

Yoko T. Cannon, 73

Yoko T. Cannon, 73, of Libby, died Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2011, at St. John's Lutheran Hospital in Libby, after a long battle with asbestosis-related problems.

Survivors include her children, Monica Olson of

Frenchtown, Connie Cannon Bache and Kelly Cannon, both of Libby, and Steve Cannon of Deming, Wash.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, at Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Libby.

Marion Edith Campbell, 62

Marion Edith Campbell, 62, died Friday, March 4, 2011, at Health Center Northwest in Kalispell.

She is survived by her sons, James Campbell of

Marion, Richard Campbell of Lompoc, Calif., and Israel Campbell.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Lewis Duane Card, 81

Lewis D. Card passed away on March 30, 2011, surrounded by his loving family. He will be remembered



for his sharp mind, love of family and friends, wit and his love of people and life.

Lewis was born in Havre in 1929 to Lewis V. and Dorothy Daum Card. He spent his happy childhood in Havre, Fortine and Whitefish. He volunteered for the Army in 1948 and was posted to Fort Monmouth, N.J., where he met the love of his life, Rose, on the boardwalk in Asbury Park. He served in the Korean War and was honorably discharged in 1952, at which time he and Rose married.

Lewis and Rose raised their family in Columbia Falls where he worked for the Anaconda Aluminum Company, becoming its Industrial Relations Manager. Later he and Rose lived in Henderson and Louisville, Ky. and Mandeville, Jamaica. They then returned to Whitefish, which he always considered home, where he and Rose spent the remaining years of his life.

Lewis was an avid outdoorsman, a love he engrained

in his children and grandchildren. He enjoyed backpacking in the mountains of Glacier Park and fishing and hunting in Montana's lakes and rivers with his family and friends.

Lewis is survived by his wife, Rose; his children and their spouses, Lewis and Julie Card, Linda Lynn and Jeff Stevenson, and William and Klara Card; and his brothers and their families, John and Fran Card and Phil and Janet Card. He loved his grandchildren Lewis, Tess, Andrew, Kyle and Alex and passed on to them his zest for life.

Lewis was devoted to his family and loyal to his friends. He lived his life to its fullest, as he poignantly illustrated in the last words he wrote to his family: "It was a awesome wonderful journey beyond my dreams."

Friends and family are invited to attend his graveside service at the Whitefish Cemetery at 11 a.m. on Monday, April 4. Afterwards, those attending are invited to his home for "a simple celebration of my life."

In lieu of flowers the family suggests a donation to the American Heart Association.

Donald R. Cardin, 53

Donald R. Cardin passed away at home on the morning of May 29, 2011, with his family by his side.

He was born on Sept. 30, 1957, in Kalispell, and lived in the valley most of his life. He loved metal detecting, gold panning, fishing, hunting, huckleberry picking, and spending time with his family and friends. He also dearly loved playing with his grandchildren.

He was married to his wife, Suzette Cardin, for 34 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Bill and Wanda Cardin.

He is survived by his wife, Suzette Cardin; one brother, Doug Cardin Sr.; three sisters, Connie Downing and husband Wally, Sheryl Westphal and partner Robert, all of Kalispell, and Carol Cardin and partner Paul of Fairbanks, Alaska; three children, Ginny Larkey and husband Chuck, James Car-

din and girlfriend Samantha, all of Kalispell, and Donnie Cardin and wife Cherise of Grand Junction, Colo.; his seven grandchildren, Drake Larkey, Kemana Larkey, Ashton Bennett, Keegan Cardin, Gavin Meyers, Quinntana Meyers and Jasslynn Meyers; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A potluck celebration of life will be held from 2 to 5 p.m. today, June 1, at the Scoreboard Pub in Kalispell.

In lieu of flowers please send memorial contributions to the family, care of Suzette Cardin, P.O. Box 3516, Kalispell, MT 59903, to help pay for funeral expenses.

Sylvia Bloomer Carie, 104

Sylvia Bloomer Carie, 104, passed away Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2011, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She was born on Aug. 16, 1907, in Menominee, Mich., to Douglas and Laura Bloomer.

She attended first through eighth grade at a small country school in Coffee Creek, Mont. Sylvia enjoyed learning and walked 10 miles each day to get to school. Her desire to continue her education led her to Chinoook, Mont., where she worked for a family for room and board so that she could attend high school. After graduating from high school, she went on to earn a teaching degree and a cosmetology degree.

She married Leland Carie in 1933 and they began their married life in Coram. During the depression, the couple sold firewood and Christmas trees. As war loomed, the couple moved to Portland, where Sylvia was employed as a welder in the Portland shipyard. After returning to the Flathead Valley, they started ranching and raising beef cattle in Kila, and later Polson. After Sylvia's husband passed away, Sylvia met and married Vern DeNault. They had 15 years of traveling and dancing before Vern passed away.

Sylvia enjoyed herding cattle on her trusted horse "Diamond." She

also loved afternoons with her grandkids, enjoying horseback riding and picnics, teaching the grandkids how to milk a cow, collect eggs, bake bread and change irrigation pipe. Sylvia was a homeopathic naturalist and had many natural remedies that she shared with her family.

Sylvia's only child, son Donald Leland, preceded her in death.

She is survived by her daughter-in-law, Donna Carie; and her grandchildren, Dana Kuzma, Douglas Carie, and Debbie and Jeff Williams. She is also survived by nine great-grandchildren who she cherished dearly. They are Carlyn and Catherine Kuzma, Leland, Rainy, Nicholai, Creath and Remington Carie, and Eli and Ethan Williams. She is also survived by her nephew, Dave and Kathy Evenson.

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 24, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery with reception following at Faith Free Lutheran Church.

Sylvia's family would suggest donations to Immanuel Lutheran Home, or Hospice of Kalispell.

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

Denyce D. Carlson, 56

Denyce D. Carlson, 56, of Kalispell, died Feb. 24, 2011.

She was a cosmetologist. She is survived by her children, Matteo Heaton

of Columbia Falls, and Demian Blu, Dustin Carlson and Devon Johnson, all of Kalispell.

At her request, there will be no services.

Grace (Guckenburg) Carlson, 90

Grace (Guckenburg) Carlson, 90, died Saturday morning, Oct. 29, 2011, at Immanuel Lutheran Home with her daughter and son-in-law comforting her.



Her funeral will be held at 3 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 4, at Bethlehem Lutheran in Kalispell. A reception will follow at the Split Rock Cafe in Kalispell. Grace's ashes will be scattered on the family ranch in Choteau in the spring.

Grace was born in Havre on April 20, 1921, and graduated from high school there in 1939. She was the first one in her family to continue on to college.

She earned her degree as a registered nurse from Deaconess Consolidated School of Nursing at Montana State College (now MSU) in Bozeman. She worked as a registered nurse for a year in Bozeman and then joined the U.S. Navy Nurse Corps to see the world, and ended up in Farragut, Idaho, for one and a half years.

While going to school in Bozeman, she met a young electrical engineering student from Choteau. She traveled to Ithaca, N.Y., by herself and married Martin "Mike" Carlson on Aug. 25, 1944. Mike was stationed by the U.S. Navy at Cornell University where he was teaching diesel engineering. Mike was transferred to Brooklyn Naval Yard in New York and that is where her oldest son, Martin Jr., was born. Next they moved to Denver where Mike was teaching electrical engineering at Denver University. This is where Mary Ann and Marjorie were born. Bismarck, N.D., was their next stop; Mike worked for the Bureau of Reclama-

tion. Youngest son Marc was born there. A promotion in the Bureau moved them to Montrose, Colo., where they lived until moving to Bigfork in 2000. Health issues and the desire to be closer to their daughters motivated them to move. Mike and Grace were married for 59 years.

Grace worked as an RN at the St. Alexius Hospital in Bismarck and also did private duty nursing. She continued nursing in Montrose.

Grace's passions were God and her church, sewing, gardening, quilting, reading, playing bridge, knitting, raising children and traveling. She and Mike were able to travel the world after his retirement. Trips to China, South America, Australia, New Zealand, Europe, Africa, Galapagos Islands, Greece, Saudi Arabia, India and Scandinavia were highlights.

Survivors include one sister, Berniece Marler, of Boise, Idaho; sister-in-law, Doris (George) McMurray of Choteau and Helena, and Pat Guckenburt of St. George, Utah; her four children, Marty and Antje Carlson of Anchorage, Alaska, Mary Ann Carlson, M.D., of Columbia Falls, Marj and Brad Nelson of Bigfork, and Marc and Sheila Carlson of Wausau, Wis.; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Carl and Ed Guckenburg; and her beloved husband Mike, on Sept. 23, 2003.

Grace lived a long and wonderful life and will be missed by many. We would like to thank all who helped her in her final years; the staff at Buffalo Hills Terrace and Immanuel Lutheran were special.

In celebrating her life, memorials may be sent to the Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp or charities of your choice.

Lucille Naomi Carnesi, 76

Lucille Carnesi, 76, "went to be with her Lord and Savior" on Jan. 5, 2011. She slipped away peacefully with



her daughter at her side at Brendan House in Kalispell.

Lucille was born Feb. 11, 1934, in Denver, where she lived most of her life.

She married Joe Carnesi March 25, 1950, who preceded her in death in 2006.

She lived in Grand Junction, Colo., from 1985 to 2005 when she moved to Montana to be with family.

In her strength she was always there for anyone who needed help. She loved living at the Elms Apartments in Kalispell the past few years where her friends became her family. Oh, how she looked forward to the potluck dinners each month and getting others together for game night. Lucille also enjoyed her days at The Summit where

she met so many friends.

Lucille is survived by her daughter, Dianna Memmer, of Kalispell; sons, Don Carnesi of Chester, Va., and Dan Carnesi of Winter Garden, Fla. She was the proud grandmother of Tiffany Carroll of Colorado Springs, Colo., Jim Lott of Thornton, Colo., and Shelley Gill of Buffalo, Wyo. And was she ever proud of her great-grandchildren, Brittany, Alexis, Kylie, Ian and Ethan, and everybody knew it. She is also survived by her sister Iris Hanifen, and brother Joseph Vincent, of Denver.

