

## Helen M. Lee, 92

Helen M. Lee, 92, died Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2010, at Lake View Care Center in Bigfork.

Burial will be held at

Greenlawn Southwest in Bakersfield, Calif.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family locally.

## August A. 'Johnny' Leistner, 92

August A. "Johnny" Leistner, 92, was born Nov. 4, 1918, in Eckville, Alberta, to Paul E. and Nellie Bjornson Leistner. He passed away Sunday, June 27, 2010, in Lewiston, Idaho. They moved to Palouse, Wash., where he lived for a short time before moving to Kalispell with his father and brother Leon.

He married Elaine M. Getzfried March 20, 1944, in Billings, and they made their home in Kalispell, where they operated a fuel trucking business from 1948 to 1978. They loved spending time at their Flathead Lake home, boating, fishing and relaxing, and just enjoying the beautiful scenery, as well as spending time with family and friends.

His wife Elaine passed away Jan. 10, 1995, in Mesa, Ariz., where they spent the winters and then made their home in 1989. Johnny moved to Lewiston in 2004 to be close to his niece, Sylvia Parsons Fox, who cared for him, while he was a resident at Wedgewood Terrace until his death. He will be missed very much.

Johnny was a 65-year member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Sons of the American Legion, the men's auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, was a life-member of the Fraternal

Organization of Elks, and member of the Moose Chapter.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Alma Leistner Parsons; and brothers, Leon Leistner and Homer Leistner.

Surviving Johnny are his two nieces, Sylvia and Ken Fox of Lewiston, and Sandra Parsons of New Zealand; two nephews, Gerry Parsons and wife Cyndee Northrup of Spokane, and Gail Parsons of Oakdale, Wash.; five great-nephews, Sean Parsons of Spokane, Sgt. Tracy Morgan of Fort Carson, Colo., Cory Black of Portland, and Brandon and Kyle Black, both of Kennewick, Wash.; three great-nieces, Kerry and Beau Johnson of Valleyford, Wash., Tiffany and Leighton Teem of Lewiston, and Erin and Danny Glynn of Spokane; four great-great-nephews, Colton Parsons of Spokane, Dustin Warwick of Oakdale, Landon Teem of Lewiston, and Brody Morgan of Portland; and two great-great-nieces, Summer Warwick of Valleyford and Trinity Teem of Lewiston.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, July 1, at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

Arrangements are with Vassar-Rawls Funeral Home of Lewiston.

## Timothy Lee Lemburg, 66

Timothy Lee Lemburg, "Papa," passed away June 1, 2010, following a courageous battle with cancer.

Tim was born on July 25, 1943, to Marvin Henry Lemburg and Betty Lou Percy, both of whom preceded him in death.

Tim served as a boiler operator in the U.S. Navy aboard the USS Pritchett during the Vietnam War where he sustained injuries to his legs during an on-ship boiler accident. Following his military service, Tim was a power plant operator until 1981 when he retired due to disability.

During his early 20s, Tim broke his hip in an accident that led to ongoing challenges for the duration of his life. However, Tim refused to allow his physical disabilities to dictate the way he lived. Refusing to rely upon crutches or a wheelchair, as his doctors repeatedly recommended, Tim instead wore out a total of six hip replacements, in addition to having both knees replaced, to maintain his ability to walk and remain active.

Tim loved the mountains

and was an avid fisherman. He was particularly fond of stream fishing and only wished that he had discovered the joy of fly fishing earlier in his life. He was also a terrific cook and the type of guy you wanted to have around when just about anything broke. Above all, he loved his family and found particular joy in his 11 grandchildren.

He is survived by Judy, his loving wife of 27 years; his sons, Scott and Julie, Jon and Angela, and Steve and Brooke; his stepdaughter, Shannon McMillian, and Barry; and 11 grandchildren, Matthew, Hannah, Bailey, Brianna Kyle M., Evan, Gage, Peyton, Makayla, Kyle L., and Jacob.

The family would like to extend special thanks to those at the Whitefish Care and Rehabilitation Center who took such wonderful care of Tim during his final month. He appreciated you very much, as do we.

A celebration of life will be held at 2 p.m., July 2, at his son's home, 1020 Lemburg Lane, in Columbia Falls.

Bill Leonard passed away peacefully at his home in Whitefish on Oct. 21, 2010, with his family by his side.



He was born Sept. 28, 1938, in Havre to Edward L. Leonard Sr. and Thelma Richards Leonard of Chinook.

A memorial service to celebrate Bill's life will be held at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 27, at the Whitefish United Methodist Church, 1150 Wisconsin Ave., in Whitefish, with refreshments to follow.

Bill was a spirited youth who caused his parents considerable grief along with abundant joy. He anchored the line of the Chinook Sugarbeaters championship football team in 1955 and was president of the Chinook High School student council. Bill relished the challenge of scouting, attaining the rank of Eagle Scout and attending the 1953 National Jamboree in California. These early leadership achievements earned Bill a nomination to the U.S. Naval Academy, but color blindness precluded him from matriculating.

Bill attended Montana State University in the late 1950s and later graduated from the University of Maryland with a bachelor's degree in business administration. While at MSU, Bill pledged Sigma Alpha Epsilon. In 1974 he completed his formal education with a master's degree in education administration from the University of Southern California.

In 1959 Bill enlisted in the U.S. Army and later graduated from Officer Candidate School. Commissioned a second lieutenant of artillery, Bill served a distinguished career with assignments in Japan, Vietnam, Germany and numerous stateside postings culminating at Fort Ord, Calif., where he retired at the rank of major in 1978. For valor in combat, Bill earned the Bronze Star with "V" device and 2 oak leaf clusters.

While an ROTC instructor at South Dakota State University, Bill met his lifelong companion and soul mate, Ruth Wilson. They were married in Brookings, S.D., on May 30, 1970.

Following military service and tenure with the Burlington Northern Railroad, Bill owned and operated two businesses, managed the Whitefish Water and Sewer District and served as a rural water and waste water consultant for the Midwest Assistance Partnership in Montana. His involvement in the latter two organizations complimented Bill's interest in improving his community and the environment.

Throughout his life Bill had a love for the great outdoors which passed from his father and he, in turn, passed on to his sons. Hunting, fishing and camping were Bill's passions. He generously supported the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and other outdoor-oriented organizations.

Montana occupied a special place in Bill's heart. Some of his favorite places included his boyhood home of Chinook, Blaine County and the Bear Paw Mountains. Summers spent on Whitefish Lake and in Glacier Park endeared him to the northwest, where Ruth and he established their permanent home upon his retirement from the U.S. Army. Most recently, Bill and Ruth found beauty and tranquility in the Big Hole valley of southwest Montana.

Bill was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Chinook, the Whitefish chapter of Rotary International and the Whitefish United Methodist Church.

