

Ardes M. Clay, 88

Ardes M. Clay passed away July 7, 2009, with her daughters and granddaughters by her side. She was born April 23, 1921, on the family farm north of Raymond, to William and Mary Anne (McGreevy) Syme, the sixth child of 11 children.

Her early schooling was country schools in the Raymond area. As a young person she loved to dance and play music with her brothers. As young adults they traveled to dances by team and wagon and returned home just in time to do the chores before going to school.

She was married and widowed at 21 years. She married Alvin "Jack" Clay in 1944 in Wolf Point, and they moved to Jack's ranch north of Raymond. To this union two children were born, Jack, Jr., and Betty Jo "Jodi."

In 1951, the family moved to Missouri and in 1952 the family relocated to western Montana, settling on a homestead north of Seeley Lake. In 1958, daughter Debbie Ann was born.

Ardes put her family first and worked hard to make them a good home. At 40 years old she once again was widowed with three children.

She taught her children to love music and play

instruments. She loved to fly fish and with the Clearwater River close to the front door, she spent a lot of time "worrying" the local trout. She raised cows and used horses to gather the cows that ranged from the farm. She worked hard, cut her own firewood with a chainsaw, and provided a loving home for her family. In 1981, she moved to Kalispell.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Cleo; her husband, Jack; and her son, Jack Jr.

She is survived by her daughters, Jodi and Ed Townsend of the Swan Valley, and Debbie at the family home; three brothers, Tim and Calvin Syme of Raymond, and Howard Syme of Plentywood; one sister, Gladys Becker, of Eugene, Ore.; five grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. today, July 10, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Chapel. Burial will be at 3 p.m. today in the Missoula County Cemetery.

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

Jack J. Clay, 64

Jack J. Clay, 64, of Ronan passed away from natural causes Wednesday, April 29, 2009, at his home. Jack was born



May 19, 1944, in Scobey to Alvin and Ardes (Syme) Clay. Jack spent most of his younger years in Seeley Lake. He married Yvonne Day on July 17, 1966, in Hamilton.

He worked construction for Nickelson Paving of Missoula and for more than 20 years as superintendent with Peter Kiewit Construction. He worked throughout the western United States and Montana. He retired to the Mission Valley.

Jack enjoyed the outdoors. He especially enjoyed his horses. He loved fishing, hunting, and packing into the back country. He loved his family and close friends and he enjoyed spending time with them.

He was preceded in death by his father, Alvin "Jack" Clay; brother, Dick Clay, of Washington; and sister, Cleo Knaus, of Plentywood.

He is survived by his wife, Yvonne, of Ronan; three children, Colette Moore of Missoula, Dawn Edens of Missoula, and Jason Clay of Polson; four granddaughters, Chasity, Chelsie, Natasha and Jennifer; and two great-grandchildren, Kaci and Mitchell.

He is also survived by his mother, Ardes Clay, of Kalispell; four sisters, Jodi and Ed Townsend of Bigfork, Debbie Clay of Kalispell, Donna West of Billings, and Carol Nelson of Great Falls; and sister-in-law, LaVetta Clay, of Washington; and many cherished aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews, and special friends.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, May 8, at the Grogan Funeral Home in Polson.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.groganfuneralhome.com

Leah Ruth Clough, 85

Leah Ruth Clough, 85, of Libby, died on Saturday, Nov. 21, 2009, at Blue River Homes in Libby.

She is survived by two sons, Charles Clough and George Clough; a daughter, Nancy Rooney; and a stepdaughter, Carol Weyandt. Services will be at 2 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 24, at St. John Lutheran Church in Libby. Local arrangements are by Schnackenberg and Nelson Funeral Home in Libby.

Memorials may be made to St. John Lutheran Church and the Senior Citizen Center.

Betty Jane Cochran, 70

Betty Jane Cochran, 70, passed away on Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2009, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.



She was born Oct. 19, 1938, in Kalispell, to Robert and Joyce Emma (Harding) Cochran.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and a sister-in-law, Jackie Cochran.

Betty is survived by two brothers, Richard of Kalispell, and David and wife, Helen, of Algona, Wash.; an aunt, Clara Cork, of Kalispell; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Memorial services for Betty will be held at a later date.

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

Ferne Lewis Cohen, 86

Ferne Lewis Cohen passed away on Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2009. Our beloved Ferne was born on Jan. 21, 1923, in Rochester, N.Y.



Ferne was a treasured wife, mother and grandmother.

She is survived by husband, Martin, of 64 years; son, Richard, of Whitefish; and son, Jeffrey, and wife, Renee, and grandchildren, Rivkah and Daniel, of California.

Ferne graduated from Case Western University in Ohio and married Martin on June 7, 1945.

Their first home together was in Santa Ana, Calif., where sons Jeffrey and Richard were born. While the boys were finishing high school, Ferne returned to Chapman College to obtain a master's degree in social work. She worked as an employment counselor for the State of California.

From the start, the family was always outside, camping, skiing, hiking and enjoy-

ing the outdoors with their camper which was a life-long joy for Ferne. Traveling throughout our country and camping in our great national parks was a favorite. Her reverence for the environment led to her environmental activism which was no less important than her community activism.

Ferne always nurtured her family's awareness of the environment and community. This awareness led her to a lifetime commitment of volunteer service.

While living in southern California, she was active in Community Chest, American Association of University Woman and Sea & Sage Audubon Society. She continued her community service when moving to Whitefish in 1988, with Flathead Audubon, Glacier Orchestra, Citizens for a Better Flathead, Montana Society for the Blind, Temple Bet Harim and the Whitefish Library.

She always had a welcoming smile to everyone she met and had a way of empowering others to see clearly and reach higher, whatever their goals might be.

There will be a celebration of her life in January 2010.

George Melvin Colby, 97

George Melvin Colby, 97, passed away on Sunday, March 29, 2009, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.



He was born Jan. 16, 1912, in Kalispell, to Walter E. and Hattie Lelia (Clothier) Colby.

The family moved to the Kila area when George was about 6 years old. He attended Kila schools. Working with his dad, they owned and operated the Colby Log & Lumber Co. for many years. He later worked for the O'Neils at the Forest Products Co.

George married Rose Shewey on July 24, 1939, in Kalispell. They lived in the Kila area until 1948, when they moved to Kalispell. They lived at 1306 Eighth Ave. E. until 1964, when they moved into the new house next door at 1312. They were blessed with three sons, Melvin George, Robert Dale and Clayton Loyd.

George was a member of the Central Christian Church in Kalispell. He loved it and the people there. He called it "his church." He was a charter member of the Local EAA No. 102 and a member of F.O.E. Aerie No. 234. He liked going to Sykes' for "coffee with the boys."

George learned to fly in 1939 and had enjoyed it ever since. He always spoke proudly of the Curtis-Robin, a 1928 plane he and his son Bob put back together. He and his sons had a good many projects, and got along like all good fathers and sons should! They enjoyed just being together.

George loved to pack into Blacktail and Haskill Mountain lookouts before there were any roads leading in. He was always interested in hunting and fishing.

