

Marsha A. Haugen Wagenhauser, 54

Marsha A. Haugen Wagenhauser "rose to heaven to lay her crown at the throne of Jesus to live forever" on Feb. 13, 2010. Born Aug. 5, 1955, in Hot Springs to Millard and Sylvia "Sue" Haugen, they moved to Columbia Falls until she graduated from Columbia Falls High School.

She met Ralph Wagenhauser; they were married March 22, 1975, and together they had Ryan and Heidi whom she loved, taught and served with the wisdom and excellence that only a woman of God could accomplish.

Settling in Great Falls she attended and led BSF groups and found their church home at Valley Community Bible Church where she met her beloved brothers and sisters in Christ with whom she would pray, worship and serve her Lord and Savior.

Marsha continued to work at the Great Falls Clinic where she was loved and supported by all her co-workers. She will be greatly missed. She was truly a good friend who touched the lives of everyone she came in contact with. You could not help but see the light of the Father in her heart.

Marsha loved family gatherings and parties. All those that knew her will love and remember her always for her jokes, laughing, and the pure joy from her love, zest for life and serving God. Even in the midst of her battle with Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma she continued to laugh and look for the beauty and chances to

witness to grow the kingdom of God.

Marsha leaves behind her best friend and husband, Ralph; son, Ryan, and his wife, Erica, of Seattle; daughter, Heidi, of Great Falls; sister, Arla Wilson, of Columbia Falls; brother, M.G. "Sonny" Haugen, and his wife, Lucy, of Great Falls; and brother, Milt Haugen, and his wife, Wanda, of Kalispell; and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and dear friends who will miss her laugh, sense of humor "and who can't wait to be welcomed into the arms of our Father where she will be waiting for that second hug."

A celebration of Marsha's life will be held at 11 a.m. Feb. 20, at Valley Community Bible Church, 3400 Flood Road, Great Falls. A luncheon with laughter and hugs will immediately follow. She will be laid to rest at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls, at 2 p.m. Feb. 19.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to The Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, or The American Cancer Society.

From Marsha's Caring Bridge Web site:

"We have such a wonderful Savior who tasted death so we could taste His goodness. He left the splendor of heaven to bring us to glory and He gave His own life to give us hope for eternal life! Hallelujah! Is it any wonder we sing, Great are you Lord! Have a blessed day. Much love, Marsha"

Mary Ann Kramis Ambrose Wake, 94

Mary Ann Kramis Ambrose Wake, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, "went home to be with



Jesus" at the young age of 94 on Tuesday, Nov. 23, 2010, at her residence in Kalispell.

Mary was born on June 21, 1916, in Hamilton, the fifth child of Swiss homesteaders Martina Iten and Joseph Kramis. Mary's father died when she was very young and then her mother married Emil LaChambre, who was a loving husband and a precious father to her children.

Mary grew up in Hamilton, then attended Kinman Business College in Spokane, after graduating from Hamilton High School. She was a secretary to the principal of Hamilton High School for a year and later worked with Montana Power as a secretary and helped with cooking demonstrations using rationed foods.

Mary met Robert Ambrose of Missoula on a hiking outing at Lake Como and married him in 1944. They raised their five children in Missoula through 1974.

Mary worked as secretary at Emma Dickenson Elementary School for eight years and Porter Elementary School for one year. She married Bud Wake in 1986 and they enjoyed traveling, golf, cross-country skiing and dancing together for five years before he died in 1991.

Shortly after, Mary moved to Kalispell to be near her children and grandchildren living in the Flathead Valley. Her greatest joy was to be out in God's creation, whether it was gardening, walking, hiking, biking or cross-country skiing.

Mary loved serving others and volunteered for Meals on Wheels, as a companion to visually-impaired seniors and as a foster grandmother to 20 second-graders at Elrod Elementary School. She lived at Ashley Court Senior Housing during this season of her life.

In 2005 Mary moved into WEL-Life of Kalispell, a Senior Assisted Living Community, where she encouraged others to enjoy the journey instead of focusing on circumstances of life that

can't change. She continued "using her bod", walking the hallway loop, hiking the hills nearby with her walker and exercise class, staying true to her philosophy of "use it, or lose it."

Music, dance and the arts in all forms delighted her, and she would jump at the chance to attend performances anywhere, anytime to enjoy the gifts God has displayed in others. Otherwise, Mary could be found reading, tending the flowers inside and out, updating the WEL-Life photo albums, sightseeing or brainstorming new programs or events that would bring joy into other WEL-Life residents' lives. Mary had a caring heart for the elderly and their ability to maintain an active and healthy lifestyle.

Mary was preceded in death by her husbands, Robert Ambrose and Bud Wake; parents, Martina and Emil LaChambre; sister, Martina Dailey of Seattle; brothers, Nick Kramis of Hamilton and Charles Kramis of Houston.

She leaves her sister, Ann Young of Spokane; and brother, Cap Kramis of Boise, Idaho; her children, Marie Stuart of Portland, Trina Ambrose of Kalispell, Lynda Chud of Wasilla, Alaska, Carl Ambrose and wife, Rebecca Johns of Bigfork, and Craig and Connie Ambrose of Somers. Grandchildren include Kristy Friday, Mark Denning, Robert Denning, David Ambrose, Bryan Chud, Aaron Chud, Nathan Chud, Seth Ambrose, Caleb Ambrose, and Cohen Ambrose. Great-grandchildren include Becca and Robert Denning, Aaron and Sean Friday, Ashton and Ava Chud, and Brennan, Erica and Blake Denning.

Memorial services for Mary are pending.

The family suggests that any memorial contributions be sent to Meals on Wheels, in care of J.R. Isles, or RSVP, in care of Sara Cowger, both at 160 Kelly Rd., Ste. A, Kalispell, MT 59901, or to the Summit Foundation, 205 Sunnyview Lane, Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

Bonnie Ruth Brown Wallem, 69

Our mother, grandmother, sister and friend, Bonnie Ruth Brown Wallem, passed away from Chronic Obstructive



Pulmonary Disease Thursday April 8, 2010. She was born to Esther (Svennungsen) and Don L. Brown in Fort Benton March 17, 1941.

Bonnie was baptized by her maternal grandfather, the Rev. David Svennungsen, at Christ Lutheran Church in Big Sandy.

In life Bonnie was involved in serving many facets of Montana State government. She served as the first woman Sergeant-at-arms for the Montana House of Representatives; first woman Secretary of the Montana Senate; and served as an employee in the Office of the Secretary of State.

Bonnie was a staunch advocate and visionary for criminal justice reform and provided her knowledge to the Youth Justice Council, 2005 to 2007; Public Safety Officer Standards and Training Council, 2007 to the present; and the Montana Board of Crime Control, 2005 to the present.

Bonnie was passionate about making Kalispell a safe place for all citizens and was a strong supporter of all law enforcement. As such, she was instrumental in starting the Volunteers in Police Services for the Kalispell Police Department. She researched how to implement a volunteer program in a police department. Bonnie wrote and developed volunteer policies and procedures, along with the application packet and train-

ing manual for volunteers.

She and then-Chief of Police, Frank Garner, started the first V.I.P.S. program in the K.P.D. Bonnie helped hire and train the first seven V.I.P.S. for the K.P.D. This program has saved over 3,900 personnel hours and has helped make the streets of Kalispell safer.

Bonnie was also very active in the Police Advisory Council. Bonnie helped the P.A.C. organize a town hall meeting on the dangers of Meth, attended by over 500 Flathead County citizens, that raised awareness of the Meth problem in Flathead County. Her energy, especially regarding criminal justice, will be missed by all.

Bonnie "is healthy and happy now in the arms of her loved ones who passed before her."

The family would like to thank Home Options for their loving care of Bonnie.

She was preceded in death by her two infant children, Celeste and Luther Wallem; and her mother and father, Esther D. and Don L. Brown.

Bonnie is survived by her husband, Jerry R. Wallem; daughter, Leslie Jo Wallem; granddaughter, Victoria Esther; grandson, Alexander Gerald, of Kalispell; brother, Scott and Nedra Brown, of Helena; sisters, Marsha and Daryl Paulson and Judy and Jim McKenna, all of Bozeman.

Memorial services are pending. Memorials and condolences may be sent to 206 Rosewood Dr., Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

Jerry R. Wallem and Bonnie Ruth Brown Wallem

A combined memorial service for Jerry R. Wallem, who died April 14, and Bonnie Ruth Brown Wallem, who died April 8, will be held at 2 p.m. Sat-

urday, May 15, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Kalispell.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring the family.

Jerry Ralph Wallem, 76

Jerry Ralph Wallem, 76, passed away on Wednesday, April 14, 2010, at the Brendan House in Kalispell.



He was born April 18, 1933, in Fargo, N.D., during the height of one of America's greatest historic moments — the Great Depression. His parents, Esther (Burmeister) Wallem and Joseph Wallem, a World War I veteran, moved from Fargo with their three older sons to Glasgow, to follow the building of the Fort Peck dam.

Families followed jobs; a tradition that persists today. As a highly impressionable pre-adolescent during World War II, the great wars — fought by his father, older relatives and friends — influenced his decision to join the Navy upon graduating from Glasgow High School in 1951.

Jerry served as a machinist/mate class A in the Pacific aboard the U.S.S. Sicily aircraft carrier during the Korean War in the 1950s. Jerry was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, the Korean Service Medal, China Service Record, and United Nations Service Medal. Jerry's military service is further evidence that his life is a reflection of the times.

Upon his honorable discharge from the Navy in 1956, Jerry joined the Morrison-Maierle Consulting Engineering firm as a Rodman and Chainman for the Glasgow Air Force Base. He continued his distinguished 38-year career with the firm, and was the lead surveyor, crew chief, and resident project representative on numerous projects.

Jerry was a builder who contributed his surveying skills on some of the Pacific Northwest's largest construction projects, the interstate highway system in Montana, Washington and Oregon, dams along the Columbia

River and its tributaries, wastewater treatment plants, and airports. By the time he retired in 1994, he had the longest career of active Morrison-Maierle employees. He was forced into early retirement in 1994 by a debilitating stroke.

Jerry married Bonnie Ruth Brown on August 18, 1962 and together they forged a loving marriage and partnership that lasted nearly half a century.

Jerry, you didn't set out to change the world, but your lifetime of loyalty and dedication to your family, your career with Morrison-Maierle, Inc., and your conservative values had a positive and lasting impact on your family and community.

Your willingness to do your work everyday helped to weave a tapestry that gave your family the freedom to explore their passions. Your contributions to society were many: the interstate, the dams, the airports, the roads, and wastewater treatment plants. America's, especially the Pacific Northwest's, transportation and energy systems benefited all because of your, and others like you, dedication to your job. We'll miss your quiet humility and your beautiful smile that lit up your wonderful blue eyes. Thank you!

Jerry was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 48 years, Bonnie; infant children, Celeste and Luther; parents, Joseph and Esther Wallem; in-laws, Don and Esther Brown; brothers, Ronald, Charles and Kenneth; sister, Joann Crowley; and sister-in-law, Carolee.

Jerry is survived by his daughter, Leslie; grandchildren, Alec and Tori; brother, Glen; brothers-in-law, Jack Crowley and Scott Brown; sisters-in-law, Alice and Mar Wallem, Marsha Paulson and Judy McKenna; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A combined memorial service for Jerry and Bonnie is pending.

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

Kristi Lou Walette, 58

Kristi Lou Walette, 58, "went to be with the Lord" on Saturday, Feb. 6, 2010, at the Brendan House in Kalispell. Kristi was born July 11, 1951, in Poplar. She moved to Kalispell at the age of 4, was raised in the Flathead Valley, attending schools until her sophomore year when her family moved to Spokane, where she graduated in 1969.



tary duty station in Germany. She worked as a CNA for the Brendan House and the County Nursing Home until she went into kidney failure in 1990. For the past 18 years she participated in the Kidney Dialysis Support Group.

Kristi attended and was involved at the Kalispell Christian Center. She enjoyed puzzles, flowers and plants. Within her living community she became "Mom" to all the other residents, where she took great joy in caring for them as her own.

Kristi was preceded in death by her father, James Walette; and a daughter, Keri Ann Russell.

She is survived by her

mother, Inga Walette; son, Charles, and Tina Russell; sister, Karla, and Dan Colyar; brothers, Rod Walette, Randy and Debbie Walette, and Roland and Gina Walette; two grandchildren, Josh Wall and Matthew Russell; six nephews and two nieces.

A celebration of Kristi's life will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 12, at the Christian Center. Burial will follow at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Friends are encouraged to visit the Web site at www.buffalohillfh.com to leave notes of condolences for the family.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Randall H. 'Randy' Walette, 55

Randall H. "Randy" Walette, 55, of Kalispell, "went to be with the Lord" on Sunday, July 25, 2010, after a long battle with cancer.



He was born June 19, 1955, in Poplar, to James and Inga Walette.

He grew up in Kalispell, attended Evergreen School, and graduated from Flathead High School in 1974. He entered the Navy in 1975, and served four years. On Nov. 6, 1984, he married Debra Marie Schulze, and they just celebrated their 25th anniversary.

Randy worked at Plum Creek and LHC. Randy loved all outdoor activities with

his family and friends, fishing, camping, snowcatting, riding ATVs and his Harley to the very end. He enjoyed working with special needs children.

He is survived by his wife, Debra; children, Gary, Adam and Rachel, and Tonya Walette; mother, Inga Walette; grandchildren, Emily Bauchman and Evan Walette; siblings, Karla and Dan Colyar, Rod Walette, Roland and Gina Walette; and numerous nephews and nieces.

He was preceded in death by his father, James Walette; and sister, Kristi Walette.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, July 29, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. A celebration of life service will be at 11 a.m. Friday, July 30, at the Christian Center.

Charles Walter, 83

Charles Walter, 83, of Missoula, died from natural causes on June 24, 2010, at St. Patrick's Hospital.

Survivors include a daughter, Teri Crump, of Kalispell.

A memorial Mass was held on June 28 at St.

Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Missoula. Burial will take place at 11:30 a.m. today, June 29, at the Sheridan Cemetery in Sheridan.

Sunset Memorial Funeral Home in Missoula is in charge of arrangements.

Mary E. Walters, 97

Mary E. (McLean) Walters, 97, passed away May 25, 2010, at Heritage Place in Kalispell, of natural causes. She was born April 16, 1913, in eastern Montana and raised in the Chinook and Havre areas.

On May 28, 1931, she married Cort B. Walters, and they moved to the Flathead Valley.

Mary was a homemaker in the Birch Grove area and was a longtime member of the Birch Grove Willing Workers. She was known for her kindness, her generosity, baking, sewing, and making the best out of little. Mary will be loved and missed, but can now rest in peace.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Duncan and Emma McLean; her hus-

band of 55 years, Cort B. Walters; an infant daughter, RoseMary; sisters, Margaret Hanson and Jesse Frank; and brother, Alfred McLean.

Mary is survived by her daughter, Carol, and children, Courtney and Robert; daughter, Sandra, and John, and children, John, James, Daniel and Susan; son, Oran, and Vicki, and child, Cory; brother, Sandy, of Havre; and many nieces and nephews in Montana, California and Washington.

A private burial will be held today, Thursday, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

Memorials may be made to the donor's choice; or just do a good deed for someone and think of Mary — She would like that.

Ann Ward, 95

Ann Ward, 95, died Monday, July 19, 2010, in Mesa, Ariz.

Graveside services will be at noon Saturday, July 24, at C.E. Conrad

Memorial Cemetery. There will be a visitation from 11 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday at Johnson - Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory.

