

Emma Jean Sager, 89

Emma Jean Sager, 89, passed away early on the morning of Sunday, March 23, 2008, at Brendan House in Kalispell. This was Easter Sunday, "so her resurrection followed in the footsteps of her Lord Jesus. What a perfect day to go to heaven!"



Emma was born Nov. 6, 1918, to Henry and Augusta Jelinek in Ainsworth, Neb. Her childhood was anything but easy, as her mother died when she was 6 days old. When her father remarried a few years later, Emma inherited a stepmother and stepbrothers and stepsister who were less than kind. The family lived on a farm and Emma was required to do more than her share of the work of milking cows, picking up corn cobs in the pig pen, and running corn through the cornsheller, which was the origin of a serious hand and finger injury.

At age 20, Emma went to Illinois to live with a brother-in-law on a farm there, but that too, was a very difficult situation. After her father died, she returned to Nebraska, lived with different relations, worked in a chicken factory and on a cattle ranch, and did miscellaneous farm work.

Emma's big break in life was meeting a co-corn picker named Elgie. He was 50 years old, having previously been married, and Emma was 29 years of age. They married in 1947 and moved to the Sager family home in Rollins, which was home for the next 46 years. Emma and Elgie were both very active in the Rollins community affairs throughout their lives, she being a charter member of the Women of Rollins Club. Elgie and Emma were both loved and respected by all who had the good fortune to know them. He was a great storyteller and was often classified as "one of the most unforgettable characters

I've ever known." He passed away in 1993 at 96 years of age. Emma was affectionately known as the "Queen of Rollins."

Life was not easy for Emma and Elgie, doing odd jobs for people in the neighborhood, working in the woods, growing a garden, etc. But they enjoyed life and never complained. A big improvement in their lives came when after many years of living in their home, they finally got inside plumbing.

Emma's life and personality were characterized by a smile, corny jokes, participating in virtually every activity available at her residence (Bible study and devotions being her favorites), doing puzzles and word games, and doing her best to do things that would help other people. In her more active years, she was a valued member of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program.

The night before Emma passed away, she hung a blouse on the chair in her room with a corsage attached. She was looking forward to Easter Sunday and visiting with friends from her church. Her Easter was spent in heaven. Earlier that week, as in previous weeks, Emma was mentally and physically active. Emma is survived by a brother, Charles Jelinek, and his family in Boulder, Colo. There also are numerous relatives on the Sager side of the family.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 12, at Easthaven Baptist Church. Lunch will be afterward, followed by interment at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery at the Sager family plot, where Emma will be with Elgie and his parents.

Memorial donations may be sent to the Emma Sager Scholarship Fund, c/o the Women of Rollins Club, P.O. Box 192, Rollins, MT 59931; or the Easthaven Baptist Church, 2010 Whitefish Stage Road, Kalispell, MT 59901; or to a charity of choice.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family. Please send condolences to www.buffalohillfh.com.

Oluf J. Salmonsén, 53

Oluf J. Salmonsén, 53, of Troy, passed away on Sunday, Jan. 13, 2008, under hospice care at Health Center Northwest in Kalispell.



He was born Feb. 10, 1954, in Hardtner, Kan., a son of Carl and Inge Salmonsén. Oluf graduated from Flathead High School in 1972.

He joined the U.S. Army in 1973 and served until receiving his honorable discharge in 1976.

Oluf enjoyed tinkering with anything he could, and trading junk for treasures. He somehow always came out on top. Oluf had many places he called home but he found his true place in the Yaak where he had many great friends and memories. He also enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, fishing, being outdoors, playing cribbage, and watching the Denver Broncos.

Oluf was preceded in death by his father, Carl Salmonsén.

He is survived by his mother, Inge Salmonsén, of Kalispell;

his former wife, Terry Hemmah, also of Kalispell; and their two sons, Nathan Salmonsén and wife Kelly, and Jason Salmonsén and wife Susan; four grandchildren, Alexandra, Brantly, Conner and Kendra, all of Kalispell; two brothers, Lee Salmonsén and wife Sue of Portland, Ore., and Peter Salmonsén and wife Lori of Hillsboro, Ore.; one sister, Halte Locke, and husband John, of Portland; also nieces, nephews, and other relatives and many friends.

Memorial services for Oluf will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 17, in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Bob Nelson, pastor of the Calvary Lutheran Church, officiating. A celebration of his life will take place at the Eagles following the memorial service. There will be no visitation.

The family suggests memorials be sent to Home Options Hospice at 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell, MT 59901. Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for Oluf's family. You are invited to go to www.johnsonmortuary.com to offer condolences and sign Oluf's guest book.

Shirley A. Samson, 77

Shirley A. Samson, 77, passed away on Saturday March 8, 2008, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell. Shirley was born July 5, 1930, in Pierre, S.D., to Edmond and Mary Rayburn LeVasseur. She was raised in Waitsburg, Wash., where she attended schools.

Shirley married Fred Samson on Nov. 18, 1964, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

She enjoyed hunting, reading, doing crossword puzzles and cooking.

Shirley was preceded in death by her parents, Mary Lewandowski, and her father Edmond LeVasseur; and two brothers, Richard and Donnie LeVasseur.

She is survived by her husband of 44 years, Fred C. Samson; children, Chuck and wife, Gail, Jaeger, of Oak Harbor, Wash., Dan Jaeger of Rollins, Rick and wife, Karen, Jaeger of Othello, Wash., Connie Fay Tucker of Sweet Home, Ore., Jim and wife, Lora, Jaeger of



North Port, Fla., Fred and wife, Jenny, Samson of Sweet Home, Radine and husband, Rocky, Shanks of Frederica, Del., Ed and wife, Leonor,

Jaeger of Elmo, Cathy Walker of Sweet Home, Allen and wife, Kathy, Samson of Columbia Falls, Rob and wife, Cindy, Samson of Newport, Wash., and David Samson of Sweet Home; four brothers, Rollie LeVasseur, Larry LeVasseur, David LeVasseur and Ted Lewandowski; 54 grandchildren; 67 great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, March 12, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Susan M. Samuel, 61

Susan M. Samuel, 61, of Kalispell, passed away April 3, 2008, after a year-long battle with brain cancer. Sue was born Jan. 29, 1947, in Aberdeen, Wash., to Edward and Jeanette (Marrs) Panter.

She married Tom W. Samuel Jr., Feb. 14, 1970, in Oswego, Ore. They later moved to the Flathead, in 1977. Sue was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and dear friend. She ran a number of small businesses: The Cork and Cracker, Katie O'Kellys, and Samuel Design.

She was actively involved in her church and Bible Study Fellowship — of which she had been a substitute teaching leader for the last 12 years. Sue devoted her life to others and was well known for her warm gift of hospitality. Besides sharing in the life of her husband Tom, Sue mentored and took under her wing many young women who often came to her for counsel.

Sue was an accomplished painter, photographer and cook. She enjoyed giving painting lessons to young girls in her church. Her great care and passion for people was evidenced by all with her keen ability to make each person feel at the center of her attention. All through her illness, Sue continued to care and minister to others, without

complaining of her own illness.

Sue was preceded in death by her father; mother; her younger sister, Jacqueline P. Dahlquist; and her beloved grandmother, Pearl Marrs.

She is survived by her husband, Tom W. Samuel Jr.; her daughter, Kate Anderson and husband Tim; her son, Tom W. Samuel III and wife Andrea, her mother-in-law, Catherine J. Samuel; and four grandchildren, Grace S. Anderson, Emma K. Anderson, Joshua T. Anderson, and Abigail J. Samuel, all of Kalispell.

Memorial services will be held at 3 p.m., Saturday, April 12, at Easthaven Baptist Church, with the Rev. Dr. Lloyd G. Pierson of Faith Covenant Presbyterian Church officiating. A reception will follow the service at Faith Covenant. A committal service will be held at 1 p.m., Sunday, April 13, at Fairview Cemetery on Middle Road.

The family suggests donations be made in Sue's name to Hope Pregnancy Ministries, 940 First Avenue East, Kalispell, MT 59901. (www.hopepregmin.org.)

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

Bernard 'Bernie' Sand, 72

Bernard "Bernie" Sand, 72, of Miles City, formerly of Kalispell, died Tuesday, July 29, 2008, at the Holy Rosary Extended Care in Miles City. He was born in Buckman, Minn., on July 19, 1936, to Anthony and Dorothea Sand. At an early age, the family moved to Kalispell, where he attended schools and graduated from high school in 1954.

While in high school, he joined the 639th Field Artillery Battalion Headquarters Battery of the National Guard of Kalispell. A new program was started and he and five other guards were the first ones from Kalispell to be sent to Fort Ord, Calif., for their six-month basic training. He received an honorable discharge from the U.S. Army.

He began working as a salesman for Valley Motor Supply in Kalispell and was transferred to several Montana locations.

While in Malta, he met Myrna Lake, whom he married in 1960.

He retired from Valley Motor Supply in Miles City in 1970. Bernie then began working for Gierke Distributing as a salesman, and retired from there after 20 years of service.

He remained busy in his retirement and helped out at The Miles City Greenhouse for Jim and Jane Dighans, who became very special friends to

him.

Bernard loved being on and around the river where he would spend hours hunting agates, fishing and walking his dog, Sara. He had a special interest in stationary gas engines.

He was a past member of the Elks, Eagles and Jaycees.

Bernard is survived by his son, Michael Sand, and wife, Kristi, of Rapid City, S.D.; his daughter, Sharla Helland, and husband, Paul, of Miles City; seven grandchildren, Jason, Aaron and Kara Helland, Tony and Mitchell Sand, Maehyn Wishard and Ashley Johnson; three brothers, Jerome Sand and wife Nadine of Kalispell, Robert Sand of Kalispell, and Frederick Sand and wife Lenni of Marion; three sisters, Claudia Blumer and husband Harold of Kalispell, Marilyn Young-Jensen and husband Larry of Whitefish, and Shirley Lindgren and husband Eugene of Dufur, Ore; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and by a daughter, Paula Sand Harris, in 1992.

A memorial service and celebration of his life was held Aug. 2 at the First Presbyterian Church in Miles City. Private graveside services were held in the family plot of the Custer County Cemetery in Miles City.

David Ross Sande Jr., 44

David Ross Sande Jr., 44, died Thursday, Sept. 18, 2008, at St. Luke's South Hospital in Overland Park, Kan., due to cardiac arrest.

His memorial service will be 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26, at the Holland & Bonine Funeral Chapel with the Rev. Rich Jespersen officiating. Burial will follow at the Highland Cemetery. A fellowship will be held at the Eagles Club in Havre. Memorial contributions in David's honor may be made to: The American Heart Association, 1280 South Parker Road Denver, Colo. 80231. Services and arrangements have been entrusted to Holland & Bonine Funeral Home.

David was born Dec. 15, 1963, in Havre to David and Linda (Gerstenberger) Sande. He was raised and educated in Big Sandy, graduating from Big Sandy High School in 1982. In his younger years David was active in Cub Scouts and bridged to Boy Scouts to achieve Star rank and attended a National Boy Scout Jamboree. He served as an altar boy at the St. Margaret Mary's Catholic Church in Big Sandy. He was also very active in sports throughout his school career. He played basketball and football for Big Sandy High School, earning a varsity letter which he wore proudly.

He played the trumpet in the band and also played in the pep band. He participated in the Sandy Choir and since the age of 7 he has played the guitar, which was self-taught. He was a very accomplished guitarist and enjoyed playing. He played for crowded bars, family, church, hotel lobbies, at the beach and just because.

