

Irene R. Fahner, 94

Irene R. Fahner, 94, died July 12, 2011, at her home in Troy.

Funeral services will be at noon Wednesday, July

20, at the Troy United Methodist Church.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home of Libby.

Andrew Phillip Felando, 63

Andrew Phillip Felando, 63, died on Friday, Jan. 21, 2011, at Health Center Northwest in Kalispell. No services are sched-

uled to be held. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Sidney John Fetzer, 66,

Sidney John Fetzer, 66, passed away on Monday, March 21, 2011, at his home in Columbia Falls.



Sid is survived by his brother, Lester Fetzer, and sister, Bonnie, both of Boulder, Colo.; daughter, Tamra Means and her husband, Eric, of Des Moines, Iowa; daughter, Shawnda Ryan of Virginia Beach, Va.; sons, Aaron and Rowdie Fetzer of Columbia Falls; and five grandchildren.

He was born Dec. 29, 1944, in Sterling, Colo., to John and Carrie (Allen) Fetzer.

Sid was a longtime employee of Glacier National Park; he recently retired.

He was raised and lived in Colorado most of his life. He loved his family and life. He was a wonderful man who enjoyed the company of friends and family. He was loved so very much by all of his family and friends.

Sid's final wishes were to have his ashes spread over Rocky Mountain National Park, where he called home.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to a fund set up for his beloved little boy Rowdie Fetzer, and Sidney's grandchildren, P.O. Box 232, Columbia Falls, MT 59912.

Funeral services for Sidney will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday, March 28, at Columbia Mortuary.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for Sidney's family. You are invited to go to www.columbiamortuary.com to offer condolences and view Sidney's tribute wall.

Patricia Ann Fellers, 61

Patricia Ann Fellers, 61, passed away peacefully at home on Oct. 16, 2011, with her husband Ron and daughter Tracy by her side.



Besides working for the Sprouse Reitz stores, Pat was busy creating beautiful Native American ceramics and lots of homemade items for her family. She enjoyed being with family and friends and considered Ron and Tracy her world.

Patricia was preceded in death by her father, Earl Gordon.

She was born on Feb. 6, 1950, in Ellensburg, Wash., to Earl and Betty Gordon. She attended Lourdes Academy from first grade through eighth grade. She attended Morgan Junior High for ninth grade and graduated from Ellensburg High School in 1968.

She met Ron Fellers in Ellensburg in 1971 and fell in love. They were married on Feb. 18, 1972. On July 25, 1972, Tracy Lee was born. The family stayed in Ellensburg until 1974, before moving to Spokane to work for the Sprouse Reitz Store. They transferred a couple more times to other Sprouse Reitz stores in Washington state before moving to the store in Hamilton.

They moved to Whitefish in 1985 and have made it "home" for 26 years. They operated the True-Value/Ben Franklin store in Whitefish until it closed in 2005. In 2007 Pat opened and managed the current Ben Franklin store in the Mountain Mall in Whitefish.

She is survived by her husband, Ron Fellers; daughter, Tracy Fellers, of Whitefish; mother, Betty Gordon, of Ellensburg; sisters, Kathy and Lonnie Sala, of Ellensburg, and Mary and Rob LaPierre of Juneau, Alaska; brothers, Robert and Sheri Gordon of Wiley City, Wash., and John Martin and Janet Gordon, of Centralia, Wash; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Patricia leaves us with many wonderful and fond memories of her life!

A celebration of Pat's life will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 29, in the chapel of Austin Funeral Home, 6200 U.S. Hwy. 93 South, Whitefish. Pat's brother Robert will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, contributions to Ron and Tracy would be appreciated.

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

Marjorie Fisher, 80

Marjorie Fisher, 80, died at the Libby Care Center on March 14, 2011.

She is survived by one son, David Fisher, of Troy.

Services will be at 10

a.m. Friday, March 18, at the Kootenai Chapel in Troy, with the Rev. Terry Meroney officiating.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Libby.

