

Valicity Lee Faith, 5

Our dear princess Valicity Lee Faith "was taken on angel wings with her crown to heaven" on July 6, 2010, after a long and courageous battle with cancer. Valicity was born Jan. 21, 2005, to two of the most beautiful parents, Joshua and Candeta Faith, and a wonderful big brother, Dominick Faith.

Valicity had a contagious smile and laugh that pulled at everyone's heart strings. She loved many things in life, from socializing with friends to traveling, gardening and shopping with Mom, working and playing with Dad, or tormenting and playing with her bubby. She was at her highest glory when she was outdoors with all of its natural beauties.

"Valicity, until we meet again" leaves grandparents, Meredith and Dean Faith of Kalispell; aunt, Cora and uncle, Karl Mauldin; cousins, Kayden, Petra and Arlo of Bend, Ore.; grandparents, Jennifer and Larry Wilke;



uncle, Sonny and aunt, Beverly Wilke, cousins Matt and Mike of Columbia Falls; great-grandparents, and numerous

extended aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

"Valicity is our shining star, the butterfly on our shoulder, the flutter of angel wings. With her crown, our brave little princess has been graced with wings. She now watches over the ones who stood guard and cared so vigilantly for her. We will miss our princess so very much and will hold close the memories of the times we shared."

A celebration of Valicity's life will be held at 2 p.m. July 17, at the Woll Family Farm, 3707 Lower Valley Road, Kalispell, followed by a "princess" potluck.

Pamela Louise Born Farnum, 60

Pamela Louise Born Farnum, 60, died Saturday, May 22, 2010, at the University of Washington

Medical Center of natural causes.

No services are planned at this time.

Memorial service

Joseph Howard Feld

Memorial services for Joseph Howard Feld, 46, who died Jan. 3 will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday July 10, at the Lid Creek Campsite at

Hungry Horse Reservoir. All are invited to attend.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Joseph Howard Feld, 46

Joseph Howard Feld was born Feb. 7, 1963, in Van Nuys, Calif., "and left this earth to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ" on Sunday, Jan. 3, 2010.



He was preceded in death by his father, Max Feld.

Joe is survived by his mother, Thelma Feld; his sisters, Sheila West, Lynda Quartemont and Brenda Baker; and his brother, Mike Feld. Other immediate family members include his three brothers-in-law, Stephen West, Kim Quartemont and David Baker; one sister-in-law, Christine Feld; and numerous nieces and nephews, Rachel West, Rebekah West, Ruth West, Anne Baker, Martin Baker, Michael Baker, Elissa Feld, Krista Feld, Joshua Feld and Brianna Feld.

Joe grew up in Santa Barbara, Calif., and graduated from San Marcos High School in 1981.

Joe began his business career at Montecito Village Grocery Store; he went on to manage The Health Food Store in Goleta and Channel Paper Company in Santa Barbara. Joe also owned his own professional landscaping business for a period of time.

In 2000, Joe moved to Kalispell, where he realized his dream of owning a piece of land and building his own home. From 2000 to 2004, Joe worked at Zigler's Building Center where he met Jake Zigler, Ed Albright and Matt Thomas. In 2003 the four of them founded Ameri-Tech Laser Engravers. Joe and Ameri-Tech have left their mark all over Kalispell.

Joe loved to hunt, fish, work on his home, play with his dogs and pick wild huckleberries.

Joe was a loving son, beloved brother and faithful friend.

"He will leave little here on this earth because he stored up his treasure in heaven."

The entire family would like to thank Home Options Hospice and his close friends, the Michael Baer, Matt Thomas and Ed Albright families who cared for Joe at his time of greatest need.

The family requests donations in Joe's name can be made to Flathead Food Bank, 105 Sixth Ave. W., Kalispell; and Home Options Hospice, 175 Commons Loop, Kalispell, MT 59901.

A memorial service will be held for Joe in June or July in the Kalispell area.

To send your condolences, please visit www.buffalohillfh.com. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Ada Mary (Smith) Felsman, 103

A special strong remarkable spirit freed the bonds of dementia and a failing body on July 27, 2010, "leaving her beloved Flathead Valley to be at peace with her heavenly father and many loved ones who preceded her to the glory of Heaven."



Ada was born on June 19, 1907, to Oliver Douglas and Christina (Grant) Smith who emigrated from Nova Scotia to Philipsburg. To ensure a good education for their children they relocated to the Flathead Valley. Ada was the sixth of nine children and the first to be born in the Flathead. She was born in Bigfork on June 19, 1907. Ada attended Creston grade school and Flathead County High School, earning her diploma in 1925.

She continued her education, going to normal school that summer and commencing her teaching career at Creston School in the fall, at the age of 18. Ada's second teaching job took her to the west of Kalispell to Boorman School.

While attending a "box social" she met her husband-to-be of 73 years, Herman Felsman. She and Herman married on Sept. 13, 1928, at the county fair at the fairgrounds being the grandstand show for the evening.

Ada discontinued teaching, opting to devote her life to being a full-time wife and mother. She actively pur-

sued her varied interest in homemaking, gardening, needlework, fishing and huckleberry picking. A meaningful part of her life was being involved with her church.

After many years Ada returned to teaching, while pursuing her Bachelor of Arts degree in education. She was granted her degree in 1966. Ada taught again at Boorman school and retired from teaching at Montford-Egan school.

Ada was preceded in death by her parents, and all of her siblings, James Grant Smith, Oliver Smith, Margaret (Smith) Orr, Christine Smith Dean, Alice (Smith) Mac Rae, Vivian (Smith) Kenshella Managhan, Robert Smith and Amber (Smith) Collier; her husband, Herman Felsman; her first born child, Wilbur Dale "Billie" Felsman, who died tragically at the age of 5 in 1935; and two great-grandchildren, Anna Moe and Danny Fine.

She is survived by two daughters, Patricia (Felsman) Fine of Missoula, and Sharon (Felsman) Bench of Spokane; five grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, July 31, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. A celebration of life will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 31, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home; burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. A reception will follow at the First Presbyterian Church in Kalispell.

You are invited to go to www.buffalohillfh.com to sign Ada's book or leave a message for the family.

