

Alicia Fagerland, 81

Alicia Fagerland, 81, passed away April 5, 2009, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home. Alicia was born to Wilbur and Agnes Fox on Oct. 10, 1927, in Bigfork.



Alicia was raised in the Swan River area with her two brothers and one sister, graduating from Bigfork High School and marrying her high school sweetheart, Lloyd Fagerland, on Sept. 18, 1946. Together they farmed the KM Ranch in Whitefish for 10 years before moving to a family farm in Creston.

Alicia worked for a time as a secretary at Bethany Lutheran Church of Bigfork.

They were very active in the community as members of the Grange, Back Country Horsemen, Bethany Lutheran and United Methodist Church of Bigfork.

In addition to regular camping and fishing trips on horseback in the Bob Marshall, Alicia loved her garden, flowers and baking. The Fagerlands also enjoyed traveling around the Western United States.

Alicia and Lloyd had two daughters, Kathy Hansen of Kalispell, and Karen Poston of Elma, Wash.

Remembered by many as very gracious and a true lady, Alicia never had an unkind word to say about

others. Alicia also knew how to have fun whether it was with their friends playing cards or her grandchildren, who loved to stay with her "at the farm" anytime, baking cookies and riding horses.

Alicia resided at Buffalo Hill Terrace until she moved to Immanuel Lutheran Home in July, 2005.

Alicia was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Lloyd Fagerland; her brother, Ted Fox; and sister, Jo Heim.

She is survived by her daughter and her husband, Kathy and Marvin Hansen; her daughter and her husband, Karen and Ray Poston; her brother and his wife, Bill and Esther Fox of Ferndale; five grandchildren and their spouses, Kim and Yuji Morisaki and Kyle and Nicole Hansen of Kalispell, Amanda and Justin Linson of Redmond, Ore., Kalie and Nate Adretti of Bigfork, and Jeff and Michelle Poston of McCleary, Wash.; 10 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Services will be held for Alicia at 2 p.m. on Thursday, April 9, at United Methodist Church in Bigfork.

The family requests that donations in lieu of flowers be made to Immanuel Lutheran Home, 185 Crestline, Kalispell; Hope Options Hospice, 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell; or the charity of the donor's choice.

Mary Jean Farris, 86

Mary Jean Farris "went to be with the Lord" on Nov. 20, 2008, surrounded by her beloved family at Lake View Care Center in Bigfork. She was born in Corvallis, Ore., on June 27, 1922, to Oregon pioneer descendants Vaughn and Mabel Youngblood. She grew up in Seattle and attended the University of Washington.

She was a serious musician, having studied voice for many years. During World War II she donated many hours to entertaining wounded service men in hospitals. Her beautiful soprano voice was a gift she shared at church and with many others.

She had a loving heart and generous spirit; her cup was always half full.

She married Walter Farris on Oct. 14, 1946, and they lived in Spokane for many years.

In 1973, they bought the Swan Village Market in Swan Lake. After her beloved husband's death in 1991, she relocated to Bigfork where

she belonged to the Bigfork Pottery club, the bridge club, and the gardening group. Her love of gardening made every place she lived more beautiful than she found it.

She was an inveterate reader and spent many happy hours with books. Her passion for gardening, reading and music lives on in her children and grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her brother, Tom Youngblood; and her granddaughter, Abigail Bergmann.

She is survived by her sister, Bette Angell, of Bainbridge Island, Wash.; her children, Robin Dewhirst and Tim, Forest Farris and Tammy, Helen Bergmann and Richard, and Bette Miller and Gale; 15 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

"We will miss you, Grandma!"

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, June 29, at the Swan River Hall on Highway 83, with a reception to follow.

Daisy Fain, 67

Daisy Fain, 67, of Norris passed away March 21, 2009, at the Madison Valley Medical Center at Ennis.

She was born in Manhattan, with the help of a midwife, on Nov. 3, 1941, to Marguerite (Pearson) Fain and John William "Bill" Fain of Norris. Daisy started school in Norris and graduated from Harrison High in 1959.

She attended the College of Nursing in Great Falls and graduated as a registered nurse. She worked in Denver, San Francisco and Bozeman, and finished her career in Great Falls. She most enjoyed working in the emergency room.

Her recreation was reading, traveling, cats, gardening and horses. Several trips to Europe and avid reading gave her a well-rounded view of the world.

She retired from nursing in 2004 and moved to Whitefish to live

with her sister and brother-in-law. There she helped with running their Western store (WesTrends).

In 2007, along with her sister and brother-in-law, she moved home to the family homestead near Norris. There she enjoyed gardening and helping in the store. She is most remembered for her kind eye and warm smile.

Daisy is survived by her sister and brother-in-law, Terry and Larry Shore; and cousins, Mary Ann McDonnell of St. George, Utah, Jan and Paul Stibre of Seattle, Mary Beth Pearson of Seattle, and Bruce Pearson of Sheridan.

There will be no services. Donations may be made to the Madison Valley Medical Center, the charity of your choice, or give a little of your time to visit an acquaintance or loved one.

K&L Mortuaries and Crematory of Ennis is handling arrangements.

Elmer Allen 'Spick' Fauske, 84

Elmer Allen "Spick" Fauske was born July 26, 1924, to Peter and Cecelia Fauske in Tokio, N.D.



Along with an older brother, Robert, and sister Luella, the Fauskes moved to Whitefish when Spick was 14 months old. The family added two more children after moving to Whitefish, Jessie and Peter. He went to the Lakeside School until he was 15 years old.

During the Depression, when Spick was young, he cut wood with his father which would be traded to Markus' Grocery for food. He also herded cattle and delivered coal. At the age of 16, he went to work for the Great Northern Railroad in the round house. In July of 1943 he joined the Army, had training in Camp Colin, Calif., and landed in Bon, Germany, as an anti-aircraft rifleman and machine gunner in the infantry.

After returning home in 1946, he went back to work at the Great Northern Railroad with the welding crew, then at the B & B. While working on gang, "he became the luckiest man on the face of the earth" when he met Loretta Hudson at Pinnical (close to Essex). They were married July 21, 1951, and lived in Whitefish.

Spick then went to work for Western Fruit Company. They had their first two children, Diana and Rodney, then he transferred to Klamath Falls, Ore., for three years, where Janice was born. They moved back to Whitefish and Spick went back to work for the Great Northern Railroad in 1959 in the yard office checking cars. This is where their fourth child, Susan, was born.

In 1964, Spick went to work for Bitney's Furniture where he delivered furniture to many of the homes in the Flathead Valley. After about seven years, he and Loretta started Spick's Cleaning

Service, cleaning those same homes. He worked cleaning until his retirement in 2006.

He lived in the lap of luxury. His wealth was not monetary. It is the wealth of love he had for his family, friends and acquaintances. He loved people and he proved that every day by helping, comforting, and serving them. No matter who you are, Spick always had a kind word to say to you. He was always inviting you to his home or his second home, "The Lake." His wife and partner of 50 years never had a problem with the invitations. There was, and is, always room for another person at our table (no matter how small it was).

Spick was a member and a volunteer at the Golden Agers, where he cheerfully delivered Meals on Wheels to the "old people" (most of them younger than he). He was a member of the Moose Lodge and VFW.

He became ill in 2007 and went to the Montana Veterans Home where he enjoyed teasing the "staff of angels." "He left us with a shower of fireworks on July 4, 2009."

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Robert; sister, Luella Lemon; and grandsons, Chad and Bo Motichka.

Spick is survived by his loving wife, Loretta, of 57 years; son, Rod, and his wife, Donna, of Columbia Falls; daughters, Dee Motichka and her husband, Carl, of Columbia Falls, Jan Judd and her husband, Ron, of Olympia, Wash., and Sue Anderson of Columbia Falls; 10 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; brother, Peter Fauske, and his wife, Ardella, of Columbia Falls; sister, Jessie Fauske, of Whitefish; and many nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 18, at the Christ Lutheran Church, with Pastor John Bent officiating. A reception will follow at the Golden Agers in Whitefish.

The family suggests that memorials be made to the Montana Veterans Home.

Carl Wayne Feathers, 50

Carl Wayne Feathers was born on June 8, 1959, in Limestone, Maine, to Chester T. and Mary E. (Plummer) Feathers. He died on Dec. 3, 2009, in Lawton, Okla., at the age of 50.



Carl was raised in a military family and attended school in several states prior to graduating from high school in San Bernardino, Calif.