Gordon Gerard Fisher, 89

After living with heart disease since 1990, Gordon Gerard Fisher's heart gave up the struggle on Feb. 7, 2011, and he passed away at home in Polson with his loving wife, Park, at his side. He was 89.



Gordon was born at home on July 16, 1921, in Dickinson, N.D. He attended elementary and high school, graduating in 1939. He played saxophone and clarinet in the high school band. He was a member of the Dickinson City Band and a local "dance band." At age 16 he took up the game of golf along with his father, Isadore. The game became a lifelong passion.

During his senior year of high school, another "love" was nurtured — for a classmate who also played golf, Mildred Parker, whom he nicknamed "Park."

He attended Dickinson State Teacher's College for two years, taking business classes. In 1941 he changed career ambitions and went to Chicago to study optometry at the Northern Illinois College of Optometry. While there, he shared an apartment with another Dickinson boy, Bob Hiatt. He and Bob had an ongoing pingpong competition that never really ended. They both worked for Walgreen's packaging soup for the Walgreen food counters.

World War II interrupted his college education. Gordon was a member of several service groups that took him to New Orleans and the University of Missouri for training and education and finally, because of his optometric studies, he was made a company aid man or medic in the 66th division at Fort Rucker, Ala. In April of 1944 he sent for Park to come and marry him. It was a long train ride to Alabama, but she never was sorry that she had made it. They had six months in a one-room apartment before he was sent overseas via New York and England to France.

The huge 66th Division was on two ships for the Channel crossing and for some reason Gord's group was switched from one ship to the other at the last minute. This proved to be a "life saver" for them, as the ship they left was torpedoed and sunk. No survivors! He spent much of his service time in France.

bed) apartment and he was able to complete his education to become a doctor in optometry.

Next on his life agenda was to search for a place to live and open an office. Gordon had driven across Montana many times with his parents and that was where he wanted to be, west of the Rocky Mountains. So he and Park went "looking!" They learned of Polson through the optical supply company in Missoula. Coming over Polson hill for the first time, they saw the lake and then the golf course; the deal was sealed! Gordon went to downtown Polson and found office space in the rear of Security State Bank. Before too many weeks went by, they found a basement home right beside the golf course!

Three more children were born in Polson, Jeff, Jon and Laurie. The Fisher family spent time golfing, skiing, boating and all four kids were involved in high school athletics.

Gordon was an active member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

He practiced in Polson and Ronan for over 50 years. During these years he served on the Polson City Council for 22 years, was chairman of the golf board and was instrumental in the hiring of Polson's first professional golfer to manage the golf course. He belonged to Rotary and served as president and then treasurer for 20 years. He was honored as a Rotary Paul Harris Fellow and also was Exalted Ruler of the Polson Elks. He was the Polson Country Club Champion several times. As much as he and Park loved Polson, they were also snowbirds for 15 years. One has to keep the golf swing up to par. Also it is a challenge to play some of the West's championship courses, like Pebble Beach, only a \$10 green fee then!

Gordon is survived by his wife of 67 years, Park; sons, Jerry and Pat, Jeff and Jennifer, and Jon and Pam; daughter, Laurie Gregory and Dennis; 10 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his only sister, Hermoine Hartquist.

In March 1945, he received word from Dickinson that his son, Jerry, was born. He did not get to hold his son until December of that year. In the fall, the little family returned to Chicago, found another one room (with bath, wall kitchen and Murphy

friends will have his presence with them on the golf course, reminding them of a few tips he gave them along the way. He was a great man who lived a good life and was an example to many. May he rest in peace knowing that he was a good and

faithful servant.

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

Visitation will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11, at the Grogan Funeral Home in Polson. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, with a reception lunch to follow in the church basement.

Memorials may be made to Helping Hands, the Diocese of Helena Guatemala Mission or the Polson Library.

