

Karla Missy Baasch, 47

Karla Missy Baasch, 47, died Sept. 14, 2011, at a Ronan nursing home.

She is survived by her husband, Jerry Baasch, and mother, Carol Sims,

both of Polson; and her children.

A memorial service will be held at the Elks in Polson at a date to be announced.

Anastasia Mae 'Anne' Bachini, 88

Anne Bachini, 88, peacefully passed away from natural causes on Friday, Jan. 14, 2011, at the Northern Montana Care Center.



Anne was born the eighth child of Alfred and Agnes Rehbein in Enid on May 10, 1922, and was raised on the family farm near Lambert.

She was the middle child of 15 children. She had seven brothers and seven sisters, who all called her "Sis."

After graduating from high school she moved to Havre to attend Northern Montana College, where she met Vasco Bachini. They were married on July 15, 1941, and with this union, she became a mother to 8-year-old Bob Bachini. They welcomed another son, Dick, in September 1942 and daughter, Teri, in January 1945.

She was a devoted and loving daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

She worked at Sacred Heart Hospital, Havre, in medical records for a number of years before moving to the Havre Clinic, where she was affectionately known as "Annie B" until her retirement.

After retiring, she had more time to enjoy her beautiful flower and vegetable gardens. Anne loved to fish, picnic and go for drives just to enjoy the scenery. All her life, she collected many mementos, newspaper clippings, photos, etc., and created wonderful scrap books that her family will cherish

for years to come. Anne was a wonderful cook, but it was the smell of her fresh homemade bread that would draw the neighborhood kids for hot bread with butter and sugar.

Nonna, as she was called by her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, especially enjoyed her pulling them in wagons up hill. "Faster Nonna, faster!" they'd yell. They all loved playing with her, too.

She reunites in heaven with her parents, Alfred and Agnes Rehbein; brothers, Henry "Hank," William "Bill" and Albert; and sisters, Mary Lawrence, Margaret "Maggie" Regan and Monica Tanglen. She also joins her brother and sister-in-law, Oscar and Elia Bachini; nephews, John and Frank; and nieces, Rosie DeHooze, Mary Guza and Irene Hanning.

She is survived by her loving husband, Vasco; son, Bob Bachini and his wife Shirley; son, Dick Bachini; daughter, Teri Bussey and her husband Sam Jr.; grandchildren, Linda Crofts, Trina Stivers and Sam Bussey III; and nine great-grandchildren. Also surviving are brothers, Jim, Bud, Fritz and Bob; sisters, Emma Hanson, Gertie Hoffstot, Cathy Williams and Deanie Evensen; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A rosary will be said at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 18, at Holland and Bonine Funeral Home with Father Dale Yurkovic presiding. Cremation has taken place. A celebration of Anne's life will be announced and held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family appreciates donations sent to a charity of one's choice.

Carl Lyle Bailey, 70

Carl Lyle Bailey, 70, "arrived in the arms of Jesus" on March 13, 2011, leaving the Kalispell Regional Medical Center after a brief battle with leukemia, with his loving wife by his side.



He looked forward to "being in the presence of his Lord, who was Master of his life." Carl's strength and courage over these past few months are a testimony for all. He kept his family and friends laughing and seeing the bright side of everything, even through the difficult periods of his illness.

Carl adored his family, church family and friends, and held them close to his heart. Giving back to his community as a Salvation Army bell ringer, Gideon, Meals on Wheels delivery, cooking at the Solid Rock Cafe for his church family, and teaching cribbage were a source of joy for him. He was a "natural" at playing Santa Claus, along with being the Keebler Elf and the Good Neighbor Bear. Carl had an amazing heart that just kept on giving to others, spreading joy and laughter everywhere he went.

He was a star athlete in high school and had a basketball scholarship with Pasadena Nazarene College. He loved the outdoors and over the years excelled in many sports and hobbies with a passion. He loved riding his bike everywhere and he worked out every day, until only his illness could slow him down.

Carl and the love of his life, Marilyn, were married in California, and enjoyed 35 wonderful years together, blending their two families: his children, Brittany Elizabeth Bailey and Robert Alan Bailey, and her children, Gregory Alan Roper and

Nancy Jane Roper, who were brought into his heart as his own. They spent 12 years in Missoula where they owned the Snow King Drive-In, and raised their children.

The last 16 years of Carl's life were spent in Kalispell, working as an adjuster for State Farm Insurance and thoroughly enjoying his grandchildren, whom he loved with all his heart. Carl was known for his infectious laugh, contagious smile, incredibly funny sense of humor, and the unending love he had for his wife and family. He loved Jesus with all his heart and "brightly shined his light everywhere he went."

He will be missed by all, but he was special enough to leave a very dear part of him with each and every one who ever knew him.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Albert and Irma Bailey.

Carl is survived by the family whom he cherished, his beautiful wife, Marilyn, in Kalispell; his children, Greg Roper and Stephanie Cussick of Seattle, Cory and Nancy Wagner of Kalispell, Nicholas and Brittany Strouse of Westport, Conn., and Robert Bailey of Missoula; and his grandchildren, Tess and Sage VerNeuil, Israel and Navah Strouse, Amanda Pace, Cody Tackett, Zackery Husskisson, and Leanna Bailey, who is the mother of Carl's only great-granddaughter, Mallory.

Carl has a sister, Patricia Hanson, of Kalispell, brother, Charles, and his wife, Judy Bailey, of Paradise Valley, Ariz., and nieces and nephews, Doug and Karen Bailey and their son Kyle, Dave and Linda Bailey and their children Heather and Matthew, and Mike and Karen Weiss.

A celebration of Carl's life will take place at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 19, at Easthaven Baptist Church, on Whitefish Stage Road in Kalispell.

Lavern R. Bailey, 88

Lavern R. Bailey, 88, of Polson, passed away on June 10, 2011, at St. Joseph Medical Center in Polson.



Lavern was born on May 13, 1923, in Milk River, Alberta, Canada, to Clarence and Minnie Moerke. She grew up in Sweet Grass until moving to Valley View, near Polson, in 1933. Lavern graduated from Polson High School in 1942.

She married Dale Bailey on May 10, 1942. They farmed and ranched in Valley View for many years before moving into town. She and Dale built and started the Mountain Meadows Resort at Lake Mary Ronan.

Lavern enjoyed working at the Country Store and Polson Loaves and Fish Food Pantry in Polson. She was a member of the Polson Community Church and the Valley View Women's Club.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dale; two infant sons; and her parents.

She is survived by her daughter, Anita and Roger Targerson of Polson; two grandchildren, Wes and Randi Targerson, and Melissa and Clinton Chowning, all of Polson; and five great-grandchildren, Emily, Owen and Lucas Targerson, and Chelsia and Cadis Chowning. She is also survived by a sister, Virginia Jacobson of Prineville, Ore.; a sister-in-law, Lovie Bailey of Polson; and numerous other relatives.

Visitation will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. Tuesday, June 14, at Grogan Funeral Home. A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, June 15, at the Polson Community Church, with the Rev. Russ Barber officiating. A private family burial will be held at Lakeview Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Polson Community Church or Polson Loaves and Fish Food Pantry.

Condolences may be left to the family at www.groganfuneralhome.com.

Grogan Funeral Home considers it a privilege to care for the Bailey family.

Joseph Baker, 75

Joseph Baker, 75, died Friday, Sept. 2, 2011, at Kalispell Regional Medi-

cal Center. Arrangements are pending with Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

Ron Baird, 60

Ron Baird, former head of CAA's Nashville, Tenn., office and agent to many of country music's leading artists, died in Nashville on Feb. 3, 2011, of complications from Parkinson's disease. He had just celebrated his 60th birthday.



Ron is survived by his wife, Cheryl; their sons, John and wife Jenny, and Marc and wife Kennon; and four grandchildren, James, Kate, Finley and Cooper. He is also survived by his brother, Rick and wife Louann; and brother, George and wife Connie and four nieces.

Ron formed his first band when he was in the second grade, marking the beginning of his lifelong career in music. Ron worked for the Jim Halsey Agency where he booked artists, including Roy Clark, Donna Fargo, Merle Haggard, George Jones, The Judds, Brenda Lee, Ronnie Milsap, Rick Nelson, Oak Ridge Boys, Mel Tillis, Conway Twitty, Don Williams, Tammy Wynette and Dottie West, among others. The Jim Halsey Agency was purchased by The William Morris Agency where Ron worked until opening the Nashville office for CAA in 1991.

The one-man operation started in Ron's house and grew into the 55-person team it is today. In his 13 years as a CAA agent, Ron oversaw the careers of Clint Black, Billy Dean, Jennifer Hanson, Alan Jackson, Toby Keith, Barbara Mandrell, Martina McBride, Reba McEntire, Joe Nichols, Olivia Newton John, Little Texas, Jamie O'Neal, Julie Roberts and Shania Twain, among many others.

Ron served as chairman of the board for the Country Music Association in 2003

and was president of the Country Music Association in 2002. He was also an associate board member of W.O. Smith and an alumnus of Leadership Music.

Voted Country Agent of the Year for three years (1996-1998) by Performance Magazine, he was named Third Coast Agent of the Year in 1999 by Pollstar. Ron retired in 2004.

Ron was an extraordinary man whose dedication to his family and passion for his clients and colleagues alike have long inspired those who knew him. He had a great love for his sons, Marc and John, his wife, Cheryl, his home state of Montana, and his music. Ron had a heart of gold and a generous spirit, and it is those qualities that will be the legacy of this wonderful soul. It was an honor to know him and have him in our lives.

Ron was born and raised in Bigfork and maintained close ties to his home state throughout his life. In college, he participated in the junior year abroad program in Heidelberg, Germany, and was a graduate of the University of Montana in Missoula.

