

## Hester A. Mercer, 94

Hester A. Mercer passed away on Saturday, July 25, 2009, at the Springs at Whitefish in Whitefish. She



lived a rich and full life of 94 years. Hester was born on July 3, 1915, in Earlville, N.Y. She was the fourth of five children raised by Vance and Benna (Vincent) Avery.

Her father owned the town hardware and was the fire chief. Her mother was a former teacher and Hester developed, early on, a very strong work ethic.

After graduation from high school, Hester attended Rochester Institute of Technology and graduated from there with high honors.

Hester's first job was in the retail business, working at J.N. Adams Department Store in Buffalo, N.Y., where she met her future husband, Eric, a wild and handsome Irishman.

The job of which she was most proud was that of an itinerant teacher hired through the University of Alabama. She thought that a Yankee female traveling around a state in the deep south prior to World War II was quite unusual and most interesting. Eric followed her south and they were married on Sept. 3, 1938, in Meridian, Miss.

Eric and Hester returned north and lived in Buffalo, N.Y. Son, Douglas, and daughter, Sandee, were born by the time World War II broke out. Eric wanted to join the Army and fight to keep Europe free, but the U.S. hadn't entered the war yet. Eric walked across the Peace Bridge into Canada and joined the Canadian Army, becoming an officer by war's end.

Hester and the children returned to Earlville to live with her parents during the war. A second son, Michael, was born during those years. After the war, Eric joined the U.S. Army National Guard and was later in the Army Reserves where he attained the rank of colonel.

Upon retirement, Eric and Hester were able to travel to Eric's birthplace in Northern Ireland and other

European countries several times. Those were their golden years.

The family lived in Niagara Falls, N.Y., State College, Pa., Orimsky, Ontario, and finally, Tampa and Winter Park, Fla. Hester worked for the city of Orlando before she retired.

Hester was a very clever woman and an excellent seamstress. She won numerous sewing contests in her early years and "was proud until the end of her closet was full" of homemade garments.

Hester was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Colonial Dames.

Hester lost her beloved Eric on Jan. 27, 1985. She maintained her home in Winter Park, Fla., until 2006 when she moved to Montana for health reasons and to be closer to her daughter. She loved the rugged beauty of the Northwest, but always missed the warmth of the sunny south.

Hester was preceded in death by her husband, Eric; her parents, Benna and Vance Avery; a brother, Eldridge; and a sister, Jean.

Hester is survived by her son, Douglas Mercer, of Mission Viejo, Calif.; daughter, Sandee Rogers, and husband, James, of Bigfork; son, Michael Mercer, and wife, Michelle, of Upland, Calif.; two sisters, Eileen Liddle of Demar, N.Y., and Wilma Washburn of Hamilton, N.Y.; grandchildren, Shannon, Heather, Kimberly, Karen, Courtney, Casey and Brandon; and 15 great-grandchildren, all of California, Florida and Arizona.

Hester "will return from Montana to Winter Park" for interment at Palm Cemetery in Winter Park.

There will be a visitation from noon to 1 p.m. Monday, Aug. 3, at Collision Funeral Home, 3806 Howell Branch Road, in Winter Park, Fla. Graveside services for Hester will follow at 1:30 p.m. at Palm Cemetery.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Hester's family locally, and Collision Funeral Home in Winter Park is caring for Hester's family in Florida. You are invited to go to [www.jgfuneralhome.com](http://www.jgfuneralhome.com) to offer condolences and sign Hester's guest book.

## George James 'Jim' Merseal, 81

George James "Jim" Merseal, 81, of Missoula, passed away on Thursday, Feb. 19, 2009, at St. Patrick Hospital, of cancer. Jim was born Oct. 25, 1927, in Superior, to Kathryn and George Merseal.



Jim attended school in Montana until going to work for the Northern Pacific Railroad at the age of 15. He worked for the Northern Pacific and Burlington Northern railroads until his retirement in 1989. Jim was a union representative and on the executive board for the BMW during his career with the railroad.

On Dec. 2, 1951, he married his life companion, Donna Erlandson, and they raised six children in Missoula.

In the 1960s, Jim started stock-car racing at the Missoula track in Miller Creek, and their home became the center for many nights of rebuilding engines and getting the No. 92 ready for the next race. When he stopped racing, he was involved with Motor Sports Inc.

to bring demo derby racing to surrounding towns.

After retiring from the railroad he started his new "job" — golf. He enjoyed spending his days at the golf course with his friends and family. Jim also enjoyed doing woodwork in his garage.

Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Donna; daughters, Devera Eggers, and Shirley and Bob Hummer; sons, Delmer, Butch and his wife, Penny, Ray, and Jim and his wife, Amber; eight grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, a sister and a son-in-law, Dennis Eggers.

Please join us for a celebration of Jim's life from 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 14, at Linda Vista Golf Course. Services will be held at 3:30 p.m. Friday, March 13, at the Western Montana State Veterans Cemetery for family and relatives.

Memorials may be sent to Camp Mak-A-Dream, P.O. Box 1450, Missoula, MT 59806; Hospice of Missoula; or take a friend golfing.

Cremation & Burial Society of the Rockies assisted the family.

## John Franklin Metcalf, 87

John Franklin Metcalf passed away on March 3, 2009, at his home in Seattle at the age of 87. He was born Dec. 3, 1921, in Eureka, to Grace (Remore) Metcalf and Roy "Dick" Metcalf. He grew up in Kalispell, attending three grades at Northside School, and then transferring to St. Matthew's. He went on to earn a bachelor's degree from the University of Montana, and a master's from McGill University in Montreal.

He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and was stationed on a minesweeper in the South Pacific. He was present in Tokyo Harbor at the signing of the Armistice.

In younger years, he had ambitions to be a playwright, writing several plays, a few of which were produced in Seattle. Most of his career was as a world history and French teacher in Federal Way, Wash., at three different high schools. For two years, in 1965 to 1967, he taught English in a French-speaking school in Laos. After retiring from the Federal Way school system in 1988, he increased his various volunteer activities, including teaching in Shanghai on two occasions.

He was very active in community and charity activities, especially while in Federal Way. His caring about other people, and especially young people, guided his life. He was twice president of the Federal Way Education Association and a board member of the Federal Way Youth Services Bureau. John received the Citizen of the Year Award from the Greater Federal Way Chamber of Commerce for 1986.

He was always active in politics, leading him in 1987 to run for 30th District State Representative, a race he narrowly lost. He was presented the St. Francis Humanitarian of the Year award in 1997 for his work on the hospital certification effort that brought St. Francis Hospital to Federal Way. John was a member of the NAACP, the ACLU, teachers' unions and the Democratic Party. He was an avid and passionate volunteer for people and

causes he deemed worthy and needy. This included many years at food banks, First Place School, Operation Nightwatch and on the Martin Luther King Jr., Birthday holiday celebration.

John loved reading and being surrounded by his books, listening to classical music and watching French films. He especially loved summers at the family cabin on Ashley Lake in Montana and visiting with his sister, Camilla. To his nieces and nephews, he was somewhat eccentric, but greatly admired "Uncle Johnny" who was an example of honesty, integrity and generosity. His humor and wit will long be remembered.

His parents and sister, Marian Blackmore, predeceased John.

He is survived by his sister, Camilla Bauska, of Kalispell; nieces, Leslie Millspaugh of Shoreline, Wash., and JoAnn Wold of Wilsonville, Ore.; nephews, Roy Bauska of Lynnwood, Wash., and Jack and Greg Bauska of Kalispell; grand-nephew, John Bauska; and great-grandnephews, Johnathan and Joshua. He is also survived by Sang Le, a student he brought over from Laos in 1967, who now lives in Sacramento.

In John's own words: "Served in Navy during WWII, with no great inconvenience to the Japanese Imperial Forces. Was much involved in community and eleemosynary (look it up!) activities during his years in Federal Way. Was fond of cats, books, the high school students he knew, Schubert, martinis, Democrats, the better sort of Republicans, springtime, walking, Seattle, much more."

Planned last words: "Never mind, I'm biodegradable." Whether they were actually uttered is not known. He hated to leave, but had a good long run. Thanks to so many people for good memories, especially to good friends these last years.

At his request, there will be no memorial service. Memorials may go to Federal Way Community Caregiving Network, P.O. Box 4717, Federal Way, WA 98063. ☐

## Ida Lavonne Greggerson Meyer, 72

Ida Lavonne Greggerson Meyer, 72, a longtime Troy resident, died May 6, 2009, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Survivors include her husband, Forrest Meyer, of Troy; three daughters, Melody Skillings, Cherie

Meyer and Tamara Syth; and two sons, Tom Meyer and Forrest J. Meyer.

Private family services are being held.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg and Nelson Funeral Home in Libby.

## Valerian W. 'Val' Meyers, 89

Valerian W. "Val" Meyers age 89, passed away Friday, Jan. 30, 2009, at his residence in Kalispell.

Val was born in Great Falls on Aug. 15, 1919, the third child of James and Anna (Kolar) Meyers.

Val grew up in the Depression years when times were tough. His father, being a dry-land farmer in the Stanford area, had a very tough time making ends meet. After his mother died, his father was forced to farm him out to be raised by aunts and uncles. He spent the early years of his life on the ranch helping out with all the chores involved with that lifestyle.

Val graduated from Stanford High School in 1937. After graduation, he went out to Oregon to find work. He fished and milked cows for a short period. He returned to Livingston, where he worked on steam locomotives as an apprentice.

Shortly thereafter, World War II began. He joined the U.S. Navy, for which he was trained as an aviation machinist mate. During the war, he was stationed in Hawaii and the Midway Islands and was honorably discharged in 1946.

Val returned to his native Montana, where he bought a small ranch and raised sheep and hauled grain as a second income, but was not able to make it in the tough economy. He eventually ended up in the Flathead Valley.

Val went to work on the con-



struction of the Anaconda Aluminum Company in the early 1950s. He was later hired as a millwright and retired in 1985 after more than 30 years. He was extremely gifted at developing inventions that were used at Anaconda. He was a "master" at fixing anything.

Val met and married Amber Louise Karstetter in 1957. They bought a home in Kalispell and raised their two children, Rebecca and Steven. He lived in the family home until his passing.

