

Donna L. McMannamy, 90

Donna L. McMannamy, 90, died Monday, Nov. 15, 2010, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in

Kalispell.

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

Gerald Charles 'Jerry' McNutt, 73

Gerald Charles "Jerry" McNutt, 73, died Wednesday, Oct. 6, 2010, at his home in Kalispell.



Jerry was born on Aug. 30, 1937, in Cut Bank, to James and Annette (Therrien) McNutt. He was raised in the Cut Bank area, where he graduated from Cut Bank High School in 1956. After high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Army where he served from January 1957 until December 1962.

He married Beverly Hecock on May 27, 1961, in Cut Bank. From 1968 until the early 1990s, Jerry worked for numerous grain companies, GTA, Columbia Grain Montana Merchandising, in a managing and merchandising capacity. Jerry worked for Wal-Mart from June of 1999 until 2009, where he made many friends.

He was a member of the

Elks Club of Great Falls, was a director on the Portland Grain Exchange, and was a member of the Volunteer Fire Department in Harlem. He enjoyed snow skiing, loved his dogs, was an accomplished cheesecake baker and fudge maker, and loved fishing and boating.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents, James and Annette McNutt; and one brother, Merritt McNutt.

He is survived by his daughter, Billiette Grigsby, of Huntsville, Texas; a son, Dave McNutt, of Kalispell; a brother, Gary McNutt, and his wife, Sherry, of Cut Bank; four grandchildren, Necola Grigsby, Charles Grigsby, Beth McNutt and Dalton McNutt; and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 14, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Interment will follow the service at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. You are invited to go to www.buffalo-hillfh.com to leave a personal message or sign Jerry's book.

Fern Labeth McRell, 76

Fern Labeth McRell, 76, died on Sunday, Sept. 12, 2010, at her home in Libby.

She had worked at Libby Care Center until her retirement in 1982.

Survivors include her husband, John C. McRell,

of Libby, and two sons, Jim McRell and John McRell.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Sept. 20, at the Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home Chapel in Libby.

Rubert P. Meadows, 90

On Sunday, March 28, 2010, Rubert P. Meadows, 90, of Polson, "stepped into his last and best garden."



Rubert was born on June 28, 1919, in Charlson, N.D., the second son of Joseph E. and Rosa P. Meadows. He spent his childhood in McKenzie County, attending school and working on the family farm where he grew to appreciate what the earth had to offer when properly nurtured.

Rubert enlisted in the Army Air Corps in 1942 where he trained as an aircraft instrument specialist and mechanic. He was a veteran of World War II and later served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

It was during that time that he met Hilda Eleanor Starkey Hall in Andalusia, Ala., and they were married in 1951.

The couple moved to Watford City, N.D. where Rubert farmed until he moved his family to Charlo, in 1955. There he operated a small dairy farm and worked on several other farms in the area. He was also employed by Cenex for several years, running the small engine repair shop.

Following Hilda's death in 1988, Rubert moved to Polson to be closer to his daughter Shirley and her family. There he promptly put down roots, about an acre of them, as he happily gardened away at his home on Kerr Dam Road.

In 1993, Rubert married Dorothy Spang. They later divorced.

Rubert greatly enjoyed watching baseball and football and, although he never set foot on the UM campus, he was an avid Grizzly fan. He was a league bowler for many years and a champion cribbage player. Along with his keen wit he possessed a natural writing and storytelling ability. Rubert also

had an amazing faculty with numbers and dates, and could very likely tell you what the weather conditions were on any given date 50 years ago.

But it was his gardening prowess that provided him with immeasurable contentment. He was determined to work the soil again and on March 17 he planted the seeds for his favorite variety of tomatoes. His family and friends will truly miss sharing his bounty.

Rubert was also an honorary life member of the American Legion.

Preceding Rubert in death were an infant daughter; his parents; his wife, Hilda; a sister, Rose Boots, and her husband, Lawrence; sister-in-law, Ruth Meadows; stepson, Robert Peyton Hall; an infant grandson and infant great-grandson.

He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Shirley and Mike Gunter, of Kalispell; his son, Jim Meadows, of Denver; stepson, William Hall, of Corpus Christi, Texas; his grandchildren, Lauri and Steve Pulley, Jeff and Jen Patterson, Lindsay and Greg Minarik, Jordan and Justin Patterson, Joseph and Ellie Meadows, and Tavenner Hall and Thad Starner; and four great-grandchildren.

Rubert is also survived by two brothers, Raymond of Stevensville, and Keith and Lenore of Edmonton, Alberta; sister, Ruth, and Bob Sunderland of Edmonton; seven nieces and four nephews; and wonderful, compassionate friends, Bruce and Jane Patterson.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held at a later date.

Memorial donations may be made to The Arbor Day Foundation, or Disabled American Veterans Charitable Service Trust. Messages of condolence may be sent to the family online at www.groganfuneralhome.com. The staff of Grogan Funeral Home and Crematory, Polson, considers it a privilege to care for Mr. Meadows' family.

Robert G. 'Bob' Meerkatz, 75

Robert G. "Bob" Meerkatz, 75, passed away on Tuesday, April 13, 2010, surrounded by his loving family, at home in Kalispell.



He was born in Polk, Neb., on Aug. 16, 1934, to G.A. and Perry (Stibor) Meerkatz.

The family moved to Boise, Idaho, where Bob attended grade school. He moved to Rawlins, Wyo., in 1948 as a freshman, graduating in 1952.

Bob married Frances Hatch on June 3, 1954, and they later had three children, Robin, Jerry and Jeff.

Bob worked for the Union Pacific Railroad and Sinclair Refinery until 1958, when he enrolled in Court Reporting School in Minneapolis. Graduating in 1960, he began working in Kalispell as a court reporter for the 11th Judicial District. He truly loved his interesting job while working with Judge Frank Haswell and Judge Robert Sykes, and retired in 1993 after 32 years. He and his partner Bob Nieboer owned Meerkatz and Nieboer Reporting Service until 1997.

In retirement, Bob continued to enjoy his hobby of collecting and restoring antique automobiles. He was very active in the Flathead Pioneer Auto Club and also belonged to the Glacier

Street Rod Club.

He cherished family gatherings the most, but also enjoyed camping, golfing, hunting, fishing and reading. Always a gregarious man, he enjoyed laughter with his family and friends to the fullest. In his words, "Remember the good times, for there were many."

Bob was preceded in death by his mother, Perry, in 1994; and his father, G.A., in 2006.

He is survived by his loving wife, Frances; daughter, Robin Panza and husband, Frank; son, Jerry Meerkatz, and wife, Tori; and their children, Sarah and Jake; and son, Jeff Meerkatz and wife, Tracy, and their children, Casey and Michael; brother-in-law, Larry, and his wife, Tudy, and their families; and brother-in-law, David, and his wife, Sue Ann, and their family.

Friends are invited to a celebration of life for Bob from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 17, at the home of Jerry and Tori Meerkatz, 392 3rd Ave. E.N., Kalispell. Separately, there will be a private urn burial at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family suggests memorial gifts be given to the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Montana, 1629 Ave. D., Billings, MT 59102.

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

Lloyd William Meldrum, 76

Lloyd William Meldrum, 76, formerly of Kalispell, died Dec. 18, 2010, after a long illness of progressive supranuclear palsy.

He is survived by his wife, Marcella; and four daughters, Debbie Gard and Linda Walker of Vancouver, Wash., and Kath-

leen Reardon and Laura Meldrum of Beaverton, Ore.

Family and friends are invited to gather at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 27, at the Willamette National Cemetery, Portland. A celebration of life will be held on June 18 at the family home in Beaverton.

Sarah Mercier, 86

Sarah Mercier, 86, died Saturday, July 31, 2010, at her home in Kalispell.

Arrangements are pending with Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory.

Joyce H. Merrill, 67

Joyce was born Sept. 28, 1942, in Everett, Wash., to Orville and Evelyn Rumsey.

She has two brothers, Gerald Rumsey, now of Tucson, Ariz., and Brian Rumsey, now of Pony, Mont. They grew up on the beaches of Anacortes and Bridge Lake, British Columbia. She graduated from Anacortes High School.

Joyce was an adventurous gal and became a licensed pilot as a student at Washington State University. She was married to Brunner Horne for 28 years and assisted him in all aspects of their business, building service stations in 11 Western states. They loved airplanes and owned Bellingham Air as a sideline.

As they prospered and had more time, they spent several weeks of the summer on their boat out of La Conner and up the Inland Waterway to Alaska. She lived at times in Mount Vernon, Wash., New Meadows/McCall, Idaho, and Tucson.

Joyce disliked TV and computers as being impersonal and sedentary. She loved people, quarter-horses, golden retrievers, books, golf, cruising, flying, world travel, sewing, cooking, etc...

Joyce was intelligent, energetic, analytical, charitable, loyal and a great friend to all. She was not afraid to tackle any problem or proj-

ect.

After the death of Brunner, she married airline captain, Darrell K. Merrill, and they moved to Lakeside in 2000. She was a fabulous nurse to her husband in 2003 with his cancer; and then in June of 2009, Joyce was sent to the Huntsman Cancer Center for AML leukemia. The only known treatment failed this beautiful lady as did an experimental "trial" in Seattle. Joyce came home to be under the care of Dr. Michael Goodman for her last days. His staff, many doctors, nurses and specialists of Kalispell Regional Medical Center spared no effort to prolong and increase the quality of her life.

