

Orville O. Aaberg, 82

Orville O. Aaberg, 82, formerly of Kalispell, died Wednesday, Nov. 5, 2008, at the Tucson Medical Center Hospice (Peppi's House) in Tucson, Ariz.

He had worked at Plum Creek Timber and Stoltz Lumber in Columbia Falls for several years.

Survivors include his

wife, Marcia; daughter, Alicia McDonald, of Rapid City S.D.; and sons, Dulane Aaberg of Austin, Texas, and Rick Aaberg of Tucson.

A memorial service is planned at 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13, at Trails West social hall in Tucson, with the Rev. Hal Cowart officiating.

Linda 'Kemmie' Aasheim, 67

Linda "Kemmie" Aasheim, 67, of Lakeside, passed away early Wednesday, Nov. 12, 2008, in Kalispell from pancreatic cancer.

In 2002, with her husband, Glen, she retired to Montana, the state of her birth and the place she dearly loved.

Kemmie was born in Chester on Aug. 31, 1941, and spent her childhood there.

She received her bachelor's degree from the University of Montana in Missoula. While a student, her lifelong leadership skills began with life in the Alpha Phi sorority, and as president of Associated Women's Students, Junior Sponsor, and many other student organizations.

She met Glen in college and they were married in June of 1964. They moved to several military locations following Glen's medical education and training before settling in Tacoma, Wash. There they raised their family and Kemmie continued her education by earning a master's degree at Pacific Lutheran University.

Kemmie worked at Tacoma Community College, followed by several years as dean of instruction at Green River Community College in Auburn, Wash., a position from which she retired. She loved her work with the students as she helped to prepare them for a more productive life. She often remarked how her position gave her a lot of self-satisfaction, and she felt more productive because she didn't need the job so she could more freely speak her mind and was more able to help those she worked with. She had a lot of success making people realize their potential.

Kemmie's sons, David, Daniel and Jesse, were very important to her and she enjoyed her role

as mom. She did feel the best was yet to be discovered, which came to her as grandchildren! Carly, Olivia, Ben and Lucille were her lights and they are her legacy.

Her hobbies were quilting, gardening, horseback riding, reading and cooking. She was most generous with what she created and also very skilled.

She was very active in Lakeside community activities. Among the many were the West Shore Food Bank board, the West Shore Community Library board, and Lakeside Community Club past president.

Kemmie is survived by her husband of 44 years, Glen, of Lakeside; sons, David and Mary-Sue of Scottsdale, Ariz., Dan of Los Angeles, and Jesse and Brigid of Los Angeles; and grandchildren, Carly and Olivia of Scottsdale, Ben of Los Angeles, and Lucille of Los Angeles. She also leaves behind her brothers, Gordon and Joyce Kammerzell of Lakeside, and John and Frances Kammerzell of Chester; a sister, Kay and John Warner, of Helena; brother-in-law, Gary Aasheim and Peggy, of Billings; mother-in-law, Velma Aasheim, of Kalispell; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, A.C. and Lucille Kammerzell; sister, Gail Nussbaum; and daughter-in-law, Becca Aasheim.

A memorial service honoring Kemmie will be held at 2 p.m. Nov. 24, at the Lakeside Community Chapel in Lakeside. Cremation has taken place.

Memorials in her name can be made to the West Shore Food Bank, P.O. Box 192, Lakeside, MT 59922.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family. To send condolences, please go to www.buffalohillfh.com.

Elmer Absalonson, 85

Elmer Absalonson, 85, passed away April 12, 2008, at home in Kalispell. He was born July 28, 1922, in Botineau, N.D., to



Norwegian emigrant parents, Samuel and Ragnhild (Peterson) Absalonson. Along with his parents, he arrived in the Flathead Valley in 1925, where he has since resided.

Elmer received his primary education at Flathead County schools. Elmer's father passed away in 1930, leaving him as a very young lad to help care for a widowed mother through the Great Depression of the 1930s. He sold newspapers on the streets of Kalispell, as well as doing any odd jobs or chores he could find in the battle of survival in those difficult times. At the finishing of his schooling, he was fortunate to get a job as a laborer for the Great Northern Railway track department. This began a lifetime love affair with the railroad.

On July 19, 1941, he married Catherine Nadine Copley in Kalispell. From this union was born two children, Harold Jordan Absalonson and Laurie Anne Absalonson (Cunningham).

In 1942, Elmer entered the military service in World War II, serving with the 2nd Armored Division. After receiving an honorable medical discharge from the Army in 1943, he returned to employment with the railroad in train service as a brakeman. During a winter lay off from the railroad, he worked for a time in the construction of the Cabinet Gorge Dam in Idaho. In July 1956, Elmer was injured in a railroad switching accident in Columbia Falls, which resulted in a disability retirement from the railroad in 1958.

In 1959, he and his wife, Nadine, purchased the Ziegler farm on the north side of Kalispell, which they farmed for a time.

In 1967, he and his wife Nadine began the design and development of what would become Park View Terrace subdivision in Kalispell on 50 acres of the original farm. Park View Terrace was the first fully engineered and F.H.A.-approved subdivision annexed to Kalispell.

In the ensuing years, Elmer and Nadine, along with their many loyal employees, had the satisfaction of building many homes not only in Park View Terrace, but also in Happy Valley and Riverwood Estates in Columbia Falls, as well as other locations.

After nearly 50 years of marriage, his beloved wife Nadine passed away in November 1990. At her death Elmer retired from active business.

In October 1991, Elmer married Marjorie Maxine Palmerton in Columbia Falls. During their retirement years, they continued to live close to Kalispell. Marjorie passed away April 16, 2005, in Kalispell.

Elmer is survived by his two children, Harold and his wife, Judy, of Spokane, and Laurie and her husband, Charles Cunningham, of Kalispell; five grandchildren, Timothy, Tamara, Michael, Elaine and Matthew; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Elmer will be deeply missed by his family. He taught all of us the value of having a strong work ethic and the importance of always taking care of each other. Even as his health declined, he never lost his sense of humor or missed a chance to tell another story (most likely about trains). He will always be remembered affectionately as "Big Ole."

Visitation will be held from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. today, April 16, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, April 17, at Faith Free Lutheran Church, with the Rev. Steve Snipstead officiating.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Gerald 'Jerry' Adams, 76

Gerald "Jerry" Adams, 76, passed away peacefully in the presence of his loving family as the result of lung cancer Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2008, in Kalispell.



Jerry was born Nov. 19, 1932, in Bemidji, Minn., to Robert and Ruth (Major) Adams. He was raised in Bemidji, where he attended schools, graduating from high school in 1950. Jerry attended watch-making school in St. Paul, Minn.

He served in the U.S. Army from January 1953 until January 1955.

He married Joann Grob on Nov. 29, 1952, and they were married for 56 years.

During his work career, he worked at the Hungry Horse Dam, Bjorneby Jewelry Watch Repair and in sales, at KOFI Radio as a salesman. In his later years, he was part owner and manager in sales, for a total of 41 years of which he was very proud. He retired in September 1997.