He attended college for a while and enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1982. Carl served for over five years as a radio communications specialist in San Antonio, Texas, and Stuttgart, Germany.

After his discharge, he

remained in San Antonio and was employed as an electronics repair technician. He moved to Lawton in 2004 and had been employed at Lawton Communications for the last five years.

In his spare time Carl enjoyed doing woodwork, hiking and gourmet cooking.

Carl was preceded in death by his father.

Survivors include his mother, Mary Riehl, and her husband, Dennis, of Kalispell; three brothers, Chet Feathers and wife Terry of Vacaville, Calif., Bob Feathers USN and his wife Beth, currently stationed at Norfolk, Va., and Mark Feathers of Kalispell; and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and other extended family.

Carl's online guestbook may be signed and condolences sent by visiting: www.whineryhuddleston.com.

Peter J. Ferder Jr., 64

Peter J. Ferder Jr., 64, was found on July 20, 2009, at his home in Kalispell. Jim was born on Jan. 24, 1945, in Kansas City, Mo., to Peter and Lena (Artman) Ferder. He was raised in Kansas City, where he attended schools, graduating from a local high school in Kansas City.

He enlisted in the U.S. Army, where he was sent to Vietnam and worked as a combat engineer.

He moved to Columbia Falls in 1991. In 2000, he moved to Kalispell, where he has lived ever since.

Jim owned Jim Ferder Dump Trucking in Kansas City. When he moved to

Montana, he worked as a heavy equipment operator.

Jim attended Covenant Fellowship in Kalispell. He loved horseback riding, hunting, fishing and camping.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Peter J. Ferder and Lena (Artman) Ferder; and a sister, Donna Jean.

He is survived by his daughter, Gretchen, and husband, Ed Kiefer; a son, Jacob Ferder; and grandchildren, Nicholas and Emma Kiefer.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

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

Ada M. Ferguson, 79

Ada M. Ferguson, 79, a longtime Libby resident, died April 15, 2009, at Brooke Grove Rehab and Nursing Home in Olney, Md.

Survivors include her children, Gordon Scott Ferguson of Port Angeles, Wash., Dan Ferguson of Spokane, and Tina

Edwards of Olney, Md.; and her mother, Ada Myrtle Clark, of Libby.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 22, at the Libby Christian Church.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg and Nelson Funeral Home in Libby.

James Harvey 'Jim' Ferguson, 63

James Harvey "Jim" Ferguson, 63, passed away of natural causes Tuesday morning, Jan. 20, 2009, in his home in Kalispell. He was born in Wayne, W. Va., on Nov. 28, 1945, to Walter and Signe (Veland) Ferguson as the oldest of five boys.



Jim started school in Promeroy and then Squaw Lake, Minn. He moved to the Kalispell area with his family in 1955 where he attended Demarsville School, Hedges School, Central School and graduated from Flathead County High School in 1964. After high school, he attended Spokane Community College, graduating in 1967 with an associate degree in applied science.

He was drafted into the Army in September 1967. After basic training in Fort Lewis, Wash., he went to advanced training in Fort Sill, Okla., where he was trained in Pershing missiles. He was deployed to Germany, where he was stationed for two years, first in Frankfort, then in Swaebisch Gmuend.

Jim went to work at Plum

Creek in the MDF in 1977 and worked there until his retirement in 2001. After his retirement, he opened a coffee shop in the Gateway West Mall in Kalispell where he enjoyed making friends with all his loyal customers.

Jim always will be remembered by friends and family as a loving, kind-hearted and soft-spoken gentleman.

Jim was preceded in death by his first wife, Wanda Hanson Ferguson; father, Walter Ferguson; and brothers, Kim Ferguson and Ron Ferguson.

Jim is survived by his wife, Irene Ferguson; children, Spencer Ferguson and Sarah Shandy; stepchildren, Lana Walker, Jeff Mattson O'Bleness, Lester O'Bleness, and Jessica Hoogs; mother, Signe Ferguson; and brothers and their families, Wayne Ferguson and Arden Ferguson.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 1414 Woodland Ave., in Kalispell.

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

Mae I. Ferris, 79

Mae I. Ferris, 79, died Nov. 29, 2009, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m. Satur-

day, Dec. 5, at Highland Park Cemetery in Great Falls.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Craig 'Finny' Finberg, 51

Craig "Finny" Finberg passed away peacefully March 20, 2009, surrounded by family and friends at his home in Dillon after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer.

Craig was born May 6, 1957, to Math and Norma Finberg and grew up in Columbia Falls.

He graduated from Columbia Falls High School in 1975, attended Montana State University and finished his degree at UM-Western in Dillon. He recently accomplished one of his lifelong dreams and earned his Masters of Sports Science degree from the United States Sports Academy in 2007.

While attending CFHS, he became a basketball legend. Craig earned all-state honors and set a single game scoring record of 40 points during the divisional championship game and led his team to a second-place finish at the state tournament. He was elected to the CFHS Hall of Fame upon graduating in 1975.

After completing high school, he accepted a scholarship to play basketball for the Montana State University Bobcats. Upon completion of his career, he was fourth in school history in scoring with 1,473 points, putting him in eighth place on the all-time Big Sky Conference list. He also owned the single-season assist record with 148, and the single-game mark with 16. His free-throw-shooting percentage of 84.9 percent was a school record, as was his career record of 84.1 percent. He also earned All-Big Sky Conference honors for three consecutive years and was inducted into the MSU Hall of Fame in 2003. After a brief career in the CBA and a tryout with the NBA's Portland Trailblazers, he began his coaching career under Casey Keltz at UM-Western.

Craig began his head-coaching career at Dillon's Beaverhead County High School. In his 18-year career at BCHS, he is the most successful coach in school history with 281-160 overall record and state championships in 1990 and 1999. The 1990 title was the first state title of any kind for the school since 1946.

After his retirement from coaching at Dillon's Beaver-



head County High School, he returned to the Bulldog bench to assist Mark Durham for one season, and was an assistant on Steve Keller's staff for the past two seasons. He continued to teach at Beaverhead County High School.

During his life, Craig was an avid sports enthusiast and passionately supported his Minnesota Vikings and Twins, but nothing compared to his love of the game of basketball and being able to coach and teach. He always had a saying to live by "take a negative and turn it into a positive," which is how we will remember him.

He also looked forward to traveling with his wife, Tammy and often spoke about how much he enjoyed the times when he could just mow his lawn on a sunny day and play with his kitty cats.

Craig married the love of his life, Tammy, on June 26, 2004, in Las Vegas.

He is survived by Tammy; stepson, Shane Sutton (wife, Annie, and their son, Joshua); stepson, Dustin Sutton; mother, Norma Finberg, and Dick Collier; sister, Cheryl Rice (husband, Dave, and their sons, Shane and Brandon (wife, Jessica, and their son, Trey); brother, Chris (wife, Cathy, and their children, Camie (husband Randy Northrop, and their children, Samantha, Kayla and Kyler); Christopher (fiancée, Colleen); sister, Cathy; brother, Cary (wife, Angie, and their daughters, Ciera and Cydney); and mother and father-in-law, Tink and Julie Krause. He also is survived by numerous cousins, aunts and uncles. His father, Math, preceded Craig in death, as well as both sets of grandparents.

Memorial services will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 26, at Columbia Falls High School. Services in Dillon will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 28, at the high school, with a reception immediately afterward at the UM-Western Keltz Arena.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to either the Columbia Falls Wildcat Endowment Fund or to a Memorial Scholarship fund at the Beaverhead County High School.

The family wishes to express their sincere gratitude for the outpouring support from everyone whose lives were touched by Finny. May his memory live on forever. "We will miss you, Craig."

Barbara Pauline Finch passed away on Sunday, Dec. 27, 2009, at the age of 72, at her home in Kalispell, surrounded by all her family and friends. Barb was born April 19, 1937, in Streeter, Ill., to Harry and Jessie Ogden. The family moved west when Barb was a baby; they lived in Arlee for five years.

The family then moved to Polson, where Mom's dad managed the golf course for many years. Mom worked at Malerie's Grocery as a clerk, along with whatever else there was to do. Mom later went on to B&B Grocery Store, where she worked at the meat counter. She then proceeded to work at the Teepee Western Wear.

Mom took on the biggest job of her life as a housewife and mother. On March 4, 1961, Mom married Bill Finch and had two boys and two girls. They are Dacia Finch of Kalispell, Brad and Sharon Finch of Moiese, Marti Jo and Jim Clouse of Kalispell, and Shawn Finch and Ashley Gronley of Kalispell. She took on more than just kids — we all had dogs, horses, and lots of friends.