Mary Wardle, 89

Mary Wardle, 89, died May 10, 2010 at her home in Kalispell.

Services will be held in

Boise, Idaho. Local arrangements are by Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory.

Charles Arnold 'Chuck' Warren, 68

Charles Arnold "Chuck" Warren, 68, passed away on Monday, April 12, 2010, in his sleep, after a long battle with chronic



obstructive pulmonary disease and complications. Chuck was born Sept. 13, 1941, in Tuolumne County Hospital, Sonora, Calif. His parents, Frances Arnold Warren and Francis Cullers Warren, lived in nearby Tuolumne City, near his grandparents. His maternal grandparents were among the founders of the Mother Lode town of Tuolumne.

Family members served as mayor, law enforcement and other offices, and eventually began the telephone company for that community. The family was known for a generous and helping spirit. Chuck was deeply influenced by his family's commitment to community.

While in his late teens, Chuck worked for the community funeral home. He had many experiences that shaped his life from this period. On one occasion he was sent to Yosemite to secure the body of a gentleman who had passed away in a public place. He was assigned difficult tasks, such as securing bodies from accident sites along busy highways in that popular vacation area. Chuck said that those years helped him learn to be calm and reassuring in life's difficult situations.

Later Chuck joined the Army and was stationed at Fort Ord. On a trip home for the holidays, Chuck experienced an event that influenced him to an even stronger commitment to help others. He observed a fiery automobile accident in which five teenagers were trapped in a burning car. He and others struggled to get close enough to the car to free the teenagers, to no avail. He vowed to himself to learn firefighting in order to be more able to save lives in the future.

While in the Army, Chuck was assigned to the mortuary unit and was sent to a location close to military troops that were poised for attack in the Cuban Missile Crisis. He said it was another time of learning to deal with his own ability to respond appropriately to serious crises.

Chuck worked for many years in the Bay Area for a major towing company and had been considered a most valuable employee. His knowledge of mountainous terrain, busy cities and freeways made him capable in Montana as well. Locally, Chuck Warren owned and operated Bill's Towing from 1987 to 2003, providing big rig as well as all other towing during that period. He had many stories from that part of his life, including towing at least one Glacier National Park red bus, logging trucks, motor homes, retrieving stolen vehicles out of deep Tally Lake, and of course, many tragic accident sites. He loved the Flathead Valley and its people, and seemed to carry a map of every highway and back road in his head and in his heart.

In spite of his experiences in dealing with life's toughest circumstances, those who knew Chuck found him to have a strong, matter-of-fact and optimistic approach to whatever needed to be done, and an irrepressible, rowdy sense of humor. Chuck will be very much missed by those he associated with and by friends, loved ones, and medical people assisting with his health, for his constant

teasing, harassing, and doing his best to make everything funny. He loved people and made friends with as many as he could along the way.

Chuck was most proud of his work with Evergreen Fire and Rescue. He was active for about 15 years and then served on the district board of trustees for about two terms. Chuck knew how important the skills and knowledge of firefighting are. He is reported to have entered about 50 involved burning buildings over time, and had good recollections of doing so with his friend, former Fire Chief Ken Cox. He held offices with the department, such as president, and assistant fire marshal, while his good friend Ted Stewart was fire marshal.

Chuck considered it his greatest contribution to have served on Evergreen Fire and Rescue's district board of trustees while the new building was being designed and built. He was most pleased that the new building was state of the art for response,

and for training, and could remain so for the 70 years for which it was planned. Chuck felt privileged to have contributed his own knowledge of firefighting, of the needs of the firefighters, and of the community for this extremely important project. He was proud of the community for voting for the funding in difficult economic times, and very proud of the design researched and collaborated on by Fire Chief Craig Williams and others. He was so very pleased at the open houses held for public and professionals, to see and hear their positive responses.

Chuck was proud to have served with the Flathead County Sheriff's Posse. He served energetically and faithfully, handling the calling of volunteers to assignments: basketball games, parades, Whitefish fireworks, directing traffic and other duties. He also worked these assignments, including the fair, at times being placed in charge at the fair at night. It was his privilege to work at such sensitive sites as the small plane crash near the City Airport, and take shifts at night to assist in maintaining security at such incidents as a homicide in Ferndale, the train derailling in Columbia Falls, and guarding prisoners in the hospital. Chuck often commented how much he enjoyed working with the posse, and regretted that his health issues eventually made it impossible.

In the last couple of years it was Chuck's great joy to drive a school bus with Treasure State Transportation, driving Evergreen students for District 5. He thoroughly enjoyed "his" students, watching their progress as people and enjoying most of their shenanigans. He looked forward to the camaraderie of his fellow bus drivers and meeting with them frequently over coffee after morning runs.

Chuck is survived by his longtime partner, Susan Mary Mohlenhoff; his daughter, Kathryn Mame Vela and husband, Patrick; their son, Jason, who is fire chief of the Montague, Calif., Volunteer Fire Department and whose employment is dispatcher for the CalFire System; his son, Charley Cullers Warren and wife, Stephanie; and their son, Skilier.

A memorial and celebration of life service and buffet will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 11 at the Evergreen Fire and Rescue building. The family suggests memorial gifts be given to Shodair and Muscular Dystrophy Society. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is

Donald Melvin Wickham, 86

Donald Melvin Wickham, 86, died on Thursday, Aug. 12, 2010, at Brendan House in Kalispell.



Don was born on Feb. 15, 1924 in Rollins, Mont., to Doug and Ella (Memke) Wickham. He spent most of his life in the Flathead Valley.

In 1942 Don enlisted in the Army, where he served in Europe during WWII. He served two more years in the reserve and was honorably discharged in 1946. Don returned to the Flathead Valley, where he started logging and doing heavy equipment mechanic work for Lann Owens. He retired after working for 50 years.

In 1963, Don married Carrollfaye A. Keegan. Together they had two daughters, Darrissa Cowden and her husband, SFC Kenneth; and Dawndi Cameron and husband, Jay.

Along with those children, surviving Don are four children from a pre-

vious marriage, Kenneth Keegan, Donna Glas and husband, Bill, Dianne Wickham and Kelly Wickham; sister Dortha Loving and her family; sister-in-law Betty Goeddert, and her family; 15 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Carrollfaye, sister-in-law Arlee Snell, nephew Tim Goeddert, and brother-in-law Harry Loving.

Don loved to fly his plane, and take aerial photographs. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, doing word-search puzzles, and spending time at Swan Lake. Don and his wife were into CB radios in the 1970s, and spent a lot of time traveling all over for "CB Breaks."

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. today, Tuesday Aug. 17, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home with Chaplain Drew Buckner officiating. Military honors will follow the service in the parking lot.

You are invited to go to www.buffalohillfh.com to sign Don's book or leave a personal message.

Ruth Gardner Wicks, 90

Ruth "went peacefully to be with her Lord and Savior" on Aug. 24, 2010, at the Buffalo Hills Terrace in Kalispell, surrounded by her family.



Ruth, the fourth child of Charles and Grace Bucher, was born on Nov. 21, 1919, in Colfax, Wash., where Charles owned and operated The Jersey Creamery. She joined three sisters, Helen, Mildred and Grace Margaret "Peggy."

Ruth graduated from Colfax High School, began college at the University of Idaho in 1937, and graduated from Cheney Normal School (now EWU) in 1940 with a degree in elementary education. While in high school, she loved her first jobs as an usher at the Colfax movie theater and wrapping butter and dipping ice cream bars at the Creamery.

Her first teaching assignment was in Kelso, Wash., teaching second grade. Always the consummate saver, Ruth, after one year of teaching, saved enough money out of her \$1,200 per year teaching salary to purchase a \$90 round-trip train ticket and toured the United States

While in Kelso, she met her husband of 38 years, Lt. Ray Gardner, while he trained with the U.S. Army at Fort Lewis. They married in 1942. Soon after, they moved to Fort Sill, Okla., then to Fort DuPont, Delaware, where Ray was deployed to the European theater with the 5th Corps in World War II. Linda, Ruth and Ray's first child, was born while in Delaware. Ruth returned to be with family while Ray served overseas.

In 1945, Ray returned home and re-entered the University of Idaho to complete his degree in forestry in 1946, and it was there that their second child, Cathy, was born. Ruth became a U.S. Forest Service ranger's wife where their first assignment was on the Kingston District in north Idaho.

Ray was later transferred to the Flathead National Forest in Kalispell where he served as back country ranger in the Bob Marshall Wilderness at Big Prairie, then on the Condon district. Just prior to a transfer to the Tally Lake district, their third child, Chuck, was born.

Ruth taught in Kalispell at the Opportunity School for several years. She left this position when Brian was born in 1956. During the For-

est Service years, Ruth could be found leading the girls on hikes, picking huckleberries, climbing the fire lookout tower at the old Condon station or shooting away black bears from a food cache during remote assignments.

Ruth served as a Girl Scout leader, worked at Flathead Travel, Buttrey's department store and owned and operated the Kalispell Hotel. Mom made many life-long friends, staff and students alike when, in 1967, Ray became a founding member of the staff at Flathead Valley Community College.

Mom and Dad traveled domestically and abroad to visit their grown children and their families. They often gathered with Forest Service, college or church friends to play bridge, pick huckleberries, picnic or swim. She played bridge actively for many years with a devoted group of lady friends who always remained dear to her heart, and continued playing at her home at Buffalo Hill Terrace.

In 1980, Ray was killed in an auto accident. Ruth married Sheldon Wicks in 1985. They enjoyed traveling and entertaining their children and grandchildren.

Ruth was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church. She served on the Board of Deacons and taught Sunday school where she touched many lives. Those who knew her valued and cherished her quiet, behind-the-scenes style of ministry and mentoring. She was also a woman of prayer. She recently related how God had surely blessed her in so many ways, over so many years. Ruth was also member of P.E.O. Chapter C, Kalispell, Alpha Phi Sorority and Friendship Force.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Grace Bucher; her three sisters, Helen McCroskey (2007), Mildred Sewell (2007), and Peggy Sartwell (1995); and her husbands, Ray Gardner (1980) and Sheldon Wicks (1992).

She is survived by her four children, Linda Lewis and husband, Phil, of Thompson Falls; Catherine Rasmussen and husband, Stan, of Missoula; Chuck Gardner and wife, Linda, of Alberton; and Brian Gardner and wife, Vonnie, of Kalispell; 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service and reception for Ruth will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 27, at the Buffalo Hills Terrace.

Memorial gifts may be made to the FVCC Foundation for the Community Arboretum; or the Glacier Camp and Conference Center (on Flathead Lake). Gifts for FVCC may be sent to: FVCC Foundation, 777 Grandview Dr., Kalispell, MT 59901; for information call 406-756-3963. Gifts for Glacier Camp and Conference Center may be sent to: Glacier Camp and Conference Center, P.O. Box 384, Lakeside, MT 59922.

Special thanks to the staff at Immanuel Lutheran Home, Buffalo Hills Terrace, Hospice and the First Presbyterian Church for providing compassionate, loving care to Mom, and her family.

Amy Marie Wilbur, 26

Amy was born Jan. 31, 1984, at Providence St. Vincent Hospital, Portland, and died on Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2010, at St. John's Lutheran Hospital in Libby, due to complications associated with a five-year battle with double kidney failure. Amy was 26 years old.



Amy was a special needs child from birth and was loved by everyone who knew her. She touched the lives of everyone she met in a very special way. Amy was fun, cheerful, loving, tough, and had an infectious laugh. Constantly in pain, she always handled her challenges with strength, determination and a positive attitude; and was always a major inspiration to everyone.

Amy attended special education schools in Montana at Columbia Falls Elementary, Whitefish Middle School, and finally graduated from Flathead High School's "All Star" room. She had many friends there, and loved every minute of it.

Her final home was at Flower Creek Group Home in Libby, where she loved everyone who cared for her.

She worked occasionally at Flathead Industries in Kalispell, and then at Achievements Thrift Store in Libby.

She loved God, people, the outdoors, orca whales,

George Strait, Michael Landon, and table games — especially Yahtzee.

She always looked forward to going to heaven where there's "No more pain."

Amy was born to mother Laurel Sumner, with stepfather Gary of Kalispell, and father, Marvin Wilbur, of Spokane. Amy's three beautiful sisters also survive her, Christina Wilbur-Linnaflata, 28, and husband, Kyree, of Norway; Heather Wilbur-Holloway, 24, and husband, Josh, of Kalispell; and Elisa Wilbur, 4, of Spokane. Amy's grandparents are Tonja and Shane Skriiko of Colorado Springs, Colo., Barbara and Allen Huey of Sandy, Ore., and Kenneth Wilbur of Cloverdale, Ore.

A memorial service is being held in Kalispell at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 10, at the Kalispell Seventh-Day Adventist Church.

Memorial donations, cards and written memorials for her memorial scrapbook can be sent to: "In care of Amy Wilbur," 115 Homestead Road, Kalispell MT 59901.

Services are provided by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home, Libby.

The family lovingly wants to thank all of Amy's former church and school teachers, Flathead Industries, Achievements Thrift Store, all her friends at Flower Creek Group Home and Montana Group Home, as well as all the many loving caregivers and friends who helped make Amy's life here more pleasant. We honestly love you all.

Ronald Kent Wilber, 72

Ronald Kent Wilber, 72, passed away on Wednesday, Dec. 15, 2010, at Health Center Northwest.



He was born on March 1, 1938, in Cleveland, Ohio, to Alfred Wilber and Nella (Kent) Wilber. Ronald grew up on a farm in South Russell, Ohio, where he learned to work on tractors. He graduated high school from Chagrin Falls, Ohio.

In 1958, he married Virginia Nye at the Federated Church in Chagrin Falls. They were married for 52 years.

Ronald worked as an auto mechanic for Rygg Ford until the mid-1970s. He then worked at Glacier Log Homes until 1983. In 1983 he started his own business, R&D Planning, with his son David. They owned this business until 1987.

Ronald then moved his

family to Colorado in 1987 and stayed until 1997, working for Satterwhite Log Homes. In 1997 they moved to Utah where they lived until 2001.

Ronald then retired and moved to Bigfork, where he enjoyed tinkering on tractors and being in the Flathead Tractor and Engine Association.

Ronald was preceded in death by his parents, Alfred Wilber and Nella Wilber.

He is survived by his wife, Virginia Wilber, of Bigfork; his children, David Wilber of Kalispell, and Kathleen Dey and husband Ricky of Kalispell; brothers, Alan and Roger Wilber of Ohio, and granddaughters, Ellie and Olivia Dey, of Kalispell.

No services are planned for Ronald at this time.

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

Dr. John Jerome 'Jerry' Wildgen, 85

John Jerome "Jerry" Wildgen, M.D., died on Sunday, May 23, 2010, in Wilsonville, Ore. He was 85.



Dr. Wildgen is survived by his three sons, Mark of Bemidji, Minn., Jay of Yakima, Wash., and Kevin of Edwards, Colo.; his daughter, Stasia Ann Larsen, of Wilsonville; his brother, George Wildgen, of Little Rock, Ark.; and six grandchildren.

Born in Hoisington, Kan., to Frances Norton Wildgen and Jerome Charles Wildgen, he was the second oldest of six children. After the death of his father, the family relocated to Canon City, Colo., where Jerry completed high school at Holy Cross Abbey School.

He also assisted his mother in raising the large family and in operating the Canon Hotel which the family owned for many years. His undergraduate and graduate education was obtained at the University of Kansas from which he received his Doctor of Medicine in 1949.

Dr. Wildgen served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, and then in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean conflict. He was discharged as captain in 1954.

