

Dean W. Lackey, 54

Dean W. Lackey, 54, died Thursday, Aug. 21, 2008, in Kalispell.

At his request, there will be no local services.

Memorial services will be held in Massachusetts at a later date.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

David L. Lake, 86

David L. Lake, 86, passed away Monday, May 12, 2008, at Brendan House in Kalispell. David was born Sept. 2, 1921, in Judith Gap, the third child of David E. and Myrtle Lake. He was raised in Judith Gap, Harlowton, and David Sr.'s ranger district. He graduated from high school in Harlowton. As he grew up, summers were spent helping on the ranger district, where his great fondness of the forest, hunting, fishing and camping developed.

He joined the Montana Army National Guard, COD, 163rd RCT. The Montana Guard was activated in September 1940, and in 1941, he was sent to the South Pacific. David was very proud of his service in World War II. It was during this period when in Australia, he met his lifelong love, Joyce, of Sydney. They were married in November 1943.

After the war he returned to Montana, and after several jobs, joined the fledgling Montana Employment (Job) Service. This job brought him to the Flathead, where he never wanted to leave, though after retirement he often thought of returning to Harlow.

During his 27 years with the Job Service, he worked in finding employment for workers on Hungry Horse Dam and the aluminum plant. Later at the Kalispell office, he familiarized himself with the many local businesses and owners. He remembered



every client that came to his desk. He had seen many changes to the local community over the years and was dismayed by the more recent "out-of-control growth."

Cherry season found him on the east shore of Flathead Lake, finding pickers for the growers. He knew all the orchard growers and even remembered migrant pickers from year to year, who provided the family with lots of cherries each year.

He was a life member of the VFW and DAV and held offices with them and also the American Legion.

David was a devoted, loving and dedicated family man. He always was involved with his children and grandchildren, and helped out whenever and however he could.

He loved fishing, hunting and camping at the many local lakes. After retirement he got into painting, writing, traveling and reading, his favorite — any Western novel he could get his hands on. He also enjoyed playing his harmonica.

He will be sorely missed by his family and many friends, and will live forever in our hearts.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Richard; and sister, lone.

He is survived by his wife, Joyce; two sons, David and Shawn; four grandchildren, Matt, Andrew, Chris and Craig; and great-grandchild, Ryder.

Military honors will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, May 16, at the VFW Post 2252 in Kalispell.

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

Kay Landon, 68

Kay Landon "left our world to venture to a special place in heaven" on July 24, 2008. She was in North Valley Hospital. Kay was born May 26, 1940.

Her life touched many people, and she was loved by all who knew her.

The staff at North Valley took very special care of her. "We wish to give them a special thank you for making her last days on this Earth easier and also for helping the family feel comfortable and cared for."

Kay was a dedicated person and had a very unique and special love for animals. She was instrumental in getting a heater and much needed donations for the Spay and Neuter Clinic.

She had been involved with the Glacier Twins while her son played and never missed a game.

The Whitefish Soroptimists played a very important part in her life, and she kept the lists and members organized and always up to date.

She is survived by the loves of her life, her two sons, Scott and his wife, Shannee, of Columbia Falls, and Danny and his friend, Nikki, of Whitefish; and her pride and joy and granddaughter, Briann, of Columbia Falls. She also leaves behind her special pets, Shadow, Stitch and Misty; as well as numerous extended family and friends. Kay will truly be missed but never forgotten.

A celebration of her life will be held at 5 p.m., Friday, Aug. 1, at the Golden Agers, 121 Second St., in Whitefish.

Everyone is welcome to come and share a story or two about Kay.

Juanita A. 'Nita' Lamey

Funeral services for Juanita A. "Nita" Lamey, who died April 25, 2008, will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, July 19, at the Tobacco Valley Cemetery

in Eureka. A potluck will be served afterward.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg and Nelson Funeral Home in Eureka.

Russ Landt

A memorial for Russ Landt, 68, who died Dec. 20, 2007, will be held from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 2, at the Glacier National Park

Headquarters Community Center Building. Family and friends are invited to share in the celebration of his life.

Vincent G. Landwehr, 85

Vincent G. Landwehr, 85, passed away April 29, 2008, in Auburn, Wash. He was born April 22, 1923, in Elbo Woods, N.D., to Mary "Mame" and Robert Landwehr. Vince was one of five children.

The family moved to Kalispell in 1936, where he was educated and employed as an auto mechanic.

He married Theresa Hudon from Somers on Sept. 27, 1945.

He belonged to St. Matthew's Parish in Kalispell until he moved to Bonney Lake, Wash., in 2001 because of health concerns.

Vince liked to hunt and fish, and truly loved the Montana wilderness. The Bob Marshall was always a very special place

to him.

Surviving him are his wife of 62 years, Theresa; and daughter, Marilyn, and Ron Magstadt, of Bonney Lake; three grandchildren, Chris and Sarah Magstadt of Syracuse, Utah, Julie and Drew Neil of Puyallup, Wash., and Jolene and Steve Zehnder of Bonney Lake; and his great-grandchild, Sara Zehnder. Also surviving are his two sisters, Delores Lampman and Eleanor Hedstrom, and sister-in-law, Lee Landwehr, all of Kalispell.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Bob and Mame; and brothers, Jerry and Leonard.

Curnow Funeral Home of Sumner, Wash., is caring for the family.

Holly J. Lang, 68

Holly J. Lang, 68, of Libby, died from natural causes Tuesday, May 6, 2008, at her home in Libby.

Survivors include her husband, Richard, of Libby; and two children, Kristin Camarena of Oakhurst, Calif., and

John A. Lang of Seattle. Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 10, at the Assembly of God Church in Libby.

Arrangements are by the Nelson and Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

Sandra Kay Lanegan, 63

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Memorial services are pending.

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

Sandra Kay Lanegan, 63, died on Saturday, June 21, 2008, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

She is survived by three sons, Joel, Jeremy and Tony

Patricia Carol Langton, 64

Patricia Carol "Patty" Langton, 64, passed away in her home on Nov. 9, 2008. She died of natural causes, but her family and friends believe her to have died of a broken heart after losing her husband and soul mate, Jerry, to cancer just two years ago.

Born to Odus and Lucene Wilkinson in Modesto, Calif., on Oct. 7, 1944, Patty joined her only brother Bob to complete the Wilkinson family. She graduated from Modesto High School in 1962, where she had been active as a cheerleader in the Rally Club.

Patty worked in retail sales and was later a dental assistant in Modesto. She then operated her own answering service for many local businesses after first moving to Whitefish in 1977 with her first husband and their children. Patty later held a variety of jobs to support her two children after her divorce.

She was a very strong and determined woman, as well as a super Broncos fan.

She met her husband, Jerry, in 1987. The two of them enjoyed life to its fullest, riding their Harley, golfing, camping, fishing and running the business Jerry started, Langton Excavation. One of their fondest memories of work was their winter spent in Hawaii.

Patricia was preceded in



death by her father, Odus; brother, Bob; and loving husband, Jerry.

She is survived by her mother Lucene Wilkinson, of Modesto;

daughter, Stacy Necessary, and partner, Jim Cooke, of Jacksonville, Fla.; son, Shaun Necessary, wife Holli, and their four children, of Lemoore, Calif.; stepson, Shawn Langton, wife Rebecca, and their two sons, of Anchorage, Alaska; sister-in-law, Debbie Langton, and her family, Scott Gallaher and sons, of Spokane; various aunts, uncles and cousins; six nephews and a niece.

Patty was also fortunate to have many dear friends and neighbors here in the Flathead Valley. Those local to the area know that Patty also left behind Turbo, her very special canine buddy.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 29, at Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. Cremation has taken place, and interment will be at a later date. Friends and family will gather at the VFW in Whitefish after the service.

Donations may be made to the Humane Society of Northwest Montana in Patricia's name.

David H. Large, 62

David H. Large, 62, of Libby, died Monday, Dec. 1, 2008, at St. John's Lutheran Hospital in Libby from natural causes.

Survivors include his wife, Roslyn Large, of Libby; a son, Adam Large, of Libby;

and two daughters.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg and Nelson Funeral Home in Libby.

Ruth French Large, 89

Ruth French Large, 89, a former Kalispell resident, died Saturday, July 5, 2008, leaving two daughters, Jo Tower of University Place, Wash., and Jeane McCoart of Chattanooga, Tenn. She died in her home, just as she'd wished, with loved ones near. Her wish was made possible by the devoted care given to her and the family by Hospice of Chattanooga, and for that support, the family always will be grateful.

Ruth was born to James and Cassie French on Dec. 10, 1918, in Knoxville, Tenn.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank "Jake" Large; two brothers; and three sisters.