Gerald 'Jerry' Gene Ferdinand, 82

Gerald "Jerry" Gene Ferdinand, 82, of Polson, passed away on Monday, March 29, 2010, at his home, in the early morning hours.



On Dec. 8, 1927, in Rockford, Ill., Jay Houghteling and his wife, Bessie McPherson, were blessed with the birth of their first born, whom they named Gerald Gene. Two years later, another son, Adelbert, joined the family. At the age of 37, Adelbert suffered a fatal heart attack while on a hunting trip.

Jerry's father passed away in 1932 and his mother married Harry Ferdinand in 1936. The family then moved from Illinois to San Diego, in 1941. Upon a doctor's recommendation to Jerry's mother, the family then moved to Lewistown in 1943, where she could enjoy a drier climate to help her asthma.

Jerry was a 1945 graduate of Fergus County High School and had a strong desire to join the U.S. Navy. Because of his age, it was required that Jerry be legally adopted by Harry Ferdinand, who not only adopted Jerry, but his brother Adelbert as well.

Jerry completed boot camp in San Diego and Gulfport, Miss. Afterward, he was stationed at the Great Lakes Naval Station and the Bethesda Naval Station in Washington, D.C. Upon being honorably discharged in 1947, Jerry returned to Lewistown, where he did postgraduate work, and in 1948 he enrolled at the Kinman Business University in Spokane.

Jerry married Delores Maxwell of St. Ignatius in 1950 and to this union three children were born, Vicki Lynn (Whitfield), Robin Rae and Gary Allan. Ten years later, Jerry and Delores were divorced. Later, Jerry married Glenna Rae Richards and together had three sons, Corey, Monte and Kelley.

In December of 1960, Jerry joined the accounting firm of Douglas Wilson and Company in Lewistown and, in 1965, he became the office manager at Central Montana Auction.

In 1974, Jerry purchased the Sundown Inn in Stanford. The supper club was a most

lucrative enterprise under his management. From Thursday through Sunday of each week, reservations were "a must" as patrons came as far away as Billings, Great Falls and Havre. After his divorce from Glenna, Jerry sold the Sundown and became office manager of Lewistown Propane. Following that, he managed the Elks Lodge No. 456.

Jerry then married Sandra Ebel in 1983. She later became ill and the couple moved to Ronan to be near her doctor who was familiar with her cardiopulmonary problems. Sandy passed away in 1999. Afterwards, Jerry was employed as an accountant for S&K Electronics. Upon his retirement, Jerry moved his accounting office to Bob's Auto Mart in Pablo.

On June 10, 2000, at the Polson Elks Lodge, Jerry married Patty K. Richman-Tucker.

Jerry was a life member and past Exalted Ruler of Mission Valley Elks No. 1695 in Polson. He was also a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles-Kalispell Lodge No. 221, with dual memberships in Columbia Falls and Polson.

He is survived by his wife, Patty Ferdinand, of Polson; all of his children; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren; his sister and brother, Vada Jimmerson and Duane Ferdinand, of Lewiston; a sister-in-law, Carlita Davidson, of Moccasin; as well as stepchildren, all residing in Washington state, Roberta and Bobbie Haynes, Monty Richman, Kelly Richman, Shawn Richman and J. Brian Richman.

A celebration of Jerry's life will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 17, at the First United Methodist Church, Polson. Military honors will follow the services at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Diabetic Research Center, Fraternal Order of Eagles Foundation at 1623 Gateway Circle South, Grove City, Ohio 43123.

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

Mildred Agatha Field, 82

Mildred Agatha "Millie" Field, 82, passed away May 11, 2010, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center, from natural causes.

Mildred A. Woehler was born June 14, 1927, to Walter and Iva Mae Woehler in Missoula and raised there, until her marriage on June 18, 1949, to George D. Field at his parents' home in Deer Lodge.

Millie worked as a cook at Hamburger King in Missoula, waitressed in restaurants in Deer Lodge, and then became a switchboard operator for Mountain States Telephone and a training operator, until the advent of dial phones. Millie worked as a clerk in the Registrar of Motor Vehicles and then transferred to switchboard operator at Montana State Prison, later becoming supervisor of communications and the mail department.

George and Millie moved to Las Vegas in 1970, where she became a switchboard operator for the Bank of Nevada. They returned to Montana in June 1972. They purchased property in Ferdale, near Bigfork, when she

went to work for Conrad Bank in Kalispell (First Interstate Bank) until her retirement in 1991.

Millie was preceded in death by her parents, and her only brother, Donald.

She is survived by her husband, George; stepsister, Francis McAndrew; stepniece, Francis Trainor, sister-in-law, Margie Lund, and Paul; nephew, Richard Woehler, and Sandee, and sons, Ryan and Aaron; niece, Caroline Scharffenberg, and Bob; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Richard and Loretta Field, and sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Eileen and Wayne Grove.

Millie loved to roller skate as a teenager in Missoula and loved each of her jobs. She loved cocker spaniels and always had one or two in her home. She had a tender heart for all animals, and was especially fond of the bull elk visitor to their yard (Ferdinand), the deer (Sweet Mama and her offspring), and the turkeys.

Per her wishes, she was cremated and asked for no services. Millie had a wonderful sweet spirit and will be greatly missed.

Edward G. 'Jerry' Findley, 78

Edward G. "Jerry" Findley, 78, died on Sunday, Nov. 7, 2010, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

Per his wishes, no services are planned.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is assisting the family.

Muriel Stridsberg Fischbach, 93

Muriel Stridsberg Fischbach, 93, a longtime resident of the Flathead and Rollins areas, died Jan. 15, 2010, at her residence in Chillicothe, Ohio.

She is survived by daughters, Helen Edith Mattson of Cambridge, Mass., and Leslie Carol Ward of Cincinnati; son, William Morris Fischbach Jr., of Canada; and foster daughter, Rosie Bath, of Cincinnati.

Funeral services will

be held at 11 a.m., today, Jan. 20, at the Walnut Street United Methodist Church in Chillicothe, with the Rev. Richard B. Terry officiating. Friends may call at the church from 10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. prior to the service. Burial will be at 1 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 21, in Spring Grove Cemetery, Cincinnati.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Ware Funeral Home, Chillicothe.