David attended the University of Montana, where he graduated in 1986 with his bachelor's degree in finance and a minor in economics and earned his MBA degree with an emphasis in management from Golden Gate University, San Francisco, Calif., Monterey, Calif. extension.

In 1992 he worked as a branch operations manager for Bank of America in Carmel, Calif. In 1992 he moved back to Big Sandy, where he received his Nursing Home Administration License. He worked at the Sande Convalescent Home in Big Sandy, which in 1995 became the Tri-County Care Center, which was experiencing major difficulties in maintaining licensure and he, against significant obstacles, turned the situation around to make it an excellent facility and a profitable operation, to be one of the top largest employers in the community at the time.

In 1998, he then went to work for Colonial Manor in Whitefish; in 2004 Evergreen Nursing Home in Missoula and Evergreen Nursing Home in Polson. Then he moved to Libby where he worked for the Libby Care



met Erika, his soul mate and lover. In July 2008 he moved to Kansas City, Mo., to solidify the relationship and had a job transfer for Royal Terrace

Nursing and Rehab Center in Olathe, Kan., which provides care to 147 residents. In the time David was executive director, he consistently sought to repair the reputation throughout the community, build a wholesome environment, and meet patients' individual medical needs.

David was an amazing and very kind person who had a charismatic personality. When he would enter a room people were just drawn to him as he had an infectious laugh. If you were a friend of David's, it was a friendship that would last forever.

He was very active in his career; he served on the Montana Health Care Association Board of Directors for many years and recently was serving the Kansas Health Care Association. He also served as president of Rotary when he lived in Big Sandy, and was an active member of Big Sandy's Men of Promise, and Chamber of Commerce in every city he worked in. David loved Christ, his church congregation, playing and listening to music, camping, dogs, and most of all his family and friends. He was always so caring and compassionate, and a godly person. There was no one who could give a better bear "Griz" hug and you know he meant it.

For many of us, David served as the window to living life, loving life, and carried us through; he was always available for computer help, legal guidance, love, compassion, comfort, tenderness, empathy, a good laugh, serenity and safety. He reminded us that we were placed on this Earth not to see through people but to see people through. You will be loved forever.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Francis and Mary Sande, his maternal grandparents, Alex and Irene Gerstenberger, a cousin, Jesse Miles, and an uncle, Ed North.

David is survived by his parents, David and Linda Sande of Bigfork; his sister Debbie (Joe) Landgraf of Havre; a brother Shawn (Annette) Sande of LaQuinta, Calif.; his loving partner Erika Riano of Kansas City, Mo.; nephews Adam, Josh and Noah Landgraf, all of Havre; and Connor and Weston Sande of LaQuinta, Calif.; a very special niece Jolee Landgraf of Havre; aunt Lucille Bartley of Great Falls; uncles Jim Sande of Havre; Joe Sande of Wolf Point; and Daryl Sande of San Francisco, Calif. and numerous special cousins and precious friends he

Carol J. Sanders, 70

Carol J. Sanders, 70, a loving wife, mother and grandmother, passed away March 20, 2008, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center with her family by her side.



Carol was born Sept. 3, 1937, in Kalispell to Pat and Ruth Kinshella. She attended St. Matthew's Catholic School.

During her earlier years, travels took her to Las Vegas, where she worked as a casino cashier at the Frontier Club in the late '50s. From Vegas she traveled to Gulf Port, Miss., living there during the time of extreme civil rights movements. Carol returned to Kalispell and began working at Buttrey Foods as a grocery line checker in 1963.

In August 1969, she married Bob Sanders, and became a full time homemaker raising her five children in the "Old White House" on Lodgepole Road. Here there was always an abundance of family, friends and animals, thus creating many special and lasting memories. She returned to work at Buttrey's, and later the family moved south to Farm to Market Road, where they all helped build a beautiful cedar home. Carol continued working at Buttrey's until 1989.

In 1990, Bob and Carol moved to Libby, where they made their home until 2001. They then returned to Kalispell to be closer to their families.

From the time Carol was young, she had a passion for all animals, especially dogs and horses. She raised her family to have that same passion. Whether it was 4-H, miniature donkeys, Arabian horses, trail riding, Rottweilers, Pekinese and pug dogs,

or her cats, they all had a special place in her heart. She thoroughly enjoyed the outdoors and the fun times camping throughout the valley, and the many special times at the county fair.

She was a member of the Hoofs and Co. Trail Riding Club, where she often helped with the trail riding competitions.

Carol is survived by Bob, her husband of 38 years. She also leaves behind her beloved dog, Khaki. Other survivors include her brother, Clay John Kinshella; children, Vicki Gray and Connie Nelson, Mark and Lorrie Owens, Rick and Barb Kimbell, Bill Kimbell, and Scott and Rita Sanders; grandchildren, Jen and Christine Nelson, Stacia and Brian Kimbell, Gunnar, Gaylon, Alix and Taelor Owens, and Zach Sanders; a great-grandchild, Kylie Anderson; grandma, Pat Sanders and Tillie; a niece, Tina and her husband Trevor; niece, Tami, along with Candice and Johnny; and aunt, Gail Weimar; along with numerous relatives and friends.

Carol was preceded in death by her parents, Pat and Ruth Kinshella; aunt, Jane Mathias; brothers, Ronnie and Curtie; sister-in-law, Judy; and many dear pets — the most recent being her pug, Bubba.

Her family and animals meant the world to her. "Each of us have our own special memories — we will miss her, but not forget her!"

Cremation has taken place at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Private family services were held in the Angel Gardens at the C.E. Conrad Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to the donor's choice; Human Therapy on Horseback; or the County Animal Shelter.

David M. Sanders, 75

David M. Sanders, 75, passed away Friday, Nov. 21, 2008, at his home in Columbia Falls.

He was born March 18, 1933, in Boise, Idaho, to Harold and Lorraine Sanders. The family lived at Arrow Rock Dam, then moving to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and then to Wallace, Idaho. He attended school there. The family moved to Billings and in 1949 to Columbia Falls. He graduated from Columbia Falls High School in 1952.

He loved sports and played football, basketball and track. In the summer, he worked at the Hungry Horse Dam.

He married Delores Ball in August 1952.

Dave was drafted into the Army in 1953. His basic and officers candidate school was at Ford Ord, Calif., then overseas to Korea and then to Scofield Army Base in Honolulu. After his honorable discharge in 1955, he returned to Columbia Falls.

Construction was just being finished on the Anaconda Aluminum Company Plant and he was one of the first hires at the start of production. He worked for 32 years, the last 20 years as a pot line foreman. He retired in 1985. He then went to work for Big Sky Resort in security and was chief coffee maker and fire builder. He worked there 12 more years and retired.

He and Delores then began spending winters in warm, sunny Kona, Hawaii.



He was preceded in death by his parents, and a granddaughter.

Dave is survived by his wife, Delores; daughters, Debra and Ken Horinek

of Kalispell, Dixie Schult and special friend, Bruce Weighall, of Afton, Wyo., and Dannette and Kirk Dana of Thayne, Wyo.; nine grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; brothers, Wayne of Libby and Carl and Joyce of Columbia Falls; sister, Carol and Dave Fleihr of Grants Pass, Ore.; sisters-in-law, Pat Kjosén and Myrna and Dwight Haughe of North Dakota, and Farrel and Lou Palazzo of New York; and many nieces and nephews.

His hobbies included camping, fishing, and more fishing; also tying flies, the "Sanders Special" and making green jigs for his fishing buddies.

He enjoyed spending the summers at Bitterroot Lake, laying in the hammock, naming the wildlife and bird watching, especially the eagle family that nested every year, and of course fishing.

He passed away peacefully at home getting ready to go fishing. His ashes will be scattered this coming summer as per his wishes in his favorite fishing spots.

Marjorie Ann Sanders

Marjorie "Marj" Sanders was born May 31, 1931, to Adolph and Anna Pederson of Creston and "entered her eternal rest" July 21, 2008.

Marj was blessed to live her entire life in the Flathead Valley, attending the Creston grade school and Flathead County High School.

Marj met Robert "Bob" Sanders following World War II, and they were married in Kalispell on April 16, 1950.

Bob and Marj owned and operated Sanders Implement Co. (John Deere dealership) from 1955 to 1968, and later owned Sanders' Western Specialty and Fashion Fabrics, from 1968 to 1976. Bob and Marj retired from farming in the Lower Valley area in 1995, where she had resided until her passing.

Marj's passions were sewing and teaching. She touched the lives of many people as an active 4-H leader for many years, and taught numerous



sewing classes for clothing, upholstery and quilting at Flathead Valley Community College. Marj created many beautiful quilts. She was an active member of the Flathead Quilters Guild and was a charter member to develop and promote the annual quilt show. She loved to travel across the U.S. to attend quilt shows.

Marj is survived by her husband, Bob; daughter and son-in-law, Janice and John Popa, of Great Falls; son and daughter-in-law, Herbert and Barbara Sanders, of Spokane; and four grandchildren, Matt and Drew Popa, and Mark and Dan Sanders. She is also survived by her brother, Clyde Pederson, and wife, Jeanine; numerous brothers- and sisters-in-law, and nieces and nephews.

Marj's family is celebrating her life with a small family memorial service. There will not be a public service. Cards can be sent to the family's home.

Condolences to the family may be posted at www.buffalohillfh.com.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Herbert 'Herbie' W. Sandon, 78

Herbert "Herbie" W. Sandon, 78, "peacefully went to be with the Lord" on Jan. 17, 2008, at HealthCenter Northwest, surrounded by loved ones.



Herb was born Sept. 5, 1929, to Delbert and Florence (Gales) Sandon, in Milwaukee. At the age of 6, Herb moved with his family to St. Ignatius. After completing high school in 1947, he enlisted in the U.S. Army, and in 1951 graduated from West Point. Herb then hitchhiked from New York to Kalispell, returning to the love of his life, Gloria Gronley.

Herb and Gloria were married in Coeur d'Alene on July 24, 1952, and were blessed with 55 years together.

Herb started Sandon Construction Company, building schools, hospitals, local businesses, and residences. He later changed his passion to curbs and gutters, concrete sidewalks and streets. Most memorable is the entire reconstruction of Main Street in Kalispell to concrete. The nickname of "Herbie Curbie" was born and resulted in the infamous annual "Herbie's Curbies Jump-Ins" with the Lost Prairie Osprey Club at his property at McGregor Lake. Numerous friends and relatives, including Herb, participated in sky diving adventures. He continued working until his retirement in 1986, at which time his only son, Greg, proudly took over the family business.

Since July 1958, Herb has been a member of the Flathead Shrine Club, Oriental Band, and was a member of the Royal Order of Jesters. He proudly sponsored numerous local crippled children to the Spokane Shriners Hospital and patients to the Shriners Burn Institutes.

Herb's family was very special to him. He loved taking his children skiing, hunting, sledding, and enjoyed flying family and friends in his own airplane. His grandchildren brought him extreme joy and filled his heart with love. Everyone was entertained on a regular basis with Herb's storytelling and adventures.

Herb was known for his quick wit and incredible sense of humor. Even while hospitalized, everyone was amazed at his endless humor, and he continually had his family laughing

through their tears.