While working in Yellowstone National Park, Jerry met Jacqueline M. Hanson of Appleton, Minn. They married in June of 1949 and settled in Kalispell, where Dr. Wildgen then began Family Medical Associates with George H. Gould M.D. The practice remained active for the next 40 years.

During that time he served as a member of the board of trustees of Kalispell General Hospital as well as president

of the American Academy of Family Physicians, and was a member of the Institute of Medicine. He was instrumental in helping medical schools across the nation in instituting family practice medicine as an academic specialty.

He loved camping and fishing in Glacier National Park and the Bob Marshall Wilderness. He enjoyed telling jokes and always will be remembered for his famous "Moon Stories" which he told to his children, their friends, grandchildren and whoever else he could get to listen!

After retiring as a family physician, he offered his services as a medical missionary in Vietnam, as well as Tanzania, Jamaica, Newfoundland and St. Lucia.

In 2003, Dr. Wildgen moved to Palm Desert, Calif., to enjoy a warmer climate and one of his primary passions in life, tennis. He also enjoyed other outdoor activities; mostly fly fishing, but also golf, volunteering at the Living Desert Animal Hospital, and a good walk with his dog, Lily. Dr. Wildgen spent these retirement years with his partner Sheila Bertozzi of Palm Desert.

Other associations and organizations in which Dr. Wildgen assumed a leadership include the Boy Scouts of America, Rotary Club (president and Paul Harris Fellow), Sigma Chi Fraternity and Alpha Omega Alpha Honorary Medical Society.

A celebration to remember Dr. J.J. Wildgen will be held in Kalispell this coming September.

Any memorials or remembrance should be directed to Saint Matthew's School Kalispell; or to The American Academy of Family Physicians Foundation, 1140 Tomahawk Creek Parkway, Leawood, Kansas 66211.

Joseph Matthew 'Bud' Wilhelm Jr., 81

Joseph Matthew "Bud" Wilhelm Jr., 81, passed away on Wednesday, Sept. 15, 2010, surrounded by his family, at home in Kalispell.



He was born on July 27, 1929, in Kalispell to Joseph F. and Mary E. (Keller) Wilhelm.

Bud received his early education at Evergreen Elementary School and graduated in 1947 from Flathead County High School. He was active in the Future Farmers of America and enjoyed playing basketball. Bud worked the family farm his entire life. He was a very hard worker. He worked primarily for Owens Lumber as a sawyer and road builder. After a full day in the woods, Bud would come home to the farm and care for the land and his numerous animals. If there was any spare time, it was spent in the enjoyment of the outdoors with his family; hunting, fishing, camping and in his gardens.

Bud was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife, Eleanor; one daughter, Vicki Stickney and husband, Guy; two sons, Donnie Wilhelm and wife, Betty, and Bryan Wilhelm, all of Kalispell; three sisters, Louise Clements of Ravenwood, Mo., Lucille Jones of Yakima, Wash., and Mary Wilhelm of Seattle; seven grandchildren, Christopher and Mandy Stickney, and Jeremy and Joshua Wilhelm, all of Kalispell, Brandon Wilhelm of Goodlettsville, Tenn., Caleb Wilhelm of Spokane, and Beau Wilhelm of Kalispell; as well as four great-grandchildren.

A funeral service for Bud will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 23, in the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Chapel in Kalispell, with Pastor Tim Bartholomew of the Stillwater Free Lutheran Church officiating. Visitation will be held from 2 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 22.

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

Gerald O. 'Jerry' Willett, 80

Longtime Alaskan and Homer resident, Gerald O. "Jerry" Willett died Thursday, Feb. 4, 2010, at L/V the Ark in Homer. Graveside services were held Tuesday, Feb. 9, at Hickerson Memorial Cemetery.



Mr. Willett was born Jan. 8, 1930, in Park Rapid, Minn. He was a self-employed truck driver, logger, mechanic and owner/operator of the Ivery Queen Charters. He moved to Alaska in 1975 and had lived in North Pole, Alaska, before moving to Homer.

Mr. Willett enjoyed fishing, hunting, playing and watching his grandchildren.

Mr. Willett was preceded in death by his son, Wade; his parents, Sidney and Mary Willett; a sister, Lucille Willett; and a grandson, Joey Weyrauch.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth Willett, of Homer;

daughters and sons-in-law, Geri and Dave Moore of Spokane, Arlene and Cary Weyrauch of Kalispell, Mary and Matt Mattingley of Fairbanks, Alaska, and Robyn and John Weymiller of Wisconsin; son, Rod Willett, of Homer; daughter-in-law, Robyn Willett, and husband, Mike Hamilton, of Fairbanks; grandchildren, Jerry Smith and wife Veronica of Louisiana, Mike and Bill Smith, both of Idaho, Andy Weyrauch and wife Alyssa of Vancouver, British Columbia, Christy Fix and husband Brad of Kalispell, Dena Dougherty and husband Toby, Sandy and Candy Mattingly, all of Fairbanks, Stephen Willett of Las Vegas, Bernette Parge of Montana, Mikki Hamilton of Ohio, Randi Sue Corcoran and husband Kenny of Fairbanks, and Melissa and Johnny Weymiller, both of Wisconsin; 19 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Jean DuValle, of Arizona.

Arrangements were made by Peninsula Memorial Chapel.

James C. Wilke, 71

Jim Wilke passed away at his home in Fortine on Tuesday evening, Aug. 10, 2010, from cancer.

He was born Feb. 27, 1939, in Poplar to Clarence and Isabelle (Baker) Wilke on the family farm. He graduated from Poplar High School in 1957.

After high school he served in the Army Reserves and ranched with his father.

He traveled west when a school friend called from Hot Springs regarding a job offer, Jim said, "I'll be there Monday morning," and spent that winter feeding cattle with a bobsled and team and living in a remote cabin. In the spring, Jim asked the rancher why he hired him sight unseen, and the rancher replied that anyone who would travel 500 miles for a job must be serious about working.

He later worked for Dean Brown's cattle and horse ranch in Niarada. He married Toni Mullen who lived at nearby ranch and they later divorced. His work for Dean took him farther north to the Tobacco Valley area where he continued to live for over 50 years. In Eureka, he worked for Dorothy and Donald McFadyean (Mac's Herefords) for years.

He married Debra Conroy in 1974 and they had one daughter, Carrie. They divorced in the early '80s, but remained friends.

His work history encompassed a variety of ranching, logging and carpentry activities. He raised his own cattle and horses. He worked at the Flathead Mine for a stint, worked on Canadian drilling rigs, and was a millwright at a Eureka lumber mill. He worked for a packer, running

a pack string of nine horses hauling supplies to build a fire lookout in the Libby area. He built houses, did custom butchering, started colts, shod horses, and put up many acres of hay. In more recent years he helped maintain the Glen Lake irrigation ditch.

Jim had a passion for woodworking, tinkering, horses, dogs and kids. He was wise in the ways of nature. He loved helping friends and neighbors with projects; anything from digging a basement to field dressing an elk. He was especially fond of giving sleigh or wagon rides with a team of horses.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Eileen, and her husband, Kenny McNees.

He is survived by his daughter, Carrie, and Brian Nelson; grandson, Owen Nelson, of Kalispell; and siblings, Agnes and Jim McKenzie of Converse, Texas, John and fiancée C.J. of Amarillo, Texas, George and Cindie Wilke of Spokane, and Helen and Gary Tucker of Angel Fire, N.M.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He leaves behind many longtime friends and was known to be a character. He was a regular at Stockman's and later proud of his 17 years of sobriety. He was telephone shy, old tractor savvy, and a good cow hand.

Graveside services will be held at 3 p.m. today, Aug. 14, at the Eureka cemetery. A celebration of life gathering will follow at the Eureka VFW Club.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Eureka.

Earl C. 'Duke' Willey, 89

Earl C. "Duke" Willey, 89, passed away on Friday, July 16, 2010, at St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula.

He was born on May 11, 1921, in Sioux City, Iowa, to William E. and Florence (Rasmussen) Willey.

Duke graduated from Flathead County High School in 1939. He owned and operated Duke Hamburger Inn in Kalispell until 1940.

In 1944, during World War II, he served in the South Pacific and was discharged in 1946. He then joined the Montana Army National Guard in 1948. He was always proud that he joined the military as a buck private and served every enlisted rank through master sergeant until being commissioned a second lieutenant in 1951. He retired an artillery major in 1973.

During this time Duke owned a mercantile store in Dayton, where he also served as Justice of the Peace from 1951 to 1954. He was also a pioneer in the law enforcement field, serving as a deputy sheriff for Flathead County and as provost marshal for the Montana National Guard

from 1957 to 1959. He was a senior staff probation officer at the Montana State Prison, an adult probation officer, a regional executive director and adviser for the Montana Board of Crime Control and security officer during the Gulf War.

Duke retired again in 1982 but continued assisting in law enforcement efforts.

Duke was preceded in death by his wife Frances "Patty" in 1997 and one brother, Loren B. Willey, in 1997.

He is survived by three daughters, Laurie Anne Pahl of St. Paul, Mo., Marilee Willey of Mechanicsburg, Pa., and Nancy Ellen Mori of Missoula; one son, Lloyd William Willey, of Berkeley, Calif.; two grandsons; four beautiful granddaughters; and six great-grandchildren; as well as one brother, Lloyd Vernon Willey.

Graveside services for Duke will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 20, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery with military honors.

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

Arthur Gene 'Art' Williams, 64

On Oct. 3, 2010, Art "passed from this world to the other side," leaving his friends and family.

He was born on Dec. 16, 1945, in Salt Lake City to Clyde Oliver Williams and Mary Elizabeth (Buck) Williams.

Early in 1946 he moved to Creston, where his dad had lived and worked for several years prior to his entering the U.S. Army in 1935, where he served his country proudly until his discharge in 1945. Arthur liked the "country life" and was joined by his sister Mary Kathleen in 1947. They remained in Creston until his parents built a home in Kalispell around 1949-50.

He attended Cornelius Hedges School until 1955 when his dad built a home on the northeast side of town. He attended Edgerton School from the fourth through sixth grades, and junior high school at the old Central School and Linderman. In 1964, he graduated from Flathead County High School and went to work with the Forest Service.

When winter came he worked for Lee Rothweiler at Lee's Glass Shop, and later for Jackson Machine Shop. Art enlisted in the U.S.

Navy, and on Jan. 30, 1966, he shipped out for boot camp in San Diego, followed by Damage Control Class A school at Treasure Island, San Francisco, and Petroleum Handlers School in San Pedro, Calif. He was assigned to a fleet gasoline oiler (USS Patapsco AOG-1) stationed in Honolulu and serving the troops up and down the Vietnam coast. Upon his discharge he remained in Honolulu.

Art worked several jobs, his favorite — taxi and limousine driver — as well as being an auto parts wholesale distribution warehouse man. He enjoyed the Islands, and the music of Hawaii became a big part of his life. He also loved the foods available and experiencing the various ethnic lifestyles.

In 1985, Art returned to Kalispell to care for his mom. He worked at Buffalo Hills Golf Course for several years, Semitool for a while, then an independent contractor for transfer of rental vehicles. He worked at Evergreen School District as a custodian for several years, and retired a few years after his mom passed on. He was most recently employed by the Kalispell Eagles as custodian until his health began

to fail.

In 1992 Art joined the Moose Lodge and served the lodge through the offices, attaining governor in 2000. His greatest honor was going to Chicago in 2000 to represent Kalispell as lodge governor at the 112th annual International Convention. Meeting with others and sharing ideas for the betterment of the lodge, as well as the camaraderie of his fellow members was a great thrill. In September of 2003, Art proudly and humbly accepted and was conferred the Fellowship Degree.

With his passing, he leaves numerous friends he has

made over the years; his sister, Kathy McKerrow, and her family, in Floweree; and his loving companion for the past few years, Kawika, his cat.

A special thank you to Dr. Welch and the staff at Kalispell Regional Medical Center for the care and compassion Art received.

Art requests any memorials be made to the Kalispell Moose Lodge No. 1922, P.O. Box 5286, Kalispell, MT 59903; or to the charity of your choice.

Memorial services will be held at a later date. Contact the Kalispell Moose Lodge for additional information.

Rod Williamson, 59

Rod Williamson died Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2010.

Survivors include his wife, Ida; and daughters, Tracey Clemons and April Kurle.

Visitation will be from

1 to 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 10, at the Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Libby. Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, at the funeral home

Gwenda Marie Williams, 42

Gwenda Marie Williams, 42, died Jan. 3, 2010, at her home in Kalispell, of asthma-related complications.

Survivors include her mother, Phyllis Williams, of Kalispell; and son, Logan, of Kalispell.

A memorial service

will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, at Fresh Life Church, 120 Second St. E., in Kalispell, with a reception to follow at 121 Ponderosa Lane, in Kalispell. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Richard H. 'Dick' Williams, 75

Richard H. "Dick" Williams, 75, of Missoula, passed away at his home on Tuesday, Dec. 14, 2010, after a courageous battle with cancer.



He was a well-known businessman, land developer, Realtor, insurance agent, restaurant/lounge/casino owner and operator who enriched others lives and inspired oth-

ers to be their best.

He was a third degree Mason, member of The Royal Order of Jesters, Ct. 5, Scottish Rite, Algeria Shrine Temple in which he served as potentate in 2008.

Memorial Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 23, at the Grace United Methodist Church in Missoula, followed by a celebration of his life at the Jokers Wild.

Memorials are suggested to the Shrine Children's Hospital. Cremation has taken place.

C. Jeanette Wilson, 93

C. Jeanette Wilson, 93, passed away on Tuesday, Sept. 14, 2010, at St. Joseph Hospital in Lewiston, Idaho, of causes related to age.



Clara Jeanette Schilling was born Aug. 7, 1917, in Green Bay, Wis., to Mira Belle and Franklin Christian Schilling. Her father owned the Cash Way Food Stores in Green Bay which were later sold to the Red Owl Food Chain. Due to illness as a young child, she also spent a few years in Florida with her mother.

Jeanette enjoyed many exciting times at the family cottage at Point Comfort outside of the Green Bay area. She graduated from East High School in Green Bay in 1936. She was an avid Green Bay Packers fan and would always watch every football game she could that involved her beloved Packers.

Jeanette went on with her education and graduated from New York University on June 11, 1941, with a Bachelor of Science degree from the School of Commerce, Accounts and Finance. This degree helped her throughout her life.

Moving to Chicago and while attending Greg Secretarial School, on a blind date she met her future husband. She married Dr. Fredric William Wilson Jr., of Stuart, Neb., June 14, 1942, at the First Methodist Church in Green Bay. They lived in Chicago while Fred finished medical school. During World War II, Jeanette moved to Sioux City, Iowa, to be near her in-laws while waiting for Fred's return from serving overseas as a doctor in the United States Army. When Fred returned from service, they stayed in Sioux City while her husband practiced medicine with his father, Doc Sr. Their medical practice was known as Drs. Wilson and Wilson.

While in Iowa, she was active in the Methodist Hospital Auxiliary, the Methodist Church, and raising her children. Jeanette was a loving homemaker throughout her life. She joined P.E.O. in 1946. There were many parties and social events held at their home on Pierce Street in Sioux City, due to her husband's occupation and their civic involvements.

Time was also spent on the Wilson Family Ranch in Stuart, Neb., and having many fun outings on the family boat on the Missouri River and any other places a boat could be landed.

After living for many years in Sioux City, Jeanette moved to Kalispell to be near her sister, Isabel, and the Babcock family. She stayed in Kalispell from 1974 to 2002. While in Kalispell, she finished raising her daughter, Carol, and was active in the Presbyterian Church, Eastern Star and P.E.O. In the summer of 2002 she moved to Juniper Meadows in Lewiston to be closer to her family there.

