

Daniel L. Garding, 52

Daniel L. Garding, 52, passed away at his Kalispell residence on Sunday Aug. 31, 2008. Daniel was born in Kalispell on April 22, 1956, to Erwin and Eleanor Garding. He lived his entire life in Kalispell, graduating from Flathead High School in 1974, and working at various jobs in the area.



For the last 30 years, Dani has walked the life of darkness and health issues from diabetes, including losing his sight and his kidney. He received a kidney transplant 13 years ago but his sight could never be repaired. He never complained that life wasn't fair to him, only that it needed to be fixed.

Dani wanted to be independent and he was. If you saw the young man and his white cane around the Kalispell downtown area, you knew he would know you if you spoke; your voice would make it known to him who you were.

He loved his friends and fellow Sykes coffee drinkers and

his Eagles friends, and his neighbors at the Elms Apartments where he lived.

His smile and his stories which he remembered so well will be missed by many who had the great pleasure of knowing Dan Garding.

Dani was preceded in death by his parents, Erwin and Eleanor Garding; sisters, Sue Manley and JoAnn Beck; sister-in-law, Gail Garding; and brothers-in-law, Ray Manley and Doug Mason.

He is survived by his sister, Sandi Mason, of Colville, Wash.; and brother, Donald Garding, of Whitefish; and numerous nieces and nephews, aunts and cousins also survive.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 6, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens, with a luncheon following at the Eagles Lodge.

Memorial contributions may be made to your favorite charity or to the Kidney Center in Kalispell.

Friends are encouraged to go to www.buffalohillfh.com to leave condolences for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Beryl H. Garvin, 73

Beryl H. Garvin, 73, passed away Sunday, April 6, 2008, at her home in Kalispell. Beryl was born Aug. 21, 1934, in Canada to Fred and Lana (Blankensop) Heggen.



She moved to Havre during her preschool years. The family moved to Kalispell when Beryl was in the third grade. She attended grade school and then Flathead County High School.

Beryl married in 1950. They lived in Libby for two years, then they moved to Sacramento, Calif., where she worked for the State Department of Personnel. Beryl remarried in 1963, and they moved back to Kalispell in 1965.

Beryl married Russ Garvin in 1972. She managed the Wonderbread store in Kalispell, then worked as a teacher's assistant for School District 5, from 1981 until retiring in 1994.

Beryl loved taking trips with horses and mules. She was a charter member of the Back Country Horsemen, and a member of the Stillwater Free Lutheran Church.

Beryl saw a lot of beauty through the lens of a camera. Her favorite place to visit was the Anaconda Pintler Wilderness. She loved the beauty of

this wonderful place she called home, and never once took it for granted. Just taking a trip to town, she would see things that most people would not notice. Beryl always took time to smell the roses.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Warren and Lena Heggen.

Beryl is survived by her husband, Russ Garvin; children, Vicki Hanson and husband, Jeff, of Kalispell, Jana Monahan of Beaverton, Ore., Randy and Linda Augusta of Kalispell, and Dale and Pam Augusta of Kalispell; siblings, Wayne and Arlene Fleggen of Seeley Lake, Jerry and Kathern Heggen, Joyce and Holly Eastlund, and Shirley and Willard Lybeck, all of Kalispell; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

A celebration of Beryl's life will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 12, at the Stillwater Free Lutheran Church, with the Rev. Tim Bartholomew officiating. Her ashes will be buried at Fairview Cemetery.

Memorials may be made in Beryl's name to the Alzheimer's Association, 919 N. Michigan, Suite 1100, Chicago, Ill. 60611-1676.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

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

Howard Allen Gamett, 50

Howard Allen Gamett, 50, of Bigfork passed away at his home Tuesday evening, April 8, 2008, with his family by his side. Howard was born Dec. 22, 1957, in Great Falls to Lavon and Myra (Marjerison) Gamett.



Lavon died in 1958. Myra — with her son, Howard — married Robert Lindborg in 1960, and were joined in 1962 by Howard's brother, Lee Robert Lindborg.

Howard and his first wife, Kimberly Gamett Moriah, shared 17 years of their lives together.

He married Eileen Whalen in 2001, and they had a daughter, Kendra. Howard and Eileen later divorced.

Howard attended school in Great Falls and graduated from Charles M. Russell High School in 1976. While in his senior year, he started working for Pizza Hut and rose in the ranks to store manager and then area manager of Flathead Valley Pizza Huts. Since his retirement from Pizza Hut, he held several positions, always enjoying jobs in which he worked with people. While working with Pizza

Hut in the Flathead, he served as ambassador chairman for the Kalispell Chamber of Commerce, and enjoyed working on chamber events and Leadership Flathead, from which he graduated. Later, he graduated from the Leadership Great Falls program when he was working for the Great Falls Chamber of Commerce.

Howard had a passion for ham radio from an early age; his call letters were KG7QU. He enjoyed photography, the family farm in Plains, and loved any time he spent with family and friends, especially his daughter, Kendra.

He is survived by his parents, Robert and Myra, of Bigfork; his brother, Lee Lindborg, and his wife, Debbie, of Plains; his daughter, Kendra Gamett, of Great Falls; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

A memorial service for Howard will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, April 14, at Bethany Lutheran Church in Bigfork.

Memorial gifts will be placed into an educational fund for Kendra.

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

Jay Allen Gasser, 52

Jay Allen Gasser, 52, of Pablo, died Friday, Dec. 19, 2008, at his daughter's home.

He is survived by three sons, Evan and Casey of Pablo, and Jeromy of

Kalispell; three stepchildren Eli, Tasheena and Beverly, all of Pablo.

A celebration of life was held on Dec. 27 at the North Crow Club House.

Barbara C. Gearhart, 84

Barbara C. Gearhart, 84, died on Sunday, Nov. 16, 2008, in Kalispell.

Burial will be held at Greenlawn Cemetery in Los

Angeles.

Local arrangements are under the care of Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

Richard 'Rick' Geary, 49

Richard "Rick" Geary, 49, passed away Sunday, Oct. 26, 2008, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in



Kalispell. He was born Dec. 12, 1958, in Santa Maria, Calif., to Kermit M. and Mamie Dorothy (Emos) Geary.

After graduation from Santa Maria Union High School in 1977, he enrolled in the police academy program at Hancock College. After graduation he was a police officer for the city of Grover Beach.

He later moved to Kalispell, where he continued his master woodworking craftsman trade, owning his own business.

Rick was a big part of his family and friends' lives and will be deeply missed.

Rick is survived by his wife, Carole Geary, of Kalispell; three daughters, Heidie and Ron Hensic and Holly and Gary Morris

of Santa Maria, and Carrie and Geoff Angel of Bozeman; one son, Matthew, of Kalispell; three sisters, Mary and Gary Brakefield of Guadalupe, Calif., Linda and Ronnie Cornelius of Yucca Valley, Calif., and Patricia Geary-Holguin of Kalispell; two brothers, Jim and Joyce Geary of Atwater, Calif., and Roger and Mary Clark of Orosi, Calif., three grandchildren, Ronny, Hannah and Cole; with numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Bud and Mamie Geary; grandparents, Beatrice Geary and Mary Enos; and nephew, Stacy Cornelius.

Services will be held for Rick at 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home, with a potluck afterward at the Short Branch in Lakeside. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for Rick's family. You are invited to go to www.jgfuneralhome.com to offer condolences and sign Rick's guest book.

Ely J. Gelinas, 27

Ely J. Gelinas, 27, passed away on Saturday, Aug. 30, 2008, in East Glacier. He was born on Aug. 18, 1981, to Matthew and Wendy (Olson) Gelinas in Kalispell.



Ely was a graduate of Flathead High School.

He served proudly in the U.S. Army for seven years.

He loved the outdoors, but his passion was for fishing, hunting and snowboarding. The way Ely put his heart and soul into everything he did is an inspiration to us all.

He was preceded in death by Grandma Sylvia and Grandpa Ray Gelinas; aunt, Lori, and

uncle, Raymond Gelinas; as well as grandpa, Jim Wehr.

He is survived by his mother, Wendy Olson, stepfather, Adam, and a sister, Madison, all of Lakeside; dad, Matthew Gelinas, and stepmother, Kathy, stepsister, Breanna Stewart, and her husband, Ashby, a brother, Seth Gelinas, and his wife, Tova, all of Kalispell; girlfriend, Amanda Burt; grandmother, Laurel Wehr; great-grandmother, Florence Ladd and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and many close friends.

A memorial service will be at 3 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5, in the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral chapel in Kalispell.

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

Martin 'Marty' Wayne Gemmer, 59

Martin "Marty" Wayne Gemmer, 59, "went to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ" on Friday, April 4, 2008. He died in his home from natural causes.



Marty was born Sept. 20, 1948, in Mount Vernon Wash., to Quenton and Jennie Gemmer.

He graduated from Cascade High School in 1966, the University of Washington with a bachelor's degree in psychology in 1970, followed by the Bible College in Burien, Wash., with a Bachelor of Theology degree in 1974.

