

## Kay B. Tarbert, 58

Kay B. Tarbert, 58, of Libby, died on March 5, 2010, at St. Patrick's Hospital in Missoula.

Survivors include her husband, Kim Tarbert, of Libby; and daughter, LeeAnn Tarbert Bentley, of Dayton.

Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Friday, March 12, at the Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Libby. Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 13, at Christ Lutheran Church, 200 W. Larch St., in Libby.

## Gail Ann Tarsitano, 57

Gail Ann Tarsitano, 57, of Martin City, died Thursday, May 13, 2010, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

She is survived by her

mother, Pearl Manzer, of Saco, Maine.

A memorial service will be announced at a later date. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Jeanne (Zeits) Tasnady, 84

Jeanne (Zeits) Tasnady, 84, of Stevensville, passed away peacefully on Jan. 20, 2010, surrounded by her loving family. She was born July 28, 1925, in Detroit, to Harry R. and Golda (McGuire) Zeits.

She attended Jefferson High School in Portland and graduated Nov. 29, 1946, from the Dalles Hospital of Nursing as a registered nurse.

She married John D. Tasnady on June 17, 1948, in Eugene, Ore. He preceded her in death on July 26, 1976.

Throughout the years Jeanne enjoyed cooking, gardening, fishing and sewing, but most of all being with

her family and friends.

She is survived by her daughters, Ann and Robert Houghton, and Amy and Richard Mack, of Stevensville; her son, Richard, and Sherrie Tasnady, of Felton, Calif.; her two sisters, Jo and George Engdahl of Stevensville, and Rae Ellen Zeits of Kalispell; and several nieces and nephews.

A special thank you to all the nurses, aides and staff who took such good care of our mother during her stay at Village Health Care Center.

A private family burial will take place at Sunnyside Cemetery in Stevensville.

## Bernice (Olson) Taylor, 79

Bernice (Olson) Taylor, 79, died Wednesday, Aug. 11, 2010, in Livermore, Calif., due to a stroke.

Survivors include her son, Greg Taylor, of Livermore. No services are planned.

## C. Lee Traylor, 70

Lee Traylor "began his journey into the next life" Dec. 14, 2010.

Lee was the eldest of 13 children, born Dec. 1, 1941, in Beaumont, Texas.

Lee was a veteran, serving two years in the Air Force as well as a year with the Merchant Marines.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Linda.

He is survived by his siblings, Ben, Jeff, Buck, Michael, Tom, Tonya, Irene, Jean and Paula.

Lee came to Kalispell in July of 2010. Lee was a lov-



ing, generous soul. With a genuine love for people, Lee went out of his way to see that those around him had what they needed. It could be a soda pop or pack of cigarettes, a coat or pair of snow boots, or Christmas gifts for the four children of a homeless family.

Lee and his siblings didn't have a whole lot growing up. When Lee was a young man and most of his siblings were very small, they lost both parents. Lee spoke about this with deep sadness. It was in his heart to make up for his past by finding ways to bless the futures of those around him. He made a difference. We love and miss him.

## Charles Edward LeRoy Taylor Jr., 65

Chuck Taylor of Hungry Horse, passed away peacefully Aug. 11, 2010, at home at the age of 65, after a brave battle with cancer.

He was born Jan. 21, 1945, in Oakland, Calif., to Charles Edward LeRoy and Bessie Parker Taylor Hatfield.

He joined the U.S. Navy and, after being honorably discharged, he became a master diesel mechanic.

He married Kathy Douhan in Tijuana, Mexico, Aug. 27, 1968.

Chuck was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting, fishing, fast cars and boats. He loved his horses, dogs, cats and goats. He was a T-ball coach for five years and was involved with 4-H for many years. He moved to Hungry Horse in 1991 and attended the Cowboy Church.

Chuck is survived by his wife, Kathy, of Hun-

gry Horse; his daughter, Nancy, and Joe Davis, of Marion; son, Charles III, and Beth, of Minot, N.D.; daughter, Charlotte, and Bobby Martin, of Hamilton; son, Chris Taylor, of Wyoming; sister, Eva Vincent, of Clovis, Calif.; brother, Norman Winters, of Fresno, Calif.; seven grandchildren, Sandra, Therese, Jackie, Melody, Samantha, Amanda and JT; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his son, PFC Nicholas Cook.

A family gathering will be held at a later date.

Contributions for the Veterans Memorial at Depot Park may be made care of Chuck Olson, 241 Main St., Kalispell, in memory of PFC Nick Cook.

Arrangements by Columbia Mortuary.