He loved fishing, hunting and golfing, he played bridge, and in retirement in Mesa, Ariz., loved

to play cribbage.

Jerry was generous, reliable and a faithful man in all aspects of his life.

He was preceded in death by his father, Robert; and his mother, Ruth.

He is survived by his wife, Joann, of Kalispell; four sons, Kerry, Scott and Kirby, all of Kalispell, and Brent of Coarsegold, Calif.; a brother, Robert, and wife, Shirley Adams, of Columbia Falls; and two nephews and one niece, five granddaughters, Sarah, Kayla, Shelby, Miranda and Chelsea, two much loved daughters-in-law, one 18-month-old great-granddaughter, a sister-in-law and her husband, Betty and Bill Turner, and their six children, all in Washington State.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 15, at Glacier Memorial Gardens, with military honors being done by the United Veterans of the Flathead Valley.

The family requests memorials be made in Jerry's name to the Flathead Food Bank or the Salvation Army.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family. Please go to www.buffalohillfh.com to sign the guest book or leave personal messages for the family.

Barbara Allen, 80

Barbara Allen, 80, "went home to Jesus" on April 4, 2008, with her family at her side.

She was born Feb. 15, 1928, in Lafayette, Colo., to Jacob and Anna Seewald.

She was a wonderful wife, a loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

Barbara loved people. She enjoyed many years as a member of Women of the Moose in Kalispell, working her way up to senior regent. She loved to sing, and brightened many people's lives with performances at nursing homes and other events. She was also a reading grandma volunteer at elementary schools in Kalispell, and she enjoyed delivering Meals on Wheels with her wonderful husband, Glenn.

She was a banquet waitress and caterer for several years, and owned a second-hand children's store, "Lil Folks World," which she thoroughly enjoyed.

She moved to Spokane to be close to her family in November of 2006.

She is survived by her devoted husband, Glenn Allen; son, Stephen Osborne; daughters, Peggy Rieben and Russ, Cyn-



thia Filipy and Tom, and Leslie Osborne-Allen; grandchildren, Julie Gilmore and Brett, Thomas Howard and Juliette, and Lance Seurer and Tim Streets; great-grandchildren, Josie, Eric, Tyre, Noah and Leah; three sisters, Margaret Sterkel, Maggie Rodamacher, and Liz Dumler; two brothers, Joe and Pete Seewald; and numerous nieces and nephews, whom she loved dearly.

Barbara's wonderful sense of humor will always be in our hearts. Even through her illness, she kept that sense of humor and beautiful smile. Her philosophy of life was "Don't worry, be happy."

"We will all miss her. We would like to thank Hospice House for the excellent care Mom received."

Visitation for Barbara will be from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, April 10, at Riplinger Funeral Home. A funeral Mass will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, April 11, at St. Thomas More Catholic Church, 505 W. St., Thomas More Way. Interment will be afterward at Holy Cross Cemetery. Riplinger Funeral Home, 4305 N. Division St., Spokane, WA 99207 is in charge of arrangements.

Donations may be made to Hospice of Spokane, P.O. Box 2215, Spokane, WA 99210-2215.

Alfred 'Al' Albert Albrecht, 88

On June 4, 2008, "our Lord and Savior called his child and servant Alfred "Al" Albert Albrecht home to be with him in heaven."



Al was an amazing man who loved the Lord and spoke of it often to those with whom he worked and worshipped. He often stated, "The Lord is good." And "One day at a time."

Al was born Dec. 11, 1919, in Rolla, N.D., and grew up having many adventures on the farm.

He was an auctioneer, and insurance and real-estate salesman.

He met Lillian Agnes Vandal of Belcourt, N.D., and married her in 1942. Together they had five children. After Lillian's death in 1956, Al met Elizabeth Grewe of Verndale, Minn., whom he married June 13, 1959, continuing his work in auctioneering and sales until their move in 1966 to Kalispell, where Al continued selling with the Ellingson Agency.

He was an active member of Trinity Lutheran Church and School, serving as president and Sunday school teacher for many years.

After his retirement he pursued his passion and enjoyment of writing and reading, self-publishing his "Home Spun Poems" books.

Al taught his children the love of Christ and he enjoyed

the outdoors. He enjoyed putting his cap on and going for drives, as well as visiting family and friends, playing pinochle and watching John Wayne movies.

Al was preceded in death by his parents, Gustav and Klara Albrecht; his wife, Lillian Albrecht; two infant daughters; and eight brothers and sisters.

He is survived by his wife, Clara, of Kalispell; his children, Ivanlee Albrecht and wife, Judy, of Bozeman; Mark Albrecht and wife, Alice, of Marysville, Wash.; Alen Albrecht of Billings; Darlene Ohm and husband, Russ, of Libby; John Albrecht and wife, Linnae, of Keyport, Wash.; James Albrecht of Kalispell; and Susan Buhr and husband, Brian, of Helena. Al was also a proud grandparent of 14 grandchildren and 24 great grandchildren. He was a wonderful husband, father and grandfather, and will be fondly remembered by all.

Memorial services for Al will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 7, at Trinity Lutheran Church, with Pastor Mark Cutler officiating. Urn burial will be at 5 p.m. in the Trinity Lutheran Cemetery.

The family suggests that memorial gifts be given to the Trinity Lutheran Church, 400 W. California St., Kalispell, MT 59901.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for Al's family. You are invited to go to www.jgfuneralhome.com to offer condolences and sign Al's guest book.

Edith L. Allen, 64

Edith L. Allen, 64, died Monday, July 21, 2008, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

Services are pending. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Jutta Kathe Allen, 82

Jutta Kathe Allen, 82, died Thursday, April 17, 2008, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

She is survived by her daughter, Debra Fox, of

Columbia Falls.

Memorial services are pending at this time.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Margaret R. (Curry) Alexander, 90

Margaret R. (Curry) Alexander, 90, died of natural causes Wednesday, Aug. 27, 2008, at The Springs Memory Care in Missoula. She had previously resided at the Rainbow Independent Retirement Community in Great Falls until her move to Missoula in February 2008.

Funeral liturgy will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, at St. Ann's Cathedral. Interment will take place in Hillside Lawn Mausoleum, followed by a reception at Schnider Funeral Home in Great Falls. Cremation was handled by the Cremation and Burial Society of the Rockies, Missoula.

She was born Jan. 17, 1918, the youngest daughter of an early Great Falls pioneer family. Her father, Roger Curry, was a Great Falls city fireman who came to Montana through Ellis Island in 1892, from Irish town, County Mayo, Ireland. Her mother Sarah "Minnie" McKenna arrived in 1902, from Clogher, County Tyrone, Ireland.

She attended St. Mary's and Longfellow elementary schools, Paris Gibson, and graduated from Great Falls High in 1936. She attended high school reunions up until last year. Following graduation, she worked for 15 years for Woolworth's as a cashier and bookkeeper, retiring to become a mother and homemaker.

She married Erskine "Alex" Alexander on July 4, 1952, at St. Ann's Cathedral. Alex and Margaret celebrated 51 years of marriage before his death in September 2002.