He is survived by his wife, Gloria; one son, Greg Sandon, and Joyce; six daughters, Linda Sandon, Cheryl Schuff, Karen Sandon, Jan Schnell and her husband, Bill, all of Kalispell, Judy Just and her husband, Wayne, of Racine, Wis., and Debbie Pfrimmer and her husband, Brent, of Pensacola, Fla.; 11 grandchildren, Tiffany Sandon, Wade and Kayla (Jayde) Robinson, Cody Sandon, Danielle Sandon, Ryan Krause and his wife, Tosha, all of Kalispell, Brandon Schuff of Oklahoma City, Chad Andersch of Klamath Falls, Ore., Breann Andersch of Racine, Chandra Pfrimmer of Tallahassee, Fla., and Blake Pfrimmer of Pensacola, Fla.; four great-grandchildren, Damien Sandon of Marysville, Wash., Hailey Sandon, Tremayne and Aiden Krause, all of Kalispell; his brother, Robert Sandon, of Youngtown, Ariz., and his brother-in-law, Harvey "Fuzz" Palmer, of St. Genevieve, Mo. His special friend, Gene Hawes, of Kalispell is forever remembered for his lifelong friendship.

Herb will be missed by numerous relatives and an endless list of special friends, including many who called him "Dad".

"Herb touched many lives and will always be loved and missed by everyone. We cherish the precious memories and find peace in knowing he is in a much better place with the Lord."

He is preceded in death by his parents, Delbert and Florence Sandon; his stepmother, Lena Sandon; and his sisters, Eunice Sandon and Grace Palmer.

Memorial service for Herb will be held at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 22, at the Kalispell Christian Center, 255 Summit Ridge Drive, with a luncheon immediately afterward. Then a celebration of Herb's life will take place at the Eagle's, 31 First Ave. West, in Kalispell.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials, in Herb's name, to the Spokane Shriners Hospital, 911 W. Fifth Ave., Spokane, WA 99204; Hospice Home Options-KRMC, 175 Commons Loop, No. 100, Kalispell, MT 59901; or to a charity of the donor's choice.

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

Earl 'Swede' Sands, 83

Earl "Swede" Sands, 83, passed away Dec. 26, 2008, at his home in Whitefish with his wife, Liz, and family by his side. He was born to Ingvald and Henrietta in Strathcoma, Minn., on April 25, 1925. At a young age he moved to the Flathead Valley, Lake Blaine area. He attended school at Cayuse Prairie and Flathead County High School.

At the age of 16, he was inducted into the Marine Corps, and served for four years overseas during World War II. Upon his return home he received his high school diploma and heavy equipment operator license. He was also a cartoonist for the San Diego paper.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing and traveling, and took his daughter out target practicing. His many stories about his adventures in life will be missed.

In 1982, he married Mabel "Liz" Rath. Liz and Earl traveled for seven years, working on various construction sites constructing bridges and public buildings in the Southern states. They attended The Assembly of God churches, and enjoyed attending the Christian Center in Kalispell for the last 20 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Lawrence



and Gordon Sands; and sisters, Elizabeth Johnson, Beatrice Gordon, Olga Stahlberg and Eunice Johnson.

He is survived by his wife, Mabel,

"Liz" Sands, of 26 years; his sons, Gary, Dwight and David Sands, along with their families; his daughter, Tana Langlois, and grandsons, Jeremy, and SCP Justin Langlois of the Army, and wife Kim, and their children, Diego, William and Nicole; stepdaughter, Julie Singer, and her husband, Ed, and daughter, Sarah Emmert; sisters, Gladys Milam, who turned 100 years old, and Clarice Hewitt; and brother-in-law, Clyde Johnson. He is also survived by many nephews and nieces and friends.

The family suggests that any memorials be sent to The Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch, or the Christian Center in Kalispell.

A celebration of his life will be held at 11 a.m. on Jan. 17 at the Christian Center, 255 Summit Ridge Drive in Kalispell. His ashes will be scattered on Sands Mountain in the spring.

Wayne C. Sather, 53

Wayne C. Sather, 53, passed away as the result of a heart attack Friday, July 4, 2008, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

Wayne was born Nov. 11, 1954, in Glasgow.

He had worked as the shop supervisor for Midway Rental for the past 10 years.

He is survived by his loving



wife and best friend, Elaine. He also leaves behind a herd of white alpacas.

A celebration of Wayne's life will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 8, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, with the Rev. Peter Erickson officiating.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made in Wayne's name to the charity of the donor's choice.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for Wayne's family.

Helen V. Sauber, 85

Helen V. Sauber, 85, of Libby died April 8, 2008, at Autumn Haven Assisted Living in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

Survivors include her daughters, Mary Jo Sauber of Coeur d'Alene, and Patti

Tracy of Torrance, Calif.; and a son, Greg Sauber, of Denver.

Mass of the Resurrection will be at 1 p.m. Monday, April 14, at St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Joyce A. Scarbrough, 74

Joyce A. Scarbrough, 74, passed away at her home on Sunday, Feb. 24, 2008. Joyce was born on Dec. 24, 1933, in Providence, R.I., to Tasquale and Sylvia (DeFusco) D'Arezzo. She was raised in Detroit, where she graduated from high school.

Joyce married Alvin Scarbrough on Feb. 22, 1958 in Detroit. He passed away on Nov. 7, 1974.

Joyce worked for 20-plus years as a technical writer for the Chrysler Corporation. She owned her own crafts store for awhile, which she truly enjoyed.

Joyce was also somewhat of a computer person, and enjoyed

working on computers.

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

Joyce is survived by her two daughters, Susan Wise and her husband Michael of Kalispell, and Carmen Collins; two brothers, Elmer Scarbrough of St. Clair Shores, Mich., and Kerry Ellison of Ola, Ark.; two grandchildren, Joshua and Matthew Benson; and two special aunts, Rose DeFusco of Michigan and Alice DeFusco of Rhode Island.

Private family services were held for Joyce. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Janice Marie Schaberg, 59

Janice Marie (Olsen) Shamp Schaberg, 59, died Sept. 20, 2008.

She is survived by her children, Casey Shamp, Elisa Haubrich, Ann Taxter, Jennifer Shamp and Lee Shamp.

There will be a memorial

service at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, at the Discovery Alliance Church, 5475 Trumpeter Way, in Missoula. A potluck reception and lunch will be afterward. For more information, please call 406-728-2555.

Guenther Schauss, 81

Guenther Schauss, 81, died Nov. 18, 2008, at St. John Lutheran Hospital in Libby.

He had worked for the St. Regis Paper Company and retired from Champion International.

Survivors include his wife, Christa, of Libby; sons, Ditmar of Libby, Heinz of Wenatchee, Wash., and Bernd of Dresden, Germany;

and daughters, Gabriela McGlothlin of Wenatchee, Lori Rock of Entiat, Wash., and Renate Ladenburg of Libby.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, at St. John Lutheran Church in Libby.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg and Nelson Funeral Home.

Angelina 'Angie' Scherman, 94

Angelina "Angie" Scherman passed away at Immanuel Lutheran Home, where she had been residing for the last month. She was born on July 25, 1913, in Palms, Calif., to Nicasio Latasa and Eugenia Ardanaz Latasa, the first of seven children. The family farmed in the Los Angeles area where Angie was recruited at an early age as a farm hand.

She took pride in her ability to drive a team of horses and lift bales. She was very close with her brothers and sisters and traveled extensively with them in later years.

In 1948, she married George Scherman and together they had a son, George. After basking in the sun of Southern California for 83 years she moved to Columbia Falls to be close to her son and daughter-in-law and her beloved grandsons, Jack and Sam.

Angie was quick to make friends and loved everyone. Her patience and willingness to help out was unlimited. She never dwelt on the negative.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; and two brothers, Frank and Steve.

She is survived by her son, George, and his wife, Kate Kendall; grandsons, Jack and Sam Scherman; brother, Phil Latasa; sisters, Marie McDonald, Ellie Urricariet, and Dorothy Kiefer and her husband, Art; stepdaughter, Dolores Rourke, and family; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Angie's life will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 19, at the Glacier Unitarian Fellowship, 1515 Trumble Creek Road. Lunch will follow.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Columbia Falls Senior Center.

Rose Georgia Novacek Schliep, 88

Rose Georgia Novacek Schliep died Sept. 20, 2008, at St. John Lutheran Hospital in Libby.

Survivors include her husband Bob, of Libby; and daughters Karen Albu of Minnesota, Sharon Tayler of Montana, and Corliss Nelson and Connie Thomson, of Libby.

Services will be Friday, Sept. 26, at 2 p.m. at St. John Lutheran Church in Libby. Visitation will be Thursday from 1 to 8 p.m. at Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to St. John Lutheran Church for the Sunday school program.

Jeanne F. Schmauch, 91

Jeanne F. Schmauch, 91, passed away Thursday, May 22, 2008, at Brendan House in Kalispell. She was born Sept. 17, 1916, in New Orleans, to Louis E. and Emma (Mendoza) Abadie.



Jeanne attended grade school in New Orleans through the eighth grade, and then entered the job market working in various factory jobs to help her family through the Great Depression. During the war years, she moved to a larger job working for Consolidated Vult Aircraft as a welder for the U.S. Army. It was here that she met her future husband, James L. Schmauch, who was from Kalispell, and in the Army, stationed in New Orleans. On Oct. 9, 1945, she and Jimmy were married in California and they traveled to Kalispell, meeting all his family and friends.

In 1958, Jimmy and Jeanne, along with their two children, moved from New Orleans to Kalispell, beginning a new chapter in their lives. It was on this trip that Jeanne noticed something wrong with the right side of her body. She later was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis. This did not slow her down in her everyday life of raising her children and being a full-time homemaker. One of her desires was to be able to see her children grow up and have families of their own. Not only did she achieve that, but also because of her tremendous strength

and faith, she also got to see her grandchildren grow up and have families of their own.

In later life, she was stricken with cancer; she continued to have a full life and continued living on her own despite these problems, and fought each and every one of these with great faith and determination.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James L. Schmauch; a great-grandson, Garrett Adam; her parents, Louis and Emma Abadie; her brothers, Gene and Emile Abadie; and her sisters, Henrietta Abadie and Marie Gervais.

She is survived by her children, James Schmauch, and Judi Gorton and husband, Dan, all of Kalispell; a sister, Evelyn Baran, of New Orleans; nephews, Stanley Baran of New Orleans, and Jules Gervais of Hilo, Hawaii; granddaughter, Wendy Adam; grandson, Daniel Schmauch and his wife, Rochelle; and great-grandchildren, Jordan Adam, and Teagan and Peyton Schmauch, all of Missoula.

Memorial services for Jeanne will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, May 30, at the First Presbyterian Church in Kalispell, with Pastor Glenn Burfeind officiating. There is no visitation. Urn burial will be at 2 p.m. at Glacier Memorial Gardens. The family suggests that any memorial contributions be sent to the charity of the donor's choice.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thanks to Home Solutions,



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

When Nightingale Nursing

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

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

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

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

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

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

Edith 'June' Ellis Schmid, 72

Edith "June" Ellis Schmid, 72, peacefully passed away at her Kalispell residence early Tuesday morning after a long battle with ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease). June was born June 30, 1935, in Parks, Neb., to Steven and Marian Reba Ellis, the ninth of 12 children.



June attended Parks High School and graduated in 1953. She met the love of her life, Wayne Schmid, in McCook, Neb., in 1955 and they were soon married. From this union two daughters were born, Paula Sue and Tracy Ann.

Wayne and June moved to Los Gatos, Calif., in the early 1960s and resided there until 1999, when they followed their daughters and grandchildren to the Flathead Valley. June's family was her life. She loved to spend time with her 10 grandchildren and her two great-

grandchildren. She was famous for her fried chicken and chocolate cake.

June was preceded in death by her parents, Steven and Marian Reba Ellis; one brother; and two sisters.