## Karen Lorraine Taylor, 57

Karen "left this earth to be Heaven's Hairdresser" on Dec. 24, 2010, in Kalispell, after a courageous battle with cancer.



She is survived by her loving husband, Lyle; son, Andrew; stepdaughters, Monica and Dorelyn, six beautiful grandchildren; mother, Betty; siblings, David and Betty; and many other loved ones, family and friends alike; with a special thanks to Tina, her oldest niece, whom she cherished very much.

Karen was born on Oct. 4, 1953, to Betty and Warren Stevens in Port Angeles, Wash., and raised on the Olympic Peninsula. She graduated Sequim High in 1971 and, subsequently, beauty school.

Karen worked as a beautician for many years, touching many lives in the special way that only she could.

In 1980 her son Andrew was born, he was and is the apple of her eye. He blessed her with three grandchildren. She was very proud of Andy and his family; they gave her great joy.

She was an active member

in the Peninsula Long Rifles shooting club. Karen was a very accomplished shooter, a loyal NASCAR fan and an avid supporter of local racer Rocky Erickson. She met Rocky and his family, whom she loved like family, soon after meeting the love of her life, Lyle, in 1998 during a trip to Montana. While there, she fell in love with the state and the man. To go along with Lyle she gained a daughter, Monica, with her three lovely children. Monica is a "saint" for going above and beyond with her help during Karen's illness.

She began her career in Sequim and later joined the team at the JCPenney's Salon where she spent several years before moving to Montana. She continued her career there until present day, making many lifelong friends along the way. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Lyle, Andy and the family would like to thank the entire staff at Kalispell Regional Medical Center, Dr. Ward and associates, the team at JCPenney's, the local community and all others involved with her care.

At Karen's request there will no services.

## Shirley A. Taylor, 73

Shirley A. Taylor, 73, a longtime Libby resident, died May 24, 2010.

Survivors include her children, Deborah Jenkins of Spokane, Jerry Bennett of Libby, and Vickie Taylor Lausen of

Denali Park, Alaska.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 29, at the Libby Baptist Church in Libby.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Libby.

## Syndia D. Taylor, 55

Syndia D. Taylor passed away suddenly on May 28, 2010, in Volborg, Mont. She was born Aug. 16, 1954, in Philadelphia.



She recently resided in Kalispell and Kila.

She is survived by her mother, Goldie Black, of Kalispell; and her father, Al Shamberg, of Boynton Beach, Fla., and is desperately missed.

Syndia was a sweet, giving soul who was full of love for

the people and animals in her life. She enjoyed cooking, entertaining others in her home, dancing, horseback riding and motorcycle riding.

She adored her dogs and horses and was active in the community.

She taught horse management and dance classes at Flathead Valley Community College and did volunteer work at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

She lived life to the fullest and those who loved her will miss her dearly.

Donations can be made in her honor to the American Cancer Society or to your local hospice.

## John F. Tempel, 87

John F. Tempel, 87, a Joplin farmer who moved to the Flathead Valley in 1978 and loved fishing, golfing, and snowmobiling, died Wednesday, May 26, 2010, at the Havre Hospital.



His funeral will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 1, at Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin. Burial with military rites will follow in the Joplin Cemetery. Arrangements are by Rockman Funeral Chapel

in Chester.

He is survived by his wife, Ruby Hagen-Tempel of Clifton, Kan.; seven children, Linda Moore of Butte, Butch Tempel of Joplin, Dolores Cicon of Chester, Rod Tempel of Libby, Joan Thompson of Anchorage, Alaska, Tim Tempel of Joplin, and Scott Tempel of Missoula; 18 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; three brothers, Ed Tempel of Chester, Bill Tempel of Colfax, Wash., and Ben Tempel of Kalispell; and one sister, Mary Gormley of Choteau.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Leone, in 2000.

## Genevieve M. Thompson, 96

Genevieve M. Thompson, a longtime resident of West Glacier, passed away Monday, July 5, 2010, at her recent residence, The Springs at Whitefish.



Genevieve, a Montana native, was born June 27, 1914, in Lothair, to Douglas and Gertrude Parker, second oldest in a family of eight children. She grew up in Sweetgrass and Shelby. She boarded and attended school at St. Matthew's in Kalispell. She also attended the Ursuline Academy in Great Falls and the Kinman Business School in Spokane.

She worked for oil companies in Sunburst, and for her father at the Toole County State Bank in Shelby.

Genevieve and David Thompson married in 1939. They moved to West Glacier in 1946 to develop a business partnership with the Lundgren families, in the ownership of the West Glacier Mercantile.