He was also an Eagle Scout, and an avid skier and outdoorsman, often taking backpacking trips in Glacier National Park.

Please join Ron's family for a celebration of his life from 5 to 7 p.m. today, Feb. 9, at Hillwood Country Club (6201 Hickory Valley Road, Nashville, TN).

Contributions may be made to Vanderbilt Parkinson's Research Fund, (www.giving.vanderbilt.edu); the Lewy Body Dementia Association (www.lbda.org); The Salvation Army (www.Sal-army-Nashville.org); or the Glacier National Park Fund (www.glacernationalpark-fund.org).

Arrangements are by Marshall-Donnelly-Combs Funeral home, 6115-327-1111.

Roger Baker, 31

Roger was taken on a glorious Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2011; "faith, hope, gifts of the Holy Spirit, to Jesus through Mary, and grace of final perseverance" by saving two other lives and giving his own in a car accident.

Roger was born on Nov. 24, 1979, in Great Falls and came to this world with the most stunning green eyes, dimples and bright smile.

Roger was preceded in death by his aunts, Georgia Marie Baker Johnston and Lee Ann Baker; and grandpa, William George Houle.

Roger was a person who left an impression in your heart when you met him. He was remarkable because he was beautiful inside and out. His sparkling green eyes, warm kisses and tight hugs that took your breath away will never be forgotten. We will always remember Roger with thoughts and memories of baptism, an altar boy at St. Anne's Church in Great Falls, a smile as big as his heart and proud of his Native



American Chippewa Cree heritage. Roger was a listener, kind, selflessness, giving and easygoing. You could tell Roger

anything and he would never judge. He embraced all people from all walks of life. He would carry many crosses for others or himself with strength and pride. Roger had an open and generous heart. He accepted everybody and he laughed with everybody. Roger was a good man who lived fully and honestly. We will miss visiting Roger, listening to Roger, listening to his stories, fishing with him, but most of all laughing with him. "Roger is now in heaven fishing with grandpa; save some big fish for us."

Roger is survived by his grandmother, Marie Boushie Mount; his mother, Rhonda Baker Phipps of

Kalispell; two aunts, Helen Baker Brickman of Great Falls and Genevieve Baker of Billings; one uncle, Andy Huff of Helena; and Roger's babies, one daughter, Tamara Baker, three sons, Jacob Anthony Baker, Andrew Tate Baker, and one to arrive in January 2012; his sisters and brother, Melinda Marie Goings, Michelle Lynn Baker Herman, Lee Ann Daniels, Micheala Marie Goings, Jordan Rae Goings and Ken Daniels; nephews, Alexander William Boushie Huff, C.J. Little Youngman, and Isaac Lee Little Youngman; nieces; and many cousins.

Mass of Christian Burial for Roger will be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 20, at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls, with Father John Miller as celebrant. Burial will be afterwards at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery, with reception to follow at St.

Richard's Catholic Church. A rosary will be said for Roger at 7 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 19, in the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Chapel. Visitation will be from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for Roger's family. You are invited to www.jgfuneralhome.com to view Roger's Tribute Wall, offer condolences and share memories.

Mary Lou Ballard, 84

Mary Lou Ballard, 84, passed away Sept. 27, 2011, in Lynnwood, Wash.



She was born July 22, 1927, in Chappell, Neb., to Frank Ludwig and Sadie Maye (Snyder) Newberg.

After graduating from McMinnville High School in Oregon in 1944, she joined the U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps. Mary Lou received her degree from St. Patrick School of Nursing in Missoula, in 1947.

On Sept. 17, 1948, she married John William Ballard in Richmond, Ky. They moved to eastern

Montana in 1950, then to Kalispell in 1967. Mary Lou was a registered nurse at Kalispell Regional Hospital for 24 years, retiring in 1991. She moved to Washington in 2007 following her husband's passing in 1999.

Mary Lou was preceded in death by her husband John, brother Charles Newberg, and sister Carol Gidley.

She is survived by her children, James E. Ballard, Mary C. Ballard, Robert L. Ballard and Laura, and grandchildren, Marlana and Cody; sisters, Evelyn Koenigshof and Ilene Fox; and brother, Darrell Newberg.

Private services will be held at a later date.

Heidi Sharon Soderstrom Barber, 49, of Fond du Lac, Wis., "left this earth to go home to Heaven" on Sunday, April 17, 2011, at Agnesian HealthCare Hospice Home of Hope, Fond du Lac.

She was born on Aug. 23, 1961, in Kalispell, the daughter of Bob and Joyce Soderstrom. Heidi graduated from St. Mary Springs High School, Fond du Lac, in 1979.

While raising her family, she enjoyed many vacations and traveling excursions. Her joy came from spending time with her children and grandchildren. She will be remembered for her love of family and her strength in picking herself up when health issues knocked her down.

Heidi was a member of Holy Family Catholic Community.

She is survived by three sons, Garland and Samantha Barber of Fond du Lac, and their three children, Lillian, Aurora and Gabriel, Grant Barber of Madison, Wis., and Garrett Barber of Fond du Lac; her mother, Joyce Soderstrom, of Fond du Lac; her father, Bob, and Arlene

Soderstrom, of Kalispell; two sisters, Sharmen Soderstrom of Mesa, Ariz., and Shelly Soderstrom of Milwaukee, Wis.; her maternal grandmother, Fern Olson, of Sioux Falls, S.D.; her former husband, Russell T. Barber, of Fond du Lac; and a niece, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her brother, John Soderstrom; maternal grandfather, Nobel Olson; and her paternal grandparents, John and Susie Soderstrom.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, April 20, at St. Mary Catholic Church of Holy Family Parish, 59 E. Merrill Avenue, Fond du Lac, with the Rev. Luke Strand officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Mach Funeral Chapel & Crematory is serving the family. Additional information and guest register can be found at www.machfuneralchapel.com.

Verona Irene Barger, 92

Verona Irene Barger, 92, of Columbia Falls, left family members at her bedside Friday, Nov. 4, 2011, and "went to be with the Lord, fulfilling her strongest desire," after a long illness.



Her faith in God and caring for her family were her priorities. In addition, for decades she lovingly provided missionaries from 29 countries around the world with embroidered sheet sets and other linens.

Verona was born Oct. 13, 1919, in Knob Noster, Mo., to Jessie and Ollie (Carpenter) Hyatt. Her father died when she was 1 year old; she and her mother later moved to South Dakota, where her mother married John Hanson. Verona graduated from high school in Howard, S.D.

She met her future husband, Samuel Wells Barger, in Sioux Falls, S.D., and they married Aug. 6, 1939, in Billings. They are the parents of four daughters.

Her husband's work took them to Green Bay, Wis., Butte, back to Billings and to Omaha, Neb. Upon retirement, they returned to Billings and later served the Assemblies of God's International Correspondence Institute in Brussels, Belgium, for two years. Before moving to Columbia Falls, they had also lived in Hungry Horse and Yuma, Ariz.

Verona is survived by Samuel, her husband of 72 years; her daughters, Valaura and David Steele of Lacey, Wash., Orlynda and Bob Goodman of Columbia Falls, LaDonna and Rod Richardson of Terrabonne, Ore., and Sonja Barger of Beaverton, Ore.; eight grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her sister Delores and Leland Anderson of Minnesota; and many nieces and nephews.

She was a member of the Whitefish Assembly of God Church.

A memorial service will be held in the spring of 2012.

You are invited to go to www.columbiamortuary.com to offer condolences and view Verona's tribute wall.

Arrangements are entrusted to Columbia Mortuary.

Frank Albert Barnard, 91

Frank Albert Barnard, 91, died Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2011, at Whitefish Care and Rehabilitation Center.

He had worked for the Forest Service.

Survivors include his stepchildren, Carolyn Zajanc Peck and Gary Zajanc.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 14, at the Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home, 422 W. Second St. in Libby.

Mary Jane Thomisene Barne, 94

Mary Jane Thomisene Barne, 94, died Friday, March 11, 2011, at Prestige Assisted Living in Kalispell.

Arrangements are pending with Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory.

John William Barnhart, 47

John William Barnhart, 47, of Portland, Ind., and formerly of Kalispell, died unexpectedly on Monday, Jan. 10, 2011, at Blackford County Hospital in Hartford City, Ind.

He had worked for Rygg Ford in Kalispell as an ASE technician and service manager.

Survivors include his parents, James and Irene

Barnhart of Portland; and one son, James D. Barnhart of Chino, Calif.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. Friday at the Williamson and Spencer Funeral Home in Portland. Funeral services will follow at 6 p.m. at the funeral home with the Rev. Jason Rice officiating.

Lorin D. 'Dennis' Barnes, 67

Lorin D. "Dennis" Barnes, 67, passed away Dec. 29, 2011, at Harrison Medical Center in Bremerton, Wash., with family by his side.

Dennis was born March 14, 1944, in Whitefish to Jane (Smith) Barnes and Lorin Barnes. He was raised in Whitefish, where he attended high school.

He received his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Montana on June 9, 1968.

He was united in marriage with Susan Kay Gruber on Aug. 15, 1987, in Whitefish, and made his home in Bremerton.

Prior to moving to Bremerton, Dennis lived for a few years in Seattle and used his superb skills in carpentry to build the Boat Shed in the late 1970s with his partner, Rich MacDonald. One year while working at the Boat Shed, he decided to take his 16-foot boat back and forth between Bremerton and Seattle for an amazing 365 days.

At one point he was co-



owner of Sinclair's restaurant with Rich MacDonald. As a general contractor he performed numerous jobs in the area and, due to word-of-mouth of his meticulous nature, there was never a shortage of work.

Dennis loved camping, boating and vacationing with family and friends. He was known for his infectious laugh. Dennis will be remembered for his loving nature, generosity and love for life.