Gordon's family will miss the rock of the family and his quiet but good-humored conversation. Family and

Eleanor Irene Halverson Fitzgibbons, 89

Eleanor Irene Halverson Fitzgibbons, 89, passed away on Friday, Oct. 14, 2011, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She was born on April 6, 1922, in Harlem, Mont., the daughter of Bernhard O. and Clara Tosterud.

She grew up on a farm near Turner, Mont., the second of three children. She attended nurses training in Havre at Deaconess Hospital, enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1945 and was commissioned as a second lieutenant.

She met her future husband Karl, a returning prisoner of war, at the conclusion of the war. They were married on Feb. 14, 1946, in Walnut Creek, Calif. They were loving companions for 52 years, and she was the mother of three children.

The family lived in California, Colorado and Connecticut. In 1959 they moved to Saudi Arabia, where they lived for 15 years, while Karl worked for Arabian American Oil Company. Eleanor was fluent in Arabic.

They traveled extensively in the Middle East, Africa, Europe, the Far East and North America, including three trips around the world. She retired with Karl in 1974 to Montana and settled in a lovely mountain setting near Kalispell.

She enjoyed woodworking, knitting, crocheting, Bible study, her cats, mountain living and watching all the



wildlife around her, and making lefse and lutefisk.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Karl Fitzgibbons; her parents, Bernhard O. and Clara Tosterud Halverson; her daughter, Karla Reynolds; brother, Vernon Halverson; and her daughter-in-law, Sally Fitzgibbons.

She is survived by her two sons, Dale Fitzgibbons and wife Judy of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and Gerald Fitzgibbons of Fort Collins, Colo.; son-in-law, Bobby Reynolds of Billings; a sister, Alice Graves of Las Vegas; three granddaughters, Brytta Fitzgibbons of Cedar Rapids, Sarah Fitzgibbons of Greeley, Colo., and Jennifer Sagucio of Ewa Beach, Hawaii; and special friends, Mike and Alexis Laychak of Kalispell.

Funeral services for Eleanor will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. Burial will follow services at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery, with military honors.

The family suggests memorial gifts be given to Home Options Hospice, 430 Windward Way, Suite 101, Kalispell MT, 59901.

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

Kathleen Mary Frazier, 96

Kathleen Mary Frazier, 96, "fell asleep in death" on July 10, 2011, at Kadlec Hospital in Richland, Wash.



in Hayden, Idaho. Kathleen spent her last year of life in Soap Lake, Wash., with her grandchildren.

Kathleen worked very hard to raise her children. She leaned toward and enjoyed hard work, field work, gardening, and was very handy with a tool box.

Kathleen began her study of the Bible in the early '50s and dedicated her life to Jehovah, and symbolized this by water baptism on April 21, 1952. For almost 60 years Kathleen served zealously as one of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Kathleen was preceded in death by her husband, Sam Frazier; her sons, Stacy and Cal Frazier; her daughter, Bessie Lee Taylor; and grandson, Allen Flansburg.

Kathleen is survived by two sons, Gareth Flansburg and Stella of Hot Springs, and Leamon Flansburg and Linda of Superior; plus numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. There were also numerous dear friends that served shoulder to shoulder with her in the Christian ministry activity.

Her life was simple and always focused on God's will to the end.

"Let God's Kingdom come."

Services will be held July 23 in Grandview, Wash., at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, located at 2291 Tear Road.

Kathleen was born May 12, 1915, the first of three girls born to George and Alice Colligan in Great Falls. She attended school in Box Elder, and graduated in 1934.

She married Arden Flansburg June 1, 1934, and had three children, Bessie Lee, Gareth and Leamon, in Box Elder. She later moved to Portland where she worked in the shipyards.

On Sept. 15, 1945, Kathleen married a second time, to Sam Frazier in Lewiston, Idaho, and had two more children, Cal and Stacy. They lived in Box Elder, Kalispell, Thermopolis, Wyo., Athol, Idaho and Dalton, Idaho. In the mid-'60s they settled in the Sunnyside, Wash., area until 1996 when her husband Sam Frazier became ill and they moved to be near family

Timothy P. Fraleigh, 50

Timothy P. Fraleigh, 50, died Jan. 3, 2012, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

Services will be held

later this summer.

