

## Pearl M. 'Pat' Hagel, 76

Pearl M. "Pat" Hagel of Narberth, Pa., and Kalispell, died unexpectedly on Thursday, March 3, 2011, due to



complications following heart surgery. Pat passed peacefully, surrounded by her loving family, as a beautiful sunrise came over the horizon.

Pat was preceded in death by her son, Steve Hagel.

She is survived by her daughter, Cynthia "Cindy" and Richard Myers; her son Steve's wife, Janet; her grandchildren, Patrick and Melanie, Timothy, and J.R. Myers; brother, Perry and Pat Melton; sister, Emily Melton and Bert Wakeley; as well as the extended Hagel and Gilmore families.

Pat loved to travel, eat and cook good food, and was always interested in other countries and customs. Ever the energetic optimist, Pat was an enthusiastic, adventurous person with a big heart. She will always be missed by her far-flung family and legions of friends.

Pat was born Pearl Virginia Melton in Kalispell on Nov. 26, 1934, the eldest of four children born to Luella and Perry Melton. While quite young, she loved to play "patty cake," thus earning her nickname "Pat," which she used throughout her life. Pat attended Flathead County High School and graduated in 1952. She was married to Fred "Fritz" Hagel and they had two chil-

dren, Cindy and Steve.

In 1959, the family moved to Italian Somaliland in East Africa with a United Nations program. They lived in what became Somalia for over six years, returning to Montana for home leave every two years. In Somalia, Pat enjoyed the beautiful beaches, played bridge and learned Italian. She thrived on the overseas lifestyle, eagerly planning vacations in Kenya, Egypt, Libya and Italy.

The family moved to Taiwan in 1967. While there, Pat worked part time and studied Chinese language and cooking. In 1969, she separated from her husband and traveled back to the U.S. via Thailand, India and Europe. She settled in Queens, N.Y., for a number of years. She also lived in Montana and Philadelphia before moving to Southern California in 1978. While living in Newport Beach, Pat took a singing class. It was there she met the love of her life, Joe Gaudio. They spent many wonderful years together, traveling and enjoying life to the fullest. They vacationed in Montana every year, usually returning to the Swan Valley. Joe passed away in 1992.

In 2008, after losing her son, Steve, Pat moved to Narberth to be near her daughter, Cindy Myers and family. Independent to the end, she moved into her own apartment and continued to work part time as a bookkeeper.

A celebration of Pat's life will be hosted by her family on Swan River on July 23. For information about this event, please email: CelebratePat@aol.com

## Donald Curtis Hagen, 78

Donald Curtis Hagen, 78, passed away Jan. 12, 2011, in Kennewick Wash., at Callaway Gardens.



He was born to Gunnar and Betsy Hagen on Aug. 9, 1932, in Clearbrook Minn.

Don joined the Navy soon after high school as a boilerman. After his years in the service he entered the electrical field. He was a member of the I.B.E.W. local 768 until his retirement in 1997.

Don and Kathleen Roeder were married on Sept. 21, 1957. Kathleen passed away May 6, 2000, from cancer. They had three sons.

Don and Willetta Boehm were married on April 22, 2004. Willy cared for Don until his illness made it difficult for her to care for him at home.

Don was a devoted father, husband and friend. He was known for always having a smile and kind gentle nature. As a father, he was always

there to lend a helping hand and give words of advice.

He was a wonderful role model for his sons. He enjoyed spending time with his sons fishing and bird hunting, and going to his grandchildren's ball games. He spent many of his winters in Vegas with his first wife Kathy and his friends. He loved to travel and go dancing with his second wife Willy.

Don was preceded in death by his parents, and his first wife.

He is survived by his brother, Roger Hagen; and two sisters, Evelyn Boggess and Inez Cummings; his second wife, Willetta Boehm; his three sons, Curtis Hagen, Chris Hagen and Jerry Hagen; two grandchildren, Mandy Hagen and Nathan Hagen; and great-granddaughter, Alama Hagen.

The family will be holding a memorial service at 10 a.m. on Jan. 17 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Kalispell. We welcome friends to join us in remembering all the blessings we have been given having Don in our lives.

## Doris Ethelyn (Peterson) Hall, 96

Doris Ethelyn (Peterson) Hall, 96, of Billings, and formerly of Valier, passed away Tuesday, July 19, 2011.



Doris came kicking and screaming into this world on a farm homestead in the Abbot Lake Community north of Valier, on June 1, 1915. Born to Oscar and Marie Peterson, she became the only sister to older brother LaVerne Edward, and would be joined on the farm nine miles northeast of Valier a couple years later by her baby brother LeRoy "Pat."

Doris attended Abbot Lake School, then traveled to Valier during her high school years, often boarding with a family in town during the harsh winter months when travel was difficult.

She married Floyd W. Hall in 1939, and into this marriage four children were born, Russ, Lyn, Karilee Kay "KK" and Trudy. Doris and Floyd farmed the land they both loved from 1941 until their retirement in 1975, at which time, with Doris' urging, they began to travel the world. Starting off with a motor home and trips to California, Florida, Texas and Arizona during the winter months, they later expanded their horizons and literally traveled the world during the years between 1982 and 1998.

Floyd's passing in 1998 hardly slowed Doris' wanderlust, and she continued to make many trips, albeit confined to the United States, up into 2007. They both enjoyed so very much their winter home in Fountain Of The Sun in Mesa, Ariz., where they each developed a love for the game of golf, with club memberships both at FOS and at Glacier View Golf Club in West Glacier, where they spent the summers of their retirement years in the beautiful home they had built there

counselor at Valier Methodist Church for many years, and a camp counselor at King's Hill Methodist Youth Camp. She was a mentor for the college kids who were part of the Christian Life Ministry in Glacier National Park, opening her home to them for meals, for laundry, and even for sleeping quarters. Her six grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren, plus the grandkids and great-grandkids from her extended, blended families also benefited from her showering of love. When she was with the great-grandkids especially, during family gatherings, it was often difficult to decide which "kid" to send to bed first at the end of a day!

Changing gears a bit in 2003, Doris moved to Hutchinson, Kan., to spend the winter months in a retirement community in daughter Lyn's hometown. Fiercely independent, she always hastened to add, "in my own apartment!" Spring, summer and fall found her in Glacier Park as she loved to spend as much time in her summer home as she could, entertaining company all summer long. "The more, the merrier" was her motto. A joyous family reunion was held during her 90th birthday summer, with all the kids, most of the grandkids, cousins, nieces and nephews in attendance ... 34 of us at one point during the week!

A more recent high point for Doris was in the summer of 2006 when, along with three of her surviving classmates from the Valier High School Class of 1932, she was honored to lead the all-school reunion parade sitting on the back of a shiny red convertible! Dancing with son Russ at the lakeshore dance that night, she laughingly informed him that he wasn't as good a dancer as his dad had been. Doris and Floyd would never pass up an opportunity to dance, right up until a week before Floyd passed away!

"Now, they are together again. Dance on!"

Doris had a unique zest for life. She loved camping and fishing when the kids were growing up. She was equally at home driving a grain truck during harvest on the farm or sitting at the captain's table during any of the many cruises she and Floyd enjoyed.

Hiking and picking huckleberries in Glacier Park with her beloved sister-in-law Hedvig Peterson brought her true joy, with rousing competition as to who could pick the most berries always a subject of conversation around the pinochle or bridge table in the evenings. Doris was an inveterate shopper to the end. She couldn't pass up a bargain; she loved rummage sales, and always giggled over saving a dime here and a quarter there, using her coupons!

She was adventuresome beyond the traveling too. Some examples of her daring-do included parasailing at age 70 over Lake McDonald (which landed her on the front pages of both Flathead County newspapers). Then after her 80th birthday, her breakneck antics would include hopping on the back of any motorcycle that would slow down long enough for her to do so, tooling around in a Corvette convertible, flying in hot-air balloons, and rafting down the often treacherous Middle Fork of the Flathead River. In 2005, she accepted without hesitation a 90th birthday gift from her grandkids and hopped a plane to Hawaii for a memorable 10-day vacation!

She loved being around children; she was an MYF

With a desire to return to her beloved Montana year-round, she made a final move into WestPark Village in Billings in 2010, where she enjoyed making new friends and especially enjoyed the new reconstruction of this beautiful facility and the fine dining made available to its residents.

"Now that Mother is safely enrolled into heaven, there is no need to wish her Godspeed; in fact, perhaps God may have to put her on a bit of a tether — just so He can keep track of her!"

Doris was preceded in death by her parents; her brothers, Verne and Pat; husband, Floyd; granddaughter, Rita Marie Hall; and sons-in-law, the Rev. Gary Reynolds and Jim Lovelace.

Surviving are her children, Russell and Mary Jane Hall of Billings, Lynelle Reynolds of Hutchinson, Kan., Karilee Kay Lovelace of Conrad, and Trudy Jo Hall of San Antonio, Texas; the aforementioned grandchildren and great-grandchildren; a niece and two nephews; and many very dear friends around the country.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 23, in the Valier Methodist Church.

In lieu of flowers the family would request, should you desire, a memorial gift to the Valier Methodist Church, the National Parks Christian Ministries program, Quality Life Concepts in Great Falls, or the charity of your choice.

Arrangements are by Cremation & Funeral Gallery. Condolences may be sent to the family through "Our Families" at [www.cfgbillings.com](http://www.cfgbillings.com).

Wayne Stanley Halvorson, 75

Wayne Stanley Halvorson died Friday, Nov. 18, 2011, after suffering a terrible fall on Nov. 15, and was unable to



recover from the brain trauma. His wife Karen was at his side when he died peacefully in Tillamook County General Hospital in Oregon.

Wayne was born on Feb. 24, 1936, the eldest of five children to Ora J. and Stanley N. Halvorson, longtime residents of Kalispell. In 1953 he graduated from Flathead County High School in Kalispell, and in 1957 obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree in agricultural business and management, with a minor in biochemistry, from Washington State University at Pullman. At the university he was a member of the AGR Society.

Wayne was a man of integrity and congenial-

ity. He started his career in dairy plan management in Bellingham, Wash., used his management skills in agricultural economics as general manager of Meadow Gold Dairies in Okinawa for the U.S. government during the Vietnam War, developed and then managed a new dairy plant in Seoul, Korea, and ended his career modernizing potato production plants in Poland, Armenia and Guatemala for U.S. Aid to International Development programs. He was especially proud of his work with WID, Widows In Development, a program in Poland to help widows maintain their farms after their spouses died.

Wayne is survived by his wife, Karen; sons, Craig and Mark (son Eric is deceased); his daughter, Julie; ex-wife, Judy; and five grandchildren. His surviving siblings are Karen Sue and Kevin (Lowell and David are deceased). We will all miss this great 6-foot 3-inch wonderful Norwegian man.

Shirley Hamerlin, 95

Shirley Hamerlin, 95, died Jan. 30, 2011, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

Services will be at 11

a.m. Feb. 3 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Whitefish.

Austin Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Rodney Lysander Hamilton, 62

Rodney Lysander Hamilton, 62, a former resident of Columbia Falls, died at his home in Holdenville, Okla., Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2011.

He is survived by his wife, Diana, of Holdenville; and three children, Todd Hamilton of Sierra Vista, Ariz., Alex Hamilton of Tulsa, Okla., and

Nathalie Hamilton of Holdenville.

Funeral services will be at the Lighthouse of Prayer in Arpelar, Okla., at 1:30 p.m. today, Feb. 26. Burial with full U.S. Navy honors will be at Glory Cemetery in Holdenville.

Services are under direction of Fisher Funeral Home of Holdenville.

Reesie 'Theresa' Hammer, 90

Reesie "Theresa" Hammer, 90, a longtime resident of Lincoln County, died Saturday, Jan. 29, 2011, at her home in Libby from natural causes.

Survivors include her children, Robert Hammer of Libby, and Rita Lind

of Troy.

Service will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11, at the Kootenai Chapel in Troy.

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

Helen LaVerne Handy, 88, passed away on April 22, 2011, at the Hodgeman County Long Term Care in Jetmore, Kan.

She was born on July 16, 1922, in Beeler, Kan., the daughter of Jacob Earl and Bernice Irene Gilmore Whipple.

She was a homemaker, a member of the First Baptist Church, Eureka, the American Legion Auxiliary, Ness City, Kan.; and the Delta Gamma Club, Englewood, Colo.

On Feb. 25, 1941, she married Gilbert Handy in Jetmore. He preceded her in death on Jan. 8, 1984. She later married Robert Johnson. They were divorced, but remained close friends.

She is survived by two sons, Dale Handy of Burdett, Kan., and Daryle Handy of Eureka; two daughters, Connie Stout of Sioux Falls, S.D., and Tami Burkhart of Burdett; five brothers, Jim "Chief" Whipple of

San Diego, Don Whipple of Arvada, Colo., Rex Whipple of Beeler, Kan., Tom Whipple of Chicago, and Paul Whipple of Fowler, Colo.; one sister, Jennie Bates, of Denver; 13 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Linda Handy; four brothers, Clarence, Fenton and Wayne Whipple and Thayne Starner; two sisters, Hazel Prose and Ruby Mather; and two great-grandchildren, including Karyn Koterwski.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 28, at the First Baptist Church, Ness City, with Pastor Roger Alford presiding, with burial in the Ness City Cemetery. Friends may call today and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Fitzgerald Funeral Home, Ness City.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Gideons.

Cristi Kay Hand, 53

Cristi Kay Hand, 53, of Bigfork, died in her home March 7, 2011.

She was born June 23, 1957, in Grand Rapids, Mich., to Jerry and Lois Sullivan. She attended schools in Michigan, Idaho and Montana and graduated from Charles M. Russell High School in Great Falls in 1975.

She moved to Bigfork in 1976 where she met her husband Bob Hand, and they married June 24, 1977. She gave birth to their only daughter, Kylee, on Nov. 1, 1979. Soon after, she was diagnosed with lupus. Her chronic illness kept her close to home for most of her life, but her stubborn Irish spirit, love of animals and family kept her strong. It was the same Irish spirit that enabled her to care for her two dearest friends until they passed.

Cristi was the true backbone in the success of their business ventures, and was actively involved with daughter Kylee and her friends throughout the years. She made their house a "home" and all who entered were welcomed with open arms, providing a safe house for many friends and relatives. Cristi was never one to judge. She was strong willed, generous and accepting, always the consummate nurse. The only ones who ever had their way with her



were Tess, Lacey, Webster and Bubba, her beloved cats!

She was preceded in death by her dad, Jerry Sullivan; brother, Rick Sullivan; and nephew, Craig Sullivan.

Cristi is survived by her husband, Bob Hand, of Bigfork; daughter, Kylee, and Kirk Archibald, of Belgrade; granddaughters, Payton and Maddox Jade of Belgrade; mother, Lois Sullivan, of Bigfork; sister, Debbie, and Les Ingram, of Bigfork; niece and nephew, Taylor and Bailee Ingram, of Bigfork; brother, Jeff Sullivan, of Bigfork; nephew, Brian Sullivan, of Bigfork; niece, Lori, and Jeremy Todd, of Deer Lodge; great-niece and -nephew, Amanda and Reiley; nephew, Jeremy Sullivan; sisters-in-law, Dawn Noble of Missoula, and Cheryle Lane of Great Falls; cousin, Cathy, and Clay Buckingham, of Phoenix; and aunts, Jane Sullivan of Wheaton Ill., and Darlena McDaniel of Holt, Mich.

A memorial will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Community Methodist Church in Bigfork, followed by a celebration of life at the Sitting Duck in Woods Bay.

Memorials in Cristi's name can be made to Bigfork Fire Department, 810 Grand Ave Bigfork, MT 59911.

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

## Herbert W. Hanson, 72

Herbert W. Hanson, 72, of Kalispell, devoted husband, father and grandfather, died March 16, 2011, at his home in Colwich, Kan.



Services were held on March 19.