They made their home at 3205 Eighth Ave. S. Together they enjoyed their children's and grandchildren's sports activities, dancing, golf and traveling.

In 1976, they traveled to England, Scotland and Ireland on a special trip with Alex's broth-



ers and their wives. In later years, Margaret's love of music brought her much enjoyment and comfort.

Margaret was a sweet and gentle person, and will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Survivors include her daughters, Barbara Plattes of Missoula and husband, Mike, and Sue Belote and husband, Lee, of Cascade; a son, Gary Alexander, and wife, Gretchen, of Kalispell; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren as follows: Julie Papp and husband, Kevin, and great-grandchild Hailey, of Katy, Texas; Justin Belote and wife, Alexie, and great-grandchildren, Tanner, Madison and Jordan, of Great Falls; Jennifer Fink and husband, Tom, of Missoula; Mikaela Keck and husband, Aaron, of Seattle; Matt Plattes of Missoula, and Gavin Alexander of Kalispell; brothers-in-law, Edward C. Alexander, and wife, Helen, of Great Falls, and Bill Kelly of Sidney, formerly of Great Falls; nephew, Jim Gillespie, and wife, Amy; and many other nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Erskine "Alex" Alexander; her brother, John Curry; and sisters, Catherine Fox, Una Koontz, Marie Gillespie and Alice Kelly.

Hospice of Missoula and the staff at The Springs Memory Care provided a loving home and care for Margaret. She enjoyed her time in Missoula and loved the mountain views.

Memorials are suggested to St. Ann's Cathedral, 715 Third Ave. N., Great Falls, MT 59401.

Condolences for the family may be left at www.schniderfuneralhome.com.

Clayton Brice Alstad, 26

Clayton Brice Alstad was born Aug. 30, 1982, and "went to be with his brother in Heaven" Nov. 19, 2008, due to a tragic motorcycle accident.

Born and raised in the Flathead Valley, Clay lived his life to the fullest; he loved hiking, fishing, hunting, camping, baseball, football, hacky-sack, snowboarding, ultimate fighting and, believe it or not, he fancied himself a gourmet cook. He lived life to the fullest in his 26 short years, having fun, being a mentor and hanging with his family; "brothas and homies" is what his life was all about.

Clay looked forward to hunting season every year. He loved the outdoors and hunting with his dad, brother and all of his friends. He enjoyed time with his family and was a great help to his grandparents getting their winter wood.

Clayton touched many lives; too many to mention.

A Jack of all trades, Clay had many jobs including logging, construction, paving, heavy equipment operator, and apprentice electrician.

His laughter will be missed by all who know and love him.

Clay was preceded in death by his brother, Jordan Micheal Alstad; paternal grandfather, Orlando J. Alstad; and great-grandmother, Joy Loring



He is survived by his parents, Alan Alstad and Teri Bailey, sister, Destin "Giget" Bailey, paternal grandmother, Dorothy Alst-

and maternal grandparents, Bryan and Jan Bailey, all residing in Kalispell; Monty Ventsam of Canyon Country, Calif.; aunts and uncles, including Linda and Ed Benson, Ron Alstad, Carol Vish, Shari and Grant Spoklie, and Mitch and Holly Bailey, all of Kalispell, and Li and Ken Greene of Collierville Tenn.; and numerous cousins, including Bobbyjo Bonner and family, David Benson and family, Christy Gross and family, LoriAnn Abernathy and family, Josie and Nate Spoklie, Thom: Bailey, and Brittany and Brya Green.

Memorial services for Clayton will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 24, at Bethlehen Lutheran Church. There will be no visitation.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for Clayton's family. You are invited to go to www.jgfuneralhome.com to offer condolences and sign Clayton's guest book.

Inez E. Alverson, 93

Inez E. Alverson, 93, died Wednesday, Nov. 26, 2008, in Sandpoint, Idaho.

She had worked at the Eureka Creamery for several years.

Inez is survived by her three children, Audrey Howe of Eastport, Idaho, Judy Wier of Apache

Junction, Ariz., and Dean Alverson of Royal City, Wash.

Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2, at the Tobacco Valley Cemetery in Eureka.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg and Nelson Funeral Home of Eureka.

Linda Anne Allen, 68

Linda Anne Allen, 68, passed away on Monday, Nov. 3, 2008, at Brendan House in Kalispell. She was born on July 18, 1940, in Osning, N.Y., to William Joseph and Helen Isabel (Hull) Groff.



Linda received her early education in Osning before moving with her family to West Yarmouth, Mass., where she graduated from high school.

She married Jon Allen on May 21, 1960, in Moline, Ill., and the couple moved to Hyannis, Mass. In 1973, the family moved to Kalispell. Linda and Jon divorced in 1983.

Linda worked at the Red Lion in housekeeping and as the night audit manager. She worked various jobs around the valley and loved her time as a teacher's aide and foster grandparent at Russell Elementary School.

Linda enjoyed reading, crocheting, visiting the Bison Range and traveling.

Linda was preceded in death by her parents and a grand-

daughter, Heather Lewis, in 2005.

She is survived by five children, Diane Wilson and husband, Stephen, of Sweet Home, Ore., Donna Sweet and husband, Joe, of Boulder City, Nev., Debbie Maze of Kalispell, Dean Allen and wife, Christie, of Smith's Grove, Ky., and Darlene Allen of Kalispell; one brother, William Groff and wife, Susan, of Peterborough, N.H.; one sister, Galla Howes, of Marston's Mills, Mass.; 11 grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

A gathering of family and friends will be held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8, at the home of Debbie Maze, 96 Hawthorne W., in Kalispell.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for Linda's family. You are invited to go to www.johnsonmortuary.com to offer condolences and sign Linda's guest book.

Michael 'Mike' Edward Allison, 51

Michael "Mike" Edward Allison, 51, of Columbia Falls, passed away at his home on Thursday, Jan. 31, 2008, following a battle with cancer.



He was born on June 10, 1956, in Ukiah, Calif., to Dr. William and Ebbe Allison. Michael spent the first 13 years of his life in California, attending St. Mary's Parochial School and was very active in Boy Scouts, Pop Warner Football and Little League Baseball. He hit a grand slam homer to win a ballgame.

In June 1969, he moved with his family to Kalispell. He was a student at the Kalispell Junior High that fall and graduated from Flathead High School in 1974. Living on the family farm in the Deer Park area, he became very active in Future Farmers of America, raising animals and working on the farm. He was an officer in FFA and attended a Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C., where he met Mike Mansfield and sat in on the Congress.

Mike loved the great outdoors. In his early adulthood he played softball with friends. For a short time he flew small airplanes, but it was a passion that ran a lifetime. He enjoyed camping, fishing, and hunting with family and friends. Mike especially enjoyed trips into the Bob Marshall and hunting trips over east of the mountains with his father, brothers, sons and nephews.

He also enjoyed watching his son, Garret, participate in motocross events. Later in life he enjoyed golfing with friends.

