

Virginia Margaret Hawes LaBrant, 96

Virginia Margaret Hawes LaBrant, 96, "was called home to be with the Lord" Sunday, Oct. 10, 2010, in Prescott, Ariz.



She was born Jan. 7, 1914, in Blackduck, Minn., to Emmet and Archabell (Bartlett) Hawes. She moved with her parents to Stanley, N.D., as an infant and was the oldest of 13 children. Being the oldest of 13 children, her childhood was replaced with many adult responsibilities. Her character, positive attitude and strong work ethics supported her throughout her life. Instilling these qualities in her children made her proud of their accomplishments and those of her grand- and great-grandchildren.

In 1938, as an area coal mine cook, she met the love of her life, Arthur "Duane" LaBrant. They were married Jan. 6, 1940, and soon began farming in the area. In pursuit of better farm land, they moved in 1947 with their five children, farm equipment and livestock to Flathead County. They settled in the Creston area and lived there until after her husband died. The road to Echo Lake bears the family name.

The family worked together to help with the crops, gardening and caring for livestock. They became active members of the Creston East Side Grange, and were involved in all the activities of 4-H and FFA. She was a longtime member of the Creston Homemakers Club. Virginia thrived in her chosen role as wife, homemaker and mother.

She loved to cook for any occasion. Food was plentiful on their farm and she loved to share produce and homemade foods with the neighbors. Her love of cooking continued at the Echo Lake Café in Bigfork for nearly 20 years. She was famous for her homemade pies, pastries and breads. Upon retirement, she volunteered at the Kalispell Food Bank for eight years.

She moved to Somers in 1972 and continued to live there until 2006, at which time, she moved to Prescott to be near her daughter, Ardis, and family. She attended Bethany Lutheran Church in Bigfork, and became a member of American Lutheran Church upon moving to Prescott.

Virginia was blessed with a long and healthy life. She will always be remembered for her family meals, popcorn balls, candy stashes and her vegetable and flower gardens which she maintained until she was 91. She never considered herself to be old, even at 96, and was proud she didn't get gray hair. Virginia was a very productive and generous person. She started each day at 6 a.m. with a positive attitude and ended it at sunset with a sense of accomplishment and pride. She will be deeply missed by her family and friends who loved her dearly.

She was preceded in death by a son, Harlan, in 1968; husband, Duane, in 1971; her parents and 10 of her siblings.

She is survived by her children, Ardis and Don Baker of Prescott, Floyd and Toni LaBrant of Corvallis, Larry and Nancy LaBrant of Burnet, Texas, and Lois and Dale Lauman of Lakeside. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Karen and John Benediktson of Bozeman, Jeanne and Jeff Borer of Everett, Wash., Mark LaBrant of

San Marcos, Texas, Eric and Danika LaBrant of Houston, Paul LaBrant of Lubbock, Texas, Darron and Erika Baker of Chino Valley, Ariz., and Lynette Baker of Prescott. She is also survived by her great-grandchildren, Sara Borer, Aiden Borer, Marisa Borer, Dorien Baker, Abigail Baker, Anna Benediktson, Jacob LaBrant and Kyle LaBrant; as well as, her sisters, Isabelle Amundson Dougherty of Kalispell, and Vivian O'Brien of Portage, Ind.; and many nieces and nephews.

Graveside services for Virginia will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 23, at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell.

The family suggests a donation in Virginia's honor to the Center for Missing and Exploited Children, www.missingkids.com/safe; or to the charity of your choice.

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

Florence McDonald Ladd, 89

Florence McDonald Ladd, 89 years young, passed away on Feb. 18, 2010, in Polson, in the wee hours of the morning, after a long



fight with a bad heart.

Florence had a young heart and a bad carcass. Her firm and unwavering hope was to rest in death and be received in the resurrection; and work cleaning up the Earth she loved, alongside her children who share her faith and hope.

She was baptized as one of Jehovah's Witnesses in 1943, dedicating her life to sharing her faith and hope with everyone she could while

instilling this faith in her children.

She is survived by five of her six children, Laurel Wehr, Patty Nelson, Carole Thuesen, Debbie Olson, and Roy Ladd; 17 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

She will be missed, "and until we see you again, 'Good sleep.'"

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. today, Feb. 20, at the Jehovah's Witnesses Kingdom Hall, 1415 S. Woodland Dr., Kalispell. A reception will follow the service at the Flathead County Fairground's Country Kitchen in Kalispell.

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

LeRoy Devine Lake, 77

LeRoy Devine Lake, 77, died Thursday, Oct. 28, 2010, at Health Center Northwest in Kalispell.

He is survived by four children, Ivy Lake and Austin Lake, both of Kalispell, Sherry Jo Smith of Libby, and John Lake of Missoula.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, at Faith Lutheran Church in Ronan, 410 Fifth Ave. S.W.

Visitation will be held from 1 to 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 5, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home.

Luther 'Luke' Lalum, 88

Luke Lalum, 88, a resident of Kalispell for the past 73 years, died Friday, April 9, 2010, at Brendan House, peacefully surrounded by his family. Luke was born May 7, 1921, on the family farm, in Maddock, N.D., to Esther and Sigurd Lalum. He was the youngest of six children.



Luke was loved, and will be missed by all who knew him and had the privilege of calling him husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, friend and teacher.

Luke's father died in 1937, when he was 16. At that time his mother and family moved to the Flathead Valley. Luke graduated from Flathead County High School in 1941, and was a member of the Flathead FFA, Flathead's first State Championship football team, concert choir, and a member of the Army National Guard.

In 1941, he briefly attended the University of Montana until he enlisted in the Air Force on Jan. 8, 1942. During World War II, he was a member of the 447th Bombardment Squadron, where he was the flight engineer and tail gunner on a B-25, in North Africa, Italy, Greece, Tunisia and the Balkans. He completed his 50 missions in October 1943, and was awarded the Purple Heart, Good Conduct medal, four Bronze Stars, eight Air Medals with Oak Leaf Clusters and a Distinguished Unit Citation.

Luke returned to the United States and enrolled at Montana State College with a football scholarship, and majored in agricultural education, graduating in 1950.

