

Marjorie Marian Moos Bolstad, 91

Marjorie Marian Moos Bolstad, 91, died from natural causes on Saturday night, Dec. 24, 2011, at WEL-Life Assisted Living in Kalispell.



She was born in Kalispell on Dec. 16, 1920, the fifth and youngest child of William and Wima Moos. She spent a happy childhood on the family's homestead along the banks of the Swan River in Ferndale. She and her siblings helped with an abundant garden of many fruits and vegetables, especially with the business of raising and selling strawberries. She attended Ferndale Elementary School and then attended Flathead High School, graduating in 1937. Her parents believed in the value of a high school education and sacrificed much to make sure all five children graduated from high school. Marge and her siblings boarded with families in Kalispell during the school year. Weather permitting, their dad would bring them home for the weekend using his only mode of transportation, a horse and buggy.

On Dec. 18, 1938 she married David Bolstad in Bigfork at the home of the presiding minister, Reverend Boade. They had four children, Sandra, Sue, William, and Kent. The family lived in several towns in eastern Montana and western North Dakota until they moved back to Bigfork in 1947.

Marge was a longtime member of the Ferndale Sewing Circle and was well-known for the embroidery and cross-stitch items she provided for the annual auction. Many people across the country have been recipients of her needlework. She was the clerk of the Ferndale School District for many years and was instrumental in starting the hot lunch program there.

She was a member of Bethany Lutheran Church since the early 1950s. She taught Sunday School, served on the women's board, belonged to the same Bible study group for years, and studied and trained to be a leader for the Bethel Series Bible study. She fondly remembered helping with many annual lute-fisk dinners, especially those held when Bethany Lutheran Church was located in the Swan River community and had no running water. They served over 500 people, hauling all the water they needed

Dave and Marge's home was always open to family, friends and whomever they met throughout the day. Everyone was warmly welcomed, the coffee was brewed, and many times a meal prepared. Marge was known for her mouth-watering homemade hamburger buns, so over the years many a guest requested and enjoyed grilled hamburgers with homemade potato salad. She was also known to whip up a delicious pie in a moment's notice.

Marge delivered mail between Bigfork, Swan Lake and Condon for many years and developed many friendships that continue to this day. After Dave retired in 1976, they spent winters in Borrego Springs, Calif., and summers in Ferndale. The Bolstad Homestead in Ferndale was called Borrego North because each summer they invited Borrego friends to park their motor homes at their place and enjoy the beautiful Big Sky Country. After Dave's death in 1993, Marge continued to spend her winters in the sun and warmth of Borrego Springs until the last two years. She and her sister, Dorothy O'Flynn, were forever grateful for the gift of sharing a home in Kalispell for ten summers during that time.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Sue Bolstad, in 1983; her husband of 54 years, Dave Bolstad, in 1993; and her daughter-in-law, Nan Bolstad, in 2010.

Also preceding her in death were her parents; sister, Gertrude Tykeson; brother, Fred Moos; and sister, Willie Saverud.

She is survived by her daughter, Sandy and Larry Walker of Seattle; son, Bill Bolstad of Jefferson, Ore.; and son, Kent and Mae Bolstad of Bigfork. Also surviving are six grandchildren, Jeff Walker, Muffy Walker, Erika Bolstad, Stephanie Vermeulen, Kyle Bolstad, and Melissa Armstrong; and seven great-grandchildren, Chase and Siever Walker, Elliott, Amelia and Samone Vermeulen, and Maya and Sofia Armstrong. Also surviving is her sister, Dorothy O'Flynn of Hamilton, N.Y.

Marge lived a complete life filled with faith, gratitude and love.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held at a later date.

The family suggests memorials to Bethany Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 398, Bigfork, MT 59911.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring

Ralph Douglas Boots, 87

Ralph Douglas Boots, 87, passed away on Aug. 28, 2011, at The Springs of Whitefish.



Ralph was born on July 1, 1924, in Fayette County, Ky., to Lucian Boots and Loraine (Miller) Boots.

Ralph married the love of his life, Irene Cox, on Aug. 14, 1968, in Brownsville, Tenn. They just recently celebrated their 43rd wedding anniversary.

He graduated from Campbellsville College and later secured his Doctorate of Theology degree. He then preached in various Southern Baptist Churches for 50-plus years.

Ralph enjoyed woodworking, building furniture, and he loved to watch professional wrestling. He was a member of the Southern Baptist Association in Florida and in Tennessee.

Ralph was preceded in death by his mother and father, Loraine and L.A. Boots; his son, Edward;

brothers, M.E. "Dude," John "Pete," and James; and his sister, Mable Wallace.

Ralph is survived by his wife, Irene Boots; and his children, Vernon Boots of Pahrump, Nev., Carolyn Rodgers and Brenda Franklin, of Campbellsville, Ky., Dianne Jackson of Pelahatchie, Miss., Lynda Saibini of Stafford, Va., and Cathy Dulin of Kalispell; and his sisters, Dorothy Brown of Warsaw, Ky., and Agnes Haddix of Verona, Ky.

The family would like to thank the staff of The Springs of Whitefish for their dedication and care of Ralph during the last two years, and the staff at Home Options Hospice for their loving care of Ralph during his final days.

Services for Ralph will be at 4 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 1, at Austin Funeral Home. There will be a visitation from 1 to 4 p.m. on Thursday prior to services.

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

Alice Jane Bongiani, 87

Alice Jane Bongiani, 87, passed away Monday, Jan. 2, 2012, at Lake View Care Center in Bigfork.



Alice was born Oct. 12, 1924, in Glasgow, the second of seven children to Peter and Mary Caricaburu. She was raised on ranches near Nashua and Glasgow.

Alice attended country school and graduated from Glasgow High School, where she excelled in typing and shorthand.

She married John Bongiani in Glasgow Oct. 2, 1954.

Her first employment was with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Fort Peck. She later moved to Billings and worked for Carter Oil (now Exxon) and Farmers Insurance. She was last employed by Kelly Services and received the Employee of the Year award in 1983.

After retiring, she moved to Bigfork in 1986. Alice was a member of the Blessed John Paul II Catholic Church and a member of the CCW. She also enjoyed volunteering in community activities.

Alice enjoyed traveling in most of the U.S., Western

Canada and Europe. She liked to read, do needlecraft, and enjoyed cooking, baking, gardening and especially spending time with her grandchildren.

Alice was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother and will be missed by all who knew her.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, John and Leonard; and a sister, Geny Kotecki.

Alice is survived by her husband, John Bongiani, of Bigfork; son, Perry, and Ann Bongiani, of Sammamish, Wash.; two grandchildren, Tyler and Lauren Bongiani, of Sammamish; her sisters, Grace Krall of Reno, Nev., Marion Caricaburu of Denver, and Helen Dyba of Billings; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Alice's life will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 6, at Blessed John Paul II Catholic Church.

The family suggests memorial remembrances to the church or to the charity of your choice.

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.

Joseph David Bortz, 74

Joseph David Bortz, 74, passed away on Wednesday, March 23, 2011, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.



He was born April 10, 1936, in Harrisburg, Pa., to Forrest and Pearl (Boyer) Bortz.

After a trip to Montana at age 16, Joe made the decision that after his military service he would make the state of Montana his home. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps as a bandsman in the Marine Band. After the service, Joe attended Montana State University and graduated with a bachelor's degree in education. Joe then taught at Bozeman Senior High School.

He met and married Sally Berg in 1962 and later had his son, Michael. They moved to Missoula in 1967, and he attended the University of Montana obtaining a Bachelor of Science, then Master of Science degree in forestry. Joe worked for the U.S. Forest Service for 14 years in Missoula, Troy and West Yellowstone.

Joe met and married Matsu Hori in 1980 and his son, David, was born. Joe quit working for the Forest Service to come to Kalispell to teach.

Joe was an accomplished musician and loved music deeply. He had mastered the trumpet and was very skilled in all the brass instruments. He belonged to many groups, including The Bavarian Echoes, Missoula Civic Symphony, Bend Oregon Orchestra, Kalispell City Band and Glacier Symphony.

Joe was an avid marksman and competed in the International Practical Shooting Confederation. He loved hunting and being in the outdoors.

Joe is survived by his wife, Matsu; son, Michael of Missoula; son, David and wife, Christy, of Vernal, Utah; and three grandchildren, Stephanie and husband, Chad, Zoey and Hailee.

Private family services are planned for a later date.

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

Robert Bos, 53

Robert Bos, 53, died in Whitefish on Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2011.

He is survived by his father, Darrell Bos.

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

Richard Raymond Bosnak, 68

Richard "went home to be with the Lord" on Oct. 5, 2011, after losing his battle with cancer at home surrounded by his family.



Richard was born Feb. 19, 1943, in Braddock, Pa., and raised in McKeesport, Pa. He entered the military and was stationed in Fort Riley, Kan., for three years in the early '60s. After the military, he became a truck driver for Rock Island Motor Transit Co., in Kansas City, Kan., for 10 years, then moved to Waterville, Kan., where he became chief of police from 1976 to 1985, then moved to Olathe, Kan., and worked for KRJ Trucking Co., then on to Columbia Falls in 1989 and was a school bus driver for Columbia Falls School District for 18 years.

Richard was married to the love of his life, Shirley Worthington Bosnak, for 47 years, and had four beautiful daughters, and

six grandchildren. Richard had a fun sense of humor and was loved by all who knew him. He was a lover of animals and a man of many talents. If it could be done, he could do it.