She spent her days making sure that her daughter, Debbie, son-in-law, John Ellis, and granddaughters, Katie and Megan, of New Meadows, would be comfortable.

Joyce took her "last flight west" in the ALERT helicopter from her Lakeside beach to KRMC on March 26, 2010.

Joyce is survived by her husband, Darrell; three stepsons, stepgrandchildren, and numerous other family and friends.

Joyce's service will be at 11 a.m. on April 10 at the Lakeside Community Chapel. Our thanks to Pastor Reece, Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and the Lakeside Ladies Community Club.

Francis Allen 'Butch' Merseal, 50

Francis Allen "Butch" Merseal, 50, of Columbia Falls, passed away peacefully in his sleep on Thursday,



July 22, 2010, in Missoula. He was born on July 7, 1960, to George and Donna Merseal in Missoula, where he attended school.

On Aug. 1, 1987, he married Penny Brown and they were blessed with two sons, Brian Allen and Dillon Shelton.

Butch went to work for the Burlington Northern Railroad in October of 1978, and retired in 2005. Butch also served in the U.S. Navy and the Naval Reserves from 1980 to 1986.

Survivors include his wife, Penny, of Columbia Falls, and his two sons, Brian and Dillon; mother, Donna; two sisters, Devera Eggers and Shirley Hummer; and three brothers, Delmer Merseal, Ray Merseal and Jim Merseal, and their families.

He was preceded in death by his father, George Merseal; brother-in-law, Dennis Eggers and aunt, Lucy Erlandson.

Butch loved spending time with family and friends, whether at his infamous hunting camp, throwing a lure into a mountain lake or sitting around a campfire telling stories. Butch never knew a stranger; he made

friends wherever he went.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, July 30, at the Whitefish Assembly of God Church, 1549 Karrow Avenue, Whitefish.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice or Camp Mak-a-Dream.

Jack M. Meuli, 77

Jack M. Meuli, 77, of Dayton, passed away on Feb. 25, 2010, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center, from natural causes.



Jack was born on Oct. 23, 1932, in Missoula to Melville and Laura Meuli. He attended elementary school in Proctor and graduated from Proctor High School in 1950.

Jack attended Montana State University where he met his future wife, Lois, while working on the school annual. While at college, he made lifetime friends as a member of the Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity. Jack graduated in 1954 with a degree in agriculture. He was in the ROTC program while attending MSU and served in the U.S. Army until 1957.

On June 17, 1956, Jack married Lois Ann Ward in Billings. After his service in the Army, Jack and Lois returned to establish a ranch near Dayton in the Proctor Valley.

They raised their family, daughter Jean, and son Mike, on the ranch. Jack enjoyed ranching and stayed active on the ranch his whole life. Jack was an involved member in the community and enjoyed playing cribbage and pinocle with his family and friends.

Jack's focus was on his family, the ranch and the community, and he was an active leader in both

the local and ranch communities. He was a member of the Proctor School board, and past president of and member of the Western Montana Stockmen's Association. He also served on the board of directors of the Montana Stockgrowers Association and was a member of the National Cattlemen's Association. Jack was also a longtime member and past chairman of the Lake County Planning board, member of the Lake County Conservation board and served on the Crimestoppers board.

Jack was a founding member of the Chief Cliff Volunteer Fire Department and served on the Session and the Parish Council at the Dayton Presbyterian Church.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Lois; and his parents, Mel and Laura.

He is survived by two children and their families, daughter, Jean, and Pat, Kunz of Bellevue, Wash.; and son, Mike, and Nancy, Meuli of Dayton; six grandchildren, Zack, Mike and Joey Kunz, and John Michael, Matthew and Mikayla Meuli.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on March 6, at the New Life Christian Center in Polson with Presbyterian Pastor Dave Anson officiating. A reception will follow at the church.

Condolences may be left to the family online at www.groganfuneralhome.com. The staff at Grogan Funeral Home and Crematory, Polson, considers it a privilege to care for Mr. Meuli's family.

John A. Mihalic, 90

Chief Master Sgt. John Anthony Mihalic, USAF (retired), 90, died of natural causes Jan. 19,



2011, at his residence in Missoula. Chief Mihalic was a 25-year veteran of the armed forces.

He was born Aug. 17, 1920, at home in Livingston, Ill., the son of Nicholas and Sophia (Ruzovic) Mihalic. Throughout his school years he merited awards for academics and attendance, and worked at his uncle's bakery each morning before school.

Upon graduation from high school, he joined the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), worked on roads and bridges in the Works Project Administration, was a foreman for Hayes Freight Lines in St. Louis and was a member of the "Knothole Gang" favoring the Browns and the Cardinals.

With the outbreak of World War II, he volunteered for and was drafted Sept. 18, 1942, entering service at Jefferson Barracks. After basic training he was assigned to the Signal Corps, first at Drew Field in Tampa, Fla., then at Camp Pinedale near Fresno, Calif., where he was trained in signals intelligence and intercept. This began a long career in cryptographic and classified assignments.

He served first in 1943 in North Africa, at Bizerte, Tunisia, then Algiers, Algeria, in the 12th Air Force Service Command. There he met Pfc. Geraldine Mills, a teletype operator in the 6670th WAC HQ Company. In 1944, both of their units moved to Naples, Italy, with the Mediterranean Allied Air Forces (MAAF) Service Command. At war's end they

returned to the United States, where he and Gerry Mills were married Jan. 4, 1946.

Following short stints back with Hayes and with the Indian Service in Mescalero, N.M., he returned to the Air Corps in October 1946 at Chanute Field. Later assignments were to Scott Air Force Base in Illinois, Sondrestrom Air Base (Blue West 8) in Greenland, Lackland Air Force Base and Randolph Air Force Base in Texas, RAF Bruntingthorpe and South Ruislip Air Station in England, and a final assignment to HQ, Air Force Communications Service at Scott Air Force Base, Illinois. He retired Dec. 1, 1967, and was awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal for his exemplary service in the Fixed Wire Communications and Cryptographic fields.

He spent several years with Western Union, retiring a second time in 1975 to Mascoutah, Ill., where he and Gerry made their home. He gave his time to the local Veterans of Foreign Wars post and enjoyed woodworking, especially intricate projects including classic, handmade wooden toys for his grandchildren.

He and Gerry moved to Missoula in 2007 to be near their children and grandchildren. He was a Life Member of the Mascoutah VFW Post 7682.

His sister, Mary Grega died before him.

He is survived by Geraldine, his wife of 65 years; son, David and Jeri Mihalic of Missoula; daughter, Jonna Mihalic-Hoag of Kalispell; granddaughters, Emily Mihalic and Katherine Hoag; and grandsons, Nicholas Mihalic and Peter Hoag.

Burial and memorial service with military honors will be held at a later date.

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John 'Ryan' Micklewright, 28

John "Ryan" Micklewright, 28, passed away Nov. 28, 2010, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.



He was born to Darrell and Fran (Bour) Micklewright on March 31, 1982, in Davenport, Iowa.

Ryan's family moved to Kalispell when he was 2 years old. Ryan graduated from Flathead High School in 2000. He loved cooking and attended Scott Community College in Bettendorf, Iowa, majoring in culinary arts. Ryan loved playing guitar, the Chicago Cubs and the band Pearl Jam.

He was preceded in death by both his paternal and maternal grandparents.

Ryan is survived by his parents, Darrell Micklewright and Fran Micklewright, both of Kalispell; son Samuel James Micklewright; brother, Jason Micklewright, of Port Hueneme, Calif.; and sister, Jennifer Micklewright of Kalispell.

Memorial services for Ryan will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 2, at Johnson Gloschat Funeral Home.

The family suggests that any memorial contributions be sent to the Sam Micklewright Education Fund, Whitefish Credit Union, No. 972257, P.O. Box 37, Whitefish, MT 59937.

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

Ann Jeanette Norby Miller, 97

Ann Jeanette Norby Miller, 97, passed away on Monday, Jan. 18, 2010, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell. She was born on Oct. 3, 1912, in Hettinger, N.D., to Sven and Serina Norby.

Ann married Woodrow Miller in 1935 and moved to Kalispell, where their three children were born and Woodrow was employed as a carpenter.

Ann was active in the community and in Bethlehem Lutheran Church. She was an avid gardener and loved to play pinochle. In her later years, she found time for a journalistic career. She wrote a column for many years for the Kalispell News. She also wrote for several national magazines, the Montana Journal and the Hungry Horse News, receiving three state awards for column writing. In 1987 she published a book, "Over the Coffee Cups," a compilation of some

of her best columns. She continued writing until just before her death.

Ann was preceded in death by her husband, Woodrow Miller; a son, Craig; her parents; six brothers; and three sisters.

She is survived by a daughter, Wendy Robetoroye, of Everett, Wash.; and a son, Douglas Miller, of Kalispell; three brothers; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Graveside services for Ann will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 22, at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery, with Pastor Wayne Pris officiating. Visitation will be from 1 to 6 p.m. today, Jan. 21, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home.

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

Eunice L. Miller, 86

Eunice L. Miller, 86, of Bigfork, passed away, Nov. 13, 2010, at her home, after a long battle with COPD and a failing heart.



She was born July 22, 1924, in East Orange, N.J., the daughter of Preston and May Alling.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Russell and Christine Miller, of Bigfork; and her niece, Carole "Cookie" Hartel, of Paris, Mo.