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

Stella Hammons Flanagan, 85

Stella Hammons Flanagan, 85, died Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2011, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

A celebration of life

service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 17, at the Montana Veterans Home.

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

Glenn 'Nappy' Freeman, 81

Glenn "Nappy" Freeman, 81, passed away at his Kalispell residence on Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2011.

Nappy was born May 30, 1929, in Shelby, to Bud and Jean Freeman. Glenn was in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War, was a sheriff, a propane deliveryman, worked for the Forest Service, managed Ski Bowl lanes in Whitefish, installed carpet and vinyl, was a vehicle mechanic (He loved tinkering with anything that wasn't working and could fix it all, no matter how big or small).

When Ski Bowl was sold, he built a new bowling alley south of Whitefish. He was a man of many trades and a wealth of knowledge, and was a strong believer in "duct tape."

When he was well, he most enjoyed fly fishing, trap shooting, snowcatting, playing cards, mentoring his children and grandchildren and mostly, spending time with friends and family. He was a man of great integrity and had a wonderful sense of humor. He will be sorely

missed by his family and friends. He touched a great many people. The world was a better place with him in it!

"Glenn, Have a safe journey and teach everyone to fly fish in heaven! We all love and miss you."

He was preceded in death by his parents, and his sister "Kacy" Truesdell.

He is survived by his wife, Marlene, and their son and his spouse, Calvin and Kathy Freeman; two daughters and their spouses, Kim and Russ Porter, and Karen and Mark Koday; two sons and spouses, Chuck and Heidi Freeman, and Mike and Heide Freeman; two stepdaughters and their spouses, Karina and Frank Scholz, and Mya and Tony Hay; stepson and his spouse, Dirk and Rhonda Thompson; 16 grandchildren; two nieces and two nephews.

A memorial get together will be held later in the year.

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

Marilu A. Timmons Freeman, 79

Marilu A. Timmons Freeman, 79, of Stevensville, formerly a longtime resident of Whitefish, passed away on Tuesday, July 19, 2011, at the Bitterroot Valley Living Center in Stevensville, from natural causes.

Marilu was born in the family home in Whitefish on Nov. 14, 1931, to Raymond and Ruby (Combs) Finney.

She graduated from Whitefish High School in 1949. That same year she married Patrick C. Timmons. They were married for 28 years. Marilu was a terrific homemaker and mother to her two sons.

In 1985 Marilu married Archie "Bud" Freeman. Bud preceded her in death in 1991.

Marilu loved to read and to travel. She enjoyed jigsaw puzzles and shopping. She looked forward to her monthly outings with her son John to get her hair done, and lunch date. Marilu loved



her sons and all of her grandchildren, and her beloved cat Barney.

Marilu was preceded in death by her father and mother; her brother, Norman Finney; and husbands, Patrick C. Timmons, and "Bud" Freeman.

She is survived by her two sons and their spouses, Patrick R. and Marilyn Timmons of Whitefish, and John C. and Gayle Timmons of Stevensville; grandchildren, Patrick J. "P.J." and Aimee Timmons of Oklahoma, John M. Timmons, of Missoula, Casy R. and Allison Timmons of Stevensville, Levi Green of Albuquerque, N.M., Brandon Green of Missoula, and Dylan Green, airman first class, stationed in England. She had 10 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her brother, Jim and Sharon Finney of Oregon; and her sister, Kathi and Jim Sadlier of Alberta.

At her request no services will be held.

A family gathering and celebration is planned later in the fall.

Gladys M. (Zacharias) Fredenberg, 92

Gladys M. (Zacharias) Fredenberg, 92, of Lakeside, a homemaker, died Saturday, Jan. 29, 2011, at a



local care facility of congestive heart failure.

