

William C. Smart, 78

William C. Smart, 78, passed away in Kalispell on Monday, Aug. 23, 2010, after a nine-month battle with lymphoma.

Bill was born in Missoula and moved with his family to Libby when he was 15. After graduating from Libby High School, Bill married his high school sweetheart, Joan Edstrom, and enlisted in the Air Force and served during the Korean War.

Bill graduated with a degree in accounting from

the University of Washington, and worked for the public accounting firm Price Waterhouse as a partner in Seattle, and Anchorage, Alaska, until his retirement in 1989.

After retiring, he resided in Tucson, Ariz., and Rollins, where his great-grandfather Redeker settled in 1904 and where he had spent childhood summers.

Throughout his life, he was an active volunteer in a variety of community

and charitable organizations, serving on numerous boards.

Bill was married to Joan for 47 years, until her death in March 1999. He was also preceded in death by his second wife, Rozanne Dwyer, who passed away in October 2009, after nine years of loving marriage. Friendly and outgoing, Bill touched many lives and will be sorely missed.

He is survived by his

four daughters, Terri Ray of Seattle, Lorri Gorman of Pelham Manor, N.Y., Stacy Thorpe of Eagle River, Alaska, and Cami Smart of Pacific, Wash.; four brothers, Royal Smart of Crystal Lake, Ill., Jim Smart of Libby, Doug Smart of LaConner, Wash., and Ted Smart of Lake Oswego, Ore.; seven grandchildren; and three stepchildren.

At his request, there will be no services.

Archie Earl Smith, 66

Archie lost his battle with cancer on Feb. 2, 2010. Archie was born in Lincolnton, N.C., on Oct. 3, 1943, and grew



up in Tucson, Ariz., where he graduated from Amphitheatre High School, and the University of Arizona with a teaching degree in physical education. Working at Glacier National Park during the summers of his college years, he loved the life in Montana and made his home in Whitefish.

Archie loved to travel, hunting, country music, sports, family and friends. His passion for his work in construction can be seen

throughout the valley in the many homes and businesses that he poured his heart and soul into making sure the job was done to perfection.

He is survived by his mother, Edna Smith, of Tucson; his wife, Kay, of Whitefish; brothers, Marlin and Garland Smith, of Tucson; daughter, Shelly Smith, of Phoenix; son, Scott Smith, and his wife, Elizabeth, of Columbia Falls; daughter, SN Stephanie Coyne, USN, based in Great Lakes, Ill., and her husband, Greg, of Phoenix; also, his two granddaughters, Bailey and Hannah, of Columbia Falls.

Services will be at noon Sunday, Feb. 7, at Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. There will be a celebration of Archie's life following the service at their home, at 2225 Hwy. 93 west of Whitefish.

Hazel Lambert 'Ginger' Smith, 101

Hazel Lambert "Ginger" Smith, 101, passed away on Saturday April 24, 2010, at her home in Missoula.



Hazel was born on March 2, 1909, at her parents' ranch in Big Cottonwood Creek, S.D. She attended school at mostly a one-room country schoolhouse in South Dakota. After graduating from high school, Hazel was offered an assistant teaching job in South Dakota. This led to her being given a job in Bismarck, N.D., as matron of the Indian Girls School.

While working there, she met the love of her life, Guy Ervin Smith. They were married in 1937. Both Guy and Hazel entered the civil service and were appointed positions in Browning. In Browning, she changed careers and entered the Indian Health Service, where she eventually worked her way up to the position of hospital administrative officer. She retired after serving 32 years working for the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

They moved to Kalispell to retire, where family and

religion played an important part of their lives. The love she felt for her family was evident by all who met her.

Hazel was preceded in death by her parents, Joe and Emma Lambert; her husband, Guy Smith; and her daughter, Dawn Maria Smith.

She is survived by her daughter, Mary Ann Smith-Kuipers; her grandchildren, C.J. and his wife, Katie, Ronnie, Timothy, Trevor and his wife, Tara, and Michael. She has numerous great-grandchildren, including her namesake, her special Lulu Bell, Sophie Hazel, who brought her great joy and love in the last years of her life.

A Rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. today, Tuesday, April 27, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. A Mass of Christian burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 28, at Risen Christ Parish with Father Rudy Bulman and Father Gary Reller co-officiating. Burial will take place at 3 p.m. at Crown Hill Cemetery in Cut Bank.

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

Donald E. Smith, 78

Donald E. Smith, 78, of Libby, died Monday, Nov. 8, 2010, at his home in Libby from natural causes.

He was a specialist in hydroelectric facility installation.

Survivors include his wife, Jean Smith, of

Libby; four children, Brad Smith of Hermiston, Ore., Dean Smith and Brenda Smith, both of Boise, Idaho, and Glen Smith of Kalispell.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 12, at Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Libby.

Carolyn (Doney) Smith, 47

Carolyn (Doney) Smith passed away on Monday, Aug. 2, 2010, at the age of 47, in Whitefish, due to a blood clot in her lungs.



She was born June 5, 1963, in Missoula to Roger and Helene (Loy) Doney of Whitefish.

Carolyn graduated from Great Falls High School in 1981. She was a basketball standout and played on the GFHS State Championship Team for three years. She received a full ride basketball scholarship to University of Alaska in Anchorage.

She married her college sweetheart, Barry Smith, on July 7, 1990, in Penticton, British Columbia.

They moved to Munich, Germany, where Barry played pro hockey, then on to coaching teams in Erie, Pa., where Max and Gage were born; Waterloo, Iowa; Kansas City, Kan.; Baton Rouge, La.; Syracuse, N.Y., where Hutton was born; then to Winnipeg, Manitoba.

They settled in Whitefish in 2004, while Barry commuted to his coaching responsibilities with the Vancouver Canucks and the Kamloops Blazers.

Carolyn was very active in their church, the community, and with youth hockey and youth baseball.

Carolyn is survived by her devoted husband, Barry; her three sons; Max, Gage and Hutton; her parents, Roger and Helene Doney, of Whitefish; her brothers, John and Maggie Doney of Helena, and Mike and Jennifer Doney of Seattle; and her sister, Lauryn, and Andrew Rice, of San Diego. Barry's immediate family includes his parents, Robert and Dolores Smith, of Roseburg, Ore.; siblings, Cindy and Darrell Dorrell of Portland, Kevin and Kim Smith of Kansas City, Wendy Smith of Brazil, and Perry Cindy Smith of Chicago.

Carolyn was able to donate life to others by being an organ and tissue donor.

Memorial Mass will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 6, at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Whitefish.

Linda Lee Smith, 69

Linda Lee Smith, 69, passed away on Wednesday, June 23, 2010, at her home in Bigfork. She was born on Aug. 15, 1940 in Rapid City, S.D. to Zeke and Velma (Judson) Valdez.

Linda grew up in the small mining and tourist town of Keystone, S.D., attended grade school there and high school in Hill City, S.D. It was only two miles from Mount Rushmore where she met Bob Smith, and they were married in Keystone on July 20, 1957. Linda had two sons, Steve and Leon. In 1963, Bob and Linda moved to Bigfork where they loved and lived since. She loved to cook, go camping, pick huckleberries and take her dog Bailey on walks.

For many years, Linda worked in the Christmas tree fields in the Bigfork area. For twenty years she was employed by the Averills at the Flathead Lake Lodge in Bigfork. She enjoyed working

with all the employees, especially her very good friend, Gail Olsen. Linda enjoyed attending church services every week at the Bible Baptist Church in Kalispell, and "the Lord has led her home."

Linda was preceded in death by her husband, Bob; a son, Steven G. Smith; and her parents.

She is survived by her son, Leon, of Bigfork; two grandchildren, Lindsay Rahn of Kalispell; and Elias Smith of Bigfork, who was the love of her life. She enjoyed every minute, every bicycle ride and every opportunity to bake cookies with Elias. She is also survived by a brother, Thomas Valdez of Gillette, Wyo.

Private graveside services will be held.

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

Laura Ann Smith, 30

Laura Ann Smith, 30, of Moxee, Wash., passed away Oct. 14, 2010, in Seattle. She was born Aug. 21, 1980, in Olympia, Wash., to Leonard and Sharon Smith and spent her early childhood there. When she was 12, Laura moved to the Yakima Valley where she attended schools in Selah and Yakima, graduating from Eisenhower High School in 1999.



Laura received her associate's degree from Perry Technical Institute, her bachelor's and master's degrees from City University in Seattle, and was working on her doctorate in business and marketing. She was a talented graphic artist, owned her own business, Everything but the Dress, in Yakima, and had recently begun teaching online business classes. Laura was thrilled the first time a student called her professor.

Laura was a beautiful person with a vibrant smile and a sweet, loving nature. She had a big heart and was always willing to lend a hand to any of her many friends. She loved her work, her pets, and organizing parties; and enjoyed camping with friends and traveling.

She was at the best point in her life, passionate about her work, and looking forward to marriage to her fiancé Nick Gamache. She loved and was loved by so many people and held a special place in her heart for her Mimi Charlotte Bunnell, her close friends, and her nephew Cashius Logan.

She will be missed by everyone and will remain in our hearts.

Laura is survived by her parents, Irene Sharon Bunnell of Olympia, and Leonard and Shelley Smith of Kalispell; her grandmothers, Charlotte Bunnell of Olympia and Helen Palagi of Great Falls; sisters, Heather Nichols and Cameron Williams of Spokane, Hilary and Flint Baker, and Jesse Nichols of Great Falls; brother, Jason, and Lindsey Nichols, of Great Falls; her fiancé, Nick Gamache, and his family of Moxee; uncles, Ron, Lawrence, Leonard, Lorrin, Lance and Michael; aunts, Joyce, Sharry and Renee; nephews, Luc, Grayson and Cashius; niece, Sophie; and many cousins.

As Laura said on her Facebook page: "I like the color pink, everywhere. I like funny things. I like the outdoors. I 'heart' Jager. I have a thing for Vegas. My friends mean the world to me. I have the world's most amazing, incredible boyfriend who supports my growth and personal learning each and every day. I believe in fate and that things happen for a reason. I've learned life is hard but there's so much to get out of the rough parts ... you just have to look closely; don't take time for granted. Tell those you love what needs to be said no matter how difficult it may be. There will come a day you can't say it to them anymore. I love and miss my family. I am content in my life."

Services have taken place in Yakima.

Donations may be made in Laura's name to her nephew Cashius Logan, by visiting www.babycashius.com.

Sunday 14th of February 2010 Lanelle Sliger Smith Lanelle Sliger Smith passed on Feb. 10, 2010, surrounded by her family at her home in Bigfork, of acute leukemia. She grew up in Madisonville, Tenn., and was the daughter of Daily C. and Greta Sliger. Lanelle enjoyed playing the piano and the clarinet and was part of the high school band. She graduated from Hiwassee College. On Aug. 23, 1959, she and Stanton E. Smith Jr. were married in her hometown. Twenty-five years later, her daughter Elizabeth married Paul Siblingrud in the same church with the same pastor. Stan and Lanelle had two children, Elizabeth and Stan III. They lived in Atlanta, Greensboro, N.C., and then Southern California. After retirement, they moved to Montana to be near their beloved grandchildren. Lanelle was a member of PEO and DAR. She was also an avid bridge player and enjoyed playing several times a week with her wonderful friends. This past March, her husband Stan, died of lung cancer five months prior to their 50th wedding anniversary. Lanelle was preceded in death by her parents; an infant brother; sister, Elizabeth; and nephew, Jim Scott. She is survived by her son, Stan, of Atlanta; daughter, Elizabeth, and son-in-law, Paul Siblingrud, of Creston, and their children, Rachel, Jeremy and Leah; sister, Allene, and her husband, Robert A. Scott, of Madisonville, Tenn.; and nephews, Robert, and Allen and his wife, Mary Jo, and their families. Funeral services for Lanelle will be held at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17, at the Community United Methodist Church in Bigfork. A private family burial will follow. Memorials may be made to Home Options Hospice, 430 Windward Way, Kalispell, MT 59901; or a charity of choice. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Lanelle s family. You are invited to go to www.jgfuneralhome.com to offer condolences and view Lanelle s tribute wall.

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Marie Valma Weedon Smith, 82

Marie Valma Weedon Smith, 82, our mother, "passed through the veil of mortality" on Feb. 4, 2010, at 3:30 a.m. at Kalispell Regional Medical Center surrounded by her children.



Marie was born June 15, 1927, to William James Weedon and Myrtle Esther Newton Ray Weedon in Subiaco, West Australia.

