

Mary Louise Lamb, 72

In loving memory of Mary Louise Lamb, 72.

Mary passed away on Sept. 14, 2011, in her home on Karrow Avenue in Whitefish.

Mary was born Jan. 22, 1939, in West Covina, Calif., the daughter of the late Jessie and Jack Silvas.

Mary retired from the Flathead County Attorney's Office after 25 years of service.

Mary was loved by all. Those that knew her well could surely attest that she enjoyed life. Her love and kindness for others will be greatly missed.

Mary loved the outdoors. She spent much of her time in the North Fork reading books, fly fishing, drawing and just relaxing on her deck. One of Mary's all-time "fun things to do" was ordering gifts out of every catalog sent to her.

Mary's final days were spent in her home surrounded by family and friends and all those she influenced throughout her life in some small way. Mary's open friendship to others, love of companionship and life, and



genuine altruistic demeanor will be greatly missed.

"We all love you, Mary. We know you will be watching over us all."

Mary is survived by her loving husband of 27 years, Eugene Lamb, of Whitefish; her brother, John Silvas, of Los Angeles; children, Chris and Linda Brewer of Thousand Oaks, Calif., Paul and Shanee VonStrahl of Medford, Ore., Karl and Carole VonStrahl of Provo, Utah, and Erik and Rhonda VonStrahl of Tupelo, Miss. Mary has 18 grandchildren whom she loved dearly, Bo Clark and Jesse Brewer; Paul, Mary, Elijah, Hanna, Joseph, Eve, Magdalyn, Abigale, Jacob and Joshua VonStrahl; Noah, Grace and Dallin VonStrahl; and Madelyn, Scarlett and Ella VonStrahl.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. today, Sept. 16, at the Jesus Christ of the Latter-day Saints chapel, 6330 U.S. 93 S., in Whitefish. The graveside services and dedication of the grave will follow at the Glacier Memorial Gardens, 2659 U.S. 93 S., in Kalispell.

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

Arrangements are entrusted to Austin Funeral Home.

Fritz Byde Lamey, 70

Fritz Byde Lamey, 70, of Eureka, died Wednesday, Aug. 25, 2010, at Health Center Northwest in Kalispell.

He was born Sept. 25, 1939, in Libby to Byde and Juanita Bozarth Lamey. The family moved to Eureka in 1948. He was raised on the family ranch near the Canadian border and attended school in Eureka, graduating from Lincoln County High School with the class of 1957.

He had a real eye for cattle and was active in 4-H. He won several livestock judging awards. In high school he excelled in football, basketball and boxing. He attended junior college in California. He then returned home and joined the family's registered Hereford ranch on Phillips Creek. He raised and exhibited many



grand and reserve champion cattle with his father.

He married Janet Holmes in 1962. They had four children and later separated. In the early '80s he began breeding and raising performance horses. He had a passion for competing on the cutting circuit and he earned a reputation for breeding top quality horses.

Survivors include his children, Chris Lamey of Benson, Ariz., Penny Lynch and husband, Jerry, of Winnemucca, Nev., Cory Lamey and wife, Kari, of Wise River, Mont., and Tracy Ward of Douglas, Ariz.; 13 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; a sister, Barbara Osler, and husband, John; and a special friend, Kahnee Winchester.

A celebration of life will be at 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, at the First and Last Chance in Eureka.

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

Jerry Lane, 68

Jerry Lane, 68, our very much loved father and grandfather of Missoula, "left this world to be with the Lord" on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 24, 2011.

Jerry was born on Feb. 14, 1943, to Samuel and Erile (King) Lane in Phoenix, Ariz.

Jerry, who was an only child, came to love photography as a teenager in London, England when he was given his first Kodak camera. That would lead to a lifelong passion for photography and journalism that led to numerous articles and publications, including his attachment to the Army National Guard 103rd PAD in Helena as a photographer and journalist. After high school, and after his marriage to his only wife, C. Lynn Cuff, Jerry served in the Army from 1964 to 1970 as a Staff Sergeant and served our country's interests in Taipei, Taiwan and in Bangkok, Thailand.