She is survived by one son, Robert Franklin Wilson, of Clarkston; three daughters, Dianne Bessie Wilson of Salt Lake City, Linda Belle Torgerson and her husband, Peter Kinsey, of Clarkston, and Carol Jeanette Savage of Kalispell. She is also survived by three grandchildren, Christopher Ogden Torgerson of Lewiston, Patricia Belle Brinegar and her husband, J. Benjamin Brinegar, of Clarkston, and Sean Savage of Kalispell; two great-grandchildren, Caitrianna Kinsey Dawn Torgerson of Lewiston, and Alexandra Belle Brinegar of Clarkston; plus several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Mildred Almira, in 1914; her parents, Franklin in 1931, and Mira Belle in 1943; husband, Fredric, in 1980; her sister, Sarah Isabel Babcock in 1984; and several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Besides raising her family, some of her many hobbies included reading, gardening, genealogy, needlepoint, scrabble and word puzzles.

There will be a celebration of life from 3 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 21, at the Torgerson home in Clarkston. Jeanette will be going home and interment will be at a later date next to her mother and father at the Woodlawn Cemetery in Green Bay.

The family would like to thank First Presbyterian Church of Kalispell for their care during her life and at this time.

Memorials may be made in her name to a hospice of your choice.

"Thanks, Mom, Grandma and Great-grandma for the many things that you taught us and the wonderful love you gave us. Your legacy in our family will shine and live on."

Catherine Sandra Wilson, 70

Catherine Sandra Wilson, 70, died after a short illness on Monday, Oct. 18, 2010. Her final days were spent surrounded by family and friends that Cathy had touched in her memorable life.



Cathy was born in Great Falls on Feb. 14, 1940, to Charles and Edith Goudie, who had emigrated in the 1920s from the Shetland Islands. Known as Sandy early in life, she attended Great Falls High, and then the University of Montana and Montana State where she earned a Bachelor of Science in elementary education.

While in college, she met Stuart Wilson and they married on Sept. 21, 1960. Son Mark was born the next year. Cathy began her career in Spokane, teaching special needs children. After moving back to Great Falls, Cathy served as a substitute teacher for many years. Daughters Laurie and Anne Marie were added to the family during that time.

In 1974, the family moved to Kalispell and Cathy opened the Wilson Pre-school/Kindergarten. Over the next 34 years, she taught over 1,200 children, many of whom were second-generation students. The lower level of their home was magically transformed into a place where young ladies and gentlemen absorbed social skills and a love of learning and became a true family. Her sweet nature and disciplined approach were renowned in the Flathead Valley.

The Wilsons opened Tile Plus flooring store 20 years ago. Cathy enjoyed working with customers, helping them design and decorate their homes. After retiring as a teacher in 2008, she devoted even more time to the store, putting her imprint on the community in a different way.

Cathy participated in the local P.E.O. Chapter and supported her girls in Job's Daughters.

Cathy was an avid supporter of her beloved Montana Grizzlies, Flathead Braves, Glacier Wolfpack and, most recently, the Montana Tech Orediggers, where two of her grandsons are student athletes in football. Above everything else, Cathy loved and supported her grandchildren in Kalispell and Missoula. Some of the best times were spent at their cabin on Ashley Lake.

Cathy's friends and family will all attest to her unwavering kindness and generosity. In Cathy's 70 years she used every minute, working hard and enjoying life to the fullest. Not being positive was a waste of time. She leaves a big empty space for her family and friends, but wonderful memories of her full-tilt life.

Cathy is survived by husband, Stu; son, Mark and Renell of Kalispell, and their children, Jareth, Kramer and Halle; daughter Laurie Pace and John Brownell of Missoula, and sons, Tanner and Quinn; daughter Anne and Chuck Marvin of Missoula, and sons, Jordan and Bailey; and brother, Harland and Joanne Goudie and his daughters, Kate and Patrick Howell, and Leslie and Steven Warner and grandchildren, Katie and James.

The family suggests that any memorial contributions be made to the P.E.O. Jane Hammer Holmgren Foundation, in care of Sue Ori, 113 Riverview Drive, Kalispell, MT 59901.

A celebration of life and service of remembrance for family, students and friends will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 24, at Northridge Lutheran Church, 323 Northridge Drive, Kalispell.

To send condolences to the family, please go to www.buffalohillfh.com. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Cleo Carrie 'Kelly' Wilson, 90

Cleo Carrie "Kelly" Wilson passed away in her Whitefish home from natural causes on Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2010.



She was born in Malvern, Ark., June 8, 1919, to Walter Garland Kelly and Lula Dale Samuels.

She was married to Robert "Bob" Wilson Dec. 5, 1945. During the '60s and '70s Cleo and Bob operated Wilson's Floor Covering in Wilmington, Calif.

In 1974 Bob and Cleo moved to Whitefish where they owned and operated Wilson's Floor Covering from 1975 to 1978. They decided to retire and move to Orange, Calif. Cleo couldn't stop working. She then worked with her sister's family at Tony's Sea Landing in Tustin, Calif. Later, she worked at Santa Monica Seafood.

Cleo and Bob moved to Las Vegas in the '90s where she decided to keep working, and worked for Albertson's grocery market in the deli department until she was in her early 80s.

When Cleo was not working she loved playing bingo at the Gold Coast Casino and taking care of her home.

After her husband Bob passed away in 2002, she moved to Corona, Calif., to be closer to her son Doug and his family, where she resided until 2007. In 2007 she

moved back to Whitefish to be closer to her other son, Mark, and his family.

Cleo will always be remembered for her passion of taking care of everyone before herself, bingo, keeping an immaculate home, her fashionable appearance, and a love for life. Cleo was very photogenic and loved taking pictures with her family, always flashing the peace sign.

Cleo was preceded in death by her husband, Robert "Bob" Wilson; daughter, Dorothy "Dottie" Street; brother, James Kelly; brother, Luther Kelly; sister, Grace Brimmage; and sister, Lois Stafford.

Cleo is survived by her son, Doug Wilson, and his wife, Laura, of Corona, Calif.; son, Mark Wilson, and his wife, Shelley Gross, of Columbia Falls; son-in-law, Ray Street, of Whitefish; sister, Katherine Osborne, of Texarkana, Ark.; sister, Jean Fistonich, of Corona; grandchildren, Eddie "Ron," Keith, Robert and Shawn Williams, Brittany and Brandon Wilson, Bryan and Breanna Rutledge, and Chelsey Wilson; numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews, and countless friends.

The services for Cleo were held Feb. 17 at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish, followed by a celebration of her life at Grouse Mountain Lodge.

Lloyd W. Wilson, 85

Lloyd W. Wilson, 85, husband, father, grandfather and retired Flathead High School teacher, died Oct. 14, 2010, at his home in Yuma, Ariz.



Lloyd was born July 28, 1925, in Paxton, Ill., the son of Clarence and Ida Wilson and the youngest of five children. He spent his childhood in Mason City, Iowa, and graduated from high school with honors.

He joined the Navy in 1943 and served on a merchant ship in the Pacific Theater during World War II. He was injured when a torpedo hit the ship. He graduated from the University of North Dakota with a Bachelor of Science degree in secondary education, and obtained his Master of Science degree from Colorado State University in 1951.

Lloyd met Mary Vangelina Goodrich, the love of his life, on the USO Club dance floor at Treasure Island in San Francisco. They were married in April 1944, and spent 66 enjoyable years together.

Lloyd began his teaching career at Flathead High School in 1951 where he taught drafting, printing, bookbinding, leather craft and driver's education. He was one of the most highly respected teachers by the Flathead High students. He retired in 1984 after 33 devoted years.

To know Lloyd is to know the romantic, enchanting Flathead Lake. Lloyd shared his passion for the lake through singing both gospel and romantic songs to the local residents on one of his moonlight cruises. He loved to dance, whether it be with his own two legs or with the beat of his toes. He was light on his feet for a man of his 6-foot, 6-inch frame and fondly was known as "Twinkle Toes." Lloyd loved to hunt and fish with the reverence and respect of the "Great White Hunter." He was an

excellent marksman.

Lloyd's most highly treasured possession was his unconditional love and compassion for his wife, Vange. They were at each other's side through good times and bad, and truly lived the gospel of Christ through their marriage. Their compassion and unconditional acceptance of others was known throughout the Flathead Valley. They opened their hearts and home on Flathead Lake to treasured family members, friends and weary travelers who needed assistance. Lloyd and Vange gave to others from their heart. Those gifts will always live on through the lives of those they touched through their careers and friendships. Lloyd was known to many as "Captain," "Dad" and "Confident."

Lloyd truly embraced love, life and the Creator's gifts with his loving heart and giving hands. His greatest love was his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Ida (Iler) Wilson; and his five siblings, Alta (Wilson) Lund, Wayne Wilson, Juanita (Wilson) Stephan, and LaVon "Bonnie" (Wilson) Rabe.

Lloyd is survived by wife, Vange; sons, Brent and Karen-Jo of Yuma, and Richard and Rosie of Rollins; grandsons, Daniel of Lewis-town, and David of Texas; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He will always be loved, respected and greatly missed by those he left behind.

Lloyd was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Dayton Presbyterian Church, Elks Lodge, and the Disabled American Veterans of which he served as president for several years.

Beloved niece Mary Ellen Miller wrote of her uncle, Lloyd, "You are now the first mate on the Creator's ship."

A memorial service will be held in Kalispell next summer.

To send condolences and sign Lloyd's guestbook, go to www.sunsetvistafuneral-home.com.

Richard 'Dick' Lee Wingate, 57

Richard "Dick" Lee Wingate, 57, a carpenter from Cut Bank, lost a long battle with cancer at his home in Cut Bank on Saturday, Sept. 11, 2010.

A potluck memorial will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 18, at the Larry and Pam Wingate residence located at 2130 Lion Mountain Road in Whitefish. (You may contact the family for directions). Also, a gathering of friends will take place 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, at the Village Inn in Cut Bank. Whitted Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Dick is survived by his mother, Elaine Lawlor, of Kalispell; older brother, Larry Wingate, of Whitefish; sisters, Kathy Dortch of

Kalispell, and Becky Forbis of Cut Bank; his son, Christopher, of Illinois; daughter, Shannon, of Wisconsin; and five grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Motichka; and Mr. and Mrs. Art Wingate; and his father, Arthur Wingate.

Dick was born March 27, 1953, in Kalispell to Art and Elaine (Motichka) Wingate and grew up in the Flathead Valley. He graduated from Whitefish High School in 1972.

He was a carpenter by trade and enjoyed the outdoors, hunting, fishing, camping and woodworking. Dick loved life and never passed up opportunities for fun.

Vida Winkley, 98

Vida Winkley, 98, of Polson, passed away on Sunday, Feb. 7, 2010, at St. Joseph Medical Center, Polson. Vida was born on Feb. 19, 1911, in Kellerton, Iowa, the sixth of eight children born to Bill and Martha Hackett Vail.



When Vida was 2, the family set out to homestead in Andes, Mont., on the eastern side of the state. After 10 years, the family traded the homestead for a place in Rollins. Later, they then moved to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, where Vida finished grade school and entered her first year of high school. After a move to Vancouver, Wash., she finished high school and attended Vancouver Business College. She later worked as receptionist in a doctor's office in Vancouver.

In 1933, she married O.E. "Kim" Kimball in Camas, Wash. They were blessed with four children, the first of whom only lived for 11 months. Son Jim passed away in 2007.

After many moves, they settled in Montana and started a freezer plant that is now M&S Meats. They divorced in 1958 and Vida moved to Portland, where she took a refresher course at the local business college. Afterward, she returned to Montana and took positions working at Kalispell Hospital, the Lake County Health Department in Polson, and then for sev-

eral doctors in Missoula.

Vida married Jack Winkley in 1964. Together, they lived in Rollins for 31 years. Jack passed away in 1995.

She enjoyed playing bridge and those who knew Vida knew not to ask her to do anything on Wednesdays, as that was her bridge day. Growing flowers, looking at the beautiful mountains and lake, reading, or having lunch or dinner out — these were some of Vida's favorite things. Vida loved her family, including her bridge and church families, and genuinely cared about each and every person. Vida enjoyed her life and will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Those left with cherished memories are her two surviving children, Ted Kimball of Spokane, and Gail and Sonny Herreid of Polson; her brother, Jim Vail, of Camas; 13 grandchildren, a number of great-grandchildren, several great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held this spring, on Saturday, May 1, at Polson Community Church, Polson. Additional details will be announced as the date draws near.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy can be made as a donation to the Polson City Library, or to the charity of one's choice.

Messages of condolence may be sent to the family online at www.groganfuneralhome.com. The staff at Grogan Funeral Home and Crematory, Polson, considers it a privilege to care for the family of Mrs. Winkley.

Carol Winters, 59



Carol Winters, of Kalispell, died peacefully at home on Jan. 29, 2010, following a courageous battle with cancer.

She was born Sept. 6, 1950, in Wolf Point, to Lottie and Clifford Hansen.

She spent her childhood in Wolf Point and enjoyed playing softball, playing clarinet in school band, horseback riding, excelling at barrel racing and winning many trophy buckles. At a young age she worked for her grandfather in his implement business, later at the Elks club, and also assisted her grandmother on several long distance car trips.

Carol attended both Carroll and Eastern Montana colleges, and graduated from the University of Montana with a double degree in speech therapy and Spanish. Carol went to Parras, Coahuila, Mexico, as a foreign exchange student while in high school. She returned to Mexico through her college exchange program to Patzcuaro, Michoacan. She formed and kept strong, loving bonds with her host families. After graduating from college she welcomed her youngest host family sister into her home for a year to experience life in Montana. Carol treasured the opportunities she had to visit with her host families, both in Mexico and at her home in Montana.

The influence and love of her families from Mexico contributed to her career choice working with the Billings Migrant Program. While working in Billings, Carol met Russ Winters and they were married Aug. 21, 1976.

Russ' career in education took them from Billings to Florence to Kalispell, where they raised their sons, Jake and Toby. The boys' active sports lives afforded Carol and Russ many opportunities

for travel as well as new and lifelong friendships. During this time, Carol continued her career working in the Human Resource Department as the benefits administrator at Plum Creek in Columbia Falls.

Carol's family was the light of her life and her grandchildren always brought special smiles to her face.

Carol was an avid reader and thoroughly enjoyed her book club friends and their discussions. Their devoted friendship enriched her life. Carol's love of cards brought her another group of unique friends in her pinocle club. Last, but not least, she loved her cribbage games. If defeated, with a smile she always demanded a rematch.

Carol was preceded in death by her parents; grandparents; and several relatives.

She is survived by her husband, Russ; son, Jake, and Shannon, and their children, Molly and Ben; son, Toby; her brother, Lowell; her sister, Bev, and Dan; and her brother, Gary, and Bob; niece, Leticia, and Jeff; nephew, Erik, and Amanda; two great-nephews; several aunts; one uncle; and many cousins.

Carol was noted for her sincere warmth, beautiful smile, keen mind and wit. She truly left her mark on the world. "Our loss is heaven's gain."

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, at the Christian Center/Assembly of God in Kalispell.

In lieu of flowers, please take a friend to lunch.

The family would like to thank Hospice for their excellent care of Carol the past few weeks. A special thanks to Becky Reid (Comfort Keepers) for all her caring time the past 18 months assisting Carol.

