

Ruby Mae Palin, 79

Ruby Mae Palin, 79, passed away on Thursday, Nov. 25, 2010, at the Brendan House in Kalispell.

She was born on Feb. 16, 1931 in Missoula, the daughter of Norman and Edna (Jackson) Stinger.

Ruby was a wonderful homemaker, wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend. She was married to Daniel Palin in 1949. She was also a dedicated and baptized Jehovah's Witness for the past 40 years. She was strong in her beliefs, and served God to the best of her ability at all times. She touched the lives of all who knew her.

Ruby also had an awesome sense of humor and was very witty. She knew how to make people laugh and smile. No words can express how much she was loved and will be missed.

She was preceded in death



by her husband, Daniel Palin, in 1985.

She is survived by her five children, Nonie Hultgren and husband, Don, of Pembroke Pines, Fla., Glenna Palin, George Palin and Norman Palin, all of Kalispell, and Dana Palin-Abern of Vashon, Wash.; 10 grandchildren, Danise Nelson, Laurie Allen, Jesse Allen, Amanda Hultgren, Jeremy Palin, Leah Pharr, Jade Palin, Dalton Palin, Christopher Johnson and Hali Abern; nine great-grandchildren; and two sisters, June Fischer of Missoula, and Essie Bazzani of Roswell, N.M.

Memorial services for Ruby will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 4, at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses at 1414 Woodland Avenue in Kalispell.

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

Betty Jo Palo, 81

Betty Jo Palo, 81, formerly of Billings, passed away Oct. 5, 2010, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

Betty was born Aug. 18, 1929, to Harold and Irene Donaldson in Great Falls, where she was raised and attended kindergarten through high school at Saint Mary's Catholic School. While attending high school, she worked as an elevator girl at the Rainbow Hotel.

Betty met the love of her life, Andrew "Terry" Palo. They wed April 22, 1950. Shortly thereafter, he enlisted in the Marines and they were stationed at Camp Pendleton in San Diego, where their first child, Terri Anne, was born. Moving back to Montana in 1953, Betty Jo and Terry settled in Billings where they continued to raise a family. Betty worked as a legal secretary throughout her adult life while raising three beautiful daughters.

Betty and Andy were very active in multiple community organizations, becoming lifetime members of the Elks Club, Exchange Club, Knights of Columbus and many more. They loved going dancing and listening to music. Many weekends in the '70s and early '80s were spent at their cabin in the Red Lodge area playing cards and enjoying the company of other cabin-goers.

Betty was a beautiful woman. She was a stylish dresser and always had beautiful hair and nails. She loved decorating her home and had fine taste.

She became widowed in 1987 and began to surround her life with visits from grandchildren and many close friends in the Billings area. She continued to work in her profession until retiring in 1993.

In 2008, she moved to Kalispell to be with her daughter Janet and her house full of many four-legged creatures, one of which (Rocky the cat) became her constant companion until she moved into Brendan House in Novem-



ber 2009. She spent the last 10 months of her life being cared for by the most wonderful people in Brendan House. She loved her caregivers and they definitely loved her back. She had a very dry sense of humor and had her children and others laughing when you would least expect it.

The greatest joy in her life was her grandchildren who happened to be all boys; she was always hoping the next baby born might just be a girl — which finally happened when the grandsons had babies.

Betty was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 37 years, Andy; and her dear friend, Leighton Herigstad.

Betty is survived by her daughter, Terri Anne Money and husband Ted, of Abbyville, Ala.; grandson, Kirk Gable, of Phoenix; grandson, Kent Gable and fiancée Susan, of Phoenix, and daughter Olivia; daughter, Barbara Kay Pritchett, of Livingston; grandson, Dustin James Pritchett, of Nashville, Tenn., wife Kaaren, daughter Zoey Elizabeth Pritchett, son Nolan James Pritchett, and son Reese Andrew Pritchett, due in October; grandson, Mason Cole Pritchett, of Chicago; grandson, Gabe David Geering, of Livingston; and daughter, Janet Palo, of Kalispell; and grandson, Tanner Falcon, and fiancée Chelsey, of Los Angeles. She is also survived by her brother, James "Bud" Donaldson and family, of Mount Vernon, Wash.; sister-in-law, Margaret Palo and family, of Grand Junction, Colo.; and cousin, Mary Marnin of Great Falls, and family. She also leaves behind her cat, Rocky.

Betty's funeral service will be held at noon, Friday, Oct. 15, at St. Patrick's Cathedral in Billings. The Catholic vigil will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. She will be laid to rest next to the love of her life, Andy, at the Holy Cross Cemetery.

If you wish to make a memorial donation, it may be directed to Catholic Charities of Montana.

Betty will be remembered as a loving mother, grandmother and friend. She will be forever missed.

Juanita Ordish Painter, 97

Our dear little auntie, Juanita Ordish Painter, "danced into the presence of her Lord and Savior and those of the family waiting for her to join them in Heaven" on May 7, 2010. She passed away from natural causes at Alamitos West Convalescent Center in Los Alamitos, Calif.



She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles E. and Lillie May Ordish; two husbands, Clifford Cole and Harold Painter; a sister, Dixie Ordish Wilcox; and a brother, Robert Charles Ordish; several very dear friends and much-loved pets.

She was born on Jan. 30, 1913, in Kalispell, the first-born child of pioneering parents, Charles Edward and Lillie May (Flagg) Ordish. All of her childhood and early adulthood was spent here in this beautiful valley that she loved so much.

She attended Elrod Elementary, Central Junior High and graduated from Flathead County High School in 1931.

She met and married Clifford Cole who was the son of traveling evangelists who were staying at the home of her life-long friends, Lester and Barbara Shryock. He was smitten when he saw her photo on their piano, and said, "I'm going to marry her one day," and he did! Unfortunately, after the marriage he became very ill and succumbed to influenza.

Later, she attended beauty college in southern California, graduating with an operator's license. She met and married Harold Painter, a medical offices accountant in Compton, Calif. She was a secretary for City Maintenance Co. for 29 years and volunteered with Meals on Wheels and Los Alamitos Medical Center. They remained happily married until his death from a brain tumor in December 1979.

She and Uncle Harold were active in the Shrine organization and she was in Eastern Star. They were also very involved in the Rose Parade activities, sponsoring

several queen and princess candidates.

"Lord only knows, they never missed a Rose Bowl game!"

Our dear little auntie was a beautiful, generous lady; small in stature but so large in heart and spirit. She loved her Lord Jesus with all her heart and served Him and others all her life. "She was an earthly mother and grandmother to those of us whose mothers and grandmothers were already in Heaven." She had many dear and close friends whom she loved very much, three of whom remained very close all of their lives. She was the last of the four to leave this world for a better one.

She loved and cherished her family, her beloved pets; the last of whom was a little white poodle named Touché. A large part of her heart was still here in the Flathead Valley and she came "home" as often as possible.

Her spiritual life was never neglected. They attended First Christian Church in Compton. After moving to Cypress, Calif., they attended New Life Church and in later years she attended Sea Coast Grace Church in Cypress.

Those of us left to miss her earthly presence but rejoice in her "home-going" and to keep on keeping on are nephews, Gary Ordish and wife, Patti, of Dillon, and their children, Zachary of Las Vegas, and R.C. Ordish and wife Jeanette and children, Cassidy, Marshall and Kennedy, of El Paso, Texas; Terry Ordish and wife Martha of Wilkes Barre, Pa., and children, Michelle Quartieri and her son Nicholas of New Mexico, and Cricket Sparks and husband Alan and children, Jordan and Kylee, of Kalispell; niece, Jaqueline "Jackie" Rae James, of Kalispell, and her daughters, Holly Rae Howard of North Charleston, S.C., and Roxanne Rae and husband Dr. Norman Hauelsen of Mechanicsburg, Pa., and their children, Erik and Alyona; and very dear friends, Dick and Margaret Snavely.

Cremation has taken place and she was interred at Rose Hills Memorial Park in Witter, Calif. At her request, no services will be held.

Leonard Guy Palagi, 93

Leonard Guy Palagi, 93, of Great Falls, died Monday, June 7, 2010, at an extended care facility in Great Falls, of natural causes.

He was a retired meat cutter.

Survivors include his wife, Helen L. Palagi, of Great Falls; daughters, Shelley Smith of Kalispell, Sharry Palagi of

Rockville, Md., and Renee Sullivan of the Dominican Republic; and sons, Lor-rin Palagi of Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas, and Lance Palagi and Michael Palagi, both of Great Falls.

A memorial service will be at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, June 12, at Hillcrest Lawn Chapel.

Schneider Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Frank Paliga, 89

Frank Paliga, 89, "entered into the hands of his Lord and Savior" on Thursday, March 18, 2010, at the Pondera Medical Center Extended Care in Conrad, of natural causes.



A memorial service is scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday, April 3, at the Pondera Medical Center Extended Care. Pondera Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

Frank was born on March 15, 1921, in Stockett, Mont., where he grew up and attended school. He was born to Mike and Julia Paliga and was the second youngest of 12 children.

During his formative years he moved to Great Falls and worked for the Great Northern Railroad. It was during this time that he noticed most of the men he worked with were being drafted into the service, due to American involvement in World War II. On his 21st birthday he followed their lead and enlisted in the Army.

Paliga attended aerial gunnery school in Harlington, Texas. Soon after, he joined the Army Air Force 44th Bomber Group. Frank became an engineer and top-turret gunner for a B-24 where he eventually rose to the rank of staff sergeant.

Frank was quickly sent to the European Theater where he completed 24 successful bombing raids. On his final mission he was shot down in enemy territory, where he was eventually captured. He spent just under two years in a German prisoner of war camp (Stalag 17B).

After escaping on a march, he and a friend made it to Allied territory where they were rescued and in his words "were soon headed back to the best country in the world, the good 'ole USA."

For his courage, bravery and valor he received numerous citations, including the Distinguished Flying Cross, one of the highest honors an airman could receive.

Upon his return he soon met the love of his life, Joan

A. Jerome. After a brief courtship they were married in 1945. At the time of his passing they had been married for 65 years.

After their marriage they moved to Libby where Frank worked as a self-taught carpenter for a period. After that he joined the Montana Highway Patrol where he was stationed at Wolf Point, Havre, Kalispell, and finally MHP headquarters in Helena.

After a heart attack he quit the MHP for health reasons. After recuperating for over a year, Frank and Joan moved to the Flathead area where they resided for the next 40 years.

While there, Paliga got his real estate broker's license and opened the hugely successful real estate office, Valley Realty. He and his wife ran the business for approximately 15 years before he retired to spend more time with his church and family in Kalispell.

In 2007 he and his wife moved to Conrad to be closer to family.

Frank had an unquenchable thirst for knowledge and was self-taught in everything, from all of the building trades to guitar that he played professionally in his early and later years. He also loved nothing more than spending time with his numerous nieces and nephews. To entertain them when they were little, he would always perform his world famous magic tricks to much amazement and laughter. He was an avid outdoorsman as well.

He was also a devoutly religious man. He attended the Assembly of God church his entire life and lived to help whomever was in need, regardless of time or money.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Mike and Julia; along with 10 brothers and sisters.

He is survived by his wife, Joan (Jerome) Paliga, of Conrad; an older sister, Margaret Albertini, of Libby; a younger sister, Lucille Halderman, of Vancouver, Wash.; a brother-in-law, Don Jerome, of Cut Bank; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

In lieu of flowers the family request that any donations be made to the Kalispell Hospices.

