

## Tobin M. Heikkila, 29

Tobin M. Heikkila, 29, died Thursday, June 26, 2008, as the result of a motor vehicle accident.

Memorial services are pending in Tobin's home

town of Marquette, Mich., under the direction of Canale Tonella Funeral Home.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for Tobin locally.

## Dorothy Alene Heil, 47

Dorothy Alene Heil, 47, died Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2008, in Kalispell.

She is survived by one son, J. D. Heil, of Kalispell.

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

## Ryan W. Heller, 27

Ryan W. Heller was born Nov. 23, 1980, to Steve and Catherine Heller. On Nov. 8, 2008, Ryan "fell asleep" in death after months of battling an eating disorder.



Ryan developed an immense love for the outdoors growing up in Kalispell. He spent every spare moment of his years fishing, hunting, camping, woodcutting, and discovering more places to do so in Montana's vast beauty. This love extended to woodworking, and he would craft works accentuating the natural state of wood found on the forest floor.

Ryan's curiosity led him to read on a broad array of subjects, from construction to world history. Ryan believed in living life honorably, always sure to help out a stranger or support one in need. Ryan's gentle heart, honesty and indomitable spirit will remain an inspiration to all

those who knew him.

Ryan was preceded in death by his father, Steve; his grandmother, Catherine VerCammen; aunt, Debbie Slack; and aunt, Nancy Clack.

He is survived by his mother, Catherine Whiting, and her husband, Bill, of Polson; his sister, Michelle Currier, and husband, Chris, and nephews, Chandler and Caleb, of Kalispell; his brother, Matthew Heller, of Golden, Colo.; grandparents, Ed and Catherine Heller, of Hamilton; grandfather, Lee VerCammen, of Helena; as well as numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Memorial services for Ryan will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, at the Red Lion Hotel, Fireside Lodge, in Kalispell. There will be no visitation.

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

## Lawrence S. Hendrickson, 78

Lawrence S. Hendrickson, 78, of Anaconda passed away Friday, April 18, 2008, at his home.

He was born Sept. 13, 1929, to Sigurd and Gertrude Hendrickson in Bonneville, Alberta. Lawrence was raised on the family homestead in Cold Lake, Alberta. He had many wonderful memories to tell of from there.

In 1939, he moved to Kalispell with his family, where he enlisted as a United States Marine at the age of 17.

Lawrence had the opportunity to travel the United States and other parts of the world. He met his beautiful wife, Ruth Hathcock, in Miami, and they were married Dec. 17, 1954, in Nashville, Tenn. Lawrence proudly served his country in the U.S. Marines from July 19, 1946, to July 31, 1963, when he received an honorable discharge.

Lawrence and Ruth were blessed with four children: Larry, Mike, Tina, and Leo.

After leaving the Marines,



he lived in many places before finally residing in Opportunity. Lawrence loved to travel and visit with friends and family. His passion was always looking for a good deal — a true bargain shopper. He loved to purchase automobiles and restore them to their best condition. He saw potential in everyone and everything. He had a kind and giving heart, and will be greatly missed by all whom he has touched.

Lawrence is preceded in death by his parents, Sigurd and Gertrude; his brother Lloyd; and his sister, Evalynne.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth; children, Larry, Mike, Tina, and Leo; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; his brother George; and numerous nephews and nieces.

Memorials are requested to go to the Veterans Hospital in Fort Harrison.

Private committal services with military honors will be held at the Montana Veterans Cemetery at Fort Harrison.

Services are under the care of KT Riddle Funeral Homes.

Condolences may be expressed online at [www.legacy.com/mtstandard](http://www.legacy.com/mtstandard).

## Douglas Gale 'D.G.' Henriksen, M.D., 69

"Sorrow accompanies the death" on July 29, 2008, of Douglas Gale Henriksen, but the memories and joys are immeasurable. Gale was born July 15, 1939, in Pomeroy, Wash., to Ralph and Peggy Henriksen.



The youngest of four children, Gale spent his childhood years in Spokane. He attended West Valley High School, where he excelled in basketball, baseball and football. During his senior year, he was selected for first team all-city basketball. He had the privilege of having Judd Heathcote as a coach, who became a great friend and mentor.

He was awarded a scholarship and went on to play basketball for the Griz at the University of Montana and received his Bachelor of Science degree. During that time he met Patricia Maher, whom he married in 1961. He moved on to the University of Wisconsin, obtaining his Master of Science degree in 1963. He also attended the University of South Dakota Medical School to receive his Bachelor of Arts degree, and taught anatomy from 1963 to 1965. He finished his medical training at The University of Colorado in 1967, and completed his internship at David Grant USAF Hospital in 1968.

After joining the Air Force he was stationed at Elmendorf Air Force Base in Anchorage, Alaska. He earned the rank of major and received an accommodation medal for outstanding flight surgeon in 1971.

After leaving the service, he established his medical practice

in St. Maries, Idaho, where he had an active role in the clinic and hospital. In addition to serving as the director of the St. Joe Valley Clinic, Gale was also the chairman of the Kootenai-Benewah Medical Society, and the chairman of public relations for the Idaho Cancer Society. He was also an active member of the Idaho Medical Association.

Gale retired in 1994 because of cardiac problems and a CVA. At that time he moved to (as he put it, "the greatest place on Earth") Flathead Lake in Polson. While residing there he enjoyed woodworking, pottery, basket weaving, golfing, boating and the pure beauty of Montana. He also enjoyed many travels, with the island of Maui being his favorite. Gale's inspirations will live on through the many lives he has touched over the years.

Gale was preceded in death by his wife of 42 years, Patricia Henriksen, in 2003; and a brother, Ron Henriksen.

He is survived by his four children, Jenifer Mitchell, Craig Henriksen, Monica and Randy Nilsson, and Clint and Nicole Henriksen; eight grandchildren; his brother, Jerry Henriksen; sister, Kay Cook; and numerous nieces and nephews.

We will be celebrating his life at a memorial service at 11 a.m. Aug. 9, at Real Life Ministries, 1866 Cecil Road, in Post Falls, Idaho. The service will be at the RLM1 building. A reception will be after the memorial service.

Memorials may be made in lieu of flowers to Better Care of Benewah Community Hospital, 229 S. Eighth St., St. Maries, ID 83861.

Please sign D.G.'s guest registry and view the online memorial at [www.englishfuneralchapel.com](http://www.englishfuneralchapel.com).

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## Harry M. Henricksen, 97

Lifetime Kalispell resident Harry M. Henricksen, 97, passed away Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 5, 2008, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell. With his daughters and the loving staff at Immanuel attending to his care and comfort, "the Lord came alongside and released him from this life and took him safely home."



Harry was born in Kalispell on Aug. 3, 1910, the oldest of seven children born to Harry "HB" and Amanda Johnson Henricksen. His memories of growing up in Kalispell were all fond ones full of fun, enjoying both work and play.

He learned the value of work at an early age; when still in grade school, his dad gave him a dime, instructed him to head over to the Daily Inter Lake for some newspapers and told to come on home after selling them downtown. He told of reaping bigger rewards serving as a caddy at Buffalo Hill in the days when it was being mowed with a farm mower. The grass being longer necessitated young boys for caddies and he felt pretty flush making 50 cents for nine holes! A dip in the Stillwater River below the golf course provided the cooling off needed after a hot afternoon, and hopping aboard a stray log destined for the mill in Somers added some adventure.

After graduation from Flat-

head County High School in 1928, Harry went to work in the outdoors as a trail crew member, putting in the trail on Lone Man Mountain. He returned to work with the Forest Service the summer of '29 — first on a road crew and then on the trail crew near Polebridge in the North Fork. The fires hit later in the summer and when he wasn't among the fire crew members that got chased out by the fire, the rumor got started that he'd been lost in the fire. He'd actually walked out alone just ahead of them to get back to town and on to college for the fall term.

He first attended St. Olaf and later transferred to the University of Idaho at Moscow, where he studied business administration. But the Great Depression forced him to leave school and return to Kalispell in 1931, where he went to work at his dad's Dodge dealership. His initiation into the automobile business began with sweeping floors, washing cars, collecting money and occasionally having to represent the finance company, Commercial Credit, when they had to repossess a car and, of course, trying to sell a few.

When his dad passed away in 1938, the dealership had become home to Oldsmobile, Cadillac and GMC, and he and his brother Gordon "Pink," took over Henricksen Motors at 412 S. Main at the young ages of 25 and 28. With their mother, Amanda, and younger siblings still at home, the two brothers had a rather daunting prospect, but it was one they both

persevered and succeeded at, until the dealership was sold in 1977.

Harry met and married Harriet Genevieve Jacobson in 1944. He was a "family man" and felt so fortunate to be able to spend summer weekends on Flathead Lake at "the cabin." Later, after selling "the garage," he and Harriet enjoyed a few winters with other Kalispell "snow-birds" at Apache Wells near Phoenix. Proud of his Norwegian heritage, he made two trips to Norway and was thrilled to be able to make the acquaintances of aunts, uncles, cousins, and others who continued to live there.

"The prospect of life without Dad, Grandpa 'Bestafar,' and Uncle Harry is a little daunting but we remember his often repeated sentiment, that 'The Lord has been good to me.' And the Lord has been so good to us to have blessed us with his presence these many years."

He was a lifetime member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, and was affiliated with the Elks, Masonic Lodge, Shriners and Sons of Norway.