Graveside services will take place in Kalispell this summer. Schnider Funeral Home is handling local arrangements.

Gladys was born Sept. 21, 1918, in Whitefish, and raised and educated in Whitefish and Columbia Falls.

She married Walter Fredenberg in 1940 in Whitefish. Walter passed away in 1983.

Gladys worked at the Whitefish Library, as well as the Whitefish Museum.

She enjoyed flowers, gardening, birds, doing handwork, reading and Flathead Valley history.

Survivors include a daughter, Lana Barber, of Great Falls; a son, David Fredenberg, of Fullerton, Calif.; grandchildren, Craig Barber of Bozeman, and Douglas Barber of Sacramento; and three great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by a grandson, Dennis Fredenberg, in 1994; and two older sisters, Louise Holden and Dorothy Metcalf.

Memorials are suggested to the Whitefish Museum, 500 Depot St., Ste. 101, Whitefish, MT 59937, or West Shore Community Library, 100 Bierney Creek Rd., Lakeside, MT 59922.

Condolences for the family may be left at www.schniderfuneralhome.com.

Sharon Dean Berg French, 69

Sharon Dean Berg French, 69, passed away Saturday, March 26, 2011, in the comfort of her own home in Bigfork.



Sharon was born Aug. 4, 1941, in Eureka, the daughter of Laurence and Eloise Berg. She was raised in Devon and Fortine. She attended grade school in Fortine, high school in Eureka and Flathead Valley Community College.

Sharon worked as a mother, camp cook in the Bob Marshall, and was a bartender. Mom played the accordion and sang country-western music. She crocheted and knitted gifts for family. She made stuffed animals, doilies, baby sweaters and hats.

She was also very talented with pencil art sketching. Mom also enjoyed fishing, hiking, camping and canoeing. She loved the outdoors.

Sharon was preceded in death by her parents, Laurence Berg in 1967, and Elo-

ise Berg in 2000; sister, Patsy Belcher, in 1993; nephew, Jim Hammons, in 1999; cousin, Lynn Ann Holder, in 2011; grandson, Kristopher Jones, in 2010; and grandson, JC Watt, in 2010.

Sharon is survived by her children, Taimi Lynn McCully of Kila, Roger Laurence "Skip" Libby of Marion, Leah Jestine Bolt-Britton of Kalispell, Sherina Helen Whitford of Cut Bank, and Ronald Russell "Rusty" Libby of Arizona; 11 grandchildren, Gary, Orville and Jennifer McCully, Benjamin, Nicholas Bolt, and Scott Bolt Jr., Anne and Holly Whitford, Shawn Libby, Kristopher Jones and Corey Knudsen; and 10 great-grandchildren, Cole, Reilly, Desiree, Donald, and Lilliaunna McCully, Gavin and Winter Watt, Jersey and Kolby Jones, and Alyssa Rudie.

Services for Sharon will be held at a later date this summer. Friends are encouraged to visit the website, www.buffalohillfh.com, to leave notes of condolences for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

William 'Dick' Eugene Frey, 62

William "Dick" Eugene Frey, 62, passed away on Monday, Jan. 2,



2012, at home in Kalispell.

Dick was born in Omaha, Neb., on Dec. 16, 1949. He moved to Sacramento, Calif., with his family at age 5. His adolescence was an obsession of Scouting, segueing into Little League, Pony League and basketball, of which he excelled.

At 15, the family moved to Los Angeles. Dick attended Hawthorne High School. While there, he made many friends which he kept in contact with his whole life.

At 18, Dick enlisted in the Navy and did a tour of

Vietnam. It was after his discharge that he found his true home in Kalispell. His joys in life were true "Montana style" fishing, hunting, skiing and golf.

He was preceded in death by his father, William Edward Frey.

