine had been childhood sweethearts since second grade in elementary school. They raised their family while Bob practiced dentistry in Chicago until

1974, when he and Bernardine moved to Columbia Falls.

Bob's lifetime hobby was woodcarving and clockmaking but his talents and interests were varied and considerable. He farmed, raised mink and pigeons, as well as many other animals. He served as a Boy Scout master and brought many young men to the level of Eagle Scout. He taught woodcarving and donated many months of his life to missionary dentistry in Mexico, Central America and Haiti.

He gave much more to life than he drew from it, even helping immigrant families get started in America by providing a home to starting families on several occasions.

This great man is survived by his six children, Robert P. Windauer and wife, Judy, of Kila, Barbara A. Wolgast and husband, Marvin, of Brooksville, Fla., Elizabeth L. Carlos and husband, Paul, of Crete, Ill., William J. Windauer and wife, Madeline, of Iowa City, Iowa, Bernard T. Windauer and wife, Leslie, of Kalispell, and Bernadette M. Newton and husband, Donald, of Columbia Falls. He enjoyed 20 grandchildren and 32 great-grandchildren.

Mass of Christian burial for Robert Windauer will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 31, at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls with Father John Miller as celebrant. Committal will be after the service at St. Richard's Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. today, March 30, with a vigil to start at 5 p.m. in the Johnson Mortuary chapel.

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

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## Charles J. Wingard, 80

Charles J. Wingard, 80, passed away Saturday, March 10, 2007, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

He was born Feb. 2, 1927, in Barber to Alfred C. and Frances A. (Michalski) Wingard.

Chuck joined the Army after he graduated from high school. After his discharge from the Army, he attended and graduated from Montana State University with a degree in civil engineering.

He went to work for the U. S. Forest Service in Missoula. During his employment with them, he was stationed in Dillon, Orofino, Idaho, Billings, Juneau, Alaska,

and Kalispell. He retired in 1983. During his retirement, he and his wife enjoyed fishing, camping, and traveling.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and his sisters, Norma Schaff and Nellie Peck.

Chuck is survived by his wife, Lorraine, of Kalispell; his children, Shelley Mehner, Joseph Wingard and Russell Wingard; and two grandchildren, Austin Mehner and Taryn Mehner.

No services are planned at this time.

Arrangements are with the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

## William 'Bill' Winters, 72

William "Bill" Winters, 72, passed away on Aug. 28, 2007, at his home in Hungry Horse. He was born in Ashland, to Jack and Mary Winters on Aug. 27, 1935.

He married Shirley Frohlich and the two of them moved to Hungry Horse where they raised their family.

Bill was an avid outdoors man. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping, and snowmobiling. He loved to spend time with old friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Shirley, and his parents.

He is survived by his chil-

dren, Jay and Diana Winters, Robert and Kristee Winters, Woody Winters, and Scott and Wanda Winters; his nine grandchildren, Chris, Jenelle, Justin, Brad, Nik, Stormie, Nichole, Robert and Kristy; and two great-grandchildren, Alyssa and Isaac.

At his request there will be no funeral, but we will be having a potluck picnic at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at Lion Lake on the north shore picnic area for friends and family wishing to come and celebrate his life.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is in charge of the arrangements.

## Bradley Michael 'Brad' Williams, 19

Bradley Michael "Brad" Williams, 19, passed away with one of his best friends, Kyle, in a place they called "God's Land" near Plains, as a result of an accident Saturday, March 3, 2007. He was born Dec. 13, 1987, in Kalispell, to Steve and Carla (Miller) Williams.



It wasn't the clothes Brad wore, the shoes he had on his feet, but his heart and soul that made him the most unique, never proud, young man that everyone loved. His heart was bigger than Montana; he loved all animals, old people and children. His piercing blue eyes and smile would light up any room. You may have met Brad as a stranger but you left as a friend (unless you were picking on his buddies or a girl).

Brad loved his "little, Big Brother" Jimmy and his sister, Aimee, so much, always wanting to protect her. One of the most important times of Brad's life was birthday shopping with his Gramma Bunnie and listening to his Grampa Norm's bad jokes.

There is a special place called Red Gate where Brad, his dad, along with his brother, sister and family from Washington spent many hours making many memories. It was his dream to someday live there and live off the land. There wasn't a mountain or stream that Brad didn't want to conquer. Brad was always happiest with family,

friends or just running off by himself in the woods.

Brad will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

"This is not a goodbye — it's only until we meet again. We love you, Braddy."

Brad was also blessed to have met an incredible teacher, Judy Doxtater, in elementary school. Judy remained his best friend until the day he passed away. At the time of his death he was working with his stepdad, Lonnie, at LT Heating and Cooling, hoping to run the business someday.