George took many trips to Alaska for moose hunting. He really enjoyed the Copper River Country. A good friend, Elmer Elzig, lives in Anchorage, Alaska; George always enjoyed spending time with Elmer at his cabin in Seldovia. George loved that area and was always happy to be there.

George kept busy after retirement, helping the boys and removing snow at the airport. He was a quiet man, and loved his family above all. He will be missed by all who knew him.

George was preceded in death by his parents; a brother; Loyd, who died in World War II; two sisters, Tana and Vera; and a half-brother, Walt.

He is survived by his wife, Rose Colby, of Kalispell; three sons, Melvin Colby and wife, Laural, of Kalispell, Robert Colby of Bigfork, and Clayton Colby and wife, Randi, of Kalispell; seven grandchildren, Steven, Keith, Mark, Adam, Karin, Joshua and Caleb; two great-grandchildren, Kiel and Kayla; and one great-great-grandchild, Zane; two sisters, Marie Sterner and Quevene Talley, both of Kalispell; with numerous cousins and a host of friends.

The family requests donations be made to Central Christian Church, 240 Second Ave. E., Kalispell, MT 59901; or the Experimental Aircraft Association, 325 N. Ferndale Drive, Bigfork, MT 59911.

A memorial service for George will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 2, at the Central Christian Church, with Pastor Jan Van der Poll officiating. A private burial will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

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

Rose Colby, 89

Rose Colby, 89, passed away on Saturday, June 13, 2009, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.



Rose was born on June 30, 1919, in Norton, Kan., to William Alfred and Hester Mildred (Wells) Shewey.

Rose wrote that "It was the 'good old days' ... the sod house, the rattlesnakes, the sand storms, cyclones, tornado alerts. Times were hard, we usually had bread but no spread and we just sprinkled salt on it instead. We enjoyed running on the Kansas plains, chasing butterflies and hoping we didn't get chiggers."

As a young girl the family moved to North Dakota west of Marmarth where her mother died August of 1935. Being the oldest, Rose cared for the other siblings. Rose traveled to Kila with her family in 1936 to visit cousins. This is where she met George Colby whom she married on July 24, 1939.

Rose was a hard worker and creative and could make something useful out of anything. Rose worked at Montgomery Wards, Woodward's and Anthony's. She had The Recipe Corner in the Daily Inter Lake for 12 years, was a foster parent for 18 years, and used her teaching degree for Colby Private Kindergarten for 13 years. She considered it a privilege to teach those young minds and kept in touch with many of them through their graduations and weddings. Rose also spent several years counseling young women through

their tough times.

A great day in her life was on Sept. 30, 1990, when she and George found the anchor they needed at Central Christian Church. What a welcoming and caring church family!

Rose was a member of the Eagles where she and George would dance most weekends. They traveled a lot visiting friends and relatives.

Rose was preceded in death by her husband of nearly 70 years, George, on March 29, 2009; her parents; and sisters, Mildred Shewey (infant), Wilma St. John, Marie Turner and Martha Brown.

She is survived by her three sons, Melvin Colby and wife Laurel, Bob Colby, and Clay Colby and his wife Randi; her sister, Jane Gantt, and husband, Cliff, of Hillsboro, Ore.; brother, William Shewey Jr., and wife, Geraldine, of Eugene, Ore.; grandchildren, Steve, Keith and Karla, Mark and Tina, Adam, Karin, Joshua and Kaitlyn, and Caleb and Brittney; great-grandchildren, Kiel and Kayla; great-great-grandson, Zane; adopted grandson, Russ Kastner; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Central Christian Church or The Gemini Program, 146 Third Ave. W., Kalispell, MT 59901 (a mentoring program for girls).

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, June 18, at the Central Christian Church in Kalispell.

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

Irene D. Collar, 93

Irene D. Collar, 93, of Kalispell died Friday May 15, 2009, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell, from natural causes.

Survivors include a daughter, Nancy R. Enghusen, of Eureka.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday May 22, at St. Michael's and All Angels Episcopal Church in Eureka. Visitation will be from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at the Schnackenberg and Nelson Funeral Home in Eureka.

Ada Evelyn Collins, 97

Ada Evelyn Collins, 97, passed away on Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2009, at the Heritage Place in Kalispell.



She was born on April 29, 1912, in Cove, Ore., to Stephen David and Mrs. (Millie) Lloid. Ada received her early education in Cove.

In 1930, she married John Collins of Kingston Mines, Ill.

Ada lived in Bigfork until 1968, when she moved to Kalispell after John's death.

Ada was preceded in death

by her husband, four brothers, and four sisters.

She is survived by one son, Jerry, and Judy Collins; four grandsons; 10 great-grandchildren; one sister, Estelle West, of Milwaukie, Ore.; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Graveside services will be held for Ada at 11 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 2, at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be from 4 to 6 p.m. today, Oct. 1, in the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Chapel.

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

George E. Collins, 81

George E. Collins, 81, passed away on Saturday, Sept. 26, 2009, peacefully in his home, after a courageous battle with



cancer. George was born on Nov. 29, 1927, in Placentia, Newfoundland, to Mary Bridget and Francis Collins. He was the second youngest of 10 children, all who have preceded him in death.

George was only 14 when he managed to get a job on the United States Naval Base in Placentia, in the 1940s. He worked on the floating dock under Chief Petty Officer Orville Sather of Havre, who encouraged George to come to the United States in 1948.

George traveled five days and five nights by Greyhound bus to Havre. He applied for citizenship and was immediately drafted and sent to Japan with the occupation forces. When he returned he was in the Army Reserves. While waiting to leave for Korea, he was transferred to the Air National Guard.

After the Korean War, he started his career working for the Great Northern Railroad as an apprentice in the old roundhouse in Havre. He retired 35 years later from the Burlington Northern Railroad. He was proud to have achieved the job of general foreman of the Great Northern shops in Havre, where he supervised 250 staff members. He felt it was quite an achievement for an immigrant from the British Colony of Newfoundland.

George met Elinor Cass at a dance at Northern Montana College, where she was going to school. When he returned from his tour of duty during

the Korean War in 1953, he and Elinor were married. They had four children, Mike, Patti, Debbie and Lori.

George was committed to the community and the church. He was always busy working at projects, fixing items and was dedicated to helping others. George had a wonderful sense of humor and loved the people with whom he shared his life. He was known for the "gleam" in his eye and his "spark" for life. His nickname on the railroad was "Scooter." Along with always having a positive attitude, he was a friend to all, and enjoyed each day.

George is survived by his wife, Elinor; son, Michael, and Kari Klehm, of Kalispell; daughters, Patti and Keith Woo of Ames, Iowa, Debbie and Scott Stuart of Polson, and Lori and Robert Malcolm, Littleton, Colo.; grandchildren, Sarah and Sam Allred of Polson, Ben and Shalyea Walhood Stuart of Polson, and Patrick and Douglas Malcolm, and two great-grandchildren, Aislinn and Carter; as well as sister-in-law, Ardell Hern, and her family; and brother-in-law, Elmore Cass, and his family; and many wonderful friends and family.

A visitation will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1, at the Grogan Funeral Home, followed by a vigil at 7 p.m. at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. Funeral services are scheduled for 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 2, at Immaculate Conception Church.