He met Marilyn Moorhouse while teaching in Fairview, and they were married in 1951.

They came to Kalispell in 1952, where he taught vocational agriculture until his retirement in 1981. He was a dedicated teacher whose students were an important part of his life. While teaching, he was elected national

president of the Agriculture Teachers Association, a member of the Evergreen Lions, Evergreen School board, Parish Council of Risen Christ, and was president of the Montana Vocational Association.

Luke designed the current H.E. Robinson Vo-Ag Center. During his years as a teacher of vocational agriculture, he was part of developing one of the premier Ag programs in the country.

Luke retired from teaching in 1981 and worked for the Flathead Conservation District for six years. During retirement he enjoyed his family, friends, golfing, wood carving, bridge, camping, fishing, and winters in Palm Springs.

Luke is survived by his wife of 57 years, Marilyn; daughter, Mary Lynn Baker, of Deer Park, Wash.; son, Mark Lalum, and wife, Wendy, of Kalispell; grandchildren, Trevor Baker, and wife, Jaidean, of Spokane, Jennifer Rasmussen, and husband, Logan, of Deer Park, Wash., Ashley and Ryan Lalum, of Kalispell; great-grandchildren, Teagun and Emery Baker, of Spokane; as well as many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Luke was preceded in death by his parents, Sigurd and Esther; sisters, Eldora Kinyon and Leona Kinyon; and brothers, Palmer, Sig and Ray.

The family wishes to thank the staff at Brendan House for their exceptional care of Dad.

Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 17, at Risen Christ Catholic Church in Evergreen. Rosary service will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Open casket visitation will be from 3 to 6 p.m. Friday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Burial will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

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

The family request memorials be made to the Flathead FFA, 644 Fourth Ave. W., Kalispell, MT 59901.

Agnes Lamb, 92

With her family surrounding her, Agnes Lamb, a longtime Whitefish resident, "went to be with the Lord" on Jan.



29, 2010. Agnes Christine Aune was born May 21, 1917, 20 miles north of Saco to Andrew and Signe Aune; she attended a one-room school at Corral Coulee near her home.

Following school, she worked for neighbors and later moved to Malta, working at the hospital until developing rheumatoid arthritis.

She married Manuel Lamb in 1938 and they farmed and operated a dairy on the Milk River north of Saco until 1950.

They and their family of four came to Whitefish in 1950 where they farmed, raising dairy cattle; during that time, Manuel also worked for the railroad. Since its beginning, Agnes worked at the food bank in Whitefish, serving there for 27 years. Agnes blessed many people by

working as a housekeeper, baby-sitter, Sunday school teacher and caring for many in their final days.

Agnes and Manuel were lifelong members of the Assembly of God Church in Whitefish, working endlessly for and in the church.

She loved life and enjoyed having fun and will be greatly missed by many.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Manuel, in 2001; and son, Clayton, in 2009; as well as sisters, Elsie, Alma, Pauline, Edna and Inga; and brother, Art.

She is survived by her son, Eugene "Gene" Lamb, and wife, Mary, of Whitefish daughters, Mildred Groshon and husband, Jim, of Spokane, and Dorothy Anderson of Whitefish; a sister, Mabel Palm, of Saco; 20 grandchildren; 43 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the Whitefish Assembly of God Church, 1549 Karrow Ave., with interment following at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Austin Funeral Home.

Julia 'Julie' Lamberson, 85

Julia "Julie" Lamberson, 85, passed "to the loving arms of her Lord" on Monday, March 29, 2010, at her home in



Whitefish, surrounded by family. Julie was born in Whitefish on Jan. 10, 1925, the third child of Anna and Ralph Baker. She attended school in Whitefish, graduating from Whitefish High School in 1943.

Julia was a kind, caring and generous person who always shared a smile and hello with everyone. Her family, faith and friends were the focus of her life, and she gave selflessly to each.

On June 15, 1945, Julie married her love, Cloyd Lamberson. She was a devoted wife and mother who, together with Cloyd, raised two sons, John and Ralph.

Julie loved all things domestic, cooking, sewing, baking, gardening, canning, participating in her children's activities and creating a nurturing home for her family. She worked through the years, most notably at the Whitefish J.C. Penney store and Physician's Clinic, where she enjoyed many friendships and helping people.

Julie was a lifelong Whitefish resident, the town she loved dearly. She spoke often of wonderful times and memories of growing up in Whitefish.

She was a lifetime member of Beta Sigma Phi with over 50 years of membership and recipient of the Order of the Rose. She also belonged to Pinochle Club, Birthday Club and to the Moose Lodge, where she enjoyed dinners and visits with friends. Julie also helped the Looking Back column in the Whitefish Pilot. She enjoyed weekly Saturday shopping trips with her best friend, her sister Helen.

Julie enjoyed time with her grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-granddaughter and her nieces. Many people will remember her for the many years she shared daily morning walks around Whitefish with her dear friend Mary, ending up at the Buffalo Cafe for a soda or breakfast.

Julie was a faithful member of St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church. Over the years, she was a member of the Altar Society, taught religious education and prepared the altar linens. She lived her faith daily through her devotion to prayer, her care, kindness and generosity to others, her acceptance, love and respect for everyone and every creature, and her positive acceptance of any trial life sent her way.

Julie was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Cloyd; a brother, Ralph; sisters, Clara Crawford and Helen Doyle; and grandson, Lonnie Lamberson.

Julie is survived by her brother, John Baker, of Whitefish; sons, John and wife, Lillian, of Lacey, Wash., and family, Mandi, Luke, Willow and Reuben; Ralph and wife, Susie, of Whitefish, and family, Darin, Tara and John; seven great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter, as well as several nieces and nephews.

A parish vigil and rosary service will be at 7 p.m. Sunday at the Austin Funeral Home. Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Monday, April 5, at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church with the Rev. Patrick Patton as celebrant; Rite of Interment will follow at Whitefish Cemetery. A reception will follow in the St. Charles Parish Center.

