

## Jeann M. Ramsey, 87

Jeann M. Ramsey, 87, passed away Sunday, April 11, 2010, at her home in Missoula.

Jeann was born Dec. 31, 1922, in Butte, to William John and Clara Agnes (Shoop) McIntosh. She attended Emerson Grade School in Butte and graduated from Butte Public High School. Jeann was united in marriage to Robert J. "Bob" Ramsey on Sept. 15, 1943, in Great Falls. During her working years, Jeann held various bookkeeping positions in Butte, including Hansen Packing, Victor Chemical, Ambrose Distributing and Carr-O'Neill Brokerage.

She enjoyed activities with a variety of organizations including the Butte Junior Women's Club, the Order of Eastern Star (past worthy matron), Good Sam Club and the Christian Life Center's Senior and Widows groups.

She and Bob enjoyed many good years camping, boating and fishing in Western Montana and after retirement, they loved traveling south in their motorhome during the winter months.

Jeann cherished her many old-time friends from Butte,

as well as friends from the East Fork of the Bitterroot and Missoula, especially the "Katoonah Lodgers". With some of these friends, she maintained relationships through extended phone calls, regular cards and letters, in some cases lasting decades. She also thoroughly enjoyed her "kids" from the Perkins restaurant.

Jeann was preceded in death by her parents; sisters, Lucille Hamilton and Dorothy Springer; and a brother, William J. McIntosh.

Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law, Bob and Karla Ramsey of Bigfork; grandsons and their wives, Rob and Katja Ramsey of Houston, and Steve and Aurelia Ramsey of Bigfork; and great-granddaughter, Rob's daughter, Emma Ramsey, of Alameda, Calif.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, April 22, at the Christian Life Center, with Pastor David Phillips officiating. A reception will follow the service, also at the church.

Cremation and Burial Society of the Rockies Funeral Home is assisting the family with the arrangements.

## Eldon E. Rath, 81

Eldon E. Rath, 81, of Columbia Falls, died Monday, June 14, 2010, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

A private family service will be held. Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is in charge of the arrangements.

## Annabell 'Ann' Ray, 101

Annabell "Ann" Ray, 101, died at Heritage Place in Kalispell on Tuesday, Sept. 21, 2010.

At her request there will be no services. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Reasy Tilford Rea, 91

Reasy Tilford Rea, 91, died at his home in Eureka on Saturday, Jan. 9, 2010, from natural causes.

He had been a camp host in Yellowstone National Park, and at Rexford Bench Campground and boat dock.

Survivors include his wife, Doris, of Eureka; a son, Randy, of Santa

Cruz, Calif.; and daughters, Chery Rosen of Skokie, Ill., and Beverly Cass.

Cremation has taken place. A private family celebration of his life will take place at a later date.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg and Nelson Funeral Home in Libby.

## Betty Lou Reardon, 88

Betty Lou Reardon, 88, died Sunday, June 6, 2010, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

No services are planned at this time.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Joseph Bryant Reber, 91

Joseph Bryant Reber passed away peacefully on July 23, 2010, in his home at the Springs of Missoula. He



was born in Butte on Feb. 17, 1919, to Edward A. Reber, a copper miner, and Mary "Molly" (Rooney), a correspondent for the Butte Daily Post. He was the third of nine children, and joins his brothers, Charles, Edward, Paul and Leonard, along with his sisters, Gertrude, Mary Belle, Frances and Flora, who preceded him in death.

He attended St. John's Elementary School through the eighth grade and attended Butte High School for one year. At age 15, he left school to take his father's job on the WPA (Works Progress Administration), repairing Silver Bow Creek after his father's illness. When the WPA ended he went to work for Hansen Packing Company, and after two years went to work for Nevin-Frank Bottling, driving a pop truck for his uncle, Phil Harrington.

It was during this time, at 19, Joe met and married his first love, Marie (Terry) Taurainen, and from this union five children were born, Joseph, Roberta, Dianna, Bryant and Susie.

Joe and Terry divorced in 1972. In 1973, Joe married Rosalyn M. Rowe who preceded him in death earlier this spring, on May 6.

At the beginning of World War II, he attended trade school in Butte where he learned to be a welder and in 1942 he moved his family to San Francisco where he worked in the shipyards. He was anxious to serve in the Armed Forces and, along with his brother Paul, they joined the United States Maritime Service (The Merchant Marines). He served in the Pacific as a staff officer on the SS Sea Scamp, a troop carrier with 3,000 on board. He later served in the same capacity on the SS David E. Hughes, ending his service on Dec. 3, 1945. He received an honorable discharge from the United States Coast Guard.

He was a proud member of the Butte Plumber's Local 41 beginning in 1945. In 1946 he moved from Butte to Helena and started what became the Reber Company at the age of 26. He lived in a room at what was then the YMCA, and on occasion, answered the telephone at the Y, "Hello, this is the Reber Company."

A few years later, he would travel around town, with the kids in the back of the car looking for basement foundations that needed plumbing. The Reber Company would later maintain offices in Helena, Great Falls, South Dakota and perform contracts throughout the West. During this time, he also owned and operated the Finlen Hotel in Butte, the Rainbow Hotel in Great Falls and Reber Realty and Development Company, and other businesses.

Our dad had four passions in his life: His family, his work, politics and public service. He spent 40 years in public service in many capacities, serving under six governors, from Bonner to Schweitzer. In 1968, he was appointed to serve in the State Senate seat in Lewis and Clark County. His proudest achievement was carrying the bill that created the Montana Vo-Tech system. This system is now a part of the University of Montana. In addition, he revived the bill, creating legislation that established the new Montana Constitution.

He was very active in the Democratic Party. He was a delegate to the Democratic National Conventions, when they really meant something, in 1956, 1960, 1964, 1968, 1976 and 1980.

He was instrumental in gaining the needed votes to nominate John F. Kennedy for the presidency, and had hosted Senator Kennedy at his home in Helena in 1960. During his political career he met Presidents Truman, Eisenhower, Kennedy, Johnson, Nixon, Carter, Reagan, Bush and Clinton. More recently, he was in contact with Senator Ted Kennedy before he passed on, and was mentioned in the Senator's recent biography.

He was a member of the Carroll College Board of Development and instrumental in fundraising for the expansion of that campus. He was awarded an honorary doctor of Laws by Carroll College in 1965.

In 1968, the University of Montana awarded him a Certificate of Accomplishment in appreciation of the successful establishment of the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation, and in 2000 the University of Montana also awarded him an honorary Doctor of Business Administration in recognition of his efforts in passing the legislation to create the Vo-Tech system.

After his retirement, he and Roz spent 30 years in Indian Wells, Calif., where he served as coordinator of the Bob Hope Classic Golf Tournament for many years.

He lived an extraordinary life:

He received a high school diploma; without going to high school.

He became an apprentice welder in the union; without the required years of experience.

He became an officer in the Merchant Marine; without education or officer training.

He was a state senator; without ever being elected.

He received two college degrees (Carroll and University of Montana); without ever attending a day of classes.

In each area he earned his status in an unconventional way and in each area above he excelled in representing whatever it was that was expected of him.

He will be missed by his family: Joseph E. and Nikki of Marina Del Ray, Bobbie Corette of Bigfork, Dianna Riley and Larry of Missoula, Bryant and Nonie of Boulder, Colo., and Polson, Susie and Tom Orr of Missoula; his grandchildren, who he used to muster and they would all fall into line: Lorrie Corette Campbell of Butte, Chris Noyd and Steve of Missoula, Shannon Reilley of St. Ignatius, Molly Blakely and Van of Missoula, Christine Riley of Eugene Ore., Michael Riley of Lehigh Acres, Fla., Jordan Riley and Porsche of Missoula, Pate Reber of Denver, Sarah Reber and Ben of Los Angeles, Zachary Reber and Brady of Oakland, Calif., Emily Reber of Seattle, Sam and Katie Orr of Missoula, and Rebecca Reber of Marina Del Ray, Calif.; and his great-grandchildren, Ariel, Land and Meadow Riley, Ian and Emily Campbell, Reed Noyd, Emma and Sally Blakely, Jack Reber Denckla, and Nona, Shanay

and Lamar Reber. He had a way with children, and there were many other kids in his life who called him "Grampa."

On July 4, 2002, The Reber Broadwater, Cupola Park, was dedicated in his memory by the people of Helena.

Our family would like to thank his many caregivers whom he also loved to tell his stories to, Becca and Doris, Angie Rogers of Partners Hospice, Sallie and Lynn at the Springs, and Donn Walmsley, who became an extraordinary friend and helper to Dad. Please know if anyone was omitted that your help was so appreciated. We will miss his intelligence, humor, determination and passion for living.

There will be a celebration of his life at 11 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 6, at Sunset Memorial Funeral Home in Missoula.

Cremation has taken place and ashes will be inurned at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Va.

Any memorials may be sent to Partners Hospice, 2687 Palmer Street, Missoula, MT 59808; The Food Bank, 219 S. 3rd Street West, Missoula, MT 59802; and The Missoula Children's Theater, 200 N. Adams St., Missoula, MT 59802.

He leaves behind this quote by A. Sachs, "Death is more universal than life. Everyone dies but not every one lives."

Condolences may be sent to [www.missoulafuneralhomes.com](http://www.missoulafuneralhomes.com)

## Billy Gene Redmond, 78

Billy Gene Redmond, 78, died Thursday, Aug. 26, 2010, at Health Center Northwest in Kalispell after a courageous fight against prostate cancer.



