

Hazel Louise Goeddertz Ladner, 95

"A beacon of kindness has left our world." At 95, Hazel Louise Goeddertz Ladner, youngest daughter



of a pioneer northern Montana ranching and oil family, "passed from this earthly existence" on July 12, 2009, at The Springs Assisted Living in Whitefish.

Hazel Louise Goeddertz was born in Great Falls on June 25, 1914, to Albert Goeddertz Jr. (son of Albert and Agnus Goeddertz) and Anna Goeddertz (daughter of August and Henrietta Leistiko). She was the youngest of three siblings: sisters Clara Agnes (Herd/Postlewait), and Ada Marie (Agen), and a brother, Albert Henry Goeddertz.

Hazel attended schools in Kevin, Great Falls and Shelby where she graduated. She received a teacher's degree from Western Montana College in Dillon. She returned to Kevin where she was both teacher and principal of the Kevin Elementary School, an uncomfortable situation for her numerous nephews and nieces who were students at the time.

In 1938 she married Charles August Ladner, son of Nicolas and Kahryn Ladner (daughter of August Kropp of Choteau) and their blessed union lasted 64 years. They had no children.

The couple first made their home in Sunburst, where Charlie worked as office manager of the Texas Oil Company. When the refinery closed, they were transferred to Craig, Colo. Following several years in Craig, missing family in Montana, they returned to Kevin to make their home. There they engaged in the family ranching and oil business. Charlie also entered the oil supply business and worked as office manager for National Supply, a subsidiary of Arco Steel. He retired in 1970 after which the couple made their home in Woods Bay on Flathead Lake.

While a teacher, Hazel was first a homemaker and wonderful cook. She was active in the Shelby Chapter of the Eastern Star and became worthy matron. She also served as grand chaplain of the Grand Lodge of the Eastern Star of Montana. She was a member of the Bigfork United Methodist Church.

The couple traveled frequently, spending their winters in California. Her favorite place of all, however

was Maui, Hawaii, where they spent four winters in later years.

Hazel was preceded in death by her husband; parents; brother and sisters; and nephews, Gordon Lean Postlewait and John Roderick Agen.

She is survived by nieces, Doris Lavon Postlewait Shennum of Swan River, and Jackie Ladner of Finley Point; nephew, Jerry Lee Agen, of Bainbridge Island, Wash., Woods Bay and Shelby; and numerous grandnieces and nephews.

Gone from us is a wonderful, loving aunt and friend. All who came to know her loved her. She will be greatly missed. Our deepest appreciation and thanks go out to the wonderful staff and residents of The Springs at Whitefish, the nurses of Home Options Hospice, and Drs. Thomas Caughlin and Stan Wilson, and her many good friends who showed her much love and kindness.

Visitation will be from 1 to 5 p.m. Thursday, July 16, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. A memorial service celebrating Hazel's life will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, July 17, at the United Methodist Church in Bigfork, with Kathy Young officiating.

Memorials in Hazel's name can be made to the United Methodist Church Capital Retirement Fund, 750 Electric Ave., Bigfork, MT 59911.

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

Corey James Ladvala, 31

On Sept. 11, 2009, we lost our beloved Corey James Ladvala, 31.



Corey was the youngest child of Bill and Cindy Ladvala. He was born in Billings on Jan. 22, 1978, and was a Whitefish High School graduate in 1996.

As a Montana native, Corey was passionate about skiing and an avid outdoorsman. He loved baseball, college football and NASCAR. Corey was a music enthusiast, had an incredible sense of humor, never met a stranger, loved his friends as family and was crazy about his dogs. Although he attended school in Missoula and Phoenix, his heart always brought him back to the Flathead Valley. Corey had an adventurous spirit, a heart of gold and will be sorely missed.

Corey is survived by his parents; his sister Kristye Coomer, her husband Michael Coomer and their daughter Mikayla of Haslet, Texas; grandparents Pat and Leo Reid of Deer Meadows, Wash.; grandmother Barbara Ladvala of Roberts; and many more family and friends who love him. He also leaves behind Zeus, Malley and Lulu.

He was preceded in death by grandparents George Ladvala and Buddy and Juanita Bennett; and family pets Zadar and Nakita.

Services will be held at Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 15. The family will have a celebration of Corey's life following the funeral at their home in Whitefish.

Corey's memory would best be honored with donations to the Humane Society of Northwest Montana in Kalispell.

Barney James Laing, 29

Barney James Laing, 29, passed away Sunday, Nov. 1, 2009, at home in Kalispell. He was born Sept. 7, 1980, in Whitefish, to John and Shelley (Mandel) Laing.



Barney grew up in Kalispell, attending schools and graduating from Flathead High School in 1999. He received his Associate of Arts degree from Flathead Valley Community College.

From a young age, Barney always maintained a unique perspective on life. He held strong personal views of the world and was true to his beliefs. He enjoyed snowboarding, reading and hanging out with his friends. A "gamester extraordinaire," Barney was fun, sensitive, smart and mischievous, especially as a child.

He volunteered within the community, helping several nonprofit organizations with his time and energy.

Barney is survived by his parents, John and Shelley (Mandel) Laing, of Margate, Fla.; brother, David, of Kalispell; grandmother, Helen Mandel, of West Orange, N.J.; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

A celebration of Barney's life will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, at the Outlaw Inn. Barney's family requests you bring your stories and memories to share.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Barney's name to Violence Free Crisis Line, P.O. Box 1401, Kalispell, MT 59903; or Ray of Hope, 46 Fifth Ave. W., Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

Fay Natalie (Powell) Lake, 82

Fay Natalie Lake, 82, entered into her long awaited "Peaceful Sleep" on Jan. 30, 2009, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell. She had been residing at Greenwood Assisted Living for the past 4 1/2 years.

Fay was born on Nov. 30, 1926, in Bowdoin to Willie Anthony and Barbara Hattie (Lubbers) Powell.

Fay was the oldest of four siblings. She grew up in Harb and Malta, where she also attended school. She graduated from Malta High School in 1945, and then after meeting Glen Lake of Malta,

they married on Dec. 31, 1948.

Their daughter, Darlene, was born in Glasgow while they were living in Malta. In 1951, they moved to Libby. Glen was employed at J. Neils Lumber Co., and remained there until his retirement.

Their son, Ronald, was born in Libby; and there, Glen and Fay raised their family. They enjoyed traveling, fishing and gardening.

Fay particularly loved sewing, latch-hook, embroidery, pinochle, and tea parties with many special friends. When her children were

a little older, she went to work as a nurse's aide at St. John's Lutheran Hospital; and later on she worked at St. Regis Lumber Co., until her retirement.

Fay was preceded in death by her parents; sisters, June Kluge and Vivian Tisdale; and her husband of 52 years, Glen.

Fay is survived by her son, Ronald Lake, and wife, Debra, of Astoria, Ore.; daughter, Darlene, and husband, Arnold Bowker, of Libby; granddaughter, Carey (Bowker), and husband, Berrett Francis, and their children, Nicole

and Zak, of Edwardsville, Ill.; granddaughter, Tara (Bowker), and husband, Josh Brinton, and their children, Spencer and Mia, of Kalispell; brother, George Powell, and wife, Kathy, of Libby; brother and sisters-in-law, Norman and Esther Lake, and Gordon and Mary Lake; and numerous nieces, nephews, and their families.

At Fay's request, no services will be held, and cremation has taken place. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Barney James Laing, 29

Barney James Laing, 29, died Sunday, Nov. 1, 2009, at his residence in Kalispell.

He is survived by his parents, John and Shelley

(Mandel) Laing, of Margate, Fla.

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

Ted R. Lake, 57

Ted Lake of Kalispell died at Kalispell Regional Medical Center on Sept. 12, 2009, after a short battle with cancer. Ted was born in Grants Pass, Ore., on Feb. 18, 1952, to Lucille Eldred and Arnold Lake. He spent his boyhood in Oregon and completed his education in various locations in that state.

In 1974, Ted moved to the Flathead Valley. Here he met Barbara Russell. They were married in May of 1976 and a daughter and son were born to them. His family was always the most important and loved part of his life.

Ted was employed as a machinist in the Kalispell area. For the last few years he was with Commercial Machine Services and helped with numerous custom and special orders. He was there for every customer and their needs.

In 1976, Ted was baptized as one of Jehovah's Witnesses. He was known throughout the valley for his love of Bible principles and his God Jehovah. He served faithfully in several congregations in various capacities. His kind and gentle demeanor, along with his unselfish heart, were treasured by all who knew him.

The out of doors was Ted's "home." He loved backpacking, camping and elk hunting in the high country. No one

was a faster or more successful shot on ducks and geese than Ted. He and Barbara had their home in the privacy of the hills in Kila and loved seeing the wildlife around them.

In the cold winter months Ted enjoyed his woodworking projects, and many friends have pens he crafted for them.

Ted was preceded in death by his father, Arnold Lake, and his mother, Opal Lucille Eldred.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara, of Kila; daughter, Erran and her husband, Cameron Bradley, of Kalispell; and son, Travis, and his wife, Cecilia, and their children Briar and Ivy, also of Kalispell; his stepmother Glee Lake, brother Allen Lake, and stepbrother Jim Lynch, all of Oregon; sisters, Kathy Acre of Kentucky, and Violet Mack of Everett, Wash. Ted is also survived by a number of other family members throughout the Pacific Northwest.

Buffalo Hills Funeral Home and Crematory is handling the cremation. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 19, at the West Valley School's new gymnasium, located at the intersection of West Reserve Drive and Farm to Market Road in Kalispell.

Gerard Anthony Lakes, 27

Gerard Anthony Lakes passed away Friday, Aug. 14, 2009,

in Brooks, Alberta, at the age of 27. The cause of

death is still unknown at this time. Gerard was born June 20, 1982, to Mike and Lucie Ann (Purdy) Lakes.

He spent his childhood riding dirt bikes with his father Mike and brother Mark, and hunting and fishing with his grandpa, Clarence. He spent many happy hours with his Poppy and Gram Lakes, as well as his grandma Purdy. He was always running free with his sidekick cousin, Katie Purdy.

As a young adult he enjoyed mountain biking, skiing and rock climbing. He had many occupations including owning his own construction business, Climb on Construction. The last year of his life he spent several months with his mother, Lucie Ann, where he helped her with upgrades to her home in Kalispell.

Gerard traveled extensively throughout the United States and Canada, always being a footloose and fancy free lover of life and adventure.

His greatest love was his son, Jude Lakes, of Missoula. He was exceptionally proud of his brother Mark, and always worried about him during his tour of duty overseas with the United States



Marine Corps. Gerard was very proud of his sister Molly, and he was elated when her son Kaeden was born.

Gerard was very artistic. He loved to draw, hitch horse hair and tattoo.

He was a very kind, loving young man.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Clarence and Lucy Purdy; his namesake and uncle, Gerard Raymond Purdy; his great-uncle, Charlie Urschel; and great-grandparents, Sidney and Martha Lakes, and Buck and Poovey Urschel.

Gerard is survived by his son, Jude Lakes, and Jude's mother, Chelsey Curtis, of Missoula; his parents, Mike Lakes of Coram, and Craig and Lucie Ann Davis of Kalispell; his sister, Molly Lakes, and Blaine Childers, and their son, Kaeden Childers, of Kalispell; brother, Lance Corporal Mark Lakes of the U.S. Marine Corps, and Cortny Westgard, Mark's fiancée; stepbrother, Jake Davis, Seaman 3rd Class of the United States Navy, currently serving in Guam; his grandparents, Jerry and Delores Lakes, of Coram; and many other family members and friends too numerous to list.

A graveside service, officiated by Rev. Newby, will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 15, at St. Richard's Cemetery in Columbia Falls. A reception will follow at his mother's home in Kalispell.