It was in Bible College that Marty met the love of his life, Connie Moser. They were married Aug. 4, 1973.

Marty and Connie moved to the Flathead in January 1982, to be the music ministry director of their church. For the past 20 years, he has worked as a Farmer's Insur-

ance agent.

Marty loved coaching softball, and music, and especially people. He always had time to listen, talk and help people. He gave unselfishly of his time and talents.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Jennie.

He is survived by his wife, Connie Gemmer, and daughter, Damaris Brooke, at the family home in Kalispell; along with his son, Blair Reynold Gemmer, of Missoula.

Most of all, Marty loved the Lord. He had "a call to unity broadcast" on KALS radio. In recent years, he made several trips to Bulgaria with his family to do ministry and mission work with the gypsies, where he left a piece of his heart.

A service to celebrate Marty's life will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 9, at the New Covenant Fellowship, followed by a reception.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Gemmer family at the New Covenant Fellowship.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Bobby Lee Gentry, 72

Bobby Lee Gentry, 72, formerly of Eureka, passed away on Saturday, March 15, 2008, at the Brendan House in Kalispell, of complications from lung cancer. He moved to Kalispell from Eureka to be closer to medical facilities. He was born on Jan. 17, 1936, at Waynesville, N.C., to Emma Mae Gentry.



He spent most of his childhood in Lenoir, N.C., but had many memorable summers spent with family in Haywood County. He attended Kings Creek Grade School and two years at Kings Creek High School in Lenoir, and worked in small mills in North Carolina and Montana before entering the Navy.

He took a trip as a teenager to Eureka, about 1952, with a nephew of Collis Walker and fell in love with the people and the area and it became his second home. He was back in Eureka the next year to visit again.

He was in the Navy from 1955 to 1959, visiting many places in the Pacific. After a few years working around the Eureka area he signed up with the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and sailed with them for several years surveying the ocean in areas from Hawaii to Alaska, sailing out of Seattle.

In 1980 he returned to Eureka for a visit and stayed 27 years. He met Donna Sederdahl Anderson and on Aug. 17, 1984, Bob and Donna were married in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. He became a special stepfather to her two children, Vikki and James Anderson.

He worked in the logging industry in the Seeley-Swan area and then for Gwynn Lumber Company. After Gwynn's sold their trucks, he got a job in 1999 with the U.S. Forest Service as the Black Butte Fire Lookout, a job he held for 11 years until he decided to retire in 2001.

He loved NASCAR racing and would try to get to at least one race each year. He was an avid Seahawk football fan as well as Duke basketball.

He was forever telling stories of working in all the small lumber mills in the area in the 1950s and early 1960s. It was easy to get jobs; he and his friends changed jobs often. He

worked for the Holder Brothers, Keltners, Clarks and others.

He and his friends won the Kootenai River Raft Race for Eureka in 1961, much to

the dismay of Libby. The young group of friends were called the Jelly Bean Bandits by the older generation in the popular Stockman's bar in Eureka.

Bob was a quiet, but strong person. He overcame his drinking problem and smoking and was proud to have over 25 years of sobriety and a non-smoker.

He was a very talented carpenter and with his hobby of the traditional art of chip-carving made many gifts of decorative plates and boxes. He made furniture by looking at a picture and finishing it with his own little touches. He also enjoyed growing apples, which he carefully thinned to make the biggest apples.

He liked to hike and made walking sticks from wood he found on his walks. He loved to travel and always enjoyed visiting North Carolina. He became interested in his family history and visited many of the places where the McGees and the Gentrys had lived in 1700s and 1800s.

Bob was preceded in death by his mother, Emma; a brother, Mike; and nephew, Michael.

He is survived by his wife Donna of Kalispell; stepchildren, James and his wife Jen, and Vikki and husband Bryan; and several cousins in North Carolina.

Montana and North Carolina were both near and dear to his heart. A memorial stone will be placed in Eureka but his ashes will be buried in Lenoir near his mother and brother. Relatives will have graveside services at a later date at Woodlawn Cemetery in Lenoir.

There are no services planned for Bob.

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

Lillian 'Babe' Young Gerstenberger, 95

Lillian "Babe" Young Gerstenberger, 95, born in New Ulm, Minn., on March 11, 1912, succumbed to old age in Yakima, Wash., on Jan. 30, 2008.

As a young child, her family moved from Minnesota in 1917 to her beloved state of Montana. She lived 34 years in Havre and 44 years in Kalispell. She was married to Al J. Gerstenberger (a high school teacher in Havre and Kalispell) for 63 years, until his death in Kalispell in 1997. She then moved to Yakima to be nearer to her son, Clayton, and Ann; and her daughter, Judy, and Tim Johnson in British

Columbia.

She is also survived by three grandchildren, Janelle Johnson in Las Cruces, N.M., Judy Gerstenberger in San Francisco, and David and Tina Gerstenberger in Yakima, who have two sons, Methodius, 5, and Maximus, 2 months. There are a number of surviving nieces and nephews.

Lillian was pre-deceased by her two brothers and one sister, and all of their spouses.

Inurnment will be in the family plot in Kalispell at a later date. Arrangements in Yakima were by Keith and Keith Mortuary.

Joanne Roberta Gesek, 52

Joanne Roberta Gesek, 52, formerly of Columbia Falls, died Oct. 12, 2008, in Pocatello, Idaho.

Survivors include her partner, Don Barton; father, Bob Gesek, and his

wife, Margaret Gesek.

A memorial was held Oct. 15 in Pocatello. A private graveside service will be held at St. Richard's Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

Dorthey Getz, 90

Dorthey Getz, 90, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2008, at the Brendan House in Kalispell. She and her twin brother were delivered by their grandmother at the family homestead on Sept. 15, 1918, in Enid. Her parents were Zola (Wyman) DuPuis and Gus DuPuis.



all of her many animals. She had a subtle (sometimes, not so subtle) sense of humor that we all enjoyed.

Dorthey was preceded in death by her husband, Wallace Getz; and her former husband, Richard McLeod; her parents, Zola and Archie Moss, and Ann and Gus DuPuis; sister, Enid Dupuis; brother, Donald DuPuis; granddaughter, Amy Molkjer; stepbrother, Duane Moss; and stepsister, Donna Smith.

In her early years the family moved to Polson, where she attended school, graduating in 1937. Dorthey's parents parted and her mother eventually married Archie Moss in Polson during the Depression. He raised Dorthey and her siblings and was dearly loved by his family and grandchildren to come.

She is survived by her daughter, Janet; grandchildren, Steve, Scott and Kathryn Slack, Paula Dupree and husband, Cheyenne; brother, Edward DuPuis, and wife, Dorothy; stepsisters, Alma Rathbun and Vera Utzke; and stepbrother, Alan Franks.

Her family extends their appreciation to the caregivers at Brendan House, especially to her favorites (you know who you are), for their years of love, compassion and support. Thank you to her special friends, Dr. Richard Taylor and his wonderful staff.

It was Dorthey's request that no services be held. In loving memory of her uniqueness, it was her wish that you please pass on an act of kindness to someone in need in her remembrance.

Condolences may be sent in care of Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, 1890 Hwy. 93 N., Kalispell, MT 59901. Friends are encouraged to visit the Web site at www.buffalohillfh.com to leave online condolences for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

In 1938, Dorthey and Richard McLeod were married in Polson. Their daughter Janet was born in 1939. In 1941, they moved to Seattle, where their home became a haven for family and friends during World War II. Dorthey and her daughter moved to Kalispell in 1947.

During her working years she was employed at the Conrad Bank and County Courthouse.

In 1957, she and Wallace Getz were married in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. They lived in Kalispell the remainder of their lives.

Dorthey was a very strong woman, dedicated to her family and friends. She was especially devoted to her grandchildren.

She enjoyed photography, rock hounding, ceramics, painting and traveling. She loved

Faye Elizabeth Gibson, 90

Faye Elizabeth Gibson, 90, passed away at Lake View Care Center on Wednesday, Aug. 20, 2008, in Bigfork. She was born April 19, 1918, in Proctor, to Adam and Oma (Davis) Learn. Faye was born into a family with four sisters, one brother, and an infant sibling who died of smallpox. Faye received her early education in Proctor, attending through the eighth grade.



Faye often spoke of hearing Indian drums in the woods, boating on both the Red and Black lakes while taking a break from pulling weeds, and working in the garden in Proctor. One American Indian chief, Black Crow, would ride around on his horse with a sword and scare the area children.

Faye had many odd jobs as a young lady around Proctor, doing household work, watching children, ironing clothes, tending animals, hauling water in a model A truck, and preparing fruit — often getting paid 50 cents a day. Her brother Richard often said he wished he could see the pile of apples that Faye had peeled in her lifetime. She also worked in Oregon in the shipyard for 75 cents an hour.

