

## Wilfred Robert Falk, 91

Wilfred Robert Falk, 91, died Thursday, July 17, 2008, at HealthCenter Northwest in Kalispell.

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, July 28, at C.E. Conrad Memo-

rial Cemetery, with military honors afterward by the United Veterans of the Flathead.

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

## Audrie A. Farrelly, 69

Audrie A. Farrelly, 69, passed away Thursday, Oct. 9, 2008, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She was born July 15, 1935, in Deer Lodge to John and Mary (Nelson) Fehrs, who were ranchers and loggers.

Audrie was raised and educated in Charlo and Avon. The family also moved to Crocker, S.D. (her father's birthplace), for a short period of time before moving to the Dalles, Ore., in 1951.

Once married, Audrie moved many times. However, she always considered Montana to be her home.

During much of her life, Audrie worked as a caregiver at various rest homes. When her health was better, she was an active member of the Moose Lodge. Hobbies included bingo and traveling throughout the area to garage sales.

When asked to name her greatest accomplishment, it was her children. She dearly loved her children and her children dearly loved her.



Audrie was preceded in death by her brothers, John Henry Fehrs Jr., Kenneth Fehrs and Edward Fehrs; her father and mother, John Henry Fehrs Sr., and Mary Fehrs; and son, Donald Davis.

She is survived by her children, Darrin Farrelly and girlfriend, Red, of Bigfork, David Davis of Eureka, Calif., and Diane Davis of Rancho Cordova, Calif.; brother, Joe Fehrs, and his wife, Julie, of Bigfork; three sisters, Donna Rosssett and her husband, Fred, of Fort Worth, Texas, Mary Ellen Fehrs of the Dalles, and Shirley Ferguson of Spokane; and numerous nieces, nephews and dear friends.

Funeral services for Audrie will be held at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 17, in the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral chapel, with Deacon Fred Topp of St. Matthew's Catholic Church officiating. Burial will be in C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be from noon to 6 p.m. today.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for Audrie's family. You are invited to go to [www.jgfuneral-home.com](http://www.jgfuneral-home.com) to offer condolences and sign Audrie's guest book.

## Franceal A. 'Fran' Farrell, 81

Fran Farrell lost her courageous battle against cancer on May 18, 2008, while at the Brendan House in Kalispell, surrounded by her family.

She was born in Donnybrook, N.D., on Jan. 28, 1927, to Frank and Eva (Plant) Marsland. She lived in Denby and Manville, N.D., in her infant years before moving to Glasgow, in her early grade school years. Fran attended school in Glasgow until she moved to Bremerton, Wash., in the eighth grade. While living in Bremerton, she attended high school where she was vice-president of her sophomore class. She graduated high school in 1945, and attended Olympic Junior College in Washington state where she took art classes for the 1945-1946 school year.

Her mother, Eva, who was working at Bremer's Department Store in Seattle, was offered a job in Kalispell to work in the woman's fashion department at Hummers Department Store on Main Street, so in 1947 Fran and her mother moved to Kalispell.

Fran worked in many Kalispell landmark businesses in her earlier years. She started her working career in 1947 at the Equity Supply Company where she performed general office and counter duties.

In 1951 she was asked to represent Kalispell in the Miss Montana pageant but was too shy and didn't want to draw attention to herself so she graciously declined.

Starting in the early 1950s Fran worked as the original bookkeeper and a part time checker at the B&B Grocery Store until the mid-1960s. After her last child, Brian, was born, Fran worked at the C&C Plywood Company which later became Plum Creek, performing general office duties, preparing reports and working as part-time dispatch. In 1973 she began work at The KM Department Store where she was the office manager, cashier and customer service representative until the store closed in 1980. She retired from the Kalispell News Agency in the late 1990s at the age of 71.

She met James "Jim" Farrell in Glasgow while in grade school there, and their paths were brought together again in Kalispell in the early '50s when Jim was working for Pacific Power and Light. Franceal became engaged to Jim on Nov. 17, 1951, and they married on



April 5, 1952, at St. Matthew's Parish. They started their family the next year with the birth of their first child, Leslie A.

After living in several locations in Kalispell they purchased a home in Northridge Heights and raised their four children there.

Fran enjoyed playing golf and played in many Labor Day tournaments in her earlier years at Buffalo Hills Golf Course. She also enjoyed playing bridge, knitting, skiing and bowling and in her later years, enjoyed traveling to visit family.

She loved gardening and had beautiful flower gardens wherever she lived. Fran looked forward to her annual "sleep-over" visits in Fort Ward, Wash., with several friends that she attended high school with.

She continued playing bridge until she was no longer able to, but enjoyed knitting sweaters and blankets for her great-grandchildren and looked forward to her lunches with the "girls."

She was such a strong person and an inspiration to her children and all who met her while fighting cancer.

Fran was preceded in death by her husband, James B. Farrell; and her parents, Eva and Frank Marsland.

She is survived by her children; daughter, Leslie, and husband, Tony deLongpre, of Bethel Park, Pa.; son, Francis, and wife, Kristie Farrell, of Morrison, Colo.; daughter, Susan, and husband, Rick Kozoh, of Highlands Ranch, Colo.; son, Brian, and wife, Amy Farrell, of Kalispell; and sister, Madonna, and husband Robert Parks, of Stanwood, Wash. Fran also has eight grandchildren, Nicoal Fontanesi, Carrie Bonczek, Hamilton and Mason de Longpre, Sean Farrell, Kyle and Danielle Kozoh and Ella Farrell and three great-grandchildren, Shelby and Sidney Bonczek and Lincoln Fontanesi, and baby girl Fontanesi on the way.