Harry was preceded in death by his wife, Harriet; parents, Harry "HB" and Amanda Henricksen; his brothers, Gordon "Pink," Howard and Homer; and sisters, Nordis Schuster Jacobson and Phyllis Bolton Felix.

He is survived by his sister, Leona Lenschow, and husband, Hans, of Bellevue, Wash.; brother-in-law, Irvin Jacobson, and wife, Margaret, of Kalispell; and sister-in-law, Lorrian Martin, of Gresham, Ore.; his four daugh-

ters, Karen Breck and husband, Steve, of Kalispell, Ann Grimshaw and husband, Jack, of Dayton, Ohio, Kristin Henricksen of Bigfork, and Sandra Henricksen of Kalispell. Harry's grandchildren and their families include Shaun Grimshaw, wife, Kris, and their sons, Noah, Ethan and Sam of Evergreen, Colo.; Carey Grimshaw of Fort Collins, Colo.; Tracey Hoover of New Jersey; Justin Breck, wife, Stephanie, and their son, Wyatt, of Kalispell; Jessica Breck of Phoenix; Emily Myers and husband, Chad, of Kalispell; and Tyler Breck of Kalispell; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to noon Monday, Feb. 11, at Johnson Funeral Home, 525 Main St. Memorial services followed by a reception in the fellowship room are scheduled for 1 p.m. Monday afternoon at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 603 Main St., in Kalispell. Family graveside services at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery will be after the reception.

The family would like to express their heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the staff at Prestige Assisted Living and at Immanuel Lutheran Home for the capable, loving care, companionship and comfort extended to Harry during the years he made his home with them.

"You are a special group of people who welcomed and treated him as one of your own. We love you all."

The family suggests that donations made in Harry's memory be to the Shriners Hospital in Spokane.

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## Otis Victor Henry, 83

Otis Victor Henry, 83, of Missoula passed away peacefully at St. Patrick's Hospital on Tuesday, July 29, 2008, after a courageous battle with COPD and a recent diagnosis of cancer.

He was born April 7, 1925, in Gould, Okla., to William and Mary Etta Henry. As a young boy growing up on a rural farm, he attended school but, because of family obligations, was only able to attend through the eighth grade.

He later joined and served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. After his obligation in the Navy, he worked at various jobs in Oklahoma that provided many skills that he used during his lifetime. He moved to Rapid City, S.D., in 1948 and worked at a local bakery.

He met and later married Lois Keough on May 30, 1953, in Rapid City. While living there he went to work for the Coca-Cola Bottling Company, where he trained and worked his way to the position of production manager.

While living in Rapid City they were blessed with four sons and a daughter, who died as an infant. The family moved to Winslow, Ariz., in 1965 where he assumed the production-manager position. It was here that his surviving daughter was born.

Then in 1967, he was offered and accepted the production-

manager position in Kalispell.

During his children's school years he was very active in Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Little League baseball, Sunrises, Lions, was awarded a lifetime PTA membership to the Hedges Elementary School, and was an active member of the Epworth United Methodist Church.

He enjoyed woodworking, gardening and most outdoor activities.

He was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather to his family and a friend to many others.

He was preceded in death by one infant daughter, Sherilyn Marie; mother, father; eight sisters; and one brother.

He is survived by wife, Lois, of Missoula; four sons, Randy and Melissa of Arlington, Wash., Scott and Jackie of Ledger, Rod and Darcy of Stevensville, and Kevin and Tammy of Missoula; and Teresa Manlove of Missoula; one sister, Pearl Barnett, of Arkansas; and one brother, Marlon, and Karen of Oklahoma; 17 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 2, at the Garden City Funeral Home and Crematory, 1705 W. Broadway, in Missoula.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you donate to your local food bank.

## F. Marlene Hensen, 65

F. Marlene Hensen, 65, of Columbia Falls passed away Wednesday, July 16, 2008, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

She was born June 16, 1943, in Escondido, Calif. She was raised and educated in Escondido.

Marlene was a homemaker and pastor's wife.

She is survived by her husband, Pastor Ed Hensen, of Columbia Falls; her children, Pam Barnes and her husband, Kenny, of Harrisburg, Ill., Jeff Donnelly and his wife, Katherine, of Los Cruces, N.M., Kelli Smith and her husband, John, of Harrisburg, Joe Hensen of Illinois, and Shannon Hensen

and his wife, Kelly, of Columbia Falls; her grandchildren, Mary Rose, Kendra, Kenny, Jeffrey, Nickie, Willie, Meghyn, Ashley, Stephanie, Brandan, and Levi; her great-grandchildren, Callie, Cheyenne, Roxanne, and Lydia; her brother, Dean Tanner, of Kingman, Ariz.; and two sisters, Lynn Stamm and Renee Matson, of Escondido.

Visitation will be from 1 to 5 p.m. today, July 20, at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, July 21, at the Fellowship Alliance Church, 1025 Seventh Ave. W., in Columbia Falls. Burial will be afterward at Woodlawn Cemetery.

## James E. 'Jim' Herron, 78

James E. "Jim" Herron, 78, died Saturday, Nov. 29, 2008, at his residence in Kalispell after a 14-year battle with cancer.

Memorial services are pending.

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

## Stanley Hester, 71

Stanley Hester, 71, of Tucson, Ariz., passed away from lymphoma cancer Wednesday, July 30, 2008.

Stanley was born in Sandpoint, Idaho, to Earl and Ree (Hale) Hester. The family moved to Montana when he was 3 years old. He graduated from Manhattan High School, then attended college in Havre.

Stanley had two daughters, Angie and Brenda, from a previous marriage. He married Janice Figgins, and they have been married for 35 years.

Stanley farmed, worked as a mechanic and also was a truck driver. He enjoyed working on cars and built a roadster for



quarter-mile racing and a rail dragster.

Stanley was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Lois Chaney; brother-in-law, Bill LaRue; and father-in-law, Everett Figgins.

He is survived by his wife, Janice; daughters, Angie and Brenda; brother, Clarence, and Judy, of Helena; sisters, Alice LaRue of Palmer, Alaska, and Norma and Dallas Thompson of Bozeman; mother-in-law, May Figgins, of Bozeman; brothers-in-law, Ray and Pat Figgins, and Bill and Margaret Chaney, both of Manhattan; seven grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to: Arizona Cancer Center, P.O. Box 245219, Tucson, AZ 85719 or to a charity of choice.

Services will be held at a later date.

## Allan F. 'Chuck' Heuscher, 79

Chuck passed away on Dec. 23, 2008, from many health problems. He was born April 24, 1929, in Creston, the son of Jacob and Elsie (Ruckdashel) Heuscher. He attended Cayuse Prairie School and Flathead High School and received his heavy equipment certificate in 1962.

Chuck started working in the woods at the age of 17 with his father, and continued working in the woods until his retirement in 1989.

On Nov. 23, 1962, Chuck married the one true love of his life, Lavine Maze. They lived in Whitfish, Eureka, Thompson Falls and moved back to Kalispell in 1971, where they continued to live.

Chuck enjoyed fishing, hunting and being in the woods and in his garden, reading and doing crossword puzzles and, of course, coffee at Syke's most every day.

After retirement, Chuck and Lavine both started painting unfinished buildings for their



Christmas Village, having finished 40 of them to date. They also enjoyed painting many Santas for their children and Christmas ornaments for their grandchildren.

Chuck was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Lester, Leslie, Vern and Ron; and sisters, Luella Johnson, June Rowsey and Shirly Nick; and one son, Barry Heuscher, in 2008.

Chuck is survived by his wife, Lavine; daughters, Carla and husband, Rob Smith, Ellen and husband, Willy Loop, and Sherry Heuscher, all of Kalispell; and one son, David Heuscher, of Libby; sister, Doris, and Ray Ingram, and brother, Stan, and Evie Heuscher, of Kalispell; also nine grandchildren, Sarah, Robert, Michelle, Nicholas, Melissa, Jacob, Samantha, William and Richard; two great-grandchildren, Kayla and Dillon; and many extended family and friends.

Memorial services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, at the Risen Christ Church, 65 W. Evergreen Drive.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a donation to an Alzheimer's or diabetic research association of your choice.



## Barry M. Heuscher, 46

Barry M. Heuscher, 46, of Libby, "passed into the hands of his Lord," Sunday, Jan. 27, 2008, at his home with his brother at his side.



Barry was born June 5, 1961, in Kalispell. He attended grade school in Thompson Falls until 1971 when the family moved back to Kalispell. He then attended St. Matthew's, Linderman and Flathead High School.

Barry worked in Gillette, Wyo., for two years then moved back to Kalispell where he worked at a lumber mill. In 1989 Barry went to Alamon and learned the Telephone trade. This allowed him to travel to many places and live in Salt Lake City for two years, sometimes even working in Hawaii. Barry moved back to Montana in 1992.

Barry enjoyed playing his guitar and keyboards. He remodeled the inside of his home and loved being out in the

woods, fishing and panning for gold. Barry was a most caring, giving and loving person.

Barry was preceded in death by his birth father, Charles McWhorter; and his grandparents, Sam and Lucille Maze, and Gilbert McWhorter.

He is survived by his parents, Allan and Lavine Heuscher; his stepmother, Lynn McWhorter; his brother, David Heuscher; his sisters, Carla and Rob Smith, Ellen and Willy Loop, Sherry Heuscher and Jody McWhorter. He is also survived by his step-sister, Rhonda; and stepbrother, Chris; six nephews and five nieces whom he enjoyed so very much; along with several aunts, uncles and cousins.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 1, in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel in Kalispell. A reception will follow at the Risen Christ Social Room at 65 West Evergreen Drive in Kalispell.