Jerry, a graduate of the University of Montana with a bachelor's of science degree in business,



and a longtime Missoula resident and business owner, was also an entrepreneur with many varied interests. Jerry owned several businesses over the years in the manufacturing and selling of jewelry, pottery, photography, and buying and selling cacti, succulents and southwestern pottery. A philosopher and great conversationalist, he will be missed by the many friends that he impacted.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his two sons, Brad Lane of Kalispell, and Eric Lane of Lakewood, Colo., and their spouses, Heidi (Close) Lane, and Valerie Williams; and by Jerry's ex-wife Lynn (Cuff) Gammel of Fort Mohave, Ariz. He will also be missed by his four grandchildren, McKenzie, Jacob, Isabella and Emma Lane of Kalispell.

The family expresses their gratitude to the VA Hospital at Fort Harrison in Helena, and the wonderful VA eye doctors in Salt Lake City for their care of Jerry.

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

James Ronald LaPan, 60

James Ronald LaPan, 60, died Sunday, March 20, 2011, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

He is survived by his wife, Sallie LaPan, of Kalispell; his son, James LaPan Jr., of Phoenix; three daughters, Laura White of Kalispell, Kimberly Ann Fullerton of Florida, and Kerry Ann Bartlett of Mooreville, Miss.; his father, Ronald LaPan, of Titusville, Fla.;

and his mother, Lorraine, of Satellite Beach, Fla.

Funeral services for James will be 11 a.m. Thursday, March 24, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home with the Rev. Jim Holman officiating. Visitation will be from 3 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 23, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. Burial will follow services at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery, with full military honors.

Jason Frank Lapp, 87

We are sorry to say that Jason Frank Lapp passed away on Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2011.



He was home and comfortable and happy, and I think he is glad to be gone, but sad to leave. We will miss our father, our grandfather and our good friend.

He was born here in the valley on June 21, 1923, son of Frank and Lena Lapp. Jason was part of a large family of boys and girls growing up on a farm in Creston. He had wonderful tales of adventures and misadventures with his brothers and sisters and friends. His family included eleven brothers and sisters, and aunts, uncles and cousins galore.

His sisters, Mary Oesch, Anna Birky, and Ester Hogue preceded Jay in death. His brothers, Willard, John, Clarence, George, and Wayne have also passed on.

Jason grew to manhood in the Flathead valley. He completed his education here and attended Hesston College in Kansas for a period of time. He worked lumber camps in Oregon and had tales to tell about that. We will miss our father's stories!

He served in the military out of Geiger Field in Spokane, and married Louise Redd in 1945. They built and raised a family in Kalispell that included Cindy, Joyce, Garry, and Richard. The family had good fun camping, swimming, fishing, and playing in the snow together. Many good memories come from our time spent in the Swan with grandparents Buster and Leta Redd. These times took us back to the woods, taught us much and served as the fabric for many good stories. Jay worked at Kelly Main Street Furniture for 30 or more years and

made many good friends there in that store on Main Street; or was it over lunch or coffee at Norm's News?

Jay and Louise divorced in 1968 and he married Angeline Woodard in 1970. Angel passed away in 1996. Jay and Angel enjoyed a happy home in Lakeside. We were blessed to share many, many fun and happy times there. Jason was a very good friend. He could fix most anything and was always glad to help his family, his friends and his neighbors. Jay believed strongly in the good Lord. He made friends easily and always had a joke to tell because he liked to laugh, and he loved to fish with his friends best of all.

Jay leaves behind a sad family here in Kalispell that includes his children, Gary, Joyce and Richard and Libby Lapp; granddaughter, Elleson; grandson, Hunter; brothers, Ed Lapp and wife, Helen, of Kalispell; Floyd and Claudia Lapp of Molalla, Ore.; sisters-in-law, Mary and Kathryn Lapp; and many nieces and nephews.

Jay's daughter, Cindy (Leta Rupp) and granddaughter, Leslie Rupp preceded him in death.

Please join us for a remembering and sending for Jason at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 26 at Mountain View Menonite Church. There will be a service, story sharing and a meal. A graveside service for extended family will take place at 1 p.m. at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Viewing is scheduled at 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Jan. 24 at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

Memorial donations may be made to the Somers/Lakeside Volunteer Fire Department. Please call Joyce at 755-0335 if you need any more information. Friends are encouraged to visit our website at www.buffalohillfh.com to leave notes of condolence for the family.

Bette Ann Felsman Larson, 78

Bette Ann Felsman Larson, 78, passed away on Monday, Jan. 3, 2011, at her residence in Kalispell.