He is survived by his mother, Jane Barnes; his wife, Susan Barnes; his children, James Gilbert, Angela (Gruber) Kolbein, and her husband "Sandy" Kolbein, Tory Gruber and Maja Nelson; three grandchildren, Jessica, Hayden and Tatum; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law and wonderful friends. He also leaves behind a loving dog named Buster.

Dennis was preceded in death by his father, Lorin Barnes; and his brother, Douglas Barnes.

Arrangements are entrusted to Miller-Woodlawn Funeral Home.

All who have been touched by Dennis are encouraged to attend the celebration of his life that will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 6, at the Eagles in Bremerton.

A. Joyce Barry, 86

On Sept. 14, 2011, A. Joyce Barry, 86, passed away at her home surrounded by family.



On May 2, 1925, an extraordinary woman was born in Great Budworth, Cheshire, England. Joyce was the second of two children born to Norman and Ethel Carter. She had, in her own words, an idyllic childhood filled with happy memories.

Joyce lived with her mother, father, sister Eileen and her beloved Granny. She was a graduate of Rudheath Senior School and Northwich Technical College in England. She was employed in the London offices of the Imperial Chemical Industry for four years when they were evacuated to Northwich during the war.

When Joyce was 19 years old, she was engaged to an English serviceman, a rear gunner in the Royal Air Force, who went missing in action over Germany. She later met a dashing young American G.I. stationed in England named Ernie Barry. Long story short, they fell in love, Joyce came to America on the maiden voyage of the Queen Elizabeth and Ernie and Joyce were married Nov. 3, 1946.

Ernie worked numerous jobs over the years, including retail sales, and was involved in the construction of Hungry Horse dam. He eventually settled into the carpentry trade and built many homes in the Flathead Valley. Joyce remained home to care for her family. In 1967 she started what was to be a long association with the Hillstead family, first in clothing sales, then the furniture business. Joyce accompanied the Hillsteads on many buying trips to New York and various other markets across the country. Joyce loved her job and only quit to take care of Ernie when he became ill in 2002.

Ernie and Joyce made several trips to England and

spent a few winters in Arizona but were always glad to get back to the Flathead Valley and family. Ernie passed away in 2004. Several years later, Joyce started a relationship with her dear friend, Ed Hines. Ed passed away in 2006.

In more recent years, Joyce made trips to England with her daughter Rachelle and granddaughter Addy. Joyce loved her home, family and friends. She always made her home beautiful, comforting and inviting. There was usually the smell of a fresh batch of cookies coming from the oven. Joyce was loved by all who knew her and will be greatly missed. For her family, she left many wonderful memories and left a shining example of how life is meant to be lived.

Joyce is survived by her daughter, Kathy Grace of Bozeman; son, Chris and Cindy Barry of Kalispell; and daughter Rachelle and Don Hines of Kalispell; seven grandchildren, Chad and Terri Grace of Portland, Scott and Wanda Grace of Orlando, Fla., Christopher and Sarah Grace of Columbia Falls, Catherine and Jim Spence of Kalispell, Craig and Nicole Barry of Kalispell, Christie Emerson of Kalispell, and Addy and Chris Connolly of Whitefish. She is also survived by seventeen great-grandchildren, Riley, Cruz, Brooklyn, Marissa, Tayler, Carter, Kyra, Gracie, Kaitlyn, Jelaine', Tarynn, Austin, Ayden, Ashtyn, Alyjah, Shyllee and Gavin.

Funeral services for Joyce will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2011, at the United Epworth Methodist Church, with Pastor Steve Hermes officiating. Burial will follow at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. The family suggests memorial gifts be given to the Senior Center.

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

Arlene Frances Barry-Fry, 82

Arlene Frances Barry-Fry passed away on her 82nd birthday on Sunday, Jan. 9, 2011, at her residence of 56 years, in Kalispell.



Arlene was born on Jan. 9, 1929, to August Henry and Ethel Elizabeth Miller at their home in Bigfork. She was the third of five children. At the age of two, the family moved to Kalispell. She attended Kalispell schools and graduated from Flathead County High School with the class of 1946.

She married Alroy Charles Barry on May 18, 1947, at her parents' home on First Avenue West. From that marriage she had three children, Fran, Alan and Diane. After Alroy's passing in 1993, she married Roudolph Fry on Nov. 1, 1997.

The majority of her career was as a bookkeeper with employment at the Chevy garage, Korn Buick and Cenex.

Over the years she traveled extensively, visiting places such as Germany, France, Switzerland, the Czech Republic, Hawaii, Alaska, Nova Scotia and Australia. Many a weekend was spent camping and boating. She enjoyed and created amazing pieces of cross-stitch and participated in a bowling league for many years.

She was a member of the Epworth United Methodist Church and a lifetime member of the Eagles. She loved baseball, music, singing and most of all, she loved to dance! Arlene was an excep-

tional grandmother, attending every sporting event or activity her grandchildren were involved in.

"Mom, we love you forever!"

She was preceded in death by her parents; her first husband, Alroy; and her oldest brother, Arnold.

She is survived by her loving husband, Roudolph, who resides at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls; daughter, Fran Thorpe and Terry of Kalispell; son, Alan Barry and Connie of Nine Mile Falls, Wash.; daughter, Diane Smith and Harry of Kalispell; sister, Margaret Jacobson, of Kalispell; brothers, Arvin Miller of Oit Ashi Oitaken, Japan, and Marvin Miller of Lakeside; seven grandchildren, Brian and Eric Ivie, Brianne and Alana Barry, and Brandon, Bonnie and Benjamin Smith; four great-grandchildren, Abigail and Madigan Ivie, Garrett Ivie and Charlene Barry; and numerous brothers- and sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews. She also leaves behind her loving pet companion, Leo.

A celebration of Arlene's life will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 14, at the Epworth United Methodist Church, 329 Second Ave. E., in Kalispell.

Memorial contributions can be made in Arlene's name to the Montana Veterans Home, 400 Veterans Drive, Columbia Falls, MT 59912.

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

Asher Finn Barth, infant

Asher Finn Barth of Browning died Oct. 9, 2011, at North Valley Hospital.

He is survived by his parents, James and Larisa (Mulvenna) Barth of Browning.

A celebration of life will

be at 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 14, at the United Methodist Church in Browning. Interment will be at Willow Creek Ranch Cemetery in Browning.

Arrangements are entrusted to Columbia Mortuary.

Donald D. 'Don' Basta, 76

Donald D. "Don" Basta, 76, died in Polson on Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2011. No services are sched-

uled at this time.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Jean Baucus, 94

Jean Baucus, a rancher, historian, patron of the arts and mother of three children, including U.S. Sen. Max Baucus, died peacefully at her home in Helena Saturday, Dec. 10, 2011, at age 94.



She was born in Helena July 7, 1917, the daughter of Fred and Bernice (Sieben) Sheriff.

She attended Hawthorne School, and graduated from Helena High School, attending classes in railroad cars after the 1935 Helena earthquake. She attended Stanford University, where she received a bachelor's degree in economics.

She married John J. Baucus March 9, 1947. They raised their children in Helena, while actively running the nearby Sieben Ranch. John died in 1993.

Survivors include three

children, Sen. Max and Melodee Baucus of Helena and Washington, D.C., Karen Kallay of Fredericksburg, Va., and John and Nina Baucus of the Sieben Ranch. She had seven grandchildren, including one who is deceased, and five great-grandchildren.

A social gathering will begin at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 27, on the second floor of the Montana Club, with a sharing of stories and remembrances from family and friends to start at 2 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Jean's name to one of her favorite charities, which include the Holter Museum in Helena; Carroll College; Exploration Works, a museum for children in Helena; the Helena Education Foundation or the Helena Symphony Association.

Anderson Stevenson Wilke Funeral Home in Helena is handling the arrangements. Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.aswfuneralhome.com.

Lester Bauska, 92

Lester O. Bauska, 92, died Friday, Nov. 11, 2011, at the Heritage Place in Kalispell.

He is survived by his wife, Camilla Bauska of Kalispell; his daughter, Leslie Millsbaugh of Shoreline, Wash.; and his

three sons, Roy Bauska of Edmonds, Wash., and Jack Bauska and Greg Bauska, both of Kalispell.

No services are planned at this time. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Mildred Bauska

Graveside Services for Mildred Bauska, 88, who died Dec. 9 will be held

at 1 p.m. Friday, May 13, at Glacier Cemetery in Kalispell.

John Richard Beam, 76

John Richard Beam, 76, passed away peacefully in his home in Creston on Sept. 21, 2011.



John was born on Dec. 6, 1934, in Fort Wayne, Ind., to Nola and Barney Beam. At age 15, he moved to Shreveport, La., where he met his wife, Vila.

John worked as a switchman/conductor for the Union Pacific Railroad in Shreveport for 41 years. He had a strong work ethic and at times held down two jobs.

John loved his family, and he made any gathering a memorable event. He made friends everywhere he went, and his enthusiasm, zeal and fun-loving attitude was contagious to everyone he met.

John was a man of great faith in God and always strived to do the best he could. He was known for his kind heart and compassion for those less fortunate. He had a deep love for animals, especially his Yorkie and special friend, Reece, and his much-loved pet cat, Socrates.

John enjoyed nature, hunting, reading, raising cattle and travel. He was an artistic person and had a special talent for knife making.

He traveled extensively overseas and visited 18 European countries with his family. He especially enjoyed his travels in Greece, Turkey and Israel, and felt privileged

to have been baptized in the Jordan River. He instilled a spirit of travel and adventure in his family and took them on many vacations to the mountains of Colorado, Wyoming, Montana and western Canada. The memories of those trips will always be a special gift to his wife, daughters, nieces and nephews.