A memorial service will be held for family and friends at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, May 22, at the Buffalo Hill Funeral Home with a reception following at Ashley Creek Court at 1128 Ken Way in Kalispell.

## Mary Jean Farris, 86

Mary Jean Farris "went to be with the Lord" on Nov. 20, 2008, surrounded by her beloved family at Lake View Care Center in Bigfork. She was born in Corvallis, Ore., on June 27, 1922, to Oregon pioneer descendants Vaughn and Mabel Youngblood. She grew up in Seattle and attended the University of Washington.

She was a serious musician, having studied voice for many years. During World War II she donated many hours to entertaining wounded service men in hospitals. Her beautiful soprano voice was a gift she shared at church and with many others.

She had a loving heart and generous spirit; her cup was always half full.

She married Walter Farris on Oct. 14, 1946, and they lived in Spokane for many years.

In 1973, they bought the Swan Village Market in Swan Lake. After her beloved husband's death in 1991, she relocated to Bigfork where she belonged to the Bigfork Pottery club, the



bridge club, and the gardening group. Her love of gardening made every place she lived more beautiful than she found it.

She was an inveterate reader and spent many happy hours with books. Her passion for gardening, reading and music lives on in her children and grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her brother, Tom Youngblood; and her granddaughter, Abigail Bergmann.

She is survived by her sister, Bette Angell, of Bainbridge Island, Wash.; her children, Robin Dewhirst and Tim, Forrest Farris and Tammy, Helen Bergmann and Richard, and Bette Miller and Gale; 15 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

"We will miss you, Grandma!"

## Erick Louis Fehlberg, 80

Erick Louis Fehlberg, son of Erick Louis Fehlberg and Lillian Opal Lacher, was born Feb. 26, 1928, in Kalispell. He passed away June 23, 2008, in Bakersfield, Calif.

He was raised to be very independent, as his father died when he was young.

Erick married his high school sweetheart, Verna Patricia Buckmaster, and worked very hard to create a life for them and their children during their 61 years together.

Erick enlisted in the United States Air Corps in 1946, served three years teaching math, and used the GI Bill to obtain two bachelor's degrees, one in civil engineering and the other in geology. These degrees enabled him to find employment with Shell Oil Company where he rose through the ranks during 33 years of service to finish as a senior staff reservoir engineer. Erick helped develop the method for steam injection extraction in the Bellridge Field in California which was used to help extract the heavy crude oil found there. His ideas saved money and time in many other difficult drilling areas such as the Athabasca Tar Sands Oil Shale Fields in Canada.

Upon retirement in Bakersfield, Erick devoted many hours to family genealogy and garden-



ing. Erick Fehlberg is survived by his wife, Patty; four children, 10 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. His children

include Steve Fehlberg, Laurie Fehlberg, April Mitchell, and K.T. Irwin. The grandchildren are Christy McCarthy, Andrea Nedved, David Snell, Jennifer March, Mason Mathews, Lindsey Mitchell, Alicia Rice, Jamie Mitchell, and Reese and Skye Irwin. Great-grandchildren are Brandon and Sophia, with another on the way.

Erick's children credit him with instilling in them a strong work ethic and a high value for education. Through the many moves and summer travels to visit lifelong friends in Montana, the Fehlberg family became very familiar with all of the beautiful and historic areas of the Western United States. Their father spent endless hours trying to teach them the patience and techniques required for fly fishing, a sport Erick did with great finesse and success. "May he enjoy that great North Fork of the Flathead River in the sky."

## John Calhoun Felton, 85



John Calhoun Felton, 85, "officially retired" at his home on Sunday, June 15, 2008. John was born to

Robert and Stella Felton on March 25, 1923, in the heart of the Bear Paw Mountains, where he spent his adolescent years. John attended welding school in Butte and then moved to Seattle to work in the shipyards.

In 1942, John enlisted in the Navy and served in World War II with Naval and amphibious forces in the southwest Pacific. While on leave in San Francisco, they were married Feb. 12, 1945. In September 1945, John received a medical discharge and the young couple moved to Havre for a short time, then to Spokane, and he began his career working in the construction business with Murphy Brothers.

In 1968, John established Felton Construction Company, which led him to many utility construction projects in Montana, Oregon, Washington and Alaska. With the need to save time and money, his company began developing, designing and manufacturing equipment to increase safety and job productivity, thus Felco Industries Ltd. was founded in 1981. John bought 155 acres of land in 1969 with intentions of building a subdivision. After many setbacks, John finally brought his dream to reality with the creation of Mansion Heights. On July 31, 1997, Jean passed away. He met and then mar-

ried Emma Cooper on July 15, 1989.

Preceding John in death were his wife, Jean; his parents; brothers, Charles and Harry; and brothers-in-law, Alfred Dion and Dean Welborn.

Survivors include his wife, Emma; sisters, Ruth Dion of Bethesda, Md., and Nettie Welborn of Dillon; grandchildren from marriage to Jean, Charles Felton and Cindy, and Rick Felton and Lisa; and several nephews, nieces, great-grandchildren, cousins, great-nephews and nieces. He also leaves behind his two faithful labs, Coco and Maggie.