She is survived by her husband, Wayne Schmid; her daughters, Paula Strickland of Kalispell, and Tracy Rickel of Columbia Falls, and their husbands; by her 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, all of the Flathead Valley; as well as two brothers and six sisters.

A memorial service for June will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 8, at Grace Church in Kalispell. There will be a reception after the services.

June and her family request memorials be made to the ALS Foundation, Evergreen Chapter, at Grace Church, 1225 U.S. 93, Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

Claire A. Schneider, 92

Claire A. Schneider, 92, of Libby, died at Libby Care Center on Aug. 7, 2008.

Survivors include his wife, Cleo Marie Schneider, of Libby; stepdaughter, April Filsman, of Libby; and stepson, Wesley Johnson, of

Titusville, Fla.

Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 13, at Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Libby. Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 14 at the funeral home.

Evan Schneider, 29

Evan Schneider, 29, passed away Tuesday, Aug. 26, 2008.

Even as a tiny infant, Evan was curious. Everything then was brand new, and he wanted to know more! He sustained this curiosity throughout his life; finding new friends, seeking new adventures, hunting for new treasures, and trying to figure out new ways to go fast.

Evan always treasured relationships with family and friends. He and Carrie entertained often in their home and always were connecting with others.

"We all felt deep commitment from Evan; he really cared about us and would always be there to help us. As his mother, I knew I was special. He hugged me and talked to me. He shared his happiness and his sorrows.

"That fateful fall day last year when David Graham died, Evan was at the scene. He called me right away to let me know that he was alive and well. I sobbed with relief and prayed thanksgiving to God for keeping my son safe that day. Today I am sobbing for my loss, but thanking God for giving me nearly 30 joyful years with my loving son."

Evan's parents were blessed to share his life. His father, Gordon, started his career in the Border Patrol at Calexico, Calif., the week after Evan's birth. Gordon instilled a commitment to work hard and do the job right. Gordon shared his enthusiasm and ideals for a career in law enforcement, and his love of treasure hunting and canoeing and with his sons. His mother, Becky, fostered appreciation for museums, beaches, camping, hiking, cooking and video games. (He took the video game passion to an unexpected level of expertise.)

Evan was proud of his service in the U.S. Marine Corps. He left for boot camp while he was still 17. He visited many exotic ports in Hawaii, Indonesia, Australia, Seychelles, Bahrain and Kuwait.

The happiest day of Evan's life was his wedding day. He married the most beautiful woman in the world, and they loved each other passionately. Their love deepened and matured. It was so inspiring to watch their interactions. Even when they disagreed, they could talk and laugh and work it out. They were so proud of each other. They worked hard together and played hard together.



Another special day in Evan's life was his brother's birth. Evan and Jim shared their lives for 25 years. Evan shared his knowledge and skills with Jim. He protected him. He encouraged him. Jim followed Evan into the Montana Highway Patrol. They were both so proud of each other.

Evan communicated respectfully and kindly with every person.

I heard that he could even make a driver feel OK about getting a ticket. You may not like the ticket, but you liked Evan.

Evan was a master storyteller. He had perfect delivery and could say the punch line with a totally straight face. Then you would see that twinkle in his eye and we would all laugh uproariously. When Evan laughed, the room glowed. His happiness infused everyone who was near.

Evan had a special place in his life for animals. His repertoire of pets included just about every creature which can be kept legally. He and his dad caught wild creatures to get a closer look, then turned them loose again. He raised Sam kitty from 2 days old with an eye dropper. He had rabbits, mice, rats, guinea pigs, snakes, turtles, fish, chinchilla and lizards. Bo and Duke, his wild and crazy terriers, Missy his cat, and "Mama Wabbit" will miss their "papa."

Evan was a talented artist. As a child and young man he drew prolifically. The primary theme was cars and trucks that he dreamed of driving. As he got older, his artistry shifted to model cars and trucks, then he started to work on the "real thing."

His current fleet includes his first truck, "The Bronco," which he modified in high school, saving all his cash for a lift kit and big tires. The crowd at the mug bog races at the fairgrounds cheered wildly when he jumped highest and got the "best air" of the day. He was very excited about his prospects at the Plains Demo Derby this year; he was confident that his new car and his partnerships would win the day.

Evan was dedicated to the Montana Highway Patrol. He endured some tough times, trusting that things would improve. He loved his job and loved his comrades. He maintained the highest level of professional standards and ethics. The state of Montana is proud to have had Evan as its representative.

Evan is survived by his wife, Carrie Schneider, father, Gordon Schneider, brother, Jim Schneider, and mother, Becky Sturdevant, all of Kalispell; and a host of extended family and friends.

We have been blessed with many flowers. Please consider a donation to the Hope Project or Violence Free Crisis Line and The Abbie Shelter, or to an account that has been arranged at Glacier Bank in Kalispell. These funds will be used to honor Evan's memory, through a scholarship fund, or other charitable process.

A celebration of Evan's life will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 2, at the Christian Center Assembly of God Church in Kalispell, with interment ceremonies at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family. To send condolences, please go to www.buffalohillfh.com

Dorothy Julia Schoknecht, 101

Dorothy Julia Schoknecht, 101, of Kalispell, passed away Thursday, March 20, 2008, at Brendan House in Kalispell.



Dorothy was born Dec. 20, 1906, in Sauk Rapids, Minn., the second of four children to Henry and Julia Neils Schoknecht.

Dorothy's family moved to Kalispell in December of 1912. She attended Kalispell schools, graduating from Flathead High School in 1925 as valedictorian. Dorothy received a bachelor of arts degree from Valparaiso University, and her master's degree in chemistry and microbiology from the University of Washington. After graduating, Dorothy returned to the Flathead; she taught at Bigfork High School and Kalispell Junior High. She then spent 20 years at Flathead High School teaching chemistry and biology, and was the faculty advisor for the yearbook. After her retirement, she continued to teach German at Trinity Lutheran School.

Dorothy was an active lifetime member of Trinity Lutheran Church, and she was the first woman to serve on the board of directors of Valparaiso University. She served on the advisory board of Concordia College in Portland, and received the "Crest of Christ Award" from Concordia College in Seward, Neb. She served on the board of directors of the Conrad National Bank in Kalispell, and in 1974, she was named "Lady of the Year" by

the local Beta Sigma Phi chapters.

Dorothy had a life-long commitment to education; she helped many local students attain their educational goals through her encouragement and support. Dorothy loved teaching and working in her garden, or at the family cherry orchard on Flathead Lake. She also enjoyed spending time with friends, family, former students and her caregiver of more than 15 years, Nancy Morast.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents; and her brothers, Henry, Mark and Frederick.

She is survived by her sister-in-law, Faye Schoknecht, of Libby; niece, Paula Sandman and husband Bob of Whitefish; nephew, Joel Schoknecht, of Kalispell; grandnieces, Stacia Rohrer of Seattle, Ashley Rohrer Smith and husband Kevin of Gulfport, Miss., and Ryenne Schoknecht of Kalispell; and grandnephews, Brandann Rohrer of Whitefish and Logan Sandman of Missoula.

The family requests that memorials be made to Trinity Lutheran School, 495 5th Ave. WN, Kalispell, MT 59901, or to the Central School Museum, 124 2nd Ave E., Kalispell, MT 59901.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, March 25, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Kalispell, with Pastors Mark Cutler and Darold Reiner officiating. Visitation will be from 3 to 6 p.m. Monday, March 24, at Johnson Mortuary. A private burial will take place.

You are invited to go to www.johnsonmortuary.com to offer condolences and sign Dorothy's guest book.

Raymond R. Schott, 76

Raymond R. Schott, 76, passed away Sunday, Dec. 7, 2008, at the Montana Veterans Home, where he had resided since 2005.

He was born May 19, 1932, in McLaughlin, S.D., to Fred and Martha Schott. The family owned a 1,000-acre farm with various livestock, which Ray helped work.

Ray enlisted in the Army in 1953 and was discharged in 1955.

While working as a lineman, he met his wife, Betty Sanders, in Kalispell. They were married March 30, 1957. His work carried him to numerous states until he retired in 1994.

He was an active man and loved to fish, hunt, play cards,



water ski, snowmobile, attend rodeos and trap shoot.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Fred and Martha Schott, and a brother, Vernon.

Ray is survived by his wife, Betty, of Columbia Falls; son, Wade, and his wife, Barb; daughter, Wanita; brother, Harlan, and his wife, Donna, sisters, Erna, Thelma, Linda and her husband, Gayle; and many other relatives and friends.

Visitation will be from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. Pastor Matthew Nelson will officiate. Burial will be afterward at the Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls, with military graveside honors by the United Veterans of the Flathead and the Montana National Guard.

Barry Lloyd Schulze, 63

Barry Lloyd Schulze, 63, passed away Wednesday, April 23, 2008, at his home in Kalispell. He was born March 6, 1945, in Glendive, to Frederick and Georgia (Hatton) Schulze.

Barry was a television and radio broadcaster, both nationally and locally. As a dear friend, Vicki Faulkner, said, "Barry always asked the hard questions and investigated who and what was affecting questionable changes. He practiced a rare professionalism on the air in that he never told the listener what to think, but instead laid out well-researched facts without bias or emotion and allowed the audience to draw their own conclusions."

He grew up in Glendive, and the trademark deep voice would prevent him from singing in grade school choirs. Even in grade school his voice was "too deep."

His military service, under Col. Dwight Bonin, formed so much of the character and strength that was Barry.

He married Danneen Dorris on July 8, 1990, in Columbia Falls.

"Barry, you will be missed."

Barry was preceded in death by his loved and respected parents, Frederick and Georgia Schulze; his mother-in-law and best friend, Diane Dorris; and his colonel.

He is survived by his wife and soul mate, Danneen Schulze, of Kalispell; one son, Bo; a daughter, Abbie; two sisters, Carol Ackerman, of Priest River, Idaho, and Judy Bauer and husband Jim of Orchards, Wash.; two sisters-in-law, Diana Dorris of Kalispell, and Dena Wood of Columbia Falls; and many nieces and nephews, great-nieces and nephews, and others who will greatly miss his wisdom, his humor and his enormous heart.

There are no services or visitation planned for Barry at this time.

The family suggests memorials be given to the Veterans Food Pantry in Kalispell.

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

Arthur William Schwegel, 81

Arthur William Schwegel, 81, of Columbia Falls passed away Monday, March 24, 2008, at the Montana Veterans Home.

He was born March 22, 1927, to Mike and Tillie Schwegel in St. Joseph, Minn.

Art entered the Air Force in 1950 and was honorably discharged in 1953.

He was married to Betty Gross on Sept. 10, 1952. They moved to the Whitefish area in 1956,



where he worked in the timber industry.

Art is survived by his wife, Betty, of Columbia Falls; three children, Frank of Walden, Colo., Cathy and Roe Henson of Tubac, Ariz., and Susan and Don Armstrong of Ogden, Utah; four grandchildren, Sheila and Joe Colton of Hampton, Va., Nathan of Troy, Zane and Shannon Henson of Tubac, and Tanner Henson of Tucson, Ariz.; six grandchildren; and a brother, Albert, of Whitefish.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 29, at the VFW Club in Whitefish.

Jerry Scott, 67

Jerry Scott's "spirit was lifted up to almighty God" on Sept. 10, 2008. Jerry was born June 3, 1941, in Kalispell to parents Gary L. Scott and Luella B. (Rickard)



Scott. He graduated in 1959 from Whitefish High School.

He married Mary Hanson in 1960 and fathered three children.