Dixie J. Palmer, 83

Dixie J. Palmer passed away on May 14, 2010, of natural causes in Iowa, while staying with her youngest daughter.



Dixie was born April 5, 1926, in Camp Crook, S.D., where she lived until age 13, when she moved to Montana, where she married Bill Palmer in April of 1942, and they had four children.

Dixie lived in Kalispell until shortly before her death. She enjoyed her fam-

ily and her beloved pets.

Dixie was preceded in death by her ex-husband, Bill Palmer; a sister, Arlone Hartl; and a brother, Bob Ridgway.

She is survived by her brother, Kerry Ridgway, of South Carolina; her son, Gary Palmer; daughters, Cheryl and Jim Dugan, and Gayla Bundrock, who all live in Kalispell, and daughter, Lori and Hugh Stout, now living in Iowa. She is also survived by six grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date.

Richard H. Parker, 83

Richard H. Parker, 83, of Libby, died Sunday, Aug. 8, 2010, at his home in Libby.

Survivors include his five children, Gail Parker and Michael Parker, both of Libby, Pat Parker of Kalispell, Shawn Parker of

Columbia Falls, and Colleen Luscher of Colorado.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 13, at the City of Libby Cemetery.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Libby.

Barbara Jane Partney, 80

Barbara Jane Partney, 80, died at her home near Kila on Monday, Aug. 9, 2010.

Services will be private

by the family.

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

David Scott Parrett, 40

David Scott Parrett, 40, died Thursday, July 8, 2010, at home in Columbia Falls. He was born on Jan. 24, 1970, in Pasadena, Calif., to Russell Griffith and Nancy Lee (Lippincott) Parrett.

David graduated from Big Bear High School and then attended BYU Idaho for one semester. He went on to serve a mission in Leeds, England, for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Returning to Montana, David met Jacquelyn Jones in Missoula and they were married on Nov. 11, 1991.

He continued his education by attending the University of Montana Technical College, graduating with an Associate's Degree in Diesel Technology.

After graduation, the family moved to Sparks, Nev., where David worked for Smith Detroit Diesel for three years. Moving back to Montana and Columbia Falls, David worked for Long's Machinery, N.W. Parts and Riggings, Columbia Falls High School and NAPA Auto Parts.

David loved being outdoors with his family, especially taking the boys camping, hunting and fishing.

He spent many hours reading and studying the scriptures and was very creative and artistic, a characteristic



he passed on to his children.

David is preceded in death by an infant son, Jobe, in 1997.

He is survived

by his wife, Jacque Parrett; two daughters, Quwenci and Zoie; two sons, Cole and Sawyer; his parents, Russ and Nancy Parrett; a sister, Debbie Hopkins and husband Carl, all of Columbia Falls; two brothers, Chris Parrett and wife, Sue of Rigby, Idaho, and Richard Parrett and wife, Julie of Reno, Nev., as well as many beloved nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for David will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, July 12, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Columbia Falls. Visitation will be for one hour prior to the service in the Relief Society room. Burial will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery.

A reception will be held at the family home, 141 Stonefly Way, Columbia Falls.

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

Ruth Nadine Passmore



Ruth Nadine Passmore went home to meet her Lord on March 10, 2010.

She was born on Nov. 10, 1932, to Guy and Nellie (Steeple) Kao, in Creston. Nellie died not long after, and Guy married Rachel Osheim, who nurtured and loved Ruth. Ruth attended school in the Flathead through the tenth grade, when the family moved to Forest City, Iowa, where she graduated from High School. She attended Waldorf College in Forest City, studying parish secretary and organ performance.

After college, Ruth moved back to Kalispell, and was the secretary at Bethlehem Lutheran Church and worked with the Luther League. She met and married J. Larry Passmore on July 17, 1953. She led multitudes into joyous, meaningful worship of our Lord with her talents as organist at Bethlehem, Calvary and the Church at Creston; choir director, organ and piano teacher, V.B.S. leader, Bible Club and volunteer music teacher at Fairmont Egan School. She volunteered at the Immanuel Lutheran Home, leading the prayer group and music. Bible studies and constant prayer for those around her

prepared her for her journey home.

Larry and Ruth enjoyed many trips and the friends made along the way. Ministering in Tanzania was a special time of toil and wonderment for them.

Ruth is survived by her husband Larry of Kalispell; son Mark and Cindy Passmore of Kalispell, son Kirk and Mary Passmore of Kalispell, daughter Miriam and Kirk Ivey of Boise, Idaho, daughter Pamela and Mark Rill of Port Orchard, Wash., foster son Bihn and Tu Vu of Reseda, Calif.; brother Glen and Connie Kao of Kalispell; grandchildren Michelle, Rachel and Miles Passmore, Carissa, Tana and Laura Rill, and Long and Kim Vu.

She was preceded in death by her sister Freda Mahugh.

Visitation for Ruth will be held from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home on Monday, March 15. Graveside services will be at 12:30 p.m. at Fairview Cemetery. Memorial Services will follow at 2 p.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

Memorials are suggested to the MaaSae Girls Lutheran Secondary School (MGLSS), 122 West Franklin Avenue #306, Minneapolis, MN 55404.

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

James Lindley Patterson III, 56

After a short battle with cancer, James Lindley Patterson III, 56, of Bigfork, "was taken to heaven" on Sunday, Sept. 5, 2010, "on the wings of his angels" while surrounded by his loving family.

Jim was born on Jan. 3, 1954, in Santa Monica, Calif., to Meryl Cook Patterson and Dr. James Lindley Patterson Jr. At the age of 4, he moved with his family to Butte. He attended school in Butte and graduated from Butte High School in 1972.

Jim attended Montana State College World Semester at Sea, graduating from Macalester College in St. Paul, Minn., with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology. After graduation, Jim spent two years working with the Zoological Society in Jackson, Miss., where he developed a keen interest in elephants. He spent the next 25 years working with and training elephants on various circuses in the U.S. and Canada.

He spent six months in Japan with Ringling Bros. Barnum and Bailey Circus and upon returning to the U.S., met the love of his life and wife of 16 years, Michelle Lomando Patterson. They worked together on Garden Bros. Circus of Toronto, Canada, until retiring in 1999 and settled in Hazleton, Pa., with their 3-year-old son, Sam. Jim worked as a truck driver for Y.O.U. Trucking for the next eight years.

In 2007, the family moved to Bigfork, where Jim continued driving for Jim Palmer

Trucking until his death.

In addition to his parents, wife Michelle, and son Sam, he is survived by his sister, Leslie Ann Patterson Selin, and husband, Lonnie, and their children, Kari Ann and Kelsey Paul, of Salt Lake City; aunt, Elizabeth LaBorde, and cousins, Barbara Schoenberger and John and Kathy LaBorde, all of San Diego; cousins, Benjamin and Linda Taylor, of Raleigh, N.C.; Dr. Gordon King, of Georgia; Mary Frances Jones of Duncan, Okla.; and Nancy Poole of Dallas; and sisters- and brothers-in-law, Mary Lomando and Fernando Li of Pompano Beach, Fla.; Dorothy and Ed Wood of West Hazleton, Pa.; Lisa and Dennis Chapman of Kalispell; and Carla and Jeff Garber, and children, Danielle, Jeffrey and Christopher, of Newtown, Pa.

His loving, four-legged companions, Nibby and Benny, will miss their nature walks with Jim. Jim will be greatly missed by his many friends and co-workers and will forever be remembered for his passion for life, devotion to his family, and respect for all animals and nature.

Memorial services will be held at 10:30 a.m. today, Sept. 10, at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 30631 Montana Highway 209, Bigfork.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family. Friends may visit the website at www.buffalohillfh.com to leave notes of condolence for the family.

James R. Patterson Jr., 79

James R. Patterson Jr., 79, died Tuesday, Sept. 21, 2010.

Services will be held at 3 p.m. Monday, Sept. 27, at the First Baptist Church in Eureka.

Visitation will be from

noon to 2 p.m. Monday, Sept. 27, at Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home, 222 First Ave. W., in Eureka. Interment with military honors will follow the service, at Tobacco Valley Cemetery.

Robert Mercier Paul, 94

Robert Mercier Paul was born in 1915 in New York City, the son of George A. and Mabel Paul. He passed away due to natural causes at Willamette View Manor in Portland on Jan. 3, 2010, at the age of 94.

In the accelerated curriculum, Robert graduated in three years from Morris High School in New York. He then had a senior year at Mount Herman Prep School. During his youth he was very active in Boy Scouts, especially the Sea Scouts, and attained Eagle Scout rank. His scouting greatly influenced his love of the water and his years in the Navy and his summers as a ranger in Glacier National Park.

Robert graduated from Columbia University in New York. While attending college, he would return from the family Jersey coast cottage in time to teach Sunday school classes. Having graduated during the Depression, he worked in commerce for an importing firm and also for R.H. Macy.

His first teaching assignment was at Wasatch Academy (a Presbyterian boarding school) in Mount Pleasant, Utah. Here he met and courted Mary Benbow, who was a home economics teacher at the Academy.

In 1942 Robert volunteered for the Navy and was the commanding officer of an LCI, participating in the amphibious landings in North Africa, Italy, and France during D-Day.

In November 1943, Robert and Mary were married by her father, the Rev. Earl William Benbow, in Seattle. Robert remained active in the Naval Reserve and retired as lieutenant commander.

Following World War II, Robert received his master's degree in teaching of mathematics from Columbia University. He taught on Long Island before moving west to McMinnville, Ore. There,

Robert taught math and later also became dean of boys at McMinnville High School, retiring in 1977 after 32 rewarding years. After retiring he enjoyed traveling in the U.S. and internationally.

Bob began his 53-year seasonal career with the National Park Service on July 14, 1947, as trailcrew/fireguard/camp-tender at \$1 per hour, before becoming a ranger. Assigned stations began and ended at Bowman Lake, but also included Many Glacier, Kintla Lake, East Glacier, Waterton (Goat Haunt), Two Medicine, Logging Creek and Walton. He earned a Superior Service Award and was affectionately known as "Bowman Bob."

Robert was an active member of the McMinnville First Presbyterian Church and Kiwanis before moving to Willamette View Manor in Portland and transferring membership to Moreland Presbyterian Church. He was an avid hiker, birder and fisherman, and a very accomplished boatman with canoes, sailboats, pleasure craft, patrol boats and LCIs.

Survivors include Mary, his wife of 66 years; and daughters, Janet Bones and husband Stan, Nancy Trembath and husband Rick, and Mac Bones, Jodie Bones, Laura Trembath Pieri, and Paula Trembath.

Robert was preceded in death by his older brother, George T. Paul.

A memorial service was held on Jan. 8 at Moreland Presbyterian Church in Portland, with the Rev. Tom McKnight leading the service. Cremation has taken place by Macy and Son Funeral Home in McMinnville.

A special thank you to all of Bob's caregivers, including Hospice.

Memorial gifts maybe given to The Salvation Army, or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Earlene Olive Paul, 96

Earlene Olive Paul, 96, died Nov. 30, 2010, at her home in Whitefish.

She is survived by her daughter, Kathy Paul of

Whitefish.

Memorial services will be held in the spring.

Arrangements by Austin Funeral Home.

James Stewart Payne, 86

Dr. James Stewart Payne was born on July 6, 1924, in Seattle.