He is survived by Ruth, his wife of 40 years; son, Kevin and wife, Trudy of Stafford, Va.; son, Shawn and wife, Heather and grandchildren, Talon and Ea Rose of Vabrico, Fla.; brother, Richard and wife, Ann of Albuquerque, N.M.; brother, Edward and wife, Peggy of Colorado Springs, Colo.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents; and lifelong friend, Gary "Mick" Morris.

In lieu of flowers, Bill's family recommends a contribution in his honor be made to the Whitefish United Methodist Church, P.O. 4248, Whitefish, MT 59937; or the Blaine County Wildlife Museum, P.O. 304, Chinook, MT 59523.

Austin Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for Bill's family.

## Harold Leslie, 86

On April 23, 2010, Harold Leslie, 86, "was released by his Lord and Savior from the bonds of this earth and allowed to go home." Harold passed away from complications of dementia at a care facility in Great Falls.



Harold was born to Samuel and Mabel (Spear) Sauerbier on Oct. 21, 1923, in Kalispell. He was educated in the Flathead Valley. He was unable to attend high school because he was needed on the family farm.

As a young man he served honorably in the Army during World War II. He was stationed in Europe, working on the railroad transporting troops. It was a time he did not talk about, but once in a while he would tell stories about being transported on the large troop ships over the ocean.

On June 28, 1947, he married the love of his life, Florence Cordell, in Kalispell. Harold worked on the construction of Hungry Horse Dam, a job he was very proud of. He also worked for the city of Kalispell and Flathead County as a heavy equipment operator.

Harold and Florence were the proud parents of daughters Judy and Jerry. The most important thing in Harold's life was his family. He and Florence moved to Great Falls three years ago to be near family.

He was preceded in death by his parents and all of his brothers and sisters.

Harold is survived by his wife, Florence; daughter, Judy Crump and Tom of Entiat, Wash.; grandson, Justin Crump and Kassia of Pateros, Wash.; daughter, Jerry Zahller and David of Great Falls; grandson, Jeff Zahller and Holly of Monroe, Wash.; great-granddaughter, Genevieve of Monroe; and grandson, Matt Zahller and Kimber of Boise, Idaho.

Harold Leslie was a cowboy at heart. His favorite things as a child were riding his horse, hunting and fishing. He loved the Flathead Valley and his family with all of his heart. He loved to go camping and be in the woods. He instilled in his

children a love of the outdoors, the smell of pine trees and the quietness of the forest. He loved dancing and singing country music, especially Johnny Cash.

Harold Leslie would do anything for his wife and family, from trying to sew a Barbie doll outfit for a Girl Scout project, to gently holding the hands of his daughters between bunks in the camper when they were afraid of the dark.

The love he and Florence shared was noted by many Flathead residents during the years they lived in Kalispell. They could frequently be seen walking on the west side, holding hands, or driving along with Florence sitting closely beside Harold. Cruelly, the disease he suffered from separated them the last few months of his life due to his care needs, but it never stopped the incredible love they shared.

No greater compliment or testimony can be given to a person than to say that he lived honorably and always did the best he could for his family. The country song "Daddy's Hands" fitted him perfectly. Harold Leslie will be remembered by his family as a man of quiet courage, gentleness, loyalty and trust.

The family believes "he is now sitting on his horse, wearing his favorite black hat. He has ridden long and hard, the journey has been difficult, but now he sits quietly on the top of the hill, overlooking his beautiful valley again. All pain and loneliness are gone. He feels strong and good on this beautiful morning."

Visitation for Harold will be from noon to 4 p.m. Friday, April 30, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 1, at Glacier Memorial Gardens with Pastor Todd Hart of Faith Alliance Church officiating.

The family suggests memorials may be sent to Special Olympics Montana, P.O. Box 3507, Great Falls, MT 59403.

"May you rest in peace dear husband, father and grandfather. God richly blessed our lives with your presence and love."

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Harold's family. You are invited to go to [www.jgfuneralhome.com](http://www.jgfuneralhome.com) to offer condolences and view Harold's tribute wall.

## Arnold Lightner, 79

Arnold Lightner, 79, passed away Jan. 13, 2010, at the Health Center Northwest in Kalispell, peacefully with his



wife at his side. He started his battle with esophageal cancer the summer of 2008.

Arnold was born Oct. 11, 1930, in Conrad, to Rachel (Christiaens) and Loren Lightner. He grew up milking cows and working on the farm with his family. He and his brother would ride the same horse a mile and a half to the Munyon School for classes. It was one of many one-room school houses that dotted the countryside at that time. Arnold attended Conrad High School, graduating in 1949. It was there he met the love of his life, Jean Petesch.

Jean and Arnold were married in Conrad on Nov. 7, 1950. They began their life farming his parents' land, eventually buying land of their own. They moved from the farm home into Conrad when their children started to attend school.

As a child, Arnold was fascinated with airplanes, so much that he spent the entire amount he received from the sale of his prize calf at the county fair to take his first ride in an airplane! On Jan. 29, 1960, he received his pilot's license. He co-owned a plane with several other aviation enthusiasts, taking many trips with friends and family.

Arnold was very commu-

nity minded, becoming active in the local Republican Party, serving on the hospital board, the State ASCS Committee, the Economic Development Corporation which helped to develop businesses in Conrad, and the Conrad School board.

When Arnold and Jean retired from farming, they spent time traveling the country with friends in their motor home. Eventually they settled in Bigfork and later Kalispell, spending winters in their home in Indio, Calif.

Always wanting to remain active, loving to meet new people and having a special gift of making conversation with everyone, Arnold began doing volunteer work at hospitals in both California and Kalispell. He served the Kalispell Regional Medical Center for 14 years and was awarded the honor of Volunteer of the Year.

Arnold was preceded in death by his parents; and his brother, Raymond Lightner.

He is survived by his wife, Jean; his five children, Alan and his wife, Louise, of Sandy, Utah, John and his wife, Colleen, of Katy, Texas, Robert and his wife, Doreen, of Conrad, Julie of Havre, and Lisa of Seattle; three grandchildren, Alyssa and Alan, Quentin, and Zale and Lisa; and many nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Arnold's life will take place in Kalispell this summer and will be announced in late spring.

In lieu of sending flowers, Arnold wanted memorials to be made to KRMC in Kalispell, 310 Sunny View Lane, Kalispell, MT 59901.

## Dolores 'LaVerne' Lindsley, 74

Dolores "LaVerne" Lindsley, 74, passed away on Jan. 5, 2010, at Colonial Manor in Whitefish of natural causes.

LaVerne was born in Whitefish on Feb. 5, 1935. She graduated in 1952 from Columbia Falls High School. She met and married Richard Lindsley that same year.

She very much enjoyed antiquing, doing ceramics and traveling.

She worked at the Montana Veterans Home for several years.