The family suggests memorials to the Humane Society of Northwest Montana, P.O. Box 221, Kalispell, MT 59903; St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 230 Baker Ave., Whitefish, MT 59937; or Home Options Hospice, 430 Windward Way, Suite 101, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Loretta June Lambert, 70

Loretta June Lambert, 70, passed away on July 25, 2010, after a hard-fought battle with Polymyocitis, starting in 1997.



Loretta was born to Bill and Edna Davis in Santa Ana, Calif., on March 29, 1940.

Her parents were citrus ranchers for many years. Her first years of school were in Orange County and from fifth grade on, were in Hemet, Calif. When Loretta was just a young girl, she sang in a nightclub band with her parents. She even recorded a record, and sang on the radio. She was very talented.

She was married and had her son David Johnson, and her daughter Cindy Johnson Landon. For many years she and her husband owned numerous motorcycle retail stores, then eventually they founded, and for many years she co-owned and operated, the now very successful world-wide company K&N Engineering/Air Filters.

In 1974 she married her best friend, soul mate, and love of her life, Paul Lambert, and they moved to Kalispell in 1977. They were married 30 years at the time of Paul's passing in 2004. Before moving to Montana, she spent many years traveling all over with husband, Paul and son, David, watching and supporting their motorcycle racing careers, and loving every single minute of it!

Loretta began selling Avon in 1979 and continued selling for 31 years, up until her passing. She also worked at Herberger's for five years as department head in the petite department. She retired from Herberger's in 1997 when she became ill.

Loretta spent many years involved with the Creston Fire Department and the annual Creston Auction. She loved those years. She and Paul also spent many years bowling on leagues together. She was a very good bowler.

Loretta was a huge racing fan and lived to watch all kinds of racing on television. Motorcycle dirt tracks, motocross, road racing, and off-road trucks. Her favorite by far was all of the NASCAR series racing. She watched anything and everything NASCAR. She did also enjoy watching other sports, like skateboard events, PBA and women's bowling, pro football and pro basketball.

Loretta's family meant everything to her and she lived for each and every one of them. She always felt truly blessed with all of her friends. She had so many loving and supportive friends that helped her in so many ways, and for so many years. She truly loved you all! Her family would like to give special thanks to all of you as well, we don't know what we would have done without you. Thank you!

We would also like to give thanks to the following people who took such good care of Loretta for many years:

Dr. Doug Nelson, Dr. Roth, Dr. Pistorisi, Dr. Madsen, and Dr. Ronald. Also all the wonderful men and women at Kalispell Regional Medical Center and Immanuel Lutheran Home for your wonderful care through her many trips there.

We would like to give the biggest thanks of all to Dr. Bernadette Van Belois. You have been there with us from the very beginning. You were the one doctor who was able to diagnose her when nobody else could, and your constant and non-stop efforts to keep her alive for the last 14 years is more appreciated than you will ever know. All of us, especially Loretta, have always considered you more like family. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all you have done for her, and for not only being her doctor but loving her as your dear friend. You are an amazing doctor and an exceptional woman.

Loretta was such an unbelievably kind, loving and thoughtful person. Even after she became ill and rarely left her house, she always found ways to do thoughtful things for others. She was such a giver. She will be truly missed and never forgotten!

Loretta was preceded in death by her husband, Paul in 2004 at age 52; father, Bill in 1997 at age 93; her mother, Edna in 2006 at age 98; and an infant brother, Richard.

Loretta is survived by her brother, Robert Davis of California; son, David Johnson and wife, Cher of California; Cindy Landon and her soul mate, John Inabnit of Kalispell; two adopted daughters, Dee Pitman of California, and Brandy Jones of Kalispell; grandchildren, Dustin and Bryce Landon of Kalispell, David, Ty, and Mikey Johnson of California, Chaz and Tyler Pitman of California, and Tanner, Jason and Tristan Jones of Kalispell; great-grandchildren, Benny and Chloe Johnson of California; brothers and sisters-in-law, Mike and Sally Lambert, Margaret and Kevin Kirk, Jackie Ray, and Barbara and Robbie Beecham, all of California; nephews, Bobby Davis and wife, Janet, Hobert and Sean Ray, Thomas Beecham, and Matthew Lambert, all of California, and Johnny Gibson of Oregon; nieces, Beth Riley, Cathryn Miller, Jessie and Emily Beecham, Bridgett and Allison Kirk, all of California, and Debbie Gibson of Oregon; and a cousin, who's more like a sister, Lola Gibson and husband, John of Oregon.

A celebration of Loretta's life will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 14, at the Christian Center, with a reception immediately following. The family suggests memorial gifts be given in Loretta's name to her favorite charity, Victory Junction, "In Memory of Loretta Lambert," 4500 Adam's Way, Randleman, NC 27317, or to the charity of the donor's choice.

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

Fritz Bye Lamey, 70

Fritz Bye Lamey, 70, of Eureka, died Wednesday, Aug. 25, 2010, at Health Center Northwest in Kalispell.

He was born Sept. 25, 1939, in Libby to Bye and Juanita Bozarth Lamey. The family moved to Eureka in 1948. He was raised on the family ranch near the Canadian border and attended school in Eureka, graduating from Lincoln County High School with the class of 1957.

He had a real eye for cattle and was active in 4-H. He won several livestock judging awards. In high school he excelled in football, basketball and boxing. He attended junior college in California. He then returned home and joined the family's registered Hereford ranch on Phillips Creek. He raised and exhibited many



grand and reserve champion cattle with his father.

He married Janet Holmes in 1962. They had four children and later separated. In the early '80s he began breeding and raising performance horses. He had a passion for competing on the cutting circuit and he earned a reputation for breeding top quality horses.

Survivors include his children, Chris Lamey of Benson, Ariz., Penny Lynch and husband, Jerry, of Winnemucca, Nev., Cory Lamey and wife, Kari, of Wise River, Mont., and Tracy Ward of Douglas, Ariz.; 13 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; a sister, Barbara Osler, and husband, John; and a special friend, Kahnee Winchester.

A celebration of life will be at 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, at the First and Last Chance in Eureka.

Local arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Eureka.