He died on Monday, Oct. 4, 2010, at the Veterans Home in Columbia Falls, of natural causes.

He was raised in Great Falls and graduated from Great Falls High School. His education was continued at what was then Montana State College in Bozeman. While attending MSU, he took an interest in optometry and also met his future wife, Dorothy McLaughlin, of Garneill. They married June 25, 1947 and then moved to Memphis, Tenn., where Jim attended the Southern School of Optometry. After graduating, Dr. Payne practiced his profession in Idaho Falls, Idaho, and then, missing their Montana roots, moved his family to Great Falls. Dr. Payne was an optometrist in Great Falls for about 40 years and retired in 1992 to the Flathead Valley.

Jim was in the Army Air Corps during World War II and flew on B-29s. His fond memories of his military days include flying and riding his motorcycle back and forth from Montana to Texas. He got back to his love of flying in the '60s with his Cessna 180 and then his Bonanza. Jim was a president of the Montana Pilots Association and enjoyed many fly-ins with friends and family. That led to another hobby, ham radio. He got involved in the testing process for new operators, sharing his love of electronics and making new friends.

A talented and creative person, Jim was known for his woodworking skills and the four homes he helped design and build in Great Falls and Lakeside. He did beautiful cabinetry and loved to draw house plans. All of



his projects would have to be put on hold though, when it came to hunting season. An avid hunter, it was the bird hunting at Freeze Out Lake that he really got a kick out of with his faithful Chesapeake retrievers, Gunner and Max. He was a lifelong member of the NRA.

As a member of the Masons and then the Shriners, he also participated in many a parade as part of the Motosiki Tauf.

Jim and Dorothy were always criss-crossing the country in his latest RV or camper, loving to travel and visit with their many friends and relatives. He loved his association with the Rocky Mountain Rollers and the Good Sam Club. There was not a road in this country that he didn't have a curiosity about.

Dr. Payne was preceded in death by his parents, Roy and Helen Lease Payne; infant brother, Harold; and brother, Jerry.

He will be missed by his wife of 63 years, Dorothy; daughter, Sharilee, and husband, Pete Putzier, of Somers; daughter, Janice, and husband, Dave Skolnick, of Alameda, Calif.; son, Jim, of Lakeside; and son, Steve, of Somers; his grandchildren in Boise, Idaho, Jarame Ell and Shelly, and their sons, Caleb and Jonah, Jami Cureton and Scott, and their sons, Gabrielle and Archer, and Suzanna Smith and Forrest, and their children, Zoe and Orion, of Lawrenceburg, Ky.

He is survived by his sister, Marilyn Lyles, of Salem, Ore.; and brother, Dr. Jack Payne, and Marlene, of Mesa, Ariz.; also many nieces and nephews who will miss their Uncle Jim.

There will be a memorial service at 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 8, at the Lakeside Chapel.

Messages of condolence may be sent to Buffalo Hill Funeral Home at www.buffalohillfh.com, or to their address at 1890 U.S. 93 N., Kalispell, MT 59901.

Katy Pearson, 43

Katy Pearson, 43, beloved mother, wife, daughter and sister, left us much too early on July 3, 2010, after a brief illness.



Kathleen M. Conn was born May 11, 1967, in Whitefish, the oldest daughter of W. Vance and Judy K. Conn.

After graduating from Whitefish High School in 1985, she was a nanny in California for one year before coming back to her beloved Montana. She then attended Mr. Rich's Beauty College in Missoula and started her 23-year career as a hairdresser in the fall of 1987.

In 1992, she met the love of her life, Raymond W. Pearson, from Troy; they married on Nov. 20, 1993. Their son, Walter J. Pearson, was born to this loving marriage in November 2001, and joined her at work for the first six months of his life. He is adored by all her clients and many of them would stop by her shop just to say hi to him.

Katy was a devoted mother and was an instrumental part of developing Rainbow's End Preschool and Daycare at United Methodist Church in Whitefish, where she was a board member for many years.

Katy was a member of the

Women of the Moose, Whitefish Chapter No. 597; was a behind-the-scenes volunteer for the Whitefish Winter Carnival; a dedicated parent helper for Walter's class at Muldown Elementary, where every Monday she assisted the children with reading; and on the board of directors of the E.A. Hinderman Memorial Scholarship committee.

Katy was preceded in death by her mother, Judy K. Conn; and her grandparents, Walter H. Conn, Jean Conn, Robert Jones and Sylvianne Jones.

She is survived by her loving husband, Raymond; son, Walter; her father, W. Vance Conn, and his companion, Gail Litchfield; her sister, Janis Bensch, and husband, Paul, of Jamestown, N.D.; best friend, Debbie Quick; the ladies at The Hair Hut; numerous aunts, uncles and cousins, and all her friends from high school.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, July 9, at the United Methodist Church, 1150 Wisconsin Ave. Whitefish.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to Walter J. Pearson Account, c/o Whitefish Credit Union, P.O. Box 37, Whitefish, MT 59937-0037; or Rainbow's End Preschool and Daycare P.O. Box 4248, Whitefish, MT 59937-4248.

Austin Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Lylah Harriet (Corneliuson) Peavy, 87

Lylah Harriet (Corneliuson) Peavy, 87, "The Memory Keeper," was born Mar. 29, 1923, in North



Branch, Minn. As she was in life, she passed peacefully and without drama on July 27, 2010. She grew up in Kalispell and graduated from Flathead County High School, but became a northwest girl when she moved to Seattle to work at Boeing during World War II. There she met Jack; they were married at Denny Park Lutheran Church, where she was still a member, and started a life together that spanned 56 years until Jack's death.

Jack and Lylah moved to Salem, Ore., where they started their family; Sundra Jo, born in 1946, and Kristi Anne, born in 1948. Lylah worked at the Health Department in Salem for many years, as well as at home, keeping us all clean, fed and nurtured. In 1956 the family moved back to Seattle, where she went to work at Seattle General Hospital. She was

also active in Girl Scouts and P.T.A., and of course making sure we all had the love and generosity she was famous for. Lylah retired from Pacific N.W. Bell in 1987. In retirement, Lylah and Jack enjoyed working in their yard, bowling, taking road trips and spoiling their grandchildren. Family was everything to Lylah.

It was always very important to Lylah to keep the memories of the old times and keep up with the events of the new times. She would document every day on her calendar and it was always a challenge to find a calendar with big enough squares for her to use. Everyone in the family knew they could just pick up a phone and call her and she would be able to tell them what was going on. She could remember things that most of us had forgotten. Most of the information was kept in her head; so you see, we have lost a very important part of our family.

If you met Lylah, you were a friend for life. She was very unique in her open acceptance of everyone and genuine caring. She spent her last five years at Scriber Gardens Retirement Home, making friends, play-

ing bingo and cards, going on the weekly outings and running their store. Lylah was also well known for her poems, costumes and sense of humor. She will be missed by all her friends there as well as her lifetime pals from Kalispell, Salem and Seattle.

Lylah is survived by her two daughters, Sunny McNett and Dan, and Kristi Adams and Dave; her grandchildren, Troy Gleeson, Brent Gleeson, Heidi Kelly and Brock, Tricia Adams and Andrew Knee, Carrie Goetz and Mike; and great-grandchildren, Katie Gleeson, Emma Kelly, Desivie Daniels, and Alivia and Jacob Goetz; many nieces and nephews; and three sisters-in-law.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jack Peavy; and her five siblings, Hazel, Royal, Bert, Chet and Helen.

Services will be held at 3 p.m. on Aug. 7, at Evergreen Washelli Chapel, 11111 Aurora Ave. N., in Seattle, reception following. You may view or add to an online memorial at www.washelli.com. Donations in Lylah's name may be made to A.L.S. Division of M.D.A., 701 Dexter Ave. N., Seattle, WA 98109, in memory of Jack W. Peavy.

Jon D. 'Jack' Peck, 82

Jon D. "Jack" Peck, 82, a longtime Libby resident, died Friday, Dec. 31, 2010, at his home in Libby from natural causes.

Survivors include his wife, Connie of Libby; children, Michael Peck of Glendive, and Larae Hall of Kalispell.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 10, at the First Baptist Church on Grannys Garden Rd., in Libby.

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

John E. Pederson, 74

John E. Pederson, 74, died Sunday, Oct. 24, 2010, at HospiceCare in Fitchburg, Wis.

He was born July 11, 1936, in Valley City, N.D., the son of John and Mary (Gilbertson) Pederson. Prior to his retirement, John had been employed by Clark Oil Co., as a territory sales manager; he also drove trucks and was a school custodian.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during the Korea Conflict.

On Dec. 7, 1985, John was united in marriage with



Judy Gosdeck in Columbia Falls.

In addition to his wife, Judy, of Marshall, Wis., survivors include four children, Sandy Scheurer and Dave Robbins of Lincoln, Ill., Carol and Steve Newman of Lake Forest, Ill., Lyrae and Dave Nadoleski of Sun Prairie, Wis., and Shawn and Barb Arnold of Marshall; 12 grandchildren, Jacquelyn, Bryson, Blaine, Jazmyn, Brian, Eric, Melyna, Madelyn, Mitchell, Elizabeth, Kalinda and Dante; one brother, Pete, and Mary Pederson of Lakeside; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, and his stepfather.

There will be no local services.

Odean R. 'Pete' Pederson, 85

Odean R. "Pete" Pederson, 85, passed away on Saturday, April 17, 2010, at his home, with his loving family at his bedside.

Pete was born on Dec. 25, 1924, in Hillsboro, N.D., to Peder and Mathilda "Solli" Pederson. He was raised in North Dakota, where he attended schools, graduating from Maddock High School in 1940.

He married his sweetheart, Rosemary Keister, in 1947 in Shelton, Wash. They enjoyed 63 years of marriage.

Pete spent 35 years working for the same local motor freight company in Kalispell and in Glasgow, as a delivery driver and then as terminal manager.

Pete was a member of the Elks Lodge, the Eagles Lodge, and enjoyed volunteering every year as a dishwasher at Sykes' for the Thanksgiving dinner held annually.

He was raised Lutheran,



but recently had been attending the Well Life services.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing and camping, especially with his dog Tic. He loved going on road trips and reunions with his family.

Pete was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Arnold; and a sister, Margaret.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Rosemary, of Kalispell, daughter, Bonnie Beardsley, of Denver; sons, Phillip and wife, Nita, of Glasgow, and Brad of Kalispell; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and siblings, Pearl Ernst of Tacoma, Wash., and Ervin Pederson of Bismark/Maddock, N.D.

A celebration of Pete's life will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, May 1, at Sykes' in Kalispell.

The family requests donations be made to Home Options Hospice of Kalispell.

You are invited to go to www.buffalhillfh.com to sign Pete's book or leave a personal message. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Richard Paul 'Dick' Peltier, 85

Richard Paul "Dick" Peltier, 85, died March 30, 2010, at the hospice wing of Health Care Center Northwest in Kalispell.

Dick worked as a logger and dozer operator for the J. Neils Lumber Company in Libby.

Survivors include his sons, Larry Peltier of Trego, and Marty Peltier

of Libby; and daughter, Kathy Peltier, of Kalispell.

Services will be at 11 a.m. on Monday, April 5, at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church in Eureka. Viewing will be from 9 to 10:30 a.m. on Monday at the church. Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Eureka.

