

## Marcia and Orville Aaberg

A celebration of life for Marcia Lorraine Mansfield Aaberg, who died Dec. 11, 2010, and Orville Ordean Aaberg, who

died Nov. 5, 2008, will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, June 23, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls.

## Kerry Duane Adams, 57

Kerry Duane Adams, 57, of Kalispell, passed away Aug. 4, 2011.



Our beloved son was born to Jerry and Joann

Adams at Madigan Army Hospital in Tacoma, Wash., on April 3, 1954. He graduated from Flathead High School in 1972.

He worked for Western Building Center and did carpentry and home improvement projects for friends and family.

His recreational interests were riding and restoring motorcycles, playing guitar and singing with his friends around campfires.

His father, Jerry, pre-

ceded him in death; as did grandparents, Bob and Ruth Adams, and Fred Grob.

Kerry is survived by his mother, Joann Adams, of Kalispell; brothers, Scott, Kirby and Denyne, of Kalispell; Brent and Sandra of Coarsegold, Calif.; nieces, Sarah, Kayla, Miranda, Shelby and Chelsea; grandmother, Lillian Hollenbeck; aunts, Betty and Bill Turner of Dayton, Wash., and Barbara of Texas; and uncle, Bob and Shirley Adams of Columbia Falls.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the charity of their choice or to the Flathead Food Bank.

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

## Olga B. (Busskohl) Adney, 93

Olga B. (Busskohl) Adney, 93, passed away Sunday, Oct. 30, 2011, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

Olga was born on Sept. 3, 1918, in Bloomfield, Neb., to William and Anna (Buhmann) Busskohl. She was raised in Bloomfield, where she attended schools, graduating from Bloomfield High School in 1936.

Olga married Joseph H. Adney on Feb. 2, 1952, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Denver. Joseph passed away on Sept. 9, 1989. They were married for 37 years.

Olga worked as a secretary for the railroad, as well as a judge in Denver. She enjoyed



cooking, as well as doing needlework. She was a lifetime member of the Lutheran Church.

Olga was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Anna Busskohl; her husband, Joseph H. Adney in 1989; and siblings.

She is survived by her sons, Joseph and wife Kristie Adney, and William and his wife Joanne Adney; and grandchildren, Meghan, Erin, Haley, Danielle and Emily.

A visitation will be held from 3 to 7 p.m. today, Nov. 1, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Private family burial will be held at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. A celebration of her life will be held at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 2, at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kalispell.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Gideons or to Trinity Lutheran Church.

You are invited to go to [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com) to leave a message or sign her book. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

## Linda J. Adkison, 64

Linda J. Adkison, 64, died at her home in Libby Oct. 9, 2011.

Survivors include her husband, Robert Adkison of Libby; and children, Carlton Adkison of Spokane, Jennifer Smith of Meridian, Idaho, and

Eldon Adkison of Libby.

Services will be at 11 a.m. today, Oct. 14, at the Assembly of God Church in Libby. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Libby.

## Marie Florence 'Flo' Adrignola, 78

Marie Florence "Flo" Adrignola, 78, from Rollins, passed away peacefully, surrounded by her immediate family in



her home on Saturday, April 2, 2011. She courageously fought a month-long battle with complications associated with kidney disease.

Flo was born on Jan. 7, 1933, in Rogers, Minn. She attended school at Patrick Henry High School in Minneapolis. After high school, she met the love of her life, Antonio "Tony" Adrignola, and they married on April 19, 1952. Tony made a career of the United States Air Force. Flo, as a military wife, traveled around the country with him. There was one child born in every state they were stationed, as well as Canada. They were blessed with five children.

For 17 years, she worked at the "Red Schoolhouse" in Lakeside. She later volunteered for many organizations, unselfishly helping the indigent, sick and homeless. For years she had also served on the board of directors at the Samaritan House in Kalispell.

She also was a member of Pope John Paul II of Bigfork, and volunteered for many other organizations such as the Rollins Community Club, Women of Rollins, Rollins Volunteer Fire Department, Chief Homemakers, St. Ann's Catholic Church, St. Joseph's Convalescent Home, Pinehaven, Council of Catholic Women (CCW), and many others.

In 1998, Flo was nominated for the Valley-Wide Volunteer of the Year for her outstanding volunteer services to the community.

Tony and Flo traveled around the world after the children were raised. They traveled to England, Italy, Sicily, Cancun, Acapulco, Cozumel, and made several trips to Belize. These were the locations of some of their adventures where they celebrated their life together.

Flo was a lovely lady, who had a passion for cooking and gardening. Vegetables, cherries, and vibrantly col-

ored flowers were the pride of her hobbies. Traveling with her husband Tony was another enjoyable part of her life. Her family and friends were very important and she relished entertaining them with food and her unforgettable laugh. Making people happy was her greatest joy.

Flo's survivors include husband, Tony, of Rollins; daughter, Luci, and Tim Burns, of Florence; sons, Charles of Missoula, Thomas and Angie of Columbia Falls, and Carlo of Houston; grandchildren, William Gross of Florence, Rebecca and Matt Lawson of Stevensville, Jessica and Nathan Snyder, Athena Nicole and Will Frenier of Las Vegas, Jacqueline and Andrew McGraw of Missoula, Antonio and David Adrignola of Missoula, Andrew and Krista of Blackfoot, Idaho, Anthony and Arianna Adrignola of Salt Lake City, and Angelina Adrignola of Missoula. Great-grandchildren include Torren and Teylah Lawson of Stevensville, Marissa and Kira Frenier of Las Vegas, Sicily and Taylee Adrignola of Blackfoot, Skyler Adrignola of Salt Lake City, and Morgan and Eli McGraw of Missoula. Sisters include Caroline Wenz, Mag Cyrus, Rosie Eggergluss and Eleanor Goodsell, all of Minneapolis, and Annalla and Don Helgerson of Kingman, Ariz.; and one brother, Martin Laumann, of Fredrickburg, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Martin and Marie Laumann; brother, Andrew Laumann; sister, Betty Wenz; son, Anthony "Tony" Adrignola; and great-granddaughter, Destiny Paige Bettes.