Western Bee Factory was her last place to work before we moved to Kalispell. She started up at Rosauers and retired from there 20 years

later. She later moved to Lake Havasu City, Ariz., where she lived for eight years.

Mom is survived by her four kids; brother, Bill, and Pat Ogden; sister, Virginia Kinkade; grandchildren, Brandon and Jessica Clouse, Ty Clouse, Cody and Alisha Eaton, and Brittney and Brandon Henderson; great-grandchildren, Shonlea Matt and Ryder John Clouse; and many nieces and nephews, family and friends who will miss her great sense of humor and attitude toward life.

Mom was preceded in death by her mother and father; husband, Bill; and brothers, Gene, Dick and Dale.

A special thanks to New Hope Hospice of Lake Havasu City and Frontier Hospice of Kalispell. Also, to all the family, friends and neighbors who have been by our side helping, thank you very much.

Cremation has taken place by Mom's wishes. We invite you to please join us in the celebration of Mom's life at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 2, at the Little Brown Church in Bigfork, with a reception to follow.

In lieu of flowers, donations made to Hospice or to St. Jude Medical will be greatly appreciated.

Hazel E. Fish, 80, passed away peacefully from complications of viral pneumonia with family members by her side Friday, Jan. 9, 2009, at Kalispell



Regional Medical Center. Hazel was born in Fairview on July 23, 1928, to Trygve "Tom" and Inga (Ringsaker) Oakland of North Dakota. She was born third in a family of four daughters and two sons.

As a young woman, she lived and worked in North Dakota, eventually becoming a teacher at Hufflund country school near Bantry, N.D.

She met her future husband, Fred Fish, at a dance where Fred was playing guitar. Fred and Hazel married June 5, 1951, and lived in a small house they had moved to the Fish family farm. Fred was managing, located just outside of Ray, N.D.

Hazel gave up her teaching career to raise their growing family of three boys and one girl. In 1959, they moved to Columbia Falls, where one more child, a fourth boy, was born. They raised their family in Columbia Falls, residing there for the remainder of their lives.

Hazel was well-known for her homemaking skills. She was a wonderful cook and took great pride in keeping house for her husband and children, and providing them with a warm and welcoming home.

Hazel and Fred loved to garden and she became an expert at canning and preserving the bounty of their large and famous vegetable gardens, as well as the

wild game and fresh fish her husband and boys regularly brought home. She was always health conscious and cooked "organic" long before organic was cool. Her trim and well-kept appearance was enhanced by the wonderful smile that everyone who knew her will remember.

Hazel's quiet and somewhat reserved manner concealed a sharp wit and dry sense of humor which were revealed once she became acquainted with a person. In spite of her reserve, children were immediately attracted to her. In addition to her devotion to her family and home, Hazel loved reading. She especially enjoyed novels and history, but anything that aroused her curiosity was fair game.

Hazel was preceded in death by her husband, Fred, in 2006; son, Don, in 1994; and her sisters, Alma Embury and Joan Johnson.

She is survived by sons, Ron Fish and wife, Arlene, of Glenrock, Wyo., Bill Fish, and Fred Fish and wife, Lori, all of Columbia Falls; and daughter, Pam Nutter, of Tacoma, Wash. She is also survived by her brothers, Oscar and Trevor Oakland; her sisters, Lila Riehart and Christine Embury; grandchildren, Jason Fish and wife, Roxanne, Eric Fish, Bill Nutter, Bonnie and Holly Nutter, Kacie Hendricks, Lisa Shepherd and Steven Fish; as well as 10 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A private memorial service will be planned for a later date.

Hazel was cherished and admired by her family and friends and will be greatly missed.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for her family.

Raymond Alex Fisher, 81

Raymond Alex Fisher was born in South Heart, N.D., on Dec. 5, 1927, to Mildred and Alex Fisher, and passed away on Nov. 10, 2009, from pneumonia. He joined his sister Arvilla at home, and they were later joined by siblings Don and Rita. He attended school in South Heart and graduated from South Heart High School. Ray was active in school sports as well as being an altar boy. He spent his spare time hunting and fishing with friends, as well as working for his father at the grain elevator.

Ray attended business college in Bismarck, N.D., before being called to serve in the Army at the end of World War II. Ray joined the 5th Cavalry Regiment in July 1945 and served in occupied Japan.

After his military service, he attended Dickinson State College (North Dakota) and received his teaching degree. When he enrolled at DSC, one of the first people he met was a young redhead named Clara who worked at the admissions desk. Ray courted her and finally convinced her that he was worthy of her hand in marriage.

He started his teaching career in Hettinger, N.D., and taught in several small towns before settling in Kalispell, where he taught high school until his retire-

ment in 1989. During this time, he earned a master's degree in education at Greeley, Colo. He was a familiar face taking tickets at many high school sporting events.

Ray was active in bowling, golf, hunting and fishing, and shared his passion for these with family and friends. He started the first Mosquito Control District in conjunction with Flathead County, and ran that for almost 40 years.

Ray suffered from Alzheimer's disease in his later years. He was residing in New Jersey at the time of his death.

He is survived by his children, daughter, Kimberly, in Florida; sons, Adrian and Kishwer in New Jersey, Mike and Chelly in Washington, and Eric and Toni in California; and a daughter-in-law, Judy Fisher, in California. He is also survived by his brother, Don and Irene Fisher; along with his sister, Rita and Bill Kubas; numerous nieces and nephews; and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father; mother; sister, Arvilla; his wife of 52 years, Clara; and his youngest son, Brad. Cremation has taken place and interment will be in the spring in South Heart. Ray leaves behind many lifelong friends and will be missed by all who knew him

Donna J. Fitzgerald, 67

Donna J. Fitzgerald, 67, of Lewistown, formerly of the Flathead Valley, died Monday, Sept. 7, 2009, of natural causes at her residence in Missoula.

Arrangements are under the care of Garden City Funeral Home & Crematory.

A full obituary will follow.

Fred O. Flagg, 90

Fred O. Flagg passed away April 2, 2009, in Spokane. Fred was born May 30, 1918, in Kalispell. He spent his childhood in Niarada, and graduated from St. Matthew's Catholic School in Kalispell.

He served in the Air Force from 1942 to 1947.

In 1948, he married Lillian Sampson, and they spent the next 52 years in Kalispell, raising their family.

Fred was a heavy equipment operator and worked for the city of Kalispell, Hungry Horse Dam, C&C Plywood; and retired from Plum Creek Plywood Co. in 1986, after 31 years of service.

In July 2000, Fred and Lillian sold the home that they had built together and moved to Cottage Grove, Ore., and in June 2007 they moved

again to Spokane. Both moves were made to be close to one of their children.

Fred is survived by his wife of 60 years, Lillian; sons, Steven and Jo of Bozeman, David and Cindy of Brookeville, Md., and Dennis and Kathie of Cottage Grove, Ore.; and daughter, Sylvia, and Donald Hedrick of Spokane; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren, as well as four stepgrandchildren and four stepgreat-grandchildren. He is also survived by his brother, Stan Flagg, of Kalispell.

There will be no services at this time.

"When we think of Fred, we will always remember his gentle soul, his enduring patience, and his kindhearted teasing. We miss you, Daddy!"

Lillian M. (Sampson) Flagg, 80

Lillian Flagg passed away on Oct. 17, 2009, in Spokane. Lil was born on Aug. 25, 1929, in Great Falls. She grew up in Finley Point, and as a teenager she moved with her family to Seattle. Just before her senior year in high school they returned to Montana and she graduated from Flathead County High School in Kalispell.



In 1948, she married Fred O. Flagg and they spent the next 52 years in Kalispell raising their family of three sons and one daughter. Lil was a loving wife, devoted mother, and an incredible homemaker.

In July of 2000, Lil and Fred sold the home that they had built together during their first years of marriage and in which they raised their family, and moved to Cottage Grove, Ore. In June of 2007 they moved again to Spokane. Both moves were made to be close to their children. In July of 2008 they celebrated 60 years of marriage.

Fred Flagg preceded Lillian in death on April 2, 2009, in Spokane. Fred was a Kalispell native and graduated from St. Matthew's Catholic School. He had worked for the City of Kalispell, Hungry

Horse Dam, C&C Plywood, and retired from Plum Creek Plywood Co. in 1986 after 31 years of service.