John will be greatly missed by his family.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Vila Worsham Beam; daughters, Debbie Allen of Creston, and Karen Stephens and son-in-law Ed Stephens of Fort Collins, Colo.; grandsons, Matthew Eschenfelder and Joshua Allen; sister, Evelyn Wolfe; brother, Alfred Beam; and several nieces and nephews, including Linda Tanner, Gary Worsham, Tommy Worsham, and Billy and Kay Worsham; and special sister-in-law, Arlena Worsham.

John was preceded in death by his parents, sister, Doris; and brother, Bob.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 12:10 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 27, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Kalispell. A viewing will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Sept. 26, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home in Kalispell.

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

Clara Mae Bauer, 86

Clara Mae Bauer, 86, passed away Saturday, Sept. 3, 2011, at Prestige Assisted Living in Kalispell.



Clara was born May 23, 1925, in Lonepine, the daughter of Robert and Ruth (Andrews) McHenry. Clara was raised in Lonepine and graduated from high school in 1943.

She married James M. Bauer June 16, 1943, in San Diego. After his U.S. Navy service, they returned to Lonepine and also lived in Seeley Lake, Plains from 1962 to 1967, and then Kalispell in 1968. She had lived here since.

Clara had been active in the VFW Auxiliary in

Hot Springs.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband of 57 years; two brothers; one niece and one nephew.

Clara is survived by her nieces, Betty Norman of Kalispell, JoAnn Bauer of Puyallup, Wash., Marilyn Boller of Hayden, Idaho, and Barb Ailport of Koski, Idaho; nephews, Butch McHenry of Kalispell, and Jan and Ricky McHenry of Spokane; and many great-nieces and -nephews.

There will be no services for Clara. Cremation has taken place.

Friends are encouraged to visit the website, www.buffalohillfh.com, to leave notes of condolence for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Lewis E. Baumgardner, 50

Lewis E. Baumgardner, 50, died Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2011, at his home in Whitefish.

He is survived by his wife, Judy Baumgardner, of Columbia Falls; son, Michael Baumgardner, of Columbia Falls; and moth-

er, Billie Baumgardner, of Adrian, Ore.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 11, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home in Kalispell. Contact Judy at 261-6772 for more information.

Richard S. 'Rick' Bear, 58

Richard S. "Rick" Bear, 58, passed away on Thursday, Nov. 24, 2011, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.



Rick was born on April 6, 1953, to Harry E. Bear and Lottie V. (Hill) Bear.

Rick was born and raised in Kalispell. He attended school there, including Flathead High School. He went on to attend several trade schools.

Rick started his work experience with Fletcher McCormick. He also worked

numerous jobs including Don's Rental, Guy's Auto Repair, Outlaw Inn, Tacoma, Goodwill as a stock supervisor, as a cook at Portside Restaurant in Tacoma, mechanic at Tri-City Wrecking, and cook at Kalispell Gold Nugget. Rick's last job was at Target where he was a stocker and bike assembler. At all of his jobs Rick was held in high esteem.

Rick was preceded in death by a sister, Jacqueline Anderson; and his parents, Harry and Lottie Bear.

He is survived by brothers, John and Joey Bear, Mike and Donna Bear, Tim Bear, and Mark Bear, all of Kalispell; sister, Kathy, and

Tom Eland, of Michigan; sister, Pam, and Dennis Winn, of Kalispell; also numerous nieces and nephews, and relatives in Kalispell, Tacoma, Michigan and Utah. All will deeply miss him.

A memorial service for Rick will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 3, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. Urn burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

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

Wanda H. Bears, 93

Wanda H. Bears, 93, of Kalispell passed away Friday, April 29, 2011, at her residence in Kalispell.



She was born Jan. 31, 1918, to Joseph and Katherine (Prusinowski) Harubin in Hamtramck, Mich., where she grew up and attended school.

She went on to serve in the Woman's Army Air Corps for four years, where she met and married her first husband, William Bates Moore; together they started the first helicopter services in Orange County, Calif. They had one son, Michael C. Moore, in 1955 and moved from Alaska to Puerto Rico until Bill's death in 1969.

After his death, she went back to school and received her bachelor's degree. She held several different jobs, from being a legal secretary to a city clerk. She then married her second husband, Allin C. Bears, and together they traveled the world (she

was very proud of her Polish heritage) until his death in 1998.

In 2002 she came to Montana with her son and his family, where she resided until his death in 2010. Wanda then moved to Buffalo Hill Terrace in August 2010.

She is survived by her daughter-in-law, Mary Moore, of Kalispell; her granddaughters, Rebecca Moore of Kalispell, and Jessica Moore of Rhode Island; her granddaughter, Rachel Green; her grandson, Russell Green, and his wife, Karlee Green, and their daughter, Dallas; and several nieces and nephews.

She will be greatly missed and forever remembered. "Spoczywaj w pokoju."

A memorial service for Wanda will be held at 10:30 a.m. today, Saturday, May 7, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home in Kalispell. Father Roderick Ermatinger will officiate.

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

Donald A. 'Duke' Bedford, 83

Donald A. "Duke" Bedford passed away Tuesday, March 8, 2011, at his home in Bigfork, with his wife, Joan, by his side.



He was born in Eagle Rock, Calif., on April 27, 1927, to Arba and Mildred Bedford.

After graduating high school, he joined the U.S. Marine Corps in 1945. He was sent to the Pacific, China and California. He entered college in Glendale, Calif., went on to Oregon State, and graduated from USC in Los Angeles in 1952. He played pro baseball, minor leagues in Washington and Oregon.

He was married briefly and has a son, Matthew.

His career switched to banking in San Mateo, Calif., where he met his second wife, Joan, and they married on March 26, 1960. They became active members of the unique theatrical group called "The Claypipers," where they conducted the rehearsals in the Bay Area and took their show up to the Mother Lode country on weekends where, by triple casting, they performed old-time melodramas and olios. "Show biz" was in their blood ever after, with Duke playing a hero, then a villain.

In 1964 they moved to Sun Valley, Idaho, where Duke was in hotel management. Their daughter, Alyson Anne, was born there in 1966. Duke bought a home in Ketchum, Idaho, and became part-owner of a restaurant in nearby Hailey.

On a vacation to Bigfork in 1973, they decided to make that their home and bought an apartment complex to own and manage.

In all his moves, the love of music kept him involved in bands playing drums, trumpet for the USC marching band and trumpet in the Don Lawrence Orchestra (originally the Rob 'N Hoods) as well as being a vocalist for 20 years.

Through the years, he had been a member of the Rotary, Kiwanis, Chamber of Commerce, volunteered in law enforcement, District Court, Flathead Sheriff's Posse, Musicians Union and Sigma Chi Fraternity.

Duke was a member of the Community United Methodist Church in Bigfork.

Preceding him in death were his parents; brother, Robert Bedford; and nephew, Richard Bedford.

He is survived by his wife, Joan; daughter, Alyson Baldwin; grandson, Maxim, of Everett, Wash.; and son, Matthew Rand of Northfield, Minn.

Memorial services are pending.

Willard J. Bell, 82

Willie Bell, 82, passed away at home on Dec. 28, 2011, after a short battle with leukemia.

He was born in Boulder, Colo., to Jake and Annie Bell. He grew up on a farm. They had milk cows and chickens, and raised hay and wheat.

Willie went to a one-room schoolhouse through the eighth grade, then graduated from Boulder High School. After school, he worked at Western States Cutlery. He then joined the Navy, serving on a troop transport ship from 1948 through 1952. He sailed around the world twice.

After his honorable discharge from the Navy, he went to work for a housing contractor building houses and laying floors. He also worked at the National Bureau of Standards in Boulder for many years.

He married Judy Howe in 1953 and had three children, Dave, Joyce and Gayla.



He moved his family to Montana in 1968 and worked for the Forest Service, then started at Anaconda Aluminum, where he retired in 1991.

He enjoyed camping, fishing, boating, golf, going on drives and woodworking.

He loved his family and loved being with them. He enjoyed being with friends and had lots of them. Willie never lost his great sense of humor, and he had a contagious giggle and a great outlook on life.

Willie was a good man and lived by the golden rule.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister.

He is survived by his wife and best friend, Judy; his son, Dave and wife, Karen; daughter, Joyce and husband, Jim Head; daughter, Gayla and husband, Dave Weyrauch; four granddaughters, Lisa Bell, Amy Piiola, Tessa Weyrauch and Alicia Faber; and one great-granddaughter, Cassidy.

He will be loved and missed by the family forever.

There will be a memorial service from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 7 at the senior center in Columbia Falls.

A big thanks to Hospice for the care they provided.

Mona Gail Ekert Benson, 71

Mona Gail Ekert Benson, 71, passed away peacefully on Saturday Nov. 5, 2011, at her home in Whitefish.



Mona was born on Sept. 24, 1940, to Leander and Maye Eckert in Glasgow.

Mona was the youngest of six children. At an early age the family moved to Whitefish where Mona attended school, and graduated in 1958.

After various jobs, she went to work for BNSF Railroad, retiring in 2000.

In 1980, Mona married Robert Benson. She enjoyed spending time with her friends, camping, crafts, Red Hats, pinocle, and Club Grannies with her Moose friends.

She will be remembered for her famous baked beans, which was always requested for family gatherings. Her family will miss the calendars she made every year and gave out at Christmas, and the personalized ornaments she made for each family member.

"Mona, we love you very much and you will be greatly missed."

The family would like to

thank Home Options Hospice for their wonderful care during Mona's illness.

Mona was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, her mother and father-in-law, and a stepson.

