

Michael Claude Galassi, 59

Michael Claude Galassi, 59, died unexpectedly at his home in Kalispell on Thursday, Sept. 10, 2009. He was born on



April 2, 1950, at Oak Knoll Naval Hospital in Oakland, Calif., the cherished son of Winnie Masterson and Carlo Galassi.

He spent his childhood in Los Gatos, Calif., and graduated from Los Gatos High School in 1968. After graduation, Mike enlisted in the U.S. Army and was sent to Vietnam. After an injury, he was presented the Purple Heart and given a medical discharge.

He moved to Montana in the early '70s to join his extended family.

Mike had two marriages, first to Robin, and later to Marie.

Mike had a fondness for the state of Oregon especially the coastal areas. He made his last trip early this month.

According to his wishes, his ashes will be scattered there.

His children and grandchildren were the pride of his life, Nathan and his children, Sharlett, Sean and River; Lance and his wife, Kristin, and their daughter, Faith; Michele Moon, and her husband, Brandon, and their children, Hayden and Ashtyn.

He will be sadly missed by his mother Winnie Masterson; his siblings and their families, Lello Galassi and wife Gretchen, Rhonda Giardina and husband Ben, and Tom Galassi and wife Leslie.

He also leaves behind his dog and constant companion, Jake.

Michael's life will be celebrated at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 16, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Whitefish, at 6330 Highway 93 South.

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

John W. 'Jack' Galles Sr., 81

John W. "Jack" Galles Sr., loving husband of Elsie Galles, passed away on July 27, 2009, at his home in Whitefish.



Jack is survived by his wife, Elsie Galles; sons, John of Texas and Randall of Colorado; daughters, Judy, Valerie, Debbie and Shari of Montana, Patrice of Oregon, and Paula of Colorado; also his stepchildren, Nicholas and Craig of Washington, Melanie of Florida, and Robert and Laurie of Montana; plus 33 grandchildren; 44 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Jack was preceded in death by his daughter, Sandra Shero; and sister, Grace McCollum.

Jack was born in Wolf Point, Oct. 8, 1927. He enlist-

ed in the Navy in 1945 and was discharged in 1947. Jack married Patricia Malthy in 1949. They had nine children together and moved to the Flathead Valley. He worked many years as a log truck driver and as millwright at Anaconda Aluminum Plant.

In 1971, he met and married Elsie Woodard. Together, they realized his long dream of being a long haul semi-truck driver. They bought a truck and worked for North American Van lines, logging more than a million and a half miles before he retired in 1988.

After retirement he became a snowbird, spending winters in Arizona and summers at his home in Whitefish. He was a member of the VFW and active in the Moose Lodge and the Iguana club. He will be deeply missed by all.

A celebration of life was held July 30.

Dorothy L. Gallivan, 79

Dorothy L. Gallivan, 79, "went to heaven" Monday evening, Jan. 19, 2009, at her home in Kalispell, where she lived with her husband, Leonard, and her daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Jim Holmquist.

She was born Jan. 25, 1929, in Boise, Idaho, to John and Dora Brooks.

She was married to Leonard Gallivan on June 15, 1947, in Boise, Idaho.

They pastored in the Church of the Nazarene for many years.

She held a master's degree in elementary education, teaching the majority of the time at the fourth grade level.

She loved music and played the organ and piano and sang.

As her health began to fail, they moved from their home in



Nampa, Idaho, to join their daughter and son-in-law in Kalispell.

She is survived by her husband, Leonard; sister, Cora Spiva, of Hickory,

N.C.; brother, John Brooks, of Longview, Wash.; sons, Dave Gallivan of Riverside, Calif., and Bob Gallivan of Boise, Idaho; and daughter, Karen, of Kalispell. She has eight grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, at the Kalispell Nazarene Church, officiated by the Rev. Ed Koteskey.

Roger Henry Ganiere, 89

Roger Henry Ganiere, 89, passed away Friday, Dec. 25, 2009, at Lake View Care Center in Bigfork.



Roger was born to Henry and Katherine (Fischer) Ganiere in Amboy, Minn., on Sept. 4, 1920. They moved to New Richland, Minn., in 1929 where he finished schooling.

Roger worked on the family farm until 1942, when he married Vita Virginia Bertelson in Albert Lea, Minn. They moved to Columbia Falls in 1943.

From 1944 to 1947, Roger served in World War II as a member of the 103rd Division 40th Infantry in Europe and fought in the Battle of Bulge. He was honorably discharged in February 1947.

After his discharge he worked on the construction of Hungry Horse Dam as a diamond driller, and then went on to work for the Montana State Highway Department for 30 years, until his retirement.

Roger was "easy to love." He was a hard worker and a great family man who never forgot birthdays or anniversaries. His spare

time was taken up caring for his beautiful and neat home and yard. The coffee pot was always on and friends were always welcome.

Roger was preceded in death by his wife, Virginia; one grandson, Kenneth Ganiere; his four brothers Ernest, Charles, George and Albert; his sister, Barbara; and one sister who died in infancy.

Roger is survived by his two sons, James and Sharrie Ganiere of Moses Lake Wash., and John and Donna Ganiere of Bigfork.

He has four living grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren: Robert and Leslie Ganiere, and daughter Tiffany; Debra and Rey Ornelas, with children Milani, Nakai, and Keilanni; daughter-in-law, Carol Ganiere, and her three children, Gary, Crystal and Carli; Kristine Arndt; and Michelle and Jesse Remington, with children Blake, Sierra and Brayden.

Roger also has numerous nieces and nephews with families in Minnesota.

Internment of the ashes with military honors will be held at noon, Jan. 2, at Glacier Memorial Gardens, followed with a celebration of life service at 2 p.m. at the Bigfork United Methodist Church.

Alfred Felix Garbagnati, 87

Alfred Felix Garbagnati, 87, died Sunday, Sept. 27, 2009, at his daughter's residence in Kalispell. Al passed away after a wonderful healthy life from a short and swift bout with cancer. He was born on July 4, 1922, in Carlstadt, N.J., the son of Dominick Guisepepe and Elisabeth (Merlo) Garbagnati. Al's mother died at a young age and his father was remarried to Caroline Ronzoni.

Al grew up in Union City, N.J. He worked in the tool and die industry until enlisting in the Army Air Corps for World War II. He was sent to Midland, Texas, after basic training and was picked to train bombardiers, and stayed in Midland throughout the war.