Memorials may be given to Cheerful Heart, P.O. Box 688, Polson, MT 59860.

Messages of condolence may be sent to the family online at www.groganfuneralhome.com. Grogan Funeral Home, Polson, is assisting the family.

Charles Collins, 83

Charles Collins, 83, died Monday, Oct. 5, 2009, in Kalispell.

He is survived by his wife, Billee, of Polson.

At his request, there will be no services.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

William Gould 'Bud' Collins, 88

Mr. William Gould "Bud" Collins, 88, "went to be with the Lord" in the early morning hours of Feb. 28, 2009, in Glendale, Ariz. He died peacefully with his beloved "sweetie" and his youngest daughter Connie at his side. Bud was born Feb. 15, 1921, on his parents' (Joseph D. and Kathleen S.) homestead on Wild Horse Creek near Arvada, Wyo.



Bud chose to remain working on the homestead instead of exercising a college scholarship. He joined the U.S. Army in 1945. His tour of duty during World War II was primarily served in Italy.

Prior to his military service, he met and married his sweetheart, Virginia Phoebe Collins. She survives his passing. They shared a rich, loving, and fruitful life together for close to 65 years.

They moved from the Wyoming ranch in 1958, relocating on the Pleasant Valley Ranch west of Kalispell. Bud and Ginnie then moved to the Missoula area and finished raising their family. In 1974, the Collins' moved back to Kalispell. As a real estate broker, Bud sold many ranches in the Northwest, eventually owning his own real estate office. After retiring and traveling for a number of months, Bud and Ginnie decided to make their home in Arizona.

During his life, Bud succeeded in many challenges and endeavors. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, playing cards with friends, and talking politics, always encouraging everyone to exercise the privilege of voting.

He was a dedicated and loving husband, father and grandfather who will be sorely missed and his memory and legacy will be cherished by all who knew him. Bud was generous to a fault and was always willing to share insights he had learned. This earned him many friends.

He is survived by his wife, Ginnie, of Glendale, Ariz.; four daughters, Kathy Ann and Rick Hermes of Kalispell, Glenna Lou and Don Nelson of Free Soil, Mich., Tamara Rose and Paul Neils of Troy, and Connie Marie and Dan Davis of Phoenix; and two sons, Thomas John and Terry Collins of Plains, and William Joseph Collins of Kalispell. He is also survived by 21 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren; his sister, Patricia Smith, of Sheridan, Wyo., and numerous nieces and nephews.

Bud was preceded in death by his infant daughter, Virginia; and his sister and brother-in-law, Joan and Claude Sorell.

Memorial contributions in Bud's memory may be directed to the Muhammad Ali Parkinson Center of Phoenix; or the Veterans Administration in your area.

Services and interment in Willow Grove Cemetery at Buffalo, Wyo., will be at a later date.

William Kenneth 'Bill' Colvin, 81

William Kenneth "Bill" Colvin, 81, died Friday, March 13, 2009, at Southwest Medical Center in Liberal, Kan. He was born Jan. 22, 1928, at Wichita, Kan., the son of William Kemper and Clara (Radar) Colvin.



He was a Moline, Kan., high-school graduate. He then received his bachelor's degree in business administration from Pittsburg State University in Pittsburg, Kan.

He served in the United States Navy from 1950 to 1954 during the Korean conflict as an aerographer.

On June 12, 1954, he married Virginia Shunk at Madison, Kan. She survives him.

He was a salesman with Continental Emsco in Ellinwood, Pratt and Liberal, all in Kansas, from 1954 to 1963.

Beginning in 1962 to present time, he was the owner of High Plains Pizza. He opened the 18th Pizza Hut in the country in Liberal. The business continued to grow to its current status of 76 restaurants in five states.

He was a member of the Liberal Country Club, Liberal Elks Lodge No. 1947, Seward County Community College Booster Club, Republican Party and the International Pizza Hut Franchise Holder Association. He was inducted into the Pizza Hut Hall of Fame on April 23, 1991.

A great philanthropist, he gave much to support the Liberal community and other communities in Montana.

Other survivors include four sons, Kent Colvin of Liberal, Mike Colvin and wife, Patty, of Liberal, Greg Colvin and wife, Elizabeth, of Great Falls, and Tracy Colvin of Scottsdale, Ariz.; one sister, Ann Minnich, and husband, David, of Wernersville, Pa.; 12 grandchildren, Kevin Colvin and wife, Tanya, Kayla Johnson and husband, Cody, Brett Colvin, Corey Colvin, Brandi Colvin, Alex Colvin, Brianna Colvin, Geoffrey Colvin, Alyssa Colvin, Matthew Colvin, Austin Colvin and Josh Kohler; and four great-grandchildren, Kyler Johnson, Kahne Johnson, Kendyl Johnson and William Kyle Colvin.

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

A funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 18, at First Southern Baptist Church, with the Rev. Keith Bryant presiding.

A guest book will be available for signing from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday at Kitch-Brenneman Funeral Home in Liberal.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations are suggested to the National Emphysema Foundation; or the Seward County Community College Athletic Department, c/o Kitch-Brenneman Funeral Home, 1212 W. 2nd, Liberal, KS 67901.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.brenneman-funeralhome.com

Duane Combs, 78

Duane "Beer Can" Combs, 78, formerly of Eureka, died on Jan. 16, 2009, at Brendan House in Kalispell, after complications from a broken hip.

He was a long time logging and over-the-road truck

driver in the Flathead Valley.

Survivors include his wife, Emily; and children, Diana Robinson, Brenda Combs, Roscoe Combs and Christena Hicks.

No services are planned.

Mona P. 'Patty' Comstock, 74

Mona P. "Patty" Comstock, 74, died May 1, 2009, at HealthCenter Northwest from complications due to pneumonia. Survivors include her

son, Rick Comstock, of Bigfork.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. today, May 2, at Fairview Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

Barbara Helene Cooper, 91

Barbara Helene Cooper, 91, died Friday, Aug. 21, 2009, at the Mountain View Manor in Eureka.

She is survived by her daughter, Linda Reynolds, of Rexford.

Private family services will be held at a later date.

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

John Michael 'Mike' Connolly, 70

John Michael "Mike" Connolly, 70, passed away peacefully "as he journeyed to his final home with Jesus" on Monday, June 15, 2009. Mike was born Feb. 18, 1939, in Seattle, and grew up in Portland. He attended Madeline Grade School, Central Catholic High School and graduated from Portland State University.



He married Linda Cooper in Portland, in 1959. They had just celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 6, 2009.

Mike spent most of his life in the wood products industry. The last 18 years he was self-employed in secondary wood products, operating under Connolly Wood Products in Bend, Ore.

In 2006, Mike retired and moved to Kalispell where four of his six children live. Mike enjoyed fundraising for his church in Bend, and visiting nursing homes and a shelter home for teens, all in Bend.

Mike enjoyed golf and motor homing, but most of all, loving his God and family.

Mike was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Katy Connolly; and a brother, Patrick Connolly.