Herb was born in Superior, Wis., to Walfred and Minnie Hanson.

He retired from the Air

Force, Flight Safety International and Boeing. Herb retired to Kalispell in 2000.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Mary Ellen; sons Michael and Suzie, and Chris and fiancée Jamey; daughters, Margo and Edwin Ruffe, and Jane and Ragan Jacquart; 10 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and sisters Madeline Bridge and Marilyn Iverson.

Memorials are suggested to the Sacred Heart Building Fund, P.O. Box 578, Colwich, KS 67030.

## John Halver Hanson, 63

John Halver Hanson, 63, died Sunday, Aug. 21, 2011, at his home in Lakeside.

He is survived by his wife, Cindy (Boerner)

Hanson.

Private family services are pending.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Holly Ann Hanson-Degner, 34

Holly Ann Hanson-Degner, 34, of Amity, Ore., formerly of Kalispell and Troy, died in McMinnville, Ore., March 25, 2011.

She is survived by her husband, Erich Degner,

and son, Forrest, of Amity; father, Harland Hanson, of Kalispell; and mother, Patricia Cody-Hanson, of St. Ignatius.

A memorial service will be held at noon April 2, at the Troy Church of God.

## Inez M. Hanson, 83

Inez M. Hanson, 83, of Libby, died Saturday, March 6, 2011, at Sacred Heart Hospital in Spokane.

Survivors include her children, Doug Hanson of Spokane, Dolly Cline of Libby, Darrell Hanson of Fresno, Calif., Diane

Olson of Greenfield, Calif., Doreen Tiffany of Polson, and Darla Perkins of Seattle.

Services will be held at a later date.

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

## Philip Charles Hanson, 79

Philip Charles Hanson died Sunday, Nov. 20, 2011, at the family home with his wife, Sue, by his side. Phil was 79 years of age and passed after a lengthy battle with cancer.



Phil was born to Adriel (Woodward) and Percy Dunham Hanson on Nov. 19, 1932, in Susanville, Calif.

He moved with his family in 1944 to Missoula where his father was regional forester for the U.S. Forest Service. Phil loved growing up in Montana and enjoyed hunt-

ing, fishing and alpine skiing as a youth. He graduated from the University of Montana with a degree in forestry.

During summers, Phil was a smoke jumper out of McCall, Idaho. After graduation, he joined the United States Air Force and always appreciated being able to fly a jet airplane.

In 1955, Phil married Bonnye McFarland and joined her father in the farming industry in Coolidge, Ariz. After their divorce in 1977, Phil married Susan (Rhoades) Frazier.

In 1985, Phil sold the farm and moved to Bigfork, where he could fulfill his dream of hunting and fishing at leisure. He also enjoyed gardening, golf and kept himself busy in winter months

building fine furniture in his wood shop. His family and many friends enriched his life to the fullest.

His mother, Adriel, father, "Pete" and oldest son, Stuart, preceded Phil in death.

He is survived by his wife of 34 years, Sue, at the family home in Bigfork; son, Mark Hanson, of Denver; daughter-in-law, Mary Hanson, of Scottsdale, Ariz.; stepsons, Tad Frazier of Bigfork, and Steven Frazier and wife Julie of Casa Grande, Ariz.; sisters, Karen Mill of Juneau, Alaska, and Janet Ewings of Port Angeles, Wash.; two grandchildren, Adam Hanson and Lindsey Hanson; and nephews, Ken Mill and Alan Mill of Juneau, and Jody Stone of Camp Verde, Ariz. Nieces, Cristin Walker of Juneau,

Cathy Lorenz of Wayne, Ill., Connie Cermak of Bigfork, and April Crimmins of Casa Grande also survive him.

At Phil's request, a celebration of life will take place in the summer of 2012 when the roses are blooming.

If his friends would like to remember him to a charity, please consider the Bigfork Fire Department and QRU, 800 Grand Drive, Bigfork, MT 59911; Ferndale Fire Department, 100 Ferndale Drive, Bigfork, MT 59911; or Wounded Warriors, <https://support.woundedwarriorproject.org>

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

## Raymond Hanson, 76

Raymond Hanson, 76, died Sunday, Aug. 14, 2011, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia; and nine children, Gayle Wells and husband Bob, Chris Hanson and wife Lona, Debbie Young and husband Dan, Cheryl Hagerman, Walt Hanson and wife Teresa,

Terry Hanson and wife Jannelle, Mike Hanson and wife Dottie, Harry Hanson, and Mark Hanson and wife Tammy.

Graveside services are pending. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Raymond's family. Condolences may be left at [www.jgfuneralhome.com](http://www.jgfuneralhome.com).

## Thomas Calvin Harmon, 97

Thomas Calvin Harmon passed away peacefully in his Kalispell home on Nov. 5, 2011.



On June 27, 1914,

Tom was born as the second of three children to Mary Eunice Hightower and Thomas Benton Harmon in Grapevine, Texas. Leonard Rayburn and Erma Luzelle, Tom's siblings, worked with Tom to assist the family with cotton farming during their childhood years. In 1931 Tom began working after school for the Woolworth Company as a stockboy. Upon graduation from Plainview High School in Texas, he began working full time for the Woolworth.

By 1934, he was an assistant manager in Albuquerque, N.M. It was at this store where he met his future wife of 67 years, Ina Lois Crow, who happened to work the candy counter. They were married in 1935 and had their first child, Nancy Lois, in the following year. Tom was transferred to several different stores in the Southwest, and then in 1940 went to Salida, Colo., where he managed his first store and had his second daughter, Jane Marilyn. In 1943, Woolworth sent him to manage the Kalispell store. When the company was ready to transfer him again, he partnered up with Rene Torbert as part owner and manager of Torbert's Five and Dime Store in 1947. It was in that year that the last of his three daughters, Mary Ellen, was born.

In 1963, Tom had the opportunity to go into business for himself, purchasing a ladies ready to wear store in Kalispell called Hummer's, later renamed Harmon's. Tom and Lois ran a successful "mom and pop" business; Lois was the buyer and Tom the manager until they retired in 1979. He often commented, "We made a super team."

Tom was also a supportive member of the Kalispell community. He served as junior and senior warden of Christ Church Episcopal for 19 years. He was on the vestry during the building and

remodeling programs of the church and even conducted services when the minister became ill. He served on the city council from 1955 to 1960, was a director of the Chamber of Commerce for six years, chairman of the retail trade committee, served on the Conrad Cemetery board for 15 years and on the Community Chest board he helped to organize. For over 30 years, he was a member of Rotary International and served as president of the Kalispell club from 1962 to 1963. He was also president of the Kalispell Golf Association in 1955. For five years, he was on the board of directors of the Conrad National Bank.

Although Tom was a hard worker, he also found time to enjoy life. He was an avid golfer, living a good part of his retirement years at Apache Wells, a golfing community in Mesa, Ariz. In the summer, he loved fishing on Flathead Lake, where he owned a home near Lakeside. He had a gun collection, one of which he carved and used to hunt fowl. He also collected pocket watches and coins. He enjoyed all of these activities because of the friendships he developed and the special times spent with family.

Tom was preceded in death by his wife, Lois; and his daughter, Jane Marilyn Johnson.

He is survived by his oldest daughter, Nancy Franklin, and husband, Don, of Olympia, Wash., and their three children, Debra and husband Dale of Orting, Wash., Kim and husband Howard of Olympia, and Donald and wife Kim of Sandy, Utah; his youngest daughter, Mary Ellen Barr, and husband, John, of Columbia Falls, with their son, David, and wife Karen of Kalispell. His deceased daughter Jane has two sons, David and wife Karen of Wasilla, Alaska, and Randy and wife Cindy of Ketchikan, Alaska. There are 16 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Graveside services will be private, but a memorial service celebrating Tom's life will be announced for next August.

## Diana L Harper, 58

Diana L Harper, 58, of Eureka, died at her home March 23, 2011.

She had worked as a nurse.

Survivors include her husband, George Harper, of Eureka.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, March 28,

at the First Church of God, 1295 Second Ave., in Eureka, with burial at the Tobacco Valley Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 27, at the Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Eureka.

## George Harper, 87

Rev. George Harper was born July 4, 1923, in Salem, Ohio, and died in Helena on May 2, 2011.

In between, he lived a remarkable life.

He was a star athlete at Birmingham Southern College in football, basketball, track and baseball. He ran a 4:15 mile, only 11 seconds over the world record. In an exhibition baseball game, he hit a home run off Bob Feller, later a Hall of Fame pitcher.

He married Dorothy Watson, a national oratory winner, actress, dancer and writer of national radio scripts, with a master's degree, a rarity at that time for women.

George was elected president of the million-member Methodist Youth Fellowship. He was later appointed executive secretary of the National Conference of Methodist Youth. Based in Nashville, Tenn., he traveled worldwide. He became known as a great speaker, a comedian, a man of God, and a believer in youth. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., spoke at two of the interracial rallies he organized. In 1952 George and Dorothy moved to Great Falls to become Youth and Camping Leader for the Montana Methodist Conference. In 1961 he was appointed pastor to St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Helena.

Always a fan of youth and athletics, George became the pole vault coach at Helena High in 1965, and continued until his death. Athletes, especially at Helena High, but also at Capital, Carroll and Rocky Mountain College, have had his support for 50 years. Many a parent who was not United Methodist came to George for counseling, because they could trust



a man who supported their children. Helena High named its basketball court for him.

In 1972 he was elected to the Constitutional Convention, one of only two independent delegates. He served on two city committees that planned and built the Helena jail and wrote the Helena city charter. He had written 14 books, including a set of nine that cover the whole Bible in his inimitable style, and three on golf.

An outdoorsman and a fisherman, at age 85, he lost a hearing aid while riding on a zip line over the Costa Rican jungle.

George and Dorothy had five children, Rusty and Pat Callbeck Harper, Hal and Janet Matteucci Harper, Steve and Pam Campbell, Nancy and Michael McNeilly and Jannie Harper Fuhrmann (now deceased) and son-in-law, Randy Fuhrmann and Renee Driessen Fuhrmann; five grandchildren, Robin Harper Cowie and Zac Cowie, Molly Harper Haines and Mark Haines, Emily McNeilly, Hannah Harper and Becca Harper; and two great-grandchildren, Caleb and Greyson Cowie.

The family invites you to a memorial service celebrating his life at 7 p.m. Sunday, May 8, at the Carroll College P.E. Center.

Rather than flowers, memorials in George's name are suggested to St. Paul's United Methodist Church Building Fund, 512 Logan, Helena, MT 59601; Rocky Mountain College, 1511 Poly Drive, Billings, MT 59102; Intermountain Children's Home, 500 S. Lamborn, Helena, MT 59601; Angel Fund (for clothing and supplies for Helena school children), P.O. Box 7436, Helena, MT 59604; or any charity that helps children and youth.

Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting: [www.aswfuneralhome.com](http://www.aswfuneralhome.com).

## Warren Douglas Hartry, 55

Warren Douglas Hartry of Marion passed away on Monday, May 23, 2011.

He was born Jan. 16, 1956, in Oakland, Calif.

He is survived by his mother, Jeannine Hartry; sister, Wanda, and Dennis Bissell; daughters, Dawn and Travis Quaale, and Courtney and Brittney Hartry; son, Caleb Hartry; grandsons, Kai and Carter; and nephews, Brian and Jeff Marcus; in addition to numerous loving family members and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, James Hartry; and brother, Stuart Hartry.

Warren was a kind and loving person to both humans and animals alike. He enjoyed life to its fullest



and was always seeking spiritual progress. He used his various life experiences to work with and make a difference in the troubled lives of many with substance abuse problems. He was recently presented with a coin celebrating 16 years of sobriety.

Warren loved the outdoors and spent many days either cold or warm, fishing, hunting, camping, and on whatever adventures he could dream up.

Most importantly, he was a loving son, dedicated father, cherished brother, and brought laughter to all who knew him.

There will be no service at this time. A family memorial is planned at a later date.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family. To send condolences to the family, please go to [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com)

## James Scott Allen 'Scooter' Harrell, 46

James Scott Allen "Scooter" Harrell, 46, of Columbia Falls, passed away suddenly Aug. 25, 2011, in Minot, N.D.

Scott was born Oct. 14, 1964, to Merton and Joy Harrell in Portland. His father worked for the Forest Service and his childhood was spent in a variety of cities and states.

He moved to Montana in 1978 and graduated from Columbia Falls High School in 1983. He went into the Army in 1984, where he served as a communication specialist until a job incident resulting in elbow and knee injuries led to an honorable discharge in 1988.

It was while stationed at Fort Huachuca that he married Vielka "Chi-Chi" Walters in 1986. They welcomed a daughter, Candice Judet, in January of the following year. After his discharge, they moved to Kalispell, where he worked at Kalispell Regional Medical Center. A son, Joseph Daniel, was born in July 1991.

Scott started working as a satellite television installer in 1992 and continued in that line of work until he accepted employment by Hal-



liburton in Williston, N.D.

Scott was an avid reader, and his favorite genre was science fiction. He loved playing games and was a mean card and poker player. He had a wicked left-hand curve ball when bowling, but his favorite sport was baseball. When Scott played shortstop, no one could get on base.

As an adult, he carried that love of the sport into umpiring as well as coaching. Scooter loved kids and will be missed as a playmate to many "friends" and families' children. His sense of the absurd, his fun spirit, loud giggle and generosity bless all who knew him.

James Scott is survived by his grandfather, Ronald Aldrich; great-aunt, Shirley Aldrich; parents, Merton and Joy Harrell; uncle, Guy Aldrich; children, Candice and Joseph; siblings, Tracy Sullivan, Mylinda Klein and Dennis Harrell; nieces, Tina Sullivan, Anne and Nyla Klein, and Katie and Kristina Harrell; and nephews, William, Robert and Thomas Sullivan, and Mason Klein.

An open house memorial will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 3, at his parents' home at 4635 Blankenship Road, Columbia Falls. For those who cannot attend, a photo or a favorite memory can be sent. Each memory will be read aloud and released with a helium balloon in his honor at 6 p.m.

## Donald C. Harring Sr., 87

On Sept. 13, 2011, Donald C. Harring Sr., 87, passed away peacefully with his loving wife, Giselle "Jessie" at his side at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.



Don spent his formative years just outside of Chicago in Lake Geneva, Wis. He proudly served our country for three years during World War II in the Navy Air Corps.

Following his military service, Don graduated from Beloit College where he met and married Jessie. He later started a sailboat building business to build a faster E-Scow. He was commodore of the Lake Geneva Yacht Club and enjoyed skiing at the local ski area, Majestic Hills.

Skiing on man-made snow on a man-made hill just wasn't good enough, so the family moved west to Whitefish in 1970. Daughter Jessie and sons Don Jr. and Charlie were avid skiers and sailors in the Flathead, following in their parents' footsteps.

Don helped form the North Flathead Yacht Club and was instrumental in building the current yacht club and grounds in Somers. He was an active sailor and enjoyed much success in the many races held by the club.

He also worked side by side with his wife, Jessie, supporting the various local ski racing programs their children participated in. They remained active in the Whitefish ski-racing world for many years after their children grew up. Don's smiling face was seen for years greeting ski racers with a stick of red licorice at the score board at the bottom of all Big Mountain races.

In his professional life, Don was a life insurance salesman for Aetna and owned the art gallery called The Gallery, located south of town on U.S. 93. He was active in the Lions Club, Rotary, Winter Carnival "congenials," North Flathead Yacht Club and Big Mountain Ski Club.

Don was preceded in death by his daughter, Jessie Anne Deats; her husband, Dicky Deats; and his brother, Robert R. Harring.

He is survived by his wife, Giselle "Jessie" of Whitefish; his sister, Patricia of Austin, Texas; and two sons, Donald Harring Jr. of Vancouver, Wash., and Charles Harring of Burbank, Calif.; as well as seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Family and friends will gather at 4 p.m. Oct. 1 at their home in Whitefish to celebrate Don's life.