Mona is survived by her husband, Bob, of Whitefish, sons, Ken Eckert and his wife Monica of Fresno, Calif., and Robby Benson and his wife Rhonda of San Antonio, Texas, daughter, Sue Lamgo, and Jan, of Grand Junction, Colo.; numerous grandchildren, and great-grandchildren; her brother, Bill, and wife, Arlene Eckert, of Kalispell; sister, Barbara Wiprud, of Great Falls; brother, Gary Eckert, and wife, Nadene, of Kalispell; and many, many friends.

Funeral services for Mona will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 12, at Austin Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens. There will be a visitation at Austin from 3 to 7 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 11; and one hour prior to services on Saturday. A reception will be held at the Moose Lodge in Whitefish following Mona's burial.

Arrangements are entrusted to Austin Funeral Home. You are invited to go to www.austinfh.com to offer condolences and view Mona's tribute wall.

Beth Adele Beller, 87

Beth Adele Beller, 87, passed away on Monday, March 7, 2011, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.



She was born on March 11, 1923, to Abraham and Clara (Gilbertson) Prestbye. She was proud to have been a lifelong resident of the Flathead Valley.

Beth Adele grew up in the Stillwater area, where she attended grade school. She also attended Central School and Flathead County High School, where she was a member of the Class of 1940.

Beth Adele was married to Alden Beller in 1945. She worked with her husband, Alden, in Kalispell School District No. 5 as the office manager for the Special Services Department.

After their retirement in 1980, Beth Adele wrote several books, including family history books, recipe books and "10¢ Coffee: The Story of Sykes Grocery and Market."

In the later years, Beth Adele looked forward to rummage sale season, where she would find lightly used Teddy bears for a great bargain. It was her joy to deliver them to Head Start to be passed out to the children. She also loved to do crossword puzzles, knit baby booties and talk to her family on her cell phone!

Beth Adele had many favorite charities, which she generously supported. Should you desire, memorials could be sent to any of the follow-

ing: Northridge Lutheran Church, Immanuel Lutheran Communities, Central School Museum, Samaritan House, Flathead Food Bank and ELCA Disaster Relief.

She is survived by her children, Don and Janan Beller of Kalispell, and Kathy and Darrell Buszmann, and Jane and Bill Carlson, all of Billings. Also surviving are her cherished grandchildren, Jeff and Sarah Buszmann of Billings, Ashley and Tim Quanbeck, and Hardin, Tristan and Forrest Leder, all of Missoula; and her sister, Alta and Don Gaarder of South Dakota. She is also survived by numerous cousins, nieces, nephews and her many friends and extended family at the Buffalo Hill Terrace where she had lived since August of 2000.

Her husband Alden, her brother Norman Prestbye, and her parents preceded her in death.

Services for Beth Adele will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, March 12, at Northridge Lutheran Church. A reception following the service will be from 2:15 to 3:15 p.m. at Buffalo Hill Terrace. Interment will be at 3:30 p.m. at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 2 to 6 p.m. Friday, March 11, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home, and from 1 to 1:20 p.m. (prior to the service) at Northridge Lutheran Church.

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

Leslie Ann Bergman-Lewellen, 62

Leslie Ann Bergman-Lewellen, 62, of Kalispell, died Friday, Sept. 23, 2011, at her home surrounded by loved ones,



after a battle with metastatic alveolar rhabdomyosarcoma.

For her children she showed strength and courage during her four-month struggle. She continues the battle with cancer, as she donated her body to medical science and education research. Her generous donation will allow research institutions to discover new ways to fight serious diseases and disorders such as cancer.

Leslie was the fifth of eight children to Walter "Boots" Bergman and Nellie "Toots" Hegg-Bergman.

Leslie was educated in Kalispell schools where she lived her entire life. Kalispell is where she met and married Jesse Lewellen. Together they had five children.

In December of 1981 Leslie and her children were sadly left alone with the death of her husband Jesse. A popular quote heard from Mom to her kids was, "No matter how bad you think you've got it, there are others who have it worse." This was an important lesson she imparted to her kids. Self-pity was not tolerated.

Another fun quote was, "If you're doing something you don't want anyone to know about, you shouldn't be doing it."

Leslie was a fanatic when it came to her children and their sporting events. Often she could be distinctly heard from the crowd cheering. The cheering was mixed, sometimes with joy and elation, and other times with despair and agony. No matter the outcome, she was always a proud and supportive mother. How did she juggle the needs of five children, school, and extra activities all while working sometimes two jobs?

When Leslie became a grandmother, the word "no" magically disappeared from her vocabulary. With grandbabies, it was love times 10. Nothing was off limits when it came to the babies, all to the dismay of her children who had to "grin and bear it." Leslie once volunteered as a crossing guard, simply to be the first to see her grandson William after school.

Food and people were her passion, and she made a

successful career at it. Her strong and long career in the food service industry brought her great satisfaction, respect and many close friends.

Leslie owned and operated a catering business, which hosted some of her closest friends' parties and gatherings. This industry was a perfect fit for a mother who loved nothing more than to feed people and make them feel good.

While great food and special parties played a large role in Leslie's life, her five children came first and foremost. She was the proud mother of four sons and one daughter.

She was a strong and honest woman who faced adversity without self-pity. Through her own resilience, humor and great work ethic, she set an example and a standard for her children to follow. She believed children should be loved and feel lovable and that they should be respectful and responsible. Leslie was not only a mother to her own, but she opened her home to countless others in need.

She enjoyed playing poker, doing crossword puzzles and countless games of Scrabble with her best friend, and the love of her life, Chad Sylvester. She loved to play cards, not just for the game, but mostly for the deep friendships she had developed with her "poker buddies."

She is survived by her children, Jess and Deb Lewellen; Richard and Bobbi Jo Lewellen, and their children, Kiah, Kate, Angelo and Anyssa; daughter, Lisa Lewellen and her son, Masen Povich-Lewellen; Bill and Cecilia Lewellen, and their children, William and Brady; and Ben Lewellen.

She had seven siblings, all of whom she loved deeply, Barbara Sundberg, Arlene Eakert, Linda Ward, Connie Bergmann, Janice Geldrich, Sharon Omholt and Richard "Bick" Bergmann; and several nieces and nephews; and her love and best friend Chad Sylvester.

We would like to sincerely thank friends and family who assisted with care. We would also like to give a special thanks to aunt and sister Jan Geldrich who went above and beyond with selfless giving.

A celebration of Leslie's life will be held at 2 p.m. Oct. 15 at the Red Lion Hotel in Kalispell.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to either St. Jude Children's Hospital or the Violence Free Crisis Line of Kalispell.

Darwin Keith Berosik, 44

Darwin Keith Berosik passed away Saturday, May 7, 2011, from a longtime illness. He was 44 years of age.

Loved ones who preceded him in death were his mother, Lavonne Ivers, and his grandparents, Joe and Ella Berosik.

Darwin was a longtime truck driver and enjoyed camping and four-wheeling. He left behind his one best love and trucking buddy, Trouble, his faithful dog.

Darwin leaves behind his father, Jerrold; his mother, Sallie; brother, Ken, and his wife, Vicki, of Coram; brother, Steve, and his wife, Heather, of Florida; sister, Cammie Bean, of Kalispell; and sister, Terrie Lee Bunting, of Minnesota; aunt, Sharon Berosik-Whippel of Arizona; uncle, Joe Berosik, of Kalispell; nieces, Kindie, Brook and Gabbie; and one nephew, Tyler; and several cousins.

The family will be having private services.

Neil Martin 'Bert' Bertelsen, 86

Neil Bertelsen, surrounded by his family and loving wife, Phyllis "Pete," passed away peacefully at his home on June 18, 2011.



He was the fourth child of Nels and Kathleen (O'Neill) Bertelsen. Bert was born July 11, 1924, in Bowbells, N.D., moving to the Flathead Valley when he was 11 years old. He graduated from Flathead County High School in 1943 where he earned honors in three sports and was captain of the football team his senior year. As a member of the Civil Air Patrol, Neil earned his pilot's license before high school graduation.

He joined the Army Air Corps, serving as a pilot from 1943 to 1946 during World War II. After Neil's discharge from the service, he met and married Phyllis Arlene Peterson in Kalispell on Oct. 27, 1946. Together they raised four children, Kathy Jo, Steven Neil, Georgina Kay and Laurie Ann. Bert and Pete would have celebrated their 65th anniversary in October.

Neil loved sports and passed this passion on to his family. He served as a basketball referee and enjoyed playing town league baseball and men's volleyball. Later he was a loyal Loggers fan and followed the athletic careers of his son and grandchildren.

Bert excelled in multiple careers. He was a successful pilot, operating a charter business and teaching many Libby residents to fly. He worked as a carpenter by day and a Hamilton Bonds salesman by evening. Neil spent 41 years in the insurance business as an agent for Farmer's Insurance. Bert and Pete built and operated A&W Root Beer Franchises in Libby, Kalispell and Columbia Falls. Bert was a visionary and found his calling when he entered the real estate business.

Bert and Pete built their retirement home at Crystal Lake where they continued

in the real estate and development business. They entertained friends and family at the lake and traveled extensively. Bert's favorites were the Mystery Tours, river boat trips, and Hawaii.

One of Pete and Bert's favorite pastimes was burning up the dance floor. Bert was a 50-year member of the Elks and 60-year member of the American Legion. Mr. B. enjoyed pheasant hunting, perch fishing, ice skating and four-wheeling at the lake. He loved golfing, even without a backswing to speak of, and snow skiing trips with family and lifelong friends. He was always up for a good wager, whether it was the horse races or a card game, especially cribbage or fire hall poker.

Bert is survived by one sister, Minrada Lemmons, of California; his wife, Phyllis; his children, Kathy and Yusef Quidwai of Omak, Wash., Steve and Deb Bertelsen, and Georgina and Dennis Woody, all of Libby, and Laurie and Mark Salo of Bozeman; grandchildren, Aliya Quidwai, Keevin and Steven Bertelsen, Shannon, Alaena and Jimmy Woody, and Whitney and Jordan Salo; and nine great-grandchildren.