He was born June 2, 1932, in Kalispell to Oakley "Rusty" and Edna Redmond. The family lived in Bonners Ferry, Idaho, before returning to Kalispell in 1947.

He attended Flathead County High School and graduated with the class of 1950. Billy was active in all sports and lettered in both football and baseball. He then continued playing football and baseball at the University of Montana in Missoula until he enlisted in the Navy in 1951 and served through 1954. Billy also played semi-pro baseball during his time in Korea. He then returned to the University of Montana in 1955 and graduated in 1959.

His love and dedication of sports lasted throughout his adult life. He refereed basketball and football games for 40 years and was the 1990 inaugural inductee into the Montana Officials Association Hall of Fame. Billy was the District 1 Montana Officials Association Regional Director until his retirement in 1989.

He was an avid and accomplished golfer throughout the state of Montana and Arizona. He was dedicated to and instrumental in the progression of the Buffalo Hill Golf Course for over 50 years, had served as president and was proud to call it his home course. In 2009 he competed in his 50th Labor Day Golf Tournament and each year was pleased to have golfed his age or under consistently. Billy was also very active with the Montana State Seniors Golf Association, where he served as president and helped organize the tournaments that took place across the state and in the Flathead Valley.

He loved pheasant hunting with his son Timothy, friend Earl and others in eastern Montana, and looked forward to their annual trip for the past 40 years. He also loved fishing, music and was quite the dancer.

One of his proudest accomplishments was his service in the Korean War from 1951 to 1954. He was selected for special training for the Navy Medic United States Marine Corps, where he developed friendships that he nurtured and cherished until his death.

He married Velma Somerville Luke in 1956, and they returned to Kalispell in 1959. They had five children and later divorced. Billy treasured his time with each of his children and grandchildren and the many family gatherings.

This is what his granddaughter Danielle has to share: "My grandpa was a very special man. Between his education and experiences, he sure had a lot to teach

me. I knew that whenever I was having a rough day I could go to Grandpa's for a night and he would take me out for dinner and a movie. I would always look forward to those special 'dinner dates,' which were followed by a sleepover. One thing that we both had in common was our 'sweet tooth'; the only thing on the breakfast menu was, of course, Cocoa Puffs.

"Grandpa was always very supporting and encouraging in whatever sport I did. Being a basketball referee himself, I always knew that some tips and corrections were coming my way after a basketball game. I always knew that my grandpa was proud of me by the ways that he showed it. Whenever my report card came in, the first thing out of his mouth was, 'Oh boy ... what do I owe you now?' For every A I earned, he would pay me in rolls of coins.

"Even though he did all of those special things for me, the one thing that I will miss the most are his special hugs and kisses. Like I said before, this is a very special man. I will always love and miss him with all my heart."

He began his insurance and financial planning career when he joined Northwestern National Life in April 1959 and continued working until 2010. Throughout his career, he was recognized by his many NWNL/ReliaStar achievements such as Life & Qualifying Member of The Million Dollar Round Table (MDRT) several times, The Premier Association of Financial Professionals, No. 1 Top Producer Award, nine-time Top Ring Recipient and six-time Top 10 Producer.

Some additional awards include the John Moore Award for leadership within the insurance industry and community and multiple recipient of the NAIFA National Quality Award for quality and persistence of business. Billy's reputation for his service and compassion to thousands of policyholders was one of his life's greatest accomplishments.

Community involvement included being a member of the Shriners, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Exalted Ruler for Lodge 725 in Kalispell, Grizzly Scholarship Association and Alumni, and Apache Wells Country Club in Mesa, Ariz., just to name a few. His generosity of both his time and donations to multiple organizations and events will be long remembered and missed.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Velma; and eldest son, Kelly.

Survivors include his children, Camilla Redmond Kruse and husband, Steve, of Delano, Minn., Gwyn Redmond Cooper and husband, Ward, of Natchitoches, La., and Ward's three children, Chris, Michael and Justin of Kalispell, Jill Redmond of Kalispell, and Timothy Redmond and wife, Jeannette, of Kalispell; grandchildren, Pierce Lindblad of Delano, Minn., Danielle ZuZero of Kalispell, and Scarlett Redmond of Kalispell; sister,

Barbara Symington and husband, David; niece, Penny Twelves and husband, Bob Stepp, of Spokane; nephew, Teddy Kaluza and wife, Pam, of Spokane; niece, Judy Fyffe and husband, Don, of Issaquah, Wash.; and nephew, Tom Kaluza and wife, Marianne, of Sammamish, Wash.; and several grandnieces and grandnephews.

Not only was Billy respected for his sports, military and career accomplishments; his family and friends were blessed by his love, compassion and loyalty. He was a

true friend, and his friendships lasted a lifetime. He will truly be missed by all who had the privilege to know him.

A celebration of his life will be at 4 p.m. Monday, Sept. 6, at the Hilton Garden Inn in Kalispell. Bring your stories to be shared starting at 5 p.m.

In lieu of flowers or gift please mail a donation in memory of Billy G. Redmond to the Flathead Valley Junior Golf Association, c/o Alice Ritzman, 64 E. Nicklaus, Kalispell, MT 59901.

## Carl S. Rebo, 78

Carl S. Rebo, 78, of Libby, died Friday, May 28, 2010, at Brendan House in Kalispell, from natural causes.

Survivors include his wife, Bonnie Rebo of Libby; and children, Anthony Rebo and Patty Smith,

both of Helena, and Star Rebo of Libby.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 12, at the City of Libby Cemetery.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelso Funeral Home in Libby

## Greta Mae Reed, 88

Greta Mae Reed, 88, passed away on Saturday, July 31, 2010, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell. She



was born on June 27, 1922, in Chinook to John and Ethel M. (Quantrill) Harbottle.

Greta spent most of her early years east of the mountains. In 1944 she married Albert Reed in Superior, and they moved to Kalispell in 1945. They operated various businesses over the years, from Pay and Save Grocery on Main Street and Reed's Fruit Stand to Reed's Potato Farm.

Greta very much enjoyed hunting and fishing with her husband, gardening, cooking and crocheting in her spare

time.

Greta was preceded in death by her husband of 55 years.

She is survived by her son, Oren Reed, and wife, Muriel, of Kalispell; two grandsons, Jeremy Reed and wife, Kris, and their daughters, Alyssa Reed and Britny Lewis, and Justin Reed and wife, Heather of Lehi, Utah; two nieces, Marcy Thompson and husband, Ken, and Jody Hays and companion, Mark Lloyd.

Graveside services for Greta will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 9, at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to noon on Monday in Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home.

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

## George 'Buck' Reeder, Jr., 76

George "Buck" Reeder, Jr., 76, of Lengby, Minn., and formerly of Kalispell, passed away on Saturday, Aug. 14, 2010, at his home after a battle with cancer.



A celebration of Buck's life was held on Aug. 21 at Buck and Barb's home in Lengby. Military honors were conducted by the Lengby VFW Post No. 2759. Arrangements were with the Carlin-Hoialmen Funeral Home of Fosston, Minn., and messages of condolence may be sent at [www.carlinhoialmen.com](http://www.carlinhoialmen.com).

Buck is survived by his life partner, Barb Thom, of Lengby; son, Clifton, and Nancy Reeder; daughters, Christina Reeder, and CarolLee and Kid Reeder, all of the Twin Cities area; one sister, Rosalie, and Joe Manzi, of Geneva, Ohio; and a special cousin, Phyllis, and Joe Carr, of Wilmington, Del. Survivors also include stepchildren, Jody and Terry Peterson, Jerry Thom of Lengby, Jamie and Cherie Thom of Moorhead, Minn.; 11 grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sons George Reeder "Bucko" and Brian Reeder; and one granddaughter, Laura Reeder.

## Verdas Henry Reed, 96

Verdas, Henry Reed, 96, passed away peacefully "into the arms of his Heavenly Father" on Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2010, at his home in Kalispell. He was born in a log home on July 19, 1913, in Lorenzo, Idaho, to James Henry and Maud (Armstrong) Reed.



Verdas was the first of 10 children and spent his childhood on the dry farm on Birch Creek east of Ririe, Idaho, and on the small farm on Butler Island. He attended a one-room school house on Butler Island and later went to Ririe Elementary School for the remainder of his early education. After grade school he went to Rigby High School for two years and then to Ucon High School the next two years, graduating in the spring of 1932. He attended Ricks College for one quarter but had to return to the farm to help his family.

Verdas had always loved the Gospel of Jesus Christ and had served with all his heart in the work of the Lord. He served his first full-time mission from 1935 through 1937 in the Southern States Mission under LeGrande Richards. It was there that he met Bardella Bulkeley, from Burley, Idaho, who was serving in the same mission. After their missions, they became reacquainted and eventually married Oct. 6, 1938, in the Salt Lake Temple.

Verdas began his career as a farmer in Ririe on the family farm. After his mission and marriage they moved to Leslie, Idaho, where all six of their children were born: Camille, James LeGrande, Marie Louise, JoAnn, Verdella and Frank Leland. They lived there until 1950 when the family moved to a farm outside of Arco, Idaho.

He went to work on the Arco Desert for the Atomic Energy Commission as a carpenter. While working there he injured his back and had surgery in 1959 which required him to find other type of work.

He tried his hand as a salesman, first as a real estate and life insurance agent, and later he sold pre-need funeral plans in the Idaho Falls area. In 1963, the company transferred him to a cemetery in Pocatello, Idaho. The family moved there.