Mike spent most of his life helping his father on the farm and together they built and operated Elk Park Arena while enjoying their horses. He was an officer on the Montana Reining Horse Association board and managed several MRHA derbies at Majestic Arena, as well as sponsoring MRHA events at Elk Park Arena. He and his horse, Ready Freddie, participated in horse shows in Montana, Idaho and Canada.

Mike worked as a lead saw filer and millwright in lumber mills in the Columbia Falls and Evergreen area. He helped rebuild Superior Lumber Mill twice after it was destroyed by fires.

In 1974, he married Jane Weaver and had three children, Josie, Weston and Travis. Later in 1987, he married Mary Kay Bain Nau, bringing Erin, Zack and Darin to the family, and the following year Garret was born.

Mike is survived by his mother, Ebbe Allison, of Columbia Falls; seven children, Josie and Tim McCollum, Weston and Nikki Allison and Travis Allison, all of Kalispell, Erin and Jason Senst, Darin Nau and Garret Allison, all of Columbia Falls, and Zack Nau of Virginia; four grandchildren, Russell McCollum, Daniel Senst, Xandon Allison and Vanyka Allison; as well as five siblings, his twin brother, Patrick, and Mechelle Allison, Valli and Owen Weaver, Matthew Allison and Mary Allison, all of Kalispell, and Bruce and Tammi Allison of Missoula; aunt, Evelyn Grinde, of Beaver Creek, Ohio; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Dr. Bill Allison; uncles, Dr. Bruce Allison and Owen Grinde; paternal grandparents, Dr. William and Valentine Martin Allison; the Martin family homesteaded the area where Martin City is now located. His maternal grandparents, Chauncey and Eva Beebe, homesteaded on the North Fork and were active in the early years of Glacier National Park.

Mike was loved by many and will be greatly missed by family and friends.

Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 7, at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. A Rosary will be said at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 7, at the Columbia Mortuary. A Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 8, at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls. The Rev. John Miller will officiate. A reception will be after Mass at the church. Burial will be after the reception in Fairview Cemetery.

Elmer D. Allers, 73

Elmer D. Allers, 73, passed away at his Kalispell residence on Saturday Feb. 16, 2008. Elmer was born in Max, N.D., on June 28, 1934, to Edmund and Myrtle (Sawby) Allers. Elmer was raised and attended grade school in Bergen, S.D., until the age of 13 when the family moved to Kalispell. Here Elmer attended Kuhns rural school and then graduated from Flathead County High School.



Elmer joined the U.S. Army in 1957 and was honorably discharged in 1959. He stayed in the Army Reserves until 1963.

He married Myrna M. Mint-horn in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, in 1960. They had 48 wonderful years together.

Elmer worked at the Skyline dairy for a number of years and then became a building contractor, constructing at least 167 homes in the Valley.

He enjoyed woodworking.

Elmer was preceded in death by his parents; and a son, Roger Allers.

He is survived by his wife, Myrna, of Kalispell; son, Ward Allers, of Kalispell; daughter, Beverly, and husband, Royce Miller, of Fairbanks, Alaska; brothers, Marlow Allers, and wife, Norma, of Fairbanks, and Kerby Allers and wife, Lynn, of Kalispell; grandchildren, Alicia Miller of North Pole, Alaska, Hannah Miller of Fairbanks, and Lacey Miller of North Pole; great-grandchildren, Mikila Miller, Austin and Ethan Unger, Jonathon, Hank, Hailey and Riley Lilley; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held at 3 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 21, at the Northridge Lutheran Church.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Humane Society.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Asher Anderson, 19 days

Asher Anderson, 19 days, passed away Friday, March 21, 2008, at Oregon Health Science University in Portland.

"We received an amazing gift from God when Asher was born March 3, 2008. He was the answer to many prayers. God allowed us the blessing of being his parents for 19 days, for which we will always be thankful. We enjoyed every minute of it! And now, even though we are hurting at his loss, we know we will be with him again in Heaven."

Asher is survived by his

parents, Troy and Lori (White) Anderson, of Salem, Ore.; grandparents, Rob and Cheryl Anderson of Dallas, Ore.; Faye Anderson and Scotty Lethan of Salem, and Renn and Robin White of Columbia Falls. Survivors also include an uncle and aunt, Brian and Nina White, and cousins, Camden and Kiera, of Salem; and an aunt and uncle, Kim and Jody Waverek, and cousins, Justin, Cole and Max, all of Kalispell.

A memorial service was held March 27 at Salem Heights Church in Salem.

Robert Lee Anderson, 55

Robert Lee Anderson (aka Bobby Lee, aka Big Bob, aka Bobalouey), 55, of Condon, left "on the ultimate fishing trip" on Friday April 25, 2008.

Bob was born on March 30, 1953, in Missoula, to Robert K. "Tuffy" and Leita Anderson. Bob was raised in Condon in the beautiful Swan Valley where he developed a love for the outdoors that is matched by few others and that stayed with him for his entire life.

He attended grade school at Salmon Prairie School where he skipped a grade. He graduated from Seeley-Swan High School in 1970 where he was a standout athlete but he enjoyed wrestling the most.

After high school Bob went on a road trip and ended up in Las Vegas. There, he met Dennice Marie Blair. They were married on Sept. 6, 1975; a marriage which produced four loving sons, Cody, Clint, Cole and Clay. After visiting his "Horse Ranch," Bob and Dennice moved to Missoula, and shortly thereafter Sidney, where Bob took up trucking as a trade.

The draw of the mountains brought Bob back to the Swan Valley where he met the love of his life, Kris Ellen Kaser. Their mothers forced them to marry on Sept. 1, 1989, and they brought to this world a beautiful girl, Danielle. Kris and Bob loved each other and she was at



his side when he passed.

Bob was preceded in death by his father, Robert K. "Tuffy" Anderson.

He is survived by many who will miss

him dearly, including his wife, Kris Anderson; his daughter, Danielle Leita Anderson; his sons, Cody Vic, Clint William, Cole Robert and Clay Wyatt Anderson; his daughters-in-law, present and future, Lacy Dittmer, Alex Koch, Kayla Brothers and Laura Anderson; and his first grandchild, Memphis Marie, whom he doted on incessantly; his mother, Leita Anderson; his sisters, Renae Anderson and Melody Nebel, and their husbands Bill Anderson and Curt Nebel. He also leaves behind his dog Trucker and many, many nieces and nephews, and more friends than most people can earn in two lifetimes.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, May 2, at the Anderson residence at mile marker 48, Highway 83, Condon.

Johnson - Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Bob's family. You are invited to go to www.jgfuneralhome.com to offer condolences and sign Bob's guest book.

Hazel Louise Little Dog Anderson, 69

Hazel Louise Little Dog Anderson was born May 7, 1938, on the Blackfeet Indian Reservation. She was very proud of her heritage. Her parents were Richard and Louise Little Dog. She was raised with nine siblings and is survived by brothers and their wives: Forrest Little Dog, Floyd and Eva Middle Rider, Donald and Shirley Little Dog, Howard and Mary Louise Little Dog, Wheeler and Maureen Little Dog and Harve' Little Dog. She was happy for the time she spent with them, and regarded them with great love and respect.