Faye met her future husband, Jacob E. Gibson, through a newspaper ad. Jake was looking for a caregiver for his three daughters, Francis, Lucille and Nancy, after the death of their mother. Faye answered the ad, and Jake and Faye were married Dec. 2, 1948, in Phoenix, as they were taking a load of Christmas trees down for

sale. To this union Fredrick Adair Gibson was born in 1953. The family homesteaded at Foothills Road until Jake's passing in July 1979.

Jake, Faye and Fred enjoyed a trip of the Western 13 states in 1955.

She was very determined, strong-willed, and a spiritually inclined woman who absolutely loved rhubarb.

Faye was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Jake E. Gibson; brother, Richard; sisters, Adaline, Evalina, Elsie, and an infant sibling; stepdaughters, Francis and Lucille; and a great grandson, Mason Walsh.

She is survived by her son, Fred, and his wife, Sheri, of Kalispell; two stepdaughters, Alyssa and Nancy Sharp of Washington; a grandson, Aaron Gibson, and girlfriend, Kacey Scott, of Kalispell; granddaughter, Chen Walsh, and her husband, Rob, of Helena; two great-grandchildren, Dan and Clover of Helena; many wonderful cousins, relatives and friends; and one set of very special neighbors: Kent and Kathy Meyer.

A graveside service will be held for Faye at 1 p.m. Monday, Aug. 25, at Glacier Memorial Gardens, with Pastor Tim Bartholomew of the Stillwater Free Lutheran Church officiating.

The family would like to extend a special thanks to all the wonderful caregivers at Lake View Care Center. She will be missed by all as she was a very dear woman — "Love ya little, love ya big, love ya like a little pig."

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

Lowell L. Gilman, 92

Lowell L. Gilman, 92, slipped away peacefully Tuesday, April 8, 2008, "to be reunited in glory with those who have gone before." He was a lifelong resident of the Ruby Valley, currently residing at the Tobacco Root Mountain Care Center.

Lowell was born in Ruby on Feb. 12, 1916, to Leslie G. Gilman and Ada Taylor Gilman. He lived in Ruby for the first 75 years of his life. Lowell attended elementary school in Ruby and graduated



from Virginia City High School. He attended Montana State College, and returned home to work on construction of the Ruby Dam and to ranch with his father. His passions were his faith, his family, his ranch and his community of friends.

Lowell was swept off his feet by Laura Moore of Sheridan, and they were married on Christmas Eve 1944, in the Methodist Church. They raised five children, were active in the community and operated the ranch together until Laura's death in 1986.

In 1988, he married Edna Armitage Ellinghouse and they spent 13 of their golden years together traveling, ranching and

enjoying family until her death in 2001.

Survivors include his daughters, Karla and Earl Houtz of Kalispell, and Sharon and Ron Rau of Beaverton, Ore.; sons, Leslie and Donna of Ruby, and James and Anita of Highlands Ranch, Colo.; 11 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; stepdaughter, Lynn, and Gary Tavenner of Missoula; and stepson, George and Jane Ellinghouse of Billings; his close nephew, Ron Kunkel; and many other nieces and nephews, step-grandchildren and

friends, all of whom were revered by him.

He was preceded in death by his parents; both of his wives; his siblings, Harold, Elaine and Lela; his first son, Glenn; and his great-grandson, Paden.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 12, at Bethel United Methodist Church in Sheridan, with the Rev. Ben Nardi officiating. Interment will be afterward at the Taylor Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Vanessa J. 'June Bug' Ginter, 60

Vanessa J. "June Bug" Ginter, 60, a longtime Mountain View Manor resident, died of natural causes Thursday, June 26, 2008, in Eureka.

Survivors include her guardians, Ron and Kathy

Beaulieu, of Eureka.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, June 30, at Mountain View Manor.

Local arrangements are by Schnackenberg and Nelson Funeral Home in Eureka.

Lynn 'Dee' Lucey Glover, 66

Lynn "Dee" Lucey Glover, 66, a longtime resident of Eureka, died Friday, April 25, 2008, at her home.

Survivors include her husband, Keith Glover, of Eureka; her children, Wayne Lucey of Marysville, Wash., Dennis Lucey of Boise, Idaho, Julie Ward of Eureka, Kyle Lucey of Anchorage,

Alaska, and Jim Lucey of Eureka; and stepchildren, Robert Glover, stationed at Ft. Lewis, Wash., and Christine Echert of St. Ignatius.

Services will be 4 p.m. Tuesday at the First Baptist Church. Arrangements are with Nelson and Vial Funeral Homes and Crematory in Eureka.

David Gogolak, 36

David Gogolak, (lovingly known as Gogo), 36, of Whitefish, formerly of San Francisco, and Darien, Conn., died Jan. 13, 2008.

He is survived by his wife, Nicole, their two children, Graylin and Johnny; his parents, Peter and Kathy; and his brother, Tommy, of Darien.

David graduated from The School of Hotel Administration at Cornell University in 1997 and went on to co-found Hobson's Choice (a Victorian punch house in San Francisco) as well as San Francisco-based Asqew Grill Restaurant Company.

David's passion for life was famous and largely exuded



through his outdoor pursuits, his love for culinary creations and his love of people.

He is widely regarded by all who knew him as a person larger than life, someone who always had a kind word for everyone he met, for his love and devotion to his family and friends, and a sense of humor that had no boundaries.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 17, at Whitefish United Methodist Church located at 1150 Wisconsin Ave., Whitefish.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Montana Land Reliance, Flathead Nordic Ski Patrol or The Cottage in Darien (a home for the mentally handicapped), c/o Kelly Associates, 780 Post Road, Darien, CT 06820.

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

Lucille Marcia Gibson, 86

Lucille Marcia Gibson, 86, of Columbia Falls, passed away on Wednesday, Nov. 26, 2008, due to natural causes. Lucille was born on April 22, 1922, in Columbus, Neb., to Sutton and Martha Woods.

She graduated from Marshall Missouri High School, attended Missouri Teachers College at Warrensburg, Mo., and taught in a rural school.

In 1943, she worked for the U.S. Weather Bureau in Huron, S.D., and then enlisted in the U.S. Navy Waves in May 1944. She was then stationed at the Navy Weather Central in Seattle.

While there, she met the love of her life, Albert O. Gibson, and they were married on Sept. 26, 1946, in Superior, and became parents of four children.

Lucille loved teaching school as a substitute teacher. She never drove, so she caught the bus to school with the kids. She was an avid reader and loved sharing her knowledge with children of all ages.

Lucille and Al started traveling after retirement and were

fortunate to have visited 49 states. She loved Alaska, "the land of the midnight sun," because she could read all night.

Lucille was very proud of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, especially those who have served in the military.

She was preceded in death by her mom and dad, Sutton and Martha Woods.

She is survived by her loving husband, Al Gibson, and her four children, Steven and Merry Ann Gibson of Newport, Wash., Jeanne and Pat Burk of Trout Creek, Marcia and Chad Trenkle of Columbia Falls, and Mike and Carolyn Gibson of Columbia Falls; 11 great-grandchildren; and 17 grandchildren. She is also survived by a sister, Barbara, and Howard Ranes, of Missouri; and their wonderful traveling companions, Art and Ann Trenkle, of Columbia Falls.

Come join us for a celebration of life honoring Lucille at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 6, at the North Valley Community Center in Columbia Falls.

C. L. 'Gil' Gilbertson, 84

C. L. "Gil" Gilbertson, 84, former director of Disaster and Emergency Services for the state of Montana, died of natural causes Jan. 23, 2008, at St. Peter's Hospital in Helena.



Mr. Gilbertson was born, raised and educated in Flathead County. While in the Flathead, he farmed, operated a small logging operation, and owned and operated the Union Oil Company wholesale petroleum distributorship.

In 1972, he was appointed by Gov. Thomas Judge as the director of Civil Defense for the state of Montana, a position that later was changed to the Disaster and Emergency Services Division. He occupied this position until retirement in 1985. In this position, he was responsible for obtaining state and federal funds for the operation of this division and heading disaster relief efforts throughout the state. After his retirement, Mr. Gilbertson continued this work as a reservist for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in providing relief services after earthquakes, hurricanes, tornadoes and floods across the United States.

He had a true love of country and its people. Mr. Gilbertson served his country with 34 years in the Montana National Guard, enlisting as an E-1 and working his way up to the rank of full colonel. While in the National Guard, he attended a variety of military service schools, including the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

"Gil" Gilbertson may be best known for his extensive volunteer activities. After his retirement, he frequently worked

far more than 40 hours a week, going from one worthwhile cause to the next. He had been active in and held executive positions in many local civic organizations. He was on the board of directors of the Rocky Mountain Development Council for many years and served as the chairman of the Advisory Council for the Area IV Agency on Aging. In addition, he frequently could be found working at the Tourist Information Center, the Montana Library for the Blind Talking Book Library, Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church, the Montana Military Museum, St. Peter's Hospital, or the Waterford Retirement Community. In addition, he was an active member of the Kiwanis and Lions clubs. Through his volunteer activities, he touched many people's lives and made a true positive difference in the community.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Zola, in 1991; and his eldest son, Bruce, in 1995.