Bert was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers and two sisters.

Bert and Pete were role models for our family, teaching us the meaning of unconditional love and true commitment. We are proud to call Neil Bertelsen our Dad.

Visitation will be from 3 to 8 p.m. Friday, June 24, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Please join the family in a celebration of his life at 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 25, at the funeral home with burial to follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens. A gathering for friends and family will take place at the Elks Lodge at 3 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, please make memorial donations to the Shriners Children's Hospital, the ALERT Foundation or Home Options Hospice.

To send a note of condolence, please go to www.buffalohillfh.com. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

William Louis 'Popo' Bertino, 73

Lt. Col. William Louis "Popo" Bertino, U.S.A.F. retired,



73, of Columbia Falls, passed away peacefully at Hospice of Arizona. Surrounded by his family, he died in his wife's arms on Oct. 23, 2011.

He was born in Culbertson on March 17, 1938, to Italian immigrant parents.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Louis and Clarice Bertino; and brother, Clarence Bertino.

He is survived by his wife, Marilyn, of 50 years; son, Bryant, and his two grandchildren, Nadia and Louis Bertino, whom he loved dearly. He is also survived by three nieces, two nephews, two great-nieces and one great-nephew.

He met his wife Mari-

lyn Sheppard in October of 1959 and married his "one true love" on Oct. 15, 1961.

He was a navigator in the U.S.A.F. and a veteran of the Vietnam War; he served for 22 years. He was an engineer and worked as a defense contractor for 15 years at TRW in Colorado Springs, Colo.

His hobbies were to tinker around with vintage cars and trucks. He lovingly maintained and restored his vintage racing Alfa Romeo.

He always had a passion for the mountains of Montana and Colorado where he would hike and fish.

Services were held on Oct. 29 at Hansen Desert Hills Memorial Park in Scottsdale, Ariz.

His family would like to thank Hospice of Arizona for all their help and support during his final days.

Bruce Beaudry, 55

Bruce Beaudry, 55, of Ronan died on Saturday, Sept. 3, 2011, at his home in Ronan.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 8,

at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Libby.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Libby.

Lucille Lillian Beaudry, 85

Lucille Lillian "Lil" Beaudry (White Horse), 85, formerly of Libby, died Sunday, July 3, at her home in Polson.

She is survived by her children including Gary "Jamie" Beaudry of Bigfork and Bruce Beaudry of Polson.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, July 8, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Libby. Visitation will be from 1 to 7 p.m. on Thursday with Rosary at 7 p.m.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Libby.

Joseph L. Beaudion, 84

Joseph L. Beaudion died at his home on Sept. 26, 2011, after a lengthy illness.

Joe was born on Aug. 4, 1927, in Butte, the only child of Louis and Pearl Beaudion.

Joe spent his childhood and early adulthood in Butte.

Joe was a decorated veteran, having served his country in the Marine Corps from 1945 to 1952. He saw action in Korea during the Korean conflict.

He married Mary Veronica Monahan in 1949. They had five children, Vonnice, twins Joe and Ann Marie, Jim and Mike. Mary Veronica preceded him in death in 1969.

After leaving the Marine Corps, Joe worked for "Ma Bell" in Butte for about eight years. He then worked for ACS in Juneau, Alaska, for a time. It was there, in 1968, he saved a 10-year-old boy from drowning. He received a commendation from the United States Air Force for his actions.

Joe then returned to Great Falls and worked at Malmstrom Air Force Base. In 1973 he returned to Alaska with Copper Valley Telephone. He was involved in major changes in the phone company in Valdez as the town grew from a population of 1,000 to 10,000 due to the construction of the Trans Alaska Pipeline. At one time, he was the only telephone man in town.

It was in Valdez that he



met Carol. They were married in Fairbanks, Alaska, on Dec. 23, 1974. Their son, Charles, was born in 1977.

In 1983 Joe returned to Montana and with Carol, established the first One Hour Photo Lab in Kalispell. They operated the lab in Ashley Square until 1986, when they moved into the "new" Kalispell Center Mall.

They sold the lab in 1998 and retired. Joe and Carol "snow birded" for several years before Joe's illness restricted travel.

Joe was active in Kiwanis for a number of years and served one year as president.

In addition to his first wife, Joe was preceded in death by his son, James; daughters, Ann Marie and Vonnice; and grandsons, Matt and Mark.

He is survived by his wife, Carol; of the family home; sons, Joe Beaudion of Chugiak, Alaska, Mike Beaudion and wife Joyce of Valdez, Alaska, and Charles Beaudion of Gillette, Wyo.; stepson, Bill Ellis, and his wife, Melanee, of Eugene, Ore.; and stepdaughter, Jamie Zeigler, of Toledo, Ohio; also by his special sister-in-law, Ann Jean Schopfer and her husband Ken, of Butte; 12 grandchildren; and numerous other extended family members and friends.

Joe had a great sense of humor and will be sorely missed by family and friends.

Cremation has taken place. Private family services will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, a donation to Special "K" Ranch, MDA, hospice or a charity of the donor's choice is suggested.

Robert 'Marc' Bielenberg, 91

Robert "Marc" Bielenberg, 91, passed away in his sleep at the family's Bigfork farm early Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2011.



Marc was born in Deer Lodge in 1920. Both his parents and other ancestors were Montana pioneers, of whom he was always proud, one of whom was Conrad Kohrs of the Kohrs and Bielenberg ranches and mining companies. Many years of his youth were spent researching and prospecting gold properties in western Montana, a process he continued well into his late 80s and early 90s.

He attended the University of Montana and Montana School of Mines. Marc was a World War II veteran and served in the Navy in the Pacific Theatre.

He was married to Mary Brome in Missoula in 1956 and they had two children, Brome and Claudia. The family lived on a lovely lake property near Avon where Marc made a living with his mining activities, trapping and raising rainbow trout. Some of the family's happiest times were spent at the lake place. Many a winter's day after a huge snowstorm, Marc could be found snowshoeing out of the property to pick up mail and groceries in Avon.

In the 1960s the family moved to the Bitterroot and lived in Hamilton. He and his family were owners of two Montana sapphire properties, one on the West Fork of Rock Creek, and the other on Dry Cottonwood Creek in the Deer Lodge Valley. His research and promotional efforts in regard to the Montana sapphire earned him recognition from the School of Mines in Butte in 2004.

He was also the subject in the book, "Rubies and Sapphires," and was named "Mr. Sapphire" by the authors.

He and his wife were able to travel and visit many places around the world, in the company of wonderful, interesting friends. In his later years he enjoyed prospecting with many young metal detector friends and was forever looking for the mother lode. During the past summer his helpers enjoyed traveling with him to visit friends and prospect in the mountains. Many a story and laugh were shared on these journeys.

He was fond of his daughter and son-in-law, and loved living on the farm with the assistance of three lovely ladies, Kelly Inlay, Cindy Stretch and Jean Laurant. He always maintained a sense of humor and loved to tell stories of his youth. Also in his company was one lovely black cat, Nugget, who was with Marc the night he died.

Preceding him in death were his son by a first marriage, Robbie; son, Brome; and wife, Mary.

He leaves a daughter, Claudia, and Lloyd Thorsrud on the farm, along with "surrogate" granddaughter Hyamin, currently in the U.S. Air Force; nephew, Danny Bielenberg, of Seeley Lake; Solo, Radar, Rocky, Apollo, Honey and Cheval, whom he loved to watch out in the pastures; also his "granddog" Tippy, Cassie and Nugget.

At Marc's request, no services are planned.

Memorial donations may be made to the Mineral Museum at Montana Tech, c/o Richard Berg, Butte, MT; or to the Florence Crittendon Home in Helena, 901 N. Harris St., Helena, MT 59601.

Friends are encouraged to visit the website, www.buffalohillfh.com, to leave notes of condolence for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Sidney 'Sid' Bitney, 58

Sidney "Sid" Bitney, 58, passed away peacefully at his home on Sept. 24, 2011, after a two-year battle with cancer.



Sid was born April 17, 1953, in Kalispell, to Duane and Betty Bitney. He graduated from Flathead High School in 1971.

He then attended Eastern Montana College in Billings where he was very active in the community organizing numerous fundraisers, serving as a resident assistant, and holding office in the student government. He graduated in 1976 with a degree in business.

After college, Sid returned to the Flathead Valley where he pursued his dream of running the family business, Bitney's Furniture. During this time he worked his way up from the sales department to owner. He was very dedicated to his work and even as the owner he could be found moving furniture, making a delivery, or pushing a broom. Sid's hard work helped to make it a very successful business that continues today.

Sid was well known for his sense of humor and always had a joke or funny story to share. He loved to spend time with family and friends.

He loved to golf, hunt and fish, and made many of his closest friends through these activities. Every year, the highlight of Sid's spring and fall was the Mack Days fishing tournament on Flathead Lake. Sid always managed to keep everyone updated on how many fish he had caught for the tournament.

Sid was a devoted husband, father and friend. He always looked for the best in everyone he met and could find humor in any situation.

Sid is survived by his wife, Dianne; daughters and their spouses, Charla and Josh Herbold, and Danya and Nate Olson; sons, Kyle and Cory; and grandchildren, Aeroh and Rohn Olson. He is also survived by his parents, Duane and Betty; siblings, Rod, Sandy and husband Larry Heuscher, Cindy, and Bye and wife Kay.

A celebration of life will be held for Sid at 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 1, at the Christian Center in Kalispell.

The family asks in lieu of flowers that donations be made to the Kidney Cancer Research Fund, c/o Dr. John Thompson, SCCA, 825 East Lake Ave. E., Seattle, WA 98109.