Barbara J. (Motichka) Penney, 76

Barbara J. (Motichka) Penney, 76, of Kalispell, passed away Thursday, April 1, 2010, at the Brendan House in Kalispell, with family at her side. She was born in Kalispell on April 10, 1933, to Joseph James Motichka and Mary Elizabeth (Feirstein) Motichka, both pioneer families of the Flathead Valley. She was the sixth of seven children.



Barbara attended the Half Moon School near the family homestead and Flathead County High School.

She married Jay S. Penney on Aug. 6, 1951. Together they operated the Fish and Game South Fork station during hunting season and operated the family farm on Hodgson Road, raising five children, until they retired in May 1992. They moved to Kalispell where she lived for the remainder of her life. Barbara spent the final years of her life in the loving care of family and Brendan House staff.

Barbara was a devoted, loving and caring wife and mother and extremely proud grandmother. Barbara was quiet and reserved with a gentle sense of humor and infectious smile.

In her youth, she was an active member of the Farmer's Union Reserve, Future Homemakers of America and 4-H. Barbara loved Sunday drives, feeding the ducks in Woodland Park, family picnics and gatherings, and fishing trips.

In her spare time when she wasn't caring for her family, she enjoyed embroidery and jigsaw puzzles, playing pinochle, canasta and bingo. In the summer she enjoyed swimming at the eddy at the Whitefish River, huckleberry picking, raising and harvesting the family garden, canning fruits and vegetables for her family, and cotton candy at the Flathead County Fair. She loved smoking sockeye salmon for

family and friends in the fall. She was an excellent cook and enjoyed preparing meals for the grain and tree harvest crews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jay, in April 1994; and by her parents, Joseph and Mary Motichka; two brothers, Richard and Joseph; and one sister, Mary (Betty) Fredenberg.

Barbara is survived by two sisters, Roberta Elgin and Katherine Hatton, and one brother, Jim Motichka, and wife Alice, all of Kalispell. She is also survived by her children, son, Bruce, and wife, Shirley, of Beaverton, Ore.; daughter, Ardith Tilotson, and husband, Bart, of Oak Harbor, Wash.; son, Gerald, and wife, Shannon, of Columbia Falls; son, Kurt, and wife, Barbara, of Kalispell; and her son, Tom, of Columbia Falls. Barbara is also survived by seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Grandchildren include Jeremy, Jordan, Troy, Jennifer, David, Sean and Drew; and her great-grandchildren, Kiyha and Gage; as well as numerous nieces, nephews and dear friends.

Funeral services for Barbara will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 10, at the Stillwater Lutheran Church with Pastor Tim Bartholomew officiating. Visitation will be from noon to 6 p.m. Thursday, April 8, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. Interment will be in Glacier Memorial Gardens. A reception for friends and family to celebrate Barbara's life will be held at the Stillwater Lutheran Church following the services.

The family suggests memorials in Barbara's name be to the American Heart Association, 501 First Ave. North No. 114, Great Falls, MT 59401; or the Arthritis Foundation, Montana Branch, 1643 Lewis Ave., Suite 3, Billings, MT 59102-4151; or the charity of your choice.

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

Dorothy Emmett Perry, 89

Dorothy Emmett Perry, 89, passed away March 30, 2010, at her home in Whitefish. Dorothy was born Dec. 18, 1920, in the small town of Hobson, the 12th child of Harvey and Lula Belle Rogers. She grew up in Windham, attending grades one through 12. Her mother owned a hotel there and, as a child and teenager, she helped with the many responsibilities entailed in mother's business.



In high school, she was active in sports, band, drama club and was the best dancer at the proms. The winner of many blue ribbons at county spelling bees, Dorothy remained a sharp speller at 89 years old.

Upon high school graduation, she took a large leap and moved to the big city of Great Falls.

Dorothy attended the Great Falls Beauty College to become a beautician. She met her future husband, Raymond Emmett, through a foursome date night. They were married June 3, 1939, and set up married life in a small apartment in Great Falls.

She was a devoted wife and mother who, with Ray, raised two children, Carole and Jeffrey.

As the children started attending school, Dorothy held a variety of secretarial jobs, working in insurance and real estate in Great Falls and frequently becoming the executive secretary to the owners.

In 1961, Dorothy and Ray started building their cabin in the heart of the Belt Mountains near Great Falls. For 12 years their lives revolved around the experiences and memories with their extended family at the cabin. After living and working in Great Falls for 42 years, they moved to the Flathead Valley, where they spent their summers, and their winters in Quartzsite, Ariz.

Following Ray's death in 1992, Dorothy returned to the valley permanently. Two

years later, she married an old-time friend, Woodrow Perry. Together they traveled, explored and settled in St. George, Utah, where they started a new life attending college courses and making new friends. Once again, Dorothy was widowed by Woody's passing in 2007. She moved to Whitefish to live with her daughter and son-in-law.

Dorothy loved to shop, not necessarily to buy, but to get new ideas and see new products. She loved to travel and was excited to go on a trip the day she passed away. She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and was always wanting to gain more knowledge and testimony of her beliefs.

Preceded in death also by her parents and siblings, she is survived by her daughter, Carole Denning, and husband, Kay, of Whitefish; her son, Jeffrey Emmett, of Borego Springs, Calif.; stepdaughter, Pamela Olsen, and husband, Steve, of Salt Lake City, and family, Leah and Amy; grandchildren, Scott Hatfield of Columbia Falls and family, Melissa, Emily and Carrie; Shayne Hatfield and wife, Kristi, of Columbia Falls, and family, Skye, Joyce and Kate; Suzanne Haverkorn and husband, Tony, of Belgrade and family, Savanah and Kelcie; Shelly Chandler and husband, Kyle, of Cedar City, Utah, and family, Lya, Mac and Andrea; Nathan and Tina Emmett of California; Ashley and Carter Emmett of California; step-grandchildren, Curtis, Paul, Joy, Alice, Lori, Margaret, Karoline and David; and many great- and great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 10, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Whitefish, with Bishop Joel Stevenson presiding; a luncheon will immediately follow at the church. Interment services will follow at 2 p.m. at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell. Visitation will be at the church one hour prior to services.

Arrangements are under the care of Austin Funeral Home.

Mary Wilma Lafferty Pershall, 92

Mary Wilma Lafferty Pershall, 92, of Eureka, died Jan. 25, 2010.

Survivors include her sons, Carl Dean and Glen,

both of Eureka, and Allen of Kalispell. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, at First Baptist Church in Eureka.

Dennis Persicke, 59

Dennis Persicke died suddenly at his home of a brain aneurism on July 2, 2010. Dennis was born August 1950 in Whitefish, to parents Don and Elsie Persicke.



He graduated from Whitefish High School and married his high school sweetheart, Sherry Klem, in November 1971. Dennis and Sherry had two sons, Eric and Keith, and moved between the Whitefish area and Missoula, before they settled in Missoula in 1984.

Dennis had a long career as an industrial electrician for numerous Montana plants, including most recently a decade-long employment with Smurfit Stone in Frenchtown.

Dennis was preceded in death by his father, Don Persicke.

He is survived by his loving wife of nearly 40 years, Sherry Persicke, of Missoula; mother, Elsie Persicke, of Whitefish; sons, Eric of Missoula, and Keith and daughter-in-law Ellyn, and grandchildren, Jasmyn and Jillian, of Spokane; brothers, Reggie Persicke of Seeley Lake, Don

Persicke of Missoula, and sister and brother-in-law, Judy and Duaine Rieker, of Hayden Lake, Idaho; and his caring father and mother-in-law, Lee and Shirley Klem, of Missoula.

Dennis had a passion for Montana, whether it was camping with his wife, cheering on his beloved Grizzlies, or taking an afternoon drive on the Montana roads less traveled. He and Sherry loved to travel and would visit new locations whenever possible.

Dennis was a wonderful grandfather and would drop any project for a visit with his granddaughters. Dennis will be remembered as a hard working husband, father, grandfather, brother, neighbor and friend who always had time to share a story and a laugh.

Pease join the family in celebrating Dennis' life, from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday, July 10, at 13654 Bunchgrass Lane, Missoula. Please contact Keith Persicke at 406-240-1313, or persicke_k@hotmail.com for directions or additional information.

S. Elaine Persinger, 77

S. Elaine Persinger, 77, passed away Thursday, Sept. 9, 2010, and "went home to our dear Lord and Savior."



She was born in Hondo, Texas, July 24, 1933. She was the oldest child born to Will and Loreta Neely and had a younger brother, Jimmy. "They have all gone to meet the Lord."

She attended Multnomah University-Bible College as a young woman, then met her husband, Wesley Gene Persinger in Hines, Ore., while she was attending nursing college in California. She then stopped school to be married and create a family. They were married on Dec. 17, 1954. They soon had four children, Brent, Gary and Ilene, Scott and Wendy, Cindy and Don Bullock. She soon finished her nursing degree at Boise State. They raised their children in Burns, Ore., then Wes and Elaine managed Motel 6 in

Kalispell for 13 years, retired, and then bought Riverside Trailer Park in Columbia Falls.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Will and Loreta Neely; and her brother, Jimmy Neely.

She is survived by her husband, Wesley Persinger; four children; 11 grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren.

Elaine was always smiling and enjoyed hunting, camping and fishing. She had great love for God and her family. She lived her life as a wonderful Christian woman, expressing her morals and values along with offering prayer and loving advice for all those in need. Our dear loving wife, mother, sister, grandmother and great-grandmother will be truly missed and cherished.

A gathering and celebration of her life will take place from noon to 4 p.m. Monday, Sept. 13, at the family home at 1055 Jellison Road, D-7, Columbia Falls.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is assisting the family.

Tom Personett, 44

Tom Personett, 44, "left this world" July 21, 2010, while enjoying a vacation in New York City with his family.

Tom's life began in Whitefish on May 2, 1966, the firstborn son of Jim and Betty Personett. His childhood years were spent in Columbia Falls with his friends fishing and hunting. He attended Columbia Falls schools, graduating from Columbia Falls High School in 1984, and then went to work at LaSalle Nursery before enlisting in the Air Force.

In 1988, he and Debbie DeRosa were married in Whitefish. He worked for American Timber and Kmart prior to moving to Havre. He attended MSU Northern, graduating there with a degree in diesel engineering. He worked in Anchorage, Alaska for CAT, and Torgeron Implements in Ethridge. Tom was presently employed by Cummins Rocky Mountain in Billings as regional Sales manager.

Tom spent quality time

with his wife and children enjoying all the talents, laughter and smiles that they gave to him. His one passion in life was hunting and fishing with family and friends.

Tom is survived by his wife, Debbie; his two children, Tiffany and Bobby; his mother and step-father, Betty and Bruce Reynolds of Columbia Falls; brothers, Brian Personett and wife, Kristy of Kalispell, Scott Reynolds and wife, Tracey, and Shawn Reynolds and wife, Norma, all of Columbia Falls.

Preceding him in death was his father, Jim Personett.

Visitations will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursday, July 29, at the Smith West Chapel, 304 34th St. West, in Billings. A celebration of his life will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 31, at the Shiloh United Methodist Church, 1810 Shiloh Road, in Billings. At the request of the family, in lieu of flowers, donations are being accepted for his children.

Dennis William Peterman, 59

Dennis William Peterman, 59, unexpectedly passed away on June 2, 2010, in Peoria, Ariz. He was born on Feb. 8, 1951, to



BJ and Marceen Peterman in Whitefish.