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

## Phil Gary Heyne, 74

Phil Gary Heyne, 74, of Libby, died Friday, Sept. 26, 2008.

He is survived by his mother, Mariane, of Libby; and son, Terry Heyne, of Clark Fork, Idaho.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 1, at the Milnor Lake Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. today, Sept. 30, the Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Libby.

## Robert Harold Hickey Sr., 68

"Robert joined our Lord" on July 23, 2008, at his home in Lewistown, from a battle with cancer. Robert was born on Sept. 21, 1939, to Bernard and Marie Hickey in Detroit.

Robert grew up in the Pontiac, Mich., area, then went to serve our country in the U.S. Army as a medic, from 1958-1961. When he returned to Michigan he was married and started a family.

Robert was an adventurer and a pioneer, and in 1973 he loaded up his family, lock, stock and barrel, and was going to move to Alaska. As they drove through the Flathead Valley, the mountains called to him and he decided it would be home for the next 29 years before making his move to Lewistown to retire with his soulmate of 25 years, Diana McCollum.

Robert had a great sense of adventure; he was a pioneer and loved the great outdoors. He was a man never to be idle; he was either hunting, fishing, camping, exploring or fixing anything that was broken. He was a wonderful craftsman and, of course, his two main passions were belonging to the Gun Club, where he went on to become a nationally rated marksman, and being on the open road on his Harley. After retiring from

Plum Creek he would ride five to 10 thousand miles a year on that Harley. "He surely will be riding Harleys in heaven."

He will be missed by many lifetime friends and his family. Robert was preceded in death by his parents; and a brother, Daniel Hickey.

Robert leaves behind his love, Diana McCollum; a sister, Elaine, and husband, Jack Harris, of Connecticut; a son, Robert Jr., and wife, Patti Hickey, of Kalispell; daughters, Michelle Siderius of Kalispell, Tracy and husband Devon Anderson of Kalispell, Kimberly and husband Dan Alexander of Bozeman, and Marie and husband Arron Auclair of Kalispell.

Robert has 12 grandchildren and two great-grandsons; along with many cherished nephews and family members.

A memorial service is planned September 2009 near Circle, Alaska, as his wishes were for his remains to be spread next to his brother, Dan.

Central Montana Crematorium of Lewistown is caring for the family.

The family requests that, in lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Central Montana Shooting Complex, P.O. Box 780, Lewistown, MT 59457, in Bob's memory, 1-406-538-9408.

## Kyle Joe "Stormin" Norman Hickok, 12

Our very much loved and cherished Kyle Joe, "flew away with his light blue angels he knew and loved so well" at 3:25



a.m. on Monday, April 21, 2008. He was in the loving arms of his mommy and daddy, and surrounded by the love of brother Cole, sister Kaidyn, Auntie Kelly, Uncle Layne, Uncle Nick and cousins Jody and Russell.

Kyle was born at 11:03 a.m. on March 25, 1996, his determination to live life evident from the start. He was a beautiful and bright and very busy guy.

Kyle had a phenomenal love for life and people. He and his very special friend and godfather Everett Vassar, and brother Cole and sissy Kaidyn, enjoyed going camping, swimming and 4-wheeling.

Kyle loved cars and video games, motorcycles, 4-wheelers and boats (anything wild and crazy). He loved fishing, constructing and rough-housing with his Uncle Layne, watching wrestling with his Uncle Nick and building race tracks with his Uncle Russ. He enjoyed game shows, "Deal or No Deal," and comedy. He loved music, kids, babies and animals. He loved to sing and dance and play air guitar.

He was a practical joker who loved to make people laugh. His latest love was cooking; he was collecting many cookbooks and wanted to cook for everyone.

Kyle's family and friends were very near and dear to his heart, even those he hadn't met yet. His Grandma Marlys was very special to him, he loved her deeply, his dear Aussie friend Riley, his best guy Theron, his 90-year-old storytelling friend Louis, and his first love and "future wife" Lacy.

Kyle's love for his mommy and daddy, big brother Cole and sissy Kaidyn was all encompassing. He would say, "I love you, Big Bro and Sissy, for always coming along for my ride and being

there for me. You sacrificed for me and I want you to know, I knew that. I love you. Auntie Kelly, I love you so thank you for being my baby-sitter and special auntie."

Kyle had many friends from his short times at Edgerton and Russell School. He never forgot them and missed them all. He had love for all his friends at Kalispell Regional Medical Center, outpatient infusion, and Family Healthcare, Dr. Doug Nelson, Dr. Christopher Gill, and all of his great nurses. "You know who you are." He thanks you for your loving care.

Kyle has such a beauty and grace, a smile that shined, a laugh that sounded so very sweet. His heart was so very big and open to all; his eyes so sparkling with love and humor, wit and mischief. He knew love and compassion, kindness and giving, the importance of family and friends, God and "his angels."

Kyle was preceded in death by his grandpas, Kenneth Hoeldt and Norman Hickok; his granny, Betty Hickok; great auntie, Lorraine Hardinger; auntie, Sherry Iverson; aunt, Elizabeth; and uncle, Mike Kern; and many other dearly loved and missed family members.

His Auntie Jeweldeen Joyce "followed Kyle home to our Lord," on Wednesday, April 23, 2008. She will be forever in our hearts.

Kyle is survived by his mother, Lisa Vassar; his father, Wayne Hickok; brother, Cole Vassar; sister, Kaidyn Vassar; grandmother, Marlys Hoeldt; godfather, Everett Vassar; aunties and uncles, Nick and Kelly Bigoness, Layne Hoeldt, Laurel Shepard, Diane Nelson, Russell Hoeldt, Brenda DeShaw, Roger Nelson, Shirley Hickok and Rick and Evonne Hickok; special cousins, Russell Bigoness and Tia Jody, Marlys, Robyn, Jesse, Kenny, Caleb, Christopher, Ty, Nikki, Kevin, Kristen, Tina, Shanda, Pricilla, Jami, Jodi, Russ, Tara, Barry, Stacy, Shasta and Jessica; and numerous

more cousins, friends and family.

"My very special little man, my very precious gift, you will always be in my heart, my thoughts, my soul. I will miss your stories, your laughter, your cuddles, your beautiful, handsome face. I will sing for you always. — Mama"

Kyle passed away at Children's Hospital in Seattle after a long illness and complications from many

surgeries. He was a fighter until the end.

Kyle's memorial and celebration of his life will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 3, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 400 W. California St., in Kalispell, with a reception following. Officiating will be Pastor Mark G. Cutler.

Memorial donations may be made to his parents, Lisa Vassar and Wayne Hickok, 528 W. Arizona St., Kalispell, MT 59901.

## Paiten Mara Spencer Higgs

Paiten Mara Spencer Higgs passed away on Sept. 25, 2008, at birth.

She is survived by her parents, Becky Spencer and Roger Higgs, and big sister, Madi Mai, of Kalispell; maternal grandparents, Steve and Lori "Papa and Nana" Spencer, of Columbia Falls; paternal grandparents, Kara and Roger Higgs of Kalispell, and LeAnn Higgs of Kentucky; Uncle Phil Spencer, of Columbia Falls; Auntie Stephanie Higgs of Arizona, and Auntie Emily Higgs of Kalispell.

Graveside services will be held at 4 p.m. Monday, Sept. 29, at Babyland at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell.

Condolences may be sent to the family at P.O. Box 628, Columbia Falls, MT 59912.

"Paiten, sleep well, Sunshine."

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

## Clara Belle Hightower, 84

Clara Belle Hightower, 84, a former longtime Georgia resident, died Wednesday, April 23, 2008, at the Libby Care Center in Libby.

She is survived by her sons, John Hightower of Libby, and Kenneth Hightower

of Bethlehem, Ga.

Funeral services will be conducted at the Horis Ward Fairview Chapel in Stockbridge, Ga., next week.

Local arrangements are by Nelson & Vial Funeral Homes and Crematory in Libby.

## Lillyen Paige Hiland, 5 months

Lillyen Paige Hiland "rested her head in the arms of Jesus," on Aug. 5, 2008, of SIDS. Born March 8 in Kalispell. Lillyen was a bright-eyed, beautiful infant



who brought overwhelming love and joy to each member of her family, most of all to her own proud and doting mother.

This amazing little girl held an innocent power that changed her mother's life and strengthened the bond between other family members. She brought out the best in the adults in her life, and was an unfolding miracle and a blessing to the children and adults alike.

She is survived by her mother, Chandra Hiland; father, Rick Houseal; maternal grandparents, Chuck and Kim Mitsch; maternal great-grandparents, Bob and Lynn Orsua, and Jack and Merle Hiland; maternal uncles, Kent Hiland, Tyler Trefney, Thomas Trefney and Kyle Trefney; maternal great-aunts and -uncles, Lance Hiland, Austin and Lisa Lake, Dan and Tiffany Burgad, and Jay and

Lorene Hiland; and second cousins, Melissa, Matthew, Megan and Michael Lake, Tomi, Olivia and Easton Burgad, and Samantha Hiland; paternal grandparents, John and Theresa Houseal, and John and Ann Nelson; paternal great-grandmother, Beulah; paternal aunt, Crystal; and paternal uncles, Paul and Steven.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 8, at the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral chapel, 525 S. Main, in Kalispell, with Pastor Kenny Prewett officiating. Burial will be after services at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home.