Val was an optimist even though he had a hard life. He was opinionated, but had an outstanding sense of humor. He was a warm and loving man who always put his family first. He grew the best tomatoes in town and loved the earth and watching things grow. He touched the lives of many, and he will never be forgotten. His piercing blue eyes and wonderful smile will be greatly missed.

Val is preceded in death by his loving wife, Amber, who passed away in 1999; his parents, James and Anna; brothers, Richard and Larry; and his sister, Eunice.

He is survived by his daughter, Becky Berger, and her husband, Jon, of Elko, Nev.; his son, Steve, and his wife, Linda, of Columbia Falls; and two grandsons, Casey Berger and Nicholas Meyers.

At our Dad's request, no services will be held.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Val's family. You are invited to go to [www.jgfuneralhome.com](http://www.jgfuneralhome.com) to offer condolences and sign Val's guest book.

## Loyd 'Alan' Meyers, 47

Loyd "Alan" Meyers, 47, passed away Friday, March 20, 2009, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center. Alan was born in Nampa, Idaho, to Marilyn B. and Virgil L. Meyers on Dec. 10, 1961, the second of four children. He called Kalispell home, although the family moved between Idaho and Montana several times.

Alan was a talented, well-known mechanic in the valley. He had an affinity for animals and enjoyed anything outdoors. His passion was anything with wheels and a motor, most especially Harleys. He welcomed anything that seemed lost or didn't have anywhere to go, including vehicles, pets and people. He always made sure his friends and family knew his help was only a phone call away and his actions supported that countless times over the years.

Alan is survived by his mother, Marilyn B. Meyers of Columbia Falls; his brother,



Marc Meyers, of Kalispell; his sisters, Cindy Lapka, of Sparks, Nev., and Melanie Meyers of Columbia Falls; and his soul mate and best friend, Carol Thill; along

with various aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and great-nephews.

Preceding him in death were his father, Virgil M. Meyers; his grandparents, William H. and Lucille C. Bird, and Louis and Esther Meyers, along with several aunts and uncles, cousins, and his beloved Gidget.

Memorial services for Alan will be held at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, March 25, at the Kalispell Church of the Nazarene, with the Rev. Ed Koteskey officiating. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

## Leon H. Mick, 80

Leon H. Mick, 80, of Great Falls, a retired air traffic controller and U.S. Navy veteran, died Monday, Sept. 21, 2009, of natural causes at Peace Hospice.



A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at Victory Christian Center. Interment will be at Highland Cemetery with military honors. Cremation has taken place under the direction of Chapel of Chimes Funeral Home in Great Falls.

Survivors include his wife, Glenna; daughter, Patti Hopkins, and her husband, Robert; son, Gerald Mick, and his wife, Carry; four grandchildren, Jessica, Justin, Caroline and Ashley; and six great-grandchildren,

Tyson, Jillian, Ayden, Colter, Rebekka and Liam.

Leon was born Aug. 1, 1929, in Great Falls. He was raised on the family farm in Portage. After serving in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War, he returned home and married Glenna M. Wever.

Leon was employed by the Federal Aviation Administration from 1958 until his retirement in 1986 as an assistant chief at the Enroute Air Traffic Control Center in Farmington, Minn.

He spent the rest of his life enjoying his family and friends, both in Great Falls and Happy's Inn in Northwest Montana. He was a good man who will be missed.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Peace Hospice.

Condolences may be posted online at [www.chapelofchimesfunerals.com](http://www.chapelofchimesfunerals.com).

## Gladys Milam, 100

Gladys Milam, 100, passed away on Friday, Dec. 18, 2009, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell. She was



born on Dec. 19, 1908, in Baudette, Minn., to Ingvald and Henrietta (Lorenson) Sands.

She spent her childhood years in Baudette, where her parents owned and operated a hotel.

She married Theodore Stahlberg on Jan. 7, 1928, in Warren, Minn. To this union, four children were born. They migrated from northern Minnesota to Montana in October 1945. Dissolution of that union transpired in 1949. She resided in Somers with her four children from 1946 until 1959, at which time she married Glover "Dub" Milam and moved to Kalispell.

They owned and operated Milam Greenhouses from 1959 until 1970. Due to her green thumb, her kids used to tease her that customers should come to the house to purchase plants rather than the greenhouse. Having had no training in flower arranging or commercial

growing, she was thrown into the midst of greenhouse and flower shop work and learned it quite rapidly how to do everything that was entailed in running the business. She loved flowers and working in her garden.

She attended the Assembly of God Church for many years.

She was preceded in death by four sisters and three brothers.

She is survived by her four children, Darlene Allik of Polson, Robert Stahlberg of Columbia Falls, Gerald Stahlberg of Kalispell, and Diane Erickson of Kalispell; 17 grandchildren; 38 great-grandchildren; and 12 great-great-grandchildren; and one sister.

Funeral services for Gladys will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 29, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Chapel, with Pastor Darrell Newby officiating. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. until service time at 1 p.m. Burial will follow services at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for Gladys' family. You are invited to go to [www.jgfuneralhome.com](http://www.jgfuneralhome.com) to view Gladys' guest book, offer condolences and share memories.

## Ray Middlesworth, 91

Ray Middlesworth, 91, a retired electrical contractor from Shelby and a World War II Army Air Corps pilot, died peacefully Saturday, Sept. 26, 2009, at Marias Medical Center in Shelby.



"Ole Ray's" final prayers were answered when he was allowed to slip his bond with Earth after 91 years of good living, good friends and good customers.

He loved his kids and extended family and is ever so happy to be reunited with his "blonde bomber" wife, Phyllis. Rest assured they are once again dancing cheek to cheek.

No doubt his proudest accomplishment was being a pilot in the Army Air Corps during World War II. Ray's greatest joy was flying.

It took him 13 years to figure out farming wasn't his forte. As a master electrician and electrical contractor, he had befriended hundreds

of people in Toole and surrounding counties and ran miles of electrical wire in various establishments and homes. He literally lit the place up.

Ray enjoyed traveling, seeing new things, going to air shows, panning for gold and, of course, drinking coffee and eating good cookies.

Survivors include his sister, Mary Burns, of Cut Bank; his son, Steve Middlesworth, of Kalispell; and his daughter, Michele Middlesworth, of Broomfield, Colo.

Ray was preceded in death by his wife, Phyllis Norley, of Conrad; his parents, Lloyd and Elizabeth (Bender) Middlesworth, of Shelby; and his younger brother, Herb.

Visitation is from 1 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Whitted Funeral Chapel. Funeral services are 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Community United Methodist Church. Burial with military honors at Mountain View Cemetery will follow the service.

Condolences may be posted at [www.whittedfuneralchapel.com](http://www.whittedfuneralchapel.com).

## Jesse Louis Miles, 59

Jesse Louis Miles, 59, passed away on Dec. 20, 2009, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center after a courageous battle with leukemia. Jesse was born on April 4, 1950, in Modesto, Calif., to Chuck and Lois (Blum) Miles.



Jesse joined the Army after high school and served two tours in Vietnam, earning two Purple Hearts.

He moved to Bigfork in 1978 where he worked as a building contractor for 30 years with partner John West.

Jesse was an active member of the VFW, the American Legion and Pope John Paul II Catholic Church. He enjoyed all that Montana had to offer, from prospecting to hunting and fishing.

Jesse is survived by Mary (Prothero), his wife of 28 years; and two children, Angela and Aaron.

Memorial services were held on Dec. 26 at Pope John Paul II Catholic Church in Bigfork.

## Aaron Miller, 80

Aaron Miller, 80, passed away on Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2009, at his home in Kalispell. Aaron was born on April 24, 1929, in Richardton, N.D., to Ambrose and Elizabeth (Amann) Miller.



Aaron was raised in North Dakota and in Washington, where he attended schools. He graduated from high school in Spokane.

He enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard in 1947 and was honorably discharged in February of 1953. His primary assignment in the Coast Guard was electronics technician for Loran transmitting at Cape Blanco, Ore., and in many other locations, including Guam, Hawaii and St. Paul Island.

Aaron married Carol Gehle in 1954 in Kalispell. They had been married for 55 years. Aaron worked many jobs throughout the valley, including Kootenai Motor Freight, Richards Oil Company and Valcon Fuels. Prior to his retirement, he operated his own company, A. Miller Co., specializing in tank removal and water quality.

He had a wide range of interests and hobbies, including precision machining, sculpture, oil painting, gardening and computers. He also developed and marketed

his own original products.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ambrose and Elizabeth Miller Johnson; his stepfather, Alfred Johnson; sister, Delores Miller Sutherland; stepsister, LaMoyne Johnson Jenkins; brothers, Donald and Kenneth Miller; and stepbrother, Walter H. Johnson.

He is survived by his wife, Carol Miller, of Kalispell; three children, Karen E. Fredenberg and husband, Steven, of Medford, Ore.; Valerie L. Schnackenberg and husband, Henry, of Everett, Wash.; and Donald Miller of Phoenix; one brother, Jean A. Johnson, of Lakeside; granddaughter, Amber J. (Fredenberg) O'Duane, and husband, Danny, of White City, Ore., great-grandchildren, Brittney Miller, Kacey O'Duane and Donovan O'Duane; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25, at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kalispell.

The family requests memorials be made to the Trinity Lutheran Cemetery, Trinity MOMS Group, Trinity Lutheran Church, or charity of choice.

You are invited to go to [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com) to leave a personal message for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family

## Elma Miller, 64

Elma Miller, 64, passed away on Monday, Aug. 24, 2009, at her home in Kalispell. She was born on Dec. 16, 1944, in Brigham City, Utah, to Leonard and Beryl (Grant) Dickey. She was raised in Honeyville, Utah. Elma attended elementary school in Bear River, Utah, and received her GED in Roseburg, Ore., in 1987.



Elma attended Umpqua Community College in Roseburg, receiving her business degree in 1989.

Elma married Jim Miller in Kalispell in 1962. She worked as the secretary for the Church of Christ for many years, and for Orphans Lifeline of Hope in Kalispell for eight.