Survivors include his son, Mark, and his wife, Jean; and two grandchildren, James and John; Bruce's wife, Debra Wyman; his sister, Delores, and her husband, Robert Blake; and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

Visitation is scheduled at 4 to 6 p.m. today, Jan. 27, at Hagler-Anderson Chapel. The funeral will take place at Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church in Helena at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 28. There will be a reception at the church after the service. The military graveside honors will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 29, at Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell. Local arrangements have been entrusted to Hagler-Anderson Funeral Home.

Memorial donations may be sent to Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church, 1400 Stuart St., Helena, MT 59601, or the Montana Military Museum, P.O. Box 125 Fort Harrison, MT 59636-0125.

Robert Charles 'Bob' Goldizen, 72

Robert Charles "Bob" Goldizen, 72, passed away on Thursday, April 10, 2008, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell. Bob was born on Aug. 28, 1935, in Kalispell. He attended schools in Kalispell, graduating from Flathead County High School in 1954.

He went to work for Gary Motor Company in 1955, and continued working after Sterling Rygg purchased the franchise. He retired in 2000. Shortly after retirement, Bob went back to work for Rygg Ford, until he became too ill to continue working.

He also spent time in the Montana Army National Guard, where he was a corporal.

In 1956, Bob married Deanna Yerkes; they had four children. Deanna passed away in 1985.

In 1987, Bob married Dyanna (Myatt) Thompson. She had three children of her own.

Bob was one of the original founders of the South Kalispell Volunteer Fire Department. He was with them from 1973 until the present time. He retired from active fire fighting in 1997, but remained on the board of trustees. Bob was always the first person there when anyone needed help. He was always willing to help those in need.

Bob loved the outdoors, fishing, hunting and camping at Spotted Bear with his family



and friends. He took great pride in his yard and garden. They had lots of family barbecues in his front yard.

He was preceded in death by his parents;

his first wife, Deanna; one brother, Tom; and two grandsons.

Bob is survived by his wife, Dyanna, of Kalispell; a son, Bryan, and his wife, Stephanie, Goldizen; daughters, Pamela and husband Bob Keith, Patti and husband, Doug Hall, and Robin and husband, Bruce Keller; stepchildren, Dyanna and husband, Scott Thompson, Donna Cox, and Dale and wife, Darla Thompson; 14 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Visitation for Bob will be from 3 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, April 17, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. A celebration of life will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, April 18, at the Christian Center Assembly of God Church. Interment will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family requests memorials in Bob's name be given to the South Kalispell Volunteer Fire Department.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Louis Gehrkens, 86

Louis Gehrkens, 86, died Thursday, May 22, 2008, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

He is survived by his wife, June; and three sons, Greg,

Ken and Gary.

No services are planned at this time.

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

Joan Kathleen Geehr, 86

Joan Kathleen Geehr, 86, died Sunday, Jan. 20, 2008, in Kalispell.

A private family gathering

will be held later this year. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Margaret Gesek, 72

Margaret Gesek, 72, died on Nov. 21, 2008, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center. The cause of death was a stroke. Her son and daughter were at her side at the time of her passing.

Margaret was born Aug. 4, 1936, in Dover, Del., the youngest of three daughters to Dauphin and Marie Wharton.

She attended elementary and high schools in Dover and later studied at Stratford College in Danville, Va.

Margaret returned to Dover, where she worked for the state government.

She married Wayne Shanahan of Whitefish while he served as a pilot in the U.S. Air Force. A devoted mother, Margaret raised two children in a career military family. Despite frequent deployments and other hardships faced by military families, she always created a loving home environment. The marriage lasted 31 years.

Upon Wayne's retirement, Margaret moved with her family to Whitefish, where she established deep roots in the community. She worked in retail stores at Big Mountain and Whitefish, making lasting friendships with employees and customers.

She married Robert Gesek in 1996, and continued to reside in Whitefish before moving to Columbia Falls a few years later. In retirement, Margaret volunteered her time for her church

and community charities. A wonderful cook and baker, she frequently prepared meals for her friends and neighbors.

Margaret was an avid outdoor enthusiast. She enjoyed walking and loved nothing more than to travel to the mountains with Bob to pick huckleberries and mushrooms. She was especially fond of Glacier National Park and made many trips there to enjoy the rugged mountain scenery. Margaret was adored by her family and friends for her kind heart, gentleness and sense of humor. One of her greatest joys was becoming a grandmother to Fiona Margaret in 2007.

Margaret is survived by her husband, Robert Gesek, of Columbia Falls; her sisters, Mary Sugrue of Carmichael, Calif., and Dauphine Palenski of Dover; her daughter, Mary Shanahan, of Santa Barbara, Calif.; her son, Tom, and daughter-in-law, Irena; granddaughter, Fiona Margaret Shanahan, of Galloway, N.J.; stepdaughters, Diane Delaney of Missoula, and Patricia Merlot of Federal Way, Wash.; and stepson, Bobby Gesek, of Great Falls.

Services will held at 11 a.m. Nov. 25 at Saint Richard's Roman Catholic Church in Columbia Falls. A luncheon will be held afterward.

The family requests that donations be made to St. Jude's or a local food bank.

Bernadette Ann 'Bernie' Good, 84

Bernadette Ann "Bernie" Good, 84, of Kalispell, "went home to be with the Lord" on Jan. 23, 2008.



She was born in Cadillac, Mich., on June 26, 1923, to John Vernon and Clara Josephine Runyan. She moved to Whitefish as a young child, and graduated from Whitefish High School in 1942. Shortly after graduation she joined the U.S. Marine Corps and was stationed at Camp Le Jeune, N.C., where she met and married Kenneth Tamblyn.

Together they had Mary Ann and James. They divorced and she returned to Whitefish where she met and married Howard Good in 1948. Together they had one son, Douglas.

She worked various jobs throughout her life before retiring from the housekeeping department at Kalispell Regional Hospital in the early '80s.

She was a member of St. Matthew's Church in Kalispell where she enjoyed her faith and Catholic sisters and brothers.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Howard; her parents, John and Clara; sister,

Bertha Harris; and brothers, Bernard Runyan and Charles Runyan.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Mary Ann and Lloyd Stai of Redding, Calif.; son, Jim Tamblyn, of San Jose, Calif.; and son and daughter-in-law, Douglas and Jo Ann Good of Columbia Falls; grandchildren, Howard Stai of Crockett, Calif., Daniel Stai of Brentwood, Calif., Kimberly Sutherland and husband, David of Surprise, Ariz., Terra Tamblyn of Bigfork, Angela Burns of Kalispell, and Lindsay Good of Los Angeles; and six great-grandchildren.

The family would like to thank the wonderful staff at Brendan House for the excellent care they provided over the last couple of years for Bernie.

Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home with Deacon Fred Topp officiating. Urn burial will be held later this summer at Whitefish Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be sent to the Kalispell Hospice Group, 175 Commons Loop, No. 100, Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

Robert 'Bob' D. Goodman, 65

Robert "Bob" D. Goodman, 65, passed away Monday, June 16, 2008, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell. He was born Feb. 2, 1943, in Palo Alto, Calif., to Army G. and Mae Marie (Stern) Goodman.



Bob received his early education in Palo Alto, graduating from Cubberley High School in 1961. He joined the Army National Guard, which led to his work as a draftsman for a number of electrical companies in California.

Bob belonged to a Palo Alto motorcycle club and was sponsored in many races across the country.

Bob moved to the Flathead Valley around 1983, where he worked as a dump-truck operator for Sandon Construction and then Nelcon Construction, before retiring in 2007.

Bob loved to hunt, fish and make stained-glass art, and he often could be seen around town with Danny Boy and Benny. He also had a side business he enjoyed, of snowplowing parking lots and driveways.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by two sisters, Lorraine Morales of Penn Valley, Calif., and Karen Misenhimer of Santa Clara, Calif.; as well as seven nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life will be held for Bob at 4 p.m. Saturday, June 21, at the Rainbow Bar, 1520 Montana 35, in Kalispell. There will be a potluck dinner; please, no one younger than 18 years of age.

Bob's family suggest memorials be made to the charity of their choice.

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

Margaret Ann 'Toots' Gordon, 72

Margaret Ann "Toots" Gordon, 72, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2008, at the Colonial Manor in Whitefish. She was born in Milwaukee, Wis., on Nov. 26, 1935.

Toots and her husband, Richard, now deceased, moved to Whitefish from Waukesha, Wis., the summer of 1973.

Toots was a long time member of the Women of the Moose (chapter No. 597) of Whitefish. She enjoyed playing cards, bingo, and was also an avid bowler and coached numerous years for the Junior Bowling League of Whitefish.

She was known for her warm, loving and unselfish acts of kindness to her family and friends. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her and loved her.