LaVerne was preceded in death by her parents, Lyle and Goldie Chapman; her husband, Richard Lindsley; and her sister and brother-in-law, Betty and Leo Smith.

She is survived by three

daughters, Jacqelin Sharp of Everett, Wash., Colette McNeil and husband, Pat McNeil, of Whitefish, and Debra Ely of Everett; six grandchildren, Joshua, Doug, Jeremy, Jeremiah, Nicole and Kaleena; three great-grandchildren, Loagan, Cloe and Gracie; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

A visitation will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. today, Jan. 10, at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 11, at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls, with Rev. David Merkel officiating. Burial will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

## Dean L. Lingle, 52

Dean passed away Saturday, March 20, 2010, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center, surrounded by his family.

Dean was born Feb. 23, 1958, in Wolf Point to Alvin L. and Goldie N.H. Lingle. He moved with his family to the Flathead Valley in the fall of 1962. He attended school at Demarsville and Columbia Falls.

On June 23, 1986, he married Patti Stevens. They were later divorced.

Dean was preceded in death by his father, Alvin Lingle; his stepfather, Vin-



cent Neudecker; and brother, Kim A. Lingle.

He is survived by his son, and three granddaughters, of Kennewick, Wash.; his mother, Goldie Neudecker, of Columbia Falls; a sister, Katrina Moore, of Killeen, Texas; brothers, Gerry and wife, Shelly, of Kalispell, and Joel and wife, Jennifer, of Tucson, Ariz.; his dear aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, his best always friend, Patti, and her granddaughter, Bailey Rose, who was his "li' fishing bud" who called him "PaPa"; stepdaughter, Missy, and her daughter, Cheyenne, and numerous friends.

A potluck remembrance will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 12, at Marantette Park, in Columbia Falls.

## Clara L. Lipp, 86

Clara L. Lipp, 86, passed away on Thursday, July 1, 2010, in Kalispell. Clara was born on June 21, 1924, to Alphonse and Hilda Muller in Hingham. She attended school in Hingham, graduating in 1942.

On Oct. 8, 1946, she married Phillip Lipp in Hingham. They resided in Hingham until 1983, when they retired and moved to Kalispell.

Clara spent many enjoyable years bowling, golfing, doing needlework and getting visits from family and friends.

Clara is survived by her husband, Phillip Lipp, of Kalispell; daughters and sons-in-laws, Marge and Bob Hoene of Bigfork, Jane and Nate English of Lolo, Rita and John Laird of Chester, Diane and Keith Engebretson of Kalispell, and honorary daughter Kim Spicher of Whitefish; grandchildren, Casey, Sara, Jessica, Cory, Heather, Mitch, Aaron,



Megan, Keegan and Leah; and great-grandchildren, Carolyn, Finley, Edie, Evelyn, Georgia, Declan, Cartrin and Spencer. She is also survived by two sisters, Viola Rambo of Libby, and Eileen Bucholtz, of Beach, N.D.; two brothers and their spouses, John and Joann Muller of Hibbing, Minn., and Jim and Shirley Muller of Rudyard.

Clara was preceded in death by a daughter, Carolyn Davies; and a grandson, Drew Engebretson.

A visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m., with a vigil service at 7 p.m. today, July 2, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 12:30 p.m., Saturday, July 3, at Risen Christ Catholic Church with the Rev. Rudy Bullman officiating. Interment will follow the services at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family request memorials be made to the charity of the donor's choice in Clara's name.

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

## Norma Jean Lipp, 83

Norma Jean Lipp, 83, passed away with her family at her side on Friday, Aug. 27, 2010, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.



Norma was born Feb. 16, 1927, in Colo, Iowa, to Virgil and Rozetta (Hartman) McKinney. Norma was raised in Colo, where she attended school. She graduated from Northern Montana College in Havre with a Bachelor of Arts degree in education.

She worked as an elementary teacher in Hingham for 25-plus wonderful years.

Norma married Frank Lipp on Dec. 28, 1948, in Colo. They had 44 great years together before Frank passed away. They truly enjoyed living the life of wheat farmers.

She was a member of the Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church Alter Society in Hingham, a member of Risen Christ Catholic Church in Kalispell, a long-time volunteer at Kalispell Regional Medical Center, a senior student at Flathead Valley Community College and American Association of University Women, was given the Soroptimist Service Award, and had served as vice president of the Buffalo Hill Residence Group.

She enjoyed traveling and had traveled to many places. She loved music, teaching, gardening, writing and sharing her poetry with others. Norma loved spending time with her family and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Virgil and Rozetta McKinney; her husband, Frank Lipp; a daughter, Rose Marie Lipp; and two

sisters, Muriel Burka and Naomi Cook.

Norma is survived by her children, Alan and Penni Lipp of Havre, Jerry and Barb Lipp, Francie Lipp and Nick Russin, and Joanne Ferrell all of Kalispell, Mike and Joan Lipp of Hingham, and Linda and Leon Kappes of Elko, Nev.; a brother, Wayne McKinney Sr. of Des Moines, Iowa; grandchildren, Davis Miller, Andrew Miller, Katie Martin, Heidi Lipp, Christopher Lipp, Jessica Pitt, Dustin Kappes, Kallie Kappes, Dillon Lipp, Shellby Lipp and Nicholas Ferrell; great-grandchildren, Alexandria Pitt and Brody Miller; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A special thank you from Norma's family goes out to our dear friend and neighbor Joyce Spicher.

A visitation will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 31, at Risen Christ Catholic Church, with a vigil service at 7 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 1, at Risen Christ Catholic Church with the Rev. Rudy Bullman serving as celebrant. Interment will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family thanks the staff of Kalispell Regional Medical Center for their loving and compassionate care of Norma.

The public is invited to go to [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com) to leave personal messages and sign Norma's book. The family suggests that any memorials be made in Norma's name to Kalispell Regional Medical Center, Northwest Health Care Foundation, 310 Sunnyview Lane, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Phillip J. Lipp, 88

Our dad, Phillip Lipp, 88, died on Sept. 7, 2010, in Kalispell.



Phil was born March 8, 1922, to Andrew and Katharine Lipp in Fairchild. The family of eight moved to a farm south of Hingham in 1923.

Phil graduated from Hingham High School in 1940 and attended Carroll College and Montana State College. He was inducted into the Army Air Force in September 1942, and served in Iran and Saudi Arabia. He was honorably discharged in November, 1945.

Phil married a Hingham girl, Clara Muller, on Oct. 8, 1946, and they lived in Hingham until their five daughters were raised. During those years, Dad managed Lipp Motors, the local garage, gas station and fuel distributorship, until it was sold in 1982. Phil and Clara moved to Kalispell in 1983 and retired from the farm business in 1986.

During their years in Kalispell, Dad replaced his love for farming with fulfilling yard work in the summer. In the winter he was always there to clear his neighbor's driveways with his trusted John Deere tractor. His manicured yard was his pride and joy. Dad and Mom enjoyed many years of golf and making new friends, but the most treasured times of their lives were visits from family and old friends from the Hi-Line.