Arrangements are entrusted to Austin Funeral Home. You are invited to go to [www.austinfh.com](http://www.austinfh.com) to view Don's tribute wall, offer condolences and share memories.

## Lee Charles Harrington, 61

Lee Charles Harrington, 61, died May 16, 2011, at North Valley Hospital.

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

## Russell E. Harshberger, 75

Russell E. Harshberger, 75, passed away May 13, 2011, at his home in Anderson, Ind., after a sudden illness.



He was born June 5, 1935, and raised in Pennsylvania. In his late teens he enlisted in the Navy and was sent to the Korean War aboard a Navy destroyer.

After his discharge from the Navy, he met his wife Dixie in California. They were married in 1963, and Russ worked at The Title and Trust Insurance Company of Los Angeles, and began a family. Russ Jr., was born in 1966, and in 1967 he moved to Kalispell. There he raised four boys. He truly loved the Flathead Valley where he fished and hunted every year.

In 1968 he began working for First Montana Title Company. In 1975 he started American Abstract and Title

Company, which included Lake County, Flathead County and Lincoln County.

Upon leaving the title industry Russ pursued a second career as a right-of-way agent, relocating to numerous places around the country, eventually settling and retiring in Anderson. Russ recently planned to move back to the beautiful Flathead Valley in Montana to be closer to family.

In recent years Russ became an avid builder and flyer of remote controlled airplanes and was a member of numerous clubs.

Russ is survived by his ex-wife, Dixie Fong, of Helena; four sons, Russ L. of Portland, Mike of Spokane, Greg of Whitefish and Chris of Spokane; eight grandchildren; and three sisters, Pearl Haldeman of Columbia, Pa., Rose Barnes of Columbia, and Jane Nyberg of Kissimmee, Fla.

A memorial service in the Flathead Valley will be planned in the coming weeks.

## Frank W. Hatfield, 73

Frank W. Hatfield, 73, of Columbia Falls, passed away early Tuesday morning, Sept. 27, 2011, from congestive heart failure, after a tough fight with cancer.



Frank was born in Sedan, Kan., on Aug. 29, 1938. He loved Montana and lived in the Big Sky Country for most of his life. Growing up in Great Falls, he attended and graduated from Great Falls High School where he was a member of the 1956 Bison championship football team.

Frank moved his family to the Flathead Valley in 1971 and built a comfortable place on Skyles Lake.

Frank was one of those rare, lucky people who loved the work that he did to make a living. He was an iron worker and proud of it. The camaraderie he had with his brother iron workers was strong and deep. The stories of their adventures while "booming out" are the stuff of legends. He should have written a book.

After retiring, he lived his golden years spending his time and money on helping others and on being with his grandkids whenever he could. He left sweet memo-

ries with 10 granddaughters and two grandsons. He had many nicknames from those who knew him: The Hat, Papa Frank, Grandpa, Pops, Daddy and others that can't be printed here.

Frank lived life on his terms and left life in the same way. They don't make them like him anymore. He was one of kind.

He is survived by his sister, Ann Carlson, of Arizona; brother, Jim Hatfield, of Arizona; sons, Scott Hatfield of Columbia Falls, and Shayne Hatfield of Columbia Falls; daughters, Suzanne Haverkorn of Bozeman, and Shelly Chandler of Alabama; 12 adoring grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

There will be a celebration of his life Sunday, Oct. 9, at his home at 308 Third Ave. East (the corner of Third Avenue East and Third Street East) in Columbia Falls in the afternoon, for friends and family to gather to tell stories and share memories.

He had friends wherever his travels took him. And if he didn't, he'd be sure to make new friends before he moved on. He is loved and will be missed.

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

Arrangements are entrusted to Columbia Mortuary.

## Cindy Hauer, 66

Cindy Hauer, 66, died in her sleep at her home in Hungry Horse on June 28, 2011, after a long struggle with emphysema.



She was born Feb. 17, 1945, in Lawton, Okla. Her parents were Walter and Julia (Guthrie) Fennell.

Her family includes her daughter, Julie Gulliford; former husband, Robert Gulliford; sisters, Yolonda Staten and Lilly "Susie" Stepp; a brother, James Fennell; nieces, Melanie Pope and Gina Kaye; nephews, Shannon Stepp, Hunter White, Scott Stoffer and Bill Staten; caregivers and special friends, Elaine Matthews and Theresa Kuehl; and all of her many friends.

Cindy found her home when she experienced the free spirit of Montana. She ran produce stands in Hungry Horse, specializing in Montana cherries and huckleberries. She will be remembered by many as the "Huck-

leberry Queen of Hungry Horse." She even painted her house huckleberry purple and planted purple flowers in her yard. She loved her life as an independent business woman.

When her health no longer allowed her to sell produce, she became an avid fan of eBay and Craigslist, trading until the very end.

Cindy's greatest passion was to help people. She believed in angels and tried hard to be one by helping those who had been rejected and forgotten by others. She provided food, work and shelter for many in need, but most importantly acceptance and love.

Cindy knew just about everyone, loved everyone, had time for everyone and will be missed.

Cindy loved the eruption of all American free spirit that typified a Fourth of July celebration in Montana. Appropriately, a memorial service will be held for Cindy at 3 p.m. Monday, July 4, at Cindy's Park, 235 Beta Road, in Hungry Horse.

Arrangements are entrusted to Columbia Mortuary.

## Sandy Haven, 73

Sandy Haven, a life-long resident of Kalispell, died due to complications from Alzheimer's on Friday, Dec. 23, 2011, with family at her side.



Sandy was born Jan. 16, 1938, in Kalispell, the second child of Robert and Lucy Gibson. After her mother passed away when she was 3 years of age, she spent several years in a Catholic orphanage in Great Falls before returning to Kalispell schools, where she was a graduate of Flathead County High School's Class of '56.

She married Harold R. Haven on June 18, 1958, and together they raised four children. Self-taught through the school of life, she was a consummate homemaker, mastering the skills that would serve her well throughout her life. She enjoyed a wide range of hobbies, including tole painting, quilting, sewing, cross-stitch, baking, ceramics and knitting. She loved to play cards, games, build puzzles, and relished in the fact that she was the first in her family to solve the Rubik's cube.

However, her true passion was family, particularly enjoying time with her children, nieces and nephews and any one of her six grandchildren. Her favorite leisure time activity was camping, particularly at Echo Lake cruising on the houseboat or sitting by the campfire. While not a big fan of flying, she did enjoy road trips and overcame her fear of flight on a few occasions to visit children in Alaska, California, Hawaii, Arkansas and New Jersey.

Sandy served as a den

mother to the Cub Scouts, a Brownie Scout leader, and as an active supporter for a variety of teacher youth organizations, youth sports and the Flathead Boosters. Whether she was chaperoning a junior high dance, keeping score at baseball games or cheering from the sidelines, her positive spirit was readily apparent to Kalispell youth for several generations. She also delighted in her role as second "Mom" to any one of a number of her kids' friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents; and little sister Margo, and older sister Roberta, both dear friends.

She is survived by her loving husband and best friend, Harold, of Kalispell; brother, Alan, of Kalispell; son, Jeff, of Kalispell; daughter, Laurie, of Olney; son, Doug, and daughter-in-law, Diane, of Jacksonville, Ark.; and daughter, Sharie, and her partner, Sam, of Rudyard. In addition, she leaves six grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

She lived well, loved much and laughed often — she will be greatly missed by friends and family alike.

There will be a viewing from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 29, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home, and the celebration of her life will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 30.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in her name to either Edgewood Vista of Kalispell, or Home Options Hospice of Kalispell.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for Sandy's family. You are invited to go to [www.jgfuneralhome.com](http://www.jgfuneralhome.com) to view Sandy's guest book, offer condolences and share memories.

## William 'Bill' Clayton Haverkorn, 69

William "Bill" Clayton Haverkorn, 69, passed away peacefully at home with his beloved wife, sons and daughter by his side, on Dec. 24, 2011, following a long, courageous battle with COPD.



Bill, Dad, Grandpa, Great-Grandpa, Willy (William, when in trouble with the Mrs.) was born May 22, 1942, in Green Bay, Wis., to Clayton Haverkorn and Shirley Fry. He attended Whitefish High School, then married Carol Ward on Sept. 8, 1962; together they raised four children.

He worked at Plum Creek in Columbia Falls for 30 years. He was also honorably discharged from the National Guard after serving for five

years.

Bill enjoyed all outdoor activities, as well as teaching all family members how to water ski.

Bill is survived by his wife, Carol, of 49 years; and children, Tony and Suzanne, Terry and JoAnn, Tracy and Tricia Haverkorn, and Tina and John Piper; nine grandchildren, Savannah, Kelcie, Kyle, Jake, Josh, Tiffany and Trever Haverkorn, and Katelynn, and Michael and Shelby Piper; and one great-grandchild, Colt Piper.

Graveside rites will be held at 11 a.m., Jan. 7, at Woodlawn Cemetery. A luncheon will follow at 1 p.m. for family and friends to share memories of Bill, at the home of Tracy Haverkorn, 55 Jada Road, off of Middle Road.

Arrangements are entrusted to Columbia Mortuary.

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



## Frances Duane Hawk, 78

Surrounded by her loving family, Frances Duane Hawk, 78, "passed from this world into the arms of her Lord"



on June 29, 2011. Born in Kalispell on Nov. 1, 1932, to Laura Jane and Bert Calbick, Duane graduated from Flathead County High School in 1950.

On Dec. 13, 1950, Duane married the love of her life, Richard Arthur Hawk, who survives her at the family home. Together they raised three sons, Rick, George and Bruce.

While raising their three boys she began a career in retail, owning and operating Duane's Downstairs, a children's clothing store. Throughout her life Duane was very involved in community service and joined Flathead Search & Rescue, always providing a hot cup of coffee and something to eat to those out in the field searching for a lost loved one.

Continuing her love to help others she took training and became the medical assistant to Drs. Seabaugh and Agee in the urology practice. From here she joined the Red Cross, becoming an instructor/trainer/educator; creating make-up (moulage) scenes for those training in first aid and the EMTs, and also helping to provide realistic scenes for the hospital's disaster training videos. During her

time with the Red Cross she advanced to Chapter chairman; from here she went on to become one of the founding members of the East Valley QRU, serving as an active member and president until health issues prevented her from continuing. She also spent several years teaching Advanced First Aid and Emergency Care at Flathead Valley Community College.

Of all her accomplishments Duane's greatest joy was her family and special friends. Her friends always knew they would find a cup of hot coffee and a welcome chat when they stopped by. Holidays and family get-togethers were always a special time and Duane will be dearly missed by everyone.

Duane was preceded in death by her parents; special adopted father, Alan "Pop" Parker; and grandson David.

She is survived by her loving husband, Dick; sons, Rick and wife, Sandie, of Kalispell; George and wife, Katina, of Columbia Falls; and Bruce and wife, Toni, of Battle Mountain, Nev.; adopted daughter, Ruth Gibbs, and husband, John, of Kalispell; and sister, Diane "Corky" Derby, and husband, Len; as well as several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

At Duane's request the family is planning a private memorial and spreading of her ashes. The family invites you to take a moment and remember Duane as you knew her, rejoice in her rebirth and provide service to someone in need.

## Arthur Bruce Hay, 73

Arthur Bruce Hay, 73, was found deceased at his home in Somers on Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2011.

His request was to be cremated. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

## Virginia Hays, 97

Virginia Hays "passed into the loving arms of Jesus," June 27, 2011, with her family by her side.



Formerly of Bradford, Pa., Virginia Hays, 97, resided at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She was the daughter of Vernon E. McClelland and Annie L. Bunce, and born July 30, 1913, in Franklin, Pa.

She was married June 1, 1934, to James L. Hays in Franklin.

Virginia Hays was a member of the First United Presbyterian Church in Bradford. She retired from Bradford National Bank.

Her activities included past president of Current Events Club, and past president of Women's Association First United Presbyterian Church. She was a Youth Fellowship leader along with her husband. The church was the center of Virginia's activities and her faith in God spread to others in many ways.

She worked side by side in the funeral business with her husband and was always there to comfort others. In her later years she resided at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell where she was known for a beautiful smile and greeting all who entered with hugs and hand kisses.

Virginia was preceded in death by husband, James L. Hays; and infant son; daughter, Ruth Anne Bergvist; and siblings, Ruth Josephine Burket and William Pine.

She is survived by daugh-

ter, Dorothy Hays Maitland, and spouse, Jim Maitland, of Bigfork; three grandsons and families, Jim Maitland and Tami of Bluefield, W.Va., David Maitland and Kerrie of Kalispell, and William Maitland and Sandy of Lakeside; seven great-grandchildren, Caleb James Hays Maitland and Ruby Maitland of Bluefield, and Damon, Melissa Cassandra, Nataya and Nakhiah of Lakeside; nieces and nephews, Martha Lee Quigg and husband, the Rev. Jack Quigg, of Bath, Maine, Loisanne Burket Bay and husband George of Bradford, Larry Richardson and wife Carol of Newfane, Vt., and Dr. David Burket and wife Nancy of Silver Spring, Md.; many great- and great-great-nieces and nephews; and first cousin, Catharine Lubich, of Forked River, N.J.

Memorial services for Virginia will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, July 11, at Immanuel Lutheran Home. The family requests that anyone attending Virginia's service please bring one long-stemmed flower. Burial will take place in Old Sandy Cemetery, Polk, Pa.

The family suggests that any memorial contributions be made to the Immanuel Lutheran Communities, Kalispell, or a charity of choice.

The family extends a special thank you to Immanuel Lutheran Home, the staff, nurses and volunteers and friends who made every day a reason to rejoice for Ginny.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Virginia's family. You are invited to go to [www.jgfuneralhome.com](http://www.jgfuneralhome.com) to offer condolences and sign Virginia's guest book.

## Doris Romaine (Wise) Hazen

Romaine Wise Hazen passed away April 8, 2011, in Vancouver, Wash., from congestive heart failure.

She was born in 1927 in Indiana and came to the Flathead Valley with her parents in 1930 at the age of 3 years. She attended elementary school in Kalispell and graduated from Flathead County High School with the Class of '46. While in high school and immediately following graduation, she worked at Western Union as a telegram delivery girl and telegrapher, and then as office assistant for Equity Supply.

In 1947 she moved to Walla Walla, Wash., and shortly thereafter began a 35-year career working for the Army Corps of Engineers as lead secretary and stenographer. While with the Corps, she spent two year-long tours of duty in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, one tour in Tel Aviv, Israel, and one in Tirrenia, Italy.

Romaine was a very creative person and a talented seamstress, beautifully tailoring her own clothes and those of others. She especial-

ly enjoyed working with fine woolen fabrics. All of her homes reflected her creativity, and were beautifully, but simply decorated with her "signature" ruffled tieback curtains and the lovely items she had purchased during her travels overseas. Those travels ignited her interest in world affairs and she maintained that interest throughout her lifetime.

Romaine is survived by her son, Larry Hazen, and lovely wife, Melissa; grandchildren, David, Drey, McKade and Paislie; great-grandson, Tyler, and a little sister expected soon. Her sisters, Marian Wise of Missoula, and Bonnie Herron of South Jordan, Utah, also survive her.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lloyd E. "Windy" Hazen; parents, Laurren Thomas Wise and Doris (Wise) Smith; and her two favorites, Aunt Mabel and Uncle Harry Price.

Condolences may be sent to Larry and Melissa Hazen, 22106 NE 29th Avenue, Ridgefield, WA 98642.

## Florence Fly Sproul Wood Hedin, 79

Florence Hedin passed away peacefully Friday, Jan. 14, 2011, at Brendan House after a brief illness.



She was born Dec. 10, 1931, in Los Angeles to Elmer and Madeline Fly. At the age of 12, her family moved to Montana and lived on the Fly Ranch near Whitefish. She attended school in Whitefish and graduated from Whitefish High School.