He is survived by his daughter, Alyssa Peterman; son, Aaron Peterman, and his wife, Alexandra Peterman, and son, Austin Peterman; his mother and father, BJ and Marceen Peterman; his brother, Dave Peterman, and his wife, Dana; sisters, Sharon Howell, and Darcy Trostad and her husband, Russell; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

Dennis grew up in Whitefish where he attended school, excelling at sports, particularly basketball. He played for the Whitefish Bulldogs as they took the state championship in 1970, the same year he graduated.

After high school, he joined and served in the United States Navy until 1972. Upon his return, he

attended and played basketball at Eastern Montana College in Billings. He also went on to play basketball at Saint Paul Bible College in Minnesota. While getting knee surgery, he met a nurse, Karen Erdmann, whom he married on June 5, 1976, the mother to his three children, and who also survives him.

Dennis was a member of Evergreen Alliance Church for 20 years, where he participated in the children's ministry. He loved to visit Glacier Park in the summertime where he would spend weekends camping and hiking with his family.

He worked at Plum Creek in Columbia Falls for 20 years before moving to Arizona in 2000, where he lived until his recent death.

A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, June 26, at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

A loving father, brother, son and friend, he will be fondly remembered and dearly missed.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his memory to the Dennis Peterman Athletic Scholarship at First Interstate Bank.

Beatrix Mae Peterson, 54

Beatrix Mae Peterson, 54, passed away on Sunday, Sept. 5, 2010, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in



Kalispell. She was born on Feb. 10, 1956, in Kalispell, the daughter of Phillip and Rodessa (Bartel) Norton. She was the fifth of six children.

She went to Peterson Elementary School and graduated from Flathead High School in 1974. During her senior year, she moved in with her sister Jan and her husband, and was a tremendous help with the children, Renee, Derek and Denise.

Soon after graduation, she moved to Juneau, Alaska, to live with her sister Linda and worked in various state offices, eventually being promoted to assistant to the commissioner of Waters and Harbors. In Alaska, she fished for halibut, picked wild blueberries, and totally threw herself into a lifestyle foreign to her. She quickly made many friends. One of her biggest joys was babysitting her niece Alycia who was just a toddler. The joys they shared are unforgettable and cherished.

When she returned to Montana, she found a job on the pot lines at the Anaconda Aluminum Plant. She prided herself on being able to work as hard as men and appreciated the reward of a larger paycheck.

She moved to Beeville, Texas, with a friend and soon met her husband, Greg. He was from Shelby and was in the U.S. Navy. Soon he was stationed in Whidbey, Wash., and she followed.

On Jan. 1, 1987, they were married in Kalispell and moved again to another assignment, eventually ending up in Handford, Calif. Greg was shipped out during Desert Storm and was away for quite some time. She found work in various print shops in the area. One of her proudest accomplishments was designing a brochure for the U.S. Park Service.

Her two sons were born in Handford; Phillip Gregory on June 20, 1992, and Jan-Michael on April 26, 1994. When Greg retired from the Navy, the family moved back to Montana — "God's Country." Greg soon looked for something to do and found work at Stoltze Lumber and Bea worked at the Town Printer in Columbia Falls doing what she loved most, printing. It wasn't long before she went looking for a bigger operation and more responsibility. She found it, the Kalispell School District 5 print shop. She enjoyed the challenge of the computerized printer and enjoyed her work there until ill health forced her to leave.

During the past several years, Bea suffered many health issues and became mostly homebound. Bea always put others before herself, especially her sons. She loved personal pictures and crafts her sons made and she posted them proudly.

She loved animals and birds. As a young child, she fell in love with chickens and had to be watched closely so she wouldn't wander away trying to catch one of the Banty chickens the neighbors let run loose in their yard. She also loved crafting. Each of the older nieces and nephews received a cherished Christmas stocking that she worked for hours on as she expertly embroidered and secured multiple sequins onto the design.

Before she fell ill, she and Greg enjoyed riding their Harleys. It was always her intention to get well enough to do that again.

She was extremely intelligent and could read and write at a very early age. She had a great imagination, a quick wit and an infectious laugh. She was watched over by her oldest sister Jan and the two had a special lifelong bond. She was the best mom her sons could have hoped for. She was loved by many and will be missed by all who knew her.

She is survived by her sons, Phillip and Jan-Michael; her mother, Rodessa Norton; her sisters and their spouses, Jan and Roger Weller, Linda and Art Hayes, Cynthia and Terry Dell, all of Kalispell, and Deborah Norton of Geraldine; and brother, Steve Norton, of Seattle. She is also survived by Renee Weller, Derek Weller, Denise and Duane Schrade and their children Abby, Anna and Andrew, Andrea and Rob Benitz and their children Lilly and Hayden, Alycia Hayes and Kimberly Brown.

She was preceded in death by her father, Phillip Norton, in 1985; and her husband, Gregory Peterson, in 2008.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Sept. 13, at Glacier Memorial Gardens. A reception will immediately follow at Woodland Park Pavilion.

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

Dorothy Ann Peterson, 91

Dorothy Ann Peterson, 91, passed away on Thursday, Jan. 7, 2010, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell,



where she had lived for the last six years. She was born on Nov. 11, 1918, in Fergus Falls, Minn., to Martin and Hattie (Northrup) McNulty.

The family would like to gratefully thank all the staff at Immanuel Lutheran Home who so graciously cared for our mother these last six

years. Your kindness will forever be remembered.

Dorothy is survived by three sons, Donald Peterson of Ajo, Ariz., Jim Peterson of Kalispell, and Douglas Peterson of Winnemucca, Nev.; one daughter, DeeDee Balum, of Kalispell; two sisters; seven grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson; and many, many nieces and nephews.

Private family services will be held in the spring.

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

Shirley 'Turtle' Mae Peterson, 53

Shirley "Turtle" Mae Peterson, 53, of Marion, passed away Sunday, Sept. 5, 2010, at Brendan House in



Kalispell of natural causes.

Shirley was born May 28, 1957, to Darlene (Sindt) and Richard Peterson in Great Falls. It was there she grew up, worked and began to raise her own family. Shirley eventually moved to the Flathead Valley because of her love for the outdoors.

Shirley enjoyed painting ceramics, especially of Native American culture. She also loved turtles, hence her nickname. She cherished her family and was a loving mother and grandmother. She will be deeply missed by

those left behind.

Shirley is survived by her partner, Jim Watson of Marion; her children, Byron Jae Peterson of Kalispell, Christy Ann Wasson of Lebanon, Mo., Gerald "Bud" and Jennifer Wasson of Great Falls, and Nicole Wasson of Gypsum, Colo.; sisters, Donna Lee Vandeman of Washington, and Rebecca Hughes of Great Falls; brothers, Ricky Peterson of Texas, and Brian Peterson of Cascade; six grandchildren; and lifelong friend, Gerald Wasson Sr.

She was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Dale Peterson.

A memorial service was held Monday, Sept. 6, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center Chapel. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Shirley Peterson Memorial Fund at Wells Fargo Bank, care of Emily Nadeau.

George J. Phan, 80

George J. Phan, 80, passed away peacefully at home on Tuesday, Oct. 26, 2010, surrounded by his wife and children.



George was born on Aug. 24, 1930, in Newberry, Ohio, to George C. and Elizabeth Phan. He lived in Ohio until he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in November 1950, where he worked as a communication specialist during the Korean War. After leaving the Air Force in 1954, he received a degree at the American Television Institute of Technology in Chicago.

He worked for Motorola as an inspector and it is there he met his wife, Annette. They married in September of 1955 and recently celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary. Shortly after marrying, they moved to Pomona, Calif., where he worked for Convair and then later with Lockheed Aircraft as a logistics engineer.

He retired in 1986 and they moved to Lakeside, where they lived until August 2007, then moved to Kalispell. George enjoyed fishing and

working as a Eucharistic minister for St. Anne and St. Matthew's Catholic Churches. He was also involved in the hospital ministry for 12 years.

Recently George and Annette went to Oahu, Hawaii, where George was proud to parasail 1000 feet in the air at 80 years old. The family would like to thank the hospice caregivers for their kind service to their family.

George is survived by his wife, Annette; three children Mario Phan of Kalispell, Donna Doerksen and her husband, Steve, of Denair, Calif., Greg Phan and his wife, Kathy, of Lakeside; four grandchildren, Allen, Amanda, Stephanie and Kelsey; and sister, Mary Anne Little, and her husband, Robert, of Calera, Ala.

A rosary will be said at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 29, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home, with visitation beginning one hour prior. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 30, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Kalispell. Interment will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

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

Arthur Franklin Phelps, 86

Arthur Franklin Phelps, 86, also known to many as "Whitey," passed away May 26, 2010, in Spokane. He was born March 7, 1924, in Oklahoma, to Herman and Edna Phelps. He was the second of four children.



In his early years, Whitey worked in the fields on his father's sharecropping farm. At 16, he went to the CC camp to work. He met and married the love of his life, Ruth Katherine Lemons before being called to duty in World War II. They became the proud parents of four children, Carolyn, Kathy, Dale and Linda. As a family, they traveled abroad while Whitey worked as a supervisor in the tunnels.

After Whitey retired from his tunnel work he wanted to relocate closer to his children and grandchildren. Whitey and Ruth picked property along the river in Hungry Horse as the perfect place to build their retirement home. He enjoyed spending time golfing, hunting and fishing.

Whitey was a family man who worked hard all his life and took great pride in being able to provide well for his family. He also enjoyed teaching his children and grandchildren good work ethics and the importance of family, friends and help-

ing others. He and Ruth also enjoyed many hours in their yard gardening together.

Whitey then took up land management as his retirement past time. He assisted many who were not as fortunate to be able to provide their families with property and a home to call their own. He was a firm believer in giving others a hand up, not a hand-out.

Whitey was preceded in death by his parents, his three siblings, and his beloved wife, Ruth.

He is survived by his four children, Carolyn Phelps, Kathy Phelps, Dale Phelps and Linda Hanson and her husband, John; seven grandchildren, Sonja Nordahl, Travis Herron, Kara Erickson, Shannon Phelps and his wife Molly, Rhonda Tallman and her husband Lonny, Dustin Phelps and Tiffany Hanson; four great-grandchildren, Kaileen Alvarez, Josh Erickson, Leilani Herron and Cameron Tallman; and many other extended family members and friends.

Whitey had an incredible sense of humor. He was a very loving husband, father, grandfather and friend. He will be greatly missed by all who were blessed to know and love him.

One of the things Whitey took pride in was hosting family barbecues. As a tribute to Whitey, we will be hosting a barbecue in his honor this summer. The date will be announced later to accommodate family arrangements.

Helen Marie Phelps, 93

Helen Marie Phelps died in Kalispell on Monday, July 26, 2010, at the age of 93. She was born Nov. 25, 1916, in Eureka, Calif., as one of 10 children to Nicholas and Anna (Bubestinger-Naas) Nelson.

She grew up in Eureka, Calif., and married Carl Benjamin Phelps there on June 4, 1938, at St. Bernard's Catholic Church. They followed Carl's career in the lumber business which brought them to Whitefish, in 1957.

Helen enjoyed being a wife, mother, grandmother, gardening, crossword puzzles, reading and solitaire.