Phil was a very quiet man and like so many of his generation, he rarely spoke of his military service. It took many years for us to become aware of how proud he was

to serve his country. He loved the Hi-Line, his friends and the farming way of life.

His death was preceded by his wife, Clara on July 1, 2010; oldest daughter, Carolyn Davies in 1998; and his grandson, Drew Engebretson in 1990. His three brothers and a sister also preceded his death.

He is survived by his daughters and their husbands, Marge and Bob Hoene of Bigfork, Jane and Nate English of Lolo, Rita and John Laird of Chester, and Diane and Keith Engebretson of Kalispell. Kim Spicher, of Whitefish, was considered their sixth daughter. Their grandchildren are Casey, Sara, Jessica, Cory, Heather, Mitch, Aaron, Megan, Keegan and Leah; and great-grandchildren, Carolyn, Finley, Edie, Evelyn, Georgia, Declan, Caitrin, Spencer and Emerson. Phil is also survived by his sister, Betty O'Donnell of Billings.

A special thanks to Dr. Tim Obermiller of KRMC for his thoughtful care of Dad.

A visitation will be held from 5 to 7 p.m., with a vigil service at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 13 at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. A Mass of Christian burial will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 14 at Risen Christ Catholic Church with the Rev. Rudy Bullman officiating. Interment with military honors will follow the services at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family requests memorials be made to a charity of your choice in Phil's name. You are invited to visit [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com) to sign the book or leave a message for the family.

"Rest in peace Mom and Dad. We love you."  
Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Alberta Mae Lister, 64

On May 17, 2010, Alberta Mae Lister lost her valiant struggle with breast cancer, surrounded by her loving family, in her brother Mark's home.



She was born Feb. 27, 1946, in Edmonton, Canada, the oldest of five children. Her family immigrated to Montana in 1948. After graduating from Flathead High School in 1964, she attended Gonzaga University and later Northern Montana College in Havre. She raised her sons in Kalispell and was recently living with them in the Portland area.

Alberta loved her family, cats, hummingbirds, and riding carousels. She had great respect and reverence for Native American culture. The breathtaking mountains of the Flathead inspired and blessed her.

She will be greatly missed by her three sons, James Patrick Murphy, of Vancouver, Wash., Shawn Christopher Murphy and wife, Tonya, of Lake Oswego, Ore., and Nich-

olas Francis Murphy and wife, Kristin, of Aloha, Ore.; four beautiful grandchildren, Tristen, Kean, Mika, and Sydney; as well as four siblings, all of Kalispell: Maxine Pond, Gordon Lister, Marceline Maroney, and Mark Lister; and 13 loving nieces and nephews.

Her father and mother, Doug and Geri Lister, preceded her in death.

Since Alberta was never closer to heaven than when sitting around a campfire with her family and friends, please join her family in an informal celebration of life at an Open Memorial Campfire Reception between 3 and 6 p.m. Sunday, May 23, at Lone Pine State Park. You are invited to bring your own camp chairs and weather-appropriate clothing.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the Lister/Murphy family. You are invited to go to [www.jgfuneralhome.com](http://www.jgfuneralhome.com) to offer condolences and view Alberta's tribute wall.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be given in Alberta's memory to Home Options Hospice, 430 Windward Way, Suite 101, Kalispell, MT 59901.

## Larry Lee Livermore, 69

Larry Lee Livermore, 69, passed away on Sunday, March 7, 2010, after a nine month battle with cancer at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish. He was born on May 1, 1940, to Ralph and Sophie Jensen (Vergin) Livermore.



Larry attended grade school in Kalispell. He went into the Reserves at the age of 14. He then entered the Navy at 17. Larry served our country seven tours in Vietnam. He retired from the service in 1980.

Larry was kindhearted and had a generous gift for most. He enjoyed his nieces,

cats, Pepsi, coffee and plain donuts.

Larry is survived by his brother, Bill Vergin, and his wife, Carol, of Kila; a nephew, Doug Vergin; three nieces, Tamara Carpenter, Heather Truscott and husband Derek, and Jessica Danielson and husband Chad; six great-nieces and three great-nephews. He is also survived by a special friend, Bobbie, and husband, Jodi Blakely, of Idaho.

There will be a celebration notice this summer to come together and share memories, food and pictures in Larry's honor.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Larry's family. You are invited to go to [www.jgfuneralhome.com](http://www.jgfuneralhome.com) to offer condolences and view Larry's tribute wall.

## Kathy Livingston, 59

On April 4, 2010, Kathy Louise Livingston passed away at the family home on Teakettle Mountain. She was born on Oct. 14, 1950, in Whitefish to John and Lillian Bras. She was raised in Coram, and graduated from Columbia Falls High School with high honors in 1968.

She worked various jobs in Montana and Alaska. In 1982 she met and married Jim Livingston. Together they raised two sons, Jared and Stacy, along with her stepson, Jason.

She was very proud of her home and Christmas tree farm, in which she took great pride in their quality. Kathy loved her sons and followed them through thick and thin. She was very loving in nature and cared for many animals: she leaves behind

her loving pets, Clyde, Mauser, Nikkia and her cat, Braveheart.

She was preceded in death by both of her parents; John and Lillian Bras; and sister, Marilyn Kenfield.

She is survived by her two sons, Jared and Stacy, and stepson, Jason, all of Columbia Falls. Also surviving her is one sister, Lori King; and brothers, John Bras of Coos Bay, Ore.; and Brian Bras of Danette; along with numerous nieces and nephews which she dearly loved.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for the family. Private services will be held at a later date, where her ashes will be spread on the earth she loved so much.

### Edith C. Loe, 93

The beautiful August weather was interrupted by a gray, rainy Sunday, as if our little part of the world understands that a remarkable life has come to an end. Edith C. Loe, nicknamed Scoter, died last weekend, on Aug. 21, 2010, in Brendan House, Kalispell, at peace with herself, her world, and her destination. To her last day on this earth, she retained her mental faculties and recognized those around her by name. She left us a great example of how to face a difficult and inevitable part of life.

Edith Loe was born July 15, 1917. She was a remarkably consistent person: She was constant and true to her many friends; fair and honest with her professional colleagues in the Girl Scouts of America; and true to her vision of how she wanted to live her life and face her death. She contributed a great deal professionally to

the Girl Scouts through her life of service to that organization and the girls it serves.

She provided an example of unselfish leadership during her career that spanned over four decades, from her graduation from the University of Washington and first Scouting job in Seattle in 1939, to her retirement from the National Headquarters in New York in 1982 as director for the Camping Division. Following her retirement to Birch Bay, Wash., she continued to serve as a Girl Scout volunteer and as the treasurer of a local museum.