She was a great homemaker, and a wonderful Christian mother to her children. Elma enjoyed playing music for the senior citizens in many places. Her hobbies included

sewing, swimming, traveling, music and clogging.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Beryl Schnell

Elma is survived by her husband of 47 years, Jim Miller; her children, Roger Miller, Linc Miller, Loren Lee Miller, Darla Koch and Victoria Miller; siblings, Stuart Dickey, Steve Dickey, Eloise Taylor (twin), and Colleen Clausen; and grandchildren, Michael, Matthew, Leland, Chase, Marina and Waylon Miller.

Private family burial has taken place at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell. Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 29, at Glacier Church of Christ in Columbia Falls.

The family requests memorials be made in Elma's name to Orphan's Lifeline of Hope, P.O. Box 1100, Kalispell, MT 59903.

You are invited to go to [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com) to leave your personal messages for the family or sign her book. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Jacquelyn S. Miller, 59

Jacquelyn S. Miller, 59, died Sunday, Nov. 15, 2009, at Heritage Place in Kalispell. At her request, she will

be cremated.

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

## Annette L. Miller, 70

Annette L. Miller, 70, died Dec. 29, 2009, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center, of natural causes.

Survivors include a

daughter, Theresa Miller, of Columbia Falls; and son, James Miller.

Cremation has taken place. Services will be held at a later date.

## Michele Lavone Miller, 42

Michele Lavone Miller, 42, was born on Jan. 10, 1967, in Centralia, Wash., and died on May 9, 2009.

She is survived by her mother, Roberta L. Goodwin, of California; her father and stepmother, Fred and Paula Miller, of Columbia Falls; two sons, David of Colorado, and Anthony of Maine; and one daughter, Tianna, of Texas; three brothers, Ray of Kalispell, Justin of Utah, and Chad of Glendive; and three sisters, Diana of Arizona,

Leslie of California, and Teri of Columbia Falls.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 23, at The Dwelling Place, located at 1694 Whalebone Drive, off of Dern Road west of Kalispell.

There will be a potluck following the service with everyone welcome.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family. Please go to [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com) to send condolences to the family.

## Kenneth L. 'Ken-Dog' Miller, 55

Kenneth L. "Ken-Dog" Miller, 55, passed on Friday, March 13, 2009, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Born to Clifford and Leah (Foss) Miller on Nov. 21, 1953, in Lewistown, he was raised in Lewistown and graduated from high school there. Following his graduation, he worked on the oil rigs and hauled oil waste. He was also a UPS driver based out of Missoula and at the mill in Missoula, and eventually put his master carpentry skills to use in his contracting business — Grizzly Construction.

Kenny was a wonderful man and will be deeply missed by his family and his true friends. Ken-Dog enjoyed the outdoors. If he wasn't fishing, he was hunting or hiking. He enjoyed camping and was an avid river rafter, living on the North and South Fork of the Flathead. It was his favorite thing to do.

He was also proud to be a member of the Dream Team on Big Mountain, which taught the handicapped to ski. He also had the chance to star in a commercial and enjoyed being called the new nickname of "Hollywood Miller."



He is survived by his wife, Michelle, of the family home; a daughter, Makenzie Miller; stepchildren, Angela Phillips, Aria Haliday, and her children,

Nora and Adam, Jamie Haliday, Jeffery Hughes and Cole Milne-Jones; his parents, Clifford and Leah Miller, of Lolo; sisters, Janet Granthum, and her children, Lea and Roxanne, of Maui, Hawaii, Cathy Miller of Lolo, and Debbie West of Leavenworth, Wash.; and a brother, James Miller, of Missoula; as well as many close friends and extended family members.

You are invited to come celebrate a life full of love and fun the way he wanted. As per his request, a celebration of his life will be held at 3 p.m. this Saturday, March 21, at the family home located at 28321 Cougar Trail in Bigfork (at mile marker No. 80 on Highway 83, or call 260-2797 or 837-3276 for directions). A potluck reception at the residence will follow the service.

## Norman Ray 'Norm' Miller, 74

Norman Ray "Norm" Miller, 74, passed away on Monday, April 13, 2009, from complications of pneumonia



at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell. At 10:15 on a chilly Thursday morning on Feb. 28, 1935, Norm became the seventh child of Johnnie Roscoe and Eva May (Bower) Miller. The family would grow to eight boys and three girls.

Norm attended Bald Rock School northwest of Kalispell where he met his lifelong best friend, Leonard Goss. Over the years, the two of them shared many good times and not so little mischief.

As a young man, Norm met the love of his life, Virginia "Bunnie" Larson. Soon after, on May 1, 1953, the two were married in Coeur d'Alene. They would spend their entire life together in the Flathead Valley. To this union was born five daughters.

Norm is descended from strong, proud Scots — Irish stock that came to America for a new life in 1756 from the Northern Ireland region of Ulster, County Tyrone. They entered near Philadelphia and soon moved west and helped open the wilderness of America, moving ever westward, selling their farms and settling new ones as land was opened in Western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Missouri.

Martin Miller, Norm's grandfather, moved his family from Worth County, Mo., to the Demersville area in about 1900. They soon adapted to the timber country of Montana and became hard-working loggers, avid hunters and fabled fishermen.

Norm began his logging career at the age of 13 at the business end of a crosscut saw. He worked many years for Lyman H. Claridge and Johnny Slack at S and S Logging. He could fall timber, hunt elk, catch bull trout and overhaul your Cat, maybe all in the same day.

He loved the wilderness,

the mountains, the rivers, the people and most of all, his wife, daughters and extended family. Everyone was always welcome at Norm and Bunnie's — the hand of friendship was readily extended to one and all. If you were a stranger, it was only that Norm had not yet met you.

Norm was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Ross, Johnnie, Richard, Bennie and Marvin; sisters, Virginia and Luella; a very special grandson, Bradley Williams; and very sweet great-granddaughter, Korbryn EvaMay Williams.

He is survived by his wife, Bunnie Miller, at the family home in Kalispell; and his daughters, Sharyle Miller and Jerry Welker of Rollins, Cindy Regnier and husband, master sergeant Fulton, of Kalispell, Wendy Reiter and husband, Steve, of Black Diamond, Wash., Carla Hayek and husband, Lonnie, of Somers, and Heather Robbins and husband, Sam, of Helena. Norm enjoyed the company of a very special nephew, Steve Miller, of Billings; also 13 grandchildren, Beci Davenport (whom he raised as his own daughter), Tyler Miller, Darin Regnier, Tiffany Audette, Kyle and Katy Harland, Aimee and Jim Bob Williams, Heather Hayek, Kwyncee, Kennar and Kerstie Ward, and Aden Robbins; and seven great-grandchildren, yet-to-be-born Hailey, Cylus, Lindsay, Braylon, Kya, Tommy and Makenzie; also two brothers, Irvin Miller and Ken Miller, both of Kalispell; and one sister, Sylvia Evans, of Newport, Wash.; and countless other relatives and friends.

"No greater honor can be bestowed on a man's life than to be known simply as a good man."

A celebration of life for Norman will be held at 4 p.m. Friday, April 17, at Stillwater Grange, 1810 W. Reserve, in Kalispell. A visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. today, April 15, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Norm's family. You are invited to go to [www.jgfuneralhome.com](http://www.jgfuneralhome.com) to offer condolences and sign Norm's guest book.

## Betty Minor

Betty Minor passed away early on the morning of April 22, 2009, after losing her battle with melanoma. Her family and her many friends are saddened by the loss of Betty and husband, Ray, who predeceased her in December 2008.



Betty was born in 1925, and raised in El Cajon, Calif., graduating from Grossmont High School in 1942. After high school, she worked as a secretary for Western Electric in San Diego and even spent some time working in New York City.

In January of 1946, she met her one true love, Ray Minor. She often told us that the moment she met him, she knew that he was the one. The marriage that took place six months later lasted more than 60 years and is regarded by everyone to be an example of what true love should be.

Betty had three children, Linda, Janice "Buzzie" and husband Jim Langford, and Jim and wife Robin who shared in the happiness and love that Mom provided.

Mom's talents were many.

She was an expert in all household business, and there was nothing that she could not mend, cook or find a home remedy for. Mom was the queen of "home-made" and her creations filled our stomachs, our closets and our hearts. She also had a talent for the arts and sang in a choir and had an impressive portfolio of sketches.

When Mom and Dad retired in 1976, they began spending their summers on the Swan River in Montana. Building and maintaining their retirement home, "Minorvana" kept them young and provided the perfect setting for Betty to entertain her many visitors. She loved to float the river on her inner tube and did so into her 80s. A trip to Montana was never complete until Mom guided you through the rapids and pointed out the osprey nest.

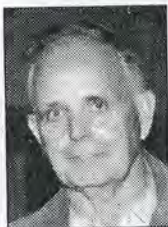
In addition to her children, Mom is survived by her three grandchildren, Wes, Kellen and Carly Minor.

"We miss you Mom, but will hold you in our hearts forever."

Please join us in a celebration of Mom's and Dad's lives from 3 to 6 p.m. Sunday, July 12, at their Bigfork residence. Call Jim for further information, 837-6844.

## Ray W. Minor

Ray Minor passed away at home early on the morning of Dec. 27, 2008. All who knew him will miss our dad.



Ray was born in 1920 in San Diego, and graduated from Hoover High school in 1938. Dad enlisted in the Army, and was stationed in Nome, Alaska. After completing his service, he returned to San Diego where in 1946, he married his one true love, Betty Jo Chidester.

Dad played basketball and softball and often spoke of his teammates and the friendships that sports brought to him.

He had three children, Linda, Janice "Buzzie," and husband Jim Langford, and Jim and wife Robin, who all share a deep love and admiration for the wonderful home and sense of family that Betty and Ray created for them.

Dad worked at North Island Naval Air Station. He started working in 1946 as an apprentice electrician and retired in 1976 as a superintendent of overhaul and repair. This gave Mom and Dad the chance to build their retirement house in Bigfork. Their home, "Minorvana," on the Swan River was truly a fountain of youth for the Minors.

"The fun we had and friendships they made will live in our hearts forever."

Dad was truly a great man who never said a cross word and always saw the good in every one and everything. In addition to his wife and three children, Dad is survived by his three grandchildren, Wes, Kellen and Carly Minor.