In 1936, she married, and most of the 49 years of their marriage were spent in Knoxville, in Mount Olive, in a home known to most as "the hill." The back door was always open, and there was always enough food for anybody that came by at 5:30 p.m., supper time at Ruth and Jake's. Ruth was an excellent homemaker, with a theory that any place you live should be left better than you found it. She did that in capital letters!

In 1987, Ruth moved to Kalispell to live near Jo, and there created a home she deemed "the little large house." It sheltered many friends and family members. She joined the First Presbyterian Church, and it was there that a church family embraced her. The min-

ister, Glenn Burfeind, enriched her spiritual life, and she was happy. The friends she had in Kalispell were dear to her, and they have remained faithful. "May God bless you all."

In 2004, Ruth moved to Washington with Jo; however, in 2005, she decided to return to her Tennessee roots, where she lived next door to Jeane. It turned out to be a perfect place for her, and she lived there until her death.

The grandchildren whom she treasured are Thomas Tower of Seattle, Bonni Tower Stratton of University Place, Wash., Robin Cayce and husband, Richard, of Chattanooga, and Emily Thomas and husband, Wade, of Macon, Ga. The great-grandchildren are Sara Stratton, Della Wheeler, and Jake and Logan Thomas; and one great-great-grandchild, Oliver Stratton.

A celebration of Ruth's life will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, July 11, at the east chapel of Chattanooga Funeral Home, 404 S. Moore Road, in East Ridge, Tenn., and afterward — honoring Ruth's desire to always have everyone "well fed" — we'll share a meal.

If you wish to remember Ruth with a gift, her thought was of her church, First Presbyterian Church, 540 S. Main St., Kalispell, MT 59901. "She left part of her heart there."

Please share your thoughts and memories at www.mem.com.

Harvey Vincent Larson Jr., 82

Harvey Vincent Larson Jr. passed away June 6, 2008, at St. Joseph's Hospital in Polson. Harvey was born in McLeod, N.D. on Sept. 13, 1925, to Gladys and Harvey Larson.

He is survived by two sisters, Arlene Knott of Anaheim, Calif., and Blanche Studer of Bonners Ferry, Idaho; two brothers, Johnny Larson of Missoula, and Robert Larson of Tacoma, Wash.; and several nieces and

nephews.

Preceding him in death were his parents, and brothers Byron Larson and Kermit Larson.

Graveside services with full military honors will be at 4 p.m. Tuesday, June 10, at Riverview Cemetery in Hamilton.

Arrangements are by Grogan Funeral Home in Polson. Condolences may be made to the family at www.groganfuneralhome.com

Otto Dean Larsen, 69

Otto Dean Larsen, 69, of Columbia Falls, passed away Monday, July 28, 2008, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

He was born the youngest of four children May 17, 1939, in Green River, Wyo., to Jack Otto and Florence Louise (Powers) Larsen.

Otto's mother died when he was 4, and his father died when he was 13, and he was raised by his stepmother, Ione (Cain) Larsen.

He graduated from Green River High School in 1957; he then entered the U.S. Army and served as a chemist from 1958 to 1961 with the Army Chemical Corps in Germany.

After his time in the Army, he attended Rocky Mountain College, where he met his future wife, Rayna Marie Ball; they were married March 16, 1964, in Huntley. To this union were born two sons, Gerald Keith in 1965, and Matthew Dean in 1966.

From 1968 to 1970, he attended the University of Montana and received his Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry.

In 1970, Otto moved his family to the suburbs of Detroit, to pursue his graduate education. Upon receiving his master's degree in analytical chemistry at Wayne State University in Detroit, Otto was offered a position as an environmental research scientist working in Stationary Air Emissions Control with Chrysler Motor Company, where he worked until his retirement on New Year's Eve in 1999.

He was very involved with his family in the United Methodist Church. He helped run his sons' hockey league, and later in Boy Scouts as their Scout



master for 10 years, also running the Cub Scout Pinewood Derby for the Detroit Area Council for years, even after his sons were out on their own.

After his retirement, Otto and his wife moved back to Montana, as he only called himself a temporary resident (30 years) of Michigan. They settled in Columbia Falls, and they enjoyed a well-earned retirement, traveling around the world.

Otto was preceded in death by his parents and stepmother; his brother, Gerald; sister, Mary Alice Johnston; and stepbrothers, Bennett and Day Evans, and stepsister, Myrtle Edwards.

Otto is survived by his wife, Rayna, of Columbia Falls; son, Gerald, and wife, Sharon, of Ferndale, Mich.; son, Matthew, and wife, Tamara, of Columbia Falls; four grandchildren, AT3 Robert Larsen, U.S. Navy of Virginia Beach, Va., Joshua and Amber Larsen of Ferndale, Mich., and Samantha Larsen of Columbia Falls; his sister, Edith Woodring, of Grand Junction, Colo.; stepbrother, Myrle, and Loretta Evans, of Green River; as well as many nieces and nephews.

A visitation will be held from 1 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 3, at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 4, at the Columbia Falls United Methodist Church, with the Rev. David Merkel officiating. Burial will be afterward at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls, with military graveside honors by the United Veterans of the Flathead and the Montana National Guard.

Memorial donations may be made in Otto's name to Columbia Falls United Methodist Church, Hospice, Montana Veterans Home or Boy Scouts of America.

Helen C. Laumets, 74

Helen C. Laumets, 74, of Kalispell, died Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2008, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She is survived by her son, Russell Faber, of

Kalispell.

There are no services planned.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for the family.

Harlan Eugene Lausen, 61

Harlan Eugene Lausen, 61, passed away Sunday, Oct. 5, 2008, at home in Oregon, with his loving family by his side. He was born to Merle and Stella Lausen in Water Town, S.D., on Jan. 28, 1947.



Harlan joined the U.S. Army, serving in Vietnam from 1966 to 1968, then moved to Washington and helped build the first cable bridge in the Tri-City area. He also worked at the Hanford Nuclear plant.

He married the love of his life, Amber, in Montana in 1979, had four children, and in 1985 relocated to the Rogue Valley in southwestern Oregon. He worked for Boise Cascade from 1986 until his retirement in 1997.

To him there was no stranger.

He is greatly missed by all.

Harlan was predeceased by his parents; his sister, Gladys; and grandson, Ethan.

He is survived by his children, Charissa, Chrissandra, Natasha and Tyler; brothers, David and Leroy; sisters, Sharon, Diane and Beverly; and eight grandchildren.

A memorial will be held from noon to 7 p.m. today, Oct. 12, at Harlan's home, 967 Gibbon Road, Central Point, Ore. For more information, call 541-951-9811.

"Rest peacefully now Dad, until we meet again, Your loving children."

Maxine A. Lautaret, 89

Maxine A. Lautaret, 89, of Kalispell, "went to be with the Lord" Friday afternoon, Oct. 31, 2008. Maxine was born Jan. 7, 1919, the first of 10 children (nine surviving to adulthood) to Mack and Georgia (Davis) Greenwood on a farm near Hugoton, Kan. There were six girls and four boys in her family.

In 1937, Maxine completed requirements for high school graduation in Canon City, Colo., a month early so that she and Laurence Lautaret could be married on April 18, "Apple Blossom Sunday," in Florence, Colo. Thereafter, Maxine was Laurence's "Blossom."

Maxine and Laurence had four children, LaVonne, Carolyn, Larry and Rita, all of whom attended Evergreen Grade School.

In 1942, the family moved to Portland, where both Laurence and Maxine worked making Liberty ships during World War II, working swing shift where Maxine was a tool checker. They also built a small house each year while there and were able to leave Portland with a sufficient nest egg to purchase a ranch in Colorado, where they lived for a year.

In November 1946, the family moved to the Flathead Valley, and bought and lived in the oldest log cabin in the valley, at 315 East Cottonwood Drive on Spring Creek in Evergreen.

About this time Maxine rededicated her life to the Lord, and Laurence was converted through the fledgling Church of God congregation in the home of founding pastor Charles and Nadine Bolin. Maxine taught Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, and Pioneer Girls, sang in the choir, and was the Montana Women of the Church of God state president. Her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren "rise up and call her blessed."

Maxine was a homemaker, and was office manager for Valley Sand and Gravel, which she and Laurence owned and operated in Kalispell until 1963, when they sold the business to McElroy & Wilken Ready Mix.

They then moved to Kodiak, Alaska, to serve as pastors of the Church of God there. (Under their leadership the church building was used as the Red Cross headquarters during the 1964 earthquake.) This was their first ministry and missions work; they subsequently were pastors in Anchorage and Palmer, Alaska, in addition to helping build and manage Camp Challenge. They also served as pastors in Eureka, Missoula, and Bozeman, as well as Canon City.