John had been an active member of the Masonic Lodge, a past master of the Missoula Lodge, a Shriner, a jester and a potentate of the Algeria Shrine Temple in 1993. He is a past member of the Board of Governors of the Spokane Shrine Hospital.

John lived life the same way he died, "his way," with dignity and with respect from those who knew and loved him.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, June 20, at Garden City Funeral Home in Missoula, with Pastor Jack Oates officiating. A celebration of life reception will follow at Joker's Wild Restaurant, 4829 North Reserve, in Missoula.

Memorials may be given to the Spokane Shrine Hospital, 911 W. Fifth Ave., Spokane, WA 99204-2901, or gifts can be made payable to The University of Montana Foundation and be noted for law scholarships in memory of John Felton. Checks can be mailed to The UM Foundation, P.O. Box 7159, Missoula, MT 59807-7159.

## Ruben Albert Percy Fellenberg, 84

Ruben Albert Percy Fellenberg, 84, died Oct. 1, 2008, in Kalispell because of complications with head trauma.

He worked for J. Neils Lumber Company for 10 years before joining W.R. Grace, where he worked until retiring in 1986.

He is survived by three

children, Jim Fellenberg of Wasilla, Alaska, Bill Fellenberg of Yaak, and Melodee Henthorn of Newman Lake, Wash.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday, Oct. 6, at the Libby Christian Church.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg and Nelson Funeral Home in Libby.

## Yvonne 'Von' Katherine Harvey Fettler, 65

Yvonne "Von" Katherine Harvey Fettler, 65, passed away on Saturday, Dec. 13, 2008, surrounded by her loving family at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

She was born on Dec. 11, 1943, in Helena to Cleo and Mildred "Millie" Harvey.

As a young child, Von's family moved to the Mountain Brook area in the Flathead Valley, where she spent most of her childhood. She went to school in Mountain Brook, Creston, Flathead High School, and went to chef school in Billings.

Von had two children, Carlyn and Hank, from a previous marriage. She then met and married Henry C. Fettler on March 25, 1970, and had two daughters,



Tammy and Debbie.

Von was a military wife, a chef, security guard, dry cleaner, Sunday school teacher and loving wife, mom, daughter, sister and Nana. In her spare time she liked to work on crafts that she and her father made. Von liked to cook, bake, sew, and work in her garden and flower beds. She loved to go mudbogging, floating in the Mississippi and chatting with her Aunt Pat.

She loved her pets too. The highlight of her days was with her family and friends. And she loved meeting new people. No one was ever a stranger to her.

Von was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Hank Fettler; uncle, Ken Sutter; uncle, Johnny Harvey; and uncle, Bud Harvey.

She is survived by her husband, Henry C. Fettler, of Kalispell; three daughters, Carlyn Murdy and husband, Joel, of Belgrade, Tammy Block

and husband, Tim, of Zwingle, Iowa, and Debbie Fettler of Kalispell, her Aunt Pat of Iowa, three brothers, Dale Harvey and wife, Phyllis, of Washington, Lynn Harvey and wife, Lil, of Kalispell, and Joe Harvey and wife, Patti, of Mossy Rock, Wash.; five grandchildren that she dearly loved, Kaitlynn Rose, Derek, Felicity, Travis and Tyler; as well as numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. Von will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Memorial services for Yvonne "Von" Fettler will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 18, at the Kalispell Christian Church on Foy's Lake Road, with Pastor Frank Mack officiating.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for Yvonne's family. You are invited to go to [www.jgfuneral-home.com](http://www.jgfuneral-home.com) to offer condolences and sign Yvonne's guest book.

## Catherine Mae Fifer, 79

Catherine Mae Fifer, 79, died Wednesday, Nov. 5, 2008, at HealthCenter Northwest in Kalispell.

She is survived by two daughters, Patricia Hodge of Kalispell, and Julie Fifer-

Schultz of Salt Lake City.

Memorial services will be held in Helena next week.

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

## Thomas E. 'Tom' Finch, 77

Thomas E. "Tom" Finch, 77, died on Sunday, March 16, 2008, at his residence in Kalispell.

He is survived by his wife, Della Finch, of Kalispell; and his children, Thomas E. Finch Jr., of Missoula, David L. Finch of Spokane, Barbara Hogard of Kalispell, Dale Ogden of Somers, and Mike Nielsen of Canada.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, March 20, in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Visitation will be from 1 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday at Johnson Mortuary.

Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens with military honors conducted by the United Veterans of the Flathead.

## Donna Rae Fletcher, 61

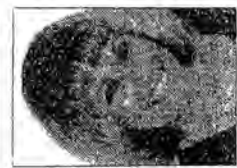
Donna Rae Fletcher, 61, "returned home to her Heavenly Father" on Sept. 18, 2008. After a heroic battle with cancer, Donna passed peacefully, surrounded by her loving family.

Donna was born May 1, 1947, to Perry and Carma Keller in Hurricane, Utah. The family soon moved to Montana where Donna spent most of her life. Donna grew up in the Kalispell area. She was a cheerleader in Columbia Falls and graduated from Flathead County High School in Kalispell. In 1968 Donna met and fell in love with Wayne Fletcher. They were married on Aug. 9, 1968, in Sheridan, Mont. Donna gave birth to beautiful twin daughters, Sharon and Karen, in 1970 and 10 years later was blessed with another beautiful daughter, Samantha.