Mike is survived by his wife, Linda Connolly, of Kalispell; sons, Brian of Bend, Tim of Kalispell, Joe of Bend, and Patrick and wife Kim Connolly; daughters, Colleen Delorme and husband Davin of Kalispell, Karin Connolly of Kalispell, and Chance and husband Boone Larsen of Sheridan, Wyo.;

grandchildren, Katy Brooke, Chris, David, Jon, Ryan, Keenan and Brennan Connolly, Theresa Martinez, Angle Connolly, Bryson and Baylon Connolly, Megan Doyle, Jessica Kime, and Michele and Tyler Johnson; and great-grandchild, Shayden Marie.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, June 19, at the Christian Center Assembly of God Church. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

The family requests memorial contributions be made to Home Options Hospice, 175 Commons Loop, Ste. 100, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Friends are encouraged to visit the Web site. www.buffalolillfh.com. To leave condolences to the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Robert Wayne Cooper, 81

Robert Wayne Cooper, 81, passed away Tuesday, July 21, 2009, at his residence in Bigfork. He was born on Nov. 27, 1927, at Scammon, Kan., the son of William and Doris (Stone) Cooper.

Bob attended schools in Mason City, Iowa until enlisting in the U.S. Navy in 1945. His service took him to Italy, the Philippines and Australia. He received an honorable discharge in 1954. While in the Navy, he became quite a boxer and following his discharge from the service, he became a club fighter in New York. Using the steam-fitter trade he learned in the service, he worked for oil companies and eventually he purchased his own oil company in Boise, Idaho.

Bob also managed several health clubs. In 1980, he began a hardwood flooring business in Boise, and in 1989 he relocated to the Flathead Valley where he worked until his death.

Bob was an avid outdoorsman, enjoying hunting, fishing, hiking, kayaking, horseback riding or four-wheeling. He was the senior racquetball champion at one time.

On Sept. 2, 1995, in Mason City, Iowa, he married Shirley J. Shaver.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents; and a brother, Bill Cooper.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley, of Bigfork; his children, Robert Cooper and his wife, Chris, of Boise, Cathi Chinn and husband, Obee, of Phoenix, Maureen Cooper-Turner and husband, David, of Phoenix, Diane Morris and husband, Steve, of Boise, Dusty Rogge and husband, Jim, of Eagan, Minn., Susan Heaford and husband, Mike, of Northwood, Iowa, Hondo Shaver and his wife, Deb, of West Virginia, Jay Shaver and wife, JoAnn, of Sparta, Wis., and Tracy Bauer and husband, Rick, of Altoona, Wis.; his sister, Shirley Littelle, of Meridian, Idaho; 16 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

A celebration of Bob's life will be held starting at 2 p.m. today, July 23, at Bob's home on Foothill Road.

The family suggests that any memorial contributions be sent to Home Options Hospice, 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

Gary Copple, 67

Gary Copple, 67, died Wednesday, July 15, 2009, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Per his request, there

will be no services at this time.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Virginia Cornelius, 90

Virginia Cornelius, 90, passed away Jan. 15, 2009, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

Virginia was born Aug. 1, 1918, in Chinook. She was the third of seven children, four boys and three girls, and the first daughter. Her father, Andy, was the county assessor for many years, and her mother, Tillie, a homemaker. When Virginia was 13 years old, her mother died. Her father remarried two years later to Elvira, who brought a son into their family.

Virginia graduated from high school in Chinook. A year later, in 1937, she moved with her family to Whitefish, where her father owned and operated Andy's Cafe. Virginia worked there as a waitress for about 10 years.

On May 13, 1947, she married Les Cornelius, an engineer on the railroad.

Virginia was a "second mom" to her sister Carol's five children, helping to care for them as they grew. All her nieces and nephews were a great source of joy for her.

Virginia enjoyed sewing and

made many dresses for her nieces. Reading was another hobby; Virginia preferred true stories, inspirational and spiritual readings. She also loved flowers and has spent much time grooming her yard.

Les and Virginia enjoyed traveling together. They visited many interesting places, including Minnesota and Alaska. Virginia also returned to Germany and Norway to see the old country and distant relatives living there still.

On Sept. 14, 1985, Les died. Virginia had been a leader of the Senior League in her church and maintained membership in the Sons of Norway. She moved to Immanuel Lutheran Home from her apartment in Whitefish on July 31, 1995. She was a lifelong member of Christ Lutheran Church.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 26, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell. A reception will be after the service.

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

Lillian R. Cortner, 96

Lillian R. Cortner, 96, a 50-year resident of Hot Springs and Kalispell, departed this world on Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2009, at

Hospice of Spokane. She was born May 22, 1913, in Butte, to Peter and Elizabeth (Zemba) Sologub.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers; seven sisters; and her husband, Ben F.

She is survived by her children, Raymond and wife Sharon, and Gary and wife Liz; five grandchildren, and



eight great-grandchildren.

The vigil for Lillian will be held at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 13, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. The Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m. Dec. 14 at Risen Christ Catholic Church with Father Rudolph Bullman as celebrant. Burial will be in the Murray Memorial Cemetery near Hot Springs.

In lieu of memorial contributions, the family requests a random act of kindness to another.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for Lillian's family. You are invited to go to www.jgfuneralhome.com to view Lillian's guest book, offer condolences and share memories.

John Webster Cory, 88

John Webster Cory, 88, passed away peacefully at his home in Bigfork, on Friday, April 10, 2009. Mr. Cory was born July 15, 1920, in Spencer, Iowa, to John W. (William) Cory Jr., and Arlene Webster Cory.

John grew up in Spencer, and in the summers his family had a cabin on Lake Okoboji in northwest Iowa, where he enjoyed boating and sailing. He was an avid sailor and enjoyed traveling to other lakes during regatta season.

He was a member of the 1941 graduating class of the University of Michigan, School of Literature, Science and Arts, with an economics degree. His senior year he was a member of the all-campus honor society, Michiganama, and vice president of the Sigma Chi fraternity.

John's first job was with the First National Bank of St. Paul in St. Paul, Minn. In January of 1942 he applied for a commission in the Navy and was ordered to Boston for officers training. In June of '42 he entered the Navy and served the Naval Air stations in the Aleutian islands, from November of '42 to June of '44. He was then transferred to the Naval Air station in Glenview, Ill., and had orders to an aircraft carrier in August of '45, but never had to report.

John met Sally Ballard in Chicago in September of 1944 and they were married on Feb. 20, 1945, in Indianapolis. They lived in Glenview until the end of World War II and then they moved to Spencer, Iowa.

In 1949, John went into business with a couple of partners in a business that made loans and provided insurance to customers. John and Sally lived in Spencer for several years and eventually bought a lot on Lake Okoboji, where they built a summer cabin that eventually became a permanent residence. There they started building a family; and many stories and fond memories were formed that stay with us today.

During John's lifetime his father, brother, as well as himself, all owned Iowa farmland. Land conservation and water quality were very important to him and he worked on various task



forces and boards that focused on these issues.

John eventually sold the finance business prior to moving to Bigfork

in 1974, when he and Sally bought the Bigfork Inn. John and Sally ran the Inn from 1974 to 1977, and again in 1982, before finally selling it.