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

William John 'Bill' Wise, 77

William John "Bill" Wise passed away on Sunday night, May 23, 2010. Bill was born Feb. 10, 1933, to William McKinley and Lauretta Alice (Biggs) Wise, in, much to his chagrin, Los Angeles, where his parents had gone for a week's visit. Bill grew up Casper, Wyo., the Mission area and Kalispell.

He enlisted in the Army and served with the 11th Airborne in Korea.

In 1959 he married Dona Fae Eklund, and they had two children, Carrie and Mark. Following their divorce, he met Shirley Ann (Watson) Busselle on Mother's Day 1971. They married that fall and he gained daughters Dawn, Gloria and Cheryl.

Dad delivered freight throughout the valley for Helphrey Motor Freight, Ringsby United, and later Wallace-Colville. After retiring from trucking he worked as a heavy equipment mechanic in the mining and highway construction industries throughout Montana, Washington and Nevada. When that played out, he turned his extensive creative talents to fabricating and was a partner in a small machine shop.

For fun, he built several Volkswagon-powered trikes, and could be seen riding them around town. Throughout his life, Dad spent many

an hour working with Les Bauska at the Gun Shop: "There is nothing more beautiful that a finely turned barrel."

Shooting was a passion and he was instrumental in founding the Flathead Muzzle Loaders, and was active in the Archery Club and Northwest Montana Arms Collectors.

He is survived by Shirley, his wife of 39 years; daughter, Carrie, of Kalispell; son, Mark, of Houston; daughter, Dawn Gienger, and husband, Kevin, of Kiensal, N.D.; daughters, Gloria Brown and Cheryl Busselle, of Kalispell; nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A man of few, but all the more wise words, Dad had a deep, gruff voice, and a heart as soft as a marshmallow; he appreciated a good joke, a good steak, his family and friends, the warmth and companionship of Sykes, his flower beds (particularly tulips), and the Irish Rovers. His passing leaves a hole in the fabric of many lives. He will truly be missed.

No services are planned. Please join us for celebration of Bill's life from 3 to 5 p.m. Friday, May 28, at Sykes Restaurant.

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

Myron 'Skip' Withey, 73

Myron "Skip" Withey, 73, died Thursday, Dec. 30, 2010, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

He is survived by his wife, Beverly; two children, Kathy Withey and Ken Withey, and two step-

children, Judy Matz and Michael LaCelle.

Graveside urn burial service will be held in the spring.

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

James Allen Wittlake, 74

James Allen Wittlake, 74, "Our beloved father and friend," passed away April 21, 2010, at his home in Somers.



He was born May 13, 1935, in Flathead County. Jim married Alice Nelson on August 29, 1955. They moved their family to Somers in 1959.

During his lifetime, Dad had many interests, a few of which were trapping, prospecting, logging, farming, and gardening. But his favorite times were spent hunting and fishing in the Montana

wilderness. Over the years, Jim has had many memorable hunting and fishing buddies, but the ones he will miss the most are his friends Bruce and Norman.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ed and Mable; wife, Alice; daughter, Laurie; infant son; infant granddaughter, Heather; and his brother, Bud.

Those left to cherish his memory are son, Matt; and daughters, Kathy, Chris, and Debbie; sisters, Margaret, Sandy, and Roxy, nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

In addition to his family, Jim will be missed by his many wonderful friends and neighbors.

Charmain Grace Wolf, 86

Charmain Grace Wolf, 86, passed away on Saturday, Sept. 18, 2010, at the Whitefish Care and Rehabilitation Center in Whitefish.



Grace was born May 15, 1924, in Kalispell, to William C. and Susie (Ferwerda) Sievers. She married Leonard H. Wolf on May 21, 1945. She was a member of 3 Jays Home Demonstration Club, The Eagles, was a 4-H leader and a hospital volunteer. She loved gardening, picking huckleberries, fishing, garage sales and quilting.

Grace was preceded in death by her husband, Leonard Wolf; son, James Wolf; her parents; six brothers and two sisters.

She is survived by her

son, David Wolf, and wife, Dorothy, of Polson; daughter, Joyce Sanders, and husband, Carl, of Columbia Falls, sister, Jeanette Davidson; grandchildren Kurt, Erik, Julie, Heidi, Greg, Keith, Travis and Brad, and eight great-grandchildren. She also leaves behind Buster, the wiener dog.

A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 24, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. Pastor Tim Bartholomew will officiate. Interment will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. A visitation will be held from noon until 6 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 23, at the funeral home.

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

James 'Mark' Wood Wolfe, 57



James "Mark" Wood Wolfe, 57, of Columbia Falls, passed away peacefully on Friday, July 9, 2010, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell, surrounded by family and close friends.

Known as the "Wolfeman," Mark was a collector of odd knick-knacks, including wolf pictures and figurines and coffee pots. He never left his house without his trusty wood walking stick, his sunglasses, his choice of vest and an unforgettable smile to start the day.

He's also known for being the only dad to drop his daughter off in his cherry red hearse to school. He got a kick out of these things, being the amazing single father he was. He called this duty his privilege.

Mark lived his life beyond the fullest. He is a legacy among his peers, friends and family, stamping every heart around him with his silly ways and contagious personality in a unique and special way, and making him unforgettable to all who had the pleasure of meeting and knowing him.

His passions involved fishing, camping, bonfires, music, cribbage and his morning coffee. He loved a double white Russian latte from his favorite coffee girl. Anything that involved the company of friends and family made him a happy man.

Mark was preceded in death by his father, James Rogan Wolfe; brother, Scott Wolfe; sister, Margarette, and brother-in-law, Ed Price; and baby brother, Thomas Wolfe. He is survived his son,

David Wolfe, and grandson, Cody Milliron; daughter, Yvonne Wolfe, and grandson, Taylor Bryan; daughter, Celina Bryan; his mother, Mildred Wolfe; brothers, Jeff, Dave, Phil and Roger Wolfe; sister, Liz Bolles; along with countless cousins, nieces, nephews, friends and loved ones, and his favorite cousin, Becky, and last but not least, his loyal friend and companion of 18 years, Leah Kvamme, and her five sons, Mike, Matt, Mark, Marshall and Monroe Kvamme, and daughter, Ann Kvamme, and grandchildren who were Mark's second family.

Mark always loved gathering people together for a great time. So please join us for a tailgate potluck, "Wolfeman Style" in remembrance of Mark, to celebrate his life and new beginnings, and where we would love to share stories and conclude his life the way he wants us to. A meet-and-greet and potluck will start at 4:20 p.m., Saturday, July 17, at 126 Poverty Lane, in Columbia Falls; call Sonya Green 890-0179 for details. Services will begin at 6:30 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations to Mark's expenses may be made to assist his children at this difficult time. "P.S.: Dad, we will love and miss you. See you on the flip side." Columbia Mortuary is caring for Mark's family.

Eleanor 'Elli' Wolf, 76



Eleanor "Elli" Wolf passed away Sunday morning the ninth of May, 2010. She died of natural causes after many years of illness. She was born April 16, 1934, in Columbus, Ohio, to Clarence "Pete" Brown and Mary A. Brown. She attended St. Peter's grade school, a school which her grandfather helped to build. She graduated from Holy Family High School in Columbus in 1952.

Elli married Robert Wolf, the love of her life, in 1954 after a four-year courtship. They moved to Colorado in 1963 and to Montana in 1968, settling in Kalispell.

Elli worked as a secretary until they moved to Thompson Falls in 1974. There she was secretary to the superintendent of schools. She was one of the first EMTs in Sanders County and helped to form what is now the Thompson Falls Ambulance Service. After moving to Hamilton in 1979, she worked as office manager for the Bitterroot Irrigation Company. She also was active in the Ravalli County Ambulance for nine years.

Eleanor had a loving spirit for life, family and God. Her commitment to the service of her community was only surpassed by the time she shared with her family and friends.

She will always be

remembered with the sparkle in her eyes that could make the darkest times better. She always brought out the best in those around her and the world is a better place because of knowing her.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her sister, Mary M. Eing; brother, Lawrence Brown; grandson, Specialist James R. Wolf, who died in Iraq; and sister-in-law, Sally Ann Wolf.

She is survived by her husband, Bob, of 55 years; three sons, Robert and Chris Wolf of Scottsbluff, Neb., Michael and Karen Wolf of Post Falls, Idaho, and Thomas and Patti Wolf of Lolo; eight grandchildren, David and fiancée Jodi, Elli Jo, Rachael, Zachary, Michael, Cassidy, Jared and Brittany, and Chantel; two great-grandsons, Tyler and Caleb; many special brothers-in-law, Douglas Wolf and Irene, James Wolf and Kathy, and Jeff Wolf and Julie; nephews, Eric Wolf, Mark Wolf, Danny Wolf and Sean Eing; nieces, Connie Eing, Gina Murray and Lisa Powell; special friend, Marlene; and many other close friends.

Eleanor's life was celebrated by a Mass on Aug. 7 at St. Anthony's Catholic Church (her and Bob's 56th anniversary). She and Bob were well noted for the proliferation and support of the Red Pin Society.

Memorial contributions can be made in Eleanor's name to The American Cancer Society.

Frances Gabriel Wolfe, 85



Frances Gabriel Wolfe, 85, passed away at her home in Kalispell on Aug. 4, 2010.

Frances was born Nov. 29, 1924, in Onaka, S.D., to Andrew Gabriel and Magdalena Winterhalt, who were German immigrants. She was the youngest of eleven children. Her mother passed away in 1932. Frances left the family farm shortly afterward and lived with an aunt in Ipswich. A few years later, she moved to Seattle to live with her sister, Claudia.

There she married and had three sons. Frances ran a boarding house and worked at a meat-packing plant. She later divorced and moved to Kalispell to be near family. Frances met Robert Wolfe in Somers, and they married on May 15, 1957. They had two daughters.

The family lived in Kalispell until 1969, when they moved to Polson, and purchased The Mint Bar and Cafe. After a fire, the place was rebuilt into The Wolf Den. Frances took care of the books and payroll, and also bartended. The business was sold in 1979. They remained in Polson until 2000, when Fran and Bob moved back to Kalispell.

Frances spent her early

years in Kalispell as a volunteer for the Gray Ladies and the school district. She loved to sing and learned to play the bass guitar. She was an avid reader and a great cook. Family and friends were dear to her. She loved visiting with friends and dancing at the Saturday afternoon Valley Jam sessions at the Eagles.

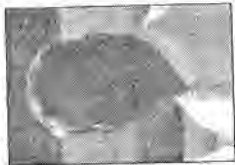
Frances was preceded in death by her parents; four sisters, Claudia Buhler, Eva Hess, Rosie Feiock Ferguson and Margaret Baumgartner; and four brothers, Martin, John, Roy and Mike Gabriel.

Frances is survived by her husband of 53 years, Robert Wolfe; her sons, Michael Edmundson of La Luz, N.M., and Mark and Matthew Edmundson of Missoula; her daughters, Diana Wolfe Passow of Kalispell, and Carrie Wolfe and son-in-law, Pat Harvey of Wasilla, Alaska; her brothers, Andrew Gabriel of Redfield, S.D., and Frank and Bonnie Gabriel of Cresbard, S.D.; sister-in-law, Sarah Gabriel of Grand Junction, Colo.; and two grandchildren, Jeb Passow of Salt Lake City, and Augusta Passow of Polson.

At her request, no services will be held.

You are invited to go to the Buffalo Hill Funeral Home website at www.buffalohillfh.com to send condolences to the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Robert 'Bob' M. Woodland, 70



Robert "Bob" Melvin Woodland passed away June 16, 2010, in Spokane, traveling with his loving wife, celebrating their 50th Anniversary that day. Bob was born in Butte to Melvin and Mary "Sis" Woodland. Bob attended St. Ann's Elementary school in Butte and moved to Kalispell with his family in 1954.

After graduating from Flathead High School in 1957, Bob worked at the Mobil gas station that his dad owned. He married his wife of 50 years, Rosemary Hebert, in 1960. Bob and Rosemary were blessed with two children, Kelley and Scott. In 1962, he joined the Kalispell Fire Department, where he worked until 1977. He then went to work for Valley Oil. In 1985 Bob and Rosemary moved to Tucson, Ariz. for a short time, returning six months later, after finding that he missed the Flathead Valley too much. Upon his return, he drove a car carrier for a short time, and then drove a fuel tanker for Valcon until his retirement in 2001. Bob enjoyed camping and fishing in his younger years with his family. His favorite

spot was Fish Trap. As he grew older, camping continued with trips to Swan Lake. Traveling south in the winter months with his wife became a new adventure and passion. Recently they had been joined by a new puppy, Stomper, who was going to join in on the traveling adventures. He was an old western movie enthusiast, particularly John Wayne movies, one of which he was enjoying at the time of his death.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife, Rosemary, of Kalispell; one sister, Patricia Johnson, of Walnut Creek, Calif.; one brother, Ed Woodland and his wife, Penni, of Somers; daughter, Kelley Wood and husband, Rick, of Kalispell; and son, Scott Woodland of Kalispell. Also surviving Bob are his mother-in-law, Bernice Teigen of Kalispell; grandchildren, Amanda Hayes, Cody Wood, and Tanner, Travis and Stephanie Woodland, all of Kalispell; and two great-grandchildren, which he considered to be a special blessing. Abigail and Brodie Hayes, also of Kalispell, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

At Bob's request there will be no services held. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Bob's name to a local charity of choice.

Harry Woll, 71

Harry Woll, 71, passed away on Oct. 12, 2010, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center, with his family at his side.

Harry was born Sept. 30, 1939, in Kalispell to Pete and Virginia Woll. He was raised on the family farm in the Lower Valley. He attended Rouselle Elementary School, graduating from Flathead County High School in 1957. After high school, he went to work at Sliters in Somers.

At the age of 22, he was drafted into the Army, but was called home before boot camp, due to his father's ill health. He took over the family farm four years later, and had been there ever since.

He married Lonnie Isaacs on March 7, 1964; they had four beautiful children. Harry was a 4-H leader, and enjoyed coaching and umpiring Little League baseball. He later went onto one of his greater challenges in life — coaching his two daughters in softball. He looked forward to watching his two sons play baseball, from T-ball to the Kalispell Lakers.

Harry loved hunting, fishing, horses and sports. Many memories were made in hunting camp with the "Nelly Beggo" crew.

He cherished everyone of his grandchildren; they were the "twinkle" in his eye. He always tried to make every

grandchild's game that he could, and with eight grandkids, that alone kept him and Lonnie busy.

Harry was preceded in death by his parents, Pete and Virginia Woll.

He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Lonnie; children, Steven and his wife, Elly, of Ronan, Kris Woll of Kalispell, Kristie and her husband, Leonard Park, of Bigfork, and Denise and her husband, Steve Gordon, of Bigfork, sister, Darlene and husband, Ray Sanders, and brother Pete and his wife, Brenda Woll, all of Kalispell; grandchildren, Ashlee and Austin Gordon, Kristen, Tim, Brodee and Bailee Woll, Karlee and Emilee Park, Rick Hoyt of Somers, and Julie Bronson Wade of Florence, whom he considered, loved and treated like his own children.

A visitation will be held from 3 to 8 p.m. today, Oct. 15, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home A celebration of Harry's life will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 16, at the Christian Center Assembly of God Church in Kalispell, with the Rev. Ron Pierce officiating. Interment will follow the service at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

You are invited to go to www.buffalohillfh.com to leave personal messages, or sign Harry's book.

Maxine Z. Wood, 90

Maxine Z. Wood passed away on Nov. 22, 2010, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.



Maxine was born in Merna, Neb., on Nov. 15, 1920, the first of four children of Rex and Marie (Allison) Cooley. She attended several country schools around Custer County, graduating from Westerville High School in 1939. She also attended Kearney State Teacher's College.