He loved hunting, camping with family and friends, fishing and, most of all, boating.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Raymond and Elizabeth Bosnak.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley Bosnak, of Columbia Falls; sister, Garnet Flarety, of White Oak, Pa.; daughters and their families, Lorie and Rex Stanton and their children, Brandon, Joshua and Kelsey, of Columbia Falls; April and Dick Lindeman of Columbia Falls; and Kimberly and Mike Mills, and their daughter, Lindsey, of Spokane; and Rachel and Chad Salonka and their children, Hannah and Logan, of Spokane.

"We will love you forever!"

A celebration of Richard's life will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 15, at Four Square Church, 233 Kalispell Ave., in Whitefish.

Dr. David William Bossler, 87

Dr. David William Bossler died Aug. 20, 2011, at his home on Angel Point, on Flathead Lake, with family at his side.

He was born on Nov. 13, 1923, in Livingston to Edna and Louis Bossler.

He grew up in Miles City with his sisters, Barbara and Lucille. After graduation, he attended Custer County Junior College for a year and then studied forestry at the University of Montana, before enlisting in the U.S. Army in December 1941. The Army sent David to Fordham University in New York for a year, then to fight in Northern France and the Rhineland. He was honorably discharged in December 1945 after extended treatment for trench foot. He vividly remembered being driven through Paris in an ambulance on his 21st birthday.

After the war, David fired a locomotive out of Miles City for a year for the Milwaukee Railroad. He then studied pre-med at Montana State University, graduating in 1948. He spent that summer driving tourists through Glacier Park as a gear jammer on bus 104. He had hiked throughout the park the previous summer.

He was accepted to North Western Medical School in Chicago after an interview with the dean of admissions who shared an interest in stone cutting and was impressed by David's collection of cut agates. He graduated from medical school in 1952. David interned in Salt Lake City and completed in surgical residency at Virginia Mason in Seattle. He then fell in love with "the most beautiful and competent nurse in the hospital," Ingrid Marie Olson.

He practiced briefly in Shelton, Wash., where his



first two daughters were born. Then he went back to Montana where he opened a practice in Helena with his great friend and partner, Dr. John Burgess. David was a well-loved family practitioner, skilled surgeon and anesthesiologist. He and Ingrid had three more daughters and then a son in Helena. David often reminisced about the bicycle tour of Europe the family took in 1972.

He was an avid skier, a state champion tennis player, and an inventor of duck blinds and bicycle packs. He held two U.S. patents, one for the design of a boat hull and the other for a mountaineering boot. He designed his homes and built his retirement home on the lake including the cabinetry, the furniture, as well as furniture for his children. He loved watching the sunset and moonrise across Flathead Lake, and driving the back roads of Montana.

He loved trumpet solos, hot fires and warm wool socks, dry martinis and poker games, and opening day of duck season with a good hunting dog. But most of all, he loved his wife, his children, and his grandchildren.

David is survived by his wife, Ingrid, and their six children, Kristine Wilkinson and John, Kathy Bossler, Karen Bossler and Brian Smith, Karol Cady, Karla Hart and Jay, and Bill Bossler. He also leaves behind 11 grandchildren. He will live in their hearts forever.

Upon David's request, no formal service will be held. A reception in Helena will be held at a later time.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that donations can be made in David's name to the Glacier Park Foundation, P.O. Box 15641, Minneapolis, MN 55415; or Ducks Unlimited.

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

Gregory Wayne Bothun, 58

Gregory Wayne Bothun, 58, passed away at his home in Coram due to medical complications on Monday, Oct. 3, 2011.

He was born on March 26, 1953, in Kalispell, the son of Clifford and Valdeas Bothun.

Greg was a member of one of the last classes to go through Demersville Elementary School south of Kalispell. His family owned and operated Four Corners Wrecking. Greg then attended Flathead High School, graduating in 1972 where he was a standout athlete for the Braves and was a member of the 1970 State Class AA Championship Football team.

After high school he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served in West Germany, and was discharged in 1978. Greg returned to the Flathead Valley and married Dawn Buzzell in 1979. They had three children together and raised them in the Columbia Falls area, and later divorced.

Greg worked over 23 years at Columbia Falls Aluminum Co. and retired due to an injury. He later worked in many fields, including construction, gunsmithing and reflexology. Greg was an inventor and enjoyed creating things for his home and jobs at which he worked.

Greg was an avid fisherman, hunter, and all around sportsman and he shared these skills with his children. He especially cherished his time hunting on Peter's Ridge and in the Swan with family and friends. You mention hunting, fishing, boating or just getting out in



the wilderness and Greg was ready to go. He truly was a bit of a mountain man. His pride and joy in recent years was his grandchildren whom he enjoyed playing with tirelessly.

Greg was one of a kind. A fierce and loyal friend to those that knew him, he could light up a room with his chuckle and his wonderful broad smile. He had a lot of friends. Later on in life he developed a close resemblance to Santa Claus with his white beard and hair, glasses, robust figure and that contagious laughter. The kids all loved their PaPa. We will miss our father, our brother and our friend.

Greg was preceded in death by his mother and father.

He is survived by his children, son, Cody Bothun, and fiancée, Valerie Philip, of Butte; daughter, Valerie Bothun, of Post Falls, Idaho; and son, Danny Bothun, of Columbia Falls; sister, Marcia Fleming, of Kalispell; brother, Bruce Bothun, and wife, Karma Dhaenens, of Spokane; grandchildren, Cody Bailey, Wyatt Bothun, Jade Bothun, Kylee Bothun, Skyler Phillips, Ivory Philip, Leah Bothun, Hailey Greene and Aubrey Allan-Bothun; niece, Amber Fleming; nephews, Brad Vickhammer, Todd Vickhammer and Marc DeLong; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Please join the family of Greg in a celebration of life memorial at 3 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 14, at the Assembly of God Church, 738 Third Ave. W., in Columbia Falls. A potluck luncheon will follow in the church fellowship hall.

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

Benjamin E. Bowerman, 91

Benjamin E. Bowerman, 91, passed away on Saturday, March 19, 2011, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.



He was born Sept. 23, 1919, in Rosalia, Wash., the son of Ernest E. and Elsie Kuehl Bowerman.

On April 4, 1936, he married Hazel Fetcho in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

Benjamin was a proud Navy veteran of World War II.

In 1954 he moved to Columbia Falls to work for Anaconda Aluminum and retired in 1982. In addition, he owned and operated Ben's Excavation. He also enjoyed working in his hay fields, garden and shop on his many projects.

He was a caring person who helped friends and strangers alike. Ben loved God and was a member of

the Assembly of God Church in Columbia Falls, where he served as a Sunday school teacher, and was on the church council for many years.

He is survived by his wife; four daughters, Dolores and David Selig, Julie Richwine, Merrilie and Bill Aho and Lynda Kay Tyler; one son, Benjamin M., and Betty Bowerman; 16 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and one sister, Virginia, and Roy Smith.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Dan Bowerman; and sister, Emily Vosahlo.

Visitation will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. Friday, March 25, at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. The funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 26, at the Assembly of God Church, 738 Third Ave. West, Columbia Falls. Interment will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery.

Arrangements are entrusted to Columbia Mortuary.

Susan J. Boyle, 92

Susan J. Boyle, 92, passed away Feb. 16, 2011, in her home at Prestige Assisted Living in Kalispell, following a short illness.



Susan was born Feb. 2, 1919, to Thomas O'Loughlin and Annie McKenty O'Loughlin, in the Sweet Grass Hills.

She married Eugene Boyle on June 9, 1941, at St. Margaret's Catholic Church in Cut Bank. There, living in the same home for 63 years, they raised their two sons, Gene "Butch" and Tom. Susan took great pride in being a wife, mother and homemaker.

She was active in bowling league for many years. She and Gene Sr., also enjoyed golfing, playing cards and cribbage with family and friends.

Susan was an active member of St. Margaret's Parish in Cut Bank; She relied on her strong faith all through her life.

Susan was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Gene Sr., in 2004; her two sisters, Margaret and Jean; and her brother, Howard.

She is survived by her two sons and their wives, Gene and Barbara Boyle of

Kalispell, and Thomas and Sheila Boyle of Vancouver, Wash.; by two sisters, Gertrude Peterson of Cut Bank, and Ann Anderson of Power. She is also survived by her five grandchildren and their spouses, Mary Jane and Robert Holt, Brenda and Keith Boone, Beth Ann and John Kopf, Sean and Echo Boyle and Deanna and Chris McElwee, who all called her "Nini." As well, she is survived by eight great-grandchildren, Tanner, Emily and Jackson, Alix, Kaitlyn and Thomas, and Owen and Teague; along with several nieces and nephews.

The family would like to thank Dr. Peterson and the Woodland Clinic staff, Frontier Hospice, and especially the staff at Prestige Assisted Living for their excellent care before and during her illness.

There will be a visitation for Susan from 5 to 7 p.m., with a rosary at 7 p.m., on Monday, Feb. 21, at St. Margaret's Catholic Church in Cut Bank. Mass of Christian Burial for Susan will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 22, at St. Margaret's Catholic Church. Burial will follow at the Crown Hill Cemetery.

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

Steven Michael Boyd, 19

Steven Michael Boyd, 19, passed away Aug. 1, 2011, in Kalispell.



He was born Jan. 16, 1992, in Hermiston, Ore., and raised in Hermiston and Kalispell. He attended Glacier High School and received his diploma in 2009.