Marie married Cecil May 28, 1952, in the Latter-day Saints temple in Cardston, Alberta, after immigrating to the United States. She gave birth to and raised 11 children.

By her beautiful spirit, Marie touched the lives of many people both far and wide. She was a woman of many God-given talents. She performed at numerous events and poetry gatherings throughout the West. She had a great appreciation and love of beautiful music, literature and fine art. She was an avid quilter, reader, poet and short story writer. Marie has published several books of poetry on her experiences of love and family life in both the United States and Australia.

Marie touched the lives of everyone she met. She was always anxious to help the downtrodden where she could, either financially or spiritually. Those that knew Marie will always remember her as the woman with beautiful auburn red hair, an Australian accent, an engaging smile and a true joy to be around. She loved good conversation and was always eager for a game of Scrabble.

Marie was a devoutly faithful human being, with God's purpose always first and foremost in her life. She was

a stellar example of kindness, love and faith towards all mankind. She will be greatly missed by everyone who knew her, a tribute to her parents, family and husband. We loved her so.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Cecil Alden Smith, in 1984.

Marie is survived by her 11 children, Pauline Smith of Somers, Greg and Betsy Smith of Somers, Rocky and Reta Smith of Somers, Kent and Diane Smith of Bigfork, Guy and Jean Smith of Farmington, Minn., Rin and Michelle Smith of Kalispell, LaPriel and Doug Bergstrom of Phoenix, Stephen and Lisa Smith of Kalispell, Raychelle and Scott Fischer of Carver, Minn., Carey and Michelle Smith of Farmington, and Charlotta and Seth Sorensen of Rock Springs, Wyo. Marie also has 36 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren; with dozens of beloved nieces and nephews both in the United States and Australia; a dear sister, Bethney Joy Pilling, of Perth, West Australia; and her beloved brother, William Ray Weedon, of Albany, West Australia.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb 9, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, at 1380 Whitefish Stage Road, in Kalispell. Visitation will be held in the Relief Society room one hour prior to the service. Burial will be held at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Feb 10, at the Carey Cemetery in Carey, Idaho.

Memorials can be sent to Stephen Smith at 119 Buffalo Square Court, Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

Marcia Black Hinderman Smith

A graveside memorial service for Marcia Black Hinderman Smith, 71, who died Sept. 16, 2009,

will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 26, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

Patricia Ann 'Patty' Smith, 79

Patricia Ann "Patty" Smith, 79, passed away on Sunday, Sept. 19, 2010, at Health Center Northwest in Kalispell. She was born on Oct. 2, 1930, in Fargo, N.D., the daughter of Roscoe Marcus and Alice (Mattson) Perry.

The family moved to Glasgow when Patty was young and moved to Cut Bank in 1939, attended schools and graduated from Cut Bank High School in 1948. She attended Stephens College in Columbia, Mo., with a major in fashion design.

While in high school, she met her future husband, Darrell, at Lake Blaine where Darrell's family owned and operated the Lake Blaine Resort. She and Darrell were married on June 20, 1950, at the First Presbyterian Church in Cut Bank. Following their marriage they helped operate the Lake Blaine Resort for about a year.

In 1952, Darrell became a partner at Perry Motors in Cut Bank, until selling it in 1964.

Patty loved being a stay-at-home mom, raising her three daughters. She sewed all of her children's clothes and enjoyed cake decorating. While she was in college, one of her designs was made into a pattern for Butterick's. She was an accomplished clothing designer and seamstress.

From 1978 until 1984, Patty was the secretary for the

Soil Conservation Service. In 1985 she bought and operated the ~~Jeanne B. Shoppe~~ for 12 years until her retirement.

She was a member of the Bridge Club, PEO, and also a deacon and elder of her church all in Cut Bank.

Patty was preceded in death by her husband, Darrell.

She is survived by her three daughters, Judy Smith and husband, Chris Weeks, of San Clemente, Calif., Cathy Lauenstein and husband, Gunnar, of Ellicott City, Md., and Peggy Erickson and husband, Reid, of Livingston; a brother, Donald Perry, and his wife, Judy, of Libby; and five grandchildren, Karl, Kristina, Kimberly, Katrin and Gibson; as well as three nephews, Keven, Curtis and Kent; and one niece, Crystal.

Funeral services for Patty will be at 4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 24, at the First Presbyterian Church in Cut Bank. Burial will be at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 25, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

The family suggests memorials to the First Presbyterian Church in Cut Bank, P.O. Box 577, Cut Bank, MT 59427; or the local P.E.O. chapter.

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

Ross 'Pappy' Smith, 61

Ross "Pappy" Smith, 61, died Monday afternoon on March 1, 2010, at his home in Kalispell. A family hero. He was born on Dec. 14, 1948, in Sacramento, Calif., to Dixie (McNair) and Ross H. Smith.



Ross pursued a career as a fire fighter in the United States Air Force.

After retiring from the service he met and married Julie Smith, mother of three, on April 18, 1996.

He was preceded in death

by his parents, Dixie and Ross.

Ross is survived by his spouse, Julie; and children, Colleen, Nick and Aaron; son-in-law, James; his sisters, Pat and Leanna; and brother-in-law, Vincent Smith.

Memorial services for Ross Smith will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, March 5, at Johnson Gloschat Funeral Chapel. Urn burial will follow services at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell, with full military honors.

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

Our sweet, lovable, generous Karen "passed into the arms of our heavenly father" on Nov. 28, 2009. She was born in Hayward, Calif., on Sept. 17, 1956.

Karen loved people and animals, particularly her miniature schnauzers. Her dogs were her "kids" and she stopped at nothing to give them the best life she possibly could.

Karen was generous far beyond call. She never thought of herself; she was always seeing the needs of others and doing what she could to help them, whether it was materialistic or emotional.

Karen loved motorcycles and took small engine repair classes in the hopes of becoming a mechanic. She repaired her own motorcycles and worked in motorcycle parts departments for many years.

On her first trip to Montana she was learning to ski and ended up with a spiral fracture, landing her in the hospital for days and a cast for months! She still loved Montana though and, after traveling to Alaska and living there a few years, she returned to Montana to live out what would be the rest of her life.

Karen loved hiking in the woods with her dogs. She did beautiful, intricate needle work, and riding her motorcycles was when she felt the most free. In her "special" times when she wanted to think and reflect, she would find a quiet place and play her harmonica. Whenever she was stressed or depressed, making music with her harmonica was what would make life seem sen-

sible to her again.

She was a romantic at heart and loved to read. She was working on a book about all the trials and tribulations of life when she passed. We wish Karen could have finished the book so the world could have shared what was deep in her heart.

Karen worked at Northwest Sports in Kalispell for many years as a parts manager. That is where she met and married Jeffrey Bott. Jeff and Karen had many happy years together. They parted ways but remained true friends.

Karen outlived six of her precious schnauzers. "Strangely enough, the good Lord decided to take the last two of her dogs just weeks before he made his final call to Karen." Karen could not have passed comfortably from this world if she thought she was leaving her "kids" behind. Four of her schnauzers are buried in a special place and that is where she requested her and her last two schnauzers' ashes be spread. Some of her ashes will be saved to be spread with her parents and brother, Gary, at her surviving brother Carl's ranch in Idaho.

We will and do miss Karen terribly and the world was a better place with her in it. With her golden heart we have full faith that she is an angel above, continuing with her quest of helping in any capacity needed.

We know Karen would want any memorials to be sent to animal shelters, schnauzer rescues or a veterans fund. The best way to remember Karen is to help a human or animal in need!

Thelma Marie (Falk) Smith, 61

Thelma Marie (Falk) Smith, 61, died Oct. 18, 2010, in Libby, at St. John Lutheran Hospital due to natural causes.

She is survived by her children, Kara Belanger and Nicole Belanger-Wilde, both of Libby, and

James Van Horn III of Kalispell.

A potluck and celebration of life will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 24, at Fireman's Park in Libby.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home and Cre-

W. George Smith of Great Falls and Sun Lakes, Ariz., passed away peacefully from complications of a stroke at Chandler General Hospital in Chandler, Ariz., Aug. 15, 2010.



George was born in Bainville to Charles and Ruth Smith on July 12, 1921.

After graduation from Bainville High School, he met Sybil Ann Shirley of Arnegard, N.D., and that was the beginning of a lifelong, loving relationship. They were married Jan. 16, 1945, in Arnegard, a beginning of a marriage that would last for 65 years.

George was an entrepreneur, retailer and innovator. He loved his work, and was always looking for the next business opportunity. He started his working life as a telegrapher for the Great Northern Railroad, but he always had visions of owning his own retail business, a goal that he would accomplish many times. He gained his first experiences in the retail world working as a manager for Super Save grocery stores in Great Falls and Havre.

After gaining that experience, he went out on his own, buying his first business — a corner grocery store in Great Falls, which he renamed One Stop Super. Within a year, through many innovative promotions and hard work, he more than doubled the size of the store, and bought a second store on the west side of Great Falls. His stores were the first to be open on Sundays and holidays and past 6 p.m.

By the late '60s George, or Windy, as he was affectionately called by many friends and family, realized that the days of the small grocery store were numbered. But he found a new avenue to pursue his dreams and he became one of the first tenants in the new Holiday Village Shopping Center. He opened a popular coffee shop called The Patio. Always thinking, around 1970 he made a trip to California to find other business opportunities. He did come back with the Orange Julius franchise, which he added to The Patio.

Always restless, and never quite satisfied, he recognized the opportunity for another store in Holiday Village. Even though, as oldest son Rick has said, "He didn't know a cowboy boot from an anvil," he opened a Western

clothing store and called it Western Village. This new store seemed to satisfy his lifelong desire to be a retailer. Western Village did lead to other stores. George and second son Mike owned the Westerners in Missoula. Several Levi fashion stores called The Jeanyery were also opened in different locations.

Along with sister and brother-in-law Donna and Don Thorpe, he opened probably the most successful Western Village in the Fiesta Mall in Mesa, Ariz. For many of its 10 years of operation it had the highest sales per square foot of any store in this large mall.

Through all his various business ventures, his loving wife Sybil was always right at his side. George is currently survived by Sybil, who is in the final stages of Alzheimer's disease. George's greatest accomplishment in his life was the wonderful care he provided for Sybil in the past few years. He refused to put her in any kind of assisted living — he was going to take care of her — and he did. Finally on Aug. 9, 2010, she had to be moved to a Hospice facility in Chandler. The next day George was admitted to the hospital. The family always wondered how one would ever live without the other. We found the answer — they couldn't.

George and Sybil loved Great Falls, which was home. But since 1978, they were able to winter at their home in Sun Lakes, Ariz. They loved to play golf and were longtime members of the Meadowlark Country Club. They cherished the visits from their large family. George loved sports of all kinds and would often be found at local high school sporting events.

They were members of the Christ Methodist Church in Great Falls.

In addition to his wife Sybil, George is survived by sons and daughters, Rick and Merry Jo of Kalispell, Mike and Ann of Missoula, Sue and Tim Vogl of Tucson, Ariz., Scott and Denise Rohan-Smith of Missoula, and Judy and Kip Morran of Great Falls. Also surviving are 10 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. Surviving siblings, all of the Phoenix area, are Bob, Bud, Donna Thorpe and Helen Simard.

Preceding George in death were brothers, Albert and Bill; and sisters, Lucille Allen and Doris Landers.

Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced at a later date.

Geraldine Ann Feiden Snyder, 82

Gerry passed away Friday, July 16, 2010, at her residence in Lakeside, of natural causes. She was born on July 9, 1928, in Great Falls, the fourth child of Herman and Esther Feiden, former owners of Herman's Flowers. She attended Great Falls High School, skipping school to ride her horse.

Gerry married K. Daniel Snyder in 1946. She took a bus to New York City to start her married life, while Dan worked for the New York Times.

They returned to Great Falls. Gerry and Dan moved to Missoula where Dan attended the University of Montana.

Gerry worked for Heinrich Jewelers and Flowers. Upon Dan's graduation, they moved to Bozeman and started their family. They and two young sons moved back to Great Falls where Dan started his first radio station, later to become KQDL. They continued their broadcasting career with the construction of KRTV.

Gerry and Dan had three children, David, Randy and Jacque. Gerry assisted Dan, but her first love was her home and family, insisting on family and recreation time camping and time with her parents on Flathead Lake.

Gerry and Dan divorced and Gerry returned to broadcasting, working for KKGJ in Great Falls, eventually serving as sales manager.