In 1971, he was offered employment with the Latter-day Saints church in the Independence, Mo., Visitors Center and in 1972 he became responsible for all the church historic sites in Missouri which included Independence Visitors Center, Liberty Jail Visitors Center, Richmond Cemetery, Far West Temple Site and a small area at Adam-Ondi-Ahman. He worked there until 1978, at the age of 65, when the church retired him and he and Bardella returned to Burley, Idaho, to care for her aging mother, Luella Buckeley.

While in Burley, Verdas began yet another career working for the Idaho State Inspection Service sampling potatoes. He worked on and off for the next 21 years when he retired again at age 86.

In 2005, he decided to move to Kalispell to be close to three of his girls, Camille in Bigfork, JoAnn in Whitefish and Marie in Kalispell. He lived with Marie until the time of his passing.

Verdas has always had a love for people and his gentle smile and loving heart made you his friend from the first visit. He was always there for his family and they were the joy of his life. He had a love for music and shared it throughout his life in choirs and other singing groups. Even at the age of 95 he was still singing in the Ward Choir in the Bigfork Ward. He was active even at age 96 cutting lawns and building things. He was an amazing example of how to live a good Christian life and his passing will leave a big hole in the hearts of all who knew him.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Bardella; one brother, Glenn; and two sisters, Eloise and Eleanor; one grandson; and two great-grandchildren.

The family will greet people, in Kalispell, at an open house visitation from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Chapel.

Funeral services for Verdas Reed will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, at the Latter-day Saints Fourth Ward Church, 515 E. 16th St., in Burley, Idaho, with burial to follow at the Pleasant View Cemetery. The visitation in Burley will be one hour prior to the service in the Relief Society Room at the church.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for Verdas' family. You are invited to go to [www.jgfuneralhome.com](http://www.jgfuneralhome.com) to view Verdas' guest book, offer condolences and share memories.

He is survived by his six children, Camille Gloschat and husband, J.A. "Fred," of Bigfork and Sun City West, Ariz., James Reed and wife, Velma, of Burley, Marie Love and husband, Larry, of Kalispell, JoAnn Hudson and husband, Mark, of Whitefish, Verdella Grout and husband, Richard, of Driggs, Idaho, and Frank Reed and wife, Claudia, of Tooele, Utah; four sisters, Ruth Withers and Carol Sue Nef, both of Rexburg, Idaho, Delaine Young and husband, Mick, of Idaho Falls, and Barbara Clarke and husband, J. Richard, of Salt Lake City; two brothers, Clare Reed, and Gale Reed and wife, Delilah, all of Ririe; 40 grandchildren; 116 great-grandchildren; and 22 great-great-grandchildren; with many other family and friends.

## Mitchell Alan Reemts, 48

Mitchell Alan Reemts, 48, of Columbia Falls, died Saturday, Aug. 28, 2010, at his home in Columbia Falls.

He was a welder for Hanson Trucking in Columbia Falls.

He is survived by his

wife, Frances Mayñez; daughter, Angela; and mother, Corinne Grimm.

No services are planned at this time.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is assisting the family.

## Margrethe Reep, 97

Margrethe Reep, 97, passed away on Saturday, Aug. 14, 2010, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell, where she has been a resident the last four years.

She was born on April 6, 1913, in Oslo, Norway, to Hans and Alvilde (Hansen) Lauritzen.

She received her education, including nurse's training, in Oslo. She lived through five years of Nazi occupation in Norway during World War II and she worked two and a half years there, with the Resistance Movement.

In 1947, she came to the U.S.A. to visit a half sister in Williston, N.D., and worked there as a nurse for five years.

In January 1953 she married Albert Reep.

She continued her nursing career in Kalispell, working at the hospital, and also did private nursing. She always had a desire to learn and help others; therefore, she took special training to operate the iron lung for polio patients and also was trained for kidney dialysis. Her patients would later nickname her "Norsky Nurse."

In the early 1960s, out of the spirit of adventure, she accepted a surgical flight nursing position in Nome, Alaska. While there she had the opportunity to take pilot lessons. Her skills were tested and proved to be successful when there was an emergency and the doctor was unable to pilot the plane.

Margrethe loved the outdoors and enjoyed skiing, hiking, walking, gardening and fishing.

She made many trips to



Norway, the highlight being month-long fishing trips. She always enjoyed baking and delivering Norwegian Christmas cookies to friends. Other hobbies included needlework and knitting.

She was an actively involved member of Calvary Lutheran Church, leading Bible studies, teaching Sunday school and serving on various committees.

She also attended Trinity Bible College in Seattle. She was Lutheran Brotherhood Communicator to Calvary for many years. She also volunteered for 40-plus years at Immanuel Lutheran Home.

Margrethe was preceded in death by her husband, Albert Reep; her parents, Hans and Alvilde Lauretzen; her sister, Aagot Normark; an infant brother; five half sisters; and one half brother.

She is survived by her sister, Gudrun Sivertsen, and husband, Alf, of Oslo, Norway; niece Jorid Haarvardsholm and husband, Olav, of Oslo; niece Torgun Hovik and husband, Gudmund, of Telemark, Norway; and four great-nieces, one great-nephew, and two great-nieces, all of Norway.

Funeral services for Margrethe will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 23, at Calvary Lutheran Church with Pastor Kurt Rau officiating. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family suggests that any memorial contributions be sent to Calvary Lutheran Church, 2200 U.S. 2 East, Kalispell, MT 59901; or to Trinity Lutheran College, 2802 Westmore Avenue, Everett, WA 98201.

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

## Edna Reese, 90

Edna Reese, 90, passed away on Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2010, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Edna was born on April 26, 1920, in Cold Springs, Okla., to Sanders and Marian (Peters) Martin. She was raised in Lone Wolf, Okla., where she graduated from high school. After high school, she attended Enid Business College for two years.

Edna married Troy Reese in September 1939; they were married for 58 years when he passed away.

Edna was very active in her church, and loved to play bridge, as well as gardening, painting and doing needlework.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Troy Reese; a brother, Bill Martin; sisters, Ruth Swain and Erma Davis; her parents, Sanders and Marian Martin; one grandson, and one great-granddaughter.

She is survived by her children, Jean Reinschmidt, of Clinton, Okla., Joyce Craig, of Corinth, Texas, Dean Reese of Alberton, Sandy Briggs of Flagstaff, Ariz., and Dennis Reese of Lakeside; grandchildren, Debbie Ferguson, Jackie Archer, Cammy Gaston, Colleen Baker, Kevin Wade, Stacy King, Wendy Cabrales, Launi Holland, Kelly Avants, Joshua Reese, Jenny Herrick, Troy Briggs, Ty Briggs, and Tracy Briggs; and 22 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 10 to 11 a.m. today, Sept. 11, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. today at Lakeside Chapel in Lakeside. You are invited to go to [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com) to sign Edna's book or leave a message.

*This paid obituary is being run again at the request of the family.*

## Betty Lou Reksten, 86

Betty Lou Reksten, 86, died Friday, Dec. 3, 2010, after an extended illness.

Born Betty Lou Koehler in Salt Lake City in 1924, she lived in many states before her parents, Louise and Paul, settled in Polson.

She graduated from Thompson Falls High School and worked for the Pasadena, Calif., police department before returning to Montana.

She married Don Reksten

in 1949.

She loved bowling and playing bridge, pinochle and bingo.

Her husband died in 2002.

She is survived by three children, Vicki Haker of Berlin, Patty Reksten of Portland, and Donald Reksten of Kalispell. She also has grandchildren living in Los Angeles, Seattle and Portland.

At her request, there will be no service.

## Bernard J. Remick, 92

Bernard J. Remick, 92, died Oct. 1, 2010, of natural causes at Riverview Hospital in Crookston, Minn.

He was a banker in both Whitefish and Libby, before retiring to Kalispell.

He is survived by two daughters, Sylvia Morey of Hamilton, and Suzanne Combs of Peoria, Ariz.;

and two sons, Dwight Remick of Othello, Wash., and Craig Remick of Omaha, Neb.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 15, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Red Lake Falls, Minn.

Funeral arrangements are by Johnson Funeral Home, Red Lake Falls.

## Barbara Jean Ott Reynolds, 77

Barbara Jean Ott Reynolds passed away at home on Sept. 3, 2010, surrounded by her family.



She was born in Bemidji, Minn., on April 30, 1933, to Emil and Else Ott, the seventh of 10 children. When she was in high school her family moved to Columbia Falls. However, she chose to remain in Bemidji to finish school. She moved into an apartment above the movie theater where she was working.

She soon discovered that she missed her family and she too moved to Columbia Falls. It was there that she met the love of her life, Charles Ray Reynolds. They were married on March 3, 1951, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church and began their life together, both working and living at the Montana Veterans' Home.

In February 1952, Charles joined the Army and after basic training, he was sent to Ulm, Germany. Barbara soon joined him, sailing on the Queen Elizabeth.

With the birth of their first child, Christy Rae Reynolds, in 1953, Barbara gladly took on the role of homemaker and dedicated the rest of her life to taking care of her family. The family soon expanded to five with the birth of Vicki Jean Reynolds in 1955, and Roxann Elizabeth Reynolds Weaver in 1959.

She loved sewing clothes for her three girls, knitting, crocheting, gardening, canning and providing home-

cooked meals and a warm, cozy home.

As a family, some of the fondest memories are the weekends spent camping and fishing on Bitterroot Lake. Most of their married life was spent living in Columbia Falls, where Charles worked at Plum Creek Timber Co. for 43 years. After his retirement they moved to Kalispell, eventually settling into a house at Village Greens Golf Course.