In 1970, they bought and operated the Fernwell Apartments in Kalispell.

In the 1970s, they drove from Alaska to the southern tip of South America via the Pan American Highway in a pickup and camper, unheard of in those days. They visited most of the countries of Central and South America, visiting missionaries along the way and teaching Bible School classes in Peru at La Buena Tierra. Then from Tierra del Fuego, the southernmost tip of South America, they traveled north on the eastern highway as far as present roads allowed. They served as pastor of the church in San Gregorio, Uruguay.

Missions trips and projects included time in Mexico, Guatemala,



Philippines, Thailand, Ecuador, Peru, Chile, Uruguay and South Africa. Avid travelers, they visited Taipei, India, Bangladesh, Nepal, Germany, Austria, Italy, France and Holland.

In 1987, Laurence and Maxine moved back to Kalispell to help their son Larry and Rena plant Whitefish Community Church of God, where Maxine was always the first to help with anything that needed to be done.

Maxine was preceded in death by her parents, Mack and Georgia Greenwood (who both died while Laurence and Maxine were in Uruguay); her husband, L. E. Lautaret, in 2003; sisters, Ellen Marie Greenwood and Lorine Lautaret; brothers, Kenneth, Eldon and Myron Greenwood; brothers-in-law, Bob Nordyke, Eldon Lowry, Joe Cacciatore, Leonard Lautaret, Harold Lautaret and Carl Lautaret; sisters-in-law, Elma Lautaret and Wilma Smith; a great-grandson, Dustin Hollingsworth; a grandson-in-law, Brad Wainwright; and most of her peers.

She is survived by her sisters, Cleora Nordyke, Vera Lowry and Loretta Cacciatore; brother, Milton, and Kathy Greenwood; sisters-in-law, Joy Greenwood, Carole Greenwood and Sue Lautaret; daughter, LaVonne, and Ralph Ertz, and their three children, Tamie and Dan Hollingsworth, Ralph and Tami Ertz Jr., and Lonita Wainwright; daughter, Carolyn, and Clyde Tulowitzky, and their children, Lora and Roger Kerry, Lisa and Chris Swift, and Cherie and Mike Malatesta; son, Larry L., and Rena Lautaret of Whitefish and their children, Lori and Jason Stoffer, Rachel and Cameron Clear; Luke and Heather Lautaret, and David Lautaret; daughter, Rita and John Stein, and their children, Heather and Jason Stein; 12 great-grandchildren; and dear friends and family around the world.

Prior to developing Alzheimer's, Maxine made it widely known by life and witness that she was ready to go and meet the Lord. It is true for her, as for the Apostle Paul in 2 Timothy 4:7-8, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."

The schedule of events for Maxine's memorial on Thursday, Nov. 6, is as follows: from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., viewing will be at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home (752-0336); at 3 p.m. interment will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery; at 4:30 p.m., there will be a dinner for all family and friends at Whitefish Community Church of God, 5685 U.S. 93, Whitefish; and at 6 p.m. there will be a celebration of life at Whitefish Community Church of God.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be sent to the "Maxine Lautaret Memorial Fund" at Whitefish Community Church of God for South American Missions, or to a charity of your choosing; or an act of service can be done in Maxine's memory.

Steven B. Lautenbach, 37

Steven B. Lautenbach, 37, of East Glacier Park, passed away suddenly on Wednesday, Sept. 3, 2008, at his mother's home in Port Orange, Fla.

A memorial service in his honor will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 10, at the Daytona, Fla., Chapel of the Lohman Funeral Home.

Steven was a U.S. Navy veteran and dedicated outdoorsman who loved wild animals, fishing, skiing, "campin' and lovin' God's Love."

He came to love the pristine beauty of Glacier National Park and its quality of life, dedicating himself to the park with his work in cinematography and photography, and as the innkeeper at Many Glacier Hotel.

He leaves behind to cherish his memory, his parents, Ange-

lina and Richard Ruggiero; a sister, Cathy Lautenbach; six brothers and sisters of the Ruggiero family, Jason Ruggiero, Jeff Ruggiero, Lana Wood, Jodi Lysiak, Maine Ruggiero and Kim Waldbilling; two aunts, Georgette and Will Tenreiro, and his godmother, Paula (Spencer) Steinberg, and his loving family from the Many Glacier Hotel.

Donations in his honor may be made to the Hospice of Volusia Flagler; or to the Glacier National Park Fund, 540 Wisconsin Ave., Whitefish, MT 59937.

Condolences may be shared with the family online at www.lohmanfuneralhomes.com.

Arrangements are under the careful direction of Lohman Funeral Home Daytona.

Joan Marie Lawlor, 63

Joan Marie Lawlor (also known as Debra Brown), 63, passed away peacefully from natural causes Thursday, Aug. 7, 2008, at Colonial Manor in Whitefish. She was born to Robert and Joyce Lawlor in Kalispell on April 5, 1945, and was raised in Whitefish.

After high school, she attended college in Great Falls for a while and did well academically, but ultimately chose to become a homemaker. She married Daniel Wickersheim and moved to Seattle, where they had two wonderful children together. Joan also lived in San Francisco for many years and eventually settled in Florence, Ore. Three years ago, she moved back to Montana and lived in Helena. After being diagnosed with a terminal illness, she came home to Whitefish and spent her last year in the valley she loved the most.

Joan was a daughter, a sister, a wife, and a mother. But most of all, she was a friend. With her bright eyes and easy laugh, this



intelligent and beautiful woman was a humble soul who gave much and asked for little. She will live forever in our hearts.

Joan was preceded in death by her father, Robert Lawlor; and her mother, Joyce Cleveland.

She is survived by her former husband, Daniel Wickersheim, of Seattle; daughter, Mary Jo Webb, of Seattle; son, Daniel Wickersheim Jr., of Seattle; granddaughters, Holly Martin and Heidi Webb, of Seattle; grandson, Tyler Wickersheim, of Florence; great-grandson, Jordan Wickersheim, of Florence; brothers, Dennis Lawlor of Polson, Timothy Lawlor of Helena, Ryan Lawlor of Kalispell, and Thomas Lawlor of Kalispell; sister, Theresa Lawlor, of Helena; also, various nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Austin Funeral Home is handling the cremation, and Joan's ashes will be interred next to her mother in C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery after private services.

The family extends a heartfelt thanks to the staff at Colonial Manor for their loving care and to all the residents who befriended Joan and gave her comfort.

Bernard Julius 'Ben' LeBlanc, 89

Bernard Julius LeBlanc passed away on Sept. 4, 2008, at Westminster Village in Spanish Fort, Ala. He was born June 16, 1919, in Whitefish to Robert and Stella (Herritt) LeBlanc, the eldest of four children. He grew up in Whitefish and attended Whitefish High School.

He followed a rewarding career in shipbuilding, which took him to San Diego and Gautier, Miss., retiring in Daphne, Ala.

The family has said about Ben, "Never met a stranger, never suffered a fool."

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 59 years, Melveen (Furer).

He is survived by his daughters, Victoria Lynn Stephens and Clyde from Apple Valley, Minn., and Lucinda Jean Davis

and Andrew, and grandchildren, Capucine Margaret and Bernard Augustus Davis, from Tucker, Ga.; his sister, Frances Posey, in Billings; and brothers, Albert LeBlanc in Pebble Beach, Calif., and Robert LeBlanc and Lorraine in Spokane; and several nieces and nephews.

No services will be held. Interment will be held at Fort Snelling National Cemetery in Minneapolis at a later date.

Donations would be gratefully accepted to support his lifetime love of aviation to the Experimental Aircraft Association, EAA Aviation Center, 3000 Poberezny Road, Oshkosh, WI 54902; www.eaa.org; or to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22718, Oklahoma City, OK 73123-1718; www.cancer.org.

Agnes R. Lee, 93

Agnes R. Lee, 93, passed away on Monday, Nov. 3, 2008, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell. She was born on Nov. 3, 1915, in Sidney, the daughter of George and Gustava (Wolstad) Risdal.



She attended country schools near Sidney and graduated from Sidney High School.

She was united in marriage to Halvor E. Lee on May 24, 1941, at Bethany Lutheran Church in Bigfork.

Agnes worked as a farm wife, helping Halvor on the farm. She loved to cook and bake, especially bread, cakes, pies, cookies, cinnamon rolls and lefse. They enjoyed a big garden, and the family reaped the harvest of many vegetables, which she canned.

She enjoyed ceramics, crocheting and quilting, making quilts for each of her children and grandchildren. With her crocheting work, she made many afghans and sweaters for her family.