Donna was devoted to her family. Wayne's career required almost yearly moves, and the family moved from town to town all over the state of Montana. The family settled in Helena, where Donna lived for 15 years. Wayne's career took the couple on new adventures and over the next 11 years, Donna lived in Nevada, Ohio, Colorado, Georgia and Utah. They retired in St. George, Utah, to be close to her family.

Donna's family was the most important thing in her life. She especially enjoyed spending time with her nine grandchildren. She enjoyed traveling and often spent time giggling with her two sisters. She was proud of her daughters and always put them first in her life.

Donna was a kind and beautiful person. Ever one who knew her loved her. She will be greatly missed.



Donna is survived by her husband, Wayne Fletcher of St. George, Utah; her three daughters, Sharon (Charlie) Jarvis of Mesquite, Nev. Karen (Mads) Hughes of Logandale, Nev. and Samantha (Remo) Mills of Lehi, Utah. She is also survived by her parents, Perry and Carma Keller of St. George; two sisters, two brothers and nine grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 24, at 2 p.m., at the Mesquite, Nev. LDS Stake Center, with visitation starting at 12:30 p.m. The family invites you to leave a message or memory in our "Memorial Guestbook" at [www.virginvalleymortuary.com](http://www.virginvalleymortuary.com).

Services are under the care of Virgin Valley Mortuary, (702) 346-6060.

## Robert Henry Fletcher Sr., 81

Robert Henry Fletcher Sr., 81, of Libby, died Saturday, Jan. 26, 2008, at his home in Libby from natural causes.

Survivors include two sons, Robert H. Fletcher Jr.,

and Paul H. Fletcher, both of Libby.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 1, at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

## Helen Lucille Fisher, 83

Helen Lucille Fisher, 83, of Troy, died May 5, 2008, at the Libby Care Center from natural causes.

Survivors include all of her children, Sharon Ross of Port Angeles, Wash., Gary Jensen and Tracy Rightmer, both of Elko, Nev., George Jensen Jr., Sue Koogan and Tom Jensen, all of Kettle Falls, Wash., Janet Vierling of Minnesota, Joy Jensen of

Troy, Judy Mason Spokane, Sherry Bergguist, Terri Owens, Dale Jensen and Bruce Jensen, all of Colville, Wash., Lee Jensen of Paoonia, Colo., Robyn Hilliard of Libby, and Ray Jensen of Somerset, Colo.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Friday, May 9, at the Nelson and Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

## John F. Fisher, 80

John F. Fisher, 80, passed away June 27, 2008, at his home in Bigfork.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia; daughter, Barbara, of Scottsdale, Ariz.; son, John, daughter in-law, Mickey, and grandson, Robbie, of Dallas; and stepson, Christopher, of London. He carries with him memories of his son, Tommy.

He and Patricia moved to Sedona, Ariz., in 1988, after his retirement after 33 years with Bank One Corporation in Columbus, Ohio, as senior marketing officer.

He was well known internationally in the banking industry for his early accomplishments in the '60s, '70s and '80s, having pioneered many developments of the modern day credit card. He also helped invent and introduced the first nationally accepted debit card, and introduced the first group of automatic teller machines that evolved into the present day ATMs. Near the end of his career in electronic banking, he experimented with early applications of online banking and introduced many of today's branch banking innovations. He is a member of The American



Bankers Electronic Banking Hall of Fame. He was named Marketing Man of the Year and taught bank marketing to advanced financial students at several Midwestern colleges.

A native of Ohio, he served in the U.S. Army in Germany after the war, then graduated with a degree in radio journalism from Ohio State University. He began his creative career at radio station WCLT in Newark, Ohio.

John enjoyed bird hunting and trout fishing in the West. He and Patricia particularly enjoyed their summers for 20 years in Big Sky and Bigfork, where they currently maintain a summer home, and where John leaves many trout in the Madison River and ducks over Stuttgart, Ark. He enjoyed his many friends in the One Barrel Oil Club, The Mavericks and Sedona 30.

Private celebrations will be held in Bigfork and Sedona.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be sent to Intermountain Children's Home, 300 S. Lamborn St., Helena, MT 59601; or Sedona Humane Society, New Building Fund, 2115 Shelby Drive, Sedona, AZ 86336.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for John's family. You are invited to go to [www.jgfuneralhome.com](http://www.jgfuneralhome.com) to offer condolences and sign John's guest book.

## Mary Jane Fonner, 89

Mary Jane Fonner was born Sept. 28, 1919, in Rozet, Wyo., and died Oct. 14, 2008, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She graduated from Rozet High School.

Mary married Les Fonner on May 2, 1938, in Nebraska. In 1945, she moved to Whitefish with her husband and two children.

She was a nurse's aide at Whitefish Hospital, and a member of Women of the Moose and the Presbyterian Church.

Her greatest life's pleasures were her family, cooking and painting.

She was preceded in death

by her husband, Lester; parents, Edward and Irean Hoxsie; son, Larry Fonner; and sisters, Thelma Weaver, Roycie Stok and Ethel Clark.