He met his wife-to-be, Marye Walthall, and they were married in 1945. After the war they moved back to New Jersey and settled in Cresskill. Al quickly got involved with the Cresskill Volunteer Fire Department and Ambulance Squad and volunteered countless hours.

After moving to Tempe, Ariz., in 1967, Al traveled the world for Motorola and home-based at the Mesa plant. After his retirement, he started his own consulting business and, in-between, traveled the world on cruise

ships with his wife Marye. They celebrated 50 years together shortly before her death in 1996.

Al loved volunteering for the Tempe Police Department. He was a Volunteer in Policing (VIP) for six and a half years until he moved to Montana. His high degree of dedication to all the positions he held was recognized by "Awards for Excellence" from the Police Department in 2004, 2005 and 2009, and he was also awarded the AVACA (a statewide volunteer administrator award) Volunteer of the Year.

Al leaves behind good friends and fond memories. He will be so missed in VIPs and at the T.P.D.

Al will join his wife at the Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 23029 N. Cave Creek Road, Phoenix, Ariz., at 11 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 16, with full military honors. A reception will follow at his home in Tempe.

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 and Crematory is caring for Al's family. You are invited to go to www.jgfuneralhome.com to view Al's guest book, offer condolences and share memories.

Doris M. Gardner, 74

Doris M. Gardner, 74, died Monday, April 6, 2009, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Family services will be held at a later date. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Genevieve E. Garner, 93

Genevieve E. Garner, 93, of Kalispell, died Dec. 1, 2009, at home with her best friend, Belinda Jones, at her side. Gen was born Oct. 19, 1916, in Duluth, Minn., to Raymond Jacob and Hazel Irene Cronquist.

Gen married James "Jim" A. Garner on Oct. 8, 1945. They moved to Newport Beach, Calif., in 1946 and lived in the same house until they moved to Kila in 1983. While in California in 1951 they had their one and only son, James Raymond Garner, affectionately known as J.R.

Gen and Jim loved living in Montana and their home in Kila. They both loved animals and had a horse named Moose and at least a half a dozen cats. That is how Gen became close friends with Belinda, when she would take her cats in at Kila for medical care where Belinda worked.

When Gen's husband James died on Sept. 30 of 1989 she moved into Kalispell

on Meridian Street where she could still keep her special horse, Moose. She lived there until 2005 when Moose passed on and it was just too much for Gen to keep up. She enjoyed her new home at Meadow Manor and the friendly neighbors.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Raymond Jacob and Hazel Irene Cronquist; her husband, James A. Garner; and their only son, James Raymond Garner, on Oct. 31, 2006.

She leaves behind two loving sisters, Betty Mattix of Stephenville, Texas, and Jacqueline R. Mesna of Costa Mesa, Calif.; three grandchildren, Sydney Garner, Adrienne Garner and Morgan Garner; and six nieces.

No services are planned at this time.

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

Robert Gene 'Bob' Garrison, 52

Robert Gene "Bob" Garrison, 52, of Troy, died Oct. 10, 2009, at his home.

He had been the owner/operator of Taz 1 Towing.

He is survived by his wife, Becki, of the family home; his mother, Betty Jamison, of Troy; sons, Roscoe Garrison of Troy,

and Robby Garrison of Fort Carson, Colo.; and daughter, Rachelle Nicholls, of Troy.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16, at the Troy Church of God. Arrangements are by Schnackenberg and Nelson Funeral Home in Libby.

John L. Garrity, 86

John Garrity died Dec. 1, 2009, at the Springs of Whitefish. He was born Sept. 27, 1923, in Moorhead, Minn., one of five children, to Judge James Garrity and Rita M. Garrity. He was raised in Moorhead, where he attended Moorhead State College.



He joined the Great Northern Railroad as a locomotive fireman on the Dakota Division in August 1942, and continued working until called into military service with the 714th Operating Railroad Battalion. After three years military service, he returned to the Great Northern as a fireman until January 1952, when he was appointed assistant to the master mechanic at Willmar, Minn.

In November 1954, John was appointed traveling engineer at Hillyard, where he served until being transferred to Shelby in January 1955, and then to Cut Bank in March 1955. In January 1957, he was transferred to Whitefish where he remained until his retirement in 1981, as traveling engineer.

John married Victoria (Tya) Cyr on July 12, 1952, and later adopted her two sons, James and George. John and Tya enjoyed 52 years of marriage, until her passing in October 2004.

After moving to Whitefish in 1957, John became involved in his community and St. Charles Borromeo Church. He was a lifetime member of the Knights of Columbus.

John served on the Whitefish City Council in the 1980s and was Santa Claus in downtown Whitefish for many years, taking his last sleigh ride on the Whitefish

Lake Golf Course in December 2002. He fancied himself a friend of those down on their luck and would often anonymously present new shoes or a new coat to people in need. He was also a neighbor who would watch your home while you were away and clean sidewalks of snow for blocks in every direction.

John was preceded in death by the love of his life, Tya Garrity, in October 2004; both parents; two brothers and two sisters.

He leaves behind his son, James Lamm Garrity, and wife, Patricia, of Fresno, Calif.; one granddaughter, Victoria Garrity, of Fresno; and son, George, and wife, Linda, of Whitefish; a sister-in-law, Esther Garrity; and many nieces and nephews in Minnesota and in California, as well as his best friend, Al Hedrick, who has been with John through thick and thin.

John was very fortunate in life. He was able to travel the world, meet the Pope and kiss the Blarney Stone in Ireland! He was one of a kind. Some thought John was full of "blarney," but you always knew where you stood with him, love him or not! We will always remember this special man.

We would like to thank the entire staff at the Springs of Whitefish for their wonderful care and support.

The family suggests memorials may be sent to the Whitefish Golden Agers, the North Valley Food Bank in Whitefish, or a charity of your choice.

Services will be at 11 am. Monday at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Whitefish, with a reception immediately following. Private interment will be in Whitefish Cemetery.

Austin Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

Marta Katharina Gebhardt, 94

Marta Katharina Gebhardt, 94, died on Thursday, May 7, 2009, at Los Robles Hospital in Thousand Oaks, Calif., surrounded by her family. Marta, known as Oma, was born on April 3, 1915, in Rosenfeld, Wurttemberg, Germany. She was the fourth of six children. Her parents were Wilhelm and Rosina (Springer) Mohl.



said that her home in Montana reminded her of Germany. She'll be remembered and missed by all who knew her.