He was most recently preceded in death by his wife, Sally, in 2001; and his brother, Ace, in 2005.

John is survived by his daughter, Jennifer Lewis, of Bigfork, and her children, Emily Rose and Cory Brennan; son, Webster, of Sioux Falls, S.D., and his children, Nichole O'Masters and Johnathan; several nieces and nephews; Sally's niece, Susan Nolde, and her husband, Ed; and longtime family friend Mark Vogel.

John was a man of great integrity, wisdom and quick wit. He had many great friends and acquaintances that he enjoyed talking to, sharing life stories, politics or any other subject for that matter; he loved a good debate. He had a great memory and detail for things he experienced in the past and loved to share those experiences. If Michigan was playing football or basketball you better have a good reason for calling or stopping by! He was very pleased of the fact and stated often, "I am proud that I turned 88 in '08."

"He is now in heaven with Sally and the many friends that he saw leave this world before him." He was loved by many and will be forever missed.

Funeral services for John will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, April 17, at Bethany Lutheran Church in Bigfork.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to Home Options Kalispell, 171 Commons Loop, Ste. 100, Kalispell, MT 59901; or to the Bigfork Ambulance, P.O. Box 2020, Bigfork, MT 59911.

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

Harriet Leda Flynn Cottet, 86

Harriet Leda Flynn Cottet, 86, passed away Thursday at St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula, surrounded by family.



The oldest of three children, Harriet was born in Butte, June 1, 1923, to John and Leda Flynn.

After graduating from Flathead County High School, Harriet moved to San Francisco to work in the Navy shipyards during World War II. Upon returning to Kalispell, she met and married Percy Cottet, and had a son, Michael. As a family they lived and ranched in Kila, Niarada and Lonepine.

After her husband was stricken with multiple sclerosis they retired and returned to the Flathead Valley. Percy became too ill to be taken care of at home, so Harriet moved to Plains to be closer to her family, and Percy was admitted to Clark Fork Val-

ley Hospital's nursing home until his passing in 1999.

In 2008, she moved in with her son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Sharon, and remained there until her passing.

She served as an officer with the Montana VFW Ladies Auxiliary for several years, worked as an X-ray tech at the Sanders County Hospital in Hot Springs, and was active in the Genealogical Society of Kalispell.

Preceding her in death were her parents, Leda and John Flynn; sister, Mary Esther; husband, Percy Cottet; and granddaughter, Michael Marie Cottet.

Harriet is survived by a sister, Thelma Keen, of Crookston, Minn.; son, Michael, and Sharon Cottet of Clinton; grandchildren, Tyson Cottet of Charlo, Chad and Shelly Cottet of Polson, and Tyler and Billie Dumont of Moiese; and great-grandchild, Sammie Jo Marie Dumont, of Moiese.

No services will be held at this time; a family gathering is planned for later.

Elaine Joy Cuklanz Cowan, 68

Elaine Joy Cuklanz Cowan, 68, of Polson, passed away on Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2009, at St. Joseph Hospital in Polson. Elaine



was born on April 18, 1941, in Estherville, Iowa, the daughter of (the late) Fred and Doris Hannover Cuklanz.

Elaine made education a priority and earned several degrees beginning in 1964 at the University of Iowa, receiving her Bachelor of Arts degree in general science and medical technology, the Radioisotope Laboratory at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., receiving an NM (ASCP) in nuclear medicine technology in 1965; and later returned to the University of Iowa in 1968 to earn her master's degree in science education and radiobiology.

In 1975, Elaine became involved with the Joint Review Committee on Educational Programs in Nuclear Medicine Technology, which accredits educational programs in Nuclear Medicine Technology. Later, in 1981, Elaine became the executive director of the committee until her retirement in 2007. During this time span, Elaine's dedication to the field earned her much recognition in the nuclear medical society.

She was a member of the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Polson and a

member of the PEO Ladies Group, which promotes the educational opportunities of women. Elaine loved to travel with her husband in their motor home and had the privilege of having traveled to both the Arctic and Antarctica.

Besides her parents, two brothers, George and Walter Cuklanz, preceded Elaine in death.

Those left with cherished memories are her husband, John S. Cowan, of Polson; two stepchildren, John G. Cowan of Denver, and Wendy Windham of Roy, Wash.; and a brother, Harland Cuklanz, of Witbraham, Mass.

Visitation for friends and family will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 13, at the Grogan Funeral Home, 101 Sixth Ave. E., in Polson. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 14, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Polson, with Rev. Paul Rowold officiating. Interment will occur in Elaine's hometown of Estherville, Iowa, at Fairview Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made as a donation to the Greater Polson Community Foundation, P.O. Box 314, Polson, MT 59860.

Messages of condolence may be sent to the family online at www.groganfuneralhome.com. The staff at Grogan Funeral Home and Crematory, Polson, considers it a privilege to care for Elaine's family.

Bonnie Jean (Slack) Craft, 74

Bonnie Jean (Slack) Craft passed from this life surrounded by family on May 5, 2009, at Brendan House after nearly a year of fighting to live after being diagnosed with stage four ovarian cancer.



She was born in Great Falls on Aug. 11, 1934, to Steve and Mary (Prichard) Slack Jr. She was raised on Beaver Creek Ranch in the Snowy Mountains south of Lewistown.

Bonnie graduated from Fergus County High School in 1952. She married Robert Earl Bechtel and had one son, Robert O. Bechtel, in 1955.

Later, she moved to the Flathead Valley with her son to be near her parents. She worked for a bank in Columbia Falls and later for the County Extension Office until her retirement.

She was married to Arnold Barta for 17 years and later to John W. Craft. They enjoyed exploring Montana, traveling the southwest in the winter, and square dancing.

Bonnie had an eye for color and style which showed in her dress and in her flair for art in the form of watercolors, acrylics, knitting, crocheting and clothing that she made for herself and those she loved.

The Columbia Falls Quilting Guild recently voted to give Bonnie a lifetime

membership and donated, to the Columbia Falls Library, a book entitled "Victory Quilts" in her honor and recognition of her beautiful quilts.

She was an excellent cook and loved to gather family and friends on holidays and present them with both wonderful food and a beautiful table setting. She studied piano for several years and played for her own enjoyment. She continued taking lessons while in Brendan House. She loved to learn.

She had a quick wit, great sense of humor and a dignity that carried her through this process with the help of friends and family.

She loved spending the day shopping, having lunch or quilting and laughing with her friend and sister-in-law, Carolyn Slack, who spent this past year with her from the beginning of her final journey to the end.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Roy; and husbands, Robert E. Bechtel, Arnold R. Barta and John W. Craft.

Bonnie is survived by her son, Robert O. Bechtel and Deborah; sister, Ila Barta and Bob; brother, Jack Slack and Carolyn; and numerous nieces and nephews. She also leaves behind her beloved pets, Fritzzy and Joker.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, June 19, at the Fairview Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to a charity of your choice.

Arrangements are with the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

Frank Eugene Craig, 66

Frank Eugene Craig, 66, died Friday, Sept. 4, 2009, at his home in Whitefish.

He is survived by his wife, Wanda, of Whitefish; two sons, David and Todd Craig; and two daughters, Heather Martin and Lea

Pedro.