Patricia 'Patty' Ann Lamey, 65

Patricia "Patty" Ann Lamey, 65, of Libby, died at the home of her sister and brother-in-law on Jan. 17, 2010.

She is survived by her daughters, Faith Weed and Rhonda Walker,

A memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, at the First Baptist Church in Eureka.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Eureka.

Dillard Gail LaMunyon, 92

Dillard Gail LaMunyon, 92, passed away Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2010, in Mesa, Ariz.

Dillard was born in Laverne, Okla., on April 5, 1918, to Charles and Blanch Carrie (Brooner) LaMunyon. He grew up on the family farm in Laverne with his four siblings.

He married his beloved wife of 58 years, June Moorehead, in 1937, and they lived happily together until her death in 1995. Together, Dillard and June lived in many places before settling down in Great Falls, in 1950.

Dillard worked for Gambles Stores as an operations supervisor. Upon his retirement from Gambles Stores, Dillard and June moved to Flathead Lake for the summer months and Mesa for the winter.

Dillard served shipboard on the USS Conserver in the Pacific with the US Navy during World War II. He was an active member of the Elks

Club, Masons and Shriners. He rode with the Motosiki Tauf for the Al Bedoo Shriners Temple and enjoyed many trips and adventures with friends from the Shriners and Gambles organizations.

Dillard will be missed by his daughter, Velora LaMunyon, and son-in-law, Wayne J. Anderson; three grandchildren, Ginnette and Wynn Kearney of Mankato, Minn., Mike and Linda Sinclair of Auburn, Wash., and Ann and Clay Damon of Spokane; two sisters, Leota Neff of Oklahoma City, and Florene Alder of Newton, Kan.; and close friend, Ruth Baker. Eleven great-grandchildren loved their "Bubby."

He was preceded in death by his wife, parents, and two brothers.

The family will have a private burial at a later date.

Memorials are requested to go to Shriners' Children's Hospitals.

Ida A. Landon, 90

Ida A. Landon, 90, died Tuesday, April 5, 2010, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish. She was born Sept. 30, 1919, at Watford City, N.D., the seventh of eight children born to Odin and Bertha Bertonson. She was raised on a potato farm and worked in a dairy as well.



She married Charles S. Vance in 1937. They later moved to Whitefish with their three children, Darlene, Johnny and Darryl, in 1945.

While expecting her daughter, Jeanne, in 1947, her oldest boy Johnny drowned in the Whitefish River, initiating the Search and Rescue Association of Flathead Valley, led by Dick Walsh. Her husband, Charles, also preceded her in death, in 1956.

Ida worked in various jobs in Whitefish before moving to Seattle in 1961, to become a successful realtor. She resided there until returning to Whitefish to retire in 1987. She spent her final years being lovingly cared for by the staff at Colonial Manor.

She is survived by her children, Darlene Schmidt and husband, Raymond, of Columbia Falls, Darryl Vance and wife, Reva, of Malta, and Jeanne Canfield and husband, Ken, of Whitefish; her sister, Esther Boreson, of Eureka; grandchildren, Rick, George, Terri, Jeff, Joe, Jen, Dennis, Denise and Cedar; great-grandchildren, Rachel, Jason, John, Eric, Nathan, Kelly, Ciera, Trevor, Kody, Taylor, Presley and Makena; and great-great-grandchildren, Maclean and Schafer.

Services will be held at a later date. Donations may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Austin Funeral Home is assisting the family.

Lenore 'Lee' Landwehr, 82

Lenore "Lee" Landwehr, 82, passed away peacefully on Feb. 12, 2010, at Heritage Place in Kalispell. She was born Jan.



19, 1928, to Palmer and Ethel Johnson in Aberdeen, S.D.

Lee attended school in Washington. She was married to Leonard "Lefty" Landwehr on Aug. 21, 1944, in Coulee Dam, Wash., then moved to Kalispell, where she spent the rest of her life surrounded by family and friends. She was the ultimate caregiver and family was always number one. There was no one that she wouldn't help. She was known by many as Grandma Lee.

Many thanks go to Aunt Theresa Landwehr, who has unceasingly written words of encouragement to her for the last four years. Our hearts are filled with gratitude for

her thoughtfulness.

Lenore was preceded in death by husband, Leonard "Lefty" Landwehr; mother, Ethel Johnson; and father, Palmer Johnson; brother, Don Johnson; and sisters, Ardele and Marvel.

She is survived by daughter, Shiela Fleming, and husband, James, of Kalispell; grandchildren, Tim Schuldheiss and wife, Sandi, of Kalispell, Amy Bennett and husband, Grady, of Kalispell, and Darren Schuldheiss and wife, Jordan, of Seattle; and great-grandchildren, Logan and Katie Schuldheiss of Kalispell; and Reegan, Briahna and Hailee Bennett, also of Kalispell. She also leaves behind a special granddog, "Quincy."

There will be no funeral at her request, but a private family gathering is set for a later date.

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

Carol Lane, 90

Carol Lane, of Kalispell, was "called to her final reward" on Aug. 22, 2010, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center. She blessed us with her presence for 80 years.



Carol was born on Sept. 23, 1929, in Hot Springs. Shortly after that, the stock market crashed and the Great Depression began.

"Coincidence? — We think not!"

She was the fifth of seven children born to Bert Dolson and Bertha (Markle) Dolson. She was raised on the family ranch just outside of Hot Springs and graduated from Hot Springs High School.

She met a young serviceman, Kernie Lane, in Oregon, who became the love of her life. They were married on Nov. 15, 1952. The couple had four children. After Kernie's discharge from the Navy, the family moved to the Flathead Valley in 1960, where she lived until her death.

Carol was a wife, mother and homemaker. She was active in the First Baptist Church of Kalispell for many years. She enjoyed needlework, puzzles, hosting card parties for friends and

family, and sitting on her deck enjoying the sights and sounds of the neighborhood. If you were a friend of hers, it was for life.

Carol was preceded in death by her husband, Kernie; her daughter, Julie (Lane) Corbitt; her brothers, Pat, Mickey and Jack Dolson; and her sisters, Joan Nelson and Ellen Aycock.