Toots was preceded in death by her loving husband, Richard; and daughter, Laura Gordon.

She is survived by her loving children, Kathleen Gordon of

Waukesha, Tom and Heather Gordon of Whitefish, Barbara and Jeff Connors of Windsor, Calif., and Jack Gordon of Whitefish; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; sisters, Elizabeth Manning of Las Vegas, Alberta Cmelak of Elcho, Wis., and Penny Sampson of Watertown, Wis.; sister-in-law, Christine Sorger, of Milwaukee; numerous nieces and nephews; and family and friends.

A memorial will be held to celebrate Toots' life at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 20, at the Moose Lodge (Chapter No. 597) at 230 West 10th St. in Whitefish, with Pastor Dan Davis officiating.

The family suggests memorial donations in lieu of flowers and may be made in Toots' name to the Women of the Moose or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish is in charge of the arrangements.

Monty Gordon Gossett, 55

Monty Gordon Gossett, 55, passed away on Thursday, Feb. 14, 2008, at the Evergreen Polson Health & Rehabilitation Center in Polson.



He was born on Oct. 12, 1952, in Lubbock, Texas, the son of L.E. and Billie (Ray) Gossett. At age 4, he moved to Chowchilla, Calif., residing there for 18 years. He attended school in Chowchilla, graduating in 1970. He then attended Fresno City College for three years, graduating with an associate of arts degree.

He played Little League baseball in both grade school and high school. He also belonged to the high school chess club.

While in school, he worked in Glacier National Park and fell in love with Montana. He promised himself he would live in Montana. Since then, he has visited Glacier Park many times.

In 1986, he went to northwest of Havre part-time and worked at KAGM/KPQX radio station, where he met his good friend Phlash Phelps. He is one of the first disc jockeys to work on XM Satellite Radio.

Monty was introduced to the love of his life in 1989 by his future mother-in-law. He was married to Tammy Lynn Messier (Hardgrove) on Feb. 17, 1990, at Central Christian Church in Kalispell.

"He is the best dad in the world and has the biggest heart," and in 1991 he became

the best dad to Katie and Travis. In 1994, "God blessed Tammy and Monty with a miracle child" named Makayla Roberta.

He loved Glacier Park, Swift Current, the Amateur Radio Broadcast Radio, NASCAR and football — especially the Denver Broncos when they won back-to-back Super Bowls in 1998 and 1999. He enjoyed swimming at Woodland Park pool with his children.

He was also a long-time member of the Church of Christ. He loved his church family very much.

Monty was preceded in death by his dad and his grandparents.

He is survived by his wife, Tammy, of the family home; his three children, Katie, Travis and Makayla Roberta; his mother, Billie, of Kalispell; a brother, Ronald Scott and wife, Camille, of Forks, Wash.; and one niece, Kacey Scott, of Kalispell.

Funeral services for Monty will be held 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 18, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel, with the Rev. Milton Caraway officiating. Visitation will be for one hour prior to the services. Military honors will follow services conducted by the United Veterans of the Flathead.

The family suggests that any memorial contributions be sent to Fort Harrison Liberty House, Helena, MT 59636 or to the Kalispell Food Bank, 105 Sixth Ave. W., Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

Evelyn Anderson Grabs, 97

Evelyn Grabs, beloved wife, mother, sister, grandmother and great-grandmother, was "called from this life" on Oct. 26, 2008, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.



She was born on Sept. 23, 1911, to John and Sophie Anderson, immigrants from Sweden, and was the oldest of five children. She was raised on rural Waller Road, attending schools in Tacoma, Wash., and graduating from Lincoln High School in 1929. She was confirmed in her faith at the Swedish Tabernacle in Tacoma.

Evelyn met her husband, Frank Grabs, a construction engineer from Germany, at their place of employment. They were married Nov. 28, 1931. They enjoyed hiking at Mount Rainier, their cabin in the Cascades and their many pets. Frank passed away in 1954.

For many years Evelyn was an active partner in the family businesses of construction, real estate and ranching. Throughout the years she lived in Washington, Montana, Utah and Wyoming. Her hobbies included rock hounding, shaking for sapphires, collecting geodes, arrowhead hunting, searching for rubies and collecting fossils in northeastern Montana.

Evelyn also enjoyed traveling with her three sisters. She had fond memories of trips to Swe-

den, Norway, Germany, France, Italy, Spain, Mexico, Guatemala and the Orient.

Evelyn was a cancer survivor. She loved and was loved by her family and friends. When needed she was always ready to help out. She made others feel special. She was an animal advocate, loving and caring for her pets, trying to make the world a better place for our furry friends. Cats, dogs, farm animals — she loved them all.

Evelyn was preceded in death by her husband, Frank; her brother, Anders Anderson; and her sisters, Kathryn Harding and Hazel Greer.

She is survived by her sister, Helen Anderson, of Gig Harbor, Wash.; her daughter, Suzanne, and her husband, Al Sylling, of Kalispell; granddaughters, Kerianne and her husband, Tom Robertson, of Boerne, Texas, and Krista and her husband, Wayne Martens, of Kalispell; and her great-granddaughters, Ariana Wemple of Missoula, and Claire Robertson of Boerne. She also is survived by her nieces, Layne, Ann, Paula Pam, Kay and Susan; and nephews, Mark, Richard and Jon.

Suggested memorials are to Rolling Dog Ranch Animal Sanctuary, 400 Rolling Dog Lane, Ovando, MT 59854; or Flathead Spay and Neuter Task Force, P.O. Box 2095, Whitefish, MT 59937.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, at the Garden Chapel Mountain View Funeral Home in Lake-wood, Wash.

Richard Wayne Graeber, 52

"Today is a sad but joyous day. The Lord gave Richard Wayne Graeber an end to his battle with cancer and a chance to sit forever at Jesus' feet" on Nov. 18, 2008.



Richard was born in El Centro, Calif., on Aug. 31, 1956, and lived with his family in the Los Angeles area until 1969, when the family moved to Billings. After graduating from Billings Senior High in 1974, Richard worked as a disc jockey and as a cook for many years, until the last nine years that he spent working in data entry.

Richard met and married the love of his life, Rita, in 1994.

It is sad because he will be greatly missed, but also joyous because the spiritual community celebrates another representative being a part of heaven, and Richard will be rejoicing loudly as he always did when he sang in the choir or during praise time at church! Richard would always reply, "It is good to be seen!" when someone would tell him, "It is good to see you." He would always try to inject humor and try to make you smile or think about his witty comebacks!

Even in death, Richard would want this day and his life to be an influence for Christ. He wasn't a Bible thumper, but would portray the love of Jesus in his daily life. He was always kind and willing to lend a hand wherever he could. He loved to sing, and served Christ in the Walk to Emmaus and Chrysalis communities in Billings and Powell, Wyo., and by being on the prayer team at church. Richard also spent many hours in the kitchen doing what he liked best — cooking! He also would spend time working outside gardening, landscaping and

keeping the lawn looking good!

His grandson, Noah, was a sunbeam in his life, and Richard loved to read to him, watch him play with his toys and interact with his cousins. Anyone who knew Richard knew that he loved life and being a part of it.

Richard was preceded in death by his father, Malcolm Graeber; and two brothers, Gary Stephenson and Mitchell Graeber.

He will be loved in memory by his wife, Rita; his sons, Christopher and wife, Jennifer, of Mainz, Germany, and Curtis and wife, Amber, of Billings; his daughters, Sharonna and friend, Corey LeBrun, of Billings, and Shanna of Baghdad, Iraq; his grandson, Noah, of Billings; his parents, Glen and Ruby Zimmerman, of Whitefish; his parents-in-law, Merlin and Marcia Myers, of Lewistown; his brothers, Mark "Bob" Stephenson and wife, Teresa, of Whitefish, and Brian Zimmerman and wife, Sara, of Boise, Idaho; and his sisters, Julie Hirschi and husband, Richard "Dick," of Whitefish, Jessica Flamm and husband, Vincent, of Jefferson City, and Brenda Hesper-Young of Kalispell. His nieces and nephews, aunts and uncles, cousins, brothers- and sisters-in-law and many very special friends also will miss him.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 21, at Faith Chapel, 517 Shiloh Road, in Billings. Burial will be at Terrace Gardens Cemetery in Billings and a memorial luncheon will be afterward at Faith Chapel.

If you wish, memorials can be made in Richard's name to PEAKS at the Northern Rockies Oncology Center, 1041 N. 29th, Billings, MT 59101; Billings Clinic Foundation, Hospice House (Riverstone Health); or to the Chase Hawkes Memorial Foundation, 122 N. 30th, Billings, MT 59101.

Barbara Joyce Graham, 75

Barbara Joyce Graham, 75, of Libby died Jan. 19, 2008, with her family at her side.