Marta arrived in the United States Feb. 1, 1937, at the age of 21. An older sister and uncle preceded her to the U.S. She had only planned on remaining here for a few years, but World War II prevented her from returning to Germany. She met another German immigrant, Paul Willy Gebhardt, and they were wed on Aug. 24, 1942. They resided together with their family in Dumont, N.J., Phoenix, and eventually settled in southern California. She became a U.S. citizen on July 15, 1960, in Los Angeles.

She loved to garden, camp, sew, knit and crochet. She was a great cook; no one could make sauerkraut like her! Oma passed on many traditions to her family: her love of the Lutheran church and the celebrating of family and holidays.

She looked forward every spring to returning to Montana where she had her favorite rock to sit on next to Grave Creek in Eureka, where she resided with her daughter and son-in-law. She

Marta was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; two brothers and two sisters.

A beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, she is survived by her son, Paul R. Gebhardt, of Kalispell; a daughter, Anita U., and her husband, Robert Ruffinen, of Eureka, and Moorpark, Calif.; her grandchildren, Michelle Ruffinen, Lisa and her husband, Ken Young, Anita M. Ruffinen, Paul J. Gebhardt and Katharina Gebhardt; and her great-grandchildren, Kristen and her husband, Les Eastlick, Keely Young, Ryan Young and Matthew Young, all of California. She is also survived by a nephew in New York; an older sister, Marie Kolb, of Germany; and many nieces and nephews in Germany.

Services for Marta were held May 16 at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Thousand Oaks. She was laid to rest beside her husband, Paul Gebhardt, in Santa Clarita Valley, Calif.

Diane Rieben Gentry, 49

Diane Rieben Gentry, 49, formerly of Polson, passed away on Aug. 7, 2009.

She was born July 7, 1960, in Polson and graduated in 1978 from Flathead High School.

Diane attended the University of Montana from 1978 to 1980.

She is survived by her hus-

band, Steve Gentry, daughter, Aubri Ellsworth, and son, Cody Gentry, all of Bakersfield, Calif.; parents, Gene and Shirley Rieben, of San Jose, Calif.; sister, Leslie Pompa, of Redlands, Calif.; and brother, Mark Rieben, of Honolulu.

For further information visit www.legacy.com and search for "Diane Gentry."

Alvin M. 'Al' Getzlaff, 69

Alvin M. "Al" Getzlaff, 69, passed away on Saturday, Feb. 7, 2009, at his home in Whitefish. Al was born on Sept. 28, 1939, in Bottineau, N.D., to Walter and Lillian Getzlaff.



He served in the U.S. Army at Fort Ord, Calif. After being discharged, he moved to Montana, where he worked for Mtn. Manufacturing, CFAC, and then opening his own business, Northern Recovery.

He enjoyed the outdoors, working in his yard, hunting, fishing, traveling and just spending time with his family. He was a fun, loving husband, dad and grandpa who was always there to lend a helping hand to anyone who needed him. He will be greatly missed by those who knew and loved him.

Al was preceded in death by his parents, Walter and Lillian Getzlaff; brother, Darwin Getzlaff; sister, Gloria Daley; daughter, Penny Getzlaff; and a

son, Johnny Gochanour.

He is survived by his wife of 37 years, Jean Getzlaff; brothers, Virgil, Norman, Darrel and Sonny; sisters, Cora, Marilyn, Tootie and Marlys; sons, Kenny and Steven Gochanour; daughters, Belinda Bacon, Patti Gochanour, Lorinda Walter and Jeannie Alt; grandchildren, Mike McPhee, Marc Hoerner, Cody, Robbie, and Keyvin Walter, Billie and Kaylin Gochanour, Elias Bacon, and Kylie and Devyn Rocker; and seven great-grandchildren.

A celebration of Al's life will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, at the Christian Center Assembly of God Church in Kalispell.

In lieu of flowers, the family request donations be made in Al's name to Home Options Hospice, 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell, MT 59901; or North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

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

Thomas Alfred 'Red Gibbon' Gibson, 63

Thomas Alfred "Red Gibbon" Gibson, 63, passed away on Sunday, Oct. 4, 2009, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell. He was born on Jan. 13, 1946, in Kalispell, the son of Choteau Lane and Dorothy Mae (Jungers) Gibson.

He attended grade school at Batavia School and graduated from Flathead High School in 1964. He joined the National Guard in 1965 and was married to Addy Lobdell in 1967.

He worked as a mechanic at the Equity Co-Op until 1976, and then owned and operated Gibson America Gas Power until 1995. He retired from the City of Kalispell in 2008.

He and his daughters shared the love of softball by playing and coaching for many years, as well as the love of the outdoors. His passions in life were fishing, the Outlaw Car Club, tinkering, and the meticulous restoration of Ford vehicles.

He was also an avid Chicago Bears fan. People who knew him were very familiar with his dry sense of humor

and "Tomisms."

He didn't miss a Memorial Day weekend or first week of hunting with the boys. In his younger years, Tom started his day hanging with the gang at Buzz's and, the last few years, at Roche's. On the weekends, he could be found on the Stillwater River, with Bud Light and Mel Tweet.

Tom is survived by his wife of 42 years, Addy Gibson, of Kalispell; two daughters, Angie "Bugs" Gallant and husband Bill of Virginia, and Jill "Wolf" Tyler and husband Rick of Kalispell; one cousin, Geraldine Dale; and grandchildren, Cody "Weasel"; Tommy "Monk"; Scotty "Buckshot"; and Laura "Pooh". He also leaves behind Black Dog.

Memorial services for Tom will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9, in the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Chapel. Visitation was held Oct. 6.

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

Clifford C. Giesey, 98

Clifford C. Giesey, 98, passed away on Sunday, Dec. 6, 2009, at the Brendan House in Kalispell. He was born on Oct. 4, 1911, at Monarch, the son of William Bismark and Bertha Lucinda (Robertson) Giesey.



Cliff was married to Ellen Loos on Oct. 15, 1932, and they were together for 70 years. Cliff was a horse logger in his younger days and loved and belonged to the Smith Valley Saddle Club. He was a dairy farmer and rancher in Smith Valley since 1949, and actively farmed until he was 88 years old.

The family would like to thank the wonderful staff at Brendan House and Home Options Hospice for their

care and support.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ellen; his parents; and three sisters.