Hazel had five children, Cheryl B. Anderson, who preceded her death, Roger Timothy Anderson of Las Vegas, Kristen L. Anderson of Kalispell, Wendy M. Anderson Stuart and husband, Steve Stuart, of Kalispell, and Robin G. Anderson of Las Vegas. She had six grandchildren, Bryon T. Anderson, who preceded her death, Torrey G. Anderson, Tina M. Anderson, Jesse T. Franklin, Katrina L. Franklin and John R. Stuart, and one great-grandchild, Chloe S. Franklin, all of Kalispell. Her children and grandchildren meant the world to her. She loved them with a very strong and generous heart.

Hazel lived the first 20 years of her life on the Blackfeet Indian Reservation. She was a beautiful woman and was the first



North American Indian Days' Princess and participated in the Miss Indian America pageant in Sheridan, Wyo. At the age of 20 she lived in various locations of Northwestern Montana. She had her children in Kalispell and attended Flathead Valley Community College. Montana where she considered home.

In 1975 she transferred to the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque, N.M. This was the beginning of her 32-year stay in the Southwest. She lived in Phoenix, where she began her career with the U.S. government, and lived her last 24 years in Las Vegas. She retired in August 2007, with 29 years of service with the U.S. government. It was in Las Vegas that she peacefully passed Feb. 29, 2008.

Hazel was a spiritual person and had great love for and faith in Jesus Christ. She also had great respect and belief in the Native American traditions, rituals and spirituality.

In the spirit of the West, she loved her pickup truck. Hazel was lively, energetic, and adventuresome. She was the quintessential tourist and found great joy in traveling to new places and loved going home to Glacier National Park. Humor was one of her greatest assets. She always made people laugh with a smile, or entertained them with an engaging story. She had a great love for life and lived it to the fullest. She is dearly loved and will always be remembered with a smile.

"We love you, Momma, and will always miss you."

Travis Jeff Anderson, 25

Travis Jeff Anderson, 25, of Libby died Friday, May 2, 2008, at his home in Libby from injuries sustained in a fire.

He was born Feb. 15, 1982, in Paradise. He graduated from Libby High School with the class of 2000. He then served in the U.S. Navy for two years. He returned

to Libby where he went to work for Rob Orr.

Survivors include his mother, Pamala Matilas, of Libby; sister, Vashti Blakely, of Libby; and brother, Isaac Anderson, of Libby.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 7, at the Nelson and Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

Clarence F. 'Andy' Andersen, 90

Clarence F. "Andy" Andersen, 90, passed away Sunday, Oct. 12, 2008, at the Columbia Falls Veterans Home. He was born Jan. 8, 1918, in Racine, Wis., to Axel and Olga (Frandsen) Andersen. Olga passed away when Andy was only 4.

At the young age of 17, Andy joined the Civilian Conservation Corps and, in 1941, joined the Army Air Force and served with the 2523d Army Air Base Unit at Lockbourne Air Base in Columbus, Ohio, Chanute Field at Rantoul, Ill., Courtland Air Base in Alabama, and Hondo Air Base in Texas.

He met and married his wife, Joyce Hogue, of 64 years, at Chanute.

Andy was an aerial engineer and crew chief on B-17s, and B-24s. He was discharged in November of 1945, and he and Joyce moved to Joyce's home state of South Dakota. In 1950, he was called back to service during the Korean Conflict and served in Louisiana.

Andy and Joyce worked and lived in Northville, and Aberdeen, S.D., and retired to Bigfork to continue their favorite pastime, hiking.

Andy and Joyce hiked all over the Western states and Canada, and his favorite, Glacier National Park.

Andy and Joyce were owners of an antique business for sev-



eral years until poor health forced him to retire.

Andy was a woodcarver and an antique restorer. He loved to tinker and nothing stayed broken

once Andy got his hands on it.

Andy is survived by his wife, Joyce; his daughter, Maureen Goddard, and husband, Tom, of Vermillion, S.D.; two grandchildren, John and his wife, Betty Goddard, and their five children, Dustin, Jacob, Madison, Carson and Johnathon, of Sioux City, Iowa, and Tiffany Goddard of Burnsville, Minn.; his son, Neil, of Saint Cloud, Minn.; brother, Frank, and wife, Alice, of Auburn, Calif., and their sons, Roger, Steve, Clint and Chris, and families; nephews, Keith and Richard Jones, and their families; and niece, Kathy Kansier, and her family.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Richard; and a sister, Edna Jones.

The family requests memorials be sent to the Northwest Montana Humane Society, P.O. Box 221, in Kalispell; or the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

At his request, no services will be held.

Elmer Melton Anderson, 79

Elmer Melton Anderson, 79, passed away Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2008, at his home in Kalispell. He was born April 1, 1929, in Circle, to Elling and Elena (Jacobson) Anderson.



Elmer moved with his family to Lakeside when he was 7 years old. He worked for many years at Flathead Industries.

Elmer was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Josephine Wolf; and five brothers, Edwin, Lorraine, Emil, Arthur and Lloyd.

He is survived by one broth-

er, Leonard Anderson, and wife, Leota, of Kalispell; and three sisters, Helen Stevens-McManus and husband, Red, and Mathilda Sprinkel and husband, Dean, all of Kalispell, as well as Christina Tranberg of Lakeside.

Funeral services for Elmer are planned for 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 10, in the Johnson-Gloschat chapel. Burial will be afterward at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be from noon to 6 p.m. today, Oct. 9, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for Elmer's family. You are invited to go to www.jgfuneral-home.com to offer condolences and sign Elmer's guest book.

Marie Tekla Antonsen, 93

Marie Tekla Antonsen passed away at Lake View Care Center in Bigfork on Aug. 30, 2008, at the age of 93 of natural causes.

Marie was born in Denmark on Aug. 14, 1915, and came to the United States in 1952, settling in Altadena, Calif. Marie spent her early years in Denmark as a chef and continued throughout her life cooking Scandinavian food to everyone's delight.

Her most endearing quality was her ability to laugh and bring joy to all who knew her. She moved to Bigfork in 1996 from Truckee, Calif., and truly

loved Montana.

She is survived by her husband, Mogens of Kalispell; daughter Jytte Hartwell and husband, Dan, of Bigfork; son John Antonsen and wife, Elenie, of Carson City, Nev.; grandson Michael Hartwell and wife, Chris, of Reno, Nev.; grandson Erik Hartwell and wife, Audrey, of Denver, Colo.; and two loving great-grandchildren, Shawn and Alyssa Hartwell of Reno.

A graveside service will be held at the Bigfork Community Cemetery on Wednesday, Sept. 3, at 3 p.m.

Frederick 'Fred' G. Alsbury, 76

Frederick "Fred" G. Alsbury, 76, died Sunday, May 25, 2008 at St. John's Lutheran Hospital in Libby.

He was born Sept. 21, 1931, in Imperial, Neb., and worked as a rancher in Colorado before completing auctioneer school and working in the family business and then for W.R. Grace.