She is survived by her daughters, Lorrrie and Leslie Lane, both of Kalispell; son, Greg, and daughter-in-law, DeeDee, Lane of Wausau, Wis.; son-in-law, John Corbitt, of Spokane; sister, Virginia, and brother-in-law, Andrew Walker, of Scotland; sister-in-law, Meredith Dolson, of Hot Springs; grandchildren, Lara, Lincoln and wife Shelley, Adam, Patrick and Colleen; and great-grandchildren, Daniel, Elizabeth and Moryssa.

Funeral services for Carol will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 26, at Johnson - Gloschat Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 2 to 6 p.m. today, Aug. 25, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Johnson - Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for Carol's family. You are invited to go to www.jgfuneralhome.com to view Carol's Tribute Wall and offer condolences.

Yvonne J. Lane, 102

After a long, full life of 102 years, Yvonne J. Lane died of natural causes on Oct. 19, 2010. She left this world peacefully in her sleep in the company of family at Wel-Life in Kalispell.



Yvonne was born in Webster County, Mo., on Sept. 6, 1908, and raised in the Fordland area of southwest Missouri. Yvonne graduated from high school in Marshfield, Mo., and also attended Teacher's College there. She taught school for a year in a one-room school near Marshfield.

Yvonne married Ellis Burks on Feb. 13, 1929, in Springfield, Mo. She and Ellis had one daughter, Alice Joan Burks. Mr. and Mrs. Burks were divorced on Jan. 27, 1935.

Yvonne and her young daughter Joan traveled to western Montana on the train in the mid-1930s to join extended family already living in Missoula and Ronan. After working odd jobs in both Missoula and Ronan, she worked at the Ronan Post Office for 38 years, serving as postmaster for the last six of those years. During most of that time she walked to and from work, no matter what the weather. Yvonne enjoyed working with the public and commented many times that she wished she could still work.

Yvonne loved her family and lived much of her life in Ronan with her mother May and sister Hazel. She was a member of the Ronan Christian Church for many years.

Yvonne enjoyed sewing, baking, needlework and gardening. Older Ronan residents may remember the beautiful gladiola gardens her family proudly maintained at their residence along Highway 93 in Ronan. This past spring, at the age of 101, she continued the tradition of helping her granddaughter Susie plant flowers at her home in Kalispell, and was able to come see the beautiful flowers on her 102nd birthday in September.

Yvonne was a pioneer, always dedicated and hard-working. Her strength and determination were admired by family and friends. She was never one to give up, even when the challenges were great. Her quick wit and humor were with her until her final days. Even then, she offered a few smiles and her own special wink.

Yvonne is survived by her daughter, Alice Joan and John Hanger of Missoula; and grandchildren, Karen and Glen Adams of Potosi, Mo., Susie and Jon Alper of Kalispell, John C. and Jennifer Hanger of Alpharetta, Ga., and Julie Hainline of Missoula; great-grandchildren, Ben Smith of Milwaukee, Wis., Libby Fields of Columbia Falls, Sophie Hainline and Jonathan Hainline of Missoula, and Larisa Hanger, Ana Hanger, Katia Hanger and Zachary Hanger of Alpharetta, Ga.

She was preceded in death by her mother, May Byrd Lane; father, Thomas R. Lane; and sister, Hazel Lane Menter.

Graveside services will be held at noon, today, Oct. 22, at the Mountain View Cemetery in Ronan.

Marion A. Lang, 81

Marion A. Lang, 81, died Monday, Jan. 25, 2010, at her home in Bigfork.

She is survived locally by a daughter, Cassandra

Gumpert, of Bigfork. There are no services planned at this time. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Mildred Lantis, 96

Mildred Lantis, a longtime resident of Sioux City, Iowa, died peacefully, surrounded by family, on Friday, July 23, 2010, at Lake View Care Center in Bigfork. The daughter of Charles and Emma (Wieting) Maschmeier, Mildred was born Nov. 19, 1913, near Ellis, Neb. The oldest of eight children, she was raised on a farm and educated in nearby Beatrice, Neb., and moved to Sioux City in 1931.

She married Merl E. Lantis at Emmaus Lutheran Church in 1934. The same church was built by her father and his family southwest of Beatrice, Neb. This strong German/Lutheran heritage was a great influence in Mildred's Christian faith. She cited her confirmation in both English and German just for her Grandma, who could only speak German. Mildred was very proud her whole family is of the Christian faith and daily prayers at meals and bedtime were never missed. She strongly believed in her life with Christ on earth and after death.

"Be thou faithful until death and I will give you a crown of Life." - Revelations 2:10.

Mildred and Merl settled in Sioux City and were members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Sioux City since 1933. She was a member of Lydia Circle, St. Paul's Ladies Aid, Quilting Club and Mature Citizens. She was famous for her cooking contributions to St. Paul's

and remembered by generations for her wonderful Swiss steak dinners.

Many will remember Mildred and Merl as owners and operators of Ted's Cafe in Riverside, a famous gathering place for homemade meals, socializing and friendship. Mildred's specialties were her apple pies, fried chicken, loose meat sandwiches and German peppernuts.

Later Mildred owned and operated the A&W in Vermillion, S.D., which was the favorite hang-out of students and the most desired place to work. Millie had a special way of making everyone feel like family. Mildred and Merl opened their door and hearts to so many young people who considered them their adopted family. They also started a fireworks business which two of their sons carry on today known as Lantis Fireworks.

Mildred was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Emma Maschmeier; siblings, Lawrence Maschmeier, Hertha Larson, Marion Haller, Edna Maschmeier, Viola Worden, Darlene Pashal and Elinor Lang; husband, Merl Edward Lantis; and son, William Edward Lantis.

She is survived by sons, Bob Lantis and Julie of Rapid City, S.D., Don Lantis and Reta of Dakota Dunes, S.D., and Ken Lantis and Christine of Sandy, Utah; daughter, Margie Lantis Bagley, of Bigfork; daughter-in-law,

Mary Ellen Lantis, of Spearfish; S.D.; brothers-in-law, George Lang and Dick Worden; 13 grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6, at Meyer Brothers Funeral Home, 3220 Stone Park Boulevard, Sioux City. Funeral Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 612 Jennings Street, Sioux City. Interment at Memorial Park Cemetery will follow the luncheon.