She met and married Frank Sproul from Star Meadows in June 1949. They raised their four children until Frank's death in 1969. She lived in the Bissell Community and at Star Meadows while working as the activities director for Flathead County Nursing Home.

In July 1986 she married Harold Wood. After his death, she moved to Kalispell.

In January 2005 she married Art Hedin, and he passed away in August 2010.

Florence's greatest joys were her family, line dancing, tending her flowers, involvement in Prime Timers, Stillwater Church and lunch and outings with "The Golden Girls."

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Bill Fly; sister, Janet Sproul; brother-in-law, Lewis Sproul;

nephew, Clyde Sproul; and husbands, Frank Sproul, Harold Wood and Art Hedin.

She is survived by a son, Richard Sproul and wife Julie of Columbia Falls; daughters, Ruthie Barnes and husband Ray of Dillon, Jenny Thompson and husband Donny of Kalispell, Jolene Woldstad and husband Dave of Somers; three stepdaughters, Jan Thacker of Alaska, Judy Harmon of Idaho, Becky O'Donnall of Missoula and their families; sisters, Leola Trexler of California, and Ellen Cleveland of Delaware; and brother, Elmer Fly and wife Barbara of Washington and their families. She is also survived by eight grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Florence will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her. Special thanks go to her doctors and nurses at Kalispell Regional Medical Center, the staff at Brendan House and friends and staff of Prestige Assisted Living.

The family suggests memorials be made to Stillwater Lutheran Church and Home Options Hospice.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home with the Rev. Tim Bartholomew officiating.

The public is invited to go to [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com) to leave condolences or sign Florence's guest book. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Douglas Anthony Heald, 68

Douglas Anthony Heald, 68, passed away Thursday, Nov. 17, 2011, in Mesquite, Nev.

He was born Dec. 25, 1942, in Minnesota to Robert Heald and Mary McNally.

He married Sydney Larsen in Salt Lake City, Utah on May 12, 2007.

Douglas retired after 30 years in law enforcement and executive positions with



Burlington Northern. He was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed his toys. Douglas loved fishing at Flathead Lake.

He is survived by his wife, Sydney Post-Heald; two sons, Grant and Jason; two daughters, Candace and Stacey; stepchildren, Joshua and Jamie; seven grandchildren; and 3 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Friends and family are invited to sign the online guest book at [www.virginvalleymortuary.com](http://www.virginvalleymortuary.com).

## Rosalie Jean Heinecke, 89

Our beloved, Rosalie Jean Heinecke suddenly passed away July 10, 2011. "We are saddened by her passing but rejoice in the knowledge that now she is with our Lord and with her beloved husband Bill, and all those who preceded her."



Rosalie was born June 26, 1922, in Billings to Fred and Aral (Linthicum) Brinkman and grew up in Kalispell.

She attended Carlton College in Minnesota, graduated from Washington State College in 1944, and married her darling Bill in June of that year. Bill preceded her in death on Dec. 20, 2000.

Wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend, Rosalie is perhaps the greatest role model we could emulate. Her kindness, compassion, faith, love and character are her legacy and a beacon to all.

A recipient of the Kalispell Chamber's Great Chief award, Rosalie led by example all her life: by her lifelong commitment to PEO, the angels at the entrance to Christ Church Episcopal, the Christmas train at Depot Park, the crèche at the Conrad Mansion, and her work at Central School Museum — these are gifts she gave to all.

"We have surrendered a great lady to a greater place in Heaven — We shall miss her dearly but rejoice in her ascendance to Heaven and rejoining her beloved husband Bill and the Lord, her God ..."

We appreciate the wonderful influence she shared with us all during her journey here. She magically touched many lives — always a kind word, always gracious, always available, and always positive. We will miss her dearly. A third-generation Kalispell native, a fourth, a fifth, and now a sixth generation call Kalispell home.

Her family brought her

abundant pride and joy and as she would often say, "I wouldn't trade any one of you for nine cents." Her positive outlook, her faith in God, and her encouragement to others regardless of circumstances could be summed up in her favorite quote by Mother Theresa, "You can do no great things, only small things with great love." Many of us have been touched by this graceful, wonderful lady.

Rosalie is survived by her four sons, Bill and his wife, Barrie; John and his wife, Annette; Tom and his wife, Terry; and Rob. In addition to her four sons and daughters-in law, Rosalie is survived by her grandchildren, Jason and his partner Paul; Jake and his wife, Jamie; Lacey and her husband, Sean; Kyle and his wife, Jessica; and Taylor. Great-grandchildren include Jason, Tracey, Stacey, Tyen, Jordan, Jerrett, Aliya and Finley. Additional step-grandchildren and great-grandchildren include Fabio, Adrianna and Amanda Zadrozny, Cristi and Marcelo Serigo and Martin, and Camilla Zadrozny.

A reception celebrating Rosalie's life was held July 13 at the Central School Museum.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. today, July 14, at Christ Church Episcopal. Burial will follow at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Rosalie requested contributions be made to the Central School Museum, 124 Second Ave. E., Kalispell; Christ Church Episcopal, 215 Third Ave. E., Kalispell; or a church of your choice.

"Rosalie, we shall miss you, but you will live in our hearts forever.

"May God bless you and keep you in the palm of his hand. And, in Rosalie's words ... 'Hugs Forever!'"

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Rosalie's family. You are invited to go to [www.jgfuneralhome.com](http://www.jgfuneralhome.com) to offer condolences and sign Rosalie's guest book.

## Melba Fern Cowan Heinzen, 87

On June 11, 2011, at Immanuel Lutheran Home, Melba, our beloved mother and grandmother, "went to be with her father Jake, mother Fanny, sisters Lila and Gladys, brother Benny, husband Ray, daughter Jennifer, great-granddaughters Daphne, Jesse and Logan, and son Leo who is MIA from this world."



Melba was born March 18, 1924, in Vega, Texas, on a cattle ranch and played on the prairies of Texas until moving to Everett, Wash., and meeting the love of her life, Ray Heinzen.

Our mother was a home-

maker, and she took great pride in her homemaking. Our mother valued cooking and cleaning, and sewing. She was a person easy to talk to. She loved to read, watch movies, travel, art, music and quilting.

Melba was devoted to her Catholic beliefs and to her Catholic church.

She loved, cried and laughed over and with all her eight children. Her grandchildren were her gifts of love and great-grandchildren were "God's angels."

She is survived by sons, Ray, Jack and Clay, all of Washington, and David of Idaho; and daughters, Cathree of Washington and Pauletta of Montana.

A celebration of Melba's life will be held at a later date, and will be posted then.

## Betty L. Tibke Held, 86

Betty L. Tibke Held, 86, "passed peacefully into the arms of her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" on Saturday, Sept. 10, 2011.



Betty was born on Jan. 20, 1925, in Cascade, to Jacob and Sena Tibke. She was the youngest member of a family with nine other siblings. In 1934 the family moved to the Helena Flats area of the Flathead Valley. Betty attended grade school at Helena Flats School and then continued her education at Flathead County High School.

In 1946 she married William Held and they lived in Kalispell and Dupuyer, before moving to Cut Bank where they started a farm northwest of town. They raised their daughter Marlene and their nephew Bob King on the family farm.

During her years in Cut Bank, Betty was actively involved in the farming operation and was a member of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church. She was a 4-H leader and a member of the Winkler Home Demonstration Club.

In 1970 Marlene married Jim Jackson and the two of them joined Bill and Betty on the farm.

In 1982 Betty and Bill retired and moved to Cut Bank. They traveled extensively and enjoyed many cruises together while spending their winters in Florence,

Ariz.

Bill passed away in 1987, and in 1989 Betty bought her home on Flathead Lake. Betty spent the summers in Yellow Bay and continued to travel with her sister Grace Hanson.

In 1993 she moved to Yellow Bay on a full-time basis. She belonged to the Yellow Bay Women's Auxiliary and Bethany Lutheran Church in Bigfork.

In 2006 Betty moved to Buffalo Hill Terrace where she lived happily, until shortly before her passing.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Bill; and her nine siblings.

She is survived by her daughter, Marlene, and husband, Jim Jackson, of Bigfork; grandsons, Demian Jackson and his wife Melanie of Spokane, and Devin Jackson and wife Kari of Bigfork; nephew, Bob King, and wife, Madeline, of Lynnwood, Wash.; and grandnephews, Joseph and Jeffery; as well as numerous nephews and nieces.

There will be a memorial service for Betty at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 24, at the Buffalo Hill Funeral Home in Kalispell.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Northwest Healthcare Hospice, or to the Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch in Billings.

To send condolences to the family please go to [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com). Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Dorothy Eileen Rein Hemmah, 83

Dorothy Eileen Rein Hemmah, 83, "went to be with her Lord and savior" on July 9, 2011, at her Somers home.



Dorothy was born at home in Campbell, Minn., on June 21, 1928. She was the only child of Alick and Mae, but had many cousins. Dorothy attended country school for four years in Marshall County, S.D. After fourth grade, there were not enough kids to keep the school open, so they had to make arrangements to go to a town school in Veblen, S.D.

Dorothy attended Northern State College in Aberdeen, S.D., and taught country school for five years.

She married Roland Hemmah in 1949. She and Dad moved from South Dakota in

1960 and followed highway construction from Killdeer, N.D.; Hebron, N.D.; Miles City, Fort Benton, Brady, Babb, Lake Five, Superior and Bonner, before settling in Somers in 1965.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents, Alick and Mae (Nesbitt) Rein.

Dorothy is survived by her husband, Roland; her four children, Faye and Stewart Schiele of Ronan, Allan Hemmah of Lakeside, Lorrie and James Werner of Lance Creek, Wyo., and Ann Holland of Helena; seven grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, July 14, at Glacier Memorial Gardens, followed by a luncheon at the Vista Linda restaurant in Somers.

Friends may leave condolences at [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com). Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

## Robert Glen Henderson, 45

Robert Glen Henderson "went into the loving arms of Jesus," with his wife by his side, on Thursday, Dec. 29, 2011, after a short but courageous fight with brain cancer. He was 45 years old.



Robert Glen Henderson was born in Madison, Wis., on March 23, 1966. He was the third child of Glen and Norma (Gillette) Henderson of Kalispell.

Robert attended grade school and one year of middle school in Madison, and then the family moved to Kenniwick, Wash., where he attended his last two years of middle school. He graduated from high school in Livermore, Calif., where he played football all four years and ran track.

In 1995 he married Valerie Jackson. They were married for five years.

In 2001 he met Dawn Moore and her children, Makayla and Micah. They were married in 2004 and together they had Mason in 2005. Robert loved his family very much and was very proud of them.

Robert enjoyed football, camping, whitewater rafting, and spending time with his extended family and friends. He was a committed fan of both the Grizzlies and the Green Bay Packers. Robert was able to help coach Mason's flag football team this last fall. This was a dream of his that was fulfilled! He also enjoyed watching Makayla's multiple sporting events, and Micah's boxing and musical concerts. He loved to just wrestle with Mason until they both were worn out and play cars. The kids' fondest memories of their dad include watching "Diners, Drive-ins and

Dives" every Saturday morning, and of him eating one piece of chocolate every morning with his first cup of coffee. He touched everyone's lives that he met in a special way. Robert would give you the shirt off his back. Everyone knew him as the go-to guy if there was help needed.

Robert worked as a framing contractor for 23 years. There are many buildings in this valley that Robert had a hand in constructing. He had a keen eye and could tell if everything was just straight and square. Many of his close friendships were made from his building experiences and he held those friends very close to his heart.

Robert was preceded in death by his grandparents, Burt and Violet Gillette, and Joel and Emily Henderson; his aunt, Donna, and uncle, Don Meehan; uncle, Paul Markgren; and sister-in-law, Donna Henderson.

He is survived by his loving wife, Dawn; children, Makayla, Micah and Mason; parents, Glen and Norma Henderson; parents-in-law, Donna and Randy Holland; his brother, Bill, and Tracy Henderson; his sister, Pam, and Shawn Walker; his sisters-in-law, Marcie and Kim Heeter; and brother-in-law, Travis Holland; nieces and nephews, Sarah and Stephanie Henderson, Wyatt and Violet Walker, Michael Heeter, Trevor and Kyle Card, Alliyah Harris, and Drake and Tea Holland; and many, many other friends and extended relatives.

He was a very loyal and caring husband, father, son, brother, uncle and friend, and will be deeply missed.

We will be celebrating Robert's life at noon on Saturday, Jan. 7, at Northridge Lutheran Church, with a luncheon to follow. Please come representing your football team.

## Madeline Casey Hendrigsman, 90

Madeline passed on April 7, 2011, at her home in Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., of natural causes. Her youngest grandchild, Nate Kirchoff, 25, was at her bedside. "During her transition from this life to the next, he held one hand as God took her other hand." He said, "She was pure love," and that's how he'll remember her.

Madeline Catherine was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., on July 3, 1920, to Mary Emma "May" (Forker) and William Tucker. Her mother died when she was 18 months old. She was raised by her grandparents and beloved "Nana."

She moved to Los Angeles in 1936 where she lived with her "sister" Harriette and Tim Marr. She graduated from John Marshall High School in 1939. She worked as a carhop after school.

She married Bruce L. Hedges in 1940, and they had a daughter, Cheryl Lee, in 1941. Bruce said, "She's the most beautiful baby in the world." He died from kidney disease 11 months later.

Madeline went to work at Douglas Aircraft. She married William J. Jones Jr., and he adopted Sherry. They then had three children, William Jefferson Jones III in 1944, Teresa Ann in 1946 and Madeline Catherine in 1947. The marriage ended in divorce in the early 1950s.

She met Edward J. Casey while working at Joni's Supper Club. They married and had three children, Edward Paul in 1953, Laurette Jeanne in 1956 and Dorothy Jaye in 1957.

Ed introduced her to the United Church of Religious Science in 1953. In addition to Sunday services, she took many study courses for many years and became a licensed practitioner in 1965 at the Azusa church. She was also very active in the Claremont church as a junior church teacher of the young adults, from 1966 to 1976, then the church secretary, and later the wedding director.

After she and Ed divorced, she worked in the "rag business" selling specialty clothing at Jean's Boutique in Glendora, Calif., and Eddie LeVine's in Upland, Calif. She enjoyed helping women feel better about themselves

when they found the right look for that special occasion.

She married Lester Hendrigsman in 1977. They lived in San Dimas, Calif., and they had a rose garden, with yellow roses being her favorite.

She changed her profession and became a counselor with the National Council on Alcoholism for DWI offenders in Los Angeles County. She and Les divorced in 1987.

Immediately after retiring, she moved to Kalispell in May 1993 to be around her children and grandchildren. They enjoyed many birthdays, weddings and holiday celebrations together.

Her home, family and friends were her hobbies. She loved to cook and shared meals with friends and neighbors. She rearranged furniture and her decor often and decorated for all the holidays. It was once stated, "It's the grandma with all the pretty breakables on the phone," by her great-granddaughter, Alexi Corbett. Her love of beauty was carried inside her home with a variety of violents and other houseplants.

She kept in touch with loved ones often, with letters, cards and thank-you notes, sometimes enclosing current photos of the new look in her home. She maintained many lifelong friendships until loved ones died, which was her only complaint about living a long life.

She was preceded in death by a son-in-law, James Panariello, and grandson, Timothy Cockrell, in 1994; and a great-grandson, Steven J. Buller, in 2004.

She is survived by her children, Sherry Panariello of Kalispell, Bill Jones and Joni of Marion, Teresa "Cookie" and Bob McCandless of Haugen, Maddie Jones of Reno, Nev., Paul Casey and Barbara of Perris, Calif., Laurette and Paul Kirchoff of Kalispell, and D. Jaye Casey of Rancho Cucamonga; 24 grandchildren, and 26 great-grandchildren; cousins in New Jersey, Florida and California; and a beloved spiritual family too numerous to name.

