

Paulette J. Kaderli, 46

Paulette J. Kaderli, 46, of Kalispell, died Friday, Jan. 11, 2008, from injuries she sustained in an automobile accident.

Survivors include her mother, Renee Benz, of Rosemead, Calif.

No services are planned. Inurnment will be at the Calvary Cemetery in Flagstaff, Ariz.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for the family. An online guest book is available at www.johnsonmortuary.com

Rae Virgil Kalbfleisch, 78

Rae Virgil Kalbfleisch, 78, of Shelby "went to join his wife Ann" on Monday, Sept. 8, 2008. He died of natural causes.

A rosary will be said at 6 p.m. on Friday, at Whitted Funeral chapel in Shelby, with a gathering afterward at St. William's Church Hall. The funeral service will be held at St. William's Catholic Church at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13. Burial at Mountain View Cemetery will take place after Mass, with a reception at the St. William's Church Hall afterward.

Survivors include daughters, Lauri and Eric Tokerud of Shelby, and Gina Siebenaler of Kalispell; and sons, Mark and Donna Kalbfleisch of Las Vegas, and John and Lisa Kalbfleisch of Whitefish. Rae's "marvelous grandchildren" include Thadd, Traci, Tressa, Alisa and Thane Tokerud; Kellie, Shannon, Kristen, Jace and Maura Kalbfleisch; Kayla, Chris and Kirk Kalbfleisch; and Makenna, Kyersten and Keegan Siebenaler. Siblings and best friends are Bobby Kalbfleisch and Jimmy and Virginia of Shelby, Mary Kay Murphy of Cut Bank, and twin, Sally Peters, of Brentwood, Calif.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ann Kalbfleisch; sister, Genore; and parents, Norman and Virginia Kalbfleisch.

Rae was born Jan. 8, 1930, in Dunkirk to Norman and Virginia Kalbfleisch. He graduated from Shelby High School, and received his degree in business from the University of Montana.

He then enlisted with the ROTC and served in Texas. He then went back to Missoula to graduate in 1957 with his law degree. His degree allowed

him to pursue his lifelong passion of helping people in need. He practiced law, up until his death, for the past 51 years in his hometown of Shelby. He was known for helping anyone who walked in his door with a need for assistance.

Rae spent a majority of his professional career, 30 years, serving the public as Toole County attorney.

Rae served the community in a variety of ways. He was a member of the Shelby Elks, Shelby Jaycees, Kiwanis, Galata American Legion, and St. William's Catholic Church.

He also was integral in the start-up of the Toole County Education Foundation, which financially assists young adults in the community to achieve a higher education. Rae also played a key role in obtaining the large veteran flag that flies as you enter Shelby. He was also past president of the Montana Attorney Association and a member of the Montana Heart Association.

Rae lived his life with integrity, honesty and faith. He was a devoted and loving husband to Ann. They were married for 42 years before her death in 1999. He missed her greatly after her passing, but continued their mission of instilling faith, honesty and strength in those he loved.

Family and faith were his main priorities in his life, and he lived these values consistently and well. He led by example, especially to make sure that his family remembered to keep these priorities as well. Rae devoted his life to serving others, and has touched many lives in a positive way.

Carl R. Kampfe, 68

Carl R. Kampfe, 68, died Sept. 5, 2008, at his home in Libby from natural causes. Services will be at 11

a.m. Friday, Sept. 12, at the Schnackenberg and Nelson Funeral Home in Libby.

Neal R. Kammerzell, 78

Neal R. Kammerzell, 78, died Monday, Feb. 25, 2008, at the Libby Care Center.

Survivors include his wife, Mildred Kammerzell, of Libby; children, Don Kammerzell and Gilbert Kammerzell; a stepson,

Mark Baker; and a stepdaughter, Kerri Garrison. Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 29, at the Nelson and Vial Funeral Home in Libby. Burial will take place in Denver at a later date.

Nancy Lee Karlstad, 63

Nancy Lee Karlstad, 63, died of medical complications Oct. 23, 2008, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center. She was born in Esterville, Iowa, on Sept. 9, 1945.

She was raised in rural Esterville and attended school in Graver, Iowa. Upon completion of high school, she attended Methodist Kahler School of Nursing, receiving a registered nurse degree.

Nancy started her nursing career in Rochester, Minn., where she met her husband, Gary Karlstad. They were wed in Rochester on May 4, 1968.

Nancy and Gary moved to Denver, where Gary attended bricklaying school and Nancy worked at St. Anthony's Hospital as a registered nurse. While in Denver, their first son, Brant, was born in 1969.

After moving to Detroit Lakes, Minn., Nancy furthered her nursing career as a director of nurses at a local nursing home. While in Detroit Lakes, a second son, Chris, was born in 1971.

From there they moved to Mayville, N.D., where Gary was involved in farming with his dad. Nancy accepted a job as director of nurses at Tri-County Nursing Home in Halton, N.D.

In 1976, their daughter, Jennifer, was born at Mayville Union



Hospital in Mayville, where Nancy later worked in the emergency room until 1988. The family then decided to move to Whitefish.

Nancy worked at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish in extended care and Gary worked as a general contractor. Nancy continued working at North Valley Hospital until 1996, taking early retirement because of health issues.

After retirement, Nancy enjoyed her passion for gardening and liked feeding her birds and squirrels. She enjoyed watching her grandchildren grow and cared for her loving family. Nancy "is at peace in her great garden in the sky, where not a weed is safe."

Nancy was preceded in death by her parents, Fred and Mary Martin; and her brother, James Martin.

She is survived by her husband, Gary, of Whitefish; sister, Pam Houge, of Graettinger, Iowa; brother, Craig, of Sutherland, Iowa; son, Brant Martin Karlstad, and wife, Jeanne, and their three children, Hunter, Brooke and Payton, of Kalispell; son, Chris Eric Karlstad, of Portland, N.D.; and daughter, Jennifer Marie (Karlstad) Johnson, and husband, Justin, and their two children, Tanner and Kinzlee, of Whitefish.

A celebration of Nancy's life will be held from 2 to 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 27, at Bohemian Grange Hall, behind Montana Coffee Traders off of U.S. 93 in Whitefish.

Cremation has taken place. Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish is in charge of arrangements.

Eric Daniel Kaski, 51

Eric Daniel Kaski, 51, passed away Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2008, in Kalispell. Eric was born Dec. 17, 1956, in Highland Park, Mich.

He was a member of the Old Apostolic Lutheran Church.

Eric was preceded in death by his brother Virgil Lee in 1953.

He is survived by his parents, Virgil and Ruth Kaski, of Rollins; brothers, Pete and Nellie Kaski of Vancouver, Wash., James and Eileen Kaski of Battle Ground, Wash., Mark and Ulla Kaski of

Rollins, and Tom and Sydney Kaski of Yacolt, Wash.; and sister, Beth Kaski, of Vancouver.

Visitation for Eric will be held from 3 to 8 p.m. today, Feb. 29, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 1, at the Old Apostolic Lutheran Church in Lakeside. Burial will be afterward at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Caren Kastner, 67

Caren Kastner, 67, beloved wife, mother, grandmother and sister, "went to be with the Lord" on Aug. 6, 2008, at her home in Bigfork. She was born June 11, 1941, to Tom and Cleda Kimbrough in Whittier, Calif.

She graduated from Whittier High School in 1959. During this time she met the love of her life, Ralph Kastner, who was stationed in Long Beach with the U.S. Navy.

She attended college in Fullerton, Calif., and in 1960 Caren and Ralph were married and went on to start their family.

In 1976 they, along with her sister Linda, moved to Bigfork, and purchased the Pine Cone Kitchen. She was adored by all who knew her; from the local regulars, to the returning tourists each summer from all over the country. Caren was a gracious, giving friend to all who were lucky enough to meet her.

Caren was a kind, gentle, giving person to her family, friends, church and community. She especially loved and cared for her sister, her children and

grandchildren.