Her sister, Peggy Arvin, preceded her in death.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 14, at Faith Alliance Church, 348 Second Ave. West, in Kalispell. A reception will follow at the church.

Memorial contributions may be made to Faith Alliance Church, 348 Second Ave. W., Kalispell, MT 59901

You are invited to go to www.buffalohillfh.com to sign her book or leave a message for the family.

Jack Abbotts Carter, 75

Jack Abbotts Carter "went to be with the Lord" on Friday, April 15, 2011, in Azusa, Calif., after a two-year battle with cancer. He was 75.

He and his wife, Judy, and their children, Christie, Scott and Kellie, lived in Kalispell from 1978 to 1988.

Jack established the Court Club in 1979, which he later



named the Kalispell Athletic Club. Recently retired from his 22-year teaching and coaching position at Azusa Pacific University, he was preceded in death by his parents, sister Mary, and first wife of 34 years, Judy, in 1992.

He married Virginia Churchill on Jan. 1, 1995, and enjoyed a combined family of seven children and 13 grandchildren.

Condolences may be posted at: <http://jack.carter.muchloved.com>.

Don Caron, 86

Don Caron passed away at his home in Ferndale on Jan. 14, 2011.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret; two sons, David and Donald; three daughters, Bernadette, Teresa and Kateri; seven grandchildren; and eight



great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his son, Jerry.

He loved his family, his trees, his garden, Christmas, and climbing in Glacier Park.

A funeral Mass will be offered at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 20, at St. Matthew's Church in Kalispell.

The family requests donations to Hospice in lieu of flowers or other memorial gifts.

Donny Dean Carrell, 76

Donny Dean Carrell, 76, passed away on June 9, 2011, in Port Isabel, Texas, of natural causes.



He was born Oct. 28, 1934, in Marland, Okla. He graduated from high school in Jerome, Idaho, and from college at Idaho State University in Pocatello.

In 1958, Donny married Doris Cocek in Pasadena, Calif. They were married for six years and had two daughters, Diana and DeAna; and then later divorced.

Donny was an avid bird watcher, and also enjoyed traveling and fishing. He was retired.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Lorene Carrell; father, Everett Carrell; brother, Jimmy Carrell; and daughter, DeAna (Carrell) Zattosky.

Donny is survived by his daughter, Diana Carrell, of Kalispell; granddaughter, Keaton Koski, of Kalispell; great-grandchildren, Kelly, Donovan and Victoria; sisters, Donna Calkins and LaRita Sue Rost; and brother, Duane Carrell.

Cremation has taken place. The family will hold private services and scatter his ashes at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, please make any donations to his daughter's memorial fund, DeAna Zattosky Memorial Benefit, at any Wells Fargo Bank; or send to DZMB, 416 Parkway Drive, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Elmore Ray Cass, 79

Elmore Ray Cass, 79, of Polson, passed away July 18, 2011.

He and his twin sister, Elinor, were born at Hotel Djieu Hospital in Polson on Feb. 12, 1932, to Frances and Merritt Cass.

Elmore graduated from Polson High School in 1950 and entered the Navy with some of his classmates in March 1951. He served as a radio operator during the Korean War on the U.S.S. Titania (AKA-13), and was honorably discharged in March 1955.

After the service he joined his father and older brother Duane in the family business, Merritt Cass and Sons Construction. Many of the buildings in Polson, Ronan, Missoula and throughout Montana were built by them. The Governor's Mansion in Helena, Linderman School, the Tamsco building, the Lake County Courthouse addition, St. Joseph Hospital addition, Grogan Funeral Home and what is now First Interstate Bank in Polson are just a few of his jobs.

He lived in Wyoming for three years in the early 1980s, working in Yellowstone Park and on the Buffalo Bill Historical Center in Cody, and building the Big Horn Bank in Powell. It was there he became an EMT II and ran the county ambulance service for a year.

Later he moved to Oregon, renovating historical hotels, including the Astor Hotel in Astoria. He returned to Oregon in the early 1990s and worked for five years for the Galvanizers in Portland.

He was a lifelong Elks member and belonged to the Jaycees, Lion's Club, Missoula Trap & Skeet Club, several snowmobile clubs and participated for many years in Relay for Life.

Elmore married Nancy Thomas on Oct. 10, 1956, and



they raised three daughters, Cindy and William Trant of Nevada City, Calif., Teresa and Scott Hicks of Rock Creek, Mont., and Ritchie and Michael Wildey of Lolo. He later married Allyn Gorman on July 26, 1980, and they have one son, Jason Cass and Tina Baltz of Polson.

Elmore loved the outdoors, and he loved life. His happiest times were spent with friends and family snowmobiling, camping, hiking, hunting, fishing, boating or just picnicking on the lakeshore. The place closest to his heart was Frog Pond outside of Philipsburg, where he lived a winter while renovating the jail and courthouse and commuting the 40 miles each way, mostly by snowmobile.

He had a wonderful sense of humor, was quick to make friends and was liked by everyone who came in contact with him. He was always willing to lend a hand to those in need, and his generosity was well known. He will truly be missed.

Elmore was preceded in death by his parents, Merritt and Frances Cass; his brother, Duane Cass; nephew, Timothy Hern; and niece, Becky Hern.

He is survived by his sisters, Elinor Collins of Polson, and Ardell and Lonnie Hern of Polson; his children; grandson, Brian Wildey of Lolo; granddaughter, Joclynn Cass of Polson; stepgrandson, Cody Baltz of Polson; and numerous nephews and nieces.

A memorial service will be held at 11:30 a.m. July 28 at the Elks.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the Glacier Institute, where Elmore spent time cooking for the outdoor programs, at P.O. Box 1887, Kalispell, MT 59903, or the Diabetes Association or a charity of their choice.

Condolences may be left for the family online at www.groganfuneralhome.com.

Norm Caudill, 58

Norm Caudill, 58, died at his home in Somers with his family by his side on Saturday, Oct. 22, 2011.

He is survived by his wife Lynn; and two chil-

dren, Tony and Cory, all of Somers.

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

William Thomas 'Willie' Chaney, 39

William Thomas "Willie" Chaney, 39, of Helena, formerly of Whitefish, died Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2011.

He was a small-engine mechanic.

He is survived by his father, Thomas K. Chaney, of Helena; mother, Linda Wimer (Thomas) of Geraldine; and two daughters.

A memorial service and celebration of life will take place at 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11, at First Baptist Church, on the corner of Eighth and Warren in Helena. A reception will be held in the church immediately following the memorial service. Burial will take place at 4 p.m. at Forestvale Cemetery.

Steven A. Charlton, 48

Steven A. Charlton, 48, passed away on Sunday, Feb. 13, 2011, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

He was born on April 7, 1962, in Chicago, and raised in Madison, Wis., and Hinsdale, Ill.

Steve moved to Kalispell in 1990, following four years of honorable active duty in the U.S. Army.

Steve is survived by his beloved partner, Michelle Chamberlain; his mother, Nancy Hibben, and husband,

Ed, of Ponte Verda Beach, Fla.; his aunt, Jane Champion, of Tallahassee, Fla.; and aunts, uncles and cousins of Madison.

"Steve, we miss you." Memorial services for Steve will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 19, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Chapel.

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

Gary Ray Christiansen, 71

Gary Ray Christiansen passed away April 22, 2011, in Mesa, Ariz.

He was born Dec. 16, 1939, in Beaver Crossing, Neb., to Earl and Isabel Christiansen. Gary spent his early years in many activities, achieving his Eagle Scouting badge.

In 1961 he graduated from the University of Nebraska. Upon graduation, Gary was commissioned into the U.S. Marine Corps.

He married Constance Winjum on July 31, 1965, in Pierre, S.D.

In 1967 Gary graduated from the University of Montana Law School. He practiced law for more than 30 years in Kalispell.

Gary was active in many

community activities, including Ducks Unlimited and Rotary International, and was a charter board member of the Hockaday Museum.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and sister, Kay Foster.

He is survived by his wife, Constance; his son, Matthew; sister, Sue Hookano and family; brother, Clark Christiansen and family; the family of Kay Foster; and sister-in-law, Janice Forbord and family.

Memorials may be sent to Hospice of the Valley, East Mesa PCU, 6063 E. Arbor Ave., Mesa, AZ 85206, or a charity of the donor's choice.

A celebration of life will be held later in Kalispell.

Joseph E. Cherry, 62

Joseph E. Cherry, 62, of Libby, died Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2011, in Troy from natural causes.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Monday,

Sept. 26, at the Libby Christian Church.

Local arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Libby.

KayDel Christopherson, 74

KayDel (Wiedeman) Christopherson, 74, of Miles City, died Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2011.

Survivors include her husband Lester of Miles City and her son Brent L. Christopherson of Missoula and Kalispell.

Visitation will be held

Tuesday, Dec. 27 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Funeral services will be held Wednesday, Dec. 28 at 1 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Miles City. Interment will follow in the Custer County Cemetery.

Richard LeRoy Chowning, 73

Richard LeRoy Chowning, 73, formerly of Kalispell, passed away Aug. 5, 2011, at his home in Seal Rock, Ore.



He was born Jan. 27, 1938, in Inglewood, Calif., to David C. Chowning and Wilma Mae Chowning.

Richard married Jackie R. Shackelford in 1960, in Linwood, Calif.

He was a self-employed general contractor and business owner of Chowning Construction.

He belonged to the Elks and was a Christian.

Richard was an avid hunter. He also enjoyed fishing and, after his retirement, he

loved to garden. Most of all, he loved his family.

He is survived by his wife, Jackie (Shackelford) Chowning, of Seal Rock; daughters, Debbie Humphrey of Nevada, and Rhonda and Gary Paulson of Salem, Ore.; son, David Chowning, of Seal Rock; four grandchildren, Brandy and husband Geoff Marshall, Kyle and Kayla Paulson, and Ricky Chowning; one great-grandchild, Faith; and a brother, Glen Chowning.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Wilma Chowning; father, David C. Chowning; and brother, Greg Chowning.

No services are scheduled, per his request.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

James A. Christian, 63

James A. Christian, 63, of Columbia Falls, died Saturday, Dec. 24, 2011, at Health Center Northwest in Kalispell.

He is survived by his wife Sandy and three children: Kim Christian

of Whitefish, Michael Christian of Alaska, and Jay Dusterhoff of Seattle.