Cremation has taken place by the Cucamonga Mortuary.

A celebration of her life is planned for later this year.

## William John 'Bill' Henry, 66

William John "Bill" Henry, 66, will be sorely missed by family and friends. "He joined his Lord and Savior"



Sunday, April 3, 2011, after a lengthy and courageous battle with cancer.

He was born on Aug. 6, 1944, in Yakima, Wash., the son of John W. and Alice (Trainor) Henry.

Bill attended schools in Richland, Wash. He was the bass player for the Northwest rock band Cold Duck. He also played for a Midwest show band before moving to Kalispell.

Bill owned and operated The Image Maker Photography studio until his retirement in 2006. He was active in the music ministry of his church and was bass player for the contemporary Christian bands, Right Side Up and Written in Stone.

"As he enters Heaven's gates, he will be greeted by his maternal grandparents, William "Mike" and Ester Trainor; his parents, John

and Alice Henry; his aunt, Louise (Trainor) Dowell; his sister, Jeanne; his parents-in-law, Wells "Mike" and Esther Gordon; his brother-in-law, Frank Hout; and several nieces and nephews."

Bill is survived by his wife, Marion, the love of his life and best friend; brothers, Gary and his wife Suzanne, and Dan and his wife Joy, all of Kalispell; sister Sharon Eckert, brother Bob Henry, and sisters-in-law, Dorothy Hout, and Jannette and her husband Don Precechtel, all of Richland, and Charlene and her husband Mike Helle of Sacramento, Calif.; and many greatly loved nieces and nephews from both sides of the family.

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 9, at Fairview Cemetery on Middle Road. A memorial potluck (salads and desserts) will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. at Eastside Grange, 35 Creston Road, across from the Creston School.

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

## Connie McCown Hensley, 77

Connie McCown Hensley, 77, of Kalispell, a devoted wife, cherished mother, grandmother and treasured friend, passed away Saturday, Oct. 8, 2011, lovingly surrounded by her family at their summer home in Lakeside.



Connie was born to Acil "Ace" and Buenetta (Siblerud) McCown in 1934 at their home in Kalispell. She graduated from Flathead County High School in 1952.

On Dec. 27, 1958, she married Jack Logan Hensley.

During high school she worked for Dickensen and Earleans Music Store and later for Mr. Hummer at the Kalispell Mercantile, often traveling to Seattle for buying trips. She had an impeccable sense of style and class. A true lady and role model, she was a volunteer for the Glacier Choral and Orchestra, the American Heart Association and the March of Dimes. She taught Sunday school at Bethlehem Lutheran Church where she and her family were members. Connie most lovingly embraced motherhood to its fullest. She loved her children deeply.

Connie will be dearly missed. She is survived by five precious children, Mark and wife Michelle, and grandchildren, Logan, Ryan, Jackson, Jesse and

Emily, of Kalispell; Dan and wife Sonya, and grandchildren, Chloe and Christian, of Kalispell; triplet daughters, Jane Hensley of Missoula; Jean and husband Brent Estep, and granddaughters, Katherine and twins, Christine and Caroline, of Sun Valley, Idaho; and Joan and husband Joe Brennan, and granddaughter, Kathleen, of Kirkland, Wash.; two sisters, Diane McGwier of Post Falls, Idaho, and Paula Robinson Little of Kalispell; as well as many generations of family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jack Logan Hensley; and her loving parents, Acil "Ace" and Buenetta (Siblerud) McCown.

Family and friends are invited to celebrate the lives of Connie and Jack at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 14, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. A reception will follow the service at 7 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn in Kalispell. Private burials will take place the following morning.

In memory of Jack and Connie, memorials may be made to Shriners Hospital or to Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp. Email condolences may be sent to the family at [GoGriz@Montana.com](mailto:GoGriz@Montana.com).

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

## Helen Heppner, 88

Helen Heppner, a long-time resident of Reno, Nev., passed away on Monday, March 28, 2011, at the age of 88.

Born in Kalispell on June 21, 1922, to Albert and Marion Knutson, Helen graduated from Flathead County High School and attended secretarial school prior to moving to the San Francisco Bay Area in the 1940s.

She began a career in banking which she continued until moving to Reno in 1951. She returned to banking in 1968 and continued her banking career until her retirement.

Helen loved to sing and spent many years performing with choral groups that performed in nursing homes throughout the Reno-Sparks area. She was an avid

reader, quick witted, and possessed a wonderful sense of humor.

She was a member of St. Luke's Lutheran Church for many decades. She was a past president of the Reno Host Lions Auxiliary and was also very active in Toastmasters.

She is survived by her son, Barry, and his wife, Weslynn, of Sparks, Nev.; her daughter, Tami Lewis, of Long Beach, Calif.; her four grandchildren, Tianna, Brittany, Scott and Jordan; and several nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

She was pre-deceased by her son, Bryan; and her brother, Norman Knutson.

A memorial service is scheduled for June 24 in Reno.

## Jack Logan Hensley, 86

Jack Logan Hensley, husband, honored father and loyal friend, passed away peacefully on Sept. 22, 2011, at the family summer home in Lakeside, a place he dearly loved.



Jack was born to Logan H. and Hazel E. Brown Hensley on Aug. 3, 1925, in Glasgow. He resided in Glasgow for 10 years before moving to western Montana with his parents and brother. He graduated from Plains High School.

On Dec. 27, 1958, he married Connie McCown at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Jack and Connie had five children, Mark, Dan, Jane, Jean and Joan.

Jack served in the Navy for three years during World War II in the Asiatic Pacific Theater and participated in the Philippine Campaign. After discharge from the Navy in 1950, he graduated from the University of Montana from the School of Business Administration.

Jack was a Montana banker for over 60 years. In 1951 he went to work for the Conrad National Bank and later for the Montana Bank in Great Falls for a short period of time. In 1960 he was employed by the State Bank of Somers and purchased an interest in the bank. The Bank was moved to Kalispell in 1964 and renamed the Valley Bank of Kalispell. Jack served as president and chairman of the board while at the Valley Bank.

He was actively involved in his community, serving on several boards. He served on the State banking board and was director of the Montana Bankers Association; member of the Kalispell

City Council; trustee of C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery Association; member of Trinity Lodge No. 152; Bagdad Shrine; Elks Lodge and Rotary; member of Sisters of Mercy Hospital; member of Buffalo Hill Golf Club; long-time supporter and friend of the Bigfork Summer Playhouse; and member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

Jack was preceded in death by his parents, Logan H. and Hazel E. Brown Hensley; and his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Acil "Ace" and Buenetta (Siblerud) McCown.

At the time of his passing, Jack was survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Connie McCown Hensley. He is now survived by his five children, son, Mark, and wife, Michelle, and grandchildren, Logan, Ryan, Jackson, Jesse and Emily, of Kalispell; son, Dan, and wife, Sonya, and grandchildren, Chloe and Christian, of Kalispell; triplet daughters, Jane Hensley of Missoula; Joan and husband Joe Brennan, and granddaughter, Kathleen, of Kirkland, Washington, Jean and husband Brent Estep, granddaughters, Katherine and twins, Christine and Caroline, of Ketchum, Idaho; and brother, Robert Hensley, of Auburn, Wash.

Family and friends are invited to celebrate the lives of Connie and Jack, 5:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 14, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. A reception will follow the service at 7 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn in Kalispell. Private burials will take place the following morning.

In memory of Jack and Connie, memorials may be made to Shriners Hospital or to Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp. Email condolences may be sent to the Hensley family at [GoGriz@Montana.com](mailto:GoGriz@Montana.com).

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

## Mary Kathryn (Polensky) Herman, 69

Mary Kathryn (Polensky) Herman, 69, of Columbia Falls, passed away Friday, Aug. 26, 2011, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

Although our sadness is great, we are all comforted by the thought that Mary's spirit is free from the pain and imprisonment of her body from years of battling with multiple sclerosis.

Mary was born Sept. 24, 1941, in Dickinson, N.D., the oldest child of Peter and Antonia (Knopik) Polensky. She attended grade school in Dickinson until her family moved to Montana in 1952. She then attended St. Matthew's and Flathead County High School in Kalispell, and graduated from Flathead County High School in 1960.

On Jan. 4, 1962, Mary met Robert Herman, and on July 14, 1962, they married.

From this union came eight children. Mary was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, aunt and friend. Although diagnosed with MS in 1990, and battling the ups and downs of the painful disease, Mary lived each day

to the fullest. An avid reader with an amazing talent for painting and drawing, Mary's most delight came from seeing all of her grandchildren.

Mary is survived by her husband, Robert, of 49 years; and her children, Suzette and Jamie Hiebert and daughter Kelsie, of Whitefish; Mary Beth and David Timmons and children, Hailey, Jen-ilea and Justin, of Kalispell; Diane and Mark Praxel and children, Vanessa, Susan, Kimberly, Kayla, Cassandra and Layton, of Kalispell; Bob Herman and children, Skyler and Chantel, of Columbia Falls; Jerry Herman and daughter Rebecca, of Kalispell; Ann and Wes Harapat and children, Dylan and Sage, of Bigfork; Chris and Lisa Herman of Helena; and Pat and Christine Herman, of Kalispell; siblings, Hubert and Maureen Polensky of Spokane, Audrey and



John Urban of Dickinson, and Jeananne and Ron Ridl of Fargo, N.D.; and numerous aunts, uncles, nephews, nieces and cousins.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents.

"We'll miss you, 'Mother Mary,' and will never forget the countless nights of sitting in the backyard stargazing, the endless creative stories of Sammy the Snake, mornings and nights listening to Patsy Cline, and weekend painting lessons from Bob Ross on PBS. For all the years you held us in your arms, comforted our pain, eased our fears and loved us for who we are and who we have become, may God hold you in his

arms until we see you again."

Visitation will be from 2 to 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 29, at Columbia Mortuary. A rosary will be said at the conclusion of the visitation. A Funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 30, at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls, with interment at Woodlawn Cemetery. A celebration of Mary's life will follow in the basement of St. Richard's Catholic Church.

Friends may make donations to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Montana Chapter, P.O. Box 2802, Great Falls, MT 59403.

Arrangements are entrusted to Columbia Mortuary.

## Travis J. Herring, 21

Travis J. Herring, 21, of Milwaukie, Ore., passed away Jan. 20, 2011.

He was born June 17, 1989, in Fort Knox, Ky., at the Ireland Army Hospital, the only child of Holly Presnell and James E. Herring Jr.

As a child he lived in Texas, Montana and Oregon. However, most of his formative years were spent in Eureka and Kalispell.

Travis enjoyed hunting and being in the out-of-doors. He especially loved working with small animals and would become immediate friends with them.

Prior to his death, he was enrolled in Sumner College in the Portland area with plans of becoming a correctional officer.

Travis was preceded in death by an aunt, Jackie Herring Gage; his grandmother, Ruby Presnell; and "adopted" grandmother, Esther Kauffman.

He is survived by his mother, Holly Presnell, of Milwaukie; and his father, James E. Herring Jr., and his wife Stephanie Holman Herring, and their children, Indie and Kowen, of Canyon Lake, Texas.



He leaves his paternal grandparents, James E. and Betty Herring, his uncle, Tim and Holly Herring, aunt, Sharon and Jerry Aiken, all of Jacksonville, Texas, and aunt, Debbie and Phil McClain, of Henderson, Texas; as well as cousins, Trenton Herring, Mary McClain, Brandy McClain Taylor, Miranda and Heather Aiken.

He leaves his maternal grandparents, Sharon and Ron Albiston of Kalispell, and Roger and Arletta Presnell of Eureka; and his great-grandparents, Mona and Harvey Hanson of Whitefish, and Opal Connelly of Kalispell. He leaves his aunts, Ginger and Steve Kauffman of Kalispell, Shawnee and David Adams of St. Paul, Ore., and Penny Benetti of Milwaukie; as well as cousins, Amber Schneider, Lacey McLaren and Zachary Adams.

Also surviving is the Kauffman family of Kalispell, who loved him and treated him as one of their own. He had many close friends as well, who shared his belief in our Savior Jesus Christ and encouraged him in his walk in the faith.

Cremation was followed by a prayer circle for Travis in Oregon. His ashes will be interred in the family cemetery on the Herring's home place near Jacksonville, Texas.

## Robert 'Bob' Herrmann, 58

Robert "Bob" Herrmann, 58, passed away Nov. 26, 2010, after a short battle with cancer, in Sharpsburg, Ga.

Bob was born in Whitefish April 22, 1952.

He enjoyed all that his beautiful Montana had to offer; he loved fishing and exploring the back roads.

After a 20-year career with Stoltz Lumber, Bob started a new career with Delta Airlines and enjoyed traveling outside Montana.

Bob was preceded in death by his mother and father, Roy and Cis Herrmann.

Bob is survived by his wife, Diane, of Whitefish; brothers, Lonnie and Ken Herrmann, of Whitefish; and sisters, Cheryl Walsh, Rhonda Knudsvig, Kathy Krueger, Sue Johnson and Janet Donahue.

A celebration of Bob's life will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 6, at the Whitefish VFW Hall. All are welcome to join.

## Delores Evelyn Hersman, 96

Delores Evelyn Hersman, 96, of Libby, died Friday, April 8, 2011, at Brendan House in Kalispell after an extended illness.



Delores was born March 29, 1915, in Corvallis, the daughter of Clyde and Brenice White. After the death of her father in 1931, she was blessed with a step-father, Frank Eker. Delores attended Corvallis public schools and graduated from Corvallis High School in 1933.

She married Gerald "Jerry" E. Hersman Feb. 11, 1940, and had lived all of her life in Montana, including Hamilton, Livingston, Libby and Kalispell.

She worked in the family-owned dry cleaning business in Livingston, and later as a sales clerk in the Libby J.C. Penney's store, from which she retired at age 70. She continued working summers with Jerry at the meat market in St. Mary's until age 83.

She was a member of Christ Lutheran Church of Libby, the Libby Senior Citizens Center and Eastern Star.

She crocheted beautiful things and sold them at craft shows, including 22 years at Libby's Nordicfest and Kalispell's Majestic Arena Christmas Bazaar where her gentle, quick wit was enjoyed by everyone. She loved her family and enjoyed every

opportunity to be with them.

She is survived by her son, Jerry, and Debbie Hersman, of Libby; daughter, Sandra, and Ed Tecca, of Kalispell; grandsons, Todd and Emily Hersman, Bryan and Kelly Hersman of Missoula, and Scott and Nicole Tecca of Helena; as well as four great-granddaughters, Karinda and Hannah Hersman, and Kayla and Erika Tecca; two great-grandsons, Joseph and Samuel Hersman; plus numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Jerry; three brothers, Kenneth, Leslie and Gene White; and her sister, Thelma Hughes Reed; grandson, Guy Hersman; granddaughter, Connie Tecca; and great-grandson, Taylor Tecca.

Memorial services will be conducted at 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 16, at Christ Lutheran Church of Libby.

The family wishes to express its gratitude to the staff at Brendan House for its loving care, and most especially to Delores's roommate Louella Wahler, for her friendship and the happiness she provided the past two years.

The family suggests memorials to Christ Lutheran Church of Libby at 200 W. Larch St., Libby MT 59923; or the Libby Senior Center 206 E. 2nd St., Libby MT 59923.

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

## Ella Mae Heuscher, 86

Ella Mae Heuscher of Bigfork passed away surrounded by the love of her family at 7:20 p.m. Dec. 18, 2010.



Ella Mae was born in Everett, Wash., on March 9, 1924, to Stephen and Dora Huston. She moved to Montana at a very young age and spent most of her life in the Bigfork area. She graduated from Bigfork High School.

Ella Mae met and married the love of her life, Vern Heuscher, when she was 23 and spent the years she had with him as a loving, devoted wife and mother. After being widowed at a young age, she began working at Lake View Care Center. Ella Mae worked at Lake View Care Center until she was 83.