She sent her children to college and, in 1975, moved to her own lakeshore home on Flathead Lake, continuing in sales for KOFI radio. She loved selling advertising, writing ad copy and becoming great friends with her customers.

She was an avid gardener, swam in the lake daily and loved cooking for family gatherings.

Early-morning water skis



or sails on Flathead Lake were a favorite.

She retired and moved to Missoula in 1995. She became a Griz fan

and was widely known as "Gramma Griz," with e-mail addresses to match.

She attended many home and away football games. Her family remained her first priority, now tracking grandchildren from infancy through college graduation.

Gerry was a lifelong Methodist, starting at the First Methodist in Great Falls, continuing with the Somers United Methodist and finishing with the First United Methodist in Missoula.

She attended Bible studies under the Rev. Hugh Herbert and donated many hours to the church's gardens and flowers.

She moved to Village Senior Residence in 2007, where she made many, many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Herman and Esther; her brothers, Jim and John "Jack" Feiden; her sisters, Connie Byers and Vivian Wraalstad; and her niece, Debbie Feiden Grasse-schi.

She is survived by her children, David Snyder and Gloria Wong of Los Angeles, and Melissa and Mackynze; Randy and Linda Snyder of Bigfork, and Tristan, Arielle and Aftan; and Jacque and Loring Walawander of Missoula, and Luke.

Memorials can be made to the First United Methodist Church.

A memorial service celebrating her life will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, July 30, at the First United Methodist Church in Missoula.

Mary Hendricsen Snyder, 94

Mary Hendricsen Snyder died peacefully in her sleep Jan. 1, 2010, in Kalispell. Mary was born Jan. 5, 1915, in



Rockford, Ill. At age 12 she and her family moved to southern California.

While attending Whittier College she met and married Lynn C. Snyder. They were married 45 years until his death in 1980. They were blessed with three children.

Mary is survived by her three children, Tom Snyder and his wife, Carolyn, Dave Snyder and his wife, Linda, and Marylynn Lang-bein; 14 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren.

Mary was always active in the communities where she lived, from hospital volunteer groups, Sunday School teaching and the Boys and Girls Scouts.

Her favorite activities were playing bridge, entertaining and serving wonderful meals. She had an endless collection of recipes and cookbooks.

Mary will be remembered for her love of family, her sense of humor, personal grace and loving heart. She will be greatly missed.

All are welcome to the memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, at the Christ Church Episcopal, 215 Third Ave. E., in Kalispell.

The family suggests donations can be made to the Christ Church Episcopal/ Foundation Fund in Mary's name.

John LeRoy Solem, 83

John LeRoy Solem, 83, a Libby native and long-time resident, died May 9, 2010, at his Yaak home.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Ellen; sons, Steve of Missoula, and Craig of Mount Pleasant, S.C.; and daughters, Terrie Noser of Libby, and Linda

Solem of Kalispell.

A funeral service is planned for 1 p.m. Thursday, May 13, at the Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Libby and then a private interment event. A reception will follow services at the Sons of Norway, 165 Garden Road in Libby.

Robin C. Souze, 77

Robin C. Souze, 77, died Friday, Feb. 19, 2010, in Kalispell.

Arrangements are pending with Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory.

Noreen I. Sorenson, 89

Noreen Inez Sorenson, of Whitefish, passed away Sept. 20, 2010, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center, surrounded by her children and grandchildren.



She was born June 26, 1921, in Lidgerwood, N.D., to August and Margaret Grobe. She was one of four siblings.

She attended school in Lidgerwood and graduated from cosmetology school. Noreen began her career as a beautician in Parshall, N.D., where she met Arnold Sorenson. On Dec. 15, 1942, they were joined in marriage which began a long lasting journey of 57 years until Arnold's death in 2000.

In the spring of 1943, they sold their ranch in Parshall and moved to Whitefish, where they purchased a farm. Together they developed the property and began their family. In addition to farming, they operated a dairy for over 20 years. Noreen was a full-time homemaker and was proud to be a farmer's wife. She could often be found milking and feeding the cattle. She loved to fish and spent many hours fishing the Stillwater River.

She was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran Church and was a member of Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish and Stillwater Lutheran Church in Kalispell. She truly was a woman of faith and enjoyed reading her Bible and listening to and playing gospel music. She enjoyed artistic whistling and played the harmonica by ear, entertaining many at church functions, nursing homes and family gatherings. She filled many homes with her beautiful hand work and was able

to crochet doilies without a pattern until shortly before her death.

Noreen was a loving, caring and devoted wife, mother and grandmother. Her kindness was extended to everyone she met. The family has fond memories of gatherings at Thanksgiving and Christmas enjoying the lefse and lutefisk she prepared.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, brother and sister.

She is survived by her son, Gregory Sorenson, and wife, Susan, of Columbia Falls; daughters, Diane McEntire and husband, Danny, of Whitefish, Sandra Balch and husband, Mike, of Spokane, Janice Nicol and husband, Kenneth, of Sparwood, British Columbia, Julie Walhus and husband, Greg, of Whitefish, and Judy Coonrod and husband, Dan, of Spokane; 12 grandchildren, Brian and Bill Sorenson, Patty, Wayne and Tim McEntire, Glenn McGaughey, Angela Balch, Scott and Nancy Nicol, Matthew, Rebecca and Jessica Walhus; and eight great-grandchildren; sister, Betty Kackman, and husband, Mel, of South St. Paul, Minn.; and brother, Norm Grobe, and wife, Carol, of Veblen, S.D.; and many nieces and nephews.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home with visitation from noon to 6 p.m. today. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. on Friday at Stillwater Lutheran Church, Kalispell, with Pastor Tim Bartholomew officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell.

To view Noreen's guest book, offer condolences and share memories, please visit www.jgfuneralhome.com.

Memorials may be given to Stillwater Lutheran Church.

Kaiden Howard Spain, 13

Kaiden Howard Spain, 13, of Kalispell, passed away on Tuesday, Aug. 24, 2010, at home in Kalispell.



He was born on Feb. 20, 1997, in Kalispell, son of Howard V. and Amy J. (Samples) Spain.

Kaiden attended school at Elrod Elementary and Kalispell Middle School. He loved to golf, hunt, go fishing with his dad, video games, spending every moment with his family and friends, adored all pets, going to Silverwood, listening to music and drawing.

He called his mom, "Lil' Miss Momma," and lifted her off her feet, hugging her so tight. He was his mommy's baby, loved his big sissy so much, shopping with Grandma Debbie, and spent his last month with his cousin Garrett and Grandma Samples, camping, and enjoying go carts, bumper boats, floating the river, hiking Big Mountain and going on the Alpine Slides.

He loved playing pool, and always said "Hi" to everyone, no matter where he was. He enjoyed making money, but was reluctant in spending it! Kaiden and his dad loved taking out the "hot rod white truck" and doing burnouts.

His dreams were to be a helicopter pilot for the military. After that he wanted to move to Alaska and become a diesel mechanic. He wanted to adopt a son and have five dogs.

Kaiden is survived by his father and mother, How-

ard and Amy Spain; sister, Maurissa Spain; grandparents, Fred Bauer and Debbie Spain of Kalispell, and Harold and Sandy Samples of Columbia Falls; uncle, Brian, and aunt, Ashley, and Briley and Mason Samples of Kalispell; uncle, Keith, and aunt, Elaine Garrett, and Levi and McKenna Samples of Republic, Mo.; uncle, Ken, and aunt, Kristina, and Kenisha, Kailey and baby Kaleb Spain of Yakima, Wash.; uncle, Rich Spain, of Kalispell; uncle, Rich, and aunt, Helen Sawyer and Logan Samples, of Kalispell; and uncle, Sam, and Crystal, Christopher and Samantha Samples, of Azle, Texas.

Kaiden was preceded in death by great-grandma, Angie Pedersen; grandfather, Howard Vinton Spain; great-grandpa, Harold Samples; great-grandma, Mary Samples; great-grandfather, Melvin, and great-grandma, Dolly Larson; great-grandfather, Richard Street; great-grandmother, Carol Street; great-grandfather, Clark Spain; great-grandmother, Shirlee Spain; and aunt, Cherie Samples.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Aug. 30, at the Christian Center, 255 Summit Ridge Drive, Kalispell. Interment will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. A potluck reception will follow at Lawrence Park in Kalispell.

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

Warren C. 'Sparks' Sparling, 91

Warren C. "Sparks" Sparling, 91, passed away early Sunday morning, July 18, 2010, at his home in Kalispell. He was born on June 22, 1919, in Kalispell, to James and Bernice (LaRue) Sparling.

Warren attended Kalispell schools, graduating from Flathead County High School. He married his high school sweetheart, Adeline Larson and together they had one son, Robert David Sparling.

Warren served in the military as a lieutenant in the Army during World War II.

He was a partner in the family business of the American Timber Co., for most of his career.

Warren was very involved in Bethlehem Lutheran Church, singing tenor in the choir for many years, and serving as the congregation president. Playing his guitar, he formed and led a boys' choir at the church and was a faithful supporter of the outreach in his giving.

Another outreach of his giving was to the Lutheran Bible Institute of Issaquah, Wash., where he served on the board.

It is now known as the Trinity Lutheran College of Everett, Wash.

Warren and Adeline loved to travel and went on many cruises and trips. They loved to fish and spent time with their son, Bob, and his wife, Sharon, salmon fishing on Vancouver Island and also on golfing trips in Oregon. Bob and Sharon went on some of their cruises with them.

Their grandchildren and great-grandchildren brought much joy to their lives.

"Papa Hataburn" as he was affectionately called by his family was always teasing, making up stories and singing songs.

His families have many wonderful memories of times at the Flathead Lake cabin. Christmas always found Warren with his Santa uniform and a bag of gifts.



Adeline passed away suddenly two days after Christmas this past year and life hadn't been so good for him since

then.

"His Home Option's care givers (who have become like family) tried their best to bring joy into his days and we are so thankful to them. We are also grateful to Sharon Askelson for her care of their home and yard and loving care to their needs for 20 years."

Warren is survived by his son, Robert Sparling, and wife, Sharon, of Tacoma, Wash.; granddaughter, Kathy Lumsden, and husband, Terry, of Olalla, Wash., and their two children, Jennifer and Thomas; granddaughter, Jill Scherrer, and husband, Scott, of Post Falls, Idaho, and their daughter, Stephanie; grandson, Bruce Sparling, and wife, Cindy, of Tacoma, and their two children, Jack and Isabel.

He is also survived by a sister, Ruth Darnell, of Gig Harbor, Wash.; a brother-in-law, Hollister Larson, of Kalispell; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Warren will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 24, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church with Pastor Debra Abbott officiating.

Preceding the service, a brief graveside service will be held at 10 a.m. for family and friends, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family suggests memorial gifts be given to the Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp, 603 S. Main St., Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

William 'Bill' Charles Sparr, 61

William Charles Sparr, 61, of Missoula, died on Thursday, Feb. 18, 2010, at his home of natural causes.

He had co-managed a service station and towing company, which also included auto repair, moving truck rental and property leasing services.

Survivors include his wife, Debbie, son, Michael, daughter, Lisa, father, Robert, and stepchildren, Scott Anderson, Dawn Hofman, and Jeff Jacobson, all of Missoula.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 25, at the Missoula Alliance Church.

Dr. Vernon 'Dale' Spear, 86

Dr. Vernon "Dale" Spear, 86, of Algona, Iowa, died on Wednesday, March 31, 2010, at the Kossuth Regional Health Center.



with a doctorate in veterinary medicine, dentistry and surgery. He served as a sergeant major in the U.S. Army during World War II where he received the Bronze Star.

Dale was united in marriage with Mary J. Loberg on Dec. 10, 1962, in Preston, Minn.

He was a member of First Lutheran Church in Algona, Iowa, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Cossack Team - ISU, Elks and the Iowa State Alumni Association.

Visitation will be from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Thursday, April 8, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home in Kalispell. Interment will follow at 11 a.m. at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery with the Army National Guard and the United Veterans of the Flathead Valley doing military honors.

Vernon Dale Spear, the son of Harry Johnson and Anvy Alberta (Dewell) Spear, was born on March 8, 1924, in Clarence, Iowa. He graduated from Tipton High School in 1941.

In 1953, Dale graduated from Iowa State University

Left to cherish his memory is his wife of 47 years, Mary; five children, Dlo Le Spear-Sykes of Seattle, Todd Niels Spear of Spokane, Robin Jill Spear Welter of Richmond, Calif., Alex Johnson Spear of Kalispell, and Susan Anne Klein of Albuquerque, N.M.; and six grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and a brother, Max Spear.