Johnson-Gloschat Mortuary is taking care of the arrangements.

"Climb on my son, Climb on!"

Clayton Henry Lamb, 68

Clayton Henry Lamb, 68, of Whitefish passed away of congestive heart failure March 24, 2009, at North Valley Hospital.

He was born in Malta on Aug. 6, 1940, to Manuel and Agnes Lamb. They lived in Saco and moved to Whitefish in 1950. Clayton was educated and graduated from Whitefish High in 1958.

He married Dixie Hulett in 1958 and lived in Half Moon while working for Stoltze Lumber. Two daughters were born there, Geraldine and Myrna. They later were divorced.

Clayton was an Army medic from 1966 to 1968.

He lived in Arizona and then in California where he met Liz Cadman. They moved to Whitefish in 1975 and were married. She had three children, Lonnie, Bill and Debra. Liz died in 1979.

He married Denise Weldele in 1980. They had three children, David, Mathew and Megan. They later were divorced.

He also worked for a sawmill

in Alaska for five years.

Clayton was preceded in death by his father, Manuel Lamb; and second wife, Liz.

He is survived by his mother, Agnes Lamb; brother, Gene, and wife, Mary; sister, Millie Groshong, and husband, Jim; sister, Dorothy Anderson; and children, Geraldine Penland, Myrna Lamb, Lonnie Cadman, Bill Cadman, Debra Cadman, David Lamb, Mathew Lamb, Megan Lamb, and Katie Green. He also has 12 grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

A visitation will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday, March 30, at Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 31, at the Whitefish Assembly of God, 1549 Karrow Ave. Burial will be afterward at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell, with military graveside honors by the United Veterans of the Flathead and the Montana National Guard.

Pamela Jane (Patrick) Langley, 62

Pamela Jane (Patrick) Langley, 62, died Oct. 28, 2009, of complications of airway obstruction, at St. Peter's Hospital in Helena.



She was born March 11, 1947, in Havre, the eldest child of Clarence and Ruth Patrick, and grew up on a farm at Rudyard, where she graduated from high school in 1965. In 1969, she graduated from the University of Montana, Missoula, with Bachelor of Arts degrees in journalism and home economics.

She taught home economics, journalism, and science at Lincoln County High School, Eureka, from 1969 to 1971 and spent the summer of 1970 as a reporter at the Daily Inter Lake, Kalispell, before returning to UM on a graduate assistantship in journalism in 1971.

In 1972, she was married to Gary Langley and they moved to Helena where she worked for the Associated Press, and then what is now Qwest in public relations before teaching journalism and English for six years at Helena High School. In 1980, she completed a Master of Arts degree in journalism at the University of Montana.

Langley began a career in

association management in 1981, working for the Professional Insurance Agents of Montana and later for the Montana Agriculture Business Association, the Montana Grain Elevator Association, the Montana Seed Trade Association and the Association of Montana Turf and Ornamental Professionals.

After leaving teaching in 1981, she was elected three times to the Helena School Board of Trustees beginning in 1985, continuing her commitment to education. She also was elected as a Republican precinct committee-woman in Lewis and Clark County several times and as a member of the Montana Republican State Central Committee from Lincoln County.

She was the proud mother of two children, Jeff and Kari, and grandchildren, Byron and Brenden. She is also survived by her mother, Ruth Patrick; sister, Peggy Patrick; and brother, Scott Patrick.

She was preceded in death by her father, Clarence; and brothers, Lowell and Kenny.

Cremation has taken place and her ashes are to be interned near her brothers' graves in Havre. Services are scheduled at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, at Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church, 1400 Stuart Street.

A memorial fund has been set up at Valley Bank in Helena to the grandchildren's college fund.

Ray R. Lambertson, 72

Ray R. Lambertson, 72, died Monday, March 2, 2009, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He is survived by his wife,

Nancy, of Eureka.

No services are scheduled at this time.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Paul B. Landau, 64

Paul B. Landau, 64, died Friday, May 8, 2009, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

He was born March 27, 1945, in San Bernardino, Calif.

Survivors include his son, Paul, in Colorado;

and daughter, Roxanne.

A graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 13, at the Montana Veterans Home Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

Arrangements are with Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

Eleanor Louise (Zeller) Laney, 89

Eleanor Louise (Zeller) Laney, 89, "entered into rest" June 7, 2009, in Spokane.



She was born into a fun-loving and hard-working farm family in Somers, on Aug. 12, 1919. She walked to the one-room Rouselle school house, her family often hosting the teacher. Eleanor graduated from Somers High School at age 17.

She became an accomplished horsewoman, traveler, teacher and bridge player who lived for family gatherings. Eleanor received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Eastern Washington College of Education, completing the three-year advanced course of study by the age of 19.

Her early teaching career included Colville and Vancouver, Wash., and Helena. Through her sister and college friends, she met Bob "JR" Laney of Sprague, Wash., and they were married in 1945. Together they built a farm and raised a family of five children.

She returned to her teaching career at Lamont and Harrington, Wash., after their last child entered school, finishing her career in 1969. Eleanor and Bob were solid supporters of higher education. As a result, their children and grandchildren have pursued advanced degrees throughout the world, while many regional institutions benefit from their generosity.

In addition to her farm and family activities, she participated in the Ritzville Branch of the American Association of University Women, the Crab Creek Grange, the Washington and National Education Associations, and was a charter member and past president of the Washington Agricultural and Forestry Education Foundation. She was active in the Lincoln County Democrats, Washington Association of Wheat Growers, Lincoln County Cowbells and the Spokane Club. She was a long-time

member of the Mary Queen of Heaven Church and she played bridge with the Sprague Bridge Club for over 40 years. Eleanor corresponded widely with family and friends and her Christmas cards were famous for their originality and poetry.

In her immediate family, she was preceded in death by her husband, Bob, in 1996; her parents, Roman and Norine (McDonell) Zeller; her brother, Edmund Zeller (1918); sister and brother-in-law, Helen Marie (2002) and Bill Ringwood (2008); and granddaughter, Rachel Laney (1987).

She is survived by a vibrant family of four sons and a daughter, John and Joann (Monson) Laney of Seattle, Steve and Sandi (Overstreet) Laney of Spokane, Chris and Linda (Reedy) Laney of Sprague, Tom and Susie (Gulyas) Laney of Moses Lake, Wash., Norine and Guy Gregory of Spokane; a far-flung and accomplished group of 13 grandchildren; and a growing group of three remarkable great-grandchildren. Her extended family includes Ringwoods, Gaffneys, McDonells and Zellers.

The family extends their thanks to all who assisted Eleanor in remaining independent in recent years, to her medical caregivers, and to Hospice of Spokane for their end-of-life care.

Memorial donations may be made to Poor Clare Sisters of Spokane; Mary Queen of Heaven Church Building Fund; Hospice of Spokane; or a charity your choice.

Viewing will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. Thursday, June 18, at Hennessy-Smith Funeral Home, 2203 N. Division, Spokane. Vigil services will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 18, at St. Charles Parish, 4515 N. Alberta. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 20, at Mary Queen of Heaven Church, Sprague, with Father Jack Krier officiating. Concluding services, vault interment will follow at Maccabee Cemetery, Sprague.

Danekas Funeral Home, Ritzville, is in charge of arrangements.

Lana Kay (Thiel) Lang, 63

Lana Kay (Thiel) Lang, 63, of Kalispell passed away suddenly April 17, 2009, of a pulmonary embolism. She was born Oct. 20, 1945, in Worland, Wyo., to Alex and Viola (Beckman) Thiel.



Lana attended school in Worland, graduating in 1964. She attended Northwest College in Powell, Wyo., and Billings Business College. While living in Billings, she worked for Industrial Supply.

In 1968, she began a correspondence with a handsome soldier, Dave Lang, who was serving in Vietnam. Upon his return, they met and married eight days later. They just celebrated their 40th anniversary March 29, 2009.

During their marriage, Dave and Lana lived in Kansas, Germany, California, and finally Montana; they moved from Great Falls to Kalispell, where they decided to settle and raise their four children. Lana went to work for CenturyTel in 1978 and retired in 2003 after 25 years of service.

She was an active member of Trinity Lutheran Church, serving on the school board and was always there to cook a meal for the sick and grieving. The "Paper Plate Queen" loved to bake and entertain — no one left her home on an empty stomach! One of her most treasured pastimes was enjoying a large bowl of popcorn with her grandkids; she also loved to taxi them around, host sleepovers, and read books. She enjoyed knitting, crocheting, shopping and making jam as well. Every day she offered a sarcastic comment and a quick smile — many

will miss her wonderful sense of humor.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Alex and Viola Thiel; and in-laws, Albert and Daisy Lang.

She is survived by her husband, Dave; her sons, Scott and Tammy Lang, Travis Lang, and Mark and Amber Lang; daughter, Melissa and Kevin Linrude; and six grandchildren, Allix, Taylor, Carsen and Rylie Linrude, and Aaron and Logan Lang; her sister, Wanda and Guy Shipley; brother, Ron Thiel; niece, Andrea Shipley; and nephews, Tyler and Mike Shipley. She had many friends and family who will miss her greatly.

A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. Monday, April 20, at Trinity Lutheran Church. Visitation for Lana will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, April 20, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. A private burial will be held.

The family requests that memorial gifts be made to Trinity Lutheran Church or School, 400 W. California St., Kalispell, MT 59901; the Montana Veterans Home, 400 Veterans Drive, Columbia Falls, MT 59912; The Lakeside QRU, 125 Bills Road, Lakeside, MT 59922; or the charity of your choice.

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

George Elmer Lapp, 79

George Elmer Lapp, 79, passed away on Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2009, as the result of a four-wheeler accident on his farm. He was born on June 25, 1930, in Creston, to Frank and Lena (Kauffman) Lapp.



George attended school at Deer Park, followed by two years at Hesston College in Hesston, Kan. He returned to the Flathead Valley where he married Kathryn Breneman on Dec. 28, 1951. They lived in Columbia Falls on the family farm for 58 years where they raised their seven children.

George worked as a self-employed Fuller Brush salesman for 30 years, while also maintaining the farm. In 1983, George and his son, Charles, started raising pigs, continuing this operation until 1995 when he semi-retired. He continued growing hay to sell until the present time.

George attended Mountain View Mennonite Church where he was a member for many years. His unswerving devotion to the word of God led him to dedicate much time and energy to Gideons International. He enjoyed the many opportunities this provided to distribute Bibles at schools and other places, always with the goal in mind of giving the word of God to as many people as possible.

He enjoyed his grandchildren, doing whatever they

liked to do. Some of his favorite activities included hunting, camping, playing table games, riding the tractor or the four-wheeler, eating chocolate, and drinking Mountain Dew. The children became his favorite helpers when cutting wood or doing other work on the farm.

His parents, three sisters and three brothers preceded George in death.

He is survived by his wife, Kathryn; seven children, Lois Lutke and Duane of Polson, Ron and Stella of Portland, Bonnie Clemmer and Duane of Bechtelsville, Pa., Sharon Hooley and Dwight of Kalispell, Charles and Mickey of Columbia Falls, Beverly Eash and David of Middlebury, Ind., and Janice Bodenbender and Brian of Holland, Mich.; 20 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and four brothers, Wayne, Ed and Jay of Kalispell, and Floyd of Mollala, Ore.

Funeral services for George will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, at the Mountain View Mennonite Church, with Dwight Hooley officiating. Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. today in the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Chapel. There will be a family burial prior to the services on Saturday.

The family suggests memorials be made to Gideons International.