Steven enjoyed working on cars, motocross and being with friends and family. He was always there to help anyone in need.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Layton Lockwood; and his great-grandparents, Alonzo and Versie Lockwood.

Steven is survived by his parents, Robert and Kaylene

Radabah, of Kalispell; sisters, Jamie L. and Amanda Moran, Jennifer and Ken Williams, and Stephanie and John Ayers, all of Hermiston; brother, Robert Joe Radabah, of Kalispell; aunt and uncle, Serina and Bryan Wilson; nieces, Alli Howell and Kallee Williams; cousins, Zachary and Garret Wilson; numerous friends; and Charles J. Boyd of Hermiston.

"Steven, you are loved and missed."

Cremation has taken place. A potluck and celebration of Steven's life will begin at noon, Saturday, Aug. 6, at 542 Willow Glen Drive. Services will begin between 6 and 7 p.m.

Memorials are suggested c/o Robert and Kaylene Radabah, 542 Willow Glen, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Jerome Maitland 'Jerry' Boyle, 73

Jerome Maitland "Jerry" Boyle, 73, passed away Nov. 24, 2011, at the Whitefish Care and Rehabilitation.

Jerry was born May 28, 1938, in Los Angeles.

Jerry was a retired pilot and author.

He is survived by his wife, Andrea, of Marion; children, James Maitland Boyle of Germany, Kevin Lee Boyle of Sacramento, Calif., and Jennifer Rebecca Newton

of Lincoln, Neb.; stepsons, Brent and Matthew Mikesell of Spokane; and seven grandchildren.

A celebration of life service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 3, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

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.

Norma E. Braaten, 86

Norma E. Braaten, 86, passed away in Missoula on May 25, 2011.

Norma was born March 18, 1925, in Hallock, Minn.

Norma married Arnie Braaten on June 10, 1948, in Kalispell.

Norma was preceded in death by her parents, Ole and Gina Moen; brother, Gordon Moen; sister, Ruth Kolden; and husband, Arnie Braaten.

She is survived by her brother, Harold Moen; sister, Helen Moen; sons, Gordon and Jan Braaten of Lake Stevens, Wash., and Gary and Larissa Braaten of Spokane; daughter, Helen Braaten, of Arlington, Wash.; seven grandchildren; one great-grandchild; many nieces and nephews; and many friends.

The family gives a special thank you for the care given at Pleasant View and to Hospice.

Visitation for Norma will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Friday, June 3, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 4, at the Exposition Building at the fairgrounds. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

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



Myrtis Rose Bray, 68

Myrtis Rose Bray, 68, died Saturday, July 9, 2011, at the Whitefish Care and Rehabilitation Center in Whitefish.

She is survived by a son, Michael Dickerson;

and two daughters, Deborah Chapman and Juanita Winter.

No services are scheduled at this time.

Austin Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Wanda L. (Neff) Breeding, 73

Wanda L. (Neff) Breeding, 73, of Lewistown, and formerly of Libby, died Tuesday, Aug. 23, 2011, in Lewistown of natural causes.

She is survived by three children, Dan Neff of Lewistown, Gary Neff of

Libby, and Cherry Neff of Montana; and three stepdaughters, all of Libby.

At her request, no services will be held.

The Cloyd Funeral Home & Cremation Service is assisting the family with arrangements.

Sherry Bridges, 65

Sherry Bridges, 65, died Aug. 24, 2010, at her home in Kalispell, due to cancer.

She was a retired electrical assembler.

Survivors include her

husband, Ronald Bridges, of Kalispell; and mother, Lyla Morris, of Kalispell.

Cremation has taken place.

No services are planned.

Gladys Doris Eisele Brist, 91

Gladys Doris Eisele Brist, 91, passed away on April 16, 2011, at her home in Whitefish.



She was born on Dec. 9, 1919, in Hutchinson, Minn., to Edward and Amelia Eisele. She attended schools in Minnesota, North Dakota and Montana. Gladys graduated from Flathead County High School in 1937. Following graduation, she took a post-graduate course in business administration. She operated her own accounting service for many years.

On March 19, 1938, Gladys married Howard B. Brist in Kalispell. They loved and laughed and cried through 42 wonderful, loving years together. Howard died Jan. 10, 1980.

Gladys enjoyed traveling and had toured 46 states in the United States including Alaska and Hawaii, as well as 24 foreign countries, some of them, several times. She always had her suitcase and passport handy to be ready for another adventure.

She loved fishing and hunting, and huckleberry and mushroom picking. A summer could not pass without finding Gladys and Howard, along with a bevy of friends or relatives clambering about the mountainsides gathering those amazing huckleberries we all craved.

Her hunting fame was pretty much worldwide. Pictures of our mom and her famous moose traveled around many of the United States, Canada and Europe. She single-handedly nailed a trophy bull moose with one shot right between the eyes. That act made Gladys the envy of most strong men, not to mention a lot of gals.

Gladys deeply loved her family, her many good friends, her "Little House" as she called it, and "her Montana." She and her beloved Howard showed us all what it meant to be a

true team. She was a loving and devoted mom and grandma to her sons and their families, and a close and caring daughter, sister and aunt. We knew she was always there for us. No questions asked. She was a faithful friend, and firm and dependable ally to everyone she met throughout her long and happy lifetime. The empty silhouette in the picture of our lives will never truly be filled again.

In addition to her husband Howard, Gladys was preceded in death by her father on June 13, 1938; her brother, Russell, on July 19, 1985; her brother, Walter, on Dec. 11, 1989; her mother, on June 14, 1990; her sister, Grace, on Dec. 23, 1994; and her son, Leland, on June 14, 2005.

She is survived by her son, Ronald W. Brist, and his wife, Ardes, of Whitefish; daughter-in-law, Mary Brist, of Kalispell; 12 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and 10 great-great-grandchildren; her brother, Wayne Eisele, of Scottsbluff, Neb.; and many in-laws, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Having been a member of the Women of the Moose in Whitefish for just shy of 60 years, she has requested the Women of the Moose participate in her memorial services to be held at 1 p.m. on May 1, at the Moose Lodge, 230 West 10th Street, Whitefish. A private urn burial will be at a later date.

Gladys' dear sister-in-law, Linda Brist, will be officiating. A reception will follow the services.

The family wishes that memorials be made to the Home Options Hospice, 430 Windward Way, Suite 101, Kalispell, Montana 59901. Their comforting presence and assistance throughout has been deeply appreciated. Many thanks to Dr. Charles Dixon for his gentle kindness with our "Little Mother."

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

Mary Britton, 90

Mary Britton passed away on March 14, 2011, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home where she had resided for several years.

She was born on April 22, 1920, to Henry and Ruth (Morton) Eslick on their family farm.

She attended school in Bigfork, graduating from Bigfork High School in 1938.

She and John Britton eloped in August 1940 and were married in Wenatchee, Wash. They were married for 63 years before the death of John. They had two daughters, Marla and Maureena.

After retiring from the Forest Service in 1984, she pursued her interest in photography and antiques, until poor health limited her activities.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John Brit-

ton; parents; and her brother, Merle Eslick.

She is survived by her daughters; her grandson, Sean Mueller and wife, Shawntelle; and Mary's grandchildren, Anthony Mueller and wife Danielle of Hillsboro, Ore., Courtney Mueller of Gold Beach, Ore., and Jesse, Bailey and Madison Mueller of Bigfork. She is also survived by her brother, Joseph Eslick, and his children, Jay Eslick of Chinook, JoAnn of Bigfork and Lee Eslick of Bigfork; and sister-in-law, Kathy Britton, of Kalispell.

Memorial services are pending.

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

Edward James Broad, 72

Edward James Broad, 72, died Sunday, April 24, 2011, at his home in Columbia Falls. He was raised in Kalispell.

Edward married Patricia Taylor in 1995 in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. He worked for the Columbia Falls Aluminum plant for 25 years. He was owner of the Durango Gifts from 2000 until 2002.

He loved raising tomatoes, and picking huckleberries, hunting and fishing. He was truly an out-of-doors man.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Clarence and Emma Broad, Joshua John-

son, and Camy Laws.

Edward is survived by his wife, Patricia Louise Broad; children, Mary and Ron Dickinson, Teresa Sears, Lisa and Walt Wilcox, Jim and Deanne Broad, David Broad, Scott and Heidi Neether, Clint and May Holmquist, Kimberly and Jim Ask, and Daniel House; and siblings, Don, Harold, Bob, Jean, Ella, Betty and Ruth. He has 11 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. today, April 27, at the Salvation Army.

David Donald Brockmann, 75

David Donald Brockmann, 75, died Thursday, Jan. 27, 2011, at his home in Kalispell.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret of Eureka and Kalispell; son, Wes Brockmann of Fernley, Nev.; and daughter,

Amber (Mitch) Holder of Phoenix.

A celebration of life will be held at the family ranch this summer.

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

Odean May Grilley Brown, 84

Odean May Grilley Brown, 84, of Burley, Idaho, passed away Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2011, at Parke View Care & Rehab in Burley, of natural causes.



Odean was born April 4, 1927, in Northome, Minn., to Ben I. and Clara Norsby Grilley. She attended schools in North Dakota and Montana.

She married Ransom H. Brown June 4, 1949, and later divorced in 1976. She resided in Minnesota, North Dakota and western Montana, including Kalispell and the Flathead Lake area. She moved to Twin Falls, Idaho, in 1958, and later resided in Hazelton, Idaho, and then finally settled in Burley in 1962.