A viewing will take place from 4 to 6 p.m. on Thursday, April 7, at Pope John Paul II Catholic Church, in Bigfork, followed by praying of the rosary at 6 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, April 8, at Pope John Paul II Catholic Church, followed by a luncheon. Interment will be held at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

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

## Anella Walters (Wygle) Aemisegger, 91

Anella Walters (Wygle) Aemisegger, 91, "went home to the Lord" Sept. 2, 2011.



Born to Margaret and Earl Wygle on May 14, 1920, in North Alberta, Anella was a beloved mother, grandmother, and friend to many.

Anella attended grade school in Alberta and high school in Simms, Mont., where she graduated in 1939. After high school graduation, Anella went to work for the Rocky Bar O Dude Ranch at Marion where she met, fell in love with, and married the dude wrangler, Nick F. Aemisegger. They were blessed with two daughters and a son.

Anella was a bookkeeper for Pyatt Lumber Company of Thompson Falls from 1954 to 1956, a secretary for the University of Montana Housing Department in Missoula from 1959 to 1961, and a manager and sales associate for the Minnesota Woolen Company of Duluth from 1962 to 1972. During her 10 years at the Minnesota Woolen Company, Anella was a top performer, having won a new car and an all-expense paid trip for two to Hawaii.

Anella received additional schooling at the Modern Business College in Missoula, where she successfully completed the Dale Carnegie Leadership Course. She later received training and certification as a Realtor, including designation as graduate of

the Realtor Institute. Anella was owner and broker of A-1 Real Estate Services from 1973 to 1995, at which time she retired and received a lifetime affiliate membership with the Flathead Board of Realtors.

Anella loved cooking, sewing, handiwork, gardening, yard work, carpentry and flower arranging.

Anella is survived by her son, Nick G. Aemisegger, his wife, Dona; 12 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives. She is also survived by her loving, wonderful sister, Rosalie Kuebler, and her husband, Carl, of Great Falls.

Anella was preceded in death by daughters, Rosalie Marsh and Marguerite Castelee; granddaughter, Jamie Aemisegger; and nephew, Jerry Kuebler.

A memorial service in Anella's honor will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 10, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home, followed by a reception at Nick and Dona Aemisegger's home at 1966 Four Mile Drive, Kalispell.

Many thanks to the caring folks at the Lutheran Home and Home Options Hospice.

Memorial donations should be directed to Home Options Hospice.

## Marion Geraldine (Johanson) Ailor, 93

Marion Geraldine (Johanson) Ailor passed away just shy of her 94th birthday, on Nov. 10, 2011, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.



She was the oldest of four children born to Alex Hilmer and Ida Jeanette (Johnson) Johanson at Troy, Idaho on Nov. 18, 1917. The family moved briefly to Libby, then settled in Lewiston, Idaho in 1929. After graduating from Lewiston High School in 1935, Marion moved to Spokane and graduated from Kinman Business College. She was employed by CIT Corporation and Bernie Hyland Motors. In 1943 she married Cleo P. Ailor in Spokane. After his death in 1946 she remained in Spokane and was employed by the Ranier Brewing Co. In 1956 she was chosen National Secretaries Association, Spokane Chapter, Secretary of the Year.

Marion was recruited in 1957 by the Department of the Army and received training in Washington, D.C., before being assigned to Tokyo, Japan. In 1962 she was posted to Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Pacific Command (CINCPAC) Honolulu. Marion transferred to the U.S. State Department in 1965 and was posted to the American Embassy in Saigon during the Vietnam War. From there she went on to work at American Embassies in Manila-Philippines, Kuala Lumpur-Malaysia, Colombo-Sri Lanka and finally Kabul-Afghanistan, until her retirement in 1977. Though most of her assignments were located in exotic and dangerous places, Marion seldom complained and always retained a great sense of humor about her experiences. She was awarded numerous medals and citations for her courage and hard work. Through the years she maintained close ties with all she met along the way.

Upon retirement, she settled in the small community of Lakeside to be closer to her sister. She remarked upon arriving in Montana that all she wished to do was "watch American TV,

cook American food and play bridge." She was very content living in her Lakeside community with her beloved little dog(s), her many friends and bridge partners. Marion considered her crowning achievement winning best of show in 1999 for her Praline Cheesecake during the annual Republican Women's Chocolate Extravaganza.

Marion was preceded in death by her father in 1931; her husband, Cleo; her mother and stepfather, Ida J. and Arthur E. Anderson, formerly of Lewiston, Idaho; her sister, Carolyn M. (Johanson) Watkins, formerly of Whitefish; and her brother, Norman L. Johanson, formerly of Bellevue, Wash.

She leaves behind her brother, Warren A. Johanson of Bellevue, his children, Lydia Bugatti of West Linn, Ore., Alex Johanson of Phoenix, Ariz., and Patricia Johanson of Bellevue; her sister's children, Mary Carol Marcus of Bigfork, Bonny Williamson of Rohnert Park, Calif., her brother Norman's daughter, Jeanne L. Law of Mount Vernon, Wash.; seven grand-nieces and -nephews; as well as her many loyal and devoted friends.

The family expresses their deep gratitude to her close friends and neighbors for the comfort and thoughtfulness shown Marion during her final years. Thank you to the staff, nurses and aids of Immanuel Lutheran Home and to Home Options Hospice for your compassionate care of Marion.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home in Kalispell is caring for the family. Visitation will be from noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15. Graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16 at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell. There will be a memorial service and luncheon held after the graveside service at 1 p.m. at Vista Linda, 240 Boon Road in Somers.

You are invited to go to <http://www.jgfuneralhome.com> to offer condolences, view pictures and Marion's tribute wall.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests a donation to Hospice, The Humane Society or the Flathead Spay and Neuter Task Force.

## Jeanett Mae Albrecht, 69

Jeanett Mae Albrecht, 69, died Sunday, May 22, 2011, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

There are no services planned at this time. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Elise Aldrich, 91

Elise Aldrich, 91, of Troy, died Monday, May 16, 2011, at the Libby Care Center, from natural causes.

Survivors include her children, Ella Kidder, Earlene Jellesed and Elo-

ise Aldrich, all of Troy, and Eileen Richards of Shelby.

Private family services will be held.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Libby.

## Robert Norman Allen, 76

Robert Norman Allen, 76, passed away Friday, Dec. 2, 2011, surrounded by family and friends.