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

Opal J. Large, 67

Opal Jean Large, 67, died Sunday, Nov. 8, 2009, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

Survivors include daughters, Victoria Muller-Brown and Veronica

Johnson. Memorial services will be held in Powell, Wyo., at a later date.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Grace I. Larkin, 96

Grace I. Larkin, 96, a lifetime resident of Columbia Falls, died Saturday, Feb. 7, 2009, at Colonial Manor in Whitefish.



Born Sept. 17, 1912, in Columbia Falls to Arthur and Ida Green, Grace attended Columbia Falls schools, graduating from Columbia Falls High School in 1930.

She was later married to Bud Darling.

During the construction of Hungry Horse Dam, she had operated the Snack Shack Cafe; she also had been a telephone operator and a dispatcher for the Columbia Falls Police Department. Grace later had been employed by the U.S. Postal Service in Columbia Falls as a clerk and sorter.

She married Henry "Hank" Larkin in 1952.

Grace and Hank had lived in the Teakettle area and later at Lee's Meadow on Tamarack Road (now Meadowlake), as well as residing at their place on Ashley Lake and spending winters in Apple Valley, Calif.

Grace had been a longtime member of the United Methodist Church and Royal Neighbors of America, as well as serving as a volunteer at the Klothes Kloset community clothing store.

Hank preceded her in death in 2001. Also preceding her in death were her siblings, Wilfred "Bud" Green, Vera Darling and Hank Green.

Survivors include her sons,

Gene Darling and wife, Mary, of Los Alamos, N.M., and F. Scot Larkin and wife, Stephanie, of Columbia Falls; a stepdaughter, Barbara Buentemeier, and husband, Ron, of Columbia Falls; her grandchildren, including Peggy Hoppe and husband, Bill, of Columbia Falls; as well as several great- and great-great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13, at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls under the direction of Columbia Mortuary.

Kenneth Wayne 'Buddy' Larson, 42

Kenneth Wayne "Buddy" Larson, 42, passed away on Friday, July 17, 2009, at his



residence in Kalispell. He was born on July 21, 1966, in Libby, the son of Kenneth Wayne and Vicki (Krantz) Larson.

Ken was married on Aug. 16, 1986, in Kalispell, to Karen Cook. Ken had many passions in life, but his greatest passion was his girls, Karen and Katie. He was a great husband, father, son, uncle, brother-in-law and friend.

He was very enthusiastic about civil rights, and was also active in USPSA (United States Practical Shooting Association) competitions. He was a master shooter.

Ken lived a simple life but was a very complex man. "He would want us to be strong and go on with life. We will do that for our love

for him."

"We know that he is now with his little brother, Aaron. May he rest in peace."

He was preceded in death by his brother, Aaron.

He is survived by his wife, Karen Larson, and daughter, Katie, of Kalispell; his mother and stepfather, Vicki and Bob Rinke, of Kalispell; his father, Ken Larson, of Yamhill, Ore.; two half sisters, Krystal and Ericka Larson, both of Yamhill; and numerous family and friends.

Funeral services for Ken will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 21, at Stillwater Lutheran Church, with Pastor Tim Bartholomew officiating.

The family suggests that memorial contributions be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

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

Louis M. Larson, 82

we will miss so much." He especially enjoyed his grandchildren, as they shared their life with him.

He was preceded in death by his parents; infant daughter, Sandra Jean; and an infant grandson, Jarrod Dewayne.

Survivors include his wife, Evelyn, of Eureka; three sons, Ver! Larson and wife, Pam, Darrell Larson and wife, Cheryl, and Larry Larson and wife, Laura, all of Eureka; daughter, Carol Heinrichs, and husband, Robby, of Columbia Falls; one brother, Orvin Larson, and wife, Echo twin sisters, Loraine Sutherland and husband, Sam, and Lovene Howerton and husband, Bud; and nine grandchildren, Darren, Tommy, Jenessa and husband, Justin, Justin, Brian, Jory, Dillon, Jeffrey and Caitlyn.

Visitation will be from 3 to 5 p.m. today, April 26, at the Schmackenberg and Nelson Funeral Home in Eureka, and from 9 a.m. to noon Monday, April 27. Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday, April 27, at the Tobacco Valley Cemetery in Eureka.

Louis M. Larson, 82, died peacefully in his sleep on April 23, 2009, at his home in Eureka. He was born to Louis and Minnie (Cole) Larson on Feb. 7, 1926, at White Earth, N.D. He moved with his family to Eureka as a small child. He proudly served his country during World War II while in the U.S. Coast Guard.

He married Evelyn D. Nelson in 1948. They settled down in Eureka to raise their family. He worked as a logger for many years. He was a longtime member of the Assembly of God Church.

Since his retirement he had enjoyed many things, including camping (especially at Bowman Lake) and working with wood, making many beautiful things. He took great pride in making their home well-manicured and beautiful. He will always be remembered for his kind heart, high character, and his deep love for the Lord. One thing his family will miss most of all is his sense of humor that was always a constant in his life. "Heaven is now enjoying the laughter

Sue Lautaret, 96

Sue Lautaret, 96, of Kalispell, died peacefully, at home from natural causes on Sept. 11, 2009. She was born Sarah Mae Schelembaum to Frank and Sophia Schelembaum, on Feb. 25, 1913, in Aden, Ill. She had four brothers and three sisters who helped run the family farm and ranch until 1926 when the family moved to Colorado.



Stronger than most men, Sue, along with her brothers, were cowhands on the ranch. To escape this life, she left the ranch in 1932 and moved to New York City with her aunt and uncle. There she met and married her first husband, Nick Petrino, while she worked various jobs earning \$5 to \$6 per hour during the Depression.

She was a personal assistant in private homes, made beautiful glass lamps in a lamp factory, and introduced jeans as the assembly line uniform at a wax paper cup factory to prevent the workers' dresses from catching in the machines.

In the early '40s, she moved back to Colorado and Nick stayed in New York. She worked in a Naturopathic doctor's office where she developed her lifelong interest in health and holistic medicine.

Following her divorce in 1944, her sister introduced her to Harold Lautaret. After returning from service in Japan in World War II, Harold married Sue in Albu-

querque, N.M., in 1947. She became stepmother to Harold's daughter from his first marriage, Shirley Lautaret, who lived in Seattle.

Sue and Harold moved to Kalispell in 1947, where she lived the next 62 years of her life.

Sue had many enjoyments in life: her friends and family, hunting, fishing, gardening, playing cards, and traveling the country with Harold in their camper.

Sue was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Harold Lautaret; and her daughter, Shirley Jean Lautaret Benson.

She is survived by her three grandchildren, Cheryl Hoban, Kirk Benson and Karen Benson Hagopian; her five great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The grandchildren would like to extend our thanks to Gordon and Barb Taylor, Bob and Ardell Casey, and her numerous neighbors and extended family members whose gracious help and attention enabled her to live in her own home throughout her later years of life.

"We know Sue is now lifting her glass of 'Lambruski' in a toast to her treasured family and friends, and to a long life, well lived."

A celebration of her life will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 21, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Interment will follow the service, at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of food or flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Ladies Auxiliary VFW of Kalispell.

Kathleen Evelyn Lavalle, 97

Joseph and Elizabeth Watson were the proud parents of a baby girl born in Dysart, Saskatchewan, on Feb. 16, 1912. They named the baby Kathleen Evelyn, and soon after her birth the young family moved to Chinook, where they farmed the land. A brother, Lawrence "Mick," and a sister, Lorraine "Bud," were added to the family.

Because there were no schools available, Kathleen had to wait until she was 12 years old for her first day of school. She graduated from Chinook High School and went on to the teachers college in Dillon.

She married Abe Lavalle and the two settled in the Flathead Valley where Kathleen taught school in several locations. She loved teaching,

traveling all over the world with a group of square dancers, knitting, volunteering at the Agency on Aging and working in her flower beds.

She passed away peacefully on July 8, 2009.

She is survived by her brother, Mick; and sister, Bud; and several nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, July 15, at Glacier Memorial Gardens. The Rev. Darrell Newby will be officiating.

Kathleen had the "teacher" in her right to the end of her 97 years. She could be heard telling people to sit down and be quiet! Her friends still would say, "I know. I obeyed!"

"Good-bye sister, aunt and friend. 'You done good!'"

Gussie Lavelle

Gussie Lavelle passed away Aug. 24, 2009, in Woodland Hills, Calif.

She was the most wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and best friend anyone could have in their life. We are all honored to have had her in our lives. "Be happy and have fun" was her advice.

She is survived by her husband of 62 years, Richard, in Woodland Hills; her daughter, Mary Ann Applegate, and son-in-law, Michael, and her two grandsons, who were the lights of her life, Matthew and Marc Lee, all of Kalispell; her son, Richard, and her grand-

daughter, Angela, who was so precious to her, residing in Valatie, N.Y.; and brothers and sisters, many nieces and nephews, cousins and friends "back East."

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Camp Hope, P.O. Box 670, Carmel, N.Y. 10512, in memory of her son Robert and of her. Camp Hope is a summer camp for disabled children where her son so loved to spend summers before he died of muscular dystrophy.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 29, at Lorenzen Mortuary, 19300 Sherman Way, Reseda, Calif.

William A. 'Bill' Lawson, 87

North Fork and on Hungry Horse Reservoir. He was a lifelong member of the NRA.

At his retirement home on Ashley Lake, Bill spent his time plowing snow for many neighbors, pulling people out of snow banks, and supplying assorted plumbing and electrical parts to neighbors in need. He spent countless hours checking on friends' and neighbors' cabins while they were absent. He loved getting firewood and it was not uncommon for him to haul, split and stack eight to 12 cords for the winter every year.

In later years, he was never without the companionship of his beloved schnauzer, Heidi.

He is survived by daughter, Becky Wilson, and husband, Ty, of Columbia Falls; and grandchildren, Rick Wilson of Columbia Falls, and Kari Boardman and husband, Mark, of Kalispell.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 62 years, Mildred; his parents; two sisters; and a brother.

Cremation has taken place and by Bill's wishes no services are scheduled. Memorials may be sent to the Heritage Place, Alzheimer's/Dementia Ward, 171 Heritage Way, Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

Bill moved to Pullman, Wash., and on to Spokane, before settling in Columbia Falls in 1954.

He married Mildred E. Seymour in 1941 and they lived in Spokane while Bill worked for Kaiser Aluminum. They had a daughter, Becky, who was a baby when Bill joined the Navy in World War II. He attended basic training at Farragut Naval Base in Idaho, then transferred to San Diego, to serve on the USS Salt Lake City, a heavy cruiser. As a seaman first class, he fought throughout the South Pacific, including firing on Iwo Jima providing island bombardment and later watching the now famous flag rising from the deck of the USS Salt Lake City.

Upon returning from the war, he resumed work at Kaiser Aluminum, until he moved to Columbia Falls to work at Anaconda Aluminum Company. He remained there until retiring in 1983 from the potlines as a supervisor, after 42 years in the aluminum industry.

Bill enjoyed hunting, fishing, snowmobiling, motorcycling, bowling and collecting antiques. He spent many enjoyable days camping, hunting and fishing up the

John Hodge Layer, 55



John Hodge Layer, 55, "entered into eternal rest with his Lord and Savior" on Thursday, Oct. 29, 2009. John was

born in Mountain Home, Idaho, to William H. and Donna Linde Layer on March 13, 1954, the second child of seven. He moved to Mount Prospect, Ill., in 1955, undergoing area elementary and secondary schools. He graduated from Prospect High School in 1972. John was noted for his love of and involvement in wrestling throughout school into college.

He attended Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill., receiving his Bachelor of Science degree in chemical engineering in 1976. He worked briefly as an engineer for Texaco prior to going to medical school at Southern Illinois University Medical School, graduating with an M.D. in 1980. He practiced internal medicine in Lacrosse, Wis., Chippewa Falls, Wis., and Kalispell.