Barbara was preceded in death by her parents, Emil and Else; her brothers, Arthur Ott of Racine, Wis., and George Ott of Placerville, Calif.; and her sister, Dolores Toftum Cox of Columbia Falls.

She is survived by her husband, Charles, of Kalispell; children, Christy Reynolds of San Diego, Calif., Vicki Reynolds of Helena, and Roxann Weaver of Kalispell.

Charles and Barbara have five grandchildren, Justin Taylor, Marie Taylor, Aaron Helgert, Philip Reinhold and Jacob Reinhold.

Barbara is also survived by five brothers, LeRoy Ott of Green Bay, Wis., Floyd Ott of Columbia Falls, Richard Ott of Kalispell, Emil Ott Jr. of Placerville, Calif., and Glenn Ott of Hutchinson, Minn.; and one sister, Judith Campbell of Anderson, Calif.

A graveside service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 7, at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

Barbara was a huge supporter of Montana Special Olympics and always donated graciously in the name of her grandson, Justin Taylor. The family asks that in lieu of flowers a donation be made to Montana Special Olympics.



## Phyllis Reynolds, 89

Phyllis Reynolds, 89, a retired teacher and homemaker from Sunburst, passed away July 20, 2010, at the Marias Care Center from natural causes.



A memorial service is planned for 10 a.m. Saturday, July 24, at the Sunburst Methodist Church. Inurnment will be in the Lonepine Cemetery at a later date. Whitted Funeral Chapel of Shelby is in charge of arrangements.

Phyllis was born March 24, 1921, in Kalispell, Flathead County, to John C. McCoy and Ethel Pearl (Mountjoy) McCoy. She grew up on her parents homestead at Lonepine, and graduated from Lonepine High School in 1938. Phyllis then attended and graduated from Montana State University-Bozeman in 1943 with a bachelor's degree in home economics.

Phyllis and Lester Charlton Reynolds were married on June 15, 1947, at her parents' home in Lonepine. Phyllis taught home economics and English at the Thompson Falls Schools after graduation from MSU. She then moved to Twin Bridges, where she taught at the high school and was an active member of the Ruby Valley Methodist Church until 1968, when the family moved to Columbia Falls for their retirement.

In 1993, she and her husband moved to Hot Springs where they lived until 2000, then moved to Helena to be closer to their children. In 2005, Phyllis moved to Sunburst where she continued to live with her daughter, Peggy, and son-in-law, Mike Tobin. At the time of her death, Phyllis was a member of the Sunburst Methodist

Church.

Phyllis loved to cook and collected recipes and cookbooks which she read the way most folks would read a novel. She was famous for her Parker House rolls which were requested for all family gatherings and potlucks. She was involved in Ladies Aid, United Methodist Women, Christian Women United and various other organizations, including a lifetime membership still in good standing of the "Stitch and Bitch Club" which she helped form while living in Columbia Falls.

Phyllis was a devoted wife, mom and granny and we will miss her amazing strength, giving nature and sense of humor. She was a gracious hostess and a true lady.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 56 years, Lester C. Reynolds; her parents, John C. McCoy and Ethel P. Mountjoy-McCoy of Lonepine; and a brother, Robert C. Reynolds, in 1926.

She is survived by her daughter, Margaret "Peggy" J., and Michael J. Tobin of Sunburst; sons, Steven C. and Karen M. Reynolds of Butte, and Richard A. Reynolds, D.C., of Great Falls; granddaughters, Michelle J. Huck and Shaun of Spokane Valley, Wash., and Meghan J. Barnes and Travis of Surprise, Ariz.; grandson, Jason C. Reynolds, of Missoula; her brother, Alan J., and Sophie McCoy; her sister, Shirley J. Kontos, of Hot Springs; sister-in-law, Lucille Reynolds, of Columbia Falls; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials are suggested to the American Diabetes Association, 816 Ninth St. S. Great Falls, MT, 59405; or the John C. McCoy Scholarship Fund, c/o Alan McCoy, 2700 Hwy. 28, Lonepine, MT 59848.

Condolences may be posted at [www.whittedfuneralchapel.com](http://www.whittedfuneralchapel.com).

## Laura E. Rhodes, 78

Laura E. Rhodes, 78, died Friday, Sept. 3, 2010, at the home of her son in Columbia Falls.

She is survived by eight children, Jacob Rhodes of Hungry Horse, Anita Rhodes of Whitefish, Virgil Rhodes of Columbia Falls, Teresa Wassmer of Whitefish, Donnie Rhodes of Kalispell, Wesley

Rhodes of Coram, Albert Rhodes of Utah and Calvin Rhodes of Whitefish.

A memorial service and potluck will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, at the Whitefish Moose Lodge.

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

## Norbert Dale Richardson, 86

Norbert Dale Richardson, 86, of Hamilton passed away Monday, May 24, 2010. He was born Sept. 3, 1923, in Peever, S.D., the son of Fawn and Matilda (Peterson) Richardson.

Norbert was an honorable man, highly respected by his children and grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Helen, in 1981; and his grandson, Chris Stroisch, in 1993.

In memory of Norbert, his daughter, Linda, his grand-

children, Shauna Stroisch and Tori Clemens, his great-grandchildren, and all of his family on the Richardson side and the Kelly side of our family, wish for you to honor our father by reaching out to someone you love and telling them so.

Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 2, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell. Condolences may be left for the family at [www.dalyleachchapel.com](http://www.dalyleachchapel.com).

## Randall H. Richmond, 87,

Randall H. Richmond, 87, of Eureka, died Thursday, Dec. 16, 2010, at his home in Eureka from natural causes.

Survivors include his wife, Lula of Eureka.

Services will be at 11

a.m. Monday, Dec. 20, at the First Baptist Church in Eureka. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Eureka.

## June Rose Richter, 92

June Rose (McGlothlin) Richter was born in Roundup on June 6, 1918, and passed away of natural causes on Oct. 5, 2010, at Whitefish Care and Rehabilitation in Whitefish.

June attended school through the 11th grade in Kalispell and finished high school in Cut Bank.

In Cut Bank June met her husband, Frank, and they raised four children; Kent and wife, Marcia, of Cut Bank; Wanda Jo Grossman and husband, Darrell, of Garfield, Wash.; Alan and wife, Diane, of Whitefish; and



Frank and wife, Annie, of Bozeman.

June operated June Rose Fashions in Cut Bank for many years and was known for her flashy dress and new styles. When she wasn't at her store, she and her husband Frank spent countless hours at their ranch west of East Glacier. Those trips unfortunately ended with the death of Frank in 1995.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 9, at the Whitted Funeral Chapel, 130 Sixth Ave. East, in Cut Bank. Burial will follow at Crown Hill Cemetery in Cut Bank.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to your local hospice organization.

## Franklin D. Richmond, 90

Franklin D. Richmond passed away in his home in Hawthorne, Calif., on Oct. 3, 2010.

Frank was born Aug. 22, 1920, in Forest Grove to Cynthia and Arthur Richmond and was raised in Somers. He graduated from Flathead County High School in 1938, worked at the Somers Tie Plant, and ventured to California in 1939 with Rico Cash and Leonard McIntyre securing employment in the aircraft industry.

Frank married Matilda "Tillie" May in 1942 in California. Frank was a Purple Heart recipient in World War II and a proud father of his two sons, Laurence and Roger Richmond.

Frank worked for 44 years

for Northrop Corporation and was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Tillie, in 2000.

Frank is survived by one brother, Russ Richmond, of Ypsilanti, Mich.; and his two sons, Laurence of Manhattan Beach, Calif., and Roger and his wife, Janet, of The Dalles, Ore.; two grandchildren, Tami Richmond of Fort Worth, Texas, and Crystal and husband Shane Skinner of Bozeman; and five great-grandchildren.

His positive spirit and pure unbridled honesty will be missed by all who knew him.

"We miss you, Dad."

Services that will celebrate his life will be scheduled at a later date.

## Richard Charles 'Dick' Riedel, 59

He arrived on a rainy June morning in 1951, the second child of Mary and Tom Riedel, and they christened him "Richard Charles Riedel" after each of his grandfathers, but through most of his life he was known to us as "Dick." He completed his far-too-short circle of years on June 14, 2010, the same day he was born, on his 59th birthday. Dick died quietly in his sleep of heart failure.

Dick was a well-loved son, brother and uncle; a father, grandfather and friend. There was a time he was a daredevil little boy who scribbled on kitchen walls with crayons, chased the cat and teased his sister. In that young rascalion, few would have seen the kind, easygoing man that emerged, with his special smile and a ready quip.

Dick was raised in the Lower Valley, a fourth-generation native. He attended school at St. Matthew's and Flathead High School, and later FVCC. He worked for a time in the non-food department at Buttrey Foods and later "retired" to take up his real life's work, farming. While working at Buttrey, Dick met his wife, Bonnie, and with her came two of his life's most gracious gifts, his daughter, Melanie, and son, Justin Francis. Though the couple later divorced, Bonnie and her family always had a special place in his heart.

Dick was, in the span of his life, a quietly amazing man. He was the quintessential "go-to" guy. All you needed to do was tell him when and where. He could fabricate anything from a tractor part to a toy chest, and there was never a Chevy he didn't love, and he loved lots of them. Dick was a master gardener, a fisherman and gun enthusiast. One of his pet projects was the sweet corn he grew so proudly in the garden east of his home. He was also a fierce Nascar fan and a lover of animals, particularly his "boys," Otis, Dink and Tuffy.