Bob was born July 18, 1935, in Leroy, Ind. His parents were Charley Oscar (Karl Oskar Johansson) and Hattie Rosalie (Tylen) Allen.

He attended school in Leroy and high school in Crown Point.

He followed his sister Mary to Montana in 1952. He worked for Arnard Johnson and then the U.S. Forest Service. In 1954 he was hired by the Great Northern Railway as a brakeman and retired in 1993 as a conductor.

He married Sally Howke on July 16, 1957, at the Methodist Parsonage in Whitefish. To this union they were blessed with two sons, Charles Bruce and Rodney Lee.

Bob was an active outdoorsman, hunting and fishing in the Montana wilderness. If anyone ever needed a knife to open something, Bob had one. And the one he lent was always razor sharp. He was an active member of the local Trap Club, for which he reloaded his own shells. As a hunter of both live and clay prey, Bob was an avid gun collector. He was also a member of the Whitefish Moose Lodge. Bob and wife Sally enjoyed bowling and golfing together. He loved baseball and was a devoted fan of the Glacier Twins.

When Bob wasn't out in the wild or with Sally golfing or bowling, he could be seen with a Western novel in his hands. He also greatly enjoyed playing card games, a joy

that he passed on to the next generation. With an inquisitive mind, Bob loved testing his skill with small 3-D puzzles.

What everyone will remember of Bob is his friendly nature and great sense of humor. He was well liked by everyone who knew him, and was always telling someone his most recent joke.

He was a longtime member of the First Baptist Church of Whitefish. Without fail, Bob and Sally were sitting in their specific pew every Sunday morning.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife, whom he couldn't live without; his parents; his brothers, Carl and Elmer; and sisters, Ella, Hilda, Mary, Rosalie and Lorraine.

He is survived by his sons, Charles and wife, Vivian, of Whitefish, and Rodney and wife, Elaine, of Havre; grandchildren, Amanda (Allen) and husband, Jake, Russell of Kalispell, and Joshua Allen of Missoula; and many nieces and nephews.

We will remember his unique sense of humor and that twinkle in his eye.

A funeral service will be held Wednesday, Dec. 7 at the First Baptist Church in Whitefish. Interment will be at 2:30 p.m. at Glacier Memorial Gardens for friends and family.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Bob's name to the Glacier Twins American Legion Baseball, P.O. Box 2007, Whitefish, MT 59937.

You are welcome to go to [www.austinfh.com](http://www.austinfh.com) to offer condolences, share memories and view Robert's tribute wall.

Arrangements entrusted to Austin Funeral home.

## Sally June (Howke) Allen, 74

Sally June (Howke) Allen, 74, a native and longtime resident of Whitefish, passed away Sunday, Nov. 13, 2011, of a ruptured abdominal aortic aneurism.



Sally was born June 23, 1937. She was delivered by midwife on her parents' farm on the Whitefish River, just south of Whitefish. Her parents were Otto and Vonda (Boulden) Howke.

She attended Whitefish schools and graduated from Whitefish High School in 1956. Sally met a young railroad brakeman named Robert Allen and married him July 16, 1957. They shared 54 memorable years together.

She was an energetic homemaker and caring mother. In the 1960s she started working for Mel Kastilla's Taxidermy as his assistant. Her specialty was creating beautiful bear rugs and she was adept at repairing various animal furs.

As a youth, she was a member of 4-H and Rainbow Girls. As an adult, she was a Cub Scout den mother. She was an active member of the Whitefish Moose Lodge and the Red Hatters. During the winter she enjoyed bowling with the women's league, and during the summer she enjoyed golfing with the women's golfing league. She taught bowling to many of the youth in Whitefish. In her later years she taught line dancing to the young, as well as the old.

Sally was a very active

woman and enjoyed hiking, dancing, snowmobiling, fishing, knitting, craft working, cooking and leatherworking — there literally wasn't anything she couldn't do. Her greatest God-given gift and joy was sharing her talents and teaching others.

She was a longtime member of the First Baptist Church of Whitefish. Her faith was a very important part of her life. Every morning, she did her personal devotional and attended a weekly interdenominational ladies Bible study for many years.

Sally was preceded in death by her parents, and older brother Dale.

She is survived by husband, Robert; her sisters, Joanna Barnes of Whitefish, and Peggy Guile of Keizer, Ore.; brother, Leonard, and wife, Billie Jean, of Whitefish; sons, Charles and wife Vivian of Whitefish, and Rodney and wife Elaine of Havre grandchildren, Amanda and husband Jacob Russell of Kalispell, and Joshua Allen of Missoula; and many nieces, nephews and beloved friends. She will be dearly missed and never forgotten by the people who have been touched by her spirit, enthusiasm and unique laugh.

The funeral service for Sally will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 17, at the First Baptist Church in Whitefish. Interment will be a Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell, after the service.

Arrangements are entrusted to Austin Funeral Home

You are invited to go to [www.austinfh.com](http://www.austinfh.com) to offer condolences, share memories and view Sally's tribute wall.

## Grace Dorothy Allick, 79

Grace Dorothy Allick, 79, "was called home to be with her Lord and Savior" on Sept. 28, 2011. Grace passed away after a battle with congestive heart failure at the Brendan House. She was surrounded by her loving family, friends and caregivers.



Grace was born in Andes, Mont., on May 24, 1932. She was the daughter of the late Floyd and Dorothy Baxter.

Grace was married in 1953 to Sammy Allick and later divorced. She was a devoted mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

Grace loved life. She was a good listener and a caring person.

In her younger years, Grace was active in the Stillwater 4-H program and was an active member of Stillwater Grange for more than 25 years. She loved cooking, crafts, gardening and a pulling a good joke on her kids every time she got the chance.

Grace raised five children in Kalispell. She worked in several different food service businesses over the years but finally found her niche while working at Walmart for 10-plus years, from which she retired.

She resided in Kalispell, where she enjoyed doing jig-

saw puzzles, flower gardening and her family.

Grace was preceded in death by her parents, Floyd and Dorothy Baxter; sisters, Ruth, Blanche and Dolly; brothers, Willie and Dickie; and one son, Robert.