Bette was born in Kalispell on Jan. 20, 1932, to Ed and Anna Felsman, at their home on Sixth Avenue West. She was always proud of the fact that both of her parents were born and lived in Kalispell their entire lives, and their parents homesteaded west of Kalispell.

Bette attended grade school in Evergreen and graduated with the class of 1950 from Flathead High School. During her high school years she worked as a carhop at Smitty's Triple XXX Drive-In. She also worked at the Conrad Bank from 1950 to 1955. She retired from the Department of State Lands in 1993. Her years there introduced her to some very special people.

Bette's childhood was one of the favorite times in her life. She always had a great love of animals and was forever dragging home stray dogs and cats. One of her favorite stories was how she used to ride her horse down the strip in Evergreen.

She married C. Kenneth

Larson in 1950, they divorced in 1969, and from that marriage had four children, Garry, Douglas, Wayne and Laura. The children and grandkids were always very special and she was so very proud of them.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and her brother, Edward.

She is survived by her four children and their spouses, Garry and wife, Dawn, of Arkansas, Doug and wife, Jeannie, of Kalispell, Wayne and wife, Vicki, of Louisiana, and Laura Hargrave and her grandchildren, Cory, Sara, Jack, Brooke, Kristen, Kayla, Kinsey, Ryan, Megan and Beau; her great-grandchildren, Chance, Jailynn and Noah, (Noah was born on Bette's birthday last year).

Memorial services for Bette will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 12, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home, with Pastor Robert Thornton officiating. There will be a reception following the service at Scotty's in the Winchester Room.

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

Diane Elizabeth Lavelle, 73

Diane Elizabeth Lavelle, 73, of West Park, Fla., passed away Saturday, March 12, 2011, after a long bout with colon disease.



Diane was born in Bronx, New York City, on Oct. 12, 1937, to Louis and Norma Mucci. She was raised with her four brothers, Louis Jr. "Sooky," Bobby, Steve and Tommy Mucci, of New York. She also grew up with three sisters, June Howard of Amsterdam, N.Y., Marie Kopf, of Long Island, N.Y., and Linda Johnson of Kalispell.

Joseph Lavelle, also of the Bronx, was the lucky guy who won the heart of Diane, and they soon were wed.

As a child Diane loved to sing Everly Brothers tunes in harmony with her sisters, and was a very good undiscovered animation artist which not too many knew about her.

Diane held a kind and loving heart for all things

children and grandchildren. Many nieces, grand-nieces and nephews of Kalispell, New York and Florida, who may not have known her very much as the years passed by, will know her through her immediate family who can never forget that friendly heart and warm soul. She chose a nursing profession when her children were older, and that goes hand in hand with the giving person she was.

Diane is survived by her five children, Johnny, Patricia, Laura, Joseph and Michael, and husband Joe, still residing in Florida. Her kids were her whole reason for fighting the good fight of her illness of the past two years and they mourn her memory. Several grandchildren in Florida will miss their loving grandmom, and her unselfish love.

"I know that heaven is rejoicing in having you come home, Diane. Like that Everly Brothers tune we sang together often, 'All I have to do is dream.'"

A memorial service will be held in West Park, Fla., and Amsterdam, N.Y.

James Jim Lavin, 98

James "Jim" Lavin was born July 29, 1913, to Thomas and Mabel Lavin in Kalispell and died Dec. 23, 2011, at Brendan House.

He was married to Mary Monk in 1938, and they had two children, Michael, who died in 1999, and Linda, who is married to Don Jones and lives in California. He is also survived by Michael's son, Stephen, and his wife, Amy, and their children, Michael and Cassidy, who were very helpful and attentive during his declining years. He is also survived by many other grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

He attended schools in Kalispell and graduated from Flathead County High School, where he participated in sports and musical productions. He attended Intermountain College on a music scholarship where he was one of

the soloists in the men's chorus traveling the state.

After returning home, he went to work in the hardware department of the Kalispell Mercantile. In 1942, he received a civil service appointment to the post office, where he worked inside. After 18 years, he received an appointment as a rural carrier and served in that position until retirement in 1972.

In 1974, he and Mary moved to Flathead Lake, where they resided for 32 years. They moved to Kalispell in 2006.

Private graveside services will be held Monday. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is handling the arrangements. You are invited to go to www.jgfuneralhome.com to view Jim's guest book, offer condolences and share memories.