She is survived by her

brother, Jim Parker, of Shelby; four children, Tom, Carol, Richard Thompson, and Elaine Steele; 13 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Her husband, David, died in 1983.

Gen and Dave raised their family in West Glacier, enjoying Glacier National Park and the Flathead Valley. She sang in the choir and played the organ at St. Richard's Catholic Church.

She loved music, skiing at Big Mountain, and traveling to special places, and was an avid bridge player. Her gracious hospitality led to delicious meals and picnics in her home, her backyard and on the shores of Lake McDonald.

A vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. today, July 8, at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

A funeral Mass celebrating Genevieve's life will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, July 9, at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls. Burial will follow at St. Richard's Catholic Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

Memorial donations may be made to Home Options Hospice in Kalispell, or a charity of your choice.

## Lakeisha Dawn Thibault, 19

Lakeisha Dawn Thibault, 19, died on Friday, Feb. 12, 2010, near Columbia Falls. She was born on July 9, 1990, in Libby, the daughter of John Thibault and Daphne Bates.



Lakeisha loved her family and daughter very much and loved all animals. She loved to draw and write stories, and enjoyed the outdoors and reading. She was a free spirit.

Survivors include her daughter, Rhyllie Thibault, of Eureka; her parents, John and Carrie Thibault of Eureka; and Daphne Bates and Bito Hermosura of Hawaii; four brothers, Tim Olson, Dalton Thibault and Raini Gwin of Eureka, and Kaheau Bates-Hermosura of

Hawaii; three sisters, Alex Overman and Raven Gwin of Anaconda, and Darienne Thibault of Portland; maternal grandparents, Dwayne Bates of Zolfo Springs, Fla., Margo Hunter and Kirk Ogrin of Bigfork; paternal grandparents, Melody and Almus Casey of Eureka, and Marvin Thibault of Northstar, Alberta; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, at the Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Eureka. Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19, at the Chapel of Praise in Eureka.

In remembrance of Lakeisha, memorials may be made to First Interstate Bank in Eureka to John and Carrie Thibault, for Rhyllie and for funeral costs.

The family requests that people attending her funeral please wear pink if possible, as Lakeisha's favorite color was pink.



## Alvin Ellsworth Tillson, 89



Alvin Ellsworth Tillson, 89, passed away on Friday, Feb. 12, 2010, at the North Valley Hospital in Whitefish. He was born on Jan. 31, 1921, in Missoula to George E. and Elizabeth M. (Peugh) Tillson.

The family farmed at Toston until 1924, when they moved to the Flathead Valley off what is now LaBrant Road, and later moving to the Parker Brothers Ranch. Alvin attended Echo School and Bigfork High School, graduating in 1938. He participated in football, basketball and track. He worked during those years for the Parker Brothers, and cut Christmas Trees and did other woods work also.

Alvin moved to Missoula and lived with his grandparents and became a glazier. He entered the Navy during World War II and served as an aviation machinist's mate, second-class on lighter-than-air aircraft, patrolling the U.S. East Coast for enemy submarines. He was honorably discharged Dec. 2, 1945.

He worked for Peter Kewitt and Sons at Point Barrow, Alaska, and Thule, Greenland. He then settled in northern Michigan for a short time.

He met his bride-to-be through mutual friends, and he and Caroline "Callie" Hartman of Cook, Minn., were married May 5, 1956. They lived on Lake Blaine near Kallispell, where he built their home and later bought a neighboring house and rebuilt it where they

resided for many years.

He was a master carpenter and worked for Collins Construction where he built stores, apartment houses, schools and banks around the state. He built a house in Kallispell and later moved to a ranch at Trego to be near and care for his parents. After their death, he and Callie built a house on Glen Lake Road at Eureka. Callie died Nov. 22, 1992. He continued to live there until his death.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; his brother, Charles; and his aunt, Eva Chaffey.

He is survived by his sister-in-law, Alice Tillson, of Kallispell; his niece, Sandra Inouye, and husband, Roger, of Lake Tapps, Wash., and her son, Tom Hendricksen, of Seattle, and daughter, Lara McDonnell, and husband, Tony, and her son, Andrew, and daughter, Sarah, all of Kallispell; his cousins, Ted Chaffey and family of Lake Blaine, and Karen Budds and family of Temecula, Calif.; also his dearest friend of 75 years, Fred Heim, of Whitefish.

Funeral services for Alvin will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 18, in the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Chapel, with Pastor Ron Pierce officiating. Burial will be in the Glacier Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. until the time of service on Thursday at the funeral home.