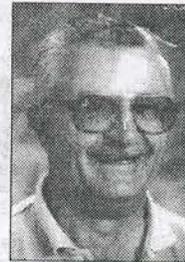
He is survived by his daughter, Alice Gleason, and husband, Larry, of Ronan; sons, Elmer Giesey and wife, Betty, of Rapid City, S.D., and Ted Giesey and wife, Beverly, of Marion; 13 grandchildren, and numerous great grandchildren; a brother, Roscoe Giesey, and wife, June, of Kalispell; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 11, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Chapel.

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

Gerald Harris Gifford, 79

Gerald Harris Gifford, 79, of American Fork, Utah, died at his home on July 23, 2009. He was born Nov. 15, 1929, in



Boise, Idaho, the second son of Warner Levi and Mary Ethel (Harris) Gifford.

Gerald graduated from Emmett High School in Emmett, Idaho in 1947.

He married LaRee Atkinson on June 14, 1949, in the Salt Lake Temple. She and their son, Eldon, preceded him in death.

He served a six-month mission in the Central States Mission in 1950.

Gerald married Virginia Hale Johnson on Aug. 17, 1951, in the Salt Lake Temple.

Gerald sold tractors in Emmett early in his married life. Gerald was a dairy farmer in Columbia Falls for many years. He and Virginia raised their nine children in the Flathead Valley. He also worked as a heavy equipment mechanic. Later in his life he worked for Salt Lake Hardware in Utah and was a contractor in Mesa, Ariz.

Gerald possessed many talents, especially fixing things. Whether mechanical, electrical, or just confusing to most everyone else, he could take things apart and fix them. He loved to have fun, and spent many hours with his family waterskiing, fishing,

and camping. Hunting was a strength. In Columbia Falls, he and two friends were called many times to protect friends and neighbors and their properties from aggressive grizzly bears. He would always solve the problem without getting hurt. Gerald was a private pilot, owned his own Piper Comanche and loved to fly.

Gerald was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He served as Scoutmaster, Sunday school teacher, Young Men's president, branch presidency counselor and stake high counselor.

Gerald is survived by Virginia, and their nine children, LaRee Johnson of Mesa, Kevin Gifford of Gilbert, Ariz., Marilee Eyring of Eloy, Ariz., Warner Lynn Gifford of Gilbert, Angela Johnson of Gilbert, Rebecca Brower of Peoria, Ariz., Virginia Lee Pothier of Menomonee Falls, Wis., Seldon Gifford of Wylie, Texas, and Alan Gifford of Gilbert; 47 grandchildren; 57 great-grandchildren; brothers, W. LaVon Gifford and Grant R. Gifford of Alpine, Utah; a sister, DeAnn Baird, of Carbondale, Ill.; a sister, Evallee Fish, of Yukon, Okla.; a brother, Milton E. Gifford, of Cottage Grove, Ore.; and a sister, Melanie Watkins, currently in the Philippines on a mission. Gerald was and is beloved by all.

A graveside memorial was held on July 28 in Emmett, Idaho. Gerald was buried in Emmett Cemetery in Emmett.

George Nelson Gilbert, 82

George Nelson Gilbert, 82, passed away Saturday, Jan. 31, 2009, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell after a brief illness, with his wife and daughters by his side. He was born June 10, 1926, in Kalispell to George and Flossie (Fox) Gilbert.



He grew up and attended high school in Bigfork.

He spent a short time in the U.S. Navy during World War II and served two years in the Korean War.

Returning from the war, he worked for the U.S. Forest Service and C&C Plywood, and eventually Plum Creek Lumber, where he worked until retirement.

He married Avis Gingery on Oct. 18, 1958.

He was an avid outdoorsman, enjoying hunting and fishing. He looked forward to planting his garden each spring. We will all miss his sense of humor.

He was preceded in death

by his parents; one sister; and three brothers.

He is survived by his wife of more than 50 years, Avis Gilbert, of Kalispell; and his four daughters, Cindie Wright and her husband, Chip, of Moreno Valley, Calif., and Cristal Rice, Caroline Gilbert and Cathleen Gilbert, all of Kalispell; five grandchildren, Cambria Tidwell and husband, Ryan, of Herndon, Va., Jeffrey Happ and his wife, Megan, of Santa Clarita, Calif., Michelle Gilbert and fiancé, Billy Roberts, Chris Rode and his wife, Angyl, and Brenden Rice, all of Kalispell; and one sister, Edna Hagadone, of Kalispell; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral services for George will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, at the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home, with burial at C. E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. until service time Saturday at Johnson-Gloschat chapel.

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.

Harold William 'Gil' Gilden Jr., 76

Harold William "Gil" Gilden Jr., 76, of Libby, died Thursday, Oct. 22, 2009, at St. John's Lutheran Hospital in Libby.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 27, at the First United Meth-

odist Church with the Rev. John Farquhar officiating. Burial will follow at the Libby Cemetery.

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

Peggy J. Gill, 60

Peggy J. Gill, 60, of Eureka, died Sunday, Dec. 27, 2009, at her home in Eureka from natural causes.

Survivors include her father, Swede Parks, of Eureka; husband, Ronnie Morgan, of Eureka; and children, Penny Johan-

son, Pam Pressentin, and Patty Mills, all of Kalispell, and Paul Torres of Eureka.

Private family services will be held.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg and Nelson Funeral Home in Eureka.

Sharon Gillespie, 58

Sharon Gillespie, 58, of rural Prescott, Ariz., formerly of Kalispell, passed away May 23, 2009, after a short battle with cancer.

Sharon was born May 25, 1950, to parents, Leonard Wayne and Delores Struble in Kalispell.

She graduated from eighth grade at Pine Grove School and attended Flathead County High School for one year before the family moved to Phoenix. She graduated from Maryvale High School in Phoenix.

Sharon was blessed with three sons, Scott, Bob and Ben. They were the loves of her life. She was also known for her love of animals and was a professional dog groomer.

Sharon worked for JCPenney's in Kalispell and most recently at Wal-Mart in Prescott. She worked nights so she could be a caregiver for her mother during the day.

She was preceded in

death by her father, Wayne Struble; and her grandparents, Richard and Minnie Struble, and Walter and Thea Rolf.

She is survived by her mother, Delores Struble, of rural Prescott; her son, Scott Blakley, and his wife, Rebekah, and their sons, Scott Jr., and Taylor; her son, Bob Pasley, and daughter, Alicia of Phoenix; her son, Ben Pasley, and wife, Melisa, and their sons, Conner, Noah and Albert, and daughter, Sophia, of Fort Bragg, N.C.; sisters, Linda Simonsen and her husband, Ken, of Sidney, and Marcia Struble of rural Prescott; and brother, Larry Struble, and Elizabeth, of Prescott.