Caren was a tireless worker who enjoyed interacting with the public. She enjoyed planning parties and events and her love of purchasing and collecting gifts, collectibles and antiques continued throughout her life. Her wooden carousel horse collection was her favorite.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and in 1985 she lost her beloved husband, Ralph.

She is survived by her sister, Linda Adams, of Bigfork; her son, David Kastner, and his daughter, Elizabeth, of Los Angeles; her daughter, Diane Kober, and her son, Sean, of Billings; and her daughter, Donna Beliveau, and her children, Shane and Amanda, of Bigfork.

A celebration of her life will be held at 7 p.m. today, August 12, at the Crossroads Christian Fellowship.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for Caren's family. You are invited to go to www.jgfuneralhome.com to offer a condolence and to sign Caren's guestbook.

Alma 'Polly' Keeler, 65

Alma "Polly" Keeler "went to be with her Lord and Savior" on Nov. 26, 2008, after a long battle with cancer. Polly Keeler was born Jan. 6, 1943, in Gillette, Ark., to Ed and Mary Mack.



She spent her childhood traveling with the family. They worked in the fruit orchards.

She married Jerry Burghduff in 1962; out of that union they had two sons, Duane and Darrell, then later divorced.

She later married the love of her life, Bill Keeler. They spent the next 28 years together. They lived in Washington, where she worked as a nurses aide. They moved to Montana to be closer to her boys.

They took turns caring for each other during their illnesses. He cared for her "until she went to see her Lord. She's up there smiling down on us now."

She made many more friendships through their church and cherished every one of them. She will be deeply missed by everyone who knew her.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her brothers, Gene and Lee Mack; and granddaughter, Desirae Burghduff.

She is survived by her husband, Bill Keeler, of Kalispell; her sons, Duane, and wife, Tammy, and their sons, Cody and Casey, of Columbia Falls, and Darrell and wife, Gennie, and their son, Gerald, of Kalispell; her stepson, William Keeler, of Monroe, Wash.; and stepdaughter, Kelli Keeler, of Lake Stevens, Wash.; her brother, Ardell Mack, of Brandon, Ore.; her sisters, Shirley Larson, and husband, Dale, of Everett, Wash., and Maxine Patrick and husband, Cecil, and Margie Calzia and husband, Wayne, all of Waterville, Wash.; as well as many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, send cards or donations in care of Bill Keeler to the Valley Community Church to help with funeral expenses.

Memorial services are at 2 p.m. today, Nov. 29, at Valley Community Church of God, 2149 Highway 2 E., in Kalispell.

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

Gwendlyn Faith Kauffman, 66

Gwendlyn Faith Kauffman, 66, of Wolford, N.D., formerly of Kalispell, died Saturday, Oct. 25, 2008, in a Minot, N.D., hospital.

Survivors include her husband, Paul Kauffman; daughters, Deanna Benavides of Harrisonburg, Va., and Laura Yoder and Sara Kauffman, both of Wolford; sons, Arne of Philadelphia, Leon

of Langhorne, Pa., Joel of West Liberty, Ohio, Myron of Greencastle, Pa., and Carl of Harrisonburg; and mother, Sadie Kauffman, of Kalispell.

Funeral services were held Oct. 29 at Lakeview Mennonite Church in Wolford, N.D.

Anderson Funeral Home in Rugby, N.D., handled arrangements.

Arlene Rose Kearney, 71

Arlene Rose Kearney, 71, of Columbia Falls died Friday, May 30, 2008, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

She is survived by her husband, Mike Kearney, of Columbia Falls; and her children, Lorna Day of Raleigh, N.C., Lana Ankney

of Spokane, Luella Kennedy of Anaconda, Lane Field of Spokane, Lorenda Kunshier of Billings, and Ken Kearney of Columbia Falls.

No services are planned at this time.

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

Nancy Jean Kefauver, 59

Nancy Jean Kefauver of Havre de Grace, Md., died April 26, 2008, at Harford Memorial Hospital. She was 59.

Born in Kalispell, she was the daughter of the late Karl R. and Vera Mae (White) Sterner. She retired from APG as a contract administrator.

She loved crafts, genealogy, gardening, traveling, NASCAR and especially spending time with her grandchildren.

Mrs. Kefauver is survived by her husband of 28 years, Barry L. Kefauver; a son, Kevin R. Kefauver; daughters Lisa K. Pfarr, Lisa M. Wells and Keli L. Kefauver; one sister, Rosalynn



Allers; and four grandchildren, Aliasha L. Kefauver, John J. Pfarr, and Cody and Christopher Wells.

Private services will be held at the Tarring-Cargo

Funeral Home, P.A., in Aberdeen, Md.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the Susan G. Komen for the Cure, 5005 LBJ Fwy. Ste 250, Dallas, TX 75244.

James Benjamin Kehoe, 45

James Benjamin Kehoe, 45, of Bigfork passed away Tuesday, May 27, 2008, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.



He was born March 11, 1963, in Kalispell, the son of Jack and Louise (Willier) Kehoe.

James went to school and lived his life in Bigfork. At age 6, James already was interested in cutting and polishing gems and stones at the family business, Kehoe's Agate Shop, opened by his father in 1932.

After high school, James went to the Gemological Society Institute of America in California to learn the trade his father had begun to teach him. He was passionate about his chosen vocation, as anyone who knew him could attest. His sister, Leslie, and he continued to operate Kehoe's Agate Shop after their parents passed.

James loved nature and spent many hours hunting, fishing and hiking in the mountains and prairies of Montana. He enjoyed gardening, and his vegetable garden thrived in his care. He also had a gift for cooking and created unique and delicious fare. In 2007, he was elected to the Flathead Conser-

vation District board.

In the last years of his life, James met and married the love of his life, Kristen Kehoe, and had two beautiful daughters he adored — a doting father all children dream about. James was a wonderful man who will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

James was preceded in death by his parents.

He is now survived by his wife, Kristen Kehoe, and two daughters, Nora, 3, and Stella, 1, all of Bigfork; two sisters, Leslie Kehoe and Lynn Kehoe, both of Bigfork; an aunt and uncle in California; and a cousin in Oregon.

Funeral services for James will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, June 2, in the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral chapel, with burial afterward at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to time of service in the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral chapel.

The family requests that donations be sent to the Bigfork Quick Response Unit, P.O. Box 2020, Bigfork, MT 59911; or to the college-fund accounts for Nora and Stella Kehoe at Edward Jones Inc., P.O. Box 2438, Bigfork, MT 59911. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for James' family. You are invited to go to www.jgfuneralhome.com to offer condolences and sign James' guest book.

Robert Dean Kelly, 66

Robert Dean Kelly, 66, passed away on Saturday, Oct. 18, 2008, in Kalispell. Robert was born on June 11, 1942 in Imperial, Neb., to Wayne and Camilla Kelly. He was raised in La Mirada, Calif., and graduated from Excelsior High School.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1967 until 1969, where he was stationed in Korea as an M.P.

Robert married Linda Oakley in 1988 in California.

He worked during his lifetime as a police officer and a sheet metal worker, and he owned and trained guard dogs.

He loved the outdoors, fishing, hunting, black powder guns, tinkering around his shop and hanging out with the family.

He was preceded in death by father, Wayne Kelly, and his mother Camilla Eskew.



Robert is survived by his wife, Linda Kelly, of Kalispell; his children, Jenelle Kelly of Colorado, Kurt Kelly of Washington, D.C., Ted Eades of Texas, Daniel

Eades of California, and Scott Eades of California; a brother, Jack Kelly; grandchildren, Brogan and Makenna Kelly, Emma Eades, and Thomas and Will Eades.

A celebration of his life will be held at 4 p.m. today, Oct. 21, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home with Sean Morgan officiating.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family. Friends are encouraged to visit www.buffalohillfh.com to post condolences.

Robert 'Bob' Kelch, 56

Robert "Bob" Kelch, 56, passed away March 11, 2008, at the Brendan House in Kalispell. He was born March 17, 1951, in Whitefish to Everett and Edna Kelch.

Bob grew up in the Bissell community at the beginning of the Tally Lake Road. He went to Bissell School for eight years and then to Flathead High School where he graduated with the class of 1969. In high school he enjoyed auto mechanics and working on cars.