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

Joan Christensen, 85

Joan Christensen, 85, of Polson, died peacefully on the afternoon of Friday, July 29, 2011, at her home on Flathead Lake. Her daughter Margery was at her bedside.



She was born on Oct. 28, 1925, in Great Falls, to Margery and Bob Engelking. Because her father was an oil and gas drilling contractor, she and her sister Shirley lived their early years with their parents on the oil and gas leases where their father worked, ultimately settling

McIntosh Art Award for the 1985 academic year. She was an accomplished and widely respected artist. Her most well-known artistic works were two colored pencil series featuring her black cat, Ralph, titled, "Ralph Imitates Art" and "A Cat for All Seasons." These collections were shown in many galleries and the subject of a series of greeting cards, which were sold throughout the Northwest.

She graduated from Oilmont High School in 1943, and then attended the University of Montana, where she was a member of the Alpha Phi Sorority, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism in 1947.

While she was a student of the university, she met the love of her life, Robert Henning Christensen, who was attending U of M following his World War II service in the U.S. Navy. They were married in Shelby on July 20, 1945. Their son Dana was born in 1951 in New York City, where Bob was obtaining a master's degree at New York University. They then moved to Billings where Bob worked as a physical therapist. Their daughter Margery was born in Billings in 1953. The family then moved to Missoula where Margery and Dana were raised.

Joan was a stay-at-home mom during the 1950s and 1960s, which was a role she relished. She was devoted to her family. She was an extremely creative and gifted individual, which manifested itself in early years in playing the piano and sewing her own clothes, which were often copied directly from the latest issue of Vogue magazine. She was always the most beautiful woman in the room, admired by her husband and children. Only when her children were off to college did she enter the work force, working for many years for the Ottman Insurance Agency in Missoula.

Bob died prematurely at the age of 58, in 1983. Joan never remarried. Instead, she dedicated herself to her family, which now included her grandchildren, Benjamin Henning Christensen and Cassidy Ann Christensen, as well as to her art and spiritual pursuits. She went back to college in the fall of 1985, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in art from Montana State University-Eastern, where she earned straight As and received the prestigious

Joan was a profoundly spiritual person. She was called to the Holy Order of the Diaconate of the Episcopal Church in 1997. After an arduous three-year course of study, which she began at the age of 72, she was ordained as a deacon in the Episcopal Church in 2000, where she served with her dear friend, the Rev. Edwina Aker, until her retirement in 2005. She was also the chaplain at St. Joseph Medical Center in Polson, from 1999 to 2004.

In spite of her many accomplishments, her greatest joy came from her family, and her many friends and neighbors on Skidoo Lane, including Roger and Libby Smith, Ted Smith and Mary Newmann, Edwina, Chuck and Pam Aker and Ann Ross, and all those who were part of her long life in Missoula and Polson. Although she never learned to swim, she loved Flathead Lake, and her home, which had been in the family since the early 1940s.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and her husband, Robert.

She is survived by her son, Dana, and his wife, Stephanie; her daughter, Margery, and her husband, John; her grandchildren, Cassidy and her fiancé Josh, and Ben and his wife Anja; her sister, Shirley Postlewait; and her nieces and nephews, Diane, John and Karen Postlewait, and their families.

The family is very grateful to her physician, Dr. Dan Rausch, who provided her with superlative and loving care, and her ophthalmologist, Dr. Roger Barth, who saved Joan's vision many times. The family is also thankful for the wonderful care that was provided to Joan by all of the nurses and folks with Hospice, The Pines Home Health Care and at St. Joseph Medical Center in Polson.

A memorial service will be held for Joan at a later date this fall at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Polson.

Messages of condolence may be expressed to the family online by visiting www.groganfuneralhome.com. The staff of Grogan Funeral Home and Crematory, Polson, considers it a privilege to care for Mrs. Christensen's family.

Leona Ida Ciresi, 86

Leona Ida Ciresi, 86, passed away in Kalispell on Thursday, April 14, 2011, of cancer.

Leona was born on Dec. 14, 1924, in Baltimore where she was also raised.

She worked most of her life as an executive secretary for Safeco Insurance.

Leona married Anthony Ciresi in January 1950 in Baltimore. They were married for 55 years. Anthony passed away in June of 2005.

In her younger years, Leona was a professional dancer with the Arthur Murray School of Dance. She danced every Saturday night throughout her married life. They were members of the "The Charmers."

She was preceded in



death by her husband, Anthony Ciresi; and her parents, Leon and Bertha Kapelanczyk.

Leona is survived by her son, Michael Anthony Ciresi, of Modesto, Calif.; brothers, Frank Kapelanczyk of Kalispell, and Joseph Kapelanczyk of Forest Hill, Md.; nieces and nephews, Frank and Bonnie Kapelanczk, Brian and Kathy Frame, Sue and Bob Trodick, Janet and Denny Beach, and Matt and Missey Kapelanczyk; and great-nieces, and great-nephews, Rebecca Dickey, Justin, and Jake Trodick, Chris Kapelanczyk, Amanda Dorband, Lara, Lucas and Cole Kapelanczyk.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. You are invited to go to www.buffalohillfh.com to leave a message or sign her book. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Jerry Clark, 64

Jerry Clark passed away July 14, 2011, at his home in Tacoma, Wash.

Jerry was born April 23, 1947, in Kalispell.

He is survived by his loving wife of 35 years, Colleen; daughters, Riki Clark, Lisa and Terry Wells, Kristin Clark, Amy and Jason Martin, and Keli Kefauver and Tom Powell; grandsons, Chris and Cody Wells, Alex Clark, Ethan Martin and Jacob



Powell; sisters, Jeannie Heil and Julie Douglas; brother, Joe Clark; and brother-in-law, Paul Heil; along with numerous extended family members and friends.

He lived for hunting, fishing, family and finally having five grandsons. He recently enjoyed traveling to Hawaii, and his numerous hunting trips to "the camp."

Service with military honors will be held at 3 p.m. Friday, July 22, at Tahoma National Cemetery, 18600 S.E. 240th St., in Kent, Wash.

Please share memories and condolences online at www.edwardsmemorial.com.

Robert Clark, 79

Whitefish resident Robert Clark, 79, died Saturday, June 25, 2011, at North Valley Hospital.

He was born May 28, 1932, in Mead, Wash., to Gale and Helen (Pellet) Clark.

He is survived by his

wife, Marjorie (Hines) Clark, and three children, Edward C. Clark of Idaho, Barbara A. Roberts of Montana and Colleen R. Turner of Montana.

Arrangements are pending at Austin Funeral Home.

Bill Tom Closs, 89

Bill Tom Closs, 89, beloved husband of Gini Closs for 65 years, father of Bill Closs, Linda Hovis and Libby Hatfield, grandfather of Ben, Ginna, Brian, Steve, Chris, Liz, Becca, Sarah and Megan, passed away on June 6, 2011, peacefully of natural causes at home in Palo Alto, Calif.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Lillian Closs of Edge, Texas; and his brother, J.R. Closs of Waco, Texas.

Born Jan. 9, 1922, in the small country town of Edge, Texas, Bill was the first of his family to attend college when he accepted an athletic scholarship to Rice University. After achieving fame as an All-American basketball player in his senior year, Bill enlisted in the Marine Corps and served in the Pacific during World War II. During that time he met and wed Virginia Rooke of Pasadena, Calif.

After the war he became one of the first players in a new professional basketball league, the NBA. After six years of pro ball as a player for the Ft. Wayne Pistons and Philadelphia Warriors, and a stint as the player-coach of a new team in Houston, Texas, Bill and Gini moved to California. There he started his career in the sporting goods business with United Sporting Goods, later joining Converse as a promotional representative. In 1962 he founded his own sales agency, Bill Closs and Associates. In 1968, he became one of the four distributors for the Adidas brand in the U.S., covering the thirteen western states. Clossco, the distributor, flourished under his leadership. In 1985 Adidas



bought the Clossco distribution business from Bill and his partners. After Clossco, Bill continued his interest in the sports world by investing in several start-up businesses, including U.S. Sports, the leading provider of youth sports camps in the U.S. He also realized a lifelong dream by acquiring and operating the historic Snowcrest Ranch near Alder, Mont.

After retiring from the ranch business, he and Gini continued to live part of each year at their idyllic home on Flathead Lake. As big fans of Stanford University and Rice University athletics, they attended many events and funded several athletic scholarships. Bill and Gini were tennis players and longtime members of the Foothills Tennis and Swim Club. Bill was a golfer with memberships at Los Altos Golf and Country Club, Eldorado Country Club and Eagle Bend Golf Club. His love of the outdoors found expression in fly fishing, hunting and membership in the Boone and Crockett Club. Bill was inducted into the Rice University Athletic Hall of Fame and the Sporting Goods Agents Association Hall of Fame.

Bill Tom Closs was often called "Big Bill." He lived life large. He will be remembered as a loving husband, a devoted family man, a true friend and an inspiration to all who knew him or worked with him. He will be sorely missed.

The family will hold a private memorial service.

In lieu of flowers, please direct any donations to the Bill T. Closs Scholarship Fund, in care of U.S. Sports, 750 Lindaro St., No. 220, San Rafael, CA 94901, attention: Charlie Hoeveler.

There will be a small private service in Montana later this summer.

Barbara Ann Cloninger, 89

Barbara Ann Cloninger, 89, died Sunday, Dec. 11, 2011, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

She is survived by her three children, John Cloninger, Scott Cloninger and

Janaya Okerlund, all of Kalispell.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

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

Wesley Rex Cobb, 48

Wesley Rex Cobb, 48, died Saturday, Oct. 15, 2011, as the result of a tractor accident at his home in Columbia Falls.

He is survived by a daughter, Chloe Cobb; and

a son, Cody Cobb.

Wesley's family will receive friends from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21, in the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Chapel. Private family services will be held.

Kathryn Denise Coccia, 58

Kathryn Denise Coccia, 58, of Columbia Falls, died at her home on Thursday, Oct. 13, 2011.

She is survived by her husband, Byron Goe of Columbia Falls; and her

daughter, Megan Bartlett of Missoula.