Private graveside services will be held at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

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

Timothy A. Crail, 77

Timothy A. Crail, 77, passed away on Saturday, March 14, 2009, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell, surrounded by close relatives. On April 5, in 1931, the son of Lloyd Timothy and Bertha Mae (Murray) Crail in Kalispell — a newcomer the family would later think of as the “Irish Imp” — joined what would soon be a circle of five Crail youngsters, Tim being number four.

Is it tough to be fourth in a field of five? Yes, but when you're Tim, you learn the tactics of making things work out your way anyway.

In high school, closely following his older brother Ted (No. three) they argued and fought (such skirmishes were the way multiple siblings could prepare the young for the world ahead). A war was afoot in the years just after Tim's graduation from Flathead High School. (World War II was over, this was the Korean War) and Tim learned, serving in the Air Force, to be a radar operator, spending that war mostly in Biloxi, Miss.

His stay in the military turned out to be a career-maker for him. Soon enough he was a microwave engineer working for Howard Hughes Aircraft in California, an organization that was breaking new ground in devising instruments needed for the country's operations in outer space. Tim had taken courses in California colleges, including UCLA. The “imp” (who was not really impish in this new setting) became a team leader for Hughes.

Kalispell, where five in his family had grown up (but four of them taking off for other parts), seemed a long way from the technology fronts, but Flathead High graduates could be equal to most anything. The imp did well. Life though, became very real very early for Timothy Allen Crail.

No high school prepares you for tragedy. The imp married the first of several wives (Heleny, Lorraine, Cecily) and he had three children (“precious pearls”).

Two of them, Kenny and Kim, were killed in an automobile accident; another died very young from a kidney ailment. Life had taken a cruel turn.



Later, Tim would become father, as he once wrote, to “two adopted children, two stepchildren, two children with myself as the biologic father.”

Tim the “Indomitable,” a word that would fit him through the years, was going on. That indomitable approach served him well — it was decades after his forays into the wonders of microwave engineering that he returned in semi-retirement to the Flathead.

His son, Peter Crail, now living in Silver Springs, near Washington, D.C., serves as a spokesman for an arms control organization. His daughter, Krystle, was recently promoted to store manager in Los Angeles. Yolanda Crail, mother of

Peter, Krystle, Brenton and Shermain, was married to Tim for 25 years before they divorced, and he left California for his Montana homeland.

Co-author of patents on testing techniques for space age antennas, his final post had been as a senior project engineer working on classified projects at Raytheon.

Not content with his engineering work for Hughes and Raytheon, Tim had two major projects in hand during his later life.

One was converting a hill-top home in Los Angeles into a landmark of the area near the Los Angeles airport. He converted the existing structure into a tall round house and it included six bedrooms, plus office areas with a small fleet of computers for specialized graphics and writings. His second project, which he worked on for many years, was an attempt to redesign the freeway and mass traffic systems throughout the U.S. to save money, fuel and sweat in transportation. This was unfinished at the time of his death. In his working years he had received an award for cost-cutting ideas that saved millions for his employers.

“Tragedies in his life and how he met them showed his strength,” a relative said. “He felt he'd had a great life.”

The Irish imp became, along the way, a role model in how to react to the tragic and the unexpected. He called his mentor in this, Buddha — most of us call him God.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lloyd and Bertha.

He is survived by his son, Peter Crail, of Silver Springs, Md.; his daughter, Krystle Crail, of Los Angeles; his adopted children, and stepchildren include David Crail of Los Angeles, Malia Gutierrez of Riverside, Calif., Brenton Taff of West Los Angeles, Calif., and Shermain Flowers of Irvine, Calif.; his brothers, Ted Crail of Kalispell, and Rev. Donn Crail of Claremont, Calif.; and two sisters, Peggy Byrne and Ruth Broeder, both of Kalispell. Adopting Kalispell anew, he met here his enduring companion, Michelle Field, of Somers. He also leaves behind the “two best girls” in his life, his black labs, Shelly and Raven.

Tim left word that no funeral was to follow his death and directed cremation. His family members plan to scatter his ashes in the Montana outdoors at a gathering of many relatives in mid-summer.

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

Mildred W. Crain, 91

Mildred W. Crain quietly passed away on Sunday, Aug. 9, 2009, at her home near Bigfork, surrounded by her loving family. She was born Mildred Wolvin on Oct. 29, 1917, in Burlington, N.J.

She graduated from Burlington High School in 1936 and attended nursing school and received her nursing certification in 1939.

Mildred married Franklin Conrad Crain on April 25, 1942, in Burlington. They had four children, a daughter, Pamela, and three sons, Jeff "Randy," Tim and Eric "Buck."

As an Air Force family they lived in many locations across the U.S. and internationally. Mildred and Franklin retired to the Bigfork area in 1975 where she was active in the local chapter of EO for many years. Mildred

was also a member of the Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Colonel Franklin Crain; and their infant daughter, Pamela.

She is survived by her sons, Jeff, Tim and Eric; and daughters-in-law, Peggy and JoAnn; and grandchildren, Raina, Stefanie, Millie and Dalton.

As per her wishes, no services will be held.

She also requested that for anyone wishing to make a memorial contribution, they may be sent to the charity of the donor's choice.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for Mildred's family. You are invited to go to www.jgfuneralhome.com to view Mildred's guest book, offer condolences and share memories.

Sister Mary Carol Cramer, 78

Sister Mary Carol Cramer, RSM, 78, died on Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2009, at Mercy Hallmar Care Center in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, after a long illness.



Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 14, at Sacred Heart Convent Chapel by Rev. Nick March and Rev. Gerald Condon. Burial will be at the Mount Calvary Cemetery in Cedar Rapids. Friends may call from 3 to 8 p.m. today, Nov. 13, at Sacred Heart Chapel with a wake service at 7 p.m. Arrangements are with Stewart Baxter Funeral and Memorial Services.

Sister Mary Carol was born on April 5, 1931, at Mercy Hospital in Cedar Rapids. The daughter of Paul and Viola Wake Cramer, Sister Mary Carol became acquainted with the Sisters of Mercy at Immaculate Conception School in Cedar Rapids.

She fulfilled her dream as a youth of becoming a Sister of Mercy, entering the Cedar Rapids Community after high school on Aug. 15, 1949, and professed final vows on Feb. 2, 1955. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Mount Mercy College in Cedar Rapids. She began her ministry in religious life as an elementary school teacher, serving at St. Matthew's, Cedar Rapids; St. Benedict's, Decorah, Idaho; and St. Joseph's, Marion and Our Lady of Grace in Edina, Minn.

In 1964, Sister Carol was

called back to Cedar Rapids to serve as house mother at St. Ann's Home for Unwed Mothers. In her work at St. Ann's, Sister Mary Carol helped young mothers learn to cook, clean house and acquire work skills until the home closed in 1969. Sister Mary Carol went back into teaching at St. Matthew's, Cedar Rapids, and St. Patrick's in Bernard, Iowa. In 1975, Sister Mary Carol had a change in ministry and served as a receptionist at Mount Mercy College.