Mary is survived by her daughter, Eleanor Whited, and husband, Richard; brother, Lester Hoxsie; four grandchildren, Teri Whited Seward, Randy Whited, Leslie Fonner and Larra Fonner; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place.

A memorial service will be held at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 19, at First Presbyterian Church, 301 Central Ave., in Whitefish.

## Myrna Kelley Fopp, 89

Myrna Kelley Fopp, 89, passed away Friday, July 18, 2008, at HealthCenter Northwest in Kalispell. She was born Feb. 18, 1919, in Kalispell, to Orville and Elizabeth Kelley, the second of three children.

Myrna grew up in Kalispell and attended local schools, graduating from Flathead High School in 1936.

She married Allen John Fopp in 1939. They lived on Flathead Lake until Al joined the Border Patrol and then they moved to El Paso, Texas. When Al was called to service during World War II, Myrna followed him to his various stations. When they returned to Kalispell, they built and operated the Hacienda Restaurant (now Scotty's) for 30 years. When they retired, they purchased a motor home and traveled, finally buying a place in Mesa, Ariz., where they spent their winters, with summers in Kalispell.

Myrna was very active working in the restaurant, in her

flowers, playing golf, and in sports, especially with her race horse, "Flying Whitesocks." She loved her family and their activities and her home.

She was preceded in death by her son, Kelley, in 1984; and her husband in 1993.

She is survived by two daughters, Nikki Fopp of Glendale, Ariz., and Candy Fopp of Kalispell; one granddaughter, Jennifer (Beardsley) Robichaux, of Bellingham, Wash.; and great-granddaughter, Satori; one sister, Aileen Hower, of Renton, Wash.; and a brother, Orville Kelley, of Seattle.

Graveside services will be held for Myrna Fopp at 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 23, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. There will be no visitation.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for Myrna's family. You are invited to go to [www.jgfuneralhome.com](http://www.jgfuneralhome.com) to offer condolences and sign Myrna's guest book.

## Toni Rae Foster, 61

Toni Rae Foster, 61, formerly of Whitefish, died on Sept. 3, 2008, in Bonita, Calif.

She is survived by her mother, Mitzi Bernard, of Spring Valley, Calif.; former husband and lifelong companion, David

Witt, of Bonita; daughters, Karen Witt of Kalispell, and Gretchen Donais of Ramona, Calif.; and son, Matt Witt of Colorado Springs, Colo.

A celebration of life was held on Sept. 20 in Spring Valley.

## Hamden Landon Forkner Jr., 89

Hamden "Ham" Landon Forkner, Jr., of Bigfork, a B-17 pilot and distinguished educator, died on July 8, 2008, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center after a brief illness.

Born in Berkeley, Calif., on Dec. 22, 1918, to Hamden and Marjorie Moore Forkner, Ham graduated from University High School in 1936. He received a bachelor's degree in 1940 from the University of California-Berkeley and was a member of Skull and Keys, the Interfraternity Council and president of Zeta Psi Fraternity.

Following service in World War II, he earned master's and doctorate degrees from Teachers College, Columbia University, in New York City.

Ham earned his Air Force wings in November 1942, and was assigned to the newly formed 381st Heavy Bomb Group — an early Flying Fortress Group. The group joined the 8th Air Force at Ridgewell (UK) in May 1943. Ham and his nine-man crew flew squadron lead on the notorious Aug. 16-17, 1943, bombing raids on the Schweinfurt ball bearing factories.

After being hit with anti-aircraft fire, Ham and his crew bailed out of their burning plane and all survived; he was hidden by the Dutch resistance for 14 months until liberation. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal and several battle ribbons, and later flew air-sea rescue missions in the South Pacific with the 13th Air Force.

While attending graduate school at Teachers College, Columbia University, he met and married Elinor Jeanne

Smith of Shaker Heights, Ohio, who was also a graduate student at Teachers College. Ham subsequently became managing editor of the Teachers College Press, taught professional writing courses there, and later served as director of development and secretary of the college.

In 1957, Ham and his family moved to Ridgewood, N.J., where they lived for 36 years. He was active in the Upper Ridgewood Community Church and in other community affairs.

Ham was an avid tennis player and was a member of Upper Ridgewood Tennis Club, serving several terms as a trustee and was president of the club in 1979-'80.

In 1970, Ham left Columbia University and established the Forkner Publishing Corporation — a textbook publishing company. He was chairman and CEO until he sold the company in 1980 and retired.

In 1993, Ham and his wife moved permanently to their summer home in Bigfork. Elinor passed away in 2006 after a long illness.

Ham is survived by a daughter, Leslie G. Forkner, of Charlestown, Mass., and a grandson, Ross Hamden Kukulinski, a senior at Carnegie-Mellon University in Pittsburgh.

In accordance with his desires, there will be no services.

The family requests that those wishing to honor Ham's memory make a donation to the Bigfork QRU.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family. Condolences may be sent to [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com)

## Nestor Framness, 90

Nestor Framness, 90, passed away from a heart attack Saturday, Oct. 4, 2008, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish. He was born March 22, 1918, in Gillett, Wis., and moved to Montana in 1952.

Nestor was married to Dot McDonald in 1940, and they raised four sons together.

He built his home in Columbia Falls in 1970 where he remained until his death.

Nestor served in the Navy during World War II.