The family will receive friends from 3 to 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21, at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

Mary Patricia 'Pat' Coddington, 89

Mary Patricia "Pat" Coddington, 89, of Springfield, Ill., formerly of Petersburg, Ill., passed away on Wednesday, March 2, 2011, at Memorial Medical Center.

She was born on Feb. 8, 1922, in Kalispell, to Dr. Hugh E. and Lotetta Reiman Houston.

She married Clyde W. "Wally" Coddington on March 1, 1947. The couple spent the next several years in numerous places in the U.S. and foreign countries, while Clyde was an U.S. Air Force officer. In their retirement years they lived on Lake Petersburg. He preceded her in death.



Pat was a homemaker. She attended Kalispell schools, the College of St. Catherine in St. Paul, Minn., and University of Idaho.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; brother, Hugh E. Houston; sisters, Gretchen Chase and Virginia Gay; and nephew, George Gay.

She is survived by several nieces and nephews, including Ginger Lopez of New Jersey.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, March 25, at Camp Butler National Cemetery. Cremation rites have been accorded.

Online memorial messages may be left for her family at www.hurleyfh.com.

Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg is in charge of arrangements.

Richard N. Coffman, 64

Richard N. Coffman, 64, died Sunday, June 19, 2011, in Kalispell.

He will be cremated and a private family ser-

vice will be held.

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

Thomas Cokeley, 86

Thomas Cokeley, 86, died Friday, Sept. 16, 2011, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

He is survived by his daughter, Connie Eaves,

of Bigfork.

There are no services planned at this time.

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

John William Collins, 96

John William Collins, 96, died July 3, 2011, at Whitefish Care and Rehabilitation Center in Whitefish.

He is survived by two sons, Clifford and James

Collins; and two daughters, Marilyn Nehls and Sondra Burroughs.

Services are pending. Arrangements are entrusted to Austin Funeral Home.

William M. Colony, 79

William M. Colony, 79, died Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2011, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center. Arrange-

ments are currently pending with Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, which is caring for the family.

Kary L. Comeslast, 41

Kary L. Comeslast, 41, of Polson, passed away on Friday, July 15, 2011, at his home.

Kary was born on Feb. 24, 1970, in Wolf Point, son of Percy Comeslast and Dayle Cline. He was a 1988 graduate of Flathead High School, and later was a squad leader in the U.S. Army until his discharge. He was also an enrolled member of the Sioux and Assiniboine tribes of the Fort Peck Reservation.

Kary worked many jobs, including construction, truck driving, and as a general laborer.

He enjoyed fishing, reading, and especially helping his neighbors, friends and relatives.

He was preceded in death by his father, Percy, and an



uncle, Douglas Cline.

Kary leaves behind his precious 4-year-old daughter, Keya Rose Jones; his mother, Dayle Cline, of Riverside, Calif.; three uncles, David Cline, Donald Cline and Darryl Cline; an aunt, Diane Cline Johnson; and numerous cousins and other relatives.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Kary's name to the Circle of Trust Suicide Prevention Program in Lake County.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, July 23, at Grogan Funeral Home, 101 Sixth Ave. E., Polson. A reception will follow at the funeral home.

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

Jesse Arlen Conaway, 40

Funeral services for Jesse Arlen Conaway, 40, who passed away at his home July 18, 2011, will be held at 11 a.m. today, July 29, at Easthaven Baptist Church.



Jesse was born on March 26, 1971, in Portland, to his mother Belinda. He spent his youth in Oregon and graduated from Warrenton High School in 1989.

He then married Keri Logan in 1991, and in 1993 Jesse's adventurous spirit brought the couple to Kalispell. After getting settled they had two beautiful children, Trevor and Koral.

Jesse was no stranger to hard work and put his all into it. His work endeavors included logging, dairy worker, landscaping, electrician and, most recently, his work with Stallion Oilfield Services in North Dakota.

Jesse also managed to make time for his hobbies and shared his love for fishing, hunting, beachcombing

and classic cars with his children. His charm, wit and passion for these hobbies also carried him into an ever growing circle of friends. He had quite a way with story telling and was also known as a prankster. He had the ability to have anyone laughing or smiling at his antics within minutes of meeting him.

Jesse had a generous nature and was willing to lend a helping hand to anyone in need, no matter what the task.

Jesse was preceded in death by his grandparents, Don and Wanda Brown; and his father, Nick Conaway.

He is survived by his "babies," Trevor Conaway, 15, and Koral Conaway, 11; his mother, Belinda; sister, Melony; brothers, Ryan and Dusty Everson, and their father, Dwayne; numerous aunts, uncles and cousins; as well as close friends that he considered family.

Jesse has instilled everlasting memories in each and every person who has had the pleasure of meeting him. He will be missed greatly by his family and friends and will never be forgotten.

Sid Cone, 70

Sid Cone, a fearless and restless adventurer who was willing to try anything, drowned on June 11, 2011, while dredging for gold offshore at Nome, Alaska.



He was born Sidney Lawrence Cone on Sept. 23, 1940, to Joe and Janiel Williams Cone of Kila. Sid's early years were spent in the Ashley Creek School area, and in or near Vancouver, Wash., for four years during World War II where his parents worked in the Kaiser Ship Yards. After the war the family returned to the Ashley Creek area where Sid attended grades one through six, then a year each at Fortine and Olney. He went to high school in Eureka and while there he joined a local boxing club. Besides local matches he fought in the Inland Empire Golden Gloves Tournament in Spokane.

Sid always had a keen ear for music. He could pick up any musical instrument and before long was picking out a tune. He and his piano playing sister, Sharon, played for dances at local grange halls and community centers.

Sid's first "real" job was at Alby's studmill in Eureka where he, along with his brother Rod, worked night shifts and stacked hay at a ranch during the day for room and board. He later worked as a ranch hand in the Big Hole Valley.

In 1961 he became a deputy game warden in Alaska. He then became an Assistant Chief of Police in Cordova, Alaska. From there he joined the Marine Corps where he spent time overseas, including Okinawa and the Philippines, and during that time was on various ships including the carrier Princeton. In 1964 he was on a winning Marine Corps track team and was selected, along with his team members, to carry the Olympic torch.

After his stint in the Marines, he became a commercial fisherman. He began on a tuna boat out of San Diego, and later worked on various other boats fishing for salmon and halibut.

Sid's varied work history

went on to include logging jobs in Montana, Idaho, Washington and Arizona for companies including Canyon Logging of Columbia Falls and Lyle Doty logging of Kalispell. He also drove truck in the oil fields of Eastern Montana and North Dakota.

In 1986, Sid returned to school and earned an associate's degree from the Kenai Peninsula Community College in alcohol and substance abuse counseling. He was certified by the State of Alaska and worked as a counselor in the Kenai/Soldotna area.

Sid's love for fishing and the Alaskan outdoors led him to leave counseling in 1989 and buy his own fishing boat the "Grey Gull" to fish for halibut once again. When the State of Alaska went to a quota system for halibut fishing, Sid and many other smaller fishermen were forced out.

Sid returned to the lower 48 in the early '90s. He went to truck driving school in Arizona, then began driving long haul truck for Don Williams Trucking in Washington, A&A Trucking in Kalispell, Interstate Distributing in Seattle and Watkins-Shepherd Trucking out of Missoula. Sid officially retired in 2007, but his love for Alaska continued to pull him back.

Sid was always a voracious reader and through his own self-study into world's religions became an active member of Missoula's chapter of Nicherin Buddhism.

Never one to turn down an opportunity, Sid began spending his summers in Nome, Alaska, mining for gold; his last true passion.

Sid was preceded in death by his parents, and a nephew, Jason Cone.

He is survived by his best friend and older brother, Rod Cone, and Cindy, from Missoula; his sister, Sharon Catlow, and Craig, from Spokane; his nephew, Joe Cone, from Missoula; niece, Laurie Doty, from Seattle; niece, Carrie Doty, and her children, Brock and Mark Jason from Great Falls; niece, Pam Doty Young, from Dallas; and former brother-in-law and friend, Lyle Doty, from Conrad.

Due to Sid's untimely and tragic death in Alaska, services are pending.

Ancil 'Hank' Conley, 83

Ancil "Hank" Conley, 83, passed away on Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2011, in Kalispell.

He was born in Battle Creek, Mich., on Oct. 11, 1928, to Fred W. and Mabel A. (Maxim) Conley.

Too young to go to World War II, Hank started working at a very young age packaging K-rations at the local Kellogg's plant.

During high school he met Mary Jane "Janie" Pickle, the love of his life; they were married shortly after graduation in June of 1947. In 1962, Hank, Janie and their two children moved to San Jose, Calif., where they lived for many years.

While in California, Hank welded the propellant tanks for the Titan IIIc rockets and went on to become a welding engineer, traveling around the country working at various nuclear power plants.

Outside of work Hank and Janie enjoyed camping and square dancing. Hank was also a lifetime member of the



Scottish Rite and was proud to be a 32nd degree Mason.

In later years, Hank and Janie continued camping and traveled throughout the United States. They retired in Kalispell, where Janie handcrafted items that Hank would deliver to local nursing homes.

Hank was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Janie, and all 12 of his siblings.

He is survived by his two children, Sandra and Kenneth Taylor of Newberg, Ore., and Edward and Sharon Conley of Dorrington, Calif.; granddaughters, Christina Conley, Sharlene Conley, Sheena Conley and Shawna Conley; and great-granddaughter, Tamara Perron.

Graveside urn burial for Hank will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 5, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery with Pastor Darrell Newby officiating.

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

Edna E. Conn

A celebration of life for Edna E. Conn, 94, who died Dec. 14, 2010, will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Aug.

12, at the United Methodist Church in Whitefish. All of her friends and family are invited.

Bernard 'Bernie' Connor, 71

Bernard "Bernie" Connor, 71, formerly of Kalispell, died Jan. 24, 2011, in Sidney due to multiple myeloma.

He had been a bricklayer and mason.

Survivors include a daughter, Kim Connor-Amys, of Fort Collins,

Colo.; son, Kevin Connor, of Seattle; and stepson, Brian Sather, of San Francisco.

Cremation was under the direction of Fulkerson Funeral Home in Sidney. A memorial service was held Jan. 28 at the Elks Club in Sidney.