Condolences may be left at www.lentzfuneralhome.com.

Darlene Kay Spear, 65

Darlene Kay Spear, 65, passed away, surrounded by her family, on Tuesday, Aug. 31, 2010, at Healthcare Northwest in Kalispell.



She was born on April 17, 1945, to Ralph and Georgina Yarde. Darlene attended Flathead High School.

She married Ronald A. Spear on July 1, 1967.

Darlene worked at Ace Powell Bronze Foundry and enjoyed being a housewife.

She loved horses, birds, donkeys, dogs, mules, miniature donkeys and horses, horseback riding, motorcycle riding, four-wheelers, painting and shopping.

Darlene is survived by her husband, Ronald Spear, of

Columbia Falls; son, Clint Spear, and grandson, Drey Spear, of Kalispell; son, Cory Spear, and granddaughters, Morgan Spear and Josie Spear, of Spirit Lake, Idaho; and brother, Dick Yarde, of Kalispell.

A memorial service will be held at 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 4, at First Baptist Church, 6232 Hwy. 93, Whitefish, with Pastor Eugene Spear officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made on Darlene's behalf to St. Jude Children's Hospital, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

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

Carol Johnson Spencer, 82

Carol Johnson Spencer, 82, died Feb. 20, 2010.

She had work in the Libby School District for many years as a substitute, teacher's aide, and tutor for gifted and talented students.

She is survived by her eight children, Mark Spencer, Scott Spencer, Gary Spencer, Randy Spencer, Shane Spencer,

Craig Spencer, Cynthia Hanson and Lynn Spencer.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2056 U.S. 2 S. in Libby. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. today, Feb. 23, at Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Libby.

Kristopher Matthew Sperry, 30

Kristopher Matthew Sperry, 30, formerly of Whitefish and Eureka, died Aug. 16, 2010.

He was a Washington State trooper.

Survivors include his mother, Marilyn.

Memorial services will

be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 3, at the First Church of God in Eureka. A reception will follow the service.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Eureka.

Reinhard Ludwig Ernst Spies, 81

Reinhard Ludwig Ernst Spies, 81, was born April 16, 1929, to Elfrieda and Max Spies in Hamburg, Germany. He died Oct. 5, 2010, in Bigfork, of heart failure.



He immigrated to Montreal in 1954 on a converted wine tanker, along with one other passenger. They paid for their journey by painting the ship during the 21-day voyage. Obtaining his U.S. visa in 1956, sponsored by his uncle in Minnesota, he joined Bank of America in their international department in San Francisco.

Reinhard became a U.S. citizen in 1961 and married Barbara Wilson (daughter of Rip Wilson, longtime resident of Kalispell and Bigfork). The couple were transferred to Duesseldorf, Germany in 1964, and then to Vienna Austria in 1965. They adopted two baby boys during the six years in Vienna and then returned to the U.S. in 1971 for one year, before they moved to Chicago, Syd-

ney, Australia, Cleveland and New York City.

Although he and his family lived the world over, they always considered Bigfork home base, spending almost every summer at the Wilson residence on Flathead Lake, until taking up permanent residence in Bigfork when he retired in 1992.

Reinhard was an avid bridge player, great dancer and a stamp collector, and enjoyed teaching cribbage to fourth graders; he even acted with the Bigfork Community Players once or twice. He loved boating on Flathead Lake, watching tennis and the stock market.

Reinhard is survived by his wife, Barbara; sons, Stefan and Marc; daughter-in-law, Jennifer; and grandson, Max.

No service will be held; the family plans a celebration of his life next summer.

In lieu of flowers, anyone wishing to donate to the Bigfork Library Fund in Reinhard's behalf would be appreciated.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

To send condolences, please go to www.buffalo-hillfh.com.

Clyde Lewis "Gus" Sproul, 58

Clyde Lewis "Gus" Sproul, 58, died Monday, March 15, 2010, at a local hospital. He was born March 7, 1952, in Whitefish, to Lewis "Dill" Sproul and Janet (Fly) Sproul. His childhood and early adulthood were spent at his family home on the Star Meadows Ranch.



Gus grew up working on the ranch and logging with his dad, uncle and cousins and had worked as a skidder operator his entire life. He had been employed by F.H. Stoltz Lumber Company at the time of his death.

Gus never married but his cousins and their children were his very close family. A quiet person with a heart of gold, Gus was there for anyone at any time and will be missed by his family and

friends.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother.

He is survived by his aunts and uncles, Florence and Art Hedin of Kalispell, Leola Trexler of Palmdale, Calif., Ellen Cleveland of Millville, Del., and Elmer and Barbara Fly of Naselle, Wash. Also surviving are his cousins, Richard and Julie Sproul of Columbia Falls, Ruthie and Ray Barnes of Dillon, Jenny and Donny Thompson of Kalispell, Jolene and David Wolstad of Somers, Ken Cleveland of Virginia, Nancy Limbaugh of Washington, and Sandra Cole of California; as well as numerous second and third cousins.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish with Pastor Tim Bartholomew officiating. Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association, The American Heart Association or the American Cancer Society.

Randy S. Starr, 54

Randy S. Starr, 54, of Lolo, died Sunday, Nov. 28, 2010, at his home in Lolo from natural causes.

He owned and operated his own martial arts school.

Survivors include his wife, Sandy Starr, of Lolo; son, Tommy Minton, of

Long Beach, Calif.; and mother, Darleen Starr, of Moses Lake, Wash.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Friday, Nov. 3, at the Libby Christian Church. Local arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Libby.

Thomas Gerald Stack, 70

Thomas Gerald Stack, 70, passed away in the arms of his daughters on Sunday, Sept. 26, 2010, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.



He was born on Jan. 23, 1940, in Fort Benton, the third of four sons to Harold and Maybelle (Bury) Stack. His family ranched throughout Montana and finally settled in Great Falls in 1955.

From 1957 until 1960, Tom served in the U.S. Navy. He was stationed in San Diego and the Philippines before receiving his discharge.

Tom met his future wife, Judith Waldenburg, in January 1961. They wed in June of 1962 in Great Falls. Their first daughter, Shelly was born in 1963. The family then moved to Butte in 1967 and were blessed with another daughter in May of 1968, Stacey.

He had various jobs throughout his life; a green-keeper, truck dispatcher, assistant manager and finally a manager of a liquor store, before his retirement in 2006.

Tom loved to fish, and was able to enjoy many of the waterways Montana has to offer. Fly-fishing, "Mac" fishing, trolling for salmon and ice fishing were among his favorites. It didn't matter the season, there were fish to catch and beer to drink. Tom spent many hours down at the docks on Flathead Lake, fishing with his grandson, Keatin. They both had big dreams of catching the "big one."

Hunting was a passion Tom shared with many

friends and family; hunting ducks with Bob LeDuc and trusted companion, "Coco"; and dragging his sons-in-law, his brother Dennis and grandson Keatin along for big game hunts on the other side of the mountains.

Golfing with family and friends also helped pass the time.

Tom was a member of the Flathead Clay Target Club. He received multiple awards for his excellent marksmanship. He volunteered many hours running the trap club kitchen during shoots.

He joined the Moose Club in 1994 and continued that loyal membership until his death. His favorite time of the day came at 2 p.m. when the Moose Club opened and he was able to share in a friendly conversation with friends too numerous to mention.

Tom loved to spend time with his family. He and Judy were blessed with six grandchildren. From hockey, basketball, football, baseball, debate and music concerts — they did it all. Some of the proudest moments included his grandson Brady's hockey team winning the state hockey championship, his grandson Chase receiving an honorable discharge from the U.S. Navy, his granddaughter Brooke being accepted to the University of Washington School of Medicine, grandson Haiden being accepted into the Davidson Honor College at the University of Montana to begin his pharmacy education, grandson Keatin being the one to carry on the love of hunting and fishing, and finally, his granddaughter Kynzie for her honesty and sense of humor.

Tom was diagnosed with lung cancer in April 2010. With aggressive treatment and care, it was determined

that surgery would be needed. Tom wasn't able to recover from the surgery. A special thanks to the nurses, physicians and care professionals that touched his life during this journey.

He was preceded in death by his father, Harold Stack; and an infant daughter.

He is survived by his wife, "the bride" of 48 years, Judy, of Kalispell; daughters, Shelly Christiaens and husband, Brian, of Great Falls, and their children, Chase, Brooke and Brady; Stacey Mohl and husband, Dave, of Missoula, and their children, Haiden, Keatin and Kynzie; his mother, Maybelle Stack, of Spanaway, Wash.; and his brothers, Dennis Stack of Kalispell, Jon Stack of

Snohomish, Wash., and Neil Stack of Sandy, Utah; numerous nieces and nephews; and his best friend, Wayne "Jake" Jacobson.

Mass of Christian Burial for Tom will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 1, at Risen Christ Catholic Church, with Father Rudolph Bullman as celebrant. There will be a rosary at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 30, at Risen Christ Catholic Church. Urn burial will follow services at Glacier Memorial Gardens with full military honors.

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

Robert Lee Stayton, 81

Robert Lee Stayton, 81, passed away on Tuesday, May 18, 2010, at his residence in Bigfork. Bob was born



on Nov. 11, 1928, in Great Falls, to Welby and Mattie Stayton. He was raised on a small farm and started formal art training at the age of six. In those beginning years, Bob drew and painted farm animals, wildlife and scenery of the Rocky Mountains. Horses dominated Bob's life, and he became an accomplished rider at an early age. He spent his preteen and teen years in the remote Centennial Valley, working as a ranch hand and honing his riding skills. Bob enjoyed storing the mental images of the ranch stock, wild animals and scenery while moving the herd.

A serious riding accident ended his intended career as a professional jockey, so Bob headed for college and earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Montana State University. He studied Industrial, Architectural and Commercial Design and he graduated with a design and art education major. Bob had both an enjoyable and successful career as a teacher and industrial designer, as well as many years as an interior business and commercial designer. Throughout his life, Bob maintained his ties with his native Montana and chose to stay close to his early roots in the "Big Sky Country." In 1980, with three sons well into their own careers, he chose to pursue his fine art career full time and created many excel-

lent works in bronze. Bob spent his last years in the Flathead Valley of western Montana, near the foundry where he spent a great deal of time personally overseeing the production of his sculptures.

The influence of his early encounters with nature, combined with his heritage of Celtic boldness and American Indian sensitivity, formed the foundation upon which Bob's work was based, containing a unique blend of form, balance, rhythm, color and style that brought to life the clear, primitive beauty of each piece. He commented, "The freedom to imagine and dream the life of a cowboy and outdoorsman is exciting, but to have lived and experienced the life is exhilarating. The sculptor must be on guard that the eye does not deceive as it is the touch that brings life to his creations." Bob's sculptures have been displayed in galleries in Indiana, Montana, West Virginia, Connecticut, Idaho and Colorado, and he has received numerous awards since 1982.

Bob is survived by his wife, Mary; and three sons, Lee and wife, Barbara, of Ashland, Mass., Jay and wife, Beverly, of Bigfork, and Russ and wife, Joanie, of Kalispell; a sister, Bernice; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Memorial services for Bob will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, May 27, at the Community United Methodist Church in Bigfork, with Pastor Kathy Young officiating.

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

Homer Lyle Steele, 82

Homer Lyle Steele, 82, beloved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, passed away at his home on July 11, 2010, surrounded with the love of his family. He was born April 1, 1928, in Wolf Point, the youngest son of Ruth and Archie Steele.

He married his high school sweetheart, Joyce Elaine Wilkinson, on April 23, 1949. They were deeply in love for 63 years. Homer and Joyce lived in the house that Homer built near Columbia Falls.

Homer was a football star at Wolf Point High School where he was awarded a full scholarship.

He helped build Hungry Horse Dam, where he worked for seven years, then worked at Columbia Falls Aluminum Co., for 36 and a half years, where he retired.

Homer's greatest love was his family and the fun spent on family trips, boating, camping and hunting.

He was an elder in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. His kindness and gentleness made him special in every way. He had such a big heart and would help anyone in need.

Homer was preceded in death by sister, Helen Steele; mother, Ruth Steele; father, Archie Steele; and brothers, Harold and Robert Steele.

