

Violet Saimo, 76

Violet Saimo, 76, of Missoula, passed away Nov. 30, 2010, at Village Health Care Center, due to complications from Wegner's disease. She passed away peacefully in the arms of her sister, Cleo Keenan. She was a great woman who fought to the end.



She was born on May 13, 1934, in Columbia Falls, the daughter of Flossie (Blades) and Richard Brunette. She attended schools in Columbia Falls, Kalispell and Phillipsburg. She had two sons and two daughters from a previous marriage.

She worked at various positions in Polson, where she met her beloved husband, Mitz Saimo. They were married in Polson on May 9, 1969.

She enjoyed gardening, shopping and traveled to Hawaii three times, the Grand Canyon, Zion, Disneyland, Hearst Castle, Cannon Beach, Yellowstone and Glacier Parks, and San Diego. She also liked visiting relatives in Powell, Wyo., Cottonwood, Ariz., Seattle, Kalispell, Whitefish and Livingston. She will be greatly missed by all of her wonderful friends.

Violet is survived by her husband, Mitz, of Missoula; sons, Randy Larson of Syd-

ney, and Loyd of Missoula; daughters, Rhonda Larson Reardon and Valerie Larson, both of Missoula; sisters, Cleo Keenan and Dorothy Wigen, both of Missoula, Duskie Dwelle of Dayton, and Dixie Witt of Oregon; granddaughters, Angie Reardon of Whitefish, Lauren Larson of Helena, Rainy and Brian Naylor, Amanda and Omar Hernandez and Kera Mandala; grandsons, Shawn Reardon of Kalispell, and Leon Larson of Helena; great-granddaughter, Jordan Johnson of Whitefish; and great-grandsons, David, Joseph and Owen.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Gene and Bill; sister, Shirley; and a son-in-law, Joey Mandala.

Viewing will be from 3 to 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 6, at Garden City Funeral Home. A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 7, at Garden City Funeral Home, followed by burial at the Western Montana State Veterans Cemetery in Missoula.

The family extends a special and grateful "Thank you" to St. Patrick Dialysis Center, Hospital and Emergency Room, Village Health Care Center, Drs. Eddy, Lakatua, Bekemeyer and Chris Smith.

Memorial contributions in Violet's name are suggested to the St. Patrick Dialysis Center, 615 W. Alder, Missoula, MT 59802.

Charles L. 'Chuck' Samuelson, 79

At the age of 79, Charles L. "Chuck" Samuelson "went to be with his Savior" on Thursday, July 15, 2010, after a five-year battle with lung cancer.

Chuck was born on June 6, 1931, in Maynard, Iowa, to Nicholas G. and Ardath (Conrad) Samuelson and was the youngest of four brothers. He was raised on an Iowa farm into his high school years. He attended college in northeast Iowa.

Chuck worked and later managed a retail lumber yard. He then served in the U.S. Army from 1952 until 1954, with 16 months in Korea. After military service he returned to a retail lumber business.

In 1952, Chuck married Elaine R. Matthias at Klinger Lutheran Church in Readlyn, Iowa. In 1957, Chuck, Elaine and daughter, Suzanne, moved to Columbia Falls, where Chuck was employed at the Plum Creek mill.

In 1958, he accepted a job with the U.S. Forest Service and moved to the Condon Ranger Station in the Swan Valley. During the first year, a second daughter, Lori Jean, was born. In 1964, Chuck and family transferred to the Bigfork Ranger Station, serving first as fire dispatcher, later promoted to fire management officer, then retired in 1985. This was followed by 20 years of carpentry and construction work and traveling by motorcycle with his wife Elaine and numerous motorcycling friends.

Chuck was faithful and devoted to family and whatever he did. He always strived to do his best, whether it was work, volunteering or enjoyment.

Chuck enjoyed his family and grandchildren, as well as hunting, ice fishing, canoeing, woodworking, carpentry and construction, forestry



and gardening. He especially enjoyed motorcycle touring and camping around the western United States and

east to the Mississippi River and Canadian provinces with motorcycle club friends.

He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Kalispell, Montanans for Multiple Use, Glacier Wings Motorcycle Club, Gold Wing Touring Association, and was a member of the Dirt Bags, a large men's weekly Bible Study group in Bigfork.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and two brothers, Philip and Thomas Samuelson.

He is survived by his wife, Elaine, of Bigfork; and two daughters, Suzanne Newgard and husband, B.J., and their son Brandon, and Lori Jean Strodbeck and husband, Mark, and their daughter Leslie and husband Skyler McKinzie, all of Kalispell; and a brother, James Samuelson, and wife, Leila, of Yuma, Ariz.

Memorial services for Chuck will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 24, at Trinity Lutheran Church with Pastor Mark Cutler officiating.

The family suggests that any memorial contributions be sent to Trinity Lutheran Church, 400 W. California St., Kalispell, MT 59901; or Montanans for Multiple Use, or Home Options Hospice, 430 Windward Way Suite 100, Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

Danielle 'Dani' Nicole Sale, 22

Danielle "Dani" Nicole Sale, 22, of Vancouver, Wash., died tragically in Portland on April 24, 2010, when she and two



others were hit by a bus while walking across the street. She was born March 3, 1988, in San Mateo, Calif.

She is the beloved daughter of Phyllis and Jim Stro-

sahl of Polson, formerly of Kalispell; and the beloved daughter of Jeannette and David Sale of Vancouver. She is also survived by her much loved sisters, Ashley and Kayla; and brother, Joshua; as well as several uncles, aunts and cousins.

"Our hearts are broken with such a senseless death at the prime of her life."

Donations can be made in her name to Multiple Sclerosis Society research at www.NMSS.org

Jeremy Adam Dodge Sanders, 13

Jeremy passed away suddenly on Saturday, March 6, 2010, near Libby.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 13, in the Commercial Building at the Flathead County Fairgrounds.

Jeremy was born Oct. 29, 1996, in Redmond, Ore., to Adam Dodge and Danielle Sanders (Bauer). He was a seventh grade student at Kalispell Middle School. He was active in football and wrestling. He was also a very gifted artist and enjoyed writing poetry.

He was an active outdoorsman. This past hunting season, on opening day, he harvested a buck with his Uncle Chad. Then later that week, on his 13th birthday, he harvested a five-point bull elk with his Grampa Dan. Words cannot describe his extreme happiness and he shared this experience with everyone he met.

He loved music and video games and enjoyed playing these with his stepfather, Jeff. He loved his family. He especially loved spending



time at his Grampa Dan and Grama Ramona's home in Columbia Falls. He enjoyed hard work and helping his Grampa Dan with whatever needed to be done.

He had a wonderful sense of humor, leaving everyone with a big smile and a laugh. He loved to be the center of attention. He will be missed by his close circle of friends, his buddies. We will all miss his silly smile and his great laugh.

Jeremy is survived by his parents, Danielle and Jeff Sanders of Kalispell, and Adam Dodge of Bend, Ore.; his big brother Coltin Dodge, and little brother Furious Sanders, and little sister Peyton Sanders; grandfather, Dan Bauer, of Columbia Falls; uncle, Chad Bauer, and wife, Joanna, of Kalispell, and their two children; aunt, Lisa, and uncle, Charly, of Columbia Falls, and daughter Katie; stepgrandmother, Mona Sanders, of Kalispell; uncle, Jay Sanders, of Kalispell; uncle, Glenn Sanders, of Wyoming; uncle, Zach Sanders, of Wyoming; as well as numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins and other relatives.

A fund has been established at the Whitefish Credit Union for donations.

Larry Morton Sanford, 75

Larry Morton Sanford, 75, died Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2010, at his residence in Columbia Falls.

He is survived by his wife, Patsy Sanford; and children, Larry Sanford Jr., Lorna Bibey, Laurel Sanford, Lucinda Suchutz, Leslie Sanford, Lonny Sanford, Lanny

Sanford, Johnathon Sanford, Duane Sanford, Sarah Sargent, David Sanford, Wanda Kruckenberg, Daniel Sanford and Ruthie Sanford.

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

Beverly Ann Sankovic, 81

Beverly Ann Sankovic, 81, passed away on Friday, Feb. 12, 2010, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in



Kalispell. She was born on Aug. 2, 1928, in Sanish, N.D., to August and Leota (Peterson) Meyers.

Bev grew up in Sanish, a town of about 500 residents. Her mother was a stay-at-home mom on the farm. Her father was a farmer and eventually became a traveling office supply salesman. She was the fourth of six children in the family that included three older sisters, a younger brother and a younger sister. Bev attended grades 1-12 at the school in town which was about two miles from the farm house where she was raised.

As a child growing up on a farm, Bev was expected to help with the morning chores before leaving for school. The chores consisted of milking the cows, separating the milk and feeding the pigs. Often the temperature in North Dakota got below zero, making the walk to school a bit of a challenge. These extreme conditions cause her to become quite creative in the effort to fight the cold. She found that scarves would freeze to their faces, so Bev and her siblings would place a cardboard box over their head for some protection.

Prior to her move from North Dakota to Montana, Bev got a teaching degree at Minot State Teacher's College in Minot, N.D. After the move to Montana she was a teacher for one year at a small school (Boorman School).

Bev married Joe Sankovic on Nov. 6, 1972, in Couer d'Alene, Idaho. They enjoyed more than 35 years together.

Her friends and family will so miss the "sick presents," her famous potato salad and meatballs, which are a sure bet she would be invited to parties if she brought them.

Her perseverance showed by raising three daughters

alone and working two full-time jobs. She was the epitome of a role model.

She worked as a credit and customer service representative for Pacific Power and Light, as well as in a real estate office, and then she would go to work at Hennessy's from six in the evening until the early hours of the morning.

Bev was a member of the First Baptist Church in Kalispell, as well as a board member of Energy Share.

To quote Bev, "My humble advice and message for the younger generation would be to work as long as you possibly can, listen to and take heed of what your elders have to say for they can be great mentors. I urge you, above all, to love and take care of each other."

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joe Sankovic; her parents; two sisters, Betty Dinwoodie and Ardelle Sorenson; and her in-laws, Clark and Evelyn Mason.

She is survived by her three daughters, Patty Fisher and husband, Phil, and Pam Berry and husband, Buzz, of Kalispell, and Paula Matern and husband, Brian, of Olney; stepdaughter, Ruth Greco, of New Jersey; stepson, Michael Sankovic, of Hawaii; 12 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren; brother, Larry Meyers, of Washington; sisters, Marilyn Ellington and Sharon Driscoll, both of Washington; as well as wonderful and supportive friends too numerous to name.

Funeral services for Bev will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 15, at the First Baptist Church, 301 W. Wyoming, in Kalispell, with Pastor Jim Sandholt officiating. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to noon Monday at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home.

The family suggests that any memorial contributions be sent to Energy Share; The Montana Heart Fund, 600 Central Plaza No. 304, Great Falls, MT 59401; or the First Baptist Church, 301 Wyoming, Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

Jack Sauer, 86

Jack Sauer, 86, died at his home in Lakeside on Sunday, Dec. 5, 2010.

He is survived by his wife Anne, and three sons, Jack, Mark and

Kirk Sauer.

Private family services will be held.

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

William T. Savage

At 2:30 p.m., Saturday Nov. 27, 2010, "Bill," a wonderful man, passed away peacefully at home with his family at his side.

Bill is survived by wife, Delories Savage; adopted children and spouses, Sandy and Mark Muckey, Larry and Dena Gursky, Bill and Cheryl Ashe, Joe and Bernadine Sorenson, and Paul and



Laura Hagan; grandchildren, Darcey and Robby Willig, Jenifer, Kylee, Allen Gursky, Brian and Jeffrey Ashe, Haily and Colby Hagan; his "girl," Kriss Bridenstine, and honorary granddaughter, Aly Summers; great-grandchildren, Caden Sorenson, and Timmy, Kevin and Edna Willig.

Memorial services will be held at 10 a.m. Dec. 22, at Perkins Restaurant, 1390 U.S. Highway 2 East.

To view Bill's obituary online, visit www.buffalo-hillfh.com.

Robert J. Saville, 89

Robert J. Saville, 89, of Yellow Bay, passed away in the early morning hours of Friday, Oct. 15, 2010, at his home after a very long battle with a serious lung disease.

Bob was born on Dec. 13, 1920, in Ogden, Utah, a son of the late Leslie H. and Ione Wilcox Saville. He grew up and was educated in Salt Lake City. He later went on to join the National Guard in 1939 and then the U.S. Army in 1941. Bob served in the Asiatic Pacific during World War II until 1945.