She will be remembered as a wonderful mom, grandma, and faithful friend, and for her warm generosity of spirit.

A memorial service will be held at 6 p.m. June 22, at the Woodland Park historic pavilion in Kalispell.

Marcella Margaret Gillig, 77

Marcella Margaret Gillig, 77, passed away Monday, Sept. 21, 2009, at her Kila residence. Marcella was born April 3, 1932, in Lincoln, N.D., and was raised in Denhoff, N.D.

She married Alvin Gillig on Dec. 10, 1950, in Denhoff. They were married 58 years at her passing.

Marcella was a very hardworking, dedicated woman. She always found the good in everyone and never said anything bad about anyone. She worked as a nurse for 25 years and retired. Afterwards, she cleaned homes for about 10 more years. She was a woman who could never sit still and had to keep busy.

She was dearly loved and will be truly missed. Marcella was a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and volunteered at the community center as much as she could. When she lost her vision to macular degeneration her volunteering became hard to do but she kept at it. She was very dedicated to her church and church family.

Marcella loved to entertain and to cook, at which she was the best. She could satisfy everyone. She was so kind and loving. She loved to participate in any church activity that had been planned.

Marcella is survived

by her husband, Alvin, of Kila; daughter, Delight Gillig, of Kila; sons, Lyle and wife, Beverly Gillig, of Hot Springs, and Woody and wife, Deb Gillig, of Talbott, Tenn.; sisters, Doris, Vera and Frances; and a brother, Phil Werner; six grandchildren, Tonia Howe, Ryan, Josh and Eric Gillig, Erin Wagar and Elisha Vega; 16 great-grandchildren, Joseph and Anthony Hoelscher, Briana Karrick, Ryan, Tristan and Cassandra Gillig, Wade and Cole Gillig, Airean, Adrian and Ajay Gillig, Ciera and Conner Wagar, and Megan, Kaelee and Courtney Fultz; sister-in-law, Judy Gillig; and nephew, Christopher Gillig.

Visitation for Marcella will be held from 3 to 8 p.m. today, Sept. 23, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held locally at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 24, at the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Kalispell.

Funeral services will also be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 27, at the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Bismarck, N.D. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Bismarck.

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

Mildred D. 'Millie' Glasebrook, 77

Mildred D. "Millie" Glasebrook, 77, of Springfield, Ohio, formerly of Bigfork, passed away peacefully, Saturday morning, Sept. 12, 2009, at the Springfield Regional Medical Center, East High Campus. She was born in Springfield on Dec. 20, 1931, the daughter of Roy Carl and Lora Mae Reva (Terrell) Marshall.

She is survived by three siblings, John E. Marshall, James Roger and Helen Marshall, and Erma Mae and Bernard Vail, all of Springfield; many loving nieces

and nephews; and numerous dear friends. She also leaves behind her beloved Quaker parrot, "Cuckoo-Bird."

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Colonel Clarence Richard Glasebrook, U.S.A.F.

At Millie's request, no services will be observed. She will be laid to rest next to her husband in Arlington National Cemetery. The Littleton and Rue Funeral Home is serving the family. You may express condolences to the family at www.littletonandrue.com.

Edna Mary Glass, 92

Edna Mary Glass, 92, died of natural causes Dec. 3, 2009, at Mountain View Manor.

She had worked as a flunky at J. Neils Lumber Camp in Warland, as a town clerk for Rexford, and worked part time at the post office.

She is survived by two

children, Marilou Payton of Eureka, and James Glass of Aberdeen, Wash.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 7, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Eureka. Arrangements are by Schnackenberg and Nelson Funeral Home in Eureka.

Evalene Glenn, 92

Evalene Glenn, 92, formerly of Libby, died on March 13, 2009, at her home in Billings.

Survivors include her daughter, June Mennie, of Billings; and son, Frank Glenn, of Spokane.

Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Monday, March 16, at the Schnackenberg and Nelson Funeral Home in Libby. Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 17, at the City of Libby Cemetery.

Frank Gonzalez, 28

Frank Gonzalez, 28, passed away on Friday, Dec. 4, 2009, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell. He was born May 21, 1981, in Paramount, Calif.



Frank was the third son born to his loving mother, with another son born a year later. He was always the one keeping everyone happy and laughing. All who knew Frank loved his smile and joy of life.

"Frank has left this world to be with the one he loved the most, his God and Savior, Jesus Christ." He died doing

what he loved, serving his Lord and God. His second home was Fresh Life Church.

He is survived by his wife, Brandy, and three children, Francisco, Kelli and Emmanuel, all of West Virginia; his mother, Martha Gates, and father Terry, of Kalispell; three brothers, Rick Pena of Kalispell, Fonzie Pena of Louisiana, and Andy Gonzalez of Whitefish.

Memorial services will be held at 6 p.m. today, Dec. 8, at the Fresh Life Church (the old Strand Theatre).

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

Ronald Lee Goodsell, 48

Ronald Lee Goodsell, 48, passed away on Sunday, March 29, 2009, at his home in Columbia Falls. Ron was born on May 18, 1960,



in Kalispell, to James and Patricia (McAllister) Goodsell. He was raised in Montana and Idaho, graduating from Sandpoint High School.

He married Stephanie West in Columbia Falls; they were married for 15 years. Ron worked as a logger and as a heavy equipment operator for most of his life. He was a member of the volunteer fire department.

Ron loved hunting and

camping, and he had an extreme love for animals.

He was preceded in death by his father, Jim; his grandparents; and two uncles, JR and Dan.

He is survived by his girlfriend, Donna Edwards; his mother, Pat Goodsell; his children, Justin and Aleisha Goodsell; grandparents, W.N. and Virginia McAllister, and Andy and Laura Goodsell; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

A celebration of Ron's life will be at 1 p.m. Friday, April 3, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, with the Rev. Drew Buckner officiating.

You are invited to go to www.buffalohillfh.com to leave your condolences or to sign his register book. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

James Allen Gower, 62

James Allen Gower, 62, "left this earthly domain to join his God and savior" on May 24, 2009. He was born on March 16, 1947, at Levelland, Texas, to James Arthur Gower and Bernice Inez (Thompson) Gower.

Allen, as he was known, attended schools in Texas, New Mexico and California. He came to this God's country, and chose it as his "for always" home.