She was born in Tacoma, Wash., on Dec. 2, 1932. Barbara moved to Libby early

in her life, where she raised her family.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday. Services will be at 1 p.m. Jan. 23, 2008, at the Nelson and Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

Eugene Ernest Graf, 87

He had a heck of a run and lived every day to the fullest. Gene passed away at the age of 87 in Waynesville, N.C., on Dec. 28, 2008, where he and his wife Janice had recently celebrated their sixth anniversary.



Gene Graf was born in Union City, N.J., on Dec. 16, 1921, to Albert and Anna Graf, Swiss immigrants, who owned an embroidery business. He grew up fishing, skating and playing baseball and graduated from high school in North Bergen, N.J., in 1939.

After high school, he worked days and studied engineering at the Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, until World War II, when he enlisted in the Navy. Gene spent most of the next four years of his enlistment in the South Pacific as an aviation machinist mate.

After his discharge, he married Barbara Pettit and returned to college by day and worked at his father's embroidery business by night. The business was sold after his father's death in 1948, so Gene tried his hand working on several farms in New Jersey and eventually started his own landscape and nursery business.

By 1959, Gene and Barbara had four boys and they purchased a soft ice-cream stand and renamed it Graf's Dairy Maid. Over the next 15 years, they finally had a baby girl, worked hard at the ice cream business, built a house and raised the family. In 1974, the successful business was sold and they moved to Montana, eventually building a home on the KM Road between Kalispell and Whitefish.

Gene enjoyed semi-retirement and dabbled with camping, hiking, hunting, fishing and skiing, but really enjoyed working his garden, taking the surplus produce to the farmers market in Kalispell.

In their spare time, Gene and Barbara volunteered with the Red Cross by helping with the weekly blood drives, doing office work and teaching first aid and canoeing. Bicycling became a big part of their life and in 1984, they spent five months cycling throughout Europe, covering over 5,000 miles. After that trip they became avid sailors on Flathead Lake, but because the season was too short in Montana, they moved to North Carolina where the waters could be sailed year round.

After many sailing adventures, Barbara passed away in 1994 and Gene returned to Kalispell. He spent the next few years volunteering at West Valley School, taking classes at Flathead Valley Community College, and traveling to Italy, Antarctica, Alaska and Vietnam.

He met and courted Janice Moxley from Raleigh, N.C., and they were married in 2002. Together, Gene and Janice continued to travel and take classes in Raleigh and at FVCC. They attended the Glacier Uni-

tarian Universalist Fellowship while living in Kalispell during the summer, and they lived in Raleigh during the winter.

Gene was especially proud of and is survived by all of his children, Peter Graf of Missoula, Robert Graf of Danbury, N.H., Dick Graf of Whitefish, Curt Graf of Park City, Utah, and Andrea Graf of Cincinnati. He is also survived by his wife, Janice; 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. on Jan. 13 at the Glacier Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Hall at 1515 Trumble Creek Road, Kalispell.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Barbara Graf Scholarship fund at Flathead Valley Community College.

Cornelia Clack Graham, 95

Cornelia Clack Graham, 95, died peacefully Friday, Feb. 1, 2008, at Kalispell Regional Hospital, after a mild heart attack.

She was born April 22, 1912, in Havre, the only daughter of Philip David and Cornelia (Timmons) Clack. Her parents were Texas natives and she always valued her Southern roots. In Havre, she was active in the Order of Rainbow for Girls and many school music programs and sports, including girl's basketball.

Her cousin was an early Montana pilot and she loved the adventure of fearlessly "barnstorming" with him in his bi-plane when few had ever flown. She began studying piano as a child and received many awards in state music competitions. After graduating from Havre High School in 1929, she enrolled at Montana State University (now the University of Montana) where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in music education. She was a member of Alpha Phi Sorority.

Upon graduation, she traveled to Fontainebleau, France, to study piano with world-renowned concert pianist Robert Cassadesus. She returned to Montana and began teaching at the Montana School for the Deaf and the Blind in Boulder.

When the school moved to Great Falls, she relocated there where she continued teaching and later worked for the military at Gore Field.

She met her husband, Robert McKoy Graham Jr., in Great Falls. He served as a Naval officer during World War II and they were married in Great Falls on Feb. 10, 1943. During her time in Great Falls, she was an active member of the Junior League of Great Falls, the Meadowlark Country Club, the First Presbyterian Church, and was initiated into Chapter I, PEO, an international women's organization that promotes educational opportunities for women.

They moved to Kalispell in 1946 and founded the Culligan Soft Water Service.

Always an ardent classical music enthusiast, she was involved in the Community Concerts Association and was delighted when her former teacher Monsieur Cassadesus performed in Kalispell. Cornelia continued her love of piano and performed many two-piano or piano and organ recitals.



She taught Sunday school at the First Presbyterian Church and accompanied the Children's Choir for many years. She was a Girl Scout troop leader, a Cub Scout den mother, and always a willing helper for her children's and their friends' activities. She volunteered for the American Cancer Society, the American Heart Fund and the hospital, was president of Chapter AB, PEO, was a member of the Daughters of the Nile and worked at Flathead High School.

After selling their business in Kalispell, both Cornelia and Bob returned to the field of education and taught school in Avon, later moving to Cut Bank, where Cornelia retired after many years of teaching third grade.

Upon retiring, she and Bob spent a winter in Death Valley, Calif., where Bob worked for the National Park Service and Cornelia volunteered as the pianist for the Fellowship of Christian Ministries. They later spent winters in Lake Havasu City, Ariz., and following Bob's death

in 1980, Cornelia relocated to Great Falls, reconnecting with friends and activities from her earlier years there.

As a young woman, she began annual

trips with her parents to Lake McDonald in Glacier National Park and a lifelong love affair with the park was born. She hiked almost every trail in Glacier and always told stories of the wonderful backcountry tent camps that she described as being as "welcoming as any night at the Waldorf Astoria." She began each summer with a fast-paced trek to the Mount Brown Lookout and always felt if she could do that quickly, she could hike anywhere in Glacier.

She helped her parents build a cabin near Lake McDonald Lodge and spent every summer there, enthusiastically introducing her children and grandchildren to the park's wonders. She recently participated in the park's oral history program, recording many of her early recollections of the park.

In her mid-80s, one of her "senior" highlights was a helicopter trip with her son over Boulder Pass, one of the few hikes she had not completed. She returned to Italy at age 83 to visit her granddaughter and to retrace her pre-World War II travels, and just this past October traveled with her favorite cousin, Bettie Lee Timmons Baker of Richmond, Virginia, to Great Falls to tour the new Lewis and Clark Discovery Center and the newly remodeled C.M. Russell Museum.

Always an avid reader and crossword-puzzle solver, she loved playing bridge and for many years raised beautiful roses. She enjoyed watching college and pro football and rarely missed a weekend's game.

Her family and friends will miss her quick wit and her ever optimistic attitude. She taught her family the importance of always giving back to the community and there were many recipients of her acts of quiet generosity.

Preceding her in death were her parents; her husband, Bob; her brothers, Worth and Raymond Clack, and their wives, Irene and Shirley.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Robin and John Bailey, of West Glacier and Hamilton; her son, Robert M. Graham, of Kalispell; her grandchildren, Chris Bailey of Whitefish, and Katie Bailey French and her husband Dale French, of Portland; and her beloved great-grandchildren, Will and Addison French. Also surviving are her sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Mary Agnes and Bill Roberts, of Great Falls; sister-in-law, Sue Schwetz, of Spokane; nephews, Geoff Roberts of Kalispell, and Kim Graham of Gardnerville, Nev.; niece, Jane Roberts, of Great Falls; and numerous great-nieces and -nephews and cousins.

Plans call for a memorial service in Glacier Park next summer.

The family suggests that those wishing to send memorials do so to the Glacier Association, P.O. Box 310, West Glacier, MT 59936, to help support the upcoming Glacier National Park Centennial; or to the Great Falls Symphony Association, P.O. Box 1078, Great Falls, MT 59403.

Theora L. 'Teddy' Granmo, 71

Theora L. "Teddy" Granmo, 71, passed away Tuesday, March 4, 2008, at her home in Kalispell. She was born Dec. 6, 1936, in Kalispell, the daughter of



John and Jen (Siderius) Paola.

She attended schools in Kalispell and graduated from Flathead High School in 1955. On Aug. 7, 1955, she married Lauren Granmo in Kalispell. From 1968 until 1970, she was the manager of the Flathead Valley Community College Bookstore. In 1972, she and Lauren purchased the Gift and China Shop in Kalispell, and they operated that until 1984. She also worked part-time as a nurse's aide throughout the 1980s. She was a very active member of the Republican Women's Organization.

She was a very avid gardener and loved to travel, and she and Lauren took many cruises.

Teddy was a very loving

woman, and she didn't beat around the bush in telling you how she felt about a subject. She could be tough and yet was very down to earth. You knew how you stood with her.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lauren, in Oct. 2007, and her parents.

She is survived by her son, John Granmo, of Kent, Wash.; her granddaughter, Tyfanie Granmo, of Bozeman; a sister, Shirley Schmidt and husband, Mark, of Whitefish; and a niece, Cindy Granmo.