"We miss you Dad, but will remember you forever."

*A celebration of life for Ray and Betty Minor, whose obituaries both appear in today's paper, will be held from 3 to 6 p.m. Sunday, July 12, at their Bigfork residence. Call Jim for further information, 837-6844.*

## Duane W. 'Babe' Mitchell, 89

Duane W. "Babe" Mitchell, 89, passed away on Saturday, April 18, 2009, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

He was born on Dec. 8, 1919, in Polson, to Everett and Uiva Hazel (Noel) Mitchell.

Duane received his early education in Bigfork and Kalispell.

During the summers he worked for the Civilian Conservation Corps. In 1941, Duane hitchhiked to California to get a job.

He was drafted in 1942 and served in the military until 1946. After the service he returned to California and worked for the Ford Motor Co.

Duane met and married Terrie Muncher on Nov. 12, 1950. He became a lineman and traveled to many states and countries. In 1980, they retired and moved to Bigfork.

In Bigfork, Duane had a workshop and sold many items at the farmers market in Kalispell for 20 years. He was also a member of the Masonic Lodge, Eagles and the VFW. While he was busy with the workshop, Terrie had a bed and breakfast. Due to illness they moved to Kalispell to be near medical facilities.



Duane was preceded in death by his parents; and a brother, Bud.

He is survived by his wife, Terrie Mitchell, of

Kalispell; a daughter, Donna Rae Doda, and husband, Tim, of Belfair, Wash.; a son, Daniel Mitchell, and wife, Barbie, of Federal Way, Wash.; granddaughters, Claudia Stoppelmoor of Seattle, and Della and Ian Flint of Cupertino, Calif.; and great-grandchildren, Malcolm, Mitchell and Miranda Flint, of Cupertino.

Funeral services for Duane will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, April 24, in the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral chapel, with Pastor Tim Bartholomew officiating. Burial will be in the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be from 2 to 6 p.m. Thursday, April 23, in the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral chapel.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Duane's family.

You are invited to go to [www.jgfuneralhome.com](http://www.jgfuneralhome.com) to offer condolences and sign Duane's guest book.

## George A. Mitchell, 84

George A. Mitchell, 84, passed away on Saturday, Aug. 1, 2009, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls. He was born on Nov. 14, 1924, in Great Falls, the son of Alexander and Frances (Tietjen) Mitchell.



George graduated from high school in 1942 and left for the Navy Boot Camp right after graduation. He was a radioman and gunman on the (B-17) Flying Fortresses and (B-24) Liberators where he flew many missions in the Pacific.

In the 1950s, his family moved from Great Falls to homestead in Trego. In 1963, George married the love of his life, Renate Reisinger. She passed away in 1990. George remained a widower.

He retired in 1985 from the Forest Service where he worked at the Murphy Lake

Ranger Station for 25 years. George was a self-educated man who like many that grew up farming and ranching, could fix or build just about anything. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

George was preceded in death by his wife, Renate; his parents; and his younger brother, Don.

He is survived by his son, John, and his wife, Maria, and their children, Daniel and Uli; and his daughter, Tina, and husband, Ernie, and their children, Tammy, Ernie and Terri. He is also survived by five great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 13, at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for George's family. You are invited to go to [www.jgfuneralhome.com](http://www.jgfuneralhome.com) to sign George's guest book, offer condolences and share memories.

## James Lithgow Mitchell, 77

James Lithgow Mitchell passed away Monday, Nov. 23, 2009, at his home in Kalispell.



He was born Jan. 31, 1932, in Lake Forest, Ill., to James L. and Florence Folds Mitchell. As a young boy his family moved to Rye, N.Y.

He attended Kent School in Kent, Conn., and later graduated from St. Lawrence University in Canton, N.Y., where he met his wife of 57 years, Caroline.

After five years of managing a Ben Franklin Store in St. Petersburg, Fla., with his father, he moved his family to Kalispell in 1957, where he owned and operated the Ben Franklin Store in the B & B Shopping Center for 20 years.

Soon after, he was hired by Al Rierson and became a deputy and later a detective for the Flathead County Sheriff's Department. He was instrumental in starting Crime Stoppers, and in 1987 he was selected as the Crime Prevention Officer of the Year for Montana by the State Crime Prevention Association. His voice was often heard on the radio giving their reports. He was active with the SWAT Team, and also a licensed polygraph operator.

He served on the board of the Flathead Youth Home for several years. He truly loved his work and was forced to retire in 1995 due to cancer. After retirement, Jim enjoyed teaching swimming to many local school children at the Second Wind and The Summit.

He had many passions in life. Music was one of his favorites. He was proficient on the violin, kept a harmonica in his pocket, and entertained all, as many will remember. He had a remarkable voice and performed in "Man of La Mancha" and "My Fair Lady," the first two musicals presented by Flathead Valley Community College. He also sang in

"Oklahoma." For many years he sang in the choir at Christ Church Episcopal.

Jim's voice was often heard announcing horse shows around the valley, most recently the draft horse shows at the Flathead County Fairgrounds. His love of horses prompted him to become an organizer of many wagon train trips on the Indian reservation in Ronan. His white Percheron team was driven by him in countless Christmas and fair parades.

He and Caroline spent many happy times riding in the Bob Marshall and hiking in Glacier National Park. He organized many float trips with friends down the South Fork River. Skiing on Big Mountain in early years, then at Blacktail Mountain, was another pleasure he and Caroline enjoyed with friends and family.

Jim was a member of the Eagles and the Kalispell Elks Lodge. He was always eager to help a friend. He was loved by many and will be missed by all.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and one brother, Charles F. Mitchell.

He is survived by his wife, Caroline, and daughter, Kimberly, at the family home; his son, Charles, and Cathy Mitchell, of Nine Mile Falls, Wash.; his daughter, Linn, and Jonathon Morse, of Sandpoint, Idaho, and Tucson, Ariz.; and his grandsons, James and Charles Mitchell. He is also survived by his sister, Linn Bayne, of Questa, N.M.; a nephew, Jeffery Mack; and numerous cousins.

The family wishes to extend their gratitude to Dr. Goodman and his staff for their constant care.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Home Options Hospice whose care was deeply felt and appreciated.

There will be a celebration of life at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 12, at Christ Church Episcopal, 215 Third Ave. E., in Kalispell, with a reception following at the Elks Lodge, 1820 U.S. 93 South, Kalispell.

## Jeanette R. Mitchell, 71

Jeanette R. Mitchell, 71, of Henderson, Nev., passed away Oct. 4, 2009. She was born Oct. 20, 1937, in Auburn, Wash., and was raised in Washington state.

Jeanette married Donald A. Mitchell in 1958. She finished her teaching degree in 1962, and taught for one year.

She raised her family, then returned to work in a Christian bookstore. She then went into furniture sales, and later became a joint partner in a small retail business. Her working career ended managing an assisted living facility, from which she retired.

Jeanette was a member of the Mayflower Society, PEO, Alpha Zeta Delta Sorority and Central Christian Church. She loved the Lord!

Jeanette was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Anne Cooper.

She is survived by her husband, Donald Mitchell; children, Brett and Karen Mitchell, Jeffrey and Vada Mitchell and Erin and Gary Wilken; grandchildren, Samantha and Monte Gluck, Sean and Bwalya McCormick, and Delbie and Claire Wilken; one great-grandson, Isaac Gluck; and sister, Margaret and John Addicott.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 24, at Central Christian Church, 1001 New Beginnings Drive, in Henderson.

Donations can be made to St. Rose-Siena Hospital in Henderson, or to Nathan Adelson Hospice, 4141 Swenson St., Las Vegas, NV 89119.

## Robert L. Mize, 78

Robert L. Mize, 78, was "called home by Our Heavenly Father," Wednesday, May 13, 2009, at his home with family after a long battle with heart disease.

Robert was born May 16, 1930, in San Bernardino, Calif., to Henley and Dagmar Mize. He grew up in San Bernardino.

He served in the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Air Force.

His work life was spent in law enforcement with the San Bernardino County sheriff's office as a juvenile detective and the California Highway Patrol as a traffic officer. He attended Weber State University in Ogden, Utah, leading to his teaching in elementary education.

In 1954, Robert and Harriet (Christenson) Mize were married. They became parents to four daughters. Robert's spare time in life was spent in the love of fishing, hunting and golf. This led the family to Montana, and ultimately the Flathead Valley in 1992.

Robert is survived by his wife, Harriet, of Columbia Falls; his daughters, Dana DeZan of Upland, Calif., Kathleen McCall of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Christie Mize of Columbia Falls; his grandchildren, Kady Barcafer of Columbia Falls, Karrie Falwell of Victorville, Calif., Kyle McCall, currently serving in the U.S. Army in Iraq, and Anthony and Sarah DeZan of Upland; great-granddaughter, Kaylynn Falwell, of Victorville, Calif.; his sister, Jean Pedersen of Solvang, Calif.; along with numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers; and a daughter, Ann Lynn Mize.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Home Options Hospice, 175 Commons Loop, Kalispell, Montana 59901.

A Mass will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 20, at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls. Burial will follow in St. Richard's Catholic Cemetery.

Arrangements are with the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.



## Phyllis A. Moen, 92

Phyllis A. Moen, 92, a longtime Eureka resident, died Thursday, Sept. 24, 2009, at Mountain View Manor in Eureka.

She had worked at a laundromat in Eureka for 10 years.

Survivors include her three sons, Phillip Moen of Havre, Chris Moen of

Eureka, and Kerrence Moen of Everett, Wash.

Services will be held at 5 p.m. Monday, Sept. 28, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Eureka. There will be a reception following in the church basement.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg and Nelson Funeral Home.

## Ronald Dean Mohn, 62

"Ron Mohn's gone fishing!" He left this world on March 10, 2009, "to go to that secret fishing hole where the fishing is always great and the stories are tall."

He was an author, an avid fisherman, entrepreneur, a consummate storyteller, and best friend to all who knew him.

Ron was born in Tucson, Ariz., to Pearl and Emery Mohn. They then moved to the Flathead Valley where he attended schools and graduated from Flathead High School. His fondest memory growing up in the Flathead Valley was of the two "Huck Finn" summers he spent as a caretaker on Shelter Island on Flathead Lake.