Allen worked as a millwright for most of the large lumber companies in the valley, and a stint in Washington state as a foreman for Boeing before establishing his business, Allen's Welding.

His talents led him to design a special "goose-neck" trailer for smaller pick-up trucks, among many other original ideas. Allen was adept at conceiving designs for "street rods" and converting Model Ts into modern sleek, big-boy

"toys." His artistic talent ran the gamut from oil painting to welded sculptures. Check out the eagle at the Whitefish Interstate Bank.

He had a deep love of nature, and it shone through his landscapes. His love of God caused him to consider joining the ministry, but he decided to minister to others through his caring personality and his art. He was someone who seldom knew a stranger, and could and would talk with and share with everyone.

Allen is survived by his wife, Melody Croft Gower; children, Stacy Gower and Christopher Gower; his grandson, Ethan, son of Stacy; and his sisters, Carol L. Van Ness and Sidney A. Johnson.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, June 8, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

Lucille Irene 'Pee Wee' Graham, 74

Lucille Irene "Pee Wee"

Graham, 74, passed away May 7, 2009, at Immanuel Lutheran Home surrounded

by her family. Pee Wee was born on Aug. 3, 1934, to Arthur and Inez (Oaks) Burnell in Kalispell.

She attended Kalispell schools. She and Keith met at the LaSalle Grange where they loved to dance and where they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 2001.

Pee Wee's role as majorette at Flathead High School led to teaching baton and tumbling at the Evergreen School where she also worked as a cook. In addition to raising six children and usually feeding a houseful of cousins and neighborhood kids, she and Keith also ran the Motel Western which they purchased from her parents, Arthur and Inez Burnell.

Pee Wee loved family and the outdoors. Whether it was skiing and hiking with her friend and brother, Harry, teaching her grandchildren where to find the best huckleberry patch, or watching the birds at Lake Blaine, she was happiest outdoors. Some of Pee Wee's other loves were Glacier Park, traveling in the motorhome, reading non-fiction, Sunday drives around the valley with Keith, and family gatherings. You could



find her ice skating on Lake Blaine, playing pinochle with friends, baking the best pies, and having grandchildren for sleepovers.

Pee Wee and Keith moved from the motel to Lake Blaine in 1976, and the lake became the gathering place for holidays and special times. Pee Wee lived her final four years at the Lutheran Home where she formed close relationships with staff and residents. She was a generous friend, an independent spirit, and the strong matriarch of a loving family. She built a legacy of love that will carry forward for generations to come. "We'll miss you, Pee Wee!"

She is survived by Keith D. Graham, her husband of 58 years; sons, David Graham of Kalispell, and Steve and Barb Graham of Warden, Wash.; and daughters, Maureen Watkins of Kalispell, Nora and Charlie Thorne of Kalispell, Marcie and Louis Krutsch of Kaysville, Utah, and Margie and Richard Strack of Tooele, Utah. One of her greatest joys was her 24 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Pee Wee is also survived by her brother, Harry Burnell, of San Francisco.

Memorial services for Pee Wee will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, May 11, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral chapel.

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

Linda Marie Gravelle, 51

Linda Marie Gravelle, 51, died June 18, 2009, at her home in Eureka.

She is survived by her daughters, Maria Stoddard and her husband, David, of Missoula and Juanita Seiler and her husband, Mike, of Lewistown; her mother, June

Roose of Eureka; and her stepfather, John Knadler Sr. of Eureka.

Services will be 1 p.m. Monday, June 22, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Eureka. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Monday.

Margherita Pauline 'Rita' Graziano, 93

Margherita Pauline "Rita" Graziano, formerly of Basking Ridge, N.J., passed away on Wednesday, April 1, 2009.

She was born in Boston on Nov. 16, 1915, the daughter of Peter and Pauline (Mondino) Cerrina.

Rita Graziano was the only child of Peter and Pauline Cerrina. Her father was a gourmet chef and ran several restaurants. Her mother was a homemaker and a seamstress. When Rita was growing up, the family lived in Boston, New York City, Miami and New Jersey. She has several special memories of childhood experiences with famous people. She was taught to swim by Johnny Weissmuller, the actor who played in the original "Tarzan" movies. She saw Frank Sinatra when he first started out and thought he had no talent. And she saw the world-renowned operatic tenor, Enrico Caruso, at her grandmother's boarding house in Boston. Caruso had come there to have a meal because Rita's grandmother emigrated from northern Italy and cooked the special foods of home that were difficult to find in his world travels.

Rita was employed as a stock runner on Wall Street in New York long before computers were invented. She also worked as a hat check girl during the early years of adulthood.

She met John Graziano, the love of her life, when she was in her mid-20s and they were married in New York City on May 17, 1941. They had one child, Peter, who now lives in Whitefish. Rita and Johnny eventually settled in Basking Ridge, N.J. They had marvelous gardens



surrounding their home. Rita was a member of the Basking Ridge Garden Club for more than 25 years, where she served as club historian. Other members included Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis and Meryl Streep. Gardening and sewing were her favorite pastimes and she developed the skills of a professional in these areas.

Rita came to Montana after she was widowed in 2006. She has been lovingly cared for by the staff at The Springs Assisted Living in Whitefish, and more recently at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell. Much thanks and appreciation to all those who gave her the loving gift of a gentle passage. Rita was a great life teacher — her bright eyes, sunny smile and strong spirit will be missed by all.

She is survived by her faithful and loving son, Peter "Rocky" Graziano; two attentive grandchildren, Michael Graziano and Pauline Graziano Grillo; two great-grandchildren, Rosario and Santino Graziano Grillo, and their father, Roy Grillo. Rita will be fondly remembered by both of her daughters-in-law, Margaret Graziano and Sandra Stoutenburg, along with other family members and close friends.

Graveside services for Rita will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 4, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell. After the service there will be a gathering at her granddaughter's home in Kalispell.

The family suggests that any donations in her memory may be made to the Bratsberg Alzheimer's Unit at Immanuel Lutheran Home, 185 Crestline Ave., Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

Blanche Lucille Greenwald, 80

Blanche Lucille Greenwald, 80, of Columbia Falls, passed away Friday, Jan. 23, 2009. She was born March 21, 1928, at the family homestead near Hinsdale. She was the sixth of 12 children born to Elmer and Eliza Jane (Bolinger) Canen.