Agnes and Halvor enjoyed 63 years of living on the farm before moving to Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell. She was a longtime member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Kalispell.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Halvor E. Lee, in 2005; her parents; three brothers

and three sisters.

Agnes is survived by her daughter, Ruth Ann Scott, and her husband, Solon, of Snohomish, Wash.; her two sons, Daniel E. Lee and his wife, Ruth, of Rock Island, Ill., and Duane Lee of Salt Lake City; and five grandchildren, Solon Scott Jr., and wife Sarah, Eric Scott, Lee-ann Severe and her husband, Mike, Karry Scott and his wife, Brenda, and Elizabeth Lee and her husband, Juan Pablo Ruiz; eight great-grandchildren, Solon Scott III, Jacob Scott, Ariana Scott, Hope Severe, Isaac Scott, Kaleb Scott, Noah Scott and Ruby Scott; and two brothers, George Alfred Risdal and his wife, Claudine, of W. Monroe, La., and Ralph Risdal and his wife, Jackie, of Issaquah, Wash.

Funeral services for Agnes will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 6, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, with Pastor Larry Stappler officiating. Visitation will be held from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. today, Nov. 5, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. Burial will be in Lonepine Cemetery in Bigfork.

The family suggests that any memorial contributions be sent to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 603 S. Main St., Kalispell, MT 59901; or to the Immanuel Lutheran Home, 185 Crestline Ave., Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

Edwin Bryce Lee, 85

Edwin Bryce Lee, born Feb. 18, 1923, passed from life Aug. 8, 2008, at 85 years of age.

The son of Edwin Samuel Lee and Ella Augusta Wegner Lee, Ed

was a Montana man through and through — he was born in Whitefish and attended Flathead High School. He grew up in Essex and Kalispell, and lived on the Monterey Peninsula since 1959.

After graduating from Flathead County High School, Bryce (as he was then called) enrolled at Montana State University, but interrupted his studies at the beginning of his sophomore year to enlist in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. He was the lead navigator of a B-17 squadron, stationed in Italy, and flew more than 50 missions, during one of which, damaged by Axis anti-aircraft fire, he guided his pilot to a remote island in the Adriatic for an emergency landing. From his journal, we learned that he fully understood the meaning of "coming in on a wing and a prayer."

After his honorable discharge, he returned to the United States to complete his master's in physics at the University of Washington. While in Seattle, he met Jill Mitchell Wiley. She was living with her sister and her husband, and for once they approved. "Steady Eddie" they called him, and a short six months later, they were wed.

After the birth of their first child, Patricia, Ed accepted a position with Bell Labs and moved his family to New Jersey, where Bryce Jr., Mitch, and finally Jill were born. Ed continued his study of physics at Columbia University.

In 1959, they moved to the Monterey Peninsula, where he worked as a research and development director for TechOps, Laboratory for Electronics, and Data Dynamics. He changed directions in 1965, becoming an investment counselor, then joined McGraw-Hill in 1973 to develop standardized testing. During his retirement, he taught mathematics at Monterey Peninsula College and Hartnell College.

Throughout his life, Ed was an accomplished physicist, poet, philosopher, inventor, humorist and active citizen. It hardly goes without saying, of course, a dry-fly fisherman who could read the river and knows where the worthy fish lay. He drew much of his inspiration from his love



of the Montana mountains, streams and star-filled skies of his youth. Ed's encyclopedic ability to recite poetry included passages from British and American modern and classical poets, including Jeffers and Shakespeare. One of his many gifts to his family was his love of words. Over the course of his life, Ed composed an impressive collection of poems reflecting his thoughts, aspirations and important life events.

A longtime resident of Carmel Valley and Carmel, Calif., Ed served as president of the Carmel Valley Property Association, president of Mid-Valley and Lower Valley Property Associations, director of the Monterey Peninsula Water Board Management District, and on the board of the Salvation Army.

He raised his children along the Carmel River and for nearly 50 years, worked very hard for a small dam on the river and continued to search for solutions to the peninsula's water problems. Ed frequently wrote to the editors of the local papers on topics ranging from water conservation to community and social ethics.

The Lee family had some wonderful trips on conveyances as varied as a faluka, freighters and a hot air balloon. Ed especially enjoyed a recent trip to Norway where he connected with long-lost cousins, one of whom presented him with a book written about our Leeboeken family.

Ed is survived by Jill, his wife of 56 years; children, Patricia Schminke and Bob of Salt Lake City, Bryce Lee and Barbara of Cornwall, N.Y., Mitch Lee, residing in Potsdam, Germany, and Jill Lee and Malcolm of Menlo Park, Calif.; grandchildren, Bryce and Helen Lee, and Dwight, and Emily and Katherine Hobbs; sister, Carole Lee Hall, of Salado, Texas; nieces and nephews, Gary and Jennifer Lee, Sharon O'Brien, Jennie Tevlin, James Chambers, Diane Tucker and Nancy Lange; and favorite cousins-in-law, Closey and Whit Dickey, Terry Phillips, Don Faulkner and Martha Faulkner.

He is predeceased by his brother, Alton Lee; and sister, Irma "Lee" Chambers.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Carmel Foundation, P.O. Box 1050, Carmel, CA 93921; Harrison Memorial Library, P.O. Box 800, Carmel, CA 93921; or Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula, P.O. Box HH, Monterey, CA 93940.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 30, at Church in the Forest in Pebble Beach, Calif.

Gary Byron Lee, 69

Gary Byron Lee, "beloved son of God," husband, brother and friend, passed away at his home in Ferndale on July 20, 2008, because of esophageal and liver cancer.

A celebration of his life will be held at 11 a.m. July 26 at the Swan Chapel in Swan Lake, with Pastors Curtis Wallace and Ron Pierce officiating.

Gary was born to Byron and Inez (Beck) Lee on May 26, 1939, in Havre. The family moved to Ferndale when Gary was just 1 month old.

He graduated from Bigfork High School in 1957, and attended Northern Montana College in Havre and the University of Montana in Missoula.

He joined the U.S. Army in June 1962, and was assigned to warrant officer candidate training school at Fort Rucker, Ala., prior to his discharge in March 1964.

He is survived by the love of his life, Betty Abell Lee, whom he married Oct. 20, 1967, in Elko, Nev. They celebrated their 40th anniversary in 2007. He also is survived by his brothers, Conly B. Lee, and Mike and Judy Lee of Libby; sisters, Mary Lee of Polson, and Janet Lee and Bob Thomson of Great Falls; cousin, Ron Higgins, of Troy; as well as numerous nieces, nephews and other cousins.

Gary was self-employed as a ceramic tile and terrazzo contractor; he was also a fine craftsman, building and remod-

eling homes in western Montana.

He was an avid basketball player and fan; he also enjoyed bowling and golfed every public golf course in Montana (all 91 of them). He was a "sports fanatic," continuously supporting the Bigfork Vikings, the University of Montana Grizzlies, and the Kearny, Ariz., Bearcats.

He was honored by the Bigfork Boosters for his loyal support in 1982 prior to a move to Missoula, and was given a tribute at the 2008 high school graduation ceremonies. He enjoyed sports of all types, and kept track of his beloved teams, even from a distance.

He was very involved with his church and belonged to the "Friday Dirtbags" Bible study group in Bigfork.

He and Betty lived in Ferndale most of the year, but in recent years spent winters at Kearny, Ariz., where he volunteered in community projects and at the local church, and enjoyed the people. Gary had the gift of "helps" and willingly lent a hand where needed.

In lieu of flowers, it is suggested memorials may be made to The Gideons, The Bigfork Booster Club, The Healing Room at St. Ignatius, or an organization of your choice.

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

Henry Elroy Lee, 82

Henry Elroy Lee, 82, died Friday, Aug. 15, 2008, at his home in Kalispell.

He is survived by five daughters: Jean Parks, Lorna Lee, Holly Beller, Helen

Lee and Charlene Wray.

Memorial services are pending at this time.

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

James Arnold Lee, 69

James Arnold Lee, 69, passed away Monday, Nov. 17, 2008. Jim "went to heaven to be with our Lord." Jim was born in Sandpoint, Idaho, on May 28, 1939. His parents were Arnold Lee and Pauline "Polly" Lee Harrison.



Preceding him in death was his father, Arnold Lee, in 1974; brother, Delbert Lee, in 1997; daughter, Geraldine Lynn Kirkendahl, in 1999; and Jim's second wife, Marjorie Ellen Lee, in 1972.

Jim was in the military in the late '50s for a short time.

He was a master diesel mechanic on trucks and heavy equipment. Jim also operated heavy equipment on the Sewer Lagoon project in Ronan, for Whitefish City Sewer and Water, and for a housing development in Missoula. He also drove 18-wheel trucks and low boys all across the U.S., Alaska and Canada for a number of years. He logged in the Libby area and the Washington coast as a young man.