After joining the Navy he served as a decorated corpsman in Vietnam. Later he graduated from Duke University in the second class of physician's assistants, in 1973.

Ron worked as an orthopedic physician's assistant in Panama City, Fla., Corvallis, Ore., and on the Alaskan Pipeline. He was instrumental in developing licensure for physician's assistants to



practice in the state of Montana.

On coming back to Montana he met and reeled in the best catch of his life, his wife of 29 years, Louann. Meanwhile, he attended Flathead Valley Community College in business and subsequently opened up Consignment Corral. For the last 17 years he developed and operated the second love of his life, Mountain Lake Fisheries. His company harvested Lake Superior Whitefish fillets and produced award-winning Montana Golden Whitefish Caviar.

He is survived by his wife, Louann; his longtime friends, Gale and Rob Noteboom, Chuck and Jeanie Hjsong, Charlie and Ruth Davis, and Carol Senner; his Mountain Lakes Fisheries family; and his TOPS family. He also leaves behind his constant companion, Mike the cat; and numerous colleagues, friends and family members.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 14, at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. He has been cremated and his ashes will be scattered later.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that food donations be made to the Veterans Food Bank at 1527 Hwy. 35 E., Kalispell, MT 59901.

## Violet Mae Moller, 86

Violet Mae Moller, 86, passed away on Jan. 29, 2009, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell, where she had lived since March 2005.

"God has taken her to a more peaceful place with no pain and suffering ... only sunshine and rainbows." Violet was born at home on July 1, 1922, in Poplar.

She was the only child born to Richard "Dick" and Blanche Neil. She was delivered by her maternal grandmother, Hattie Whitney. Her early childhood was spent in Poplar and when she was 8, her family moved to Roseburg, Ore., to be near the Neil relatives. She spent her junior high school years in Wolf Point, and her high school years in Polson. She loved Polson on Flathead Lake. She always said it was a wonderful place to live as a teenager.

Her marriage proposal from her future husband, Max Moller, came in a letter from the South Pacific along with money to buy her engagement ring. It was two years before he came home to marry Vi. On Nov. 22, 1945, Vi married her childhood sweetheart J. Max Moller at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Kalispell.

The first of the couple's two daughters, Kay, was born on Nov. 27, 1947, and Gail was born on Sept. 11, 1950, both in Kalispell.

Violet Mae worked as a secretary for the Daily Inter Lake, the Kalispell Chamber of Commerce, Dr. Daniel Dernbach and Dr. James Kiley. Vi will be remembered by many people for her beautiful decorative painting, which she taught for many years. She was a charter member of the Artists and Craftsmen of the Flathead Valley and also volunteered for many years at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Vi had many interests. She loved her family and friends and enjoyed being with them. She enjoyed traveling and went to Hawaii several times, as well as Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Hungary and Belgium.

She loved her flowers, painting, bowling, sewing, needlework, swimming and camping.

Vi was a member of the Central Christian Church and enjoyed her Bible studies and circle. She was also a Lady Elk and supported her husband Max through the chairs to exalted ruler.

Vi moved into Immanuel Lutheran Home in March of



2005. She enjoyed her home there and stayed very busy with all the activities offered the residents. Of course, her artistic abilities took over and she learned ceramics and made many beautiful pieces for her family and friends.

Three years ago Vi started dialysis, and on Jan. 7, she decided to end her treatments and knew that her earthly life would be shortened. Our "Miracle Mom" lived many more days than was expected. We had so many fun talks with Mom about the past and who would be waiting for her in Heaven. She was one strong lady!

"Mom, we will miss you so much, but we will always have our wonderful memories and the great lessons you have taught us!"

Vi's family would like to thank the loving staff at Immanuel Lutheran Home for their wonderful care and friendship while she was a resident there, a special thank you to Pastor Kathie of Immanuel Lutheran Home for all her prayers and support, and to hospice for making her last days more comfortable.

Vi was preceded in death by her husband, Max, in 1978; and her parents, Dick and Blanche Neil.

She is survived by two daughters, Kay and husband, Weldon Plympton, and Gail and husband, Gary Hanson, all of Kalispell; four grandkids, Jeff Plympton of Whitefish, Paul and wife, Kathy Plympton, of Kalispell, Ashlee and husband, David Robison, of Columbia Falls, and Kris Hanson at the University of Montana in Missoula; three great-grandkids, Bryant Plympton of Kalispell, and Madeline and Mark Robison of Columbia Falls; her sister-in-law, JoAnne Ross, and her cousin, Joan Kennedy, both of Kalispell. She is also survived by many other relatives and dear friends.

The family suggests donations be made to the Recreation Department at Immanuel Lutheran Home, 185 Crestline Ave., Kalispell; or to Home Options Hospice, 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell.

Vi's memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 7, at Immanuel Lutheran Home, 185 Crestline Ave., with Pastor Kathie Larson Phillips officiating. A reception will be after the service.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Vi's family. You are invited to go to [www.jgfuneralhome.com](http://www.jgfuneralhome.com) to offer condolences and sign Vi's guest book.

## Gladyce C. (Zimmerman) Molzhon, 76

Gladyce C. (Zimmerman) Molzhon, 76, passed away on Friday, Nov. 13, 2009, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell. She was born on Dec. 5, 1932, in Polson, to Lawrence and Virginia Zimmerman (Desch) Zimmerman. She graduated from Polson High School in 1950.



Gladyce was married to Allan J. Molzhon on Dec. 20, 1952, in Missoula. She was a devoted wife, homemaker and mother of two.

Gladyce enjoyed camping with her husband, Al, and visiting family and friends around the Flathead Valley and Montana. She enjoyed cooking for family gatherings and socializing. Gladyce never forgot a birthday or special occasion. Her family was very important to her. She had a great sense of humor and was never at a loss for words.

Gladyce was preceded in death by her parents, Lawrence and Virginia Zimmerman.

She is survived by her loving husband, Allan, of 57 years, son, Norman, and wife, Kim Molzhon, of Columbia Falls; and a daughter, Jeanne Sand, and husband, Ray, of Albuquerque, N.M.; a sister, Joyce Potts, and husband, Les, of Bigfork; two grandchildren, McKenzie Molzhon and Lee Molzhon; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 18, at the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Chapel in Kalispell, with Pastor Ron Pierce officiating. Visitation will be held from noon to 5 p.m. today, Nov. 17, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. Interment will be a C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for Gladyce's family. You are invited to go to [www.jgfuneralhome.com](http://www.jgfuneralhome.com) to offer condolences and sign Gladyce's guest book.

## Connie Monroe, 62

Connie Monroe, 62, passed away Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2009, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.



Connie was born April 24, 1947, in Wenatchee, Wash. She graduated high school in Wenatchee and, when she moved to Montana, she continued her education at Flathead Valley Community College.

Connie married Larry Monroe in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, in 1963. They were married for 45 years.

Connie worked as a paralegal. She also operated the Evergreen Women's Club for nearly 20 years. For anyone who received help during a tough Christmas season, Connie is the lady to thank.

She enjoyed fishing, hunting and doll making. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Connie is survived by her husband, Larry; children, Rodney Monroe and Shelly Long; sisters, Carol, Casey, Judy and Sandy Miracle; half sister, Lyn Hallack; grandchildren, Josh and Savannah Gausnell, and Ryan Danielson Monroe and Serra Monroe; and great-grandchildren, Kadence and Eden Gausnell.

A celebration of Connie's life will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 14, at Faith Baptist Church in Kalispell. A reception will be held immediately following the service at the church.

Friends are encouraged to visit [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com) to leave a note of condolence for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

## Marianne Rose Monfils, 81



Marianne Rose Monfils passed away Feb. 11, 2009. She lived a rich and full life of 81 years. Marianne was born March 5, 1928, in

rural Wisconsin; she was the fourth of six girls raised by Arthur and Rachel Ackerman. Her father was the chief of police, and also owned a small dairy where Marianne developed early a strong work ethic, a generous and grateful spirit and a tremendous quality of love for family and friends.

Her first job after graduating from Mauston High School was working in banking in Chicago. She later moved to Appleton, Wis., where she met her future husband, Marvin, at a dance. Marv was a World War II veteran who served his country for nearly four years in the Pacific Theatre and aboard the USS Etamin for the United States Coast Guard.

Early years of their marriage in Wisconsin brought three of their four children as they worked as a team as independent business owners of a small fishing resort and a Standard Oil distributorship.

Marv's pioneering spirit called to him, and they moved the family west in 1964, settling in Columbia Falls. Marv went to work for the Forest Service where he would happily spend the rest of his career. When their youngest daughter Trish started school, Marianne went back to bank-

ing, taking a job at Bank of Columbia Falls. After many years there, she left to go to the newly chartered Glacier Bank as Darrell Olson's assistant. She loved her job and knew everyone that walked through the door. One of her greatest strengths was her ability to put people at ease and show a genuine interest in helping others.

She retired after Marv died in 1989 and moved to Helena to be near her oldest daughter, Gayle. They both moved to Oregon in 1990.

Marianne loved Portland and being close to her family but always kept in touch with her friends in Columbia Falls. She came out of retirement to work part-time for her son-in-law in his oral surgery practice. She was an accomplished cook, writer, storyteller, card player, and an avid Green Bay Packers fan.

Marianne is survived by her four children, Gayle, John, Debby and Joe, and Trish and David; as well as four grandchildren, Robert, Caitlin, Sam and Rosalyn. She also is survived by four sisters, Norma, Jean, Ingrid and Lillian.

She was very proud of her family and considered them her greatest gift. She will remain in our hearts forever.

A celebration of Marianne's life will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, June 27, at the home of Skip and Marie Hanson, 3600 Montana 206. The Hansons were next-door neighbors and dear friends for many years.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Columbia Falls Branch Library.

## Rosemary Elizabeth Montayne, 74

Once upon a time she lived a pretty lady named Rosemary Elizabeth Montayne. She passed away on Wednesday,



July 15, 2009, at her residence in Kalispell. She was born on Nov. 19, 1934, in Chester, the daughter of Paul and Matilda (Beste) Biegalko. She graduated from Chester High School in 1952.