Grace is survived by her brothers, Carl, Norman, Donald, Richard and Louis; and her sisters, Evelyn, Donna and Darlene. She is also survived by former husband, Sammy Allick; five children, son, Roger Allick and wife Pat, daughter, Doreen Marquez, daughter, Karen Pelton, and son, Steven Allick, all of Kalispell, and son, Marilyn Allick and wife Kathy of Colorado Springs, Colo.; nine grandchildren, Jayson Marquez, Angel Johnson, Jeff Marquez, Pete Allick, Brandon Pelton, Jeremy Nielson, Larry Nielson Jr., Nicholas Allick and Kristofer Allick; and four great-grandchildren, Makayla Johnson, Trysten Johnson, Jeremy Nielson Jr. and Kayenta Nielson.

A memorial service for Grace will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 4, at Calvary Lutheran Church with Pastor Tim Bartholomew officiating. A reception and a time of sharing will follow the service at the church. A graveside service will be performed at Glacier Memorial Gardens following the reception. Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 3, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

## John Lester Ament, 62

John Lester Ament, 62, passed away Aug. 12, 2011, at St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula.



John was born July 11, 1949, in Hamilton to George Wilson Ament and Dorothy M. (Clark) Ament. He was a graduate of Sentinel High School and served in the U.S. Army.

He retired from Burlington Northern Railroad for whom he worked for many years.

John met and married his soul mate, Teresa Shea.

As his family and friends know, all who met or encountered John were blessed by experiencing his joy, laughter and tender soul. John always had a game of pool in him, and his buddies always knew when they saw John his first words would be, "Are you up for a game of billiards?" He was a current member of the Alcan Pool Team.

John was blessed with the gift of being able to fix anything and took pride in his meticulous work. He loved to play his guitar and

never tired of listening to the blues. He loved camping and fishing. He was also a gifted artist. His family and friends will dearly miss his exceptional talent for cooking.

The pain of his passing is only bearable by remembering his graceful spirit remains among us.

John was preceded in death by his parents, George W. Ament and Dorothy M. Clark; and a brother, George W. Ament Jr.

John is survived by his wife, Teresa Shea, of Missoula; brother, Gerald Warren, of Highland Village, Texas; sister, Linda Martin-Baese, of Missoula; sister, Janise Arnold, of Montana; sons, Brandon Ament, Charles Ament, Mathew Ament, Eli Shea and Dan Shea, all of Missoula; daughter-in-law, Katy Shea, of Missoula; grandchildren, Bridger Ament and Hunter Ament, both of Belgrade, and Connor Shea of Missoula; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A celebration of his life and the date will be announced at a later time.

Cremation was under the care of Garden City Funeral Home & Crematory. Condolences and memories may be left for the family at [www.missoulafuneralhomes.com](http://www.missoulafuneralhomes.com).

## Robert Bainbridge Alsop IV

Robert Bainbridge Alsop IV, 37, died July 17, 2011, due to an accidental drowning on the Middle Fork of the Flathead River.

He is survived by his parents, Alice Alsop and Robert Bainbridge Alsop

III, and children, Robert Bainbridge Alsop V and Alyssa Lynelle Alsop, all of Martin City.

Cremation has taken place. Services will take place at 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 13, at Marantette Park in Columbia Falls.

## Rita P. Anable, 74

Rita P. Anable, 74, died at her Kalispell residence on Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2011.

She had been an owner/operator of fashion shops in Germany and Flagstaff, Ariz.

She is survived by her husband, Bill, of Kalispell.

At her request, there will be no public services.

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

## Catherine Elva 'Kay' Anderson, 82

Catherine Elva "Kay" Anderson, 82, passed away on Sunday, Feb. 27, 2011, after a courageous battle with cancer at her home in Kalispell, with her daughter and loved ones at her side.



Kay was born Jan. 4, 1929, in Minneapolis, to Gunnard and Ambjorg (Dahl) Carlson.

Kay moved to Kalispell in the early '50s, where she met the love of her life. She married Ralph Anderson on Dec. 19, 1953. Kay and Ralph then worked for the Forest Service. After their daughter Sandra "Sandy" was born, Kay became a homemaker and stay-at-home mom.

Kay loved crafts, sewing, crocheting and baking wonderful treats for her family, especially at Christmas time. She also did a lot of baby-sitting, and along with her daughter, raised many children. Kay was loved by many people and will truly be missed.

Kay is survived by her

daughter, Sandra "Sandy" Goodwin, and her husband, Roger; grandchildren, Justin Ulrich, Angela and Judd Nyberg, Andi and Jake Loveless, Jason Goodwin and Logan Goodwin; great-grandchildren, Katie Ulrich, Emma and Ava Nyberg, and Okaley Loveless; and great-great-granddaughter, Isabella Jade Ulrich.

Kay was preceded in death by her mother, Ambjorg Dahl Carlson; father, Gunnard Carlson; husband, Ralph F. Anderson; sister, Amy Koval; and great-granddaughter, Jade Ulrich.

The family suggests that contributions be made in Kay's name to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 1002, Kalispell, MT 59903; or directly to Kay's family at 157 North Riding Road Kalispell, MT 59901.

Services for Kay will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, March 4, at the Easthaven Baptist Church, 1225 U.S. 93 N., Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

## Donald Eugene Anderson, 76

On Monday, July 4, 2011, Donald Eugene Anderson of Umpqua, Ore., passed peacefully in Columbia Falls. He was



76 years old, and died from complications of heart failure due to severe aortic stenosis.

He was born in Aberdeen, S.D., Dec. 28, 1934, to Morris Anderson and Viola Yelkin Anderson, and grew up in Langford, S.D. and in Southern California.

After high school he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served in Germany, competing in the pole vault on the All-Europe Track Team. He received his degree in engineering from Long Beach City College and worked for North American, under contract to NASA, as a schematics designer, active in the Apollo space program and the Hound Dog missile system.

He spent many days skin diving off the California and Mexican coasts, and was a pitcher in a semi-professional softball league.

He was married to Ruth Ann in 1958. In 1967 they moved to Umpqua, and he worked as the assistant county engineer, where he drafted the Douglas County map. He taught drafting and calligraphy at the Umpqua Community College. In his later years he farmed Christmas trees and was an accomplished horticulturist, raising

ornamental Japanese maples, grafting and propagating other exotic varieties, and crafting bonsai. He participated annually in the Umpqua Community Center plant sale and donated landscaping for the center. He was an active tennis player and a member for years of the Roseburg Tennis Club.