She was preceded in death, by husband, Russell S. Miller; and her sister, Vera Flynn, of Paris, Mo.

As the wife of a career Army officer, she and her

son, Russell, traveled extensively during his military service. Russell Sr., passed in 1972. She became the life partner of Alfred Hendrickson and they retired to live in Bigfork area. Alfred Hendrickson passed away in 2003.

Mom was an avid bridge player and will be sorely missed by her "Bridge Buddies," and her many friends across the country. She was a generous person who supported numerous charities in the local area.

Above all, she was a great mom, and was so loved by her family and friends. She'll be greatly missed by all.

A short graveside service will be held at 1 p.m., Monday, Nov. 22, at the Bethany Lutheran Cemetery on Swar River Road.

Richard John 'Dick' Miller, 81

Richard John "Dick" Miller, 81, of East Wenatchee, Wash., died Friday, June 25, 2010.

He had been a police officer and deputy sheriff for many years in Kalispell.

Survivors include his children, Trudie

McConnell of Cedar Grove, N.J., and Maureen Miller of San Diego; and his longtime friend, Diane Henkel, of East Wenatchee.

No services were held. Arrangements are by Telford's Chapel of the Valley, East Wenatchee.

James Laurence Milne, 87

James Laurence Milne, 87, passed away on Thursday, April 22, 2010, in Polson. He was born on Dec. 29, 1922, to Andrew



Laurence and Emma Anderson Milne in East Helena. He graduated from Montana State University in 1948 with a B.S. in chemistry. In June of 1949, he married Carla Mowry Keith, of Missoula.

He spent the rest of his life devoted to furthering his own education and that of others, including being a father and a Boy Scout leader. He also earned a Ph.D. in education from Washington State University and was a teacher at Skagit Valley

Community College.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 59 years, Carla Keith Milne.

He is survived by three children, Keith Milne of Mt. Vernon, Wash., Mark Milne of Pendleton, Ore., and Devon Finn of Mt. Vernon, Wash.; along with two granddaughters and four great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, April 27, in the St. Andrews Episcopal Church, with Rev. George A. Walter officiating. Arrangements and cremation are under the direction of Grogan Funeral Home and Crematory. Condolences to the family may be made at www.groganfuneralhome.com.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Andrews, Polson or Montana State University.

Garnet Lucinda Minster, 46

Garnet Lucinda Minster passed away Monday, Aug. 2, 2010. She was born Aug. 20, 1963, in Orofino, Idaho, to Roy and Virginia Minster.

Garnet was raised in Martin City and was a graduate of Columbia Falls High School.

As an adult she worked at Flathead Industries.

She was an ace at jigsaw puzzles, loved shoe shopping (at K-Mart), and totally enjoyed Mountain Dew and Snickers candy bars. Simple pleasures truly were the best.

She resided at Willow Glen Group Home in Kalispell for

many years and later moved to the Fourth Avenue Group Home in Kalispell. She spent her final days there.

Garnet is survived by her siblings, Roy Minster of Palmer, Alaska, Joe Minster of Wenatchee, Wash., Debbie McCully of Trego, Dave Minster of Albuquerque, N.M., Becky Gould of Spokane, and Wes Minster of Bloomsburg, Pa.; also many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

A memorial service for Garnet will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 7, at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

David Albert Miron, 59

David Albert Miron, 59, of Great Falls, died Friday of respiratory complications at a local hospital.



Cremation has taken place under the direction of Croxford Funeral Home and Crematory.

A memorial service will be at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at Croxford Funeral Home in Great Falls. Interment will take place at a later date in C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

Dave is survived by his sister, Mary Abbott, and Bruce; and brothers, Paul and Jamie, and Mark and Lauri, all of Billings, stepmother, Bess Miron; a niece and five nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and infant

sister, Ann Marie.

Dave was born in Kalispell on Aug. 25, 1950, the oldest child of Albert and Hazel Miron. He attended St. Matthew's Elementary School in Kalispell and graduated from Flathead High School.

Dave loved music and became an accomplished rock and blues guitarist. He was able to listen to songs and transcribe them onto a piano or guitar. Dave also enjoyed sports and attended the Al Summers School for umpires in Florida, after which he umpired many local games in Kalispell.

Memorials may be sent to the Center for Mental Health Foundation, 915 First Ave. S. Great Falls, MT 59405, and indicate for the New Direction Center. Condolences to the family can be left at www.croxfordfuneralhome.com

Daniel Raymond Mitchell, 74

Daniel Raymond Mitchell passed away on May 25, 2010, after an ambitious and hard-fought four-year



battle with lung cancer. Dan was born in Custer, S.D., to Dora Mae Johnson Mitchell and Milton Theodore Mitchell. His father died in 1936 and the family moved to Walnut Grove, Minn.

When Dan was 6, his mother moved to Kalispell with her three children, Dan and his sister, Gladys, and brother, Don, both of whom survive him, and Dan thereafter made his home in the area. He attended grade school in Evergreen and graduated from Flathead County High School in 1954. An outstanding athlete in track, football and basketball, he played varsity basketball all four years and on state championship basketball squads in 1951 and 1953.

In 1956, Dan joined the National Guard. After basic training at Fort Ord, Calif., he was assigned duty at a San Francisco hospital. On July 6, 1956, he married Gail Lyons and they were blessed with five children, Danette, Scott, Joel, Paul and Eric. Dan worked for Mills Lumber Co., in both Kalispell and Kemmerer, Wyo. He and Gail moved back to Kalispell in 1960. Dan then worked for Jim Slack, as both mechanic and truck driver. Later, he bought his own truck and drove cross-country, hauling grain, petroleum products and logs. He also transported campers for Bell Manufacturing. The passing years led to divorce and a return to hauling logs and working for Bob Wager Trucking until retirement.

Dan married Marian Nordtome Miller, acquiring two stepchildren, Rob and Kim.

Marian passed away in 2003.

In June 2004, Dan married Reta Sweeney, of Kalispell, adding another eight stepchildren's extended families to his "tree." Reserved, perceptive and possessed of a generous sense of humor and irony, Dan was also long known for his work ethic, a dedicated and conscientious worker. He carried out many home improvement projects, always trying to make his living space more practical, attractive and comfortable.

He loved his family, friends, and the Flathead. He followed his son Eric's interest in stock car racing and often worked with his sons on vehicles and machinery in the home shop.

Dan was an avid, life-long builder and pilot of model airplanes, a complement to his general fascination with aviation and its history. Dan's knowledge of planes had depth and breadth; he could name the plane and year it was made upon a brief viewing. A pilgrimage to see the famed Spruce Goose aircraft and sit in the cockpit was a highlight of his life. And a recent visit to the Smithsonian aircraft collections in Washington, D.C., left others following him around as if guided by a museum docent, gently corrected when details about a plane's history were mis-stated.

A close family friend dedicated as "Mitchell Field" their home-based landing strip for radio-controlled model flights (and a few crashes.) Others who fly in that same airspace will always do so with a nod to the spirit of fun and flight that Dan brought to the hobby and to his life and to the lives of others.

A memorial service will be held at 1:30 p.m. June 5 at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, followed by a celebration of Dan's life at the Doran Center at St. Matthew's Church.

Phyllis Virginia Mitchell, 74

Our loving and much-loved mom, Phyllis Virginia Mitchell, passed away the evening of Dec. 4, 2010, at St. Patrick's Hospital in Missoula.



Mom was born on May 21, 1936, in Baltimore, to Robert Groshans and Helen Wirth Groshans.

She will be remembered as a loving and caring mom, a gifted teacher, a hardworking and dedicated librarian, a creative and talented cook, and a lover of reading, traveling, and her cats, George, Silky and Doodle.

Following visits by loving and treasured friends,

Mom died peacefully, with her son, Jason, and her former husband, Bob, at her side.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and by her younger son, Ian Mitchell.

She is survived by her older son, Jason Mitchell, of Las Vegas, and her former husband, Bob Mitchell, of Anchorage.

Memorial donations may be given to Animeals Animal Shelter, 1700 Rankin Street; the Missoula Public Library, 301 E. Main Street; or to the Ian Mitchell Memorial Library Fund of Sussex School, 1800 S. Second Street W., all in Missoula.

Arrangements for a celebration of her life are being finalized and will be announced.

David Moats, 81

David Moats, 81, passed away on Friday, March 19, 2010, at Missouri River Care and Rehab Center in Great Falls.

David was born on Jan. 11, 1929, in Ottertail, Minn., to Stanley and Mabel (Herr) Moats. He was raised in Minnesota, where he attended school.

He moved to the Flathead Valley 50-plus years ago. He was self-employed, owning his own construction company. He built many of the homes in the Happy Valley area.

Dave loved to hunt and fish, and he and his wife Greyling loved to socialize with his and her friends. She passed away several years ago.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife.

He is survived by his children, Randy and his wife Alisa of Great Falls, Ricky Moats of Miles City, and Connie and her husband John Fluegel of Texas; grandchildren Daryl, Alana, Toni and James; and three great-grandchildren.

A celebration of Dave's life will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 24, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

You are invited to go to www.buffalohillfh.com to sign his book or leave a message for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Dwane D. Monroe, 71

Dwane D. Monroe, 71, died Sept. 29, 2010, in Kalispell at Kalispell Regional Medical Center due to complications from mesothelioma.

He had worked for W.R. Grace, owned and operated Equity Dairy Products and later worked for Lincoln County.