He is survived by his wife, Mary, of the home in Overland Park, Kan.; daughter, Karin Weiss, and her husband, John, of Overland Park; and sons, Gary of Dixon, Ill., and Brian of Lenexa, Kan. Also surviving is his mother, Luella Scott, of Kalispell; three grandsons, Eric Weiss of New Albany, Ind., Justin Weiss of Overland Park, and Hunter J. Scott of Lee's Summit, Mo.; and one great-granddaughter, Alexandria Weiss, of New Albany.

During his lifetime, Jerry worked 37 years for the Burlington Northern Railroad, starting as a switchman for the old Great Northern Railroad, later as a clerk in St. Paul, Minn., and finally as manager of dimensional shipments in Kansas City and Fort Worth, Texas. He took early

retirement from the BNRR in 1995 and started a second career working as clerk and scheduler for Barnds Bros., a property-management company in Overland Park. He retired from this second career in 2005.

Jerry loved his family, '50s music, new cars, and trips to the casino. He was a kind individual who loved animals. Jerry had an organized mind, and was a detailed man with an uncanny memory for remembering numbers. He could rattle off railroad car numbers from 40 years ago. Railroading truly ran through his blood, as it did his father's and grandfather's before him.

Services to celebrate the life of Jerry Scott will be held at 5 p.m. Monday, Sept. 15, at St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church, 6630 Nall Ave., in Mission, Kan.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to St. Michael's church organ fund in Jerry's name (for restoration of the unique, old organ at St. Michael's and All Angels church) or to the Myasthenia Gravis Foundation, 6700 Troost, Kansas City, MO 64131.

Condolences may be shared with the family at www.kccremation.com. Arrangements are by Cremation Society of Kansas and Missouri, 8837 Roe, 913-383-9888.

Marion S. Schwartz, 89

Marion S. Schwartz, 89, died Thursday, Oct. 9, 2008, at Kalispell Regional Medi-

cal Center.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Esther Seaman, 85

Esther Seaman, 85, passed away on Friday, Aug. 29, 2008, in Kalispell. She was born Sept. 20, 1922, in Chinook, to Raymond and Jose Fern (Rager) Runnion.



Esther attended school in Chinook and at an early age married the love of her life, George Henry Seaman, on Nov. 30, 1937, in Malta. They made their first home in Chinook and later moved to Havre while raising 10 children. They moved one last time, making Kalispell their permanent residence. Esther and George celebrated 52 years of marriage until George's passing in 1989.

Esther's life work was being a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She has left behind an ongoing legacy of strength, courage, and love for her family and friends. She also will be remembered by all who knew her for her active listening, tender hugging, and comfort food that was part of every visit to her home.

Esther enjoyed reading, her pets, flower/vegetable gardening and preserving food.

Esther was preceded in death

by her husband; her daughter, Margaret Black, of Kelso, Wash., in 1977; brothers, Joe and Enoch Runnion; a sister, Rosa Pederson; and a grandson, Pete Springer of Hingham, in 1976.

She is survived by four sons, Vernon and Donald Seaman of Kalispell, David Seaman of Aloha, Ore., and Paul Seaman of Renton, Wash.; five daughters, Luella McCabe of Ridgefield, Wash., Diana Enloe of Rawlins, Wyo., Betty Ann Leap of Tacoma, Wash., Vicki Niederegger of Chinook, and Janet Knauss of Libby; 20 grandchildren; and 37 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by three sisters, Mary Ellen Seaman of Chinook, Jean Bosch of Trout Creek, and Rita Dungan Cancellare of Missoula; and one brother, Richard Runnion, of Bozeman.

Funeral services for Esther will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 3, at the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral chapel, with Pastor Tom Glatts officiating. Burial will be in the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be from noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 2, at the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral chapel.

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

Helen R. "Dixie" Sears, 81,

Helen R. "Dixie" Sears, 81, "went to be with the Lord" on Saturday, Aug. 16, 2008. She died of natural causes.

Dixie was delivered by her dad on Sept. 3, 1926, in Rapelje. She grew up on the family ranch and was one of seven children.

They moved to Columbus and she met her future husband, Lincoln "Gene" Sears. They were high school sweethearts and were married in Livingston on Sept. 17, 1944. They had two children.

Dixie was a devoted wife and mother. She was an accomplished artist and spent much of her free time drawing, painting, sewing and crocheting. She enjoyed fishing, camping and observing nature.

Dixie and Gene lived in Billings during the time their children were growing up. In 1971, they moved to Star Meadows and began ranching. After they sold the ranch they moved to Kalispell where she lived, until the time of her passing, at Immanuel Lutheran Home.

Dixie was preceded in death by her parents, Arthur J. Her-



bert and Caroline Slough Herbert; her brothers, Dick and George; and her sister, Audrey.

She is survived by her husband of 63 years, Gene;

son, Ron Sears, and wife, Leslie, of Kalispell; daughter, Debbie DeVries, and husband, Albert, of Conrad; grandchildren, Ronda DeVries of Conrad, Ty DeVries and wife Cassie of Conrad, Kyna Bighorn and husband Channon of Sidney, Josh Sears and wife Jenna of Medford, Ore., and Jon Sears and fiancée Marika Henderson of Anchorage, Alaska; great-grandchildren, Shelby DeVries, Kindle and Jason DeVries of Conrad, and Keith, Kelli and Kristin Bighorn of Sidney; sisters, Paula Davis of Billings, Mabel Day of St. George, Utah, and Alice Patrick of Spokane.

The family will have a private memorial service at a later date.

Lincoln Eugene "Gene" Sears, 82

Lincoln Eugene "Gene" Sears, 82, "went to be with the Lord" on Wednesday, Dec. 17, 2008, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell. He died of natural causes.

Gene was born in Columbus, on Lincoln's birthday, Feb. 12, 1926, to Scott and Viola Sears. He was one of 10 children.

Most of his childhood was spent in Columbus where he was surrounded by family, and his days were filled with fishing, hunting and the great outdoors.

He married his high school sweetheart, Helen "Dixie" Herbert in Livingston on Sept. 17, 1944. They moved to Billings and had two children, Ronald and Deborah.

For most of his life, Gene was employed as an ironworker and he worked in various places throughout the West. A few of the projects he worked on in Montana were, Fort Peck Dam, Yellowtail Dam, Libby Dam and missile sites in central Montana.

In 1971, he and Dixie, and their son Ron, bought a ranch in Star Meadows. At that time, there was no electricity or paved road and they got their water via gravity from a spring. He thought it was great!

Gene was a cowboy at heart and loved ranching. He loved the animals, especially horses, and all stray dogs and cats were always welcome. He bought a mountain skidder and a D7 Cat and logged the wooded areas of the ranch. He enjoyed tinkering



with the farm machinery and logging equipment and could jerry-rig anything together. In the mid 1980s, they sold the ranch and moved to Kalispell.

Gene was a devoted husband and father and took great delight in all his grandchildren and their activities. He will be deeply missed.

Gene was preceded in death by his wife of 63 years, Helen Ruth Herbert Sears; his parents, Scott Sears and Viola Riekofski Sears; his brothers, Jack, Bill, Walt, Fred and Sam; and his sister, Lorraine.

He is survived by his brothers, Bob and Stan Sears; and sister, Kay Nybo of Billings; son, Ron, and wife, Leslie, of Kalispell; daughter, Debbie DeVries, and husband, Albert, of Conrad; and grandchildren, Ronda DeVries of Conrad, Ty DeVries and wife Cassie of Conrad, Kyna Bighorn and husband Channon of Sidney, Josh Sears and wife Jenna of Medford, Ore., and Jon Sears and wife Marika of Anchorage, Alaska; great-grandchildren, Shelby DeVries, Kindle and Jason DeVries of Conrad, and Keith, Kelli, and Kristin Bighorn of Sidney.

The family will have a private memorial service at a later date.

Richard T. Seddon, 64

Richard T. Seddon, 64, died at his Kalispell residence Tuesday, Aug. 19, 2008.

Memorial services are pending.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Helen Marie Koford Seek, 96

Helen Marie Koford Seek, 96, passed away Tuesday, Nov. 25, 2008, at the Heritage Place in Kalispell. She was born April 26, 1912, in Kalispell to Alfred and Hulda (Sundin) Koford.

What Helen enjoyed most was being a wife, mother and grandmother.

She was employed at F.W. Woolworth for many years and at Buttrey's Department Store in Kalispell for several years, then managed the Borden Hotel in Whitehall.

Helen was preceded in death by her husband, Cecil Marvin Seek, in August 1971; her parents; four brothers, Oscar, Edward, Victor and Paul Koford; two sisters, Elsie Branes and Tillie Wihlborg; a stepson, Carrel Seek; and a grandson, Steve Caldwell.

She is survived by a son, James Seek, and wife, Veronika, of Kalispell; and a daughter,

Phyllis Caldwell, and husband, Roy, of Arizona; a sister, Elaine Bates, of Yakima, Wash.; two granddaughters, Rita Evans and husband, Bruce, of Norfolk, Va., and Judy Lemrick and husband, Wayne, of Whitehall; three grandsons, Forest Seek and wife, Candy, of California, Wade Seek and wife, Jan, of Washington, and Ryan Seek of Arizona; four great-grandchildren, Patrick Fernandes and Katie Lemrick, both of Bozeman, Tom Loveland and wife, Kelli, of Plano, Texas, and Joe Loveland, also of Plano; two great-great-grandchildren, Ben and Ava Loveland, of Plano; with many nieces and nephews.

A private urn burial will be held by the family.

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

Raymond P. 'Ray' Serra, 72

Raymond P. "Ray" Serra, 72, died Tuesday, Aug. 19, 2008, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish. He was born Jan. 31, 1936, in New York City to Camillo and Grace Serra.

Ray spent his early years in New York state. At age 18, he joined the U.S. Air Force, where he served in the Strategic Air Command. He was based at Jacksonville Air Force Base in Arkansas. Ray was part of the refueling squadron, working on aircraft as a mechanic and going on refueling missions. He spent six years in the Air Force.

In 1960, Ray returned to New York City where he met his wife. He later moved back to Arkansas. Ray and Ingrid wed Nov. 13, 1965, in Little Rock, Ark. They moved to Montana in 1967. A short time was spent living in Butte and Raynsford before finally settling in Coram in 1968.

He was an accomplished

mechanic. He also enjoyed doing custom paint jobs on cars and motorcycles. Ray always made himself available to friends and strangers in need. His expertise as a mechanic was used to help these people with their vehicles.

Ray was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather.

He enjoyed the outdoors hunting, fishing, camping, and kayaking. He even designed and built his own sea kayak.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and his sister, Inez Serra.

Ray is survived by his wife of 42 years, Ingrid, of Coram; daughter, Christine Hilde, and husband, Todd, of Pocatello, Idaho; son, Raymond, of Gillette, Wyo.; grandchildren, Troy Hilde, Dylan McClain, Erick R. Serra and Filip Serra; and nephews, Dominick Monopoli and Vito Monopoli.

Memorial service arrangements are pending.

Leonard H. Seurer, 78

Leonard H. "Lennie" Seurer, 78, passed away Tuesday, May 27, 2008, at his home in Coram. He was born Dec. 18, 1929, in New Market, Minn., to Joseph and Veronica Seurer.



Lennie was raised and educated in New Market. He served in the Army from 1946 to 1948 and from 1950 to 1951.

He moved to Martin City in 1949, where he worked in the logging industry for many years, and then as a truck driver and mechanic.

Lennie was married to Gail on Dec. 9, 1982, in Reno, Nev. They moved to Reno in 1987, and returned to Coram in 1995.

He drove a dump truck for Bruce Weaver and then drove for Orlie Erickson.