The family suggests that any memorial contributions be sent to the National Sudden Infant Death Resource Center, 2115 Wisconsin Ave. NW, Suite 601, Washington, D.C. 20007. Cards may be mailed c/o Chuck and Kim Mitsch, 19 Glacier St., Kalispell, MT 59901.

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



## Gracia A. Hilde, 99

Gracia A. Hilde, 99, died Sunday, April 20, 2008, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She is survived by a son, David Hilde, of Bigfork, and two daughters, Ellen Hilde of Billings and Margaret Krush-

ensky of Denver.

Funeral services are pending at this time. Services will be in Great Falls with burial in the Highland Cemetery.

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

## Margaret 'Peggy' Hill, 73

Margaret "Peggy" Hill, 73, passed away Oct. 31, 2008, in Whitefish, due to cancer. She was born Dec. 22, 1934, in Turlock, Calif., and raised in California.



In 1961, she married Donald Rex Hill in Nevada. They were married for 47 years until his death.

Peggy worked for Century Tel for 13 years, until her retirement.

She loved to read, and enjoyed knitting and sewing. She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald Rex Hill; and sister, Betty.

Peggy is survived by her children, Kevin and Zeny Hill of Syracuse, Utah, Kelly Hill of Whitefish, and Karen Hill of Whitefish; her sister, Joy Reeder, of Arkansas; brother, Jeen Edwards, of Utah; her grandchildren, Donald Kevin Hill of New Mexico, Amanda Chantal Hill of Whitefish, and Cody William Hill of Whitefish; and a great-grandchild, Andrew Damian MacNair, of Kalispell.

Cremation has taken place.

## Ruth Margaret (Ryan) Hill, 42

Ruth Margaret (Ryan) Hill, 42, passed away peacefully in her sleep at home on Saturday, June 21, 2008. "We have no doubt that she received her angel wings and was welcomed with outstretched arms by the Lord."

She was a wonderful daughter and a loving sister, born to Vaughn and Peg Ryan on Sept. 19, 1965, in Evanston, Ill. Ruth graduated from Eden Prairie High School in Minnesota and continued her education at Northeastern Illinois University where she received her bachelor's degree in anthropology.

Ruth pursued her dream of becoming a teacher and graduated from Flathead Valley Community College in 2000. After earning her teaching degree and special education endorsement she taught at various schools in the Flathead Valley. Ruth's compassion, generosity and devotion to improving the lives of others was truly a gift!

Ruth moved to Whitefish in 1994 and met Rusty "Big Red" who became the love of her life. She married him on Aug. 24, 1996, which began their next chapter in life. She was a devoted wife and loving mother. They were blessed with two amazing children, Parker and Maggie. Ruth's greatest joy was her family; they were the centerpieces of her life.

Her father, Vaughn, Uncle Ned and Grandma Theo. pre-



ceded Ruth in death.

She leaves behind her husband, Rusty, and children Parker and Maggie Hill, at their family home in Olney.

mother, Peg Ryan, of Glenview, Ill.; brother, Tom and Cheryl, Dustin, Bethany and Samuel Ryan, of New Hope, Minn.; sister, Katherine and Christopher, and Kasey Vann of Niles, Ill.; brother-in-law, Sean Hill; sister-in-law, Sandy and Wes Owens of Whitefish; and special friend and nephew, Lance Hill, of Whitefish; plus many, many friends. Ruth found great richness in the company of her family and friends, and she will be greatly missed by all whose life she touched.

Family and friends are invited to a memorial service at 3 p.m. Wednesday, June 25, at the United Methodist Church, 1150 Wisconsin Ave., in Whitefish. A reception will follow in the church parish hall.

Private interment will take place at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls at a later time.

Arrangements were made under the direction of Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. Memorial contributions may be made to Ruth Hill, c/o Glacier Bank, 319 Second St. Whitefish, MT 59937.

## Jeffrey Dean Hillier, 48

Jeffrey Dean Hillier, 48, (Myers) Hillier.

Private family services will be held at a later date, at the Brendan House in Kalispell. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

He is survived by his parents, Sheldon and Myrna

## David James Himsl, 52

David James Himsl, 52, of Kalispell, passed away Dec. 20, 2008, at the home of his parents, Erna and Bernard Himsl, of Edmond, Okla., where he was undergoing treatment for multiple myeloma.

He is survived by his wife of almost 30 years, Susan; his daughters, Lily and Lucy, and his son, Max. In addition, he is survived by his younger brothers, Mark and his wife, Sandy, of Colbert, Ga., Chris and his wife, Marilyn, of Carlisle, Pa., Mike and his wife, Carolyn, of Anchorage, Alaska; and his sister, Vikki Smith, and her husband, Keith, of Williamsburg, Va. David is also survived by seven nieces and nephews; and by numerous Reichenbach aunts, uncles and cousins of Billings, and equally numerous Himsl relatives of Washington state and Kalispell.

David was born in Billings on Feb. 22, 1956, and raised in many different American states, Germany and Spain as the son of a career Air Force noncommissioned officer. After graduating high school from Liverpool High School, Liverpool, N.Y., David returned to Billings where he

graduated from Eastern Montana College.

Shortly after graduation, he and bride Susan moved to Kalispell. Over the course of 30 years he sold tires, managed a laundry, owned a newspaper delivery service, and worked as a finish carpenter.

David's passion for his family, rugby and youth soccer made him a valued member of the Flathead community. David served on the Flathead Youth Soccer board, officiated many soccer games, and acted as a referee recruiter supporting the 800 young athletes playing soccer in the Flathead Valley. David's irrepressible personality and enthusiasm for life warmed all those that met him.

There are no services planned at this time for David. There will be a memorial service celebrating his life in the spring of 2009 when the rugby pitches and soccer fields turn green.

In lieu of flowers, please support the Flathead Soccer Club Concession Stand Fundraiser @ <http://www.flatheadsoccer.org> or 50 Second St. E., Suite 125, Kalispell, MT 59901; 406-257-6631.

## Memorials

### David James Himsl, 52

A memorial service and potluck for David James Himsl, 52, who died Dec. 20, 2008, will start at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, March 21, at Stillwater Christian School.

## Ian Hineman, 17

Ian Hineman, 17, passed away on Sunday, Dec. 21, 2008, in Kalispell. He was born on Oct. 31, 1991, in Tucson, Ariz., the son of Scott Joseph and Jane Lou (Miller) Hineman.



He attended schools at Cayuse Prairie, through the eighth and ninth grades at Kalispell Junior High, and was currently a junior at Flathead High School.

He has been an active golfer since he was very young and had been a member of Buffalo Hill Country Club since he was 5 years old. He was a member of the Flathead High School golf team and lettered as both a sophomore and a junior.

He also was an active downhill skier, loved movies and was quite a movie critic. He was a pool shark as well and would take on anyone.

He enjoyed traveling and had been all over the country; New York City, where he and his family had been to the World Trade Center one month before 9/11. They also enjoyed trips to Philadelphia, Washington, D.C., and many other family trips.

He loved fine dining and was a big fan of the escargot at Whitefish Country Club and

said it was the best!

As well as being a member of Buffalo Hill Country Club, he was also a member of the Whitefish Country Club.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Herman Miller; and paternal grandfather, Norman J. Hineman.

He is survived by his parents, Scott and Jane Hineman, of Kalispell; and his brother, Ben Hineman, of Whitefish; his grandmothers, Eva Jean Miller of Ripley, W.Va., and Lori Hineman of Indianapolis; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and many, many friends.

Funeral services for Ian will be at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 27, in the Flathead High School auditorium. Visitation will be held from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 26, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home, and from 9:30 a.m. until service time at the high school.

The family suggests that memorial contributions be sent to the Flathead High School golf team, 644 Fourth Ave. W., Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

## John A. 'Jack' Hinkle Sr., 79

John A. "Jack" Hinkle Sr., 79, of Mount Washington, Ky., formerly of Kalispell, passed away Thursday, Nov. 27, 2008, at his residence.



In addition to being an avid outdoorsman, Jack was a retired employee of General Electric with 37 years of service, an Army veteran, member of the Honorable Order of the Kentucky Colonels, member of the NRA, former vice president of the Jefferson Co. Sportsman Club, former director of the Third District Federation League of Kentucky Sportsmen, former director of the League of Kentucky Sportsmen,

member of the Louisville-Jefferson County Airboard, former member of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, and a member of St. Michael Catholic Church, Fairfield.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Reynolds Hinkle; a son, John A. Hinkle Jr., and Peggy, of Montana; two daughters, Linda K. Shaw and Phillip, and Julie A. Caudill and Rogger; and four grandchildren, Austin and Lindsey Hinkle, and Bridget and Eric Spencer.

The funeral Mass will be held at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3, at St. Michael Catholic Church in Fairfield, with burial afterward in St. Michael Cemetery.

The family is requesting that no flowers be sent. Instead, contributions should be made to the St. Michael Building Fund.

## Darren S. Hoagland, 47

Darren S. Hoagland, 47, of Troy died Wednesday March 12, 2008, at his home. Darren worked at the Wauna Paper Mill for 17 years and ran a rock business after moving to Troy.

Survivors include four sons, Branden Hoagland of Troy, Trevor Hoagland of

Troy, Samuel Hoagland of Oklahoma, and Nick Hoagland of Clatskanie, Ore.; and parents, Leon Chromie of Lewiston, Idaho, and Betty Layton of Clatskanie, Ore.