Memorial contributions may be directed to St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

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

Wayne Lapp, 81

On Thursday, March 18, 2010, Wayne Lapp, a lifetime Flathead Valley resident, passed away unexpectedly following a



stroke early Tuesday morning, at the age of 81. He was born on July 18, 1928, to Lena (Kauffman) and Frank Lapp.

He attended Deer Park and Columbia Falls schools, and graduated from the Hesston Academy in 1948.

Wayne served with the Mennonite Alternative (PAX) Service in Germany and Algeria from 1954 to 1956 in the reconstruction effort.

On June 28, 1957, he married Mary Alice Eby of Drake, Saskatchewan, and they settled on a small acreage in Evergreen, where they raised their family of two sons and three daughters.

Wayne worked briefly at Plum Creek before signing on with the Fuller Brush Co., as a door-to-door salesman in the Flathead Valley, which he continued doing until his death. Wayne was well-known by many valley residents simply as "the Fuller Brush man." May of 2010 would have marked 50 years with the company.

He and Mary had a large corn patch, a vegetable garden and fruit trees on their property. Many enjoyed the produce he sold at the farmers' market and the honey from his bee hives. For many years, he also had some livestock (cows, pigs, and chickens) on the "farm" as well.

Wayne became a member

of the Mountain View Mennonite Church in Creston at the age of 12, and had been an active member since that time.

An avid outdoorsman, Wayne greatly enjoyed fishing, hunting and camping with family and friends.

Wayne will be remembered for his faith in God, his outgoing nature and his willingness to help whomever was in need.

Survivors include his wife, Mary; his five children, Robert and Julie Lapp of Lake Oswego, Ore., Sandi and Dave Heine of Kalispell, Nancy and Kent Kanagy of Albuquerque, N.M., Julie Lapp of Everett, Wash., and John Lapp of Boulder; along with 11 grandchildren, Nick, Colton and Jordan Lapp, Loren, Tyler (Jeanne), Brad and Jenessa Heine, Will and Molly Kanagy, and Sean and Ben Porter; and three brothers, Jason Lapp of Lakeside, Edward Lapp of Kalispell, and Floyd Lapp of Molalla, Ore.

Services will be held at 3:30 p.m. on Monday, March 22, at the Mountain View Mennonite Church, preceded by the committal at 2 p.m. at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. There will be a viewing from 3 to 6 p.m. on Sunday, March 21, at the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home.

Memorials can be given to Mennonite Central Committee, <http://mcc.org>, or to the Gideon ministry.

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

Burlin 'Bill' Laroux, 70

Burlin "Bill" Laroux passed away on March 5, 2010, in Natchitoches, La., the ninth of 10 children. Bill was born on April 14, 1939, near Zwolle, La., to Eva and J.T. Laroux. He graduated from Marthaville High School in 1957.



Bill joined the Air Force, married Kitte Meria "Kitty" Clements, and three sons were born, William "Billy," Richard "Rick," and Anthony "Tony." The couple divorced in 1966.

In 1969, Bill married Judith Marie Sullivan of Helena. They lived in Sacramento, Calif., Dayton, Ohio, and then back to California where their two sons, Ryan and Jason, were born. Bill spent 20 years in the U.S. Air Force serving in various locations, and retiring at the rank of master sergeant.

Following his Air Force career, Bill was employed by Rand Corporation and Lockheed. Bill was particularly proud of the work they did at the Skunk Works testing and building the SR-71 Blackbird, F-117 Stealth, and U-2 spy planes.

Bill retired in the spring of '96 and moved the family from California to Kalispell, following the death of his beloved wife, Judy.

Bill was preceded in death by his wife, Judy; his parents; three brothers, Dempsey Laroux, L.C. Laroux and N.L. Laroux; and two sisters, Lois Forshee and Pauline Berry.

He is survived by five sons, William Laroux, Richard Laroux and wife Jessie, Anthony Laroux, Ryan Laroux of Kalispell, and Jason Laroux and wife Melissa and their daughter, Abigail, of Oak Harbor, Wash.; a brother, Nathan Laroux, and wife, Caroline, of Robiline, La.; and three sisters, Ruby Moffett, of Shreveport, La.; Mae Cline, of Ringold, La., and Thelma Smith of Shreveport, La.

Funeral services for Burlin will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, March 19, in the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Chapel with Pastor Tim Bartholomew of Stillwater Free Lutheran Church officiating. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

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

Marian Patricia Rohde Larson, 85

Marian Patricia Rohde Larson passed away March 16, 2010. She was born on Aug. 4, 1924, in Glasgow. Marian moved with her family to the Flathead Valley at the age of 13 and attended high school in Bigfork.



She completed beauty school and worked as a hairdresser for nearly 40 years.

Marian married Ed Falkner in 1946 and together they raised four children until his death in 1962.

She was married to Walter Larson in 1969 and lived in Great Falls until their retirement, at which time they moved to their home in Leisure World, Mesa, Ariz.;

Marian was extremely active in the Kiwanis Club

and her many hobbies which included china painting, high teas and intimate dinner parties.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Marilyn Smith; and her son, Charles Falkner.

Marian is survived by her husband, Walter; son, Douglas Falkner, and Veronica; daughter, Kathleen Colman, and Richard; grandchildren, Randy Smith and fiancée Kendra, J.T. Falkner and Pamela, Patrick Falkner, Jody Pavich and Katie Worthen; and great-grandchildren, Castin Kendall and Kora Leigh Kendall.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m., Tuesday, March 23, at the Apache Wells Community Church.

In lieu of flowers, Marian had requested donations to the "Kiwanis Club of the Superstitions Donation," c/o Pene Mathison No. 425 Leisure World Mesa, AZ 85206.

Richard Allen Veidt Larson, 36

Richard Allen Veidt Larson, 36, "left this world for a better place" on Wednesday, May 12, 2010. He was born on June 9, 1973, in Kalispell to Donny Veidt and Debra Fauerso.