Harold Fitzner, 90

Harold Fitzner, 90, of Branson, Mo., passed away Friday, Sept. 10, 2010, at his home.

No services are planned with cremation under the direction of Snapp-Bearden Funeral Home, Branson. Private burial will be at a later date in Ozarks Memorial Park Cemetery, Branson. Visitation at the family home is welcome at any time.

Harold Walter Fitzner was born Feb. 25, 1920, near Winner, S.D., and grew up near Edgemont, S.D. He hitchhiked to Boulder, Colo., at the age of 16 where he worked his way through school and graduated from Boulder High School.

He joined the National Guard and served in the Army when the guards were mobilized prior to World War II, and later received a medical discharge due to a knee injury.

Harold married Betty Richardson in 1943 and two sons were born to them. They moved to a Montana ranch in 1961.

Harold served as Lake County Commissioner in the



1980s. They later moved to Hudson, Fla., and lived there from 1989 until 2005, when Harold and Betty moved into their present home in Branson.

Harold is survived by his wife of almost 67 years, Betty Fitzner; son, Gary, and wife, Crystal, of Overland Park, Kan.; grandson, Shawn, of Portland; and Shawn's mother, Judy Fitzner, of Missoula. Also surviving are two stepgrandchildren, Ryan Smith and Ra Vae Smith, of San Diego; two brothers, William Fitzner of Hot Springs, S.D., and Ralph and wife Dorothy of Rapid City, S.D.; two sisters, Helen Bennett of Hot Springs, S.D., and Esther Wineteer of Gillette, Wyo.; and many other friends and relatives.

Preceding Harold in death were his son, Richard; grandson, John George Fitzner; his parents, Fred and Emma Fitzner; brother, Orville Poore; sister, Virginia Nelson; and sister, Ruth Howe.

Harold loved the Lord and always worked hard to provide for his family. In recent years he looked forward to Saturday night with the Gaithers and Lawrence Welk and sharing a bowl of popcorn with the family Pomeranian, Tiger II. All who knew him will remember fondly his laugh.

Robert G. 'Bob' Fitzpatrick, 77

Robert G. "Bob" Fitzpatrick, 77, died Dec. 3, 2010, in Portland, following a year-long battle with cancer.

He was a longtime member of I.B.E.W. Local 768 in Kalispell.

He is survived by his sons, Charles of Baker City, Ore., and Jay and Russell, both of Kalispell.

A memorial service will take place this summer in Montana.

Dean Maxwell Flansaas, 72

Dean Maxwell Flansaas was born in Malta on Jan. 31, 1938. Dean was one of seven sons born to Nels and Alma Flansaas. He was a lifelong Montana resident and served in the Air Force.

Dean enjoyed the outdoors and spent time fishing, camping and hiking throughout the Flathead Valley. He managed Columbia Paint in Kalispell for over 30 years. He passed away July 1, 2010.

He is survived by his wife, Audrey; his children, Debbie Thompson of Colorado, Sharon Applegate of Kalispell, Wendy Flansaas of Washington, D.C., Linda Brooks of Michigan and Kaylee Barton of Phoenix.

Dean enjoyed children and has a large extended family, including John Mothershead, Jerry Mothershead, Jeffrey Scott, Edward Carter, Benjamin and Shaunda Salo of Kalispell, Frank Salo of Missoula, Tena and Josh Racki of Great Falls, and Brenda

and Michael Huekhang of Kalispell.

Grandkids include Kassandra Thompson of Colorado, Ali and Max Applegate of Kalispell, Isaac Brooks of Michigan, Ashley and Maegan Roberts, Julia, Brianna and Nathan Salo, Christopher, Trina, Kara and Annalise Salo, Jeremy Schrock, and Elise and Luke Huekhang.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and brothers, Floyd, Nels, Joseph, Roy and Frances, as well as Joseph Salo, and an infant son, James.

Funeral Services will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, July 6, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers please make a donation to your favorite children's charity. You are invited to go to www.buffalohillfh.com to sign Roy's book, or leave a personal message.

Jack R. Flasche, 68

Jack R. Flasche, 68, of Troy, died Monday, March 29, 2010, from injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident west of Libby.

He had worked as a dry-waller.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 7, at the Libby Christian

Church, 100 Kootenai River Road, in Libby.

Survivors include his children, Dale Flasche of Libby, and Kimla Alvarado of Greeley, Colo.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home & Crematory in Libby.

Lois L. Flasche, 66

Lois L. Flasche, 66, of Troy, died Monday, March 29, 2010, from injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident.

Survivors include her children, Dale Flasche of Libby, and Kimla Alvarado of Greeley, Colo.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 7, at the Libby Christian Church, 100 Kootenai River Road, in Libby.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home & Crematory in Libby.

Thomas R. Flynn, 96

Thomas R. Flynn, 96, passed away on Saturday, April 3, 2010.

He was born Oct. 3, 1913, in Kalispell to Thomas Andrew

and Magdelean (Johnson) Flynn. He attended Kalispell schools, graduating from Flathead County High School in the Class of 1930. He later received a degree in accounting from LaSalle University.

Tom married Helen Hornvedt in 1932. Together they raised four children. Tom and Helen were founding members of Central Bible Church. Flynn Lumber Company donated much of the lumber for construction of the church.

Tom's work experience spanned over 75 years. His jobs and business all relied upon his accounting expertise and pragmatic business savvy. He was employed by Kalispell Mercantile Company, Montgomery Ward and Flathead Commercial, where he was office manager. When Flathead Commercial was sold to Buttrey's in 1946, he started Kalispell Accounting Service. He added lumber sales in 1947 and incorporated Flynn Lum-



ber Company in 1955.

He was elected mayor of Kalispell in 1961, and served through May of 1967. Subsequently, Tom became utility auditor for the city of Whitefish for 12 years. He then conducted a municipal rate consulting business, setting water and sewer rates for cities in the area. He also was a consultant on oil royalty ownership for the past 20 years.

Tom was preceded in death by his wife, Helen, in 2005.

He is survived by his four children, Donna Nygren and husband, Les, of Spokane, Joanne Dykes and husband, Leonard, of Kalispell, Lorance Flynn of Kalispell, David Flynn and wife, Carolyn, of Boise, Idaho. He was a grandpa to many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Tom was a thoughtful man whose considered opinion was sought out and valued by many. He loved God. He loved his family. He loved his country with a special love for Montana and the Flathead Valley where he lived out all of his 96 years.