Services will be on Tuesday, March 18, at 11 a.m. at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

## Lucille Hobbs, 79

Lucille Hobbs, 79, of Columbia Falls, passed away on Feb. 14, 2008, due to lung cancer.

Lucille was born Nov. 14, 1928, in Miles City to Jack and Mary Winters. Her early childhood was spent on a ranch, riding bareback, running track and doing family activities.

In 1948, she married Arthur Hobbs in Miles City. Art's job took them to Columbia Falls, Libby, Great Falls and Havre. They had five children.

Lucille worked as a nurse's aide and was very active with the VFW. She served several terms as president of the VFW Women's Auxiliary, earning several awards for her service and traveling all over the United States. She also enjoyed crafting and following her grandchildren's activities.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Art Hobbs; one



brother, Bill Winters; two sisters, Doris Guenther and Laura Decker; and daughter-in-law, Debbie Hobbs.

She is survived by one daughter, Wanda

Hobbs, of Sacramento; four sons, Wayne Hobbs of Polson, Ed and wife, Annette, of Great Falls, Ron and wife, Michele, of Kalispell, and Randy and wife, Shelly, of Columbia Falls; six grandkids, Shaun, Cole, Tyler, Shelby, Trace and Tanner; and one brother, Jackie Winters.

Services will be 2 p.m. today at the Eagles Club in Columbia Falls.

Memorials are suggested to the V.F.W. Women's Auxiliary or to the veterans food pantry.

## James W. 'Jim' Hocking, 75

Jim Hocking, 75, passed away June 29, 2008. He was born Aug. 12, 1932.



Jim first came to the Flathead Valley the summer of 1959 with his then fiancée, Myrna Jean Ripke.

Myrna was insistent that she could not marry Jim until he had met her grandparents, Francis and Ethel Ripke, of Kalispell. During the visit the Ripkes treated Jim to a tour of the Flathead Valley, Glacier Park and many other beautiful areas.

As they were getting ready to head back to Seattle, Grandpa Ripke noticed that the tires on the car did not seem to be in the best condition. Grandpa's parting words to Jim were, "Are the tires on your car OK, Jim? My granddaughter's riding in that car." Jim's response was a firm handshake and a "Yes sir. Yes sir, I promise the tires are fine." Well, of course the tires were not fine; in fact, one was flat by the time they reached St. Regis. They did make it safely back to Seattle and with the blessing of her

grandparents, Jim and Myrna were married Nov. 12, 1959.

After that first visit to Montana, Jim knew this is where he would someday like to make his home and was fortunate enough to make that dream a reality in June 1991, when he and Myrna retired to Bigfork. Once retired, Jim became an avid golfer; one of the things he missed most as he became ill was golfing with "cuz" Ron Mellem and friend Gene Speelman.

Jim was predeceased by his mother and father, Lewis and Schel Hocking; as well as his brother, Bud; and sisters, Ellen, Beth, Enid and Edie.

Jim is survived by his wife of 49 years, Myrna Jean Ripke Hocking; and their four children, James W. Hocking, Vicki Smith, Kevin Hocking and Janine Beaubien; as well as siblings, Elaine Monosmith, Eloise McBride, Eileen Stokes and John Hocking.

Jim was a loving husband, father, brother and friend, and from all of us to him we say a final farewell, "Boots and saddles, Jim, boots and saddles. We love you and will greatly miss you."

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16, at the home of Tom and Janine Beaubien.

## Kenneth S. Hocking, 80

Kenneth S. Hocking, 80, died Wednesday, Oct. 1, 2008, at his home in Columbia Falls.

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

## Jeffrey C. Hodgson, 63

Jeffrey C. Hodgson, 63, of Eureka passed away unexpectedly Monday, Sept. 22, 2008, at his home in Eureka. He and his wife, Lee, had been full-time residents of Eureka since 2004, having moved there from Florida.

He grew up in Chicago and received a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Chicago, and studied economics under Milton Friedman.

He owned his own consulting company for more than 35 years, specializing in "turn-arounds" and start-ups. He also owned an international distribution and Internet business, and was an active member of the Business Network International in the Flathead.

His community activities have included special-education programs for literacy, Big

Brothers program, substance-abuse programs, Boy Scouts of America, and corporate citizenship.

He was also quite active in computer security and stopping telephone fraud. In 1999, the fraud system he designed helped catch the "Railway Serial Killer," helped to return a kidnapped 6-year-old girl, and is helping hundreds of telecom companies reduce losses because of fraud, identity theft and bad debt.

Survivors include his wife, Lee Kessler; and sister, Patricia Zehnder, along with her four sons, Andy, Tom, Bob and Chris, and their wives and children.

Memorial services are pending. Arrangements are by Schnackenberg and Nelson Funeral Home in Eureka.



## Margaret L. Hogan, 80

Margaret L. Hogan, 80, died Thursday, May 15, 2008, at her home in Libby.

Survivors include her sons, Jim Hogan of Helena, Bill Hogan, John Hogan, Steve Hogan, and Mark Hogan, all of Libby, Mike Hogan of Eureka, Pat Hogan of New Prague, Minn., and David Hogan of Covina, Calif.; and her daughters, Margaret Rutherford of Chewelah, Wash., Ann Hogan of Avon, Catherine Hogan of Eureka, Rosemary Jensen of

Libby, Kathleen Swimley of Spring Creek, Nev., Therese Hogan of Gig Harbor, Wash., and Carolyn Vogel of Clarkford, Idaho.

Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Tuesday at St. Joseph Catholic Church; rite of interment will be afterward at the City of Libby Cemetery. Parish vigil and rosary will begin at 7 p.m. Monday at the Nelson and Vial Funeral Home chapel.

## Verona Vivian (Serfling) Hogue, 77

Verona Vivian (Serfling) Hogue, 77, passed away Monday, May 5, 2008, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell. She was born Oct. 24, 1930, in Northville, S.D., to Stacy Claire and Blanch (Haine) Serfling.



Verona graduated valedictorian of her high-school class in 1948. After attending summer school at Northern State Teachers College in Aberdeen, S.D., she taught in a one-room schoolhouse for two years.

On July 15, 1949, Verona married her high-school sweetheart, Warren Hogue. They resided on the family farm outside Northville until 1952, when Warren went to work for the Forest Service in the Black Hills of South Dakota. After residing at the Tee Pee Ranger Station on the South Dakota/Wyoming border for three years, Verona and Warren moved to Custer, S.D. They left Custer in 1960 and moved to the Flathead Valley, first living in Kalispell and then in Bigfork in 1963. She attended Flathead Valley Community College and graduated in 1976. She then went on to work at Head Start until both she and Warren retired in 1986.

Verona was very active in many social groups, and always had a smile and a kind word for everyone. She was a member of the Puttering Potters ceramics group for more than 40 years,

one of Bigfork's Red Hat Ladies and a regular at the Montana Athletic Club's water aerobics classes.

She was also a devoted member of the Community United Methodist Church in Bigfork. She will be dearly missed.

Verona was a devoted and loving wife, mother, grandma and great-grandma, who always was doing special things for the ones she loved.

Verona was preceded in death by her parents; her only brother, Ernest Serfling; and her youngest daughter, Sylvia Hogue.

She is survived by her husband and the love of her life, Warren Hogue, of Bigfork; a daughter, Linda Brevik, and her husband, Gerald, of Somers; a son, Clayton Hogue, and his friend, Daniel Kiermaier, of St. Petersburg, Fla.; her grandson, Mark Brevik, and his wife, Christina, granddaughter, Debbie Savik, and her husband, Lon, all of Somers; her grandson, Tom Gordon, of Kalispell; and her great-grandchildren, Archie Brevik, Soraya Brevik, Ashlyn Savik and Austin Savik.

A celebration of Verona's life will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 10, at the Crossroads Christian Fellowship, 7465 Montana 35, in Bigfork, with the Rev. Kathy Young of the Community United Methodist Church of Bigfork officiating.

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

## Shirley Olivia Holle, 83

Shirley Olivia Holle, 83, of Kalispell died Friday, June 20, 2008, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

She is survived by her son, Gerry Burden, of

Kalispell.

Memorial services will be announced at a later time.

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

## Harry 'Bing' Holling, 69

Harry "Bing" Holling, 69, passed away April 16, 2008, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell. Bing was born Feb. 1, 1939, in Townsend. He was the son of Fane Charles and Hazel (Sitton) Holling.

Bing worked summers as a ranch hand as a teenager. After graduating from high school, he spent a six-month stint in the Reserves. He attended the University of Montana and received his degree from the College of Great Falls.

Bing spent several years as a referee, one of his favorite sport involvements. He was an avid Grizzly sports fan and enjoyed golfing with his friends.

He taught science and biology for 25 years in the Kalispell School District, as well as being a coach, and also was a long-time driver's education instructor. Upon his retirement, he and his wife, Joan, enjoyed winters with their friends in Arizona.

Bing was preceded in death

by his parents; and two brothers.

He is survived by his wife, Joan Holling, of Kalispell; two sons, Brian Holling of Helena, and Brett and Paula Holling of Helena; two stepdaughters, Shannon Stage of Missoula, and Sherri and Bret Lindsay of Kalispell; six grandchildren, Troy, Heather, Kyle and Jessica Holling, all of Helena, and Clay and Taylor Lindsay of Kalispell; two sisters, Myra Bridgewater of Raymond, Wash., and Pat Thompson of Chewelah, Wash.; two brothers, Larry Holling of Seguin, Texas, and Jerry Holling of Chelmsford, Mass.; and longtime friend, Richard Rossow, of Kalispell.