He worked most of his years for Westmont Tractor as a Caterpillar



mechanic in Kalispell and retired in 1982.

He loved horseback riding, hunting, fishing and all outdoor activities.

Nestor was a very strong, dedicated Christian man. He was a local elder in the Seventh-day Adventist Church for 50 years.

He is survived by his wife, Dot; his four sons, Hal, Ron, Rick and Dan; a daughter-in-law, Shirley; nine grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, at the Seventh-day Adventist Church, 269 Second Ave. EN, in Columbia Falls.

Arrangements are with Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

## Maxine Evelyn Freeman, 79

Maxine Evelyn Freeman passed away peacefully in her sleep July 31, 2008, while under hospice care in Kalispell. She was born on July 5, 1929, to Max and Evelyn Walters in Havre and lived in Chinook. At age 5 she moved to the Flathead Valley and lived on the family farm while attending her grade school years at Birch Grove School. During her high school years at Flathead she worked at Norm's serving ice cream and popular drinks of the time.

She was the mother of four children, Judee and husband Hal Channell of Sonora Calif., Rance Fish and wife, Peggy, of Columbia Falls, Eddy Fish of Kalispell, and Kenny Fish and wife, Snooks, of Portland. She was a grandmother of six and great-grandmother of four.

Always involved in her kids' activities, she became a great den mother, baseball coach and hunter safety instructor (she made one of her sons take the course twice) as well as a



second mom for a number of her nieces and nephews. It was said, "You never felt more welcome or comfortable in a home as you did in Maxine's." No

one was ever turned away or left hungry.

She left Columbia Falls during the Libby Dam construction and worked at the Mint Bar as a union bartender. She later moved to Sonora Calif., and Rearden, Wash.

In the early '80s, she moved back to the family farm where she remained until her passing. Her love of staying active and working in the dirt transformed her yard into a showplace of flower gardens and a vegetable garden that was enjoyed by all.

She touched many lives and will be missed by all.

## Clare Frankel, 95

Clare Frankel, 95, passed away on Saturday, Feb. 9, 2008 at Brendan House in Kalispell, Montana.

She was born on Oct. 3, 1912 in Komenety Podulsk, Russia and was raised in New York City, New York. She graduated from high school, and then attended a secretarial school.

Clare married Sol Frankel in 1934 in New York City. They were married for 56 years before Sol passed away.

She served for many years on the board of directors of Cancer Care, a charity in New York; managed Cancer Care Thrift Shop in Far Rockaway, N.Y.; and served with the Jewish Community Bet Harim in annual holiday celebrations for Samaritan House shelter residents. She loved knitting, cooking, and especially family activities. Clare was a "people person". She loved music, concerts, theatre and attended many Glacier Symphony and Whitefish Theatre Company events. She lived in happy fellowship at Glacier Manor, 506 1st Ave. West in Kalispell, for the past nine years.

Clare was preceded in death by her parents and

her husband Sol on Dec. 19, 1990.

She is survived by her son Stephen Frankel of Teaneck, New Jersey; a daughter Nina Levitt and her husband Stuart of Kalispell; grandchildren, Damon Treitler, Qing Treitler and Felix Treitler, all of Boston, Renay Frankel and Lauren Frankel of Boston, and Matthew Frankel, of Brooklyn, N.Y.; and nieces Maddy Shapiro and Sandra Paley. Clare was anticipating her first great-grandchild this April 2008.

Burial will be next to her husband at Mt. Hebron Cemetery, in Flushing, New York, Wednesday Feb. 13, 2008. A memorial service will be held at Glacier Unitarian Universalist Church on Trumble Creek Road, at 2:20 p.m. on Sunday, March 9, 2008.

Her life will be celebrated by all her friends and the congregation of Bet Harim at that time. All are invited. The family asks that memorials in Clare's name be made to the Jewish Community of the Flathead, Bet Harim, P.O. Box 364, Kalispell, Montana 59903-0364. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home caring for the family locally.

## Ethel Forbes, 89

Ethel Forbes, 89, of Coldwater, Mich., died July 29, 2008, after a short illness.

She is survived by her daughter, Sara Smith, of Kalispell.

## Orville Grant Fredenberg, 94

Orville Grant Fredenberg "left this Earth" on July 25, 2008. "His Betsy came down on her angel wings and took him with her."



He was delivered into this world Nov. 9, 1913, by his grandmother, Laura Fredenberg, who practiced midwifery on the East North side of Kalispell at that time. Orville's parents were Anson G. Fredenberg and Ruth Crandle Fredenberg, and he was the fifth of 16 children.

Orville's mother passed in 1941, but his father continued to raise his family by himself, with the help of his daughter, Vivian Barnes. Orville loved and revered his father and always tried to pattern his life after him.

Although Orville only had a seventh-grade education, he went on to be the first Kalispell policeman hired under the Civil Service Act in 1939. He served 23 years as a policeman and retired, for the first time, in 1961. He then served two terms of police judge and justice of the peace, combined, and retired again in 1976. Orville was the oldest living retired police officer in the state of Montana.

Before his law-enforcement career, he worked as a mechanic and was a cook in a Civilian Conservation Camp. Orville also was a truck driver at Fort Peck Dam during its construction.