Services for Thomas R. Flynn will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 17, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home.

Memorials may be given in Tom's name to the charity of your choice.

Nancy Elliot Ford, 89

Nancy Ford passed away on Feb. 14, 2010, at her home in Westpark Village in Billings. She was two weeks shy of her 90th birthday.

Nancy was born on Feb. 29, 1920, in Kalispell, to Evelyn and Thomas Elliot. Since she was a Leap Year baby, her parents would have elaborate birthday parties for her every four years that would be written up in the local paper. She was the Elliot's fourth child and was born much later than her siblings. There were 16 years between her and her oldest brother. One of her fondest memories was when she was 16 and her brother was old enough to take her to the World's Fair in Chicago without her parents.

Nancy was schooled in the Kalispell public school system. She attended Carleton College in Minnesota for two years. Wanting a change, she then transferred to the University of Washington, where she graduated in 1942 with a degree in English. During her college years she was a member of Gamma Phi sorority.

At the University of Washington, Nancy met the man who would be her husband for 65 years, Jack Ford. They were married in Kalispell in June of 1942. After their wedding, they lived in Seattle and worked for Boeing until Jack joined the Army during World War II. When they were stationed in Grass Valley, Calif., in 1945 their first daughter, Jean, was born.

After the war, Nancy and Jack returned to Montana, settling in Billings where Jack managed Elliot's Furniture. In 1951, their second daughter, Deborah, was born. Even though the family lived in Billings, strong ties were always maintained with the Kalispell area, as summer vacations were spent at the Elliot family home on Flathead Lake.

Nancy worked as a sec-



retary for the Billings Girl Scout Council for over 10 years. After quitting that job she volunteered for 10 years as a Pink Lady at The Billings Clinic (then Deaconess Hospital). She was active in the First Congregational Church where she was a member for over 50 years, playing the piano for the Sunday school classes and doing other church work. Nancy was also a longtime member of P.E.O. Chapter 3 in Billings. She enjoyed playing bridge and was a member of two bridge clubs over the years. Nancy enjoyed theater and held season tickets at Alberta Bair Theater for many years.

Nancy was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; two brothers; and one sister.

She is survived by her daughter, Jean Dove, of Billings; her daughter, Deborah Powell, and David, of Billings; her grandson, Jim Powell, and Gloria, of Billings; two great-grandchildren, Daniel and Stephanie Powell, of Billings; and one nephew, Jeffrey Elliot, of New York.

Nancy was a great support to her daughters over her life and she will be greatly missed.

Per Nancy's request, no service is planned. A reception in Nancy's honor will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 23, at the Billings Petroleum Club, 22nd floor of the Crowne Plaza Hotel. Cremation has taken place and interment will take place at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell at a later date.

Memorials may be made to Alberta Bair Theater, P.O. Box 1556, Billings, MT 59103; or to the charity of your choice.

Nancy's family would like to thank Irene and the rest of the staff at Westpark Village for the care they gave during this difficult time. Also, thanks to Dr. Gerstner who cared for Nancy for many years and to Rocky Mountain Hospice.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary is in charge of arrangements and remembrances may be left for the family at www.michelottisawyers.com.

Billy Lloyd Fore, 66

Billy Lloyd Fore, 66, died Saturday, Sept. 4, 2010, at his residence in Libby.

Survivors include his wife, Jo Ellen Fore of Libby; daughters, Elizabeth Fore-Smith of Berrville,

Ark., and Rebecca Fore-McLaughlin of Kalispell; and his mother, Rose Ellen Fore of Libby.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 10, at the Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Libby.

Marlene Fay Foster

Marlene Fay Foster "went home to be with her Lord and Savior" on Saturday, July 31, 2010.

Marlene and her husband, Buck Foster, owned and operated Glacier Log Home Inc. for 30 years. Buck and Marlene were married for 58 wonderful

years.

She was preceded in death by a son, Jim Foster; a daughter, Teri Foster; grandson, Jake; and great-grandson, Elijah.

Marlene is survived by two daughters, Sheri Westphal and Lori Wells; nine grandchildren; and

eight great-grandchildren.

A private family graveside service will be held at Glacier Memorial Gardens. You are invited to go to www.buffalohillfh.com to sign Marlene's book or leave a message.

Wallace Ellsworth 'Moe' Foster, 87

Wallace Ellsworth Moe' Foster, 87, "has flown west."

Wally Foster passed away on June 29, 2010, in Moberge,



S.D., after a fine day of fishing with his friend and companion Bert Kasper. He was born on Sept. 28, 1922, in Littlefork, Minn. He first came to Montana when he was 15 working on a farm in Plentywood, then returned to Minnesota to finish school. After completing school, he came back to Montana to work in the timber industry.

He joined the Navy in 1942 and married his high school sweetheart, Alma Kjemperud in December of that year. Alma was working as "Rosie the Riveter" for the Douglas Aircraft Company in Long Beach, Calif. Due to his experience with heavy equipment Wally was assigned to the Seabees (US Navy Construction Battalion). After building runways in Gander, Newfoundland and Goose Bay, Labrador, he landed on Omaha Beach the day after D-Day driving his D6 Caterpillar. The British Army had no heavy equipment or operators, and as a result, Wally was attached to Montgomery's British First Army and traveled all the way through Belgium and Germany until the end of the war. Upon being discharged, he returned to Littlefork, spending a short period of time before

moving to Montana with Alma and his son Dennis, who was born while he was away. He worked for Woods and Dempsey as a logger and moved on to American Timber Company, and in 1948, to Royal Logging, working for Holly Larson. In 1948 a second son, Richard, also joined the family, followed in 1951 by a daughter, Vicki. Wally resigned as the Logging Superintendent for Royal Logging after 27 years of service. During this period Wally earned his pilot's license. He continued flying into his 70s and his love of aviation lasted the rest of his life. Wally went to work for Foster Construction, headed by his son Dennis, and shortly thereafter, Dick joined them. He was still participating in the company up until age 85.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ira and Stella; his wife, Alma; his sister, Jeannie; his brother, Ray; and two grandsons, Ryan and Chris.