He is survived by his twin brother, Dean Anderson, of California; his sister, Sherry Megan, of California; his children, Dana Ducote of Montana, Donna Fouts of Oregon, Dena Sikes of California and Donny Anderson of Maryland; as well as grandchildren, Brie, January Ariel, Alexa, Darilyn, Erik, Megan and Michael; and great-grandchildren, Natalia, Devon, Sullivan, Sophia, Dakota, Zoelie and Lilianna.

His life will be celebrated in a Mass at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 30, at the St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church at 323 N. Comstock Avenue in Sutherlin, Ore., followed by a memorial gathering at the Umpqua Community Center, at 3 p.m. He will be laid to rest in the Coles Valley Cemetery in Umpqua in a private ceremony.

In lieu of flowers, please hug your family, call a friend and plant a tree because life is all about connection and renewal.

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

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

## Duane Anderson, 56

Duane Anderson, 56, formerly of Whitefish, died Feb. 24, 2011, in Waco, Texas.

Memorial services will

be held at a later date in Lott, Texas.

Grace Gardens Funeral Home, Waco, Texas, is handling arrangements.

## Marvin E. 'Jack' Anderson, 83

Marvin E. "Jack" Anderson, 83, died Saturday, June 4, 2011, at his home in Kalispell.

A celebration of life

service will be held at 11 a.m., Monday, June 13, 2011, at the Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

## Ted Andersen, 69

Ted Andersen, 69, died Friday, Sept. 30, 2011, at St. John's Lutheran Hospital in Libby.

He is survived by his wife, Carol; and their children, Cory Andersen, Joni Hurst, Julie Lewis, Brad Andersen,

David Nevins, Greg Andersen and Sheila Covington.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Libby Church of God. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Monday at the Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home.

## Robert 'Bob' Anderson, 75

Robert "Bob" Anderson, 75, passed away on March 1, 2011, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

He is survived by his brother, Wayne Anderson, of Conrad; and his sister, Vivia Dimitroff, of Hot Springs; and nieces and nephews, Paul Anderson Jr., Alice Little, Genevieve Fishel, Art and Drew Anderson, Katrina Anderson, James Anderson, Rica Dimitroff, Margaret Ander-

son Harlow and Michael Anderson.

He was preceded in death by his father, Arthur Anderson; mother, Helen Kellonomie; and brothers, Paul Anderson Sr., and Lloyd Anderson.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. March 9, at Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. Interment to follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Arrangements entrusted to Austin Funeral Home.

## Ruth M. Anderson, 89

Ruth M. Anderson passed away Nov. 29, 2011, in Brendan House. She was 89.

Ruth was born Dec. 12, 1921, in Kalispell, to

George and Mabel Shea. At a young age the family moved to Eureka, where she attended school and graduated.

On Nov. 8, 1941, Ruth married Arvin "Andy" Anderson in Kalispell. The early years of marriage were spent in California as Andy was in the service.

After returning to the Flathead, she worked for Gene Riley at the Glacier Dairy in Kalispell. The family then moved to the farm south of Kalispell where Andy had a heavy hauling business. Later she managed the S and H Green Stamp store in Kalispell for 15 years.

Upon their retirement, they made several trips to Alaska and various other destinations, nearly always with fishing in mind. She



usually was the one who caught the most and the biggest.

Ruth was preceded in death by her parents; three siblings, Gene, Marie and George; her husband, Andy; and their two sons, Donald and Terry.

She is survived by her son, Doug, and wife, Gay, of Kalispell, and their three sons, Doug and wife Julie and daughter Amber of Wasilla, Alaska; Rod and friend Zulma and Andrew and Savannah of Kalispell; and Dan and wife Reni and Jaden, Jana and Jarrett of Kalispell; also numerous nieces and nephews; and many special friends.

Ruth enjoyed playing cards and belonged to a couple of card clubs. She also enjoyed bowling, snowmobiling, exercising at the senior center and socializing with her many friends there.

The family would like to express our heartfelt thanks to the staff at Brendan House for the excellent care of our mother and grandmother.

Services are to be held at a later date.

## Violet 'Vi' Grace Andrews, 94

Vi Andrews passed away quietly Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2011, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

Vi was born Aug. 2, 1916, in Logan, Mont.,

to Charles Albert Hinote and Eva Etta Cudney.

Vi was a devoted wife and mother of eight children. She married her dear husband, James Robert Andrews, in Missoula on Sept. 16, 1934. They lived in Lonepine, and raised all of their children there.

Vi was known far and wide for her baking and everyone looked forward to "bread and pie baking day." She had great talent for decorating, gardening and knitting, and shared with all her friends and family. She loved working at the Hot Springs hospital caring for newborn babies, and was a member of the VFW Auxiliary for many years.

"She returned home to a loving Heavenly Father



and her dear husband Jim" who passed away April 4, 1999, after 65 years of devotion to each other. She was also preceded in death by brothers, John and Charles Hinote; sister Anita Lohner; sons, James Andrews Jr., and Johnnie Lee; and great-grandson, Brett Alan Schaffer.

She is survived by two sons, Colin and wife Kathy, and Bill and wife Kitty; four daughters, Dore' and husband Darold Schaffer, Anita and husband Mike Friedrich, Carol and husband Tom Gillespie, and Wendy and husband Tim Heffernan. Vi also leaves 21 grandchildren, Kevin and Jeff Andrews, Julie Jones, Gina Lapka, Greg Schaffer, Zonda Perry, Rob Schaffer, Diana Sims, Colin Lee and John Patrick Andrews, Kim Amundson, Tina Larson, Dessiree Jafrello, Heidi Linelach, Natalee Charlton, Cheree Burgan, Tony Andrews, Mary Anne Green, Clancy Bras, Christine Deitsch and Cara Harris; 57 great-grandchildren and 18 great-great-grandchildren.

She had requested no memorial services.

## Nancy Lee Anderson-Andrews, 61

Nancy Lee Anderson-Andrews, of Kooskia, Idaho, passed away Nov. 5, 2011, from injuries suffered in an automobile accident near McCall, Idaho.