Richard spent most of his life in Kalispell, and later resided in Anaconda where he met Kayla Yeoman (now deceased) and had two beautiful daughters that he loved and adored more than anything.

He left memories behind that will forever remind us of his amazing spirit and adventurous heart. Richard's incredible smile will be missed dearly by all that knew him.

"We love you Richard, rest in peace."

Richard is survived by his daughters, Kasidy and Rylee

of Anaconda; mother, Debra Fauerso, and husband, Steve Fauerso, of Kalispell; father, Donny Veidt, of Kalispell; sisters, Dacia Larson, and Sheri Smith and husband, Jason Smith, of Kalispell; nephews, Jayden and Coby Smith, of Kalispell, grandparents, Don and Alice Veidt of Kalispell; Grandma Gloria Bolin of Kalispell; and numerous aunts, uncles cousins and dearest friends.

A celebration of his life and a potluck will be held from 4 to 9 p.m. Friday, May 21, at the pavilion at Lawrence Park.

The family suggests that any memorial contributions be sent to John and Karen Yeoman, c/o Kasidy and Rylee Yeoman at 1417 W. Third, Anaconda, MT 59711.

Beth Diane Burtz Lathrop, 43

Beth Diane Burtz Lathrop, 43, passed away on Tuesday, April 20, 2010, at her grandmother's home in Kalispell.



Beth was born on Aug. 29, 1966, in San Francisco, to Ralph and Candace (Lincoln) Walker. She was raised in Sacramento, Calif.

She had worked in property management until her illness forced her to move to be near her family in Kalispell.

Beth enjoyed fishing, camping and will always be remembered for her great sense of humor. She was loved by everyone that knew her.

She was preceded in death by her grandfather, Don Lincoln.

She is survived by her husband, Doug Lathrop, of Kalispell; mother, Candace Pluid, and stepfather, John T. Pluid, of Kalispell; father, Ralph Walker, of Sacramento; sons, Kris, Justin and Nick Burtz, all of Las Vegas, and son, John Matheu, of Sacramento; stepsons, Chris, Ben and Jon Lathrop, all of Sacramento; sibling, Bryce Walker and wife, Irma, and their sons, Tyler and Trevor, of Meridian, Idaho; grandmother, Shirley Lincoln, of Kalispell; and aunts, Jeri and Denise Lincoln, both of Kalispell.

Private family services will be held. "She is now in the arms of God." Thank you Dr. Habel for everything you have done.

You are invited to go to www.buffalohillffh.com to leave messages for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Nathaniel C. Lauderbaugh, 84

Nathaniel C. Lauderbaugh, 84, died March 7, 2010.

He is survived by his

daughter, LeeAnne Lauderbaugh, of Whitefish.

Services will be held in Indiana.

Walter James 'Jim' Lauterback, 82

Walter James "Jim" Lauterback, 82, passed away on Thursday, Sept. 2, 2010, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.



Jim was born on May 5, 1928 in Glendale, Calif., to Walter and Melba (Evans) Lauterback.

He worked as a railroad brakeman and owned and operated his own body and paint shop. He loved playing

pool.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife, Ellen Lauterback of Lakeside; children, Steven Lauterback of La Crescenta, Calif., Sandy McKee of Glendale, Calif., and Veronica Morris of Springfield, Mo.; four grandsons; one granddaughter; and four great-grandsons.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 15, at Eidsvold Lutheran Church in Somers. You are invited to go to www.buffalohillfh.com to sign Jim's book or leave a message.

Sheila A. LaVelle, 72

Sheila A. LaVelle, 72, passed away on Thursday, Sept. 16, 2010, at her home in Kalispell.

Sheila was born on Jan. 31, 1938, in Terry, to Jeff and Louise (Bragg) LaVelle. She was raised in Miles City, Glendive, then when she was 12 years old moved to Butte where she attended junior high and high school.

Sheila worked for Kelly Hardware, GMAC, Mountain States Telephone Co., LaVelle Power Co., and Dugdale Excavating, before going to work for U.S. West Communications in 1973. She retired in 1990.

Sheila loved to volunteer at the food bank, as well as other places that needed help. She enjoyed garden-

ing, crafts, and putting together her butterfly collection.

She is survived by her children, Bill LaVelle, Jeffrey and his wife Tracy LaVelle, and Jennifer LaVelle; grandchildren, Bill LaVelle IV, Ben LaVelle, Jessica LaVelle, Mikle LaVelle, Dustin LaVelle, Nathan LaVelle and Paul

Barrows; and eight great-grandchildren.

A celebration of Sheila's life will be held at 1 p.m. today, Sept. 18, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, with Bishop Mark Robison officiating.

You are invited to go to www.buffalohillfh.com to sign her book or leave a message.

Sister Mary Dorothy LaVigne, 77

Sister Mary Dorothy LaVigne, R.S.M., 77, died on Monday, Aug. 9, 2010, at Mercy Medical Center in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, after a brief illness.



Services will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 13, at the Sacred Heart Convent Chapel in Cedar Rapids, by Rev. David Ambrosy. Burial will be at the Mount Calvary Cemetery in Cedar Rapids. Friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 12, at Sacred Heart Chapel, with a vigil service at 6 p.m. Arrangements are with Stewart Baxter Funeral and Memorial Services.

Sister Mary Dorothy LaVigne was born June 26, 1933, to George and Edna Ringleter LaVigne, in Saxon, Wis. As a child, her family moved to Kalispell, where she attended St. Matthew's School and Troy High School in Troy.

Sister Dorothy entered the Sisters of Mercy in Cedar Rapids on Aug. 1, 1953, and made her final profession of vows on Feb. 2, 1959.

She received a bachelor's degree from Mount Mercy College in Cedar Rapids, majoring in history, with minors in home economics

and education. In ministry, Sister Dorothy taught second grade in the Iowa schools of Sacred Heart in Waterloo, St. Nicholas in Evansdale, Sacred Heart in Oelwein and St. Matthew's in Cedar Rapids. In 1985, she left the classroom to assist with duties on the Sacred Heart Convent and Mount Mercy College campus as a teacher's aide, phone operator and food service worker.