In 2001 she moved to Kalispell to live with her adopted family, Jane and Scott Wheeler.

She is survived by Scott and Jane; and her adopted daughter, Mrs. Toni Isarankura of Seattle. All who knew her will miss her intelligence, wit and honesty. In her great life she made the most of everything she had.

### Kellie M. Lohr, 40

Kellie M. Lohr, 40, died Dec. 4, 2010, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

She is survived by a daughter, Paige Daniele Allen-Walker.

Memorial services will

be at 11 a.m. Dec. 17, at the Christian Center of Kalispell, with a reception following.

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

### Travis Michael Long, 32

Travis Michael Long, 32, died Friday, May 7, 2010, at his residence in Kalispell.

He is survived by his wife, Alicia; their two children, Maliki and Mar-

tika; and his mother, Sandra Lewis, all of Kalispell.

No services are planned at this time.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

### Trefley Ralph Long, 51

Trefley Ralph Long, 51, died of cancer at Peace Hospice on Friday.

He is survived by his wife, Jeanie Long, of Missoula; his mother, Verleadii Brown, of Conrad; his daughters, Amber Simon-Stevens of Great Falls, Cheryl Broere Hollis of

North Carolina, and Kimberly Simonton-Lawler of Great Falls; and a son, Justin Broere, of Great Falls.

Cremation has taken place under the direction of Croxford Funeral Home and Crematory. A memorial service will be held in the summer.

Lee Longfield, 51

Lee Longfield passed away Wednesday, Sept. 8, 2010, at his home in Columbia Falls, of a massive heart attack.



He was born Oct. 2, 1958, in Salmon, Idaho, to Alvia Lee and Mary Longfield. Lee graduated from Columbia Falls High School in 1976. He graduated from the University of Reno, Nev., in 1981.

In 1982, he returned to Columbia Falls. Lee and his brother Paul bought the Paul Bunyan Bar.

In 1984, he married Brenda Felstet and started their family. In 1985, they were blessed with their daughter Meagann and, in 1989, their son Matthew.

Lee fulfilled his dream of becoming a groomer on Big Mountain where he was approaching his 25th year. He was an avid skier and called the mountain his second home!

During the summer he

worked at Whitefish Golf Course. He enjoyed golfing with his friends and son in his free time. Lee always enjoyed watching sports and doing play-by-play with Matthew, whether together or on the phone. Lee's greatest joy in life was his children.

Lee was preceded in death by his father, Lee; and his brother, Tom.

He is survived by his daughter, Meagann; son, Matthew; mother, Mary; brother, Paul, and his wife, Shawn Longfield, and their children, Dalin and Terryl and her husband, Kelly Johnson; nephews, Micheal Longfield, and Todd and wife Shannon Longfield; several other nieces and nephews; and many golf and skiing buddies.

"We now know Daddy, you are grooming the ultimate ski slope. Rest with all our love."

There will be a celebration of his life and luncheon at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, at the Eagles in Columbia Falls.

Karen Anderson Longhart, 49, died at home on Tuesday, June 1, 2010, in Kalispell, from cancer. She was born in Colorado Springs, Colo., on June 19, 1960, when her parents, Malcolm and Helen Anderson, welcomed her as their sixth child.



They went on to have two more children to round out the family of eight. Karen grew up in Colorado Springs in a wonderful and loving family, where there was never a dull moment! She attended high school at Coronado High School and graduated in 1978. Her favorite high school age memories were having both parents cheering her on at every swim meet, giving a speech at graduation, and doing a moonlight climb of Mount Elbert.

It was at Coronado where Karen met Fred, her soul mate and husband of 28 years. After graduating from college and finally convincing Fred to marry her, the couple moved to Kalispell and spent their time teaching math to thousands of students.

Karen taught at Columbia Falls High School from 1982 to 1984, Kalispell Junior High School from 1984 to 1985, Flathead High School from 1985 to 2002, and Flathead Valley Community College from 2002 to the present. Helping people learn math and also helping math teachers improve their practice was a passion for both Karen and Fred and something they did together.

Of course, they did everything together as anyone who knows them can attest. Her favorite memories of teaching were seeing a student's eyes light up when they succeeded, visits from Fred who taught next door, and sharing the energy and fun that often takes place in a high school classroom.

Karen won numerous teaching awards and was involved in improving math education at the local, state and national level where she was heavily involved with both the Montana Council of Teachers of Mathematics and the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics. Being a Presidential Awardee and being honored with a State Department dinner and a visit to the East Wing of the White House were

powerful reminders of the importance of helping children learn. It was even more special when Fred followed suit a couple of years later.

In addition to her passion for teaching, her passion for being active and fit was also apparent by the amount of time she spent at The Summit swimming and lifting weights. Fred and Karen also spent every free moment hiking in Glacier Park or walking at their favorite secret spot west of Kalispell. During the winter, they skate skied as often as possible.

Karen is survived by her wonderful and loving husband, Fred, and also leaves behind their dog, Monte. They did nearly everything together and particularly enjoyed working out together, sitting by the campfire talking and just enjoying each other's company.

Karen was always in awe of the unconditional love that Fred showered upon her throughout their entire marriage, but in particular during the last three years. He was always there for her - every step of the way. Their love was a precious gift that was both valued and appreciated. That love will continue on forever.

She was preceded in death by her dad.

Karen is survived by her siblings and their spouses, Dave and Jennifer Anderson of Colorado Springs, Kathy and Jack Hickey of Monument, Colo., Debby and Chris Jenkins of San Diego, Dan and Julie Anderson of Columbia, S.C., Chris and Julie Anderson of Denver, Suzy and Danny Evans of Windsor, Colo., and Julie and Matt Nesbitt of Fort Collins, Colo. She has numerous nieces and nephews. Fred's siblings are Bill and Donna Holder of Cypress, Calif., and Sharon Gedack of Colorado Springs. Karen was grateful to have such a close knit and supportive family.

A celebration of Karen's life will be held at 6:30 p.m. on June 7 at the Arts and Technology Building at FVCC. No memorial fund has been established. The family would prefer that you wear informal attire. Karen would prefer it if you would do something special with a loved one in her honor. Life is the school. Love is the lesson.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Karen's family. You are invited to go to [www.jgfuneralhome.com](http://www.jgfuneralhome.com) to offer condolences and view Karen's tribute wall.



## Keziah Marie 'Kay' Lovell, 91

Keziah Marie "Kay" Lovell, 91, died Tuesday, Aug. 17, 2010, in Kalispell. Services will be held at a later date. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Benita 'Bonnie' Pratt Lovick, 78

Benita "Bonnie" Pratt Lovick, 78, died Dec. 9, 2010, after a year-long illness.

She is survived by her five children, Lance Lovick of Mozambique, Africa; Kristi Coy of Bellingham, Wash.; Paul Lovick of San Diego; Carl Lovick of Post Falls, Idaho; and John Lovick of

Los Angeles.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, at the First Presbyterian Church, 155 Mahoney Rd., Libby. A reception will follow at the church.