Maxine married Dean O. Wood on March 20, 1942. They were married 60 years.

After spending two years in Arizona, when Dean was in the Army Air Corps, they returned to farm for the next 15 years near Arcadia, Neb. During this time daughters Janet and Debbie were born. In March of 1957 the family moved to Great Falls, where they made their home for the next 44 years.

Maxine and Dean had a loving household where their children's friends congregated, always being given hospitality and unconditional love. She was known as Grandma to all her children's friends and all neighborhood families. They lived in a wonderful community, leaving many dear friends to mourn her passing.

Maxine worked for Safeway for 30 years. She was a member of the First Congregational Church of Christ.

Maxine and Dean moved to the Flathead Valley in 2001 to be near family, at which time Dean entered the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls. Maxine had resided at the Immanuel Lutheran Home since August 2009.

Maxine was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Dean; her parents; her grandchildren, Dena Raye Bowers and Brad Walton; her brother Dale and sister-in-law Bonnie Cooley; and brother and sister-in-law, Phil and Leone Wood.

Maxine is survived by her daughters, Janet and Ron Musto of Spokane Valley, Wash., and Debbie and Dennis Walton of Kalispell. She is also survived by four grandchildren, Angie Musto, Laura Musto and Randy Mroczynski, Dustin Bowers, Tana Walton; and great-grandchildren, Cydney and Bailee Bowers, Rowan and Colin Mroczynski, and Julio, Marcelo and Diego Morales. She is also survived by her beloved siblings, LaVina and Edmund Swanek, and Ivan and Beatrice Cooley; and many nieces, nephews and friends. Maxine is also survived by her Immanuel Lutheran Home family.

Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 27, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Friends are encouraged to visit the website at www.buffalohillfh.com to leave notes of condolences for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Daniel Keith Woods, 50

Daniel Keith Woods, 50, "left this world for a better place" May 13, 2010, from his home in Kalispell, after a short battle with cancer. Dan was born in Basin, Wyo., to Glenn Lloyd and Rose Marie (Schneider) Woods.



Dan attended school and graduated in 1977 in Libby. He continued his education at trade schools in Havre and Helena as an auto body technician. Dan moved to the Flathead Valley in 1982.

In 1983, Dan met and fell in love with Mona Ayers. They were married in 1987. Dan worked at Brieske's Collision Repair for several years, and then at Able Body Repair for 16 years. Dan's voice can be heard on the radio as the voice of Able Body Repair.

As a child, Dan's mischievous ways bewildered his mother, as well as his siblings, who loved him all the more because of it. When Dan was in high school, he participated in choir, football and woodworking. After marrying Mona, he enjoyed time with her and their sons, Tony and Nathan. This included anything outdoors, hunting and fishing, camping, floating the South Fork with his friends and family, playing

pool and rebuilding vehicles.

It was said by many that Dan should have done stand-up comedy, as he always had a quick wit that made every gathering memorable, sharing stories that usually had a Mona-ism or two. He had a gentle way that made him so endearing to everyone who knew him. He leaves many laughable memories and will be greatly missed.

Dan is preceded in death by his father, Glenn; mother, Rose; brother, Brian Woods; sister, Maria Marozzo; and nephew, Zachary Newman.

Dan is survived by his wife, Mona; and sons, Tony and Nathan; sisters, Carol Woods of Las Vegas, Joanne and Larry Newman of Libby, Diane and David Van Buren, and Julie and Bob Komenda of Marion; as well as brothers, Tom and Mori Woods of Butte, Mike and Ginny Woods of Missoula, Jerry Woods of Polson and Tony Woods of Kalispell; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A celebration of his life will be held at 4:30 p.m. May 28, at the Eagles Lodge. The family suggests donations can be made to the Dan Woods Memorial at the Whitefish Credit Union.

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

Joan C. Woods, 73, "released her earthly bonds to join her Heavenly Father" on Sunday, Jan. 31, 2010. She



was surrounded by family and friends at home when she gave in to congestive heart failure and COPD.

Joan was born in Osceola, Wis., Aug. 31, 1936, to Roy and Effie Olson. Her family moved to Whitefish in 1948. She and her sisters, Jane, June and Jean, "The Olson Girls," thrived in Whitefish as they helped build the family home on Waverly Place from the ground up, enjoyed Whitefish Lake, skiing on Big Mountain and making treasured memories with their friends.

Joan graduated from Whitefish High School in 1954, and continued to meet with her classmates each month at the Pin & Cue for lunch and stories up until just a few months ago.

After Joan graduated from high school, she went to work at the Anaconda Aluminum warehouse office until 1960 when she moved to Kalispell to work at First National Bank. She was there for 15 years, becoming the first woman officer. She enjoyed working at an appraisal office for a few years before going to work for radiologist Dr. Mike Wickersham. He was a great boss and friend.

In 1958, Joan joined Jim Woods in marriage. Her husband, friend, lover and partner, they shared their journey of life together for 43 years before his passing in 2001. They raised three children, teaching them the power of faith, love, compassion and compromise, and the value of family and friends.

Always a social butterfly, she was an avid bowler when she was younger, as well as a member of the Lady Elks. She loved to travel — Europe, Mexico, cruises and whitewater rafting through the Grand Canyon. She was always up for an adventure.

Joan was a member of Beta Sigma Phi for 51 years. After her husband's death, her children had to

call ahead to see if she could "pencil them in" for the weekends as her social calendar was always full.

Grandma Joan loved to spend time at Echo Lake watching her family grow. She usually had a flock of grandkids around her whether it was coffee time in her camper first thing in the morning, or popcorn and cards at night. She played cribbage, poker, pinochle and bridge with a number of groups, as well as her luncheons with friends and birthday groups, Friday night dinner dates with close friends, and she was always ready for a game of Farkle.

Joan was preceded in death by her husband, Jim Woods; an infant daughter; her parents, Roy and Effie Olson; as well as her terrific in-laws, Marion and Hildred Woods.

She is survived by her son, Wayne Woods, and his children, Bo John and Krysta; daughter, Whitney Leibenguth, and Guy, and children, Tiffany, Robbi and Kali; and daughter, Wendy Gorman, and her children, Johnnie, Jessica and Ty Gorman, and Gunner and Grace Grisak; sisters, Jane Friske, June Kuchenski and Jim, and Jean Petersen and John; sister-in-law, Stephanie Dye; as well as an awesome clan of nieces and nephews.

Mom lived life. She loved life. Although there is a time for grief she wished only to gather with friends to celebrate her new eternal life. And so, we will gather at the Village Green Golf Course Community Center from noon to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 6, for an open house to share laughter and friendship. (And most certainly a tear.)

We thank you all for your loving prayers and request that in lieu of cards or flowers any donations be sent on Mom's behalf to Home Options Hospice at 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell, MT 59901.

"Hospice Nurse Tawnya Cramer, we still don't know how you fit your wings in that little car! God bless you all."

Friends are encourage to send condolences to the family at www.buffalohillfh.com. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Vivian Pearl (Hartwig) Woods, 81

Vivian Pearl (Hartwig) Woods, 81, passed away on Monday, Feb. 15, 2010, at the Kalispell



Regional Medical Center in Kalispell. She was born on Nov. 1, 1928, in Beulah, N.D., the daughter of Albert and Emma (Martin) Hartwig.

Vivian was married to John H. Woods on Dec. 18, 1948. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church. Vivian was preceded in death by her husband, John Woods.

Vivian is survived by three daughters, Denise Brewer of Kalispell, Laura Poirier of Union, Neb., and Teresa Johnson of Hephzabah, Ga.; and three sons, Larry Woods of Great Falls, Pat Woods of Great Falls, and Dennis Woods of Helena.

Memorial services for Vivian will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 19, at the First Presbyterian Church.

The family suggest donations be made to the First Presbyterian Church, 540 S. Main St., Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

Fairy Lee Wagoner Waters, 88

Fairy Lee Wagoner Waters, 88, passed away on Feb. 14, 2010, in Kent, Wash.



She was born in Plentywood, the oldest child of a family of five children. The family moved to Bigfork where they lived on a farm north of Bigfork on Ramsfield Lane.

Fairy graduated from Bigfork High School. She and her sister, Ruby, went to Seattle to work at Boeing during World War II. That is where she met Roger Waters. He went into the service. When he came back, they married.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Roger Waters; her father and mother, Joe and Beulah Wagoner; her sister, Rose McFarlane; and her brothers, Raymond and Joseph Wagoner.

Fairy is survived by her children, Linda and Gary Hornbuckle, and Larry and Debbie Waters; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; her sister, Ruby Strodiemier; sisters-in-law, Bobbi and Harriet Wagoner; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Her family and friends will greatly miss her. "until we meet again in heaven."

A celebration of her life will be held at 2 p.m., Feb. 21, at the Inn at Arbor Village in Kent.

Helen E. Washington, 92

Helen E. Washington, 92, formerly of Missoula, died Saturday, March 27, 2010, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

She is survived by two daughters, Julie Ann

Jung of Great Falls, and Linda Stolte of Whitefish.

Private interment will be at Missoula Cemetery.

Austin Funeral Home is assisting the family.

Beulah June Watkins, 91

Beulah June Watkins, 91, died March 4, 2010, at the Billings Clinic.

She operated a local taxi service and was a store clerk.

Visitation will be from 5 to 9 p.m. Monday, March

8, at Remington Letcher Memorial Chapel-Laurel, 420 19th Ave. W. Funeral Services will be at 1 p.m. March 10, at the Nee Community Church. Interment will be at 1 p.m. March 11, at the Laurel Cemetery.

Judith A. Waterman, 68

Judith A. Waterman, 68, passed away Oct. 11, 2010, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.



She was born Feb. 7, 1942, in Seattle where her loving parents Harold and Arlene Bonetto brought her up to know and love her Creator, Jehovah God. She cherished her love for Him and dedicated her life to Him by water baptism on March 23, 1952, as one of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Judy married Raymond July 24, 1965, in Seattle.

Judy loved to cook and was a very warm and hospitable woman. Those who knew her viewed her as a sterling Christian. She left her mark in this world as a bright and kind soul.

Despite her own disabilities, she always had enough fortitude to encourage those with other problems. Her warmth was overflowing; her empathy was endearing; and she had the heart of a compassionate mother.

She will be dearly missed and her family and friends hold close Jehovah God's promise, that she so dearly treasured, that she will be seen again when she is resurrected in perfect health back to this earth where there will be no more pain, sorrow or death.

Judy is survived by her husband, Raymond, of Kalispell; her mother and stepfather, Arlene and Conrad Hinkle, of Yakima, Wash.; and numerous family and friends.

A memorial of Judy's life will be held at 3 p.m., Oct. 15, at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses on Reserve in Kalispell.

Lorraine 'Bud' Alma Watson, 94

Lorraine "Bud" Alma Watson died in Whitefish July 23, 2010, at the age of 94. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Monday,

July 26, at Glacier Memorial Gardens with the Rev. Darrell Newby officiating. Arrangements are by Columbia Mortuary.

Johnathan Clifford 'J.C.' Watt, 26

Johnathan Clifford "J.C." Watt, 26, passed away on Thursday, Aug. 19, 2010, in a motor vehicle accident on U.S. 2 near Kalispell.



He was born on Sept. 21, 1983, in Libby to Bud and Darla Watt. He attended school in Libby and Polson, and received his GED at Swan Valley Youth Academy.

On March 11, 2005, he married Jennifer McCully in Kalispell, where they made their home. He worked at Artisans Doors.

He was an avid hunter and fisherman who enjoyed hiking and would hike 30 miles a day looking for horns. J.C. enjoyed the outdoors and all

it had to offer.

He was a beloved husband, father, brother, uncle, son, grandson, nephew and friend to all.

J.C. was preceded in death by grandparents, Bill and Audrey Watt, and Clifford Kelley; and nephew, Jadace Duran.

Survivors include his wife, Jennifer, and children, Gavin and Winter, of Kalispell; parents, Bud and Darla Watt, and sister, Amanda Watt, of Polson; grandmother, Janice Kelley; four nieces, Jaici Watt, Alissa Rudey, Deserae and Lilli McCully; three nephews, Cole, Reily and Donald McCully; and numerous uncles, aunts and cousins.

Memorial services, along with a potluck luncheon, will be held at 2 p.m. today, Aug. 24, at Bitterroot Lake, Marion, for family and friends.

Melissa Weaver, 23

We lost our beloved Melissa on June 27, 2010, in a tragic accident. She died with three friends during one of her many adventures on a beautiful, summer day in Western Montana.



Melissa was born on March 21, 1987, in Rochester, Minn., the first child of Dan and Kathy Weaver. She moved with her parents to Arizona and New Jersey before settling with her family in Billings in July of 1992. She attended Poly Drive Elementary School, Lewis and Clark Middle School and Billings Senior High School, graduating with honors in 2005. During her high school years, Melissa competed on the varsity tennis team, performed as a majorette and played violin in the school orchestra. Melissa loved to sing and was a part of the youth choir at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church for many years.

Melissa graduated cum laude with a bachelor of arts in print journalism from the School of Journalism and a second major in psychology from the University of Montana in May 2009. Melissa was a University Scholar with distinction through the Davidson Honors College.

In December 2009, she began work as a reporter/journalist for the Daily Inter Lake in Kalispell.

Melissa was a truly beautiful young lady with a wonderful sense of humor. Her smile would light up the room and was both contagious and comforting. She was an incredible daughter, sister, granddaughter and friend who touched the lives of all who knew her. Her wit was quick and she had a wonderful spirit: Melissa always said "yes" to life. She was an intelligent and energetic young woman who loved to ski, travel, write and explore the great outdoors.

Melissa always gave 110 percent to everything that she did. Her dad taught her that desire and passion are the keys to success in both achievement and life. Melissa personified these ideals. She was never afraid to try

new things and was always ready for another exciting adventure. She shared her mother's love of cooking and her kitchen was always stocked with delicious, freshly baked goods.

Melissa was a very thoughtful, kind and caring young lady who always took exceptional care of everyone she knew, especially her family. She was a true joy in our lives and was an inspiration to us all. We will never forget her, will always love and miss her, and feel blessed to have known her for 23 years.

"As usual, Mellie, you are bravely leading the way."

Melissa is survived by her loving parents, Dan and Kathy; sisters, Sarah and Emily; brother, Joseph; uncle and godfather, David, and Traci Weaver; uncle, Ben Weaver; aunt and godmother, Lisa Weaver; aunt, Terry Higgins; aunt, Carol, and Stevan Nelson; grandpapa, Walt, and Joann Weaver; grandmother, Jane Weaver; grandmother, Joan Bell; and many cousins.

She was preceded in death by her beloved grandfather, Carl Bell.

The Weaver family would like to extend sincere appreciation to law enforcement in Flathead, Sanders, and Lake counties for their efforts and compassion involved in this difficult search and rescue effort.

Special thanks also to the Blaine family and countless friends and neighbors who have gone far beyond the call of duty in supporting us during this difficult time. The outpouring of thoughts and prayers for Melissa and our family have made this more bearable for us. We love you all!

Viewing will occur from noon to 6 p.m. on Thursday, July 8, at Dahl Funeral Chapel in Billings. Vigil service and rosary are planned for 7 p.m. Friday, July 9, at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church. Funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m., Saturday, July 10, also at St. Thomas, with graveside committal and interment at Holy Cross Cemetery immediately to follow.

Memorials can be made to either the scholarship fund established in Melissa's name at the University of Montana or Catholic Relief Services.