He is survived by his children, Kim W. Steele, Cheryl D. Sands and husband, Mike



Sands; Shane L. Steele and wife, Beth Steele; and Shawn D. Steele. He has 10 grandchildren and 13 great-grand-

children, Angela Cote and husband, Paul; Tina Sands and son, Brandon; Michael Sands and wife, Dina, and children, Marissa, Megan and Shawn; Shane Steele and wife, Sonja, and children, Shelby and Zach; Kasey Steele; Andy Steele and wife, Jennifer, and children, Drew and Jax; Jeremy Steele and children, Kirsten and Andon; Jamie Griffith and husband, Ryan, and children, Colton and Sierra; Kandis Steele and son, Joey; and Kelsey Steele.

"We will miss you every day. May the Lord hold you in His arms for all eternity."

Funeral services for Homer will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, July 16, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Columbia Falls. Visitation will be at 1 p.m. in the Relief Society Room. Burial will follow at the Woodland Cemetery. A reception will be held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints following the service.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for Homer's family.

Ethel Gene 'Genie' Sterling, 81

Ethel Gene "Genie" Sterling "took the hand of Jesus and went home" peacefully while at home on April 12, 2010, with her husband and daughter by her side. Genie was born Oct. 31, 1928, in Sheridan, Wyo., to Matthew Martin and Dora Hazzard Thoot. She grew up in Powder River County with her sisters and brothers.



She married Joe Sterling Oct. 28, 1949, in Sheridan and spent the next several years in Wyoming raising her four children, Linda, Sandy, Ron and Joe. In 1962, the family returned to Broadus.

She was an accomplished homemaker, gardener and an excellent cook. She loved cooking for her family, sewing quilts for them, crocheting, and decorating for all holiday seasons.

After retirement from the oil industry, Joe and Genie lived in Powell and Ten Sleep, Wyo. In 2003, they moved to Kalispell to be close to Sandy and her family. They enjoyed many family celebrations while in Kalispell.

Ethel was preceded in death by her parents; as well as a sister, Florine; and three brothers, Myron, Harry and Howard.

She is survived by her husband, Joe; all of her children, Linda and Mike of Kelso, Wash., Sandy and Mick of Kalispell, Ron and Linda of Casper, Wyo., and Joe and Susan of Ten Sleep. She is also survived by her sisters, Elsie and Mildred of Pine Bluffs, Wyo. She has six grandchildren, Missy, Zach, Hilary, Jed, Dustin and Kayla. Her great-grandchildren are Courtney, Cody, Ethan, Madison, Coben, Silas, Maverick and Holden. She has one great-great-grandchild, Jaiden. She delighted in visits from her family and the great-grandchildren always made her smile with their laughs and hugs.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, April 16, at Faith Free Lutheran Church, 405 Liberty Street, in Kalispell, with Pastor Steve Snipstead officiating. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

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

Olive Elizabeth Steinmeyer, 89

Olive Elizabeth Steinmeyer, 89, died Tuesday, Aug. 31, 2010, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She is survived by her two daughters, Karen Kimball of Bigfork, and

Gail Myers of Santa Monica, Calif.

No services are planned at this time.

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

Lillian L. Stege, 85

Lillian L. Stege, 85, died Friday, May 14, 2010, at Immanuel Lutheran

Home in Kalispell. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Agnes Engelstad Stevens, 92,

Agnes Engelstad Stevens, 92, passed away Tuesday, May 11, 2010, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.



She was born on Dec. 26, 1917, on a small farm near Arnegard, N.D., to loving parents Chris and Sophia (Furstad) Engelstad. The story has been told that her father drove his team and sleigh through much snow and blizzard conditions to a nearby farm where Dr. P.O.C. Johnson was called, and he braved the weather conditions for many miles to assist in the birth.

Agnes could not speak English when she started school in a one-room schoolhouse, Bull Flat School. She was lucky to have a Danish teacher who understood Norwegian enough to help her. Agnes was proud of her Norwegian heritage and made two trips to Norway. Agnes graduated from high school in Arnegard, N.D. in 1935. During those years she met her good friend Ruth Martin and they remained close friends for their entire lifetime. She worked at the San Haven T.B. Sanitarium for several years before marrying Harold C. Haugen in 1938. Five children were born of this union. In 1955 Agnes married B.C. "Steve" Stevens and moved to Montana. One child was born of this union.

Agnes was an active member of Calvary Lutheran Church for many years before she entered the Immanuel Lutheran Home where she has resided for the past three years, with wonderful people at her side

caring for her. She loved to travel and would go on trips at the drop of a hat. She went to Norway and parts of Europe twice. She also made trips to California, Minnesota, Texas and other parts of the United States.

Most people remember "Aggie" from the years she was a waitress at the B&B Restaurant. She loved her job pouring coffee for all the many friends and acquaintances she made during those years. She was a loving mother who always gave of herself and put her children first.

Agnes was preceded in death by Harold in 1964; Steve in 1971; her only sibling, Melvin Engelstad; her parents; one son, Jack Haugen; a granddaughter, Susan Haugen Haney; a grandson, Jay Geffire; and a great-grandson, Eric Haugen.

She is survived by five children; two sons, Clinton J. Haugen of Marion, and Chuck Stevens of Buckley, Wash.; three daughters, Janis M. Jarvis of Kalispell, Joyce A. McCoy and her husband, Gary, of Dallas, and Penny Dahl and her husband, Phil, of Kalispell; a dear friend, Margie Keith of Kalispell; 15 grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

A celebration of life will be held for Agnes at 3 p.m. Friday, May 14, in the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Chapel, with Pastor Bob Nilsen officiating.

The family suggests memorial gifts be given to the Immanuel Lutheran Home, Bratsberg Wing, 185 Crestline Ave., Kalispell.

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

Raven Stevens, 35

Raven Stevens died in Hood River, Ore., on Jan. 6, 2010. He was born at home at Madison Junction in Yellowstone National Park on June 2, 1974. He was raised and nurtured in his first year of life at the base of Purple Mountain and the remainder of his childhood was spent in Trego.



Raven attended Trego Elementary and Eureka High School, graduating in 1993.

In 2000 Raven graduated from the University of Montana as a teacher and taught at the school he had attended as a youngster. For the past three years, Raven and his sister Eve lived near Hood River.

With his sister and his friends he explored the surroundings of the Hood River area, spending weekends hiking, mountain biking, kayaking and skiing. Raven loved working at Bryant Pipe, a local irrigation company during the summer and Mount Hood Meadows, a local ski resort during the winter.

Raven had many passions — He was an amazing athlete with an ability to master any challenge he put his mind to. He wrestled throughout his K-12 years, winning the Buzz Lucey Tournament four times and a state championship. He was passionate about weight lifting, kayaking and mountain biking, never afraid to find the line and ride it to the finish. He had a remarkable sense of special balance and walked on his hands about as much as he walked on his feet. He was an avid photographer, recording what he saw with an eye for detail and for beauty in the ordinary.

Raven had an incredible capacity for knowledge — from sports stats to the names of mountain ranges and plants, he knew what he was talking about or was always ready to learn what he didn't. He loved food and was well known for eating anything ... in quantity.

He had a quirky sense of humor and loved pranks and practical jokes. He was goal-oriented and never afraid to challenge himself or others to just do it. He inspired so many in a quiet way, from showing his nephew how to tie a top-knot for rock climbing to showing his sister how to make it down the mountain bike trail in one piece.

As a teacher he connected with his students in a special way and loved taking the kids out of the classroom and into the world. He cared deeply for others and had an innate ability to build instant friendships with all who met him. He lived in the land of no regrets and found it beautiful. Raven loved and is loved beyond measure and he is deeply missed.

Raven is survived by his father, Bill Stevens, and his wife, Mel; his mother, Carolynn Moritz, and her husband, Chris; his sister, Sensei Powell, and her husband, Stacy, and nephews, Raser and Reush; his sister, Eve Stevens; his stepsister, Clover Kincheloe; and step brother, Casey Evans; as well as lots of relatives and friends in Oregon, Washington, Montana and Virginia.

An education/adventure fund is being set up for Raven's "favorite beings in the world," nephews Raser and Reush Powell, at Parkside Federal Credit Union. For information about donating to the fund, please contact Eve Stevens at eves@waggeneredstrom.com; or Beth Lewis-Anderson at betha@waggeneredstrom.com.

A memorial service was celebrated at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Hood River on Jan. 10 attended by relatives and by many of his friends from Oregon, Washington and Montana.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 20, at Our Lady of Swan Valley Catholic Church in Condon, with burial following at 1 p.m. at the Bigfork Cemetery, Lee Road and Swan River Road. All are welcome.

The family will also be celebrating Raven this summer in Trego.

Betty Jane (Walker) Stevens, 82

Betty Jane (Walker) Stevens, 82, died Dec. 9, 2009, at the Lakeview Care Center.

She was born May 17, 1923, in Kalispell and raised in Lakeside.

On July 5, 1949, she married Neil Stevens.

Betty taught school in Lakeside for 18 years. She was also the secretary treasurer for the Lakeside QRU and Blacktail TV.

She enjoyed gardening, cooking, sewing and spending time with family.

She was preceded in death

by her husband of 53 years, Neil Stevens, in 2002.

Betty is survived by her daughters, Penny Stevens of Shelby, and Pam McCarthy of Lakeside; brother, Robert Walker, of Somers; and her grandchild, Ryan McCarthy, of Denver, N.C.

A memorial service for Betty will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 2, at the Lakeside Community Chapel. A reception will follow immediately afterward.

Memorials are suggested to the Lakeside QRU.

Richard Wayne Stevens Sr., 63

Richard passed away on Friday, Feb. 5, 2010, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center. He was born on Aug. 22, 1946, in Yakima, Wash., the son of Steve and Hazel Stevens. He has one brother and three sisters.



He joined the Army at an early age and served four years at Fort Lewis, where he became a diesel mechanic. Richard also worked for the town of Browning for eight years as a heavy equipment operator and mechanic.

He was involved in the Republican Party and numerous other organizations, and was also the chairman of the Flathead Valley Constitution Party.

He was an outdoorsman who loved fishing, camping and hunting with his family.

In 1963 he married Betty, and in the early '70s they moved to Browning for several years. In 1988, they

moved to Kalispell and have lived here since. They were together for 49 years.

Richard is survived by his wife, Betty Stevens; brother, Leonard, and wife, Irene Stevens; father-in-law, Robert Lewis; and his eight children, Elizabeth, Robert, Richard Jr., Paul, Tammy, Adrian, Angela and Walter; his grandchildren, DJ, Emerald, Reuben, Dustin, Misty, Kristy, Robert Jr., Destiny, Austin, Tayler, Stephanie, Dalyn, Leia, Mercedes, Little Paul, Lakesha, Percy, Brittney, Brett Jr., Blake, Brendon, Jeremiah, Sammie, Kimberly, Shawna, Kayla and Lisa; his 19 great-grandchildren; and other brother and sisters-in-law; nieces, nephews and friends.

Viewing will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today, Feb. 9, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Services will be held at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

If you wish to make any donation to Betty Stevens and family, send such donations to P.O. Box 815, Hungry Horse, MT 59919.

Bernice 'Bernie' Stewart, 83

Bernice "Bernie" Stewart, 83, formerly of Peru, Ill., died Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2010, at her home in Hungry Horse.

She was a musician and sang in night clubs, and also worked in a nail factory until she

retired.

A gathering in her honor will take place at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, at 295 Beta Road in Hungry Horse.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is assisting the family.

Ida D. Stewart, 81

Ida D. Stewart, 81, of Troy, died Friday, Feb. 5, 2010, at St. John's Lutheran Hospital in Libby from natural causes.

She is survived by her husband, Ellis Stewart, of Troy; her children, Rose Carvey of Eureka, Rick Montgomery of Kamiah, Idaho, Jim Montgomery of Troy, Mickey Montgomery of Kettle Falls, Idaho, Chuck Montgom-

ery of Rexford, Vivian Drake of Troy, Vernon Montgomery of Eureka, and Lela Stewart of Great Falls; and her sister, Viola McMillian of Anchorage, Alaska.

Services will be 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12, at Three Lakes Community Church Activity Building. Local arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home.

Steven Allen Stewart, 53

Steven Allen Stewart, 53, died Thursday, Sept. 23, 2010, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

He is survived by his father, Noble Stewart, of

Nyssa, Ore.

No services are planned at this time.

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

Hilda Faye Stidmon, 88

Hilda Faye Stidmon, 88, passed away on Friday, Dec. 24, 2010, at her current residence in Kalispell.



She was born on Oct. 31, 1922, on a farm east of Greencastle, Mo., the daughter of Reuben and Goldie (Ray) Snyder.

Hilda enjoyed writing poetry, painting and gardening. She attended schools and graduated from high school in Greencastle.