Lennie loved to travel and loved family get-togethers.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Veronica Seurer; three brothers, Harold, Roman and Bobby; and a sister, Edith.

Lennie is survived by his wife, Gail, of Coram; his children, Joe and John of Alaska, Judy Taylor of Billings, and Larry of Minnesota; his stepchildren, Kay Miller of Connecticut, Robin Gravelin of Columbia Falls, and Kristee Winters of Hungry Horse; 30 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. today, May 30, at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 31, at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. The Rev. David Merkel will officiate. Burial will be afterward in Woodlawn Cemetery with military graveside honors.

A potluck dinner will be after the graveside service at Leonard's home in Coram.

Rae Marie Severson, 87

Rae Severson "went to be with her Lord and Savior" Nov. 21, 2008. Rae was born to Andrew Casey and Grace Taylor on June 21, 1921, in Kalispell.



Rae grew up in Kalispell and graduated from Flathead County High School. She held many jobs during her lifetime, but she is remembered for working for the Flathead County Sheriff's Office.

She met Tommy Craven, who was in the military, and they were married. Tommy Craven preceded Rae in death when he was killed by enemy fire during World War II. Rae had the distinction of being the first war widow in Kalispell and eventually left Kalispell to live in Oregon because the town was too sympathetic.

Rae then met and married Robert Roy McCarter, who also preceded her in death. Robert and Rae had two sons, Michael Roy and Jack Randall.

Rae married Charles Severson in 1954, and he also preceded Rae in death.

During Rae's lifetime, she lived in Kalispell, and Madras, Damascus, Cottage Grove, Silvertown and Salem, Ore. While

living in Oregon, Rae worked for Portland Wire and Iron Works and even ran Paradise Lodge on the Rogue River for a while. Rae loved adventure and travel, so she purchased a motor home, in which she lived at one point in her life. Rae also enjoyed going hunting and fishing with her sons.

As Rae's health diminished, she moved in with her son Michael for two years. She later moved to Southern Hills Assisted Living Facility and finally to Clare Bridge Memory Care Center. The family wishes to thank those who cared for Rae during her final months. She kept her sense of humor and twinkle in her eye even while battling vascular dementia and illness. Those who cared for her at these two facilities will tell you that Rae was one of the nicest persons you'll ever know.

Rae is survived by her two sons, Michael and wife Pat, and Jack and wife Shannon; 11 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

A celebration of life will be held in April 2009.

Contributions can be made in honor of Rae to the Willamette Valley Hospice.

Arrangements are being made by Virgil T. Golden's Funeral Service.

John W. "Jack" Sevier, 89

John W. "Jack" Sevier, 89, passed away on Sunday, March 23, 2008, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls. Jack was born on Dec. 27,



1918, in Windham, to Herb and Grace (Muir) Sevier. He moved to the Flathead Valley with his family as a teenager, where he attended Flathead County High School.

Jack enlisted in the U.S. Army, where he served as a photo lab technician in England. While living in England, Jack met a widow named Eleanor Riley, who had two young daughters. After being discharged from the military, he returned to England, and in 1946 he married Eleanor in London. Shortly after being married they moved to Kalispell.

Jack worked several jobs over his life time, including working as a milk truck driver, working on the building of the Hungry Horse Dam, and working at Super Foods Grocery Store; then he worked as a rural mail carrier for the U.S. Post Office until he retired.

Jack was a talented wood

worker, and made many lovely items. He remodeled several of the houses they lived in.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Herb and Grace Sevier; a brother, Parker Sevier; sisters, Alice and Hazel; his wife Eleanor; a granddaughter, Sarah Johnson; and a great-great-grandson, Adler Blodgett.

He is survived by his children, Maureen Neitzling and husband Bob, Josephine Herman, Patricia Johnson and her husband Mark, Barbara Clothier and her husband Rick, and Kathleen McCollum and her husband Ron; brothers, Gene Sevier of Polson, Bill Sevier of Idaho, and Bob Sevier of Kalispell; sister, Mary of California; 13 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday March 28, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Private family urn burial will be held at C.E. Conrad Cemetery, with the United Veterans of the Flathead Valley doing military honors.

The family request donations in Jack's name be given to the Flathead Industries in Kalispell.

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

James A. Shaffer, 90

James A. Shaffer Jr., 90, of Kalispell, passed away on Sunday, Feb. 24, 2008, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell. He was born May 11, 1917 in Chicago, to adventurous parents, James A. Shaffer Sr., and Stella Nelson Shaffer, the last homesteaders of Lake County.

"Shipmaster" James Alexander Shaffer Jr., has passed, his life full of travel, friends and projects. His parents homeschooled him in the family's lakeshore cabin for his elementary education. He graduated from Polson High School. He loved playing his clarinet and had a dance band that played from Polson to Missoula on the weekends.

Jim enrolled in The Montana School of Mines (Montana Tech), where he studied metallurgical engineering. He had a passion for geology, materials and music.

He met and married Frances Kelley of Butte. World War II took Jim into the Army and to the shipyards of Tacoma and Bremerton, Wash., where he worked with the noted naval architect, Ed Monk, designing ships for the war effort. It was here in the marine atmosphere of coastal Washington Jim began thinking of a fine ship design for his beloved Flathead Lake.

Jim returned to Butte after the war and completed his education, graduating from the School of Mines in 1951. He moved his family, Fran and two children, Stella and James, to San Bruno, Calif., where his education was much in demand. He worked for Schlage Lock Inc., and Vulcan Foundry before becoming intrigued with the aerospace industry and its demands for the synthesis of new materials. This career, pioneering materials for space, took him to Lockheed and then TRW in southern California. He and Fran added daughters Melissa, Lori and Donna.

Following the tragic accidental death of their son, James, the family returned to Montana where Jim immersed himself in the design and construction of the Retta Mary (The Far West). On Memorial Day Weekend, 1972, Jim Shaffer launched the Retta Mary, fulfilling his dream of a large steel hull vessel on the waters of Flathead Lake. He operated the ship on the lake for many years, hosting weddings, delighting tourists, and performing the occasional bad-weather rescue. Eventually the ship was sold, and Fran passed.

Jim remained in Polson, and married Marguerite Busch.



Together they owned and operated Mission Mountain Metals, an aluminum foundry. The products of the foundry can still be seen today around

the Flathead Valley and in Missoula. The foundry was used to produce the letters on the Lake County Courthouse, for example. Jim and Marguerite moved to Big Arm and then Bigfork where they owned and operated the Ronde Vue RV Park for many years. Marguerite passed away in 1996.

Jim retired and married a college sweetheart, Patricia Monk (Warren, Girman) from Lakeside. They enjoyed their life together at Jim's home in Bigfork and her home in Lakeside.

Jim was preceded in death by his loving spouses, Frances and Marguerite. He was also preceded in death by sons, James Alexander Shaffer "Sonny Jim," and David Morris.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia Girman, and his daughters Stella Larson and Brooks of Santa Barbara Calif., Melissa Miller of Newport, R.I., Roberta "Lori" Dapelo and Scott of Santa Rosa, Calif., and Donna Henderson and James of Brookings, Ore. He is also survived by a large and loving family of grandchildren, Charles Larson and Janette, Alexander Larson and Kelley, Jason Larson and Joanne, Inger Larson Taylor and Michael, Kelley Francis Larsen, Bret Morris and Kym, and Jill Morris. Jim has five great-granddaughters, Melody, Oona, Olivia, Charlotte and Neve. He is also survived by his great-grandsons, Cody and Jackson. He is mourned by many steprelatives, and a community of friends, colleagues and professional associates.

Following cremation, interment will be in Lakeview Cemetery, Polson, in the Shaffer family plot. A private service was held by the family in keeping with the "Shipmaster's" wishes.

The family suggests that any memorial contributions be sent to The Montana Tech Foundation, 1300 W. Park Street, Butte, MT 59701. In the memo, please note Koch/ McGlashen Endowment Fund.

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

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Joshua Scott Shanahan

Joshua Scott Shanahan, 24, was born Sept. 5, 1983, to Ted and Shawn Shanahan in Salt Lake City, and raised in



Kalispell. Josh lived a fulfilling life surrounded by friends and family. Friday, April 4, 2008, he passed on, in his Kalispell home.

Josh found joy in every ordinary moment and shared it with everyone he encountered. He engaged wholeheartedly in each of his passions including paintball, basketball, swim

team, band, dancing, kayaking, X-box, and countless others.

He was a lifeguard/instructor at Bruckhauser pool, started a profitable business, and became a staking engineer for Flathead Electric. He attended Montana State University and most recently Flathead Valley Community College, diligently working toward an engineering degree. His ambition, integrity, and determination brought success to everything he touched.

He had big dreams and exactly what it took to

reach each one.

He had an irresistible personality, extraordinary character, and an astounding understanding of people. He genuinely cared for others, and gave without expecting something in return.

He is survived by his parents, and brother, Jason; grandparents, Kenneth and Virginia Shanahan, Colleen and Frank Folwell, and Ed and Sandy Zontek, and

girlfriend, Arrika LaSalle, who will always cherish the time they had with Josh and the blessings he brought to their lives.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 12, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, followed by burial at C.E. Conrad Cemetery.

Charitable contributions may be made to YVCC foundation Afghan Women's Fund, P.O. Box 22520 Yakima, WA 98907.

Gerald P. "Jerry" Shannon, 75

It is with great sadness that the family of Gerald P. Shannon announces his passing Sunday, July 13, 2008, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center. He was born Aug. 6, 1932, in east Los Angeles, to Thomas K. Shannon and Marguerite Bedford.

After graduating from Cathedral High School in 1951, Jerry joined and served honorably in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War on the USS Ticonderoga. He received his aviation training in the field of air traffic control at the U.S. Naval Auxiliary Air Station at Cabaniss Field, Corpus Christi, Texas.

In 1954, he began his career with the FAA as an air traffic controller for the Los Angeles Air Traffic Control Center, where he met and married Verna Smilka. They, along with their daughter, Stacey, lived in Lancaster, Calif., until his retirement in 1976.

In 1977 they moved to the Mission Valley in Montana, where he resided until he "went to be with the Lord."

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Thomas, Clifford, William and Leroy; and sisters, Marjorie, Peggy and Monica.

Gerald is survived by his wife of 46 years, Verna, of Polson; daughter, Stacey Shannon, with grandsons, Kyle Hephner and Randy Hephner, all of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; brother, Vince, of Woodburn, Ore.; sisters, Marie



Turner of Glendale, Calif., and Eileen Richmond and her husband, Bill, of Burbank, Calif.; and numerous nieces, nephews and their families.

Jerry enjoyed golf, cooking special cuisine for his family and friends, and traveling to Coeur d'Alene to spend time with his daughter and grandsons.

He was a loving husband, father, grandfather and friend, as well as a man of great faith and trust in Jesus Christ.

A celebration of his life will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, July 18, at the Polson Christian and Missionary Alliance Church, 46873 U.S. 93 N. in Polson, with the Rev. Frank Cummings officiating. A reception will follow the service in the church hall. Interment will follow at Lakeview Cemetery, with full military honors at 4 p.m.

Memorial donations in memory of Jerry may be made to the donor's choice.

The family is very grateful to the caring medical staff at Kalispell Regional Medical Center. Arrangements are under the care of Grogan Funeral Home. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.groganfuneralhome.com

Della Marie Shaver, 57

Della Marie Shaver, 57, of Troy, died Monday, May 19, 2008, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Surviving family includes her son, Joshua "Bubba" Rice, and her daughter, Ivy Chamberlain.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday, May 24, at the Church of God in Troy; a potluck will follow.