Brad is survived by his father, Steve Williams, of Whitefish; his mother and stepdad, Carla Hayek and Lonnie, of Somers; two sisters, Aimee Williams and Heather Hayek, of Somers; one brother, Jimmy Williams, of Kalispell; a very special nephew, Tommy, and special niece, Korbyn, also of Somers; grandparents, Jim and Patty Williams of Spokane, Norm and Bunnie Miller of Kalispell, and Tom and Peg Hayek of Somers; and more than you can count aunts, uncles and cousins who had a deep love for Braddy.

Funeral services for Brad will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 7, at the Cowboy Church on Highway 93 North, with Doug Miller officiating. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. today in the Johnson Mortuary chapel and one hour prior to the service at the church Wednesday. Burial will be after the service at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

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

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## Magdalene H. 'Meg' Winkley, 95

Magdalene H. "Meg" Winkley, 95, passed away Wednesday, May 2, 2007, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell. Meg was born May 30, 1911, in Bradford, Ohio, to Frank and Louise Mock Crowell. She was raised in Bradford, graduating from Bradford High School.

After high school, Meg attended Miami Valley Hospital Nursing program in Dayton, Ohio, where she graduated in 1932.

Meg enlisted in the U.S. Navy where she served as an ensign from May 1945 until June 1946. She moved to Kalispell in 1948.

Meg met Frank C. Winkley and on March 20, 1948, they were married. They resided in Lewistown for years, where she worked as a nurse at the local hospital. In 1969, they moved to Pablo, and in 1996 they moved into the Buffalo Hill Terrace in Kalispell.

Meg loved horseback riding when she was younger. She enjoyed playing cards, was an avid reader and enjoyed sewing.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Frank and LuLu Crowell; a son, James Philip Winkley; her husband, Frank C. Winkley; a sister, Margaret (Crowell) Fetters; and two brothers, Maurice and Robert Crowell.

She is survived by niece and nephews, Kay McClanahan of Utica, Ohio, Brent and Terri Fetters of Johnstown, Ohio, Karen and Jerry York of Lexington, Okla., Craig and Hazel Fetters of Orlando, Fla., Gail and Bob McPherson of Pataskala, Ohio, and other family members, brother-in-law, Luther Fetters of Johnstown, Jane Winkley of Kalispell, Jeff and Janeen Winkley of Kalispell, and Debbie and Jerry Krier of Kalispell.

A celebration of her life will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 5, in the Buffalo Room at the Buffalo Hill Terrace. Her ashes will be buried at the Tobacco Valley Cemetery later in the summer.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Lorna M. Wilson, 93

Lorna M. Wilson, 93, elementary school teacher and avid bridge player, died May 28, 2007, in Kalispell. She was born Lorna Marian Susan Stark



on May 26, 1914, in Poplar. She graduated from Richey High School, Eastern Montana Normal School and the College of Great Falls.

She married Floyd D. Wilson in Billings, in 1935. They resided in Great Falls for 63 years.

Lorna taught fourth grade at Lewis and Clark Elementary for 22 years, participated in many bridge clubs, and served as an active member of the First Congregational Church. She also attended Northridge Lutheran Church in Kalispell, and Kalispell Chapter BN of the P.E.O. Sisterhood.

Together with Floyd, she traveled with Friendship Force

America.

Lorna moved to Kalispell in 1998, residing at Buffalo Hill Terrace and Edgewood Vista assisted living centers.

She was preceded in death by Floyd.

Lorna is survived by sister, Wanda, and Ivan Hale, of Beaverton, Ore.; four sons, Warren and Charleen Wilson of Richland, Wash., Stuart and Cathy Wilson of Kalispell, Scott and Jean Wilson of Amherst, N.Y., and Kirk and Monica Wilson of Alpharetta, Ga.; seven grandchildren, including Mark and Renell Wilson of Kalispell, Laurie Pace of Missoula, and Anne Marvin of Missoula; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Flowers are gratefully declined. No viewing or public services are planned. Cremation has taken place.

Memorials may be sent to the P.E.O. Sisterhood, First Congregational Church of Great Falls, or the Alzheimer Foundation of Kalispell.

Buffalo Hill Funeral is caring for the family.

## Carl Orville 'Bill' Wood, 87

Carl O. "Bill" Wood, 87, who lived at Lakeside from 1983 to 2003, died of cancer on Friday, Oct. 12, 2007, at Peace Hospice in Great Falls. Bill was born, raised, and



received his education in Joplin.

He married Violet Lyon in 1941.

He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1943 and served overseas during World War II. Following his honorable discharge in 1945 he returned to Joplin where the Woods lived, and raised a family of three.

Bill worked 13 years for Liberty County and was the road foreman at the time of his retirement in 1983.