After his honorable discharge from the U.S. Army, Bob attended the University of Utah. After graduation, he joined Conoco where he worked in the Mountain West region, Texas and also overseas until his retirement in 1979. He and his family then moved to Yellow Bay, where Bob had resided since.

Bob had a beautiful tenor voice and sang in musical productions and choral groups throughout his life and in his later years loved to sing traditional Christmas songs at the Yellow Bay Club. His greatest love was his family, his wonderful friends on the east shore and his beloved wife, Pat, who in August, celebrated with him their 62nd anniversary.

Besides his parents, Bob



is preceded in death by his sister, Adele Isaacs, and his brother, Jack Saville.

Those left with cherished memories are his wife, Pat; a son, Jack and his wife, Ananda; a daughter, Caroline Jane; two grandchildren, Elizabeth Howard and Rodney Dyer; six great-grandchildren, Benjamin, Demi, Isabelle and Hailie, and Makenna and Mason; a sister, Betty Jeanne Chipman; and many much-loved nieces and nephews.

Bob's family would like to extend special thanks to Dr. Gail Stockman, the pulmonary staff of Rocky Mountain Heart and Lung, and Home Options of Kalispell Regional Medical Center, all of whom gave Bob such loving care until the end.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy can be made to either Home Options of Kalispell Regional Medical Center or to the Yellow Bay Community Club, both of which were very near to Bob's heart.

Cremation has taken place and a luncheon will be held in Bob's memory at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, at the Yellow Bay Club. A memorial service will also be held at a later date in Salt Lake City.

Messages of condolence may be expressed to the family online at www.groganfuneralhome.com. The staff of Grogan Funeral Home and Crematory, Polson, considers it a privilege to care for Mr. Saville's family.

Earle William Schafer, 88

Earle William Schafer died days short of his 89th birthday on Dec. 6, 2010, in The Dalles, Ore.



He was the second of four children born to John and Arabella (Moore) Schafer near Calvin, N.D. on Dec. 23, 1921.

He graduated salutatorian from Calvin High in 1939. He was attending Dickinson Teachers College in North Dakota until he enlisted in the Army Air Corps.

He became engaged to Wanelda Crockett of Wales, N.D., and transferred to Hamline College in St. Paul, Minn., where they both attended college until World War II interrupted his studies. "Winnie" traveled to Twentynine Palms Air Force Base in California to marry him on Nov. 27, 1943. They traveled across the U.S. for his training until he shipped out for England.

First Lt. Schafer was the pilot of a B-17 and flew 35 missions in three months; all of his crew came back alive. He flew with the 306th Bomb Group out of Thurlough, England, and was there during

the Battle of the Bulge.

Earle returned to Dickinson Teachers College to finish his Bachelor of Arts degree. He received his Masters of Education from the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks. Mr. Schafer was a teacher, coach and school administrator for 45 years in four states, North Dakota, Montana, Idaho and Oregon.

After retiring they moved to Big Arm, where they finally built their own house. Twenty plus years in one place! Flathead Lake provided awesome scenery, wonderful people and proximity to "Winnie's" relatives.

Earle was an active member of the Polson Presbyterian church where he was an ordained elder and served on several committees. He served as the treasurer for the Big Arm Association after "Winnie" nominated him. They really got involved and made many dear friends.

Due to declining health they moved to The Dalles to be nearer family in 2008.

He is survived by his daughter, Dawn McClure, of The Dalles; sons, Lynn Schafer of Seaside, Ore., and Kim and Linda Schafer of The Dalles; six grandchildren, Shawn and Dony Schafer,

Corey and Jake Sextott, Logan and Adrienne Schafer, Chelsea Shaw, and Karlee and Zackery Schafer; three great-grandchildren; and a sister, Zelda, and Irvin Rinas of Egeland, N.D.

He was preceded in death

by his wife, Wanelda, of 66 years; parents; and brothers, Edwin and Jack Schafer.

A memorial will be held in The Dalles on Feb. 5.

Memorials at Big Arm and Polson Presbyterian Church will be held in the spring.

Charles J. Schaeffer, 63,

Charles J. Schaeffer, 63, "went home to be with the Lord" on Saturday, April 17, 2010, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell. He was born on Aug. 14, 1946, in Fargo, N.D., to Wilbur and Helen (Rudick) Schaeffer.



At an early age the family moved to West Glacier, and then settled in Martin City, where Charles enjoyed his childhood, growing up in the woods and mountains of Montana. He graduated from Columbia Falls High School in 1964. He served for a brief period in the U.S. Marine Corps, and then returned to civilian life. Charles eventually moved to Salt Lake City, where he spent many years working in a refinery and also did some ranching in the area as well. Charles was married briefly to Jean for several years before divorcing. He moved back to Kalispell in 2000, and operated a cleaning business. He also assisted at the senior citizens' center before retiring, choosing to spend his remaining years enjoying time with family and friends.

Charles loved fishing, watching old westerns, listening to country music and

doing the two-step with a pretty girl.

His unexpected passing leaves a huge void and sadness in many hearts. Charles' heart was as big as Montana. He loved people and he loved life. Despite many physical challenges that he had to overcome throughout his life, he enjoyed giving far more than receiving, and would do anything for anybody in need. Charles always had a smile on his face and a can-do attitude. His glass was always half-full! For those who really knew Charles, he will be greatly missed and loved.

Charles was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Wilbur Schaeffer; and a sister, Gloria Schaeffer.

He is survived by his brothers, Don Schaeffer, Rick Schaeffer and wife, Vicky, and Pat Schaeffer; a sister, Kathy Larson and husband, Paul; aunt and uncle, Jean and Don Bromley; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Memorial services for Charles will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 1, at the Canyon Community Church in Coram. The family suggests any memorial donations be made to the local food bank.

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

Robert Earl Schaale, 82

Robert Earl Schaale, of Eureka, died peacefully at home surrounded by family, on Tuesday, Aug. 3, 2010.



He was born to Richard and Emma (Stoldt) Schaale on Aug. 13, 1927, in Wolf Point.

At the age of 12, Bob began working nights in the family bakery. After graduating from Wolf Point High School in 1945, he went to work in the Tacoma shipyards.

He then served in the Army in Occupied Japan.

On Christmas day 1949, Bob married the love of his life, Vurnie Lou Grayson. For three years they owned and operated a bowling alley in Wolf Point. Bob's love of bowling continued throughout his life. He also enjoyed playing golf and softball.

In 1952 Bob began a 33-year career with the railroad. First he drove semi for Great Northern Stages on routes throughout Montana, and later worked in train service with Burlington Northern.

Bob lived in Glasgow for 30 years, where he and Vurnie raised their four daughters. He had a deep Christian faith and a strong love of family. Bob had a beautiful singing voice and loved to sing.

In 1985 Bob and Vurnie retired to the family cabin on Glen Lake. He spent many

hours remodeling the cabin making it a beautiful home. They spent 10 winters in Quartzsite, Ariz., where he enjoyed panning for gold, listening to live country music and visiting with good friends old and new.

Bob enjoyed restoring Model A Fords, collecting coins and stamps, and picking huckleberries. He loved making huckleberry jam and giving it away to friends. He enjoyed catching, canning and smoking fish. An avid card player, Bob loved to play cribbage and pinochle.

Bob was preceded in death by his father, mother and brother.

He is survived by his wife, Vurnie and four daughters, Pat and Dave Steingruber of Olympia, Wash., Kathy and Bruce Callahan of Langley, Wash., Jean and Don Beckman of Lynden, Wash., and Karon and Greg Axtell of Carlsbad, N.M.; sister, Louise Montgomery, of Memphis, Tenn.; 11 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

He was deeply loved by his family.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 21, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Eureka, followed by graveside services at the Eureka Cemetery and a reception at the family home, 450 Glen Park Road.

Memorials can be made to Holy Cross Lutheran Church or a charity of your choice.

Kristi Schellinger, 55

On Tuesday, May 11, 2010, at 1:30 am, Kristi's two sons "passed her from their arms into the awaiting arms of angels."

A wonderful mother, sister, daughter and friend to all who knew her, Kristi spent her last days in the adoring presence of her boys who were the brightest light in her life.

Kristi was born in Glasgow on March 4, 1955, to Cliff and Polly Schellinger. She graduated from Whitefish High School in 1973. She worked as a secretary and real estate agent until Huntington's disease made work too difficult.

Kristi will be remembered as a beautiful and compassionate woman with a magnetic child-like spirit. Her nieces and nephews fondly remember sleepovers at "fun" aunt Kristi's where teeth didn't have to be brushed and dessert was served for breakfast. Her strawberry-pretzel-whipped cream salad counted as a fruit group and if you didn't want to take a bath, well that was fine too.

And while she showered her nieces and nephews with love and attention, no one held a softer spot in her heart than her two sons,



Dustin and Jesse. From the time they were born she cared for them as if they were the most precious gift, and even when those roles reversed as her illness set in and they cared for her, nothing could put a smile on her face like they could.

Kristi was preceded in death by her mother, Polly, and nephew, Brett.

She is survived by her sons, Dustin and Jesse, of Whitefish; father, Cliff, and Vernell Schellinger, of Eltopia, Wash.; sister, Shelley, and Pat Dolan, of Billings; and brothers, Al and Sandy, and Randy and Kathy Schellinger, both of Whitefish. She leaves behind two nieces and four nephews; many aunts, uncles, and cousins; and dearest friend, Donna Morris, who was by her side caring for her until the end.

Kristi will be missed by all who knew and loved her, but we can find peace knowing that she is finally free from her broken earthly body and free from pain and disease. Although we are not ready to let her go, we are comforted knowing that she is finally at rest.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Austin Funeral Home is assisting the family.

Donations can be made to the Huntington Disease Foundation, 3960 Broadway, 6th Floor, New York, NY 10032.

Leslie Wayne Schlegel, 59

Leslie Wayne Schlegel, 59, passed away of a heart attack Sept. 4, 2010, while doing what he loved, packing in the Bob Marshall Wilderness.



Les was born Oct. 25, 1950, in Kalispell to Louis William "Bill" and Carol Martha (Kahn) Schlegel. He was raised and attended school in Kalispell.

Les married Mary Jane Hagen on Aug. 22, 1969, at Central Bible Church in Kalispell. They raised their three children, Wayne, Karen, and Jerry, in West Valley. He served in the U.S. Navy on the USS Shields as a Petty Officer, an engine room mechanic from 1970 to 1972.

For Les' very first job, he would ride his bike from Kalispell to Bigfork to hay with his Uncle Don Evenson; subsequent jobs included working at a service station, Bob Ewings Furniture, road construction with Fred King, service in the U.S. Navy, heavy construction, Flathead County, hauling logs for Phil Stevens, then independently hauling logs, gravel pit and eventually owner/operator of Les Schlegel Enterprises Inc., which serviced chip hauling, logging and heavy construction.

Les was very involved in community activities, including the West Valley Volunteer Fire and Rescue (34 years) as captain, assistant chief and battalion chief; West Valley Pee Wee Baseball and Flathead Valley All Stars coach (six years); and

4-H and FFA livestock sales. His hobbies and interests included hunting, fishing, horseback riding, boating, snowcatting, camping, fire department, family history, traveling and spending time with family and friends.

Survivors include wife, Mary J. (Hagen) Schlegel of 41 years; father, Louis "Bill" W. Schlegel; son, Wayne L. Schlegel and wife, Denise of Kalispell; daughter, Karen M. Graham and husband, Scott of Star, Idaho; son, Jerry A. Schlegel of Somers and Tanya; brothers, Ronnie and Vickie, Mike and Julainne, and Mark of Kalispell; sister, Sandy and Jeff of Lawrenceburg, Ind.; grandchildren, Casey of Marysville, Wash., Shelby and Royce of Kalispell, Marlie and Ashlyn of Star, Idaho, and Joel and Kobe of Somers; and great-grandson, Reiley of Kalispell; as well as numerous brothers- and sisters-in-law, aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Les was preceded in death by his mother, Carol Martha (Kahn) Schlegel; mother-in-law, LeVerna Hagen; grandmothers, Lillian Evenson Atteberry and Gladys Mae Markham Schlegel; and grandfathers, Clarence Atteberry, George Kahn Sr. and Louis M. Schlegel.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today, Sept. 8, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. The funeral will take place at 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 9, at Northridge Lutheran Church, with burial to follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to West Valley Fire and Rescue.