"Muther" met and married John David Montayne in Miles City.

They have four unbelievably adorable children, Samuel Paul Montayne Sr., now of Kalispell, Daniel Thomas Montayne of El Monte, Calif., Ramona Elizabeth Montayne of Pasadena, Calif., and Rachel Montayne of Big Bear City, Calif.; two wonderful grandchildren, Samuel Paul Montayne Jr., and Aubrey Lynn Montayne, and one on the way, Baby Bear Montayne. She is also survived by three sisters, Bernice Skierka of Chester, Delores Hortsch of Portland, and

Madonna Lovelace of Philadelphia.

"La familia" spent 13 years in beautiful Sheridan, Wyo., then moved to Billings, for 10 years or so ... Mom spent time in Tucson, Ariz., and Rowland Heights, Calif. She moved back to Montana to be closer to her son and his family.

Mom enjoyed playing cards, (and winning) with her children and grandchildren, shopping with her friends and daughters, painting, reading books, crossword puzzles (puzzles of any kind really), and talking to friends and family.

One of her most favorite things to do was to have cheese and pickle sandwiches and ice cream with her grandchildren. Mom was always there for her children.

Memorial services for Rosemary will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, July 23, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Chapel.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Rosemary's family. You are invited to go to [www.jgfuneralhome.com](http://www.jgfuneralhome.com) to offer condolences and sign Rosemary's guest book.

## Thomas R. Mooney

A Monroeville, Pa., native, Tom Mooney passed away on Dec. 12, 2008.

Tom was a Turtle Creek High School graduate who then attended the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, N.Y. Tom spent 20 years in the Army before moving into the public sector.

Most recently, he was co-chairman of the Board for Hi-Shear Technology. Tom enjoyed life in

Southern California as well as Lakeside.

He loved playing bridge, reading and time with his family.

Tom is survived by his wife, Mell Mooney; his two daughters, Laura Nary and Doreen Kidd; as well as his four grandchildren, Megan, David, Nathan and Kathryn.

He will be missed.

Cremation has taken place.

## Clara Mae Montgomery, 95

Clara Mae Montgomery, 95, passed away of natural causes Friday, April 3, 2009, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in



Kalispell. She was born Feb. 8, 1914, to John and Ada Ethel (Ruegsegger) Grover on her grandparents' farm northwest of Kalispell.

She attended the Spring Creek School and graduated from Flathead County High School in 1933.

She married Orlyn Kinzie Elwood on July 16, 1934, and they raised four children, sons, Oral Kenneth and Jerry William Elwood, and daughters, Ethel Marjean and Lynda Kay Elwood. They later divorced.

She married Glen E. Montgomery on Dec. 9, 1967, and shared her life with him until his death in 1982.

Clara worked at Montgomery Ward, Coast-to-Coast and the Kalispell Mercantile, from which she retired in 1975. In her retirement years, she was a hospital volunteer.

Clara was baptized in the Central Christian Church in Kalispell in 1926, and remained a member for life. She was a member of the women's auxiliary of the Fraternal Order of Eagles for 60 years and a past president. She was a dedicated volunteer with RSVP for 15 years. She was a member of the "Craft Ladies" group at Buffalo Hill Terrace, where she lived for four years.

Clara enjoyed baking, crafts, crossword puzzles, reading and sewing. She

loved baseball and was an avid fan of the Atlanta Braves. Clara lovingly crocheted hundreds of nylon pot scrubbers for the gift shop and fundraisers at the Immanuel Lutheran Home since moving there in 2003.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Ada Ruegsegger; husband, Glen Montgomery; a son, Kenneth Elwood; a sister, Arlis Irene Ruegsegger; and two brothers, Vale Dallas and Lloyd Allen Ruegsegger.

She is survived by two daughters, Marjean Thomas and her husband, Frank, of Kalispell, and Lynda Tveidt and her husband, Ted, of Whitefish; son, Jerry Elwood, and his wife, Judy, of Kalispell; half brother, Harvey Ruegsegger of Loveland, Colo.; half sister, Carol Ruegsegger, of Marysville, Wash.; seven grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and one stepgreat-grandchild.

Funeral services for Clara will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 7, at the Central Christian Church, with Dr. Jan Van der Poll officiating, with burial afterward at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be from 1 to 5 p.m. today, April 6, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home in Kalispell.

The family request memorials be given to Central Christian Church, 240 Second Ave. E., Kalispell, MT 59901; Immanuel Lutheran Home, 185 Crestline, Kalispell, MT 59901; or a charity of donor's choice.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Clara's family. You are invited to go to [www.jgfuneralhome.com](http://www.jgfuneralhome.com) to offer condolences and sign Clara's guest book.

## David E. Moore, 65

David E. Moore, 65, passed away at his residence in Kila on Saturday, Jan. 17, 2009. David was born July 15, 1943, in Havre, to Roy and Mildred (Marshall) Moore. He graduated from Havre High in 1961.

After graduation, he enlisted in the National Guard and then went into active duty with the U.S. Marine Corps. After serving in the Marines he returned to the National Guard, where he stayed until reaching full retirement.

Dave served as a police officer in Havre, then in Columbia Falls. He then went to the Marshall Islands where he worked as a security guard for a few years. He then returned to Kalispell in 1993, where he started working at the Alternative Youth Care Center, where he was currently employed at the time of his death.

Dave was a member of the American Legion, the V.F.W., Montana Sheriff and Peace Officer Association and was a volunteer EMT.

Dave had a passion for horses. He was a member of the Back Country Horse Club where he enjoyed his time with the club clearing trails. His second passion was guns. He was an avid sports shooter. He was also a certified concealed weapons instructor. Dave had many other hobbies and was looking forward to doing them full time — fishing, hunting, scuba diving,



ing, traveling, horseback riding, camping and wine-making.

Dave was preceded in death by his parents, Roy and Mildred Moore; step-

mother, Netti Moore; brothers, Vance, Lloyd and Earl Kardell; sister, Lucille Kickbusch; niece, Jola Dorlarque; and a son, Roy Alan Moore.

Dave is survived by his stepdaughter, Tony Gervais, of Hungry Horse; daughter, Brenda, and Chuck Cox, son, Gary, and Christine Moore, and brother, Martin Kardell, all of Havre; grandsons, Jason Cross of Billings, David Cross of Great Falls, and Alex and Geoffry Moore of Glenwood Springs, Colo.; granddaughter, Amber Cox, of Havre; great-granddaughter, Averi Lander, of Great Falls; several nieces and nephews; and special friend, Kimbra Green.

A celebration of life will be held at 3 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. A gathering of family and friends will follow at the Outlaw Inn.

In lieu of flowers, donations are requested to the Back Country Horse Club, Kalispell, MT, or donor's choice.

You are invited to leave your condolences at [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com).

## Gregg Moore, 58

Our loving husband, father, brother and grandfather, Gregg Moore, died Oct. 14, 2009, in White-



fish. Gregg was 58 years old and had been a resident of Whitefish for the past 28 years. He was the co-owner of Moore Countertops and Woodworking.

He was born in Fort Atkinson, Wis., to Del and Ardys Moore on March 20, 1951. He spent his earlier childhood years in Stevens Point, Wis., and later moved to southern California with his family. He lived in the greater Los Angeles area, graduating from Reseda High School where he and Gretchen met

43 years ago. They moved to Whitefish in 1981.

A very talented woodworker, Gregg had been a Certified Kitchen Designer. He enjoyed playing the guitar and wrote much of his own music, which he shared with family and friends.

Surviving him are his wife Gretchen; his children, Shane Moore and Annalee Moore Wagner and her husband Daniel and their son Asher; and his brother Perry Moore and his wife Heather; all from Whitefish. Gregg will be greatly missed by his many, many close friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

A celebration of Gregg's life will be held at the Whitefish Lake Golf Club Restaurant at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 21.

## Edwin Wallace 'Wally' Moreau

Edwin Wallace "Wally" Moreau died Sunday, Dec. 27, 2009, at his home in Libby.

He worked at W.R. Grace for 30 years, retiring in 1992.

He is survived by his wife, Cristita of Libby; eight sons; and 11 daughters.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 719 Utah Ave., in Libby. Visitation will be from 1 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 30, at Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home, with rosary at 7 p.m.

## Jim R. Morey, 77

Jim R. Morey, 77, of Libby, passed away on Saturday, Aug. 8, 2009, at St. Patrick's Hospital in Missoula. He was born in Ural on June 28, 1932, to August and Rose (Christian) Morey.

He married Eileen Kjos on Jan. 24, 1952, in Spokane. Jim and Eileen have lived in Libby since 1961. They opened K&M Body Shop that year. Jim was also the county commissioner in Lincoln County for 20 years and served on the Volunteer Fire Department for 25 years.

Jim served in the Korean War. He was stationed in Germany as a supply sergeant in the Army's First Infantry Division known as the Big Red One.

Jim also volunteered for the following organizations and boards: the Senior Citizens, Kootenai Winter Sports, Montana Human Resources, Montana Fish and Game, Montana Mental Health, Christ Lutheran Church, and the Select Service board.

He enjoyed fishing, hunting, cars and most of all, spending time with his beloved family. Jim treasured spending time with Eileen, friends and family at their cabin in the Pipe Creek area. Jim took great pleasure in helping members of his community. He was

the definition of genuine and compassionate. Words cannot express how badly he will be missed, but he will always be remembered by his numerous accomplishments and achievements, his great stories, grand sense of humor and his wonderful smile.

Jim was preceded in death by his brother, Tony Morey; and his sister, Helen Alkire.

Jim is survived by his wife, Eileen; his daughters, Kathy Lee, and Karen and Todd Fowler; grandchildren, Jessica Lee, Gina Lee, and Tony Lee; sisters, Vi McMullan and friend, John Bruns, and Ida and Ellis Stewart; and many nieces, nephews and friends. He also leaves behind his dogs, Buddy and Penny.

Jim would be honored to have the Libby Volunteer Fire Department as honorary pall bearers. Services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Aug. 14, at Christ Lutheran Church in Libby. A celebration of life will immediately follow at the Volunteer Fire Department.