He is survived by his wife, Carol, of Libby; sons

both of Libby; stepsons, James Geil, of Kent, Wash., Chad Geil, of Queens Creek, Ariz., and Jayson Duszynski, of Anchorage, Ala.; and his daughter, Debbie Saiz, of Atlanta, Ga.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, May 29 at the Libby Christian Church. Visitation will be Wednesday, May 28 from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Nelson & Vial

Dawn Marie Alsup, 49

Dawn Marie Alsup, 49, of Belgrade passed away April 9, 2008. She was born Sept. 30, 1958, in Romeo, Mich., to David V. and Elizabeth M. (Weber) Weldele.

In 1960, the family moved to Billings, and then in 1963 to Whitefish, where Dawn attended elementary and high school, graduating in 1976. She moved to Manhattan that same year, and lived in the Gallatin Valley ever since.

On Aug. 2, 1986, she married Gary Alsup, her soul mate and partner in life. Together, they operated the Hyalite Dental Lab.

Their hobbies included camping and visiting ghost towns. She had an extensive collection of books on Montana history and was a great source of information. Her other hobbies were sewing, quilting and soap-making. Family members and friends were always grateful

recipients of her handiwork.

She also took great pride in her flower garden, yard decorations, and the miniature copies of buildings from various ghost towns that she built and decorated.

Dawn and Gary's pets were always at the center of their activities.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and a niece, Angela. She also leaves behind Jasper, her beloved canine companion of 12 years.

Dawn is survived by her husband, Gary, at their home in Belgrade; brothers, David and Judy, Darryl and Cindy, Mitch and Janna, and Dan and Nancy; a sister, Denise; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Bozeman Deaconess Hospice, 931 Highland Blvd., St. 3200, Bozeman, MT 59715.

Marion Callahan Anderson, 96

Marion Callahan Anderson, 96, died of natural causes July 24, 2008, in her west shore home on Flathead Lake. She was born Sept. 12, 1911, in Basin, and raised, along with six siblings, in Butte by Cal and Anna Callahan.



Marion graduated from Butte Central High School in Butte. She excelled in sports, including swimming, speed skating and tennis. At the age of 15, she swam the length of Georgetown Lake, the first female to do so. As the Helena Independent noted, the feat had only been attempted previously by a small number of professional swimmers.

She graduated from the University of Montana in 1932, and was a member of the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority.

She continued with graduate work at the University of Minnesota, and then took a job in Kalispell as the regional head of social services, an area suffering badly from the Great Depression. The work was long and challenging, but on summer weekends she was able to ride horses throughout Glacier Park, from camps to chalets to hotels, several of which no longer exist. In winter, she was among the very first to ski Big Mountain, climbing on skis from the valley to the peak.

She married Charles B. Anderson in Butte, in 1944, and they settled in Great Falls, after a car honeymoon through Mexico, the first of more than a hundred countries they visited together. They eventually had three daughters, Leslie, Taaffecc and Sue.

The couple moved to Minnesota in 1948 as part of Charlie's employment with General Mills. They happily returned to Great Falls in 1953 to start their own business, the Anderson Grain Co. They later founded the Anderson-Elerding travel agency, mostly a plan by the ever-cagey Charlie to facilitate their own world travels, but they soon had four agencies around the state. Marion was an integral part of the business, and continued to work in it even after it was sold. They led

many remarkable tours, including — in the 1970s — a group of Montana ranchers on one of the first tours permitted in China since the 1940s. Their last trips, in their 80s, included Kalimantan (Borneo), Yemen, and a trip down the Amazon, where they slept on the open deck of the aged boat.

Marion and Charlie and the family spent many cherished summer days at the family cabin — really an old shepherd's cabin — above Gibson reservoir on the edge of the Bob Marshall Wilderness. They later built a cabin on the west shore of Flathead Lake and have happily gathered children, grandchildren, and their many friends for the last 30 years.

Marion was active in the Junior League, and a longtime member of the Meadow Lark Country Club. She was an avid supporter of the Great Falls Symphony, the C.M. Russell Museum and the University of Great Falls. She would appreciate any support you might offer to these institutions.

After she was felled by a stroke three years ago, Marion lived in the San Francisco Bay area with her daughter, but always returned to the cabin for the summer. It was there, the place she loved best, that she died. Marion was a wife, mother, adventurer, businesswoman, world traveler and wonderful friend.

She was predeceased by her parents and siblings; her remarkable husband, Charlie; her daughter, Taafee; and all too many friends.

She is survived by two daughters, Leslie Distad of Minneapolis, and Sue Anderson of El Cerrito, Calif.; son-in-law, Jerry Messec, of Tallahassee, Fla.; grandchildren, Eric Distad, Jonathan Distad, Marne Distad, Brie Anderson-Feldman, Lily Anderson-Messec and Ashley Anderson-Messec; and great-grandchild, Charles Distad.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, at the University of Great Falls Chapel, followed by a reception at the C.M. Russell Museum.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for Marion's family. You are invited to go to www.jgfuneralhome.com to offer condolences and sign Marion's guest book.

Wallace Jerome Anderson, 86

Wallace Jerome Anderson, 86, passed away Dec. 30, 2008, at Brendan House in Kalispell. He is forever "GONE FISHING." He was born May 12, 1922, in Barnes County, N.D., to Martha Anna Johnson.



He attended school through the eighth grade, then went to work on neighboring farms.

He joined the Navy in 1942, serving in the CB's WCTC, 7th Spec. and the 36th Spec., being honorably discharged in 1946.

On Oct. 6, 1946, he married Marie Evelyn Reinke in Nome, N.D. They had a farm, and he was very proud of his dairy cows. In 1962, he sold the farm to move to Montana. He worked an assortment of jobs — milking cows, working with Christmas trees, and as a backyard mechanic.

He went to work full-time for the county, then moved on to Bell Manufacturing. After the closing of Bell, he went to work for Treweek Construction moving houses and stayed there until his retirement. There are very few places you can go in Lincoln, Flathead, and Lake counties within which he hasn't moved a building.

He had a hard time retiring, but slowly replaced work with fishing and riding his four-wheeler. He had always loved the outdoors, taking his kids

and grandkids picnicking, fishing and camping every chance he could. Fishing became his way of life throughout the years, so much so that he almost lost his life in 2005 from falling through the ice at Bitterroot Lake — his "POLAR BEAR PLUNGE." He has left his family and friends with a lot of good memories.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 56 years, Marie Evelyn (Reinke) Anderson; his mother, Martha Anna Anderson; and stepfather, Isaac Anderson; and several stepbrothers and stepsisters.

He is survived by twin daughters, Jane Mildred of Bigfork, and Janice Olson of Seattle; daughter, Patsy Anderson of Proctor; son, Wayne Anderson and wife, Anita, of Kila; grandkids, Shannah and Tony, Clinton, April, Amanda, Autum, Austin and Aspen; great-grandkids, Dylann and Braidy, Allan and Rachell; sister-in-law, Hazel Sabby, of Nome; and many special friends. He also leaves behind his cat, "Sweetie Pie."

Memorial services for Wallace will be at 3 p.m. Monday, Jan. 12, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home.