Helen is survived by her children, Joanne Shupert of Trego, Carla and Barton Wert of Republic, Wash., and Donald and Linda Phelps of Hillsboro, Ore.; 12 grandchildren, and several great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her nine siblings; and by her husband, Carl, in 1995.

Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 31, at First Baptist Church in Whitefish.

Contributions may be made to St. Jude's Research Hospital.

Services are under the care of Austin Funeral Home.

Doris Aline Phillips

Doris Aline Phillips died March 23, 2010, in Lewistown. She was born in Mountain Grove, Mo., in 1923.

She was not "Rosie the Riveter," but rather, "Rosie the Typist," serving an admiral in the Navy Department in Washington, D.C., for most of World War II. She answered a government advertisement on a dare from friends. When a response came saying "you will report," those friends chipped in to help finance the train ticket from Bartlesville, Okla., to D.C., which she took alone. Because she was only one of tens of thousands of such women, she lived in a room in a rooming house with eight other women.

She married Jack Phil-

lips, a Navy veteran of the Pacific Theatre, in 1945, and moved to the windblown, barren, Northern Great Plains of Montana and made a life.

She was a classical pianist, an artist of many mediums, a gardener, a high school graduate who read and revered the classics, and a patient, gentle soul.

She is survived by sons, Wayne of Lewistown, John of South Dakota, and Lon of Helena; and a daughter, Sunni, of Helena. Her sister-in-law is Emma Ridgeway of Stanford. Her grandchildren include Johnny and Wendy Phillips of South Dakota, Lars Phillips of Washington, Kaitlin Phillips of New York City, and Hannah Phillips of Kalispell.

Cheryl Ann Pierce, 65

On March 3, 2010, while in Phoenix, Ariz., Cheryl Ann Pierce, 65, went to be with her parents and Jesus in heaven.



She was born on July 23, 1944, to Chuck and Lois Byers in Seattle, as Gramps was working in the shipyards for World War II. After the war, the family moved back to the Flathead Valley, where she remained her entire life.

Cheryl attended St. Matthew's grade school and graduated from Flathead High, where she met Dale Pierce in 1958, and they have been together ever since. They were married on Jan. 26, 1963, and this union gave them a son, Chuck, and a daughter, Rita.

Cheryl was always a very exacting housewife and mother, providing everything that was ever needed, all of the time. As the children grew older and went off to school, she used her business education to be the secretary at Peterson School until 1974, when she and Dale bought Montgomery's Welding on Center Street. This became Pierce Welding Unlimited, and then Pierce Manufacturing Company. Since then, she used her warm personality to greet customers and her business education to help him run the business.

Cheryl was an unselfish individual, always giving a lot and never asking for much. She enjoyed her years as a 4-H leader with the Golden Spurs 4-H club, which led to the beginning of her many years of taking Rita thousands of miles to horse shows throughout the northwest. She especially enjoyed helping all of the kids with their fair projects, and this allowed her to work the betting windows at the horse races, as she liked people so much. She also used some of her many talents for her own ceramic projects, which usually came home with a blue ribbon.

Summers in the Flathead Valley brought her to many rod runs and drag races with Dale, plus many Sundays at the motocross tracks, first to support Dale, and later with her son, Chuck, and then her nephew, Rick. She immensely enjoyed the outdoors, whether it was camping, fly fishing and picking huckleberries, or summers at her parents' home on Bitterroot Lake, boating and swimming, or sometimes just floating on an inner tube. When fall came, she loved to hunt and she passed along the tradition to both of her children. She was also the only one in the family to ever shoot an elk.

As the years went by, she loved "Going South" for the winter in the motor home with Dale and her two cats, so they could enjoy the sunshine, the swimming pool and time with just each other.

Cheryl had many hobbies and was a very talented woman. She loved collecting antiques, especially Red Wing stoneware. Their home in Kalispell is a personal creation of hers, and this can be seen outside with how detailed her flowerbeds were maintained, as well as their home's immaculate interior. Her father passed along to her quite a knack when it came to woodworking. This ability to make patterns, cut out various objects and build things enabled her and Rita to embark on another adventure, the craft shows!

Cheryl is survived by her husband of 47 years, Dale; her son Chuck and wife, Tina; her daughter Rita and husband Scott; and grandsons, Kyle Pierce and Zach Sanders. Also, her nephew, Rick Carlon and family; niece, Tina Colby and family; as well as many relatives and great friends that she touched while she was with us. She will be greatly missed by many, but we know that she is at peace and free from pain.

At Cheryl's request, there will be no service and the family will distribute her ashes as she wished.

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

Gladys Adelia Pilsch (Jordan), 84

Gladys Adelia Pilsch (Jordan), 84, "peacefully slipped in to the presence of Jesus, who she had served her whole life, and joined the love of her life, Albert Pilsch" on Thursday, July 29, 2010.



She was born on March 2, 1926, in Kalispell to Harry Wesley and Paula Adelia (Schulstad) Ross.

Gladys received her early education in Kalispell, graduating from Flathead County High School in 1944. She then attended Nurses' Training in Portland, Ore. While walking to church with her girlfriend, Gladys met Albert L. Pilsch, who was on shore leave from the Navy. By the end of the day, they knew they were meant to be together. After Al was discharged, the couple married in Kalispell on Jan. 21, 1946.

Gladys raised four children while working with Al in the Chicken Hatchery and doing various home-based jobs, like selling "Studio Girl Cosmetics" and casting and painting figurines. As the kids got older, she studied oil painting. She learned from Bill Alexander, who developed the wet-on-wet technique and was even asked to represent his product. This would have taken too much time from her family, so she declined. Al and Gladys traveled with the National Artist Tour for a number of years before being invited to Silver Dollar City in Branson, Mo., to display and sell their art. They were at Silver Dollar City when Al died suddenly in October of 1997.

Gladys later married Arnold Jordan on Aug. 29, 2001, and the couple enjoyed dancing at the Eagles and traveling together. Arnold passed on April 1, 2010.

Gladys was preceded in death by two husbands: a

brother, Bob Ross; an infant brother; and a grandson, Michael. She is survived by son, Ron Pilsch and wife, Nancy of Kalispell; daughters, Peggy Gahr and husband, George of Joplin, Mo., and Pat Poole of Kalispell; and a son, Larry Pilsch and wife, Jo of Federal Way, Wash.; one sister, Joyce Heikens and husband, Tom of Bigfork; and sister-in-law, JoAnne Ross of Kalispell; 10 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for Gladys will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, August 4, in the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Chapel, with Chaplain Bob Thornton officiating. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, in the funeral home.

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

Johnna Kathryn Pimentel, 49

Johnna Kathryn Pimentel, 49, of Ashburn, Va., died on July 20, 2010, in Leesburg, Va., after courageously battling an aggressive case of cancer that began as melanoma.



Johnna was born to Sharon and (George) Roger Wilson on Feb. 20, 1961, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. In 1970 her family moved to Columbia Falls, just outside of Glacier National Park. She and her family enjoyed camping and picnics in Glacier, skiing on Big Mountain in Whitefish, and traveling to see family in Coeur d'Alene.

She graduated from Columbia Falls High School in 1979, attended Flathead Valley Community College in Kalispell and the University of Montana in Missoula.

Johnna joined the U.S. Marine Corps in 1985, and served six years. She was promoted to sergeant on March 1, 1990. She finished her Bachelor of Arts degree at National University, and then went on for her Master of Arts in business while in the Marine Corps.

After her time in the military, Johnna worked for the federal government for over 23 years. She started with the Small Business Administration and eventually became a senior intelligence research specialist with the Department of Treasury. In 2009, she was recognized with an Outstanding Customer Service Award by the Department of Treasury.

Johnna was also an avid crafts enthusiast who enjoyed cross stitching and

continued her mother's tradition of knitting baby afghans for her friends and co-workers.

Five years ago, Johnna met the love of her life, Victor Pimentel, of the Dominican Republic. They were married Dec. 1, 2007. She is also survived by her father and wife, Joan, of Coeur d'Alene; brothers, Emery Wilson and wife, Mary, of Portland, and Sam Wilson and partner, Dan Stern, of Seattle; sister, Megan Field, husband Steve, and nephew Lee, of Helena; two aunts, Ja-Neé Newby of Coeur d'Alene, and Kaye Wilson of Apache Junction, Ariz.; two uncles, Jack Russell and wife, Kathy, of Milwaukie, Ore., and James Russell and wife, Janice Gega, of Portland; and a host of other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Sharon Russell Wilson; her grandparents, Lee and Mary Russell, and Alvie "Doc" and Thelma Wilson; and her uncle, Rod Newby.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 25, at St. Pius X Catholic Church, 625 E Haycraft Ave., Coeur d'Alene, with Father Roger LaChance officiating. A luncheon will follow at St. Pius Church. Interment will be at the St. Thomas Cemetery in Coeur d'Alene.

Memorial donations may be made to the Melanoma Research Foundation, 170 Township Line Road, Building B, Hillsborough, NJ 08844; or Doctors Without Borders, P.O. Box 5030, Hagerstown, MD 21741.

Please sign Johnna's guest registry and view online memorial at www.englishfuneralchapel.com.

Joyce R. Piquette, 64

Joyce R. Piquette, 64, formerly of Kalispell, died Feb. 21, 2010, in Salem, Ore.

She is survived by her son, James Roberts, of Seattle; father, Gary

Cusick, of Sublimity, Ore.; and mother, Betty May Walter-Day, of Rancho Mirage, Calif.

Private interment will be held later.

Edith I. Pival, 101

Edith I. Pival, 101, passed away Wednesday, Oct. 27, 2010, at the Libby Care Center.

Edith was born on Oct. 17, 1909, in Ansley, Neb., to William J. and Nancy Draper Simpson. She moved to Ferndale when she was 6 years old.

She attended high school in Bigfork, and then worked for the Kelly-Evans Resort at Swan Lake until her marriage to Ray Pival on Sept. 30, 1928, when she moved to Libby.

Edith was a member of Faith Bible Church since its inception and her love for the Lord and for her family always showed in her everyday living. She truly enjoyed her large family and was happiest when the house



was full. She was one of the founding members of the Libby Gray Ladies and her dedication to helping others showed her true spirit.

Edith was preceded in death by her parents; 11 siblings; her husband, Ray; daughters, Norma Wuest and Mary Carrell; great-granddaughter, Natasha Secret Jacobs; daughter-in-law, Linda Pival; and son-in-law, Wilbur Drake.

She is survived by daughters Mona Drake, Nancy and Budd Heyne and Nadine Pival, and sons Frank and Janice Pival, and Bob and Jackie Pival, all of Libby; 21 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren, and 25 great-great grandchildren.

Services for Edith Pival will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 1, at the Faith Bible Church in Libby with Pastor David Nelson officiating.

William L. 'Bill' Poindexter, 98

William L. "Bill" Poindexter, 98, died Thursday, April 15, 2010, at his Bigfork residence.

He is survived by a daughter, Nancy Meek, of

Bigfork; and a son, William Poindexter, of Richmond, Va.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Clarence 'Blackie' Pollreisz

Services for Clarence "Blackie" Pollreisz, 80, who "went to be with the Lord" on July 31, 2010, will be held 11 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 7, at the New Life Christian Cen-

ter in Polson.

His friends and family will always remember him for his generous and compassionate nature, as well as his big smile and his loud and infectious laugh.