On Dec. 3, 1938, Orville married "his Betsy," Mary Elizabeth Motichka, in Kalispell. Both families were pioneer families in the Flathead Valley, and they grew up on neighboring farms. Orville and Betsy enjoyed 67 wonderful, loving years together. They were inseparable. They enjoyed camping, fishing, boating, traveling, playing cards and just being with each other and their family.

Orville and Betsy had two children, Mary Ruth and Ronald, and he was a devoted husband and father.

Orville loved automobiles, and he loved working on them. He owned more than 90 vehicles in his lifetime and built his first car out of pieces he had collected. He was always "tinkering" with something. He also loved baseball and played first base during his younger years. Later he coached Pee Wee and Babe Ruth baseball for many years in Kalispell and coached several championship teams. He was very proud of that accomplishment.

Orville was a man of his word and was greatly respected by everyone who knew him. He had a great love for his family and was always there for them. He made each one of them feel very special and loved. He was a great man in every sense of the word.

Orville was preceded in death by his parents; four sisters; and five brothers. His beloved "Betsy" left his side Feb. 28, 2006. Orville had been waiting to join "his Betsy" since that day, and his family knows that they are now together forever, just as they had always planned.

He is survived by his daughter, Mary Ruth, and her husband, Hank Olson, and his son, Ronald, and his wife, Liz, all of Kalispell. He also is survived by his many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren, to whom he was known as "Papa," and numerous nieces and nephews. He is also survived by two sisters, Carol Patterson and Miriam Mack; and four brothers, Duane Dale, Leslie and Orin Fredenberg.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 1, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. A reception will be afterward.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the Renaissance Assisted Living facility, whose staff took loving care of Orville during the last month of his life; or to an Alzheimer's fund in memory of his "Betsy."

*This paid obituary is being run again at the request of the family.*

## Robert N. 'Bob' Frauson, 84

Robert N. "Bob" Frauson, 84, of Columbia Falls, passed away on June 20, 2008. At the time of his death he was living at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell, where he received loving care.



Bob was born in Mahwah, N.J., in 1924. At age 19 he joined the U.S. Army, 10th Mountain Division (86-A), and served in the mountains of Italy during World War II.

After graduating from Colorado State University in 1951, he taught junior high school industrial arts in Greeley, Colo.

He began his National Park Service career at Devils Tower National Monument, then worked for more than 10 years as a Longs Peak climbing ranger in Rocky Mountain National Park, Colo.

While there he met and married Ann Davis, and together they had two daughters, Deb and Karen. In 1962 the family moved to St. Mary Ranger Station in Glacier National Park, where they lived for the next 20 years.

As a ranger, Bob was involved in emergency services and resource protection for the eastside of Glacier National Park. He retired in 1982 as the Hudson Bay district ranger for Glacier National Park.

In retirement, Bob and Ann moved to the Flathead Valley, where Bob became active with Glacier Nordic Ski Club. He also volunteered with the disabled ski program at Big Mountain.

Bob's passions included his family, friends, skiing, hiking and silversmithing.

Bob is survived by Ann Frauson, his wife and life partner of 50 years; his daughters, Deb Frauson and Karen Frauson, of Grand Teton National Park; his brother, Jack "Swede" Frauson, and wife, Joy, of Raleigh, N.C.; sister-in-law, Barbara Frauson, and son, Bruce, of Conyngham, Pa.; cousins, Ed Carroll and family of Fort Collins, Colo., and Marie L'Heureux of Central Valley, N.Y., and her family; and brother-in-law, Jack Davis, and wife, Bobbie, of Green Valley, Ariz., and their families.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, Oscar and Minnie Frauson; and brother, Bill Frauson.

A celebration of Bob's life will be held from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. July 19 at the Lake McDonald Lodge Auditorium. All of his friends are invited to attend.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Search and Rescue Fund, Glacier National Park, P.O. Box 128, West Glacier, MT 59936.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and crematory is caring for the family. To send a condolence message please visit [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com).

## Lilly Joy Freebury, 82

Lilly Joy Freebury, 82, passed away Tuesday, April 8, 2008, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell, with her family at her side. Lilly was born April 11, 1925, to Ed and Nellie Ness.



She was raised on the family homestead near Kila. Her early education was attending Kila Grade School, and then graduating from Flathead County High School in 1942. At the beginning of World War II, Lil moved to Washington, where she worked in the Naval shipyards during the war effort. She often laughed about writing letters to many of the soldiers from the Flathead Valley during the war. It seems she used toilet paper to write the letters on, so the boys always wanted her to write often.

She married one of the returning soldiers, Ernie Freebury, in Woodland Park in June 1948. For the next 43 years, Ernie and Lil raised two children together here in the Flathead until Ernie passed away in 1990.

Lil sold real estate in the valley for more than 40 years. In that time, she was a member of more volunteer and public-service organizations than can be listed. She had a natural talent as a leader and to get things done, and served her community well.

"Lil walked every day of her life with God in her heart and is with him now."

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ernie; and a granddaughter, Laura.

She is now survived by her son, Ernie Freebury, and wife, Donna, of Kalispell; her daughter, Linda McGee, of Las Vegas; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; one brother, Lindy Ness, of Miles City; and extended family.