Funeral arrangements are by Nelson and Vial Funeral Home and Crematory in Libby.

Robert 'Bob' Shaw, 75

Robert "Bob" Shaw, 75, passed away peacefully Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2008, in Bigfork after battling pancreatic cancer. Bob was born Sept.



13, 1933, in Falls River, Mass., to Richard and Bernice Shaw. He most recently lived in Bigfork near Kalispell, and was treated in Seattle and Kalispell.

He was raised during the Depression in Boston and later in the Cleveland area. He worked on the Steinbrenner ore ships on the Great Lakes as a teenager to earn money for college; he attended both Ohio State and Ohio University when Uncle Sam came calling in need of pilots for the Korean War. He became a cadet in the Army Air Corps, which pre-dated the Air Force; however, by the time his training was complete the war wound down. He remained in the Air Force for five years, and was honorably discharged as a first lieutenant.

Bob began his career in 1958 as a pilot for Northwest Airlines; the last 15 years of his career he was a 747 captain.

A lifelong exerciser, Bob spent his retirement quite active: skiing, hiking, biking and golfing. Bob loved to travel and meet people, always wearing his famous smile.

Bob was the proverbial handsome charming airline captain to the end. Everybody loved Bob — he brightened everyone's day.

"Trisa eyes are surely smiling on Bob Shaw tonight!"

He is survived by his wife, Diane; and sons, Jeff and Bob Shaw; as well as daughters, Kari Hauser and Kim Falco; their spouses, and 10 grandchildren.

Check www.caringbridge.org for wake details in Seattle and Bigfork.

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

Lois M. Shea, 77

Lois M. Shea, 77, of Libby, died from natural causes Wednesday, April 16, 2008, at St. John's Lutheran Hospital.

Survivors include her husband, Don Shea, of Libby; and children, Vickie Ramsey of Boise, Idaho, Donna McQueen of Kuna, Idaho,

Betty Willman of Libby, Debbie Willman of Jamestown, N.D., and Pete Shea of Austin, Texas.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Monday, April 20, at Nelson and Vial Funeral Home in Libby. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Sunday.

Paul C. Shelt, 75

Paul C. Shelt, 75, passed away Tuesday Aug. 12, 2008, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell. He was born Feb. 24, 1933, in Delta, Ohio, to Charles and Arebelle (Wentz) Shelt.



After graduating from high school, Paul joined the U.S. Army. He married Ann Ruppel in Toledo, Ohio, on Nov. 1, 1952. Paul was a military man for 32 years, and traveled the world, retiring in 1982.

After retirement, Jerry and Ann settled in Kalispell, where he enjoyed hunting, fishing and gardening.

Paul was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Carolyn; and a brother, Roger.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Ann Shelt, of Kalispell; two sons, Nick Shelt and wife, Brenda Lee, of Kalispell, and

Bruce Shelt and wife, Elena, of Anchorage, Alaska; two granddaughters, Stacie Erickson and husband, Rocky, and Trina Shelt; two great-granddaughters, Bailey and Oakley Erickson; three brothers, Clifford and Irene of Delta, Gary and Susan of Stewart, Fla., and Larry Shelt of Moorehead, Ky.; and one sister-in-law, Carolyn Shelt.

Funeral services for Paul will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 19, in the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral chapel. Visitation will be from noon to 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 18.

The family suggests memorial gifts be given to the Veterans of Foreign War Post 2252, 330 First Ave. W., Kalispell, MT 59901; or the Flathead Valley United Church of Christ, 204 Seventh Ave. W., Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

Dona Jeane Sherbeck, 79

Dona Jeane Sherbeck, 79, our beautiful wife, mother and grandmother, "completed this part of her journey" on Dec. 28, 2008. She was born to Doc and Leora Skates in Billings. She battled her toughest opponent, cancer, as she always lived life with strength, courage, grace, dignity and her incredible gift of love and giving. Her never-ending humor and wit endeared all to the end.

At her side was her husband Harold, her true love, whom she met 57 years ago while ice-skating on the Tri-Delta Montana Grizzlies homecoming float. She is also forever loved by her daughter, Lori, and sons, Dave and Eric; her brothers, Dick and Stan; and also her grandchildren, Ali and Sam.

She graduated in 1951 from the University of Montana in physical education and music.

Mom lived her dreams with incredible joy and passion. She was a top-ranked tennis player in Montana, winning the Montana State Open title for consecutive years. She was also the Midland and Inland Empire champion and was ranked as high as no. 2 in the Intermountain area. She also had top rankings as a senior player in Southern California and nationally. Her biggest thrill was to win both the Southern California Grand Prix 50 Women's title and the 55 Sectionals with a hip replacement. She loved the game of tennis and gave this special gift to so many.

She started teaching tennis at her beloved Pioneer Park in Billings, then in Southern California for 30 years where her dream of her own backyard tennis court came true. She taught and traveled for years with many top-ranked junior players including her own three children.

Her husband was a legend-



ary Fullerton College football coach. Thus Mom fed and was the mother to hundreds of young men.

Mom also had a very beautiful voice.

Music was her other passion. She performed as "Violetta" in "La Traviata" with the Montana Opera Association, was a member of the Jubileers at the University of Montana, and sang with the Orange County Masters, then the Mission Valley Chorale.

In 1992 they built their retirement dream home together on Flathead Lake in Polson. They were fortunate to spend many glorious years there together. Her biggest joy was to play her grand piano while looking over the lake.

"I always get to do what I love," she would say.

"The love, devotion, kindness and encouragement that you have given to family and friends are a reminder for us to cherish each other every day. You are our strength and inspiration and we are all forever blessed for being loved by you. Alleluia, Mom, you will always be singing in our hearts."

A special thank you to all of the people who have given tender, compassionate, loving care to our mother.

In lieu of flowers, our family encourages donations in Dona's name to Polson's dedicated cancer caregivers association: Cheerful Heart, P.O. Box 688, Polson, MT 59860.

A memorial service will be held for family and friends at the Sherbeck home next spring; date to be determined.

Condolences may be sent to the family and a guestbook may be signed at www.groganfuneralhome.com.

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Carol Ann (Sampson) Sherick, 63

Carol Ann (Sampson) Sherick, 63, of Polson, passed away at her home on Monday, Oct. 20, 2008, after a courageous battle with cancer.



Carol was born Dec. 27, 1944, in Polson, to Elmer and Bessie Sampson. She was raised and attended school in Polson, graduating from Polson High School in 1962. She also attended the University of Montana.

On Dec. 31, 1962, Carol married David M. Sherick. The couple had three daughters, Kelly, Tracey and Tammy.

Carol's work experience included working at the A & W, Burgerville, Flagship, Polson Stove Shop, Walker's Gift Box, and Polson Chamber of Commerce, as well as working with Dave in the family business.

She participated in numerous clubs and organizations. Even when she was not a member of an organization, she was there to help out, never expecting anything in return. She always gave willingly and freely of her time, promoting the Polson community by volunteering in the schools, city library and driving people to their medical appointments.

She also attended the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and was a past member of the Buffalo Hill and Polson women's golf leagues.

In 1960, Carol was the "Copper Cup Queen," and was once selected as Jayceen of the Year. More recently, she was nominated for the Ambassador of the Year Award by the Chamber of Commerce. Just this past week, on Oct. 19, the walking trail system in Polson was named and dedicated "Carol Sampson Sherick Trail." She was extremely honored by that dedication.

Carol enjoyed walking, skiing, landscaping and building furniture. She had taken flight les-

sons, soloing once. She skydived on her 50th birthday, but one of her greatest joys in life was spending time with her grandson, Sam.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Bessie and Elmer Sampson; and her sisters, Bernice and Beatrice.

Carol's survivors include her husband, Dave, of Polson; her daughters, Kelly and Pat Frank of Missoula, Tracey Sherick and Kris Young of Missoula, and Tammy and Mo Brown of Driggs, Idaho; grandson, Sam, and granddaughter, Rudi, who is arriving soon; six stepgrandchildren, two stepgreat-grandchildren; sisters, Eleanore and Ron Hasley of Polson, and Gayleen Edison of California; brother-in-law, Richard Espeland, of Huntley; and innumerable friends.

Carol was truly a person who touched her community in ways we will never forget.

"We find comfort in knowing we have become better people by having shared her love."

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 25, at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, with a reception to follow at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Polson City Library Children's Program or to the City Park's Department for the Carol Sampson Sherick Trail.

The guest book can be signed and condolences made to the family at www.groganfuneral-home.com.

Charles S. 'Chuck' Shields, 56

Charles S. "Chuck" Shields, 56, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, Oct. 4, 2008, of a heart attack while participating in a team penning competition at the Majestic Valley Arena in Kalispell. He was born on Feb. 29, 1952, in Pittsburgh, to Jack and Shirley (Snowden) Shields.

Chuck received his early education in Pittsburgh, graduating from Pine-Richland High School and going on to West Virginia Wesleyan College where he earned a bachelor's degree in business. After graduating in 1974 he returned to Pittsburgh and the family asphalt paving business.

Chuck married Connie F. Rader on Aug. 5, 1978, in Pittsburgh. After retiring from the family business in 1998, Chuck moved with his family to Bigfork, where their roots have grown deep.

Chuck is a faithful member and elder of the Crossroads Christian Fellowship Church, a member of the Masonic Lodge and a proud member of the Northwest Montana Team Penning Association.

Chuck was preceded in death by one brother, Jack Shields, Jr.

He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Connie Shields, son,



Chuck Shields, and daughter, Cassie Shields, all of Bigfork; parents, Jack and Shirley Shields, a brother, Tim Shields, and a sister-in-law, Karen Shields,

all of Pittsburgh; as well as many other relatives.

Funeral services for Chuck will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 10, at Crossroads Christian Fellowship in Bigfork, with Pastor Hal Curtis officiating. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 9, in the Johnson-Gloschat chapel, with the family available to greet friends from 4 to 6 p.m. Burial will be in the Bigfork Community Cemetery.

The family suggests memorial gifts be given to Camp Bighorn, 1850 Montana 135, Plains, MT 59859; or to Intermountain Children's Home, 500 S. Lamborn St., Helena, MT 59601.

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

A.J. 'Jim' Shirliff, 81

A.J. "Jim" Shirliff passed away Thursday, July 31, 2008, of natural causes at his home in Kalispell. He was born Dec. 23, 1926, in



Plentywood, the son of Herbert and Florence Shirliff.

Jim married Mae Rose Larson on April 29, 1945. The couple had three children. Jim lived and worked in Havre for many years before moving to Kalispell 36 years ago.

Jim worked for Buttrey's Furniture in Havre and Hillstead's Furniture in Kalispell until he retired. He loved the furniture business, once stating for the Daily Inter Lake that "part of the excitement of helping people choose furniture is my belief that one's home should be the happiest place to hang one's hat. It is where you should feel most comfortable, where your children are most secure and where you feel most significant — so I love helping people make their homes comfortable and cheerful."

People always commented on Jim's smile and his attitude toward life and work.

Jim considered Kalispell "the most beautiful place in the world." He always said, "Nothing compared with the grand scenery ... the tremendous mountains ... the beautiful lakes ... wide open skies. It's a bit like Heaven, I suspect."

One of Jim's most memorable vacations was when he, Mae Rose and the Howard Tavlors, of

Havre, set out on their Harley-Davidson motorcycles on July 3, 1965, for Indianapolis to see the Indy 500. He always referred to the trip as his "two weeks on two wheels!"

Jim was a member of the Eagles and Elks and absolutely loved boating! In the last few years he had been restoring a 1948 boat with a wood hull.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Mae Rose; his precious daughter, Tina Rae; his parents; two brothers; and one sister.