There will be extra park-

ing at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, with shuttle service to the church. Friends may visit the website at www.buffalohillfh.com to leave notes of condolence for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Sandra Kay (Milne) Schloss, 71

Sandra Kay (Milne) Schloss, 71, of Orofino, Idaho, "was called home by God" on Oct. 2, 2010, after a lengthy and courageous battle against the ravaging effects of scleroderma, surrounded by her loving family and friends.



Sandy was born Jan. 24, 1939, to Allan and Wanda Milne in Kalispell. She was raised in nearby Somers at the upper end of Flathead Lake and attended schools in both communities.

She completed two years at the University of Montana in Missoula.

Sandy married Donald Jenni of Bozeman, and had four children — two sons and two daughters. The marriage ended in divorce.

She was later remarried to the true love of her life, Bob Schloss, of Orofino, in 1975. They would remain inseparable and committed to each other for the next 35 years, spending 18 of those years in Silver City, N.M., before returning to Orofino in 1996 to build her "forever" house.

Sandy had worked extensively in the medical field as front office coordinator for numerous doctors and as a dental assistant for 15 years in New Mexico. Since her return to Orofino, her interests centered around assisting in the manage-

ment of a very fine local physical therapy clinic. Her extensive knowledge and familiarization with medical terminology and procedures lead to a home after-hours transcription service with doctors in lucrative practices back east, up to just before her death. She truly enjoyed her work and always considered her activities as challenging and educational.

Sandy was a devoted mother to her four children (and any other child in the vicinity) and managed to nurture her flock while holding down full time jobs. Her homes were immaculate and no one was treated as a stranger; all were welcome.

She loved to play her piano, and if you listened, you could hear the beautiful music as she practiced for church services every Sunday. She was a truly extraordinary person who willingly gave and shared with others.

Sandy loved her family, the many dogs in her life (all were thought of as "puppies," even at age 15), her hummingbirds, gardening and roses, her music, nearly all wild critters, just about everyone she ever met, and her morning cup of coffee. Above all, she loved her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

All who have known this special woman have been truly blessed. There will be a hole in our lives.

"Rest well, our beloved."

Sandy was preceded in death by an older baby sister, Heather; and both parents, Allan and Wanda Milne.

She is survived by her devoted husband, Bob; younger sister, Sharon; her two sons, Michael and Jeffrey; daughters, Kandace and Heather; seven grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. She also leaves behind a true puppy named "Bugs."

By request, cremation has taken place.

Donations may be made to her special little house of worship, Wells Bench Community Church, 1850 Crow Bench Road, Orofino, ID 83544.

A celebration of life will be held on Sandy's birthday, Jan. 24, at Pine Hills Funeral Chapel, Orofino.

Pine Hills Funeral Chapel & Crematory is in care of arrangements.

Kenneth C. Schmidt Sr., 79

Kenneth C. Schmidt Sr., 79, died Tuesday, Dec. 21, 2010, at his residence in Libby.

Survivors include his wife, Joan Schmidt of Libby; children, Ken Schmidt Jr., and Cynthia Haines, both of Libby,

and Melissa Williams of Auburn, Wash.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 28, at the VFW in Libby.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home of Libby.

Betty Benware Scholz, 69

Betty Benware Scholz, 69, "met Christ" on Sept. 25, 2010, after a courageous battle with cancer.

She was born June 23, 1941, to Newton and Cornelia Thayer in South Dakota.

She met Harold Scholz in 1980.

Betty loved reading romance novels. She collected and made dolls. She especially loved all her grandchildren and being with family.

Betty had the biggest heart and always did for everyone, and never expected anything



for herself.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her son, Mark; and several sisters.

Betty is survived by her husband of 30 years, Harold Scholz; her children, Gordon Jr., Jeannie, Mike and Julie, Bob and Deahn, Tom, Scott, Jennifer, Eric and Christy, and Daniel and Tammy; her sisters, Ann Wharton, Toyne and Fred Wassberg, Marie and Dennis Duxbury, Vicky and Bruce Sanders, and Kathy and Lonnie Persons; 19 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at noon today, Sept. 28, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, 1890 U.S. 93 N., Kalispell (across from the Blue Cow).

Wilma Jean Schreckendgust, 86

Our mother "went to be with the Lord and our father" Saturday, July 31, 2010.

She was born Oct. 20, 1924, to Alta and Max Levisay in Havre. She went to school in Havre and was raised by Alta and Chester Collier.

Wilma Jean married Bob Reum in 1944, and together they had two sons, Jack and Jerry. They divorced in 1955 and she moved to the Flathead, where she met and married John Schreckendgust in 1958. They had two children together, John and Julie.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Maxine Ruth Levisay, in 1928; mother, Alta Collier; father, Max Levisay; stepfather, Chester Collier; and her beloved hus-

band, John Schreckendgust, in 1992.

She is survived by her daughter, Julie Balch and her husband, Eric of Columbia Falls; sons, Jerry Reum and his wife, Sherrie of Hopkins, S.C., Jack Reum of Grand Forks, Neb., John Schreckendgust IV and his wife, Pam of Toole, Utah; grandchildren, Andrea Vaa, Richard Vaa, Diana Balch, Tammy Reum, Rob Reum, and John Schreckendgust V; seven great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

A life celebration will be held at a later date when the entire family can be together. The family will hike to a favorite location to spread the ashes of both John and Jean.

Earl Laurence Schulke, 89

Earl Laurence Schulke, 89, died Jan. 13, 2010, at St. John Lutheran Hospital in Libby.

Survivors include his wife, Bonnie Schulke, of Libby; daughters, Nancy Schulke and Susan Eklen-

felt; son, Jerry Schulke; and eight stepchildren.

Services will take place in the summer of 2010.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg and Nelson Funeral Home in Libby.

August F. 'Buster' Schonberger, 90

August F. "Buster" Schonberger, 90, passed away Thursday, Oct. 14, 2010, at the Columbia Falls Veterans Home.



Buster was born Oct. 10, 1920, on the Jules Wenger Ranch in Jackson. He was the third of 12 children born to Fritz and Marguerite (Wenger) Schonberger.

At the age of 13 he left home to work as a ranch hand; at age 21 he enlisted in the 1st Cavalry Division of the Army during World War II. He served in the Philippines, and helped to liberate a large prison in Manila that held nearly 4,000 prisoners, most of whom were Americans. He was decorated with the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Good Conduct Medal and various campaign medals.

When he got out of the service, he went to work for the local ranchers in the Big Hole area for \$45 a month. He loved the rodeo life and rode bareback and saddle broncs before and after going in the service and, as he said, "He was a pretty darned good hand." He quit riding broncs in 1956.

He also enjoyed hunting and fishing. He started mining when he was 26. He mined seven years in Butte, and then worked at various mines ranging from the Arctic Circle to Arizona, even mining several years in the Flathead mines.

In 2003, at a ceremony for World War II veterans, Buster received his honorary high school diploma. The family would lovingly tease him that most of his grandchildren graduated from high school before he did.

Buster resided at the Columbia Falls Veterans Home for the past several years. He enjoyed living there, walking around the grounds, watching the river roll by, and seeing the roses that grew under his window. He enjoyed the friendship of all the staff and all their teasing and loving kindness. They were so wonderful, especially in his last days. "Thank you."

He celebrated his 90th birthday surrounded by his family and friends. He made this a goal, to get to 90, and have his birthday party. "Then he went home to be with the Lord and his loved ones that preceded him."

He is survived by his daughter, Susan Krauss, and husband Roger, of Kalispell, and their sons, Shawn and Justin; his daughter, Verna Ivory, and husband Gary, and their daughters, Allicia Harold and husband Rob, Melissa Weckworth, Lisa Diaz and husband Joel, and Danielle Tidwell; and five great-grandchildren. Buster is also survived by five sisters, Helen Barringer of Hamilton, Wash., Martha Taylor and husband Corky of Wenatchee, Wash., Yvonne Tuss and husband Toni of Lewistown, Paula Olsen of Chewelah, Wash., and Shirley Marvin and her husband Charles of Kalispell. He is also survived by dozens of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Buster will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, Oct. 18, at the Easthaven Baptist Church, 2010 Whitefish Stage Road, Kalispell, with military honors to follow services at the church.

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

Lala I. Schultz, 70

Lala I. Schultz, 70, of Coram, died Jan. 25, 2010, of lung disease.

She is survived by her children, Robert L. Sherman, William E. Sherman, Harold D. Sherman, Laura J. Sherman, Barbara A. Sherman, Paul R.

Sherman and James W. Boyd.

She had been a bartender for Stoners Inn.

A private family service will be held in the spring.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is assisting the family.

Robert Louis Schultz, 70

Robert Louis Schultz passed away Sept. 10, 2010, at Colonial Manor of Whitefish.

Robert was born Nov. 17, 1939, in Hot Springs, S.D., to Louie and Edna Schultz.

Known to his classmates as "Dakota Kid" or "Handsome," Robert was raised in Custer, S.D., where he attended school for 11 years. He graduated from high school in Troy in 1958.

After graduation, Robert took up employment at W.R. Grace before joining the Navy in 1961. Robert served in the Navy as an engineman through the Vietnam War. He returned to Kalispell after the war in 1966, where he lived until he passed.

Robert brought joy and laughter to the lives of many and enjoyed associating with everyone around him. He enjoyed leatherwork, walking, music, dancing, traveling and genuinely enjoyed being with his family and friends. He was known as a generous man and a friend to many. Robert was notorious for brightening the days of all around him with gifts and flowers.

Robert was preceded in death by his infant brother,



Richard; stepfather, Mervin Amick; father, Louis Schultz; mother, Edna Amick; and brother-in-law, Gary Ayars.

Robert is survived by brothers, Donald Schultz and Loraine of Kalispell, Francis Schultz of Castle Rock, Wash., James Schultz of Kalispell, Mervin Amick of Denver, and Walter Amick of Butte; sisters, Sharon Ayers of Riverton, Wyo., Mary Nelson and Dennis of Snohomish, Wash., Carol Amick of Kalispell, and Cecilia Thomason and Dick of Ironwood, Mich.; an uncle, Delbert Knight, of Iowa; as well as numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Special thanks goes to niece Tashya Evans for being such a special friend and loving caregiver to Bob.

Visitation was held on Sept. 14. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. today, Sept. 15, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory, with burial to follow at C.E. Conrad Cemetery.

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

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

Doris Ziegler Schumm, 72

Doris Ziegler Schumm passed away on Nov. 28, 2009. Doris' philosophy of life was to experience it to the



utmost. Her sense of adventure, compassion for others and tireless energy defined her.

She was born in Indianapolis and grew up there with her sister and three brothers. The family spent their summers at Walloon Lake in Michigan, where Doris spent most of her waking hours in the water, either swimming or navigating her Sunfish sailboat. Her enthusiasm was on proud display as a Lawrence High School cheerleader.

She attended Hanover College, continued on as a cheerleader, joined the Phi Mu sorority, and met and married Jerry Schumm. Upon his completion of law school, they relocated to Seattle for 17 years, having two children, Steve and Surrey. This phase of Doris' adventure was dedicated to nurturing her kids and supporting their ambitions to the fullest. She did, however, find time to learn to play tennis, which became one of her lifelong passions.

In 1973, the family moved to Whitefish. Doris was a force in the burgeoning tennis scene in the valley, organizing and winning many a tournament. Having boundless energy, she was also a horse jumper, skier, water skier (sometimes in a prom dress...), high school tennis coach, mountain biker, hiker, kayaker and rollerblader, to name a just a few of her activities.

She was also a huge supporter of the community and

donated much of her time and energy for causes dear to her heart, such as the Whitefish Community Foundation, the Whitefish Food Bank, the Whitefish Library and the Whitefish Theatre Co.

Later in her life she became quite a world traveler, having visited every continent. Her travels were many times with her siblings and children and included such adventures as exploring the Galapagos Islands, trekking in Peru, floating the Nile and, two years ago, a dip into the icy waters of Antarctica. Doris spent the last 10 winters on Maui, where she loved kayaking, swimming and snorkeling. Her zest for life was a thing of wonder.

When in Whitefish she began most every morning at the Buffalo Cafe with her "Coffee Boys," making sure they tipped adequately and otherwise behaved themselves, not always successfully!

Doris' generosity of spirit and open heart touched all she came into contact with. She had a long, long list of close friends and family all over the world. Doris was always up for an adventure and the ultimate partner in fun. Doris will be missed dearly by us all but lives on in each adventure we embark upon, hand that we lend and heartfelt laugh that we share.