Lil and Fred are survived by their sons, Steven and Jo Flagg of Bozeman, David and Cindy Flagg of Brookeville, Md., and Dennis and Kathie Flagg of Cottage Grove; and daughter, Sylvia and Donald Hedrick, of Spokane; nine grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

"When we think of our parents we will always remember Mom's unwavering faith in God, her unconditional love for her children and grandchildren, her amazing cooking abilities, and her delectable homemade baked goods — especially the bread, pies, and lefse! And we'll remember Dad's gentle soul, his enduring patience, his unconditional love for his family, his kindhearted teasing, and huckleberries! We miss you, Mom and Dad!"

A combined memorial service for Lillian and Fred will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Nov. 2, at St. Luke Lutheran Church, 9706 N. Division St., Spokane, WA 99228.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Riverview Care Center, 1801 E. Upriver Dr., Spokane, WA 99207 (Riverview Care Center is an IRS 501(c) 3 tax-exempt corporation and, as such, all contributions are tax deductible).

Tammie Louise Flaig, 37

"The angels came to take our angel, Tammie, home" on Thursday, Feb. 5, 2009, after a 2 1/2-year hard-fought battle with cancer. For the past month, she was surrounded by family and friends with all of their prayers.



She was born March 12, 1971, in Whitefish, the daughter of Helen Reed and Selmer "Butch" Ward.

Tammie graduated from Whitefish High School in 1989. She worked at various jobs including LC Staffing and Pro Clean in Kalispell, and Albertsons deli in Great Falls.

Her favorite pastimes included boating, water skiing and camping with family. She was just learning to knit as well.

Tammie may be best remembered for her beautiful smile and her love of everyone. She found the good in all.

She is survived by her mom and dad, Helen Reed and Selmer "Butch" Ward, of Happy Valley; her brother, Darrel Ward; and three sons, Cole Flaig, 14, and Cyle Flaig, 12, of Kalispell, and Trent Lee, 4, of Columbia Falls.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Oren and Ruth Reed, and Harold Ward.

A visitation will be held from 1 to 8 p.m. today, Feb. 9, at Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10, at Austin Funeral Home. Burial will be afterward at Glacier Memorial Gardens on Highway 93 north of Kalispell. A celebration of life will be after the graveside service, with a potluck at the home of Ron and Jane Parker, 758 E. Railroad St., in Columbia Falls.

Geraldine M. Fletcher, 77

Geraldine M. Fletcher, 77, died on Aug. 1, 2009, in Libby.

Survivors include six daughters, Val Sweet and Mary Beth Stroklund, both of Libby; Letty Overby of Randle, Wash., Molly Boggs, Port Orchard, Wash., Betsy Arnold of Portland, and Linda Leazenby of Bozeman; and four sons, Jerome Fletch-

er and Jim Fletcher, both of Libby, and Steele Fletcher and Rene Fletcher, both of Kalispell.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 5, at the City of Libby Cemetery. There will be a reception following at the VFW.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Libby.

Richard 'Hog Dick' Fliehler, 56

Richard "Hog Dick" Fliehler, 56, passed away on Saturday, May 23, 2009, near Bigfork, as the result of a motor vehicle accident. He was born on March 5, 1953, in Arlington, Iowa, to Donald and Dorothy (Astor) Fliehler.

Dick received his early education in Arlington, graduating from the Star-mont High School in 1971. He joined the U.S. Army and was honorably discharged in 1973.

Dick went right into trade school and worked as a machinist in Fayetteville, N.C., until moving back to Iowa in 1979. There he attended a welding trade school, before moving to the Flathead Valley in 1981.

Dick worked at various jobs around the valley and mastered every profession or hobby he undertook. He worked to support the style of life he chose.

Dick met Helen Bushby in 1983 and they became companions in 1996. He would often talk about the "3-H's" that were the love of his life: horses, Harleys and Helen.

Dick had a tremendous love of life and he had the ability to focus on what was important at the moment. If it was hunting season, he hunted; if it was mushroom season, he was harvesting mushrooms. He was a member of the United Veterans, the American Legion, and the Montana Legends. He loved all of his family, whether related by

blood or not.

Dick was preceded in death by his parents; and a sister, Linda Vanek.

He is survived by the love of his life, Helen Bushby, of Kalispell; four brothers, Doug and Julie Fliehler of Winthrop, Iowa, Larry and Brenda Fliehler of Arlington, Bruce and Robin Fliehler of Arlington, and Terry and Joan Fliehler of Allison, Iowa; one sister, Brenda and Mike Sullivan, of Marion, Iowa; as well as numerous nieces and nephews, especially Abby Fliehler, and Jessi and Al Mart. Dick is also survived by Helen's family, mother, Ruth Bushby, of Kalispell; daughter, Kоди and Mat Sohl, of New Jersey; and two sons, Kyle and Katie Nace of Kalispell, and Ross and Serena Holcomb of Bigfork.

Memorial services for Dick will be in conjunction with those of Mitchell Kopczyk at 2 p.m. Friday, May 29, at the Crossroad Christian Fellowship in Bigfork. Friends and family are invited to the Rocky Mountain Roadhouse for a potluck gathering at 4 p.m.

Dick's family suggests memorial gifts be given to the Richard Fliehler Memorial Fund, c/o Flathead Bank, 800 Grand Ave., Bigfork, MT

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

Jerald V. Fonger, 82

Jerald V. Fonger, 82, died of natural causes April 8, 2009, at Mountain View Nursing Home. Private family services

will be held.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg and Nelson Funeral Home in Eureka.

Clark Fontaine, 73

Clark Fontaine, 73, passed away on Friday, Aug. 14, 2009, at his residence in Kalispell.

Clark was born in Great Falls on Feb. 21, 1936. He was the oldest son of Margaret (Johnson) Fontaine and Clark Fontaine. He attended school in Great Falls and graduated from Cascade in 1954. He grew up with his aunt and uncle and cousins, Ruth and Lester Johnson of St. Mary, Hugo, DeeDee, Randy, Margy and Kristen.

Clark served two years in the Army, and was in the 101st Airborne. He worked various jobs around Montana, until he moved to Alaska in 1969. There he became an air traffic controller until he retired in 1994. While in Alaska, he met Carol, his wife of 30 years.

At his retirement he moved his family back home to Montana where he enjoyed 15 more years of family and doing what he loved doing. He even graduated from Montana State University-Billings with his son, Christopher, in 2004.

Clark was a very active person. He loved to ski; he

loved to hike — especially in Glacier Park; he was a hunter with his cousin Hugo; and he loved to travel.

Clark has a large and loving circle of family and friends. He loved deeply and is loved deeply in return.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his uncle, Lester; cousins, DeeDee and Randy; and his sister, Debra Mahoney.

He is survived by his wife, Carol, of Kalispell; son, Christopher Fontaine, of Missoula; daughter, Mary Arrowsmith, of Anchorage, Alaska; his brother, Leonard Fontaine of Surprise, Ariz.; his brother Tracey Fontaine, sister Joie and sister Sundae, all of Butte.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday at Epworth United Methodist Church in Kalispell. There will be a family celebration for Clark and his uncle Lester at 3:30 p.m. Saturday in St. Mary.

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

Joe C. Foote, 78

Joe C. Foote, 78, died Tuesday, April 8, 2009, at his home in Libby.

Survivors include two sons, Bill Foote of Libby, and Rocky Foote of Germany.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 11, at the Schnackenberg and Nelson Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 6 to 7 p.m. today, April 10, and from 1 to 2 p.m. Saturday.

Edna Rose 'Jaybird' Foley, 93

Edna Rose "Jaybird" Foley, 93, a longtime resident and owner of the Abbott Valley Ranch two miles east of Martin City,



passed away at her home on Spotted Bear Road on June 4, 2009.

She is survived by her children, Sr. CaraLee, Molly and Mike Ban, Hugh and Birgit, Midge and Jim Harkins, Marion and Ted McKain, Rosemary and Ed Casey, Doyle and Ginny, and Kate and John Helton; her 21 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Jay was predeceased by her first husband, Hugh Miller, in 1945; her second husband, Tom, in 1982; and a son, Murphy, in 2006. She was the last surviving sibling of her seven brothers and sisters.

Jay embodied the best qualities one could possess — intelligence, kindness, warmth and understanding, and a wonderful sense of humor.

She was cheerful and curious and had a remarkable zest for life. Her dream to live in the country and raise a large family was certainly fulfilled.

She had a passion for the rhythm and harmony of everyday life, for the seasons of the year, and a deep respect for all of nature. Running her ranch, especially haying and raising cattle, gave her great pleasure.