Blanche graduated from Hinsdale High School in 1946 and married Richard Greenwald later that year. Richard's military assignments kept her family moving frequently until 1956, when they settled in Columbia Falls.

Her talent in cooking, arts and crafts provided a comfortable home for her family. Blanche was the last living charter member of the Columbia Falls Assembly of God Church, where she taught Sunday school for 42 years.

Blanche was a loving, faithful and caring daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend, being gracious to everyone she met. She will be missed by her family, her church and many others who came to know the quiet strength of her character, her hope and laughter in good times and bad, and gentleness toward others.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sisters, Grace and Goldie; and brothers, Ralph and Cliff.

Blanche is survived by Richard, her husband of 62 years, of Columbia Falls; brothers, Art Canen of Laton, Calif., Lloyd and Dorothy Canen of Glasgow, Ray and Cora Canen of Glasgow, Paul and Anne Canen of Burleson, Texas, and Howard and Verla Canen of Columbia Falls; sisters, Edith Farar of Visalia, Calif., and Millie and Kenny Northrup of Rapid City, S.D.; daughters, Sharon and George Meier of Spokane, and Diane and Doug Ormiston of Maple Valley, Wash.; sons, Randy and Kris Greenwald of Spokane,



Larry and Pam Greenwald of Columbia Falls, and Rich and Kim Greenwald of Cut Bank; grandchildren, Lori (Meier) and Jerrod Olson of Liberty Lake, Wash., Lisa (Meier) and Paul Vigil of Spokane, Jake and Kevin Greenwald of Columbia Falls, Jessica and Jennifer Greenwald of Cut Bank, and Grant Ormiston of Maple Valley; and great-grandchildren, Karissa, Alise, Connor and Evan Olson, of Liberty Lake, Wash., and Bethany and Brenna Vigil of Spokane.

Visitation will be from 1 to 6 p.m. today, Jan. 28, at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. A funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 29, at the Columbia Falls Assembly of God Church in Columbia Falls. Burial will be afterward in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Arrangements are with the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

James R. 'Jim' Gregg, 83

James R. "Jim" Gregg, 83, passed away Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2009, at his home in Whitefish. Jim was born July 31, 1925, in Whitefish to Earl and Lily (Hunt) Gregg. He was raised in Lone Pine and Whitefish, where he attended schools.

Jim left Whitefish High School so he could enlist in the U.S. Navy. He served in the Navy from 1943 until 1946 as an aviation ordnanceman 2 c in the Asiatic Pacific campaign, serving as a tail gunner.

He returned to Whitefish after being discharged from the Navy, where he went to work for the Burlington Northern railroad as a freight conductor.

He married Gloria Hoffman in Polson in 1952.

After working his whole adult life for the railroad, he retired in 1987.

Jim went to work for the Whitefish Golf Course as its marshal. He retired as course marshal in 2006, having worked for the golf course for 19 years. Jim was an avid golfer, and he and his brother Jack were two of the oldest charter members of Whitefish Golf Course. Jim achieved his goal of golfing his age when he turned 76.

He enjoyed a good cup of coffee and working in his flower gardens.

He was a member of the Kiwanis Club, was a "Key Stone *Kop*" for the Kiwanis Club and



was a lifetime member of the Moose Lodge.

Jim was preceded in death by twin infant daughters; his parents, Earl and Lily Gregg; his wife, Gloria; a brother, Robert Gregg; and a sister, Jean Anne McKinley.

He is survived by his children and spouses, Carol and Mark Schreiber, James and Irene Johnson, Jeff Gregg, Jerry Gregg, and Tracey and Trent Schumacher; siblings, Jack Gregg of Billings, Bonnie Palmquist of Annadale, Minn., and Marcie Conn of Marysville, Wash.; brothers-in-law, Jim Hoffman and Harvey Kaber; sisters-in-law, Betty Sagen and Margaret Gregg; grandchildren, Heidi Collingwood, Jason Schreiber, Jame Jesse Johnson, Justin and Gretchen Johnson, and Caleb and Khanner Schumacher; great-grandchildren, Erika and Jeremy Collingwood, Kayne, Tyrion and Nakiyah Schreiber, and Khrystal and Khalesha Johnson; and numerous nieces and nephews and friends.

Urn burial will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 6, at Glacier Memorial Gardens. A celebration of Jim's life will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 6, at the Church at Creston, with the Rev. Darold Reiner officiating.

The family requests memorials be sent to Hospice, or the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

You are invited to go to www.buffalohillfh.com to sign Jim's book, or leave personal messages. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the

family.

Wesley Johnson Gregg, 85

Wesley Johnson Gregg, 85, of Whitefish, died of natural causes on May 23, 2009, at the Columbia Falls Veterans Home.

He was an engineer for the Great Northern Railroad and then later the Alaska Railroad.

Survivors include daughters, Myrtis Phillips of Whitefish, the Rev. Dawn Gregg of Eugene, Ore., Dana McAlpin of Lampe,

Mo., and Joan Gregg of Whitefish; sons, Joseph Gregg of Whitefish, and Warren Gregg of Palmer, Alaska; and stepchildren, Dewey Bacon of Whitefish, Diane Mundell of Hungry Horse, Gwena Brophy of Hot Springs, S.D., and Larry Bruner of Kalispell.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held later in the summer.

C.A. Grende, 53

Carol Grende Carmona, our beautiful wife, sister and friend, passed away March 9, 2009, from pneumonia, brought on as a complication of leukemia. She was surrounded by family and all the love and prayers from her friends from around the world.

Carol was born on Oct. 7, 1955, in Grangeville, Idaho, to Lila and Dale Grende. She was the youngest of five children: Mike, twins Tom and Ted, and Janene.

She was the renowned sculptor of several historical monuments of the Lewis and Clark expedition that stand in many places across the country. Her larger-than-life-size sculpture of Lewis and Clark shaking hands to start their westward journey is placed at the Falls of the Ohio State Park in Clarksville, Ind., overlooking the Ohio River. The sculpture is mounted on a 16-ton Jefferson limestone base and stands over 14 feet tall overall.

Another monument, "Sacajawea's Arduous Journey," exemplifies the feelings that were stirred within Carol's soul: "I have seen her in my mind's eye, a woman of great strength and perseverance. In her face is great determination. Sacajawea is truly a culmination of my career and represents the perseverance we all must have to proceed on in times of trouble." This sculpture is to be installed at Lewis-Clark State College in Lewiston, Idaho, during the summer of 2009. Castings will also be placed in Dayton, Wash., and Great Falls.