She was employed at the Credit Bureau of Burley from 1962 to 1976. She worked as a waitress and cook for over 20 years in local restaurants that included the Burley Elks lunch room, Price's Cafe, Cassia Memorial Hospital and Cassia County Schools.

Odean was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She was a member of Xi Omega Chapter Beta Sigma Phi, serving as president and Valentine queen. She was also a member of Credit Women International and Eastern Star, and served in the Pink Ladies Organization.

She enjoyed cooking, gardening, the outdoors, embroidering, dancing and visiting family and friends. She loved to travel and spend time

with family in Montana and Arizona.

Odean is survived by her children, Pamela and Larry Jensen of Lehi, Utah, and Patty and Dee Hodge of Rupert, Idaho; nine grandchildren, Jeff and Nicole Jensen of Burley, Greg and Heather Jensen of Saratoga Springs, Utah, Kim and Cody Heward of Provo, Utah, Amy and Martin Burgess of Lehi, Shannon and Clay Stephens of Burley, Joe and Talina Jensen of Pleasant Grove, Utah, Nathan Hodge of Rupert, Casey and Tonya Jensen of Lehi, and Chelsea and Darric Grant of Heyburn, Idaho; 27 great-grandchildren; brothers, Wesley and Doreen Grilley of Kalispell, Ward and Alice Grilley of Polson, and Roger and Linda Grilley of Kalispell; and sister, Virginia, and Eldon Loveless, of Burley.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ben I. and Clara Norsby Grilley; children, William Henry Brown and Kenneth Wayne Brown; great-grandchild, Jaden Jensen; sister, Jeanette M. Grilley Northey; and brother, Alvin M. Grilley.

Funeral services will be held 1:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 16, at Hansen Mortuary, 710 6th St., in Rupert, with Bishop David Hansen officiating. Burial will be at the Riverside Cemetery in Heyburn. Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. today, and one hour prior to the service on Friday at the mortuary.

The family would like to thank Parke View Care & Rehab and all their staff for the care of Odean.

Roberta L. Brown, 81

Cancer claimed the life of Roberta L. Brown at Brendan House on May 3, 2011.



She was born at the family home in North Walkerville, Mont., on Feb. 7, 1930, to Olive M. and Robert C. Brown.

She attended Sherman Grade School. While in first grade, she was injured by a classmate and they later learned she was hard of hearing. She learned to read lips at school, and after she graduated she attended and graduated from Butte Business College, where she worked in the office for many years before it was sold and later closed.

After the death of her father, she and her mother moved to Great Falls, where she was employed by the Army Engineers until that office had a reduction in force.

She and her mother moved to Columbia Falls for a short time, until she was employed by the U.S. Information Agency in Washington, D.C. She and her mother moved there, where her mother later passed away. Roberta worked there for 23 1/2 years until her eyesight began to fail from retinitis pigmentosa. She retired and moved to Columbia Falls to be near family in 1988.

She was an excellent typist and received many commen-

dations for her work. In 1976 she was chosen as Handicapped Worker of the Year in the Press and Publications Service.

Before her eyesight completely failed, she enjoyed taking walks and going to concerts and on old car tours with her family.

She was preceded in death by a baby brother, Robert; her parents; aunts, uncles and cousins who had been from the Butte area, as well as California, Washington and Vancouver, British Columbia; and brother-in-law, Allan Quick.

She is survived by her sister, Dorothy Quick, of Columbia Falls; her niece, Roberta Struck, of Evergreen; and nephew, Dave Quick, of Spokane; as well as cousins, Billie Lu Isaacs and Martha Hirschberg, and their spouses, in San Jose and Morro Bay, Calif., and Barbara Collier of Kentucky; great-nephews, Andrew Struck and Mandie in Santa Ana, Calif., and Geoff Quick and Nicole and little Allan Quick of Spokane; great-nieces, Jenny Rodriguez, and Steve and little Asher, of Madison, Wis., and U.S. Air Force T/Sgt. Lissa Quick, who is now in Iraq; as well as extended family, Renee and Randy Riggin, of Spokane.

Graveside services will be held 2 p.m., Monday, May 9, at Woodlawn Cemetery, with Pastor Darrell Newby officiating.

Arrangements are entrusted to Columbia Mortuary.

Marjorie Elizabeth (Wartnow) Brownell, 86

Marjorie Elizabeth (Wartnow) Brownell, 86, died Jan. 21, 2011, at Mills Peninsula Hospital in San Bruno, Calif.

She is survived by her husband, Lloyd Brownell; one daughter, Shirley

Meancher; and a son, James Smith.

There will be a graveside service at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Austin Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Fred Ray Browning, 73

Fred Ray Browning, 73, passed away on Sunday, May 15, 2011, at his residence in Bigfork.

He was born on July 24, 1937, in Logan, W.Va., to Ace and Chloe (Williamson) Browning. Fred grew up in McKees Rocks, Pa.

He enlisted in the Air Force in July of 1956 and served for 20 years. After his discharge he earned a Bachelor of Science degree and taught occupational education.

He married Catherine Homann in October of 1979.

Fred enjoyed restoring antique furniture, restoring antique automobiles, and fishing. He loved children, but especially his grandchildren whom he played with as if he was their age, laughing uproariously the whole time.

Fred was preceded in death

by his parents, and several brothers and sisters.

He is survived by his wife, Catherine Browning; daughters, Michele Whitlock, Rachel Calles, Amy Rafferty, Connie, Wanda and Sherry; three sons-in-law; seven grandchildren, sons, Steven and Charles; and brothers, Bob Browning, and Pastor Roy Browning of West Virginia.

Fred attended Bigfork Chapel and served as the greeter and head of Men's Ministries. He wanted everyone to know that heaven is real.

Services for Fred will be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday, May 19, at the Bigfork Assembly of God.

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

Robert W. Brooks Jr., 58

Robert W. Brooks Jr. (known to his family as Bobby or Beto) died at Life Care Hospital of Pittsburgh March 24, 2011, after a valiant six-week struggle to overcome catastrophic complications from a Chron's disease episode.

Bobby was born May 3, 1952, at Fort Monmouth Army Hospital in New Jersey. His parents were living in Highland Park, N.J., at the time of his birth.

Bobby graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering from the University of Texas El Paso December 1975. From there he used his brilliant mind in lucrative engineering positions. At the time of his death, he was working for CS Innovations (a Westinghouse Electric Company) out of Scottsdale, Ariz., where he resided. He was working

as a consultant for this company in Pittsburgh when he became ill.

Bobby was preceded in death by his father, Robert W. Brooks Sr.

He is survived by his son, Nigel Brooks, of Hawaii; his mother, Delsie Brooks, of Kalispell; his sister, Lynda, and Galen Huffman, of Kalispell; his sister, Jennifer, and Morris Huffman, of Kalispell; his brother, Randall, and Lupita Brooks, of Devils Tower, Wyo.; his sister, Stephanie, and Bryan Goldizen, of Kalispell; two nieces and two nephews; two great-nephews and a great-niece; and his good friend, Gary Armstrong, of Scottsdale. He also leaves behind his beloved cat, Rufus.

His memorial service will be held graveside at 11 a.m. Friday, June 25, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Vernon Elroy Bronson, 84

Vernon Elroy Bronson, 84, of Kalispell, died Thursday, Dec. 22, 2011, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center, with his children, grandchildren, brother and wife by his side.



He leaves his wife of 51 years, Jessie Bronson; his children, Steve Bronson, his wife Cindy; Gordon Bronson, his wife Peggy; Teri Denzer, her husband Allen; Jeff Bronson; Cyndie Fluid, her husband Ron; and Valerie Bronson and her companion Jack Beaver; sister, Edie Capps; brother, Ron Bronson, and wife, Judy; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and friends.

Born in Great Falls Dec. 9, 1927, the son of Fred and Ida Bronson, he was raised in Neihart, where he graduated from high school.

After moving to the Flathead Valley, he joined the United States Navy. He served four years and was honorably discharged. He was proud to be called back to duty and participated in the Berlin Airlift.

After serving in the Navy, he returned to Kalispell

and later met his wife Jessie Bronson. He shared his time living and working in Kalispell with the Swan Valley that he cherished.

He retired from Columbia Falls Aluminum Company, but continued working, helping his wife with the Four Seasons Cafe in Kalispell, then moved to their home on Lion Creek in the Swan and purchased The Hungry Bear Restaurant, with his best friend Wally Gilbert and wife Rose.

He enjoyed a cup of coffee and a conversation to go with it. His sense of humor was always apparent, making us smile. Some of his favorite stories would be about playing basketball in high school and the Navy, or his travels overseas.

Vern loved working outdoors, but loved hunting and fishing even more. He could be seen fishing alone when he had to, hunting with family or friends because he wanted to and sharing his passion with all at elk camp on Shepard Mountain. His passion lives on in his children and grandchildren; it may be this that we most miss.

Cremation took place at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. According to his wishes, there will be no services.

The family suggests donations be made to Flathead County Animal Shelter — Dad loved his dogs.

Edith Ann Brotherton, 74

Edith Ann Brotherton, 74, died Monday, May 16, 2011, at her home in Kalispell.

Funeral services and interment will take place

at Glen Abbey Cemetery and Funeral Home in Bonita, Calif.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is taking care of the local arrangements.