Survivors include his wife, Karen, of Libby; daughters, Jeannie Emmeric of Sumner, Wash., and Jacki Sver-

drup of Townsend; and sons, Jim Lee of Gig Harbor, Wash., Mark Lee of Chatteroy, Wash., and Dan Lee of Thompson Falls.

Visitation will be from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 3, at the Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Libby. Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Oct. 4, at the funeral home. Burial will follow at the City of Libby Cemetery with military honors.

Eleanor Bess Racine Monroe, 73

Eleanor Bess Racine Monroe, 73, died Friday, June 11, 2010 at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

She is survived by four children, Vickie Lynn Monroe, Hughie Wyatt Monroe, Charlie David Monroe and Robin Ann Monroe-Johnson.

A rosary will be said at 7

p.m. June 15, at the Monroe ranch in East Glacier Park. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 16, at the Little Flower Parish. Burial will follow the service, at the Monroe Ranch Cemetery.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Edward 'Ed' Morton Mitchke, 75

Edward "Ed" Morton Mitchke, 75, passed away Tuesday, Aug. 31, 2010, at Sacred Heart Medical Center in Spokane.



He was born in Red Lodge on July 7, 1935, to Milton C. and Peggy Lou (Morton) Mitchke.

He attended kindergarten through high school in the same school of Saint Helena Cathedral, graduating in 1953. Being raised in a great Catholic family and always a believer, Ed began his work in the church at the age of 8, becoming an acolyte and, for the last 19 years, an acolyte trainer for his beloved second home, Pope John Paul II Catholic Church in Bigfork.

Ed began his young life as a newspaper carrier, following in his father's footsteps, worked for the city of Helena, Husky Gas Station, while being trained as a watch repairman and engraver, then began a true career for Mountain Bell Telephone Co., installing office telephone equipment and worked his way to retirement as an engineer for AT&T after 32 years.

Going home to Montana to an unexpected early retirement, Ed repaired laser equipment and became known as "Religious Ed" and will forever be remembered by the students in his 10 years of religious ed classes and acolytes training classes. He loved setting the altar up and helping in anyway with his Church.

In his early years, Ed also enjoyed being a Cub Scout, as well as Boy Scout leader. He was in the National Guard in Helena and then went into the Navy; later in life he became Exalted Ruler in the Elks in Denver

and most recently a Grand Knight with the Knights of Columbus in Bigfork.

Ed loved his family and friends, loved to go boating, loved to always help out in anyway or anyone.

Ed was preceded in death by both his parents, Milton and Peggy Lou Mitchke; uncle, Chet; and aunt, Goldie Pitcher.

Ed is survived by his wife, Millie, of 52 years of marriage; son, Edward "Ed" and wife, Christie Mitchke, of Houston; daughter, Renee' and husband, Monty Howe, of Kalispell; daughter, Kathleen, and husband, Wayne Waldon, of Cloud Croft, N.M.; five grandchildren, Brooke Auston (Mitchke) Holder of Gautier, Miss., Christopher Mitchke and Geoffrey Mitchke of Pearl, Miss., Nicole Howe of Kalispell, and Edward Daniel Mitchke of Port Rush, Northern Ireland; siblings include brother, Milton "Mick" and his wife, Annette Mitchke, of Pine Top, Ariz.; brother, Gerald "Jerry," and his wife, Kathryn "Kitt" Mitchke; and sister, Margaret Ann "Margie," and her husband, William "Bill" Murray; and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held at 6 p.m. today, Sept. 3. Rosary will follow at 7 p.m., and funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 4, both at Pope John Paul II Catholic Church, 195 Coverdale, Bigfork. A reception will follow graveside service at Pope John Paul II.

The family suggests that any memorial contributions be sent to CYRO Youth, Attn: Pope John Paul II Catholic Church, 195 Coverdale Road, Bigfork, MT 59911.

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

Dorothy Monson, 94

Dorothy Monson, 94, passed away on Tuesday, April 13, 2010, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.



She was born Sept. 19, 1916, in Devils Lake, N.D., to Carl and Nettie Nelson. After graduating from Devils Lake High School in 1934, she enrolled in Concordia College in Moorhead, Minn., where she graduated in 1938 with a major in English and a minor in music.

She taught English and music at the high school in Warwick, N.D., for a year, and on Jan. 1, 1940, she married Allwin Monson, a Concordia College classmate from Shelby. They lived in St. Thomas, N.D., for a few months, and then moved to Denver, where Allwin received a master's degree in speech. After a year in Denver they moved to Syracuse, N.Y., where they lived until Allwin joined the faculty at Concordia College in 1948.

In 1950 Dorothy went to work in the Office of the Academic Dean at Concordia, where she headed the Placement Office. In that capacity she helped students through the interview and hiring process for their first jobs after graduation.

After several years in the Placement Office Dorothy retired, but soon after retirement went back to school at Concordia to update her teaching certificate. She then took a temporary position in the Moorhead Public Schools teaching special-needs stu-

dents, and discovered her passion was teaching special education.

At the age of 53, after teaching special-needs students for a number of years, Dorothy got a sabbatical to attend graduate school at San Francisco State University, where she received her master's degree in special education. She returned to the Moorhead schools and taught special education for several years before retiring.

In 1983 Dorothy and Allwin moved to Kalispell. Dorothy did volunteer work in Kalispell, and they enjoyed hiking, camping, fishing and cross-country skiing. Among friends and family Dorothy became famous for her huckleberry pies baked on a camp stove and her skill in driving bears out of camp with a canoe paddle.

Dorothy is survived by her husband Allwin, of Kalispell; a daughter, Joyce Tsongas and a son, Arthur Monson, both of Portland; as well as a grandson, Christopher Tsongas of Seattle, and a granddaughter, Mika Tsongas of Sandpoint, Idaho.

A memorial service and celebration of Dorothy's life will be held at Northridge Lutheran Church in Kalispell at 11 a.m. Monday, May 3. Memorials may be made in Dorothy's name to the worship and music fund at Northridge Lutheran Church in Kalispell.

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

Michael James Montero, 42

Michael James Montero, 42, died Dec. 23, 2010, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

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

Dorothy Montgomery, 89

Dorothy Montgomery, 89, died Thursday, Dec. 30, 2010, at the home of her son in Whitefish.

She is survived by her son, Bill Montgomery,

and a daughter, Faith Foust.

Memorial services will be held at a later date. Austin Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Hazel Marie (Ransch) Montgomery, 87

Hazel Marie (Ransch) Montgomery, 87, passed away on Dec. 9, 2010, at Grace House with her son and family in Austin, Texas.



Hazel Montgomery was born in 1923 in Webb City, Okla., to Edward and Lena Ransch.

After graduating from high school and college in Oklahoma, she moved to San Francisco to assist with the shipbuilding efforts for the war. This is where Hazel met and married her husband of 63 years, Joe Montgomery, who preceded her in death. After the end of the war, Hazel and her husband settled in Kalispell and started a construction company, Montana Builders. She assisted Joe with the finances and office management for 35 years, before they both retired.

Throughout her life, Hazel was involved with many social and charitable organizations. She was a member of the Women's Circle at Epworth United Methodist Church, Beta Sigma Phi, and supported her husband with the many Elks functions through the women's group.

Hazel spent many days bowling, golfing and playing

cards, and became a Grand Master bridge player. Socially, she loved hosting parties both large and small. With all of these activities and accomplishments, Hazel's greatest love was her family. She took every opportunity to have them visit so she could entertain and share some of her homemade huckleberry and apple pies.

Hazel is survived by her son, Gary Montgomery, his wife Deborah, and granddaughter, Jessica Montgomery of Austin, Texas; sister-in-law, Melba Montgomery, of Helena; nieces, Marsha McCall of Denver, and Pat Gonzales of Tucson, Ariz.; nephews, Bud Howard and David Howard, of Louisiana; Fred Howard of Missouri; and great-nephew, Blain Wenger, of Dillon.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18, at the Epworth United Methodist Church in Kalispell.

Donations in lieu of flowers can be sent to the Diabetes Association; and condolences to the Johnson-Gloschat Mortuary, 525 S. Main St., Kalispell, MT 59901

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

Raymond Elmer Montgomery, 82

Raymond Elmer Montgomery, 82, passed away on Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2010, at the Brendan House in Kalispell. He was



born on May 8, 1927, in Mullen, Idaho, the son of Clarence Richard and Laura Ellen (Crystal) Montgomery.

He grew up and attended schools in Sandpoint, Idaho. He started working in the woods with his dad at an early age.

He was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1943 and spent most of his service time in Italy until his discharge in 1948. He was able to learn the language very well. Following his discharge he returned home and went to work in the lumber mills. He enrolled in an auto mechanics course and became an excellent mechanic.

On June 26, 1963, he married Joyce Jones in Plains.

He loved to fish and was known to tell some pretty fine fish stories for recreation.

Later in his life he enrolled in a photogra-

phy school and enjoyed and took many beautiful photographs. He was even rewarded with a gold cup for a photo taken of a house built like a castle.

He and Joyce raised her two youngest children and a grandson and granddaughter until grown. They had 45 joyful years of marriage.

He is survived by his wife, Joyce Montgomery, of Kalispell; a daughter, Shirley Mitchell; a son, Allen Mitchell; and three stepchildren, Michael Steele of Monrovia, Calif., Emma Krauss of Juneau, Alaska, and Terry Steele of Kalispell.

Funeral services for Raymond will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 6, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Whitefish Stage Road. Visitation will be held from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 5, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. Burial will follow services at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery with full military honors.