Dick is survived by his mother, Betty M. Morgan, and stepfather, Dr. Rev. Frederick T. Morgan; sisters, Janet M. Cohen, Theresa A. Harrington and Denise L. Frey; nephew, Sean R. Boynton; and close friends, Bob Zahler, Ron Sheppard and Mike Endicot.

There will be no service. No flowers, please. Any donations to the American Cancer Society in Dick's name will be appreciated.

William Grant 'Bill' Forcum, 75

William Grant "Bill" Forcum, 75, died Thursday, Dec. 29, 2011, at his Kalispell residence.

Private family services will be held. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Joyce E. Fontenoy, 64

Joyce E. Fontenoy, 64, passed away from progressive supranuclear palsy on Sunday, July 31, 2011, at her Marion residence.

Joyce was born March 12, 1947, in Rock Island, Ill., the daughter of Leonard and Lil (Witt) Fox. Joyce grew up in Milan, Ill., and graduated from Rock Island High School.

She married Thomas E. Fontenoy in Milan, in 1963. Joyce worked as a florist where she owned and operated Milan Flower Shop in Milan.

Joyce had been active in the Milan Women's Club, Girls' softball, and the Sherard Booster Club. She enjoyed gardening and her family.

Joyce was preceded in death by her parents, Leonard and Lil Fox; brothers,

Jerry Fox, Ron, Larry and Jim Fox.

Joyce is survived by her husband, of 48 years, Thomas E. Fontenoy; children, Linda Welch and Peggy Goodrich; brother, Art Fox, of Moline, Ill.; five grandchildren, Trent, Mackenna and Trey Goodrich, and Clare and Audra Joyce Welch.

A celebration of life service will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 11, at the First Presbyterian Church.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the First Presbyterian Church, 540 S. Main St., Kalispell, MT 59901.

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.

Robert James Ford, 84

Robert James Ford passed away on Saturday, Jan. 8, 2011, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.



He was born Jan. 21, 1926, to Marion and Alene Ford in Kalispell. He attended school in Kalispell, graduating from Flathead County High School.

He enlisted in the Navy during World War II and was stationed in Port Chicago, Calif., receiving an honorable discharge in 1945.

After attending the University of Montana in Missoula, he became an apprentice electrician for his father at Miller-Ford Electric in Kalispell. He would later become a managing partner with Harvey Hammer upon Marion's retirement.

He was married to Alice Moen in 1950, and raised three sons in the valley that he truly loved and resided most of his life.

He was an avid sportsman, enjoying the beauty of the Big Sky Country whenever possible.

After his retirement in 1973, Bob and Alice enjoyed traveling, gardening, and

spending time at their winter residence in Lake Havasu, Ariz.

He was a member of the IBEW for over 60 years and was also a member of Ducks Unlimited and the Elks.

He was a very straightforward man and was always concerned about giving you an honest days work for the dollar, no matter what he was doing. He was "one of a kind" once you got to know him. Bob's dry sense of humor will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Alice; son, Rob and Sheila Ford, and their children, Sam and Callie, of Port Orchard, Wash.; and son, David and JoAnne Ford, and Zac of Kalispell.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and son Mark.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home, with a reception following at the Central School Museum.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Central School Museum, 124 Second Street East, Kalispell, Montana 59901.

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

Anna Bessie Fossum, 93

Anna Bessie Fossum, 93, of Pullman, Wash., passed away on Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2011, at the Memory Villas at Bishop Place in Pullman.



Anna was born April 20, 1918, in Stanley, N. D., to John and Barbara (Skacel) Novacek. She moved to Opheim as a child, where she grew up and attended school. Anna graduated from Opheim High School in 1937.

She graduated from Northern Montana College in 1938 with a teaching certificate, and later from the University of Montana in 1967 with a Bachelors of Arts degree in education.

Anna married her high school sweetheart, Chester G. Fossum, in Dillon on July 27, 1942; and in 1951 they moved to Whitefish where they made their home.