At Bing's request, there will be no formal services planned.

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

## Dorothy Jane Holmes, 81

Dorothy Jane Holmes, 81, a longtime Troy resident, died Wednesday, April 30, 2008, at her home near Troy.

Survivors include her children, James E. Holmes of Mount Vernon, Wash., Terry R. Holmes of Burlington, N.C., Larry E. Holmes of Hermiston, Ore., and Samuel M. Holmes of Elon, N.C.

Services will be at 3 p.m.

Monday at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 141 Lake Creek Road, in Troy. Interment services will be afterward at the Holmes Family Cemetery on Pine Creek Road. Visitation will be from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Monday in the church Relief Society Room.

Arrangements are under the care of Nelson and Vial Funeral Home.

## Anita M. Holmstrom, 89

Anita M. Holmstrom, 89, died Wednesday, April 30, 2008, at her Kalispell residence.

She is survived by her

daughter, Carol Holmstrom, of Seattle.

Services are pending with Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

## Violet L'Hommedieu, 89

Violet L'Hommedieu, 89, passed away Monday, May 19, 2008, at the Colonial Manor Nursing Home in Whitefish of natural causes, and in the same manner in which she lived her life — with gentleness, grace, and great dignity.

Violet was born in Sanger, Texas, on Jan. 13, 1919, to Ida Watson Bryant and Goble Frederick Bryant. After graduating with an education degree from Texas Woman's University and North Texas State in 1938, she returned to Sanger to begin a long and distinguished teaching career.

In 1939, she accepted a teaching position in Port Arthur, Texas, where she met and subsequently married Louis Phelps L'Hommedieu in 1940, and where her first son, Phelps, was born in 1942. At the end of World War II, the family returned to Dallas, where Violet would teach in the Dallas Independent School District, and where she positively touched the lives of hundreds of chil-



dren and teens for the next 40 years. Her second son, Stevan, was born in 1950. In 1968, Violet returned to North Texas State University and earned a master's degree in guidance and counseling, and thereafter worked as a counselor until her retirement in 1985.

Violet was preceded in death by her parents, Ida and Goble Bryant; son, Stevan; and husband, Lou.

She is survived by her son, Phelps L'Hommedieu, and wife, Nancy, of Whitefish; granddaughters, Brittany L'Hommedieu of Everett, Wash., and Megan L'Hommedieu of Whitefish; brother, Goble Watson Bryant, and wife, Barbara, of Atlanta; nephews, Watson Bryant and family, and Bruce Bryant and family, all of Atlanta; niece, Barbara Williams and family, of Richmond, Va.; and special friend, Donella L'Hommedieu, of Whitefish.

Showing the heart of a lion until the end, Violet's remarkable strength, her endless capacity to love, and her engaging sense of humor will be missed by all who knew her.

Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish was in charge of arrangements.

## Erma H. Hoppe, 89

Erma H. Hoppe, 89, of Whitefish, "went to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ" on June 4, 2008. She passed away as a result of congestive heart failure. She resided at Colonial Manor for the past year.

Erma was born in Sherwood, N.D., on a rural farm southwest of town on Nov. 9, 1918. She was the youngest of six children born to Wilhelm and Hannah Schwabe. She attended Prosperity Elementary School and graduated from Sherwood High School in May of 1937.

That fall she entered Trinity Hospital School of Nursing, graduating in the fall of 1940 and then received her registered nursing degree through the state board exams. She was employed at Trinity Hospital before joining her classmates, who were employed at Deaconess Hospital in Havre.

She was married to Bill Hoppe on March 4, 1942, in Havre. Two weeks after their wedding, Bill was inducted in the Army. He joined Erma and the family after being discharged from the Army at the end of World War II and they continued to live in Havre until they moved to Martin City in July of 1946.

Erma loved her flower gardens and many passing by would have to stop and admire them. She was well known in the canyon for her Hoppe's poppies. She loved to participate in square-dancing activities and picked many huckleberries over the years.

When the new highway was built through the canyon, the state bought their property and in 1974 they moved to Whitefish.

Erma worked at Colonial Manor as the director of nurses from 1973 to 1979.

She was an active member of the Lutheran Church Missouri-

Synod, having been a member of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls for the past 51 years. She taught many years of Sunday School and held Bible studies in her home. Her Christian faith was of great comfort to her and she witnessed to many.

She took up oil painting beautiful landscapes upon her retirement and was also skilled at all types of needlework. Over the years she made dozens of stocking hats and mittens for children in need in the Flathead. She held a weekly sewing club in her home for years, with her friends. Family members and friends were the lucky recipients of her beautiful work.

Erma is survived by a son, Bill, and daughter-in-law, Peggy, of Columbia Falls; daughter, Janet, and son-in-law, Jim Cash, of Missoula; son-in-law, Darol Longacre, of Frenchtown; granddaughter, Gail Baker; grandson, Stephen Megaard, and wife, Cassie; and great-grandchildren, Tyler and Brittney Webb, Kali and Alex Baker, Austin and Megan Megaard; two brothers-in-law, Frank of Havre and Walter of Spokane; sister-in-law, Ethel Schwabe, of North Dakota; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; daughter, Marcia Longacre; granddaughter, Marie; and siblings, Louie, Minnie, Chris, Hans and Lillian.

A memorial service will be held for Erma at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 14, at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls, with Pastor Matt Nelson officiating.

The family suggests memorials be made to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 2005, Columbia Falls.

Austin Funeral Home and Crematory of Whitefish is caring for the family.



## Rose Housky, 82

Rose Housky, 82, of Whitefish passed away at Brendan House Jan. 2, 2008, after a brief but courageous battle with cancer.



She was born Sept. 6, 1925, along with her twin sister, Mary, to Pedro and Melania Sanchez in Paicines, Calif.

She moved around California with her family, finally settling in Monterey. There, she met and married the love of her life, Frank Housky. They were married July 11, 1948. Together they owned and operated Grey Oaks Kennels, in which they boarded, trimmed and showed dogs professionally. They traveled all across the United States showing dogs and took much pride in it.

They had one daughter, Michelle, and later moved to Castroville, Calif., where they had a small farm with many animals. Frank later passed away suddenly at the age of 56.

Rose followed her daughter and daughter's family to Kalispell in 1994. There she was able to watch her grandchildren grow and be a part of their everyday lives. She made many friends while she lived here; she enjoyed spending time with her friends and family, and was always willing to help in any way that she could. Everyone that met her loved her.

She was a very sweet and kind person. One of her favorite hobbies was playing bingo. She also loved cooking and trying new recipes, working in the yard, making ceramics,

and helping to care for her grandchildren.

She was a very active person, even up until the time of her illness, but her biggest joy came from her grandchildren; they kept her young and full of life. Also when her brother, Andy, would come yearly and visit her, she always so looked forward to his company.

The last four years of her life she actually got to live with her daughter and family, and took much pride in her apartment that they built for her at their home.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Frank; sisters, Fernanda Sanchez, Mary Gee, Alice Cardinali and Tommie Kennedy; and nephew, Don Gee.

Rose is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Michelle and Wally Wilkinson, of Whitefish; granddaughter, Meagan Wilkinson, of Whitefish; two grandsons, Dillon and Tucker Wilkinson, of Whitefish; brother, Andy Sanchez, of Tehachapi, Calif.; sisters, Frances Frusetta of Monterey, and Teresa Recuero of Hayward, Calif.; and many nieces nephews and friends.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 8, at the Johnson Mortuary chapel. You are invited to go to [www.johnsonmortuary.com](http://www.johnsonmortuary.com) to offer condolences and sign Rose's guest book. Another memorial will be held in Monterey in the spring.

"Mom, you brought us much love, happiness, and kindness. We were so blessed to have you in our lives and living with us. I don't know what we will do without you. We love you and miss you always and forever."

## Joseph "Joey" Howke, Schlinger, Foster, Buck, 23

Joseph "Joey" Howke, Schlinger, Foster, Buck, 23, passed away on Thursday, June 19, 2008, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center. He was born Feb. 21, 1985, in Kalispell.

Joey lived in the foster home of Kenneth and Jessie Schlinger for the first 12 years of his life, where he was lucky enough to gain some foster brothers and sisters — namely, Anna, Rebecca, Bonnie, Merisha, Kenneth Jr., Jeff, Brendon, Lynette, Samantha, Norma, Raven and John.

After losing his foster mom and dad he became the foster son of a young man by the name of Ron Foster, which then gave him two more brothers and a sister, Tarin, Mitchel and Blake, for the next four years.

Later, due to unforeseen circumstances, he became the foster son to his nurse, Nyla Buck, and her loving husband Berl, where he has been for the past seven years. This gave him two more foster brothers and four more foster sisters — namely, Forrest, Lowel, Teresa, Rebecca, Dawna and Annalynn.

All of these families gave Joey their total loving care and he loved each and every one of these foster families with all his heart.

During these years he had lots of skilled nurses caring for him. He could name two very special ones besides Nyla. They were Louise and Betty. He also received special respite care by Kate, Charlotte, Anita, Debra and Linda, all who gave gentle, loving care to him.

He thoroughly loved his therapy with special therapists, Leslie and Julie. Dr. Wilder and his wonderful staff looked after him and help make his time on Earth a better place.

Thanks to Home Solutions,



Randy Kenyon CEC, and Noreco they were always there with all the things needed for my support and care.

When Nightingale Nursing

and Ron Foster brought Nyla Buck on board and Outreach Alliance Services, Joey was able to continue his nursing care after turning 21 years old. Joey's foster brother Forrest "Frosty" took over guardianship of Joey so he could continue to live in a home he loved so much.