Esther F. Conner, 95

Esther F. Conner, 95, died Friday, Feb. 25, 2011, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

A celebration of life is being planned with Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

Ruby Conner, 88

Ruby Doraine Victoria Conner passed away on Saturday, Oct. 8, 2011, at the Whitefish Care and Rehabilitation Center in Whitefish. Ruby was born Oct. 19, 1922, to Victor and Aldina (Pearson) Roos.

Ruby grew up in Cloverland, Wis., and left the farm community to attend St. Paul Bible College in St. Paul, Minn. There she met her husband, James F. Conner. After graduation they married in her hometown of Cloverland on June 9, 1944.

James was an ordained minister and they served for almost 30 years under the Christian and Missionary Alliance affiliation. Together James and Ruby had five children: four sons and one daughter.

Their ministry took them to several states and two provinces of Canada.

James preceded Ruby in death in Medford, Ore., on May 27, 1974. Ruby then moved to Kalispell, living out the rest of her years where

three of her sons live.

Ruby is survived by her sister Dorothy Vik, of Poplar, Wis.; her children, Gary and Sally Conner of Kalispell, Sue and Wayne Wright of Alta Loma, Calif., Dan and Cindy Conner of Whitefish, Jim Conner of Whitefish, and Tim and Patty Conner of Sandy, Utah; eight grandchildren and their spouses; three great-grandchildren; and numerous friends.

She was a beloved wife and mother who served the Lord with all her mind and heart her entire life. She will be missed.

A funeral service will be held Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2011, at 2 p.m. at the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family suggests memorial gifts be given to the Crown College Christian and Missionary Alliance: 8700 College View Dr., St. Bonifacius, Minn. 55375-9001.

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



Stella L. 'Sally' Conner, 86

Stella L. "Sally" Conner, 86, died July 9, 2011, at Brendan House in Kalispell. A memorial/celebration of life service will be held Friday, July 15, at Lawrence Park in Kalispell, beginning at 1 p.m.

The youngest of five sisters, she was born in Byers, Kan., in 1924, to Marvin and Bertha Lathrop. While a young girl, her family moved to Phillips in the Texas Panhandle, in the heart of the Dust Bowl, where her father worked at the giant petroleum refinery.

After graduating from Phillips High School in 1942, she enrolled in the Northwest Texas School of Nursing in Amarillo, Texas, graduating as a registered nurse in 1945 between VE and VJ days.

During those years she marched in a parade with Eleanor Roosevelt, and met James R. Conner, a young airman from northern Minnesota serving at the B-29 base near Amarillo. She married Conner in Bemidji, Minn., in June, 1946, taking their honeymoon on Lake Superior's storied north shore.

Back in Bemidji, she worked in public health as a school nurse while her husband earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from Bemidji State Teachers College. During the early 1950s, a time of great fear of atomic warfare, she was conscripted as a civil defense volunteer, helping run duck-and-cover drills and organizing for the big blast that never came.

Her first child, James Jr., was born in 1947, followed by John in 1949, Bill in 1954, and Kelton in 1955.

In the 1960s she returned to nursing. In 1971, she studied cardiac nursing in Rochester, Minn., becoming certified in cardiac and intensive care nursing.

Her husband, James Conner Sr., died that spring on the eve of their 25th wedding anniversary.

Four years later, her nest empty, she accepted an offer from the hospital in Kalispell, where she worked in a variety of nursing positions for the next 22 years. She enjoyed working nights, quipping she had the right temperament for the job: "I'm not afraid to call a doctor in the middle of his wedding night if that's what helping a patient requires."

She retired in 1997 at the age of 72, concluding a

52-year career in nursing that began in a segregated hospital in Texas and ended in a modern health care center in Montana.

During her 14 years of retirement, she tended her cats and flower gardens, hosted friends and relatives, and visited her sisters and sons and their families. Each Thursday she joined her retired friends for lunch at a restaurant in Kalispell, a group informally known as the Thursday Lunch Club. She maintained and initiated the club's telephone tree until her 85th year, and in a manner any campaign manager would envy.

She was a stalwart supporter of the Saline, Ark., animal shelter founded and run by her sister, Wanda Fern Williams, and contributed heavily to organizations dedicated to treating animals humanely.

She believed in the power of education as only a mother and a woman who escaped poverty through education could, helping her sons and grandchildren with schools and college, and voting for school bonds and levies even when her resources were stretched.

She is survived by an older sister, Doris Tilbury, of Norman, Okla.; sons, James Conner of Kalispell, John and his wife Theresa Conner of Columbia Falls, Bill Conner of Lynnwood, Wash., and Kelton and his wife Carrie Conner of Marysville, Wash.; and by John and Theresa's children, Charlotte and her husband Darren Dye, and John K. Conner and his wife Hisako (Nancy); Bill's children, Kylee, and Josh Conner and his wife Stephanie; and Kelly and Carrie's children, Chris Conner and his wife Crystal, and Ben Conner and his wife Brittany; and by great-grandchildren, Aubrey Dye, Jacob Dye, Baylee Dye, Cian Conner, Tavin Conner, Logan Conner, Hadley Conner and Reiley Conner; and a large extended family.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sisters, Hartense, Wanda Fern, and Bonnie; two brothers, still-born; and her husband.

Her granddaughter has established a memorial page on Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/SallyConner>. For additional information, please call James Conner at 249-3780.

Doris (Long) Connors, 94

Doris (Long) Connors, 94, died Nov. 12, 2011, in Kalispell, of natural causes.

She was born July 18, 1917, in Keene, N.D., and was raised in North Dakota and Montana. Doris graduated from Williston High School in North Dakota in May 1935.

Before World War II, she worked at the Boeing factory in Seattle as a rivet-bucker. She married Stanley J. Connors in Seattle in 1942 and became a Navy bride. Doris and Stanley were married 69 years.

Doris was a housewife and mother.

She was also a member of the Mothers' Club of Helena Flats School; a member and officer of the VFW Post 2252 Auxiliary; a member of the Military Order of Cooties Auxiliary, and past state president; charter member and officer of North Valley Auxiliary 4081 F.O.E.

Doris' hobbies included sewing, alterations, fishing, camping, parades and fundraising to support the military and charities of various organizations.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Alton and Florence; brothers, Donald and Alton; daughter, Maryanne Connors; husband, Stanley Connors; and great-grandson, Kalob Connors.

She is survived by her sons, Keith and wife Dorothy Connors of Kalispell, Ken and wife Karen Connors of Jamesburg, N.J., and Don and Becky Connors of Kalispell; daughters, Floris and James Dyke of Great Falls, and Doris Marie Palicz of Oklahoma City; 10 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and numerous stepgrandchildren and stepgreat-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 9 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 19, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Veterans Home Memorial Foundation in Columbia Falls, the Fraternal Order of Eagles F.O.E. 4081 Alzheimer's Fund, or to your favorite charity.

Teresa Lynne Archibald Cook Allison, 70

Teresa Lynne Archibald Cook Allison, 70, of Salem, Ore., passed away on Thursday, Sept. 29,



2011, from melanoma cancer.

She was born to Nellie and Herbert R. Archibald on July 1, 1941, in Kalispell.

Teresa graduated from Flathead County High School in 1959 and attended the University of Montana. In 1968, she married Philip Cook and they moved to Polson.

She later lived in Spokane and Cheney, Wash., before marrying her high school sweetheart, John Allison, 40 years after they first dated. Teresa and John lived in Gig Harbor, Wash., and later in Salem. John preceded Teresa in death in 2007.

Teresa was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Salem.

She loved to play bridge

and was an avid reader, but mostly enjoyed being "Nana" and spending time with her family and friends. Teresa was always a positive, warm and welcoming person, and she made instant friends wherever she was. She made a difference in the lives of everyone who knew her, and she will be dearly missed.

She is survived by two daughters, Susan P. Cook of Salem, and Stacia A. Hagel of Springfield Ore.; and a brother, Harold Archibald, of Steilacoom, Wash.

She is also survived by her five grandchildren, Kevin, Jabon and Lian Hagel, and Patrick and Anna Emerson.

Her sister, Ellen Joyce, died in 1962.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting that donations be made to the Humane Society of Salem.

A memorial will honor the life of Teresa at 1:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 10, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Salem. A reception will follow.

Winnifred May 'Wynn' Cook, 89

Winnifred May "Wynn" Cook, 89, died Wednesday, June 15, 2011, at Libby Care Center.

Survivors include daughters, Jeanne Thompson of Libby, and Susan Roberson of Layton, Utah; and son Jim

Cook of Lolo.

Services will be 1 p.m., Wednesday, June 22, at Libby Christian Church, followed by burial at Libby Cemetery. A reception will be held at Libby Christian Church following burial.

Elsie Stanley Ivers Cooper, 88

Elsie Stanley Ivers Cooper was born on Sept. 14, 1923, in Nampa, Idaho, to John William Stanley and Winnifred Edith Tauge Stanley.



She "went home to heaven to trade in her wheelchair for dancing shoes and wings" on Jan. 3, 2012.

Elsie spent her early years in the Columbia Falls area where her dad was a sheriff. The family then moved to a farm in Pablo. There she met the love of her life at baseball game, where with a wink and a tip of his hat, Harold stole her heart.

Harold and Elsie lived many years in the Fortine area. They traveled many times to Alaska. In 1971, Harold died of cancer and a few years later she married Joe Cooper.

Elsie was our hero. She nursed both husbands with cancer at home, until they passed away. She lost a son and a daughter, and many other family members, but

her faith was unwavering and she stayed strong through it all.

Four brothers and four sisters, her mother and father, two husbands, a son, a daughter, a grandson, and many others "have gone to heaven before her."

She is survived by a daughter, Rose Berger; a son, Dean Darwin; a daughter-in-law, Marie Ivers; one brother, Jim; one sister, Betty; six grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren.

Elsie could not see due to macular degeneration and while she was "getting ready to be an angel," she could not talk but she still mouthed the words to her favorite hymns that were played, and scowled when Rose would cry by her bedside.

We know that she would not want us to mourn or weep, but to celebrate a life well lived, a glorious home in heaven.

"And Mom, I hope you dance!"

Funeral services will be held at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 9, at the Faith Alliance Church in Kalispell, with a reception to follow.