Jaybird was born in 1916 in Spirit Lake, Idaho, to Rose and Edward Hamacher. Her father died in 1918 during the flu epidemic and her mother was not expected to live. Aunt Lou and Aunt Mame came from Kansas and took Edna and her little sister Helen to raise them.

Rose Hamacher did survive and after 10 years, she and the other five siblings had saved enough money to

bring their sisters home to Spirit Lake.

All seven of Rose's children were college graduates. Jay always said she scrubbed a million miles of floors to put herself through the University of Washington. She graduated in 1938 and spent several years traveling the U.S. as a Conservation Corps volunteer.

In 1940 Jay married Hugh Miller and they had a son, Hugh. Miller died in combat in World War II in the Pacific. Jay was a single mother for several years and in 1948 she married Tom Foley, a widower with three young daughters, Cara Lee, Molly and Midge.

The day after the marriage the new family moved to a one-room cabin in Montana where they continued to add rooms and children. Tom was a partner in the FK&L Lumber Company.

Together they acquired a homestead and additional acreage near the base of Desert Mountain along the Abbott Creek drainage and South Fork Road. During the early 1990s, Jay had six of the original cabins renovated as vacation rentals and today the cabins and acreage comprise Abbott Valley Homestead, a business venture of which Jay was very proud.

She loved her family and will be deeply and forever missed. During her final days she reached out and thanked each of us for making her life so meaningful. "Humbly Mom, we thank you for your love, joy and a smile that keeps on giving. Too-daloo, our Irish Rose."

Please join us for a celebration in honor of Jaybird at 4 p.m. June 13 at the Church of the Great Outdoors. We will be gathering at the meadow north of her home off Spotted Bear Road on North Abbott. A potluck dinner will follow.

Suggested donations can be sent to Canyon QRU, the Canyon Scholarship Fund or Grace Hospice.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Robert Carter Folsom, 44

Robert Carter Folsom, 44, formerly of Columbia Falls, died on May 18, 2009, in Mesa, Ariz.

He is survived by his father, Redford Folsom, of Bellflower, Calif.; mother, Wanda Peuse, of Laguna

Hills, Calif.; and stepfather, Bill Peuse, of Green Valley, Ariz.

A celebration of life was held May 24 at the Palm Valley Community Center in Goodyear, Ariz.

Reginald 'Reg' Sinclair Forshner, 87

Reginald "Reg" Sinclair Forshner, 87, passed away on Wednesday, May 13, 2009, at his residence in Kalispell. He was born on March 22, 1922, at Kamsack, Saskatchewan, to William and Mabel (Parker) Forshner.

Reg grew up in Swan River, Manitoba. During his youth he was an avid hockey player.

Reg signed up early to serve his country in World War II in the Royal Canadian Navy. After graduating from the University of Manitoba Medical School in 1953, Reg had a medical practice in Preeceville, Saskatchewan, until 1973 when he moved to the U.S. to practice in South Dakota, serving as locum tenens in various cities and Kansas. He retired in 1992 in Kansas, finally settling in Kalispell in 1999.

Reg was a charter member of the Lions Club of Preeceville, Saskatchewan, the Royal Canadian Legion, and both Canadian and American Medical Associations. He was an avid reader and enjoyed debating politics. He was an armchair general, who also enjoyed fishing, golfing, play-

ing crib and marbles, and loved to cook, travel, and listen to music.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Patricia Hicks; and two brothers, James and Kitchener.

He is survived by his wife, Frieda Forshner, of Kalispell; two daughters, Beverly Forshner of Preeceville, and Judy McLaren and husband, Kerry, of Kamloops, British Columbia; two sons, Robert Forshner and wife, Kelly, of Calgary, Alberta, and William Forshner and wife, Judy, of Calgary; sister, Mildred Hjertaas, of Prince Albert, Saskatchewan; and 11 grandchildren, Kate, Tess, Bennett, Erin, Ross, Kyle, Fletcher, Nicole, Robert, Steven and Katie.

A memorial service for Reg will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 16, at the Trinity Lutheran Church, with Pastor Mark Cutler officiating.

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

Gerald Riker 'Skin' Foster, 88

Gerald Riker "Skin"

Foster died July 28,

2009, at his

home in

Whitefish,

after spend-

ing what

he knew

would be

his final days

joking with

family, greet-

ing friends, and

eating his favorite

foods. He

was 88 years old.

Skin was born

Nov. 29,

1920, in Littlefork,

Minn., the

fourth of Leo and Belle

Foster's seven mischievous

children. He traveled to

Montana for the first time

at 16, when

he and two buddies jumped

a boxcar to Bemidji,

Minn., to

work in the mines — then

fell asleep. They awoke

in Minot, N.D., and decided

to ride on to Montana,

where they spent the summer

laying railroad track from

Essex to Rexford. On

weekends, they rode a

handcart into Whitefish

for loganberry wine.

In April 1942, after

arguing with an officer in

the Army draft office,

he promptly marched

down the hall to join

the Marines. He was

wounded in action on

Guam on July 28, 1944,

and spent the following

year in the hospital

threatening doctors

who wanted to amputate

his damaged leg. He

kept the leg — and also

his Littlefork sweetheart,

Edith "Chuckie" Kjemprud,

whom he married in

the hospital on Oct. 7,

1944. He was awarded

two Purple Hearts for

his service, but he

never spoke of them.

In 1950, Skin and

Chuckie moved to

Whitefish, where

Chuckie raised their

five children, and Skin

hailed logs, graded

roads and perpetrated

mischievous at every

opportunity. After he

retired,



he and Chuckie traveled the country, cared for their many gardens, and passed their afternoons playing cards and bickering over whether he cheated (Yes, he did.).

Skin was full of stories, mostly unbelievable and mostly true. Multiple witnesses confirm that fish actually clambered to bite his hooks. He baked cookies solely to give them away. He peppered his speech with bemusing Skinisms, like his favorite admonishment, "Don't be Absorbine Junior!" And he maintained his shirt pockets — packed with gum, toothpicks, jelly beans, coins, and the occasional set of teeth — as treasure troves for visiting children.

Skin was preceded in death by his parents; his five brothers; and Chuckie, who died of Alzheimer's disease in 2005.

He is survived by his sister, Myrtle Fairchild, of Arden Hills, Minn.; his four daughters and their husbands, Anita and Todd Malone of Whitefish, Beth and Will Saltonstall of Anchorage, Alaska, Kit and Dennis Hagenston of Billings, and Patty and Philip Battaglia of Kalama, Wash.; his son, Ike, and Ike's wife, Kym; nine grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, at Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish, with a reception to follow at Grouse Mountain Lodge.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Home Options Hospice or the Alzheimer's Association.

Austin Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

Dorothy Randall Foy, 89

Dorothy Randall Foy, 89, "went to be with the Lord in his loving hands" on Sept. 12, 2009. Dottie was born Dec. 19, 1919, in Oilton, Okla., to Fred Arthur Walker and Hortense Isles Walker.

The family moved to Denver in 1922. She had two older sisters, Helen and Jeanette, and one younger sister, FredERICA. She received her education in Denver.

In 1940, she married William Cormack. Of that union, Byron was born. In 1948 she married Walter Richard Randall; two children were born in this marriage, Stephen Randall and Barbara Randall Curtis. In 1970, she and Dick moved to Montana, making their home in Bigfork. In 1988, she married Virgil Foy in Kalispell.

Dottie is survived by Virgil at the family home; children, Byron and Lois of Kalispell, Steve Randall and Sue of Castle Rock, Colo., and Barbara Randall Curtis of Littleton, Colo.; stepsons, Edward Foy and Cindy of Columbia Falls, and Dennis Foy and Marsha of Missoula; grandchildren, Jessica Randall of Denver,

Walter Curtis of Aurora, Colo., Mandy Randall of Bozeman, Serena Randall Dobler and Dan, Meghan Randall, and David Randall of Missoula; great-granddaughter, Grace Dobler; and five great-grandsons.

Dottie had many enjoyments in her life, her family and friends, church, bridge, golf and award-winning figure skating. "Mom, we will miss you."

The family would like to extend our thanks to Home Options Hospice. "Any, you were a fresh breath and an angel to our mom and us, and a special thank you to Dr. Hoppes."

A celebration of Dottie's life will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 15, at Christ Church Episcopal. Urn burial will follow after the reception.

Memorials may be made in Dottie's name to Home Options Hospice or Habitat for Humanity.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family. You are invited to go to www.buffalohillfh.com to sign her book, or leave a personal message for the family.