The family suggests memorials by made to the Tobacco Valley Food Bank, or the Flathead Food Bank; or the donor's choice.

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

## Mildred 'Millie' Francis Thompson, 83

Mildred "Millie" Francis Thompson passed away on June 24, 2010. She and her husband Glen moved to Yuma, Ariz., in early 2006 to live with family. She was living with her daughter Cathy at the time of her death.



Millie was born on Jan. 13, 1927, in Miles City to Charles Dudley and Oca "Doris" Dudley Trachsel. She was raised on a homestead ranch in Sonnet, Mont., until moving with her mother, sister, and stepfather, Arnold Trachsel, to Ronan. She graduated from Ronan High School and worked at the local bank.

On April 6, 1947, she married Glen "Prune" Thompson of St. Ignatius. They made their home in Kallispell for over 50 years. Millie was a great homemaker and her family says made the best pie around and had the most beautiful canning from their wonderful gardens.

She was always avail-

able and happy to volunteer at their daughters' school events, church and hospital. Her grandchildren were the light of her life.

Millie is survived by her daughters, Cathy and Jim Gardner of Yuma, Ariz. and Sharon and Jay Brouillette of Idaho Falls, Idaho; granddaughters, Sara Gardner, Jacy and Matt Rothschilder, and Carrie and Mark McCulloch; grandsons, Eric Gardner and Zachary and Misty Brouillette; and great-grandchildren, Zachary and Ania Rothschilder, and Faith and Isabel McCulloch. She is also survived by her only sister, Maxine Stallcop, of Indio, Calif.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Glen "Prune" Albert Thompson on Feb. 13, 2008; by her mother, Oca "Doris" Dudley Trachsel; her father, Charles Dudley; and her stepfather, Arnold Trachsel.

Millie will be greatly missed by her family, but she has left a heart of love, good memories, and a promise of our eternal life ahead.

A memorial service is planned for 11 a.m. Sept. 18, at the Pleasant View Cemetery in St. Ignatius.

## Robert L. 'Bobby' Thompson, 68

Robert L. "Bobby" Thompson, 68, died of cancer on Saturday, Feb. 20, 2010, at his home



in Columbia Falls. Bobby was born in Conrad to Charles and Deloris Thompson on Aug. 29, 1941, and grew up in Cut Bank. Bobby was the second of four boys, Teddy, Richard and Ronald. He lived in Spokane briefly, then moved to Columbia Falls in 1989 with his parents, and worked for a period of time at Flathead Industries.

Bobby was born during a time when autism was not understood, nor what to do for the condition. That, coupled with being unable to speak, created a great deal of frustration for him in his attempts to communicate. His only spoken words were "Mama" and the sound of a cat meowing, which was his name for his kitty, "Meow Meow." With Deloris constantly at his side to interpret his own sign language gestures, others soon realized that Bobby saw and understood a lot more than some of the rest of us.

Bobby loved construction equipment. Consequently he, along with Charles and Deloris, spent countless hours at construction sites taking in all the activities.

One time during road construction near Essex, Bobby got out of the car and began gesturing. Finally the engineer and the others realized he was trying to tell them the line wasn't straight — and it wasn't!

Bobby had a gift for hospitality and seeing to it that everyone had coffee or tea and some goodie to enjoy while they visited. At times his helpful intentions were misunderstood, which saddened him. Bobby enjoyed many hours with occupying himself with his Lite Brites, painting and making birdhouses. He loved attending church, enjoying the music and the people. He had a strong faith and knew where he was going someday, albeit sooner than we anticipated.

Wherever Charles, Deloris and Bobby visited — from having dinner at the Nite Owl to spending numerous winters in Arizona — Bobby was a friend to whomever took the time to get acquainted with him. Our "forever friend" will be greatly missed.

Survivors include his mother, Deloris; and two brothers, Richard and Ronald, in the immediate family.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 25, at Columbia Falls United Methodist Church, with the Rev. David Merkel officiating. Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for the family.

## Duella Farmer Tippetts, 95

Duella was born June 13, 1915, in Preston, Idaho.

She passed away July 5, 2010, in Orem, Utah, at the age of 95. Duella lived in Kalispell for over 50 years, where she was very active in the community and her church. Many of her friends from Montana attended her funeral in Utah.

She was one of seven children, with three surviving



brothers, Walt, Grant and Glenn Farmer.

She is also survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Connie and Rick Sant; five grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Duella's funeral was held in Orem and she was buried in Washington, Utah, next to her husband, Clifford A. Tippetts, who passed away in 1997.