Nancy was born Aug. 19, 1950, in Logan, Utah, to Joseph Merlin and Nina Anderson. Her early childhood was in the little pioneer town of Franklin, Idaho, where her dad had begun his practice as a naturopathic physician. Her dad visited his sister in Columbia Falls and fell in love with Montana. Nancy was 6 when the family moved their cabin in the West Valley area of Kalispell. She was the only first grader in the little one room Spark's School on the corner of Farm to Market and Church Drive. The next year they moved to Evergreen, where the radio station is now located. Nancy loved learning and being involved in extracurricular activities. She graduated from Flathead High School in 1968.

Nancy went to Grangeville, Idaho, for the summer where she met Ron Andrews at a church dance. She went to Ricks College, (now BYU Idaho) that fall. They continued their courtship through letters and phone calls. They were married Sept. 10, 1969. They both loved music and shared their talents often.

Nancy's greatest love and devotion were to God and family. She was always seeking to improve herself and to be of service to those around her in the church and community. After seven children, she went back to school to achieve her dream to become a registered nurse. She received her nursing degree in May of 1992 from Boise State University. She worked as a home health nurse, and at the time of her death was working at the Cottonwood

Hospital. It was never just a job to Nancy, but was all about the wellness and happiness of the person.

In August of 2009 she took a two-year sabbatical from nursing to serve with Ron as missionaries for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Canary Islands off the Coast of Spain. This was a church education mission and their main focus was in serving and strengthening the single adults in the church. Nancy gave free piano lessons to anyone wanting to learn to play, helped the youth organize programs, helped those who wanted to strengthen their English skills, and made a lot of good food for everyone to enjoy.

Nancy is survived by her husband, Ronald Andrews, of Kooskia, Idaho; children, Tiffany and Paul Burton of Boise, Idaho, Damon and Denise Andrews of LeGrande, Ore., Jared and Michelle Andrews of San Antonio, Texas, Sean and Rachael Andrews of Kooskia, Lisa and Jacob Deaton of Boise, Idaho, Cheri and Matt Huntsman of Colstrip, and Emily and Trevor Jones of Denver. She has 25 grandchildren, and one more due this year. Her surviving siblings are Merlin D. and Raquel Anderson, Nyle and Sandi Anderson, Layne and Pat Anderson, Nina and Steve Laird, Judy and Rob Sloan, and Norman and Dawndi Harding.

Nancy was preceded in death by her parents, Dr. Joseph Merlin Anderson and Nina May (Dawson) Anderson.

Services were held at the Kamiah LDS Chapel on Nov. 19.

In memory of Nancy Andrews a video may be viewed at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fRLTLm0u60Y>

## William Eugene Arend Jr., 53

William Eugene "Bill" Arend Jr., 53, passed away on Monday, Aug. 22, 2011, in Rollins.

Bill was born on Jan. 17, 1958, in Terre Haute, Ind., to William E. and Zona Louise Denginger Arend. He attended schools in Mount Vernon, Ind.

William worked in the construction field as an insulator. He enjoyed karaoke, horseshoes, fishing, football, and was also a NASCAR fan.

He was preceded in death by his father, William Eugene Arend Sr.

William is survived by his mother, Zona L. Arend, of Indianapolis; daughters,

Toni May Arend and Amber Louise Arend; five brothers, Bob, Joe, Nailor, Jasper and Lindell Arend; sister, Kathy; and numerous nieces and nephews.

William was loved by many and all that he touched.

A celebration of life service will be held at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 25, at the Lakeside Community Chapel in Lakeside. A potluck reception will follow the service.

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

## Burton Lee 'Burt' Arnoux, 82

Burton Lee "Burt" Arnoux, 82, passed away Oct. 24, 2011, at the Evergreen Convalescent Center in Hot Springs.



Burt was born Oct. 13, 1929, in Browning, to George and Rose Arnoux, later known as Rose Turner. At the age of 7, Burt and his family moved to the Flathead Valley and he went to Egan School. He later resided with his mother at 712 Fifth Ave. W., in Kalispell.

In 1952 he became a dedicated baptized brother in the Kalispell West congregation, serving as an elder, and later as an elder in the Woodland Park congregation, working hard in the construction of this Kingdom Hall.

Burt, as he was preferred to be called, was preceded in death by both parents; two brothers, John Miller and Carl William "Billie" Turner; and two sisters, Bertha Arnoux and Velma Hutton.

He is survived by two brothers, Alvin of Portland, and Don and his wife of Salem, Ore.; along with nieces and nephews.

Services for Burt will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 5, at the Kingdom Hall, 1414 Woodland Ave. A reception will follow immediately at the Country Kitchen at the fairgrounds.

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



## Byron A. Armstrong, 98

Byron A. Armstrong, 98, passed away on Tuesday, March 8, 2011, at Prestige Assisted Living in Kalispell.

He was born Oct. 23, 1912, in Heyworth, Ill., to Andrew and Hazel (Jackson) Armstrong.

Byron's family moved to Montana in 1915, farming in various areas near Glasgow. The family moved to Glasgow in 1929, where Byron graduated from high school in 1930. Following graduation he attended college for two years, one year at the Billings Polytechnic in Billings and one year at Oregon State College in Corvallis, Ore.

Returning to Glasgow, Byron married Florence E. Gamas on Sept. 2, 1934.

Byron first worked for the Fort Peck Engineer District and then for the Glasgow Post Office. He started as a carrier and retired in 1971 as Assistant Post Master.

On September 16, 1940, Byron was inducted into federal military service with the Montana National Guard. He was a member of Company



G, 163rd Infantry. His World War II service included two training periods in Australia, combat in New Guinea,

the Schouten Islands and the Philippines. During his war service, Byron was promoted from 2nd lieutenant through the ranks to the rank of lieutenant colonel. At that time, he commanded the 1st Battalion, 163rd Infantry.

His decorations and citations included the Silver Star with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Bronze Star Medal, Air Medal, Distinguished Unit Citation, American Defense Service Medal, American Theatre Service Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Service Medal with three Bronze Stars, Philippine Liberation Medal with one Bronze Star, and the World War II Victory Medal.

Following the war, Byron remained active in the Montana National Guard until

he resigned in March 1959. He was an active member of the Kiwanis Club, serving as secretary for several years. He was also active in St. Raphael's Parish.