Anna taught in a country school in Stanford before she and Chester married and, following their move to Whitefish, taught fifth grade for many years. She moved

to Lynden, Wash., in 1970 and then to Birch Bay, Wash., a few years later, where she lived until 2007 when she moved to Bishop Place in Pullman.

Anna enjoyed painting, reading mystery stories, cooking, gardening, knitting, crocheting and card games, especially bridge, at which she was quite accomplished.

Anna was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Chet; son, Alan; and six siblings.

She is survived by her daughters, Barbara and Gordon Taylor of Kalispell, and Cheryl and Jim Hill of Pullman; her sons, Basil and Christine Fossum of Fort Walton Beach, Fla., and Chester and Elizabeth Dunne Fossum of Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif.; five grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at Bishop Place at a later date and graveside services will take place in Whitefish. Kimball Funeral Home is caring for the family. Online condolences may be sent to www.kimballfh.com

Haruko Gibo Frith, 82

Haruko was born on Aug. 3, 1929, in Okinawa, Japan, and peacefully passed away, "returning to her Heavenly



Father," on Nov. 12, 2011, at Grace Assisted Living's Memory Care Unit in Meridian, Idaho, following a nine-year battle with Alzheimer's disease.

She was the daughter of Tokuzo and Ushi Gibo. Haruko had many fond memories of her family and friends while being raised on her family's sugar cane and rice farm. In World War II, she survived a gunshot wound during the bombing in Okinawa. Following her school years and the rebuilding of Okinawa, she worked at the Naha Air Force Base, where she met her future husband.

In 1960, she married Michael W. Frith from Anacosta, who was serving in the United States Air Force. The next two years of their marriage were spent at various Air Force bases in the Western United States. Their final transfer was to the former Air Force base in Lakeside.

Following their divorce, Haruko chose to remain in Kalispell to raise her two children, daughter Sheila and son Chris.

Haruko's life was always centered around her family. She was a devoted, hard-working single mother, and made countless sacrifices for the better of her children. She worked as a cook at the Palm Cafe, Hacienda Restaurant and the Outlaw Inn, sometimes holding down two full-time jobs to provide for her family.

Her pride and joy in her life were her 10 grandchildren. She spent her later years in life attending and supporting their many school activities and sporting events. She was their No. 1 fan!

She is survived by her two children, daughter, Sheila, and her husband, Rod Danz, of Bigfork; and her son, Chris, and his wife, Kristi Frith of Meridian; her 10 grandchildren, Nathan, Nichole, Jordan and Jarrett Danz of Bigfork, Sidney, Riley, Cooper and Makenzie Frith of Meridian, and Hailey and Terrance Haverlandt of Great Falls; and her brother Seiko Gibo, and sister Mitsuko Kumeii, of Okinawa.

"We wish to thank Mom's caregivers, nurses and staff at Grace Assisted Living's Memory Care Unit and Hearts for Hospice. You treated Mom with kindness and dignity during her last few years here on Earth. We also thank Bowman Funeral Homes for your helpfulness and support during a difficult time. Our family is forever grateful for everyone's dedication, generosity and service."

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 22, at the Little Brown Church in Bigfork.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested for individuals to make a donation to their favorite local hospice.

During her life in the states, Haruko was blessed with the loving support of her in-laws, nieces, nephews and dear friends. We will miss her love, laughter and compassion for others. And her grandchildren will miss but always remember their "Obaasan."

Condolences may be left for the family at www.bowmanfuneral.com.

Kim Hammond Forza, 70

Kim Hammond Forza, 70, passed away on Tuesday, Aug. 30, 2011, at his home in Kalispell.

Kim was born Dec. 10, 1940, in Portland, to Charles and Dorothy Hammond Forza.

He was raised in Portland, where he attended Highland Grade School. He got his GED at Clackamas Community College in Portland.

He joined the U.S. Army, where he served as a cook. He worked and retired from N.W. Wholesale Stationers Inc.

His wishes were to be baptized Catholic, and it happened on July 17, 2011.