He is survived by his companion, Bert Kasper; his sister, Iris Byrne of Missoula; Dennis and Barbara Foster of Somers; Dick and Tammy Foster of Whitefish; Vicki and Doug Bader of Castle Rock, Colo.; six granddaughters; and seven great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, July 6, at Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish. Donations can be made to the Hoo Hoo Club Needy Children's Fund, P.O. Box 129, Somers, MT 59932, or to the charity of your choice.

Adelaide Mary Foy, 93

Adelaide Mary Foy died peacefully in Middleton, Idaho, on the afternoon of Friday, June 25, 2010. She was born



Oct. 24, 1916, on her parents' homestead outside of Bainville, Mont., the second child and first daughter of Frederick R. Harvey (1885-1968) and Gertrude Louise Burton (1893-1969). Her father was minister of the Congregational church at nearby Intake, and he also worked as a circuit preacher, serving Savage and Plevna.

Between 1919 and 1926, her family lived in Genoa Junction, Elcho, Gleason and Dudley, all in Wisconsin, where she attended primary schools. In 1926 they returned to Bainville, and subsequently she entered high school there, staying in town during the week, working for her board and room. She graduated from Bainville High School in 1933.

She attended Intermountain College at Helena, where she experienced the destructive 1935 earthquakes that destroyed the college buildings, finishing her teacher's certificate the following year in Great Falls, where Intermountain had temporarily relocated. She began her career as a teacher in a rural school outside Bainville in the fall of 1936.

In 1937 her family moved to Dixon and she taught in rural schools in the area.

In 1942 she married James Beauford "Jim" Foy, owner of a barber shop in Ronan. The two of them spent the war years working in the Kaiser shipyard in Portland. Their son David was born in 1946, and their daughter Judy followed in 1948.

In 1948 they relocated to Hot Springs where her husband operated the Rainbow Barber Shop, and where she took up her teaching career

again in 1952. She furthered her education by attending summer school in Missoula and studying by correspondence. She was a talented and skillful teacher, becoming elementary principal in 1964, the same year she was awarded her master's degree in education from the University of Montana.

The family moved to Columbia Falls in 1964, where she continued teaching until she retired as vice principal in 1979. She remained active in community affairs and, in 1991, was named Montana Senior Citizen of the Year. She and her husband traveled widely in North America after retirement.

She was predeceased by her husband; her brothers, Torrance, Almont and Bill Harvey; and her sisters, Nellie Richardson and Lucille Palmer.

She is survived by her brothers, Bob and Dale Harvey, of Kalispell; her son, David, of Calgary; and her daughter, Judy Luce, of Caldwell, Idaho; her grandchildren, Mandi Heinle and Ken of Hathaway, Mont., and Cory Luce and Tera of Boise, Idaho; and great-grandchildren, Kassidi and Kadie Heinle, Jasper and Cody Luce, and Jeff Wood of Henderson, Nev.

Adelaide was part of a large and loving family. They were an important part of her life and she enjoyed researching and sharing the family's history and genealogy - and just spending time with them at the many family gatherings throughout the years.

She will always be loved and remembered by her family, friends and the hundreds of students whose lives are better for having experienced her generous heart, her kind and loving spirit and her undaunted positive attitude.

A celebration of Adelaide's life will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, July 5, at Lake Side Chapel in Lakeside.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Eldon John Frahm, 81

Eldon John Frahm, 81, "entered into rest" on Sunday, Dec. 26, 2010, at Whitefish Care and Rehab in Whitefish.



Even getting firewood was enjoyable to him as a family activity.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Harry and Hatwig Frahm; and a brother, Harley Frahm.

Eldon is survived by his wife, Jacqueline, of 54 years at the family home; also by his three children, Robert Frahm and wife Margo of Whitefish, Julie Frahm of Kalispell, and Lisa Schwegel and husband Carl of Craig, Alaska. He is also survived by eight grandchildren, Desirae, Jeffery, Chad, Elizabeth, Stephanie, Cody, CJ and Tori; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. on Dec. 31 at the First Baptist Church in Whitefish. Visitation will be from 4 to 6 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 30, at the Austin Funeral home in Whitefish. Burial will follow at the Glacier Memorial Gardens.

The family suggests that donations be made to the following: First Baptist Church, 6232 Hwy. 93 S. Whitefish, MT 59937; Home Options Hospice, 430 Windward Way, Suite 101, Kalispell, MT 59901; or to the charity of the donor's choice.

Austin Funeral Home is caring for Eldon's family.

He was born Sept. 23, 1929, to Harry and Hatwig (Bultman) Frahm in LeMars, Iowa. As a child his family moved to Grant Park, Ill.

In 1947, Eldon joined the Army Air Corps, retiring after 21 years of service. While stationed in England he met Jacqueline B. Sweatman and they were married on April 14, 1956, in southeast London. Three children were born from this union.

In 1965 the family moved to Glasgow Air Force Base in Montana. Two years later he retired and the family decided to stay in Montana. Eldon started work at Columbia Falls Aluminum Company in Columbia Falls, later retiring after 22 years.

Eldon was a member and head usher of the First Baptist Church in Whitefish for several years.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing (especially in Alaska), camping, golf and bowling.

Halfdon N. Framness, 68

Halfdon N. Framness, 68, died on Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2010, in Kalispell.

A celebration of life will be held at 3 p.m. Monday, Jan. 18, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

Jo-Anne O. Franchi, 69

Jo-Anne O. Franchi, 69, passed away peacefully on May 16, 2010.

Born in San Francisco, Jo-Anne was the oldest of five children born to Adrienne and Joseph Osterloh.

She married Donald R. Franchi in 1961 and together they had two children, Andrea of Medford, Ore., and Edward of Kalispell.

After a long career as a registered nurse at Woodland Memorial Hospital in California, Jo-Anne retired



to Kalispell to be closer to her son, daughter-in-law and grandchildren. She was blessed with six grandchildren, Jonah, Tyler, Maya, Cory, Solomon and Ava; and her two daughters-in-law, Cassie Trujillo and Eden Roberts Franchi.

Jo-Anne enjoyed the support and friendship she found in the Kalispell community.

She was a gifted needle crafter and seamstress who enjoyed making gifts for her many friends and family.