Duella's life was devoted to service and helping others. She was loved and respected by all who knew her.

## Joelene Titchbourne, 51

Joelene Titchbourne, 51, died at her home in Eureka on Dec. 6, 2010.

Survivors include her parents, Jim and Verna Titchbourne, of Eureka; and three children, Alex Vasquez of Georgia, Juan Vasquez of Eureka, and

Gabrielle Vasquez of Kalispell.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 17, at the Chapel of Praise in Eureka.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Eureka.

## Ethel Norene 'Kelly' Topley, 87

Ethel Norene "Kelly" Topley, 87, died Thursday, Dec. 16, 2010, at Edgewood Vista in Kalispell.

Memorial services are

planned for the summer.

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

## John C. Torgison, 60

John C. Torgison, 60, died Monday, Dec. 20, 2010, in Kalispell.

Private services will be

held.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Gary L. Torres, 57

Gary L. Torres, 57, of Troy, died Tuesday, May 11, 2010, at St. John's Lutheran Hospital from natural causes.

He had worked for the Forest Service in Eureka and for the Bureau of

Land Management.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday May 29, at Tobacco Valley Cemetery. Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Eureka.

## Florence Neas Tommerup, 91

Florence Neas Tommerup, 91, passed away peacefully on Feb. 7, 2010.

She was born July 7, 1918, in Kamloops, British

Columbia. She was the daughter of Al and Ruthella (Williams) Neas.

She attended grade school at Kila and graduated from Flathead County High School in 1936.

She was employed for 15 years at Mountain States Power Company in Kalispell as a telephone operator. She also worked as a telephone operator in Portland and Spokane, and worked for 10 years at Consolidated Freightways.

On Oct. 13, 1972, she married Maurice Boorman. After his death she married Clarence Tommerup on Aug. 7, 1979. Florence and Clarence loved to entertain their family and friends in their home. They built a new home together in Smith Valley where they truly enjoyed the next 27 years together.

Florence was a member of the Eagles Auxiliary No. 234 where she and Clarence loved to go dancing every weekend. She had a great sense of humor and made everyone laugh. She loved to work in her flower gardens.

She was preceded in death by her parents; six sisters; three brothers; her husband, Maurice Boorman; and husband, Clarence Tommerup; and her stepson, Larry Tom-



merup.

She is survived by her son, Barney Davidson, and his wife, Carol, along with their children, Venessa, Bradd, Erron and Jared; stepdaughter, Carol Guest, along with her children, Susan and Shawn Schmid, Scott and Laurie Guest, and Sheila and Andrew Wilson; her stepdaughter-in-law, Dorothy Tommerup, along with her children, Larry and Joni Tommerup, Laurie Hazard, Cindy and Tom Tinnell and David Tommerup; nephews, Monty Hall, Dusty Torgerson, Dallas Torgerson and Larry Neas; and nieces, Fay Fisher and Terry Torgerson. She also has numerous great-grandchildren and friends. She will be dearly missed by all her family and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 12, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home, followed by burial at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

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

## Robert 'Bob' Warren Trainer, 71

Robert "Bob" Warren Trainer, 71, of Bigfork, passed away Oct. 3, 2010, after a brief illness.



Bob was born in Great Falls to Lloyd Warren and Leila Alice Trainer on Nov. 21, 1938. He attended schools in Great Falls and later served in the Army, from 1962 to 1964.

Bob worked at the Montana Vegetable Oil Company and later Montana Concrete in Great Falls. He lived and worked in Fort Benton before moving to Bigfork, where he worked for Alert Security and Glacier International Airport until his retirement in 2000.

Bob is survived by his wife, Ibbi, of Bigfork; son Eric Trainer, and daughter Coral Trainer, both of

Great Falls; stepchildren, Danny Hansen of Columbia Falls, Lennie Hansen of Fort Benton, Corry Hansen of Fort Benton, and Tammie Evans of Great Falls; eight grandchildren; one great-grandchild; brothers, Russell Trainer of Great Falls, and Clifford Trainer of Winnemucca, Nev.; as well as numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

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

Bob loved the outdoors and enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping and woodworking. He was a member of the East Shore Lions. Bob enjoyed spending time with and helping his friends and family. He will be missed by all.

At his request no service is planned. A family service is planned for a later date. Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is assisting the family.

## Richard 'Dick' Trinastich, 79

The cutthroat trout of the Hungry Horse reservoir can rest a little easier now that Dick Trinastich has passed away.