In 1993, she traveled to Kalispell, to serve in secretarial positions at Kalispell General Hospital, Green Thumb and the American Red Cross. During her time in Kalispell, Sister Mary Carol also served as cantor at St. Matthew's church for 12 years where she felt she could help bring people closer to God with song. Sister Mary Carol remained in Kalispell, until her retirement to Sacred Heart Convent in Cedar Rapids, in 2005. In 2007, Sister Mary Carol became a resident of Mercy Hallmar Care Center.

In addition to the Sisters of Mercy, Sister Mary Carol is survived by a sister, Barbara, and John Stemlar, of Davenport, Iowa; brothers, P. Douglas and Theresa Cramer of Parker, Colo., William and Charlene Cramer of Flossmoor, Ill., and Patrick Cramer of Lewisville, Texas; an aunt, Enid Wright, of Cedar Rapids; and several cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and a brother, Steven Cramer.

Memorials may be sent to the Sisters of Mercy, at 1125 Prairie Dr. NE, Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52402.

Shirlee I. Craver, 86

Shirlee I. Craver, 86, died Friday, April 10, 2009, at her home in Libby.

She worked for a time at Al's Market and Maurer Insurance Agency.

She is survived by her sons, John, Larry and Kurt; daughters, Marylee Johnson and Sally Hansen; and stepchildren,

Dave and Peggy.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, April 17, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Libby. Visitation will be from 1 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 16, with rosary at 7 p.m.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg and Nelson Funeral Home in Libby.

Jesse Lea Crayne, 25

We welcome family and friends to join us in a celebration of Jesse Crayne's life, on Saturday, Nov. 14, at the Saddle Club in Whitefish, from 2 p.m. on.



An account at Whitefish Credit Union will be set up for donations in Jesse's daughter's name, Lillee Ann Crayne.

Jesse Lea Crayne was taken from us in a fatal car accident on Nov. 9, 2009, on his way to work. He grew up in

Whitefish and graduated from Whitefish High School in 2003. He constructed bridges, did underwater welding and operated cranes. He was greatly passionate about his work.

He loved his family and friends, and always put a smile on their face.

He is survived by his mother, Linda Crayne; and sister, Amber Crayne; his newborn baby of 3 weeks, Lillee Ann Crayne; girlfriend, Jenni, and her children, Rylee and Sydnee.

He was preceded in death by his younger brother, Jason Lea Crayne.

He will be greatly missed.

Susan Croker, 46

Susan Croker, 46, died Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2009, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Arrangements are currently pending with Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory.

Virginia 'Ginny' Crook, 77

Virginia 'Ginny' Crook, 77, died April 15, 2009, peacefully at her home. She was born in Somers to Cynthia and Arthur Richmond.



She graduated from high school in Kalispell, where she met Robert "Bob" Crook. They were married in 1951 in Honolulu, where Bob was stationed in the Navy during the Korean War.

When Bob was discharged from the Navy in 1955, they moved to Oregon. There, Bob began working at KOAC-TV and Radio, and Ginny worked at Oregon State University health department, retiring in 1995. Bob died in 1987.

Ginny, "Mom, Grandma

and friend," was a wonderful person. She was always a delightful spirit — she had a great sense of humor and a quick wit with a big smile (one of the best, none better). "She is going home to Bob 'Dad' — God bless you and love you both."

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Bob; her mother and father; three sisters and three brothers.

She is survived by one sister, Louise Mackey, also affectionately known as "Aunt Weirdo," of Kalispell; brothers, Russ Richmond of Ypsilanti, Mich., and Frank Richmond of Hawthorne, Calif.; son, Steve, and wife, Terri Crook, of Philomath, Ore.; daughter, Linda Crook, of Corvallis, Ore.; daughter, Sherri, and husband, Mike Gish, of Dallas, Ore.; four grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She will be missed.

Doris 'Dee' Criner, 68

Doris "Dee" Criner, 68, passed away Tuesday, March 3, 2009, at home in Helena, with her family by her side, after a two-year battle with pancreatic cancer.



Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 14, at the First Lutheran Church, 2231 East Broadway in Helena. Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Sunday, March 15, at the Mountain View Cemetery in Shelby.

Dee was born Aug. 10, 1940, in Conrad to Harvey and Susie Nelson. She graduated from Shelby High School in 1959.

Dee was united in marriage to Bud Criner on May 7, 1960. She devoted the next 49 years to their home and raising their three children, as well as supporting her husband in his work and volunteer activities.

They enjoyed many adventures together, fishing, camping and thousands of miles riding motorcycles and kayaking. Dee especially enjoyed her experience in

the Nile and her reign as Queen, her bowling league, her children and grandchildren, and last but not least, her dogs Sadie and Mo.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Harvey and Susie Nelson; parents-in-law, Fritz and Clarice Criner; sister, Delores; brothers, George and Donald; sister-in-law, Verna Criner; and niece, Tami Criner.

Dee is survived by her husband of 49 years, Bud; children, Rick and Lori Criner of Kalispell, Suzette and Mike Moore of Florence, and Mike and Linda Criner of Belgrade; brothers, Jim and Georgia Nelson of Shelby, and Raymond and Mary Nelson of Kalispell; brothers-in-law, Jerry and Judy Criner, and Tom and Linda Criner; grandchildren, Josh, Jake, Shanna, Cody, Colin, Derrick and Noah; numerous nieces and nephews; and lifelong friends, Lester and Judy Nevins, Loren and Sue Heaverland, and Ellen and Kenny McDermott.

Memorials in Dee's name may be made to St. Peter's Cancer Treatment Center; St. Peter's Hospice Memorials; Algeria Shrine Transportation Fund; First Lutheran Church; or a charity of the donor's choice.

Irene Smith Crohn

A graveside memorial service for Irene Smith Crohn, 87, who died Oct. 20, 2008, will be held at 2 p.m. Aug. 7 at the Bigfork

Lone Pine Cemetery. A gathering for family and friends will follow, at the Little Brown Church Fellowship Hall, in Bigfork.

Donald M. Cropsy Jr., 55

Donald M. Cropsy Jr. passed away July 12, 2009, in Kalispell. He was born March 3, 1954, in Pasadena, Calif., to Donald and Wordia Cropsy.



He attended public schools, graduating from Pasadena High School in 1972.

Subsequently, he received training to become an emergency medical technician. He was employed in that capacity in Montebello, Calif., until he relocated to

Bullhead City, Ariz., in 1977. In Arizona, Donald was a volunteer and photographer with that city's fire department.

In 1991, Donald relocated to Kalispell. He eventually gained employment with Wal-Mart in the electronics department. He frequently expressed his gratitude to his co-workers and customers for their kindness while he was recovering from heart surgery.

A memorial service will be held for Don at 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 21, at the Bible Baptist Church, 64 Dove Lane, in Kalispell. A potluck will follow

Lorraine Verna Croskrey, 92

Lorraine Verna Croskrey, 92, passed away on Friday, June 26, 2009, at Colonial Manor in Whitefish. She was born on Aug. 14, 1916, at Half Moon, the daughter of Vernon and Carrie (Jensen) Barrows. She was raised in the Flathead Valley and attended schools in Kalispell.