John C. Popa Sr., 85

John Popa Sr., husband, father and friend, "was collected by angels" July 21, 2010, "to rest peacefully in his new heavenly home."



John was born Dec. 6, 1924, to Romanian immigrants Anna and Vasilie Popa, in Campbell, Ohio.

As a young man, he loved to play baseball and go to Romanian dances; and in later life, even danced to the live music of Tommy Dorsey and Glenn Miller.

John graduated from high school at age 16, and attended Youngstown State University for two years. He then joined the U.S. Merchant Marines and had seven tours around the world.

On June 12, 1949, he married his sweetheart, Lucretia "Lucy" Budak, in Ohio. They celebrated 61 years of marriage in June 2010. John and Lucy have four children, Laura, Annette, Joanne and John Jr.

In John's work career he worked for Youngstown Sheet and Tube Steel Mill, the Singer Sing Machine Company, and lastly, after moving to Montana, worked from 1955 until retirement for the Anaconda Aluminum Company/ARCO.

John was an active community member in Columbia Falls as a City Council representative from 1971 to 1973; and seven years as president of Pee Wee Baseball in the late 1950s and early '60s. John was a golfer and an avid bowler. He bowled for years on local leagues and boasted a 185 average. John was also a life member of the Knights of Columbus and the Eagles.

You could not miss his

support for the MSU Bobcats, as he sported a Bobcat hat on his outings with Lucy to the Backroom and the Nite Owl Cafe, their favorite eat-out locations.

"Thanks to the staff at these locations for making their regular dining table away from home feel like home!"

The family would especially like to thank John and Lucy's care givers, their second family, Jeanne and Dennis Howard; Ginger Owens; Nancy Meyers; and Rich Downen for their endless tender loving care.

John outlived all of his family members and was preceded in death by his sister, MaryAnn Dobrich, and his parents.

John is survived by his wife, Lucy; his daughter, Laura, and Bill Bishop, and their children, Anna and John Bishop; his daughter, Annette, and Bob Bjelland, and their daughters, Elissa and Jon Oman, and Kari Bjelland; his daughter, Joanne, and Tom Lindlof, and their daughters, Shea Popa-Wood, and Joanna and Bryan Pearson; and his son, John, and Jan Popa, and their sons, Matt and Drew Popa.

"You left us with great memories, admiration for your ever-sharp thinking and quick wit, and a warm place in our hearts where we will always find you. We know you are the angel with a gin martini and lobster dinner celebrating a good life!"

A funeral service for John will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 31, at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls, with a private family graveside interment to occur at a later date.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests, in Mom's honor, a donation to the Alzheimer's Association.

Dee Bennett Porter, 79

Dee Bennett Porter, 79, passed away in Kalispell on Monday, Aug. 16, 2010, as a result of Alzheimer's disease. She was born and grew up in Omaha, Neb., the second daughter of Robert and Gladys Victor.

She married Jewell E. "Ben" Bennett, her high school sweetheart, in 1950. They decided together they could either have the finer things in life or kids and cats. They chose kids and cats. They had seven children and a small zoo of pets, and spent 20 years in the Army Air Force traveling all over the U.S. with the entire crew in tow.

They moved to Kalispell when Ben retired from the service and bought their first house in the Fair-Mont-Egan area. A short time later Ben died and the neighbors rallied around Dee, becoming lifelong friends.

She worked in house-keeping at the Outlaw Inn for many years until retirement. Her main passion in life became protecting the rights of the developmentally disabled and seeing to it services and opportunities for them were expanded.

She loved attending all the sporting events of her two athletically gifted grandsons — basketball and football with Brian, and soccer, basketball and track with Jesse. She was excited for months over plans for Bri-

an's 2009 wedding. It was the last family occasion she was able to be a part of.

She met her second husband, Robert Porter, in 1991. They spent their retirement together, enjoying fishing, gardening, traveling to visit family and attending many musical events until illness separated them; he to the Montana Veterans' Home and she to Immanuel Lutheran Home.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ben; a daughter, April; and sister, Shirley.

She is survived by her children, Tom Bennett and wife Tina, Donna Tanzella and husband Francis, Joy Sakariason and husband Terry, Terri Lynn Bennett, Joe Bennett, and Don Bennett and wife Michele; and grandsons, Brian Bennett and wife Jen, and Jesse Bennett; also, her husband, Robert Porter, and his sons, Mike Porter and wife Sue, Todd Porter and wife June; and her wonderful friends, the Old Maids Club, and her Bible Study Ladies.

Dee will be buried next to her husband Ben at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. In accordance with her wishes, there will be no public services.

Friends are encouraged to visit the website at www.buffalohillfh.com to leave notes for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Robert H. Porter, 80

Bob Porter died Wednesday, Sept. 22, 2010, at the Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

He was born in Parks, Neb., a tiny town in the Sand Hills, on April 14, 1930.

He attended school in McCook and married Velma McCarty before joining the U.S. Air Force. Bob did his service in Korea, where he was pleased that he never had to fire in anger any of the weapons he loaded and maintained.

After leaving the service, he and Velma relocated to Oxnard, Calif., where they raised three boys. At this time, Bob went back to college and received a degree in criminal justice, while working multiple jobs to support the family. He then began a career as a probation officer and retired as the director of the youth detention facility in Ventura, Calif.

After the boys finished high school, Bob and Velma divorced. At his oldest son's invitation, Bob moved to Tucson, where they bought and ran a successful business, which they called Mike and Bob's Shoe Repair. In 1983 they sold the business. Bob, Mike and Bob's daughter-in-law, Robin, packed up their things and their two dogs and left Tucson with no destination in mind. They stopped in Kalispell to visit Bob's sister, Phyllis, and her husband, Dave, and went no

further. They bought a house and lived together for many years.

Bob met a new love, Dee Bennett, married and moved to Dee's property in Creston. They lived there for many years, until ill health caused Bob to move to the Veterans Home.

Bob is survived by his brother, Gerry Porter and wife Barbara, of the Seattle area; sister, Phyllis Agner and husband Dave, of Kalispell; son, Michael Porter and wife Sue, their daughter Kelli and husband Ben, and grandchildren, Britain, Zac, Tylee and Christopher; son, Todd and wife June, and grandsons, Jackson, Alex and Brady; and nephews, Dave and Alex Agner.

He was preceded in death by his son, Leslie Kent Porter; grandson, Jeremy Scott Porter; parents, Hervey and Doris Porter; and wife, Dee Bennett Porter.

Bob was generous, compassionate, loyal and exceedingly honest. His appreciation for books, film, music and all of the arts is well known.

Bob would not forgive us if we didn't mention that Dee's daughter, Joy, was his best friend and helper throughout his entire stay at the Veterans Home.

Bob was a fine example of civility and grace, with nothing but kind words for everyone, except politicians. He will be missed.

Dale Willard Powell, 83

Dale Willard Powell passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family, on Aug. 30, 2010, in Wilsonville, Ore.

He was born April 9, 1927, in Laurel, to Roy and Grace Powell.

Dale graduated from Flathead County High School in 1945. Upon graduation he served as a sergeant in the Occupation Army in Japan.

He returned from the war and married his high school sweetheart, Ellen Jane Chapman, on June 11, 1947. Three children were born of the marriage — Victor Dale, Christine Ellen and Connie Rae.

Dale worked for many years in the appliance and furniture business, including his own Powell's Furniture stores in Billings and Missoula. He retired in 1997 in Clarkston, Wash.

Dale will be remembered

with love for his service to others and his love of camping, fishing, gardening and family gatherings.

He is survived by his wife, Jane, of Wilsonville; son, Victor, and wife, Bonnie, of Missoula; daughter, Christine and husband, Larry Porter, of Wilsonville; daughter, Connie and husband, Lee Cameron, of Arvada, Colo.; nine grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his brothers, Cal and Annette Powell of Choteau, and Bob and Joyce Powell of Libby.

Military interment services will be held Friday at Willamette National Cemetery. Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Meridian United Church of Christ in Wilsonville.

Donations or memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association of Oregon.

James Matthew Powers, 21

James was born in Woodland, Calif., on March 12, 1989, to Sherri Quinn-Powers and "went home to be with our Lord" over the Easter weekend of 2010.

James lived in Spokane and then moved with his step-father, Steve Schibig; sister, Caitlin; and brothers, Aaron and Tyler, to Yakima, Wash. In 1996, James and his siblings welcomed a new step-father, James Tripp, into the family. As a result of the union of this marriage, James' siblings, Emily, John, and Sara Tripp were born. The family moved to Minnesota in 1999, where James attended middle school. In 2005, the family decided to move closer to family and settled in Whitefish. James attended high school there from 2005 to 2008.

James began working at Wendy's in Whitefish, where he was always known for his huge smile, kindness, and his respect and courtesy for others. He worked for a while at the Red Caboose, and for the last year and a half at McDonald's in Whitefish. Those who knew James remember his love for his Audi car, his clothes and his music. James made friends easily and showed his strength, optimism and promise, while continuing to develop into a fine young man. James' proudest accomplishment was earning his high school diploma in June of 2009. We remember fondly the young man who dedicated his young life to working with and serving others.

James' absence has left cloudy and dark skies for many, as he has been the sunshine for all of us.

He is survived by his parents, James and Sherri Tripp; step-father, Steve Schibig; six siblings, Caitlin, Aaron, Tyler, Emily, John and Sara; maternal grandparents, Sharon Powers and Carl R. Lindmark and Timothy P. Quinn; paternal grandparents, Linda Dennis, Carl Schibig and Joanne Schibig; maternal aunt, Maryam Powers; maternal uncle, John Powers; paternal aunts, Carry Dennis and Cassy Tripp; paternal uncles, Terry and Heather Dennis; and from step-father Steve Schibig's family, uncle, Ed Schibig; and Aunt, Penny Zimmerman. Other survivors include numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Family members predeceasing James include uncle, James Powers; paternal grandfather, Gordon Tripp; maternal great-grandparents, Alice M. Powers and Dewey B. Brookshire; paternal great-grandparents, William and Zita Quinn; and several uncles and cousins from his extended family.

Additionally, his family at McDonald's, the Red Caboose and Wendy's mourn his loss deeply.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, April 12, 2010, at the Austin Funeral Home Chapel. Visitation and viewing will begin at 9 a.m. Monday until services begin. A celebration of life will follow at the "Golden Agers Senior Center" in Whitefish.

The family wishes to thank all who have been instrumental in assisting the family including the Hume/Dyck Family, Whitefish Foursquare Church, Whitefish Independent School, Zach Dugdale, Deb House, McDonald's of Whitefish, and many others. Thank you to everyone for your prayers and condolences.

Retta Mae Powell, 92

Laurel Jean Powell, 71

Laurel Jean Powell, 71, or "Lollie," to all who knew her, died Oct. 29, 2010, at Brendan House.



She was born Nov. 12, 1938, in Wesfield, Iowa, to Lyle and Frieda Hummel. She went to school in South Dakota and Kalispell area schools, and in 1980 received her GED.

She married Orlin Kenneth Iverson and had two sons, Randy and Kevin. They later divorced.

She later married Eldon "Eddie" Powell and together they started the Ace Powell Bronze Foundry, named for Eddie's father, Western artist Ace Powell.

Lollie later worked at the VFW for many years, and was active in Toys for Tots.