Candy 'Cynthia A.' Fopp, 56

Candy Fopp died peacefully Thursday, April 23, 2009, surrounded by loving friends,



after a long and courageous battle with cancer. The daughter of Al and Myrna Fopp, Candy was born in Missoula on March 27, 1953, and graduated from Flathead High School in 1970. Other than a short time living in Great Falls and Arizona, she spent the majority of her life in Kalispell, where she embraced all that life here in the Flathead Valley has to offer.

Candy and her sister Nikki shared a passion for Arabian horses. She played on an outstanding Flathead Valley Community College basketball team that won the Northwest Regional Class C Championship in 1972, and was an avid softball player whose team went to the Women's Class A National tournament. According to her friends, Candy was the only hitter that could turn a triple into a single, thanks to her blazing speed. She also excelled in bowling, attaining the prestigious stature of the 175 Club, and was a major Green Bay Packers fan, enjoying an obsession with fantasy football. Candy truly enjoyed the great outdoors, and many memorable times fishing with her father,

Al, her uncle and other close friends.

Candy knew her way around a kitchen. She grew up at her parents' establishment, the well-known Hacienda restaurant, learning the hospitality trade and making it her lifelong career ... and she shared it with her friends. Prime rib, flank steak, or tenderloin tips — if you needed a recipe, she was your savior. She served her famous recipes at many gatherings of friends and family, and has been known throughout the valley for her soups and other delicious recipes.

Candy was preceded in death by her brother, Kelly; her father, Al; and her mother, Myrna. She was also predeceased by her beloved dog, Casey.

She is survived by her sister, Nikki Fopp, of Glendale, Ariz.; aunts and uncles, Barbara Fopp of Corte Madera, Calif., Gene and Joan Fopp of Great Falls, Angie Fopp of Kalispell, Aliene Kelly of Seattle, and Tom Hower of Renton, Wash.; niece, Jennifer, and great-niece, Satori Robichaux; as well as numerous cousins and her many special friends. She also leaves behind her pets, Joey and Chemo.

Candy's exceptional and never-ending humor will be missed by all whose lives were touched by hers. Please join us in a celebration of her remarkable life from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, May 3, at Tiebucker's in Somers.

Douglas E. Fox, 93

Douglas E. Fox, 93, passed away on Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2009, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center with



family and close friends at his bedside. He was born on June 8, 1918, at his father's homestead at Rosses Hole near Sula, to Clinton and Bessie (Overturf) Fox.

As a child, Doug learned to hunt and fish, and he loved riding his horse bareback over the hills of the French basin. Doug attended the one-room schoolhouse in Sula and Darby High School.

He was the first draft from the Bitterroot Valley to serve in the Army in the South Pacific during World War II. Doug was awarded the Purple Heart, the Bronze Star, the American Defense Service Medal, the Philippine Liberation Medal with one bronze star, the Asiatic-Pacific Service Medal and the Good Conduct Medal.

After the war he drove for Consolidated Freight Ways, logged with his brother in the Bitterroot Valley and worked as a hospital attendant at Fort Harrison where he met his wife, Mary Jo Hurly, who was an RN.

Doug attended Montana State University in Missoula, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree and a Master in Education degree.

He taught science classes in Darby and Glendive and at Flathead High School.

He collected and repaired old clocks. Doug was an excellent gardener and one of the founders of the Kalispell Farmers Market. He was an active life member of the DAV Chapter 4 and served as a State Department commander in 1987-1988.

Doug is survived by his wife, Mary Jo, at the family home; two daughters, Alice Yvonne Fox-Sills and husband, David, of Missoula, and Jean Fox at the family home; son, Mark Fox, at the family home; three grandchildren, Tom and wife, Tammy, Tina and Christy; seven great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; and many wonderful friends. He also leaves behind his loving schnauzer, Schnapps.

Funeral services for Doug will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 15, at the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Chapel, with Pastor Ron Youde of Central Bible Church officiating. Burial will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens with full military honors. Visitation will be from 1 to 6 p.m. Monday at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home.

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

Harry D. Fowler, 82

Harry D. Fowler, 82, of Eureka, died Tuesday, May 26, 2009, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

Survivors include his six children, Linda Gravelle, Danny Fowler of Rexford, Karlene Marvel of Eureka, Mark Fowler,

Gayle O'Malley, and James Fowler of Eureka.

Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 31, at the Tobacco Valley Cemetery in Eureka.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg and Nelson Funeral Home in Eureka.

Ronald C. Framness, 66

On July 14, 2009, Ronald C. Framness died of cancer at his home. He was born March 12, 1943, in Kalispell, at the Kalispell Hospital.



Ron was married to Carol Osborn in 1978.

His father, Nestor Framness, preceded him in death in October of 2008.

He is survived by his mother, Dot; and three broth-

ers, Hal, Rick and Dan.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 21, at the Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Following the service, there will be a reception held at 3 p.m. at the Kalispell Seventh-Day Adventist Church fellowship hall on Highway 93 North.

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

Chester Lee Francis, 93

Chester Lee Francis, 93, of Whitefish, died Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2009, at North Valley Hospital.

He was born on Sept. 8, 1915, in Wagoner, Okla., and lived in Texas until he moved to Whitefish in 1975.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Burnell; his parents; two sisters, and a brother.

He is survived by his wife, Hulda; sister, Ruth Francis, of Fayetteville, Ark.; daughters, Selma and David Schieck of

Cibolo, Texas, Sherry Francis of Great Falls, and Cathy and Larry Siegel of Dripping Springs, Texas; son, Ray Francis, of Boerne, Texas; three stepchildren; 13 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 19, at Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish, with Pastor John Bent officiating.

Burial will be afterward at Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Kalispell.

Mary Ann Francis, 68

Mary Ann Francis, 68, of Columbia Falls, passed away Tuesday, June 2, 2009, at her home with her husband by her side. She was



born on July 12, 1940, in Park Grove, Mont., a daughter of Joseph W. and Irene Smith.

Mary Ann grew up in various places in Montana and spent her high school years in Columbia Falls. She graduated from Columbia Falls High School in 1958. She met the love of her life, Duane J. Francis, and they were married on July 18, 1958. Her daughter, Robin S., was born in 1959, followed by her son, Douglas W., in 1962.

In 1967, Mary Ann started at Blue Cross Blue Shield as a secretary and stayed with them for 32 years. Throughout her working years, she enjoyed golfing, bowling, bingo, crafts and most of all spending time between Columbia Falls and Mesa, Ariz. Although arthritis

forced her to quit bowling and golf, retirement allowed her to devote even more time to her crafts.

She is survived by her husband, Duane; her children, Robin and Douglas and wife, Paulette; granddaughters, Shawna and husband, Dustin Matosich, and Sara Reiger; great-grandchildren, Sheyanne and Gavin; sister, Sylvia "Snooks" Stugel-meyer; and numerous nieces and nephews. She also leaves behind her granddog, Rusty.

She was preceded in death by her mother; father; and brother, Richard "Dick" Smith.

Visitation will be from 2 to 5 p.m. today, June 7, at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, June 8, at Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls. Pastor Peter Erickson will officiate. A reception will follow the service. Burial will follow the reception in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Arrangements are with the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

Helen Margaret Peters Frank, 92

Helen Margaret Peters Frank, 92, died on Oct. 1, 2009, in Kalispell. She was born June 7, 1917, to Charles and Anna (Theis) Peters in Fowler.



She graduated from Conrad High School in 1935. After receiving her teaching diploma from Montana State Normal College in Dillon, she taught in one-room schools in Toole and Liberty counties from 1937-1946.

In 1946 she married Gustav Frank, and they lived in Chester. In 1950 they moved to Kalispell, where they purchased her father's farm in Mountain Brook and raised eight children. She was a school board member, 4-H Club leader, and substitute teacher for Mountain Brook and Cayuse Prairie schools. Helen was a member of St. Matthew's Catholic Church and made rosaries for missions.

She especially enjoyed her membership in the Mountain Brook Ladies Club and the camaraderie of her friends and neighbors. As a member of the club she poured her life into the community and the Mountain Brook School. In the early years of its organization the group crafted material dolls for children at the local hospital, and enjoyed putting together talent shows for fundraisers in which they performed silly plays (one of which was Sofapillio, and those who remember still laugh about it to this day). She helped the club publish three cookbooks and a collection of early community stories.

She loved to quilt and bake. As a member of the Ladies Club she made lap robes for the Veterans Home, quilts for the Abby Shelter, and pies for the Bigfork Convalescent Center. Some of the more ornate quilts were donated to raise funds for the Creston Volunteer Fire Department and the Mountain Brook Scholarship Fund.