She married Buster Raymond Brown and six children were born to this union. They were later divorced. She later married Harold Croskrey and one son was born to this union.

Lorraine was preceded in death by her husband, Harold Croskrey; two sons, two daughters, and three sisters.

She is survived by two daughters, Donna Kidwell and husband, Dick, of

Kalispell, and Lucille Parpart and husband, Ray, of Tanhasket, Wash.; two sons, David Brown and wife, Barb, of Lodi, Calif., and Kerry Croskrey and wife, Nita, of Columbia Falls; one sister, Ruth Bates, of Arizona; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for Lorraine will be held at 1 p.m. today, July 1, at the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home Chapel, with burial to follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

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

Bill M. Crowley, 73

Bill M. Crowley, 73, of Libby, died Monday in Kalispell, from complications of cancer treatment.

He had been an educator and principal prior to his retirement.

He is survived by his wife, Joyce Marie Crowley, of Libby; a son, Jeff Crowley; and a daughter, Jennifer Crowley Johnson.

A family visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. today, Nov. 19, at Schnackenberg Funeral Home in Libby.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20, at the funeral home chapel.

Services in Lawson, Mo., will include a family visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 24, at Polley Funeral Home in Lawson. A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 25, at the United Christian and Presbyterian Church in Lawson, with burial to follow at the Lawson Cemetery.

Terry Wayne Crouch, 66

Terry Wayne Crouch passed away Aug. 16, 2009, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center, after a short illness.

Terry was born on Jan. 20, 1943, in Thermopolis, Wyo., to Myrtle and Wayne Flick. When he was 2 years old they divorced. Two years later his mother married Floyd Crouch and he adopted Terry. Terry was raised in Casper, Wyo., and graduated from Natrona County High School.

After graduation, he enlisted in the Army and served for 12 years as an MP, doing tours in Vietnam, Germany and various state-side locations.

While in the service he met, and then married, Paula Carlberg, on April 6, 1964, in Virginia Beach, Va. They enjoyed more than 45 wonderful years together. One of the happiest days of his life was the birth of his son, Richard, on Jan. 12, 1968, in Munich, Germany. He was always so proud of his son and loved to spend time with him.

After his discharge from the Army he served in the law enforcement field for the rest of his life. He was an Alaska State trooper, stationed in Anchorage, Alaska. He was also the director of security for the Marriott Hotel in Portland, and also provided security for Mattel Toys in Beaverton, Ore.

Terry and Paula moved to

the Flathead Valley in 1998, and enjoyed the beautiful country and the great people. His last job was as security for Samaritan House, from which he retired in 2007.

He loved the outdoors and loved to go hiking in Glacier Park and the surrounding areas. But above all, what he enjoyed most was the time that he spent with his family and friends.

Terry was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather and friend. You could always depend on him; his word was his bond. He will be deeply missed "but he is once again whole and we will see him again in Heaven."

He was a proud patriot and a devoted member of the NRA. He deeply loved his country and flew the flag each day proudly.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Myrtle Adamson; and his father, Wayne Flick.

He is survived by his wife, Paula, of Columbia Falls; his son, Richard, daughter-in-law, Gina, and his grandson, Jaden, of Gresham, Ore; and numerous friends here and throughout the United States.

At Terry's request no service will be held; cremation has taken place.

His ashes will be scattered at a later date.

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

Berna J. Crowe, 69

On March 11, 2009, Bernie lost her battle to cancer. She was born in Kalispell, Dec. 18, 1939, to Bernie and Margaret Benson.

She moved to Columbia Falls in 1946 and was raised by her mother and stepfather, Tom Smith. She attended schools in Columbia Falls.

On June 16, 1972, she married David Crowe.

After working at Plum Creek Evergreen for 34 years as a Hyster driver, she retired and enjoyed camping, picking berries and mushrooms, and trips to Laughlin, Nev.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Margaret; her father, Bernie; stepfather, Tom; and stepsister, Elma.

She is survived by her husband of 36 years, David; son, Tim Knopfle; daughter, Terri Frey, of Kalispell; sister, Elaine Countryman, of Columbia Falls; stepsister, Sandra Suson, of Kingman, Ariz.; one grandson; four granddaughters; and one great-grandson; aunt, Bee Barry; and numerous cousins.

Cremation has been held and there will be no services.

Milagros Cruz, 80

Milagros Cruz, 80, died Friday, July 17, 2009, at the Brendan House in Kalispell.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Mon-

day, July 20, at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Karen D. Cruzan, 67

Karen D. Cruzan, 67, of Libby died from natural causes Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2009, at the Libby Care Center.

Survivors include her husband, Don Cruzan, of Libby; and sons, David Cruzan

and Daniel Cruzan, both of Libby.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28, at the Schnackenberg and Nelson Funeral Home in Libby. Visitation will be from 3 to 8 p.m. Tuesday.

Margaret F. Cummings, 85

Margaret F. Cummings, 85, of Whitefish, died Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2009, at Brendan House in Kalispell. She was born at Covington, Ky., on June 16, 1924, the daughter of James and Tootsie Clayton, and was raised and educated in northern Kentucky.

She and her late husband John Cummings were longtime residents of Cincinnati. He preceded her in death in 1978. She remained in Cincinnati until coming to Whitefish in 2002, where she had made her home until the time of her death.

She is survived by her children, Jim and wife, Kathy

Cummings, of Whitefish, John Cummings Jr., of Hillsboro, Ohio, and daughter, Cynthia Homan, of Batavia, Ohio; nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. this Saturday, Aug. 29, at St. Charles Borromeo Church in Whitefish. A Mass of the Resurrection and interment will be in Cincinnati.

Austin Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

Memorials may be made to Shepherd's Hand Free Clinic, c/o 5150 River Lakes Parkway, Whitefish, MT 59937.

James Donald Cummings Sr., 59

James Donald Cummings Sr., 59, of Troy died Jan. 1, 2009, after a hard battle against kidney/bone cancer.

He is survived by his wife, Jeanette Cummings, of Troy; and children, Nikki Ramirez of Troy, Tammi Francis of Winnemucca, Nev., Jamie Bernhart of Rathdrum, Idaho, James Cummings Jr.

of Great Falls, and Jessica Munts of Troy.

Viewing will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 7, and from 9 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Jan. 8, at the Schnackenberg and Nelson Funeral Home. Services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Church of God in Troy, with a potluck afterward.

Lloyd Eugene Cyr, 93

Lloyd Eugene Cyr, 93, passed away on Monday, May 25, 2009, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

He was born in St. Joe, Idaho, on Aug. 28, 1915, to Larry and Anna (Groff) Cyr.

Lloyd moved to Kalispell in the 1930s. He was a contractor, custom home builder and a cabinet maker until his retirement.

He married Edna Mae Harris in Kalispell on Sept. 24,



1938. Edna passed away in 1978. Lloyd remarried in October 1987 to Kathleen Mae Endicott. Kathleen passed away on July 11, 2007.

Lloyd is survived by his two daughters, Japet Peterson of Kalispell, and Beverly Skochenko of Springfield, Ore.; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Private graveside services were held for Lloyd by his family.

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