Barry R. Webb, 69

Barry R. Webb, 69, died at his residence in Polson, on Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2010. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Byron Louis Weber, 65

Byron Louis Weber was born in Great Falls, May 3, 1945, to Wilfred and Helen (Demarest) Weber and died on Aug. 26, 2010, in



Missoula, the victim of progressive lymphoma.

He lived briefly in the Sweetgrass Hills and Shelby prior to moving to Billings. He received his primary grade education at Highland and Fratt Memorial schools in Billings and Ursuline Academy in Great Falls. At Great Falls Central High he wrestled, played football as an end for the 1962 state championship team, and was active in student government as the student body president and Boys State delegate. Byron's story on the gridiron and afterward was recently documented in "Coached For Life" by Ed Flaherty, the story of the championship team — the men, the coaches, and their lives after football.

At the College of Great Falls, Byron majored in biology, graduating in 1967. During this time period he developed a passion for living things which evolved into a lifetime theme. He also served in leadership positions — including student body president.

After graduating from the College of Great Falls, he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps and went to Vietnam as a second lieutenant in the infantry. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V." After an honorable discharge from the Marines, he traveled across the country to personally visit the families of his men who died in combat. In recent years he participated in reunions of his Vietnam unit. Last year he was instrumental in obtaining a posthumous Medal of Valor for a medic who died in action.

After Vietnam, Byron followed his quest to see more of the world, hitchhiking through South America for 18 months, returning with more experiences than he could ever relate, including floating down the length of the Amazon.

Back in Montana, Byron worked in the Yogo sapphire mines, hayed in the Sweetgrass Hills, and finally settled in the Bitterroot area. While there, he lived in a cabin and spent countless hours in the out of doors making detailed observations of his natural surroundings.

From his meticulous notes over the seasons, he developed a natural history calendar for the area.

Byron returned to school at the University of Montana, obtaining his teaching credentials and first taught at Target Range Middle School.

He then found a perfect fit teaching in Florence from 1984 until he retired in June of this year, mirroring his mother's career as a first-grade teacher.

Byron and Jane Byard were married in Missoula or May 17, 1986. They have one son, Nick, who graduated from Big Sky High School in 2006 and Montana State University in 2010. Upon Nick's high school graduation, the family traveled to South America, recapturing part of Byron's original quest.

Byron's interest in classifying his world began at his grandparents' ranch in the Sweetgrass Hills when he was very young. After seeing a bird, his grandmother rushed into the house, retrieved her bird book, and identified the bird. With this instrumental influence, Byron's house was filled with specimens and species including a butterfly collection (with a butterfly he discovered) in his living room and tarantulas crawling in a terrarium on his counter.

He passionately taught about the environment to countless fans as the Bug Guy on MTPR's "The Pea Green Boat." He was a part of the first Earth Day celebration in Washington, D.C. He established an exemplary outdoor classroom at Florence Carlton School, which was dedicated to him on Earth Day this year. Byron was also a founding member and vice-president of the Missoula Butterfly House.

Byron lived by the Golden Rule as a person who was generous, tolerant, encouraging, gracious and thoughtful. He weighed his words before speaking, and always made time for everyone. His presence enhanced his home, his school and his community.

Byron was preceded in death by his father, Wilfred; nephew, Ryan Van Luchene; and cousin, Kay Girard.

He is survived by his wife, Jane, of Missoula; son, Nick, of Bozeman; mother, Helen, of Kalispell; brothers, Steve and Bethany of Kalispell, Greg and Lois of Anchorage, Alaska; Mark and Lou Rae of Twin Bridges; and Stuart and Sas of Belgrade; and sister, Jane Christman, and Lanny, of Dutton.

A celebration of Byron's life will held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 3, at Florence Carlton School gymnasium, followed by a walk through his outdoor classroom and a picnic. Bring a lawn chair, a pie and a story about Byron to share. Also, bring a small rock to add to a memorial rock pile we will build for Byron.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations be sent to Missoulabutterflyhouse.org; or Florence Carlton Outdoor Classroom (c/o Florence Carlton School).

Elsie V. Weed, 85

Elsie V. Weed, 85, died Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2010, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She is survived locally

by her daughter, Jeanne Wray, of Kalispell.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Richard 'Rich' Walter Weigand, 54

Richard "Rich" Walter Weigand, 54, passed away on Sunday, Jan. 10, 2010, at his home near West Glacier. He was born on Jan. 27, 1955,

in Buffalo, N.Y., to Francis and Amber (Case) Weigand.

Rich received his early education in Buffalo, graduating from high school and then receiving his Bachelor of Arts degree in math. He then enlisted in the Coast Guard and worked as a quarter master until receiving his commission and attending officer candidate school.

While stationed at District 7 in Miami, Fla., Jill Forsythe caught Rich's eye. The couple met in November of 1984 and married Oct. 19, 1985. Rich attended Naval post graduate school, graduating with his Masters of Communication degree in 1987. The couple moved to Washington, D.C., where their daughter Amanda was born in 1990; to Hawaii, and back to Washington, D.C., where Rich retired in 2000.

Rich was an absolute genius when it came to computers and electronics. He built his first computer from the ground up, soldering every circuit and connection and considered it his personal mission to help others with computer issues and problems. Rich was also an amateur Ham radio operator and enjoyed the time he was



able to spend visiting with operators all over the world. He was also a member of the West Valley Volunteer Fire Department, the Coram/West Glacier Volunteer Fire Department and the Civil Air Patrol.

Rich was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife, Jill, of West Glacier; a daughter, Amanda Weigand, of the University of North Dakota; two brothers, Francis Weigand and wife, Stella, of New Jersey, and Arthur Weigand and wife, Lori, of Town of Tonawanda, N.Y.; four sisters, Janice Vogt and husband, Jake, of Jamestown, N.Y.; Judy Weigand of Town of Tonawanda, N.Y., Ann Weigand of Town of Tonawanda, and Carol Weigand of Buffalo. He is also survived by four nieces, two nephews, and one great-niece.

Memorial services for Rich will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 14, at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls, with Pastor Matt Nelson officiating. Visitation will be from noon until 5 p.m. on Wednesday at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home.

The family suggests memorial gifts be given to the Coram/West Glacier Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 162, West Glacier, MT 59936.

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

Robert Lynn Weimer, 74

Robert Lynn Weimer, 74, of Broadus, formerly of Kalispell, died Saturday, Sept. 25, 2010, at the Billings Clinic in Billings.

He had built rifle barrels and run his own business, Weimer Muzzle Loader Barrels.

He is survived by his wife, Esther of Broadus; father, Robert; sons, Rex Weimer of LoFan-

taine, Ind., Rick Weimer of Kalispell, and Ron Weimer of Salt Lake City; stepson, Cliff Herbert of Columbia Falls; and stepdaughter, LaDonna Donsback of Volborg.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. today, Sept. 28, at the Assembly of God Church in Broadus. Interment will follow in the Valley View Cemetery.

Donald Welch, 77

Donald Welch, longtime Las Vegas resident, passed away May 10, 2010, at the age of 77. Don was born Feb. 25, 1933, in Bonners Ferry, Idaho, but grew up in Whitefish.



He was an outstanding high school athlete and was inducted into the Whitefish High School Athletic Hall of Fame. Don was a graduate of the University of Montana in Missoula, where he continued to perfect his golfing skills. He was later inducted into the Montana Golf Hall of Fame.

In 1961, Don turned professional and began his career at the Desert Inn Country Club. He spent 14 wonderful years there before moving to the Dunes Golf Club as director of golf. He was a lifetime member of the PGA of America. After a short retirement, he went to work at the Las Vegas Paiute Resort helping to bring tournament groups to the new development.

In 2004, Don was awarded the PGA Lifetime Achievement Award. In the span of a nearly 40-year career, he was involved in coordinating, hosting or participating in most of the major golf tournaments in Las Vegas.

Don is survived by his wife, of 54 years, Peggy; sons, Dan Welch and wife, Kim, and Jamie Welch; daughter, Miki, and husband, Jeff Reid; beloved grandchildren, Jake and Paige Reid; sister, Janice Gerzema, and husband, Larry, of Valparaiso, Ind.; brother, Jim Welch, and wife, Anita, of Whitefish; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Don was an avid supporter of the local Junior Golf programs, especially those that helped the children who might not otherwise have the opportunity to play the game he loved so much.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Don's memory to The Junior Golf Academy at Desert Willow, Attn.: Pam Bowers, 263 Delfino Way, Henderson, NV 89074.

Services were held May 17 at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Henderson.

Harriet J. Welch, 80

Harriet J. Welch, 80, died Jan. 4, 2010, at the Libby Care Center, from natural causes.

Survivors include her son, Robert J. Welch, of Troy.

Services will be at 2

p.m. Friday, Jan. 8, at the Troy Church of God, 212 Kalispell Ave., in Troy. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 7, at the Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home, 422 W. Second St. in Libby.

Marcella "Toni" Wells, 88

Marcella "Toni" Wells died peacefully in her sleep at home with her daughter by her side, on Nov. 12, 2010.



which continued to interest her in retirement.

Throughout her life, acting was a passion. She performed on TV and radio, in theater and even in one Japanese "monster" movie. Locally she was active in community theater productions.

In her later years Toni traveled extensively, recording these adventures in journals. Reading occupied many hours and she enjoyed discussing books with the AAUW "Lunch Bunch." She practiced speaking, competing successfully in speech contests and representing the state "International Training in Communication" clubs at an international contest.

The Glacier Unitarian Universalist Fellowship provided her a supportive spiritual community, which she treasured. As she aged, Toni found fulfillment hosting small groups, gathering them at her home to read plays, discuss current issues or simply to sip tea and talk.

Toni was preceded in death by her daughter, Kathleen; son, Philip; and husband, Phil.

She is survived by her wonderful family — son, Douglas, and his wife, Mary; daughter, Sally, and her husband, Ted Gigrich; son Philip's wife, Barbara, granddaughter Amii Limpp, and grandsons, Chaim Wells, Philip III and his wife, Kami, and Douglas Wells Jr., and granddaughter Patricia and her husband, Jared Wood; grandsons Pfc. Ted Gigrich, U.S. Army, and Pfc. Michael Gigrich, U.S. Army; her two beloved great-grandsons, Henry and Sean Wood; her brother, Richard Grimm, and wife, Judy, of Medford Lakes, N.J.; and sister, Eileene Gardner, of Cassadaga, N.Y.

There will be no graveside services. Memorial service details will be announced at a later date.

Memorials may be sent to the Glacier Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 1515 Trumble Creek Road, Kalispell; or to American Red Cross of Montana, Northwest District, P.O. Box 2406, Great Falls MT 59403.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Lloyd Weldy, 78

Lloyd Weldy passed away on Oct. 6, 2009, in Kalispell. He was born April 9, 1931, in Rocky River, Ohio, to Lorna and Lloyd Weldy Sr.

After graduating from the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and joined the Field Band as a trombonist.

Lloyd earned a doctorate in music at the University of Southern California. He was a professor of music at the University of Arizona.

As a professional musician, Lloyd performed with the Los Angeles, Phoenix and Tucson symphonies. He contracted musicians for celebrities on tour, such as Cher and Sammy Davis Jr., when they performed in Arizona. He also filled in for musicians for acts in Las Vegas, Reno and Lake Tahoe casinos during his vacation breaks while at the University of Arizona. Later, he branched out into arts administration and staffed facilities in Arizona, New Jersey and Michigan where he presented concerts, other entertainment and speakers, including Vincent Price and Charles Kuralt.

In addition to having a good ear for music, Lloyd had a good eye for beautiful things. Landscaping, architecture and interior design captivated him. He used his talents to design and redecorate his many homes. He collected modern art and often

built his own furniture to fit his vision. Photography was a passion for which he won many awards.

Lloyd loved the outdoors and was a distinguished Eagle Scout.

He lived most of his early adult life in Tucson, Ariz., where he was drawn to the fragile beauty of the desert and became a docent at the Arizona Sonora Desert Museum. Many trips were spent hiking through the Swiss Alps from where his ancestors came. His last years were spent enjoying life in the Big Sky country of Montana.

He married Norma Pitts of Clarksburg, W.Va., in 1952. Norma, a pianist he met at CCM, has academic degrees and proficiency in languages. They were well-suited for each other with similar interests in music, teaching and especially traveling. Altogether, Lloyd created and lived a very full and exciting life.

"He moved on with his usual quirky sense of humor and much dignity as he headed off to a new quest."

He is survived by his wife, Norma, of 57 years; and two daughters, Kim Brown, and Piper Weldy. In addition, he leaves behind his cherished sister and brother-in-law, Linda and Ray Bahm.

His family thanks you for your good thoughts over this time.

She was born Sept. 4, 1922, in Buffalo, N.Y., eldest child of John Emil and Glyde McClarren Grimm. She completed her early education there and attended the Art Institute of Buffalo.

In 1943, she enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, serving with the First Marine Corps Air Wing. She was honorably discharged as sergeant.

In 1944, she married decorated Guadalcanal veteran and Montana native, Marine Master Sgt. Phil L. Wells.

After the war, they made their home in Great Falls where two children were born, Kathleen Patricia and Phil Lee Jr. During those years, Toni began what was to be a lifetime career working for the American Red Cross. When Phil was recalled to active duty during the Korean conflict, the family followed him, living where his U.S. Air Force duties allowed families to accompany him. During an assignment to Bermuda, two more children were born, Douglas John and Sally Brooks.

Wherever Phil's military career took them, Texas, Mississippi, California or Michigan, Toni continued her Red Cross work, sometimes volunteering for the local chapter or as an employee of the national organization. She directed Service to Military functions on bases and served on national disasters.

Upon Phil's retirement in 1966, the family settled in Lakeside. She worked for Montana Red Cross in numerous leadership and honorary positions. After Phil's death in 1979, Toni accepted overseas assignments for Red Cross on U.S. Naval bases in Diego Garcia and Japan. In 1998, she was recognized for 50 years of service.

In her early years Toni found pleasure in swimming. She also developed a talent for writing and drawing,

Bernice Estelle Welk-Morgan, 95, "went to be with her Heavenly Father" on Tuesday, Aug. 17, 2010, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.



She was born on Dec. 13, 1914, in Badger Mountain, Idaho, to Simon and Lulu (Short) Moe.

Bernice married Ernest Welk of Anacortes, Wash., in a double ceremony along with his brother, Ted and wife, Jean, on Sept. 8, 1934. They enjoyed 41 years together until his death in 1975. Bernice remained single until God brought John Morgan into her life, and they married on Nov. 20, 1982, in Moses Lake, Wash. They were blessed with 16 years together when John preceded her in death in 1998.

Bernice and Ernest pastored churches together in Mullen, Idaho; and Forks, Sequim, Coulee City, Newport and Moses Lake, Wash. They also invested a couple of years in the evangelistic field together. Bernice, herself, was a licensed minister and served on staff as the minister of visitation with her son, Reverend Gordon Welk. The driving passion of her life was ministering to others. Whether she was spending time counseling or standing in the gap as a prayer warrior, her heart was fully dedicated to bringing people to Christ.

Bernice also enjoyed cooking, sewing and creating a loving home for her family. Her baking was legendary and was something anticipated by many. Bernice loved her family and friends wholly and always welcomed them into her home. She was an engaging storyteller, and family, both young and old, would sit with rapt attention while she regaled us with her thoughts. Bernice was also known as a woman of prayer. Her time spent in God's presence was both unique and very special to her. We will all miss the covering she brought to our lives. Her final years were spent in the loving care of her daughter and son-in-law, Lorraine and Butch Woolard, and the caring staff of Immanuel Lutheran Home.