If the practical joke could have been an art form, Dick had that perfected. He loved the gatherings with his



extended families and the good food, good times and good fellowship with them. He held a place of special reverence for the pies his daughter made him, and his last night was celebrated properly with her famous "birthday pie." Dick appreciated so many things — the earth he worked to perfection, the beauty of a sunset, the amazing bits of nature he observed from the seat of a tractor. In recent years, some of the finest things in his life came to him in the form of those who called him "Grandpa" and "Uncle Dick."

Dick kept short accounts, and if he carried any grudges, they were known only to him. His sense of humor, charity, integrity and kindness defined his life. Throughout that life, like a deep, quiet river, ran his faith in Christ, seldom spoken, unfailingly lived.

Dick is survived by his daughter, Melanie Nelson and her husband, Andy; their children, Adam, Audrey and Grahme; by his sister and friend, Kay Burt; his nephew, Justin Burt and wife, Melanie, and their children, Timothy, Jonathan, Faith, Grace and Benjamin; his nephew, Brandon Burt and wife, Megan, and sons David, Thomas and Kieren; and his niece, Courtenay Dulak. He is survived by friends and extended family, too numerous to mention here, but each immensely loved.

Dick was preceded in death by his parents, Mary and Tom Riedel; and by his son, Justin, in July of 2000.

Dick's was a life so many long for, one of quiet satisfaction. He died and went in peace with his fellow man, himself and God, and there are no words deep or wide enough to say how he will be missed.

Graveside services for Dick will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Bethel Cemetery on North Somers Road. A reception will follow. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. today at Johnson-Gloschat funeral home. The family suggests memorials be made in his name to the Northwest Humane Society, P.O. Box 221, Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

## Lori Riggs, 51

Lori was born June 29, 1958, in Boise, Idaho, to Richard A. Mabe and Patricia Ann Mabe. Following a long battle with cancer, she died March 28, 2010, with her loving family by her side.



She was a devoted wife, loving mother, caring sister, and a cherished friend. Her laughter brought happiness to us all. She was always there for anyone who needed a helping hand, a shoulder to cry on, or was just there to listen.

Lori loved the outdoors, enjoying camping, fishing, hunting or just being out in the sun. Lori had a passion for cooking; something about her pies made you want to keep coming back for more. She was always ready to whip something up if someone was ever hungry. She was our rock, the

glue that held our family together.

Lori took pride in everything she did. Her smile and laughter will be missed by her family and all who knew her.

Lori was preceded in death by her mother, Patricia Ann.

She is survived by her loving husband of 32 years, John L. Riggs; son, John T. Riggs, and wife, Amanda, and grandbabies, Jordan and Tessa; youngest son, Joseph R. Riggs; her father, Richard A. Mabe; brother, Terry Pirrong, and wife, Terra, and their family; sister, Liza Moffat, and husband, Joe, and family; sister, Linda Lyford; and many, many friends.

Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Friday, April 2, at the Columbia Mortuary Chapel with interment following at Woodlawn Cemetery; a reception will immediately follow. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the mortuary. Please come and celebrate the life she lived.

## Dr. Larry G. Rigler, 73

Dr. Larry G. Rigler, former Iowa City resident and physician, passed away Sept. 28, 2010, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center, due to respiratory failure.

Private funeral services were held Oct. 1 at Pope John Paul II Church in Bigfork, with Monsignor Donald Shea officiating.

Born in 1937 in Guthrie County, Iowa, he attended local schools and graduated from Guthrie Center High in 1954. He then attended Iowa State University and received his Bachelor of Science degree in economics and statistics. Upon graduation, he married Judy Struthers of Ottosen, Iowa, and the couple celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary on Aug. 8th of this year.

After serving six months of military service as an ROTC military officer at Fort Sill, Okla., the couple returned to Iowa where he completed his master's degree in agricultural economics. He then had two analyst marketing jobs, with Indiana Farm Bureau Co-op in Indianapolis, and the Toni Company in Chicago.

In 1964 he attended the University of Iowa Medical School and received his MD degree in 1969. He then completed an internship at Broadlawns Hospital in Des Moines, Iowa. Returning to Iowa City, he was a family physician with Medical Associates and an active Mercy Hospital staff member, until his retirement in 1999.

That same year, he and Judy moved to West Bend, Iowa, near Judy's hometown of Ottosen. They enjoyed traveling, especially in the West. The couple built a home on Flathead Lake near Glacier Park, and spent many memorable family summers together.

The couple have two children, Collin of Manhattan Beach, Calif., and Diana McClaran and Tim of Belgrade, both Iowa City High graduates; and, in addition, four grandchildren, Nick, 15; Max, 14; Ford, 11; and Lucy, 9.

His father, Leo Rigler; and his brother, Gerald Rigler (Laurie) preceded him in death.

His mother Marie Rigler, and sister Roma Stetzel and Barry, currently reside in Guthrie Center, Iowa.

Larry's brother, Dr. Wilson Rigler and Linda of Centerville Iowa, as well as many nieces, nephews, and cousins survive him.

Besides being a dedicated doctor, husband and father, he possessed interests in agriculture, photography, amateur radio, history, politics, traveling and helping others. His favorite pastime, without a doubt, was spending time with family and friends.

Condolences may be sent to the Rigler family, P.O. Box 365, Lakeside, MT 59922.

Donations in his memory may be sent to Q.R.U. (Quick Response Unit), P.O. Box 911, Lakeside, MT 59922.

## Robert Louis Rippberger, 58

Robert Louis Rippberger, 58, died at his home in Kalispell.

He is survived by his daughters, Andrea Rippberger and Kacie McClanahan.

There are no services scheduled at this time. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for Robert's family.

## Ovedia H. Rishoff, 98

Ovedia H. Rishoff died at her residence on Wednesday, Oct. 6, 2010, the same date as her marriage 82 years ago. She was 98 years old.



Ovedia was born July 20, 1912, on the family homestead north of Lothair, one of four children to Julia Sagvold and Peder Olson. She received her education at nearby country schools.

She married Cyrus J. "Cy" Rishoff on Oct. 6, 1928, in Chester. They lived in Chester, Lothair and Galata before settling in Shelby. Cy worked for the county road department and Ovedia worked at the local nursing home, school lunch room and as a baby-sitter. She was also a homemaker and mother of three.

They retired in 1970. In 1988 they moved to Bigfork where they enjoyed tending the cherry orchards on their property at Woods Bay. They were married 79 and a half years when Cy passed away at age 102, in 2008. Ovedia continued to live at home in Bigfork, where she received loving care from her family.

Ovedia was active at St.

Luke's Lutheran Church in Shelby and Bethany Lutheran Church in Bigfork, the R.N.A. in Shelby, the Army Mothers of Shelby, and the Beardance Club on the east shore of Flathead Lake.

She enjoyed many hobbies, including sewing, crocheting, quilting, gardening, baking, crafts and cards.

She was preceded in death by her husband; parents; son, Orville; and three brothers, Adolph, Edwin and Alvin Olson.

Ovedia is survived by a daughter, Betty Fjeld, of Kalispell; a son, Jack Rishoff, of Bigfork; eight grandchildren, Susan LeBouef of Newport Beach, Calif., David Rishoff of Etiwanda, Calif., Laney Paine of Newport Beach, Debbie Sparks of Albany, Ore., Kim Hickman of Neptune, N.J., Mick Renna of Bigfork, Donna Benner of Kalispell, and Ed Renna of Meridian, Idaho; 13 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Monday at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Shelby. Following burial at the Shelby Mountainview Cemetery, a coffee hour will be held at the church. Arrangements are by Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. There will be viewing at the mortuary on Sunday and at the church on Monday two hours prior to service.

## Barbara Roberts, 70

Barbara Roberts, 70, died Saturday, July 24, 2010 in Bigfork.

There will be no local

services.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Gilbert P. Roberts, Jr., 63

Gilbert P. Roberts, Jr., 63, died Tuesday, Sept. 28, 2010, at Mountain View Manor in Eureka.

He worked in the telecommunications industry until retiring.

Survivors include his mother, Barbara Roberts,

of Eureka.

Services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 5, at St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church in Eureka.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Eureka.

## F.A. 'Fay' Robetorye, 74

F.A. "Fay" Robetorye passed away on June 21, 2010, in Everett, Wash., at the age of 74.

Born and raised in Whitefish, he graduated from Montana State University with a degree in electrical engineering in 1960. There he met and married Wendy Miller of Kalispell.

He served in the Navy during the Korean War in Kodiak, Alaska, and aboard the aircraft carriers USS Philippine Sea and the USS Wasp, touring the Far East.

He retired from the Boeing Company in 1995, and then

worked for H&R Block in the Everett area for 15 years until his death.

He is survived by his wife, Wendy, and three children, Dr. Ryan Robetorye, of Phoenix, Rustin Robetorye, of Houston, and Rachelle Graves, of Oxford, Kan.; five grandchildren; a sister, Paulette Thompson, of Eugene Ore.; and his favorite (and only) brother-in-law, Doug Miller, of Kalispell.

A private memorial is planned, with burial at sea. Please visit Fay's online memorial page at [www.asacredmoment.com](http://www.asacredmoment.com)

## Herbert Laurence Robinson, 49

Herbert Laurence Robinson "joined our Lord" on June 24, 2010, surrounded by family and friends,

after losing his battle with esophageal cancer. He was born Dec. 14, 1960, in Kalispell to Ralph and Darlene Robinson.