Dick was born July 10, 1931, to Pete and Florence Trinastich in Great Falls. He graduated from Great Falls High School where he was a standout on the Bison basketball team. Dick received a scholarship to play basketball for the University of Montana. After two years at the University of Montana he enlisted in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Korea and Japan. Upon his return, he married his high school sweetheart, Carol Lindsay, at a ceremony in Massachusetts. They returned to Montana and he enrolled at Northern Montana College where he finished his final two years of basketball eligibility and earned a bachelor's degree in physical education.

Dick and Carol moved their family to Columbia Falls when he accepted a job offer from the Columbia Falls School District in 1959. This is where they raised their four children, Bob, Cheryl, Randy and Richard. Dick taught physical education for grades K-8 for the next 25 years. During that time he coached football, bas-

ketball and track. His love for basketball (and a way to make some extra money) drew him to refereeing high school games. He officiated many state tournaments for both boys and girls.

Dick and Carol moved to Helena in the early 1980s and lived there for many years. Dick loved his home on the top of Rimini Road and took great pride in his beautiful flower gardens there. After Carol's death in 1993, Dick returned to Columbia Falls to be closer to three of his children and their families. Time with family is the thing Dick treasured most. He loved watching the sporting and extra-curricular events of his children, and then eventually his grandchildren.

The outdoors is where Dick felt most at home. He was an avid fly fisherman since his youth and spent much of his free time on the water. As the years caught up to him, his focus switched to trolling for trout. Dick spent every summer since his return to the area camping on the east side of the Hungry Horse Reservoir. He was there so much that the Forest Service finally gave him a new "job" these last few years as a camp host at the Riverside boat launch.

Here he met many new people and spent time catching up with old friends. Many hours were spent with family and friends around the campfire, telling stories and jokes. Dick had a great sense of humor and was definitely the life of the party. He could hardly wait every year for the snow to melt so he could get back up to camp, and then he would stay until the bitter fall weather finally forced him to call it a season. He simply loved it there. So, it was quite appropriate that when he passed away on Sept. 12, 2010, he was up at camp.

Dick is preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Carol; and his son, Bob.

He is survived by his daughter, Cheryl Schweigert and her husband, Val; son, Randy; son, Richard and his

wife, Shannon; grandchildren, Kari Peters and her husband, Tyler, Katie Schweigert, Jordan and Tyler Trinastich, and Nathan and Jared Trinastich. He is also survived by his brother, Ron and his wife, Kat; brother, Bob and his wife, Nora Beth; sister, Janet Squires and her husband, Larry; daughter-in-law, Connie Trinastich; and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be from 1 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 22, at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 23, also at the Columbia Mortuary.

Memorials can be made in his name to the Wildcat Athletic Endowment Association, P.O. Box 2732, Columbia Falls, MT 59912.



## Shirley Marie Truman-Kaufman, 74

Shirley Marie Truman-Kaufman, 74, of Eureka, born Feb. 23, 1936, "went home to our heavenly father" peacefully surrounded by family and close friends on Saturday, April 17, 2010.

Shirley was born to Franklin Wayne Truman and Nellie May Triplett-Truman at Mrs. Olson's in Eureka. The Truman family homesteaded on the West Kootenai near Rexford in August 1910. Shirley lived most of her life in the Rexford and Eureka areas.

Shirley was a very spiritual person who loved reading her Bible. In her younger years she enjoyed fishing and the outdoors. Her other hobbies included sewing, crocheting, knitting, cooking and baking for the holidays.

On Dec. 12, 1954, Shirley Marie Truman married Anthony Paul Torres in Eureka. Together they had five children, Andy, Rocky, Suzze, Teresa and Barbara Ann Torres.

Following the divorce of this union, Shirley married Darrell "Pop" Kaufman on Jan. 25, 1985. Together they shared many years filled with happiness and precious memories. They celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary this year.

Shirley is survived by her loving husband Darrell Kaufman; her children; Andy

Torres of Billings, Rocky Torres and Sue Torres of Gillette, Wyo., Teresa Torres of Whitefish and Barbara Ann Torres of Columbia Falls; stepfather Don Darling of Rexford; sisters Barbara Jean Cook of Eureka, Sharkey and her husband Tom Kraus of Whitefish, Cheri and her husband David Butts of Rexford; brother Frank "Bud" Truman of Drummond; uncle Gordy Triplett of Missoula; brother-in-law Bruce and his wife Wanda Kaufman of Baker City, Ore., sister-in-law Sandy Kaufman of Kelowna, B.C.; stepchildren Darylene, Sam, Mike and Steven Kaufman, all of Florida; special caretaker (other son), Danny Williamson, whom we are forever indebted to; Faye Oldhouse, her dearest and loyal friend to the end; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Shirley is preceded in death by her parents, sister Lorse May, grandson Levi Flint, granddaughters Angie Schwirser and Brenda, Slade and Dylan Groene, and many more relatives.