As a kid he enjoyed fishing, hunting and working on the family farm. He was involved in 4-H and Youth Grange. He also loved to go to the country dances at Bissell and Northwest Halls.

The year he graduated from high school he was married to Leilanie Siedel and from this marriage four children were born.

He worked in the woods as a sawyer for Royal Logging. He and Leilanie built a log home on their property on the Farm to Market Road west of Whitefish.

After being disabled Bob moved to Kalispell where he had lived ever since.

Bob was preceded in death by his father, Everett Kelch and



stepmother Tiny Kelch; his brother, John, as an infant; older brother, Larry Dean Kelch; brother-in-law, Dave Creighton; and his nephew, Jason Madsen.

He is survived by his mother, Edna Kelch, of Kalispell; his children, Darla Kiser of Georgia, and Connie Kelch, Richard Kelch and Jessica Muench, all of Florida. Bob has six grandchildren, Kayleigh, Alyssa, Sarah, Heather, Nathan and Paige. He is also survived by his sisters, Ellen Creighton, and Sherry Madsen and husband Gerald; his brother, Lloyd Kelch, and wife, Marcia; and sister-in-law, Evelyn Kelch. He is also survived by his former wife, Leilanie, of Washington; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Bob will be missed by all of us that knew him. His kind spirit will live in all of our memories.

Graveside services will be announced at a later date.

Ray W. Kelly, 65

Ray W. Kelly, 65, passed away at Brendan House in Kalispell on Saturday, Oct. 18, 2008.

Ray was born Oct. 12, 1943, in Kalispell, to Marland "Duke" and Bernice (Koepler) Kelly. Ray was raised in Kalispell and graduated from Flathead County High School in 1961.

In 1965 he graduated from court reporting school in Los Angeles. On Dec. 31, 1965, Ray married his high school sweetheart, Nancy Savage, in Kalispell.

He entered the U.S. Army in 1966 and was stationed in Frankfurt, Germany with the Judge Advocate General V(5th) Corps, where he reported court martial hearings. He was honorably discharged in 1969.

Ray then went back to school where he received his Associate of Arts degree from Orange Coast College in Costa Mesa, Calif., in 1975.

Ray retired in 2004 after 30 years of working as an official court reporter in Superior Court. Prior to that he worked as a freelance court reporter in Santa Ana, Calif. After retiring, Ray and his wife moved from Huntington Beach to Palm Desert, Calif., and then spent summers in Bigfork.

Ray loved attending California Angels baseball games, golfing, fishing on his yearly



vacations to Montana, spending time with friends and family, traveling with his wife and visiting his nephews.

Ray was preceded in death by his parents, Marland "Duke" and Bernice Kelly.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy, of Palm Desert, Calif.; brother, Pat, and wife, Merry Kelly, of Kalispell; nephews, Sean and wife Marilyn Kelly, Michael Kelly and James Kelly, all of Kalispell, and Ezra and wife Lynn Savage of Napa Valley, Calif.; brothers-in-law, Joe Savage of Eugene, Ore., and Scott Savage of Santa Cruz, Calif.; sister-in-law, Ann Marie Savage; and numerous other aunts and uncles.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Flathead Youth Home, 14 Panoramic Drive, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 23, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

Friends may post condolences at www.buffalohillfh.com Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Susannah Marciana Kelley, 48

Susannah Marciana Kelley, 48, passed away after an extended illness Friday, June 27, 2008. Susannah, who kept her maiden name as her married name,



was born in Ashtabula, Ohio, on Friday, Nov. 13, 1959.

She learned to walk and talk in Yakima, Wash. With her brothers and sisters, she attended elementary school in Whitefish, and St. Matthew's and junior high school in Kalispell.

After growing up and going to school in Colorado, Minnesota, Montana, Texas, California and Washington, D.C., she married Jim Garrett in 1987. They settled in Tehachapi, Calif., and later, with their children, in Bellingham, Wash. After spending two years in Nicaragua, they moved to Stockton, Calif., in 2005.

Susannah was preceded in death by her dad, James Edward Kelley; and two children who died in utero, Quentin Jesús and Grace María.

She is survived by her hus-

band, James Gregory "Jim" Garrett, and their four children, Hunter Riann, almost 18, Katherine "Trina" Lochen, 15, Claire Victoria, 12, and Devon Francis Chase Garrett, 9, all of Stockton; and by her mother, Sandra Andrews Lochen Kelley, of Concord, Calif., formerly of Whitefish and Kalispell.

Susannah also is survived by her four younger siblings, Colleen Elizabeth Kelley, M.D., and her husband, Antonino "Nino" Mendolia, of Bennington, Vt., Col. James "Jack" Andrews Kelley, and his wife, Carolyn "Carrie" Osterberg Kelley, of Park City, Utah, Rebecca "Becky" Jeanne Taalbi and her husband, Gustave "Gus" Taalbi, of Milwaukee, and Brian Edward Kelley, of Great Falls; nine nieces and nephews; maternal aunt, Sheila Wolfe, of San Antonio; and paternal aunt, Mary Ellen Kelley O'Dwyer, of Wayne, Pa.

Susannah was a dedicated Catholic Christian who homeschooled her children, giving them the best possible moral and academic foundation. After graduation from high school at St. Scholastica Academy in Cañon City, Colo., Susannah

began her university studies at St. Mary's University in San Antonio, completing her degree in international politics at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. She followed this with a master's degree in Latin American studies at Georgetown. She pursued her love of Latin America by traveling and living throughout Central and South America for a year, and working as a student intern in the U.S. embassies in Costa Rica and Venezuela. Susannah earned a Master's of Business Administration from Golden Gate University in San Francisco, and her teaching credential from University of the Pacific in Stockton.

Susannah's student teaching internship was in Tracy, Calif. She taught at Edison High School in Stockton; also, for seven years in Tehachapi Unified Schools, and most recently taught Spanish at Lincoln High School in Stockton.

In Nicaragua, Susannah sponsored the education of several students and had remained involved in the lives of at least seven families. With her husband, Jim, she co-facilitated the Rite of Christian Initiation

of Adults (RCIA) course at St. Luke's Parish in Stockton.

Susannah's life will be remembered at the family home with visitation and Irish wake from 5 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, July 8. A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 9, at St. Luke's Catholic Church in Stockton. Internment will be in Bayview Cemetery in Bellingham.

The family requests that friends hug their children, parents, spouses, siblings and loved ones in lieu of flowers. Memorial donations can be made to Hospice of San Joaquin, or to your local hospice.

H. Rodney Kempel, 69

H. Rodney Kempel, 69, died Dec. 16, 2008, at Banner Good Samaritan Hospital in Phoenix, because of complications of a cerebral aneurysm. Rod was born Jan.



29, 1939, in Minot, N.D., to Harold and Helen Kempel. He spent his childhood in Minot and graduated from Minot High School in 1957, at which time he moved to his beloved Montana.

Rod spent most of his life in Missoula, attending the University of Montana for two years prior to beginning his business career with Pacific Steel & Recycling in 1959.

He proudly served his country in the U.S. Army Reserves for six years, receiving an honorable discharge in 1966.

Rod spent his entire career with Pacific Steel & Recycling. As manager of the Missoula recycling branch, he was successful in the growth and development of the facility. Rod was an "idea" man, always looking for ways to promote the company and the employees who worked for him. He trained and mentored many employees who are leaders within Pacific today. Rod retired in 2002 after spending 43 years with the company.

Rod married Karen Buescher, his wife of 23 years, on Jan. 5, 1963. They shared the joy of raising two children together, Michelle and Michael.

Rod could be counted on as a "fly under the radar" supporter of many community efforts in the Missoula area. He had many interests and was passionate about all of them. He loved snow skiing and was instrumental in the formation and development of the "New Run" at Snow Bowl, for which he served on the board of directors for a term. He also was an avid tennis player.