Funeral services for Lilly Freebury will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, April 14, at the Church of the Nazarene on Whitefish Stage Road in Kalispell, with burial afterward at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 12, in the Johnson-Gloschat chapel.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for Lilly's family. You are invited to go to [www.jgfuneralhome.com](http://www.jgfuneralhome.com) to offer condolences and sign Lilly's guest book

## Eugene M. Fulton, 93

Eugene M. Fulton, 93, of Kalispell, died Saturday Jan. 5, 2008, of natural causes at Montana's Veteran Home in Columbia Falls.

He was born April 11, 1914, in Bottineau, N.D., the son of Eugene and Marie Fulton. At age 10 the family moved to Saunemin, Ill., where he graduated from high school.

He moved to Rock Island, Ill., in 1936, and to Seattle in 1940.

He was a veteran of World War II. After retiring from a distinguished career with the

Army Corps of Engineers, he moved to Mesa, Ariz., in 1970, where he lived until moving to Billings in 1991.

On Sept. 24, 1993, he married Jane Wheeler of Kalispell. With his devoted wife Jane, Kalispell became his home for the balance of his life.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Jane; a son from his first marriage, Kurt Allan Fulton, of New York City; and a granddaughter, April Christine Carr, of Portland.

Memorials may be made to your favorite charity.

## Timothy James Fry, 56

Timothy James Fry, 56, passed away Monday, April 7, 2008, at his residence at Ashley Lake.

Tim was born June 1, 1951, in Spokane. He attended Kalispell elementary schools and graduated from Flathead High School.

Tim worked as a sawyer and in assembly at Kalispell Truss Center, where he retired.

He immensely enjoyed hunting and fishing.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Carla (Herzog) Fry; and his brother, Terry Fry.

Tim is survived by his father,

Donald Louis "Don" Fry, and his daughter, Angel Fry, both of Kalispell; and numerous cousins.

Cremation has taken place.

A memorial service is planned for 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 16, at Central Christian Church, with the Rev. Jan Van der Poll officiating. A reception will be afterward at the church.

Memorials may be directed to Kalispell PeeWee Baseball, c/o Dan Johns, P.O. Box 759, Kalispell, MT 59903; or to a charity of the donor's choice.

## Violet Clara Fuller, 89

Violet Clara Fuller, 89, a resident of Kalispell for the past 44 years, passed away on Friday, March 14, 2008, at the Heritage Place in Kalispell.



Violet Clara Margaret Murphy Fuller was born Aug. 5, 1918, in Billings, to Spencer Turner Murphy and Mamie Sophia Tews Murphy. Her mother passed away when Violet was 15 years old, and Violet thus began her years of service to others. She helped out at home taking care of her two younger brothers, Merl Spencer Murphy and William Fredrick Murphy, cleaning the home and teaching herself to cook. After her father remarried, Violet stayed with her stepmother and was encouraged to finish high school. She graduated at the age of 21.

She then went to work caring for children that had been stricken with polio. It was while she was working at that hospital that she met the love of her life, Lewis William Fuller, a recent graduate of Montana State University. He was working with the CCC camp in the area at the time. Violet also worked as a nanny for Father Wertz and his wife, Annie. Annie had also been stricken with polio, and when her son was born, Violet took care of little Forest and his mother.

During this time, Violet and Lewis were married and finally settled in Roy. While in Eastern Montana, they were blessed with two children, Lois Marie and Norma Joyce. As Lewis advanced in his career with the SCS, they moved to Eureka. After seven years, they were transferred to Polson, and while in Polson, they were blessed with a third child, David Lewis. In 1963, with both girls attending college in Washington State, Lewis, Violet and David moved to Kalispell.

Violet had been a Red Cross volunteer, certified in 1943. She

spent her life being of service to others. In Kalispell, she volunteered at the county hospital and continued her service in the Heritage Place after it was built. She also volunteered at the Friendship House for many years, and was in her 80s before she decided to retire.

Violet was a longtime member of Calvary Lutheran Church in Evergreen and was very active in her church. She was always ready to lend a helping hand wherever needed. She also received two years of intensive instruction and became a Stevens Minister. With this instruction, she was able to help young and old alike through trials in their lives.

Violet was the oldest of her siblings. She was the last of her generation.

Violet was preceded in death by her husband, and outlived her two brothers. She was also preceded in death by her husband's siblings, Margaret Wylma Fuller Wickham, Lucille Helen Fuller, Norman Edgar "Dobie" Fuller, Ethel Mariam Fuller Hall and Joyce Elise Fuller Lane.

She is survived by her two daughters, Lois Marie Heilman of Portland, and Norma Joyce Salmons of Aberdeen, S.D.; a son, David Lewis Fuller of Kalispell; and five grandchildren, Michelle Anne Heilman, Bradley Lyle Dykes, Brian Leslie Dyles Salmons, Geanne Marie Dykes Salmons and Barry Lewis Dykes. She is also survived by one great-grandchild, Matthew Dykes; and several step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren. She will be greatly missed.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, March 26, at the Calvary Lutheran Church, with Pastor Kurt Rau officiating. Violet will be laid to rest next to her husband in C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

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

## Mae Ruth Fewer, 46

Mae Ruth Fewer, 46, died Wednesday, Aug. 20, 2008, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

She is survived by her husband, Richard Fewer; and four children, Carrie Broden, Jeremy Holm, Jennifer Holm and Christopher Holm.

Private family services

will be held at a later date.

At Mae's request, her body will be received by the University of Tennessee Anthropology Department and placed in the body farm for the advancement of science.

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