Funeral services for Teddy will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, March 10, in the Johnson Mortuary chapel, with Pastor Glenn Burfeind officiating. Burial will be afterward at Glacier Memorial Gardens. There will be no visitation.

The family suggests that any memorial contributions be sent to the American Diabetes Association, 3203 Third Ave. N., Suite 203, Billings, MT 59101-1945. You are invited to go to www.johnsonmortuary.com to offer condolences and sign Teddy's guest book.

Luanne J. Graves, 34

Luanne J. Graves, 34, of Libby, died Tuesday, July 8, 2008, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center from injuries received from a motor vehicle accident.

She had worked as a bartender in Libby.

Survivors include her five children, Krista Byington, Seth Byington, Chaz Judkins and Haley Davi-

son, all of Libby, and Brady Calvert of Rock Springs, Wyo.; and father, Russell Graves, of Libby.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 12, at the Libby Christian Church in Libby.

Local arrangements are by Schnackenberg and Nelson Funeral Home in Libby.

Adeline T. Greason, 87

Adeline T. Greason, 87, of Libby, died Dec. 26, 2008, at St. John Lutheran Hospital of natural causes.

Survivors include her children, Peggy Zirkle of Edmonton, Ky., Jody Alkire of Clarkston, Wash., Patti Callant of Washougal, Wash., Douglas P. Greason

of Libby, Lisa Townsend of Glasgow, Ky., and Darien Greason of Bethel, Alaska.

Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 2, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Libby.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg and Nelson Funeral Home in Libby.

Merrill Glenn Greeman, 77

Services for Mr. Merrill Glenn Greeman, 77, of Salem, Ky., will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Boyd Funeral Directors in Salem with the Rev. Ed Clement and the Rev. Mark Combs officiating. Burial will be in Salem Cemetery. Visitation will be 11 a.m. until the funeral hour on Wednesday.

Mr. Greeman passed away Friday, June 13, 2008, at Salem Springlake Health and Rehabilitation Center in Salem.

After graduating from Marion High School in Marion, Ky., in 1949, Mr. Greeman joined the Navy. He remained in the Navy for five years, attaining the rank of 3rd class petty officer and 3rd class electrician. After leaving the Navy, he enrolled in college at Louisiana State University, then transferred to Montana State University, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in forestry.

He then married Ella Jean Beutel on Aug. 20, 1956, in Eureka. Mr. Greeman worked for the U.S. Forest Service as a resource forester for 32 years, working in four different forests during his career.

After retiring, Jean and Merrill moved to Frankfort, Ky., and then to Lawrenceburg, Ky., to be near his elderly mother.

In 1990, his mother passed away and they moved to Salem.

Mr. Greeman was on the board of the Braxton McDonald Corporation, and was instrumental in starting the Mineral Museum in Marion. He was also chairman of the Board of the Historical Museum in Marion.

Surviving are his wife of 51 years, Ella Jean Greeman, of Salem; daughters, Jeanette and Dwight Clark of Greencastle, Pa., and Jennifer Campbell of Tulsa, Okla.; brother, Bill Greeman, of Naples, Fla.; one granddaughter, Maryjane Clark, of Greencastle; three grandsons, Flint Campbell, Pearce Campbell and Sean Campbell, all of Tulsa; and several nieces and nephews.

Mr. Greeman was preceded in death by an 11-month old daughter, Rebecca Jean Greeman; one son, William Russell Greeman, at 34 years of age; his youngest brother, Ted Greeman; and his oldest brother, Loyal Greeman. He was the son of O.W. and Grace Fellows Greeman.

Condolences may be left online at www.boydfuneral-directors.com.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to either the Marion Mineral Museum or the Marion Historical Museum, c/o Boyd Funeral Directors, 212 E. Main St., Salem, KY 42078.

Joe 'Joe Bear' Kelly Greene, 35

Our friend, teacher, husband and dad, Joe "Joe Bear" Kelly Greene, passed away on June 30, 2008.



Born Sept. 2, 1972, in Billings, he grew up in Billings and McLeod. His family then moved to the little town of Outlook, where he graduated valedictorian in 1990.

He then attended and graduated from Eastern Montana College in Billings, where he met Nacona Prevost. They were married in Sidney on July 2, 1994.

In the summer of 1995 they moved to Columbia Falls, where Joe completed his student teaching at Columbia Falls High School. He went on to become the seventh grade social studies teacher at Columbia Falls Junior High and began coaching everything from volleyball to basketball to football.

He loved coaching, teaching, watching his beloved Steelers, four-wheeling, fishing, hunting (especially the trips to Sidney and Checkerboard), and most of all, spending time with his wife

and his two kids, Haley and Parker. He was a man who gave everything to anyone and his friends were his family.

He is survived by his wife, Nacona Greene; daughter, Haley; son, Parker; parents, John and Myrna Greene; brother, Jamie Greene; mother and father-in-law, Ron and Gin Prevost; brother-in-law, Scott, and Jen Prevost; nephews, Tyler, Colton and Brody; sister-in-law, Kortnee, and Jason Johnson; and many other family members and close friends.

A celebration of life will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 3, at the Columbia Falls Junior High football field, with a reception to follow in the cafetorium. It is requested that everyone be in casual summer attire. Pages will be available for memories and sentiments to be recorded for the family.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations be made to the memorial account set up for Haley and Parker Greene at the Parkside Federal Credit Union.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is in charge of arrangements.

Erwin Eugene Grimm, 65

Erwin Eugene Grimm, 65, a lifelong resident of Kalispell, passed away July 13, 2008, at his Kalispell home after a courageous battle with cancer. He was born



Jan. 19, 1943, in Kalispell, the son of Theodore and Ellen (Radabah) Grimm. Erwin attended local schools, graduating from Flathead County High School in 1961.

He had many hobbies over the years, including race cars, motorcycles, bowling, fishing and woodworking.

Erwin was a hard worker who was very well liked by the many with whom he became acquainted.

He truly enjoyed the daily outings with his faithful canine companions, Buffy and Dillon, touring the Flathead Valley. Seems they always had something different to see every day.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Erwin is survived by his wife, Beverly, at their Kalispell home; and his children, Robin Pritchett and her husband, Tony, Lori Stinger and her husband, Bill, Kristi Jones and her husband, Jason, and Mike Emerson and

his wife, Christie, all of Kalispell. He also is survived by seven grandchildren, Christopher, Amanda, Stephanie, Cody, Carly, Gavin and Shaylee; brother, Fred Grimm, of Helena; sisters, Peggy Jackson and her son, Bruce Bernardi, of Havre, Margie Midland and her husband, Gordon, of Oregon, Fran Condon and her husband, Butch, of Helena, and Janet Flanigan and her husband, Francis, of Kalispell; his mother-in-law, Hazel Gore, affectionately known as "Mom"; his very dedicated friend, Russ Hylton; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

His children, grandchildren, family and friends gave him much joy and comfort. All of their love and support was very important to him.

All who knew him will dearly miss him.

Cremation has taken place, and there will be no services, per Erwin's request.

A potluck gathering will be held to celebrate Erwin's life from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 3, at Gore Hall, located just behind 233 Harmony Road on Parliament Drive in Evergreen.

Erwin and his family request that instead of flowers, memorial contributions be made to Hospice, 175 Commons Loop, No. 100, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Shirley Greene, 67

Shirley Greene, 67, of Eureka died of natural causes Thursday, Oct. 23, 2008.

Survivors include her children, Vicki Mikalson of Aurora, Colo., and Rick Greene, Dennis Greene and Cindy Garrison, all of Eureka; and her mother, Doro-

thy Nelson, of Eureka.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 28, at the Tobacco Valley Cemetery in Eureka. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Monday at the Schnackenberg and Nelson Funeral Home in Eureka.

Michael Robert Grende, 64

Michael Robert Grende, 64, of Big Arm, passed away Wednesday, June 4, 2008, from natural causes at his home. Michael was born on May 11, 1944, in Missoula, to Dale Grende and Amy Vinson.

He graduated from Polson High School and then went on to graduate from Montana State University.

Michael joined the U.S. Navy and served with the Seabees.

Following his term with the Navy, he worked for Montana Power for 28 years, and then started a career in real estate and ranching.

Michael married Ruth Knight and they enjoyed two children, Dawn and Jason, from their union. They later divorced and Ruth resides in Spokane.

Michael loved to hunt and ranch.

His parents and a brother, Tom Grende, preceded Michael in death.



He is survived by his wife, Ann Grende, of Big Arm; daughter, Dawn Hill, and her husband, Tom, of Liberty Lake, Wash., and their children,

Miranda and Grant; son Jason Grende and his wife, Jami, of Grand Blanc, Mich., and their children, Rakhiah and Gabe; sisters Jeanie Moore, Robyn Davis, Janene Grende and Carol Grende Carmona; and brothers David Hearn, Ted Grende and Cody James.

Cremation has taken place and a private family celebration of Michael's life will be held.