Funeral services are under the direction of Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Eureka. Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, April 22, at the Baptist Church in Eureka.

## Valera C. Turf, 96

Valera C. Turf, 96, died Monday, Sept. 13, 2010, at Heritage Place in Kalispell. Private family services

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

## John 'Jack' Truzzolino, 78

John "Jack" Truzzolino, 78, passed away Sunday, Nov. 21, 2010, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center, with his loving family at his side.

Jack was born Nov. 22, 1931, in Butte, to John and Mary (Owen) Truzzolino.

Jack was raised in Butte, graduating from Butte High School. He attended Denver University and University of Montana, graduating with his Bachelor of Science degree at University of Denver College of Business Administration.

Jack married Kathryn "Kathy" Truzzolino in Jan. 1955, in Cambridge, Neb.

Jack was in ROTC and entered the Air Force as a second lieutenant at graduation in June 1954, going on active duty in February 1955, at Pope AFB at Fort Bragg. He was in charge of heavy equipment drops and served proudly. He was transferred to the Air Force Reserve in 1957, reaching the rank of captain before being honorably discharged April 1973.

Jack and Kathy returned to Butte in 1957 to join his father in Truzzolino Food Products, begun by his grandfather Vincent, newly from Italy, in 1896. He and Kathy bought the business, expanding the product line and packing for other companies, and their family have fond memories of all working together in the business. Canned tamales were sent all over the world and products marketed over the U.S., but especially in the Northwest.

He and Kathy sold the business in January 1990, and they moved to their vacation home at their loved Flathead Lake, moving to Kalispell in 2007. Jack continued working until retirement at Heritage Place in Kalispell. In Butte, son John with wife Janel and daughter Savanna, carry on the tradition of making the famous Truzzolino tamales, also add-



ing new products.

Jack was a lifelong member of the Methodist Church in Butte and Bigfork. In Butte he was a member of Kiwanis, Chamber of Commerce, Better Business Bureau, Cub Scouts, CAP, and other community and business organizations, and served on the school board for three years.

He loved to fly, flew with his "Pop" from childhood and had his private and commercial pilot's licenses. He was a charter member of the Marathon Flying Club in Butte. He made and flew RC planes in Kalispell.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping, hiking, skiing, sailing, boating, church, music, singing in the choir, bridge, reading, making beautiful stained glass projects, traveling and family and friends. He loved his family dearly.

Jack was preceded in death by his parents; grandson, Nolin; and nephews, Tom II and Nile.

Jack is survived by his wife, Kathy; sisters, Betty and Don Wood, and Carole Kolman; daughter, Laura, and Kerry Cassidy; sons, John and Janel Truzzolino, and Rick and Mary Lyn Truzzolino; grandchildren, Velvet and Jon, Aspen and Nathan, Mishana and Erin, Alex and Caitlynn, Savanna, Nathan and Ashley, Tessa, and Elizabeth; great-grandchildren, Bryce, Lance, Dawson and Stella; and also cousins, numerous nieces and nephews, and other family.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 27, at the Methodist Church in Bigfork.

Memorials may be made to Camp Mak-A-Dream, P.O. Box 1450, Missoula MT 59806, or Bigfork Community Methodist Church, 750 Electric Ave., Bigfork MT 59911.

Many, many thanks go to the caring staff at KRMC and Home Options Hospice, Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family. To send condolences to the family, please go to [www.buffalo-hillfh.com](http://www.buffalo-hillfh.com).

## Barbara Turner, 72,

Barbara Turner, 72, died Monday, April 19, 2010, at her home near Whitefish. She was born Dec. 13, 1937, in Minneapolis, to Alvin Luther and Julia Elizabeth (Spies) Turner.

Barbara spent her early life in Lahwille, Minn., attending school and some college. She followed her sister to Glacier Park, working for the Glacier Park Hotel Company in the East Glacier Warehouse. During the winters, she returned to Minneapolis to work as a switchboard operator at University of Minnesota Hospitals. Later she obtained a job at the East Glacier Park office and subsequently transferred to the Whitefish Post Office until her retirement.