Throughout her life, her family was undoubtedly the most important thing to her, and after her retirement she was able to put all of her attention into being the best mother, grandmother and great-grandmother she could be.

She loved being surrounded by family, going to Glacier National Park, walking the Trail of the Cedars, working in her garden, reading, working on crossword puzzles and collecting snowmen. She loved all the seasons that

Montana offered, planting bulbs in the spring, gardening and enjoying the sun from her deck in the summer the crisp colors and air of the fall, and especially Christmas and snow in the winter. She loved the fellowship of her church family and enjoyed Bible study and old hymns.

Ella Mae "is joining in heaven" her husband, Vern; parents, Stephen and Dora Huston; brothers, Norman and Bud Huston; and her sister, Vera Sampson.

She is proudly survived by her sisters, Doris Scott of Pablo, and Bev Loehr of Payson, Ariz.; a brother, Marion Huston of Richland; her children, Vickie and Doug Bryan of Kalispell, Bonnie Heuscher, Vernon Dee and Debbie Heuscher; her grandchildren, Joshua Heuscher, Jenni and Geoff Cosand, Jacob Heuscher and Jessica Heuscher; great-grandchildren, Dyllynne and Cooper Cosand, all of Bigfork; and many nieces and nephews.

She will be greatly missed.

A memorial service will be held in her honor at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 22, at the First Baptist Church of Bigfork. A reception will follow at the church.

The family is being cared for by Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Donations can be made in her honor to the Bass Breast Center or Save a Sister in Kalispell at [www.nwhc.org/foundation](http://www.nwhc.org/foundation).

## Lewis Jack Hicks, 56

Lewis Jack Hicks, 56, died Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2011, at his home in Marion.

He is survived by his wife, Shea Hicks; and chil-

dren, Tera Entenman, Colby Hicks and Colt Hicks.

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



## Robert 'Bob' Paul Hilbun, 84

Robert "Bob" Paul Hilbun, 84, passed away peacefully on his birthday, June 10, 2011, in Missoula.



He was born in Malad, Idaho, on June 10, 1927, and raised in Boise, Idaho.

His love of flying led him to get his pilot's license before he learned to drive a car. He logged thousands of hours flying anywhere the wind took him. He particularly loved flying in the backcountry and smokejumping.

After an honorable discharge from the military, he graduated from the University of Washington in 1948.

He ran a successful electrical contracting business, first in Richland, Wash., and then in Whitefish, where he started Big Mountain Electric and met his soul mate, Bobbie.

After retirement, he and Bobbie traveled between Whitefish and Punta Chivato, Baja, Mexico, where he loved to fish and play golf. Later in life they resided in Missoula to be closer to family.

Bob's zest for life and his desire for his children

to experience the outdoors and expand their ski racing opportunities drew him to Whitefish and Big Mountain. He passed his love of nature, people and animals (including numerous dogs, cats, cows and pigs), skiing, hunting and fishing on to his children.

His collection of friends started in elementary school and continued throughout his life. He loved people and it always showed. He was a wonderful father, grandfather, great-grandfather and all around good guy. His children remember him as an exemplary role model for hard work, integrity and love of life.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Howard and Carryle Hilbun; his sister, Nanon Jones; and his grandson, Mowbray Davidson.

He is survived by his wife, Bobbie Hilbun; children, Jodee McDowell, Rob Hilbun, Richard "Richie" Hilbun, Lini Reading and Kelly Hilbun; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A celebration of Bob's life will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. July 17 at the Hell Roaring Saloon on Big Mountain. Be prepared to hike the mountain or ride Chair No. 2, weather permitting.

## Dolores B. Hileman, 84

Dolores B. Hileman died peacefully of natural causes, in Kalispell, on Oct. 6, 2011.



Dolores was born May 9, 1927, in Conrad, the second daughter of George and Marie (Nelson) Beattie. She grew up in Williams, Mont., near her family's homestead. She was a graduate of Conrad High School.

Dolores married William E. Hileman Sr., in Conrad on June 24, 1952.

She was employed at the Farmers State Bank in Conrad for many years before retiring to move and raise her family in Kalispell.

After her husband Bill Hileman died in 1983, Dolores enrolled at and attended Flathead Valley Community College and then returned to work, ultimately retiring from her job with the Flathead County Agency on Aging shortly after her 80th birthday.

Dolores was a 33-year breast cancer survivor. She was most happy when surrounded by her many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Relatively conservative by nature,

she rarely flirted with the edge but for the time spent with her daughter Cindy and the other members of her bowling team.

The matriarch of three practicing attorneys, it was impressive that she never lost a family argument.

Dolores was preceded in death by her parents; her sister, Margaret Iverson; her sister, Kathleen Burns; and her husband, William E. Hileman Sr.

She is survived by her sister, Donna McPherson, of Billings; her brother, Dennis Burns, of Arlington, Wash.; her children, son, William E. Hileman Jr., and spouse, Susan Lacosta, of Whitefish; daughter, Cindy Hileman, and spouse, Terry Schend, and son, Daniel W. Hileman, all of Kalispell; and daughter, Lisa Oliveria, and spouse, Ray Oliveria, of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; eight grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

There will be a private family service at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Dolores' family. You are invited to go to [www.jgfuneralhome.com](http://www.jgfuneralhome.com) to view Dolores' guest book, offer condolences and share memories.

## Edythe Hill, 83

Edythe Hill, 83, of Kalispell, passed away Saturday, Feb. 19, 2011, peacefully at home.



Edythe was born June 28, 1927, in Newton County, Ark., to Elmer Ryker and Mabel (Dixon) Ryker.

The family moved to Montana in 1931, and Edythe attended schools in Olney and Kalispell, graduating from Flathead County High School, Class of 1945.

She married Harry A. Hill Jan. 19, 1946, and they maintained a home in Kalispell for the rest of their lives.

Edythe was a homemaker, an avid reader, and was dedicated to her family. She was known to her family as a dependable source to which any family member could look for emotional or other support in problem times.

She was an expert craft maker, and a longtime member of the I.C. Club Chapter of the Home Demonstration Club, a craft-making and social organization. Edythe was also an expert seamstress and sewed or knitted her entire life. She made professional quality clothing for generations of children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Edythe was proud of her work toward establishment of Flathead Valley Communi-

ty College, as she went door to door collecting signatures for the ballot initiative that established the school.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; and sisters, Dorothy M. Chaney, Ruth S. Lovette and A. Lee Gendreau.

She is survived by her children, Terry Hill and wife Sydnee of Lolo, Linda Burton and husband Bill of Kalispell, and Douglas Hill and wife Sheila of Kalispell. She is also survived by eight grandchildren, Molly Hill and Josh Burton of Kalispell, Andy Hill and Melissa Hill of Missoula, Katie Burton of Somers, Lisa Maesner of Anchorage, Kari Hill of Seattle, and Zachary Hill of San Francisco; as well as 14 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter.

Memorial services for Edythe will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 26, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home, 525 Main St., Kalispell, with interment following at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

The family suggests that charitable donations in Edythe's name be made to United Way of Flathead, Lake, Lincoln, Glacier and Sanders Counties, Christmas in April program.

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

## Earl Sheldon Hillier Jr., 74

Earl Sheldon Hillier Jr., 74, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2011, in Kalispell.



Sheldon, as he was known to family and friends, was born Dec. 23, 1936, in Glendive, to Earl and Ruth Hillier. He attended school in Kinsey and in Miles City, graduating from Custer County High School.

Sheldon enlisted in the U.S. Army shortly after graduation. After returning home from the service, Sheldon met Myrna June Myers and they were married Sept. 6, 1959.

Sheldon and Myrna settled down to farm in Kinsey, moving to Miles City a few years later, where Sheldon worked and raced snowmobiles for Western Power Sports based out of Idaho. He was one of the top racers in the Northwest region from the late '60s to the early '70s.

Sheldon owned and operated his own construction company in Miles City for years, but one of his most beloved jobs, was driving the bus for CCDHS so he

wouldn't miss any of his sons' sporting events. He was a wonderful, dedicated father who was always so proud of his children.

For the last decade, Sheldon worked for Swank Enterprises in Kalispell as project engineer for Swank's medical division. He was especially proud of his ongoing work on the multimillion dollar Kalispell Regional Medical Center. He was well liked and respected by all. Sheldon was highly regarded for his work ethic, loyalty and love for his family.

Sheldon was preceded in death by his parents, Earl and Ruth; and his eldest son, Jeff.

He is survived by Myrna, his wife of nearly 52 years; and his sons, Scott of Havre, and Mitch, his daughter-in-law, Mitch's wife Becky, and his grandchildren, Garret and McKenna, all of Billings, his sisters, Shirley Egge of Roundup, and Karen Hathaway of Miles City; and his brother, Sidney, of South Dakota.

A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 7, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home in Kalispell. Condolences may be left by visiting [jgfuneralhome.com](http://jgfuneralhome.com).

## George L. Hilling, 61

George L. Hilling, of Bigfork passed away on Jan. 7, 2011, while on the job in Carlin, Nev., working for Gold Canyon Mining.



George was born Sept. 18, 1949, in Great Falls, to John "Jack" and Nina "Lou" Hilling. He graduated from Columbia Falls High School in 1967. After graduation, at age 17, George enlisted in the Army and served in Vietnam.

George met his future wife, Shelley Roth, at the Bar Stool Ski Races in Martin City in January of 1982. They were later married on Jan. 21, 1987, at the Candlelight Wedding Chapel in Las Vegas.

George was a member of the Operating Engineers Local 400 and the Laborers Local 1686 unions. Like his father, he traveled through-

out Montana working heavy highway construction for most of his life.

George was an avid sports fan in general and a fan of the Griz, Seahawks and Bigfork sports in particular.

He is survived by wife, Shelley; sons, Josh, 22, Dillon, 15, and Sam, 13. He is also survived by sister, Jackie Lewis of Missoula; mother-in-law, Vera Roth of Bigfork; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, at the Community United Methodist Church in Bigfork. A reception will follow at the church.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Bigfork Booster Club, P.O. Box 204, Bigfork; or to the Community United Methodist Church, 750 Electric Ave. in Bigfork.

## James J. Hladky, 64

Mass of Christian Burial for James J. Hladky will be Thursday, Oct. 6, at 10 a.m. at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Gillette, Wyo., with Fathers Ogg, Kadera, Jacobson and Martinson and the Rev. Andrew Carsrud officiating.



Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. today, Oct. 5, 2011, with a rosary service to follow at 7 p.m. at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Gillette.

James, a resident of Gillette, Wyo., died Saturday, Oct. 1, 2011, when his helicopter went down between Wall and Phillip, S.D. He was 64 years old.

James is survived by his wife, Susan L. Hladky; his mother, Dorothy Hladky, of Gillette; his two sons, J. Patrick and Jean Hladky, and Paul A. and Andrea Hladky, all of Gillette; six grandchildren; his sisters, Peggy and Mike Mahoney of Casper,

Wyo., and Patricia and Darrell Bennett of Sheridan, Wyo.; and his brother, Mike, and Judy Hladky of Gillette.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Tammy M. Hladky; and his father, Ernest Hladky.

James was born in Lexington, Neb., on Dec. 15, 1946, the son of Ernest and Dorothy (Colston) Hladky.

He moved with his parents and siblings to Gillette in 1955. He graduated from Campbell County High School in 1965 and attended Casper and Sheridan Colleges.

In 1967, he married Susan Jessen of Rozet.

In 1975, he formed Cyclone Drilling with two partners, whose shares he eventually purchased. His sons joined him in the business after graduating from college in 1997. Among their other business ventures, in 2009 James and his sons acquired the Superstition Mountain Golf and Country Club and development in Apache Junction, Ariz.

At the time of his death, James served on the Wyo-

oming Transportation Commission and the board of directors of First National Bank of Gillette and was a trustee of St. Matthew's Catholic Church of Gillette.

James's charitable contributions in the community helped found the Tammy Hladky Center of Hope, the American Legion baseball field and the John Paul II Catholic School at St. Matthew's Catholic Church.

James was an avid pilot. He and his wife Susan travelled extensively both in the United States and abroad. He loved to sail and spend time with his family at their home on Flathead Lake in Montana.

In lieu of flowers, memorials and condolences may be sent in Mr. Hladky's name in care of Walker Funeral Home, 410 Medical Arts Court, Gillette, WY 82716 to benefit John Paul II Catholic School, Advocates for Visual Arts (AVA), or Boys and Girls Club of Gillette.

Condolences also may be sent via the Internet to [www.walkerfuneralgillette.com](http://www.walkerfuneralgillette.com)

## James Hodges, 81

James Hodges, 81, died Aug. 13, 2011, in Kalispell. Services are pending.

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

## David Hobson, 68

David Hobson, 68, passed away on Feb. 18, 2011.

He was born Jan. 6, 1943, in Mandan, N.D., to Everett and Esther Hobson. When he was a young child he moved with his family to the Flathead Valley, where he remained until his death.

He served two years in the Army as a medic and was stationed in Germany.

David started working on cars and machinery as a teenager and followed this passion throughout his life. He donated his skills to fix many people's vehicles for free.

David was a lifelong believer in the love and forgiveness of a caring God, and proclaimed Jesus Christ as his Savior.

David joined a 12-step group in 2005 and was a

cherished member of the Whitefish group. He devoted his remaining years to helping the newcomers and was chairman of the group's best campout ever.

David is survived by his brother, Everett; sister, Anita; three children with Linda Hadley Hobson, Michelle, Kimberly and Tim Hobson; and many grandchildren.

He will be missed deeply by his AA family, children, grandkids and his friends at the Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

Services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23, at First Presbyterian Church, 301 Central Ave., in Whitefish, with a graveside service to follow at 3 p.m. at Glacier Memorial Gardens, north of Kalispell.

## Ethel C. Hoel, 72

Ethel C. Hoel, 72, passed away on Tuesday, March 22, 2011, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She is survived by her two children, Pam Turner and Brian Hoel.

Funeral services for Ethel will be at noon on Tuesday,

March 29, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1780 Talbot Road, Columbia Falls. There will be a visitation from 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 29, at Columbia Mortuary.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for Ethel's family.

## Russell J. 'Russ' Hoeldt, 61

Russell J. "Russ" Hoeldt, 61, died Aug. 28, 2011, at his home in Columbia Falls due to cancer.

He had been a sawyer in the timber industry.

He is survived by his lifelong companion, Brenda DeShaw; mother, Marlys Hoeldt; son, Derek DeShaw; and daughters, Tanya and Davina

DeShaw.

Visitation will be from 4 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Aug 31, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 1, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery, with a reception following at Trinity Lutheran Evangelical Church.

## Chris A. Holden, 52

Chris Allen Holden passed away Tuesday, April 5, 2011, in the Philippines, following a heart attack.

He was born Nov. 25, 1958, in Kalispell, to Harold "Hal" Irving and Elaine Brinton Holden.

Chris was well liked and respected by everyone he met, whether on a personal or professional level. His work life took him all over the world, but he most enjoyed spending time at home with his family and friends.

He always lived life to the fullest. Chris was always a good source for advice and



laughter.

"Chris was greeted by his father, who passed away on Sept. 23, 2010. Together they will watch over their surviving family," his mom, Elaine; sister, Connie, and Jim Cozzi; niece, Lindsey Cozzi; and nephew, Patrick Cozzi.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, April 11, at Lindquist's Ogden Mortuary, 3408 Washington, Ogden, Utah. Family will visit with friends from 12:45 to 1:45 p.m. Monday at the mortuary.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks for donations to the Seager Memorial Clinic, P.O. Box 15043, Ogden, Utah, or The Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Send condolences to the family at [www.lindquistmortuary.com](http://www.lindquistmortuary.com).

## Dale D. Holder, 81

Dale D. Holder, 81, "went peacefully to be with the Lord" on Monday, June 13, 2011.