On Dec. 2, 1939, she married Claude Stidmon in Kirksville, Mo. They lived in Missouri and Iowa until moving to Kalispell in October 1953. Three children were born to this union, Larry Stidmon, Marvin Stidmon and Ricky Stidmon.

Hilda was preceded in death by her parents, Reuben and Goldie (Ray) Snyder; husband, Claude Stidmon; brothers, Vandall and Tom Snyder; and sister,

Arlene Humphries.

She is survived by her three children, Larry Stidmon, Marvin Stidmon, and Ricky and his wife, Linda, Stidmon; four grandchildren, Wendy Jo Stidmon, Melissa Leigh Stidmon, Cody Ryan Stidmon and Kari Ann Stidmon; two great-grandchildren; sister-in-law, Cleone Stidmon, brother, Cur Snyder, and his wife, Harriet; special dear friend, Mary Jo Samuelson; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services for Hilda will be at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 30, at Bethel Baptist Church 936 Fourth Ave. West, Kalispell. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. There will be a viewing from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 29, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home.

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

Maybelle Stillman, 87

Our sweet, sweet mom, Maybelle Stillman passed away on the beautiful Sabbath morning of July 18, 2010, in West Jordan, Utah. She was born May 26, 1923, in Kalispell, the daughter of Victor Elmer Munter and Clara Tomina Christopherson Munter.

She attended Northside grade school, seventh and eighth grades at Central in Kalispell and graduated in 1941 from Flathead County High School.

She married Theron Jackson Stillman in Kalispell on Feb. 10, 1945. Their marriage was later solemnized in the Cardston, Alberta, Church of Latter-day Saints Temple on Feb. 15, 1964.

As a devoted member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, she served in many callings. She was a primary teacher for over 20 years and was given a pin for her years of service.

As a member of the Relief Society she served as social relations specialist, secretary to the Ward Relief Society presidency, as a visiting teacher and worked in genealogy extraction.

She so enjoyed extracting (both in Montana and Idaho) and would always comment and marvel as to "how far back" the work was. She particularly enjoyed the people she was working on who came over on the Mayflower.

Maybelle loved to make pillows. She would stitch specialized pillows in shapes that matched the person it was for. She made racecars, spud (couch potato) pillows and more. She also started quilting in her 60s, doing all the stitching by hand. It was just her extra personalized touch.

She also loved cars (having grown up with a mechanic father) and was very knowledgeable about cars and surprised many with this interest.

She loved her sister Doris, and spent as much time as she could with her enjoy-



ing endless visiting. She loved to go on day trip rides. You could never visit Mom without going on, at the very least, a

couple of rides.

It was the best, as was she. She leaves with us her deep testimony of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the perfect example of living what she so firmly believed in.

"Thank you, Mom."

Maybelle is survived by her children, Ted and Claudia Stillman, Gary O. and Jeanine Stillman, Larry A. and Loydene Stillman, Joanne J. and John Henden, Melanie G. Morrison, Tim K. Stillman and daughter-in-law, Kathy K. Stillman; 23 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Theron J. Stillman; four children, Vickie M. Stillman, Daniel J. Stillman, Robert J. Stillman and Ronald R. Stillman; a granddaughter, Jennifer Rebecca Stillman; and two brothers and one sister.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, July 23, in the Highland LDS 5th Ward Chapel, preceded by a viewing from 9 to 9:45 a.m. (10115 York Shire Drive, South Jordan, Utah).

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 24, in the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

"We wish to thank Dr. Steven Warren and the staff of Copper Ridge Care Center; in particular, nurses Dawna, Lynn, Alma and aid Tiffany, for their kind and loving care of our mother. We appreciate her sweet roommate Helen for being Mom's angel. We love you all.

Condolences can be made to the family at serenicare.com.

William Dale 'Bill' Stine, 62

William Dale "Bill" Stine, 62, passed away on Monday, May 17, 2010, at his residence in Kalispell, following a



year-long battle with brain cancer. He was born on Nov. 19, 1947, in Malta, the son of William Kenneth and Corrine (Granlund) Stine.

He attended schools in Malta and graduated from Malta High School in 1966. He attended Northern Montana College (now MSU-Northern) and the University of Montana. He was later drafted into the U.S. Army in 1969 and served in Vietnam, and was discharged in 1971.

Bill joined his father as a partner in Stine's Insurance of Malta and sold the business when he retired.

Bill loved following horse racing, both on the track and at simulcast sites. He also enjoyed the outdoors and was an avid hunter and fisherman.

He liked to take trips to visit old friends. Last fall he took in an Arizona Cardinal

game and a Phoenix Suns game; and he enjoyed the Beatles show "Love" in Las Vegas.

Bill enjoyed spending time with his family and friends and loved spoiling his nieces and his great-nieces and nephews. Bill was loved by many and will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his sister, Linda Taylor, and husband, Vince, of Bigfork; two nieces, Marshelle Wade and husband, Curt, of Bigfork, and Janell Berger and husband, Brandon, of Billings; great-nieces and nephews, Colin and Keni Wade, and Spence and Kamryn Berger; an uncle, Keith Stine, of Malta; three aunts, Dorothy Granlund of Malta, and Nancy Granlund and Esther Brayton, both of California.

There will be a memorial service later in the summer, which will be announced at a later date.

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

James 'Walkin' Jim' Stoltz, 57



Walkin' Jim Stoltz "set off on his last forever wild hike" on Friday, Sept. 3, 2010. Our master troubadour and dear friend fought a heroic battle with cancer in Helena. He was 57 years old.

Walkin' Jim is widely known throughout the U.S. for his unique combination of long-distance hiking, original songwriting and photography.

He accomplished over 28,000 miles of long-distance treks, including the Pacific Crest Trail, the Appalachian Trail, an east to west cross-continent hike, the entire U.S. Continental Divide, and trips from Yellowstone to the Yukon.

Between trips, Jim would create, produce and perform original shows of his travels with photography and music, always incorporating his keen sense of environmental awareness and justice for all things wild. His musical, hiking and environmental career spanned 45 years.

Jim produced nine musical albums, one music video for children, and was also an accomplished poet, writer, photographer and painter. He founded the nonprofit Musicians United to Sustain the Environment (MUSE) with a group of professional musicians concerned about the health

of our planet and wanting to help protect it. The Environmental Protection Agency honored Jim with its "Outstanding Achievement Award" for his advocacy of nature and wilderness across America.

Jim was born in Royal Oak, Mich., June 8, 1953, to Wilbur and Audra Stoltz. He graduated high school from Royal Oak - Kimball High School. Walkin' Jim began playing the guitar when he was in the fourth grade and first attained his love for the outdoors and hiking with the Boy Scouts.

He is survived by his true friend, Leslie Stoltz, of Big Sky; brother, Mark Stoltz, of Honor, Mich.; sisters, Susan Grace Stoltz of Fairbanks, Alaska, and Lisa Mohr of Wixom, Mich.; and many nieces and nephews.

Jim's life work and dreams centered on his desire to share and protect the beauty, the unique character, the mood, and the value of wilderness through his music, writings, art and activism. He leaves a special and enduring legacy to his family, friends, and innumerable list of fans.

Contributions can be made in honor of Walkin' Jim Stoltz to MUSE (Musicians United to Sustain the Environment) P.O. Box 1512, Helena, MT 59624.

More about Jim is at www.walkinjim.com. To offer a condolence to the family or to share a memory of Jim, please visit www.retzfuneralhome.com.

Gaylia May Smith Stipe, 84

Gaylia May Smith Stipe, known as May, "went to be with Jesus" Nov. 6, 2010, following the ravages of Alzheimer's. Even Alzheimer's could not remove her faith.

Gaylia May Siggaard was born July 16, 1926, to Kris and Marie Siggaard in Froid. She joined her brothers, Pete and Howard, and sister, Evelyn, on the family farm.

May met and married the love of her life, Richard Smith, known as Dick. They moved to the Ronan area, where they farmed and raised their three children, Marj, Richard and Linda. Dick left his family way too early, passing away in 1966.

She later married Dean Stipe and again was widowed. Then she moved from the farm in Moiese to a home in Ronan, where the Corum family watched over her as her memory faded. She eventually needed more care and moved to The Springs in Whitefish, which was closer to her family.

May moved into Marj's home at the end of August where Marj's children, Brad and his wife, Trish, and Marie and her husband, Myron, got the house ready for their disabled grandmother and provided her care. She was also cared for by dear friends, Koleen, Nancy and Beverly.

During the last week, May became bedridden. It was then time for the great-grand-

children to step into action. Heather helped Marie and Trish with the nursing care of their grandmother. Tiff washed the dog, Dudley, so he could be on the bed with Grandma May. Savana was her ray of sunshine. Great-granddaughter Amber and grandson Phil were on the road to get home, while the rest of the family was here to hold May's hand and to talk or sing to her.

She is survived by her daughter, Marj James and her children, Brad James and wife Trish, and their children, Heather, Tiff, Samantha, Quentin and Amber, and Marie James and her husband Myron, and their children, La Koda, Jasmin and Savana; May's son, Richard R. Smith Jr., and his wife Rebecca, and their children, Nathan and his wife Claudia, with their children, Natalie and Steven, Tyler and his wife Katrina, and Richard and Rebecca's youngest son Luke; and May's daughter, Linda and her husband Bill, and their children, Shawn Stipe and his children Kristian and Ryan, and Phil Crawford and his wife Theda, and their children, Joseph and Jesse.

"May left the arms of her family to be in the arms of her God."

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 10, at the Ronan Alliance Church. Burial will follow at the Ronan Cemetery.

Bradley Kent Stodden, 63

Bradley Kent Stodden, 63, passed away suddenly at his home in Whitefish on Tuesday, June 15, 2010, due to complications from emphysema. He was born in Bellefonte, Pa., on May 25, 1947, to Alda and Kenneth Stodden, and spent his first two and a half years in nearby Centre Hall while his father attended graduate school at Penn State.

After graduation, the young family lived in Whitefish for 18 months while Ken helped survey the new Hungry Horse dam site, then moved to Pittsburgh where he got a job doing metallurgical research for U.S. Steel. When Ken developed health problems in September 1953, the family moved back to Montana and stayed alternately with his parents in Butte, and with Alda's folks, Robert and Jennie McFadden, in Whitefish. When Alda went back to work with the Great Northern later that year, Jennie took care of Brad and his little sister Jan.

Brad attended school consistently in Whitefish from age 7 through high school, graduating salutatorian of his class. He excelled at music and academics, and won the prestigious Great Northern Railway four-year college scholarship. He studied philosophy and English at Hamline University in St. Paul, Minn., where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree. While in college, he



played guitar and studied briefly with Leo Kottke.

He joined the psychedelic rock band, The Paisleys, performing

in the Twin Cities in the late '60s and on their album, "The Cosmic Mind at Play." He retained a passionate interest in music and philosophy throughout his life, and expressed himself artistically through painting and music. He never married.

Brad was preceded in death by his father, Ken (1955); his stepfather, Jack Zerr (1981); and his mother, Alda Zerr (2009).

He is survived by uncle, Robert W. McFadden, of Whitefish; sister, Janis Olson, of Hebron, N. D.; brother, Jeff Zerr, of Boulder, Colo.; nephews, Jeremy Olson of Belgrade, and Glen Olson of Bethesda, Md.; dear friend, Renie Malik, of Whitefish; and one great-niece and four great-nephews.

Cremation occurred at Austin Funeral Home. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, July 13, at Whitefish Methodist Church.

Memorial gifts in Brad's name may be made to North Valley Food Bank, or Whitefish Housing Authority.

Victor Storaasli, 53

Victor Storaasli, 53, a Cottage Grove, Ore., resident, passed away Jan. 18, 2010, due to cancer. He was born March 5,



1956, in Kalispell, to Dale and Lora Lee (Hoiland) Storaasli. He had graduated from high school in Montana.

Victor had previously lived in Santa Cruz, Calif.; Kalispell and Seattle.

He enjoyed woodworking, music, guitar, piano, drawing, taking long walks and photography.

Victor was preceded in death by his father, Dale Storaasli.

He is survived by his mother, Lora Lee; stepfather, Phil Jensen; brother, Mark, and wife, Mary Storaasli, of Spokane; brother, Harry Storaasli, of Cottage Grove; sister, Jeri, and husband, Peter Carson, of Springfield, Ore.; niece, Hannah Storaasli, of Spokane; niece, Amanda Storaasli, of Austin, Texas; and great-niece, Helen Truitt, of Spokane.