Esther Faye Conner, 95 Walter Zell Conner, 79

Esther Faye Conner, 95, died Feb. 25, 2011.

Esther's husband, Walter Zell Conner, 79, passed away one week later, on March 3, 2011, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center, following an illness.

Esther Conner was born Sept. 9, 1915, in Oka, Mont., to Ed and Vera Hooker.

She married Melvin Stevens in 1931 (widowed in 1971), having five children, Edith Hauge of Ray, N.D., and Micheal in Portland. Betty, Patricia Chittim and Melvin are deceased.

Moving to Kalispell in 1956, she managed restaurants, including the nationally known B&B Restaurant for 14 years.

In 1974, she married Walter Conner in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, helping raise four more children, Mike, Curt, Julie and Kelly (deceased). Together they owned the Log Cabin Cafe and Bar in Hungry Horse, where Esther was known for her recipes for bleu cheese dressing and homemade huckleberry pancakes and syrup.

Her home rang with laughter and everyone entering was offered something to eat, treated like family, and expected to stay awhile. She never met a freshly caught fish or Walla Walla sweet onion she did not like.

Esther was born again at age 84, confessing Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior: "She is now at home with Him."

"Grandma Esther" is survived by 21 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

Walter Zell Conner was born, May 21, 1931, in Sheridan, Wyo. His family moved to Kalispell when he was 4



years old, and he was raised here. He attended Flathead County High School.

Walter served in the military as an Air Force aviation mechanic.

He then worked for Boeing and Continental as an airline mechanic, as well as doing demolition and salvage work.

Walter volunteered for Meals on Wheels. His hobbies included boat construction and woodworking. He also enjoyed fishing and was active in his church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Leonard and Ceil Jackson; his wife, Esther; and daughters, Kelly Conner and Lorie Conner.

Walter is survived by his children, Mike Conner of Marbleton, Wyo., Julie Conner of Fairbanks, Alaska, Curt Conner of Wrentham, Mass., and J.D. Conner of Texas.

Memorials are suggested to Home Options Hospice.

A joint service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 5, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Private burial for Esther and Walter will be at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

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

Irene Agnes Corbett, 102

Irene Agnes Corbett, 102, died Thursday, Nov. 24, 2011, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She is survived by her son, Jim Corbett; daughter, Bonnie Kirkpatrick; and son, Jack Corbett.

Funeral services will be held at Johnson-Gloschat

Funeral Home on Thursday, Dec. 1, 2011, at 1 p.m. Interment will be at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

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

Judith Corneliuson, 98

Judith Cornelia Corneliuson, 98, passed away at her residence in Tucson, Ariz., on Oct. 21, 2011, surrounded by the presence and love of her family and friends. She was born Jan. 9, 1913, to Kaurin B. and Johanna Johnson on the family farm in the Bigfork area.



Judy had a wonderful childhood growing up with her large family on their farm next to the Flathead River. She was a member of the first graduating class from Bigfork High School and continued her education at Kalispell Business College. She was married to Berthel Corneliuson on July 24, 1943. She worked as a secretary until her children arrived and then devoted the rest of her life to the loving care of her family.

She was a longtime member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church and spent many joyful hours with the Quilt Makers group until she moved to Tucson to be near her children. She was a wonderful seamstress and thoroughly enjoyed working on her many needlework projects. She loved to camp and fish, was a huckleberry picker extraordinaire, cultivated a huge garden and created amazing pies, cakes, cookies, canned goods and hot dishes — none of which ever went to waste or lacked for a taste-

tester.

Judy was preceded in death by her husband, Bert; her parents, K.B. and Johanna Johnson; her brothers, Carlyle, Eivin, William, Harold, Henry and Harry; her sisters, Sylvia Martinson, Olive Case, Ruth Nordtome, Viola E. Johnson I, Viola E. Johnson II, and Lillian Nelson; and her son-in-law, Keith Cress. She is survived by her sister, Eunice (Sidney) Gilbertson, Ocean Hills, Calif.; her son, Jim; her daughters, Jean Cress and Sharon (Douglas) Larson all of Tucson; her grandsons, Rier and Erik Larson of Tucson, Kaare (Kathryn) Larson and great-grandson Kye of Encinitas, Calif. She is also survived by her sisters-in-law, Donna Johnson of Bigfork and Wilma Corneliuson of Kalispell; and many nephews and nieces.

Graveside committal service will be held Nov. 4, 2011, at 10 a.m. at Glacier Memorial Gardens. A memorial service will follow at Bethlehem Lutheran Church at 11 a.m., with a reception to follow.

Memorials may be made to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 603 S. Main, Kalispell 59901, for use in the Quilt Makers program or to a charity of the donor's choice.

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

Brad Coverdell, 48

Brad Coverdell "left us suddenly and much too soon" on March 10, 2011, while traveling for business in Cranberry Township, Pa.

He was born to Robert and Jo Ann (Hill) Coverdell on July 22, 1962, in Kalispell. Brad spent his childhood in Columbia Falls, where he developed a passion for skiing on Big Mountain. His family moved to Spokane where he attended Rogers High School and graduated with a degree in mechanical engineering from Gonzaga University. (Go Zags!)

When in high school he met the love of his life, Aileen. We moved to Richland, Wash., to begin our lives together. Brad worked for ARES Corporation as a senior engineer. During this time, a wonderful event happened when Gregory Coverdell came into our life. Brad was a good father, being involved in his son's life as baseball coach, science partner, but most of all, daddy.

He was preceded in death by his father, Robert Coverdell.

Those left on this earth to remember him are his wife, Aileen Coverdell; son, Gregory; and his mother, Jo Ann Hill, of Spokane; aunt, Carol Lee, and uncle, Oystein Solheim, of Shingle Springs, Calif.; and cousins that were more like sisters and brothers to him, Debbie and Dave Reynolds of Spokane, Beth and Ron Mainer of Sacramento, Calif., and Eric and Helen Solheim of Adelaide, Australia.

Aileen's family considered Brad as the "eighth child," not the son/brother-in-law. He will be remembered by Frank Miley, Sharon, Robert, David, James, Benjamin and Edward. He was Uncle Brad to numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 19, at Christ the King Church, 1111 Stevens Drive, Richland, Wash.

William H. Corwin, 86

William H. Corwin, 86, died July 2, 2011, at Whitefish Care and Rehabilitation Center in Whitefish.

He is survived by his

son, William Corwin, of Kalispell.

Services are private. Arrangements are entrusted to Austin Funeral Home.

Joel Lewis Coyle, 57

Joel Lewis Coyle, 57, of Kalispell, died tragically in an auto accident on Friday, Nov. 4, 2011, in Kalispell.

Joel was born on Aug. 16, 1954, in Tulsa, Okla., to Rosemary (Lewis) and George Coyle. He was the fourth of five children. The family moved to Denver shortly after he was born.

Joel worked all his life in the construction/land development industry. He participated in the building of Denver International Airport. Bridges, culverts and roads were his favorite projects. He was always very proud of the work he did for Dell Webb in Las Vegas building the Sun City Retirement Community. Another accomplishment was the supervision of building a water treatment facility in Gunnison, Colo.

His final working days were spent doing land development for Lowry Redevelopment Authority in Denver converting Lowry AFB into a residential and business community. Joel was forced to retire early due to medical problems.

In 1994 he met Linda, his life companion and wife for 17 years. They lived in Denver until moving to the Flathead Valley in 2004.

Joel enjoyed fishing, hunting pheasants, gardening, NASCAR and football. However, the greatest joy in his life was spending time with

his grandchildren.

Joel was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Kristin; his father, George; and grandson, Dominic.

Joel is survived by his wife, Linda; his son, Luke and wife, Liz, of Kalispell; daughter, Elizabeth Hults and husband, Ronnie, of Centennial, Colo.; son, Joshua Coyle of Denver; stepson, Jeffrey Harmsen of Denver; stepson, Todd Harmsen and wife, Shelley, of Rockford, Ill.; mother, Rosemary, and stepfather, John Einspanjer, of Fort Madison, Iowa; sister, Linda Nichols of Monterey, Calif.; brother, George Coyle and wife, Jan, of Bend, Ore.; brother, Bill Coyle and wife, Joyce, of Bixby, Okla.; and brother, Dan Coyle and wife, Bonnie, of Ankeny, Iowa. His grandchildren include Shannon and Quincy Coyle, Jordan Quattromani, Angeliqne, Genevieve, Vanessa and Dominique Hults, Samantha Robertson, and Skylar, Brandon, Madison and Briley Harmsen. He was also the proud uncle of several nephews and nieces.

A private family memorial service will be held at a future date.

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

Robert L. Coyne, 74



Robert L. Coyne, 74, passed away Jan. 10, 2011, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He was born Jan. 16, 1936, in Joliet, Ill., and raised there, and lived in Chicago and Evanston, Ill. He graduated from the University of Notre Dame and Loyola Law School.

Robert served in the U.S. Marines and was honorably discharged.

He was an attorney and a photographer.

Robert loved Montana and all that it brought. He was an avid photographer and cared deeply about the open lands in Montana. In addition to photography, Robert loved golf, nature, food and good friends to share it with.

He was blessed to have two wonderful children to share his life with.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Richard and Beulah Coyne; and his brother, Richard Coyne.

He is survived by his wife, Wendy Coyne, of Whitefish; son, Michael Coyne, and wife, Ali, of Chicago; and daughter, Stefanie Coyne, of Chicago.

A memorial Mass will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 15, at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Whitefish. A celebration of life will immediately follow at Grouse Mountain Lodge.

Memorial donations will be presented by the Coyne family for a specific cause to The Nature Conservancy of Montana, c/o Robert Coyne, P.O. Box 4847, Whitefish, MT 59937.

This paid obituary is being run again at the request of the family.

Kenneth 'Ken' Dean Cramer, 71

Kenneth "Ken" Dean Cramer, 71, died Saturday, March 5, 2011, at the John C. Lincoln Memorial Hospital following a long battle with heart disease.



He was born and raised in Colver, Pa., the son of Kenneth A. and Susanna (McGarvey) Cramer. After graduating from high school in Ebensburg, Pa., Ken joined the U.S. Air Force. In 1960, Ken was stationed at the Blacktail Radar Station where he received his training in computer technology. While Ken was in the service, he met his wife, Alice Johnson, in Kalispell.