One of the things he enjoyed was talking on the phone, especially to one of his favorite special ladies, Gail. He also loved music and dancing with sing-alongs with his uncles, Louie and Jay, who played their guitars and sang to him.

Because of USANA helping his mom and dad, Joey was given the best quality of life possible for his special health circumstances. Joey brought love and joy to all who cared for him and he will be missed so very much.

He is survived by his foster parents, Berl and Nyla Buck, of Columbia Falls, and many others foster family and friends.

Memorial services for Joey will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, June 26, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, on 1780 Talbot Road in Columbia Falls. There is no visitation.

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

## Lillian Howard, 86

Lillian Irene Howard, 86, died Aug. 7, 2008, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

She was born in a log cabin near Faunce in northern Minnesota on May 3, 1922, to V.E. and Anna Crabtree. The family later moved to Baudette, Minn., where she went to school. She graduated from Concordia College, Moorhead, Minn., in 1943 and was married that summer to Marine Lt. George Sorben of Williston, N.D., who was killed in the invasion of Saipan.

She taught public school for two years until Sept. 2, 1945, when she married a returnee from the war, Lt. Robert S. Howard of Wheaton, Minn. Four children were born to this union.

Lillian and Robert "Bob" lived in eight states over the years, first coming to the Flathead as summer residents in 1951, and have spent every summer and sometimes fall since then on Flathead Lake, marking 2008 as their 58th year.

Lillian was involved in the Kalispell baseball program for many years, first as a coach of Pee-Wees, then as scorekeeper and mentor for Little League, Babe Ruth and Legion ball, for which teams her sons played.

She played most sports, both

in school and later, including softball, bowling, basketball, ice hockey, water and snow skiing, golf and tennis, and was probably the first female water skier on Flathead Lake.

She excelled in music, and was choir director in several churches, including the Lakeside Chapel.

She was a fisherwoman and hunter, including shooting deer to feed venison to the local baseball team. She loved the outdoors and went on several hiking trips in Glacier Park with friends from Kalispell, and rafted the Middle Fork of the Flathead River with two of her children.

Survivors include her husband, Bob, of Rancho Santa Fe, Calif., and Lakeside; daughter, Andrea Palmer, and husband, Jack, of Bonita Springs, Fla., and Lakeside; sons, Thomas and wife, Beatrice, of Jackson Hole, Wyo., William and wife, Cheryl, of Friday Harbor, Wash., and David and wife, Beth, of Leland, Mich.; as well as 17 grandchildren and eight-great-grandchildren.

A private memorial for family members will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be sent to United Fund of Flathead County.

## Sandra Diane Hove, 68

Sandra Diane Hove, 68, passed away Tuesday, May 20, 2008, at the home of her daughter in Kalispell. She was born Feb. 20, 1940, in Choteau to John G. and Irma (Alspach) Hove.

Sandy's early years were spent in and near Ray, N.D. She came to the Flathead area first as a pre-teen, when her family spent summers at Rocky Point Lodge, and later as a high-school student at Polson, where she graduated in 1958.

Sandy attended college at Northern Colorado University, Greeley, and Minot State University, North Dakota. Her graduate studies were from Minot State, University of Montana-Bozeman and MSU-Billings.

A talented musician and educator, Sandy taught both music and elementary grades. For the past two decades, Sandy worked with developmentally challenged adults at Mission Mountain Enterprises in Ronan.

Sandy married Jim Jessen in 1964 and had two children, Kiza and Brooks. Love of family and friends was a primary focus for Sandy. Her patience, kindness and generosity benefit many.

Her other interests included music, art, reading, cards, gardening, cooking and bowling.

Sandy was preceded in death by her parents; and a dear nephew and brother-in-law, Jay and George Goggins. She is survived by her children, Kiza Jessen of Kalispell, and Brooks Jessen and wife, Sandy, of Missoula; her grandchildren, Terra Smith and her husband, Jordan, and their children, Ryan, Dylan and Kasandra Diane, all of Kalispell, Connor Hogan of Kalispell, and Logan and Pride Jessen of Missoula; siblings, John Hove of Milwaukee, Wis., Joan Thompson and husband, Virgil, of Ronan, Judy Harding and husband, Jay, of Helena, and Susan Hove-Pabst and husband, Jim, of Spearfish, S.D.; and her much-loved nieces and nephews.

Friends and family will greatly miss this loving and unique woman. The family suggests memorial gifts be given to Home Options/Hospice, 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell, MT 59901, or to Mission Valley Friends of the Arts of Polson, Box 1156, Polson, MT 59860.

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

## Blanche Marie Huffman, 88

Blanche Marie Huffman, 88, passed away at Edgewood Vista, a safe and caring home for people with memory loss, on Sunday, Feb. 17, 2008.

Blanche was born at home in Hutchinson, Kan., on Jan. 1, 1920, the youngest of three children born to Charles Ora and Lou Rolla (Snider) Huffman.

Blanche lived in Hutchinson until March 1980, when she moved to Colorado Springs, Colo., to be near her nephews, Galen and Morris Huffman, and their families who lived there. In June, 1984, when her nephews and their families relocated to the beautiful Flathead Valley, Blanche came with them.

Blanche graduated from Hutchinson High School in 1937. She then attended beauty school for one year in 1938 and later, in 1954, Adela Hale Business College in Hutchinson. While in Hutchinson, Blanche worked as a beautician for two years, as a head checker for Safeway for 12 years, five years in the C.O. Mammel Warehouse office, and then as a bookkeeper for KTVH television station, for 20 years.

Blanche enjoyed being a member of the Hutchinson First Church of the Nazarene, where she contributed early on as a part of the youth group, and later as department head of the junior high department, and as a member of the choir, Missionary Society, and church board.

Blanche enjoyed bowling, sewing, ceramics, crafts, and being involved in the lives of her nephews and the children of her friends. She was an excellent caregiver of her parents in the last years of their lives.

While in Colorado Springs, Blanche lived with her nephew, Galen, and his wife, Lynda. She attended Trinity Nazarene Church, participated in league bowling, and was the loving head baby-sitter for the triplets — born in December 1979 — of her nephew, Morris, and his wife, Jenifer.

After moving to the Flathead Valley, Blanche became an active member of the Bigfork Piece Makers Quilter's Guild, being president for two years; the Creston Fireman's Auxiliary, being president for 10 years; and an active bowler.

Blanche did outstanding needlework, including beautiful and complicated quilting (winning awards for her quilts),

crocheting, knitting and embroidery. She was able to make a little money by selling her wonderful needlework and different crafts.

She continued to be a happy participant in the lives of Morris and Jenifer's four children and the overall pet baby-sitter for the entire family. Blanche was always an avid watcher of sports on TV. She was a terrific Southern-style cook and baker throughout her life.

To Blanche, family was everything. She devoted her life to the well-being of those she loved. Her family will miss her greatly and take comfort in knowing "she is now home with her Heavenly Father."

Blanche was preceded in death by her parents; her infant brother, Charles Lawrence Huffman; and by her beloved brother, Clarence Albert Huffman.

She is survived by her nephew, Gary Huffman, and his wife, Lilly-Ann, of Wichita, Kan., and their son, Malin Huffman, of Mountain View, Calif.; by her nephew, Galen Huffman, and his wife, Lynda, of Kalispell; and by her nephew, Morris Huffman, and his wife, Jenifer, of Kalispell; Morris and Jenifer's oldest son, Kyle Huffman, and his wife, Colleen, and their two children, Logan and Savannah, of Edmonds, Wash.; and Morris and Jenifer's triplets, Ryan Huffman of Issaquah, Wash., and Erin and Megan Huffman of Seattle.

The family welcomes Blanche's friends to join them at 2 p.m., Saturday, March 1, at Edgewood Vista, 141 Interstate Lane, in Kalispell, as her life is celebrated in a memorial service officiated by Pastor Ed Koteskey of the Kalispell Church of the Nazarene. Blanche's final resting place will be beside her parents and brother, Clarence, at Fairlawn Cemetery in Hutchinson.

Blanche's family would like to express their deep gratitude and appreciation to the staff at Edgewood Vista for the capable, loving care given to Blanche in the last year of her life. Blanche's family felt great comfort and peace in knowing the quality of care being given her there.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to The Gideons, P.O. Box 1305, Kalispell, MT 59901-0305.



## Joan (Minette) Hughes, 87

Joan (Minette) Hughes, 87, passed away Jan. 1, 2008, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

Joan was born Oct. 22, 1920, in Cut Bank, the eldest child of Dr. Carl and Emma Minette of Cut Bank. Joan graduated from Cut Bank High School in 1937 and attended Seattle University, then graduated from the Columbus School of Nursing in Great Falls in 1942.

She began her nursing career at the hospital in Browning and was commissioned in the U.S. Army as a second lieutenant in 1942. She was stationed at Fort Lewis, Wash., and Prince Rupert, B.C. She later worked at Boulder Manor in Boulder, Colo., and was co-owner of the Imperial Hotel in Twin Falls, Idaho.

Joan married Al F. Hughes in Cut Bank in 1945. They had 62 wonderful years together.

Joan volunteered at the Kalispell hospital for 15 years. She belonged to the First Presbyterian Church, served as a deacon and was awarded the Presbyterian Women's Honorary Life Member.

Joan was avid reader and enjoyed traveling, gardening, family, cooking, friends and having tea and cookies with her neighbors.