Grogan Funeral Home and Crematory is assisting the family with arrangements. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.groganfuneralhome.com

Patrick 'Pat' Grizzard, 63

Patrick "The Leprechaun" Grizzard, 63, passed away Sunday, May 25, 2008, at Brendan House in Kalispell. He was born March 17, 1945, in San Diego.



Pat ran track in high school, focusing on the 440 and the 880.

During his career, Pat worked for NASA, hosted a radio talk show in California, and operated the Blacktail Bookstore in Kalispell.

He moved to Kalispell in 1996 and graduated from Flathead Valley Community College with

an associate's degree.

Pat enjoyed photography and many of his pictures won prizes. In his early years he enjoyed surfing, fishing, camping and loved to travel. He was an avid reader. Pat will be missed.

Pat was preceded in death by his wife, Linda.

He is survived by many dear friends.

Memorial services for Patrick will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 7, at Big Sky Manor, 110 Second Ave. W., in Kalispell.

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

Daniel Bruce Grob, 57

We are sorry to announce the death of Daniel Bruce Grob, who passed away peacefully at his home in Kalispell on Nov. 13, 2008.

Danny was born Aug. 30, 1951, in Kalispell to Stanley G. and Betty Grob. He grew up and attended school in Eureka, later attending school in Olympia, Wash., where he graduated high school.

He served in the U.S. Navy from 1976 to 1979, and was honorably discharged.

Danny worked for and retired from Burlington Northern Railroad after 20-plus years.

His passion in life was his beloved horses, "his kids," as he called them. Danny was a talented horseman, training his special horse, Iron Forge Finesse, even riding her in a

parade. He also loved hunting, fishing and friends.

Danny was preceded in death by his parents, Stanley G. and Betty Grob.

He is survived by his brother, David "Bill" Grob, and wife, Bonnie, of Kalispell; sister, Phyllis Leonard, and special friend and companion, John W. Gordon, of Kalispell; sister, Shirley Cares, and husband, Fred, of Rowlett, Texas; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Danny will be missed by many.

Cremation has taken place at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, at the Flathead Valley Cowboy Church, 3171 Highway 93 N., in Kalispell.

Lois M. Gruber, 75

Lois M. Gruber, 75, of Libby, died July 9, 2008, at St. John's Lutheran Hospital. She was born on April 21, 1933, at Choteau, the daughter of Reynolds F. and Thelma M. Cahoon.



She grew up in Charlo and graduated with honors from Charlo High School.

She moved to Missoula after she was married to Richard Jake Ochsner on March 22, 1953, until his death on March 5, 1977.

Lois started working for Avon in the late 1960s. In 1972, she became an Avon district manager. She was their top manager for many years. She retired from Avon in 1990. She opened My Fair Lady in Libby with her daughter, Lenora, which they operated for 15 years. She opened This and That and operated that for 16 years.

Lois enjoyed selling, auctions and rummage sales.

She married Robert Gruber on Nov. 23, 1979.

Survivors include her husband, Robert Gruber, of Libby; mother, Thelma Cahoon; brothers, Earl Cahoon and wife, Vivian, and Francis Cahoon and wife, Carol; children, Lenora Larson and Richard Ochsner, both of Missoula; stepchildren, Terri Gruber of Spokane, Cathy Anderson of Boise, Idaho, Roger Gruber of Havre, and Jeff Gruber of Libby; and grandchildren, Cory Larson of Alaska, R. J. Ochsner of Kentucky, Sarah Ochsner of Missoula, Erica Larson of Missoula, Sheri Gruber of Missoula, Allan Gruber of Butte, Evan Anderson and Seth Anderson, both of Boise, Kelsey Anderson, Tyson Gruber, Thomas Gruber, Trent Anderson and Emma Gruber.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, July 14, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Libby. Visitation will be from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, July 13, at the Schnackenberg and Nelson Funeral Home in Libby. Burial will take place in Ronan.

Thomas Guerrero, 69

Thomas Guerrero, 69, passed away at Kalispell Regional Medical Center on Feb. 15, 2008, following a courageously valiant battle with lung cancer.

He was born in Los Angeles on May 12, 1938, to J.C. and Mercedes (Gonzalez) Guerrero.

In 1958, he joined the U.S. Army and proudly served as a paratrooper in the 101st Airborne Division. Tom began a career as a mail carrier for the U.S. Postal Service in 1966 and continued in that position until his retirement in 1992.

On March 7, 1994, he married Verla Miller. Together they enjoyed golfing, traveling and spending time with family and friends.

His interests included coaching various Little League teams, playing softball, spending countless hours at The Summit and working part time at ShopKo, all of which gave him the opportunity to make many special friends. He had a fervent passion for the L.A. Dodgers and had established quite a following for the annual Lilac Bloomsday Run in Spokane.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, four sisters and an infant granddaughter.

He is survived by three sons, T. Kevin Guerrero, wife,



Heather, and daughters, Hannah and Holly, of Colorado Springs, Colo.; Vincent Guerrero, wife, Samantha, and children, Kiah, Skyler and Zoe of Kalispell;

D.J. Guerrero, also of Kalispell; two stepsons, Doug Miller, wife Cindy, and children, Amanda Koenig, Erica and Ben; Russ Miller, wife, Janice, and sons, Jody and Austin; his stepdaughter, Lori Ness, husband Jim, and daughter, Jaymie, all of Kalispell; one brother, Edward Guerrero, and wife, Murial, of Federal Way, Wash.; two sisters, Rachel Rivas of Port Hueneme, Calif., and Celia Guerrero of Monterey Park, Calif.; and many loving nieces and nephews.

A memorial service in his honor will be held at 3 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 21, at Faith Alliance Church, 348 Second Ave. W., with Pastor Jim Davey officiating. A reception is to be held at the church following the service. Everyone is invited to attend.

"Tom, beloved husband, dad, grandpa, brother, uncle and best friend, you leave behind a legacy of love to all who knew you."

Francis 'Fran' LaMar Guest Sr., 85

Francis "Fran" LaMar Guest Sr., 85, passed away on Monday, April 21, 2008, surrounded by loving family at Health Center Northwest in Kalispell, under the care of Hospice.



He was born May 24, 1922, in Twin Falls, Idaho, the youngest of four children born to Edward Mailon and Ada (Cook) Guest.

When he was 12 years old, he went to work at a grocery store to help support his family. From that point on, he always maintained gainful employment. In high school he was on the track team, running the mile; and played the French horn both in the high school band and in the community band. He continued to play the French horn throughout his life, not only for his personal enjoyment but for the enjoyment of those around him.

A gifted singer, he sang in various choirs throughout his life; in high school, at church, and in the Glee Men's Choir (later to be known as Valleyaires). He was the vocalist at many weddings, funerals and special church events.

After graduating from high school in Twin Falls, Idaho, Fran moved to Tacoma, Wash., where he went to work in the shipyards before joining in the Merchant Marines. He served on several oil tanker ships, one being the USS Wiley, as an oiler and junior engineer during World War II, and was honorably discharged from the U.S. Coast Guard in 1945.

He married Venus Gloria Qualls on July 19, 1944, in the Alberta Temple in Cardston, Alberta.

Living in the Flathead valley since 1945, Fran had worked at Gambles, then at Hall Motors as office manager and accountant; and next at a lumber company called Superior Buildings, first as an accountant and later becoming a co-owner, retiring after 31 years of service, in 1983.

Fran was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and served in

many positions, including branch president, counselor in a Bishopric, in the Young Men's program and serving many years in the Stake High Counsel.

Fran served as the physical facilities representative for many years and over saw the remodel and construction of all the chapels in the area. In 1997, Fran and Venus were called to serve a mission in Rochester, N.Y., where they served in the mission office for one year.

Everyone who knew Fran loved him and was strengthened by his great testimony in "our Savior, Jesus Christ." He served in the community in many areas, including as a PTA president, on the school board for District 5 for 10 years, and on the Montana State school board. Fran also enjoyed hunting and fishing.

Fran was preceded in death by his parents; one brother; and two sisters.

He is now survived by his wife, Venus Guest, of Kalispell; and five children, LaMar Guest and wife Bobbi of West Jordan, Utah, Muriel Reed and husband Oren of Kalispell, Marlene Francis of Troutdale, Ore., Mark Guest and wife Grace of Kalispell, and Kevin Guest and wife Lori of Riverton, Utah; 15 grandchildren, Andrea, Rebekah, Erin, Emily, Ethan, Justin, Jeremy, Heather, Lindsey, Audrey, Daniel, Nathan, Holli, Ryan and Stephanie; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for Fran Guest will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 26, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Chapel in Bigfork, with Bishop Jon Marshall conducting. Burial will follow in the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be on Friday, April 25, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., with the family present from 6 to 8 p.m. only, in the Johnson-Gloschat Chapel.

The family suggests memorials be given to Hospice, Home Options, 175 Commons Loop Ste. 300, Kalispell, MT 59901.

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