The family asks that memorial donations be sent to Kootenai Pets for Life, P.O. Box 1454, Libby, MT 59923.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg and Nelson Funeral Home in Libby.

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## Shawnan Rae "Shawn" Moriarty, 44

Shawnan Rae "Shawn" Moriarty died May 28, 2009, at her residence in Davis, Calif., where she had lived for the past year and a half. Previously she had resided in Bigfork.



Shawn was born in Woodland, Calif., to parents Luann and Robert Moriarty. They lived in Davis where Shawn enjoyed music, taking ballet and attending plays.

During the summer she spent her time at the family summer home at Bitterroot Lake. That began her love affair with Montana. She loved swimming — even in the cold lake! She also enjoyed water-skiing — especially when she was able to advance to one ski. Her other love at the lake was fishing — especially when she caught the first fish, or the biggest fish. (She usually did catch the big one — as recently as Mother's Day.) Her love of dancing, reading, whether it be Milton or Stephen King, music, and fishing stayed with her throughout her life.

She graduated from Davis Senior High School in 1982. She loved to bake and was thrilled to have a job at a local bakery in Davis. Five years later she moved to Montana where she married Barry Lee Hands in Whitefish. She and Barry decided to move to Bigfork where they purchased and operated

the Breadboard Bakery. They had two daughters, Alyssa Rae and Chelsea Jacqueline. The daughters spent a lot of time in the bakery "helping their mother."

After Shawn and Barry divorced, she moved to Austin, Texas, in 1993 with her daughters. Once again she was involved in food service. She married Larri Coyle and eventually moved back to Bigfork in 1996 with her newborn son Robert. After her divorce with Larri Coyle, Shawn worked at a Bigfork restaurant for many years.

Shawn loved doing things for people, whether it be baking, serving up a wonderful dinner, or arranging a party for her friends, which had to always include music! Some of her favorites were The Dave Matthews Band, Stevie Ray Vaughn and Toni Price.

Shawn is survived by her daughters, Alyssa Hands of Kalispell, and Chelsea Hands of Austin; and her son, Robert Coyle, of Bigfork. She is also survived by her mother, Luann Moriarty, of Bigfork, her father, Robert Moriarty, and stepmother, Marlene Moriarty, of Bigfork. She is also survived by Pat Foley, her good friend and companion of many years. Shawn will be loved and missed by her friends and family.

A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 23, at the Woods Bay fishing access at Yenne Point, (The Rec). Pastor Kathy Young of The Community United Methodist Church in Bigfork will preside over the service.

## Shane 'Bud' Morris, 36

Bud Morris, our beloved and cherished family member and friend, passed away in a tragic car accident on July 22, 2009, in Cody, Wyo. He was born in Ketchikan, Alaska, on Sept. 8, 1972.

Bud was a fearless, big-hearted Teddy bear who was always loyal to his numerous friends and family. He grew up as a gifted athlete who enjoyed sports, motorsports, skiing, rock climbing, and all things outdoors. Bud was a gifted contractor and craftsman, but most of all loved spending time with his family and friends.

He was preceded in death by grandparents, Bud and Margaret Stiles, and Clyde and Phyllis Morris; as well as uncles. Bud Morris and

Dale Morris.

Bud is survived by his wife, Shauna Morris; daughters, LaCai Raelynn and Bianca Janae; father, Robert Lee; mother, Janet Rae; brothers, Thaddeus and Shannon, Michael and Dani, Mitchell, and Roman; and nieces, Sarah Riley, Isabella, McKenna and Michaela.

Services will be held at 5 p.m. Sunday, July 26, at the Belgrade Community Church, with a reception following immediately after.

Smith Downtown Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Memorial donations can be sent to a trust fund that has been established for Bianca Morris, P.O. Box 1091, Colstrip, MT 59323.

## Larry L. Morrow, 88

Larry L. Morrow passed away Monday, April 6, 2009, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish, following complications of congestive heart failure and COPD. He was born Sept. 27, 1920, in Coffeyville, Kan.



Larry spent his high school years in Coffeyville, then two years of college at Kansas State University before going into the military where he met and married his first wife, Bonnie. They had two children, a boy and a girl.

Larry was in World War II and the Korean War, and spent many years in Europe, Asia and the South Pacific. He retired from Malmstrom Air Force Base after 20 years of service, then moved to Bozeman, where he completed his college education, graduating with a master's degree in agriculture.

He taught school in Washington and Oregon before retiring to Gold Beach, Ore., with his wife, Bonnie. During his younger years, he enjoyed coaching baseball and fishing. After retiring, he and his wife spent time traveling until Bonnie's

death in April 1993.

In November 1995, Larry married Dottie Sparrow in Gold Beach. They were active members of the Presbyterian Church. Dottie passed away in December 2006, after 10 years of marriage. Larry then moved to Montana to be close to his family. The last two years were spent in Columbia Falls, living with his daughter.

He is survived by his children, son, Dennis Morrow, of Manhattan, and daughter, Vicki Brockish, of Columbia Falls; his grandchildren, Dennis Wines and wife, Birdie, with daughter, Sira, of Olney, Tim Wines and wife, Leslie, with children, Dylan, Cassidy and Brooke, of Eskridge, Kan., Melody Clark and husband, Kainaart, with children, Aspen and Lilianne, of Whitefish, and Michaela Martin and husband, Travis, with daughter, Madysen, of Columbia Falls. He has one niece, Valerie Marsh, of Fort Meyers, Fla.

Cremation has taken place at Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish, and at his request, the scattering of his ashes will be on the Oregon coast to join his first wife, Bonnie. There will be no memorial services.

"Stand tall, Dad, now you can breathe."

## Ronald C. Morgan Sr., 81

Ronald C. Morgan Sr., 81, a lifelong resident of the Tobacco Valley, died Sunday Feb. 22, 2009 at Mountain View Manor in Eureka from natural causes.

He worked for Eureka Auto, then Gwynn Lumber, before retiring in 1989. He also served on the Eureka Volunteer Fire Department

for 42 years.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara Morgan; and sons Rick Morgan and Ron Morgan.

Services will be held at a later date.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg and Nelson Funeral Home in Eureka.

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## D.R. 'Jack' Morton, 85

Master Sgt. D.R. Morton died Feb. 17, 2009, in Sandy, Ore. He was 85 years of age.

Jack was born July 9, 1923, in Illinois Bend, Texas, the youngest son of Ira and Minnie Strickland Morton. Raised on a ranch in Texas, he graduated from high school in Gainesville, Texas. After high school he attended two years at a junior college in Gainesville before enlisting in the U.S. Army.

Jack served during World War II as a tank commander, attached to General Patton's command. He went on to serve two tours in Korea and one in Vietnam. He was awarded a Bronze Star among many other accommodations and honors. He was stationed with his family in Germany, and later transferred to Kalispell, to be an adviser to the Montana National Guard. It was there that he retired after 23 years of service to his country.

Jack married Gisela Parge on Dec. 5, 1957, in Mannheim, Germany. They had two daughters.

They moved from Germany to Kalispell in 1969 and, after his retirement from the Army,

Jack worked as the head of security for Kmart. He retired from Kmart in 1993 after 20 years of employment.

In 2007, Jack and his wife relocated to Sandy to live with their daughter in a new home they were building.

Jack had a quiet demeanor, contagious sense of humor and never missed an opportunity to spin a story. His love of rock hounding led him and family on numerous adventures. The Morton yard in Kalispell was filled with trees he had nurtured from seedlings and brought wildlife close enough to enjoy.

Jack is survived by his wife, Gisela, of Troutdale, Ore.; daughters, Jacqueline Schommer of Troutdale, and Tammi Morton Taranto and granddaughter, Anngelina Taranto, of Monroe, Wash.; and sister, Almeda Smith, of Waco, Texas.

A graveside service with military honors will be held at 11 a.m. today, Feb. 26, at Willamette National Cemetery in Portland.

Lincoln Memorial Funeral Home of Portland is handling the arrangements.

## Kari Lynn Eckholt-Mowrey

Kari Lynn Eckholt-Mowrey passed away March 9, 2009, in Sebastopol, Calif., at the age of 44.

She was the beloved wife of Kevin Eckholt-Mowrey of Valley Ford, Calif.; darling daughter of Carol and (the late) Dean Eckholt, of Kalispell; cherished sister of Thomas Eckholt of Murray-

ville, Ga.; adored daughter-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth S. Mowrey of Henderson, Colo.; and dear friend of Dale Shawhan. She also is survived by numerous aunts, uncles and cousins; and leaves behind her much loved dog, Molly Brown.

Private family services will be held at a later date.

## Anthony Lee 'Tony' Mueller, 39

Anthony Lee "Tony" Mueller, 39, passed away on Saturday, Nov. 21, 2009, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

He was born on April 23, 1970, in Whitefish, to Robert and Gloria (Boushie) LaRocque.

He grew up in Kalispell and lived in Portland, Ore., for a while. Tony loved music, played the guitar and sang like a champ. Tony will be missed forever by all who knew him.

He was preceded in death by his father, Bobby LaRocque.

He is survived by his



wife, Allisa Mueller, and his son, "Lil Tony," of North Bend, Wash.; son, Robert Mueller, of Kalispell; his mother, "Chick" Boushie, of Kalispell; three brothers, Jeff Marceau of East Glacier, Mark Marceau of Brown-ing, and Bobby LaRocque of Hungry Horse; and two aunts, Mona Gaulbranson of Martin City, and Gigi Talent of Kalispell.

Memorial services for Tony will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29, at 135 Cemetery Road in Kalispell. For more information, call Tammy at 885-7896.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for Tony's family. You are invited to go to [www.jgfuneralhome.com](http://www.jgfuneralhome.com) to view Tony's guest book, offer condolences and share memo-

ries.

## Winifred 'Penny' Mulcahy, 71

Winifred "Penny" Mulcahy passed peacefully from this life on Nov. 23, 2009, at her home in Columbia Falls, with her husband and her daughters by her side.



Penny Mulcahy came into this world on May 23, 1938, the youngest of five, to Robert McWilliams and Winifred Kent Proudfit, in Los Angeles.