Helen was known in the community for her apple pies and cinnamon rolls and delighted in teaching anyone (including her grandchildren) these skills. While she

was still able to bake, it was well known that fresh cinnamon rolls would be on the kitchen table at 3 p.m. on any given Saturday, and she enjoyed having drop-in company to share them with.

Helen's lifetime hobbies were playing cards, reading, sewing, and gardening. She had a special affection for poetry and hummingbirds. As a lifetime learner she enjoyed sharing poems and stories with family and friends. When macular degeneration took her eyesight, she obtained talking books from the Blind and Low Vision program.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Gustav Frank; her son, Alan Frank; her sister, Amelia Schaefer; and her brother, Donald Peters.

Survivors include her siblings, Agnes Schaefer of Livingston, Rose Pester of Stanford, and Bud Peters of Ledger; her children, Clara and George Tennant, Tom and Joan Frank, Linda Frank, and Jerry and Cheryl Frank, of Kalispell; Gordon Joe Frank and Sybil Brown of Lakeside; Doris and Mike O'Brien of Idaho Falls, Idaho; and Nora and Kevin Flynn of Townsend; 10 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

The family extends a special thanks to the Mountain Brook Community, Ladies Club, and her pinocle pals for the friendship and love they brought to Helen's life. Many special friends graciously made sure she attended their gatherings long after her vision failed.

The family would also like to thank Hospice and the staff at Brendan House for their kind attention to Helen's needs. God bless you all for the work you do.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. on Oct. 5, at St. Matthew's in Kalispell, with burial to follow at Fairview Cemetery. A luncheon will follow in the church basement.

The family suggests that any memorial contributions be sent to Home Options Hospice, 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell, MT 59901; or the Mountain Brook Scholarship Fund (c/o Lin Knutson, 3280 Foothill Road, Kalispell, MT 59901).

Patricia Jeanne' Franks, 47

Patricia Jeanne' Franks, 47, resided in Oakley, Calif., and on May 30, 2009, she



"joined her loved ones in Heaven." Jeanne' lost her 13-year battle from complications with many abdominal problems. Jeanne' left these problems behind from her home.

On Sept. 8, 1961, Louis and Charlotte Brown were blessed with the birth of Patricia Jeanne' Brown in Oakland, Calif. Louis Brown Jr. originally was from Whitefish and Charlotte, whose maiden name was Tapia, was from Questa, N. M. She later moved to Oakland, where she met Louis.

Jeanne' always went by her middle name, pronounced Janay, which led to many other affectionate names, such as J, Nay, Nay Nay, PJ, Aunt J and Auntie Nay. Jeanne' was raised in Hayward, Calif., along with her brothers, Kenneth and Jonathon. The stories of how her brothers treated her were too numerous to pick out. For example, there was unwanted hair cutting, a jacket set on fire, and her being spoiled, but they loved each other first and foremost.

Jeanne' graduated from Tennyson High School and Chabot Junior College in Hayward, Calif. Jeanne' had friends everywhere she went, and all will miss her.

On Nov. 17, 1979, Jeanne' married Darrell Franks in Hayward, and they both had been living in Union City, Calif. They were blessed with two sons, Christopher Allen on Sept. 2, 1981, and James (Jimmy) Louis on Aug. 15, 1983. Over the years, Jeanne' recalled summers and trips to Montana with the desire to raise her family there.

During her working career, Jeanne' was a baker and cake decorator, secretary, day-care provider, assistant manager at a department store, admissions clerk for two hospitals in the emergency room, a surgery scheduling admissions clerk, medical transcriptionist, but her highest-priority job was mother and wife.

Jeanne' is survived by her father, Louis Brown Jr. of Bigfork; her grandmother, Velma Brown of Kalispell; her uncle James and aunt Peggy of Rexford; her aunt Patricia Stevens of Eureka; her aunt and best friend, Susan; her uncle Mike Reed of Kalispell; 10 cousins, Robin, Kent, Scott, Britt, Tanya, Heidi, Misty, Tony, Johna, Nick; stepbrother Rick Hamilton and his spouse, Deborah, of Bigfork; and Daniel Hamilton of Spokane.

From Darrell's side of the huge family Jeanne' married into, she leaves behind her father- and mother-in-law, James and Jo Rita Franks of Meridian, Idaho; two sisters-in-law, Pamela Jo and Carole Sue; four nephews, two nieces, and five great-nephews and great-nieces. From Darrell's family her closest relationships were with her aunt Doris and uncle Charles Callison of Oakley, Calif., and her aunt Joyce and uncle Alvin Elliott of Petaluma, Calif.

Her husband's families, Franks and Gilbert, and hundreds of uncles, aunts, and cousins have been blessed to know her.

Those who have loved Jeanne' here with us and "have also left us for a spot in Heaven" are her mother, Charlotte Brown; older brother, Kenneth Brown of San Leandro, Calif.; her younger brother, Jonathon Brown, of Hayward, Calif.; her grandfather, Louis (Louie) Brown Sr., whom she cherished with all her heart; great-grandmothers Estella Mae Dunn and Cora Butts; uncles Danny and Steven Brown; and her aunt, Nancy Thumma.

A memorial service held July 11 at the First Baptist Church in Eureka was presided over by Rev. Pat Lovett. The eulogy was given by Darrell's father, Rev. James Franks, as well as the graveside service. The memorial service was followed by a short reception provided by the women of the church that was very much appreciated. Jeanne's final resting place is at Tobacco Valley Cemetery, where she was blessed to be placed immediately next her grandpa, Louie.

Duane Harry Fredenberg, 82

Duane Harry Fredenberg "is now playing his fiddle with the angels" after a brief battle with cancer. He passed, peacefully, surrounded by family on Jan. 16, 2009. Duane and his twin brother, Dale, were born to Anson and Ruth Fredenberg in Kalispell on June 14, 1926, the 12th and 11th of 16 children. As a boy, Duane helped with the family farm and began a lifelong love of music when he taught himself how to play the harmonica. His grandfather played the fiddle and Duane learned so he could someday have his granddad's instrument.

At the age of 17, Duane answered the call for duty, enlisted in the Navy, and served over two years as a range finder operator during World War II. His service included witnessing the formal surrender of Japan in Tokyo Bay while stationed aboard the battleship USS Mississippi. After he was discharged, he moved back home to the Flathead Valley.

He followed in his father's footsteps, working for a time as a mail carrier in Kalispell before moving to Whitefish and beginning a 40-year career with the railroad. During a stop in Cut Bank he met the love of his life, Dorothy Nelson, and they married in June of 1966. Their love continued to flourish until Dorothy left this world much too early in 2006.

If life is a song, then the notes of Duane's tune are his children and family. The union of Dorothy and Duane merged two beautiful families and grew until Duane was dad to 16 wonderful children: Grant, Amy and husband Scott, Shelly and husband James, Brenda and husband Trent, Janine and husband Don, Karla and husband Elmer, Bruce, Cyndi and husband David, Greg and wife Trina, Michael, Marlene and husband Jim, Joe and wife Mona, Elaine and husband David, Donna and husband Thor, Pamela and Daniel.

Duane was a dedicated husband and father. He would allow his kids to stumble and fail, but he was always there to pick



them back up. His generosity knew no bounds. The Fredenberg home was open to all, and friends and guests frequently outnumber the

family. After retiring from the railroad, Duane had more time to play his fiddle and most weekends he could be found playing at jams with his friends and brothers, Roger, Dale and Orin. One year, with his young daughters cheering him on, Duane won the Montana State Fiddle Contest Senior Division, and this year he will be inducted into the Montana Old Time Fiddlers Association Hall of Fame, alongside his brother, Dale.

He leaves behind a humble legacy for all to remember, and is survived by his 14 children; 30 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; sisters, Carol Patterson and Miriam Mack, brothers, Dale, Orin and Les Fredenberg; and numerous nieces, nephews, and countless dedicated friends.

Duane was preceded in death by his parents; four sisters; six brothers; "and has now joined Dorothy, and their beloved angels in heaven, Pamela and Daniel."

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m., Jan. 22, at the United Methodist Church in Whitefish. A reception will follow. Additionally, you are invited to join family and friends at 2 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 25, at the Idle Spur in Dayton, to celebrate Duane's life and Hall of Fame induction. Bring your instruments, stories and dancing shoes.