John R. Lawler, 44

John R. Lawler, 44, died Dec. 28, 2011, at his home in Columbia Falls, due to cancer.

He was a woodworker.

A celebration of his life will be from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 7, at the Lawler compound.

William G. Lawler Sr., 88

William G. Lawler Sr., 88, passed away at his home Nov. 15, 2011, in Trego.

Bill was born Oct. 25, 1923, in Chicago.

He served his country in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He later met and married the love of his life, Lorraine C. Price, in Chicago at St. Leo Catholic Church on Jan. 4, 1947.

They retired to the Big



Sky Country of Trego in 1986, where he lived his life-long dream of country life.

Bill is survived by his beloved wife, Lorraine Lawler; his five children, William Jr. and Sandra, Larry, Lynn and Robert, Dan and Lisa, and Steve and Tammy; and seven grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place under the direction of Schnackenberg Funeral Home of Eureka. A private family service will be conducted at a later date.

Bruce Alan Laws, 52

Bruce Alan Laws, 52, passed peacefully on Sept. 22, 2011, at his home in Kalispell, due to Lou Gehrig's disease/ALS.

He was born April 25, 1959, in Hot Springs and raised in Thompson Falls. He graduated from Thompson Falls High School.

Bruce had worked at Plum Creek as a mill worker, was a grounds keeper at Buffalo Hill Golf Course, and worked as a painter in the construction field. He was also a volunteer fireman.

Bruce was well known for the Easter egg hunts he organized in his backyard for the community.

He was an avid golfer and fisherman. He also enjoyed water-skiing, playing cribbage and other games, activities with family and friends,

and music. Bruce was a natural charmer, an awesome friend, and a "professional" uncle.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Alice and Earl Oliver, and Leonard Laws; his parents, William L. Laws and Alice "Billie" Laws; his daughter, Camille; and a brother, Richard Johnson.

Bruce is survived by his brothers, Jack Laws and Frank Laws; his sister, Jennifer, and husband, Michael Beatty; and numerous uncles, aunts, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Cremation has taken place.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. today, Sept. 27, at the Salvation Army, 100 Bountiful Dr., Kalispell. Burial will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Victor B. Leatzow Jr., 66

Victor B. Leatzow Jr., born June 24, 1944, in Chicago, succumbed to cancer on March 8, 2011.

He is survived by his wife, Penny Leatzow; his son, Dan Michael Leatzow and wife Elaine, all of Kalispell, and his son, Victor B. Leatzow III and wife Julie of Kalama, Wash.; his grandchildren, Victor B. Leatzow IV and Brandon Leatzow of Kalama, and Dahlia Leatzow, Savannah Brewer, Madison Brewer and Kylee Brewer of Kalispell; and his brother, Jim Leatzow, of Three Lakes, Wis.; as well as many, many extended family and friends.

Vic was known as "Cap," "Sweetness" or "His Imperial Sweetness" by many of his family and friends. He was a unique personality and witty



beyond words.

He was a Golden Gloves boxer at Culver Military Academy in Culver, Ind., an All-State football player at Carl Sandburg High School in Palos Park, Ill., a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity at Baker University in Baldwin, Kan., and served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War.

He was a member of the West Englewood Masonic Lodge in Chicago, Scottish Rite of Grand Junction, Colo., and El Jebel Shrine of Denver. He was an avid outdoorsman and life member of the National Rifle Association.

Memorials may be made in his name to the Shriners Children's Hospitals or the Flathead County CASA for Kids program.

A celebration of his life will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 2, at the First Presbyterian Church of Kalispell, 540 S. Main St., Kalispell. Please join us.

Dr. Raymond Arthur LeBlanc, 70

Dr. Raymond Arthur LeBlanc, 70, of Kalispell and Fort Worth, Texas, passed away peacefully in his beloved home in Montana on Thursday, July 14, 2011.



Ray was born in Woonsocket, R.I., on Jan. 6, 1941, to Walter and Albina Champagne LeBlanc. The youngest of seven sons, he grew up in the small French-Canadian community of Bellingham, Mass. He was active in the Boy Scouts, where he earned the Ad Altare Dei award. He played ice hockey, inherited the paper route long held by his six older brothers, and played the clarinet and saxophone in bands from fifth grade through his college years, including a weekly radio show with the Young Pioneers when he was 10.