What he loved most about skiing and tennis, however, was teaching others, especially children. He had a natural gift for understanding the mechanics and fundamentals of a sport and always was willing to share his knowledge with others. Over the years, he taught many people to love the game of tennis and the thrill of skiing knee-deep powder through the trees. Another activity Rod enjoyed was flying. He spent many hours in flight, often times giving a ride to young people for their very first airplane rides.

Rod followed his passions to the fullest; he loved deeply with his huge, sensitive heart and he took great pride in his children and grandchildren.

While Rod enjoyed many activities throughout his life, his

greatest passion was playing the banjo. He played it all his adult life, though during his child-rearing years his banjo took back seat to more important issues. Rod's banjo family was huge. They were located all around the world. He had very close banjo buddies as far away as Germany and Japan. He was very proud of having played with the best banjo players in the world. In the U.S., there are thousands. He traveled the U.S. at first, by air, meeting other banjo enthusiasts at conventions and shows in cities across the country.

Later he traveled by car, in part because of the complications of traveling with a tuba. He started playing the tuba to assist several banjo bands with the bass element so necessary for balance. Always a valued part of the group, he played in pizza parlors, night clubs, jam sessions, parties on stage, off stage, on the beach in the mountains, in the desert, back rooms, on back porches, at in front of the TV. Rodney loved his banjo. Furthermore, he loves his banjo family ... and his banjo family will greatly miss him.

In 2002, after his retirement, Rod moved briefly to Boise, Idaho, where he met his wife, Judy Ferrell. They returned to Montana, remodeled the cabin on Flathead Lake and married June 6, 2006. A team they were working, playing, traveling and making music together. Rod was happiest when the two of them were side by side playing banjos. In 2007, Rod and Judy became snowbirds, spending their summers at the lake and wintering in Mesa, Ariz.

It was Rod's wish that there be no formal service. There will, however, be an informal gathering of his family and friends this summer in Missoula (to be announced at a later date).

Memorials may be sent to the University of Montana Foundation, P.O. Box 7159, Missoula, MT 59803. Checks should be payable to the University of Montana Tennis Team and noted "In Memory of H. Rodney Kempel."

Rod is survived by his wife, Judy Kempel, of Mesa; mother, Helen Kempel, of Mesa; sister, Nancy Beach, and Bill, of Lynnwood, Wash.; daughter, Michelle Rich, and Paul, and Michelle's children, Allison and Zachary, of Portland; son, Michael Kempel, and Heidi, and their children, Oliver and Griffin, of Helena; nephews, Shawn and Steven Nutz, of Seattle; and his great aunt, Margaret Hanson, of Williston, N.D.

He was preceded in death by his father, Harold Kempel.

"Our wish for you, Dad, is to float as flawlessly on the clouds above as you did on the knee-deep powder down here. Behind you, we wish you bright sunshine and a clear blue Montana sky."

Casey Michael Neil Kent, 35

Casey Michael Neil Kent, 35, passed peacefully from this world June 14, 2008, from injuries sustained in a skateboarding accident in Columbia Falls.



Casey was born Sept. 24, 1972, in Garden Grove, Calif., to his parents, Gary and Teresa Kent, and sister, Crystal Allbritten.

Casey was the beloved husband of Sara, and proud father of 2-year-old Stella, and a child on the way.

Casey was raised in Thompson Falls, where he graduated from Thompson Falls High School. He was a graduate of Roberto Venn School of Luthieri and co-founded Kent Lutherie with his father in 2002.

Casey's love and gift of music, and his humble and lov-

ing heart, touched the lives of many. He will be missed, but his legacy will live through music, laughter, and kind and loving acts toward one another.

The Kent family would like to invite Casey's friends and family to a life celebration from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 21, at O'Duachain Country Inn, 675 Ferndale Drive, in Bigfork. Please bring your instruments, thoughts, and memories of Casey, and picnic baskets and lawn chairs. We ask that there be no alcohol, out of respect for Casey. Children are welcome. More information is at www.caseykent.com.

In lieu of flowers, the family has suggested that memorials be made to the Stella Kents' Charitable Fund in care of the Freedom Bank, P.O. Box 2076, Columbia Falls, MT 59912.

Arrangements are with Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

Herbert E. Kennedy, 93

Herbert E. Kennedy, 93, of Lewistown passed away of natural causes Saturday, Jan. 19, 2008.

He was born Dec. 11, 1914, in Valier to Edward and Helena Kennedy, and spent his early childhood living in a coal camp and attending a country school. His family later moved to Valier.

His first jobs were working on farms and sheep ranches until moving to Browning in the early 1930s to work on road construction. He worked on the Going to the Sun Highway and helped build many miles of roads in Montana working for Walling Construction and McIntyre Construction of Great Falls. He also worked for Birch Construction, helping to build the Lewistown Airport in 1942.

Herb met the love of his life, Lydia, in Lewistown, and they were married Oct. 24, 1936. They had two children, Elden and Curtis. Herb and Lydia spent 71 years together in Lewistown until a recent move to Kalispell.

He retired in 1974 because of health problems and spent his retirement years hunting and fishing. He had many fishing friends who enjoyed spending time together at their favorite fishing spot. Herb spent many hours making jewelry, cabins and churches out of Montana agates. He also liked to travel.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Edward and Helena; and his five brothers and sisters, Clara, Lawrence, Edna, Eugene and Ernest.

He is survived by his wife, Lydia, of Kalispell; his children, Elden Kennedy and wife, Shirley, of Summerville, S.C., and Curtis Kennedy and his wife, Pam, of Kalispell; five grandchildren, Alan Kennedy, John Kennedy, Kathy Haas, Christine Kennedy and Caryn Kennedy; eight great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews; and lifelong friends.

A memorial service will be held at a later date in Valier.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home in Kalispell is caring for the family

Lydia S. Kennedy of Lewistown, Montana passed away of natural causes Friday, May 16, 2008, at her home in Kalispell.

She was born Sept. 15, 1919, in Winifred, to Emma and Anton Washek.

Lydia married Herbert E. Kennedy on Oct. 24, 1936. They spent 71 years together in Lewistown prior to moving to Kalispell in August of 2007 to live with their son, Curtis.

Her beloved husband, Herb, preceded her in death on Jan. 19, 2008. She also was preceded in death by her parents, Emma and Anton Washek; her brothers, Charlie, Tony and Frank; and her sister, Bessie.

Lydia was a hardworking woman. While raising her children she worked as the head waitress at the Yogo Inn in Lewistown. She enjoyed fishing and was very proud of her "big catch," a 15-pound trout taken from Spring Creek.

Her children and grandchildren will always remember the many hours she spent canning their food and special treats. She had a special love for dachshunds, especially Tinker and Snoopy.

Herb and Lydia loved to go rock-hounding in search of the



perfect Montana agate. Together they made jewelry from the agate they discovered together, which she sold during her retirement years.

She is survived by her children, Elden Kennedy and wife, Shirley, of Summerville, S.C., and Curtis Kennedy and his wife, Pam, of Kalispell; her sister, Emma Lowe of Missoula; five grandchildren, Alan Kennedy, John Kennedy, Kathy Haas, Christine Kennedy and Caryn Kennedy; eight great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren. She had many nieces and nephews and other relatives whom she loved, but she had a special relationship with her nephew Arthur Rich and his wife, Etta. She appreciated the time that they spent together.

Burial and memorial for Lydia and Herb will take place at 1 p.m. Thursday, May 22, in Lewistown.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home in Kalispell is caring for the family.

John Thomas 'Tom' Kenny, 86



Justin Togiak, Kathleen Rea and husband, Dennis, of Whitefish, grandson, Taylor Rea, and foster son, James (Schueller) Kenny and wife, Diana, of Akron; grandsons, Mike and Lynn, Matt and Bobby Jo, and Mark and Melissa Kenny; and seven great-grandchildren; three sisters, Millie and Bob Herzberg, Rosemary and Calvin Karr, and Ellen Cornelius. And many cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

John Thomas "Tom" Kenny of Whitefish, passed away Monday, Jan. 28, 2008, while wintering in Mesa, Ariz.