A celebration of life is planned for 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, at Cottage Grove Community Center, 700 E. Gibbs, in Cottage Grove.

Memorial contributions may be sent to South Lane Mental Health, 410 N. Ninth St., Cottage Grove, OR 97424.

Arrangements are by Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel in Cottage Grove.

William F. 'Bill' St. James, 85

William F. "Bill" St. James, 85, a former resident of Whitefish, died March 12, 2010, at Sun City, Ariz. He was born June 24, 1924, in St. Louis.

He had worked as a brakeman for the Great Northern Railroad, until his retirement.

Survivors include his life partner, Shirley Gallo, of Surprise, Ariz.; and a daughter, Marla Ungaro, of Redmond, Wash.

Private entombment was at Glacier Memorial Gardens under the direction of Austin Funeral Home.

Herbert Edward 'Herbie' Stout Jr., 63

Herbert Edward "Herbie" Stout Jr., 63, died at his home on Flathead Lake, Aug. 30, 2010.

He is survived by his daughter, Emily Stout, of Portland.

A celebration of life

will be held from 3 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 2, at Scotty's Shooting Ranch, 225 N. Somers Stage Road, Somers.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Arthur Carl Strasdin of Somers "went to be with his Lord and Saviour" on May 3, 2010, in Kalispell. He had terminal cancer, but is now free from all pain and sickness. He was born on Oct. 7, 1917, in Fallon, Nev., to Peter and Libe Strasdin.



Arthur had spent the majority of his life in the farming and dairy industry. Graduating from Churchill County High School, he, along with his parents, purchased the Fallon farm.

He has been a member of the Assembly of God Church nearly all his life. In 1946, he was married to his first wife, Ruth Davis Strasdin. In 1970, he was married to Emma Schmick Strasdin. Both preceded him in death.

Arthur's family would like to thank the staff of Greenwood Village Assisted Living,

Frontier Hospice and Comfort Keepers for their loving care of our dear father.

Arthur is survived by his sister, Zelma Strasdin; his three children, Paul L. Strasdin and wife, Cathy, of Fallon, Roberta A. Morken and husband, Joe, of Somers, and David C. Strasdin and wife, Lynn, of Fallon; five grandchildren, Michele (Strasdin) Byers and Tim Strasdin, both of Fallon, Julie (Strasdin) Guillen of Sparks, Nev., Randy Morken of Kalispell, and Arthur Morken of Ellensburg, Wash. He is also survived by nieces, nephews, great-grandchildren and other relatives.

Funeral services for Arthur C. Strasdin will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, May 7, at the Bigfork Chapel Assembly of God, 290 Highway 83, Bigfork. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

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

Zelma L. Strasdin, 98

Zelma L. Strasdin "went to meet her Lord" on Friday, Oct. 15, 2010, at the age of 98, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.



She was born Jan. 3, 1912, in Imperial, Calif. Zelma was the second of four children to Peter and Libe Strasdin.

Strong values were instilled at an early age, which encouraged Zelma to pursue an interest in the ministry. Zelma graduated from Roosevelt High School in Oakland, Calif., then attended Glad Tidings Bible Institute in California.

She became an ordained minister with the Assemblies of God. Her career spanned 60 years of service in California and Nevada. Never marrying, Zelma's activities revolved around church and family.

She retired to care for her mother, moving together to join a sister in Kalispell, in 1981. After being preceded in death by her mother and older sister, Zelma moved to the Immanuel Lutheran Home in 2004, where she was loved and cared for.

During her stay at Immanuel Lutheran Home, she was preceded in death by her

younger sister and younger brother, Elsa Macfarlane and Arthur Strasdin. Zelma was previously preceded in death by her sister, M. Helene Meinicke.

She is survived by nieces, Roberta Morken and husband, Joe, of Somers, Bonnie Macfarlane of Lake Oswego, Ore., and Michelle Baker of Beaverton, Ore.; and nephews, Paul Strasdin and wife, Cathy, of Fallon, Nev., David Strasdin and wife, Lynn, of Fallon, and Robert Macfarlane of Warren, Ore.; and many cousins and great-nieces and -nephews.

Graveside services for Zelma will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 23, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

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

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

Ellwood 'Al' Stratton, 93

Our husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and friend Ellwood "Al" Stratton, 93, left us peacefully at The Heritage Place in Kalispell on March 12, 2010.



Though of average height, he cast a tall shadow with his strong yet gentle guidance and support of family, friends and even strangers, whose lives he touched. He was born the sixth of eight children to Frank and Minnie (Geery) Stratton on Dec. 29, 1916, in Unionville, Mo.

When Ellwood was six months old the family moved to eastern Montana, where they lived in Chinook, Havre, and Landusky, before settling in the Flathead Valley. As a young boy, he drove a team of horses delivering wood in the Kalispell area, and later joined his father and brothers in the woods as a logger.

In 1942 in Seattle, Ellwood married "his girl" from Kalispell, Frankie Hillis. He worked as a welder in the Seattle shipyards, and later joined the Army, serving stateside during World War II. After the war, they returned to the Flathead where he supported his family as owner of a sawmill, and as a master welder, working on the building of Hungry Horse Dam. He also worked at Westmont Tractor and on road construction.

Ellwood was a self-taught handyman, and always eager to offer a helping hand to anyone. He built his home in Evergreen with logs cut by his own hands. In 1961 Ellwood and Frankie moved to Dillon to work on the Clark Canyon Dam project, leaving in 1964 to follow road construction, before settling in Missoula. Ellwood officially retired, then moved to Dillon in 1977, and began a second career as a self-employed welder, doing custom work until the age of 85.

Ellwood and Frankie worked side by side for 67 years raising their two daughters, and were always there to lend a hand, a shoulder or an ear to their girls, their friends and a large extended family. He was active in the Presbyterian Church in Dillon. Keenly aware of those in need, they formed Helping Hands, quietly gathering goods, funds and emotional support for countless people.

Ellwood was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Boyd, Jed, Buck and Eugene; and sisters, Audrey and Orminta.

The memories of Ellwood will be forever cherished by those who survive him; his wife, Frankie; his brother, Donald, of The Dalles, Ore.; daughters, Susie and Fred Rebish, of Dillon, and Mary and John Semmens, of Polson; grandchildren, Tracey and Kendra Rebish, Kathey and Bob Hupp, Jason and Andrea Semmens, Rachael and Myles Heivilin; six great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews, whom he loved, including Jean and Ron Levang, Norma Williams and Sandy Loveall, who were able to spend the last few years near him; and by a former neighbor, considered family, Donn Bolog, of Bothel, Wash.

A special thanks goes to Doretta at Renaissance in Dillon and to the staff of Heritage Place in Kalispell for their kindness and the great care they gave our Dad.

Ellwood was a gentle man, a gifted teacher, a loving husband, father and grandfather, and we, his family, are honored to have been a part of his long and faithful life.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Memorials may be made to the Helping Hands Fund, c/o First Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 526, Dillon, MT 59725.

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

Georgia Lois Strauss, 94

Georgia Lois Strauss, 94, passed away July 26, 2010, at the home of her daughter, Cheryl, in Deer Park, Wash.



Georgia was born Jan. 22, 1916, in Bartlett, Ore., to Charles W. Davis and Myrle (Wilson) Davis. She was raised and attended school in Troy, Ore.

In 1935, Georgia married Glen Miller in Asoton, Wash. They lived in the Troy area until his death in 1939. Following his death, she moved to Washington. In January 1940, their daughter Glenda was born.

Georgia met Herb Strauss in Spokane and they were married in Kalispell on Feb. 9, 1949. In May of 1950 their daughter, Cheryl, was born. Georgia lived in the Flathead Valley until moving to Washington after Herb's death.

Georgia was a member of Calvary Lutheran Church. She enjoyed growing flowers and sharing beautiful bouquets for the Sunday services. She belonged to the Merry Mixers Home Demonstration Club, Sorosis Club, and the Helena Flats School Mothers Club.

Georgia is survived by her daughters, Glenda and Norman Davis of Cascade, and Cheryl and Greg Riehl

of Deer Park, Wash.; grandchildren, Beverly and Corey Bjertness, Karen and David Huskamp, Sandy and Jonathan Mollerup, Greg Riehl, and Kris and Wayne Collins; 16 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; sister, Jean Lloyd; brother, Erwin Davis; sister-in-law, Lola Boo; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two sisters.

Memorial services for Georgia Strauss will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 11, at Calvary Lutheran Church.

The family suggests memorial gifts be given to Hospice or Calvary Lutheran Church.

Alvina Rose 'Nikki' Stringfellow, 80

Alvina Rose "Nikki" Stringfellow died on May 8, 2010, at the age of 80. Nikki was born in Manhattan on Jan. 15, 1930, to Earnest "Colonel" and Mary Warwood. She was raised in Bozeman and Kapowsin, Wash.

She left school and married her first husband, Harold Forman, when she was just 17. Harold died of cancer when she was 19. She then made the difficult choice to return to Gallatin County High School where she graduated in 1950.

Next, she fell in love with Norman Stringfellow. They were married in Missoula

in January 1953 and made their home in Columbia Falls. This partnership lasted until Valentine's Day 2001, when Norman passed away.

Theirs was a lifetime of hard work and adventure. Nikki was truly a logger's helpmate. They loved to explore the country and enjoy the outdoors in their camper. Their lives were filled with family and



friends. Pinochle games played a pivotal role in many of these gatherings.

Nikki worked as a telephone operator in the '50s and early '60s. But her meaningful life's work was as a homemaker and mother. She loved crafts of all types, sewing, pets, reading and going to garage sales. She made friends easily and often.

She is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law, Tiki and Alan Levinson of Delta Junction, Alaska, and Judy and Len Hall of Tallahassee, Fla.; grandchildren, Taylor and Thea Levinson of Delta Junction, Erika Pollner of San Diego, Tara Norrick of Columbia

Falls, Deirdra Dougherty of Landenberg, Pa., Michael Mountain of Kalispell and Shawn Mountain of Martin City; great-grandchildren, Tristan and Alina Pollner, Brandon, Colter, Colin and Cassidy Norrick, Ryan Janzen and Anya Dougherty, and Joey, Ty, and Lillian Mountain; brothers, Ward Lange-way, Bob Smith and Bill Warwood; and sister, Doreen Hoss.

She was preceded in death by her husbands; her daughter, Renee Mountain; and her son, Ty Stringfellow.

Services will be held at 3 p.m., Friday, May 14, at Columbia Falls Mortuary. Burial will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery.

Father Charles 'Bud' Strom, 95

Father Charles "Bud" Strom, 95, died on July 12, 2010, at Whitefish Care and Rehabilitation Center in Whitefish. He was an ordained priest for 38 years. Father Patton saw and anointed him Sunday afternoon.

Father Strom graduated from Whitefish High School, and from the University of Idaho with a Bachelor of Arts degree in music education. He taught music for one year before joining the Air Force, retiring as a lieutenant colonel after 25 years of service.

Father Strom then attended seminary in Boston. He was ordained in Whitefish in 1972. Father, Uncle Bud, as he was known by his family, served as a true and faithful servant throughout the Diocese of Helena.

Father Strom made many world wide pilgrimages — to the Holy Land, to Rome, to China, to Mexico, and throughout Japan and Europe.

Father Strom was preceded in death by his parents, Alfred and Mary Strom; and his brother, Al Strom.

He is survived by his sis-



ter, Mary McKee, and her husband, Mac; his sister, Heler Englsaer; his nephews, Jim Strom and his wife Lin

da, Bill McKee, Bob Blush and his wife Susan, and Alan Blush; his nieces, Barbara Niesz, Anne Briscoe and her husband Barry, Leslie Kanzler and her husband Denny, and Claire Blush; and many grand-nephews and -nieces.

A visitation will be held at 6 p.m. today, July 14, at St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Whitefish. A vigil will take place at 7 p.m. today at St. Charles Borromeo Parish.

A Mass will take place at 11 a.m. on Thursday, July 15, at St. Charles Borromeo Parish, with the Most Rev. George Leo Thomas, Bishop of Helena officiating. Burial will take place next to his parents at Whitefish Cemetery.

Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish is in charge of the arrangements.

Hilma Hansine Wik Strom, 92

Hilma Hansine Wik Strom, 92, of Polson, passed away on Sunday, July 25, 2010, at home with her daughter.



Hilma was born on Sept. 23, 1917, to Norwegian parents, Ole and Johanna Wik, in Minot, N.D. Joining Hilma was a sister, Olga, brother, Melvin, followed by another brother, Odin.