Following graduation from Bellingham High School, Ray studied physics, Russian and psychology at Brown University. After graduation from Brown in 1962, he continued taking post-graduate studies at Harvard and at Boston University, where he met and married Sunnie Guinazzo in 1963. He and Sunnie lived in the Boston area while both were in graduate school.

Ray graduated Boston University Medical School in 1971 with dual degrees (Master of Science and Doctor of Medicine), and the family moved to Chicago for Ray's residency in neurological surgery at Rush Presbyterian St. Luke's Medical Center.

After five years in Chicago and serving as chief resident of neurosurgery, Ray and the family relocated to Fort Worth, Texas, in 1976. Ray's life of service to others began, and for the next 35 years he practiced what he loved.

After joining the Tarrant County Medical Society in 1976, Ray participated in the Mini-Internship program, TEXPAC and Capitol Health Day. He chaired the Emergency Services Committee and served on the EPAB Board. He served as secretary of the Medical Society from 1996 to 1997, president from 1998 to 1999, and was a delegate to the Texas Medical Association. As president of the Medical Society, Ray began the annual Physician's Humanitarian Award, given to physicians who volunteer their time to worthy causes.

staff at Plaza Medical Center. He also served on many committees at many hospitals, including All Saints and Cook Children's Hospital. He was past president of the Fort Worth Neuroscience Association and member of both the AMA and the Texas Association of Neurological Surgeons.

Dr. LeBlanc made service to the community a priority. He volunteered in many organizations, such as Sister Cities; Easter Seals; Rotary Club; United Way; Multiple Sclerosis; AFS International, hosting high school exchange students; and for the Van Cliburn Piano Competition, hosting international pianists and their families. He was a volunteer for the Fort Worth Symphony and the First Council of Camp Fire's An Artist Christmas for many years. He was a member of Colonial Country Club, Jewel Charity and Ridotto.

In 1992, Ray and Sunnie found the beautiful Flathead Valley in Montana. Every summer and fall, Ray loved fly fishing the rivers, stream and lakes along with his dog Golly. He skied in the winters, and he loved seeing the mountains and pastures from his cabin window. When he retired from his neurosurgical practice in July 2010, he anticipated years of fishing, hiking and gardening. This became difficult to do following his November diagnosis of brain cancer.

Of all of his achievements, Ray was most proud of his family. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Sunnie; as well as his three daughters, Nicole LeBlanc of Chicago, Suzanne LeBlanc of Atlanta and Dr. Danielle LeBlanc and husband, Mathew Wallace, and grandson, Benjamin Wallace, of Fort Worth. He is also survived by his brothers, Ernest LeBlanc and wife, Marie, of Pocasset, Mass., Oscar LeBlanc and wife, Patricia, of Marshfield, Mass., and Normand LeBlanc and wife, Sanoon, of Bellingham, Mass.; as well as many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers, Robert, Lionel and Maurice LeBlanc.

There will be a service for friends and family to celebrate Ray's life at 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 19, at the Mountain View Mennonite Church in Kalispell.

From 1982 to 1993, Ray also served as chief of neurosurgery at John Peter Smith Hospital, chief of the department of surgery at St. Joseph's Hospital, chief of the neurosurgery division at Harris Methodist Hospital and vice chief of medical

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the First Texas Council of Camp Fire, the Jewel Charity of Fort Worth, Texas, or to the Mountain Brook Homestead Foundation in Kalispell.

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

Lynn L. Lee, 83

Retired Army Col. Lynn L. Lee, 83, formerly of Kalispell, died June 4, 2011, in DeLand, Fla.

Survivors include his sons, Rick Lee of Care-

free, Ariz., and Lynn Lee Jr. of Clermont, Fla.; and daughter, Norice Lee of Las Cruces, N.M.

Service and inurnment will be at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Melvin Gerald Lee Sr., 78

Melvin Gerald Lee Sr., 78, of Trego, died July 10, 2011, at his home surrounded by his family.

He is survived by his wife, Virginia Lee; and five children, Melvin G. Lee Jr., Randal E. Lee, Lori D. Lee-McClure and Kristine D. Lee-Glover,

all of Trego, and Rosemary A. Lee-Nikkel of Sully, Iowa.

Services will be Thursday, July 14, at the family home in Trego.