Tom was born in Early, Iowa, Jan. 17, 1922, to Thomas and Ruth Kenny. He graduated from Akron High School and attended Morningside College.

Tom married Bonnie Phillips on Feb. 22, 1942, and they were soon to celebrate their 66th wedding anniversary. After their marriage, they began a farming and livestock operation in northwest Iowa. During this time, Tom served on the Iowa State Soil Conservation board as he had such a passion for conserving the farm land. He was always a "teacher" to his children and helped several young men begin farming. One of these young men was Grayling Willer, who still operates his farm in Iowa.

He was a member of the Masons and rode with the Shriner's White Horse Mounted Patrol. He loved flying his airplane, Alaskan salmon and halibut fishing, hunting and pursuing new adventures like scuba diving, snow skiing and traveling in his motor home, to name a few.

One of his adventures brought him to Montana where he and Bonnie eventually relocated. They purchased land where Tom continued his love of farming and developing his land along Whitefish River.

Survivors include his wife, Bonnie; two daughters, Judy Kay Togiak of Kennewick, Wash., grandsons, John and

Tom was a "rock" for his family and friends and will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Tom recently had mentioned to his family how proud and blessed he was to have such a wonderful family and close friends. Tom's spirit and faith in the Lord were evident in his daily living. He was a member of Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents, his brother, Robert; and brother-in-law, Andy Cornelius.

A memorial service will be held at Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish, July 20, with Pastor John Bent officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the North Valley Hospital Foundation, 1600 Hospital Way, Whitefish, MT 59937, or Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish.

Barbara Ann King, 79

Our loving mom, grandma, sister, aunt and friend, Barbara Ann King, 79, passed away at Kalispell Regional Medical Center on Monday, April 7, 2008. She will be greatly missed by family and friends, and we will hold many wonderful memories of time spent with her forever in our hearts.

Mom was born Sept. 23, 1928, in Whitefish, the daughter of Minnie and Les Mason. She spent the majority of her life on Texas Avenue in Whitefish. She married Don King Sr., on March 10, 1947, and they celebrated their 49th anniversary shortly before Don passed away in 1996.

Barbara enjoyed pinochle, crossword puzzles and performing with the Calamity Singers. She was a Red Hatter and met monthly with the Women of the Moose Grannies Club. She was a Cub Scout leader for her own boys and many other boys in town. She was a Sunday school teacher at the Whitefish Methodist Church.

She was loving and sentimental, and was never afraid to show her feelings. She loved camping and fishing, and she and Don drove to Alaska three times. In 1997, she and friend Jannette took a month-long trip to Europe, truly a trip of a lifetime.

We already miss Mom and are thankful for the time we had with her. She never forgot a birthday or anniversary, and enjoyed buying, wrapping and giving Christmas presents, and was Christmas Eve hostess for the family.

She was kind and intelligent with a great sense of humor, and was a master of the quick comeback.

She took pride in her children, grandchildren, and great-

grandchildren, and sat through many games, tournaments, concerts and plays. She was also a great Whitefish Bulldog fan and enjoyed all their games and tournaments.

"Mom was a real trooper and is now resting gently without fear or pain, breathing easy and freely. Our love goes with you, Mama, we will see you again someday."

Barbara was preceded in death by her husband, Don Sr.; her parents; and her two infant daughters, Peggy and sister Betty.

Survivors are her sister, Shirley Jacobson and husband, Jake; brothers-in-law, Dick King and Dick Snyder; sons, Don King Jr., and wife, Suzanne, and Scott and wife, Doris; daughter, Michele, and husband, Brian; grandchildren, Jeff King and wife, Misty, Jeannie Stevens and husband, Terry, Kevin McDowell and Kelly McDowell; and great-grandchildren, Kilee, Kristin, and Kendra Stevens, Kodi and Kacey King, Joslin and Allissa Lasalle, and LaChrisa Sandlin. Recently joining the family are Khryстина and Jim Kolstad, and daughters, Rainy, Stormy and Rom Mammen. Barbara is also survived by many nieces, nephews, a cousin, Sandy Jones, and by many friends.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, April 11, at the United Methodist Church in Whitefish. A brief graveside service will be after a luncheon at the Moose Lodge in Whitefish. Mom requested that all memorials be sent to Wings Cancer Support, c/o Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish is in charge of arrangements.

Albert Andrew Kerestes, 84

Albert Andrew Kerestes, 84, of Whitefish, died Nov. 19, 2008, following an automobile accident.

He retired in 1982 as the supervisor of the Anaconda Aluminum Plant in Columbia Falls machine shop.

He is survived by his wife, Cora; and son, Glenwood, of Billings.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Nov. 24, at the Christ Lutheran Church, 5150 River Lakes Parkway in Whitefish, with interment to follow in the Fairview Cemetery.

Arrangements are being handled by Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish.

Elsie Kessel, 101

Elsie Kessel, 101, died at St. John's Lutheran Hospital on Jan. 29, 2008.

She is survived by her daughter, Pat Walsh of Libby; son, Richard Kessel of Tacoma, Wash.

Services will be held Feb. 5, at Christ Lutheran Church at 1 p.m. with burial in the Libby Cemetery. A reception will follow in the church fellowship hall. Arrangements are by Nelson & Vial Funeral Home.

William G. 'Bill' Kilbreth, 72

William G. "Bill" Kilbreth, 72, formerly of Kalispell, died Wednesday, July 23, 2008, at Holmes Regional Medical Center in Melbourne, Fla.

Survivors include his wife, Yvonne Kilbreth; and daughter,

Denise Ahrendt, also of Melbourne.

Private services will be held.

South Brevard Funeral Home in Melbourne is handling arrangements.

Evelyn Helen LeClair Kile, 91

Evelyn Helen LeClair Kile passed away Thursday, Nov. 6, 2008, in Las Vegas at age 91. She was born on the family homestead in Delphia, Mont., on July 30, 1917.



Evelyn is survived by six children, Judy Mayson of Boulder City, Nev., Pat and Bill Mezmarich of Cut Bank, Pam Loeb of Kalispell, Randy Britt and Ladonna of Chewelah, Wash., Rian Britt and Nancy of Kalispell, and Curtis Kile and Christie of Spokane; 24 grandchildren; 49 great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren; and one sister, Mary "Lucy" LeClair Diamond Gash, of Kansas City.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Mary Lucy Beatrice and William LeClair; four brothers, William "Billy," Paul, Martin and George; one sister, Jeanne Robinette; two sons, John Richard "Ricky" Britt III, and Ross Richard Britt; one daughter, Deanna "Sharon" Rios; and two grandchildren, Candace Louise Mayson, and Lloyd "Shannon" Britt.

Evelyn worked in the service industry for most of her life, managing the dining room at Meadow Lark Country Club in Great Falls for many years before moving to the Flathead Valley in 1988.

At age 72 she began dining room management at Buffalo Hill Retirement Center. She "retired" at 74, though she spent many more years volunteering her time with the RSVP senior citizen program, often helping people younger than herself, as well as the Flathead Food Bank and the Kalispell Chamber of Commerce.

Evelyn was an active and honored member of the Audubon Society and spent many hours mapping old growth forests for the National Forest Service. She will be missed by all.

Viewing will be Friday, Nov. 14, from 5 to 7 p.m., with rosary at 7 p.m., at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, Kalispell. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, at the Risen Christ Parish at 65 W. Evergreen Drive, Kalispell. A luncheon will be served at the parish hall following the service.

Memorials or donations to local charities or the Audubon Society are suggested.

Shirley F. Kirkland, 81

Shirley F. Kirkland, 81, died Friday, Oct. 10, 2008, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

She is survived by her husband, Archie Kirkland, of Kalispell; and two daughters, Karol Haupt-Kirkland of Kalispell, and Karen Ivers of Conrad.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15, at Calvary Lutheran Church, with the Rev. Robert Nilsen officiating. There will be no visitation.

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

Dr. Otto G. Klein Jr., 70

Dr. Otto G. Klein, Jr., 70, of Polson died Nov. 27, 2008, after a long battle with cancer. He was born Aug. 2, 1938, to Otto G. Klein and Mary A. Klein in Helena.