She loved to paint with watercolors, attending classes at Flathead Valley Community College. She sang in the church choir and went yearly to attend the Ashland Shakespeare Festival with her sister. She enjoyed the community concert and theater performances, often volunteering to usher.

She was a cancer survivor and participated in Relay for Life. She also participated in a swimming exercise class, where she had many friends. We loved her and will miss her.

She is survived by her sister, Mary Ann Wilcox, of Roseburg, Ore.; a brother, Dan J. Turner, and wife, Judy, of Wapwallopen, Pa; and nieces and nephews and their families.

A memorial service for Barbara will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 22, at the First Presbyterian Church of Whitefish, with lunch to follow.

The family suggests donations be given in Barbara's name to the Whitefish branch of the Flathead County Library, Attn. Joey, 9 Spokane Ave., Whitefish, MT 59937; or to the First Presbyterian Church, 301 Center Ave., Whitefish, MT 59937.

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

## Billie Joe Turner, 80

Billie Joe Turner, 80, a longtime Libby resident, died Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2010, at St. John's Lutheran Hospital, from natural causes.

He had worked at J. Neil's Lumber Company, St. Regis, Champion International and Stimson for 47 years.

Survivors include his

wife, Hazel Turner, of Libby; and children, Irma Gibbs of Spirit Lake, Idaho, and Michael Turner of Kent, Wash.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 25, at Christ Lutheran Church in Libby.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg and Nelson Funeral Home in Libby.

## Donald W. Turner, 56

Donald Wayne Turner, 56, died Saturday, June 26, 2010, at his home in Kalispell.

He is survived by one daughter, Jennifer

Michelle Williams, and a son, Jeremy Daniel Turner.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## George Wesley Turner, 61

George Wesley Turner, 61, passed away Monday, Sept. 20, 2010, in Kalispell due to medical reasons.



George was born Sept. 11, 1949, in Kalispell. He was raised in Kalispell and attended Mountain Brook School, and graduated from Flathead High School in 1967. He then graduated from Montana State University with an agricultural business degree in 1972.

George was a hardworking, honorable and loving man with an incredible sense of humor.

"He was an avid outdoorsman whose warm and giving heart is in the hands of God. May the Lord embrace George and love him as George did his friends and family. Finally, George is truly 'perfect.'"

George was preceded in death by his parents, Redford and Georgianna (Zimmerman) Turner; and a brother, Fred Turner.

George is survived by his

children, Jim and Jennifer Turner, Toni Liehr and Michael Bleken, Chantel and Shannon Brown, and Christopher Turner; grandchildren, Tyrell and Kristi Crowell, Mark Hall Jr., David Turner, Tymber Liehr, Tavian Beasley, Kaileb Liehr, Karissa Turner and Micah Liehr; great-grandson, Mark Hall III; siblings, Aldon and Kathy Turner, Wayne and Peggy Turner, Redford "Dutch" Turner, Shirley Brown and Ruth Church; sister-in-law, Sandra Turner; his special aunt, Ina Koerner, and husband Jack; as well as numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and beloved friends.

Visitation for George will be held at 10 a.m. to noon on Friday, Sept. 24, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. A reception will follow at the Mountain Brook School on Foothill Road in Kalispell.

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

## Lora Arvilla Turner, 95

Lora Arvilla Turner, 95, passed away on Saturday, Jan. 23, 2010, at the Heritage Place in Kalispell.

She was born on Jan. 6, 1915, in North Carolina, the daughter of Charlie and Josie Faw. She and her family moved to Hardin when she was a child of 2.

In 1934, she married R.G. Turner. They lived in Hardin until 1946, when they moved their family to Bigfork, and then in 1956 they moved to Kalispell. They spent many enjoyable hours together camping under the big skies of Montana.

Arvilla loved working in her garden growing flowers. She was a very accomplished flower arranger and provided the Kalispell Senior Center with flowers for their tables for many years, therefore gaining her nickname "The Flower Lady." Arvilla loved

Montana, and once here, she lived 93 years and did not want to live anywhere else.

Arvilla was preceded in death by her husband, R.G. Turner; a son, Lloyd M. Turner; her parents, Charlie and Josie Faw; a sister, Mary McLaughlin; and a brother, Lloyd Faw.

She is survived by her daughter, Frances Nicholas, and daughter-in-law, Norma Turner, both of Kalispell; grandchildren, Melissa Yarde and Darin Turner, both of Kalispell, Michelle Santos of Guayanbo, Puerto Rico, Julie Reichmann of Galt, Calif.; and 10 great-grandchildren.

There are no services planned for Arvilla.

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