Jo-Anne held The Serenity Prayer close to her heart.

A celebration of her life will be held at 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 22, at 916 Seventh Avenue E., in Kalispell.

Stephen John Franklin, 74

Stephen John Franklin, 74, passed away Saturday, April 10, 2010, at Northwest Health Center in Kalispell. He was born Oct. 6, 1935, in Minneapolis, to Magdalen (Cadwell) and George Franklin, and was the second of three sons. He was raised around Anoka and Onamia, Minn., and graduated from Onamia High School in 1953, with his skills on the basketball court being well remembered.

Stephen served in the U.S. Air Force from 1954 to 1960, and honorably discharged at the rank of staff sergeant.

Steve met and married Grace "Bunny" Siebenaler in Onamia in 1961, and in February 1962 moved to California. He joined the Oxnard Police Department in April 1962, retiring as a sergeant in April 1987. He was well respected on the job.

His enjoyments included playing baseball, pitching slo-pitch softball with the police department team for 17 years, easily outrunning many of the younger team members. He coached Little League for both his son's and daughters' teams. He spent much time with family. Other interests include square dancing, hunting, gardening, genealogy and his favorite companion, Cocoa.

In 1983, on a trip returning from Minnesota, he took the time to see Northwest Montana, and knew the Big Sky Country was where he wanted to retire with his wife, ready to get back to the small town life. "Eureka, he found it!"

Upon retirement and the move, he accomplished his goal of building his log home nestled in the trees with a view to die for. Besides the beauty of this area, he loved the community, the friendliness and giving of the people — Eureka's greatest asset. It didn't take long to fit in.

He worked part time for the Eureka Police Department for five years, and worked as a volunteer dispatcher, joined Search and Rescue, and was a member of

the American Legion Post 74. He served two terms as Eureka city judge until July 2006, and was an active member of Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church.

He was preceded in death by both parents; brothers, Gerald and James; and a nephew, Michael.

He is survived by his wife, Bunny, of 48 years; son, Sean, and Sonja, of Eureka; daughters, Shannon of Billings, and Colleen Cody and Craig of Ojai, Calif.; nephew, Ron Weltzen, and Connie, of Arizona; grandchildren, Christine, Matthew and Autumn Franklin, James and John Cody, Karl Hellwig, and Kyle and Christine Peltier.

Memorial Mass will be celebrated 11 a.m. Friday, April 16, at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church, Eureka.

Arrangements are provided by Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Schnackenberg and Nelson Funeral Home.

Memorial donations may be made to Eureka Ambulance Service or Hospice of Kalispell.

Malvin 'Mel' Franks, 57

Malvin "Mel" Franks, 57, died Friday, March 5, 2010, at his residence in Bigfork.

He is survived by his wife, Virginia Franks, of Bigfork.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, March

15, at the Crossroads Christian Fellowship in Bigfork. Visitation will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 13, at the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home in Kalispell.

Dawn Marie Kell Fraser, 81

Dawn Marie Kell Fraser, 81, died Aug. 30, 2010, in Whitefish.

She was born July 4, 1929, in Grand Forks, N.D., to Pauline Jane Rebetore and Ira Elmer Kell.

Dawn was raised in Whitefish with her sister Betty Jane Kell Nucci. Dawn graduated from Whitefish High School and attended the University of Washington in Seattle.

She married John Angus Fraser. The couple retired



in Seattle in 1992 and moved to Whitefish, where they enjoyed golfing with the Shriners. Dawn played bridge, and pursued her talents in organ and piano music.

She is survived by their only daughter, Laurie Nakamoto, who lives with her husband in Arlington, Va.; two nieces, Susan Schenk and Mai Britt Bennett, both of Whitefish; and a nephew, John Angus Fraser, of Boise, Idaho. She is also survived by a cousin, Paulette Thompson, of Eugene, Ore.

A memorial service will be announced in the future.

She is being cared for by Austin Funeral Home.

Richard L. Friesen, 62

Richard L. Friesen, 62, formerly of Lakeside, died at home Tuesday, Dec. 28, 2010. Arrangements

are under the direction of Cremation and Burial Society of the Rockies in Missoula.

Maryalys Marrs Frisbee, 94

"Maryalys, it was time for your beautiful, gentle soul to return to God and to be with your beloved husband, Selden, and your youngest, Beth." The unkindness of time diminished your cognition, but never your kind and loving nature.

Maryalys Marrs Frisbee passed away peacefully on May 18, 2010, at the age of 94. Her long life, spent largely in Cut Bank, consisted of devotion to her husband, her family, her church, her community and the hundreds of children she taught. She loved the Big Sky country and its many outdoor pursuits — summers at Flathead Lake, Glacier Park, gardening, and careening too fast along snowy trails on her Arctic Cat. She had three holes-in-one, putting to shame the male members of her family.

Gramma's house, with a kitchen full of soup, sandwiches, cookies and milk after school and on weekends was the highlight of her grandchildren's early lives. It was always a safe haven from parents and the outside world.

Maryalys graduated from Hellgate High in Missoula, and received her Bachelor of Arts degree and Masters of Arts degree in teaching and English from the University of Montana where she was a Delta Gamma.

She first taught in Victor, but left there to marry Selden, a new lawyer, in August 1939. Son Bob was born in 1940, followed by Lynne, Snuff and Beth. She lived numerous places during World War II until Selden was discharged, and returned to Cut Bank in 1945; nine grandchildren and five

great-grandchildren ultimately followed.

She took great pride in being the first and only woman on the Cut Bank Golf Club board of directors, the first woman on the hospital board, and achieved a Distinguished Woman Award for starting the Cut Bank Senior Citizen Center. She was proud of her family as well. She believed, though, that she would be forgiven that small sin.

Maryalys found these words for Selden's passing, which she did not use. However, they eloquently express her faith and nature: "Maybe you will burn my body and scatter it to the winds to help the flowers grow. If you need to bury something, let it be my faults, my weaknesses, and all my prejudices against my fellow man. Give my sins to the Devil and my soul to God. If by some chance you wish to remember me, do it with a kind deed or word to someone who needs you. If you all do that, I will live forever."