Betty Lois Brown, 86

Betty Lois Brown, 86, died Wednesday April 13, 2011, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She is survived by a daughter, Linda Buttin, of Bigfork.

Private burial will be held at Lonepine Cemetery in Bigfork.

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

Thomas E. Brown, 61

Thomas E. Brown, 61, of Columbia Falls, died Thursday, May 5, 2011, due to injuries from a motorcycle accident in York, Pa.



Thomas was born to Julius and Olga (Olson) Brown on April 8, 1950, in Detroit Lakes, Minn. He grew up in Detroit Lakes, graduating from Detroit Lakes High School in 1968.

He worked for Ross Auto Body and was a self-taught construction worker, building and restoring old homes during his lifetime.

Thomas married Anne O'Neil in December 1979, and they had one son, Cale Brown, in 1981. Cale was killed in an automobile/

pedestrian accident in 2008. Thomas and Anne moved to York in 2000, continuing to purchase and restore old homes.

Surviving Thomas are his father, Julius, and Joyce Brown, of Dilworth, Minn.; brothers, Julius Brown Jr., of Omaha, Neb., and Curtis and Denise Brown of Detroit Lakes; and sisters, Nancy and Dave Sherman of High Pointe, N.C., and Kathy and Manny Berry of Detroit Lakes.

Preceding Thomas in death were his mother, Olga Brown; maternal and paternal grandparents; and his son Cale.

A celebration of Thomas' life will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20, at North Forty Resort, 3765 Montana Highway 40, Columbia Falls. Friends and family are welcome.

Mervin Eugene Bruner, 79

Mervin Eugene Bruner "went to be with the Lord" Tuesday, July 19, 2011. He died peacefully at home.



He was born Oct. 24, 1931, to Ivan and Hazel Bruner in Cut Bank.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and his sister, Norita.

Merv moved to Kalispell in 1947, and joined the Navy in May of 1949.

He went to work for the railroad in August of 1952, and retired in April of 1992. Trains, planes, automobiles and woodworking were a passion for Merv. He got his pilot's license in 1954, and spent 30 years flying with his good friend Larry Stockhill and Stockhill Aviation. Merv flew his bride-to-be, Donna Mae Freeman, to Couer d'Alene, Idaho, on May 6, 1972, to be married.

Merv and Donna made their home in Whitefish and spent 16 years going to Arizona in the winter months.

Merv is survived by his

wife, Donna; and eight children, Diane Mundell, Gwena Brophy and husband John, Larry Bruner and wife Laura, Warren Gregg and wife Julie, Kim Porter and husband Russ, Karen Koday and husband Mark, Chuck Freeman and wife Heidi, Michael Freeman and wife Heidi, and special "daughter," Beth Michaud. He had many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews who adored him. Merv had many friends who were an important part of his life.

He will be missed by all the lives he impacted on earth but we have peace "knowing he is taking deep breaths and smiling down on us from his mansion in heaven."

His memorial service is at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 23, at Easthaven Baptist Church in Kalispell.

The family suggests memorials be made to Hospice of Kalispell or Easthaven Baptist Church.

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

Karen Buchanan, 49

Karen Buchanan, 49, died at her Kalispell residence on Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2011.

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

Hasley H. Bundrock, 90

Hasley H. Bundrock, 90, died Oct. 16, 2011, in Yuma, Ariz.

He is survived by two children, Brice Bun-

drock of Columbia Falls, and Mary Johnson of Kalispell.

Burial will be held in Montana at a later date.

Marvin Francis Burcham, 65

Marvin Francis Burcham, 65, died Saturday, Jan. 8, 2011, at the Heritage Place in Kalispell.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, at the Cen-

tral Christian Church, 240 Second Ave. E., in Kalispell.

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

Karen Buchanan, 49

Karen Buchanan, 49, of Kalispell, passed away Jan. 20, 2011, due to multiple sclerosis.

She was born Oct. 23, 1961, in Philadelphia, where she was raised and where she graduated from high school and attended trade school.

Karen married Fred Buchanan in 1995 in Kalispell.

She had worked at Syke's Restaurant, the Outlaw Inn as a banquet supervisor, Rosauers bakery and Master Monograms.

Karen was a member of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary.

She was preceded in death

by her father, Frank Boyle.

She is survived by her husband of 15 years, Fred Buchanan of Kalispell; her mother, Mary Boyle of Philadelphia; sons, Jason, Dan and Joe, all of Kalispell; stepdaughter, Tina, of Butte; stepdaughter Hannah, and stepson Tyler, both of Lawton, Okla.; 10 grandchildren; and a niece, Shannon Boyle, of Philadelphia.

A memorial service for Karen will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 24, at the Kalispell VFW.

The family suggests memorials to multiple sclerosis research.

Cynthia Ray Buck, 47

Cynthia Ray Buck, 47, passed away Sunday, Oct. 30, 2011, in Kalispell.

Cindy was born on Aug. 23, 1964, in Chester, to



Rodney and Alberta Butler. She was raised in Chester, and then moved to the Flathead Valley where she graduated from Columbia Falls High School in 1982.

On Oct. 22, 1983, Cynthia and Lowell Buck were married at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. On June 2, 1984, Michael James Buck was born. Cindy worked at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls for many years.

While she lived a troubled life, she always wanted to

help others in the community.

Cindy was preceded in death by her grandparents, Ruth and Albert Statelen, and Hilary and Ruth Butler; and her father, Rodney Glenn Butler.

She is survived by her only son, Michael James Buck; her mother, Alberta Butler Booth; and her sister, Gina Kay Colwell.

A celebration of life memorial service will be held for Cindy at 12:30 p.m. today, Nov. 3, in the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. All are welcome to pay their respects.

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

Eugene Keith 'Swede' Buck, 70

Eugene Keith "Swede" Buck, 70, passed away Thursday, July 28, 2011, at his Columbia Falls home after a long illness.

Swede was born Oct. 27, 1940, in Aiken, Minn. He was raised in McGrath, Minn. He served in the military and was stationed in Germany. Swede had worked for Canyon Logging and Plum Creek Lumber during his working life. Swede loved playing keno and being with family and friends. His biggest joy was his eight grandchildren, especially Mackenzie and Kayci.

Swede was preceded in death by his parents, Dale and Francis Buck; and sisters, Linda Buck and Wilda Nielsen.

Swede is survived by

his children, Keith Buck of Greer, S.C., and Diane Knutson of Kalispell; brothers and sisters, Judy and Leo Brenny, Sharon Thomasen, Barb Englert, and Jim and Gary Buck; grandchildren, Lane and Mackenzie Knutson of Kalispell, R.J., Bridger, Jeff, and Justin Beach of Kalispell, and Kerrick and Kayci Buck of Greer, S.C.; and great-grandchildren, Dayton, Kaiden, Gavin, Taylor, and Lyric Beach.

A celebration of life service will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 3, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Friends are encouraged to visit www.buffalohillfh.com to leave notes of condolence for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Barbara L. Buentemeier, 79

Barbara L. Buentemeier of Columbia Falls "went to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" Monday, Dec. 19, 2011. She passed away as a result of a staph infection-induced stroke at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

Barbara was born April 15, 1932, in Great Falls to Henry and Marian Larkin and was raised there until 1942. When her dad enlisted in the Marines, she boarded with a German family in Buckley, Wash., while her mom welded in the shipyards, then moved to Wichita, Kan., while her mother worked for Boeing, then to LaVerne, Calif., for a year when her dad was manager of an orange grove following the completion of his military service.

In 1946, they returned to Montana to Columbia Falls, where her folks had previously bought acreage and built a cabin where the aluminum plant is today. Barbara attended Columbia Falls High School, and after graduation married Will Warner on June 10, 1950. To that union, two children were born, Randy in 1951, and Peggy in 1953.

Her work career included being a telephone operator, cooking for her husband's logging crew in the North Fork at Coal Creek in the early '50s, and working as a bookkeeper for 29 years for their logging and road construction company. They moved to the LaSalle area north of the airport in 1957.

She was clerk on the LaSalle School board, did inventory work for Montgomery Ward, worked on election boards at LaSalle and Columbia Falls schools and was the first woman hired to drive a school bus in the Flathead. She drove the bus for her dad on a Columbia Falls District No. 6 route for many years.

Barbara was active in Royal Neighbors and the Rocky Mountain Riders Saddle Club, and held many offices in both for 20-plus years. She was also a 4-H leader of the Country Cousins 4-H Club for four years, when the kids were members. In April 1970, she accompanied the Columbia Falls band on a tour to Europe as a chaperone, a trip that she thoroughly enjoyed.

She was divorced in 1974. She married Ronald Buentemeier on March 11, 1975.

the Montana Logging Association Convention as Woman of the Year. She made two educational trips to Washington, D.C., with Federated Women in Timber. She enjoyed setting up education projects, fair displays and working on annual funding.

Ron and Barbara enjoyed attending logging conferences together around the Northwest. In 1980 they, along with her parents, traveled to the Pacific Logging Conference Forestry Tour of Europe — a trip she thoroughly enjoyed.

She joined Ron as a member of the Flathead Pioneers Auto Club in 1975, and enjoyed his love of old cars and trucks and made many trips to shows. She enjoyed helping him with car restoration, except sanding was not her favorite pastime! She designed, cut out and organized three ballroom themes for their car club conventions.

They also enjoyed working on their cabin at Ashley Lake.