In the spirit of Duane's generosity, the family suggests donations be made to the Pamela Fredenberg Memorial Scholarship fund at the First Interstate Bank of Whitefish, or Home Health-Home Options Hospice, 175 Commons Loop #100, Kalispell.

Vernon E. Fredericks, 72

Vernon E. Fredericks, 72, of Kila, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2009, at Brendan House in Kalispell. He was born May 27, 1937, to Alvin and Justine (Plaisted) Fredericks at the family home in Kila.

Vernon attended school in Kalispell and graduated from Flathead High.

He met and later married Dorothy Haag on Dec. 22, 1967. They have two daughters, Karen and Stephanie.

Vernon worked in the forest products industry most of his life and hauled for Stoltz Lumber for over 30 years. He loved walking in the woods and fishing was also a favorite pastime, along with visiting his timber industry pals.

Vernon was preceded in death by his father, Alvin; mother, Justine; and brother,

Raymond.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy; and two daughters, Karen Nersveen and husband, Dan, with his three grandsons, Gunnar, Cade and Bret; and daughter, Stephanie Houchins and her husband, Jim; his sister, Florence Mathiason; with many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

A memorial service for Vernon will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 8, in the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Chapel. There will be no visitation.

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

Janet Frost, 53

Janet Frost, 53, a lifelong resident of Eureka, "flew home to heaven on the wings of angels" on Sunday, Feb. 15, 2009. She was born March 21, 1955, in Whitefish, to Roby and Dorothy Nelson. She grew up and attended school in Eureka and graduated from high school in 1973.

Janet married Larry Frost on July 14, 1973, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Eureka. She was a stay-at-home mom, raising five children. She enjoyed gardening, baking, Sunday drives, huckleberry picking, camping and, most of all, her many grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 34 years, Larry Frost, in October 2007; and her sister, Shirley Greene, in October 2008.

Survivors include her children, Tracie Casazza and husband, Dan, of Columbia Falls;



Lisa Frost and fiancé, Dustin Croft, of Ronan; Kim Lane and husband, Jay, of Eureka; Scott Frost and fiancé, Genaya Mocko, of Eureka; and Sandra Frost of Hayden, Idaho; mother, Dorothy Nelson, of Eureka; brother, Jim Nelson, of Eureka; and 15 grandchildren, soon to be 18 in March.

She was loved dearly and will be missed by all who knew her.

Services were held Saturday, Feb. 21, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Eureka, with Pastor Chris Tabbert officiating. Burial was at Tobacco Valley Cemetery with pallbearers Jay Lane, Dan Casazza Jr., Dustin Croft, Bob Garrison, Dennis Greene, Rick Greene, Tom Nelson and Nathaniel Nelson. Honorary pallbearers were Scott Frost, Brad Frost, Brad Mikalson, Chad Mikalson, Mark Nelson, Carl Davis, Tom Keller, Tye Keller, Wilbur Keller, Pat Keller and Gerald Keller.

Funeral arrangements were made by Schnackenberg and Nelson Funeral Home in Eureka.

John David French, 26

John David French, 26, known to all as "JD" was taken from us" on Friday, June 12, 2009.



He is survived by his father, Wesley, and wife, Earleen French; mother, Anna, and husband, Jerry Goodin; brother, Joseph, and

wife, Gina French; sister, Adrienne French; stepbrothers, Vern Lower and Devin Hawke; stepsister, Crystal Lower; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

He is loved by all and will be sorely missed.

Funeral services will be held on 3 p.m. Thursday, June 18, at Glacier Memorial Gardens, 2659 Highway 93 North in Kalispell.

Forrest Dean Friske, 80

Forrest Dean Friske, 80, passed away suddenly at his home in Columbia Falls, Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2009. Our hearts are heavy with the loss of a husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and brother.



Forrest was born in Bonners Ferry, Idaho, on June 15, 1928, to Fred and Gunda Friske, and grew up in Half Moon, along with his seven siblings. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1947 and served until 1953, of which he was very proud and thankful for.

Forrest then returned to the Flathead Valley and began working at Plum Creek Lumber Co. sticking (manually) loading boxcars of lumber.

In 1954, he met his future bride and married Jane Olson, daughter of Roy and Effie Olson of Whitefish.

He continued to work for Plum Creek while raising his family and was instrumental in construction at the PC Arden mill and the CF MDF Plant, retiring as CF Plywood maintenance superintendent. Our father's blood was true Plum Creek Purple throughout his years of employment. He was an extremely hard worker and a great provider to his family, even in the hard and lean years. He instilled a hard-work ethic into his children, and for that we thank him immensely.

Dad loved the great Montana outdoors of hunting, fishing and camping, especially in the South Fork. He, Jane and his in-laws built a cabin in the '60s at Hienrude Creek in the South Fork, later purchasing a camper and then a motor home which brought wonderful outings in Montana with family and friends. His motor home and boat filled summer days with camping and fishing, although at times he wasn't quite sure if he would get down the road since Mom always packed half

the house in it and they were only going to be gone for a couple days.

His skills of woodworking, tinkering in the shop, his daily treadmill walk, his thirst

for reading history books, and being his special friend's right hand man kept him busy during retirement winters. To his family and friends, he was a giver of his many talents and he never forgot favors bestowed upon him or his family.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, James; and sisters, Joyce Dexter, Marjorie Richards and Wilma Ferdinand.

Forrest is survived by his wife, Jane, of 53 years; and their three children, Tanna Friske of Columbia Falls, Tim and wife, Phyllis Friske, of Columbia Falls, and Tina Friske and husband, Bill Berg, of Marion; seven grandchildren, Justin, Joshary and Jonathon Cheff, Sarah and Nick Friske, and Erin DeLeonard and Bryan Berg. He is also survived by his brother, Kenneth Friske, of Columbia Falls; sisters, June and husband, Dale Barr, of Columbia Falls, and Barbara and husband, Dick Ott, of Kalispell; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be sent to the Columbia Falls Library to help others enrich their lives through reading, or the Columbia Falls Fire or Ambulance Department.

A remembrance and celebration of Forrest's life will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

A private interment will be held this summer when the sun is shining in the South Fork of the Flathead Valley.

Diana Lee Fullbright, 51

Diana Lee Fullbright, 51, died Thursday, Jan. 1, 2009, at her residence in Somers.

No services are scheduled at this time.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Eva Lorree Funke, 81

Eva Lorree Funke, 81, of Polson, passed away Saturday, Sept. 5, 2009, at St. Joseph Hospital in Polson. Eva was born



May 14, 1928, in Harlowton, a daughter of the late Louis and Marian Harlan Pollmann. She attended schools in Reed Point and Olympia, Wash., and later graduated from Polson High School.

She married James Funke in 1946 in Polson. James died in 1986.

Eva worked at several places around Polson, including the Tip Top Café, Eddie's Drug and Western B Supplies, and was the secretary for many years at Linderman Elementary School. She was a volunteer at the Country Store, the Polson City Library and served as a den mother for the Cub Scouts. She was a parishioner of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Polson.

Eva had many interests and especially enjoyed fishing, golf, knitting, playing cards, bowling, gardening and being with her friends.

Besides her parents and husband, a son, Daniel, who passed away in 1975; her sisters and a brother-in-law, Lil and Neil Noble, and Carol Thomas; and a great-granddaughter, Amber Luke, also

preceded Eva in death.

She is survived by her four sons, James Funke and his wife, Norma, of Polson, David Funke of Polson, Fred Funke and his wife, Sandy, of Polson, and Larry Funke and his wife, Lou Anna, of Federal Way, Wash.; a sister, Karen Corcoran and her husband, Dan of Las Vegas; a brother, Harlan "Chub" Pollmann of Ronan; grandchildren, Gwen Clairmont, Russell Redekop, Geri Turnage, Gay Ann Luke, Genean Clairmont, Daunielle Hume, Angela Collins, Ryan Funke, Randy Funke, Colt Funke and Heidi Funke; 18 great-grandchildren and eight great-great-grandchildren.

A vigil service is scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 8, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. A Mass of Christian burial will be held 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 9, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church with Father James Connor officiating. Inurnment will follow at Lakeview Cemetery, Polson.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Eva's name to the Mission Valley Animal Shelter, 36251 N. Reservoir Road, Polson, MT 59860, or to the Polson City Library, 2 First Ave. E., Polson, MT 59860.

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

Grace T. Furrh, 96

Grace T. Furrh, 96, died Sunday, June 21, 2009, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She is survived by her

daughter, Isabelle Pound, of Kalispell.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for Grace's family.