John met the love of his life, Peggy Pounds, in 1975, and was married in 1976. He and Peggy raised four wonderful children, Jennifer, Kelly, Andrew and Natalie.

John was a committed leader and dedicated family man who jumped at the chance to help those in need, physically or spiritually. He was greatly compassionate, a cheerful giver, and a teacher who gave instructions from his life's lessons. He enjoyed the outdoors with his extended family, attended Bible study, and stayed active, skiing, hiking, canoeing, playing hockey, ice-boating, waterskiing, scuba diving, woodworking and reading. One of John's favorite ministries was to distribute many

copies of cherished books. John was also a gifted letter writer, always poignant and heartfelt.

His last few years were overwhelmed with chronic pain, necessitating his retirement from the practice of medicine, which he dearly loved, in 2005.

He is survived at the family home by his wife, Peggy; also by his beloved grown children, Jennifer and Todd Leavitt of Royal Oak, Mich., Kelly and Andy Miller of Saint Paul, Minn., Andrew and Abigail Layer of Hamtramck, Mich., and Natalie and Spencer Mayhew of Kalispell; his parents, Bud and Donna Layer, of Janesville, Wis.; brothers and sisters, and in-laws, Karen and Greg Nelson, Jeffrey and Lisa Layer, Jim and Lesli Layer, Meg and Tim Coughlin, and Bill and Masa Layer; and numerous nieces and nephews, aunts and uncles, extended family and close friends. He was deeply loved and respected and will be dearly missed.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Rachel and Nils Linde, and Hazel and Hugo Layer.

Memorial services for Dr. Layer will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 3, at Crossroads Christian Fellowship, 7463 Montana Highway 35, in Bigfork. A second memorial service will be held at a future date in Chippewa Falls, Wis.

The family request donations in John's name be made to Pathways Chemical Dependency Center, 200 Heritage Way, Kalispell, MT 59901; or to the Salvation Army Medical Clinic, P.O. Box 8357, Kalispell, MT 59901.

You are invited to go to www.buffalohillfh.com to leave your condolences or sign John's book. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Lorraine LeBlanc, 80

Lorraine LeBlanc, 80, of Spokane Valley, Wash., "began rejoicing in heaven" July 6, 2009.



She was born in Whitefish on Jan. 25, 1929, to Henry and Bonita DeVall. Lorraine graduated from Whitefish High School and later received a degree in cosmetology in Spokane.

She married Robert LeBlanc on May 14, 1949, and found much joy recently celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary.

It was Lorraine's life-long

desire to reflect Christ upon this earth by loving and serving friends, family and strangers.

She is survived by her husband, Robert LeBlanc, of Spokane Valley; and leaves a legacy of three children, Shelley Mower and Bruce of Kalispell, Robyn Hall and Terry of Hermiston, Ore., and Bob LeBlanc and Jackie of Fortine; eight grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandson.

A celebration of Lorraine's life will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 18, in St. Mary's Parish in Spokane Valley.

The family suggests any memorials in honor of Lorraine be made to the Salvation Army or Hospice.

Lucien L. LeClere Jr., 88

Lucien L. LeClere Jr., 88, died on Wednesday, July 8, 2009, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

Family services will be

held at a later date.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Hazel Marie (Irvin) Edgington Ledford, 94

Hazel Marie (Irvin) Edgington Ledford, 94, passed away on Saturday, Feb. 7, 2009, at the home of her son near Yellow Bay. She was born on June 8, 1914, in



Blanchester, Ohio, the daughter of Ralph Harvey and Mary Frances (Shields) Irvin.

Hazel was a longtime resident of Blanchester, and married Dwight Moody Edgington on June 6, 1934, in Blanchester.

She was a member of the Grace United Methodist Church in Blanchester. She was later married to David Jonathan Ledford on Jan. 5, 1952, in Blanchester.

Hazel was preceded in death by her two husbands; one brother; four sisters; and a daughter, Kay Monjar.

She is survived by her son, Kenen M. Edgington, and Peggy, of Bigfork; and a daughter, Dava L. Biehl, of Cincinnati, Ohio;

her son-in-law, Russell Monjar, of Loveland, Ohio; four grandchildren, Lori Brock and Pat of Hillsboro, Ohio, Nick and Jami Edgington of Amelia, Ohio, Todd Edgington and Amanda of Wenatchee, Wash., and Brandon Biehl of Westerville, Ohio; five great-grandchildren, Grant and Merrill Edgington of Amelia, Brittany Brock and Tommy Stroud of Wilmington, Ohio, and Sarah and Hannah Brock of Hillsboro; and one great-great-grandchild, Stormie Stroud, of Wilmington.

Private family services will be held at a later date.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to Lake County Home Options Hospice, 711 Main Street S.W., Ronan, MT 59864; or to Grace United Methodist Church, 201 E. Center St., Blanchester, OH 45107.

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

Nora Clarice Parr Lee, 79

Nora Clarice Parr Lee, 79, passed away Sunday, Aug. 23, 2009, at Florida Hospital in DeLand, Fla. Clarice Lee was born March 6, 1930, at her grandparents' home in the Lower Valley, northeast of Somers, to Richard Gordon and Freda Bolz Parr. She attended school in Somers where she was a member of the 4-H Club and the Girl Scouts.

Clarice attended Flathead County High School in Kalispell and was a member of the Order of Rainbow for Girls. Graduating in 1948, she worked as a teller at the First National Bank.

In November of 1948, she married Lynn Loren Lee of Kalispell, at the First Baptist Church. The couple moved to Bozeman where she worked at the Commercial National Bank while her husband attended Montana State University.

After leaving Bozeman, Clarice traveled the globe with her family throughout her husband's extensive military career. With each relocation came new adventures, explorations, and exposure to unique places and diverse cultures, all of which she eagerly and wholeheartedly embraced. Her visits to South Vietnam in 1969-70 were among her most cherished life experiences.

Clarice was a proud Army wife, devoting precious time and energy to Army wives' organizations at each stationed post. They lived in West Germany, the Philippines, California, North Carolina, Texas, Virginia, Oklahoma, and other states before her husband's retirement from the Army at White Sands Missile Range,

N.M., in 1975. They resided in Las Cruces, N.M., for 16 years before finally settling in DeLand, where they had resided since 1989.

A true-blue Montana gal, Clarice was a fabulous homemaker who equally enjoyed camping and fishing. She was a champion bowler and fan of all sports; and a kind and loving mother, grandmother, sister and aunt who cherished time spent with her many close and long-time friends, most notably the Officers and Ladies of the 89th and 73rd (Thunderbolts) Field Artillery Battalions.

Clarice is survived by her husband, Col. (Ret.) Lynn "Sam" Lee; two sons, Rick Lee of Carefree, Ariz., and Lynn Lee of Clermont, Fla.; daughter, Norice Lee, of Las Cruces; two grandchildren, Brenna Lee Trevino and husband Travis of Las Cruces, and Brian Lee of Clermont, Fla.; her sister, Phillis Parr Edmiston, and husband, James G. Edmiston, of Kalispell; nephew, James G. Edmiston, of Billings; niece, Maria Edmiston, of Kalispell; great-niece, Katie Edmiston, of Red Lodge; and great-nephew, Gray Edmiston, of Missoula; uncle and aunt, Reamer and Margaret Bolz, of Eugene, Ore.; and numerous cousins.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association at 510 First Avenue N.; Great Falls, MT 59401; or a charity of the donor's choice.

A funeral service celebrating her life will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 25, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home with inurnment to follow at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Gerald W. Leighton, 86

Gerald W. Leighton, 86, of Ronan, passed away peacefully at St. Luke Community Hospital on Oct. 28, 2009. He was born March 16,



1923, in Wibaux and at the age of six and a half months arrived at Ravalli and then made Ronan his home for 86 years.

He was drafted into the service on March 3, 1943, and was a staff sergeant of the F Company, 143rd Infantry, 2nd Battalion, 36th Division of the Texas National Guard. He was wounded twice and received the Silver Star, Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster, the combat infantry badge and a good conduct metal.

Gerald worked at the Ronan State Bank as a janitor prior to going into the service, and after World War II he resumed working at the bank. He attended the University of Montana and graduated from Pacific Coast Banking School in Seattle. Over 68 years, he continued to work his way up from cashier to executive vice president and a member of the board of directors.

Gerald was very active in the community, serving for both the City Council and the Lake County Airport board as clerk; a board member for the Round Butte Water Company; and local president and state treasurer for Saddle

Club.

The 777 Ranch and raising Angus cattle kept him busy until his retirement several years ago due to ill health. Gerald enjoyed the great outdoors. The yearly trips into the Bob Marshall to hunt, fish, camp and just explore the mountains on horseback gave him much pleasure.

It was a mighty happy (and surprising) day when the "Leighton Road" sign, named after him, went up and he had great pride in pointing it out.

Gerald was predeceased by son, Jimmy; parents RZ and Loula; brother, Tip; and sisters, Marie, Louella and Anita.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Jeanne; son, Dennis, and Heather, of Seattle; daughter, Nicola, and Tim, of Kalispell; brother, Alvia, and Florencia, of Kalispell; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

We are thankful for the years that we had with him and he will be greatly missed.

Services will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 4, with viewings today from 3 to 6 p.m. and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to noon at the Shrider-Thompson Funeral Home. Military graveside services will be at 1 p.m. at the Ronan Cemetery, with a memorial service at 2:30 p.m. at the Ronan Community Center and a reception immediately following.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Ronan VFW or Ronan Senior Citizens.

Eva M. Lenarz, 99

Eva M. Lenarz, 99, a lifelong resident of Eureka, died from natural causes Wednesday, March 18, 2009, at Mountain View Manor.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, March 23, at the Schnackenberg and Nelson Funeral Home in Eureka. Visitation will be from 9 to 11 a.m. Monday.

John Allen Lengstorf, 76

John Allen Lengstorf, 76, passed away on Friday, Dec. 4, 2009, at his residence in Kalispell. He was born on April 17, 1933, in Butte, the son of Charles and Janette (Boe) Lengstorf.



John was united in marriage to Marilyn Berg on June 15, 1956, in Kalispell.

John lived a life of adventure and love. He attacked life with all the vigor of a sportsman and the boundless energy of a bear. He loved to hunt and fish and spend time with his family at their cabin on McGregor Lake. He never held back his affection and always returned much more than he was given.

John was a shield and a rock to his family. He was a rollicking treasury of stories and wisdom gained through great exploits and hard experience.

John was a success at being a husband, father, grandfather and friend. His value may never be truly known. He will be missed. He leaves everyone who knew him poorer in his absence.

He was preceded in death by two sons, Mike Lengstorf and John Lengstorf.

He is survived by his wife, Marilyn Lengstorf, his daughter, Kathy Lengstorf, grandsons, Bryce Provo and Ben Drent, and granddaughter, Jennifer Jasmin, all of Kalispell; great-grandchildren, Jack, John, Josh, Jacob, Alex and Hope; three sisters, Cecelia Bertram of Kalispell, Alice Gamble of Spokane, and Laura Rajjala of Bigfork, Minn.; and a brother, Charles Lengstorf, of Louisville, Ky.

Memorial services for John will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8, in the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Chapel.

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

Jeanine M. Lethrud, 63

Jeanine M. Lethrud, 63, died Aug. 12, 2009, at her home in Libby.

Survivors include her husband, Bob, of Libby; and daughters, Elizabeth Burton of Corvallis, Ore., Christina Choo of Hillsboro, Ore., and Amanda

Roberts of Gilbert, Ariz.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 29, at the Libby Christian Church, 100 Kootenai River Road.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg and Nelson Funeral Home.

Bertha C. Leslie, 96

Billings resident Bertha Coyle Leslie, passed away June 10, 2009, at West Park Village, where she resided for 13 years.