Joan was a loving, caring mother who supported her children and grandchildren in all endeavors of their lives. She was a devoted military wife, moving the family around the United States and



France.

Joan was preceded in death by her parents, Dr. Carl and Emma Minette; sister, Ann "Diddy" Westermark Gulbrandsen; brother, Pat Minette; and a great-grandchild, Brady Nelson.

She is survived by her husband, Al F. Hughes, of Kalispell; children, Al and wife, Manon Hughes of Libby, Tom Hughes of Kalispell, Joe Hughes of Superior, Kathy and husband Brad Asher of Twin Falls, and Minette Black and husband Dan of Iowa City, Iowa; brother, Tom Minette and wife, Tina, of Kalispell; sister-in-law, Jean Minette, of Big Timber; seven grandchildren, Colleen Asher of Boise, Emily and Sarah Asher of Twin Falls, Michelle Owen of Seattle, Becky Nelson and husband, Tony, of Scottsdale, Ariz., Bryan Black of Iowa City, and Chelsea Sanderson and husband, Byron, of Libby; great-grandchildren, Wyatt Annis of Twin Falls, and Olivia Sanderson of Libby; nieces and nephews, Rita, Bob and Susan Westermark, and Lori, Tim, Tom, Lena and Dani Minette.

Visitation for Joan will be from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 6, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 7, at the First Presbyterian Church with Pastor Glenn Burfeind officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorial contribution be made to the Brendan House Scholarship Fund or to the First Presbyterian church.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Jeff Hughes, 54

Jeff Hughes, 54, passed away Aug. 27, 2008, at his Kalispell residence after fighting prostate cancer for the past four years. He was born in Milwaukee on Feb. 26, 1954, to (the now-late) Agnes and Jack Hughes.

He moved his family from Clarendon Hills, Ill., to Kalispell during the summer of 1994 in pursuit of a change of life and to be the proud owner of ServiceMaster of Flathead County. Seven years later, he purchased Aamco Transmissions, and finally returned to his retail roots as a manager at the Kalispell Walgreens.

Jeff is survived by his wife, Judy (Halm); son, Craig, and wife, Jessica; two daughters, Madisyn and Emilie, of Corona, Calif.; son, Matt, and wife, Danielle, and their three children, Bethany, Benjamin and Brendon, of Spokane; son, Brad, of Brooklyn, N.Y.; brother, Tim Hughes and Jacqueline, of Barrington, Ill.; and a multitude of in-laws, nephews, nieces and cousins.



Jeff loved to travel, whether to see one of his sons for the holidays or to just get away for a weekend. He also loved music, politics, world events, and most of all, spending precious time with his best friend and wife Judy of 32 years. He was a very humble, strong-willed and faithful man who had a lot of courage, strength and patience. Jeff and Judy found a second family at Risen Christ Parish, who have provided an unbelievable support system for them the last four years during the very trying times of his illness.

A rosary will be said in Jeff's honor at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 2, at Risen Christ Parish in Kalispell, followed by a memorial Mass at 11 a.m.

In remembrance of his life, the family requests contributions be made to the Guardian Angels Foundation, a nonprofit corporation aiding cancer patients in financial hardship. The address is 2835 Fort Missoula Road, Suite 301, Missoula, MT 59804, and the Web site is [www.guardianangelsmt.org](http://www.guardianangelsmt.org).

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family. To send condolences, please go to [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com).

## Shirley J. Hull, 82

Shirley J. Hull, 82, passed away on Sunday, Jan. 13, 2008, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

She was born on Jan. 5, 1926, in Argonia, Kan., to James and Alexa (Hopper) Spearman. Shirley was raised in Pleasant Hill, N.M., where she attended schools and was the valedictorian of her Pleasant Hill High School class. She attended a year of college after high school.

Shirley worked as a bookkeeper for the Santa Cruz City Schools from 1973 until 1980.



She also worked for McKessen Robbins Distributing, ONC, and Sandia Labs.

She married Clifford Hull in 1949, in Tulsa, Okla. They were married for 51 years.

Shirley belonged to the African Violet Society, was an active member of the Senior Citizens in Longmont, Colo., and was a member of the Book Club. She was a master gardener, enjoyed reading, traveling, camping, bird watching, needlepoint, sewing and quilting.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Clifford; and three brothers, James, Robert and John Spearman.

Shirley is survived by her son, James A. and wife, Teresa Hull, of Whitefish; daughters, Sharon

Hull of Winnipeg, Manitoba, and Susan Hull of Livermore, Calif.; a sister, Patricia Jane Becker; sister-in-law, Pat Spearman; grandchildren, Jimmy Hull, Elena Hull, Jason Hull, Trevor Odom, Mike Hull and Alexa Odom; great-grandchildren, Ian Hull, Natalie Hull, with one on the way. She is also survived by many loved and adored nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Shirley's life will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 19, at the Whitefish Community Church of God, with the Rev. Justin Michaels officiating. A reception will follow the services at the church. Flowers should be sent to Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

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

## William James 'Bill' Hull, 81

William James "Bill" Hull, 81, of Bigfork, passed away Monday, Jan. 21, 2008, at his home.

He was born in Union, Utah on March 19, 1925, the son of Albert and Ivy (James) Hull.

During World War II, Bill enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps, seeing action in the Pacific. He received the Purple Heart for combat injury received at Iwo Jima.

He earned his Bachelor of Science degree in horticulture from Utah State University. His work brought him to the Flathead Valley where he designed and led the construction of the original 18 holes of the Eagle Bend Golf Course.



Bill was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Marion; and a brother, Tom.

He is survived by Nadine, his loving wife of 59 years; their children, Steve and wife Laurie, Gary and wife Stephanie, Lee and wife Kristie, Kathy and husband Quentin, and Diane and fiance Kimo; a brother, Corky; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

A memorial service for Bill will be held at 3 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 25, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Bigfork. There will be no visitation. Military honors will be conducted by the United Veterans of the Flathead.

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

## Betty Jean Huseby, 72

Betty Jean Huseby, 72, died Friday, Aug. 1, 2008, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

Arrangements are pending with Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory.

## Patrick 'Pat' Hustis, 81

Patrick "Pat" Hustis, 81, formerly of Bigfork, passed from this world with quiet dignity June 26, 2008, at his home in Spokane. Pat was born in Los Angeles in 1927.

He enlisted in the U.S. Navy at a young age, serving on the USS Schuykill, an oil tanker, during World War II. He served his entire enlistment in the Pacific Theater, for which he was meritoriously decorated.

After his years in the Navy, Pat spent 40 years participating in the motion picture industry as a teamster, actor and honorary stunt man. It was during this time Pat designed, perfected and operated his well-known "Hustis Camera Cars," an integral part of filmmaking that allows for the close-up filming of chase and action sequences. He won special recognition for his chase scenes in the classic film "Bullitt" with Steve McQueen and "Smokey and the Bandit" with Burt Reynolds and Jackie Gleason.

In 1973, Pat married Faye Livingston of Great Falls, and moved to Bigfork, building their home on the shores of Flathead Lake and later, their second home on

the banks of the Swan River. Instead of retiring, Pat and Faye helped to build, and co-owned and co-operated the Bigfork Marina in Bigfork's north shore harbor for 22 years.

In 2003, Pat and Faye relocated to Spokane and Loon Lake, Wash., where he continued to enjoy the restoration of his wooden Century runabout boat and his passion for boating and fishing.

Patrick was pre-deceased by daughters, Patti Ann Hustis and Christine Baxter.

He is survived by his loving wife, Faye; brother, Wayne Hustis, of Van Nuys, Calif.; daughter, Kelly Hustis, of Santa Clara, Calif.; stepson, Mark Edwards, of Las Vegas; grandsons, Patrick Dettman and his wife, Lorraine, of Heber City, Utah, and Matthew Bacon of Jacksonville, Fla.; and three beautiful great-granddaughters, Baylee, Megan and Allison Dettman, also of Heber City.

The family wishes to extend a special thanks to Hospice of Spokane for their indispensable help and compassion in Pat's last days. At Pat's request, there will be no services.

## Henry P. Hutchinson, 95

Henry P. Hutchinson, 95, passed away Thursday, Dec. 25, 2008, at Brendan House in Kalispell. He was born Oct. 1, 1913, in West Chester, Pa., to Howard H. and Elsie (Gable) Hutchinson.



Henry received his education in West Chester. At age 16, he rode the rails out West, looking for work. He worked as a ranch hand in Circle, and was a pioneer in early radio and television repair.

In 1931, on one of Henry's trips back home, he met Hazel Walton. They were married in 1935.

In 1940, Henry officially began his career as an appliance repairman. In 1965, the family moved to Kalispell, where Henry worked at Roy Johnson Repair. He retired in 1986.

Henry was a member of the United Church of God.

He enjoyed working on and tinkering with old cars. He also

loved playing pinochle, fishing and traveling, especially by train.

Henry was preceded in death by his wife, Hazel; and two brothers.

He is survived by his son, Jan Hutchinson, of Kalispell; one brother, Barnie Hutchinson, and wife, Dorothy, of Sun Lakes, Ariz.; and many friends.

Services for Henry will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 30, in the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral chapel, with Roc Corbett and Glen White officiating. Burial will be in the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery after the service.

The family requests donations be made to the Humane Society of Northwest Montana, 3499 U.S. 93 N., Kalispell, MT 59901; and the Animal Shelter, 225 Cemetery Road, Kalispell, MT 59901.

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