Dale was born on Dec. 29, 1929, to Ed and Connie Holder. He lived his entire life in Eureka, the town that he loved, graduating from Lincoln County High School in the class of 1949. He played football, basketball and ran track while in school, beginning his lifelong love of sports.

He served in the Army during the Korean War with his twin brother, Gale, from 1951 to 1953.

He and his brothers, John, Duane and Gale started the Kootenai Lumber Company, logging and running their own sawmill. He later went to work for Tobacco Valley Lumber Company and then later, Kennedy Stevens Mill. In 1978 he went to work for the Eureka Public Schools as the maintenance and transportation supervisor. He loved this job because he was able to be at school with his kids. He

was also a dedicated servant to his community. He was the mayor and police chief of Eureka from 1978 to 1993; he also served on the school board, was a member of the city council, and a board member of the Tobacco Valley Economic Development Council. He was also a lifelong member of the First Baptist Church in Eureka, where he served as a trustee. He finally retired in 1993 and said it was the best job he ever had.

He married Patricia Berner on Oct. 19, 1963, at First Baptist Church in Eureka. Together they raised three children who were always their priority in life.

Our dad was an amazing man. He was sweet and kind-hearted, and loved all of us unconditionally and without end. He taught us all that family was the most important thing in the world. He never judged anyone and he was a friend from the moment he met you. He loved the simple things in life: Camping, fish-

ing, reading a good western, woodworking and a good joke. He delighted in any sport that any of his kids were involved in, and loved nothing more than watching countless games and track meets. He was a lifetime Green Bay Packers and Chicago Cubs fan. One of his last wishes was that the Cubs would trade Zambrano to the Yankees.

Dad's greatest joy in life was being a Grandpa. He had an endless amount of time and patience for his grandchildren and would do anything they asked of him. He looked forward to trips to Arizona to spend time with Logan and Alex and watch them play baseball. He shared a kindred spirit with Rielly and was proud of his faith in God. He loved Abi's sense of humor and her joy. He loved watching Tayler and Ryan play sports, always sitting in his spot on the bottom bleachers. He was convinced that since he had paid his \$3, he was entitled to help the referees officiate. He will be missed more than any of us can begin to fathom.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ed and Connie; his beloved twin brother, Gale; brothers, John and Duane; and sisters, Pat and Joyce. Also preceding him was his niece, Lynn Ann

Holder; and nephews, Bobby and Damon Clark.

He is survived by his wife of more than 47 years, Pat; his son, Brent and wife, Carrie, and their children, Tayler and Ryan; his son, Mitch and wife, Amber, and their children, Alex and Logan; his daughter, Willa and husband, Jason, and their children, Rielly and Abi; his sister, Kretie Follensbee; his mother-in-law, Mildred Berner; sisters-in-law, Lela and Jackie Holder; brother-in-law, Harold Battest; and many nieces and nephews that he loved like his own children. He is also survived by his lifelong friends, Dean Evins, Hubert Mackenzie and Jim Broderick.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to the Dale Holder Memorial Scholarship Fund, in care of Pat Holder, P.O. Box 504, Eureka, MT 59917, to be given out starting next school year, or make a donation to the Eureka Ambulance.

Services will be held at 3 p.m. Monday, June 20, at the First Baptist Church in Eureka, with Pastor Jim Holder officiating. A graveside service will follow with full military honors. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday, June 20, at the Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Eureka.

# Reba Fern Davis Hollopeter

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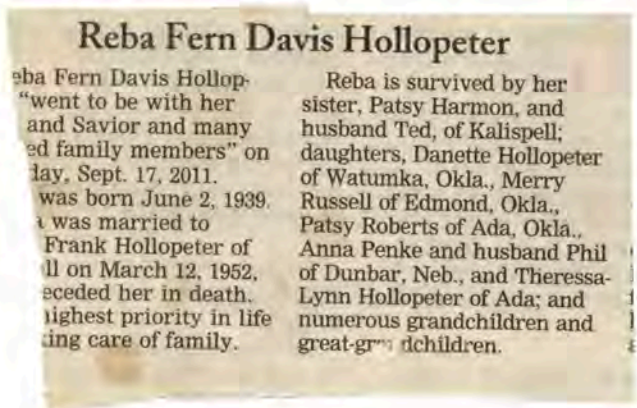
Reba Fern Davis Hollopeter "went to be with her Lord and Savior and many beloved family members" on Saturday, Sept. 17, 2011.

She was born June 2, 1939.

Reba was married to Daniel Frank Hollopeter of Kalispell on March 12, 1952, who preceded her in death.

Her highest priority in life was taking care of family.

Reba is survived by her sister, Patsy Harmon, and husband Ted, of Kalispell; daughters, Danette Hollopeter of Watumka, Okla., Merry Russell of Edmond, Okla., Patsy Roberts of Ada, Okla., Anna Penke and husband Phil of Dunbar, Neb., and Theressa-Lynn Hollopeter of Ada; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



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## Lela Joann Holder, 74

Lela Holder passed away suddenly and peacefully from a heart attack on Sept. 22, 2011.

Lela Holder was born Feb. 27, 1937, to Jess and Emma Wetzel in Eureka. As the baby of the family, she adored her brothers and sisters growing up in the Tobacco Valley.

It was there that she met the love of her life, Gale E. Holder, and married him on Dec. 26, 1953, in Eureka. Gale and Lela lived in Eureka for their 40 years of marriage, raising their own children, Mike, Gail Jean, Rock and Lynn Ann.

Lela loved to quilt, knit and crochet and was often seen with her knitting bag as she traveled. She was involved in 4-H with her children and loved to sing with the choir at church. She loved to watch her grandchildren at sporting events and other school activities.

For many years she worked creating Christmas wreaths and swags before deciding to run for public office. She served as North Lincoln County justice of the peace for eight years and loved working with the public, continuing her education and becoming involved with many judicial organizations.

Diagnosed with breast cancer, she successfully fought the disease, which remained in remission for the rest of her life.

She also enjoyed traveling and exploring the state with



Gale, who would not travel by air, as well as venturing across the country and to Europe, Hawaii and the Caribbean with her family. They loved to camp together and spent many years in the Ten Therriault Lakes at church camp or with family.

Upon her own retirement, she moved to Kalispell and became a fixture in her neighborhood. Lela cared deeply for people and loved to visit with family and her friends. Over the years she had many special animals in her life as well, which she treated like children and were always at her side.

In that spirit, Lela asked that in lieu of flowers, those who wished to honor her life please donate to their local animal shelter instead.

Lela is survived by her son, Mike, and Kit Holder, of Kalispell; her daughter, Gail, and Dawain Burgess, of Fortine; and her son, Rock, of Eureka; her grandchildren, Jennifer, Chip, Bart, Marnie, April, Joey, Ashley, Alan, Kellie, Jaimie and Logan; and her great-grandchildren, Madison, Sidni and Jonathan.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Jess and Emma; sisters, Eloise and Jean; brothers, Jack, Frank and Lloyd; her beloved husband, Gale; and her youngest daughter, Lynn Ann.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 25, at First Baptist Church in Eureka, with graveside services at the Eureka Cemetery, followed by a fellowship dinner at the church.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Eureka.

## Lois Loraine Holder, 73

Lois Loraine Holder, 73, died Jan. 24, 2011, at home after a courageous battle with cancer.

She is survived by her husband, Jim Holder; and children, Kim Matthews, Stan Koehler, Karen Erickson, Dawn Williams and Jeff Holder, all of Libby, Rex Koehler of Bonners Ferry, Idaho, Bryan Hold-

er of Lake Jackson, Texas, and Shellie DeLeo of Troy.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Jan. 31 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Viewing will be from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday at the church.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Libby.

## Lynn Ann Holder, 45

Lynn Ann Holder was born May 31, 1965, to Gale and Lela Holder in Whitefish. She passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on March 12, 2011, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Lynn Ann was raised in Eureka where she was involved with 4-H and the Appaloosa Club. The baby of the family, she liked to follow her siblings who doted on her and exploring the outdoors. She had a love of animals, particularly basset hounds, and rescuing them that carried throughout her life.

She graduated from Lincoln County High School in 1983, fighting forest fires and later becoming the first female foreman at Plum Creek in Fortine.

She married Dave Mills in 1987, and while the two later divorced, they remained great friends. She moved to Whitefish in 1997 to start a job with Semitool, working in the shipping department. A hard-working quick learner, her co-workers described her as fearless.

Lynn Ann loved her Harley Davidson, whether travel-



ing to Sturgis or exploring the Tobacco and Flathead Valleys.

She was quick to help those in need, always putting everyone before herself. Everyone she befriended became a friend for life.

In 2005 she assumed her proudest role in life in becoming Logan's "momma." She and her young son could be found searching for bargains to help those in need or spending time with her cats and beloved dogs.

Lynn Ann is survived by her son, Logan Gale Holder; mother, Lela Holder, of Kalispell; brother, Mike, and his wife, Kit, of Kalispell; sister, Gail, and her husband, Dawain, of Fortine; and brother, Rock, of Kalispell. She also leaves behind numerous nieces and nephews.

Lynn Ann will be laid to rest near her father Gale, who preceded her in death in 1993.

A memorial service is planned for 2 p.m. on March 17, at the First Baptist Church located at 935 Ninth Street East in Eureka. Graveside services will follow at the Eureka Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the Holder family has asked that donations be made to the Logan G. Holder Trust/Scholarship Fund established by Lynn Ann's coworkers.

## Clinton 'Clint' Holmquist, 63

Clinton "Clint" Holmquist, 63, passed away on Tuesday, July 26, 2011, at St. Mary-Corwin Medical Center in Pueblo, Colo.

He was born on July 31, 1947, in Kalispell, to parents Ernest and Mary Holmquist.

Clint moved to Fowler, Colo., in 2009 from Texas. In his younger years he worked in the timber industry. He then became a lifelong over-the-road trucker.

He was an avid outdoorsman who loved hunting, fishing, camping and his dogs. He had rescued many Weimaraner dogs. Clint liked to read western books by author Louis L'Amour. He was a gun collector and a gunsmith.

Clint was preceded in death by his mother, Mary Hamilton; his brother, Clement Holmquist; his sister, Eileen Holmquist; and his stepdaughter, Dana Smith-Meunier.

Clint is survived by his

wife, Cherie Holmquist; his father, Ernest Holmquist; his son, Clinton Jr., and May Holmquist; and granddaughters, Kaytlynn and Kyla Holmquist, all of Phoenix; his brothers, Steven Holmquist of Kalispell, Carl and Loretta Holmquist of Fowler, Colo., and Ernest Holmquist of Pueblo, Colo.; his sisters, Sandra and Howard Gipe of Kalispell, and Susan Kennedy of Goose Creek, S.C.; his stepson, Ben Smith, and grandson, Masen Smith of Waco, Texas; grandson, Andrew Smith and great-granddaughter, Wyndie Smith of Glendale, Ariz.; and numerous nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles.

A memorial service was held on Friday, July 29, at Griffy Family Funeral Home in Fowler.

Memorials may be sent to the Ark-Tex Animal Welfare Association of Texarkana, Texas, or to an animal rescue organization of your choice.

## Troy Andrew Holt, 46

Troy Andrew Holt passed away on Feb. 24, 2011, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.



Troy was born on Nov. 9, 1964, to Shirlye Hininger and Richard Holt in Helena. Growing up, he was the youngest to ever join the Legion baseball team, and was a four-time varsity high school football player.

Troy studied at Montana Tech University and the University of Montana to receive his master's in exercise physiology. During this time he met his wife, Mitzi, and they were married on April 2, 1988.

After giving his life to the Lord, Troy was called to be a police officer. In 1991, he graduated from the Montana Police Academy and moved his young family to Kalispell where he served 15 years. Troy later spent three years as a construction foreman for Goose Bay Construction, and the remaining years of his life as a financial consultant for Primerica, and donating time to the Salvation Army.

Serving the community was his passion. Helping

and connecting with people through police work, ministry, athletics, volunteering, or under any other circumstance was Troy's legacy. He touched the hearts of many through his steadfast faith, warrior countenance, and unconditional love for those around him. Those who knew Troy knew him to be devoted to his family, friends and neighbors. Troy was always willing to help no matter what the consequence, because everybody was worth something. Everybody was worth the effort. To remember who Troy is, is to always make the right decision and stand by it.

Troy is survived by his wife, Mitzi Holt; son, Levi Holt; and daughter, Kaycee Holt; mother, Shirlye Watne; brother, Tom, and Darlene Holt, sister, Tanya, and Bob Douglas; in-laws, Bob and Becky Munden; sister-in-law, Natalie Munden; brother-in-law, Larry Ross; as well as numerous nephews, cousins, uncles, aunts and friends. Recently deceased, John Watne was instrumental in molding and shaping Troy into the man he became.

There will be a memorial service held at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 3, at Easthaven Baptist Church. All who loved him are welcome to celebrate his life.

## Elizabeth Louise 'Betty' Hornbuckle, 51

Elizabeth Louise "Betty" Hornbuckle, 51, was born Sept. 15, 1959, in Bradford, Fla., and passed away



March 15, 2011. She had lived in Bigfork.

She left us suddenly and much too soon while driving to Kalispell on Tuesday when her car went off the road. She suffered none but is truly missed by all.

Betty is survived by her loving husband, Gary Wayne Hornbuckle, whom she

married Oct. 18, 1987; her children, Candice Vergeront, Allen, Nevada, Megan and Micheal Hornbuckle. She also has three beautiful grandkids, Camryn, Colton and Cody Vergeront.

Betty loved doing many things such as swimming, crocheting, fishing, playing cards and spending time with her family and friends.

She really made an impact on everyone she came across! We will truly miss her and will always love her.

Betty will be cremated, and a memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, March 22, at the Bigfork Chapel, with refreshments afterward.

## Gerald Edward Hough, 74

Gerald Edward Hough passed away peacefully Dec.



7, 2011, at Mayo Clinic in Scottsdale, Ariz., after a three-year battle with cancer.

Jerry was born Aug. 30, 1937, in O'Neil, Neb.,

to Clark A. and Anna Rose Hough. He spent his younger years in Burlington, Wash., where he graduated from Burlington Edison High School.

Jerry had three children by his first wife, Irma Beck, and moved to Missoula in the 1960s. He later moved to Kalispell and married Murleen Wahl in 1973.

In 1980 they started Glacier Carriers in Columbia Falls, and operated it until 2006 when he retired. Jerry was president of the Montana Motor Carriers in 1996.

He was an avid fisherman and enjoyed hunting and spending time at their cabin on the Thompson River. Jerry

spent much of his retirement golfing, and loved spending time with friends and family. He always had a story to tell about his many fishing and hunting trips. Jerry and Murleen spent their winters at their home in Mesa, Ariz., for the last 19 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Clark and Rose Hough; brother, James Hough; and infant son, Gerald Edward Jr.

He is survived by his wife, Murleen Hough; his five children, Leiann and Dave Scee of Mount Vernon, Wash., Alisa and Roy Dove of Selah, Wash., Devin and Tiffini Hough of Columbia Falls, Cherr'e and Randy Lappe of Rocky Rapids, Alberta, and Jay and Jennifer Wahl of Burbank, Calif. He is also survived by nine grandchildren, six great-grandchildren; and two brothers, Dave Hough of Big Lake, Wash., and Steve Hough of Thompson Falls.

Jerry had a larger-than-life personality and will be missed by his family, his many friends and his faithful schnauzer, Sassy Sue.

Private family services will be held at a later time.



## Mary Grace Houlberg, 89

Mary Grace Houlberg passed away on the 26th of June, 2011.

Mary was born on the 2nd of February, 1922, in Virginia, Minn., the first of three daughters to William L. and Mary G. Mallery. Her childhood and early adult years were all spent in the Minneapolis area.