Following his service in the U.S. Air Force, Ken accepted a position with the National Cash Register Company in Spokane. While employed with NCR, Ken attended various trade schools where he developed a talent for repairing and maintaining office equipment.

After starting a family he wanted to return to the Flathead Valley to raise his children. Ken accepted a position with O'Neil Printers. In approximately 1975, he bought the service department and later changed the name to Northwest Business Equipment. He sold the business and retired in 2002. He not only took pride in his business, but truly relished the friends he made during

his time in business.

Upon retiring, he and Alice lived the snowbird life, spending his winters in Arizona and summers in Kalispell. Ken had a passion for classic cars and one of his favorites was the Chrysler 300 convertible, which he enjoyed driving in the local parades.

He was member of Gideon's International, and he loved the Lord. He was a member of the Bigfork Chapel where he served as a deacon for many years.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Thom Cramer; sister, Donna (Cramer) Dennison; and parents, Kenneth A. Cramer and Susanna (McGarvey) Cramer Sertway.

Ken leaves behind his wife of 48 years, Alice (Johnson) Cramer; son, Daniel Cramer, and his wife, Kim; daughter, Annette Hanson, and her husband, Mike; grandchildren, Susanna and Megan Cramer, and Jordan Hanson; and many close friends and relatives.

Funeral services for Ken will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 19, at the Bigfork Chapel in Bigfork. Interment will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery, Kalispell. Visitation for Ken will be on from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, March 18, in the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Chapel.

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

John T. Craver, 61

John T. Craver, 61, of Libby, died Jan. 9, 2011.

He is survived by his wife, Peggy; son Chris; and daughters, Cari and Kelly.

Visitation will be from 1 to 7 p.m. Friday, Jan.

14, with rosary at 7 p.m. at the Schnackenberg and Nelson Funeral Home in Libby. Mass of the Resurrection will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, at St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Jim Creelman, 74

Jim Creelman's life ended at home in hospice care on Sunday night, Jan. 9, 2011, surrounded with peace and love in the embrace of his wife, daughter and son.



Jim was born March 16, 1936, in Red Deer, Alberta, to Rex and May Creelman. His early education took place in rural Alberta country schools, often with his mother as a teacher. He graduated from Red Deer Composite High School in 1953.

Jim's youthful adventures included riding and hitchhiking the Alcan Highway, starting in the fall of 1953 and stopping at an air force base to work (indoors) as a cook and dishwasher. In 1954 he earned a placement at Royal Roads, the Royal Canadian Air Force Academy in Victoria, British Columbia. After one year he resigned his commission to pursue his education at the University of Montana in Missoula.

Jim earned his Bachelor of Science degree in business with honors in 1959, and his Master of Science degree in business administration with honors in 1960. Summer employment while at school included running a jackham-

mer on the Noxon Rapids Dam Project, and working on the road construction of the new Interstate Highway 90 near Drummond in 1958. Part-time jobs included working at the Bureau of Business Research at the University, and selling ties at the Missoula Mercantile.

While in Missoula he also met and married his wife of 53 years, the former Carol Ann Herman. Jim moved with his wife and new daughter to Calgary, Alberta, in 1960, and began a 32-year professional career employed as an executive in the oil industry. He lived and worked in Calgary, Chicago, New York City, Dallas and the Washington, D.C., areas. He also lived and worked in London, England. His business travels sent him to the Far East, the Middle East, Australia, South America and Europe. His career was interesting and rewarding, and he was stimulated by his travels.

Jim was very active in provincial politics while living in Alberta, working to elect progressive conservative candidates. He was active at the P.C. Nomination Convention in Ottawa, and was on the committee that successfully gained the nomination of Joe Clark as leader of the Canadian Progressive Conservative Party in 1976. Jim made many lifelong friends during

this time of his life.

After living many years in and around metropolitan areas, Jim and Carol Ann searched for a small town for their retirement years. The beauty of the Flathead Valley, golf courses in the area, and friendly people attracted them to Bigfork.

Jim pursued a lifelong passion for learning and reading. He had a penchant for studying history and enjoyed discussing the subject with friends. Jim's quick wit and humor kept family and friends entertained.

Physical activities were also important in his life. He was a runner and proudly finished the New York City Marathon in 1979. He played competitive squash and was an avid golfer. Jim was active in men's golf at Eagle Bend. He sought out challenging courses to play and made several trips with his wife, sister and brother-in-law to Scotland and Ireland for golfing adventures.

Jim lived his remaining years as fully as he could while fighting leukemia/lymphoma for 20 years, and the resulting pneumonia this past year. He met the challenge of his declining health with courage and humor. His passing leaves family and friends blessed for having known and loved him, and deeply saddened by our sepa-

ration.

In addition to his wife, Jim is survived by his daughter Camie Lynn Kakos, his son-in-law Edward Kakos, and granddaughters Alison and Valerie of Lone Tree, Colo. His son, Clay, of Morrison, Colo., loved and admired Jim as a friend, a man and a father. His much loved sister, Patricia Gray, and her husband, Gordon Gray, reside in Red Deer. Other survivors are Jeff and Sue Herman of Missoula, Val and Pat Herman of Lawrenceville, Ga., and many special cousins, nieces and nephews.

Jim was preceded in death by a daughter, Lee Ann; and his parents.

There will be no burial service. A memorial gathering is planned for later this year.

The family requests that the following be considered for any memorial donations being given in Jim's name: St. Labre Indian School, Ashland, Montana 59904; Montana Cancer Center 500 West Broadway, Missoula Montana 59807; Kalispell Regional Medical Center, 310 Sunnyview Lane. Kalispell, Montana 59901.

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

Joan Cunivette (Quist) Crofton, 68

Joan Cunivette (Quist) Crofton, 68, passed away May 26, 2011, at home of natural causes.



She was born in Provo, Utah, and raised in Orem, Utah. She was a retired CNA, and her interests included fishing, and most of all, family.

Joan was preceded in death by her parents, John Boyce Quist and Zola Fae Nadauld.

She is survived by her children, Russell Hundley, Robyn Caulfield, Jonathan Walter Crofton and Daniel Thomas Crofton; sisters, Judy Lux, Jackie Foot, Julieanne Rasmussen and Jeanine Segmiller; her best friend, Donna Moon; Dina Fox and Ricky McIlhargey; Terrence

"Blindman" Ryder; Boone Warren; Tawni Crofton; Cera Crofton; Treigh Young; Kristopher Freier; Damien Fox; Devon Fox; Rebecca Palmer; Daniel Fox; Madison Fox; Robin and Tony Trebas; Brittney Mackin; Savannah Mackin; Caleb Mackin; Jennifer Crofton; and Justus, Jaden, Jonah, Jaime and Jaxson Crofton. She was the proud grandmother of many grandchildren, including 40 great-grandchildren.

Joan had many friends in this valley. She was very loved and was a mother to all.

"She will always be held in the highest of skies and loved eternally."

A memorial will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 8, at the Rose Garden in Woodland Park in Kalispell.

Memorial donations in Joan's name may be directed to Daniel or Tawni Crofton at 890-4974.

Roger Joseph Crosby, 91

Roger Joseph Crosby, 91, died Monday, June 27, 2011, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

There will be no ser-

vices, per his request.

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

David Charles Crowe, 73

David Charles Crowe, 73, passed away, Feb. 28, 2011, in Kalispell of natural causes.



He was born Jan. 3, 1938, in Gainsboro, Va.

In 1972, he married Berna Jean Smith.

David served honorably in the military and then worked for Plum Creek for over 30 years. David enjoyed fishing, camping and four-wheeling. He also enjoyed the companionship of his dog Bo.

Bernie and Dave enjoyed socializing and traveling together during their retirement years. Dave also enjoyed feeding the many birds and deer that visited his yard.

He was preceded in death by his parents, the Rev. Fred

Crowe in 1998, and Janet Crowe in 2004; and wife, Bernie, in 2009.

He is survived by his sons and daughters, Terri Frey, Tami Randall and Wilard, Tim Knopfle and Lori, Chuck Crowe and Stephanie, and Terena Crowe, all of Kalispell; grandson, John Knopfle, of Columbia Falls; and many other grandchildren; siblings, Mary and Ron Bond of Columbia Falls, Sarah Jane and Richard Grigg of Portsmouth, Va., Rebecca and Rob Obernolte of Fairfield, Wash., and Paul Crowe and Steve Austin of Spokane. He also leaves behind his dog Bo.

At his request, there will be no services. 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.

James 'Dan' Crowley, 67

James "Dan" Crowley, 67, passed away on Sunday, May 15, 2011, at Brendan House in Kalispell.



Dan was born on July 31, 1943, in Butte, to Jack and Dulcie Crowley. He was raised in Butte, where he attended and graduated from Butte High School.

He married Mary Alice Combo on April 4, 1964, in Butte. He worked as a mechanic most of his life.

Dan was preceded in death by his parents, Jack and Dulcie Crowley; and a daughter, Elizabeth Crowley.

He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Mary Alice Crowley, of Kalispell; two sons, Dan Crowley and wife, Peggy Jean,

of Prattville, Ala., and Jerry Crowley and wife, Christina, of Kalispell; one brother, John Crowley and wife, Janet, of Tukwila, Wash.; grandchildren, Joshua and Jessica Crowley of Prattville, Samantha and Joseph Crowley, and Riley Calbick, all of Kalispell, and Rosie Crowley of Butte; and numerous relatives in Butte and in the Seattle area.

A rosary will be said at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 24, and Mass will follow the rosary at 12:10 p.m.; both will be held at St. Matthew's Catholic Church. A reception will follow the Mass. Baby-sitting will be provided.

Memorials in Dan's name are requested to be given to the Dialysis Center or the Diabetic Center, both in Kalispell.

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

James E. Cuffe, 84

James E. Cuffe died on March 23, 2011, in Casa Grande, Ariz., after an extended illness, with his wife of 25 years, Beverly, at his side.

He was born on July 15, 1926, to Theodore and Alberta Cuffe in Whitefish.

James worked for the postal service for 32 years as a rural mail carrier. He served as a volunteer on the Whitefish Fire Department. He was an avid golfer and a member of the Whitefish Moose Lodge.