There will be a luau celebration to reminisce about Doris' life from 4 to 7 p.m. June 26 at the Stumptown Ice Den. It is open to any and all who knew and loved Doris.

In lieu of flowers, please honor Doris' memory through the Whitefish Community Foundation, The Whitefish Library, The Whitefish Theatre Co. or the Whitefish Food Bank.

Loretta 'Marty' (Martin) Schwalk, 68

Loretta "Marty" (Martin) Schwalk, 68, of Columbia Falls passed away Dec. 19, 2010, from cancer.



She was born May 6, 1942, in Streeter, N.D., to Gilbert and Caroline Martin.

Loretta was raised on the family farm with her three brothers Melvin, Eugene and Kenneth. After graduating from high school in 1960, Loretta worked as a nurse's aide in Jamestown, N.D.

In 1961 Loretta married James Schwalk in Streeter, N.D. In 1969 they moved to Montana. Loretta would spend most of her life as a homemaker and mother, raising their three children, Rory, Ronna and Renae. After their children were grown, she worked as an inventory clerk at Semitool. Loretta enjoyed camping, fishing, flower arranging, canning,

quilting, snowbirding in Yuma and "happy hour" with family and friends.

Loretta was preceded in death by her parents, her three brothers, and her daughter-in-law.

She is survived by her husband of 49 years, James; their children, Rory and Janet Schwalk, Ronna Schwalk, and Renae and Jeff Iverson; and grandchildren Alicia, Danielle, Ian, Joshua and Kayla.

There will be no service per Loretta's wishes. A celebration of Loretta's life will be held May 7, 2011.

In lieu of flowers, Loretta's wishes were that donations be made to either of the following: The Montana Hope Project, P.O. Box 5927, Helena, MT 59604; or Shriner's Children's Hospital, 911 W. Fifth Ave., Spokane, WA 99204.

To send a message of condolence to the family, please go to www.buffalohillfh.com.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Frank Edwin 'Ed' Scott, 59

Frank Edwin "Ed" Scott, of Pablo, passed away Aug. 21, 2010, at St. Mary's Medical Center, in Evansville, Ind., after a courageous fight with cancer.



Ed was born July 23, 1951, to Clayton Scott and Doris Scott of Pablo, where he grew up. He graduated from Ronan High School in 1971.

Ed worked for Curtis and Curtis Construction Company in Bigfork, where he met and married Theyry Curtis, and had two daughters; they later divorced. He later married Marie Johns and had one son.

Ed worked for Plum Creek Lumber Company for over 30 years. He retired from Plum Creek about 2001 due to

health issues. He loved hunting and fishing and loved telling stories.

Ed was preceded in death by his father, Clayton Scott.

Ed is survived by his daughters, Silvia Rai and Chuck Webb of Ronan, and Amy and Drew Miller of Evansville; his son, Tucker Scott, of Bigfork; his mother Doris Scott, sister Nancy and Henry Pieper, and brother Clay Scott, all of Pablo, a brother, Jay, and Chris Scott, of Kalispell; four grandchildren, TJ Webb, and Erykah Hoffman of Montana, and Aaron and Jacob Gorman of Indiana; and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial and celebration of life for Ed will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 28, at the First Baptist Church of Bigfork, located at 6933 Highway 35, about 3 miles north of Bigfork.

Susan Nancy Schwarz, 78

Susan Nancy Schwarz died Sunday, March 21, 2010, at age 78, at home, in her "Zen" room, with family at her side. She was born Oct. 23, 1931, in Manhattan, N.Y., and then lived in California and Montana; Whitefish was her home for 31 years.



Susan is survived by her husband of 42 years, Charles Milton Schwarz; and her eight children, David of Venice, Calif., Diana of Tucson, Ariz., Daniel and Jolene of Whitefish and Missoula, Derek and Barb of Bigfork, Duncan and Sally of Penn Valley and Rough and Ready, Calif., Suzie and Frosty of Victorville, Calif., Scott and Ruthie of Palmdale, Calif., and Glenn and Danette of Medford, Ore.

Susan had 19 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her sister-in-law, Nancy, and Bill, Mills; her dear friends, Anne S. Moran, Phyllis S. Shaw, Linda Kuhlmann Wells, Chyral Berney, William and Carolyn McKinney, and many other friends and co-workers too numerous to mention.

Susan was preceded in death by her adoptive parents, Hubert Charles and Ethel Carolyn Rausch; and her natural mother, Genevieve M. Guitard Davis.

Susan was an amazing, remarkable woman. She was a beloved spouse, mother and friend, lifelong learner and teacher, survivor, warrior,

mentor and angel.

Susan attended Immaculate Heart High School in Los Angeles, graduating in 1949, and then put herself through Los Angeles City College to achieve an Associate of Science degree in nursing (1964). She eventually earned her registered nurses degree, working as a nurse in California and Montana.

From 1982 to 1992, she was employed at Big Mountain as a ski school instructor, obtaining her Level 2 Certification. In addition, Susan was a United States Forest Service skiing volunteer. She worked from 1992 to 2007 at the Violence Free Crisis Line/Flathead Justice Center, as a victim witness advocate.

In May 2001 Susan was honored by the Attorney General of Montana, Mike McGrath, for "providing outstanding assistance and advocacy for victims of crime."

Her end of life care was managed by Home Options Hospice and Agape Home Care; the Agape In-home Care givers were also three amazing, remarkable women: Jeri, Wanda and Tiffany.

A memorial gathering for local friends and family will be held from 2 to 6 p.m. this Saturday, March 27, at her home (665 Haskill Basin Road) in Whitefish. Another gathering will be scheduled for summer 2010.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to Home Options Hospice at 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Austin Funeral Home is assisting the family.

David Wayne Seaman, 62

David Wayne Seaman, 62, died March 14, 2010, at the Vancouver VA Medical Center in Vancouver, Wash. He was born Oct. 18, 1947, in Havre, to George and Esther Seaman, the seventh sibling of 10 in his family. He grew up in Havre and attended grade school there. In his high school years he was proud of his football and boxing accomplishments.



David enlisted in the U.S. Army and served for two years. In 1966 he was assigned to the 3rd Infantry Division in Germany as a tank driver. In 1967 he volunteered for service in Vietnam and was a construction/machine operator in a combat zone. He was awarded a National Defense Service Medal, a Vietnam Service Medal, a Good Conduct Medal, and Sharp Shooter Medal.

Ten years later in 1977 and 1978 he served in the Air National Guard in Oregon as an airman 1st class. He was proud to have served his country and remained patriotic throughout his life. He was a lifetime member of the VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars) and the American Legion.

David was married to Helen Janel Major and they lived in Portland. Together they had one daughter, Paula Rae Seaman. He remarried Dianna (Colvig) Wolff and they lived in Portland. Later he married PuCha (Kim) Park and they lived in Aloha, Ore.

The majority of his work years were in Portland at Columbia Steel Mills as a molder and on the Willamette River as a longshoreman. He also

owned and operated a ceramic business, Imagination Gallery. David learned how to work hard in his early years and maintained a strong work ethic all his life.

David held the utmost respect and love for his entire family; they were his joy, and he made it a priority to stay connected. He was interested in global politics and economics and he shared his views with family and friends.

He was proud of his own baptism in 1995 and was devoted to the study of God's Holy Word and was passionate about sharing God's promises with others. After being diagnosed with cancer he participated as a Disabled American Veteran in a scientific medical research program in an effort to help others. He was a warrior at fighting cancer for over five years. David will be remembered as a loving husband and father and a "hero" to his family.

David is survived by his wife, PuCha Seaman, of Aloha; daughter, Paula Seaman of Portland; and his sisters and brothers, Luella McCabe of Ridgefield, Wash., Vernon Seaman and Donald Seaman of Kalispell, Betty Ann Leap of Tacoma, Wash., Vicki Niederegger of Chinook, Janet Knauss of Libby, and Paul Seaman of Renton, Wash.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Margaret Black, in 1977; his father, George Seaman, in 1989, his mother, Esther (Runnion) Seaman, in 2008; and his sister, Diana Enloe in 2010.

At David's request, cremation has taken place. The family has plans for a memorial graveside service on June 26 at the C.E. Conrad Cemetery in Kalispell. Cards and letters of condolence can be mailed to 2222 S.W. Spring Garden Street, Apt. No.107, Portland, OR 97219.

Amy Grace Kalani Searles, 26

Amy Grace Kalani Searles died on July 19, 2010, near East Glacier as the result of an auto accident. She was born at home on Dec. 4, 1983, in Eureka to John Searles and Nancy Allan. Amy Grace lived in Eureka during her younger years, then moved to Whitefish where she graduated from Whitefish High School in 2002.



She was very creative and enjoyed jewelry making, pottery and painting. She also loved dancing, hiking, biking, skiing and her job at Glacier Park for the past two summers.

Amy Grace is survived by her loving mother, Nancy Allan, and her father, John Searles, of Prescott, Ariz.; stepfather, Kyle Ortman, of Whitefish sister, Vaira

Allan, and brother-in-law, Carl Beery, of Seattle; brothers, Kasey Ortman and Nikolas Ortman of Whitefish, brothers, Jasper, Joshua and Forrest Searles of Phoenix; sister, Aneecia, and brother, Doowee Searles, of Prescott; grandmother, Ruth Allan, of Vancouver, British Columbia; grandparents, John and Linda Ortman, of West Yellowstone; and numerous, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

She was preceded in death by her grandfather, Jim Allan, and grandparents, Gene and Nancy Searles.

A celebration of her life will be held at 1 p.m. on Monday, July 26, at the Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish. A potluck will follow at 3 p.m. at the Saddle Club in Whitefish.

Contributions may be made to Violence Free Crisis Line.

Arrangements by Austin Funeral Home.

Blanche Seccombe, 108

Blanche Seccombe, Bigfork's oldest citizen, passed away peacefully on May 28, 2010, at the age of 108. She was born in Highland, Calif., on Nov. 17, 1901.



Blanche kept active with her crafts and was still able to do seed beadwork until just a year ago.

Preceding her in death was her husband, Lyle, and her eldest daughter, Peggy Miller.

Her survivors include daughter, Mary Lou Schmidt, of Bigfork; son and daughter-in-law, Bill and Bernie Seccombe, of Grants Pass, Ore.; daughter and son-in-law, Evelyn and Bill Dahlin of Woods Bay; and son and daughter-in-law, Bob and Ruth Seccombe, of Woods Bay. In addition, Blanche is survived by 21 grandchildren, 54 great-grandchildren and 40 great-great-grandchildren.

A celebration of Blanche's life will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 8, at Lakeview Care Center.

James A. Seek, 79

James A. Seek, 79, passed away on Thursday, Aug. 12, 2010, at his home in Kalispell.



James was born on Feb. 27, 1931, in Kalispell, to Cecil M. and Helen (Koford) Seek. He was raised in Kalispell, graduating from Flathead County High School in 1951.

James married Veronica Stuber on Sept. 13, 1985, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

He was very proud of having helped build the Hungry Horse Dam. James worked for the U.S. Forest Service doing many jobs; he retired

after 26 years of service.

He was a member of the Kalispell Lions Club. James loved hunting and fishing.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Cecil and Helen Seek; and one brother, Darrel Seek.

He is survived by his wife, Veronica; sons, Forrest and Candy Seek, Wade and Jeanette Seek, and Ryan Seek; and a daughter, Sharmayne Colbert; two grandsons, Carsen and Colton Colbert; and his sister, Phyllis, and Roy Caldwell.

Private family services are being held at a later date.

You are invited to go to www.buffalohillfh.com to sign his book, or leave a message for the family.

Allard 'Al' Loraine Seelye, 90

Allard "Al" Loraine Seelye, 90, passed away on Friday, July 16, 2010, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell. He



was born on Feb. 28, 1920, in Watford City, N.D., to George Eugene and May Oretta (Johnson) Seelye, in the old hotel where his grandmother ran a maternity home.

Al had three brothers, Dale, Donald and Jack. In 1929 his folks moved to the Dixon farm near Tioga, N.D., and he went to school there, graduating in 1938. He later wrote a book called, "The Dixon Farm," to document and share the exciting experiences he had growing up there.

Al later went to San Diego and worked two years to the day, helping build B24 airplanes at Consolidated Aircraft Co., during World War II. Then the Navy caught up with him and he attended boot camp in Farragut, Idaho, followed by two years in the world's largest ammunition depot at Hawthorne, Nev.