In retirement, Sister Dorothy remained active as a volunteer, contributing over 3,000 hours of service to Mercy Medical Center in Cedar Rapids. She enjoyed her time in the kitchen baking bread, making desserts, canning vegetables and preparing meals to show her hospitality to others. During the holidays she would put together food baskets for those in need in the community.

Sister Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, John, Robert and Donald; and sisters, Dorothy Mae Wertz, Betty Lou Huggins and Mary Ellen Delange.

She is survived by a sister, Genevieve Holen; brother-in-law, Fred Huggins; aunt, Alice LaVigne; many nieces and nephews; and the Sisters of Mercy.

Memorials may be sent to the Sisters of Mercy at 1125 Prairie Drive N.E., Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52402.

Jonathan Alan Leavitt, 73

Jonathan Alan Leavitt, 73, died Sunday, June 6, 2010, at his residence in Kalispell.

He is survived by his wife, Margo Leavitt, of Kalispell; and his

children, Barb Libo, Scott Libo and Debbie McIntosh, all of Seattle, and Linda Clark of Kalispell.

There are no services planned at this time.

Jonathan A. Leavitt, 73

Jonathan A. Leavitt, 73, died Sunday, June 6, 2010, of natural causes, in Kalispell. He was born in Glasgow, Ky. He graduated from Colville High School in Colville, Wash.



Jon worked for Boeing in Seattle before following in his father's footsteps and going to work for the U.S. Forest Service on the Flat-head National Forest.

On Feb. 14, 1975, he married Margo Kostka at his parents' home in the Rattlesnake Canyon near Missoula.

He enjoyed hunting, camping and picking huckleberries before his retirement. He spent time playing cards and completing jigsaw puzzles with family and friends at the family home.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Roswell and Ruth Leavitt; a brother,

Scott Leavitt; his son, Jonathan "Scott" Leavitt; and an infant daughter, Diane Leavitt.

He is survived by his wife, Margo Leavitt, of Kalispell; and his children, Linda Clark of Kalispell, Barb Libo, Debbie McIntosh and Scott Libo, all of the Seattle area; his grandchildren, Jeff Harper, Jonathan Griggs, Raymond Griggs, Samantha Theilen, Justin Dahlum, Ryan Ehlke, Courtney Jonas, Joshua Whitis, Alyssa Libo and Jack Libo; and four great-grandchildren, Haley Griggs, Tivan Theilen, Haden Dahlum and Bella Marie Jonas. He is also survived by his brother, Glen Leavitt, and Pug Carey, of Dillon; cousin, Carolyn Fincher; nephews, Jonathan C. Leavitt and Chad Leavitt, and stepchildren, Kelly Morrow of Kalispell and Tracy Wilson of Seattle.

There will be no public service.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Betty Ann LeDuc, 86

Betty Ann LeDuc, 86, passed away in Kalispell on Monday, May 31, 2010, "to be with her Lord and deceased family and friends."



She was born March 1, 1924, in Devils Lake, N.D., to George and Josephine Holger-son.

Betty Ann graduated from Central High School in Devils Lake where she was a homecoming queen and honor student.

She met and married her soul mate and love of her life, Robert LeDuc, in Seattle, in 1942.

Bob and Betty Ann moved to Seattle during the War and she worked for Boeing Aircraft as a clerical worker while Bob was an army engineer. While in Seattle she gave birth to their first son, Trent, in 1945.

They returned to North Dakota after World War II and then moved to Montana in 1951. She and Bob owned and operated several small businesses — the Kalispell Bar, a vending machine business, and the Golden Wheels Mobile Home and RV Center, to name a few. In 1954, Betty Ann gave birth to their second child, Scott.

Betty Ann raised a beautiful, loving family and enjoyed the community and outdoors that Montana had to offer. She was the perfect mother, always performing her maternal instincts with love, adoration, kindness, comfort and guidance. Over the many years of child rearing, you would always be sure that Betty Ann was watching over her two sons, husband and mother Josephine, who lived with the family.

When not with the family, she enjoyed spending time with Bob dancing up a storm, with the Big Band ballroom music. Dancing from North Dakota to Seattle, they would frequent dance halls and dance the night away to swing and jitterbug. She loved jazz and was a proud member of the local jazz society, and especially liked the Arnie Carruthers Band and the Don Lawrence Orchestra.

Betty Ann was a proud member of the Elks Club and

she and Bob operated the Elks Resort on Flathead Lake from 1967 to 1970.

She enjoyed traveling the country and abroad via planes, trains, boats and cruise ships to near and far away places.

She was an elegant, beautiful lady with class and style. She was recruited by local dress shops and department stores (the KM and Anderson's Style Shop) in the '60s and '70s when they would put on fashion shows at the Elks Club, hotels and convention centers.

Betty Ann also enjoyed fishing and cruising on Flathead Lake, as well as the Lake Blaine gathering cabin owned by Bob's sister, Donna. Countless family outings were enjoyed by all the aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Above all, Betty Ann possessed the gift of love and happiness that she bestowed on all the lives she touched. She will be dearly missed but fondly remembered by all who met or knew her.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Gordon and Donald; and one sister, Leona.

She is survived by her husband, Robert "Bob" LeDuc; two sons, Trent LeDuc and wife, Sheila, and Scott LeDuc and wife, Joyce, all of Kalispell; five grandchildren, Ryan LeDuc and wife Kathy, Tye LeDuc and wife Jessica, Angela LeDuc, Kyle LeDuc and Paige LeDuc, all of Kalispell; with numerous great-grandchildren.

A celebration of life will be held for Betty Ann at 10 a.m. on Friday, June 4, at Risen Christ Catholic Church followed by burial at Glacier Memorial Gardens. A reception will follow burial at the church.

Visitation will be from 2 to 6 p.m. Thursday, June 3, with a rosary to follow at 7 p.m. at Johnson Gloschat Funeral Home.

The family suggests memorials be given in her name to Religious Retirement, c/o Risen Christ Church, 65 W. Evergreen Drive, Kalispell, MT 59901.

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