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

Virginia L. Lee, 80

Virginia L. Lee, 80, died Sept. 18, 2011, at her home.

She had worked for several years at Eureka Cafe as a cook.

Survivors include her five children, Melvin G. Lee Jr., Randal E. Lee, Lori D. Lee-McClure and Kristine D. Lee-Glover, all of Trego, and Rosemary

A. Lee-Nikkel of Sully, Iowa.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24, at the family home, 3259 Edna Creek Road, Trego. A potluck fellowship will immediately follow.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Eureka.

Fred L. Lehman, 78

Fred L. Lehman, 78, passed away on Jan. 28, 2011, at his home in Missoula, from lung cancer.

He was born June 12, 1932, in Great Falls to Fred O. and Myrtle E. Lehman. He graduated from Flathead County High School in Kalispell where he was an All State Football player. He graduated from the University of Montana in 1954 and was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

He and Margaret Lovell were married in 1953. While he attended college, he worked for the Anaconda Co. and Intermountain Lumber Co., and also built his present home.

He received his accounting degree in 1974. His professional career was as a CPA in his own firm, Lehman & Associates. After retiring and selling his practice, he spent the next 10 years working for Loren Randall during tax seasons.



He was an avid golfer and a longtime member of the Missoula Country Club. He enjoyed fishing, particularly on Rock Creek. In the fall he never missed a game of Grizzly football. During the last five years, he and Sharon traveled extensively.

He donated countless hours to a variety of organizations including Missoula Cancer Society, Casa Por Cristo and Habitat for Humanity.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and his first wife of 50 years, Margaret L. Lovell.

Survivors include his wife, Sharon Balison, of the family home in Missoula; his son, Bruce, and wife, Trish, of Auburndale, Fla.; two daughters, Gwen Kido of Star, Idaho, and Denise and husband Chris Henretta of Dallas; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 4, at the University Congregational Church, 405 University Ave. in Missoula.

Arrangements are under the direction and care of the Whitesitt Funeral Home.

Jimmy Dale Leonard, 73

Jimmy Dale Leonard, 73, of Eureka, died May 20, 2011, at his winter home in Apache Junction, Ariz.

He is survived by his wife Marlene and son Jon Leonard of Eureka; and stepsons Shane Patrick of Bonny Lake, Wash., and Shawn Patrick of Issaquah, Wash.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 11, at the First Bap-

tist Church in Eureka. A military rite graveside service will follow at Tobacco Valley Cemetery. A friends and family gathering will follow, weather permitting, at the family home on Carpenter/Tetrault Lake. If inclement weather a reception will be held at the Baptist Church fellowship hall.

Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Daniel Earl Leighty, 68

Daniel Earl Leighty "went to be with his Lord and Savior" at the age of 68, on Sept. 18, 2011, at Immanuel Lutheran Communities in Kalispell, after many years struggling with Lewy body dementia.

He was born on Dec. 1, 1942, in Kalispell, one of identical twins born to Earl and Mary Leighty.

He attended Elrod School and then went to Hedges when Elrod burned down. In 1952 the family moved to Evergreen, and he completed through eighth grade at the Evergreen School. He graduated from Flathead County High School in 1962.

During their senior year, Dan and Sam bought their grandfather Rue Carr's dairy farm in Creston, which they operated until 2002. In 1963 Dan and Sam were awarded the Star State Farmer Award through FFA, and then in 1965 the American Farmer Award.

In 1964 Dan joined the Army Reserves and served until 1970. He also worked at Broeder's Saw Mill in the Creston area. He served on the Creston Volunteer Fire Department and was also on the board of directors until his illness. He served on the board of directors of Equity Supply for several years.

Dan loved sports of all kinds and was very active in his children's and grandchildren's activities. He helped coach AAU wrestling when his sons were small and on into high school.

He also loved to golf, and



he and Sam could be found on the golf course several times a week. He played until his illness no longer allowed him to.

Dan attended the Christian Center for many years and believed the Word of God was true. He believed that whomever believes in God's son will know beyond the shadow of a doubt that he will have eternal life, and that was what his hope was in.

"Now he is walking, talking, laughing and singing — something he hadn't been able to do for years. He is free!"