Her final monument-sized sculpture was the "We Will Never Forget" Veterans Memorial, in Kalispell, which was installed in July 2007. The

9-by-6-foot statue of a kneeling soldier was commissioned by the Flathead County Veterans and the Kalispell Elks Lodge in honor of brave veterans who sacrificed so much.

While her monuments were the culmination of her life's work, Carol produced more than 100 sculptural designs, and was also known for her paintings, scratchboards and other artistic work.

Survivors include husband, David; granddaughter, Leandra; great-granddaughters, Jamie Rose and Skyler Maude; and Carol's sister, Janene; brother, Ted; and nieces and nephews, Tomi, Stacy, Kellie, Jason, Dawn, LaRinda and Jessi, and their families; along with some of the greatest girlfriends.

Preceding her in death were her parents, Dale and Lila Grende; and brothers, Mike and Tom.

Memorials can be made to: CA Grende Memorial Fund benefit account, P.O. Box 7130, Kalispell, MT 59904.

A celebration of her life is planned for June 27 at Big Arm. For details, janene@sisna.com.

She'd like to leave you with this thought: "Charge on ... Have no fear!"

The Rev. G. Ellwood Grissom, 80

then attended North Central Bible College in Minneapolis before graduating from Central Bible Institute in Springfield, Mo.

He married Lola Hudiburgh on Thanksgiving Day in 1952.

Ellwood was an ordained minister for the Assemblies of God for more than 50 years and pastored churches in Plentywood, Deer Lodge and Kalispell, as well as serving as the denomination's state youth and education director for four years. His three children graduated from Flathead High School.

After leaving Kalispell, Ellwood and Lola pastored in Sitka,



The Rev. G. Ellwood Grissom passed away peacefully in Yakima, Wash., on Friday, Jan. 30, 2009.

George Ellwood Grissom was born to E.A. and Adelaide Grissom in Lewistown on May 24, 1928. When he was a young child, the family moved to Hamilton, and he graduated from high school in Corvallis. He served in the U.S. Army (Cavalry Division) in Japan and

mountains of Montana. In Alaska, he developed an interest in deep-sea fishing and boating.

Ellwood is survived by a family who knew they were accepted and loved — and were his pride and joy, Lola, his wife of 56 years; Greg and Nancy of Spokane, Robin and Joe Hite of Yakima, and Gordon and Kaye of Bozeman; eight grandchildren; his brother, Al, and Nola of Enterprise, Ore.; and sister, Pearl, and Richard Zimmermann of Missoula.

Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m. on Feb. 16 at Christian Life Center in Missoula. He will be interred in Missoula.

V. Starling Grosswiler, 88

V. Starling Grosswiler, 88, passed away Monday, Dec. 21, 2009, in Kalispell. She was born Sept. 23, 1921, to Jimmy and



Rosie Harrington on the family farm on Columbia Falls Stage. Her grandparents on both sides were early Valley settlers in the Bad Rock Canyon and Deer Park areas.

She graduated from Flathead County High School in 1939.

She married Paul Grosswiler on Dec. 26, 1941, and together they farmed and ran a dairy in the West Valley area. She was a hard worker that enjoyed gardening, animals, and working on the farm beside her husband.

Starling was preceded in death by her husband of 54 years, Paul Grosswiler, who passed away in 1995; also by a sister, Hilda Bee-man; brother, Jimmy "Babe" Harrington; and son-in-law, Larry Baier.

She is survived by a son, Clinton Grosswiler, and wife Robin; daughters, Catherine Baier, and Cindy Marvin and her husband, Shawn; 10 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 26, at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials be made to the local Humane Society, 3499 Highway 93 N., Kalispell, MT 59901.

Friends may visit the Web site www.buffalohillfh.com to leave notes of condolences. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Bert M. Guy Jr., 74

Bert M. Guy Jr., 74, of Kalispell, died Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 26, 2009. Bert was born to Bert Sr., and Velma Guy on March 15, 1935, in Kalispell.

Bert is survived by his wife, Ginger Guy, of Kalispell; his son, Bert III, and daughter-in-law, Carol; son, Byron Guy; five grandchildren, M'lynn and her husband Doug Schwartz, Ashley Guy, Cassie Guy, Amanda Guy and Jelisa Guy, all of Kalispell; his sisters, Nina Johnson of Wenatchee, Wash., Lenora Hadley and Donna War-rington, both of Kalispell, and Edna Guy of Maple Valley, Wash. He is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

Bert's hobbies included hunting and fishing, and teasing his granddaughters. The fish are much safer now.

He had a deep love for God, church and family.

He worked at Sunset Car-buretor from 1953 to 1974.

He was a past master of Trinity Lodge 152 and was involved in the Scottish



Rite and the Shrine. He was a deacon at Church of Christ for 10 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents,

Bert Sr., and Velma Guy; his sister, Hazel Wagner; and brothers, Bruce Guy and Don Guy.

In lieu of flowers, memo-rials can be made to Shri-ners Hospital in Spokane, Wash.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. today, Nov. 28, at Church of Christ, 241 Stillwater Road, in Kalispell. Take Three Mile Drive to Stillwater Road, and go a half mile north on Stillwa-ter Road. The church is on the east side of the road. A reception will follow at the church.

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

Robert Andrew Grimesey, 80

Robert Andrew Grimesey, 80, formerly of Libby, died July 4, 2009, at his home in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho,

Survivors include two stepdaughters, Heather and Holly Scouten; and five children, Margare-t Villa and Andrew Grimesey of Seattle, and Eileen Reid, Rachel

Grimesey and Logan Grimesey of Coeur d'Alene.

A Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. July 9, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Libby. Visita-tion is from 1 to 7 p.m. July 8; with rosary at 7 p.m. at Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Libby.

Cecile Rebecca Grinde, 89

Cecile Rebecca Grinde, 89, of Prineville, Ore., and past resident of Bigfork, died Dec. 28, 2009.

She had kept the books for her husband's busi-ness, Grinde Construc-tion, as well as substitute teaching in the Bigfork schools.

She is survived by her husband, Ken Grinde, of Prineville; sons, Dan

Grinde of Columbia Falls, and Keith Grinde of Big-fork; and daughter, Lorna Hamilton, of Prineville.

A memorial will be held in Bigfork in the spring or summer, and her ashes will be scattered along the Swan River.

Whispering Pines Funeral Home is handling arrangements; 541-416-9733.