In 1987, Byron and his wife, Florence, decided to move to Kalispell to be near their daughter, son-in-law and grandchildren. The next 24 years were busy ones, taking in the grandchildren's many activities and taking several bus tours with their favorite driver, Cy Mace.

When Byron became homebound, he really enjoyed the many visits from an old army friend, Buck Torstenson, and visits and phone calls from his grandchildren made his day.

Byron was preceded in death by his parents; four siblings; and one infant granddaughter.

He is survived by his wife, Florence; son, Darwin and Barbara of Coeur d'Alene; daughter, Marleen and Tracy of Kalispell; six grandchildren, Tim and Laurie of Spokane, Pat and Susan of Keller,

Texas, Tracey and Roger of Spokane, Joseph and Maria of Wilsonville, Ore., Kelly and Jim of Vancouver, Wash., and Christina and Matt of Tucson, Ariz.; and 11 great-grandchildren. Byron is also survived by four siblings, Lewis Armstrong of Missoula, Bert Armstrong and Florence of Boise, Idaho, Helen Turnquist of Bozeman, and Marge McDonald of Bozeman; along with numerous nieces and nephews.

Mass of Christian Burial for Byron will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, March 14, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church. There will be a viewing from 8 to 10 a.m. prior to the service, and burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to St. Matthew's School, 602 S. Main St., Kalispell, MT 59901.

The family wishes to thank the Prestige staff and Frontier Hospice for their loving care.

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

## David William Armstrong, 56

David William Armstrong, 56, passed away at his home on the North Fork Road in Columbia Falls on Wednesday, July 27, 2011.

He was born March 1, 1955, in Bemidji, Minn., to William and Mary Armstrong. He was baptized and later confirmed in the Lutheran faith. The family moved to Columbia Falls when he was an infant. He attended Columbia Falls schools. One of the highlights of these school years was playing saxophone in the Columbia Falls High School band and the Columbians. He was a member of the band that Don Lawrence and chaperones took on the first "Band Trip to Europe." He worked at several lumber mills in the area until, one by one, they closed. He worked at Herberger's department store in Kalispell and had recently been in the Glendive area applying for work in the oil fields. He got sick from heat exhaustion, was able to come back home and then acquired pneumonia.

He married Patricia Robert and they had a son, Joshua.

David later married Karla Reid and they had a son, Gabriel, and a daughter, Sarah.

On July 22, 2000, he married Diana Randolph and gained stepson, Russell.

David was one of the first hang gliders to soar off Teakettle Mountain. He loved to "fly," fish, hunt deer and elk, and most of all, he loved his

family.

He leaves to mourn his early and untimely passing, his family — wife, Diana Armstrong; parents, William and Mary Armstrong; his children, son Joshua Armstrong of Glendive, son Gabriel Armstrong of Columbia Falls, and daughter Sarah Armstrong Hylton and Louis of Kalispell; his sister, Diane Armstrong Lalum and Allen, and brother, Bradley Armstrong and Karla, of Columbia Falls; stepson Russell Ryan and step-grandson Hunter Ryan; two nephews, William Lalum of Renton, Wash., and Nathan Lalum and wife, Rev. Katie Nelson of Columbia Heights, Minn. He is also survived by many cousins in Minnesota, Montana and Arizona, and his childhood friend Andy Fisher of Arlee.

David was preceded in death by grandparents, aunts, uncles, and two cousins, Karla Glawe and Paul Armstrong; and special friends, Bill Ladenburg, Charlie Ladenburg, Jim Ladenburg and Glen Speer.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 2, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 401 Seventh St. W., in Columbia Falls, with Pastor Peter Erickson officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family prefers memorials to Our Savior's Lutheran Church or a charity of your choice.

Arrangements are entrusted to Columbia Mortuary

## Bess P. Arquette

Memorial services for Bess P. Arquette, 77, who passed away on Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2011, in Sangor, Calif., will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 5, at the Swan River Community Hall.

Private family interment was at Bigfork Community Cemetery.

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

## John 'Dale' Ashby, 92

John "Dale" Ashby, beloved father, grandfather, great-grandfather, uncle and friend, "returned to his loving Heavenly Father" on Friday, Aug. 19, 2011.

He was born Oct. 30, 1918, to Fred and Elizabeth Annie Jones Ashby in Bountiful, Utah.

He married Ruth Margie Anderson in the Salt Lake Church of Latter-day Saints Temple on Oct. 10, 1940, and later divorced. He married Dorris Marie Price Sept. 17, 1948, who is now deceased. He married Betty Marie Brown in the Los Angeles Latter-day Saints Temple on Oct. 13, 1973.

Dale was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints all of his life and held many church callings. Dale and Betty served in the Missouri Independence Mission of the LDS church in 1990. Dale also served for many years in the Salt Lake and Bountiful Temples. His family and close friends will remember him for his love for the Gos-

pel, and his love of his family and his garden.

Dale is survived by two sons, Jerry and Sandy Ashby, and Dennis and Tina Ashby; two daughters, Meridel Barden and Penny Piekarski; one stepson, Gary, and Susan, Brown; and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Dale was preceded in death by his wives; four sisters, Ruth, Beula, Eva and Beth; two sons-in-law, James Barden and Lee Piekarski; one stepson, Grant Brown; and two grandsons, Justin and Jared Brown.

Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Aug. 26. A viewing will be held from 11:40 a.m. to 12:40 p.m. for family and friends at Myers Mortuary, 5865 South 1900 West, Roy. Interment will be at Bountiful Cemetery.

To send condolences to the family, please go to [www.buffalohillfb.com](http://www.buffalohillfb.com)

Local arrangements are by Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

## Donald R. Auger, 84

Donald R. Auger, 84, of Libby, died Friday, Sept. 16, 2011, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24, at the American Legion, 319

California Ave., Libby, followed by military honors at the City of Libby Cemetery.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home of Libby.

## Mark David Avilla, 56

Mark David Avilla, 56, died Wednesday, Aug. 17, 2011, at his Kalispell residence.

He is survived by a daughter, Melissa, of

Oklahoma; and a son, Mark, of Kalispell.