Bernice is survived by her five children, Pastor Gordon Welk and wife, Shirley of Kent, Wash., Lorraine Woolard and husband Marvin "Butch" of Kalispell

Richard Welk and wife, Carolyn of Wenatchee, Wash., Mary Bennett and husband, Paul of Albion, Wash., and Don Morgan and wife, Sue of Spokane; 14 grandchildren, Tamara Barrans, Cindy Welk, Darell Welk, John Welk, Craig Woolard, Jeffrey Woolard, Mike Welk, Stacy West, Rochelle, Marlene and David Bennett, and John, Steve and Kevin Morgan; 21 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Graveside services for Bernice will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 24, at the Valley View Memorial Park in Soap Lake, Wash. The casket will be open for those wishing to view. Memorial services will follow at 1 p.m. at the Moses Lake Assembly of God, in Moses Lake, with Pastor Gordon Welk officiating.

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

Shirley Anne Wesley, 63

Shirley Anne Wesley, 63, passed away Monday, June 7, 2010 in Whitefish, surrounded by her family. She was born Jan. 16, 1947, at Coudersport, Pa., to Carl and Rose Smith. She attended college in Philadelphia, graduating as a lab technician. She worked as a lab tech in Coudersport, until she and her husband, David, moved to Montana in 1974. She worked as a lab tech at North Valley Hospital until retiring to raise her three children.



After her family was grown, she began working at Grouse Mountain Lodge in Whitefish, until retiring in 2005. Shirley was an avid Dallas Cowboys football

fan and never missed a game. When not watching football, she could be found doing anything and everything with her children and grandchildren.

Shirley will be very much missed by all who knew her. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband of 43 years, David.

Surviving her are a brother, Robert Smith of Coudersport, Pa.; her children, Robert Wesley and wife, Lexy, of Newport News, Va., Karen Baker and husband, Dave, and David Wesley; as well as grandchildren, Kelsey and Megan Baker, all of Whitefish; and many more family and dear friends.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 15, at the Austin Funeral Home Chapel. A reception will follow at Grouse Mountain Lodge. Memorials in her name may be made to the Flathead Animal Shelter.

Ina Leona West, 97

Ina Leona West, 97, died Dec. 25, 2010, at the home of her daughter in Whitefish.



She was born March 22, 1913, in Otter Tail County, Oak Valley Township, Hewitt, Minn., in a log house to Nathan and Harriet (Smith) Finn.

Leona was so thankful for all the joy and the loving family that she had. She is thankful for all that she had been given.

She is survived by six daughters, Laura Monson of The Dalles, Ore., Leora Muroka of Whitefish, Viola Love-

all of Canby, Ore., Maxine Selner of Tigard, Ore., Ruby Imholt-Johansen of Whitefish, and Peggy Knudsen of Eugene, Ore.; two sons, Tommy Macomber of Lewistown, and Archie Macomber of Santa Barbara, Calif.; and seven stepchildren, LeRoy Thompson of Puyallup, Wash., Carol Naber of Havre, Ida Braitwaith of Kennewick, Wash., Trudy Nevins of Sidney, Ruth Crabtree of Sidney, Betty Ravidue of Wilson Creek, Wash., and Bob West of Columbia Falls.

Graveside Services for Leona will be held on her birthday March 2011 at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Austin Funeral Home is caring for Leona's family.

Jerome B. Westergren, 78

Jerome B. Westergren, 78, of Carthage, Ill., died peacefully on Nov. 3, 2010, in Carthage after an extended illness.

He was born on Aug. 5, 1932, in Bertha, Minn. to Leona (Ertz) and Beryl Westergren.

He served proudly in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. Jerome lived the majority of his life in the Seattle area where he owned and operated hair salons on Mercer Island. He loved the outdoors, and spent as much time in the wilderness as he possibly could. He found joy in developing his children's love and appreciation of the great outdoors. Jerome found solace on our ocean beaches and went there during difficult times if only to think, to pray, and admire its beauty.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 47 years, Dorothy E. Westergren.

He is survived by his children, Lee Hopkins and husband, David, Dawn Pick-

ard and husband, Larry Crofts, Jon Westergren, Terri Wise and husband, Mark, Scott Westergren and wife, Tracey, and Jo Ellen Ziegler and husband, Don. He has 10 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. He is survived by his two brothers, Bill Westergren and Gene Westergren; and his sister, Betsy Russell.

We will deeply miss his friendship, his gentle manner, his humor and love of life.

"We love you, Dad."

Graveside services for Jerome will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 10, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be from noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home.

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

Donald 'Don' Michael Whaley, 69

Don "was received by God into his eternal home" Sunday, Oct. 17, 2010, after a mercifully quick battle with ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease) diagnosed in June of this year. He would have been 70 years old on Christmas Eve.

He precedes his wife of 51 years, Jeannette; two sons, Drew and Joanna of Chatsworth, Calif., and their children, stepson Jason, stepdaughter Veronica, sons, Conner and Sean; and the Rev. Kyle of Polson; two daughters, Sabrina Whaley of Seattle and son Sergei, and Glynis Thakur of Sammamish, Wash., (Dr. Smiley) and sons Asher and Eamon; and Drew's daughter, Brittney of Kalispell, and Andrew Hayes, and Teagan, Brodyn and Macyn. His children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren were his prized blessings.

He loved his work in the church (LCMS) and in the secular arena for Van Waters & Rogers, agricultural and industrial chemical distributor of Spokane and Billings; as a partner in Dyce Sales & Engineering Service, chemical distributor, Billings; and as the principal consultant in his own firm, Kaltana Corporation,

business management consulting, Kalispell and Moses Lake, Wash.

As a young man he learned to fly in Grand Coulee, Wash., and he took it up again in Kalispell, earning his commercial and IFR licenses. He earned the coveted Paul Harris Award for years of service in Rotary.

According to his wishes, he will be laid to rest at Spring Canyon-Grand Coulee, Wash. There will be a graveside service for family and friends at 11 a.m. and memorial at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 23, at Grace Lutheran Church, 303 Nelson Road, Moses Lake, Wash.

The family wishes to thank the Inland Empire ALS Association, Summer Wood care givers, and Central Basin Home Health and Hospice for their loving care while he was ill; also his cribbage playing friends and the employees at Sporty's Pub and Michael's on the Lake for their support and friendship.

Donations may be made to Grace Lutheran Church; Inland Empire ALS; Central Basin Home Health and Hospice; or a charity of your choosing.

Marion Louise Whary, 78

Marion Louise Whary, 78, passed away on Saturday, March 27, 2010, at Health Center



Northwest in Kalispell.

She was born June 4, 1931, in Grand Junction, Colo., to Elva and Florence Snow.

She spent much of her childhood traveling the Northwest with her father, who was a United States Forest Service Supervisor. She attended a few different schools during this time, but graduated from high school in Grand Junction. She graduated from the Chicago Institute of the Arts with a bachelor's degree in fashion design and worked with Munsingwear for many years as a lingerie designer.

She married Elvin H. Whary, retired from the United States Navy Submarines, on August 18, 1956, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Marion and Elvin settled down in Pasadena, Calif., and had three children, all boys, Steve, Jim and Lance Whary. She loved spending time with her family at the second home that she, Elvin and the boys built in Big Bear Lake,

Calif. In her pass time she loved working with needlepoint and occasionally selling real estate. After the boys were grown, she and Elvin spent many years traveling the world. She moved to Kalispell in 2005 to be closer to her family.

Marion is preceded in death by her parents, Elva and Florence Snow, both of Grand Junction, Colo.; and her husband, Elvin H. Whary, of Pasadena, Calif. (October 4, 1994).

She is survived by her brother and sister-in-law, Donald and Janet Snow of Rio Linda, Calif.; son and daughter-in-law, E. Lance and Peg Whary of Kalispell; son, Steve Whary, and son, Jim Whary; granddaughters, Michelle Whary of Kalispell, and Brittany Porter of Appleton, Wis.

Marion had a heart of gold and will forever be loved and missed by many.

"To Marion's two sons, Steve and Jim: 'Where are you?'"

There are no services planned for Marion at this time.

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

Selma Louise 'Sally' Wheaton, 99

Selma Louise "Sally" Wheaton, born in Kalispell Sept. 30, 1911, passed away in her sleep in Spokane on Oct. 18, 2010, at the age of 99 years.



Sally is survived by her sister, Alice, who is 101 years of age.

Their parents were Frank and Faith Wheaton, pioneering residents of Kalispell where Frank founded Wheaton Cycle in the early 1900s.

Sally graduated from Flathead County High School in 1929 and married Ray Chapel on Nov. 18, 1934. As a civilian military architect, Ray Chapel was stationed in Japan and California. While living Los Angeles in the late '30s, Sally attended beauty school. The couple moved to Spokane in the late '40s and lived there until the '60s, when they moved to Seattle.

When Ray retired from the Army Corps of Engineers, they moved back to Spokane where they were members of the Commodore Boating Club, and Sally was a member of the League of Women Voters.

Together, Sally and Ray

bought a mobile home and spent the winters in Mesa, Ariz., and the summers in Spokane, until Ray passed away in 1972.

Sally then moved to Mesa where she met and married Frank Trippet, who was also from Kalispell. He passed away five months after they were married. While in Mesa, Sally participated in synchronized aquatic ballet.

A few years later Sally met Rod O'Connell at their class reunion. When he asked if he could sit beside her she said "No! I'm saving this seat for my future husband." By the end of that summer, they were married and made their home in Arizona.

Sally was preceded in death by Ray Chapel, Frank Trippet and Rod O'Connell; and her brothers (by age), Robert, Bernard, Harold, Glen and Clark Wheaton. She had 12 nieces and nephews on her side of the family as well as four on Ray's side of the family. She opened her heart and home to all of them, taking them on many road trips which always included swimming which she really enjoyed.

Sally's family is planning a private gathering at a later date. Arrangements under the direction of Ball & Dodd Funeral Home, Spokane.

Byron Taylor Whitcomb, 21

Byron Taylor Whitcomb was born in Missoula on Dec. 15, 1988. He died June 19, 2010.



He attended high school in his hometown of Whitefish, and went on to join the Army in June 2009 to live his dreams and provide a good life for himself and his family.

Byron was stationed at Fort Polk, La., as a private first class in Bravo Company, 2nd Battalion, 4th Infantry Brigade, 10th Mountain Division (Light). He was looking forward to deploying to Afghanistan as part of a Blackhawk Company in the fall. Byron applied and was accepted in the Ranger school.

Byron was a lover of baseball, football, basketball, hockey, hunting, fishing, laughter and being first with his family. He had a huge heart made of gold as true as they come.

He excelled to be the best at everything he did and had talent that did not go unnoticed. Byron was always

driven and ambitious, always working hard for everything he had.

He loved to have a good time with his friends and make people laugh. Byron was a wonderful husband, father and son who made the ultimate sacrifice.

He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Helen Barbara Miscampbell; grandfather, Maurice "Jim" Miscampbell; and uncles James Ace Miscampbell and Robert Lee Miscampbell.

Surviving are his daughter, Kendal-Marie Taylor Whitcomb; wife, Lindsey Jane Whitcomb; mother, Billy Eisinger; father, Jim Whitcomb; mother-in-law, Linda Stacy; and father-in-law, Willie Stacy.

A celebration of Byron's life will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, July 2, at Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish. Full military honors will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Please wear colorful attire (no black).

In honor of Byron's memory, a memorial account in Kendal-Marie's name has been established at Parkside Federal Credit Union.

Austin Funeral Home is assisting the family.

Howard M. Whitney, 82

Longtime Whitefish resident, Howard M. Whitney, 82, died Feb. 26, 2010, in Whitefish. He was born Aug. 6, 1927, at Agency, Iowa.



Following graduation from VanBuren Community School, he served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II and later with the U.S. Air Force.

In 1949, he married Dorothy Reynolds and they farmed until he joined the U.S. Border Patrol in 1955. After several duty stations, they settled in Whitefish in 1961 and raised their family.

He retired as supervisory agent of the northern sector after 33 years of service. During retirement he spent many happy years on Big Mountain and chasing bird dogs.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy; and daughters, Beverly Palmer, Sandra Shanks, Pamela Whitney and Mary Lidstrom. Also surviving are his grandson, Whitney Shanks; and granddaughters, Samantha and Sarah Lidstrom, as well as three great-grandchildren; three sisters, Doris, Donna and Joyce; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice. Private arrangements are by Austin Funeral Home.

Myrtle Sarah White, 93

Myrtle Sarah White, 93, passed away March 20, 2010, in Eureka.

Myrtle was born Jan. 23, 1917, to Russell and Dena Ray in Helena. She had one brother, Virgil Ray. She grew up in East Helena, where she attended school and worked at Shodair Hospital.

Dec. 14, 1940, she married James Jefferson White. They lived in Helena, later moving to Idaho and then to Kalispell. Over the years she opened her home and heart to many foster children and later offered care in her home for the elderly. After James retired from the Postal Service, they made their home in Eureka.

For the past 12 years, Mountain View Manor has been her home and extended family.

Myrtle is preceded in death by her husband, James; and brother, Virgil.

She is survived by her son, James and Carla White, of Rexford; daughter, LaZetta and David Krause of Dallesport, Wash.; and five grandchildren, Warren Krause, Stacia Stojanoff, Brandon Krause, Kim Thomson and Zane White. She has five great-grandchildren.

Myrtle was a tiny lady with a heart of gold.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Marilyn Lee White, 78

Marilyn Lee White passed away Friday, July 30, 2010, at Samaritan Albany General Hospital, after a sudden illness, with family and friends at her side.



Marilyn was born Aug. 12, 1931, in Oberlin, Kan., to Sidney Hess and Olive (Morrissette) Hess. Marilyn attended grade school in Kansas until moving with her family to Albany, Ore., in the early 1940s, where she completed her education.

In 1947, Marilyn married Lee Sitton; they were later divorced. Together Marilyn and Lee had three sons, Don, Ron, and Rick. While living in Oregon, Marilyn worked as a practical nurse for many years at Albany General Hospital and Lebanon Community Hospital.

Following her marriage to Les White on Sept. 4, 1970, she relocated to Kalispell, where she managed the office of her husband's dental practice for more than 30 years. In her new marriage, Marilyn adopted and raised her husband's youngest daughter,

Carolyn. In 1984, Les and Marilyn met Tony (deceased) and Doris Pang, who owned and operated the Ho Wun Restaurant in Kalispell for 19 years, and their three sons, Calvin, Derek, and Ethan, who were first friends and are now family.

Mrs. White had a lifelong interest in children, the elderly, and animals. While living in Kalispell, she served eight years as a member of the District Five school board. She also was the director of the Flathead County Animal Shelter for many years. Following their retirement, the couple re-located to Albany in 1997.

Mrs. White was preceded in death by her parents.

She is survived by her husband, Les; brother, Gayle Hess; aunt, Bonnie Morrissette; sons, Don Sitton and Bernice, of Ogden, Utah; Ron Sitton and Diane, of Aloha, Ore., and Rick Sitton and Susan, of Port St. Lucie, Fla.; daughter, Dr. Carolyn White and Woody, of Charlotte, N.C.; and stepchildren, Leslie Hopkins and Dan, of Poulsbo, Wash., and Stephen White and Gloria, of Sao Paulo, Brazil; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and many

nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to Safe-

Haven Humane Society, P.O. Box 2018, Albany, Ore. 97321-2018.

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Dessie 'Des' Whitman, 66

Dessie "Des" Whitman, 66, died Sunday, Dec. 5, 2010, in Kalispell.

Services will be held at

a later date.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.