A native of Helena born to Cornelius and Bertha Wirth Coyle on April 24, 1913, she married banker Robert "Bob" M. Leslie in 1938. Subsequent to Mr. Leslie's transfer to Havre, he was commissioned by the United States Navy and entered World War II, serving as a lieutenant in the Pacific Theater. Later, Bob was vice president of the First National Bank in Kalispell, and president of its affiliates in Mandan and Billings.

Moving to Kalispell in 1945, the Leslies raised five children here, including daughters, Coyla Scheel of Kewaskum, Wis., Mary Kay Swanson of Fargo, N.D., Laurie Voge of Roberts, and Linda Robbin of Bigfork; and son, Robert Leslie, of Surprise, Ariz.

Mrs. Leslie was a dedicated mother, homemaker and hospital volunteer. She possessed a zest for life, and in addition to her ability to sing, she shall be remembered for a contagious sense of humor, the ceaseless manner in which she expressed love,

remembered early Helena and took pride in the labor of her stonemason grandfather, Adolf Wirth, whose skill remains today, as expressed by the Helena Cathedral, Atlas building, and other structures both commercial and private.

As a young adult Bertha operated the Montana Power Company switchboard during the earthquake of 1935, rode Helena's trolley and danced and swam at the Broadwater. Bertha was intrigued by her ancestry — namely, grandmother Winifred Langton's sister, Theresa Langton Dorsey, mother of big band leaders, Tommy and Jimmy Dorsey.

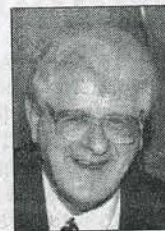
Preceded in death by her husband and her parents, she was also preceded in death by a brother, Edward Coyle; and two sisters, Mary Coyle and Elizabeth Coyle Flaherty.

In addition to her five children named above, Mrs. Leslie is survived by locally known grandchildren, Marca Robbin and David Gibson, and Tia Robbin and Dan Wilson; and great-grandchildren, Gage Gibson, Holt Gibson and Liv Wilson.

Funeral arrangements and a memorial service were accommodated through Michelotti-Sawyers Funeral Home of Billings, followed by urn committal next to her husband at Custer National Cemetery.

James 'Jim' Levitt, 73

James Elmer Levitt, 73, of Sioux Falls, S.D., and formerly of Kalispell, died Sunday, Sept. 27, 2009, at Sanford Medical Center. He was the son of Francis D. Levitt and Stella (Knapp) Levitt.



He graduated from Flathead County High School in Kalispell in 1955, and soon went to serve his country in Korea.

Following his honorable discharge from the U.S. Army in 1960, Jim returned to live and work in Kalispell. He eventually relocated to Sioux Falls in 1980, and opened his own business, Jim's Watch Repair.

He was an active member in the Re-organized Church

of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for many years.

Jim cherished his memories of growing up in Kalispell, especially time spent with friends and family on Lake McDonald.

Grateful for having shared his life are his son, Tim, and Katie Levitt, of Sioux Falls; three loving grandchildren, Colton, Abbey and Eric; brothers, Allan, Carl, Daryl and Dewey; sisters, Carol, Dena and Lola; and many other loving relatives and friends.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Leonard, Eugene and Robert; and sisters-in-law, Myrna (Robert) Levitt and Treva (Eugene) Levitt. His nephew, Lon Levitt, held a special place in his heart.

A complete obituary and online registry is available at www.chapelhillfuneralhome.com.

Virgil Escoe Lewis, 80

Virgil Escoe Lewis, 80, of Polson, passed away peacefully Saturday, Nov. 7, 2009, at his home, surrounded by his loving family.

Escoe was born Oct. 29, 1929, in Hardin, to Kenneth Arnold Lewis and Mary Escoe Rumfelt Lewis. He grew up in Hardin and graduated from Hardin High School in 1950.

He entered the United States Navy and was honorably discharged in 1951. In 1952 he was inducted into the Army at Fort Hood, Texas, and in 1954 he transferred to the Army Reserve and was honorably discharged in 1959.

In 1954 he married Billie LaFern Brown in Hardin and moved to Billings where their four children were born. He worked for Allis Chalmers for a year, and then, in 1955, began a 23-year career with the U.S. Postal Service.

In 1970 he married Violet Viola Pinkerman, stewardess with Western Airlines. He clipped her wings and they relocated with the postal service to Kalispell in 1971. In 1978 he retired and moved to the east shore of Flathead Lake where he and Vi worked their cherry orchard, golfed, and enjoyed lake living.

He was a self-taught craftsman; he loved making beautiful wood items including cabinets, chests and small lathe-turned pieces for many family members and friends.

He loved people and people loved him, he was well known for his witty sense of



humor. His electric personality brightened the days of everyone around him. His personality was one that made

you feel good. He was a loving and caring husband, father, grandfather, uncle and friend to us all. We will miss him very much.

Escoe was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Sheryl "Shari" Lynn; and brothers, Robert William and Kenneth Elmer.

He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Viola; sisters, Ruth Pinkerman of Polson, and Rosemary Jensen of Pasco, Wash.; children, Merrie Gale and Craig Padilla, of Polson, Mark Anthony and Sharon of Portland, Ore., and Steven Escoe and Terri of Belgrade; grandchildren Jason, Emily and Alicia; great-granddaughter, Lucy Ella; nieces, Debbie, Karen, Mary, Kari and Lisa; and one nephew, Kenneth Paul "Kip" Giles.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Lake County Search and Rescue or any charitable organization of your choice.

A memorial service to celebrate Escoe's life will be announced at a future date.

Arrangements and cremation are under the care of Grogan Funeral Home and Crematory. Condolences to the family at www.groganfuneralhome.com

William Fergusson Lintner, 57

William Fergusson Lintner, 57, died on Wednesday March 11, 2009, at his home in Socorro, N.M.

He had worked for the National Park Service at Glacier National Park, and later for the Montana Highway Department.

He is survived by his children, Nathanael G.

Lintner and Fawn B. Lintner, both of Bozeman, and Forrest G. Lintner and Falina S. Lintner, both of Whitefish.

A memorial service was held in Socorro on March 14. Interment will be on Friday, June 19, in the Montana Veterans Cemetery in Helena.

Rowena Lisenbury, 73

Rowena Lisenbury, 73, formerly of Kalispell, died at her home in Port Angeles, Wash., on May 28, 2009.

Survivors include her children, Kae Saar, Arla Peterson, Linda Jones and Earl Otis, all of

Port Angeles, and Juanita Crane of Caldwell, Idaho.

Private memorial services were held on June 6 in Port Angeles.

Drennan & Ford Funeral Home handled arrangements.

Thea Little, 70

Thea Little, 70, passed away on Monday, July 20, 2009, in Kalispell. She was born in Bremerhaven, Germany on April 6, 1939, to Heinrich and Freda (Ende) Boettcher.

Thea met Walter A. Little while he was stationed at Bremerhaven with the Navy and the couple married in June of 1959. During Walter's career Thea and the family traveled all over the world.

She was a loving wife and mother and loved taking care of her family. Thea enjoyed playing cards and various games with family and friends. She was an avid Bunco player and



loved traveling, shopping, bowling and her ceramics class.

Thea was preceded in death by her husband.

She is survived by two daughters, Marilyn Puschak and husband, Gary, and their son, Charles; and Katherine Guthrie and husband, Tod, and daughters, Chelsea and Shelby. She is also survived by a sister, Christa Powell; and three brothers, Herbert, Erwin and Fritz Boettcher; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Private family services will be held at a later date.

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

Barbara J. Long, 64

Barbara J. Long, 64, of Kila, died Dec. 4, 2009, in Stanwood, Wash. She was born Sept. 8, 1945, in Port Huron, Mich.



She married the love of her life, Malcolm Starr Long, in 1972. He preceded her death in March 2008.

She is survived by her daughter, Jeanne, and Dan Kitchen; sister, Sharon, and

Glenn Smith; and brother, Robert (Cece) Marcus.

She had a love for life and people and an infectious laugh. She never knew a stranger.

Donations may be made to the Foodbank in Stanwood, Wash., 8530 Cedarhome Dr., Stanwood, WA 98292. Call (360) 629-2789.

Visitation will be from 1 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9, with a funeral service at noon, Thursday, Dec. 10, at Gilbertson's Funeral Home in Stanwood, Wash.

Doris Elaine Long, 78

Doris Elaine Long, 78, passed away Thursday, March 26, 2009, at Brendan House in Kalispell. She was born on April 26, 1930, in Minneapolis, to Joseph and Susan (Miner) Loss.



She was known as "Doree" by her friends and family and was born into her family, being number eight, and joining seven brothers and sisters. In July 1935 her family moved to Brainerd, Minn., where her Czechoslovakian immigrant parents bought a farm on which Doree lived until she was 19 years old.

In 1948, she moved to Los Angeles to be with her sister, Susan, where she took a job at Bank of America as a teller. In 1951, Doree moved back to Minnesota and made a visit to see her brother Bob in Indiana, where he was stationed in the Army.

It was at this time Doree met Phil Anderson, her future husband. Upon fulfilling his duty with the Army, Phil returned to his hometown of Seattle. After several visits, Doree eventually moved to Washington and married Phil in 1952.

In 1956, her son, Jeff, was born, and three years later her daughter, Susan, followed. Divorced after only eight years of marriage, Doree, as she liked to be called, as she had never liked the name Doris, raised her two children as a single parent, working at the Boeing Company as a systems analyst.

Doree was an avid and accomplished ballroom dancer. On the weekends she would spend one of the nights dancing for hours on end. It was on one of these evenings in 1971 that Doree met Bruce Long, her second husband. Bruce and Doree were married in 1972. During this time Doree took up

many hobbies — one of her favorites was gardening. Doree always had the most beautiful flowers and yard in the neighborhood.

On July 6, 1981, Nicolas, Doree's only grandchild, was born to her son, Jeff. Nick was the love of her life and she was so proud of him.

In 1989, Doree retired from Boeing and enjoyed spending her free time on her hobbies and with her kids and grandchild. Doree loved to cook and bake.

Doree moved to Montana in October 2005, when her children convinced her to move to Bigfork. Doree's short time in Montana was not nearly long enough, but one thing for sure was how much she loved the summers but, like most of us, wished the winters were shorter. Even though Doree was only here a short time, her outgoing nature and ability to relate to people allowed her to make many new friends. Doree had a spirit and heart much greater in size than could ever be contained by her petite physical body. She always put other people's needs ahead of her own. She loved her family and friends with a passion.

Doree will be dearly missed by all of her family and friends whose lives she touched with her grace and love.

Doree is survived by son, Jeff Anderson, of Bigfork; daughter, Susan Anderson, of Ferndale; and grandson, Nick Dionigi-Anderson, of Auburn, Wash.; and her brother, Robert Loss, of Brainerd.

Funeral services for Doree will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, April 6, in the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral chapel in Kalispell, with Pastor Joe Strandjord officiating. Burial will be afterward at the Bigfork Community Cemetery.

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

Michael L. Long, 61

Michael L. Long, 61, died Tuesday, May 26, 2009, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

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

William 'Bill' Chester Long, 58

William "Bill" Chester Long, 58, of Columbia Falls passed away on Tuesday, July 28, 2009, at his home in Columbia Falls. He



was born on Dec. 19, 1950, in Polson, to William Keith and Dorothy Drebes Long.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Kay Long, of Columbia Falls; father, William, and Diane Long, of Great Falls; mother, Dorothy Drown, of Kalispell; brother, Dan, and Deb Long, of Colum-

bia Falls; sister, Linda and Marty Martinez, of Great Falls; sons, William Joseph and Heather Long of Kodiak, Alaska, Keith Arther Long of Columbia Falls, Maynard William Long of Columbia Falls, and Kenneth Wayne Bloor of Long Beach, Wash.; daughter, Wendy Kay, and Tom Morin, of Polson; and 11 grandchildren.