Maryalys is survived by son, Bob, and his wife, Susan; daughter, Lynne; son, Snuff, and his wife, Laurie; and son-in-law, Dan Short. She also leaves her loving sisters, Patti Chapman, and Jean Swanson and her husband, Norm.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held for Maryalys at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 22, at St. Margaret Catholic Church in Cutbank, with Father Michael Drury as celebrant. Burial will follow at the Crown Hill Cemetery.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Maryalys' family. You are invited to go to www.jgfuneralhome.com to offer condolences and view Maryalys' tribute wall.

Jane E. Friske, 74

Our beloved mother, Jane E. Friske, 74, passed away at her home in Columbia Falls on Saturday, March 13, 2010, from C.O.P.D. She was born in Osceola, Wis., Aug. 3, 1935, to Roy and Effie Olson.

Her family moved to Whitefish in 1948. She and her sisters, Joan, June and Jean, "The Olson Girls," thrived in Whitefish, as they helped build the family home on Waverly Place from the ground up. She attended school in Whitefish and enjoyed making treasured memories with their friends. She continued to meet with her classmates each month at the Pin & Cue for lunch and stories through the years, along with her sisters.

In 1954 she met her lifelong love, Forrest Friske, and shared 53 years of marriage. Our mother's joy in life was being a devoted wife and mother, always putting Dad and us first. Our lives were filled with wonderful meals for both lunch and dinner; sandwiches and casseroles were not seen at our table. Mom always kept our home extremely spotless.

As children, we were the cleanest and had the best pressed clothes in Columbia Falls. She was so organized, and many envied her organization of having everything in its place and having whatever handy, just in case you needed it, be it at home, camping, or on the road. Mom's family was her greatest enjoyment in life. Having her parents, sisters, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren close by throughout the years of her life brought happy times and wonderful memories.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Forrest Friske; her sister, Joan Woods; and parents, Roy and Effie Olson.

Jane is survived by her three children, Tanna

Friske of Columbia Falls, Tim and Phyllis Friske of Columbia Falls, and Tina (Friske) and Bill Berg of Marion; seven grandchildren, Justin, Josharry and Jonathon Cheff, Sarah and Nick Friske, and Erin (Berg) DeLeonard and Bryan Berg; and her most loved nine great-grandchildren that meant so much to her, Connor, Sadie, and Kensley Cheff, Kyler, Kadon, Keeyvn and Kaber Cheff, and Kobie and Kalli DeLeonard. She is also survived by her sisters and their spouses, June and Jim Kuchenski, and Jean and John Petersen; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, June and Dale Bar, Barbara and Dick Ott, and Kenneth Friske; and many very special nieces and nephews.

In remembrance of our mother, we hope that those who smoke will consider quitting and encourage all others to do the same.

Memorials and donations may be sent to the Columbia Falls Food Bank, P.O. Box 1081, Columbia Falls, for those less fortunate to allow food to be placed on their table.

We would like to thank the wonderful Flathead County Home Health personnel and nurses who have helped us over the last several years.

"Val and Courtney, we can't thank you enough, you were truly Mom's special ladies."

A remembrance and celebration of Jane's life will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 27, at the North Valley Community Center. A private interment will be held this summer when the sun is shining in the South Fork of the Flathead Valley to celebrate our everlasting love for our mother and treasured memories of our parents.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for the family.

Kenneth F. Friske

Kenneth F. Friske passed away Sept. 15, 2010, in Columbia Falls.

He was born Dec. 23, 1921, in Polson, to Fred and Gunvor Friske, the eldest of eight children. Ken grew up in Columbia Falls and Troy, and graduated from Flathead County High School.

Being highly proficient in shorthand, upon entering the service he would become a master sergeant chief clerk while serving in Italy and North Africa for the brigadier general. Service to our country was one of Ken's and his brothers' greatest accomplishments. His disciplined skills of neatness, organization and work ethic were carried out his entire life.

In March of 1948, Ken met and married his wife, Mary Ann, and the same year moved to their beloved state of Alaska. It was in Alaska that they built their lives, enjoying 51 years together. They enjoyed long drives and putting their boat in Harding Lake, taking cruises, and traveling extensively around the world.

Kenneth would become the manager of the Alaska Motor Inn, VP of transportation for Westours, living in Fairbanks, Anchorage and Seattle. He played a major role in the construction of the Fairbanks Inn, owning a restaurant in Whitefish, and managing a motel in San Jose, Calif.

He became a partner in the Pipeline Transportation Co., and worked in management during the pipeline years. His final employment would be working for Aurora Motors, starting in sales, moving to sales manager and then in charge of fleet purchases.

Ken always enjoyed nice cars, always owning a top line model; everything from a T-Bird, Mark III, Jaguar XKE, and a Chevelle Super Sport. Of course, when he went to work for Aurora Motors he always had a nice demo at his disposal. Ken stayed with Aurora Motors until his retirement in 2000 at the age of 80, a year after losing his wife. Ken was very skilled, building intricate models, working on home maintenance repair, electri-

cal, carpentry and especially painting.

Two weeks after his retirement he moved to Montana to be close to his remaining siblings, Forrest, Barbara and June, and brother-in-law, Dick Gaertner. It was at this time that Ken and Forrest made up for lost years of being apart from each other. They enjoyed each other's company every day of their remaining years, taking long drives, trips back to Alaska, visiting Mount Rushmore, mini-vacations around the state of Montana, and just visiting at each other's home. Ken and Forrest were history buffs, exchanging books, history magazines, and talking about the wars of the past and the important history they held.

Ken's life was full of staying busy even at his young age of 80-plus. Everything had a place and his home in Montana showed what an impeccable man he was throughout his life. He remained at his residence until 2008 and then lived at the Montana State Veterans Home after a radical surgery trying to remove a benign acoustic neuroma tumor.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Ann; brothers, James and Forrest; and sisters, Joyce, Margie and Wilma.

He is survived by his sisters, Barbara and Dick Ott of Kalispell, and June and Dale Barr of Columbia Falls; grandson, Mike Leonard, of Fairbanks; brother-in-law, Dick Gaertner, of Whitefish; and numerous nieces and nephews.