This is where he met Doris Barlow and they dated for one year before he went overseas. Al was stationed in the Philippines aboard ship for one year and following his discharge from the Navy, he and Doris were married June 9, 1946, in Hawthorne.

The couple moved to Seattle where Al took a two-and-a-half year course in electronics at Edison VoTech. Al then worked for Gambles in Kalispell doing their electrical repair work. He later

worked for the Montana State Highway Department as their two-way radio man until his retirement; and he enjoyed every day of it.

Following retirement, Al and his fishing buddy, Hank Dawson, fished all the rivers and lakes in the Flathead. He also started playing the fiddle and was a member of the Fiddling Friends, often accompanied by his wife, Doris, on her guitar.

Al was a faithful member of the Central Bible Church in Kalispell and, as one of the workmen when the original facility was built, often claimed he pounded in almost every nail in the building.

They have enjoyed many years of camping and fishing, traveling south in the winters, and fiddling for local nursing homes.

Al was preceded in death by his parents, and all three brothers.

He is survived by his wife, Doris, of Kalispell; two daughters, Sharon Skillman and husband, John, of Lustre, and Melody Nickel and husband, Dan, of Limerick, Ireland; one son, Tim Seelye, and wife, Melodee, of Kalispell; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for Al will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, July 22, at Central Bible Church with Pastor Ron Youde officiating. Burial will precede the services at the church and will be at 10 a.m. at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

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

Following a long and painful battle, Carl A. Seifert, 72, of Polson, passed away peacefully on Oct. 19, 2010, at St. Joseph



Medical Center in Polson, surrounded by his family.

Carl was born to Albert H. and Betty Seifert on July 2, 1938, in Polson. He was raised on a combination farm and cattle ranch in Eli Gap and Reservoir Valley. He always believed that was where he got his education in life. He attended grade school in Reservoir Valley south of Pablo Reservoir, and later graduated from Polson High School.

He married Peggy Long in 1955.

After graduation he spent the rest of his life in Polson in various businesses. He purchased a Union Oil service station and bulk distributorship shortly after graduation, later adding a large tire shop and general garage, and small engine repair, which he operated until 1972.

Carl and Peggy purchased a farm/ranch combination in 1967 northwest of Polson, located near Sunny Slope Hill west of town where they raised hay, grain and registered Hereford cattle.

In June of 1973 he purchased the Polson Ready Mix, expanding that business to include concrete work and general construction until 1984, while continuing to live at the ranch. They moved to town in 1990 after selling the ranch and Carl began selling real estate. A short time later he became broker-owner of Mission Mountain Realty and sold real estate until his death.

Over the years he took pride in keeping his ranch immaculate, raising registered horned Herefords, raising and training registered Chesapeake dogs, and providing or creating jobs for many.

In the fall of 1972, he was elected Montana state representative from Lake County and served in that capacity until 1984. Among his many legislative accomplishments was the introduction of a House resolution to fund a study of the Flathead Lake region, which later resulted in the creation of the Flathead Basin Commission.

Carl's life philosophy was centered on a strong work ethic.

Carl enjoyed spending time with friends and family — especially at their cabin

with L.M. Benson on pack trips in the Bob Marshall, float trips in the Bob Marshall, and fishing trips to the coast with family and friends. He enjoyed traveling with friends to world destinations, being Santa's helper for many years, and most recently playing game warden and hunting elk on a good friend's ranch near Drummond.

He was a member of the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church since 1959, a member of the Masonic Lodge and was a master Mason for 50 years, a honorary life member of the Royal Arch Masons, a member of the Jesters of Montana, a 50-year member of the Bagdad Shrine Temple and past president of the Salish Shrine Club, a member of Polson Elks Lodge No. 1965 for 53 years, and served seven years in the Montana National Guard, attaining the rank of battalion motor pool sergeant for the 639th field artillery division.

Carl was preceded in death by his father and mother, A. and Betty Seifert; and three sisters, Barbara, Bonita and Mary, who died at a young age.

He is survived by his wife, Peggy, of Polson; sisters, Joan and Howard Andersen of Polson, Gloria and Jim Crawford of Moses Lake, Wash., and Kathleen Hartsoch and Dave Kesting of Polson; children, Ilene and Steve Hamilton of Bothell, Wash., Keith and Jeanne Seifert of Glendive, Noreen and Jim Jackson of Polson, and Scott and Ivy Seifert of Missoula; 13 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; along with all of his friends. He was a beloved father figure to many, including Lee Draughan and Michael Ross, whom he helped raise for a short time.

Visitation for friends and family will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 24, at the Grogan Funeral Home, Polson. Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 25, at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Polson. Interment will take place at Lakeview Cemetery, Polson, followed by a reception at the Polson Elks Club.

Memorials may be made to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church building fund, or to the Salish Shrine club.

Messages of condolence and remembrances of Carl are encouraged and may be left with the family online by visiting www.groganfuneralhome.com. The staff of Grogan Funeral Home, Polson, considers it a privilege to

Daryl Gene Sempf, 56

Daryl Gene Sempf, 56, died Monday, July 5, 2010, at his residence in Kila. He was born April 28, 1954, in Kalispell, to Donald and Dolores Sempf.

He attended many schools and graduated from Medford High School in Oregon in 1972. After graduation he returned to the Flathead Valley, where he attended Flathead Valley Community College.

Daryl began employment for Columbia Falls Anaconda Aluminum Company in 1973, where he continued to work for 20 some years.

In his earlier years he enjoyed summers at Elk Horn Lodge in Swan Lake with his grandfather, Fred Sempf, now deceased. Throughout his life he enjoyed many outdoor activities and working on cars. Daryl was also a caretaker to his grandfather, great-aunt and mother.



Survivors include a daughter, Carey Sempf, two grandchildren, Leanna Bailey and Joseph Eckelbarger, and one

great-grandchild, Mallarie Parker, all of Chatsworth, Ga.; sisters, Deborah Starin of Las Vegas, and Denise Miller, one nephew and two nieces, of Virginia Beach, Va.

A graveside service for Daryl will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, July 23, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. All friends and family are invited to attend.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Daryl's family.

You are invited to go to www.jgfuneralhome.com to offer condolences and sign Daryl's guest-book.

Vaughn Shafer, 85

Vaughn Shafer, 85, "mayor" of Hungry Horse, died Sunday, June 6, 2010, in the arms of his beloved son Ron, and daughter Jan, at his home in Hungry Horse. Vaughn was born Aug. 21, 1924, in Downsville, Wis.



Vaughn worked at the Aluminum Plant for 20 years and developed lifelong friendships with his "buddies."

In 1982, Vaughn and Irene bought the Hungry Horse Corral, and for 29 years they entertained family, friends and tourists.

Vaughn was preceded in death by his wife of 63 years, Irene.

He is survived by sons, Terry and Judy of Hungry Horse, Ron of Columbia Falls, Mark and Sharon of Whitefish, and Craig of Hungry Horse; and daughter, Jan, of Lakeside; grandchildren, Todd Shafer, Toni and James Nanini, Ben and Amanda Shafer, Siara and Chuck Jay, Kyla Shafer, Cydney Sergeant and Jeff Shafer; special nephew, Louis, and Mary Kentros; and one great-granddaughter, Aspen Shafer, the light of his life.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, June 19, at Canyon Baptist Church in Hungry Horse, with a potluck following.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Canyon Baptist Church or Canyon Elementary School.

After graduating from high school, Vaughn played semi-pro baseball with Andy Pathco. Andy was "drafted into the majors and Vaughn was drafted into the Navy," as Vaughn said. He received his medical discharge and married the first pretty woman he saw when he got off the boat, Irene Karnes.

In 1963, Vaughn and Irene loaded up the station wagon with the family and moved from Milwaukee to Hungry Horse.

Vaughn was an avid sports fan, from local teams to his "Cubbies" and "Packers." He rarely missed a game, even if he had to listen to it on the radio, "cussing out" the poor reception in the Canyon.

Robert Lee Sevier, 81

Robert Lee Sevier, 81, passed away Friday Sept. 3, 2010, at the Montana Veterans Home



in Columbia Falls after a lengthy battle with Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma.

He was born to Herbert Eugene Sevier and Grace (Jane) Muir-Sevier in Windham on Aug. 19, 1929, the youngest of eight children. The family moved to Kalispell in 1934.

He graduated from Flathead County High School in 1949. He then joined the U.S. Navy and spent two years on board the U.S.S. Frontier in Japan during the Korean War. After being honorably discharged, he returned to Kalispell.

Bob married Shirley Main and they had two children, Robi and Ron. They later divorced and Bob married Wanda Ward on Nov. 25, 1967.

Bob worked construction during the building of Hungry Horse Dam. He joined the Kalispell Police Department in 1956, rising in the ranks from Patrolman to Detective and retired in 1976 as Assistant Chief. He also attended the FBI Academy at the Justice Building in Washington, D.C. After retiring from the police department, he went to work in security at Glacier International Airport for 17 years.

He also worked for Garrett and Consolidated Freight Lines. Bob learned to fly and became a licensed pilot flying Piper Cubs in the area. He was an avid sportsman, enjoying hunting, fishing and camping.

Every fall he and Wanda made a trip to Canada, fishing, along with friends. They later purchased a motorhome and became "snow birds," going to Arizona for the winter. They later sold the motorhome and bought a park model home in Quartzsite, Ariz. They made many new friends along the way.

He is survived by his wife, Wanda; his daughter, Robi and husband Greg McCue, of Missoula; his son, Ron Sevier of Spokane; grandsons, Ryan and wife, Henriette Vickhammer of Missoula, and David and Blaine McCue of Missoula; brothers, Gene Sevier of Polson and William Sevier of Lewiston, Idaho; sister, Mary Mints of San Jose, Calif.; and sister-in-law, Patty Sevier of Kalispell.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents; his brothers, Jack and Parker Sevier; and sisters, Alice Lamach and Hazel Swanson.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 16, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. The family will have a private burial at a later date.

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

Jean Isobel Shaw

Jean Isobel Shaw, a long-time resident of the Kalispell area, died Saturday, Feb. 27, 2010, at the Village Health-care Center of Missoula.



Born in 1928 in Sorrento, B.C., to Herbert "Bert" and Sadie Anderson, Jean was raised tending a lakeside apple orchard and grew to love all living things. Bert's father was a physician in Dundee, Scotland, but Bert felt there were opportunities in Canada and immigrated around 1910, where he met Sadie Forbes a year or two later. When the Great War arrived and Canada entered on the side of Britain, Bert volunteered to drive an ambulance on the front lines and served until the Armistice. Sadie's family had farmed the lands of central Canada for a hundred years, so after Bert was decommissioned and returned to Canada with damaged lungs, it seemed right that they should move to British Columbia to tend apple trees and start a family.

Jean was born into these twin traditions of farming and medicine, but too soon she and Bert lost Sadie to illness. Sadie's sister Mary then came into their lives becoming Bert's wife and Jean's Mother. While in school, Jean excelled in biology and received a Certificate in Nursing Education from Royal Inland Hospital,

Kamloops, B.C., in 1951. She had a lifelong love of gardening and tending to the sick and hurt, with a special touch with both her roses and the premature babies born into her care.

Soon after becoming a nurse, Jean met a young, brooding cowboy named Jim Shaw, who was up from Wyoming scouting ranch investments with his father. They were soon married, and with a new life in the United States, Jean set to nursing humans and horses and raising a family in Lander, Wyo. After the first two sons were born and a third on the way, Jim and Jean moved to Montana and eventually settled in Kalispell, where Jim established a private practice as a land surveyor and Jean resumed her work as a nurse. She came to hold a great respect for the medical profession of the Flathead Valley. She taught tolerance, understanding and the power of education. Her calm in crisis and her first-aid kit were especially important raising her three sons.

Jean was preceded in death by her husband Jim, whom she nursed for many years.

She is survived by her three children, James Scott Shaw of Missoula, William Ross Shaw of Idaho Falls, Idaho, and Duncan Stuart Shaw of Berthoud, Colo.; and her four grandchildren, Ross, Graham, Isobel and Rachel.

The family suggests memorials to the Glacier Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 1515 Trumble Creek Road, Kalispell; MT, 59901-6743.

Glenn Robert Sheldon, 57

Glenn Robert Sheldon was born March 23, 1953, and passed away Oct. 4, 2010, at his home in Hot Springs of natural causes.