Otto attended Helena High School, Stanford (undergraduate), Cornell Medical School and finished his ophthalmology residency at New York University.

He was employed as an ophthalmologist with the Mason Clinic in Seattle from 1971 until 1978. Dr. Klein was also a clinical professor at the University of Washington Medical School.

Dr. Klein moved to Missoula and began an ophthalmology practice with the Rocky Mountain Eye Center in 1978 and was there until his retirement in 2001.

Otto married Susan Vincent

(Klein) on Jan. 5, 1980, in Missoula.

Surviving are his wife, Susan; son, Donald; daughter, Kelley Johnson and husband, Don; son, Otto III and his wife, Airion; and son, Kent. Also surviving are his brother, David, and wife, Marilyn; and his cousin, Peter, and wife, Cheri.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Polson, with the Rev. Paul Rowold officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family is suggesting memorials be made to The Flathead Lakers or Camp-Mak-A-Dream.

Condolences to the family may be sent to www.groganfuneral-home.com

William David 'Bill' Kinniburgh, 68

William David "Bill" Kinniburgh, 68, formerly of Kalispell, died July 14, 2008, at his home in Kent, Wash., after a seven-year battle with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis.

He is survived by his wife,

Wilma; and children, Kathy, Becki, Brett, Randy, Rodney David and George, all of the Seattle area.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will take place at a later date.

Patrick Kinsley, 71

Patrick Kinsley, 71, passed away Friday, April 4, 2008, at the Valley View Medical Center in Fort Mohave, Ariz. He was born Dec. 20, 1936, in Deadwood, S.D., to Ronald and Frances (Bilyeu) Kinsley.

Patrick was a good man, strong in his faith.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Keith; and an infant son, Kraig.

He is survived by his wife, Carol, of Fort Mohave; two sons, Kirk Kinsley of Puyallup, Wash., and Tom Van Wagenen and Christina of Tacoma, Wash.; and a daughter, Kim Caillier, and Kevin of Eatonville, Wash.; four stepchildren, Ronald Waller and Melinda of Kalispell, Pamela Hill and Mark of Kalispell; Janice Esterly and Vern of Zephyrhills, Fla., and Cynthia Waller of Fairbanks, Alaska; one brother, Paul

Kinsley, of Montevideo, Minn.; two sisters, Marilyn Hirsh and Bob of Tacoma, and Mavis Branhams of Burien, Wash.; as well as 18 grandchildren, several great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Patrick will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 12, in the Johnson-Gloschat chapel, with Deacon Fred Topp of St. Matthew's Catholic Church officiating. Burial will be afterward in the Glacier Memorial Gardens. A rosary will be said at 5 p.m. Friday in the Johnson-Gloschat chapel. Military honors will be by the United Veterans of the Flathead.

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

Kenneth Hubert Kittams, 93

Kenneth Hubert Kittams, 93, formerly of Great Falls, died Feb. 19, 2008, in Newberg, Ore.

He is survived by his wife, Susie, of Newberg; sons, Robert of Spokane, Bruce of Melbourne, Fla. and

Brian of Lake Oswego, Ore.; and daughter, Ann Dorr of Kalispell.

Services were held Feb. 23 in Newberg and interment was Feb. 25 at the Willamette National Cemetery.

Richard Henry Klempel, 74

Richard Henry "Dick" Klempel, 74, died among loving relatives after a short illness Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2008, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell. His many loved ones will miss him greatly.



He was born July 26, 1934, in Sidney to parents Joseph "Joe" and Martha (Nollmeyer) Klempel. He grew up in a large, loving family who enjoyed singing and having family devotions. His family were area farmers and ranchers in Richland County. Richard graduated from Prairie Bible Institute and Seattle Pacific University. He also attended Augustana College

in South Dakota. Richard was united in marriage to Lois Luoto on Aug. 31, 1961, in Seattle.

Richard with his wife were missionaries in northern Brazil for four years. He later taught in a special education school in Buckley, Wash. He also taught band at the Liberty Christian School in Sidney. He and his wife, Lois, provided the band instruments.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Martin; twin brother, Robert; and sisters, Esther and Violet.

Richard is survived by his wife, Lois Klempel, of Enumclaw, Wash.; two brothers, Joe and Annie Klempel of Bigfork, and Frank and Harriet Klempel of Fort Worth, Texas; and numerous, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Services were held Oct. 7 in Sidney.

Julia 'Judy' Klindt, 91

Julia "Judy" Klindt, 91, formerly of Whitefish, died Sept. 30, 2008, at Campbell County Memorial Hospital in Gillette, Wyo.

She is survived by two children, Warren Klindt of

Gillette, and Josephine Ber of Walhalla, N.D.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 4, at Walhalla Lutheran Church.

Karin Louise Klingler, 61

Karin Louise Klingler, 61, died Aug. 12, 2008, in Salt Lake City, with her three children at her side. She was born March 6, 1947, in Kalispell.



She was the first daughter of Earl Newell Klingler and Irene Robinson Klingler. She grew up near many members of extended family, attended Kalispell schools, graduated from Flathead County High School in 1965, and then attended Brigham Young University.

She worked at Brigham Young University for 40 years, (8 1/2 years in the library, one year in the associate academic vice president's office, and 30-plus years in the Office of the General Counsel). During those years, she raised her three children in Provo and Orem, and has delighted in being close to them and her eight grandchildren.

She was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, serving in many capacities, but mostly in Relief Society. She enjoyed her association in her ward and neighborhood, and appreciated the friendships made there.

She is survived by her mother, Irene Klingler, of Kalispell; her two brothers, Steven and Yolanda Klingler of Mesa, Ariz., and Kenneth and Janis Klingler

of Mesa; two sisters, Marilyn and Jerry Hamblin of Clearfield, Utah, and Jeannie and Mike Johnson of West Bountiful, Utah; her children, Melisa and Greg Roberts of Salt Lake City, Kimberly and Dave Vincent of Pleasant Grove, Utah, and Travis and Stacie Orr of Sherwood, Ore.; her eight grandchildren, Jacob Roberts, Andrew Vincent, Ashley Roberts, Allison Vincent, Emily Roberts, Seth Roberts, Stockton Orr and Gabriel Orr; and many others who called her mother, grandmother, aunt and friend.

She was grateful for the kind and competent care she received from her physicians over 24-plus years and the numerous medical advances made in cancer treatment, which allowed her many additional good years of life. She enjoyed her association with other cancer survivors who inspired her to thrive. She loved the many years she had with family and friends and looks forward to an eternal association with them, "thanks to the atonement and resurrection of Jesus Christ."

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 16, in the Orem Utah Stonewood Stake Center, 450 S. 100 W., Orem, Utah 84057.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at: www.holbrookmortuary.com

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation on Karin's behalf to the Lance Armstrong Foundation.

Agnes Louise Knapp, 99

Agnes Louise Knapp, 99, passed away Friday, Dec. 19, 2008, at her residence in Kalispell.

She was born April 17, 1909, in Minot, N.D., to Erick and Hanna (Vallestad) Hanson.

Agnes met the love of her life, Paul E. Knapp, and they were married Nov. 4, 1928. She was a very loving and caring wife and mother.

Agnes spent most of her life as a homemaker and helping her husband with the family businesses: Hall Motors, The Dillon Hotel and Ken's Ready. Agnes was a member and former Sunday school teacher at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. She enjoyed making and sewing her children's clothes. She loved doing art and was very talented in oil painting, water-



color, pastels and china painting.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul E. Knapp.

She is survived by her two daughters, Betty Steer of Antioch, Calif., and Dolores Lynch of Phoenix; one son, Keith Knapp, of Antioch, Calif.; eight grandchildren; and many great- and great-great-grandchildren.

A funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 23, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Kalispell, with Pastor Debra Koch officiating. Interment will be afterward at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Viewing will be held from 2 to 3 p.m. Monday, Dec. 22, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home in Kalispell.