Jim loved hunting, fishing, and especially boating.

Jim married Karen Tillman Lee Monroe in 1959, then in 1971, married Marjorie Ellen Lee of Minnesota. After his wife's death, he met Margery

Faulkner, who also was widowed. They got married in 1973, and put their families together and raised them.

He is survived by his wife, Margery Lee, at the family home; his mother, Pauline "Polly" Harrison, of Spokane; his daughters, Jackie and husband, Jim Sverrick, of Kalispell, and Sheri Lynette Evins of Missoula; sons, James W. Lee and wife, Debbie, of Gig Harbor, Wash., Mark W. Lee and wife, Shelley, of Chattaroy, Wash., Daniel Lee and wife, Paige, of Medical Lake, Wash., Lawrence "Larry" and wife, Connie Faulkner, Richard and wife, Katharine Faulkner, of Kalispell, Mark and wife, Betsy Faulkner, Russell Faulkner of Fredericksburg, Va., and Jerry and wife, Miranda Faulkner, of Surprise, Ariz.; 32 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Visitation will be from noon to 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Interment will be after the service at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

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

Harlow G. Leger, 81

Harlow G. Leger, 81, passed away Wednesday, Nov. 12, 2008, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell, from Lou Gehrig's disease. Harlow was born June 23, 1927, in Helena to George and Ruth (Hossey) Leger.

He attended schools in the Helena area, graduating from Helena High School. After high school, he attended Montana State University at Bozeman, where he earned his bachelor's degree.

He enlisted in the U.S. Army, where he proudly served for six years.

After coming home from the military, he went to work as an English teacher, teaching at East Helena prior to 1966, then King City Joint Union High School until 1987. He also worked as a substitute teacher in Medford, Ore.

In 1948, he married Lois M. Tague at the Methodist Church

in Helena.

Harlow enjoyed being involved with speech and debate, and had worked as a driver's education teacher. He loved music, fishing, traveling, reading, playing card games and gardening.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and a son, Richard Leger.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Lois, of Kalispell; a daughter, Judith Leger, of Tiburon, Calif.; stepson, Gary Tague, of Bozeman; a son, Dave Leger, of Kalispell; daughter-in-law, Dolly; grandchildren, Shane, Ryan, Sara and Amy; and great-grandchildren, Morgan, Aiden, Domenic, Kamber, Ryleigh and Andy.

Private family services were held at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. You are invited to go to www.buffalohillfh.com to leave your condolences for Harlow's family.

Emily Leighty, 92

Emily Leighty, 92, "joined her family in heaven" Dec. 13, 2008, at Heritage Place in Kalispell. Vaclav and Rosie Sterba with son, Frank, welcomed Emily into their home in Michel, British Columbia, May 5, 1916, and in six months the family move to Great Falls.

In 1919, they moved to a farm in the Lower Valley of Flathead County. Brother Jim was born in 1927 after Frank and Emily were attending Demersville School. The three attended there until eighth grade. Emily graduated from Flathead County High School in 1934, and continued her education at Western Normal School in Dillon, where she received her elementary education diploma in 1936, and taught at the Tooley Lake School.

Emily met Bud Leighty and they were married in 1939. They lived on a small cattle ranch on the West Kootenai near Gateway, where Bud and his brother operated a sawmill. While living there, Emily drove a mail route between Rexford and Gateway six days a week for 11 years. She had two sons during this time, that died in infancy. When her son, Darrell, was born in 1953, she gave up the mail route and moved to the Yaak area where her husband and his brother built a permanent sawmill.

When Darrell was 3, Bud left the area and the couple were divorced in 1958. Emily decided to go back to teaching. She received her certificate at the University of Montana, and taught a year in Warland, one in Trego where Darrell started school, and the following years in Whitefish, where she rented a house that she later purchased. Her son graduated from Whitefish High in 1972 and joined the Coast Guard. He died in 1982 in a serious accident.

Emily spent 29 years teaching in Lincoln and Flathead Counties: five years, in all eight grades, were in rural schools. She taught at Somers for 19 years, the last 10 teaching middle school math and reading.

Emily belonged to Delta Kappa Gamma Society, Lambda Chapter since 1968. She served two years as corresponding secretary and sixteen as treasurer. She belonged to a bridge club, Fortnightly Study Club,



NWM Retired Teachers, and Christ Lutheran Church, in which she was actively involved.

She enjoyed traveling and visited most states. Travels

took her to the Holy Lands, Greece, Israel, Egypt, Turkey and several Mediterranean Islands; along with trips on the Mississippi Queen, to the Mardi Gras in New Orleans, Branson, Opryland in Nashville, and several mystery trips and a bus tour trip to Victoria, British Columbia.

She enjoyed hiking, golfing, reading, sewing and card playing. When her son was young she was active in Boy Scouts and the swim team, in which she excelled.

Emily survived several surgeries, including a triple open-heart surgery in 1989. In 1996 problems called for several eye surgeries. Through all the hardships, she lived her faith and was a dedicated educator, mother and friend. She was proud of the Sterba family developing the farmland in the Flathead. One of her last wishes was to keep this land as is, for years to come.

Her friend and guardian, Carolyn Pfrimmer, stated that Emily had made lifetime friends with people whom she met on trips, students that she taught, and groups which she joined. Hundreds of cards and letters she received and kept through the years are testimonies to her loving, generous, outreaching nature. It has been an honor to help her take care of her earthly needs during the last year of her life.

A graveside service will be held for Emily at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 18, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery with Pastor Bent of Christ Lutheran Church of Whitefish officiating. Memorials for Emily, could be sent to her choice, Christ Lutheran Church, 5150 River Lakes Pkwy., Whitefish, MT 59937; or WOTM, 230 West 10th Street, Whitefish, MT 59937.

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

Robert F. Leitzel, 68

Robert F. Leitzel, 68, died Tuesday, Aug. 19, 2008, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

Private family services will be held. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Charles E. 'Chuck' Leming, 47

Charles E. "Chuck" Leming, 47, passed away on Jan. 29, 2008, in Kalispell of natural causes.

He was born May 11, 1960, in Great Falls. He lived most

of his life in Kalispell. He spent a couple years of high school in Billings. He went to Vo-Tech in Helena to become an electronic technician, and then to Bozeman where he received a computer science degree.

He had worked at Teletech.

Chuck had been a diabetic since he was 6 years old. Thirteen years ago he had a successful kidney transplant.

He loved riding his motorcycle, spending time fixing computers or e-mailing his friends. His other favorite pastime was going out and having coffee with all his friends.

Chuck could make the kids laugh and enjoyed being the family comedian. The last few months of his life he has been



supporting a couple Christian ministries.

"We are all missing him but know he is now free of his disease and enjoying his new life in heaven!"

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Preston and Mary Leming; and maternal grandparents, Kelly Connors and Bill Rowland.

Chuck is survived by his parents, Glenn R. and Rexine Leming, of Kalispell; his brother and his wife, Glenn D. and Lora Leming, and family, of Kalispell; sister and her husband, Mona and Leron Wagner, and family of Kalispell; niece and husband, Desire' and Jonathon Telles, and their daughter, Katherine, of Kalispell; nephew and wife, Brad and Ashley Wagner, of Kalispell; nephews, Curtis Wagner and Wesley Leming, both of Kalispell; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 4, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Visitation will follow the service. Burial will take place Feb. 5 in Darby where Chuck will be buried next to his grandparents.

Junior Lemons, 80

Junior Lemons, 80, formerly of Hungry Horse, died Dec. 21, 2007, at Hospice Vista Care Center in Corpus Christi, Texas, of lung cancer.

He is survived by his sis-

ter, Ruth Phelps, of Hungry Horse.

At his request, no services are planned.

Interment will take place at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Barbara W. Lent, 80

Barbara W. Lent, 80, passed away Thursday, Oct. 2, 2008, in Kalispell.

Barbara was born July 16, 1928, in Pittsburgh.

She received her Bachelor of Science degree from Cornell University.

Barbara was a longtime summer resident of Bigfork.

An avid bridge player, she had been a longtime member of the

Bigfork Duplicate Bridge Club.

She is survived by her husband, Jim, of Bigfork; son, Jeff, and wife, Caroline Lent, of Virginia; and two granddaughters, Jennifer and Allison.

At her request, no services will be held.

Friends may go to www.buffalohillfh.com to post condolences.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Iva R. Lewis, 93

Iva R. Lewis, 93, died Saturday, June 7, 2008, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

Family services will be

held at a later date.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Jerry S. Lewis, 59

Jerry S. Lewis, 59, of Eureka died Friday at a Missoula hospital.