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

Florence M. Moore, 96

Florence M. Moore, 96, affectionately known as "Flo," passed away peacefully June 18, 2010, in Missoula.



Flo was born Florence Mellem on June 7, 1914, in Rosewood, Minn., and had four brothers and three sisters.

Flo originally came to Somers in 1935 to care for her ill sister's children. During that time she met and married Cecil A. Ripke and had daughter Myrna and son Terry.

After the passing of Cecil, Flo supported her family in a variety of ways: she worked in the Kalispell Hospital and later, during World War II, she was a "Rosie the Riveter" building Liberty ships in the Portland shipyards. During that time she worked high up on the superstructures and when asked if she was afraid of heights responded, "A little, but at least up here nothing can hit me in the head!"

In 1947, Flo married Boyd Shearwood. They settled in Spokane and had daughter Diane.

In 1965 she married the love of her life, Edward Park Moore, and settled in Bremerton, Wash. Although

they were only married a short time before Ed's passing, they had a wonderful and romantic marriage.

After the passing of her beloved husband Ed, she became involved in several ladies' groups and starting traveling the world whenever possible with her good friend Arna by her side. You never knew where Flo and Arna would be off to next; A safari in Africa? A bullfight in Spain? Vegas, Hawaii, Mexico? A cruise? They did it all and more, and had a wonderful time!

Flo was endowed with a natural sense of empathy and a wonderful sense of humor that made her loved by everyone she met. She will be greatly missed.

Flo was preceded in death by brothers, Alvin, Clarence, Roy and Vernon Mellem; as well as sisters, Pearl Mellem Bangeman and Myrtle Mellem Thoreson.

Flo is survived by her sister, Joyce Neilson, of Libby; daughter, Myrna Hocking, of Bigfork; and son, Terry Ripke, and daughter, Diane Fullerton, both of Missoula. Flo had seven grandchildren Jim, Vicki, Kevin, Janine, Melissa, Scott and Chad; as well as 18 great-grandchildren, and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

Flo will be buried in Bremerton beside her beloved Ed. A memorial will follow in August in Bigfork.

Michael Craig Moore, 54

Michael Craig Moore, 54, "was called home to the Lord," on Monday, Feb. 8, 2010, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

He was born on June 16, 1955, in Dallas.

He spent his early years flying in a helicopter with his dad in Louisiana, Puerto Rico, California, Oregon and Alaska.

His high school and college years were spent in southern California, where he graduated with a degree in construction technology.

He developed an early love of music which never left him. He was accomplished on the organ, keyboard, drums and guitar.

Michael moved his family to the Kalispell area in 2002. He had fallen in love with the valley during a vacation

at age 16.

He was preceded in death by his father, William Moore.

Michael is survived by his wife of 15 years, Mary Moore, and mother, Wanda Bears, both of Kalispell; and daughters, Jessica Moore of Mission Viejo, Calif., and Rebecca Moore of Kalispell. He also leaves behind step-daughter, Rachel Green, stepson, Russell Green, and his wife, Karlee, and their daughter, Dallas, all of Kalispell.

Memorial services for Michael will be held at 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Kalispell.

The family suggest any memorial contributions be sent to the Kalispell Veterans Pantry, in Michael's name.

Rita Audrey Moore, 87

Rita Audrey (Rader) Moore, 87, passed away March 11, 2010, at Lake View Care Center, from natural causes. She was born Aug. 27, 1922, in Winthrop, Wash., and attended high school in Winthrop.

In 1938, she married Robert C. Moore in Chelan, Wash. They were married for 25 years.

Rita was retired from Pacific Bell Telephone.

She enjoyed reading, old time movies, gardening — especially flowers, and stream fishing.

She was preceded in death by her father, Jack Rader, and mother, Eva

Rader; her husband, Robert C. Moore; and sons, Robert L. and Richard L. Moore.

Rita is survived by her son, Buck Moore, and his wife, Karen Moore; and grandchildren, Debra Moore of Davis, Calif., Michael Moore of Los Angeles, Brandon Moore of Statesville, N.C., Stacie Thornes of White Sulphur Springs, and Shannon Moore and Jason Moore.

Per Rita's request, there will be no services. Cremation has taken place and her ashes will be scattered over the mountains of Montana.

Joshua Jayce Morast, infant

Joshua Jayce Morast was born on Jan. 10, 2010, at Kaiser Sunnyside Hospital and died on Jan. 12, 2010, at St. Vincent Hospital.

He is survived by his parents, Lon and Marissa Morast, and brother, James, of Happy Valley, Ore.; grandparents, Michael and Nancy Nizankiewicz, of Carson City, Nev.; brother, Ben, and Shelley Whitlatch,

of Mesa, Ariz.; grandparents, Duane and Nancy Morast; Lon's sisters, Llonda and Clint Grame, and Lora and Jonathan Anderson; six cousins from Kalispell; and two cousins from Arizona.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, at the Abundant Life Church in Happy Valley, Ore.

Robert L. Morck, 74

Robert L. Morck, 74, of Troy, died Saturday, April 3, 2010, at St. John's Lutheran Hospital, from natural causes.

Survivors include his children, Catherine Morck of Troy, and David

Morck of California.

Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. Thursday, April 8, at the Milnor Lake Cemetery. Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Libby.

Lynda Erickson Morford, 72

Lynda Erickson Morford (born Lynda Jane Erickson), beloved mother, mother-in-law, sister, aunt, grandmother and friend, passed away on June 10, 2010, in Green Valley, Ariz. She was 72.

Lynda was born Sept. 18, 1937, in Libby to William John and Olga Wik Erickson. She grew up in Libby and attended grade and high school there. She and her family enjoyed spending summers at their cabin at Flathead Lake.

Lynda graduated high school in 1955, and went on to attend Pembroke College at Brown University in Providence, R.I. She graduated in 1959, with a degree in liberal arts and a minor in journalism. She always enjoyed drawing and painting.

Following this, she lived in London for a time, and then San Francisco, before moving to Seattle and working for an architectural firm called MBBJ.

Through a co-worker, Lynda met her future husband and, after a wonderful courtship, she married James Glen Morford in November 1973. They had one daughter, Amy. They lived on Bainbridge Island and then moved to Arizona in 2004.

Together they enjoyed many adventures, including sailing, snowshoeing, traveling to Greece, New Zealand, cruising on barges on rivers in France with friends, going to Hawaii, Mexico and on cruises.

They were active with Intiman Theater, the Seattle Opera and the Washington Athletic Club.

She remained partial to



the cooler climates of Seattle and Montana, with more greenery and water than Arizona.

Lynda was known by family and friends to have a very gracious, gentle, generous, kind, caring, artistic and creative spirit.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Bill and Olga; and her husband, James.

She is survived by her daughter, Amy Morford Nebeker, and Brent, of Tucson, Ariz.; grandson, Ashton Nebeker; brother, Alan Erickson, and Tomiko, of Miami; aunt, Hilma Strom, of Flathead Lake, Polson; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Don and Marilyn Morford; her husband's son and two daughters, Jimi Morford of Ridgecrest, Calif., Heidi Morford of Clinton, Wash., and Julie Morford of Seattle; two nephews, Paul Erickson and Mark Morford; two nieces, Melanie Morford and Kristin Morford; one other-grandson, John Meeker; and two granddaughters, Carrie Meeker and Gracie Meeker.

There will be a small gathering of family and friends to celebrate Lynda's life in July.

Contributions may be made to La Hacienda at La Posada for a memory garden that La Hacienda is putting in. Mail contributions to La Posada, 350 E. Morningside Dr., Green Valley, AZ, 85614, and write in memory of Lynda Morford on the check.

Marc W. Moriva, 58

Local musician Marc W. Moriva passed away on Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2010, while traveling with his wife Marjory.



Marc was born on March 13, 1951, in Columbus, Ohio. He graduated from Grove City High School and went on to attend college at Ohio State University.

Marc was a multi-talented musician who played guitar, sax, clarinet and banjo. He played across the country in various bands and with notables such as Delbert McClinton, Glen Frey, Tower of Power, Joe Walsh and an appearance with Bruce Springsteen.

In 1997 Marc and Jerry Fletcher were asked to join the cast of "It Ain't Nothin' But the Blues" as musicians, a review which chronicled the history of the blues in song and dialogue. The play eventually ran on Broadway and was nominated for a number of Tony awards. Marc would tour with the play two more times over the next several years. Locally, Marc was well known as one of the principal players of The Fanatics who performed for many years at the Great Northern.

Many will be familiar with the jingles Marc wrote and recorded in his home studio which include "Able Body Shop" and "Gil's Got It." More recently, Marc had

been performing with the Andre Floyd band and the Moriva/Fletcher Duo.

In 1994, Marc met Marjory McClaren and began to experience his transformation as a player, a companion, a friend and a husband. Marc went from fitting all of his belongings into the back of a Honda Civic in 1991 to a wife, a home, a hot tub, two dogs, a cat and a mortgage, and was never happier. He exercised on a regular basis and recently had become an avid cycling enthusiast. He was on his way to a two-week vacation filled with cycling across the desert when this lifetime came to an end.

Marc will be missed by so many friends and family, but none more than the music community in which he was so highly regarded.

Marc was preceded in death by his father, Wayne Moriva.

Marc is survived by his wife, Marjory; his mother, Monna Hilton, and her husband, Jim; and his brother, Joseph Moriva, and wife, Shelley. Also of particular importance to him were his dogs Sami and Pops, and Hazel the cat.