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

Clara Jane Knauss, 89

Clara Jane Knauss, 89, passed away Thursday, April 24, 2008, surrounded by her loving family at the Colonial Manor in Whitefish.



Clara was born Dec. 15, 1918, in Austin, Manitoba, to Ruben and Edith Hotel Biggar. She moved to Whitefish with her family when she was in grade school and attended Whitefish schools.

She married Earl Lee Knauss in Libby in 1934, and they made their home in Whitefish. Clara was a devoted wife and mother, raising their two sons, Donald Lee and Earl Richard. She also worked at the Whitefish Public Library, Whitefish Water Department, and Sandra's Dress Shop.

Clara enjoyed her horses and cats, bird watching, handicraft work, bowling, modeling, gardening, bicycle riding, reading, and traveling. She was a life-long learner. She was a member of the Rifle Club and Moose Club and Lutheran Church in Whitefish.

Clara was preceded in death by her husband, Earl Lee Knauss, in 1977; her son, Earl Richard "Dick" Knauss, in 1968; her parents, Reuben and Edith Biggar; sisters, Margaret Biggar, Enid Gilbert, and Gennette "Nettie" Wilson; brothers, Richard, Phillip and Hugh Biggar; and her great-great-granddaughter,

Taylor Overton. Also preceding her in death was her companion, Robert Wicen.

She is survived by her son, Donald Knauss, and wife, Janet, of Libby; grandchildren, Bob Knauss and wife, Caryn, Cathy Brown, Ron Knauss and wife, Davina, and Kelly Knauss; eight great-grandchildren Shaunnah, Megan, Miranda, Cali, Logan Rose, Cody, John and Tony; and six great-great-grandchildren; step-grandchildren Krystal Mires and Bonnie Mires Koch; sister, Sheila Calhoun and husband, Bruce, and her children, Dennis, Jackie and Bill; a sister-in-law, Gwen Biggar; and other nieces and nephews, Sandra, Peggy, Myrtis, Dewey, Joe, Dawn, Dana, Joanie and Annette.

Clara resided at the Colonial Manor in Whitefish for five years and was known as the "Nursing Home Sweetheart," and all the staff there was part of her loving family.

A funeral service for Clara will be held from 1 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 29, at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish, with the Rev. Peter Erickson officiating. Burial will be afterward in the Whitefish Cemetery. A reception will be afterward at the Whitefish Moose Lodge.

A visitation will be held from 1 to 8 p.m. Monday, April 28, at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish.

The family suggests memorials be sent to the Whitefish Library, 9 Spokane Ave., Whitefish, MT 59937.

Verne E. Kohler, 73



Verne E. Kohler, 73, "fell asleep in death" in the early morning hours of May 26, 2008. He was born in Hamilton on Sept. 22, 1934.

Verne is survived by his wife of 49 years, JoAnn; and their four children, Kathleen, Michael, Joseph and Elizabeth. He is also survived by his mother, Alice Kohler, as well as his two brothers, Tony and Ron. Verne was thankful for six grandchildren, one great-grandchild, and many nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles.

He was predeceased by his father, Tony.

Verne and JoAnn spent most of their life together in Montana, although for a short time during the early years of their marriage they lived in California, where he learned the auto body repair trade. Verne used auto body repair to supplement his growing family's needs while waiting for a full-time position on the railroad. Verne eventually retired from the railroad after

nearly 40 years. Verne Kohler was one of Jehovah's Witnesses. At the time of his death, he was a member of the Valley View congregation in Kalispell. Over the years he had been associated with the Missoula, Helena, Columbia Falls and Whitefish congregations as well. He had a history of privileges associated with his beliefs and was very serious about sharing his faith, as well as caring for the needs of his family and friends.

Verne enjoyed many recreational activities, with a particular love of fly fishing and hunting. He is remembered for many things, among which is the love and affection he showed for his wife, most times referring to her as "honey" and "darling." The friends also knew Verne as a caring and generous person, putting others' interests ahead of his own.

A memorial will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 31, at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 1100 West Valley Drive, in Kalispell. A reception will follow.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Douglas Knudsen, 52



Douglas Knudsen, 52, died May 4, 2008. He was born in Whitefish on Nov. 24, 1955, the son of Evelyn Elkins, and attended Whitefish High School.

He married Claudia Puccio in 2001 at Point of Rocks.

Doug's passion for Harley-Davidson motorcycles led to an interest in rebuilding his 1959 Corvette. His hobbies included fast Harleys and fast cars. He loved his son more than his own life.

He also liked cooking and entertaining.

He owned the Shaker's Steak & Ale restaurant in Whitefish.

He lived life like it was the best day. Luckily, he spent the Saturday night before his death with his favorite fan, his son, Nicholas, at the raceway. His smile and great love of life will be missed.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Kate and John Knudsen.

He is survived by his wife, Claudia Puccio; son, Nicholas Silverlin; mother, Evelyn Silverlin; sisters, Debe Garrison, Jodi Berens and Susan Jackson and brothers, Ed Jr. and Steve Elkins.

Services will take place at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 10, at 550 E. Texas Ave. in Whitefish.

Memorials may be made to a college account for his son, Nicholas, at Park Side Federal Credit Union.

Paul J. Kober, 57

Paul J. Kober, 57, died Thursday, May 29, 2008, in Kalispell.

Memorial services will be

held in Columbus at a later date.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Jereme 'Jerm' Dean Kolden, 32

Jereme "Jerm" Dean Kolden, 32, passed away April 24, 2008.

He will be missed by all who loved this dear man.

Jereme was born Oct. 28, 1975, in Whitefish to Richard and Gayle Kolden. He lived his entire life in Whitefish.

He graduated from Whitefish High School in 1994. He had many interests, including soccer, wrestling, cars and music. Some of his favorite interests were snowboarding, fishing, hunting, dirt biking, and especially anything to do with NASCAR. Through the years he had a variety of jobs, but liked working for himself. He could be considered a man of many trades.

Jerm was preceded in death



by his mother, Gayle Kolden, who died Feb. 14, 2005.

He is survived by his father, Richard Kolden, and his father's wife, Sandi; brothers and their wives, Brian and Amanda Kolden, and Brady and Carrie Kolden; grandfather, Jack Fish, and his wife, Delores Fish; numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins; as well as a special love in his life for nine years, Joel Larsen. His young nephew, Kodie Kolden, held a special place in his heart. But not least, he left his cats whom he affectionately called "his boys," Outlaw and Kitty.

The deceased was cremated at Austin Funeral Home.

There will be a gathering of friends and family to celebrate his life at the Great Northern tavern in Whitefish. Please come and share memories of this wonderful man at 2 p.m. April 29.

Ruth O. Kolden, 89

Ruth O. Kolden was born Jan. 22, 1919, in Hallock, Minn., to Ole and Gina (Foss) Moen. She passed away at home, surrounded by family, on Feb. 12, 2008, just three weeks after her 89th birthday.

Her early childhood was spent in Missoula. The family later moved to Wolf Point, where she received her education.

Ruth married Harold Kolden on Oct. 30, 1939, in Kalispell. They started their 68 years of marriage in Harlem. Due to Harold's work and the war, they moved several times, from Harlem to Whitefish, then to Vancouver, Wash., and back to Whitefish in 1946.

Ruth and Harold had four girls when they moved to Kalispell, in 1952. Their son was born a few years later. In 1972, Harold's job took them to Great Falls, where they resided until 1998, when they moved to Missoula to be near family.

Ruth loved being a home-maker and enjoyed sewing garments and quilts for family and friends. She always welcomed visitors with coffee and cookies or a hearty meal. Her faithful-

ness to God through the years has been an encouragement and an example to her family.

Ruth and Harold enjoyed many years of retirement together, traveling, camping, and fishing with numerous friends.

Ruth was preceded in death by her husband, Harold, in October 2007, and her parents and infant brother, Gordon.