He was born Sept. 13, 1948, at Ash County, N.C. He and his wife, Joy, had ministered and operated the Gate Way Prayer House Ministry in Eureka.

Survivors include his wife, Joy, of Eureka; sister, Doris

Hammons, of West Jefferson, N.C.; and sister-in-law, Nena Allen, of Advance, N.C.

Services will be held at 3 p.m. Tuesday at the Chapel of Praise Church in Eureka. Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday at the Nelson and Vial Funeral Home in Eureka.

Mary (Toennis) Liggett, 90

Mary (Toennis) Liggett, 90, former Miles City resident, passed away of natural causes at Colonial Manor in Whitefish on Dec. 25, 2008. She was born in Stacey on Feb. 2, 1918.



Mary was raised in the Miles City area and schooled as a beautician, as well as helping on the family farm.

She was married to Harry Liggett, who preceded her in death in 1993. The couple worked on ranches in different areas of Montana as Harry had a background in cattle. Mary also worked in the school library in Park City and at a school in Kalispell.

She enjoyed working outside in her yard and flower beds. She was very talented in hand craft, such as crocheting, embroidery and various other activities, which showed her wonderful talent.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents, Ben and Esther

Toennis, of Miles City; her husband, Harry Liggett; her three brothers, James, Grant and Charles; and a granddaughter, Carla.

Mary is survived by her five children, Eva Messenzi of Fallon, Nev.; Leona and Pat Serquina of Pelican Rapids, Minn.; Ruby and Douglas Allison of Great Falls; James and Charis Whitcher of Columbia Falls; and Guy and Sandy Whitcher of Las Vegas; one sister, Ruth, and Ted Hirsch, of Miles City; and two brothers, Patrick and Agnes Toennis of Miles City, and Joseph and Dorothy Toennis of Phoenix. She is also survived by her 17 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren, 22 great-great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Mary will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 2, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. Burial will be in the Glacier Memorial Gardens.

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

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.

Lennon Riley Lindberg, 4

Lennon Riley Lindberg, "our little angel," was born Oct. 12, 2003, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center, and passed away Sept. 19, 2008, at Sacred Heart Children's Hospital after receiving treatment for the tragic accident that left his beautiful brain deprived of oxygen on Sept. 9. He will be missed by many, for everyone that knew him was blessed.

He resided in Kila for most of his natural life and is survived by his mother, Sunni Marie Lindberg, father, Michael Robert Lindberg, and brother, Dylan Michael Lindberg. He also has many grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends that will truly miss him.

Lennon (Lenny, Doodlebug, Buggy, Monkey Do and Lemon Peel) was a very gifted child, not only in academics but with people. He could brighten anyone's day. He would pick flowers for anyone he thought was having a bad day. He'd sing songs to brighten people's moods.

Lennon had a fondness for smaller children, often bringing them his special toys or stuffed animals if they were crying. Everywhere we brought Lennon, he would make friends or brighten someone's day.

Lennon's favorite activities included running, puddle jumping, riding bikes, swimming, and of course, climbing. He also loved to chase chickens.

His favorite leisure activities were coloring, painting, reading books, "The Lorax," "The Dream Tree" and "Giraffe and a Half" to name a few, and he loved music, especially Jack Johnson and Bob Marley.

Lennon was not quite 5, yet he often talked of getting married and having five children of his own. He never got that chance, but because of the nature of his injury, he was able to donate life and save five children.

"Lennon, you will be missed, but never forgotten."

Memorial services will be held at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 11, at the Old Apostolic Lutheran Church in Lakeside.



A celebration of Lennon's life will be held on his 5th birthday, Sunday, Oct. 12, at the family home in Kila, 2261 Truman Creek Road. Feel free

to come join in tears, laughter and food (Bring a dish).

A family friend started a Web site (lennonsfriends.org) for information and updates while the family was at the hospital. The family will try to update the site as soon as possible.

"Many thanks to all of you who are supporting us through this tragic time. We honestly could not do this without you."

Muriel I. Lindsey, 95

Muriel I. Lindsey, 95, Columbia Falls, passed away Tuesday, Dec 30, 2008, at the Brendan House in Kalispell.



She was born July 18, 1913 in Sevier County, Tenn., to Irvin and Phoebe Huskey. She was raised and educated in Tennessee.

Muriel was married to Roy L. Lindsey on July 22, 1933 in Sevier County. They moved to Columbia Falls in 1954.

She loved her family, friends, fishing, camping, snowcatting, puzzles, and the card game, Skipbo.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Roy, in 1989; a granddaughter, Brenda Clarke; a great-granddaughter, Casey Clarke; and her seven brothers and sisters.

Muriel is survived by her

sons Carroll and his wife, Virginia Lindsey, of Columbia Falls and LeRoy Lindsey of Columbia Falls; a daughter Eula Ogle and her husband, Max, of Columbia Falls; five grandchildren, Kathy Brunett, Karla Stratton, Randy Lindsey, Kyle Lindsey and Donna Lindsey; nine great-grandchildren, Stephen Lindsey, Connor Lindsey, Amy McCubbins, Kristy Korbett, Rachel Stratton, Lauren Stratton, Derik Lindsey, Kelci Lindsey and Nicole Clarke; and three great-grandchildren, Skyler McCubbins, Cameron McCubbins and Christian McCubbins.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 3, 2009, at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. Burial will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery.

The casket will not be open for viewing.

Arrangements are with the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

Ruth Adamson Licking, 75

Ruth Licking, 75, died at her home in Libby on Aug. 6, 2008, as a result of a brief illness.

She is survived by her husband, Leonard, of Newell, S.D.; her daughter, Kathi, of

Gardnerville, Nev.; and son, Ronald Jr., of Columbia Falls.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 9, at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Libby.

Fredrick 'Fred' Arthur Lindberg, 60

Fredrick "Fred" Arthur Lindberg, 60, died March 13, 2008, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center of multiple medical complications. Fred was born July 21, 1947, in Denver, the second son to Arthur Fredrick and Elizabeth Cora Churchill Lindberg.

Fred graduated from Abraham Lincoln High School, Denver, and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in geology and chemistry from Metropolitan State College in Denver. He studied glacial geology in Iceland and worked in the oil and gas industry as an organic geo-chemist while living in Colorado.

In Montana he was employed in woodworking and the semiconductor industry until his last position with the Hungry Horse and Coram Water System as a certified water operator. He was involved in his local community water systems for over 35 years. Fred specialized in research and development and earned two U.S. patents.

He is published independently and co-authored in professional journals including "Solid-State Technology," "Semiconductor Fabtech" and "Journal of Geochemical Exploration."

He was a member of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists, Colorado Scientific Society and Rocky Mountain Association of Geologists. He was honored to be a judge

for chemistry and geology at the Colorado State Science Fair for several years.

He was a member of the Mayflower descendants, as well.

Fred married Margaret "Meg" Elaine Weaks on Nov. 30, 1986, in Alamosa, Colo. They made their home in Tiny Town, Colo., until moving to Hungry Horse, in 1992.

Fred was preceded in death by his older brother, Ronald Harry Lindberg, and both his father and mother.

He is survived by his wife, Meg; and two sons, Stephen Jack Lindberg of Belfair, Wash., and Ronald Tate Lindberg, wife Laura and grandson Taylor Kent, of Mount Lake Terrace, Wash.

His extended family of in-laws, nieces, nephews, work associates, friends and neighbors remember Fred as extensively well-read and knowledgeable, with an endearing spirit. He took pride in completing his log home and he and his wife Meg became proficient in organic gardening. He loved fishing, camping and canoeing.

No services will be held for Fred.

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

Lennon Riley Lindberg, 4

Lennon Riley Lindberg, 4, died Sept. 19, 2008, at Sacred Heart Children's Hospital in Spokane.

Survivors include his parents, Mike and Sunni Lind-

berg, and brother, Dylan, all of Kalispell.

Services are pending and will be announced in an obituary at a later date.

Robert 'Bob' H. Lindsten, 66

Robert "Bob" H. Lindsten, 66, passed away from natural causes in Lakeside on Feb. 5, 2008.

He was born in Oakland, Calif., on July 24, 1941. He attended Catholic schools and then went on to play basketball, baseball. He earned his master's degree from San Jose State University.

Bob then went on to play semi-pro baseball for the Yankees. Bob spent all of his adult life coaching and volunteering for many kids' activities. He worked as a probation officer and then went on to sell life insurance.

Bob retired in 2000 and then fulfilled his ultimate dream: He moved to Montana. Bob loved



the people here. He always said that he wished he would have known about this paradise 60 years ago.