Bill loved his life in the Flathead Valley. An avid fisherman, he also enjoyed entertaining

friends, playing cribbage and solitaire, and reading.

His wife, Violet, died in 1989. Bill remained at Lakeside until his health began to fail in 2003, when he moved to Fort Benton to be near his daughter's family.

He is survived by two sons, Don and Jan Wood of San Ramon, Calif., and Mike Wood and Holie Wells of Kalispell; a daughter, Carla, and Dennis Ghekiere, of Great Falls; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; two brothers, Harold "Nick" Wood of Payson, Ariz., and Forrest "Pork" Wood of Boise, Idaho; and a sister, Edna Duncan, of Lakeside.

A graveside service with burial of ashes will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, at the Mountainview Cemetery in Ronan. A reception will follow.

Cremation and arrangements are by Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester.

## Clara Louise Wooten, 63

Clara Louise Wooten, 63, died Friday, Dec. 14, 2007, at her residence in Bigfork.

She is survived by her companion, Carl "Bud" Wooten of Bigfork; and her children, Joan Marie Thrift of Mounds View, Minn., Jodi Lee Rychnovski of Coon Rapids, Minn., Howard Edward Thrift of Blaine, Minn., Lou Ann Ford and Ann Marie Buraas, both of Helena,

Andy James Westover of Montrose, Minn., and Ann Marie Buraas of Helena.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 21, at the Crossroads Christian Fellowship Church on Montana 35 in Bigfork.

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

## George Thomas Worden, 71

George Thomas Worden, 71, died Monday, Dec. 24, 2007, at St. John's Lutheran Hospital from sudden heart failure.

Survivors include his wife, Joyce Worden, of Libby; and stepchildren, Brad Smith of Hermiston, Ore., Dean Smith of Boise, Idaho, Brenda Smith of Eagle,

Idaho, and Glen Smith Kalispell.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 2, at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 1 a.m. on Wednesday. Interment will follow at the City of Libby Cemetery.

## Helen Wright, 88

Helen Wright, 88, died Wednesday, May 16, 2007, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

Arrangements are pending with Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

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## Daniel John 'Dan' Wright, 46

Daniel John "Dan" Wright, 46, beloved husband, father, son and brother passed away Saturday, Nov. 10, 2007, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.



Dan was born Feb. 17, 1961, in Kalispell, to John and Rosalie (Sullivan) Wright. Dan attended schools in Evergreen and graduated from Flathead High School in 1980. Following high school he attended Wyoming Tech, completing a course of study in Diesel Mechanics, he was employed at Palmer Brothers, Stillwater Forest Products and Montana Gold Bullet.

On Dec. 5, 1992, Dan married Lana Schwegel, and in 1994 they welcomed their only child, a son, Edward.

Dan was a lifelong baseball, and most especially, a St. Louis Cardinals fan and proudly wore his favorite cardinal shirts and hats. A memorable event for him and his family was a recent trip to a Missoula Osprey game with his sister and her family.

Dan was an avid outdoorsman, he enjoyed hunting, fishing and camping. Early in their marriage he taught Lana how to fly fish, and he tied many of his own flies. Dan truly loved the outdoors and many times, while sitting around a campfire he would ask "Do you hear that? No telephone."

In 1997, Dan was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis, a debilitating disease that slowed him physically but not spiritually. MS only lessened the frequency of his fishing, hunting and camping trips, but not his enthusiasm for them. A

favorite saying of his was "Life is too short." Dan always met each task head on, with determination, grit and a sense of humor. After his MS diagnosis, and his ability to walk became impaired, at least unassisted, he never once asked "Why Me?" Dan never gave in to despair, he fought the disease with every fiber of his being, MS may have had his body, but it was not going to have him.

A treasured memory, in July 2005, he officiated at the wedding of his neice, a job he took on with pride, humor and great dignity. If state of mind were a cure for MS he would have danced with the bride and then run a marathon.

Dan was preceded in death by his father, John.

He is survived by his wife, Lana and son, Edward, at the family home in Kalispell; his mother, Rose, also of Kalispell; his brother, Lonnie Wright and his wife, Kelly, of Kalispell; his sister, Connie Lehman and her husband, John, of Missoula; his grandmother, Evelyn Sullivan of Kalispell; aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, in-laws and friends who will deeply miss his can-do attitude, his humor and most of all the quiet dignity of Dan himself.

"I can do what I can do and do no more."

Funeral services for Dan will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 16, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Burial will be afterward at Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Thursday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary.

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

## Pearl Elma Wyman, 72

Pearl Elma Wyman, 72, died Monday, March 5, 2007, at the Brendan House in Kalispell.

She is survived by two daughters, Rhonda and Rose

Wyman, both of Kalispell.

No services are scheduled at this time.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for the family.

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