She is survived by one brother, Harold Moen of Kalispell; two sisters, Helen Moen and Norma Braaten, both of Missoula; and one sister-in-law, Margaret Deering of Kalispell; her five children, Janice Potter of Spokane, Karen and Allen Dykstra of Thompson Falls, Lois and Richard Benjamin of Great Falls, Marla and Howard Dykstra of Plains, and Norman and Bonnie Kolden of Missoula; 15 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16, at the Expo Building at the Flathead County Fairgrounds. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for Ruth's family.

Anthony Kollmann, 19

Anthony Kollmann, 19, passed away on Sunday, Jan. 13, 2008, doing what he loved, extreme downhill skiing.

He was born on June 4, 1988, in Rapid City, S.D., to Robert and Laurie (Rathman) Kollmann.

At a young age, Anthony moved with his family to Billings where they lived until he was 5 years old. Moving to Kalispell, he began his education, attending Edgerton Elementary and graduating from Flathead High School.

Anthony was a phenomenal and extreme athlete. As a member of the Big Mountain Race Team and the Big Mountain Bike Team, he was able to travel the Northwest competing. He was raised in a family that were avid campers, a characteristic he continued with his friends.

Anthony was also frequently seen around Kalispell, shredding with his buddies on inline skates. He was blessed to have been exposed to such a full, rich life, in an amazingly short time.

After graduating, Anthony enjoyed working in excavating with Doug Thole and Mike Ludvig.

Anthony is survived by his



parents, Robert and Laurie Kollmann, and sisters, Amy and Ashley, all of Kalispell; his maternal grandfather, Gene Rathman; and his paternal grandmother, Gertrude Kollmann. Anthony is also survived by many loving aunts, uncles, cousins and dear friends.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 18, at Johnson Mortuary. Visitation will continue from 6 to 7 p.m. at Risen Christ, at which time a vigil service will be held. Mass of Christian Burial for Anthony will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 19, at Risen Christ Catholic Church with Father Rudy Bullman as celebrant. Burial will be in the Glacier Memorial Gardens following the Mass. The family invites everyone back to the Risen Christ Parish Center for a luncheon following the graveside service.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials, in Anthony's name, to the following organizations: Dialysis Clinic Fund at 135 Commons Way, Kalispell, MT 59901; or Flathead Search and Rescue at 800 South Main St., Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

Marion L. Kopp, 86,

Marion L. Kopp, 86, of Bigfork, died Thursday, Feb. 21, 2008, at the Lake View Care Center in Bigfork.

No services are planned at

this time.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for the family.

Robin F. Kovar, 76

Robin F. Kovar, 76, formerly of Troy, died at his home in Otis Orchards, Wash., on Feb. 20, 2008.

Survivors include a daughter, Renee Ford, of Pendleton, Ore.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 1, at the

Church of God in Troy with the Rev. Gene Bushnell officiating. Burial will follow at Troy Cemetery with military honors.

Arrangements are by Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

David Christian Krabill, 88

David Christian Krabill, 88, passed away Sept. 23, 2008, in Albany, Ore. He was born in Albany on Oct. 3, 1919, to Sarah (Kennel) and John Krabill, the second of three children. He grew up in the Albany area.

On May 16, 1943, David married Mary Gerig. He lived in Cascade Locks, Ore., and after marriage they lived in Stockton, Calif., during the time David spent in civilian public service. They returned to the Griggs area to live and raise their family. The family also lived in the Shedd, Albany, and Lebanon, Ore., areas.

David was a devoted husband and father, and was a dedicated Christian.

David farmed for a good part of his life. He was ingenious when it came to "making do" or solving a problem, whether it was on the farm or in the workshop. He also worked as a millwright in Albany, where he was greatly appreciated by his co-workers.

He enjoyed hunting and fishing. After retiring, David and Mary did some traveling and spent winters in Arizona for several years before moving

back to Shedd.

Surviving are eight children, Ron and Louise Krabill of Halsey, Ore., Barbara and Stan Troyer of Brownsville, Ore., Dennis and Becky Krabill of Kalispell, Leonard and Kris Krabill of Lebanon, Arlen and Sharon Krabill of Brownsville, Richard and Sandy Krabill of Shedd, Brenda and Russell Gerig of Lebanon, and Brian and Hope Krabill of Shedd; 42 grandchildren and eight step-grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren and 26 stepgreat-grandchildren; and 25 stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary; a sister, Bertha Kropf; and a brother, Kenneth Krabill.

Viewing will be from 5 to 8 p.m. today, Sept. 25, at Fisher Funeral Home in Albany. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26, at Fairview Mennonite Church, with Clarence Gerig officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to Christian Aid Ministries sent in care of Fisher Funeral Home, 306 Washington St. SW, Albany, OR 97321. (www.fisherfuneralhome.com)

Melvin V. Krueger, 80

Melvin V. Krueger, 80, died on Tuesday, May 6, 2008, in the Libby Care Center in Libby.

He is survived locally by his wife, Vera Krueger.

Graveside services are pending. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring locally for the family.

Tony Kubes, 79

Tony Kubes, 79, died Sunday, Nov. 23, 2008, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

He worked as a carpenter for many years.

Survivors include his

wife, Helen Kubes; and his daughter, Gerri Gardner.

No services are planned at this time.

Cremation and arrangements are with Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

Dr. Timothy Michael Kramer, 39

Dr. Timothy Michael Kramer, 39, died Oct. 31, 2008.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Kimberly Kramer; sons, Cannon and Cash; and his parents, Cas and Gini Kramer, of Knoxville, Tenn. He is also survived by his siblings, Tracy, Todd and Joan Kramer; many friends, fans and extended family.

Dr. Kramer was born Sept. 24, 1969, in Satellite Beach, Fla. He grew up in an Air Force family, living across the United States and in Central America, but it was always the Northwest that spoke to his spirit; mountains and open space will always call to him.

Moving to Montana last year to raise his family in the Flathead Valley, Tim opened Kalispell KiDDS pediatric dentistry practice in November 2007. As a pediatric surgical specialist, he was immensely gifted, not only in technical skill, but also with love for, humor, and a gentle way with kids. He had recently joined the surgical staff at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.



Dr. Kramer did his undergraduate study at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. He graduated from the University of Tennessee School of Dentistry in Memphis and received a fellowship in pediatric dentistry from the University of Nebraska in Omaha.

Tim was a major in the Air National Guard. He served at Forbes Field, Topeka, Kan., in the Medical Group of the 190th Air Refueling Wing, and at Great Falls Air Force Base, in the Medical Group of the 120th Fighter Wing.

Tim was an amazing dad and loved spending time with his family above all else. He was an avid cyclist, skier and snowboarder and was happiest in the mountains and on the water, hiking, fishing, canoeing and water skiing.

A memorial service will be held at 5:30 p.m. today, Nov. 5, at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, located at 230 Baker St., Whitefish, MT 59937.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to either the Community Christian Preschool, c/o Heather Lockhart at 5150 River Lakes Pkwy., Whitefish, MT 59937; or to the National Parks Conservation Association, Glacier Field Office, at P.O. Box 4485, Whitefish, MT 59937.

Darl A. Kuder, 64

Darl A. Kuder, 64, died Friday, Oct. 3, 2008, at his residence in Kalispell.

He is survived by his wife, Laura Lias, of Kalispell; and his mother, Louise Kuder, of Kalispell. Private services will be held. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Joseph Wilken Kuzmic, 75

Joseph Wilken Kuzmic passed away at his home of natural causes Feb. 21, 2008. He was born Sept. 29, 1932, in Thomas, Okla., to Joseph and Bertha Kuzmic.

In 1961, he moved from Oklahoma to Montana, where he purchased property close to Glacier Park. He enjoyed working his land logging and in earlier years raising cattle. He enjoyed spending his winters in Arizona and Mexico.

He is survived by a brother, Vernon Kuzmic, of Sterling, Colo.; and three children, Joe Ray Kuzmic of Coram, Bradley Charles Kuzmic of Coram, and a daughter, Ranada Jean Kuzmic Wenhold, of Seattle; and two grandchildren, Jayden Cole Kuzmic Wenhold of Seattle, and Jessica Ann Kuzmic Wenhold of Seattle. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 4, at the Coram Church.