He loved hunting, putting models together, going to car shows, reading "Harry Potter," movies, riding the train,



dining out, train museums and drinking coffee, and he loved playing games and eating apple pie.

Kim was preceded in death by his parents, Dorothy and Charles Forza.

He is survived by his partner, Elaine Nelson; children, James and wife, Charlotte Forza, of Vancouver, Wash., and Sherrie and husband, Ted Winton, of Oregon City, Ore.; close family friend, Roger Woolfolk; sister, Charlotte and husband, Scott Streicher, of Portland; grandchildren, T.J. and Kristina Winton; nieces, Kristen and husband, Jeff Cox, of Damascus, Ore., Jennifer Sutterfield of Bend, Ore., and Amanda Streicher of Vancouver; and great-nieces, McKenzie and Breanna Cox of Damascus, Ore.

Private family services will be held at a later date.

To leave a message or sign his book, go to www.buffalohillfh.com. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Jessie 'Jean' Purdy Frost, 88

Jessie "Jean" Purdy Frost, 88, of Eureka died at the St. Mary's Care Center in Eureka, Feb. 8, 2011.

She is survived by her children, Michele Frost Franck of Lincoln City, Ore., Paul Jean Frost of Boise, Idaho, Greg Frost of Sparks, Nev., and Robert Frost of Portland.

A visitation will begin 5 p.m. Sunday at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church in Eureka. A vigil will follow at 6 p.m. at the church. The funeral liturgy will be 11 a.m. Monday at the church, with a visitation beginning an hour before service time. Burial will follow at the Tobacco Valley Cemetery.

Noel D. Furlong, 84

Noel D. Furlong, 84, "was called home" Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, 2011, "to be with his beloved wife, Louise" after a sudden illness.



He was born Feb. 14, 1927, the eighth of 10 children to Ina (Keith) and Edward Furlong in Chester.

Noel left for the Army the day after his May 24, 1945, high school graduation. He was the fifth and youngest brother to serve during World War II. Except for his military service in Nuremberg, Germany, as a T-5, he was a lifelong Montana resident.

Education was highly valued; Noel felt the G.I. Bill was government getting it right. He graduated from the University of Montana in 1951, and was married June 7 of that year to Louise Franz, a fellow UM graduate, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Kalispell.

They taught in Alberton for three years, before Noel was hired at Flathead County High School in 1954, where he taught American history, journalism, economics, and drivers' training for the next 34 years. He also was the faculty ticket-taker at the northwest student door of the gym, the student gate at Rawson Field, and after his 1987 retirement as department chair, he sold tickets in the gym lobby.

As a member of the Montana Education Association, he served locally, regionally and was the state president from 1973 to 1974, and was a delegate to the N.E.A. Constitutional Convention of 1972.

In many cases, he educated three generations of families in the valley.

Noel also served on the Kalispell City Council and was a delegate to the Montana Constitutional Convention in 1972. Other organizations included the Elks and the Montana Retired Teachers Association. Noel continued his service as an educator by providing 55 Alive classes. Upon retirement, Noel and Louise enjoyed traveling to visit their children and grandchildren.

Noel worked long and hard hours, all in the pursuit of providing for his loved ones. At the end of every day, family was most important to Noel.

He was preceded in death by infant daughter, Susan Marie; his wife, Louise; his parents; and his nine siblings.

Noel is survived by his five children, Laurie Schmidt of Chadron, Neb., Mark Furlong and Terri of Columbia Falls, Brian Furlong and Sharon of Auburn, Calif., Judy Buckmaster and Neil of Bellevue, Wash., and Michael Furlong and Terri of Wilmington, Mass.; 13 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Services for Noel will be held at 1 p.m. today, Feb. 17, at the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to Flathead High School, Noel Furlong Memorial Fund, 644 Fourth Ave. W., Kalispell, MT 59901; or Flathead Valley Veterans' Memorial, 241 Main St., Kalispell, MT 59901.

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