Those of us that had the pleasure to know and love him know that he had an enormous presence. Bob never met a stranger; his kindness and sense of humor were only second to his passion for living his life to the fullest.

Bob had a true love for sports. He loved the lake, fishing, golfing, reading and most of all, watching the Flathead Braves play football.

Bob was survived in death by his three children, seven grandchildren, and mother, all of California; his stepson, Tyler Hendrick, and best friend and partner, Cindy Hendrick, both of Lakeside.

A celebration of Bob's life will be held in Lakeside this summer.

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Hazel Scott Littlefield, 85

Hazel Scott Littlefield, 85, of Billings, formerly of Roundup, died March 12, 2008, in Billings.

Hazel was born on July 30, 1922, in Cincinnati, Iowa, to William and Josephine Scott. The family moved to Roundup in the 1930s because Hazel's father was a coal miner.

In 1940, Hazel was married to William Highbarger in Lancaster, Mo. To this union her only son, William E. Highbarger was born. Hazel and William later divorced.

Throughout her life, Hazel worked at various restaurants as a cook and waitress, includ-



ing the Glacier Hotel in Cut Bank, Arrow Drive Inn in Kalispell, Windmill Cafe in Havre, and the Busy Bee Cafe in Roundup. She was a dedicated and hard worker. Hazel loved to raise animals and enjoyed crafts.

She is survived by her son, William E. (Karen) Highbarger; granddaughter, Vicki Francis, of Kalispell, two nephews, and a niece. She was preceded in death by her father, William Scott; mother, Josephine Scott; brothers, Beal Scott and Donald Scott; and sister, Beulah Rice.

Cremation has taken place and memorial services will be held in Roundup at a later date. Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary in Billings is in charge of arrangements and condolences may be left for the family at www.michelottisawyers.com

Wendy M. Lohre, 47

Wendy M. Lohre, 47, died Friday, May 23, 2008, in Hungry Horse.

She was born Oct. 4, 1960, in Seattle, Wash., to Orlie and Verlis Lohre. Survivors

include her parents, Orlie and Verlis Lohre.

Arrangements and cremation are with the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

Malcolm Starr Long, 76

Malcolm Starr Long, 76, a resident of Belen, N.M., for two and a half years, "joined his parents in heaven," Willfam Starr and Mildred Miller Long, on Saturday, March 8, 2008.

Some of Malcolm's most trea-



sured memories were feeding cattle, and he enjoyed working outside in the woods.

Malcolm is survived by his loving wife, Barbara J. Long; two loving daughters, Bonnie Long Henderson of Honeybrook, Pa., and Jeanne Long Kitchen of Stanwood, Wash.; and a brother, Kenneth W. Long of Colo.

Millie Piper Loveall, 94

Former Columbia Falls resident Millie Piper Loveall, 94, died Nov. 5, 2008, in Spokane.

She is survived by her three children, Howard Piper

of Columbia Falls, Gene Piper of North Bend, Neb., and Janice Buzzell of Spokane.

A memorial service for family and friends will be held at a later date

Ronald M. Loveall, 70

Ronald M. Loveall, 70, of Kalispell, passed away on July 4, 2008. He was born in Shelby on April 11, 1938. Ron was raised and attended school in Columbia Falls.

Upon graduation and while serving in the United States Marine Corps, he married Sandra Kay Stratton on July 23, 1960.

His most recent accomplishment at the age of 62 was to receive riding and horse cutting lessons. He competed in many local and surrounding arenas. On several occasions he would successfully bring home the top winnings.

Ron was preceded in death by his father, Kenneth "Cap" Loveall, and younger brother, Rick Starke.

Ron is survived by his wife, Sandy, of Kalispell; children, Teri and Kip Loveall, both of

Kalispell, Kendi Strowbridge and husband, Scott, of Columbia Falls, and their children, Ashley Vanek and husband, Joe, of Cut Bank, Tyler Benzien, of Anchorage, Alaska, Shanae and Kassidie Strowbridge of Columbia Falls, and Aleysha West and husband, Dillon, of Columbia Falls; great-grandchildren, Austin and Emmalee Vanek, MacKenzie and Lynzee West; his mother, Audrey McCourt, of Arizona; sisters, Patti Klinger of Arizona, and Luana Johnson of Cut Bank; and brothers, John Starke of Arizona, and Kenneth Loveall of Utah.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 12, at the Fairview Cemetery in Columbia Falls. There will be a celebration of life reception at the Columbia Falls Senior Center following the services.

Charley Jose Lowry, 4 months

Charley Jose Lowry, 4 months; died Thursday, July 3, 2008, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center

in Kalispell.

Arrangements are pending with Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory.

Archie H. Lucht, 86

Archie H. Lucht, 86, died of natural causes Wednesday, May 7, 2008, at Benefis Hospital in Great Falls.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Virginia; his brother, Robert; and his daughter-in-law, Jerrie.

Archie is survived by two sisters, Margaret and Dorothy; his two children, Lindy Lucht Farrell and Dick of Great Falls, and his son, Robin Lucht, of Helena; grandchildren, Sherri Houston and Greg, Jacinda Hendricks and Ken, Heather Levandowski and Dan, Todd Farrell and Amy, Jason Lucht, and Tina Crum and Todd; and great-grandchildren, Harston, Davis, MacKenzie, Kevin, Zach, Kayleigh and Tyler.

He was born in Saco on Oct. 13, 1921, to Emil and Katherine Blue Lucht. He was educated in Montana schools.

He married Virginia Robinson in 1941 and enlisted in the Navy during the Second World War. He served as a Seabee in the Pacific Theater.

After World War II, Archie graduated from Montana State College with a Bachelor of Science degree in secondary education, and from the University



of Montana with a master's in education.

Archie had many jobs during the course of his life. He worked as a park ranger in Glacier Park, as a member of the Border Patrol in San Diego, and as a customs agent on the Canadian border. Archie was particularly proud of his work in the education field. He was a lifelong educator and retired as principal of Helena Junior High after a career that included Opheim, Belgrade, Troy and Libby.

Archie was a staunch Republican and served as executive secretary for the party. He was extremely proud to have been a member of the Electoral College for Montana.

Archie was a masterful storyteller and enjoyed regaling his family and friends with stories of his life. He often started his recollections with, "I might have told you this story before ..." These stories will be remembered fondly by many generations.

Archie was proud to be a lifelong member of the Masons and the Shriners.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the Shriner's Children's Hospital or the donor's choice.

Family services and interment for Archie and Virginia will be held this summer in the Kalispell area.

James Larry Lucky, 66

James Larry Lucky, 66, passed away Thursday, December 18, 2008, at his home near Columbia Falls.

Survivors include his wife, Dianne Lucky of Columbia Falls, and his daughters, Elaine Lucky of

Columbia Falls and Linda Taylor of Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

No services are planned at this time.

Arrangements are with the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

Mabel Zoe Bush Luckey, 87

Mabel Zoe Bush Luckey passed away peacefully in Kalispell on Aug. 18, 2008, after a long battle with dementia. Mabel was born in 1921 in a rural Pine Flats cabin near Porter's Lake in Pike County, Pa., to Archie Edwin Bush and Janet Lord Miller Bush. She was a longtime resident of Monroe County, Pa., until moving to Montana in 1996.

Mabel was truly a remarkable person and lifelong champion of conservative issues, bringing passion and dignity to all of her many civic and fraternal endeavors. She was a true naturalist, loving wife, mother and grandmother.

Being both the daughter and husband of foresters, Mabel was a lover of the great outdoors and loved her many trips to Yellowstone National Park, watch-



ing hundreds of elk, buffalo, and an occasional grizzly bear.

She was a celebrated cook and baker, and always will be remembered for orchestrating scrumptious dinners, sometimes for hundreds of people.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 55 years, Alvin W. Luckey.

She is survived by her son, Stephen, and his wife, Jeannie, in Kalispell; four grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Mabel was always a very active member in her local Lutheran church, Eastern Star, and the Order of Amaranth.

Her life will be celebrated in private gatherings in Montana and Pennsylvania. She will be missed by her many friends and family.

Memorials in honor of Mabel Luckey may be given to the charity of your choice.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family. Condolences may be sent to buffalo-hillfh.com.

James Hiram Luepkes, 71

James Hiram Luepkes, 71, a longtime resident of the Flathead Valley, died Friday, Aug. 1, 2008, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

He was employed by Plum Creek and retired in 2000.

He is survived by his wife,

Gail Luepkes, of Whitefish; and children, Renee Egger, Michelle Moore, James Luepkes, Mike Luepkes and Dawn Luepkes.