Glenn loved to ride and laugh. He will be deeply missed by everyone who knew and loved him, especially his wife, Lynn of Hot Springs; mother, Lila of Kalispell; sisters, Barb and Larry Ailport, Betty Norman and friend, Bruce, and Jan Christensen; his chosen son, Scott and Cairie Renault; our precious grandkids, Camas and Joe; and also his many

cousins, nieces, nephews and in-laws.

He was preceded in death by his father, Claire; sister, Joanne; and nephew, Randy.

A potluck and celebration of Glenn's life will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30, at the Lonepine Hall in Lonepine.

Donations may be made to the Glenn Sheldon Memorial Fund at Clark Fork Shriners Club, P.O. Box 1000, Hot Springs Valley Bank, Hot Springs, MT 59845; or Rocky Mountain Elks, 5707 Grant Creek Rd., Missoula, MT 59808, Attention: Customer Service, Re: Glen Sheldon Memorial.

Arrangements entrusted to Sunset Hills Funeral Homes, Plains and Thompson Falls.

Frances 'Frankie' (Battenfield) Shea, 61

Frances "Frankie" L. (Battenfield) Shea passed away at her home in Tucson, Ariz., on Sept. 6, 2010.



Frankie was born in Prairie Grove, Ark., to Fred and Pearl Battenfield on June 8, 1929.

She married Donald J. Shea in Shelby on Oct. 3, 1948. Don and Frankie raised their four children in Shelby, until moving to Seattle in 1962. They remained in Seattle until 1993, then returned to Montana, settling in Kalispell and enjoying retirement together until Don passed in 1999 after 51 years of marriage.

In 2008, Frankie moved to Tucson living near her niece, Betty Davis, and hus-

band, Doug. In June of 2010 Frankie married Howard McClellan.

Frankie's focus in life was her family. She was a devoted wife and mother and a selfless care giver for her husband, Don, for the last two years of his life. Her boundless energy was evident in managing of home, finances and kids, working full time, yet embracing play and friends. Frankie's reputation for great meals is remembered by all who sat in her kitchen as was spirit, passion, and her love of family.

Frankie is survived by her husband, Howard; sons, Michael and Lorna, James, and Dan and Sue; daughter, Janet; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. today, Sept. 11 at Christ Community Church in Tucson.

Sharlene A. Shenefelt, 73

Sharlene A. Shenefelt, 73, of Eureka, died Thursday, June 24, 2010, at Mountain View Manor in Eureka, from natural causes.

Survivors include her children, Bill Lewis of Eureka, Deedee Voyles of Eureka, John Lewis of Shelby, Dale Shenefelt of

Kalispell, Darrel Shenefelt of Kalispell, Rob Shenefelt of Seattle, and Steve Shenefelt of Kalispell.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, June 30, at Tobacco Valley Cemetery in Eureka.

Local arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home.

Jo Sherlock, 79

Jo (Webb) Sherlock, 79, died of natural causes at the family home in Kalispell Nov. 22, 2010.

She was born in Beaver, Ohio, to Doc and May Webb, and grew up in Eureka. She graduated from Lincoln County High School in Eureka and went on to get a degree in real estate.

She was married to Ray Sherlock for 26 years.

Jo established the Ebronix Learning Center in Boise, Idaho, where college students tutored grade school students in reading and taught speed reading.

She was the first woman in sales in Montana for the Billings-based Rich Plan Co., selling freezers and frozen foods. She taught dance in Eureka and sold real estate and insurance.

She was a cook and owner of several restaurants. She and Ray owned and operated The Oasis, a truck stop with a restaurant, lounge, gas station and tow service near Dolan Springs, Ariz., for 11 years.

Jo and Ray moved back to Montana in 2000 to help run Whitefish Floral with their daughter, Ellen. Jo did design and bookkeeping for the business.

From 2001 to 2003, Ray, Jo and Ellen ran the Crawdad Cafe at Camp Tuffit near Proctor. Jo was head cook and manager of the restaurant.

Jo's hobbies included playing the organ and piano by ear, cooking, golf and playing cards.

She was preceded in death by her mother, May Webb; her father, Doc Webb; and her brother, Ted Webb.

She is survived by her husband, Raymond Sherlock; sons, Steve Reel of Kalispell, and Richard Sherlock of Phoenix; daughters, Ellen Barge of Newport, Ore., Kathy Longstreet of Nampa, Idaho, Cindy Martin of Las Vegas, Janis Lance of Grangeville, Idaho, and Judy Seyfert of Eagle, Idaho; sisters, Laura Sommers of Spokane, and Pal Johnson of Eureka; and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and grandnieces and nephews.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 27, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. There will be no visitation.

Cremation has taken place. Jo's ashes will be spread in the spring.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Kaythern K. Sherman, 89

Kaythern K. Sherman, 89, died Monday, April 5, 2010, at Evergreen Hot Springs Care Center in Hot Springs.

Survivors include her son, Richard Sherman of Marion.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 10, at the Pleasant Valley Kingdom Hall in Kalispell.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Libby.

Cindy Lee Shields-Koponen, 46

Cindy Lee Shields-Koponen, 46, "went to be with the Lord" on Nov. 13, 2010, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.



Cindy was born in Oroville, Calif., on Jan. 22, 1964, to Clinton and Alma (Albright) Shields. She moved to Montana at the age of 3.

Growing up, she enjoyed pestering her older sisters, skiing, camping and everything outdoors. She graduated from Whitefish High School in 1983.

She gave birth to her daughter, Christina Shields, in 1985. She married Kevin Koponen on July 26, 2008.

Cindy was a devoted wife, mother, daughter and sister. We all loved her very much and will miss her lots. She was looking forward to being a first-time grandma in March.

She loved spending time with her family and friends,

especially her daughter and husband. She also loved playing with her dog Milo and granddog Kodi.

Cindy is survived by her husband, Kevin Koponen; daughter, Christina Shields; her parents, Clinton and Alma Shields; and her sisters, Pam and husband Cliff Christensen, and Terri and husband Todd Downen, all of Kalispell. Her nephew, Michael Christensen, of Kalispell; niece, Amanda, and husband, Chris Burkhart, of Texas; and best friend, Jodie McIntyre, also survive her. She also leaves behind her pet "son" Milo and granddog Kodi; as well as, many adopted kids and friends.

Cindy's grandparents and her uncle Leland preceded her in death.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 19, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to an account at Park Side Federal Credit Union.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is assisting the family.

Joanne F. Dimes Jaqueth Shiflett, 75

Longtime Libby resident Joanne Shiflett, 75, died peacefully of natural causes at her residence on Dec. 4, 2010.

She is survived by her children, Dana Dimes of Corpus Christi, Texas, Dawn Wilson of Cuba, Mo., Danette Mickelson of Libby, and Dwight Dimes of Kalispell; her adopted daughter, Haddy Sillah

from Gambia, West Africa; and her stepchildren, Janie McNair of Libby, Lorrie Kier of Santa Monica, Calif., and Rick Jaqueth of Libby.

Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, at Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home, 422 W. Second St., Libby. A reception will follow the service at the Libby Ambulance Barn



Mona Ruth Shook, 85, of Eureka, died of natural causes Saturday, March 28, 2010, with family at her side,

at Kalispell Regional Medical Center. Mona was born March 25, 1925, to Esther Iverson and Joseph Woods in Hibbing, Minn.

The family moved to several Montana communities before settling in Browning, where Mona attended grade school. The family spent several winters as caretakers at Many Glacier, the memories of which were treasured by Mona the rest of her life. Her mother and grandmother were both seasonal cooks at Two Medicine, one of their diners being President Franklin D. Roosevelt, who complimented the fine cooking with a signed note. Mona, too, excelled in the family's tradition of cooking.

Mona attended high school at St. Matthew's in Kalispell before marrying husband Dick Davis in 1941. They resided in Browning and had two sons. Dick was killed in action following D-Day and buried in Luxemburg in 1945.

Following the war, Mona continued to reside in Browning, marrying Bill Show in 1946. They had one child before divorcing.

In 1949, Mona married Bob Shook of Cut Bank, where he worked for the oil refinery for over 30 years. The couple had two daughters.

Mona was a loving and devoted mother who focused her life on children and family. She balanced being a full-time mother of five while working first as a clerk at Cut Bank grocery stores, then at the liquor store where she made lifelong friends.

She enjoyed crocheting, playing bridge, listening to music and cooking for an appreciative family. Above all, she doted on and took immense pleasure from her children and grandchildren, planning their Christmas presents throughout the year.

Mona and Bob began their retirement plans in Eureka, where they bought a home on Glen Lake in 1984. Bob died shortly after, and Mona moved to Whitefish where she became re-acquainted with Ross Armstrong, a career railroader whom she first met in her school days.

She and Ross moved to Glen Lake in 1993, where

they have resided since. She appreciated her many friends made in the Tobacco Valley.

Mona was preceded in death by her three husbands; mother, Esther; stepfather, Fred Knowlton; son-in-law, Glenn Moran; and daughter-in-law, Julie Shook.

She is survived by her loving friend and companion of 20 years, Ross Armstrong, of Eureka; her five children, son, Rick Shook, and wife, Carole, of Portland; son, Terry Shook, and wife, Lamar, of Cut Bank; daughter, Suzanne Davies, and husband, Dave, of Payson, Ariz.; daughter, Robin Newman, and husband, Steve, of Eureka; and daughter, Karin Ochs, and husband, Stanley, of Glendive; nine grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; cousins, George Bakke of Olympia, Wash., and Thora Nelson of Stanley, N.D.; and many lifelong friends.

Private family services have taken place.

A celebration of life is planned this summer in Eureka.

The family suggests memorials to Mountain View Manor in Eureka or Brendan House in Kalispell.

Local arrangements are by Schnackenberg and Nelson Funeral Home of Eureka.

Margaret Shirley, 93

Margaret Shirley left her broken-hearted family on Aug. 14, 2010.

She was born Jan. 28, 1917. Margaret resided in many places, but she was best known and loved in Eureka and Kalispell.

At one time, she was married to Bud Giese and resided in Eureka, where together they owned the Stockman's Bar in Eureka. She moved to Washington in 1968 where she married Leslie Shirley.

She was a member of the Moose Club, Eastern Star, The Red Hat Society, and the Tobacco Valley Ridge Riders. Margaret and Les returned to Kalispell in 1976.

She loved to work in her yard and gardens. She couldn't conquer the weeds and rocks, but she tamed a lot of the land. She even somewhat tamed an ornery donkey named Rosie. She loved all of her pets; of which there were many, even the ones she made from rocks and the stuffed dog that stood guard in the entrance way.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Les; and her daughter, Judy Yates (Pilatti).

She leaves behind her daughter, Linda Miller, of Washington, granddaughter Terry Webb of Eureka, and daughter Desiree, and grandson Tracy Webb and wife, Twila, and children, Lena, Katie and Britney of Eureka; grandson, Goose Fleming and daughter Amber of Kalispell, and granddaughter, Kim Fleming and husband Don Barta of Kila.

"We love you grandma. Bye the bye, for now."

Friends of Margaret are invited to join her family at 2 p.m. on Sept. 18 at 555 North Hill Road in Kalispell where she will be granted her final wish to have her and Les's ashes spread on the hill overlooking their home. Afterward, everyone is invited to the home of Kim Fleming and Don Barta at 293 Hoffman Draw in Kila. You may call Kim at 257-8166 for more information.

Virginia Melton Shoemaker, 91

Virginia passed away Tuesday May 11, 2010, in Kalispell. She was born May 20, 1918, in Kalispell, joining her sister, Kathleen, and brothers, Willard and Howard.

She married Hugh Shoemaker on Oct. 24, 1934, and from that union they had two daughters.

Except for short times in Spokane and Missoula, they resided in Kalispell.

She was a gracious and

loving woman and was very much loved by all her family.

Virginia was preceded in death by her husband, parents, siblings, and a grandson, Corey Clawson.

She is survived by daughters, Virgie and Bill Dawson, and Beryl Thomas; four grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

A family graveside service has been held.

Judy Marlene Sibley, 60

Judy Marlene Sibley finished her journey on earth at her home



Sept. 6, 2010, in the loving presence of her daughter, Deva, her siblings and her wonderful hospice nurse, Laurie. Judy loved living and valued every breath she was given. She tenaciously and courageously fought cancer for 15 years.

Sept. 23, 1949, Judy was born, the fourth child of Ellsworth and Kathryn Sibley. She joined her siblings on the family farm in the Egan area and embarked on her first adventure at age two, riding her trike a mile to Zobach's to check on the crying lambs.