Barbara was an active member of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in Columbia Falls, and especially the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, where she held the office of secretary for many years. She was a very creative and organized individual and blessed the group with many innovative ideas and talents. She especially loved making beautiful quilts, tops and serging diapers and baby blankets on her serger for Lutheran World Relief and local agencies.

She was an avid geranium and begonia grower and loved caring for her greenhouse, flower and vegetable gardens and house plants.

She is survived by her husband, Ronald; daughter, Peggy, and son-in-law, Bill Hoppe; grandchildren, Brandi Fehrenbach, Coty and Jessica Warner, and Scot and Melinda Warner; great-grandchildren, Trevor and Korren Fehrenbach, and Skyler, Kiya, Genesis and Century Warner; brother, Scot, and Steph Larkin; stepbrother, Gene, and Mary Darling; brother-in-law, Mike, and Lori Buentemeier; niece, Breanne Buentemeier; and very dear friend, Althea Marratt.

Barbara became a very active advocate for the timber industry, supporting Ron's association with F.H. Stoltze Land and Lumber Co. and his forestry career. She was a loving wife and was especially proud of Ron when he became general manager of Stoltze.

She was the first president of the Northwest chapter of Women in Timber, which started in 1979, and held this office several times. She was also Montana state president of Women in Timber several times. She was president of Federated Women in Timber twice, and at one point was president of all three organizations at the same time.

In 1985, she was honored at

Barbara was preceded in death by her son, Randy, in 1992; and by her parents.

A memorial service will be held for Barbara at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 27, at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls, 640 Seventh St. W., with Pastor Matt Nelson officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to the Lutheran Women's Missionary League at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 2005, Columbia Falls; or Montana Women In Timber, 1370 Fourth Ave. W.N., Columbia Falls, MT 59912.

Arrangements are entrusted to Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. You are invited to visit www.columbiamortuary.com to offer condolences, share memories and view Barbara's tribute wall.

Erma D. Buckingham, 95

Erma D. Buckingham, 95, a 50-year resident of Kalispell, passed gently in her sleep near her son and granddaughter in San Rafael, Calif., on April 14, 2010.

She was born on the family homestead near Glenburn, N.D., on Feb. 25, 1915. She was the middle daughter of Bert and Edna Kochel.

Erma was the first in the family to finish high school in Lansing, N.D.

In 1939, she married Chancey Swor and moved to Seattle, where she was a "Rosie the Riveter" at Boeing and a member of the International Association of Machinists. Later she became the first woman manager for Safeway in Seattle at this time, and a member of the Safeway Employees Association and Retail Clerks International Association.

In 1948, she moved with her sister, Evelyn, to Kalispell, where they owned and operated the Hut Café on East Idaho Street for many years.

She married Brayton "Buck" Buckingham on July 1, 1968; he preceded her in death in 1984. In 1998 she



moved to San Rafael, Calif., to be closer to her son and granddaughter.

Erma and Buck were long time downtown institutions in Kalispell. Both were kind and generous. Erma may be best remembered for having a "safe house" for troubled teens during the '50s and early '60s.

Her remains are buried near her elder sister, Evelyn Kalamaha, in C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Erma is survived by her younger sister, Harriet Morris, 93, and husband Robert, of Kalispell; her son, Stacy Swor, and wife, Barbara, of Mill Valley, Calif.; and granddaughter, Samantha Swor, and husband, Kevin Beckett, of Berkeley, Calif.; Josh and Keshie Mack of Monterey, Calif.; and five great-grandchildren, Olivia and Patrick Beckett, and Aleah, Kiryn and Nili Mack.

Erma was affectionately known as "Gigi," as in "Great-grandmother."

Graveside services were held at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery on Friday, Aug. 5, 2011.

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

Nancy Margaret Buhre, 65

Nancy Margaret (Cunningham) Buhre, 65, died Nov. 17, 2011, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell, after an extended battle with diabetes.

She had worked as a bookkeeper.

She is survived by her husband, Jim Thompson, of Kalispell; children,

Teresa Buhre West of Friday Harbor, Wash., and Tyson Buhre of Johnston, Colo.; and step-daughters, Bethany Hines of Minnesota and Arielle Spiller of Texas.

Cremation has taken place. A private family service will be held in the Jewel Basin next summer.

Melba Thelma Burau, 90

Melba Thelma Burau, 90, of Whitefish, and a longtime resident of Columbia Falls, died Wednesday, April 6, 2011, at North Valley Hospital.

She was born Dec. 2, 1920, to Willie and Emila Holte, in Flaxton, N.D., on the family farm.

She married Clifford Burau on Dec. 10, 1945, and they lived in Flaxton for several years. They owned and operated the Flaxton Hotel and Cafe, and she was also involved with the Ladies Auxiliary and several school activities. They then moved to Columbia Falls in 1964.

She attended Our Savior's Lutheran Church and was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; sisters, Evelyn Johnson and Inga Hill; and brother, Benny Holte.

She is survived by her son, Monte Burau; daughter, Vicki and Art Ott; grandchildren she dearly loved, Glenn and Sandy Ott, Angela and Aaron Berlinger, Sara and Lee Morgan; and also a dear great-grandchild, Hayden Morgan.

Services will be private. Arrangements are entrusted to Columbia Mortuary.

Carolyn R. Bullerwell, 91

Carolyn R. Bullerwell, 91, passed away peacefully on June 21, 2011.



The oldest of eight children, she was born on Vinalhaven Island, Maine. She graduated from Vinalhaven High School in 1938.

Carolyn completed training for her registered nurse diploma in 1940. She advanced to senior surgical nurse at Portland General Hospital. She loved working as a surgical nurse. As she would say, "We would get in there, figure out what was wrong and fix it!" She was a talented and caring nurse.

Carolyn married Clarence "Classy" Kneeland in 1942. Their love was what stories are made of. She followed him to Colorado for his military training and saw him off to serve his country. Carolyn and Clarence were blessed with one son, William F. Kneeland, whom she called her "miracle baby."

Carolyn was devastated when Classy passed away, but she persevered and carried on with life. She was blessed by love again with Judge Harris Bullerwell. They married in 1962 in Alaska. She loved telling adventure stories about

her time there. She showed Alaska what "this little lady from Maine was all about."

After leaving Alaska, Carolyn and "J" lived out retirement together in Oklahoma and Florida, before returning to her beloved Maine.

She was active in church her entire life, volunteered for numerous organizations, and vigorously supported conservative politics.

Later in life, Carolyn moved to Montana to be close to her grandson, Dr. Camden Kneeland, and his family. She loved spending time with her two great-grandchildren, Brodie and Lainey. They were immeasurably blessed by the time they spent with her, coloring pictures, telling stories and holding hands. Her final months were spent laughing, sharing memories, and loving on her great-grandchildren.

Carolyn was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers; and her husbands.

She is survived by her son, William Kneeland, of Oklahoma City; grandson, Dr. Camden Kneeland, and his wife, Valerie, of Kalispell; great-grandchildren, Broderick and Corina Kneeland, of Kalispell; four brothers and one sister.

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

Robert Gene Burke, 84

Robert Gene Burke, 84, passed away Oct. 28, 2011, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

Bob was born Oct. 7, 1927, in Dooley, Mont., to George and Hattie Carlson. Mrs. Carlson died a few days later, and Bob was adopted by his mother's midwife, Florence Burke and her husband, Dockery. He spent his childhood on their farm until a car accident sent Mr. Burke to Warm Springs. After that, Bob helped his mother run a small general store, through which they met John Olsen, who later became Bob's unofficial adoptive father.

Bob was drafted at the age of 18, and after a short stint



in Japan with the U.S. Army, he returned to eastern Montana and purchased a farm of his own. An expert cowboy, he spent his weekends

riding and racing horses in several towns in eastern Montana and Canada.

One lucky day in 1965, he was introduced to Rosetta "Rosie" Ayers, whom he soon married. He was no doubt taken by her three adorable

children, Richard, Dale and Tracie.

In 1966, the family moved to a farm outside of Columbia Falls, where Bob tried his hand at establishing a summer ranch for boys from "back East." Unfortunately, only two boys ever signed up, so Bob took a job at the Columbia Falls aluminum plant, from which he retired in 1991.

In his retirement, Bob spent time building and repairing saddles, writing cowboy poetry and taking care of the family farm.

Bob is survived by his wife, Rosie; and children, Richard and Sue Burke of Columbia Falls, Dale and

Winnifred Burke of Columbia Falls, and Tracie Burke of Memphis, Tenn. He is also survived by several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nephews and nieces.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, George and Hattie Carlson; and adoptive parents, Dockery and Florence Burke, and John Olsen. He was also preceded in death by his sister, Iris Carlson; and grandchildren, Peggy Burke and Travis Burke.

Cremation has taken place, and a memorial service will be conducted at a later date.

Taressa Rae Burke-WolfTail, infant

Taressa Rae Burke-WolfTail was born early Sept. 15, 2011, and passed away shortly after at St. Joseph's Hospital in Polson due to premature birth.

Her parents are Kimberly "Kimmie" Burke of Elmo and Gordon "Gordie" WolfTail-Wells Jr., of Heart-Butte.