A memorial service is planned for 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23, at Shining Mountains Church, 475 Eighth Ave. EN, in Kalispell. A reception will follow. A musical celebration will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 14, at the Great Northern Bar in Whitefish. All are welcome.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the charity of your choice.

Harry Steven 'Steve' Morris, 57

Harry Steven "Steve" Morris, 57, died Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2010, at his residence in Kalispell.

Arrangements are pending with Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory.

Kenneth Joseph Morrison, 86

Kenneth Joseph Morrison, 86, died Dec. 1, 2010, at the Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

He was an iron worker and owned and operated with his partners the North Valley Iron & Steel.

He is survived by his sons, Tom, Richard and Ken; and his daughter,

Barbara Morrison-Beckedahl.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 16, at the North Valley Eagles Club in Columbia Falls.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is assisting the family.

Mildred L. (Hadley) Morrison, 100

Mildred L. (Hadley) Morrison, 100, passed away on Sunday, May 30, 2010, at Prestige Assisted Living in Kalispell.



She was born on April 26, 1910, in Fullerton, Neb., the daughter of Oscar R. and Lola Edith (Krusor) Hadley. On June 11, 1933, Mildred and Frank J. Morrison were married in Fullerton. The couple and their 1-year-old daughter Charlotte moved to Kalispell in the fall of 1936. In 1939, they welcomed the birth of their son, John. During the late spring of 1942, the family moved to California where they stayed for three years helping in the war effort.

In 1946, together they built the Morrison Service Garage on the back lot of their home. Mildred kept the books and expedited parts from local stores.

In 1953, they bought a 20-acre farm about four miles from town. Here they raised a few cows, many chickens and a large garden. Mildred canned and froze the vegeta-

bles for good winter eating. Mildred's friends and family were the center of her life, always greeting them with a smile, a hug and home-baked cakes, cookies or pies.

Mildred's family wishes to thank the loving care she received from Prestige Assisted Living and Hospice. A special thanks goes to Dexter for all his love and tail-wags he had for Mildred.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank; and her son, John.

She is survived by her daughter, Charlotte Baker, and husband, Tom, of Pennsylvania; her grandchildren, Alan Horst and wife Patti, Rhee Schielein and husband Johnny, Carolyn Love and husband Rich, Melissa Paullson and husband Richard, and Michelle Arceneaux; 10 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandson.

Funeral services for Mildred will be held at 2 p.m. today, June 2, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. Burial will follow services at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

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

John Dewayne Morrow, 55

Our family and the community of Lakeside are feeling a tremendous loss with the unexpected death of John Dewayne Morrow on



Thursday, Oct. 21, 2010.

John was enjoying one of his favorite pastimes with a couple of his best friends when he suffered a heart attack after just having hit two of the greatest shots in all his years of playing golf.

John was born May 16, 1955, in Kalispell, to Harold and Louise Vaughan Morrow. He had to walk all the way across the alley to attend Peterson Elementary and graduated from Flathead High School in 1973. He attended FVCC and the University of Montana (go Griz).

In 1976, he married his high school sweetheart, Rande Redpath, at her parents' Flathead Lake home.

In 1979, their daughter, Maren, was born. He spent many years being her basketball coach and her cheering section. Maren's arrival could only be topped by the birth of his two grandchildren.

John was active in the Somers Volunteer Fire Department for over 20 years. He was a charter member of the Lakeside Quick Response Unit, responding to an average of 200 calls a year for 27 years. He was the epitome of quick response as he was usually the first one on the scene (because he drove too fast). He was always there to assist anyone in trouble.

He touched so many lives of this valley, whether it was through the fire department, the QRU or running to the store after hours for customer plumbing emergencies.

He enjoyed hunting, bowling, golfing, fishing and skiing. He was a true blue Dolphins fan, win or lose. But his biggest passion was being Sadee and Jonathan's Papa.

During his high school years, he assisted his father Harold in running the West

Shore mail route for the post office.

He started working at Sliters Lumber Company in Somers in 1977, following on the shirrtails of his father-in-law, Howard Redpath. In 1988, he was named manager at the Lakeside Sliters ACE Hardware, where he was employed at the time of his death. He gave many loyal years devoted to the Sliters. He and Rande enjoyed attending ACE shows that allowed them to visit many different cities.

John was preceded in death by his father, Harold Wayne Morrow; his sister-in-law, Connie Stein; his brother-in-law, Cecil Main; and his father- and mother-in-law, Howard and Peggy Redpath.

He is survived by his mother, Louise Morrow, of Kalispell; his wife and best friend, Rande, of Lakeside; their daughter, Maren, and her husband Aaron King, and their children, Sadee and Jonathan of Ferndale; his sister, Cheryl Main, of Newman Lake, Wash.; sister, Jeanie, and Dan Stefler of Kalispell, and children, Michele Beck of Connecticut, and Sarah and Dan Fjeheld, and their son Gabe; brother, Bob, and Kelly Morrow, and their daughters, Jemma and Julia, all of Kalispell; brother-in-law, Dennis Redpath, and his family, Monica Bradford and Dennis Jr.; brother-in-law, Frank, and Sherry Stein; sister-in-law, Janet, and Dan Bourne, and their family, Shannie Heston and Corrie Bourne; numerous other aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews; and too many other friends to mention.

He will be loved, respected and greatly missed by all those he has left behind.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30, at the Somers Middle School gymnasium, with Dennis Reese, pastor of the Lakeside Community Church, officiating, with a reception immediately following the service. To send condolences to the family, please go to www.buffalohillffh.com. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Jerry Boyd Mortensen, 64

Jerry Boyd Mortensen, born March 6, 1946, passed away at his home in Whitefish on Nov. 27, 2010.



He will be remembered in the valley for the many years he worked at Cardinal Hardware in Evergreen. His greatest pleasures were the accomplishments of his family.

He is survived by his mother, Jeanette; his wife of 45 years, Margo; son and daughter-in-law, Lance and

Kelly; daughter, Marshauna; sister-in-law, Marsha; brother-in-law, Jack Thompson; niece, Kelly Kellems; grandson, Trent, at Montana Tech in Butte; granddaughter, Haley, at Wenatchee Valley College; also many other family, friends and loved ones.

He was preceded in death by his father, Robert.

There will be no services following cremation, as per his request.

In lieu of flowers, please make contributions to Whitefish Girls Softball or Columbia Falls Fire and Rescue. Arrangements by Austin Funeral Home.

Susanne Burgess-Morton, 50

Susanne Burgess-Morton, 50, died Jan. 12, 2010, at her home in Kalispell.

She had been a nurse practitioner with Northwest Women's Health Care in Kalispell.

She is survived by her

husband, Bob, and sons, Brenton and Justin, all of Kalispell; and her parents, Joe and June Burgess, of McMinnville, Ore.

No services are planned at this time.

Lorna May (Wright) Moss, 48

Lorna May (Wright) Moss, 48, of Whitefish, died Feb. 16, 2010.

Survivors include her parents, Richard and Virginia Wright, of Connecticut; and children, Hillary Rose Moss and

Ezra Thomas Moss, both of Whitefish.

Memorial services will be at noon Friday, Feb. 19, at Whitefish Assembly of God, 1549 Karrow Ave., with a reception to follow.

William Pete Mufich, 90

William Pete Mufich, 90, died Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2010, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

A celebration of life will

be held at 3 p.m. Monday, Feb. 22, at Buffalo Hill Terrace in Kalispell.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Jack Wilson Muir, 93

Jack Wilson Muir, 93, of Butte, died on Saturday, April 10, 2010, at home with his wife of 70 years, Irene, at his side. He was born in Great Falls on Feb. 8, 1917, to Scottish immigrants, John and Mary Muir. He was proud of his Scottish heritage.



Jack was an avid supporter of the Boy Scouts, attaining the rank of Eagle Scout. He attended local schools where he met his future wife, Irene Janetski. Both members of the Great Falls High School Band, they graduated in 1935.

He attended the University of Montana and after three years transferred to the University of Oregon, where he graduated with a degree in accounting. After graduating from college, he attended the Thomas J. Watson School in Endicott, N.Y., which taught young executives to change old accounting systems into the new computer systems. He then went to work for the Anaconda Company in Great Falls as an accountant.

On Dec. 7, 1940, he married his sweetheart, Irene. ACM then transferred him to their mine in Chuquicamata, Chile, where he set up their accounting system. Irene gave birth to their first daughter, Linda, in Chile. They lived there for five years.

They returned to Great Falls where their two sons, Jack Jr., and Daniel, and

daughter, Maryanne, were born. Jack continued to work for the ACM and was subsequently transferred to Butte in 1968, where he was a data processing supervisor. He retired from the company in 1979 after 40 years of service.

Jack was a lifetime golfer, winning several tournaments over the years. He had many golfing friends and golfed into his late 80s.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and brother, Hugh.

Jack is survived by his loving wife, Irene; his brother, Bob, and wife, Barbara, of Billings; daughter, Linda Coolidge, and Del, of Whitefish; son, Jack Jr., and wife, Sydney, of Lakeside; son, Daniel, and wife, Coreena, of Kalispell; and daughter, Maryanne, of New Jersey. Other survivors include six grandchildren, Brian Oelberg, Laura Wilson and family, Jennifer Muir Braunstein, Jeremy Muir and family, Justin Muir and family, and Jason Muir; five stepgrandchildren, Cody Bras, Lea Coolidge Gabriel, Evan Coolidge, Melanie and Melissa Taylor, nine great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Jack was much loved by his children and grandchildren for his ready wit and keen sense of humor. They enjoyed his funny songs and stories.