In 1943, at the age of 21, Mary enlisted in the WAAC (Women's Auxiliary Army Corps) to do her part in the World War II crusade. The WAAC later evolved into the WAC (Women's Army Corps) which it remains to this day. In 1945 she was discharged from the WAC and returned to her home in Hopkins, Minn. Later, she enlisted in the Air Force Reserve and was subsequently called to duty in 1951 during the Korean conflict, and stationed to March Air Force Base, Riverside, Calif.

It was at March AFB where Mary met her future husband, Poul, at the Non-Commissioned Officers Club. Six weeks later they were married in Las Vegas at the Little White Chapel.

They were more than husband and wife; they were partners and buddies for 56 years. Those years were joyously spent cultivating friendships, traveling to interesting and educational places and caring for two adopted children. Mary was a wonderful and caring



mother!

Mary and Poul developed a bond with the Flathead Valley Community College and the personnel in the Public Relations and Foundation Department. Through this bond they anonymously established, in the year 2000, the Certainty Scholarship Fund for needy students majoring in the science and mathematics fields. In 2007 they enhanced the fund by establishing the Mary Grace Houlberg Certainty Scholarship Foundation, to continue to provide scholarships after they are both deceased.

Mary is survived by her husband, Poul; daughter, Rhonda D. Kalvig; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Honoring the dead should be a personal and private act, not a ritualistic public spectacle. At Mary's request there will be no funeral or memorial service. Please, do not send sympathy cards; if you wish to express your condolences, a few personally written words would be appreciated. Send to 204 Columna Lane, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Memorials for Mary may be sent to Flathead Valley Community College, college relations, for the Mary Grace Houlberg Memorial Certainty Scholarship Foundation, at 777 Grandview Drive, Kalispell, MT 59901; the Montana Veterans Home at 400 Veterans' Drive, Columbia Falls, MT 59912; the Humane Society of Northwest Montana, P.O. Box 221, Kalispell, MT 59903; or the Talking Books Library, 1515 E. 1525 6th Ave., Helena, MT 59620-1800.

## Zachary Miles Hubbard, 19

Zachary Miles Hubbard, 19, of Fortine and Eureka, died May 18, 2011. Services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 24, at the Kootenai Christian Chapel in Eureka.

## James R. Howeth, 78

James R. Howeth, 78, of Helena, passed away on Feb. 1, 2011.

He was born in Fort Spunky, Texas, on July 10, 1932, to William and Ouida (Hackworth) Howeth. Jim graduated from high school in Fort Worth, Texas. He received a scholarship to play basketball at Texas Christian University, but served in the Army with the 101st Airborne Division in the Korean War.

Upon completing his service, he met Marilyn Ponath in Seattle, where they were married. After returning to Texas for a brief period of time, they moved to Missoula, where Jim graduated from the University of Montana in 1957 with Bachelor of Arts degree in business. Jim and Marilyn had four sons and later divorced in 1975.

Following graduation, Jim had an extensive and remarkable career in the investment business. Starting in 1957, Jim worked as a security analyst with the trust department of Norwest Bank. In 1959, Jim became a stock broker for D.A. Davidson and was instrumental in building its municipal bond business. He also served as a branch manager and later became a principal, director and vice president of the firm. In 1971, former Gov. Forrest Anderson tapped Jim to become the first investment officer and administrator of the Montana Board of Investments.

Retiring from the state in 1988, he achieved a career dream of establishing his own investment management firm, Anna Corporation, naming the company after his only daughter, Anna. Jim also served on the Carroll College Investment Committee for many years. Jim retired from AnnaCo Investment Management in the fall of 2008 due to poor health.

He married Roberta Inez



Daggett in 1975 in San Francisco, and they lived in Helena where they had two children, Anna and Jim. They dreamed together of a retirement home up at Ashley Lake, near Kalispell. The home was finished after Inez passed away from cancer in 2000. Jim was really proud of this place and loved being up at Ashley Lake enjoying the "million dollar" view.

Jim was a member of the Montana Club and the Green Meadow Country Club. Through his work at AnnaCo, Jim also enjoyed sponsoring a Governor's Cup Golf Tournament team. He loved to watch football and was a proud Dallas Cowboys and TCU Horned Frog fan (he must have been the only person in Montana with a TCU license plate cover!).

Jim was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Doyle; and his former wives, Marilyn and Inez.

Jim will be greatly missed by his family, children, Dave and Debbie of Missoula, Philip and Joann of Helena, Bill and Debra of Thornton, Colo., John and Rhonda of Loveland, Colo., Anna and Eric Kron of Las Vegas, and Jim of Seattle; a sister, Patti Holt, of Fort Worth; a brother-in-law, Larry, and Linda Daggett, of Great Falls; and a niece, Rocky McCormick, of Fort Worth. Jim had eight grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren that knew him as "big" grandpa.

Our special and sincere thanks goes to the outstanding nurses and aides at the Waterford for their care and love for Jim.

The family will receive friends from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, at Anderson Stevenson Wilke Funeral Home in Helena. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 7, at Anderson Stevenson Wilke Funeral Home Chapel. Interment with military honors will follow at Forestvale Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the charity of the donor's choice. Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting [www.aswfuneralhome.com](http://www.aswfuneralhome.com).

## Loyce Huber, 84

Loyce Huber of Bigfork died after a lengthy battle with cancer Saturday, Feb. 5, 2011, at her residence.



Loyce was born to Willard "Bill" and Isabel (Lavaduer) Warren in Zortman on April 19, 1926.

In the mid-'30s the family moved to the Flathead Valley, where they settled. Loyce graduated from Ronan High School in 1943.

She married John Huber in 1947. Shortly after their marriage, they moved to Anchorage, Alaska, where they made their home. Following John's death, Loyce moved to Bigfork.

Loyce enjoyed bowling, her flowers, playing cards and spending time with family and her "Montana Girls."

Loyce was preceded in

death by her parents; her husband, John, of 37 years; her youngest daughter, Betty Kay; sister, Vera Koberly; and brother, Dale Warren.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Renee and Bill Cross, of Meridian, Idaho; her son, Bill Huber, of Bigfork; a sister, Betty Thomson, of Anchorage; grandchildren, Paula Armstrong of Kuna, Idaho, Kim Beckwith, William J. Cross, Lisa Rylander and Clark Engebretsen of Alaska, Danielle Munroe of Auburn, Wash.; and 10 great-grandchildren. She maintained a close and loving relationship with all of them.

Memorial services for Loyce will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, at the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Chapel.

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

## James M. Huggins, 73

Jim Huggins was born on Nov. 13, 1937, in Walla Walla, Wash., to Martin and Hazel Huggins.

He passed peacefully from this life July 12, 2011, in Olympia, Wash., surrounded by his loving family — wife, Cheryl, and children, Kristin Davis and Eric Huggins.

Jim grew up in Kalispell and attended grade school and high school there. He graduated from Montana State College in Bozeman in 1959.

A celebration of life will be held from 2 to 5 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 19, at the Schmidt Mansion, 330 Schmidt Place, Tumwater, Wash.

Memorials in Jim's name can be made to the "Jim Huggins Credit Union Scholarship Fund." Donations can be made at any Sound Credit Union branch or mailed to Sound Credit Union, P.O. Box 1595, Tacoma WA 98401.

If you wish to send condolences, please visit [info@funeralalternatives.org](mailto:info@funeralalternatives.org).

## Thomas Kendall Hughes, 54

Tom passed away Sept. 25, 2011, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center, after a long illness.



Tom was loved by many, disliked by some too, but was always a man who said what he felt. He had a rough, tough exterior but a heart as big as Montana.

Tom was born Dec. 1, 1956, in Butte, the youngest of four children of Delmer and Phyllis Hughes. Tom still grieved the death of his father who passed away May 9 of this year.

If you were someplace and heard "timber" you didn't have to be in the forest. Tom was probably buying a

round for the bar. Tom was a builder contractor, building houses from the Canadian border to the Mexican border, but once he got south of the Mexican border it was scuba diving and deep sea fishing, and a little tequila when the sun was setting.

Tom is survived by his mother, Phyllis; brother, Don, of Anaconda; sister, Ruth and husband, Wayne, of Kent, Wash.; son, Scott, and wife, Heidi, of Enumclaw, Wash.; and son, Taren, and his mother, Sherri, of Enumclaw.

Tom was also preceded in death by his sister, Lillian Colbert.

He will be greatly missed by his girlfriend, Marilyn Wood, and her son, Eric, who cared for Tom in the last years.

## James 'Jim' Lewis Wilbur Hume, 90

James "Jim" Lewis Wilbur Hume, 90, passed away on Sunday, Aug. 14, 2011, at his home in Kalispell.



He was born on Jan. 24, 1921, in Whitefish to Arthur C. and Minta (Simbro) Hume.

Jim received his early education in Whitefish, but before graduating enlisted in the Army Air Corps to serve his country during World War II. He was allowed to return home for a short time to graduate with the Class of 1942 in Whitefish. Jim separated in 1945 and then re-enlisted in the Air Force on Oct. 31, 1951. He served both during World War II and the Korean conflict, attaining the rank of master sergeant before separating in October 1953.

Returning to Whitefish, Jim met and married Alma R. Schlinger in Kalispell, on Aug. 27, 1954. The couple lived in Whitefish while Jim worked construction with a focus on Hungry Horse Dam until the family moved to Arizona in 1956. In Arizona, Jim worked on the Glen Canyon Dam and was very proud of having worked on a number of the large dams in the country. In 1966 the family moved back the Flathead Valley. Jim worked

as a carpenter on both residential and commercial projects and was a member of the Carpenters Union for over 50 years. He was also a member of the NRA and New Life Ministries Pentecostal Church.

Jim loved the outdoors; hunting, fishing and guns, and was very active until he lost his sight.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents; and all of his siblings, three sisters and four brothers.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Alma Hume; one son, James R. Hume, and wife, Charlotte; and three daughters, Connie Mares and husband Nick, Saralyn Dorner, and Jody Hume Rowland and husband Richard; 12 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Graveside services for Jim will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 18, at Glacier Memorial Gardens with Pastor Joe Pinnell officiating. Military honors will be by the United Veterans of the Flathead.

The family suggests memorial gifts be given to the "Talking Book Library," 1515 E. 6th Ave. (P.O. Box 201800), Helena, MT 59620-1800.

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

## John Hunsucker, 88

John Hunsucker, 88, of Polson, died Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2011, at his home of natural causes.

A memorial service is scheduled for noon Saturday, Jan. 15, at the Pablo

Church of the Nazarene in Pablo.

Grogan Funeral Home and Crematory, Polson, is assisting with arrangements.

## Chrystal Fern Hunt, 96

Chrystal Fern Hunt, 96, died Aug. 2, 2011, at Whitefish Care and Rehabilitation Center in Whitefish.

She is survived by her children, Geraldine, Delores, Darlene, Don, Mary and Dallas.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Aug. 5 at the Whitefish Church of the Nazarene. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Arrangements are entrusted to Austin Funeral Home.

## Chrystal Fern Hunt, 96

Chrystal Fern Hunt passed away quietly in her sleep on Aug. 2, 2011, just three weeks shy of her 97th birthday.



Chrystal was born on Aug. 29, 1914, in Julesburg, Colo., to Albert and Alice French; she was named by her older brother, Jewell, who, at age 4, aptly decided to call his sister Chrystal. As a young teen, Chrystal discovered what became a deep and abiding faith in her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. After attending teacher's training and Bible School, she spent the next eight years working at a mission in Council Bluffs, Iowa, sharing her faith in homes, jails and at street services. She considered those years to be some of the greatest learning experiences of her life.

At the end of World War II, Chrystal followed God's call on her life and boarded the cargo ship Ferngulf. Three weeks later, she arrived at her destination, a mission compound in Nigeria, Africa. For the next 20 years, Chrystal ministered to the needs of the African people, sharing the love of Christ with all she met. She was a cook and a teacher, but also helped the people in any way she could. When the mother of a local newborn came to her begging for help, Chrystal didn't hesitate. Because the baby boy had been born with an extra thumb, he was about to be sacrificed for his imperfection. Though she had no formal medical training, Chrystal sterilized a butcher knife and removed the thumb, saving the child's life. Many years later, a "chance"

encounter brought them together at a church meeting ... the baby had become a man, a pastor who had also devoted his life to Christ.

After returning to the United States in 1966, Chrystal taught school in Lewellen, Neb., where she met the love of her life, Ken Hunt, and they married a year later. She became the instant mother to his seven children, five of whom still lived at home. Chrystal came to love Robert Geraldine, Delores, Darlene, Don, Mary and Dallas as her own.

The family moved to Montana in 1969, where Ken and Chrystal spent the remainder of their lives. They actively served at Whitefish Church of the Nazarene, and are considered by all who knew them to be beautiful examples of God's grace and love.

Chrystal will be forever missed by her loving children, 15 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild, along with brother Jewell, who will celebrate his 101st birthday in October.

She was preceded in death by her son, Robert; and siblings, Howard, Lester and Beulah. Chrystal's beloved husband Ken passed away last year, just after their 42nd wedding anniversary.

Grandson KC noted that this year "they're celebrating in heaven, and still haven't missed an anniversary together."

A celebration of Chrystal's life will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 5, at Whitefish Church of the Nazarene, with burial to follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Arrangements are entrusted to Austin Funeral Home. You are invited to go to [www.austinfh.com](http://www.austinfh.com) and view Chrystal's tribute wall.

## Wanda L. Hunting, 75

Wanda L. Hunting, 75, died Saturday, June 11, 2011, at Libby Care Center.

Survivors include her husband, Richard of Libby; and daughters, Shawn Kienas of Kalispell, and Valerie Lynn Hunting of

Australia.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, June 16, at the Libby Christian Church.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home and Crematory in Libby.

## Ruth E. Hutton, 93

Ruth E. Hutton, 93, died Thursday, Sept. 15, 2011, at the Brendan House in Kalispell.

She is survived by her children, Lewis Hutton, Loraine Jones and Sharon Hutton.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Sept.

19, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Kalispell. A luncheon will follow services at the church. Burial will be at 10:30 a.m. Glacier Memorial Gardens, prior to services.

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

## Ruth E. Hutton, 93

Ruth E. Hutton peacefully passed from this world at Brendan House in Kalispell at the age of 93 on Sept. 15, 2011.



Ruth was born to Fredrick and Pauline (Schultz) Vinter on March 21, 1918, at Cannon Ball, N.D.

Ruth attended schools and was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod while living in Minnesota. She graduated from high school in Harlem.

She married her husband Lester D. Hutton on Feb. 19, 1938, and after living in Idaho, Oregon and throughout Montana, they resided on their farm north of Kalispell for 57 years. After the death of Lester, Ruth sold the family farm and moved to Twin Falls, Idaho, where she resided until returning to Kalispell in 2010 and was lovingly cared for by Brendan House.

Ruth was an active member of the Pine Grove Ladies Club. Besides being a busy farmer's wife, she worked outside the home at Butfrey's Department Store, Diana Shop and Martin's Apparel. She was an avid gardener and loved her flowers and canning produce — especially

pickles — for her loved ones. Mom was a great cook and there was always room at her table for whoever stopped by. The farm was a special place to her grandchildren and all who loved her.

Ruth was preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 66 years, Lester; and brothers, Carl Winter and Richard Winter.

She is survived by her children, Lewis and Mickey Hutton of Kalispell, Loraine and Rodger Jones of Kimberly, Idaho, and Sharon Hutton of Boise, Idaho; thirteen grandchildren; fifteen great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Trinity Lutheran Church, 400 W. California St., in Kalispell, or the Heart Association.

Funeral services will be held for Ruth at 11 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 19, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Kalispell. A luncheon will follow services at the church. Burial will take place at Glacier Memorial Gardens at 10:30 a.m. prior to services.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for Ruth's family. You are invited to go to [www.jgfuneralhome.com](http://www.jgfuneralhome.com) to view Ruth's guest book, offer condolences and share memories.