She is also survived by her older brother Isaiah WolfTail-Wells; her "papa" Willie Burke; "ya-ya" Michelle Mitchell; and her "amas" Sheila Mitchell (Michael Hewankorn); her great-grandparents, Anastasia Burke (Joe Finley), Grace Aimsback, Nina Swimmer (Ford Swimmer) William Burke Sr., (Dorothy Burke) and George Mitchell (Lynette Mitchell); aunts, Brittany Hewankorn, Stephanie Thomas, Alisha Thomas, Kaila Snell, Karli Burke, Marcela Matt (Artie Matt), Miranda Wells, Vanetta Wells (Ram Wells) Darcy Enick, Odessa WolfTail-Wells and Bobbie Pepion; uncles, Kurtis Snell

(Shavonne Whitworth), Eneas Hammer Jr., (Noelle Deneault), Brandon James, Leonard Burke, Michael Burke, Charles Jackson (Yolanda Jackson), Jordan Jackson, William WolfTail, Deshane Green and Lonny Enick; her sister-of-the-heart, SunRose Hewankorn; great-aunts, Cecille Burke, Darlene Burke, Rosie Burke, Shelley Parker, Tammy James Pino (Ryan Pino), Dovita Finley and Delinda Nickoli (Frank Nickoli); great-uncles, Arnie Burke, Clayton Burke (Rene Kenille), Ron Mitchell (Toni Mitchell), Denny Parker, Kevin James (LoLita Crespin) and Jima James (BreAnne James); and her many, many cousins.

She was preceded in death by her grandfather, Gordon WolfTail-Wells Sr., Clara Old Chief, William Wells and Joseph Jackson.

A graveside service was held Sept. 17 in Dayton. A dinner followed at the Elmo Hall.

Ethan R. 'JR' Burlingham, 71

Ethan R. "JR" Burlingham, 71, of Eureka, died Thursday, March 31, 2011, at Health Center Northwest in Kalispell.

Survivors include his mother, Mary, of Eureka; and a stepson, James Koshatka, of Kalispell.

Visitation will be from 3 to 8 p.m. Monday, April 4, at the Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Eureka. Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Apr. 8, at Tobacco Valley Cemetery.

Henry 'Hank' Walter Burrows, 87

Hank Burrows died Friday, April 1, 2011, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

Hank was born on March 18, 1924, in Choteau, to Alfred and Edith Burrows. He spent most of his childhood on the family's homestead in Choteau.

In 1958 Hank moved to the Flathead, and in 1961 married Joan Mattson. They had a large family, as Hank already had five children and Joan two, when they were married. Then together they had four more children. Hank and Joan recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Hank was a talented, hard worker. He started out as a rancher, then he owned a sawmill. Also, he was a sawyer for many years before working at the Columbia Falls Aluminum Plant. Being a skilled carpenter, he then decided to work for himself. Known as "Handy Hank," he ran Burrows Construction until he retired.

Hank loved the outdoors. He spent many wonderful weekends camping and fishing with his family. As hobbies he enjoyed traveling, prospecting, blacksmithing, riding horses and gardening. Hank was known for always being busy fixing something or building something new. It seemed that anything he put his mind to he could accomplish, and yet he was as humble and down-to-earth as could be.

In November 1959, Hank was baptized as one of Jehovah's Witnesses. His study of the Bible later in his life gave him a strong faith in God's promises, including the hope of a resurrection to a paradise earth. This hope sustained him through ill



health during the last years of his life. He spent many hours talking with his neighbors in the valley about what the Bible teaches. He served faithfully with his congregation and especially enjoyed being able to help build the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses located on Woodland Avenue.

Hank is survived by his wife, Joan; and their children, Nora Christianson, Ann Parker and husband Don, Connie Wellenstein, Wanda Moodie, Walter Burrows and wife Grace, Steve Shelley and wife Martha, Denise Harris and husband Kevin, Dan Burrows and wife Kristi, Mike Burrows, and wife Teri, Matt Burrows, and Andy Burrows. He is also survived by his brother, James Burrows, and wife, Helen; 24 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

Hank was preceded in death by his parents, Alfred and Edith Burrows; his brother, Chuck Burrows; his sister, Irene; and two great-grandchildren.

A memorial service for Hank will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 9, at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 1414 Woodland Avenue, Kalispell, with Cal Marshall officiating. It will be followed by a brunch at the fairgrounds.

James Wendell Burrowes, 89

James Wendell Burrowes of Polson passed away on his 89th birthday on May 18, 2011, at the Pines of Polson, with his family by his side.



Wendell was born on May 18, 1922, in Twin Falls, Idaho, a son of Jacob Wilber Burrowes and Mildred Aldene Quinn. He moved to Polson at the age of 8 and attended local schools. After graduating from Polson High School in 1941, he joined the U.S. Army. He was a proud U.S. Army World War II veteran of the 86th Mountain Infantry Regiment stationed in Italy. After his discharge on Nov. 8, 1945, he still enjoyed his 10th Mountain Division reunions.

Wendell married Marilyn Joan Hamilton on Nov. 28, 1947, in Polson. He operated the Valley View/Kerr Dam Polson school bus route with Marilyn for over 25 years. He retired from Polson Ready Mix.

Wendell enjoyed many years as an active member of the Spark and Throttle Chapter of the Montana Pioneer & Classic Auto Club. His passion was restoring vintage Ford cars, such as his Model A Roadster, and participating in parades and swap meets around the state.

He was a member of the local Polson VFW and served

in the VFW Honor Guard, the American Legion, Big Sky A's Antique Car Club, and was a retired Polson Volunteer Fireman.

Wendell is survived by their daughter, Linda, and David Weaver, and a son, James, and Laura Burrowes, all of Polson; six grandchildren, Kristina and Mike Landfried of Spokane, Malena Weaver of Kansas, Rick Weaver of Oregon, Brianne Burrowes of California, Mara and Cale Fitzgerald of Helena, and Kaitlyn Burrowes of Polson; five great-grandchildren; brother, Keith and Beverly Burrowes of Billings; sister, Mildred (late husband, Forrest Wood) of Boise, Idaho; seven nieces and one nephew.

He was preceded in death by Marilyn, his wife of 63 years; both parents; and a brother, Eugene Burrowes.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, May 21, at the Grogan Funeral Home, 101 Sixth Ave. E., in Polson, with the Rev. Paul Rowold officiating. Interment with military honors will follow at Lakeview Cemetery in Polson.

Memorial donations may be made to an organization of the donor's choosing.

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

Debra 'Debi' Ann Burton, 58

Debra "Debi" Ann Burton died at the age of 58 on Sept. 11, 2011, at Northwest Health Center in Kalispell.



She was born Sept. 10, 1953, in Whittier, Calif. Debi graduated from California High School in Whittier in 1971.

She loved being around people. At age 16, she helped her mom hosting at the restaurant where her mom worked. Her passion for clothes began when she graduated high school and she went to work for a women's clothing boutique in Whittier.

Debi married in 1973 and moved to Montana shortly thereafter. Her son Justin was born in 1983.

She became the manager of the Jean Factory Clothes Gallery in Kalispell. Her dream came true when she opened

her own store, Impressions, in Bigfork, in 1986. This year she celebrated the 25th anniversary of Impressions.

She enjoyed traveling with family and friends, which also included many, many clothing markets.

Survivors include Bill Burton of Bigfork; her son, Justin; sister, Sharon Honn; and brother, Jerry Van Leeuwen. There are many other family members and close friends whom she deeply loved.

Her life will be celebrated at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17, at Crossroads Christian Fellowship in Bigfork. Interment will follow at Bigfork Community Cemetery. Viewing will be held from noon to 6 p.m. today, Sept. 16, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home.

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

Ava Lynn Burwell, newborn

Ava Lynn Burwell was born Feb. 9, 2011, "and God was waiting to take our angel home."

She is survived by her parents, Cori Burwell and Jessica Curry, of Butte; siblings, Ivy and Owen Burwell; grandparents, Mike and Lori Burwell of Silver Star, Ron and Pat Murphy of Whitefish, and Chuck Curry

of Lakeside; and great-grandma, Carol Curry, of Lakeside.

A private service was held on Valentine's Day. Please send condolences to Brundage Funeral Home, 300 S. Atlantic St., Dillon, MT 59725, to be forwarded to the family. Condolences may also be expressed at www.brundagefuneralhome.com.

Paul Michael Busch, 25

Paul Michael Busch "entered heaven" on Aug. 27, 2011, due to an accidental drowning.

Paul was born in Kansas City, Mo., on Dec. 31, 1985.

Paul was a gifted athlete, a philosopher, and well-loved brother, son and friend. He was an excellent fly fisherman, hiker, climber and skier. If it was a physical activity, Paul excelled in it. "Loved by everyone in the universe," he certainly loved life and lived it to the fullest every day.

He was a graduate of Pleasant Hill High School, where he excelled in sports, was active in student council, and had a crew of true friends. He had a pixie-ish sense of humor and loved pranks, but was never unkind to anyone.

Paul was a student at Montana State University and had planned to attend fire academy after completing his degree. He was devoted and loving to his parents, sisters and friends. He will be missed beyond measure.

He came to Montana as an AmeriCorps volunteer and stayed on with the Forest Service as a wilderness ranger which allowed him to tromp through the forest every day with his buddy Kyle and his amazing dog Fred. Paul was very much a lover of nature, both the micro and macro view. He appreciated the commonality



of natural elements, but perhaps more so, the diversity of nature which makes all things unique. He loved the rocks, the trees, the rippling streams and cloud-dotted blue sky. He was also aware of the underlying force surrounding and uniting those elements.