Cremation has taken place in Butte. Liturgy of the Resurrection will be celebrated for Jack at 11 a.m. Friday, April 16, at St. Ann's Catholic Church. Interment will take place in Great Falls at a later date.

Fred Mumbower, 72

Fred Mumbower passed away in the early morning of Oct. 26, 2010, at his home in Columbia Falls.



His adventure in this life began on June 17, 1938, in Conrad, where he graciously allowed his twin sister Freda the privilege of coming into the world two minutes before himself.

Fred was raised by his mother and father, Virgil and Lois Mumbower, who both preceded him in death.

He enjoyed growing up with his siblings, Freda (Crane), and his brother, Claude. As early as 5 years old the gift of music, which can only be defined as all-encompassing, became the heart and life of Fred Mumbower. His joy in life was to share the very depths of his limitless knowledge with any, all and many who desired to know, feel or understand music. We never discovered a limit to his gift of picking up any instrument and the ability to play it fluently in just minutes. He could, and did on many occasions, play those instruments at the request of a tune or song with nothing more than a briefly hummed sequence from a tune. He wrote and published several songs over his lifetime. His life was defined by his ability to share the gift he was given in any form available.

Fred graduated from the University of Montana with a degree in music. Shortly after he graduated, he married Luella Roehl. He was immediately drafted by the U.S. Army, relocating this new young family temporarily from Montana to Georgia

where Fred played in the Army band. Even though his admission into the U.S. Army was through the draft system, Fred was extremely proud to serve in whatever capacity his country needed him. He was as true an American patriot as he was a qualified musician.

He was profoundly proud of his son, Wayne Mumbower, who enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and stayed through retirement, receiving many honors for and during his service. Fred was also very proud of his two grandsons, Jordan, son of Wayne and Heidi Mumbower, who recently enlisted in the Army, as well as his grandson Lt. Cpl. Alex Lemieux, U.S. Marine Corps, 1st Div. 3rd Battalion, 7th Regiment Infantry, son of Wendy and Bob Lemieux, who returned from a seven-month deployment to Afghanistan the evening before his grandfather passed away.

After discharge from the service in 1963, Fred and his family moved to Harlowton for a short while, where his official teaching career of sharing his love of music with young people began. In 1965 Fred's teaching career took him to even greater successes in Shelby where the Shelby High School choir and the multitude of smaller musical groups developed within the nucleus of the Shelby High School choir, would ultimately share the gift of music with thousands of individuals across the northwestern part of the United States, receiving awards for their efforts, that to date remain in the academic halls of musical excellence.

For his part, Fred was honored for several years in succession with the directorship of the All Northwest Choir, an

honor he humbly accepted and appreciated far beyond his ability to say. This honor was bestowed upon few in the industry. Fred's musical talents were extended in multiple capacities throughout the communities he lived in. Some of those included joining in with several dance bands and piano bars, as well as directing the local Shelby Lutheran Church choir for several years.

There was no place he would go without sharing his beautiful gift, along with his genuine eye-sparkling smile and his heartiest deep laugh. Fred had a passion for life with music and the friendships he made along the way. They took him to live in several locations including Missoula; Boise Idaho; Great Falls; Brady and finally, Columbia Falls, where he lived the last 30 years. For many years after his teaching career, Fred made a living driving truck, but when he was home he lived to gather his friends and they would play music for days until he had to get on the road and pay the bills. He stopped driving truck in 1998 but still continued playing and writing music. He would periodically visit family and friends but his love of music would always bring him home to jam with his friends. Unfortunately for this world, "God wanted Fred and his musical talents, so He took him home."

Fred leaves behind a legacy of friendships and stories. His friends could not be numbered. His stories and his deep laughter and twinkling eyes are cherished by all whose lives he touched. He leaves behind his four children and their spouses, Wendy Lemieux and husband, Bob, of Vancouver, Wash., Julie Johnson and husband, Kimble, of Nampa, Idaho, Jenny Steiner and hus-

band, Brad, of Nampa, as well as his son, Wayne Mumbower, and wife, Heidi, of Washington Terrace, Utah. He left behind 11 grandchildren who have great stories — and almost that many pianos; two great-granddaughters as well as his best friend for his final years, Sharon Packwood.

Since you have taken the time to share Fred's story, please take a moment and remember someone whose life made yours better and if possible, let them know. He did this for everyone he met.

A small private service for close friends and family was held in Columbia Falls on Oct. 31.

A commemorative memorial is being planned in Shelby, to be held in the spring of 2011. Any individuals who have questions or wish to partake in that event are welcome to contact Laila Lindberg in Shelby.

R. James 'Jim' Munro, 84

R. James "Jim" Munro, 84, of Calgary, Alberta, passed away on Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2010. He was born Oct. 27, 1925.

Jim is survived by his wife, Avis Feury Munro, of Kalispell; children; stepchildren; numerous grandchildren; one great-grandchild;

and two brothers.

He enjoyed years of vacations and his retirement in Whitefish and Kalispell. He will be missed by family and friends.

E-mail expressions of sympathy to heritage@hffs.com, with the subject heading: Jim Munro.

James Alexander Murdock, 87

James Alexander Murdock, 87, of Polson, passed away on Monday, March 8, 2010, of natural causes at St. Luke Community Hospital in Ronan.

Jim was born to William and Maggie Russell Murdock on July 12, 1922, and was raised in Whitefish, graduating from Whitefish High School in 1940.

Jim married Miriam L. Allred on May 21, 1955, and in 1960 they moved to Great Falls, where Jim worked as a mechanic on road construction until 1967, when the company went out of business.

In 1968, he later went to work for the Great Northern Railroad, and retired in 1988. Shortly after his retirement, he and Miriam moved to



Polson, where they farmed and raised horses. Jim lost Miriam, his wife of 51 years, early in 2006.

In addition to his parents and wife, Jim was preceded in death by a brother; three sisters; one son, Russell; a granddaughter, Felecia; and a grandson, Terry.

He is survived by his children, Ivan Murdock of Kalispell, Katherine and John Chaney of Portland, and David and Lois Murdock of Kalispell; a sister, Izabelle, and Smokey, Metcalf; seven grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

At Jim's request, there will be no public funeral services. The family is planning a private memorial service at a later date.

Messages of condolence may be sent to the family online at www.groganfuneralhome.com. Grogan Funeral Home and Crematory, Polson, is honored to assist Mr. Murdock's family.

Robert J. 'Bob' Murphey, 75

A loving husband, and a dear friend, Bob Murphey died of natural causes on Wednesday, March 3, 2010, at home.

Bob was born and raised in Los Angeles. He served in the U.S. Navy, becoming a barber after being discharged.

He later joined the Los Angeles Police Department, serving the people of Los Angeles for 20 years before retiring in 1980.

Bob moved to West Gla-

acier in 1988. He loved the Flathead Valley, and playing golf with his friends at Glacier View Golf Club.

Bob is survived by his wife, Robin; his brother, Chuck; his three children; and 11 grandchildren.

The family is remembering Bob privately, and there are currently no plans for a public memorial.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is assisting the family.

Gary 'Bill' Burnham Murray, 77

Colonel Gary "Bill" Burnham Murray, Ret., 77, died Nov. 20, 2010, at his home in Whitefish, of natural causes.



He was born in Shelby on Oct. 22, 1933, to Burnham and Asche Murray.

He spent his early childhood in Whitlash and Shelby, later moving to Havre. He graduated from Havre High School in 1952 and received a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration from St. Mary's College in Xavier, Kan., in 1972.

While attending Northern Montana College in 1953, he was drafted into the Army. He attended Officers Candidate School and was commissioned as a second lieutenant, becoming a fixed wing and helicopter pilot. He served one year in Korea and two tours in Vietnam, along with one tour in Germany. His last tour in Vietnam, he served in the field with the South Vietnamese military as an advisor.

He remained in Vietnam after the war ended on the Peace Keeping Force and assisted with the exchange of Vietnamese prisoners. He was awarded the Bronze Star and the Silver Star, along with other commendations. He was an instructor at the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., for three years. His lat-

er military years were spent at the Pentagon and Harry Diamond Laboratories on research and development of weaponry. His final tour was as an advisor to the National Guard and Reserves in a five state area, based at Fort Snelling, Minn.

He retired in 1985 after 30 years of military service and moved with his wife Pauline back to his beloved Montana, settling in Whitefish. In 1987 he started a second career as a real estate agent and broker with Chuck Olson Real Estate.

He enjoyed many years golfing, drinking lots of red wine, having lunch with his buddies, Friday night dinner with friends and soaking up the sun in Borrego Springs, Calif.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Pauline, of Whitefish; daughter, Elizabeth, and Scott Patterson, and grandchildren, Dylan, Ayla, Van and Brandt and great-grandson, Caden of Ashburn, Va.; stepson, Greg Mueller, grandchildren, Dylan, Ayla, Van and Brandt and great-grandson, Caden of Missoula; sister, Glee Murray, of Washington, D.C.; and brother, Greg Murray, of Billings; and extended family.

Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 23, at Whitefish Cemetery. There will be a reception immediately following at Whitefish Lake Golf Course.