Judy graduated from Egan School, Flathead High School, Eastern Montana College and earned her master's degree in school administration from the University of Montana. She received many honors academically, musically and socially throughout her formal education for her excellence.

Judy taught school in Missoula and Lewistown before being elected as Fergus County Superintendent of Schools for eight years. She especially enjoyed being involved with the Lutherite schools in the area. She moved to New Mexico where she completed massage school and various alternative health courses. Her travels took her to Hamilton, where she worked with friends at Garden Seed Company for several seasons. That circle of friendship maintained its closeness and loyalty even in the last days of Judy's life.

Nov. 2, 1989, Deva Elise Maeser Sibley was born in Hamilton. Deva was Judy's passion and joy, evidenced in their close relationship. They lived in Canada for two years before settling in their home

a mile from Judy's childhood home. Deva welcomed Judy's presence in her everyday life, and so did Deva's friends, especially Tasha.

Judy's adventures took her to Hawaii, Jamaica, Amsterdam, Germany and most recently Brazil, searching for a cure for her disease. Her appreciation for God's creation initiated adventures through the wildernesses of Montana and Idaho via horseback and covered wagon. She loved to hike in Glacier Park and other spots with her cousins Marcia and Bob and many friends. Mount Aneas was one of her favorite places to go.

Judy was baptized and confirmed at Bethlehem Lutheran Church and has attended Christian Science church and Shining Mountains over the years.

Judy will be missed by her daughter, Deva; siblings Lonnie (Ginni) Sibley, LuAnn (Bob) Borgen, Jan (John) Bustad and Joyce (Alan) Schmautz; Aunt Jo and Uncle Don; nieces and nephews, Juleen, Tammi, Jason, Jaime, Janae, Katie, Cody, Will, Seth, and Kady; family members, Walkin and Harmony Maeser; close friends, Sally and Steven; and many relatives and friends.

Services will be held Thanksgiving weekend, time and place to be determined.

An account to benefit Deva has been established at Valley Bank.

To sign Judy's guest book, please go to www.buffalohillfh.com.

Charles B. Sigler

Charles Burton "Chuck" Sigler, 78, passed away on Jan. 11, 2010, at home, from sarcoma cancer.



Chuck was born March 14, 1931, in Oklahoma City, to Mary Margaret (Pritchett) and Charles B. Sigler Sr. He grew up in the oilfields of Oklahoma where his family moved frequently. He attended high school at Marshall, Okla., where he graduated in 1949. He was president of his sophomore and junior class and captain of the football team his senior year.

He graduated from Oklahoma A & M College in 1953 with a degree in forestry. He was selected for Alpha Zeta, an honorary academic fraternity, and was in the Army ROTC program.

Immediately after graduation, Chuck fulfilled a longterm desire to be a smokejumper for the U.S. Forest Service at Missoula. He jumped on eight fires during the 1953 fire season and made numerous practice jumps.

He then entered active duty in the U.S. Army as a second lieutenant. In 1954 he was accepted into the Army Aviation Program and received his wings as an Army aviator. He was assigned to the Army Topographic Map Service which immediately sent him back to flight school for additional training as a helicopter pilot. For the next three years he transported surveyors from mountain top to mountain top in Alaska and other rugged unsurveyed locations. Since the exact shape of the earth was unknown, this survey information was critical to development of guided missile systems of that era.

After honorable discharge from the Army in April 1957, Chuck received a permanent appointment as a forester for the U.S. Forest Service in the St. Joe National Forest, Idaho.

He later started a career as a commercial helicopter pilot with Petroleum Helicopters, the world's largest helicopter company. While a commercial pilot, he also flew for Helicopters de Colombia

(Bogota, Colombia), Agro Aero (Guayaquil, Ecuador), Roberts Aircraft (Boise, Idaho), and Columbia Helicopters (Portland). In addition, he was a civilian flight instructor at the U.S. Army helicopter school at Fort Wolters, Texas.

Chuck's first appointment as a national park service ranger was at Mount Rainier National Park where he met his wife, Kathy Wray. Within three years he was the supervisory ranger of the Paradise Ski Area and the search and rescue operations on main routes of Mount Rainier. This was followed by assignments as district ranger of the North Rim in Grand Canyon National Park where their daughter Sabrina was born, superintendent of Christiansted National Historic Site, Buck Island Reef National Monument in the U.S. Virgin Islands where their daughter Sarah was born, chief ranger at Shenandoah National Park, and chief ranger at Glacier National Park, until he retired in January 1995.

Other accomplishments during his Park Service career include graduating from the FBI academy, SCUBA certification, and being a founder of the Association of National Park Rangers in 1977 in Jackson Hole, Wyo.

Chuck loved the backcountry of Glacier and as often as possible he would get out of the office for a ski trip, a backcountry hike, or a climb. While at Glacier he climbed many peaks and made first ascents on Kaiser Peak and Rain Shadow. He climbed Mount St. Nicholas and Mount Cleveland among many others.

Chuck is survived by his wife, Kathy, of 44 years. He is also survived by daughter, Sabrina, and husband, Ron Nichols, and their sons, Winslow and Walton; as well as daughter, Sarah, and husband, Pablo Ponce, and their daughter, Kamila; father-in-law, Curtis Wray, of Tacoma, Wash.; and an aunt, Betty Jo Shellady, of Enid, Okla.; also surviving are brother-in-law, Vaughn Wray, of Tacoma; and sisters-in-law, Kristine Sheldon of Lakeside, Julie Klontz of Edgewood, Wash., and Elizabeth Wray of Vancouver, Wash.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 16, at the Columbia Falls United Methodist Church.

Lorraine I. Silsbee, 75

Lorraine I. Silsbee, 75, died Wednesday, Aug. 11, 2010, at her home in Kalispell.

Arrangements are pending with Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory.

Julie A. Singer, 47

Julie A. Singer, 47, of Olathe, Kan., passed away Sept. 6, 2010, at the University of Kansas Medical Center.

A memorial service was held for her on Sept. 10.

Julie was born May 14, 1963, in Portland to Donald and Janis Singer. She lived her childhood in Oregon and Montana, then moved to Kansas when she was 25.

She enjoyed being with her son and watching him play sports, spending time with

her family, friends, traveling and playing cards.

She was preceded in death by her father, Donald.

Julie is survived by her mother, Janis; and loving son, Grant; also many wonderful friends.

We will miss her and her sense of humor.

A memorial fund in Julie's name has been established for her son, Grant, at First National Bank of Olathe, 15084 S. Black Bob Road, Olathe, KS 66062.

David Bruce Sipe, 61

David Bruce Sipe, 61, an amazing husband, father, grandfather and friend, passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family, in the comfort of his home Sunday morning, April 25, 2010. Dave's strength and positive attitude throughout his 3 1/2-year battle with cancer was an inspiration to many.

Dave was born on June 10, 1948, in Kalispell, to Keith and Vivian Sipe. On June 2, 1973, he married Jennifer Joy Anderson at the Whitefish United Methodist Church. Dave was a lifelong resident of the Flathead Valley, living most of his life in Whitefish.

He was employed by Anaconda Aluminum, the Flathead County Detention Center, DePratu Ford and the Whitefish Fire Department.

Dave's involvement with the Whitefish Fire Department began in March of 1978, when he took a position as a volunteer fireman. He was appointed volunteer fire chief in 1984 and served in that capacity until 1985, and then again from 1993 to 1995. In October of 1995, Dave became the first paid fire chief of the department. Due to illness, he retired in July of 2008. His passion for helping others made leaving his job difficult.



In 2006, Dave was honored as City Government Worker of the Year by the Chamber of Commerce and the Whitefish Community Foundation. He was also awarded Ambulance Attendant of the Year in 1987, and then again in 1991.

Dave was known to spend time wearing his red Crocs at The Buffalo Café in Whitefish with his long-time coffee buddies, and could be found there most mornings of the week giving the waitresses a hard time. After moving from Whitefish, he split his time between The Buffalo Cafe and Bojangles Diner in Kalispell, where he joined a group of long-time friends.

He enjoyed spending time in his shop with Dave Weldele building beautiful furniture that will be forever cherished by family and friends.

Dave had a passion for motorcycles and went on many adventures with good friend Orland Leland. Dave also enjoyed special visits with longtime friend Bob DePratu.

Dave and Jennifer loved loading up the camper and heading out for the weekend with the dogs. Dave loved animals, especially his dogs Ringley and Penelope.

He took great pride in his yard, building a garden house and keeping an immaculate lawn. Dave had an affinity for classic cars, most notably his black 1965 Chevelle.

Other activities that he took part in were softball and golfing with his brothers and son-in-law, Jeff Claridge.

Dave was a well-respected and loved member of the community known for his selflessness and dedication; when the siren sounded, you could be sure that Dave was the first one on the scene.

Dave was preceded in death by his parents, Keith and Vivian Sipe.

He is survived by the love of his life, Jennifer; daughter, Rachel Williams and Bob of Oregon; son, Eric Sipe and Lisa of Louisiana; daughter, Molly Claridge and Jeff of Kalispell; and son, D.J. Sipe of Whitefish, all of whom had a unique relationship and special bond with their father. He is also survived by his brothers, Brian and wife Jolene of Kalispell, Robin and wife Karen of Missoula, Richard and wife Joan of Kalispell, Craig and wife Maureen of Arizona, Mark and wife Susan of Arizona, and Kevin and wife Susan of Florida; numerous nieces and nephews; and many friends.

He was proud Grandpa to Justin Waverick, Jourdan Williams, Griffin Williams, Garrett Sipe, Anna Grace Sipe, Hannah Sipe, Megan Sipe, Jack Sipe, and soon-to-be-born Travis Sipe. He was also known as "Boppa" to Stella and Sully Claridge.

His wife, children and grandchildren were the light of his life, giving him great strength during his illness. He was so proud of them all.

At his request, a celebration of his life will take place at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 1, at the new Whitefish Emergency Services Center, 275 Flathead Ave. Parking will be available on the street, at the Mountain Mall or in designated nearby parking lots (follow signs for parking). Bus transportation will be available from the Mountain Mall (by McDonald's) and from Baker Avenue and West 13th Street. Interment of his ashes will follow at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell with a reception held at the Whitefish Methodist Church afterward.

Memorials may be given to the Whitefish Fire Department, 275 Flathead Ave., Whitefish, MT 59937 or Whitefish United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 4248, Whitefish, MT 59937.

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

Norman Skiftun, 91

Norman Skiftun's "soul was received by his maker" on May 25, 2010. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m., June 5, at Bethany Lutheran Church. He was born Nov. 2, 1918, to Ole and Mabel Skiftun on the family farm near Parshall, N.D. There he grew up, attending the Spring Valley grade school and three years of high school.

His family moved to the Flathead Valley in 1937, where he completed his high school education, graduating from Flathead County High in 1939. Farming with his father in the Lower Valley until 1942, the family then moved to the Swan River community. During this time he met Louise Lynch, and they began a courting relationship until their ultimate marriage on Oct. 3, 1943, in Somers. They made their first home in a small farm house with no electricity or running water. Being an outdoorsman at heart, he continued farming, custom-combining and grain hauling. Winter coming on, harvests complete, supplemental income was made by cutting and hauling Christmas trees.

Having an avid interest in electronics, his course of study turned to radio and the new advent of television, for installation and repair. Bitney's hired him as a sales and repair person. In those early days, many areas in the Flathead were hard-pressed to find a signal for the newly acquired TVs. This became a challenge for Norm, as he fought the signal challenge, and when attained, many a family were jubilant with picture and sound. The family made their first trip to Alaska in 1957 where he did some long-shoring and masonry work, also finding that Seward had no TV. It was his goal to attempt to figure a way to obtain the proper signal. Returning to Seward during the next summer he again was unable to find a TV signal; it just wasn't there.

In 1959 the family moved to Sitka, Alaska, where

he worked as an electrical contractor wiring a housing project for a year. They then returned to Bigfork where he continued to work for Dewy Martin as an electrician. Time evolved and Norm ventured on his own to continue his electrical work, well into his 80s. Norm and Louise loved to travel, venturing about Alaska and Canada, Hawaii and much of America.

Being a gifted musician, Norm played numerous instruments, singing in the Bethany Lutheran church choir for 60-plus years and in several quartets for the majority of his life.

Norm was preceded in death by Louise, his wife of 64 years; his parents; and sisters, Opal Skiftun, Berida Brosten and Lil Baker.