A celebration of his life will be held all afternoon on Saturday, Aug. 1, at the home of Dan and Deb Long, 2160 Tamarack Lane, in Columbia Falls.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is in charge of the arrangements.

Millie Piper Loveall

Family and friends are invited to attend a graveside memorial service for Millie Piper Loveall, 94, who died Nov. 5, 2008, at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June

27, at Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery. Following the service a picnic will be held at Maranquette Park in Columbia Falls.

Leonard Long, 73

Leonard Long, 73, died in Creston, Wash., on Feb. 20, 2009.

Survivors include his daughters, Leanne Buzzell of Columbia Falls, Sandy Benson of Ontario, and Leah Jean Pelletier of Katy, Texas; and sons, Leonard Long of

Shelby, and Larry Long of Spokane Valley, Wash.

Memorial services will be held 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, at the Chapel of Strate Funeral Home, Davenport, Wash.

Strate Funeral Home in Davenport is caring for the family.

Ruth Dolores (Kinniburgh) Loveless, 74

Ruth Dolores (Kinniburgh) Loveless, 74, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2009, at her residence in Kalispell, with her family at her side. She was born May 20, 1934, in Wolf Point, to John Duncan and Jeannette Erma (Rawson) Kinniburgh.



Her family moved to Marion when she was 3 years old. She went to school for eight years in Marion and graduated early from Flathead County High School.

She married Donald Loveless on Dec. 28, 1952, in Kalispell, where they lived most of their lives. They were stationed at Camp Hanford, Wash., while Donald was in the Army in the 1950s.

Ruth loved bowling, gardening, camping, and her many friends and family. She loved taking care of her friends, among them, Julie, Shirley, Dorothy and Lil. She intensely loved her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She had a great sense of humor and loved to laugh. She loved to go to rummage sales with Don and find many treasures for her family.

Besides being a housewife she had many jobs throughout the years. She worked at Hedges School, The Outlaw Inn and as registrar for births and deaths in Flathead County. Ruth was also one of the founding members of the South Kalispell Fire Department Auxiliary. She spent many hours helping to research and to establish the

Fire Department and was an active member for many years.

One of her last adventures was when she drove to Alaska with her husband, Don, and her sister, Merle, and her husband Don. They stayed in a pop-up camper and they became proficient at setting up the camper each night. They each had their own job and could get it set up in about five minutes. Ruth was truly loved by many friends and family and will be sincerely missed.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Jeannette; her infant sister, Betty; and brothers, John and Dale. She is survived by her husband, Don Loveless; her sons, Randy Loveless and wife, Kris, Ryan and wife, Cheryl, and Robbin, all of Kalispell; her grandchildren, Eric, Chad, Cassandra, Amanda, Josh, Jacob and Jeff Loveless, and Jessica Warner, all of Kalispell; many great-grandchildren and relatives; and her sister, Merle Komenda, and husband, Donald, of Marion.

Funeral services for Ruth will be at 12:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 12, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral chapel. There is no visitation. Burial will be afterward at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family suggests that any memorial contributions be sent to Home Options Hospice, 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell, MT 59901; or to the charity of the donor's choice.

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

Betty A. Luce, 82

Betty A. Luce, 82, passed away Sept. 12, 2009, in Seattle, while undergoing treatment for complications of her long and courageous battle with leukemia.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ed and Ethel Rabideau; brothers, Quentin and Norman Rabideau; and her husband of 52 years, Bob Luce.

Betty is survived by her much loved companion of the last 10 years, Al Paine; her son, Larry Luce, and wife, Char; her daughter, Sandy Christian, and husband, Jim; grandsons, Lee Luce, Jay Dusterhoff and Alex Luce; her brother, Francis Rabideau, and wife, Eva; numerous nieces and nephews; and many, many friends.

Betty devoted her life to her family and friends, always there to lift us back to our feet when we fell. Legions of valley residents referred to her as Mom or Grandma Sweetheart. She loved unconditionally and cared for everyone she met, and they all loved her back.

Her "Eagles Family" was very special to her and she always enjoyed spending time with them. Her joy and zest for life was infectious and everyone knew the event would be fun if Betty was there. She was a charter member of the North Valley Eagles Auxiliary and was instrumental in their early success, holding many local offices. She received many

state Eagle honors for her dedication and service. She was especially proud of her State Mother status.

She also loved to travel and made several cross country trips with her now deceased husband, Bob, and his sister and brother-in-law, Julie and Larry Craft. Later she became a snow bird with her significant other, Al, spending winters in southern California and summers at her home in Columbia Falls. Betty will be loved and missed by everyone who had the good fortune to know her.

Services are scheduled for 1 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 22, at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls, with a gathering after the service to celebrate her life at the North Valley Eagles. Burial will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls. Visitation is from 1 to 8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 21.

Eleanor R. Luce, 82

Eleanor R. Luce, 82, died Sunday, May 24, 2009, at St. John Lutheran Hospital.

She was a longtime employee of the Kootenai National Forest supervisor's office.

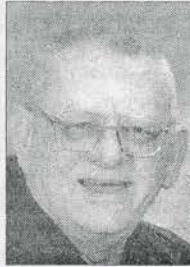
She is survived by her children, Robert Luce of Kirkland, Wash., Paul Luce of Colorado Springs, Colo., E. Grace Luce of

Kalispell, Harold Luce of Billings, and Dorathea McBane of Libby.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Church of God, with the Rev. Cory Anderson officiating; interment will follow at the City of Libby Cemetery. Friends may call until 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Schnackenberg and Nelson Funeral Home

William E. 'Bill' Ludwig, 78

William E. "Bill" Ludwig "went to be with his Savior and Lord" on Wednesday, March 4, 2009, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell, at the age of 78. He died of congestive heart failure and struggled with diabetes for many years. He was born Feb. 2, 1931, in Sidney, to Martin and Ethel (Gadcke) Ludwig.



Bill received a Bachelor of Science degree in education from Concordia College, Seward, Neb., and a Master of Arts degree in ancient history from the University of Colorado in Boulder.

Teaching students the love of Christ and the many facets of history were his passions. He enjoyed teaching special classes to the eighth grade students at Trinity Lutheran School about World War II and the Holocaust, emphasizing that "those who forget the past are doomed to repeat it."

Bill married Marilyn Knocke on June 18, 1955, in Great Bend, Kan., and they spent 53 beloved years together. They had four children: Douglas, Scott, Brenda and Brent.

Bill enlisted and served in the United States Army and fought in the Korean War, achieving the rank of sergeant in the 7th Division, 49th Field Artillery. After serving his country for two years, he felt called to serve the Lord full-time.

He was called to serve as teacher/coach at Redeemer Lutheran School in Denver for five years. He accepted a call to serve as principal of Trinity Lutheran School in Kalispell in 1961 and maintained that position until he retired in 1993. He also was director of Trinity Lutheran Camp in Bigfork for 42 years.

In his early years in Kalispell, Bill was a member of the Lions Club. He also was a member and *chairman of the Community Concert Association for 13 years. He served as teacher*

representative for the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod's Board of Directors for 12 years and also served for six years on the Synod's Board for Higher Education. He loved hosting tours to the Holy Land, and traveled there seven times.

Of the many awards he received, one of his highlights was when he went to Washington, D.C., in 1986 to receive the Distinguished Principal's Award for private/parochial schools.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Ruth; and a baby brother, Michael.

He is survived by his wife, Marilyn Ludwig, of Kalispell; three sons, Douglas Ludwig of Vienna, Austria, Scott Ludwig and wife, Carol, of Marysville, Wash., and Brent Ludwig of Kalispell; one daughter, Brenda Bradford, and husband, Greg, of Colorado Springs, Colo.; four grandchildren, Nathaniel, Hannah, Shayla and Laynie; three brothers, Eugene Ludwig and wife, Wilma, of McMinnville, Ore., Delton Ludwig and wife, Janet, of Billings, and Larry Ludwig and wife, Jackie, of Fayetteville, Ga.; brother-in-law, Dr. Robert Jacob, of Jefferson City, Mo.; with numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral services for Bill will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 10, at Trinity Lutheran Church, with Pastor Mark Cutler officiating. A private family burial will be held. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, March 9, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home.

Prior to his death, Bill requested memorials could be designated to the Trinity Lutheran School Endowment Fund, 495 Fifth Ave. WN, Kalispell, MT 59901; or to Trinity Lutheran Camp, c/o Trinity Lutheran Church, 400 W. California St., Kalispell, MT 59901, to establish a scholarship fund for campers who are unable to afford camp fees.

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

John L. Luger, 84

John L. Luger, 84, a longtime Libby resident, died on Oct. 1, 2009, at his daughter's residence in Spokane.

He had worked for J. Neils Lumber Company and Champion International.

Survivors include his

daughter, Stephanie Woodruff, of Spokane.

Visitation will be held from 1 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 6, at the Schnackenberg and Nelson Funeral Home in Libby. Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 7, at the City of Libby Cemetery.

Arthur E. Lund, 88

Services for Arthur E. Lund will be at 2 p.m. Friday, July 10, at the Scobey Lutheran Church with burial in Scobey Cemetery.



Art passed away July 5, 2009, at the Daniels Memorial Healthcare Center.

Arthur E. Lund was born July 28, 1920, to Eddie Nicoli and Anna Grimson Lund at their homestead in the Silver Star Community, south of Scobey and was baptized and confirmed at Scobey Lutheran Church.

He attended Lekvold Country School and as an astute student he assisted in tutoring other students.

Although the Depression caused great hardships on families, Art remembered at the age of 6, when his father managed to purchase a radio, which was enjoyed by the family and their neighbors.

When Art was 11, his mother passed away. He lived in a Scobey hotel, working for room and board while attending high school, graduating in 1938. He attended college at University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, and then Concordia College, where he graduated with a degree in education in 1942.

He began his teaching/coaching career in Flaxville, and later obtained his master's degree from the University of Montana, Missoula.

In 1944, Art joined the Navy serving on a LSM 101 landing craft in the Pacific Theatre, seeing the Philippines, Guadalcanal, Saipan and Guam. He was in Tokyo Bay when the Japanese emperor signed the surrender treaty.

He returned to Daniels County and married Cleo Fladager in July 1946. He picked up his teaching career and school administrative duties in Medicine Lake and Bainville.

In 1953 he returned to the family farm and continued

teaching and administrative positions in Scobey and Peerless.

During his farming and ranching years, as an active member of the Republican Party, he served in the Montana State House of Representatives from 1963 to 1980 and was on the education, institution, finance and state administration committees before becoming chairman of the appropriations committee. Art was later appointed to be the Montana state director for the Farm Home Administration in Bozeman where he and Cleo have resided for 29 years. In 1984 he was appointed hearing officer for FMHA, and retired in 1990.

They were active members of the Hope Lutheran Church in Bozeman and Sons of Norway as he was very proud of his Norwegian heritage.

During his retirement he walked every day, mastered computer skills and was an avid reader. He wrote his memoirs, entitled, "Unto The Fifth," a genealogy of family and his life story. He was a devout and loving husband and father with a wonderful sense of humor and unique story-telling ability.

Art was preceded in death by his mother and father; a brother, Gilman; and sister, Theolyn.

Survivors include his wife, Cleo, of 63 years; daughter, Barbee Lund, of Bozeman; and two sons, Mikel and Nancy of Scobey, and John and Nancy of Columbia Falls.