The family suggests that any memorial contributions be sent to the charity of your choice.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Wallace. You are invited to go to www.jgfuneralhome.com to offer a condolence and sign Wallace's guest book.

Robert 'Skip' Arbuckle, M.D., 65

Robert "Skip" Arbuckle, M.D., 65, passed away at his winter home in LaQuinta, Calif., on Sunday, April 6, 2008, after a battle with



cholangiocarcinoma. He was born June 10, 1942, in Philadelphia, and moved to Piedmont, Calif., as a toddler. He attended Piedmont High School and graduated from the University of California-Berkeley in 1963.

Skip graduated Alpha Omega Alpha from Temple University School of Medicine in 1968 and completed his residency at Peter Bent Brigham Hospital (Boston) in orthopaedic surgery in the Harvard Combined Programs. In addition, he was a clinical instructor of orthopaedic surgery at Harvard Medical School. He was also an attending orthopaedic surgeon at Children's Hospital (Boston), Winchester Hospital (Winchester, Mass.), and Littleton Hospital (Littleton, N.H.).

Between medical school and his surgical residency, Skip was a medical officer with the U.S. Army Medical Corps and served in Korea.

Skip and his first wife, Barbara (Stiles), were married in 1964 and had three children, Robert "Skipper", Justin and Amy, during their marriage.

Skip began his orthopaedic practice in Littleton in 1977. He served on the Littleton school board and was a trustee of Littleton Regional Hospital. He played in a basketball league and coached Senior League baseball, but he still found time for golf, tennis, guitar and banjo playing,

and singing in the church choir.

In 1986, Skip married Shelly Connors, and they moved to Laconia, N.H., where he continued to practice orthopedics. He was chief of surgery at Lakes Region Hospital and served on the board of New Hampshire Public Radio. He was on the sidelines every fall weekend as medical consultant to the Laconia and Kennett High School football teams.

Skip retired from medicine in 2000 and he and his wife, Shelly, moved to Whitefish, where he was a member of the Iron Horse Golf Club. He has wintered in the Palm Springs area since then and was a member of the Thunderbird Country Club and The Hideaway. With no bones to operate on, he honed his sawing skills making furniture. He was a man of few words, but you knew he truly liked you if he made something for you.

He is survived by Shelly, his wife of 22 years; his mother, Irma "Gigi" Brandt, of San Mateo, Calif., who recently celebrated her 95th birthday; sons, Robert K. Arbuckle of Windermere, Fla., and Justin Arbuckle of San Francisco; daughter, Amy LaCross, of Albuquerque, N.M.; stepdaughters, Kelsey Schmid-Sommer and Erica Connors of Whitefish; his sister, Suzanne Moore, of Cypress, Calif., and five grandchildren.

A reception is being held today, April 13, at the family home in Lake LaQuinta (760-328-2161). A memorial service and celebration of life will be held in Napa, Calif., on May 25, at his son's vineyard.

Donations in his honor can be made to the Alpine Theatre Project or the North Valley Hospital Foundation located in Whitefish.

Joseph Harry Archer, 91

Joseph Harry Archer, 91, passed away Thursday, Jan. 10, 2008, at the Montana Veteran's Home in Columbia Falls.

He was born on May 24, 1916, in Eureka, to Jim and Hanna (Webb) Archer. Joe received his early education in Eureka and finished in Butte.

He was a talented painter, fly fisherman and a classical violinist and he will always be remembered for his sense of humor.

Joe joined the U.S. Navy in 1937 from which he was honorably discharged. When the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor he volunteered to re-enlist. While in the Navy he spent time both in the Atlantic and the Pacific Oceans. After his discharge Joe attended school under the G.I. Bill where he became an electrician. Joe was a member of the DAV and a past post commander of the VFW.

Joe was preceded in death by his wife, Grace; his brother Jim; and his stepson, Wayne Stapleton.



He is survived by one daughter, Johanna Miller, and her husband, Bill, of Libby; and grandchildren, Betty Jo Mack and her husband Keith of Troy; Bill Archer and his wife Amy of Florence; and Mike Archer and his wife Rebekah of Bloomfield, N.M.; one stepdaughter, Jeanie Cusick, and her husband Gary of Sublimity, Ore., and their son, Danny Delager, and his wife Leann of Texas; one stepson, Jim Richards, and his wife Terry of Moses Lake, Wash., and their children; five great-great-grandchildren; also two cousins, Bill Archer and his wife Christine of Kalispell, and their children Jim, Robert and Becky; and Deletha Nadier and her husband Ed, also of Kalispell.

Cremation has taken place following Joe's wishes. A memorial celebration of his life will be held this spring, when all friends and family can gather.

The family suggests memorials be sent to the Montana Veteran's Home, 400 Government Way, Columbia Falls, MT 59912, or to a charity of the donors' choice.

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

Tyson E.J. Armijo, 22

Our beloved Tyson E.J. Armijo, aka "Big T," passed away peacefully Thursday, Feb. 14, 2008. He was 22.

Tyson blessed his small family with his arrival on Jan. 30, 1986, in Pocatello, Idaho.

Tyson attended Canyon Elementary and continued his education through his sophomore year in Columbia Falls.

He had been employed as a prep cook at Spruce Park Cafe. He also worked as a general laborer for Glacier Precast and an automobile detailer for Eisinger Motors.

He enjoyed installing car stereos for his friends, redesigning vehicle interiors, and a bit of the outdoors; rafting with his mother and friends or hanging out with his fishing buddies Dustin and Jerry Ray in their favorite fishing spot.

His hilarious sense of humor will be missed by so many, as will his compassionate, caring, huge heart.

It was a privilege and a great joy to have Tyson in our lives, especially for his mother and family.



Tyson is survived by his mother, Deborah Allan, from Coram; his sister, Brooke Rice, her husband, Andy, and his nephews, Brayden and

Seamus, in Dallas; and his brother, Ben Rice, his wife Tessa, and his nephew, Landon, in Rock Springs, Wyo. He is also survived by his grandparents, Bill and Margie Padgett, Norman and Mary Ann Allan, and Anne Berden from Afton, Wyo.; and many aunts, uncles and cousins located in Montana and Wyoming.

Tyson will always be a part of our hearts.

A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21, at Hungry Horse Chapel.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Tyson's name at the Whitefish Credit Union to help with expenses. All excess funds will be donated to a methadone treatment program.

Logan Daniel Arnst, 16

Logan Daniel Arnst, 16, left this world on Sept. 5, 2008, although his gift remains. Words seem minimal to express his life.

This world was gifted Logan on June 28, 1992, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center, the son of David and Teri Arnst, of Whitefish.

Logan was starting his junior year at Whitefish High School as vice president of the class of 2010. He enjoyed working at Mambo Italiano and was hoping to move up to "the guy who throws the pizza crust."

He was a proud member of Boy Scout Troup 17. He achieved Life and was working on Eagle. For his Eagle project, Logan developed a recycling program for North Valley Hospital. He enjoyed being a leader for the younger Scouts. He also volunteered at North Valley Food Bank in Whitefish.