She is survived by her sons, Randy Wayne Iverson of Portland, and Kevin Orlin Iverson and wife, Corri, of Kalispell; four grandchildren, Kevin and Nicole Iverson, Kristin and Chris Jones, Kaylene and Brandon Lodien, and Courtney Iverson, all of Kalispell; and three great-grandchildren, Aubrey Joy and Aidan Christopher Iverson, and Haydn Keith Lodien; sister, Shirley Heil, of Kalispell; brothers, Lyle "Bud" and Linda Hummel of Ellensburg, Wash., and Jon Hummel of Red Lodge; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Eddie Powell; her parents; sister, Marilyn Minikus; and nephew, Steve Hummel.

After cremation, she will be interred at Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery. Per her request, no services are planned.

Retta Mae Powell, 92, "left the bounds of this life to touch the hand of God," at Heritage Place in Kalispell,



surrounded by her loving family members; daughter, Jean Hedger; granddaughter, Lindsay Hedger, son, Terry Powell; sister, Mrs. Joseph Wagoner; and niece, Mrs. Rud Knudsen.

Retta was born on Aug. 26, 1918, in Lewiston, Idaho to Lenore L. Buchanan and Nellie Mae (Dryer) Buchanan.

Being the child of a teacher, she was taught to read before the age of five, and enjoyed reading ever since. She graduated valedictorian of her class at the age of 15 in Big Timber and completed three years of premed studies at Montana State College in Bozeman. She was inducted into Biological Sciences Honor Society Phi Sigma.

Retta married her college sweetheart, Charles Sargent Powell, on June 13, 1937, at Bozeman Presbyterian Church. They made homes in Great Falls, Butte, Kalispell, and Pittsburgh, Pa.

In Kalispell Retta was co-owner of C. Powell Electric for 40 years; she worked as bookkeeper and general manager. She introduced the first business use computer into Kalispell and taught herself how to write the programs to use in their business.

As a citizen of Kalispell, she became very active in Eastern Star where she became Montana's Grand Worthy Matron in 1976, in the Presbyterian Church singing in the choir and teaching Sunday school, and in Business and Professional Women where she served as a state president. Retta used her gift of singing to enrich the lives of others in her various interests.

In her later years, she and Charlie would spend winters in Waikiki, where she led a Hawaiian singing group on the beach daily. People from all over the world would gather to listen and often join in, having been attracted by her infectious enthusiasm, joyful spirit, and encouragement.

Her final years were spent at Prestige Assisted Living and the Heritage Place where she still inspired others with

her singing abilities. Her caregivers often commented on her grateful attitude in all aspects of her life.

Throughout all her community activities, Retta managed to be a successful mother to her three children, encouraging and helping them in their various interests and activities.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Powell; parents, Lenore Buchanan and Nellie Mae Turner; her sister, Mary Lee Boyd of Kelso, Wash.; half sister, Harriett Taylor; and a son, James H. Lee Powell.

She is survived by her children, Terry Powell and wife, Jane of Kalispell, Jean Powell Hedger and husband, Dave of Mount Vernon, Wash., and Wayne Powell of Kalispell; grandchildren and their spouses, Erik and Karen Powell of Montgomery, Ohio, Thor Powell of Plains, Douglas and Ann Hedger of Tacoma, Wash., Greg and Jennifer Hedger of Sedro-Woolley, Wash., Lindsay Hedger of Mount Vernon, Wash., Julie and David Fogle of Lewistown, Scott and Jina Powell of Brooklyn, N.Y., and Jason Powell of Ypsilanti, Mich.; great-grandchildren, Greta and Sonya Powell, Tyler Hedger, Sandy, Luke and Genevieve Hedger, Briana King, Jordyn and Ethan Fogle, and Karin and Rowan Powell; sister, Mrs. Joseph Wagoner of Kalispell; half sister, Gertrude Martin of Denver; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Retta will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 14, at the First Presbyterian Church in Kalispell with Pastor Glenn Burfeind officiating, and the Ada Chapter No. 17 Order of Eastern Star conducting a committal ceremony. Burial will be at 3:30 p.m. at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Memorial contributions may be made to Esterelle Scholarship Fund, in care of Barbara Knutson, 824 Eighth Ave. E., Kalispell, MT 59901, Shriners Hospital For Children, 911 W. Fifth Ave., Spokane, WA 99204 or First Presbyterian Church, 540 S. Main St., Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

Susan Marie 'Sue' Pratt, 57

Susan Marie "Sue" Pratt, 57, passed away on Thursday, Nov. 11, 2010, at her home in Kalispell.

Sue was born on March 31, 1953, in Missoula to Robert and Shirley (Polleys) Pratt. She was raised in Missoula and in Kalispell.

Sue graduated from Flathead High School in 1971. She attended college after high school, earning an associate's degree.

Sue worked as a social worker for the Human Resources for over 20 years.

She truly enjoyed being around her family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her father, Robert Pratt, in 1957; her brother, Tom Pratt, in 1977; and her stepfather, Robert Scherpenseel, in 2001.

She is survived by her brothers, Wayne Pratt of

Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and Dennis Pratt and his wife, Dale, of Denver; nieces and nephews, Jeremiah Pratt and wife Heather, Jason Pratt, Shawna Balliet and husband Jason, and Terra Lechuga; great-nieces and -nephews, Blake and Rylee Pratt, and Gavin Wolda; numerous cousins and other family.

A celebration of Sue's life will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 18, at the Christian Center Assembly of God Church. Her ashes will be buried at a later date in the Missoula City Cemetery in Missoula.

The family requests donations in Sue's name be made to the Flathead County Animal Shelter.

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

Claudia Price-Higson, 85

Claudia Price-Higson, 85, died Sunday, Nov. 28, 2010, in Eureka.

A celebration of life service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec.

11, at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church in Eureka.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Glenda M. Price, 67

Glenda M. Price, 67, died Wednesday, June 9, 2010, at her home in Fortine from natural causes.

She had worked at the Fortine Mercantile for many years.

Survivors include her children, Jeannie Herron

of Trego, and Ray Price and Will Price, both of Fortine.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, June 14, at Fortine Cemetery. Local arrangements are by Schnackenberg and Nelson Funeral Home in Eureka.

Gordon I. Price, 70

Gordon I. Price, 70, of Troy, died Saturday, Feb. 20, 2010, at St. John's Lutheran Hospital from natural causes.

He had worked as a core driller and a logger.

Survivors include his children, Gordon W. Price of Libby, Kerri Augare

of Valier, Peggy McDonald of Kent, Wash., and Rhonda Tuin of Carson City, Nev.

Private family services are being held.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home and Crematory.

Olga Price, 95

Olga Price, 95, formerly of Kalispell, passed away on Jan. 24, 2010, at a nursing home in Burien, Wash. She was born Feb. 10, 1914, in Leroy, Saskatchewan, to Ole and Thea Borgen.



In 1915 her family moved and settled in Silva, N.D. The family then moved to Kalispell in 1928.

Olga married Ralph "Cap" Price in 1937. They moved to the Seattle area in 1943, living most of their time in the Burien area. Olga was an awesome cook for the Highline School District for 25 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband; father and mother; four brothers; and two sisters.

She is survived by two sons, Roger Price of Seattle, and Norm Price and Judy of Selah, Wash.; one daughter, Sunny Hess, and Gary, of Brush Prairie, Wash.; six grandsons and eight great-grandchildren; also one sister, Mickie McPoland, of Seattle; and one sister-in-law, Florence Borgen, of Kalispell.

Graveside services for Olga Price will be at 3 p.m. Monday, Feb. 1, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell. Memorial services will also be held at 3 p.m. Feb. 13 at Glendale Lutheran Church in Seattle.

The family suggests donations be made in Olga's name to the charity of your choosing.

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

Marjorie Ann Prindle, 80

Marjorie Ann Prindle, 80, of Salinas, Calif., passed away Oct. 2, 2010.

She was born April 14, 1930, in Conrad.

Marjorie lived in Great Falls, Spokane and Lakeside. She retired in her "dream home" on Flathead Lake, then moved to Salinas for the remaining years of her life.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles "Bud" Prindle; parents, Oscar and Minnie Duncan; brothers,



Maynard Duncan and Delwin Duncan; and sisters, LaVeave Miller Hamann, Gladys Griggs Mortensen and Annabelle Forester.

Marjorie is survived by her daughter, Valerie, and Anthony "Tony" Bozzo, of Salinas; grandson, Anthony Bozzo, of Salinas; and granddaughter, Gina Bozzo, of Salinas.

Memorials can be made to the donor's favorite charity.

A celebration of life will be held from 3 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 9, at the family residence.

Arrangements by Struve and Laporte Chapel, www.struveandlaporte.com.

Frances Lucille (LeBlanc) Posey, 87

Frances Lucille (LeBlanc) Posey was born Dec. 21, 1922, at the family home in Whitefish. "The Lord took Frances home" in the early morning of Jan. 16, 2010.

She was the third of four children born to Julius Alfonse, aka Robert J. LeBlanc, and Stella Hazel (Herriott) LeBlanc. Frances, at the age of 13, would lose her mother to cancer. She would take over and fulfill the role of mother from that time forward.

Her early work life would be spent helping to take care of her brothers and driving overload bus for her father. During the war years she would run the switchboard for the Great Northern Railway Depot in Whitefish.

In 1945, she would meet Frederick Lloyd Posey. They were married in June of 1946, a marriage that would last until Fred's death in February 2008.

Fred and Frances had children, Cheryl Ann Posey-Johnson and Frederick Bruce Posey.

After helping Fred through college and early child rearing, Frances went to work for School District 5 in Kalispell. She was head secretary at Kalispell Junior High School where she earned the nickname "Sarge." After retiring from School District 5, she and Fred traveled, spending time with family, friends and most importantly grandchil-

dren.

In 1997, Fred and Frances, due to health reasons, left the Flathead Valley and moved to Billings. Frances became active in her new community through her church, St. Pius, as well as the Red Hat Ladies.

She was preceded in death by her father and mother; husband, Fred; brother, Julius Bernard LeBlanc; sisters-in-law, Melveen LeBlanc, Lorraine LeBlanc and Agnes (Posey) Galland; and brother-in-law, Robert Posey.

She is survived by her daughter, Cheryl Ann, and Dennis, Johnson; son, Bruce, and Janis, Posey; brothers, Albert J. LeBlanc and Robert E. LeBlanc; sister-in-law, Helen Posey; as well as her beloved grandchildren, Tyler Johnson, Jael Johnson and Caleb Posey.

Mom will be remembered for her hospitality, caring and sacrifice for others. Her breads, rolls, pies and cookies will surely be missed.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 22, at St. Pius X Church.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to RiverStone Hospice, St. Pius X Church or St. Matthew's in Kalispell.

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

Rylen Grace Pyles-Perkins, infant

Rylen Grace Pyles-Perkins passed in the arms of family on July 3, 2010. She was born at 12:17 a.m., the same day. She weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces, and was 19 inches long.

Although she was here only a short while, she gave us more joy and love in our hearts that only the Lord himself could have provided.

"God will keep them in perfect peace." Isaiah

26:1-4,19

She is survived by her mother, Tricia Phillips, and father, Patrick Perkins; siblings, Kirsten, Madisen and Dawsen; aunts and uncles, Terra and Travis Owen, and Tiffany and Ron Conley; cousins, Teegan Owen, and Reese and Ryder Corley; her maternal grandfather is Todd Pyles; her paternal grandmother is Noreen Hundley.