His niece Tanna would like to say a special thank you to those in Alaska that stayed in contact up until his recent hospitalization of pneumonia and death. Your friendship meant so much to him! To the staff and caregivers at the Montana State Veterans Home, you are all wonderful and caring people; you became a part of his family. He could not have been in a better place during this trying time of his life. Thank you to Frontier Hospice for your support during his final days.

A private interment will be held in Fairbanks in early summer of 2011.

Carter Lee Fritz, 68

Carter Lee Fritz passed away peacefully on Friday, Oct. 1, 2010, at the age of 68.

He was born on Sept. 9,

1942, in Kalispell, to Earl and Lotella (Teddy) Fritz. He graduated from Flathead County High School and attended Montana State University in Bozeman. Carter served as a sergeant in the U.S. Army Reserves. He married Cheryl de Yong in June 1968.

As a lifelong dairy farmer, he received recognition for raising Rainbow, a 3-year-old cow that made the top 10 percent in milk production in the nation; and raising Valley High, a reserve champion in the Black and White 5-year-old division at the state show in Bozeman. Carter won the Jaycee Young Farmer of the Year, and served on several state dairy committees. In his later years, he diversified his farm to include camelina, canola and field corn. With the field corn, Carter envisioned the Corn Maze, which is now an annual event run by his son, Chris, on the original Fritz Farm.

When Carter was in high



school, he received the State Farmer degree, Dairy Proficiency award and Farm Mechanics award in FFA. His dedication to youth, agriculture and leadership led him to serve as an FFA Advisory Committee member from the beginning of its creation and 47 years as a 4-H leader.

Carter's greatest joys were his family and farming. He and Cheryl were married 42 years and he loved his family of four sons and a daughter. He spent countless hours with his eight grandchildren. Carter enjoyed hiking in Glacier National Park and photographing the beauty that surrounded him.

Carter is survived by his wife; son Kevin and Shilo, son Kirk and Ivanna, son Jeremy and Lindsay, son Chris and Heidi, all of Kalispell; daughter, Suzanne (Willis) and Jason of Savannah, Ga.; two brothers; and eight grandchildren, Anika, Aidan, Abby, Kaylee, Miley, Ian, Lance and Audrianna.

Carter was preceded in death by his parents.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 5, at the First Presbyterian Church in Kalispell, with a reception following the service.

Memorials are suggested to local 4-H programs or the FFA program.

Betty E. Frodsham, 68

Betty E. Frodsham, 68, passed away on Monday, Sept. 20, 2010, at her residence in Kalispell.



She was born on June 11, 1942, in Vesper, Wis. to Richard and Irene (Gru-mann) Snyder.

Betty moved with her family to Montana when she was 10 years old. In 1962 she married Fred Jaquith and they had four children, Fred Jr., David, Janna and Carol. For several years Betty worked at the Montana Evergreen Tree Yard. She was also a beautician.

Betty was very artistic. She painted on real eggs and China. She loved plastic canvas and was working on her doll house. She had a good eye — if she saw it, she could do it; you name it — she probably had done it.

Betty loved to play bingo, go to movies and of course, go out to eat. She loved to visit all of her friends. She also spent a lot of time with her sister, Sally, visiting farmer's markets and going out to coffee. She loved spending time with the people she cared about and you know who you are.

Later, Betty married Carl

Frodsham.

Betty was active in the Salvation Army. She loved doing League of Mercy work and going to Home League, where she was a fellowship chairman.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Bernadine Pyles; son, Fred Jaquith; and two grandchildren, Rachel and Jonathon Jaquith.

She is survived by her sister, Sally McIlhargey; her brothers, Arvid and Rick Snyder; son, David Jaquith, and partner, Paula; former daughter-in-law, Donna; daughters, Janna Heitschmidt and husband, Paul, and Carol Kiefer and husband, Fred; along with several nieces and nephews. She is also survived by many grandchildren and some great-grandchildren. We will all miss her riding in her power chair all over town; you may have seen her.

Memorial services for Betty will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 26, at the Salvation Army Church. Graveside urn burial will be on Monday at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

The family suggests memorial donations to the Dialysis Center or the Salvation Army.

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

Leonora Rosalind Fuhlendorf, 89

Leonora Rosalind Fuhlendorf, 89, of Libby, died March 14, 2010, at the Libby Care Center.

She is survived by her children, Sheryl Vinson, Russell Fuhlendorf and Laura Street, all of Libby.

Viewing will be from

4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, March 18. Services will be at 2 p.m., Friday, March 19, at the Schnackenberg and Nelson Funeral Home in Libby. Interment services will follow at the City of Libby Cemetery.

Elva 'Sis' Fusaro, 75

Our loving mother and grandmother,



Elva "Sis" Fusaro, 75, of Augusta, died Saturday, May 29, 2010, in Kalispell, surrounded by family and loved ones. She was born on Sept. 15, 1934, in Glasgow, to Ernest and Nina Rundquist.

Sis, as she liked to be called, was a very caring, compassionate and giving person with a great sense of humor. She attended Flathead County High School until her senior year and graduated from Brady High School in 1952. Upon completion of high school, she attended Spokane Business College, where she met her husband of 49 years.

Sis and John Robert Fusaro were married on Oct. 2, 1954, in Augusta. They moved to Westerly, R.I., where they had five children, Diana, Karen, Chrissy, Paula and Peter. They resided in Westerly until moving to Augusta in July 1969.

Sis was very active in the Augusta community and

was a lifelong member of the Augusta American Legion Auxiliary. She was loved by many and will be missed by all.

Elva was preceded in death by her husband, John Robert Fusaro; and brother, Darold Rundquist.

She is survived by her brother, Keith Rundquist, of Augusta; her children, Diana Fusaro of Nampa, Idaho, Karen Brunner of Helena, Chrissy Shires of Helena, Paula Foster and Chris, of Anderson, Calif., and Peter and Mary Fusaro of Kalispell, Tim Brunner of Power, and Randy Shires of Helena; eight grandchildren, Lacey, Cassidy and Bailey Brunner, Randi Lee and Kaycee Shires, Zachary Williamson, and Ashley and John "Wiley" Fusaro.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 8, at the Augusta Legion.

Memorials can be sent to the John and Elva Fusaro Memorial Scholarship, 88 Grandview Drive, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Elva's family. You are invited to go to www.jgfuneralhome.com to offer condolences and view Elva's tribute wall.