James was preceded in death by his parents, Theodore and Alberta Cuffe; his first wife, Elaine Cloud; daughter, Peggy Martin; and grandson; Kimberly Martin.

James is survived by his three children from his first marriage to Elaine "Pete" Bailey, daughter, Patti Cuffe Harmon and her two children, Jackie Harmon Townsend and husband, David, and their three sons, great-grandchildren Britton, Wyatt and Logan of Claremore, Okla., Josh Harmon and wife, Dani, and their two sons, great-grandchildren Tanner and Jordan of Whitefish; son, Ted Cuffe and wife, Jacquie, and their

three children, Heather Cuffe Johnson and her two children, great-granddaughters Shae and Mackenzie of Camirillo, Calif., Jayn Cuffe of Kalispell, James "Doug" Cuffe and wife, Michelle, of Kalispell; son, Mick Cuffe and wife, Lanette, and their two children, Lindsey Cuffe Jordan and husband, Jon, and great-grandson Connor, and Matt Cuffe and wife, Kelly, and their two children, great-grandsons Dawson and Ramsey; daughter, Peggy Martin and five children, Dean Martin and wife, Clare, and their child, great-granddaughter Madlyane of Youngsville, La., Lisa Martin Sistrunk and her daughter, Anna, of Lafayette, La., granddaughter, Lynda Martin Guillory and husband, Pat, and their four children, great-grandsons, Joshua, Jacob, Joseph, and great-granddaughter Hannah of The Woodlands, Texas, granddaughter, Karol Ellis and family of Louisville, Texas, and grandson, Scott O'Dell of Seattle.

Upon his death, James' final gift was to donate his body to science.

A memorial service will be announced at a later date.

Craig Alan Cummings, 53

Craig Alan Cummings passed away Aug. 13, 2011, at Bozeman Deaconess Hospital as a result of a cardiac event.



Craig was currently the principal of Heck-Quaw Elementary School in Belgrade. His career in education spanned 29 years and several Montana communities, including Belgrade, Belt, Red Lodge, Circle, Forsyth and Belfry. His leadership and uncompromising commitment to excellence as a principal, teacher and coach touched and enriched the lives of many throughout the years. He always found great pride in the accomplishments of his students.

Craig married the love of his life, Teri Phippen of Cut Bank, in 1987, and their relationship and love for each other continued to grow and deepen throughout their years together. They have three children, Tannar (21), Taylor (19), and Tristan (14). Time spent with his children was Craig's greatest source of joy and from which he extracted his greatest sense of pride.

Craig was passionate about sports and spent many years coaching baseball, basketball and football. He enjoyed running, weight lifting, golfing, skiing, tending his lawn, reading, and the Red Sox. He also greatly valued his friendships, both lifelong and more recently developed.

Craig was born to Everett and Sandra Cummings in Great Falls on Oct. 25, 1957. He was the oldest of four children. He spent his early childhood in Hobson and Bozeman and graduated from high school in Cut Bank.

Craig attended Montana

State University, obtaining degrees in both elementary and secondary education. He later obtained his master's in educational leadership and administration from the University of Montana. He was a devoted educator, a great father, loving husband and treasured son, brother and friend. Gone much too early, he will be missed by all.

Craig is survived by his wife Teri, daughter Taylor, and sons Tannar and Tristan Cummings, all of Belt; his mother, Sandra Cummings, of Bozeman; sisters, Lynnette and Rodell Stern of Helena, and Stacey and Rob Mihalovich of Roundup; brother, Kevin, and Guin Cummings, of Dallas; mother and father-in-law, Dwayne and Marty Phippen, of Cut Bank; sisters-in-law, Trudy Phippen of Helena, and Molly and Mitch O'Brien of Kalispell, brother-in-law, Mark, and Lee Gilham, of Columbia Falls; nieces, McKenzie (Stern) O'Brien, Katherine Cummings, Jshanie and Courtney Gilham, Catherine and Abigail O'Brien, and Bailey Mihalovich; nephews, Lacen "Tim" Stern, and Scott Cummings; and great-nephew, Ryland O'Brien.

Craig was preceded in death by his father, Everett Cummings; and grandparents, Newton and Etta Cummings, and Raymond and Hazel Swanz.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 18, in the Belt High School gymnasium. The following day, Aug. 19, at 4 p.m., a tribute will be held at the Belgrade High School auditorium.

Per family wishes, donations may be sent to the Craig Cummings Leadership Scholarship Fund at the Belt Valley Bank.

Arrangements are in the care of Dokken-Nelson Funeral Service, www.dokkenelson.com.

Willis M. Curnow, 90

Willis M. Curnow passed away at home in Montrose, Colo., Feb. 28, 2011.



Will was born in Williamsburg on April 12, 1920, to Michael and Ethel (Craddock) Curnow. He attended school in Butte.

Will met the love of his life, Mary Jo Campbell, with one wink from afar while working at Douglas Aircraft in Santa Monica, Calif. Two weeks later they wed on Apr. 4, 1943. Will loved his wife of 67 years with all his heart.

Will served his country in the Army Air Corps in World War II. His career as a heavy equipment mechanic took him from the giant equipment at the pit in Butte to the missile silos along the Hi-Line to the construction

of Libby Dam. The happiest times of his life were spent hiking and fishing in the remote mountains of his beloved Montana with his wife and daughter.

His faith in God is the foundation of his family's strength and courage.

Will was preceded in death by one daughter, Donna Lee; his parents; brother, Clifford and Alicia Curnow; sisters, Goldie and Clifton Coleman, and Phyllis and Johnny Fliegau; and his nephew, Darrel Curnow.

Will leaves behind his wife, Mary Jo; daughter, Linda and Bob Harnish of Montrose, Colo.; granddaughter, Jazzmine and Ray Parker of San Diego; niece, Janet Curnow of Dillon; and nephew, Sidney and Mika Curnow of Blackfoot, Idaho.

We will miss that mischievous twinkle in his eyes. A good man, "gone to be with Jesus in a better place."

Lee Richard Curtis, 82

Lee Richard Curtis, 82, passed away Dec. 30, 2011, at his home in Columbia Falls.



Lee was born in Helena and graduated from Whitefish High School. Lee married June Porter.

He worked 20 years for Great Northern Railroad and spent most of his working career at Anaconda Aluminum. He enjoyed his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Lee is survived by his wife of 63 years, June; daughters, Jan Keltner and Jo Ohs; son, Rich Curtis and wife Lynnette; grandsons, Torey Keltner and wife Gretchen, Ashley Keltner and wife Ann, Shelby Keltner and wife Jennifer, Jason Ohs and wife Melissa; and six great-grandchildren.

A celebration of Lee's life will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2012, at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Columbia Mortuary.

Betty May (Walter) Cusick Day, 85

Betty May (Walter) Cusick Day, 85, formerly of Kalispell, died Aug. 18, 2011, in Rancho Mirage,

Calif. Cremation has taken place. Services are pending.

Carole Ann Cusick, 67

Carole Ann Cusick, 67, died Tuesday, July 12, 2011, at her residence in Kalispell.

She was born on Nov. 24, 1943, in Leland, Iowa, the daughter of Albert and Theresa (Thompson) Bakken.

She was raised in Leland and attended and graduated from Leland High School in 1961.

She moved to Denver to attend college where she met the love of her life, Dave Cusick. They were married on Nov. 29, 1963, in Denver. They had three children, Kristi, Michelle and Dan.

They lived in Helena Flats where they raised their family. Carole was a business woman, a partner in Lindsay and Associates in Kalispell, and also helped develop a very successful magazine, Real Estate Connections.

She loved to travel and she and Dave made many memorable trips to the Caribbean, Mexico and Hawaii. She enjoyed boating on Flathead Lake and most of all shop-



ping with her girls.

Her biggest joy in life was watching her children and grandchildren play sports and spending time with her family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Albert Bakken and Theresa Bakken; two sisters, Dee Neu and Helen Bailey; and her brother, Gordon Reiman.

She is survived by her husband, Dave Cusick; her three children, Kristi Cusick and Ed Farrar, Michelle Parmelee and husband Russ, and Dan Cusick and wife Beth, and grandchildren, Kyler and Cassidie, all of Kalispell; and two sisters, Marilyn Ranch and family of Denver, and Jessie Mayer of Rudd, Iowa.

Mass of Christian Burial for Carole will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, July 15, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church.

The family suggests that memorial contributions be sent to Wings, P.O. Box 7852, Kalispell, MT 59904.

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

Gordon Conrad Cusick, 71

Gordon Conrad Cusick, 71, passed away Jan. 6, 2011, at Kindred Hospital in Las Vegas.

Gordon was born on May 22, 1939, in Whitefish, weighing only four pounds, to parents Maurice and Josephine Evelyn Cusick.

After graduating from Whitefish High School in 1956, he worked for Great Northern Railroad and spent some time as a logger in the area. In 1964, he entered into an apprenticeship with the IBEW Construction Electrical Union and, upon completion in 1968, worked as a journeyman construction electrician until his retirement in 1998. Over the span of his 30-year career, Gordon worked on numerous projects throughout the Northwest, including the Libby Dam, Flathead Tunnel, the Anaconda Aluminum Plant, Minute Man Missile in Great Falls, the W.R. Grace Mill in Libby, Silver Mine in Troy, the Alyeska Pipeline in Alaska, and the



World's Fair in Spokane.

Residing in Las Vegas at the time of his retirement, Gordon enjoyed the quiet life. He spent his free time playing cribbage and chess with family and friends and doing work around his home.

Gordon was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Mary Ann Roth; multiple aunts and uncles; wife, Florence; and daughter, Sharee McIntoc.

He is survived by daughters, Jill Namm, Jody Cusick-Finley and Jackie Crosby; grandsons, Sean Finley and Michael Namm; granddaughters, Andrea Finley, Rachel and Rebecca Namm, and Jordan Radford; and great-grandson, Jake Igor Cosmah. A loving father, grandfather and great-grandfather, he will be missed by those he has left behind.

Funeral Services for Gordon will be held at Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 18, with Pastor Tim Bartholomew of the Stillwater Free Lutheran Church officiating. Graveside service will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.