His favorite charities were Shepherd's Hand Clinic, Salvation Army or Yellowstone Boys and Girls Club.

Arrangements are by Austin Funeral Home.

Emma Jean Musser, 80

Emma Jean Musser, 80, died June 6, 2010, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell. She has been cremated

and family services will be held.

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

James Arneson Myers, 66

James Arneson Myers, 66, passed away on Friday, Apr. 30, 2010, at his home in Pullman, Wash. Jim was born



in Kalispell Nov. 28, 1943, to Violet Teresa Arneson and James Ray Myers. When Jim was born, his father was serving overseas in the United States Navy during World War II. Father and son did not meet for two years.

Jim was 5 when his brother Kenneth was born in 1948 and they were young playmates. Jim spent his childhood and youth in Kalispell with the exception of a few years in Missoula where his father taught school. Jim graduated from Flathead County High School in 1961.

After graduating, he attended Northern Montana College in Havre and later graduated with both a bachelor's and master's of education from the University of Idaho in 1969. Upon earning his bachelor's degree in 1967, he taught distributive education at Pullman High School until the program was discontinued, and then went on to teach English, math and driver's education. Jim

retired from teaching in 1989 due to health complications.

Jim married Linda Robertson Aug. 18, 1964, in the Salt Lake City Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints temple. Four children, Gordon, Tamara, Brett and Tonja became the Myers family, his proudest accomplishment.

Jim enjoyed backpacking, canoeing and fishing in his healthier years. Lionel trains were his passion and he enjoyed being a member of the Palouse Empire Rail Society.

Jim was preceded in death by his father and mother.

He is survived by his wife, Linda; and his four children, Gordon and wife, Lisa, of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, Tamara Hill and husband, Blake, of Hillsboro, Ore., Brett and wife, Darcell, of Pullman, Wash., and Tonja Janette and husband, Jay, of Seattle. He is also survived by 12 beautiful grandchildren, and his brother, Kenneth, and wife, Karen, of Havre.

The funeral service will be held today, May 5, at the Pullman Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Kimball Funeral Home of Pullman is caring for the family. Online condolences may be sent to www.kimballfh.com.

Norman Myers, 79

Longtime Kalispell resident Norman Myers passed away peacefully at home among family, Oct. 16, 2010, at the age of 79, after a lengthy illness.



A memorial service and celebration of Norman's life will be held 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 22, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

Norman was born on March 22, 1931, in Eston, Saskatchewan, and was the only child of Thomas and Elizabeth Myers. Although Norm grew up and worked on the family farm, farm life would not be in his future as he developed both asthma and a passion for everything mechanical at an early age.

Norm attended the small Montrose Country School as he was growing up, and at the age of 17 left to pursue his passion by taking mechanical courses at the Technical Collegiate, and the University of Saskatchewan, School of Agriculture. This pursuit would lead to his lifelong career as a mechanic, and eventually to his hobby of restoring old tractors and stationary engines.

In 1950, at the age of 19, Norman volunteered and joined the Royal Canadian Air Force. Norm remained in the RCAF for three years during the Korean conflict, working as an aircraft engine mechanic. During his service time, Norm was stationed first in Ontario, Manitoba, and later in Saskatoon Saskatchewan.

It was during his time in Saskatoon, at a local dance, that he met his future wife, lifetime friend and companion, Marion Hope. They married in 1954 in Saskatoon. In 1956, Norm and Marion made the decision to immigrate to the U.S. They moved to Libby where Norm worked for a local lumber mill, and their first child, Dianne, was born. They remained in Libby a few months until 1957, when Norm obtained a job at the John Deere Dealership in Kalispell.

Their second child, David, was born in 1958 in Kalispell.

Norm subsequently worked as shop foreman for Day Equipment, Pack & Company, and ended his career at Townsend Repair, all in Kalispell. Norman had an excellent work ethic and a reputation as a man and a mechanic who could get the job done.

Norm retired in 1997 and did some "on his time" repair jobs from his own shop, "Norm's Repair."

Norm enjoyed traveling to auctions and tractor shows and went full bore into restoring old tractors and engines. He was a charter member of the Northwest Antique Power Association and enjoyed assisting with the annual fall tractor shows put on for the community. He also had a passion for aviation stemming from his Air Force days and became a private pilot in 1982. He purchased an old plane which he enjoyed restoring and flew for a few years.

Norm's retirement plans were disrupted in 2000 when he suffered two strokes. The years that followed were steadily more difficult, but he still enjoyed talking tractors, weekly breakfasts with friends, visits to Canada to see friends and relatives, and visits to and from his children who reside in Wyoming. His favorite outings during his last few years were his almost daily trips to Cisko's for the "best food" in town, where he felt the owner and waitresses were the next best thing to family.

Although Norman was a Canadian at heart and loved the rolling prairies of Saskatchewan, he also loved the mountainous beauty of his U.S. home and his life in Kalispell. He proudly became a citizen of the U.S. in 2003 after living and working in Montana for over 47 years.

Norman is survived by his wife and best friend of 56 years, Marion; daughter, Dianne, and John Stearns of Casper, Wyo.; son, David Myers, of Riverton, Wyo.; and two grandchildren, Justin and Christopher Stearns. Norman is also survived by numerous cousins in England from where his parents had immigrated.

Norman asked that donations be made to Hospice or the Evergreen Volunteer Fire Department.

Violet Theresa Myers

Memorial services for Violet Theresa Myers, 93, who died Dec. 17, 2009, will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Friday, May 7, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Robert Oscar 'Bob' Myhre, 82

Robert Oscar "Bob" Myhre, 82, of Manhattan, Kan., died Nov. 23, 2010, at Mercy Regional Health Center in Manhattan.



He was born Feb. 12, 1928, in Polson, the son of Oscar Ludwick and Orpha (Roof) Myhre. He graduated from Polson High School in 1946.

Bob joined the United States Army Air Corps and later transferred to the United States Air Force when it was formed. He served for 20 years and retired in May of 1966 at the rank of Tech Sergeant. He had served with the 55th Armt Electronics and Maintenance Squadron at SAC and with the 53rd Weather REC. SQ. in Burtonwood, England. He had received the Good Conduct Medal with five knots, National Defense Service

Medal, USAF NCO PME Graduate Ribbon, Air Force Longevity Service Award Ribbon, Presidential Unit Citation and the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award.

He moved to Manhattan in 1968 and worked for Federal Civil Services at Fort Riley for more than 20 years as an electrician with DEH.

Mr. Myhre was a member of the Church of England, National Rifle Association, Army Air Force Association and the Sergeant's Association.

On Nov. 23, 1957, in Swinton, Manchester, England, he was married to Barbara Lambert.

He is survived by Mrs. Myhre of Manhattan; two daughters, Debra Myhre-Miller and husband, Bernie, of San Diego, and Arlene Myhre-Kubista and husband Frank, of Manhattan; and two granddaughters, Montana Myhre Kubista and Olivia Lea Kubista.

Mr. Myhre was preceded

in death by his parents; and brothers, George Myhre, John Myhre, and Jake Myhre; and sisters, Helga Myhre Blackwell and Margrethe Myhre Foot.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1, at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Chapel with Father Don Zimmerman officiating. Interment with Air Force Military Honors will follow at the

Kansas Veteran's Cemetery at Fort Riley.

Online condolences may be left for the family through the funeral home website at www.ymlfuneralhome.com.

Memorial contributions may be made to Wounded Warriors. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Ave., Manhattan, KS 66502.

Marian Leone Carlson Myxter, 87

Marian Leone Carlson Myxter died July 12, 2010, in Fort Collins, Colo., at age 87, after a lengthy battle with Alzheimer's disease.

Marian Carlson was born Nov. 5, 1922, to parents Andrew Carlson and Inez Bager Carlson in Minot, N.D. Her father died shortly after she was born and she and her older brother were raised by their mother. As a school-girl, she was a gifted student and participated in a variety of activities. She was given the nickname "Butch" by her classmates because she was athletic, feisty and outgoing.

Following high school, Marian enrolled at Minot State College in pursuit of a teaching degree. There, she met Morris "Mike" Myxter of nearby Balfour, N.D., who was also studying to become a teacher. Their courtship and Mike's studies were put on hold while he served in the Pacific Theater during World War II. After Mike's return, he and Marian were married in Minot on June 15, 1946.

The Myxters lived in many places during their early years together, including Washburn, N.D., Medford, Ore., Polson and Scobey, before moving to Great Falls in 1953. Great Falls became their settled base where they lived for nearly 40 years, had lengthy teaching careers, enjoyed camping, fishing, and other outdoor activities, and raised their only son. They developed many wonderful friendships.



In 1966, Marian and Mike purchased a piece of property on Lake Five near Glacier National Park. They parked a

brand-new mobile home referred to as the "instant cabin" there in 1968; and from that point the Myxters were able to fully reap the benefits of the teaching profession by spending entire summers at the lake over portions of four decades.

Marian was a sparkplug of a personality and a social butterfly who could raise the energy level of any room she entered. Her laugh and smile were infectious.

She had a kind heart and a strong, determined will. She was a terrific wife and mother, and touched many people over the course of her life.

Marian is survived by her grateful son, Andy, and Carol Myxter, and grandchildren, Samantha and Alex Myxter, all of Fort Collins.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Ralph Carlson; husband, Morris; and several other relatives and friends.

No services are planned; her cremated remains will be taken to Lake Five and other favorite places.

Please visit www.allnut.com to sign the family guest book and send condolences.