He also is survived by three grandsons; two great-granddaughters; several nieces and nephews; three stepgrandsons; and 10 step-great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers for the service are his grandsons, Jacob, Garrett and Nicoli; and nephews, Ron and Bruce Fladager, and Tom Mikelson. Honorary pallbearers are stepgrandchildren, Shaun, Kenny and Chris Mullenix; and nephew, Eddie Lund.

Music will be provided by Scobey Lutheran Choir. Waller Fuperal Home is in charge of arrangements.

ReVard L. Lund, 78

ReVard L. Lund, 78, passed away Aug. 11, 2009, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.



He was born Sept. 9, 1930, in Elgin, N.D., and raised in South Dakota. He graduated from Rapid City High School in 1948. He also attended Shattuck Military Academy in Minnesota, and the South Dakota School of Mines, from 1948 to 1952.

ReVard served in the U.S. Army as a specialist in nuclear weapons from 1958 to 1964, in Okinawa, Japan, Fort Hood, Texas, and Thule, Greenland, before being honorably discharged.

In 1960, he married Noemi Duran in Pasadena, Calif.

ReVard had owned a hardware store in Rapid City, S.D. After his military service, he owned a bakery business until moving the family to southern California, in 1966. He and Noemi lived in the resort area of Big Bear Lake, Calif., where they raised their children, and where ReVard was a real estate broker and general contractor for many years.

He was also commander of the American Legion Post in Big Bear Lake.

ReVard loved his Jesus, his family and friends. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and birdwatching. The family

has many happy memories of exciting vacations and just-for-fun joyrides on mountain roads.

He was preceded in death by his father, Andrew Schneider; father, Erick E. Lund; and mother, Violet Hanson.

ReVard is survived by his wife of 48 years, Noemi Duran Lund, of Kalispell; children, Chris J. Lund, Lisa V. Hazen and husband, Jerry, all of Kalispell; and Mac Tilburg and Debbie Tilburg. He is also survived by his siblings, Lavere Lund and wife, Connie, of Santa Ynez, Calif., Nadeen and Vern Ellison of Mesa, Ariz., Veree Lund of Redmond, Wash., and Erick and Cate Lund of Rancho Santa Fe, Calif.; grandchildren, Allen and Sarah Hazen of Kalispell, Erick Proudfoot of Arizona, and Kendra Lund of Colorado; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

ReVard was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend.

Viewing will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. today, Aug. 14, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, at Easthaven Baptist Church, 2010 Whitefish Stage Road, in Kalispell. Burial with military honors will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Fellowship and refreshment will be back at the church afterward.

Memorials are requested to Feeding the Flathead in Evergreen; or the Community Kitchen, 2200 U.S. 2 E., in Kalispell.

Theodore F. 'Ted' Lund, 92

Theodore F. "Ted" Lund, 92, a prominent longtime Whitefish resident, died Wednesday morning Oct. 14, 2009, at



his home. Ted was born at Eden Valley Township, Sherwood, N.D., on Aug. 20, 1917, to Theodore A. and Katherine A. (Bade) Lund, the youngest of nine children.

He received his grade school education at Eden Valley School and was a 1934 graduate of Sherwood High School. He was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith. Following high school graduation, he worked with his parents on their farm.

In 1936, he became employed as a recreational leader in Sherwood under the Works Progress Administration, as well as supervising the National Youth Administration employees for three years.

In the fall of 1939, he enrolled in the Forestry Department of the North Dakota School of Horticulture; upon his graduation in 1942, he was honored as outstanding graduate of his department.

Following college graduation, he was employed in greenhouses in Elgin, Ill., for a period of time before moving to San Bruno, Calif., where he worked for the E.W. McLellan Company, specializing in the raising of gardenias.

In January of 1943, he was inducted into the United States Army, serving in the European Theater of Operations. He returned to the states in April of 1946, receiving an honorable discharge at the rank of master sergeant. He later served in the United States Army Reserve and was discharged at the rank of first sergeant following 20 years of service, receiving the Army Commendation Medal for meritorious

service.

He worked in Great Falls during the years of 1946 and 1947 where he met his future wife, Connie. In October of 1947, Ted, along with his sister and brother-in-law, established Whitefish Floral. On Nov. 9, 1951, he and Constance "Connie" Lund were married in Great Falls. Ted and Connie owned and operated Whitefish Floral for many years until retiring in 1978 and selling the business to Connie's brother and sister-in-law, Dick and Kay Lund.

An involved citizen of Whitefish, Ted served in numerous community activities. He served as a director of the Whitefish Chamber of Commerce, a life member and past commander of VFW Post 276, a 60-year member of American Legion Post 108 and a life member of the Military Order of the Cooties. Ted served on committees of the Whitefish Credit Union for over 30 years, as well as being a member of Christ Lutheran Church and serving as a trustee on the church council. Ted was an ardent fan of Whitefish High School sports and was honored by the Bulldogs as "Fan of the Year"; in January of this year, Whitefish High School placed him in the school's Hall of Fame.

Ted was given a life membership in the Montana State Florists Association in recognition of many years of service given to the organization as past president and as chair of the state's FTD and Telefloral units. Ted and Connie chaired state florists conventions held here in the Flathead Valley and were named Florists of the Year by the Northwest Florists Association, representing Montana as a director of the association from 1975 to 1978; he also chaired the florist information council for the American Society of Florists.

An activity Ted particularly enjoyed and was involved in for a considerable number

of years was the Whitefish Christmas Street Decoration committee. He also had been active in the Whitefish Winter Carnival for many years and was the last active member of the original Penguin Group. He was named King ULLR IV of the carnival, and he and his wife Connie were awarded the High ULLR Award for their numerous contributions to the carnival.

The Whitefish Jaycees named him "Boss of the Year" in 1963 and in 1973, the Whitefish Chamber of Commerce named him Outstanding Citizen; in 2005, he was again named as Citizen of the Year. He served as a member and was past chair of the board of Mountain View Manor, as well as a board member of Flathead Crimestoppers. He also had been a longtime member of

the Whitefish Moose Lodge and the Whitefish Kiwanis.

Preceding him in death was his wife of 48 years, Connie, in June of 1999; also preceding him were two brothers and six sisters.

Ted loved life, family and friends and the beauty of the flowers he grew; his Christian life and his country were also very important to him.

Surviving him are many nieces and nephews; his two sisters-in-law, Gloria Austin and Kay Lund; and all his many, many friends.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday at Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish; rite of interment with military honors will follow at Whitefish Cemetery. Friends may call at the Austin Funeral Home from 1 to 8 p.m. Sunday.

Verne Willard Lupton, 92

While at home and with his family at his side, Verne W. Lupton passed peacefully "into the presence of his Lord" on March 4, 2009, in Spokane.



Born in Hamilton on Feb. 27, 1917, to James P. Lupton, a freelance trucker, and Emma Hammell Lupton, a homemaker, Verne was raised in Victor as the eldest of three children. He was very close to his twin sisters, Mildred and Mabel, and enjoyed frequent hunting and fishing trips throughout the Bitterroot Valley with his father, extended family, and friends. Although sports afield activities may have been his preferred diversion, he also greatly enjoyed playing cornet in school music programs from sixth through 12th grades, as well as high school basketball.

After graduation from high school in Hamilton, in 1935, he studied forestry at the University of Montana for one year, then returned to Victor for work and college fund development, and finally enrolled in Montana State University in Bozeman. Verne graduated from MSU in May 1940 with a Bachelor of Science degree in agronomy and soils.

Employment in his field of study brought him to Kalispell. It was there while working for the Department of Agriculture, Farm Security Administration, on the second floor of the KM building that he met Clavie "Kay" Anderson, who would soon become his wife of 64 years.

With the coming of World War II, Verne enlisted in the

U.S. Army. After basic training and then the Officer Candidate Program, he received his commission in the U.S. Army Air Corps on Nov. 28, 1942. On this significant day later that afternoon, he married Kay in the base chapel at Scott Field, Mo.

After Verne's release from active duty in April 1946, he and Kay first lived and worked in Polson, where he was a soil scientist for the U.S. Soil Conservation Service. In May 1947, he and his partner, Robert Engelbach, purchased retail property in Kalispell, which would soon become a firm known as Snappy ServiSenter.

Then in May 1948, they moved with their firstborn, B.J., to Kalispell, where they built their first home in the northeast section of town. In 1950, twins Scott and Shaunda joined the family, followed by Kent in 1952. Verne and Kay resided happily in Kalispell most of their adult lives, devoting their time principally to raising their four children and developing their business. They moved to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, in 1986, and then to Spokane in 2003. After Kay's passing in October 2006, Verne remained in their home near family and friends.

If one's treasure is where one spends one's time, Verne's was family. Summer days at the cabin on Little Bitterroot Lake, family vacations, fishing and pheasant hunting with his boys were some of the pleasures he brought to those closest to him.

As time would allow, Verne was a willing and sincere community participant. He was a dedicated Cub Scout and Boy Scout leader, served numerous terms on the school board of School District 5, served many years as an elder at First Presbyterian Church, Kalispell,

and was active in the Chamber of Commerce, was chosen by the JayCees as "Man of the Year" in 1952, and gave as much of himself as he was able to worthy charitable causes and community endeavors. He won many friends through the years, in part because of his good-humored, self-effacing charm.

Most importantly, Verne was a man of unshakable faith. His strength declining two days before his death, he was asked by one of his sons, "If he had but one word or thought to share with his family, what would that be?" He asked for his son's hand, smiled slightly and clearly said, "Just follow God's path." Indeed, his was a life well lived.

Verne was preceded in death by his mother and father; his beloved wife, Kay; his twin sisters, Mabel and Mildred; and his son-in-law, Kevin.

He is survived by his four children and their spouses, B.J. Lupton and Mary, of Kalispell; Scott Lupton and Kay Rydeen, of Rochester, Minn.; Shaunda Gaffney-Barile and Michael Barile, of Greeley, Colo.; and Kent Lupton and Cindy, of Spokane; grandchildren, Mark and Kristi, Doug and Kasey, Emily and Bryson, Korri and Dennis, Jonathan, Annie, Joel, Brecca

and Brynne; and great-grandchildren, Rylee and Samuel.

Memorial services for Verne will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 28, at Fairwood in Spokane; and at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 20, at First Presbyterian Church in Kalispell. After each memorial service, the family will be greatly blessed with your company and fellowship, as we enjoy light refreshment together. A graveside service with military honors will be held at 9 a.m. June 20 at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery, preceding the Kalispell memorial service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Salvation Army; or to Hope Ranch, P.O. Box 4841, Whitefish, MT 59937.

Ray 'Fencepost' Lybeck, 83

Ray "Fencepost" Lybeck passed away Dec. 4, 2009, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls. He was born Aug. 12,



1926, on the family homestead east of the sweet grass hills to Karen Koll and Hans Lybeck.

He attended first through eighth grade at Laird Elementary School near Chester, followed by a year at Mount Ellis Academy in Bozeman.

Ray joined the United States Army in 1943 and did a three-year tour as a paratrooper with the 82nd Airborne. After the war he attended welding school in Oregon.

Hans and Karen relocated to the Flathead Valley in 1948 and Ray came as well; he continued to work with his dad on the farm. In addition to farming he worked on the construction of Hungry Horse Dam alongside of his brother, Willard.

In 1951 he married Cleona "Tommy" McClelland and they started a dairy in 1952.

Ray served on the Helena Flats School Board for 14 years, on the Calvary Lutheran Church Council for nine years, as the area trustee for the Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch, as a member of the State of Montana Prison Board, as a member of the memorial board of Montana Veterans Home, as a board member of the United Way

and Red Cross, as a member of the Kalispell City-County Planning Board, as a member of the Montana Dairyman's Association, and as a past president of the Western Dairy Conference. In 1981 he was elected to the state legislature, where he served as a representative for a term followed by two terms as a senator.