"Whether it be Montana, Missouri, the Mission Mountains, or anywhere on earth, his spirit has been released to join in that force. We cannot understand it, but Paul's spirit/soul is now a part of it. If you would like to see what Paul sees, go to a mountain top. If you would like to hear what Paul hears, listen to the wind in the trees or the gentle ripple of a mountain stream. If you would like to feel what Paul feels, dip your hand into a cool mountain stream, for this is heaven to Paul."

He is survived by his parents, Steve and Anne Busch; his sisters, Sadie Geppert and Kerry McGhee; his brothers-in-law, Dan and Blake, aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends from everywhere he went. He also leaves behind his dog, Fred.

There will be a gathering to celebrate Paul's life at 7 p.m. today, Sept. 1, at the Thomson's home in Kalispell. Please contact Devon Thomson at (406) 270-1936 for information about attendance.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation, <http://www.bmwf.org/>; or the Wilderness Society <http://wilderness.org>

Garden City Funeral Home is in care of arrangements.

Hugh Cato Butler, 86

Dr. Hugh Cato Butler, DVM, passed away from natural causes in Austin, Texas, on July 23, 2011.

Hugh was born in Helena, on Jan. 7, 1925, the oldest son of Dr. W.J. and John Ozella (Cato) Butler. He attended Hawthorne Elementary School, Helena High School and graduated from the New Mexico Military Institute in Roswell, N.M.



He served professorships at Washington State University in animal surgery and physiology. In 1964, he moved to New York, where he was a small animal surgeon with the Animal Medical Center and engaged in research with the Sloane-Kettering Institute in Manhattan. N.Y.

In 1936, on Lower Two Medicine Lake in Glacier National Park, the Butler family was honored by the Blackfeet Indian tribe and ceremonially adopted. The Blackfeet Indians gave Hugh the name "Flying Eagle," and sparked his lifelong admiration of the American Indian culture and, more specifically, the Blackfeet tribe.

Hugh Butler served in the U.S. Army in the Enlisted Corps during 1943 to 1945, during which he served an overseas combat tour in Germany with Co. B, 393rd Infantry Regiment. Pfc. Butler fought in the infamous Battle of the Bulge in 1944. Then in 1945, Pfc. Butler was commissioned as an officer until his honorable discharge from active duty as a second lieutenant in 1946. During this time he served as company commander of Co. D, 107th Battalion, 76th Infantry. He remained in the Army Reserves until his separation from the Army in 1954.

While in the Army Reserves, Butler attended Montana State College and received his bachelor's degree in applied sciences and a master's degree in microbiology. He later attended Washington State University, where he received a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree in 1954 and a master's degree in physiology.

While attending Montana State College, Butler met the love of his life, Jacqueline Mary Schlitgus, in 1947. From their wedding date of Aug. 7, 1948, until the day of Jackie's passing, April 12, 2010, they remained devoted to one another.

During their 61 years of marriage they shared similar passions — dinner parties with many dear friends, ranching and horseback riding, motorcycle touring, boating and camping, water skiing, snow skiing, whitewater rafting, dancing, singing, photography, traveling into Mexico, Canada, Alaska and around the world, writing, attending powwows, and in their retirement years, sharing in their three sons' families' lives and regaling all of their rich family history and personal adventures.

Dr. Butler's veterinary career started as the assistant state veterinarian for the Montana Livestock Sanitary Board. Beginning in 1955,

Then, in 1963, Butler moved to Manhattan, Kan., where he served as a professor of surgery at Kansas State University until his retirement in 1986. During that time he was a pioneer in kidney transplant for dogs, and the orthopedic surgical techniques he pioneered and developed helped advance the science of artificial joint replacement. In 2000, in light of his professional achievements and meritorious service to science, he was chosen to receive the prestigious E.R. Frank Award from Kansas State University.

After his retirement in 1986, Butler moved to a log cabin, "Lodge of the Eagle," outside Kalispell, a lifelong dream that he and his wife shared. Their love for the Flathead Valley has been passed down to their children and grandchildren. In 2002, Butler and his wife moved to Austin to be close to family.

Dr. Butler was predeceased by his parents; wife, Jacqueline; and son, Benjamin.

He is survived by his son, Hugh Daniel Butler, and wife, Sheri, of Elgin, Ill., granddaughter Elizabeth Butler Orcutt and husband Matthew Orcutt, and grandson Hugh Christopher Butler. He is also survived by his son, John Butler, and wife, Judy, of Austin, granddaughter Camille Butler, and grandson Samuel Butler. Dr. Butler is also survived by his son Ben's widow, Nell Butler, of Austin, and her daughter, Rebekah Clark Alfaro and husband Martin Alfaro.

Also surviving Dr. Butler are his dear brother, Cato Butler, and his wife, Dora, of Helena, along with nieces and nephews, Cheye Ann Butler of Libby, Sioux Butler Roth of Helena, and Tommy Butler of Helena; his sister-in-law, Gerry (Schlitgus) Eagan, of Santa Rosa, Calif.; nieces, Maura Eagan of Santa Rosa, and Ann Ivan of Rye, N.Y.; and his brother-in-law, Hugh Canney (wife Winifred Schlitgus, deceased) and family of Rochester, Minn.

The Butler family would like to thank all of the staff at Heartland Health Care of Austin and Odyssey Hospice for the friendship and loving kindnesses they extended to both Hugh and Jackie Butler over the past two years.

The family will gather to memorialize and celebrate the lives of Hugh and Jacqueline Butler at the foot of Wolf Mountain in Two Medicine on Sept. 3, as they so desired.

Memorial contributions in memory of Hugh and Jackie may be made with Rails to Trails.

Pamela Jeanne Bushman, 65

On May 30, 2011, Pamela Jeanne Bushman "proceeded from mortality to the next world."

Her life featured love, service and compassion.

She accepted her loss of legs and lifetime of diabetes as God-given opportunities, not handicaps. With her natural pluck, she offered what she had learned in trying to succor others. Many testify that she did.

Pam was born May 18, 1946, in Salt Lake City to Betty Jean (Brown) and Warren Lewis. She spent most of her youth in Southern California. After graduating from East High School in Bakersfield, Calif., she attended college in Bakersfield and also what is now BYU-Hawaii.

On June 20, 1975, in Walnut Creek, Calif., she married Willard Martin Bushman. He asked to marry her largely because, from her childhood she had loved children and older people, and they, her. He considered such love to be central to a good character, expecting she could be neither false nor



selfish if she loved others so genuinely. That proved true in her case; every year she grew more graceful.

Pam was delighted to have been entrusted with seven children and 21 grandchildren. They were drawn to her by her close attention and the skills she taught them.

Pam is survived by her husband, Willard "Bill" Bushman; brothers, Steven Warren Lewis and Vickie of Flagstaff, Ariz., and Jonathon Lyle Lewis of Boise, Idaho; a sister, Lynn Anne, and Brent Wing, of Holmen, Wis.; children, Heidi Kristina (Bushman) Robison of Kalispell, Christopher Warren Bushman and Tabitha of Denver, Joseph Martin Bushman and Katie of Dallas, Ga., and Jonathan Joshua Bushman and Rachel of Euless, Texas; her

three stepchildren, Jeffrey Michael Bushman and Bonnie of Atlanta, and Meg and Carl Reinhold, and Katherine and John McLoughlin, all of West Linn, Ore.

Graveside services for Pam will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, June 2, at Glacier Memorial Gardens on U.S. 93 North, followed by a memorial service at 11:30 a.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1380 Whitefish Stage Road, in Kalispell, with Bishop Mark Robison officiating. Viewing will be from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 1, in the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Chapel.

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

Robert Jan 'Bob' Buzzard, 76

Robert Jan "Bob" Buzzard, 76, passed away Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2011, at his home in Kalispell.

Bob was born May 19, 1935, to Glen and Marie (Owen) Buzzard in Marion, Ind. Bob was raised and graduated from school in Marion.

Bob then went on to get his associate's degree from Lower Columbia College in Longview, Wash.

Bob served four years in the Air Force as an E4 and was stationed in Japan. Bob married Delores Bighaus on May 10, 1958, in Longview.

He worked as a contractor for Telephone Utilities in Ilwaco, Wash., manager of Deschues Telephone in Maupin, Ore., manager of Telephone Utilities in Elma, Wash., and construction supervisor for CenturyLink in Kalispell.

Bob enjoyed hunting, fishing, baseball and pho-



tography.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, Glen and Marie Buzzard; and other family members, Dorothy, Edna, Dotolene, Sandra, Marylouise and Kevin.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Delores, of Kalispell; children, Richard Buzzard of Kalispell, and Dennis Buzzard of Morton, Wash.; sister, Sarah Love; grandchildren, Chrystal Buzzard, Chrysalana Pyles, Scott Buzzard, Casey Buzzard, Shasta Buzzard and R.J. Buzzard; great-grandchildren, Jazmine Pyles, Vanessa Pyles, Christian Buzzard and Destiny Pyles, and numerous nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Bob's life will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, with urn burial following the service at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to MDA; the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

We invite you sign Bob's guest book at www.buffalohillfh.com. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Arthur W. Butler, 98

Arthur W. Butler, 98, died at Kalispell Regional Medical Center on Tuesday, July 19, 2011.

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

Jack Henry Butler, 60

Jack Henry Butler, 60, died March 15, 2011, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

He is survived by his three sons, Jesse Butler of Kalispell, and Jacob

and Joshua Butler of Columbia Falls.

Services are private.

Arrangements are entrusted to Austin Funeral Home.