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

## Paul Asher, 96



Former Kalispell resident Paul Asher passed away Oct. 23, 2011, at the Life Care Center in Port Orchard, Wash.

He was born Oct. 2, 1915, in Wheatfield, Ind. The family moved to the Livingston area in 1918, living on and working the Strickland Ranch. He attended local schools, graduating from Park High School in 1933.

He married Mildred Conrow and continued working the ranch due to his father's illness.

In 1949, he moved to Kalispell and also lived for a short time in Columbia Falls. He and Mildred divorced during this time.

From 1949 until his retirement in 1978, Paul worked on the Hungry Horse Dam as a cement finisher, operated the Standard Oil service station on East Idaho, and was employed in the Mannion's parts department and the Firestone Tire service center.

After retirement he worked part time at the Valley Bank, doing janitorial services, and he became very skilled at his hobby of woodworking.

In 1992, he moved to Bremerton, Wash., to be near his daughter, Charlotte DiGiovanni. They became a team — Paul doing the wood-

working, and Charlotte doing the decorative painting. They participated in local craft fairs until 2008. Paul's wooden train became his "signature" woodworking.

During his life, Paul enjoyed family gatherings, breakfast at the Family Pancake House, Sunday drives, bowling, fishing, hunting, woodworking and watching the Mariner and Seahawk games on TV.

He was preceded in death by wives, Effie Rhodes Goss and Peggy Wilson; stepson, Harvey Goss; daughter, Connie Asher; two sisters, Helen Adams and Pauline Gleason; and two brothers, Roy and Bob Asher.

He is survived by daughter, Charlotte, and Jerry DiGiovanni, of Bremerton; grandsons, Ray and Sue DiGiovanni, of Summamish, Wash., Vern and Shannon DiGiovanni of Spokane, and John and Christina DiGiovanni of Guantnamo Bay, Cuba; granddaughters, Donna and Dan Stevenson of Redmond, Wash., and Connie and Tom Peterson of Bedford, Texas; sister, Lucille Jones, of Livingston; 18 great-grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and four stepsons, Leonard Goss, Stan Goss, Jim Goss and Dale Wilson.

At his request, there will not be a funeral service. He will be interred in Kalispell.

## Ronald Lee Auge, 67

Ronald Lee Auge, 67, of Libby, died Monday, Aug. 8, 2011, at St. John's Lutheran Hospital in Libby, of natural causes.

He was self-employed and had worked as a roofing contractor.

Survivors include his

wife, Lois Auge, of Libby; and son, Wayne Auge Johnson of Careywood, Idaho.

Graveside services were held Aug. 16 at the Milnor Lake Cemetery. Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home and Crematory of Libby.

## Joanna Marie Aurand, 59

Joanna Marie Aurand, 59, passed away on Saturday, May 28, 2011, in Kalispell, surrounded by family and friends.



She was born on Feb. 14, 1952, in Aberdeen, Wash., to Leonard and Pearl (Gleason) Wertz.

Joanna was always up to an adventure, whether it was down the street or across the ocean. When she was younger, she loved to go hunting with her father. While in high school, she was a cadet in the Civil Air Patrol.

She loved camping, the outdoors and being with her

dogs. Joanna was a kind-hearted, giving person.

She was preceded in death by her father, Leonard Wertz.

Joanna is survived by her husband, Dan Aurand of Kalispell; mother, Pearl; sister, Janice; and brothers, Nicholas and Larry.

A wake for Joanna will be held from 3:30 to 7 p.m. Sunday, June 5, at the Moose Lodge, 2158 U.S. 2 E., in Kalispell.

The family would like to thank the staff of Health Center Northwest and Hospice for their kind care.

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

## Virginia Monica Averill, 89

Virginia Monica Averill, 89, died Saturday, Oct. 15, 2011, at her home in Bigfork.

She is survived by seven sons, Dan, Doug, Darv, Dal and Brad Averill, and

Kent and Marcus Clark.

Memorial services are pending.

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

## Mary Ann Axline, 82

Mary Ann Axline of Columbia Falls passed away Sunday, Oct. 9, 2011, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

Mary Ann was born on May 8, 1929, to James Edward and Nan Hamilton Ransbottom in Equality, Ill., a town so small that, as Mary Ann put it, "if you blinked, you missed it."

Mary Ann grew up with two brothers, Harry Cheff and James W. Ransbottom. James has since passed away.

The family moved from Illinois to Detroit in 1939 so that Mary Ann's father could continue his work in the automobile industry. In Detroit, Mary Ann attended Holy Rosary School, where she earned her high school diploma.

She then became employed at J. L. Hudson, where she was a gift wrapper for an incredible 37 and a half years. She retired in 1984 after being injured in a freight elevator accident.

Mary Ann found love with Robert Lucien Axline and on March 16, 1973, the couple married. He was a World War II veteran who served our country proudly in the U.S. Navy. Robert passed away on Aug. 11, 1987, due to cancer.

Mary Ann then moved to Montana, where she lived with her brother Harry Cheff and sister-in-law Patricia. Mary Ann had many family members in the area and quickly identified the Flat-

head Valley as home.

Surviving Mary Ann are her brother, Harry E. Cheff and wife Patricia; nephews, Robert Cheff, David Cheff and wife Jeanne and children, and Thomas Cheff and wife Sally and children; niece, Mary Jo Schneck and husband Bill and children; nephew, Harry N. Cheff and wife Judy and children; Jim Cheff and wife Kim; Jake Cheff and wife Lisa and daughter; Patrick Cheff and son; niece, Elizabeth Cheff and children; several cousins; and many friends.

Mary Ann was admitted to the Montana State Veterans Home on May 6, 2008, and lived on the 50-bed wing where she quickly cultivated friendships with other residents and staff members. She enjoyed bingo, horse racing, manicures, Catholic Mass, crafts, games, cookie bakes and the monthly ladies' luncheons.

Mary Ann found great strength in her spiritual life and maintained a close, personal relationship with her higher power until the day she was called home.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 20, at St. Richard's Catholic Church. Viewing and a rosary will be from 4 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 19, at Columbia Mortuary.

You are invited to go to [www.columbiamortuary.com](http://www.columbiamortuary.com) to offer condolences and view Mary Ann's tribute wall.

Arrangements are entrusted to Columbia Mortuary.