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

Noreen Hazel Bjork, 99

On May 7, 2011, Noreen Hazel Bjork "went home to be with the Lord." She was 99 years old.



Noreen was born on Feb. 28, 1912, to Charles and Anna Bartlett in Bigfork, joining her sister Mabel and brother Julius.

Noreen's father worked as a barber and a meat cutter while her mother was a homemaker. When Noreen was a year old the family moved to Colorado where the family homesteaded, and the children attended a one room country school. Noreen's father and sister were musicians and she recalled fondly attending Saturday night dances from the time she was 6.

Noreen and her sister moved back to Bigfork to be near their grandparents.

On March 18, 1934, Noreen married Fred Albert Bjork, whom she met through her sister who was married to his cousin. They had a son Jack, and a daughter Deanna.

They worked the family farm in Bigfork with Fred's father and later with their son Jack. Noreen and Fred also worked at Hofert Nursery tree farm and shared a love of horses. Noreen kept busy helping with the cows, chickens, pigs and Shetland ponies. The couple also tended a large garden and sold raspberries to Eva Gates Preserves, as well as canning and sharing the vegetables they grew.

Noreen enjoyed visiting, reading, (she would read

anything and everything), and having company for dinner. She and Fred went on many day trips, exploring all that Montana has to offer. They were also members of the Little Brown Church in Bigfork.

Fred and Noreen moved to Kalispell in 1997 to be closer to their daughter, and moved to Immanuel Lutheran Home on Oct. 16, 2001.

Noreen was preceded in death by father, Charles Bartlett; mother, Anna Bartlett; husband, Fred Bjork; brother, Julius Bartlett; sister, Mabel Bjork; son, Jack Bjork; and grandson, Rick Bjork.

Noreen is survived by daughter, Deanna Hagerman, and husband, Larry, c Kalispell; daughter-in-law, Carol Bjork, of Bigfork; granddaughter, Jackie Lynn Bjork, of Bigfork; granddaughter, Leann Marvin, and husband, Ken, of Creston; granddaughter, Karen Francis, and husband, Robert, of Kalispell; great-grandsons, Luke and Larry Francis of Kalispell, and Chandler and Morgan Marvin of Creston; as well as numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

Noreen was a wonderful mother, grandmother and friend; she will be greatly missed by many.

A tribute and celebration of life memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, May 12, at the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Chapel.

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

Harley B. Blankenship, 74

Harley B. Blankenship, 74, a 10-year resident of Bigfork, passed away after a courageous battle with complications due to leukemia on Dec. 13, 2011.

Harley was born in Yakima, Wash., on Dec. 8, 1937, to Harold and Catherine Blankenship. He graduated from Tulelake High School in 1955 and proceeded to Oregon State University, where he not only earned a bachelor's degree in science, but met his wife of 49 years, Diana.

Shortly after college, Harley earned the rank of captain in the United States Army. He subsequently went on to serve as a highway patrolman for the state of Oregon.

He started his career in 1965 at the Segal Company in Los Angeles as an actuarial consultant. He moved on to the Screen Actors Guild in 1983, serving as their pension and health plan administrator.

In 1989, Harley took his expertise to the Motion Picture Industry Pension and



Health Plans where he served as executive administrative director. He ultimately retired in 2009, serving as special administrative consultant to the Motion Picture Industry Pension and Health Plans.

To that end, Harley was involved for many years with the Motion Picture and Television Fund as director of their annual Heartbeat of Hollywood Golf Tournament, which helps provide health care for those associated with the entertainment industry.

Harley, however, was happiest riding his Harley Davidson about Montana with his wife, Diana, and playing with his grandchildren.

Harley was not only often described as a gentleman, but the gentlest of men.

Harley is survived by his wife, Diana, daughters, Cynthia Lightfoot and Christine Bajari, sons-in-law, Steve Lightfoot and Mark Bajari, and grandchildren, Stephen, Owen, Audrey, Emma and Forrest.

Services are pending and will be held early summer 2012.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to ALERT Air Ambulance Program/NWHC Foundation, 310 Sunnyview Lane, Kalispell, Montana 59901, or to www.nwhc.org/foundation.

Jeanne Blend, 88

Jeanne Blend, 88, died peacefully on Dec. 31, 2011, at Brendan House.

She was born Jan. 13, 1923, in Boonville, Mendocino County, Calif. A fourth-generation native Californian, she was proud of her pioneer heritage.

Her parents were John and Ferol (Lawson) Slotte. Jeanne's earliest childhood years were spent in redwood logging camps in Mendocino County, then in Boonville at "Camp Rest-A-While," an auto camp owned by her parents.

In order to be closer to a university, Jeanne's family moved to Eureka, Calif., for her senior year of high school, which was followed by earning a two-year commercial diploma at Humboldt State.

At age 20, Jeanne was irresistibly drawn to the excitement of "The City," and moved south to San Francisco where she lived in "The Girls' Friendly Society Lodge." She worked as a legal secretary, with impressive Gregg shorthand and typing skills.

On May 13, Mother's Day, 1945, she married her brother's best friend, Leslie Ralph Blend, also of Eureka. World War II was on, and Les was serving in the Navy.

After the war, Jeanne continued work as a legal secretary while Les studied engineering at University of California-Berkeley. Her secretarial career encompassed many interesting times, including typing up the incorporation papers for a brand new company called Hewlett Packard.

In 1949, Les and Jeanne designed and built their first home in Menlo Park, Calif., where they began raising a family of five children. In 1963-64, they designed and built a larger home in Los Altos Hills.

Jeanne's first priority was keeping one step ahead of their five children and providing a home environment that welcomed any child or adult who might need a meal, a place to stay, and a listening



heart. Over the years, dozens of people called the Blend's home "home."

Later, Jeanne and Les moved to Del Monte Avenue in Los Altos, where they lived for 25 years.

After the children were raised, Jeanne returned to Foothill College and earned an Associate of Arts degree in women's studies.

For many years she was an avid participant in memoir-writing classes. She self-published her mother's memoirs, "School Bell Memories," which was distributed in historical societies throughout Northern California. She enjoyed writing in her diary, which she kept nearly every day since she was 13 years old.

Jeanne was a member of the Peninsula Bible Church in Palo Alto, where she and Les attended regularly for nearly 50 years. She enjoyed travel, taking many trips abroad and in the camper. She stayed in touch with many cherished friends and family members by sending cards and letters.

In the last five years of her life, she moved to be closer to her family — first to Santa Rosa, Calif., and then to Kalispell.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Les Blend, in 2009.

She is survived by daughter, Lorna Blend, and husband, David Politzer, of Scottsdale, Ariz.; daughter, Jordonna Does, and husband, Michael Does, of Bigfork; daughter, Kerry Cambio, and husband, Norm Koontz, of Sonoma, Calif.; daughter, Judy Mayfield, of Spreckles, Calif.; son, Michael Blend, and wife, Diana Blend, of Kalispell; and 11 grandchildren.

The family wishes to thank the staff of Brendan House for their kindness and excellent care over the past two years.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. today, Jan. 3, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. Burial will take place in Sonoma.

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

Georgiana (Hartsell) Boehler, 83

Georgiana (Hartsell) Boehler died Friday, April 15, 2011, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30

a.m. Saturday, May 7, at Holy Family Catholic Church in Anaconda.

Arrangements are under the care of K.T. Riddle Funeral Home.

Donald A. Blair, 77

Donald A. Blair passed "from this life into eternity" at his home near Columbia Falls on Aug. 23, 2011, following a brief, but heroic surrender to cancer.

Don was born in Kalispell on Nov. 19, 1933, the only son of Curtis M. and Clara E. Blair of Apgar, on Lake McDonald. He attended four years of elementary at the Apgar School before moving to Columbia Falls where his mother Clara had taken a teaching position. He continued to spend his summers at the family home in Apgar until 1955 when the property was sold back to the Park Service, and Curtis and Clara took up permanent residency in Columbia Falls.

After short stints of working at Plum Creek and on the Great Northern Railroad, Don enlisted in the Navy in 1953. Following four years of service he returned home and landed a civil service job as a building systems and maintenance foreman at the new Air Force base in Glasgow.

In 1962, Donald married Marion Plante of Grand Forks, N.D., who was a second grade teacher in the Glasgow East Side Elementary School.

Anticipating the closure of the Glasgow Base, Don moved his family back to the Flathead Valley in 1967 and began to work at the Lakeside Radar Base on Flathead Lake. Following the closure of the Lakeside Base, Don transferred to the U.S. Forest Service in 1978 and worked in many locations including Condon, Bigfork, Big Creek, Ford Station, Hungry Horse and Spotted Bear in the South Fork.

In 1981 Don completed 25



years of civil service and retired from government work. From 1981 to 1989, he worked in maintenance at the Montana State Veterans Home in Columbia Falls. Don was also a member of the Badrock Volunteer Fire Department for 21 years, serving as a member of the board as well.

Don loved the outdoors, especially hunting and fishing with his friends. Every summer he took great pride in preparing and harvesting his garden. He also loved spending time with his four grandchildren. He will be remembered as an honest, hard working, giving and loving husband, father, grandfather and friend, who will be greatly missed.

Donald was preceded in death by his parents; and one son, "Angel Don Blair."

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Marion; and his three children, Craig Blair of Orlando, Fla., Charmaine Cornelius and husband David Baker of Columbia Falls, and Kent Blair and wife Tina of Columbia Falls; as well as four grandchildren, Tyler Donald Cornelius, Curtis and Kiannah Blair, and Rico Rothermel.