Herb is survived by his devoted wife, Debbie; son, Eric; stepchildren, Tim Thompson, Jennifer Aldrich and Matthew Aldrich; brothers, Raymond Robinson, Bill Robinson, Kevin Robinson and Cliff Robinson; sisters, Dorothy Robinson and Wanda Robinson-Little; nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

Herb spent his entire life in the Flathead Valley, working beside his brothers, building the Robinson Corporation and running Robinson Tree Farms, demonstrating his incredible strength and outstanding work ethic,



which are among the Robinson traits.

He was a kind, loving and outspoken man, who loved to strike up new conversations, especially with people while selling Christmas trees in Salt Lake City and fireworks in Hungry Horse. He loved the outdoors, four-wheeling with his son, Eric, hunting, fishing, mining for gold and being the president of the Northwest Montana Gold Prospectors Club.

Herb had a great sense of humor and a strong, boisterous laugh that also made you laugh when you heard it. Above all, his main enjoyment was his son, Eric. He was a good husband, father, brother and friend, loved by many, and he will be missed by all.

Public visitation will be from 3 to 8 p.m. Monday, June 28, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 29, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 401 Seventh St. W., in Columbia Falls, with a reception following.

## John R. 'Jack' Robinson, 91

John R. "Jack" Robinson, 91, of Kalispell, died March 17, 2010, in Eureka from natural causes.

Survivors include his

wife, Betty Robinson, of Kalispell; and daughter, Jackie Robinson, of Eureka.

Private family services will be held.

## Louise Robinson, 81

Louise Robinson passed away peacefully at her home on Oct. 10, 2010.

She was born Martha Louise Redd in Hamburg, Iowa, on July 6, 1929, daughter to Garrison and Leta Redd. She traveled to Montana with her parents and sister, Lois, in an old Model A Ford pickup truck, with all their belongings strapped on back to look for adventure and land to homestead.

She was raised in Ferndale and Swan Lake communities and traveled throughout the West as a young woman when her father was in the service during World War II.

She attended Swan Valley School, as well as Flathead County High School.

Louise married Jason Lapp in 1945. They resided in Kalispell with their four children until their divorce in 1968. She married Donald Robinson in 1970 and they continued to live in Kalispell until they moved to the sun of Phoenix, for many years.

She returned to live in Kalispell with her children and grandchildren close by, until her passing.

Louise was an adventurous woman who greatly loved her family, the earth, Mother Nature, the notion that extraterrestrial beings might exist, and Ronald Reagan.

She and her family had multitudes of happy times



exploring the Swan Mountains, the rivers and lakes of the Flathead, snorkeling in Mexico and gazing over the Grand Canyon. She was friend and companion to her father and best loved flying over the Bob Marshall and Schafer Meadows with him in his Cessna.

She was kind and gentle, and generous beyond words. She was independent, valiant and brave to the very end.

Louise was preceded in death by her parents, Buster and Leta Redd; her sister, Lois Ault; her husband, Donald Robinson; her daughter, Cindy Rupp; and her granddaughter, Leslie Rupp.

She is survived by her children, Joyce, Gary and Richard Lapp; daughter-in-law, Libbie Lapp; grandchildren, Hunter and Ellie Lapp, and niece and nephew, Shannon and Don Ault.

A celebration of her life will be hosted at 6 p.m. on Saturday evening, Oct. 16, at the Mountain View Mennonite Church, 795 Mennonite Road, Kalispell, with a pork roast and side dish potluck. We would like to invite any friends that would care to share in this celebration to join us.

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

## Richard H. Roda, 76

Richard H. Roda, 76, died Friday, July 22, 2010, in Kalispell, of natural causes. He was a petroleum engineer and a veteran of the United States Marine Corps.

He is survived by his wife, Carol Roda of Bigfork; and children, Richard E. Roda of Scott Depot, W.Va., Jon D. Roda of Providence, R.I., Karin Roda of Atascadero, Calif., John S. Henderson

of Los Angeles, and Katha K. Penny of Santa Maria, Calif.

Visitation for Richard will be from 2 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 27, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 29, at the Bigfork Community Cemetery.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Janet 'Jan' LeFevre Romano, 60

Janet "Jan" LeFevre Romano, 60, passed away Oct. 18, 2010, at Brendan House, after a battle with cancer.

She was born in Salt Lake City on Aug. 30, 1950.

She married Warren Smith; they were later divorced. Jan then married Monty Romano, and they later divorced.

She moved to Bigfork in 1997.

Jan had worked at K-Mart and later at Bed, Bath and Beyond. She was a very hard-working person. Everyone who knew her loved her.

She loved the outdoors,

traveling and family events. Her later years she was known to just enjoy life and family.

Jan is survived by her sister, Gaye LeFevre, and Lee Mast; brother, Frank LeFevre, and Kathy; her children, Jeremy Smith of Bigfork, Ch'e Romano of Clinton, Utah, and Shantel Richards of Layton, Utah; and Shantel's three children, Jan's grandchildren.

She will always be in our hearts, and she will be kept with the hearts of her loved ones always and forever.

## Charles Ronald Root, 64

Charles Ronald Root, 64, formerly of Kalispell, died Monday, Dec. 13, 2010, at St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula. Brothers Mortuary and Crematory is in charge of arrangements.

## Darren Stanley Root, 43

Darren Stanley Root, 43, of Anchorage, Alaska, passed away May 29, 2010. Darren was born in Montana at the Kalispell Regional Hospital.

He was a proud Veteran of the United States Army, a beloved son, brother and father.

He loved music, was an avid hunter, fisherman, and he loved to cook. His sense of humor was indeed a gift that carried our family through some of the toughest times. In any predicament good, bad or otherwise, he found a way to lighten the load by bring-



ing everyone's spirits up.

He spent much of his time commercial fishing in Alaska and worked for many years doing construction in Kalispell. Darren is and will be greatly missed by all for a long time to come.

He is survived by his children, Zane and Hanna Root, of Kalispell; his father, Stan, and wife, Lyn, of Choteau; his mother, Pattie Campbell, of St. Roberts, Mo.; brother, Don, and wife, Rhonda, of St. Roberts, Mo.; and many aunts, uncles, cousins, nephews and nieces.

A private memorial for the family was held in Kalispell Saturday, June 5. Friends wishing to send condolences or share memories of Darren may do so to montanaroots1@yahoo.com.



## Doris L. Root, 82

Doris L. Root, 82, passed away on Thursday, April 8, 2010, at her residence in Kalispell. She was born in Kevin on April 23, 1927, to Harold and Myrtle (Stover) Miller. She was one of 13 children and lived most of her life in the Shelby and Kevin area.



On Feb. 9, 1949, she married William "Billy" Root. They raised three children and always had time for their nieces and nephews. Doris loved to play cards, cook and watch any kind of sports. She belonged to a bowling league and was a member of the Eagles. She was always in on a good practical joke.

They moved to Kalispell in 1967 where she continued to be a homemaker and supporter of her husband's music. The family was most important to her and she never forgot a birthday. After 51 years of marriage, she lost the love of her life on Thanksgiving eve, 2000.

Doris was preceded in death by her parents; and her nine siblings, seven brothers, Robert, Bud, Hal, Kenny, Glen, Leonard and Richard Miller, and one sister, Margaret McLeod; and an infant; also her husband, Billy.

She is survived by one son,

Thomas W. Root, of Shelby; two daughters, Nancy Reid and husband, Tom, and Judy Schreckendgust and husband, Bo, all of Kalispell; two stepdaughters, Shirley Ballantyne and husband, Jim, of Shelby, and Diane Roberge and husband, Leo, of Kalispell; four grandchildren, James Schreckendgust and Jason Schreckendgust and wife, Lisa, Robert Reid and significant other, Amy Gries, all of Kalispell, and Melissa Reid Speer and husband, Cory, of Spirit Lake, Idaho, five stepgrandchildren, Damon, Lance and Jamie Ballantyne, and Marcie and Jerrett Roberge; seven great-grandchildren; six stepgreat-grandchildren; two sisters, Betty Welker of Shelby, and Mary Jean Reeser of Spokane; and one brother, Jack Miller, of Billings.

Funeral services for Doris will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 17, at Johnson - Gloschat Funeral Chapel with Pastor Ron Pierce officiating. Burial will follow services at Glacier Memorial Gardens. A reception will be held at the Eagles.

The family suggests donations be made to Shelby High School Track and Field Fund, c/o Tom Root, 310 O'Haire Blvd., Shelby, MT 59474.

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

## Phillip J. Roselli, 91

Phillip J. Roselli, 91, passed away on Aug. 9, 2010, after a long battle with cancer, at Brendan House in Kalispell.



Phillip was born on March 25, 1919, in Baton Rouge, La., to Henry and Josephine Roselli.

Phillip spent his early years in Compton, Calif., where his family moved when he was 7 or 8 years old. After he finished school, he joined the Air Force and was a gunner on a B-17, stationed in Bitburg, Germany, during World War II and spent 21 years at different bases before his retirement.

During this time he married twice. Phillip and Mickey had a daughter, Judy; and he had two daughters, Darlene and Terry, with his second wife, Mildred.

Both wives preceded him in death.

In 1993, he married Carolyn Misiner, and they moved to Kalispell in 1998 and made

their home here ever since.

Phillip was an avid NASCAR fan and Jeff Gordon was his favorite driver, having watched him from the start racing go-carts.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two daughters, Judy and Darlene; two brothers; and three sisters.