He retired from dairy farming in 1999, and continued to farm and ranch in the Flathead Valley with his sons.

Ray was preceded in death by his parents, Karen and Hans; two brothers, Harold and Clifford; sister, Cora; and two sons, Dale and Daryl.

He is survived by his wife, Tommy; brother, Willard, and his wife, Shirley; sons, Dan and his wife, Ann, Duane and his wife, Joanne, and Dirk; his daughter, Monica, and her husband, Greg; 11 grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 7, at Calvary Lutheran Church, with the Rev. Kurt Rau officiating. Burial will follow services at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery with full military honors.

The family suggest memorials be sent to Calvary Lutheran Church, 2200 U.S. 2 E., Kalispell, MT 59901; or to the Montana Veterans Home, 400 Veterans Dr., Columbia Falls, MT 59912.

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

Taleah Mae Lyda, infant

"Our beloved Taleah Mae Lyda is now in the arms of her Heavenly Father." Taleah was born on Jan. 8, 2009, in Whitefish. She was flown to Children's Hospital in Seattle "where her life passed from this life to her eternal home" on Jan. 12, 2009, as her mommy and daddy held her.

Taleah is survived by her parents, Darren (aka Darren McClure) and Robin McLaury Lyda, and her sister, Madelyn Rose, of Kalispell; and her maternal grandmother, Jean McLaury, of Eureka; paternal grandparents, Loretta and Marvin Cortelyou, of Arlington Wash.; and great-grandmother, Louise Lyda, of Cathlamet, Wash. She also leaves aunt and uncle, Suzanne and Jeremy Mason, and cousins, Noelle and Carter Mason, of Surrey, England; aunt and uncle, Mary and Jim Cortelyou, of Marysville, and cousins, David, James and

Matt; as well as lots of other aunts, uncles and cousins.

Her natural paternal grandfather, Thomas Lyda, and maternal grandfather, Erwin McLaury, "awaited her arrival in Heaven."

A service for Taleah will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 17, at Smokey Point Community Church, Arlington, Wash. Private burial will take place in Fortine.

In lieu of flowers, a fund has been set up to assist with medical expenses at New Covenant Fellowship Church, 436 Birch Grove Road, Kalispell, MT 59901. Please specify Benevolence for the Lyda Family.

The family thanks everyone for their continued prayers and support and the doctors and nurses at Seattle Children's Hospital and North Valley Hospital in Whitefish for their constant loving care of Taleah, Robin and Darren.

James Levi Lyon, 81

James Levi Lyon, 81, of Bozeman, passed away Saturday, May 9, 2009. James was born on April 14, 1928, in Kalispell to Paul and Mabel (Boyer) Lyon.

He met the love of his life, Louise, and the two were married on Sept. 13, 1958, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. In 1971, they moved to Missoula, before settling in Bozeman in 1973.

James worked as a project manager for the Montana Highway Department for 35 years before his retirement in 1995.

He enjoyed fly fishing on the Gallatin River and he will be remembered as a quiet person who enjoyed gardening tomatoes, cucum-

bers and rhubarb and loved growing any kind of annuals. James also enjoyed his birdfeeders and cooking and baking pies — especially pumpkin.

He was also an active member of the Knights of Columbus and Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Bozeman.

He will be missed by his two little terriers, as he always loved animals.

Survivors include his wife, Louise; children, Marcy and Daniel Gonzales of El Paso, Texas, James and Kathleen Lyon of Orlando, Fla., and Cecile and Kraig Bercier of Bozeman; brother, Norman Lyon of Kalispell; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Kenneth Arthur Lytle, 86

Kenneth Arthur Lytle was born July 28, 1922, to Melvin and Ruth (Fry) Lytle in Somers, and passed away on April 17, 2009, at The Springs at Whitefish from heart failure.

Raised and educated in Kalispell and the oldest of the family, Ken went to work full time at age 14 to help support his mother and siblings. He was later a member of the CCCs, and in 1943 was inducted into the U.S. Army and served as a surgical technician in New Guinea and the southern Philippines. He was a decorated soldier and was honorably discharged in December of 1945.

On April 27, 1946, Kenny married his sweetheart, Laura Thompson, in Whitefish where they built their home and raised their daughters. Ken worked in the timber industry and also helped in the building of Hungry Horse Dam. After 20-plus years with Superior Lumber Company in Columbia Falls, Ken retired to do what he loved most; fishing, camping, reading and gardening. A devoted husband, he cared for his ailing wife in her final years.

Ken loved telling stories about the lean times of his youth, his hunting trips, and the many fishing adventures and, later in life, the tales of war. Most of his adult life Ken had a dog to spoil, and now leaves Dusty behind.

He always tried to make time for VFW, American



Legion and the Moose Lodge.

Preceding him in death were his wife of 62 1/2 years; his parents; his sister, Ruby Shu-

pert; and a son-in-law, Philip Rygg.

Survivors include his daughters, Charlene Rygg, and Judy and her husband, Larry Campbell; his grandchildren whom he was so proud of, Kevin Duff, Amanda and husband Mike Caldwell, Becky and husband Dennis Moulton and Jeff Weyh and wife Leslie, as well as Becky Rygg and John Rygg; stepgrandsons, Jason and Brett Campbell, and Adam Noble. Surviving great-granddaughters are Azlyn Caldwell and Jessica and Alyse Sena. Ken's three brothers, Melvin and wife, Charlene Lytle, Robert Lytle and Terry Rich also survive him; along with many nieces and nephews.

Services will be held at 3 p.m. Thursday, April 23, at Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish, with military graveside rites following at the Whitefish Cemetery. A reception at the Whitefish Moose Lodge will follow at 4:30 p.m. Cremation has taken place and the family suggests donations to the Veterans' Food Bank or other area food banks.

Mona Lee Ellsworth Lytle, 89

Mona Lee Ellsworth Lytle "passed peacefully to heaven" on Friday, May 29, 2009, at the Immanuel Lutheran



Home. Mona was born on March 1, 1920, in Great Falls, the second child of Charles and Ina (Washburn) Spence.

Mona was born at home due to the flu epidemic that was at its peak in Montana at the time. Mona grew up in Lewistown, where her father managed the Pacific Fruit and Produce Company, and moved with her family to Grand Junction, Colo., for her high school years. There she played the alto saxophone in the high school band, and met her first love, Paul Ellsworth, whom she married following high school. Mona and Paul, along with Paul's parents and brother and sister-in-law, ranched the Ellsworth family cattle and sheep ranch high in the Colorado Rockies near Glenwood Springs for many years.

Although they did not have children, Mona was very involved in the raising of Paul's two nieces and a nephew, and she nurtured many baby animals in this remote and somewhat primitive setting. Her wisdom and tenderness toward all living creatures continued to her very last day, although in her last years most of the nurturing was poured on her stuffed animals that were always with her.

In approximately 1965, the family sold the ranch, and Mona and Paul moved to Lakeside, where they purchased some acreage and were wonderful stewards of their land, working side by side to thin timber and build roads, an apartment building and five mobile-home lots.

Mona again was a second mom, this time to her sister's two children, and looked after her mother, doing daily care for her during her last years. Mona was the best one to ask about baking, canning, growing fruit, or anything to do with animals, wild or tame. She raised baby kittens on bottles, rescued orphaned fawns, and nursed birds with broken wings back to health when they hit her windows.

Paul was stricken with Lou Gehrig's disease in his 50s, and the couple became even closer partners, continuing to do the road maintenance and other tasks with amazing teamwork and creativity, until Paul's death in 1982.

A few years later, Mona married Cecil "Pete" Lytle, and supported him through open heart surgery a short time later, and encouraged his interests in gem cutting, hunting and fishing until his death.

In 2005, dementia caused the need for more care than could be provided at home, and Mona moved to the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

Mona was preceded in death by her parents; her older sister, Rose Ann Cox; her younger brother, John R. Spence; her husbands, Paul Ellsworth and Cecil "Pete" Lytle; niece, Becky Hauser; and nephews, Joe Cox and John Spence.

She is survived by her sister-in-law, Betty Spence, from Tacoma, Wash.; two brothers-in-law, Donald and George Ellsworth; nieces, Libby Moothart and Boyd of Lakeside, Debbie Bledsoe and Paul of Spanaway, Wash., Margie DeMoss and Mel of Texas, and Jackie King and Zane of New Mexico; nephew, Charles Ellsworth; great-nieces, Amanda Moothart of Lakeside, and Jamie Morris of Roy, Wash.; and great-nephew, Jason Moothart, of Bullhead City, Ariz. She is also survived by Tim, Jan, Jarret and Ian Twamley of Lakeside, who were faithful partners for many years in the care of her property, and whom she considered her family.

Memorial services for Mona will be held in July and will be announced at a later date.

In honor of Mona's two greatest interests, music and animals, memorials may be given to Somers School District, 315 School Addition Road, Somers, MT, to provide instruments or music for the band program; or to Human Therapy on Horseback, P.O. Box 5565, Kalispell, MT 59903.

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

Mona Lee Ellsworth Lytle

Memorial services for Mona Lee Ellsworth Lytle, 89, who died May 29, will be held at 3 p.m. Tuesday, July 7, at

Bible Baptist Church in Kalispell.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Marie Louise Lyyski, 86

Marie Lyyski was born in Erie, Pa., on Feb. 5, 1923, one Marie Louise Burke to parents Daniel and Helen Burke.



Marie passed April 24, 2009, at the Butte Convalescent Care Center in Butte.

A former Flathead Valley resident and nurse, Marie spent 50 years as a registered nurse. Marie graduated with her registered nurse degree in Bridgeport, Conn., practicing nursing from the

East Coast to California and many places in between. Working labor and deliveries and later geriatric care, she led a long life of caring for others.

She is survived by four children, Mary Ann Baker of Roseville, Calif., Daniel Scholz of Kalispell, Patricia Mills of Kalispell, and Ray Ann Olson of Whitefish; 12 grandchildren; and many more great-grandchildren.

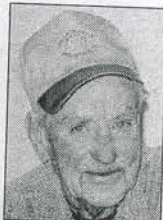
Marie loved the valley, its people, and especially its babies.

A private family service will be held at a later date.

She will be missed.

Leonard Gerald 'Grandpa' Lytle, 86

Leonard Gerald "Grandpa" Lytle, 86, passed from this life on Dec. 25, 2009, peacefully



in his home with family at his side.

He was born in York, Neb., on Oct. 23, 1923, to Stanley William and Anna Catherine Reiners Lytle. He lived in York until 1940 when his family moved to Buhl, Idaho, where he graduated from high school in 1942. As a young man, Leonard was a star running back on his high school football team and a center fielder on his baseball team, receiving a scholarship to Pocatello, Idaho, to play football. He was also a lightweight Golden Glove boxer.

Leonard began working for Missoula Livestock in 1945 and then became a brand inspector for the state of Montana in 1956, spending several years after in Missoula, Lewistown and

Billings. In 1974, he purchased Missoula Livestock and enjoyed this venture until the unexpected death of his partner, requiring the sale of the business in 1976. He remained foreman for many years until retirement.

Leonard was preceded in death by his parents, five brothers, one sister and his wife, Joan.

He is survived by his son, Marty Lytle, and his daughter, Lorri, and her husband, Tim O'Neill, all of Arlee; granddaughters Katelyn Lytle of Missoula, Alyssa Cahoon and her husband, Daniel, of Charlo; and grandsons Wyatt and Webb O'Neill of Arlee.

A viewing will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 29, at Foster Funeral Home in St. Ignatius. A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 30, in the Arlee High School gymnasium, followed by a pot luck gathering at the Arlee Brown Building. Burial will be held at a later date with a private family service.