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

## Forrest C. "Luke" Lucas, 81

Forrest C. "Luke" Lucas, 81, passed away on Saturday, Aug. 14, 2010, at Brendan House in Kalispell. He was a lifelong Montana resident.

Luke was born Aug. 4, 1929, in Kalispell.

He spent most of his life in the trucking business.

He was a private pilot and loved flying.

Luke is survived by his wife, Marvel; his children, Ronna and Greg Nelson, Sheila and Johnny Wade,

Renae Ren, Mitchell and Carrie Lucas, and Patricia and Dwayne Shults; granddaughters, Justina Madsen, Ariana, Kaitlyn and McKinze Shults, and Claire Lucas; and great-grandsons, Kord and Kase Madsen.

Private family services have been held.

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

## Vivian Moore Luke, 97

Vivian Moore Luke, 97, of Polson, passed away on Sunday, Oct. 3, 2010, at Polson Health and Rehabilitation.

Born in Sweet Grass on March 27, 1913, Vivian was the daughter of Alfred Roy Moore and Hannah M. (Johnson) Moore.

After Vivian graduated from Sweet Grass High School in 1930, the family moved to Kalispell where she met and married LeRoy "Bud" Luke on Dec. 7, 1933.

They moved to Polson in 1952, farming in Valley View.



Vivian joined the Valley View Woman's Club at that time and had remained a member. She also worked in the Lake County Treasurer's Office and the Lake County Welfare Office, retiring in 1978.

After retiring, Vivian and her husband of 66 years, Bud, did much traveling in their motor home to many states, visiting their children; and also to Alaska.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; a son, Bill; a great-granddaughter, Amber; and a son-in-law, Harold.

Survivors include a daughter, Carol Richmond, of Kalispell; sons, Clifford and Bobbie Luke, and Ralph and Lynda Luke, all of Polson.

and Duane and Eleine Luke of Lacy, Wash.; a daughter-in-law, Betty Luke, of Harrison; 17 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Services for Vivian include a graveside service at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 9, at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell. A memorial service will then begin at 1 p.m. on Saturday at the Grogan Funeral Home, 101 Sixth Ave. E., Polson.

Messages of condolence may be sent to the family online at [www.groganfuneralhome.com](http://www.groganfuneralhome.com). The staff of Grogan Funeral Home and Crematory, Polson, considers it a privilege to care for Mrs. Luke's family.

## Merlin 'Swede' Luckow, 80

Merlin "Swede" Luckow passed away peacefully at his home in Swan Lake on Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2010. Born Oct. 6, 1929, to Ernest and Myrtle Luckow in Hettinger, N.D., the family moved to the Swan River area when he was 2. He attended school at Swan River and Ferndale.

He graduated from Bigfork High School in 1947 and worked as a truck driver until he went into the military in October 1951. After boot camp he was in special training school at Camp Roberts, Calif., to become a speed radio operator. Swede served in Korea for two years and received the Korean Service Medal with two Bronze Service Stars and the United Nations Service Medal.

Swede married Patricia Fenby on May 15, 1952, in Missoula. After he was discharged from the military in August 1953, they made their home in Swan Lake. He continued hauling lumber and logs until he retired. Swede's shop was always open to friends and he was always there to lend a helping hand.

After he retired, they spent many years traveling

throughout the U.S.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia, of Swan Lake; daughter, Tooie, and husband, Barry Johnston, of Bigfork; son, Kyle, and wife, Michelle, of Swan Lake; daughter, Tracy, and husband, Randy Gordon, of Swan Lake; grandchildren, Kyle, Jacob and Cody Johnston, Seth Gordon, Whitne and Jared Doneen, and Summerlee and Rachael Luckow; brothers, Carl and Della, Gerald and Dolores, and Fred and Meiko Luckow; and sisters, Elsie and Phil Poole, and Betty and Joe Lastufka. He is also survived by lifelong friends, Chuck and Marlene Barton, of Bigfork; many nieces and nephews; and the famous Fenby Girls and their spouses.

A memorial service is planned for 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, at the Swan Chapel, with a reception to follow at the Swan Lake Community Hall.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Swan Lake Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 5134, Swan Lake, MT 59911; or Home Options Hospice, 175 Commerce Loop, Kalispell, MT 59901.

## Vivian Luke

The service time for Vivian Luke, 97, of Polson, who died Oct. 3 has been

changed to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 9, at the Grogan Funeral Home, Polson.

## William L. Luke, 70

William L. "Bill" Luke, of Harrison, passed away in Butte on Feb. 6, 2010, after a three-year battle with cancer. He was 70 years old.

Bill was born in Kalispell on Nov. 22, 1939, to LeRoy and Vivian (Moore) Luke. His grade school years were spent attending Bald Rock School. The family moved from Kalispell to the Valley View district near Polson in 1952, and Bill graduated from Polson High School in 1957.

He worked for the Montana State Highway Department survey crew. Bill moved to Seattle in 1962, and worked for the Boeing Company for nearly 33 years.

On Nov. 17, 1962, Bill married Betty Corlett in Black Diamond, Wash.

They had four children,

Ronald and Jackie Luke, of Crestview, Fla., Laura and Guy Olsen, of Federal Way, Wash., David and Chanon Luke of Black Diamond, Wash., and Dianne and Matthew Ridgway of Helena.

There are 11 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Bill is survived by his wife, Betty, of Harrison; mother, Vivian Luke, of Polson; sister, Carol Richmond, of Kalispell; brothers, Clifford and Bobbie Luke, Ralph and Lynda Luke, of Polson, and Duane and Elenie Luke of Lacey, Wash.; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Bill was preceded in death by his father, LeRoy Luke.

Memorial services were held on Feb. 13 at the Harrison Community Church in Butte.

## Lula Margaret Lukenbill, 80

Lula Margaret Lukenbill, 80, "went to be with her Lord and Savior" on Monday, April 12, 2010, at the Brendan House in



Kalispell. She was born on Oct. 15, 1929, in Kalispell.

Lu, as she was affectionately known, was a life-long resident of Kalispell and a member of the First Church of the Nazarene. She attended school in Kalispell, until she left to attend college at Berean Bible College in Calgary, Alberta.

Lu was never blessed with children of her own, but was a second mother to her many nieces and nephews and children in the nursery and Sunday school at church. She provided spiritual guidance to many individuals who crossed her path, making sure all had an opportunity to know her Lord.

Lu worked as a nurse's aide during her life, an occupation in which she could provide comfort to many.

The family feels that when Lu got to heaven she said her favorite saying, "How 'bout that."

She was preceded in death by her parents, Herman and Nora Lukenbill; a brother, Frank Lukenbill; and two sisters, Edna Rexford and Thelma Rales.