At his request no services will be held. A private family urn burial will take place at a later date.

George R. Lund Sr., 71

George R. Lund Sr., 71, passed away March 4, 2008, in Spokane.

He was born in Anaconda and grew up in Pleasant Valley, near Kalispell. He graduated from Flathead County High School in Kalispell in 1955, and served three years in the army, mostly building the DEW line.

On Oct. 14, 1957, he was married to Marjorie Kurasz in Kalispell. After his discharge from the Army, he returned to Kalispell. He worked as a rancher and a logger until 1966, when he moved to Spokane to attend Spokane Community College. There he received a Bachelor of Applied Science degree. He spent most of his career restoring masonry buildings, and had his own business for several years. He retired in 2002, and spent the past several years

traveling, fishing, and enjoying his family.

He is survived by his wife, Marjorie, of Spokane; his sons, Arthur, of Seattle, G. Raymond and Latonna of Missoula, Laurence and Bonnie of Great Falls, Paul and Robin of Spokane, Matthew and Nioma of Ivy, S.C., and Karl of Hillsboro, Ore.; nine grandchildren; several step-grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Art and Velma Lund, of Kalispell.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 29, at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 6509 N. Country Homes Blvd., in Spokane. Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Matthew building fund or your favorite charity.

Dan Lundgren, 88

Dan Lundgren, 88, a resident of West Glacier and Kalispell, passed away Monday, Dec. 1, 2008, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.



He was born Nov. 25, 1920, in Tolna, N.D., to Dan and Marie Lundgren, and moved with his family to Sweetgrass, where he spent the early part of his life. He attended schools in Sweetgrass, Sunburst and Kevin. After high school graduation, he enrolled at Northern Montana College at Havre, where he played baseball and basketball.

With the advent of World War II, he enlisted in the United States Army Air Corps, passed flight training in California and achieved the rank of first lieutenant. He served in North Africa and the Middle East, and received the Air Medal for his service. At war's end, he was honorably discharged, came home to Montana, and completed his education at the University of Montana in Missoula.

He entered into business partnership with his father, Dan Sr., two brothers, Conrad and Everett, and family friend, Dave Thompson, at West Glacier Mercantile, at the entrance to Glacier National Park. The business recently celebrated its 63rd year in operation, which gave Dan great pride.

On Feb. 11, 1955, Dan was married to Corinne Brayson, and together they raised three children while working and living in West Glacier and Kalispell. He was involved in community affairs, active in business until late in life, and

in the family business after retirement.

He appreciated being part of the Kalispell and West Glacier communities, and treasured good times with his skiing, golfing and hunting friends. Even so, he never got over his love for the Eastern Montana prairie, as it held a special place in his heart and memories.

Throughout his long struggle with Parkinson's disease, he received loving and compassionate care from the Montana Veterans Home staff. Their dedication to him will never be forgotten, and "they were angels" to Dan and his family.

Dan put his family's interests and needs first, and they felt blessed to have him as patriarch, counselor, husband and father. We will miss his quiet guidance and endless devotion.

Dan was preceded in death by his parents; and by oldest brother, Con.

He is survived by his wife, Corinne, in Kalispell; and his children, Lisa Lundgren of Seattle, Bill and Diane Lundgren of West Glacier, and Kitty and Mark Dowaliby, and their children, Shane and Emma, all of Whitefish.

He is also survived by his sister, Alida Powers, of Beaumont, Texas; brothers, Everett and wife, Margaret, of West Glacier, and Charles and wife, Alice, of Billings; and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 5, at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls, with Father John Miller as celebrant. A private burial will be held.

The family suggests memorials to the Montana Veterans Home Memorial Foundation, P.O. Box 250, Columbia Falls, 59719-0250.

Ronald M. Lund, 68

Ronald M. Lund, 68, of Winlock, Wash. Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 16, at the Troy Church of God in Troy.

Ronald M. Lund, 68, of Troy died Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2008, near Troy from injuries he received while cutting wood.

Survivors include his daughters, Stephanie Lundin of Troy, and Laurie Seefeld Arrangements are by Schnackenberg and Nelson Funeral Home in Libby.

Lorraine M. Lundin, 74

Lorraine M. Lundin, 74, of Troy, died Saturday July 5, 2008, at St. John's Lutheran Hospital from natural causes.

Survivors include her children, Bruce Swimley of Billings; Robert Swimley of Spring Creek, Nev.; Robin Swimley and Robin McMullan of Libby; Keith Swimley, Brian Swimley, Linda Lundin, Robert Ryan Lundin

and Phillip Lundin of Troy; Kathy Davis of Beach, S.D.; Allen Lundin of Kalispell; and Charlotte Boyland of Whitefish.

Services will be at 4 p.m. Thursday July 10, at the State Line House. There will be a potluck following the services.

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

Sam Lundy Jr., 57

Sam Lundy Jr., passed away on Monday, Oct. 27, 2008, after a long battle with cancer. He was born



Feb. 19, 1951, in New Orleans, to Sam Lundy Sr., of New Orleans, and Mary Lundy of Kenner, La.

Sam attended Chapman University in Orange, Calif., and was a faithful member of the U.S. Marine Corps, serving two tours in Vietnam.

He was a devoted member of Saint Matthew's Church and sang in the church choir.

Sam enjoyed camping in Glacier Park, horseback riding, jogging, bike riding and kayaking. He loved eating at nice restaurants, dancing at the Bigfork Inn, and scrambled egg sandwiches.

He was an exceptional man and compassionate human

being, and his spirit will live forever in the hearts of those who knew him.

Sam is survived by his son, Brian, and grandson, Brylynn, of San Jose, Calif.; his father, Sam Lundy Sr., of New Orleans; and his mother, Mary Lundy, of Kenner, La.; his brothers and sisters, Earl, Curtis, Milton, Michael, Gilbert, Shelia and Tiffany; with many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins. He is also survived by his best friend and true love, Carol Brannan, of Kalispell, who will miss him dearly. His love will remain in her life forever.

A memorial Mass will be said in honor of Sam at 12:10 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 6, St. Matthew's Church.

All who knew Sam are invited to a celebration of life luncheon at Carol's house from noon to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 1. Turn at Glacier Toyota on U.S. 93 onto Lower Valley Road; turn right onto Ekalaka Lane (108).

Laura May (Thompson) Lytle, 87

Laura May (Thompson) Lytle, 87, passed away peacefully Nov. 26, 2008.

Laura was born Aug. 11, 1921, in Van Hook, N.D., the sixth child of Erick and Ida (Aaunrud) Thompson. At 2 years of age, Laura's family moved to Whitefish where she was raised and educated, graduating from Whitefish High School with the Class of 1939.

Laura lived and worked in Seattle during part of World War II, returning to Whitefish where she married her soldier sweetheart, Kenneth Lytle, on April 27, 1946. Together, Ken and Laura built their home and raised their two daughters, Charlene and Judy.

Laura enjoyed working in her gardens, canning her vegetables and making jams and jellies. She loved her flowers, especially the irises and rose bushes. Laura also enjoyed a career life, working in Whitefish at J.C. Penney and spending 20 years at First National Bank of Whitefish. She made time for family camping trips, Sunday dinners, sewing and knitting until her eyes failed her.

Her grandchildren were the joy of her life. She entertained them with her sense of humor and quick wit, and filled them with cookies and pies.

Laura was preceded in death



by her parents; her four older brothers, Calvin (Bud), Ervin, Melvin and Lawrence Thompson; her sister, Irene Doyle; and her son-in-law, Phil Rygg.

She is survived by her dear husband, Ken, of Whitefish; her daughters, Char Rygg of Lakeside, and Judy Campbell and husband, Larry, of Columbia Falls; her grandchildren, (Judy's) Kevin Duff of Whitefish, Amanda Caldwell and husband, Mike, of Columbia Falls, Becky Moulton and husband, Dennis, of Choteau, Jason Campbell and his brother, Brett Campbell, of Columbia Falls; (Char's) Jeff Weyh and wife, Leslie, of Whitefish, Adam Noble and fiancée, Amy Evans, of Kalispell, Becky Rygg and her brother, John Rygg, of New York; her great-grandchildren, Azlyn Caldwell of Columbia Falls, Jessica Sena of North Dakota, and Alyse Sena of Virginia; her sister-in-law, Leona West; and her lifelong best friends, Theresa Gano of Polson and Miyeko Sakahara of California. Laura leaves behind many nieces and nephews, neighbors and friends.

A memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, 2008, at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish, with a "pie social" afterward at The Springs at Whitefish, formerly known as Riverside Senior Living.

The family suggests that donations be made to the Christ Lutheran Church Building Fund or the donor's choice in memory of Laura.