Logan's joys in life were his family and friends. He liked going to movies, hanging with friends, eating, playing hacky sack at the park, camping, swimming, scuba diving, mountain biking, reading and playing X-Box. He was always cracking jokes and was a "pretty chill dude."

He was confirmed into the



United Methodist Church of Whitefish this summer, where he was very active in the youth group.

Logan's friends truly became an extension

of his family. Words cannot express the impact this young man had on those he touched. His kind, caring, genuine, loving being was felt by all who met him.

He was preceded in death by his loving grandmother, Janis Rice.

He is survived by his parents, David and Teri Arnst; grandfather, Rudy Rice; grandmothers, Debra Arnst and Shelly Cooper; stepsister, Alex Arnst; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

"Footprints of Logan's love will be in all our hearts forever."

Friends and family will gather to celebrate Logan's life at the United Methodist Church in Whitefish at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 14. The ceremony will be held outside, weather permitting.

Gloria Dawn Arriaga, 75

Gloria Dawn Arriaga, 75, "entered God's Heavenly Garden" on May 9, 2008, in Whitefish.

She leaves her loving husband, Rudy, of 54 years; children, Rudy and wife, Angela



Dan; Dennis and wife Karen; Trish and favorite son-in-law, Jarrod O'Dell, numerous grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Memorial services will be held at 4 p.m. Thursday, May 15, at the First Baptist Church in Whitefish.

Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish is in charge of arrangements.

David J. Arvidson, 79

David J. Arvidson, 79, "went to be with the Lord" on Sunday, May 11, 2008, at the North Valley Hospital in Whitefish, after a struggle with cancer.



He was born Sept. 23, 1928, the son of David and Bertha Arvidson, in Milaca, Minn. He grew up and attended schools in Milaca and was active in 4-H, where he won the highest award for showmanship at the Minnesota State Fair.

He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War from 1950 to 1953. After discharge he moved to Froid, where he farmed and raised dairy cattle. He moved to the Flathead in 1964 and worked at C&C Plywood, and then worked at the Columbia Falls Fiberboard Company until his retirement.

He married Velma Toavs on Dec. 31, 1976, and they moved into their home on Montana 40, where he resided until his death.

David grew beautiful flowers and won many awards. He was a member of the Whitefish Assembly of God, the American Legion, and the Flathead Dahlia Association.

He is survived by his wife, Velma, at the family home; two stepsons, Duane and wife, Diane Toavs, of Taylor, Texas, and Dave and wife, Donita Toavs, of Columbia Falls; seven grandchildren, Matthew and wife, Nicole, Tim, Rachel, Lydia and Joshua Toavs, all of Taylor, Texas, and Dennis and Angela Toavs of Columbia Falls; a brother and sister-in-law, Arlie and Jean Toavs, of Columbia Falls; special nephew and wife, Edwin and Tracey Toavs, and their children, Katie, Christine, David and Rebecca, of Great Falls; five sisters, Eunice Alness of Milaca, Florence Priebe and Donna Smith of Froid, Marjorie Carrier of Hanover, Va., and John Mace of Bonners Ferry, Idaho.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Leonard Arvidson; and a sister, Ruth Svihel.

Memorial services will be at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 18, at the Whitefish Assembly of God Church, 1549 Karrow Ave., in Whitefish, with the Revs. Chad Ross and John Weaver officiating.

Private inurnment of the remains will be at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

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

Jeannine L. Ashcraft, 69

Jeannine L. Ashcraft, 69, died Saturday, Oct. 25, 2008, at her residence in Lakeside, because of lung cancer. She was born Sept. 12, 1939, to Max and Charlotte (Farmer) Ott in Wenatchee, Wash.



She moved to Moses Lake, Wash., in 1949 and helped her dad build their home and his crop dusting business. She graduated from Moses Lake High School in 1957 and attended two years at Washington State University.

She married Bob Froman in 1959 and has one son, Tom.

They moved to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, in 1969 where they were active in Jaycees and March of Dimes. Jeannine worked for the county assessor, and then, in 1977, went to work for a private appraiser, Gary Hoagland, where she went from secretary/office manager to a residential appraiser.

In 1986, her friend and adviser, Hale Ashcraft, ran her campaign for Kootenai County treasurer — she was elected and served for 14 years. Jeannine and Hale were married in 1988 and made their home in Coeur d'Alene with their two West Highland white terriers.

In 1998, Hale's daughter Camille encouraged them to see Flathead Lake. They became partners in a summer home near Lakeside. In 2001, after Jeannine's retirement, Jeannine

and Hale moved to their home on Flathead Lake.

Jeannine and Hale spent their retirement years enjoying their friends and neighbors. She also enjoyed gardening, reading, and most of all, playing with their three Westies. She had a very special place in her heart for her friends and neighbors throughout the valley, but especially those in Lakeside. It is a very special place to live.

She wished to thank all the wonderful people in the medical offices and Kalispell Regional Medical Center for the wonderful care they give to all of us. Most of all, she wanted to thank all our wonderful friends for the support and encouragement through her illness — walking dogs, bringing meals, rides to the medical treatments and most important, all their love. Also, a very special thanks to Drs. Ward and Peters.

She is survived by her husband, Hale Ashcraft, of Lakeside; her stepmother, Lois Ott; son, Tom; her brother, Mike Ott; as well as Hale's daughters, Camille and Ann, and sons, Jesse, Mark, Jim and Nick, and their families.

She requested memorial services be held in July of 2009 and for her ashes to be scattered in her gardens.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for Jeannine's family. You are invited to go to www.jgfuneral-home.com to offer condolences and sign Jeannine's guest book.

David Askevold, 67

David Askevold, 67, passed away at the hospital in Halifax, Nova Scotia, on Jan. 23, 2008, as a result of complications after a stroke.

David was born March 30, 1940, in Conrad, the youngest of three children born to Sverre and Katherine Askevold.

At age 2, he moved with his family to a home built by his father on Skidoo Bay, located on the east shore of Flathead Lake. He attended school in Polson and graduated from Polson High School in 1958. His interests while growing up included horses, boating and fishing, skiing and playing the trumpet. It was during this period that he began a lifelong passion for making art, and his talent became apparent at an early age.

After his formal studies, he went on to become internationally recognized as a leading



figure in conceptual art and a highly regarded innovative teacher. His work has been exhibited around the world, including at the Museum of Modern Art in New York, the Getty Museum in Los Angeles, and the National Gallery of Canada.

David was preceded in death by his parents, Sverre and Katherine Askevold; and his son, Ben, from a first marriage, who died at the age of 12.

He is survived by his long-term partner, Norma Ready, and their daughter, Kyla Ready-Askevold, of Halifax; sister, Joanne McArthur, of Boise, Idaho, and Palm Desert, Calif.; brother, Gerald Askevold, and wife, Sally, of Whitefish; nephews, Erik Askevold of Whitefish, and Thor Hauge of Denver; niece, Kirsten Sabin and husband, Reid, of Whitefish; and niece, Dr. Heidi Gillenwater and husband, Dr. Jay Gillenwater, of Charlottesville, Va.

A memorial service is in the planning stages; place and date are to be determined.