A funeral service for family and friends will take place at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 27, at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. A reception will follow at the Fellowship Alliance Church. Burial with military honors will take place at 2:30 p.m. in the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family wishes to express their sincere appreciation and heartfelt thanks to the staff of Frontier Hospice for the friendship, care and loving kindness they have extended to the entire family.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers memorial contributions in memory of Donald may be made to either the Badrock Volunteer Fire Department or Friends of Hospice.

Arrangements are entrusted to Columbia Mortuary

Beverly Joyce Blankenship, 87

Beverly Joyce Blankenship, 87, a sweet and gentle spirit, "joined Our Lord" on May 9, 2011.

Beverly had been residing at The Springs Assisted Living facility in Whitefish, having battled with dementia for the past few years.

Beverly was the first of four children, born to Glenn and Ruth (Kittleston) Getter in Cut Bank on Oct. 30, 1923. She was followed by her loving brothers, Ralph E. Getter, Tom I. Getter, and Bruce E. Getter.

After graduating from high school in Cut Bank in 1941, she spent one year at Northern Montana College. She remarked that it was not much fun at college because there were no boys; they were all off to war.

On Aug. 8, 1945, Beverly married Ray Blankenship of Whitefish. She and Ray continued to live in Cut Bank for the next 20 years, with the exception of one Korean War year in Tacoma, Wash., near her favorite aunt and uncle, Tom and Millie Martin. In Glacier County they built their business and family, which quickly expanded to four children, John, Terry, Tom and Ellen. Beverly was a wonderful mother, active in the Saddle Club, Eastern Star, PEO, Presbyterian Church and Girl Scouts.

In her younger years she had worked at various jobs, including Glacier Production, Glenn Getter Trucking and the Great Northern Railway, and later, for the Union Oil Company.

Several years after her divorce from Ray in 1963, she remarried and moved to Helena. Combining two families proved too difficult and she was soon on her own again, by this time in "the big city." A very gregarious and easygoing woman, she found work with Morrison-Maierle Architects and Engineers, the American Lung Association and the American Federal Savings Bank, from which she eventually retired.

In her later years her youngest daughter, Ellen and husband Frank, provided her with her only two grandchildren, from whom she got much satisfaction.

She was deeply involved and committed to her church, the First Presbyterian Church of Helena, and her Church Circle Group. She had a longtime involvement and commitment to the Sapphira Daughters of the Nile, the Josephine Hepner No. 82

Order of the Eastern Star, and PEO, where she developed and nurtured many devoted friendships. Her friendships were not for the moment but were for life.

Beverly was always ready to go. Her love of travel, whether it be in her car dashing off to Seattle, San Francisco, Spokane, Butte, Cut Bank or Whitefish, or on a bus tour with her Nile Patrol, or even flying off to Europe kept her looking forward to the next adventure. "It seemed God or Bruce was always looking after her. With any mishap or lost direction there was always a guardian angel to rescue her and send her safely on her way."

Beverly loved to work in the yard, and weeds beware! She would grab an errant weed and yank it out without skipping a beat. Cooking and baking, however, were her forte, not as an end in themselves, but as an act of sharing with her friends and family. There was rarely a gathering for which she didn't offer her frosted ginger cream cookies (Fie on he or she who took the last one!) her apple, huckleberry, cherry or pumpkin pies, her famous fried chicken or one of her special casseroles. A command performance was not unusual.

Beverly is survived by her brother, Bruce E. Getter, of Whitefish; son, John, of Berkeley, Calif.; son, Tom, of Helena; daughter, Ellen, and Frank Wesolovski, of West Glacier; grandchildren, Heather and Alex Wesolovski; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Glenn and Ruth Getter; her daughter, Terry; and brothers, Ralph and Tom.

A memorial service is scheduled for 2 p.m., June 18, at the First Presbyterian Church in Helena.

Another memorial service will take place at 4 p.m., Aug. 1, at 750 Birch Point Drive in Whitefish, preceding the burial of her ashes in the Getter family plot at Crown Hill Cemetery.

Memorials may be sent to the Shiners Hospital in Spokane.

The family sincerely thanks The Springs Assisted Living of Whitefish and Hospice for their wonderful loving care and consideration to Beverly and the family. She was always treated with dignity and respect.

Marvin William Black, 86

Marvin William Black of Kalispell died Jan. 15, 2011, at 11:50 p.m. According to his wishes, he passed peacefully



in the presence of his closest friends, in the last home that he built.

He was born on Nov. 10, 1924, to William and Ella Black in the Ohio Camp of Sunburst, Mont., grew up in Oilmont and graduated from Oilmont High School.

Marvin served in the U.S. Navy during World War II in the Pacific. As one of his accomplishments, he was a Master Mason of Pondera Lodge No. 80 in Conrad. In his long, dynamic life, he was a building contractor in Denver, as Marvin Custom Builder, and more recently in Kalispell as Marvin's Handy, building homes, doing small remodels and custom tile work, retiring just two years ago. Marvin was an avid dancer, doing contra, polka, and international folk dancing all over the United States. In recent years, he learned duplicate bridge and played the game three times a week.

In the last two months of his life, Marvin completed a driving tour of the country, sightseeing and visiting family in Vermont, New York, Georgia, Louisiana,

Oklahoma, and Colorado. He was active and fit all his life and will be lovingly remembered by his family and many friends. Marv taught by example, and we will thoughtfully reflect on his genuine appreciation for the gifts in each new day.

He was predeceased by three brothers, Daniel Black, Alton Black, and Robert Black; and by his son, Thomas Alan Black.

Marvin is survived by his sisters, Louise Ritchey of Tulsa, Okla., and Roberta Bowen of Great Falls; and his brother, John Black and wife, Frances, of Columbia, Mo.

He leaves a daughter, Betty Jo Black of Strafford, Vt.; son, Marvin Benjamin Black of Denver; stepson, Michael Koness and wife, Sandy, of Kalispell; grandchildren, Raymond Frush, Elizabeth Rogers, Sarah Bridges, Will Koness, Shea Koness, nine great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. Acknowledgement is also given to Sherry SHEME, a close and dear friend of Marvin's, as well as dance partner of many years.

The family is planning a memorial service to be held in the spring in Kalispell.

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

Robert Stanley Black, 81

Robert Stanley Black passed away May 15, 2011.



Robert was born to Otis and Marie Black, April 5, 1930, in Colville, Wash.

He married his high school sweetheart, Barbara Jean Phillips, in 1949.

Bob and Barbara raised four children in the Flathead Valley, then moved to the Washington coast and enjoyed many years of boating in the San Juans with family members, and many friends. In 1995 they moved back to Kalispell to be near their family.

Bob was an electrician and retired from BPA in 1992. He was a member of the IBEW and earned his 55-year member award. He was also in the Navy Reserves.

Robert is survived by his four children, daughter, Linda Sager, and husband, Robert, of Ronan; son, Bob Black, and wife, Becky, of Kalispell; daughter, Diane

Volkman, and husband, Victor, of Columbia Falls; and daughter, Karen Black, of Kalispell; 12 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandson; his brother, Lester Black, and wife, Anna, from Federal Way, Wash.; sister, Della Beller, and husband, Russell, from Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; and sister, Delores Peters, from Columbia Falls; sister-in-law, Phyllis Getchell, and husband, Scotty, from Pasco, Wash.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Bob's strength of character and reliability will always be a treasured memory.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, May 19, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home in Kalispell, officiated by Pastor Tom Gopp. A reception will immediately follow. Viewing will be from 4 to 8 p.m., May 18, at Buffalo Hill Chapel.

Memorials may be made to Alzheimer's Disease Research, www.ahaf.org, or the charity of your choice.

To send condolences to the family, please go to www.buffalohillfh.com.

Jewel (Parrott) Blades, 67

Jewel (Parrott) Blades went peacefully at home "to be with her Heavenly Father" July 18, 2011, in Twin Falls, Idaho, after a very courageous battle with pancreatic cancer.



Jewel was born on Dec. 14, 1943, in Twin Falls.

A very devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister and aunt, she loved most of all to be surrounded by and spend time with her family. She also loved to camp, fish, spend time gardening and watch the birds at her bird-feeders.

Among numerous jobs, Jewel worked at Buttrey Foods for seven and a half years. In 1994, she and her husband started and are still operating Jewel's Home Care where they have been blessed to help many.

Roger and Jewel moved to Montana where they built a home but returned to Twin Falls after she became ill to

be around her family.

She is survived by her loving husband and best friend, Roger Blades; three children from a former marriage, Tami (Rudy) and Scott Brown of Anchorage, Alaska, Amy (Rudy) Jaquith of LaGrande, Ore., and Rick Rudy of Boise, Idaho; and three stepchildren, Belinda Blades and David Day of Boise, Mitch and Sandy Blades of Kalispell, and Lee Blades of San Francisco. Jewel had 15 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her siblings, Bruce Parrott, Pat and Anita Parrott, Larry Parrott, Freda and Smitty Smith and Carol Featherston; and many other extended family members.

She was preceded in death by her parents, four brothers and one sister.

The family suggests memorials be given to your favorite cancer research organization.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Friday, July 22 at Rosenu Funeral Home in Twin Falls. Burial will follow at the Twin Falls Cemetery.

MEMORIAL FOR

Marvin W. Black

November 10, 1924 - January 15, 2011

Friends and family will gather to celebrate the life experience of Marvin W. Black at 2:00 pm, Saturday, May 7th at the Smith Valley Grange in Kalispell.

The memorial service will begin promptly at 2:00 with military honors. After the service, join us in tribute to Marvin's many years as a dancer with members of the Grin and Bear It String Band, who will play from 3:30 to 5:30 for a contra dance with caller Mark Matthews. We'll continue at 5:30 with a potluck and the sharing of colorful Marvin stories. Please bring only cold dishes, as no cooking will be available at the Grange.

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