Prior to her retirement, Penny was a Blue Line operator at Hughes Aircraft for many years.

In 1976 she met the love of her life, Jerome Mulcahy, and on May 28, 1983, they were married while living in California. During a vacation to Montana they fell in love again, this time with the countryside and the mountains, and they bought property in Columbia Falls. In 1987, they moved to Montana, and their life continued to be one filled with joy and the happiness of having an extended loving family, wonderful friends, and an adventurous outlook on life.

Penny loved visiting the local casinos, where she had many friends. In the spring she loved her garden, and in the winter she loved the snow. She loved to read, and

to watch the Angels on TV.

Her positive outlook and the unconditional love she gave were an inspiration to others, and she will be greatly missed by many. She cherished the many friends she made in Montana, and had special affection for her friends and neighbors on Martini Lane.

Penny is survived by her loving husband, Jerry; and her children, Sandra Dee Danielson, Michael Fernandez and Nancy, and Monique Colver and Andrew; her stepchildren, Katherine Paet, Lisa Mulcahy, Cindy Gardner, Jerry Jr. "Jay" and Jennifer; her grandchildren, Kristin Tesoro, Heather Fernandez, Robert "Andy" Plunger and Mary, Levi Danielson, Patricia McWilliams, Trentin McWilliams, Nicole Henn, Ryan Stillinger, Brandon Gardner, Ryan Gardner, Matthew Paet, Elisa Paet and Noel Paet; and her sister, Rita Cadwell. Also surviving are many nieces, nephews, great-grandchildren, and extended family and friends.

She was preceded by her parents; and siblings, Richard McWilliams, Robert McWilliams Jr., and Elizabeth.

Arrangements are being handled by Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls and Holy Cross Cemetery in Culver City, Calif.

The family suggests remembrances to the Kalispell Cancer Center.

## Margaret 'Peg' Mullen, 92

Margaret "Peg" Mullen, of La Porte City, Iowa, died Friday of the complications of age. She was 92, having been born in Pocahontas, Iowa, in 1917. Peg was the middle child of two brothers, Howard and Bill Goodyear, and two sisters, Isobel Strathman and Louise Petersen. After graduating from Pocahontas Catholic High School she moved to Des Moines, Iowa, to work in various federal jobs.



In 1941 she married Oscar "Gene" Mullen of Waterloo, Iowa, and in 1948 they moved to Cedar Township in Black Hawk County and settled on the original homestead of John Dobshire who emigrated from Ireland in 1852.

Peg and Gene had five children, the second dying at birth. They farmed and Gene also worked at Rath Packing and eventually retired from John Deere and Peg worked at JC Penny and Santa Claus Industries.

Peg stopped working outside the home in the early 1960s to raise her kids, and she was often involved at activities at Don Bosco High School of Gilbertville, Iowa.

Peg and Gene's lives were

forever changed when their oldest son, Michael, died in Vietnam in February 1970. Not being able to learn why Michael had died, as there was no official report and his platoon members had been instructed not to talk to them, Peg began a quest to learn what she could.

Her journey led to trips to the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., to testify before Congress in regard to amnesty, to late night calls from Vietnam veterans, to confrontations with elected officials and to the book about her quest, "Friendly Fire," by C.D.B. Byran.

Time magazine called the book the best nonfiction of 1976. The book became a television movie in 1980 starring Carol Burnett, Ned Beatty, Sam Waterston and Timothy Hutton, winning an Emmy for best drama.

In 1976, Peg and Gene began going back and forth between the farm in La Porte City and Brownsville, Texas, and, after Gene died in 1986, Peg lived in Brownsville year round. She returned to La Porte City in 2002.

She had many friends of many ages, cultures and races and politics. She especially loved her La Porte City bridge club friends, Iva Del, Bertha, Evelyn, Thelma and Ardie. She loved her peace and justice friends, LaRita and Sally. She loved

Michael's friends, Martin and John. She was a woman of strong opinions and was greatly admired.

Peg wrote her own memoir, "UnFriendly Fire," which was published by the University of Iowa Press in 1995 and she then donated her papers to the Women's Archives at the University library. In 1998, Peg was inducted in the Iowa Women's Hall of Fame. At the age of 90, she received the Feisty Woman Award from the Iowa Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.

Peg was preceded in death by her husband, Gene, and son, Michael.

She is survived by her children, Patricia and grandson John; Mary DeJana and Rich, and grandchildren, Ryan, Megan and Kate, and great-grandchildren, Mia and William "Liam"; and John and Jeanne, and grandchildren, Kellee and Patrick.

Donations may be made to the Bosco System or the Iowa International Women's League for Peace and Freedom.

Services are being held today, Oct. 7, at St. Mary of Mount Carmel Catholic Church, Eagle Center, Iowa, with burial in the church cemetery.

Condolences may be left with [www.hagartywaychoffgroup.com](http://www.hagartywaychoffgroup.com).

## Robert Frederick Muller, 82

when he relocated to Sun City.

Bob had many interests and hobbies he pursued rigorously. Bob was a hunter, fisherman, pianist, pilot, photographer, gardener, golfer, gunstock maker, and skeet shoot champion. His knowledge and love of all genres of music enriched the lives of his family.

One of his biggest dreams was to build his own airplane. In 1993 he completed his Lancair 320 which he flew from Arizona to the East Coast, north to Canada, across the northern United States to the state of Washington, and home to Arizona.

He was a generous and charitable man, not only in his community but with his children, instilling a lifelong respect for learning. His latest project was training Betty his beagle to be a therapy dog and they visited nursing homes and rehab centers in Sun City.

Bob is survived by his wife of 57 years, Marion; his daughter, Diane Anfonson, and her children, Kelsey and Molly; son, Rick and Susanne; daughter, Barbara Morrow, and Brad, and their children, Robert and Betsy.

No services are planned at this time.



Robert Frederick Muller passed away Aug. 18, 2009, in Sun City, Ariz., at the age of 82. He was born April 14, 1927, in Trenton, N.J.

Robert graduated from Mount Herman School for boys in 1944, then enlisted in the Navy and served as an aeronautical electrician. He attended Wesleyan University and was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Sigma Xi, honorary scholastic fraternities. Robert went to the University of Rochester School of Medicine where he was a member of Alpha Omega Alpha honorary society.

He married Marion Ruth Morrison on Sept. 27, 1952, and they moved to Ann Arbor, Mich., where he completed his radiology residency at the University of Michigan.

He began his radiology practice in Pocatello, Idaho, and moved to Kalispell in 1958, where he practiced at Kalispell General Hospital until his retirement in 1982,

## Allen Murray, 83

Allen Murray passed away Aug. 20, 2009, at age 83 in Kalispell. His loving granddaughter Melanie was by his side. Allen was born Dec. 27, 1925, in Elkhart, Kan., to Aaron and Lottie Murray.



After graduating from high school in LaJunta, Colo., he joined the U.S. Navy and served aboard the USS Shangri-La during World War II. After the war, he returned to LaJunta where he met and married the love of his life, Bette Long. They had been married 63 years and had four daughters.

He worked at Heating and Plumbing in Rocky Ford, Colo., and as a carpenter. They moved to Security, Colo., where he worked for Heating and Plumbing Engineers in Colorado Springs.

Allen was a charter member of the Security Volunteer Fire Department for 20 years, having served most offices including fire chief. The Fire Department began the practice of putting on the annual Fourth of July fireworks display. The pride his daughters had in his involvement for highlighting each summer with the annual display is still reflected in their enjoyment of fireworks.

Allen was dedicated to anything that interested him. When his daughters were in school, he was involved in the Widefield High School Booster Club in Security, always on the sidelines of any sport. The Denver Broncos was "his team." He consistently kept his mind sharp with the crossword puzzles and cryptograms he mastered.

After vacationing on Flathead Lake for several years,

Bette and Allen bought Sunset Resort in Bigfork. He enjoyed fishing, boating and wildlife year round on the lake. In 1988, they retired and settled in Kalispell.

Allen was a musician, having played guitar since he was 6 years old. As he grew up he continued to play music as a hobby. He had his own band, and then later played in his brother Wes' band. Western music was his great love and his best "Bud" was his brother Wes.

Allen "has gone to join" his parents, Aaron and Lottie; his sisters, Alma Bemiss, Beulah Wolber and Lola Howell; and his two brothers, Ralph and Wes Murray.

He will be lovingly missed by his wife, Bette; and daughters, Sandra Rivera, and Tino of Las Cruces, N.M., Barbara Allison and Bruce, and Karla Murray of Colorado Springs, Colo., and

Deborah Gifford and Dale of Kalispell; and his twin sister, Aline Stewart, of LaJunta; also his grandchildren, Melanie Reiner and Nathan, Tara Castle, Marina, and Adreana Almanza, Brian and Shane Dietz, Colleen Allison and Jacob Allison, serving in the U.S. Army in Germany; and great-grandchildren, Brock, Amber, Elizabeth, Rudy, Jordan, Elijah and Isabella.

Private family services will be held on Saturday, Aug. 29, officiated by the Rev. Darold Reiner.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to VFW Post No. 2411, 318 Third St., Las Animas, CO 81054, where he was a lifetime member.

Friends are encouraged to visit the Web site at [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com) to leave condolences for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Raymond Dennis Murphy, 72

Raymond Dennis Murphy, 72, of Plains passed away Thursday, July 23, 2009, following a motor vehicle accident.

He was born Oct. 15, 1937, in Great Falls to Evelyn and Lee Murphy. Ray served his country in the Marine Corps, and then attended college at the University of Southern California and the University of Montana, graduating with a degree in geology.

He met and married Lee McGill in 1967. They had two daughters and resided in California for seven years before returning to Montana.

Ray was a unique individ-

ual, respected by those who knew him for his integrity and wry sense of humor.

He is survived by his wife, Lee, of Plains; two daughters, Laura Murphy of New York City and Sandra Murphy of Phoenix; and his brother, Michael Murphy, of Columbia Falls.

A remembrance day for Ray Murphy will be held at their home in Plains from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, July 30. Please contact the family for directions.

The family prefers flowers not be sent, but cards are welcome and may be posted to P.O. Box 1704, Plains, MT 59859.