Jim is survived by his son, James Shirliff, and wife, Christina, of Kalispell; his daughter, Carol Bailey, and husband, Howard, of Havre; his brother, Bob Shirliff, and wife, Helen, of Kalispell; his brother, Ron Shirliff, and wife, Gloria, of Kalispell; his sister, Darlene Christenson, and husband, Dione, of Thompson Falls; and his brother, Gary Shirliff, and wife, Sandy, of Eugene, Ore. Grandchildren include Shannon Solomon of Havre, Kimberly Edwards of Havre, Gwho-ee Jackson of British Columbia, Tshe Jackson of British Columbia, and Nuci Jackson of California, Jim Dodson of Texas, and Chyneen Stringfellow of Texas.

Jim's sense of humor, smile and teasing will be so very missed.

At his request, no service will be conducted.

Memorials may be sent in A.J. "Jim" Shirliff's memory to Grace Hospice, 1117 S. Main Street, Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

Hugh Cline Shoemaker, 96

Hugh Cline Shoemaker passed away, at 96 years old, on Friday, Oct. 3, 2008, at Heritage Place, in Kalispell.

Hugh was born July 27, 1912, in Des Moines, Iowa. Curtis and Verna, his parents, came to Montana in 1919, settled down around Creston, where Hugh went to school at Mountain Brook. The family moved, around 1931, to an area south of Kalispell, an old orchard place. He helped the family, however he could, getting wood, building the home, reviving the orchards apple trees, and any other help needed. Later, he worked for the Forest Service, and at CCC camps.

On Oct. 24, 1934, Hugh was married to Virginia Melton in Kalispell, by Rev. Sandy of the Central Christian Church, at the home of her parents, John and Mary Melton, with her sister Kathleen and Jay, in attendance. Both families were some of the early congregation, and were active in this church for many years, as well as life long members. He had lots of friends, too numerous to mention.

He was a tender, loving, kind, and caring husband, dad, granddad, great-grandfather, great-great-grandfather, as well as a friend to us. He loved family and friends, family reunions, and teaching us, as well as our children. He took the time, and patience to show how to build things, and told wonderful stories of times past. He had a beautiful smile, and took pride it all the achievements of the family.

The couple, with friends and family, camped, fished, had a lot of picnics, and loved music and to sing and dance, belonging to round dance and square dance



groups.

Hugh built a 1923 Model T Ford, from parts and pieces we gathered through the years, which is very beautiful. For a while he and

Virginia belonged to the Old Car Club.

Hugh was a journeyman electrician for Miller-Ford Electric, until he retired, then did odd jobs for neighbors. He was presented with a citation and diamond pin in honor of 75 years of membership in the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, in 2006.

Hugh is survived by his wife, Virginia, at Heritage Place, and daughters, Virgie Dawson and Beryl Thomas, all of Kalispell; his grandchildren, Michael Dawson, Monica Craven, Tony Dawson and Rob Clawson, great-grandchildren, Jessica, Erin, Daniel, Matthew, Ashley, Gabe, Chad, Tori and Casey, and several great-great-grandchildren. His siblings are George, Mary, Doris and Stan; with numerous nephews and nieces.

Hugh was predeceased by his parents; brothers, Karl, John and Glen; sisters, Grace Bell, Marguerite Kramer and Helen Sevier; and a grandson, Corey Clawson.

Memorial donations may be sent to the charity of your choice.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. today, Oct. 7, at the Central Christian Church, at 248 Second Ave. E. Kalispell, with Rev. Jan Van der Poll officiating.

Adee Shoop, 92

Adee Shoop, 92, passed away peacefully June 26, 2008, at Heritage Place, with her family at her side. She will be greatly missed, but her suffering is over



and we know she is in a better place. She was a very dedicated and loving mother.

Adee was born to Luther and Mandy Loraine (Maynard) Banks in 1915 in Rector, Ark. She had one sister, Almaree Cassidy.

She worked for Douglas Aircraft and dabbled in some taxidermy with her sister in Oklahoma before moving to Montana. She and her sister played the mandolin and guitar for various functions and radio stations in Oklahoma.

Upon moving to Montana, Adee met Jesse Shoop in Browning, whom she later married in Kalispell in 1946. They had four children, and lived and ranched in different areas of Montana, but settled in Kalispell in 1962.

Adee worked for many years at Sportsman and Ski Haus and a few years at Kmart before retiring.

She lived the motto that you "smile and the world smiles with you, frown and you frown alone." Everyone knew her by her precious smile and cheerful spirit.

She was a member of the Stillwater Church of Christ for more than 35 years. The most important things to her were her family and her relationship with God. She later discovered in life her talent as an artist, painting scenery pictures, and produced many paintings for her family to enjoy through the years.

Adee often gave advice to her children and grandchildren to hold their heads up high, be honest and trustworthy, work hard and be happy, but most of all, to keep a smile on their faces.

Adee was preceded in death by her parents; a sister; her husband; son, Jesse; and son-in-law, Bill Johnson. She is survived by her daughters, Carol Johns and husband, Richard, Almaree Helmetag and husband, Edwin, and Anita Johnson, all of Kalispell; grandchildren, Scott Johns, Tammy Rodgers, Richie Johns, Jerry Johnson and Jesse Johnson; a niece and nephew; and a host of friends.

Graveside services for Adee will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 1, at the Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls, with Pastor Darrell Newby officiating.

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

Charlotte Lucille Short, 70

Charlotte Lucille Short, 70, loving mother, grandmother, wife and aunt, passed away Oct. 22, 2008, at her home in Kalispell.



She was born May 7, 1938, in Hamilton, and was raised in Montana.

Charlotte married Omis "Shorty" Short in 1982 in Winnemucca, Nev. They were married for 15 years, until his death in 1997.

She enjoyed puzzles, fishing, visiting with family and spending time with her friends at the game rooms.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Omis Short; and her sisters, Marion Williams and Elsie MacGeorge

Charlotte is survived by her daughter, Sheila Tymchyna, of Kalispell; and son, Dallas Short, of Kalispell; grandchildren, Steve and Yvonne Morris, Chris and Renata Morris, Tera and Miguel Hernandez, Ladik Tymchyna, Kolt Short, Paige Short, Bryant Bell and Brianna Gregg; great-grandchildren, Tyler Amundson, Aspen Hernandez, Jadyn Hernandez, Desiree Morris, Merrick Morris and Christopher Morris; future daughter-in-law, Terry Gregg; friend, Chuck Major; and friends in the valley too numerous to mention.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, at Faith Free Lutheran Church, 405 Liberty St., in Kalispell; followed by a gathering at Charlotte's home, 522 Solberg Drive, in Kalispell.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Rachel O. Shriner, 95

Rachel O. Shriner, 95, of Libby, died Sunday, Nov. 9, 2008, at Libby Center from natural causes.

Survivors include a son, Ben Shriner, of Libby; and two daughters, Elvira Osborn of Libby, and Bernice Palmer of Charlo.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, at the Libby Christian Church. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Friday.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg and Nelson Funeral Home in Libby.

Tom Kenneth Shupert, 62

Tom Kenneth Shupert, 62, went peacefully Aug. 27, 2008, after a short battle with cancer. He was born in Whitefish on June 10, 1946, to Glen and Ruby



(Lytle) Shupert. Tom grew up in Whitefish and served in the U.S. Army from 1964 to 1968 during the Vietnam War. He was honorably discharged and earned a Purple Heart for bravery.

In 1965, Tom married Toni Boucher. In that marriage, Tom and Toni had three daughters. They later divorced.

Tom married Karen Sue Baucum in 1975, and together they had one daughter. They later divorced but remained special friends until the end.

Tom was a true Montana man.

He loved the peacefulness and solitude of the mountains. His favorite pastimes were fishing, hunting and camping, and he especially loved the annual huckleberry trip with his siblings.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Jerry and Mike; and nephew, Christopher.

Survivors include daughters, Kim Austin of Havre, Kathy and Mike Peterson of Havre, Karen and Clint Wellcome of Kalispell, and Carrie and Rex Westwood of Kalispell; brothers, Richard of Cle Elum, Wash., and Dan of Kalispell; sister, Sue Porter, of Kalispell; six grandsons and one granddaughter; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Tom is very loved and will be missed dearly by all.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 31, at The Trego Community Hall.

Arrangements are with Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish.

Kathryn Theodora Peterson Sibley, 87

Kathryn Theodora Peterson Sibley "peacefully exchanged her earthly home for her heavenly home" Oct. 2, 2008, surrounded by her children singing her favorite hymns. She was born Oct. 21, 1920, to Theodore and Katie (Selleck) Peterson at their ranch near Fishtail. She grew up during the Depression years with her older sisters Nellie and Nola and younger brother Teddy.

Kathryn's mother instilled in her children a love for the Lord and a love for music which were evident all of her life.

She graduated from high school in Absarokee. In 1940, she received her two-year teaching certificate from Eastern Montana Normal School in Billings. She moved to Bigfork for her first teaching assignment.

In 1942, she married Ellsworth Sibley and moved to the Sibley family farm where she lived happily for the past 66 years.

Kathryn and Ellsworth raised their five children, Lonnie, Lu Ann, Janet, Judy and Joyce, and opened their home to countless others. The "farm" was the center of activity for picnics for the extended Sibley family, 4-H parties and neighborhood gatherings. Kathryn was known for her kindness, generosity, willingness to lend a hand and fried chicken!

As a young wife and mother she gave piano lessons to many neighbor girls. Kathryn gave their own children the gift of music as she gathered them around the piano and taught them to harmonize as well as play the piano.

Kathryn returned to teaching in 1956 at West Evergreen School. The following year she was moved to the new East Evergreen School where she was the first first-grade teacher. She retired in 1980.

A highlight each year for the students and for Kathryn was the annual field trip to the Sibley farm.

In the early '50s, she helped start the Egan Sunday School. In 1957, she was confirmed and has remained a member at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. She found great joy in Bible study and was involved with Bethlehem's East River circle, a neighborhood Bible study and Bible Study Fellowship for over 10 years.



When her health kept her from attending church services, she continued to worship weekly through the radio broadcast ministry.

Kathryn's life was reflected in one of her favorite Bible verses, Micah 6:8, "He has shown you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with your God."

Kathryn was preceded in death by her husband of 48 years, Ellsworth Sibley; and her parents, Katie and Ted Peterson.

She is survived by her children and their families, Lonnie and Ginni Sibley (Juleen and Stuart Vogelmann, Tammi and Peter Larson); Lu Ann and Bob Borgen (Katie and Cody Borgen); Janet and John Bustad (Jason and Monica Bustad, Jaime and Adam Hestad and Janae Bustad); Judy Sibley (Deva Sibley); and Joyce and Alan Schmutz (Will and Jenae, Seth and Sarah and Kady Schmutz); and 10 great-grandchildren. Kathryn treasured her family. Kathryn is also survived by her sisters, Nellie Vegge and Nola Gum; her brother, Ted Peterson; her brother-in-law and wife, Don and Jo Sibley; and her sister-in-law, Buenetta McCown. She had numerous nieces and nephews, all whom she enjoyed and was proud of.

A celebration of Kathryn's life will be held at 1 p.m. Nov. 28, the day after Thanksgiving, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 603 Main Street.

The family suggest memorials be given to Bethlehem Lutheran's radio broadcast ministry, 603 Main Street, Kalispell; Home Health Options Hospice, 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell, MT 59901; or Bible Study Fellowship Headquarters, 19001 Huebner Road, San Antonio, TX 78258-4019.

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

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