Left to mourn her passing are her twin sister, Lena Rogers, of Scottsdale, Ariz.; her sister and brother-in-law, Anne and Don Lyght; brother-in-law, Robert Rales; and numerous nieces and nephews; and a host of friends.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. today, April 14, at the First Church of the Nazarene with the Rev. Ed Kotesky

officiating. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Lu's family. You are invited to go to [www.jgfuneralhome.com](http://www.jgfuneralhome.com) to offer condolences and view Lu's tribute wall.

## Augustine Ahkatuk 'Gussie' Lundquist, 78

Augustine Ahkatuk 'Gussie' Lundquist, 78, of Kalispell, passed away on Tuesday, July 13, 2010, at her residence with her husband Franklin D. Lundquist at her side. She was born on March 3, 1932, to Raven and Alice ((Hobson) Sheldon. She was one of 15 children, which gave way to many stories to share of her childhood days growing up in Kotzabue, Alaska.

Fishing, hunting and sewing were her pastimes. She and her first husband had four children.

In 1964, she met Franklin Lundquist, who was stationed in the Air Force near Kotzabue, who had five children of his own. They fell in love and blended their two families into one when they united in marriage on Oct. 21, 1966, in Weldon, N.C., instantly creating a family of 11. In May of 1969, their son Brian was born. With Frank in the Air Force, they moved from North Carolina to Wisconsin, and eventually were stationed in Lakeside at the radar base. They share fond memories of their time in Lakeside, such as fishing at Flathead Lake, country drives and building strong friendships with other families in the small military community.

When it came time for her husband to retire they decided to make Kalispell their home and have resided here for the last 30 years. Gussie enjoyed camping and fishing in the summer, hunting in the fall, and more fishing in the winter. She loved to wear her parka out on the lake ice fishing and was very proud of her Eskimo heritage. She sure knew how to keep warm.

She will keep all who knew her warm in their hearts when they think of her and the fun times she brought to every gathering. She will be greatly missed by many. Gussie was an FOE 234 Eagle



member and also an active member of the Kalispell Moose Lodge.

She held several seamstress positions in

Kalispell, but her first love was being out in the woods or on the water with her husband and family; camping, hunting, fishing and more fishing.

Frank will be forever grateful for the kindness shown by their neighbors and the hospice nurses who came in to help him out during their time of need.

Augustine was preceded in death by her daughter, Lou Laws; her grandson, Ian Lundquist; and several brothers and sisters.

She is survived by her husband, Franklin D. Lundquist Sr.; and their children, Walter Laws of Michigan; Alice "Bunny" Biddix and husband Ron, of Michigan; Wayne and Jerry Laws of Alaska; Judy Boudreaux of New York; Dennis Lundquist and wife Vickie, Franklin Lundquist Jr., and Gloria Day and husband Jerry, all of Wisconsin; Denise LaFrenierre of California; Brian Lundquist and wife, Lynda, of Kalispell; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, July 16, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery, with Pastor David Pestel officiating.

The family suggests that any memorial contributions be sent to Home Options Hospice, 430 Windward Way, Suite 101, Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

## Kathryn Joan Ellman Lundstrom, 81

Kathryn Joan Ellman Lundstrom "was welcomed with open arms by the Lord and the love of her life, Darvin Lundstrom"



on Feb. 3, 2010. She was born in Hinsdale Oct. 22, 1928; at the age of 3, she moved to Columbia Falls. Being the second to the youngest of 12 children, there was always love, laughter and family around.

While working at the Park Theatre, she met Darvin Lundstrom. They married June 30, 1950. Two years later came Darvin and Kate's pride and joy, daughter Karen.

Nothing brought Katie more joy than to have a big backyard barbecue. If it was family, friends and the entire neighborhood, it always made her happy to see others around her enjoying life. Many fond memories were made camping out at Swan Lake or Appar. It did not matter where you were, as there was bound to be lots of singing and dancing.

Over the years she worked for Bob and Josie Maranette at the Park Merc and the V Store, retiring in 1978.

Katie was a longtime member of St. Richards Catholic Church. She was involved with the Altar Society and always willing to help others. In later years, she and Darvin were very active with the North Valley Eagles 4081 and both of them were charter members and very instrumental in getting the Eagles started in Columbia Falls.

Kate is survived by her daughter, Karen Huston, and husband, Mike, of Columbia Falls; grandson, John Huston,

and wife, Erin, of Helena; and granddaughters, Michelle Huston and Tom Vanek of Kalispell, and Angela Huston of Columbia Falls. She was a very special Grammie to great-grandson, Michael John Huston, of Kalispell; and is also survived by sisters, Frances and Dale Gardner of Valley Springs, Calif., and Marje and Stan Sklodo of Aberdeen, Wash.; brother, Sam and Frankie Ellman, of Columbia Falls; sisters-in-law, Margaret Ellman, Marylou Ellman and Evelyn Lundstrom of Columbia Falls, and Doris and Ross Robinson of Billings; her very close and dear friend, June Brooker; and numerous wonderful nieces and nephews and extended family.

She was preceded in death by her adoring husband, Darvin Lundstrom; sisters, Mary Schoenberg Bertino, Lorene Sallee and Donna Nadeau; brothers, Jack Ellman, Pat Ellman, Bud Ellman, Ray Ellman and Jim Ellman; sisters-in-law, Mary Ellman, Sara Ellman, Ada Ellman, Mary Lundstrom, Donna Lundstrom and Francis Lundstrom; and brothers-in-law, Boots Schoenberg, Louie Bertino, Hob Sallee, Vick Nadeau, EJ Lundstrom, Cliff Lundstrom, Boyde Lundstrom and Frank Lundstrom.

A visitation will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. today, Feb. 7, at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 8, at St. Richards Catholic Church in Columbia Falls. A reception will follow. Burial services will be at 1:30 p.m. at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, make donations to WINGS, Columbia Falls Fire Department or Three Rivers Ambulance.

## Robert E. 'Bob' Lundy, 85

Robert Ellis "Bob" Lundy, 85, of Kalispell, passed away June 20, 2010, from complications arising from a courageous and sustained battle with cancer.

Bob was hatched Feb. 8, 1925 in Huston No. 2, near Caldwell, Idaho, to Clark Braden and Lida Fern Kington Lundy.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Glen Lundy, sister Helen Bates and stepdaughter Christine Bruce Merrick.