He is survived by his wife, Carolyn; daughter, Terry Roselli; grandchildren, Chrystal Nelson and Michael Palmer, both of Council Bluffs, Iowa, and Shannon Barker of California; three great-grandchildren; one brother, Henry, and three sisters, Francis, Mary and Virginia, all of California; and two stepdaughters, Shirley and Linda.

A visitation will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 13, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. A celebration of Phillip's life will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 14, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Interment will follow the service at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. You are invited to go to [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com) to sign Phillip's book, or leave a message for the family.

## Katherine M. Ross, 72

Katherine M. Ross, 72, died on Feb. 23, 2010, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She is survived by her husband, Bob; and children, Barry, Lori, Tiffeney, Linda, Bob and Lisa.

A memorial celebration will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 27, at the Whitefish Church of God, 5685 U.S. 93 S., Whitefish. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Ruth E. Ross, 87

Ruth E. Ross, 87, passed away Thursday, Aug. 26, 2010, at her Kalispell residence.

Ruth was born April 15, 1923, in Lodi, Calif., to Emmett and Molly (Jeffries) Frost, and was raised in the Turlock, Calif., area.

Ruth married Raymond Ross on Aug. 3, 1940. She had been married for 58 years.

Ruth was one of the first women to be hired by the C & C Lumber Co. She worked there for five years, and was later employed at Dee's Drapery Shop with her sister Caroline Bland.

Ruth loved gardening and flowers.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond; her parents; three brothers, and two sisters.

Ruth is survived by her son, Ray Ross, and daughter, Wanda Lemonds, both of Kalispell.

Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m. today, Aug. 31, at Glacier Memorial Gardens. A celebration of life service will be held at 4 p.m. at the New Life Center, today also.

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

## Karen Elizabeth Jones Rost, 44

Karen Elizabeth Jones Rost, 44, wife, mother, sister, daughter and friend, passed on Aug. 31, 2010, at Kalispell



Regional Medical Center.

Karen was born Jan. 14, 1966, in Shelby and raised in Columbia Falls.

She married Mark Rost in 1989 in Kalispell.

Karen enjoyed fishing and the outdoors. She especially loved spending time with her family.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Ruth Snyder.

Karen is survived by her husband of 21 years, Mark Rost, and daughters, Adrienne and Kassie, of Bigfork; father, Larry Snyder, of Columbia Falls; and brothers and sisters, Tim and Maralyn Snyder of Chester, Dawn and Monte Fauque of Cut Bank, Bob and Kathy Snyder of Martin City, Tom and Liz Snyder of Essex, and Paul and Theresa Snyder of Columbia Falls.

Cremation has taken place with Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 4, at Christian Crossroads Church in Bigfork. A reception will follow.

## Laura Irene Rudie, 83

Laura Irene Rudie, 83, died Saturday, Nov. 20, 2010, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

Private family services

will be held in Havre.

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

## Elsie Rudolph, 86

Elsie Rudolph, 86, died Saturday, Aug. 7, 2010, in Kalispell.

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

## Verna (Koski) Ruffatto, 89

Our loving mother, grand-mother, aunt and friend, Verna, passed away surrounded by family on Monday, Jan. 4, 2010, at her home in Whitefish.



Verna was born on April 9, 1920, at Washoe, to Kusti Koski, a hard-working coal mining father and Kerittu "Gertrude" Krook, a loving, caring mother. Being of Finnish heritage, they moved to the Finn Hall in Red Lodge. She moved to Butte at the age of 9 and grew up during the time when the city was booming and rich with cultural diversity.

During the Depression Verna left school at the age of 15 to help support her family. She gained employment as a nanny, helped at the family farm and worked at Yellowstone National Park.

Some of her fondest memories were of ice skating and attending formal dances in Butte at Columbia Gardens where she met her husband, Dominick. They married in 1941, lived briefly near Mount Hood and Portland, Ore., and eventually settled in Fremont, Calif.

Verna received a master's

degree in education and taught second grade for many years. She and Dom retired in the Bitterroot Valley in 1980 and eventually moved to Whitefish in 1993.

Verna and Dom adopted their two children, Christopher and Michael, and dedicated their lives to raising them. They were rich with love and support for anyone in need and opened their homes to countless family members and friends.

Verna was preceded in death by her loving husband, Dom; sister, Katherine; and brother, Waino.

She is survived by her sons, Chris and Michael Ruffatto; and daughter-in-law, Susie Ruffatto; grandchildren, Ben, Kelly and Brian Ruffatto; her brother, Wally Koski, and wife, Elsa; and nephew, Ray. Verna touched many lives and will sincerely be missed by countless, loving relatives and friends.

We are honored to have loved and been loved by this very special person.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Whitefish; a reception will follow at the church's Parish Life Center.

Arrangements are under the care of Austin Funeral Home.

## Robert 'Bob' S. Ruggles, 87

Robert "Bob" S. Ruggles, 87, passed away on Thursday, Feb. 18, 2010, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls. He was born on May 9, 1922, in Enid, the son of Mary D. and Isaac S. Ruggles.

The family moved to the Flathead Valley in 1935. He was the second son of four children, Albert, Robert, Burdette and Maxine (Stubbs). He went to school at Evergreen Elementary and was attending Flathead High when he went into the Army to serve in World War II. Robert served in actions in North Africa and Italy where he was awarded the Silver Star.

In 1945 he married Helen M. Wilson in Missoula.

Robert was a logger for many years and later retired from the Flathead County Maintenance Shop where he was a welder and mechanic.

An avid hunter and fisherman, Robert and Helen spent many hours fishing on Ashley Lake, the place most dear to their hearts. When

not working you would most likely find him tinkering on something mechanical or welding something for someone in his little shop.

Robert was preceded in death by his wife, Helen; parents, Mary and Isaac; his brothers, Albert and Burdette; daughter, Roberta; and grandson, Ryan Ruggles.

He is survived by two sons, James L. Ruggles of Kalispell, and Raymond R. Ruggles of Canby, Ore.; his sister, Maxine Stubbs, of Kalispell; three granddaughters, Jodi L. Ruggles, Julie M. Mecham and Keely M. Ruggles; as well as two great-grandchildren.

Memorial services for Robert will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24, at Calvary Lutheran Church, with Pastor Kurt Rau officiating. A reception will follow immediately.

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

## Norman McGregor 'Mac' Rugheimer, 79

Norman McGregor "Mac" Rugheimer, Ph.D., 79, formerly of Kalispell and Bozeman, died peacefully in his sleep on Feb. 4,



2010, at home with his daughter Sarah and son-in-law Christian Schmid, in Cambridge, Mass.

Mac was born in Charleston, S.C., on Feb. 10, 1930, as the only child of Norman and Helen Rugheimer. At the young age of 16, he began university at the College of Charleston and went on to earn his Ph.D. in physics from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. In 1964, he started teaching physics and mathematics in Bozeman at Montana State University, and became assistant dean of the College of Letters and Science at MSU. Despite his many accomplishments, he preferred to be called "Mac" rather than "Dr."

His passion for holography

— three-dimensional photography with lasers — brought him a patent and the opportunity to travel the world, sharing his love of science with students everywhere. Even after retirement, Mac took his holographic road show to high schools, inspiring additional generations. Thousands of his students exclaimed, "Mac is the best teacher I ever had!"

Mac eventually relocated to Kalispell where he dedicated his time and interests to Bible study, learning Hebrew, and his church communities.

In his later years, Mac resided at Greenwood Village Assisted Living, supported by the attentive staff and owners. Right until the end, he exercised regularly at The Summit, making many friends and inspiring people who knew him with his dedication, optimism, and cheerful smile.

Mac is survived by two sons, Peter and wife Lynn, and Paul and wife Stacey; two daughters, Mary Victor and husband Johan, and Sarah Rugheimer and husband Christian Schmid; former

wives, Hallie and Linda; and five grandsons, Erik, Alexander, Levi, Jackson and Nathan.

Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 20, at the United Methodist Church in Columbia Falls; and at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 18, at the Evangelical Free Church in

Bozeman.

Online condolences can be sent to [rugheimerfamily@gmail.com](mailto:rugheimerfamily@gmail.com)

Contributions in Mac's memory may be made to: Norman "Mac" Rugheimer Scholarship, Montana State University Foundation, P.O. Box 172750, Bozeman, MT 59717.

## Christine 'Chris' Ann Rupp, 59

Christine "Chris" Ann Rupp, 59, "was called home" on Tuesday, Dec. 21, 2010, after a long battle



with illness, surrounded by her family, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

She was born on June 22, 1951, in Chicago, to Bill and Erma (Nuss) Rocksund.

Chris moved to Whitefish as a child. She attended Whitefish High School and was involved in an assortment of different activities, such as cheerleading, skiing, swimming, track, fishing and working on the family farm.

She loved life and after high school worked at North Valley Hospital taking care of patients. She soon determined that she wanted to do more for her patients, so she went to college and became a registered nurse. Chris then worked as a registered nurse for more than 30 years at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish, Virginia

Mason Hospital in Washington, and Curry General Hospital and Curry County Home Health and Hospice in Oregon. Her life was dedicated to helping people.

Chris loved to hang out with her family and friends and she always made them feel loved. Two of her favorite activities were garage sale-ing and shopping on QVC.

Chris was preceded in death by Erma Rocksund, Erick Rocksund, and daughter Courtney Rupp.

She is survived by her husband, Bob Rupp; two sons, Rich Torgison and wife Cissy, and Mike Torgison and wife Teresa; daughter, Lyndsay Boyles, and husband, Caleb; grandchildren, Tosh, Aspen, Charlee, Loren Torgison, Tyler, Conner and Chloe Boyles; two sisters, Jillian Sigler and husband Kurt, and Carrie Stringer and husband, Shannon; one brother, Norman Rocksund, and wife, Debbie; and her father, Bill Rocksund, and his wife, Marcie.