Surviving Norm are daughters, Aneda and Ray Wykoff of Great Falls, Cathy Anderson of Douglas, Alaska and Carol Carter of Juneau, Alaska; grandsons, Steve and Kristen Childers of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and Morgan and Diana Carter of Juneau; granddaughters, Lori and Jeff Cormier of Kalispell and Megan Carter of New York; great-grandchildren, Cody Childers, Jordan Carter, Tristan Carter, Andrew Perez and Garrett Cormier; sisters; Arlene Kjos of Kalispell, Margie McClure of Boise, Idaho, and Fern and Bill Hartford of Honolulu; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Being a gentle-mannered person, Norm always said he never met a man he didn't like, and was very proud of his Norwegian and North Dakotan heritage. "As his soul now traverses into eternity," we bid Norman Skiftun farewell. He will be sorely missed.

Memorials may be made to Wings, P.O. Box 7852, Kalispell, MT 59904; Bethany Lutheran Church, Bigfork; or a favorite charity. To send condolences to the family, please go to www.buffalohillfh.com Buffalo Hill Funeral Home caring for the family.

George Sirucek, 72

George Sirucek, 72, of Leader, Minn., passed away at the Pine River Good Samaritan Home on Saturday, Oct. 9, 2010.



1978, where they farmed and milked cows until 1986. They then raised beef cattle until retiring in 2000.

He also worked for 18 years with the Minnesota Dairy Herd Improvement Association. He was a member of the Cattleman's Association and the Farmer's Union.

He is survived by his children, John and Peggy of Leader; and Jimmy and Donnell of Leader; grandchildren, Emil and Amanda, Jacob, Rosie, Clayton and Dallas; great-granddaughter, Nevaeh; brothers, Edgar and Carolla, Carl and Norma, and Donnie and Denise; sisters, Rubie Smith, Marie Reed, Betty Ferry, and Genevieve and Art Baumer; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Marjorie; his parents; brothers, Jack, Bill and Emil; and sisters, Agnes and Shirley.

Arrangements are entrusted to the Brenny Funeral Home in Staples.

A funeral service is planned for noon Saturday, Oct. 16, at the Motley Free Methodist Church, with a visitation beginning at 10 a.m.

George was born on June 18, 1938, to Emil and Rosie (Kasala) Sirucek, in Wendell, Idaho. He grew up and attended school in Montana.

He went to work in a sawmill at the age of 11, and worked in the logging industry for 29 years.

George bought his first ranch in 1963.

On March 7, 1964, he was married to Marjorie Parrish, in Swan River, Mont., and their marriage was blessed with two children. He and Marjorie moved to Leader in

Erma Pauline (Pearson) Slater, 86

Erma Pauline (Pearson) Slater was born April 14, 1924, and passed away Aug. 6, 2010, at Lake View Care Center, at the age of 86. She was the ninth of 14 children born to Art and Leona Pearson of Ronan.

She is survived by her son, Michael Slater, of Spokane; grandchildren, Clifford Slater of Gig Harbor, Wash., and Stephany Slater of Los Angeles; two brothers, Burton Pearson and wife, Betty, of Moses Lake, Wash., and Clair Pearson and wife, Betty, of Spokane; sisters, Bernice Slater of Bigfork, and Vida Janke and husband, Mart, of La Mirada, Calif.; sisters-in-law, Ivy Pearson of Mount Vernon, Wash., and Margaret Pearson of Deer Lodge; and many, many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 51 years, Clifford Daniel Slater; siblings, Wayne and wife, Alice Pearson, Blanch Bullman, Marie Bullman, Clem Pearson, Grant Pearson, Max Pearson, Vance Pearson, Keith and wife, Lee Pearson, and Stuart and wife, Ruby Pearson.

Erma spent 33 years in Haines, Alaska. Erma and Cliff enjoyed many years in Alaska, first in Petersburg, then in Juneau, and finally at 33 Mile in Haines, where she and her husband owned and ran a restaurant and gift store.

She enjoyed ptarmigan hunting, fishing, and many hobbies.

After her husband died she moved to Haines, where she did alterations for the town of Haines, repairing flags, sewing robes for the Catholic

priests and wedding dresses, painting and making dolls, oil painting, etc. She could do it all and do it well.

Erma moved to Kalispell to be near family in 2006. She made many friends during her time in Kalispell. Her family is grateful for the special time with her. She will be missed by her many family and friends.

The family wishes to recognize and thank the staffs of Home Options, Lake View

Care Center, and Hospice of Kalispell for their exceptional care and compassion.

Erma requested donations be made to the Kalispell Fire Department or Hospice of Kalispell for those who wish to honor her.

To respect Erma's wishes, a memorial service will not be held.

Her ashes will be spread on the mountain behind their former property at 33 Mile to be near her sweet husband.

James Alan Sloan, 63



James Alan Sloan, 63, passed away peacefully at his home in Kalispell surrounded by his family, on

Monday, Feb. 22, 2010, after a courageous two-year battle with cancer. Jim was born in Missoula, the son of Joseph and Doris (Nicola) Sloan.

At a young age the family moved to the Flathead Valley. He attended St. Matthew's Elementary School and graduated from Flathead High School. He graduated from Gonzaga University and became a lifelong fan of the Zags, providing many enjoyable trips to watch them play.

Jim was the oldest of four boys born to Joe Sloan and Doris Sloan. After graduation from Gonzaga, Jim joined the family business, Sloan's Appliance in Kalispell, where he never failed to build a friendship with a customer. With lighthearted ads that touted a "sale so bright you'd have to wear shades," to selling freezers from the middle of a farmer's corn field, Jim never failed to bring a smile to your face in his efforts to build the business.

Jim, feeling the urge to change the world in 1974, was elected and represented Kalispell in the Montana State Legislature where he met his wife, Virginia Burns. Jim and Virginia were married in 1978 and had two boys, the lights of his life, Nathan, Missoula and Peter, San Diego.

Jim was an avid sailor and was a charter member of the North Flathead Yacht Club in Somers. Family and friends spent many good times sharing the thrill of racing or the joy of relaxing and enjoying the beauty of Flathead Lake. The wind at his back, he

loved to share his love of sailing with anyone willing to go along for the ride.

Jim treasured his boys, as well as their friends and families. His love for sports began early in life, playing all sports. He coached Little League baseball and cherished the thrill of watching kids compete, and felt compelled to use the baseball field to teach lessons in life. Through his coaching and active participation as a fan, he made many lifelong friends. Jim would wish everyone the joy of being part of a kid's sports adventure and all the relationships built as a result.

Jim was preceded in death by his father, Joseph Sloan; and his niece, Bailey Sloan.

Jim will forever be remembered by his wife, Virginia; his mother, Doris Sloan; his brothers, Mike, Steve and Bob; children, Nathan and Peter; along with countless other friends and family whom were blessed to know him.

Jim was a wonderful son, husband, father, coach, boss, co-worker and boat captain. He loved listening to Jimmy Buffet and classic rock. He touched the lives of many people with his smile and generosity, and maintained his trademark smile and sense of humor all the way to the end.

Friends and family are invited to attend a memorial service at 10 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 26, at St. Matthew's Church, Kalispell, with a reception to follow at Red's Wines and Blues, 30 Second Street East. The family requests all memorials be sent to Kids Sports, P.O. Box 1205 c/o Dan Johns, Kalispell, MT 59903.

Go Griz!

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

Bonita F. Slaughter, 79

Bonita F. Slaughter, 79, died Friday, April 2, 2010, at the Libby Care Center.

Survivors include sons, Richard L. Slaughter III of Libby, and Rob-

ert Slaughter of Port Orchard, Wash.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home & Crematory of Libby.

Laura Ann Slesar, 31

Laura Ann Slesar, 31, of Fortine died Sunday May 16, 2010, at her home near Fortine.

Survivors include her parents, John and Linda

Slesar of Fortine.

Private family services will be held.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Eureka.

Michael William Sloan, 30

Michael William Sloan of Hungry Horse passed away Tuesday, Sept. 21, 2010, doing what he loved, fishing Lake McDonald in Glacier National Park.

Mike was born Jan. 18, 1980, in Mount Holly, N.J. He lived his first 18 years in Tabernacle, N.J., graduating from Shawnee High School, Class of 1998. He obtained a Liberal Arts degree from Burlington County College in Pemberton, N.J.

Mike spent the summers of his college years working at several national parks in the West, including Yellowstone, Grand Canyon and finally, Glacier National Park. After college graduation, Mike settled in Montana, working at Glacier as a chef for nearly eight years.

In addition to his cooking career, Mike was an avid outdoorsman and had several hobbies, including making fishing lures and vegetable gardening. He was a dedicated fisherman, entering local and regional tournaments, achieving recognition in many. Mike was easy-going, friendly and had an incredible sense of humor.

Mike is survived by his son, Kale Jameson Sloan, and his long-term girlfriend, Christina Soderberg, both of Hungry Horse. He was the youngest brother of William Sloan of Hungry Horse, and Margaret Anderson Sloan, of Tabernacle, N.J. Mike was the youngest brother of Frederick Sloan of Tabernacle, Danial Sloan and wife Laurie, of Tabernacle, and Jillian Sloan, of Glassboro, N.J. Mike is also survived by Betty Sloan, his aunt in St. Petersburg, Fla.; his maternal grandparents, Charlie and Eleanor Anderson, and several nieces and nephews in New Jersey.

A lakeside memorial gathering will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 28, near cabins 12 and 13 at Lake McDonald Lodge.

In lieu of flowers, for those who would like to contribute, an educational trust fund is being established to benefit Mike's son Kale.

The family would like to thank everyone from Glacier National Park and the surrounding communities for their support and compassion during this difficult time. It is much appreciated.

Dr. John Milton 'Milt' Small, 86

Dr. John Milton "Milt" Small, 86, a retired Kalispell dentist and patriarch of the Small family, passed away



on April 15, 2010, in Tucson, Ariz., due to complications from pneumonia.

Milt was born in Kalispell on Oct. 16, 1923, the son of Arthur H. and Therma McGlaughlin Small. He grew up on the family farm, pre-empted by his grandfather in 1884, and graduated from Flathead County High School in 1941. Milt served his country in the U.S. Navy as a pharmacist's mate third class.

Milt married Janet Charles of Ohio in 1946. They raised their three children on the family farm. Milt raised certified russet seed potatoes on one of the first seed potato farms in Montana.

Milt earned an undergraduate degree from Montana State University and in 1965 received a Doctor of Dental Surgery from Washington University School of Dental Medicine-St. Louis, specializing in reconstructive and implant dentistry. Dr. Small practiced dentistry in Great Falls for over 10 years. Later returning to his beloved Flathead Valley, he practiced at his Evergreen Dental Center until his retirement.

In 1968 Milt married Jane Roach of Missouri and raised three stepchildren. In 1977 Milt married Elenor "Ellie" Bench of Missouri.

Milt loved life and the grandeur of Montana's natural wonders from fly fishing on the North Fork to hunting, boating, drives through Glacier National Park and flying his plane above it all. He lived to play and listen to

music, playing his trombone in many a parade or band.

Milt was proud to be a native of the Flathead, his heritage and his children and grandchildren — always teaching them about the wonders of life. Milt was known for his ability to grow almost anything, from potatoes to lemons and grapefruit.

He selflessly gave his time and talent to help others and was honored to sponsor many children to Shiner's Hospitals. He was a member of the following service and Masonic organizations: Kalispell Lodge No. 42, Scottish Rite, York Rite, Algeria Shrine, Adah Chapter of O.E.S. Elks, Jesters and S.A.E. fraternity. Professionally, he was president of the Western District A.A. of Implant Dentistry in 1989.

Milt was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Harold; and sister, Virginia Small Yaeger.

He is survived by his wife Elenor "Ellie" of Tucson; three children, Lynette Thomas and Bob of Kalispell, Sharon Graham and Larry, and Dr. David Small; four stepchildren, Michael Bench and Renee, Nicki Lamey and Matt, Teresa Kaminski and Dean, and Dale Roach and Gunda; 12 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Milt's smile, laughter and friendship touched many lives, and often he was heard to say, "Are-ch you glad you met me?"

"We all agree it has been an honor to know such a great man, husband, father, uncle and grandfather. Yes Daddy, we truly are glad to have met you!"

A memorial service will be held this summer. The family suggested that memorials be sent to Shrine Crippled Children's Hospital in Spokane.