He is survived by his wife, Joan Corinne Bruce Lundy; his siblings, Betty Evans of Coeur d'Alene, Joseph Lundy of Post Falls, Idaho, and Doris Evans of Boise, Idaho; six children, Jack and C.J. Lundy, Bob A. and Dee Lundy, Becky West, Craig Lundy, Gayle and Dave Stark, all of Kalispell, and Renee Yarbrough of Brentwood, Tenn.; three stepchildren, Kathi and Bob Lamm of Caldwell, Idaho, Peggy Engel of Great Falls, and Greg and Lynn Bruce of Woodburn, Ore.; 14 grandchildren, Adam Blount, Leslie, Rebecca, Charles, John and Joseph Yarbrough, Greg Lamm, Alissa and Kyle Engel, Jonathan, Kristine, Jessica (Bruce) Arce and David Bruce and Amber Crowell; eight great-grandchildren, Kenzie and Myla Engel, Logan and Olivia Arce, Shaun and Troy Hadley and Jake and Kaitlyn Lee; and a passel of nieces and nephews.

Born the son of an Idaho farmer, Bob learned well the lessons of Creator, faith and earth and found his most peaceful and pleasant moments while perched atop the vibrating, rattling and noisy seat of a tractor, plowing a field. Bob's faith in the Creator and understanding of his creation gave him a deep love of freedom and the beauty of the world around him.

Bob served his country in the U.S. Army from January 1945 to November 1946. He earned a Good Conduct Medal, Asiatic Pacific Service Medal, Victory Medal, Philippine Liberation Medal with one bronze star and an Army of Occupation Medal (Japan).

Upon his return, he married Lois Huffman and together they farmed the land in Madras, Ore. In 1959 they moved to Kalispell, where he made his living working in the

woods.

things created by his Father and during his times off, he began whittling wood, turning pieces of wood into small keepsakes cherished by his friends and family. He and Lois divorced in the early '70s.

At the encouragement of artist Ace Powell and woodcarver Les Welliver, Bob came out of the woods and began his full-time carving career. In August 1973, he married Joan Bruce of Caldwell, Idaho, and they blended their two families into one.

He earned his living by breathing life and character into hard, inanimate pieces of wood, creating beauty and art. When complimented, he would brush it off, simply stating, "The face was already in there. I just removed everything that didn't look like him."

In the late '0s he began making wood furniture and cultivating a love of writing, exploring and examining his beloved Montana as he wrote. He has published "Fabil Dohn," "Kale MacOda," "Eagle Beak," "Montana Marshall," "Tyler Bain," "Two Jay," "The Man from Kalispell," "Carving the Historic Western Face" and "Relief Carving with Bob Lundy."

Bob had a deep and abiding faith in Jesus Christ that carried him through life and ultimately, through death. He had a wonderful wit and caused many a friend or family member to groan at his "corn-y" jokes. More than once he would look at one of his children when we were doing something "childish" and exclaim, "Oh, for cryin' in the sink!" He was a great lover of golf, pinocle, dominoes, his friends and especially his family.

His legacy of faith and love of God's creation will carry on long in the lives of those he touched.

A celebration of a life well lived and a man well loved will be held at 7 p.m. today, Tuesday, June 22, at the Kalispell Church of Christ, 241 Stillwater Road, Kalispell.

The family request donations be made to Orphan's Lifeline of Hope International, P.O. Box 1100, Kalispell, MT 59901, or to World Bible School.

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

## Adelyn Lois Luther, 90

Adelyn Lois Luther, a resident of Bigfork and Singer Island, Fla., passed away on June 23, 2010, of natural causes in Kalispell, at the age of 90. Adelyn was born on June 3, 1920, the daughter of Ira and Mary (Bransky) Coplin, in Chicago, but spent the majority of her life in Minneapolis.

In October of 1940, she married Maurice Gordon and they had two children, Richard "Dick" and Patti. She was widowed in 1967 and married Charles Luther in 1970.

Adelyn lived life to the fullest and will be remembered as a savvy businesswoman, philanthropist and world traveler. A woman of independence, confidence and strong will, Adelyn worked hard in her life and showed great pride in the success of the business, Cardinal Glass Industries, started by her husband Maurice Gordon. She remained chairman of the board of Cardinal Glass until her death.

In her later years she turned her focus toward philanthropy, supporting medical research at the Mayo Clinic and Duke University Medical Center. Adelyn loved to laugh, was always looking for a good joke and was especially gifted at making a short story long. With an enduring zest for life, she particularly enjoyed spending time with her children, grandchildren and great-grandson in Montana and Hawaii.

She is survived by her



children, Dick Gordon and Cheryl Watkins of Whitefish, and Patti Pastor and Joe of Bigfork; stepson, Mark Luther of

Minneapolis; granddaughters, Monica Pastor of Whitefish, Alicia Pastor Hollis and Daniel of Sun Valley, Idaho, and Greer Gordon of Whitefish; and great-grandson, Teague McDonald, of Whitefish.

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

## Norman Lyon, 79

Norman Lyon, 79, passed away peacefully Feb. 20, 2010, with his family by his side, after fighting a very courageous battle with lung cancer. He was born June 23, 1930, in Kalispell to Paul and Mabel (Boyer) Lyon. Norman grew up and attended school in the Flathead Valley.



He was recently baptized and became a member of the Calvary Lutheran Church.

On Sept. 1, 1956, Norman married the love of his life, Olive Fredrick, and shared 53 wonderful years together.

He worked for Kalispell Lumber and then moved to Troy where he worked for J. Neils Lumber Company. During that time they adopted two beautiful daughters, Sandy and Judy. The family then returned to Kalispell in 1963 where he worked for the Somers Tie Plant as a maintenance engineer.

Together they enjoyed fishing, camping and traveling with three other couples and called themselves "The Shaky Eight." They took many adventures, including two unforgettable Alaskan trips, and many more around the U.S. Also being snow birds for many years, they spent lots of time in Arizona.

Norman belonged to the Evergreen Volunteer Fire Department for 22 years and had the opportunity during that time to be the fire chief. For over 60 years he was a member of the Kalispell

Eagles.

Being a member of the Flathead Tractor and Engine Association was one of his favorite hobbies because he always had some sort of engine he would tinker with. If Norman wasn't working on an engine he would be out fishing; for any day was a great day to catch a fish.

Norman was preceded in death by his parents, Paul and Mabel Lyon; brother, James Lyon; and his in-laws, Gertie and Oliver Fredrick.

He is survived by his loving wife, Olive; and two daughters, Sandy Krusoff, and Judy Hammack and husband Brandon. There are four grandchildren, Destiny Townsend and husband Brad, Mikelle Eckley and husband Waylin, Emily Buckhouse, and Carissa Krusoff; and two great-grandchildren, Zayden and Abigail Townsend; and the best lifelong group of friends.

The family would like to thank Home Options/Hospice for all their help in his final time, and thank you to all our friends who helped out during this tough moment.

A celebration of Norman's life will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 26, at Calvary Lutheran Church.

In lieu of flowers, Norman would love for you all to take a friend fishing. Memorials can be made to Home Options/Hospice, Calvary Lutheran Church, or charity of your choice.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Norman's family. You are invited to go to [www.jgfuneralhome.com](http://www.jgfuneralhome.com) to offer condolences and view Norman's tribute wall.