A celebration of Chris's life will be held at a later date.

Austin Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Florence Russell, 88

Florence Russell, 88, passed away on Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2010, at Brendan House in Kalispell.



Florence was born on Feb. 19, 1922, in Lynn, Mass., to Joseph and Kamila (Toczyłowski) Walendowicz. She was raised in Massachusetts, where she attended schools, learning hair dressing and cosmetology.

Florence married Herbert Russell in 1942.

She worked for years as a cosmetologist and hairdresser. She was president of Image Art 3, a family business specializing in jewelry and craft creations. Florence worked as a Kalispell Regional Medical Center volunteer for many years. She was on several committees at Risen Christ Catholic Parish.

She enjoyed decorating the church and caring for the greenery, as well as hosting prayer groups.

She loved camping,

traveling, cooking, rug hooking, knitting, and just making people happy. She was an excellent cook. Her biggest interest was being a wife and fun partner to her husband Herbie.

Florence was preceded in death by her parents, Kamila and Joseph Walendowicz; and two sisters, Sabina and Anatasia.

She is survived by her husband, Herbert Russell; daughter and son-in-law, Sharon and Ron Holden, of Missoula; daughter and son-in-law, Camille and Ron Scott, of Forks, Wash.; and granddaughter, Kacey Scott, and Aaron Gibson of Kalispell.

A rosary will be said at 7 p.m. today, Dec. 3, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Kalispell.

The family requests donations be made in Florence's name to Brendan House, for the flower garden.

You are invited to go to [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com), to leave a message or sign Florence's book.

## Cynthia 'Cindy' Vey Pearce Russell, 56

Cynthia "Cindy" Vey Pearce Russell, 56, passed away on Sunday, Dec. 19, 2010, surrounded by her family at her home in Kalispell.



She was born on March 10, 1954, to James and Bernice Pearce.

Cindy met her life partner, Scott Russell, in 1973. They were married in Heron, Mont., on July 10, 1976. From this union were born a daughter, Scarla and son, Ronnie.

Cindy never gave up on anyone or turned anyone away. Her life was a true testament that hope, love and faith can truly move mountains. She was an amazing mom, wife, granny and friend. Anyone whose path crossed Cindy's was truly blessed. She, by her example, made us all better people.

Cindy took much pride in being a granny. All the fun times and wisdom that she shared with them will be a part of who they are forever. We know that Cindy will be our guardian angel and watch down on us all.

Cindy is survived by her husband, Scott; her daughter, Scarla, and husband, Shannon, and their children, Taryn, Maggie and Sierra; and son, Ron, and wife, Jen, and their children, Jayden and Tanner; her siblings, Bonnie and Bill, Larry, Judy, Keith and Marilyn, Jim Pearce and Janet Edwards; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Cindy's life will be held at a later date.

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

## Joseph 'Joe' A. Russell, 63

Joseph "Joe" A. Russell, 63, of Edmond, Okla., passed away on Aug. 18, 2010, in Oklahoma City.

He was born on May 7, 1947, to George A. and Virginia L. Russell in Ardmore, Okla. On Feb. 4, 1982, Joe married Merry A. Hollopeter. Joe and Merry worked together in the child care industry for 25 years and the last 14 years as house parents at the Boys Ranch Town in Edmond, Okla.

He is survived by his wife of 28 years, Merry A. Russell; mother, Virginia L. Russell; children, Terry Graff, Lee-Ann Graff, Dawn Russell, Jacob Russell, Jason Russell and wife, Lathisha; brother, John Russell and wife, Nola;

sister, Betty Brewer and husband, John; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews; and all the children who have been such a big part of their lives.

Joe was preceded in death by his father, George A. Russell; grandson, Henderson A. Galloway; and both sets of grandparents.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Boys Ranch Town, 5100 East 33rd St., Edmond, OK 73012.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 23, at Henderson Hills Baptist Church in Edmond. Services are under the direction of Matthews Funeral Home in Edmond.

## Martha 'Terry' Russell, 63

Martha "Terry" Russell was born Sept. 7, 1946, in Butte. She passed away on July 6, 2010, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

She was preceded in death by her father, Veldon Owens; mother, Georgia French; and a brother, Steven K. French.

She is survived by three sons and a daughter; son, Chris, and his spouse, Sherry Owens, of Kalispell; son, Mark Owens, of Billings, and three grandchildren, Jayda Owens, 7 years old, Ashton Owens, 5 years old, and Journie Owens, 3 years old; son, Sean, and his spouse, Stephanie Owens, of Kalispell, and two grandchildren Jordan Owens, 10 years old, and Kailie Owens, 3 years old. She lived with her daughter, Mary, and her spouse, Lester Wall, of Columbia Falls, and two grandchildren, Aspen Wall, 4 years old, and Madisen Wall, 1 year old.

She was the best mother and grandmother anyone could ever ask for. She was



so proud to be a grandmother and adored all of her grandchildren!

She is also survived by three brothers; Michael and

his spouse, Debbie Owens, of Kalispell; Wesley and his spouse, Earleen French, of Columbia Falls, and Orion and his spouse, Linda French, of Missoula.

Terry was loved and cherished by all of her family and friends. She will be dearly missed by all.

"She is in the hands of God now!"

There will be a graveside funeral at noon on July 13, at Glacier Memorial Gardens, for anyone who would like to attend. A memorial reception will be provided by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Columbia Falls following the service.

## Micheal J. Ryan, 56

Micheal J. Ryan died Friday morning, Sept. 17, 2010, at his home in Columbia Heights following a battle with cancer.



He was born Aug. 11, 1954, in Williston, N.D., to Barbara Peone and the late Patrick T. Ryan. The family later moved to East Glacier, where he was raised. He attended grade school in East Glacier, and high school in Browning. He enlisted in the U.S. Army following high school.

Mike made many friends, who remained close to his heart until his passing. He and his brother Rick were inseparable as youngsters. Rick was the mastermind. Mike was the daredevil. They grew up helping at the T.P. Cafe, which was built by Pat and Barb.

After serving in the Army, Micheal had many occupations. He worked for the railroad, and as a chef, and a truck driver. Mike met and later married Carol while working as a truck driver. Together they spent many a day crossing the states. Micheal loved to take pictures of all the places he would see. He loved to share them. He and his friends

the river in the spring. He and Carol liked to go camping, fishing, and huckleberry picking. His favorite thing to do was spend time with family.

Micheal is preceded in death by his father, Patrick T. Ryan; and his stepfather, Elmer J. Peone.

He is survived by his wife, Carol; mother, Barbara Peone; brother, Rick Ryan and wife, Carolyn; sister, Joan Olson and husband, Jeff; sister, Carol Ann Ryan and fiancé, Greg Anklam; niece (best uncle ever) Rhiannon Samuella and husband, Kurtis; great-nieces, Paige and Ridley; nephew, Patrick Vasquez; stepdaughters, Lavonne McManus and husband, Jason, and grandsons, Cash and Justice, and Eva Darling and grandchildren, Stephen, Natasha, and Bradley; and mother- and father-in-law, Robert and Yvonne Quilling.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Sept. 20, at the Valley Victory Church in Evergreen. Celebration of life is to be held immediately after the services at the church. At a later date his ashes will be spread at his two favorite spots, Mount Henry and St. Mary's.

A beautiful life has been lived and won't be forgotten.

## Alice June (Anderson) Ryder, 85

Alice June (Anderson) Ryder, a lifetime resident of Kalispell, passed away Jan. 9, 2010, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center. She was 85.



Alice was born Nov. 27, 1924, in Kalispell to Carl and Melanie Anderson. She attended high school at Flathead County High School in Kalispell, graduating in 1943. Alice spent her junior year at Annie Wright Seminary in Tacoma, Wash., because of her father's war duties.

She married Spencer Ryder in 1947 in Spokane.

Alice was awarded a nursing degree from St. Luke's School of Nursing in Spokane, in 1946. She also attended classes at Gonzaga University in Spokane and the University of Montana in Missoula. She worked as a nurse in Spokane and the Student Health Center at U of M before her two daughters were born. For a short time, she worked as a substitute nurse at Kalispell Hospital before her grandchildren were born. Then she became a full-time grandma.

She was a long-time owner and employee of the local movie theaters, the Anderson Theater Company, which the family sold in 2000. While she was raising her family, Alice served a term as state

president of the Montana PTA, was a member of Beta Sigma Phi, and a long-time volunteer for the American Cancer Society.

Alice is survived by her daughter, Randy Mohn, and son-in-law, Jim, of Lakeside; four grandchildren, Michael Johnson of Kalispell, Eric and Samantha Hines of Missoula, Tara and Mike Lee of Kalispell, and Emily and Brad Rettig of Denver; and two great-grandchildren, Lorelei Hines of Missoula, and Spencer Lee of Kalispell. She is also survived by her sister, Ruth E. Conn, of Kalispell; and nieces, Alison Matos and Andrea Baumgardner, and their husbands and children. She is also survived by her former sons-in-law, Thomas Hines of Fruit Colo., and Dr. Stephen John son of Kalispell.

Alice was surprised but very happy she survived long enough to see her great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Spence; and daughter, Rhonda Johnson.

A remembrance will be held at the Buffalo Hills Terrace at a date to be announced.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that donations could be made in her name to the charity of the donor's choice.

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