The family moved to Kalispell in 1927, where all the Wik children graduated and were wed.

Hilma married Bennie Strom on March 28, 1937, Easter Sunday, in Kalispell. To their union, a daughter was born, Sharon, and 18 months later, a son, Odin, joined the family.

She started her life in nursing in the early 1950s, after both children had started school. From the very beginning, neat, tidy and shined shoes were imperative. Nursing was a very fulfilling career for Hilma, which included working at Kalispell Regional Hospital for over 20 years.

In 1984, she and her daughter went on a tour of Norway, which had been a dream of Hilma's for many years, followed by another

trip in 1986 that allowed her to visit with her mother's family and see her grandparent's homestead.

In 2007, Hilma and her daughter sold their homes in Kalispell, which had remained in the family for 80 years, and moved to Polson just five minutes away from her son.

Gardening and flowers remained a very special pleasure throughout her retirement.

Hilma is survived by her daughter, Sharon Kruse of Polson; son, Odin and wife, Chris of Polson; two grandsons, Robert Kruse and wife, Mary, and Wesley Kruse; and three great-grandchildren, all of Kalispell, Elizabeth, Odin, and Kijstjn Kruse.

She was a beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend and will be sorely missed.

Services for Hilma will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, August 14, 2010, at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Kalispell, followed by her last trip to Conrad Memorial Cemetery to join her husband, parents, and family.

Messages of condolence may be sent to the family online at www.groganfuneralhome.com.

The staff of Grogan Funeral Home and Crematory, Polson, considers it a privilege to care for Mrs. Strom's family.

Martha P. Stump, 89

Martha P. Stump, 89, died Sept. 24, 2010, at Providence Hospital in Anchorage, Alaska.

Survivors include her children, Sandee Crame of Troy, Terry Smith of Arizona, Gayle Allen of

Maine, and Tami Mead of Soldotna, Alaska.

Private services will be held at Troy Cemetery. Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Libby.

Rodney D. Sullivan, 55

Rodney D. Sullivan, 55, passed away peacefully in California, on Monday, Feb. 15, 2010, with family by his side. Born in Kalispell on July 5, 1954, to Cecil and May Sullivan, Rod was raised in the Swan River Community near Bigfork, and attended Swan River Elementary School. He graduated from Bigfork High School in 1972.

Rod always wanted to serve in law-enforcement, and so he enlisted in the U.S. Army as a first step, in order to receive military police training so that he could qualify for appointment to the California Highway Patrol Academy. He served at various posts, but particularly enjoyed the time he spent at the Presidio in San Francisco.

After his time in the Army, Rod received that appointment and attended the CHP Academy, receiving his badge in 1978. He reported to duty in Malibu, Calif., and wore his California Highway Patrol uniform proudly for 30 years, spending time in Malibu, Los Angeles, and ultimately Ventura, Calif., retiring from the force in 2008. Rod had high security clearance and pulled duty when various dignitaries were in Southern California, including presidential appearances, especially during the Reagan administration.

Rod married Rochelle Kruse on July 30, 1983, in a beautiful ceremony at Marina del Rey in California. They had two children that

were Rod's greatest pride and joy, Daniel and Felicia.

Everyone that knew Rod, knew how he loved to tease, and remember that impish grin; and those that remember him as a child recall the bright freckles that he so hated as a kid!

Regardless of the bumps he dealt with in life, the final being the diagnosis of Lou Gehrig's disease, Rod kept his sense of humor and enjoyment of family and friends. Even when he could no longer converse, he managed a "thumbs up" signal and that grin. He will be sorely missed.

Rod was preceded in death by his father, Cecil Sullivan, and a brother-in-law, Richard Kruse, both in 1999; and his mother-in-law, Min Kruse, in 2008.

Rod is survived by his wife Rochelle, daughter Felicia, and son Daniel, all at home in Camarillo, Calif.; his mother, May Sullivan, of Bigfork; his sister and brother-in-law, Arlene and Gary Wilson, of Great Falls; his sister-in-law and her husband, Debbie and Gary Shelford, of Thousand Oaks, Calif.; and brother-in-law and his wife, Gary and Dana Kruse, of Parker, Colo.; as well as beloved nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and extended family, and many friends in both Montana and California.

Cremation has taken place under the auspices of the Neptune Society in California. Memorial services will take place at a later date in Camarillo and Bigfork.

Sandra 'Sandy' Sullivan, 69

Sandra "Sandy" Sullivan, 69, of Alexandria, Minn., formerly of Whitefish, died on Saturday, Nov. 13, 2010.

She is survived by her husband, Patrick, of Alexandria; daughter, KrisAnn and Brian Carlsen of Alexandria; son, Rick and Judi Sullivan of Whitefish; seven grandchildren; and three brothers.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 16, at the Evangelical Cov-

enant Church in Alexandria. Visitation will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 15, at the Anderson Funeral Home in Alexandria, and one hour prior to the service at the church on Tuesday.

There will also be a memorial service at a later date in Whitefish.

Arrangements are with the Anderson Funeral Home, www.andersonfuneral.net

Bill Summers, 75

Bill Summers, 75, died at his residence in Columbia Falls on Wednesday, April 14, 2010.

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

H. Duke Sultzzer, 81

Memorial Services for Duke Sultzzer, 81, who died Dec. 18, will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, July 16, at St. Patrick's Episcopal

Church, Montana 209; crossover road between Montana 35 and 83, across from the Ferndale Fire Station.

Elsie Swain, 100

Elsie Swain, 100, passed away Oct. 25, 2010, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She was born May 9, 1910, to Chris and Augusta Paulsen in McNabb, Ill. She graduated from John Swaney High School in 1928.

She married Thurle Swain in 1930 and had one child, daughter Patricia Ann, who was born in 1932.

The Swains operated a chicken hatchery and farm produce business in McNabb for 25 years, which was converted into a restaurant and smorgasbord. Elsie and



Thurle operated this very popular and successful business for 25 years until it was sold, and it is still operating today.

In 1980 they retired and moved to Columbia Falls, to be near their daughter and her husband, Phil Iversen, who was superintendent of Glacier Park at the time.

Elsie's husband, Thurle, passed away in 1990.

She is survived by her daughter; three grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Elsie was an active member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls.

Her memorial service will be held May 9, 2011, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church.

Robert C. Swanson, 85

Robert C. Swanson, 85, of Eden Prairie, Minn., passed away peacefully at home surrounded by loved ones on March 5, 2010.

He will be dearly missed by his wife, Betty, and children, Susan Kimitch of Eden Prairie, Tom Swanson of Eden Prairie, Janice Swanson of Whitefish, and Nancy Conboy of Eden Prairie. He is also survived by many loving grandchildren.

Bob was a dedicated employee of 37 years at NW Bell Telephone Company. He was a volun-



teer for Meals on Wheels and active at St. Andrew Lutheran Church.

He was a Navy veteran, serving in the South Pacific on the USS Hornet in World War II.

Bob loved traveling, especially to Whitefish, and had a passion for Minnesota Twins Baseball.

Bob's final days were spent in hospice care at home, cared for by his daughter, Janice. He called her "his angel," and the family is forever grateful to her for helping him live his final days the way he lived his life; with deep faith, dignity, and endless enthusiasm for his family.

A funeral service was held March 9 at St. Andrew Church.

Alden J. Swartz, 82

Alden J. Swartz, 82, died Tuesday, Sept. 28, 2010, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Swartz, of Kalispell; daughter, Andrea Breuer; and son, Neil Swartz.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 2, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Westby.

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

Jacqueline Joy Hythecker Swenson, 71

Jacqueline Joy Hythecker Swenson, beloved mother and grandmother, passed away quietly Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2010, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. She was 71.



Jackie was born on Feb. 5, 1939, to Floyd and Evelyn Hythecker in Whitefish. She graduated from Whitefish High School and attended college at Colorado Women's College and the University of Montana.

She married Stuart W. Swenson of Kalispell in 1962, and moved to Libby shortly thereafter.

In Libby, Jackie raised three sons, David Swenson of Coeur d'Alene, Matthew Swenson of Missoula, and Mitchell Swenson of Hayden, Idaho. She is also

survived by four grandchildren, Adrian, Brittney, Colin and Nickolaus.

Jackie moved to Coeur d'Alene in 1985 where she taught school, and then moved back to her hometown of Whitefish in 1990.

Jackie always had a positive and high-energy attitude toward everything she did. Her kindness and generosity to everyone she encountered will always be remembered. "We love you, Mom..."

We invite everyone to share in celebrating Jackie's life at 2 p.m. Feb. 27, at the Methodist Church at 115 Wisconsin Ave., Whitefish. Private interment will be at Whitefish Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to NOSDA (No One Shall Die Alone) of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, c/o St. Pius Parish, 625 E. Haycraft, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83815.

Arrangements are by Austin Funeral Home.

Hollis Macon 'Holly' Swisher, 86

Hollis Macon "Holly" Swisher passed away Oct. 13, 2010, in Whitefish.

He was born Sept. 20, 1924, in WildCat, W.Va., to Lannis and Mary (Allman) Swisher. He grew up in West Virginia.

Holly lied about his age and enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1943. He served in Normandy, Battle of the Bulge, Northern France, and Ardennes, Rhineland. He was honorably discharged in 1945.

Holly met and married Vera Zinn in Hawthorne, Nev., in 1947.

He graduated from Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo with a degree in animal husbandry. He competed in collegiate rodeo while there. Family and job opportunities took him to Long Beach, Calif., where he worked for Douglas Aircraft. He retired after 39 years and moved to White-

fish in 1993.

Holly enjoyed cutting firewood, hunting and fishing.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Vera Swisher, of Whitefish; and three daughters and three granddaughters; Corine and husband Terry and daughter Diane Mahon of Tigard, Ore., Sandy and husband Ty and daughters Kristi and Amber Massey of Whitefish, and Vicki and husband Matt Iber of Fairmont, W.Va.

He was preceded in death by three brothers.

Private family services will be held.

Contributions may be made to the National Museum of the U.S. Army, Processing Center, P.O. Box 96281, Washington, D.C., 20090-6281; or to the Montana Veterans Home.

Arrangements by Austin Funeral Home.

Melvin V. Syth, 87

Melvin V. Syth, 87, died peacefully at home in Helena on Aug. 15, 2010.

He was born Feb. 9, 1923, in Greenwood, Wis., the son of William and Helen (Stoneberg) Syth. The family moved to Girard, Mont., when he was a toddler and then moved to Heron in 1938, where he graduated eighth grade, going on to high school in Noxon.

He attended Northwestern Business College for about six months when he was called for induction by the draft board. Rather than going into the Army, Mel thought the Navy would be more to his liking, so he enlisted on May 15, 1943. He had boot training at U.S. Naval Training School in Farragut, Idaho, from there to Naval training school (R) University of Idaho, next to Communication School PhibTrac (Pac), then to USS Alabama (BB-60), and was honorably discharged from USNB, Bremmerton, Wash., on March 8, 1946.

He married a wonderful lady, Anita, in July 1947, and became an instant father to three children from Anita's marriage to Jessie Stevens (deceased). They had three more children; all have grown up with families of their own.

He worked four years with Flathead County, primarily on roads and bridges. He spent eight years with the Montana Highway Department in Kalispell and Libby, and then worked for the City



of Libby until his retirement in 1979.

After retirement, Mel and Anita moved to Bull Lake where they were charter members of the Bull Lake Ambulance Service. Mel also served 13 of his retirement years on the volunteer fire department. His retirement years allowed him to enjoy many community activities, travel around the United States to visit relatives or see new sites, and to enjoy the outdoors.

He is survived by children, Charles Stevens and Ruth of Hayden Lake Idaho, Mary Thomas and Dave of Helena, and Gregory Syth and Tina of Cheybonan, Mich.; siblings, Alta Esler of Missouri, Gerald and DeEtte Syth of Montana, Verlyn and JoNell Syth of Idaho, and Billy and Grace Syth of Idaho; several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren; plus numerous cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Helen Syth; wife, Anita Syth; sons, Larry Syth and Kenneth Stevens; daughter, Doris Batten; siblings, William and Wayne (twins), Ted Syth, Grace LaMont, Bernard Syth, Alma Rowe, Hugh Syth, Kenneth Syth, May Allen, Marjorie Zuhnter, Lyle Syth, Esther Mischel and Arthur Syth.

Graveside services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 20, at Milnor Lake Cemetery in Troy.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Bull Lake Volunteer Ambulance and to the local search and rescue.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Libby.