Dan is survived by his wife of 46 years, Diana Leighty, at the family farm, and his parents, Earl and Mary Leighty, all of Kalispell; his son, Terry, and wife, Charity, of Kalispell; daughter, Tammy Ayau, of Phoenix; son, Mark, and wife, Rachel, of Kalispell; and daughter, Heather, and husband, Sean Allen, of Kalispell; 12 grandchildren, Paige, Riley, Michaela and John Leighty of Kalispell, Jourdann and Logan Ayau of Hawaii, Malory and Danielle Leighty of Kalispell, Tanner and Jayden Salois, and Ty and Blaize Allen of Kalispell; one great-granddaughter, Gabrielle Leighty; his identical twin brother, Sam, and his wife, Sandy, also at the family farm; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

A memorial service for Dan will be held at 2 p.m. Sept. 27 at the Christian Center, 255 Summit Ridge Drive, with Ron Pierce officiating. A dessert reception will immediately follow in the church reception hall.

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

Ruth Leonard, 69

Ruth Leonard, 69, passed away peacefully at Kalispell Regional Medical Center on Oct. 4, 2011, with her dear friends by her side. She was born on Oct. 10, 1941, in New England, N.D., to Lloyd and Avis Wilson.



Ruth moved with her family throughout the Dakotas and Wisconsin following her father's work as a county extension agent. As the eldest child, Ruth helped her parents care for her two siblings, and despite often austere living conditions, developed a knack for finding and exploiting the positives out of any situation. After settling in Brookings, S.D., Ruth spent her adolescence in the college town, and graduated from Brookings High School, Class of 1959.

On May 29, 1969, Ruth graduated from General Beadle State College in Madison, S.D., with a Bachelor of Science degree in education, and embarked on her lifelong calling to shape and develop the young minds of the numerous communities she lived in across the world. This journey in elementary education started in Phoenix and concluded here in Whitefish in 1996, with stops in South Dakota, Germany, and California along the way. She was loved by her students, taking a personal interest in each one to help facilitate their learning through trust and compassion.

She met William Leonard,

an officer in the U.S. Army, while teaching in her hometown of Brookings, and they fell in love. They were married on May 30, 1970. Bill was assigned to duty in Germany in the summer of 1970, and Ruth finally had the opportunity she had so long desired — to travel and experience other lands and their cultures. A gypsy at heart, Ruth loved exploring Europe with her young family!

Besides enjoying teaching and travel, Ruth was an avid reader and dearly loved animals. At any given time, the Leonard household included numerous dogs, cats and birds, all of which benefited from Ruth's loving care. Above all else, Ruth was the consummate mother and grandmother, always putting her family first.

She is survived by her son, Kevin, and wife, Trudy, of Stafford, Va.; son, Shawn, and wife, Heather, of Valrico, Fla.; brother, Lloyd, and wife, Audrey, of Fort Collins, Colo.; sister, Rosalie, of Indianapolis; and numerous grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Ruth's family suggests a contribution in her honor be made to the Whitefish United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 4248, Whitefish, MT 59937.

A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. Oct. 10, at the United Methodist Church in Whitefish.

Arrangements are entrusted to Austin Funeral Home.

You are invited to go to www.austinhf.com to offer condolences and share memories and view Ruth's tribute wall.

Steven D. LeProwse, 64

Steven D. LeProwse, 64, of Big Arm, passed away on Feb. 26, 2011, at St. Joseph Medical Center in Polson.



Steve was born on Feb. 18, 1947, in Grangeville, Idaho, to Darrell and Norma Jean Nitz Farris. Norma later remarried Robert E. LeProwse of Missoula, who adopted Steve as his own son.

He grew up in Red River, Idaho, and attended schools in Elk City, Anaconda and Missoula. He was active in Boy Scouts of America and was an Eagle Scout. He was a member of the last graduating class at Missoula County High School in 1965. Steve attended the University of Montana before serving in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. After being honorably discharged from the military, Steve returned to UM to complete his Bachelor of Arts degree in business in 1972. He later earned his Master of Business Administration degree at Seattle University in 1984.

Steve met the love of his life, Mary Kathryn Dryden, at Blue Bay on Flathead Lake. They were married on Aug. 30, 1969, in Missoula. They moved to Seattle in 1972, where they raised their three boys and lived for 34 years.

Steve started and ended his career at Boeing in Seattle. When they retired in 2006, Steve and Mary Kathryn fulfilled their dream when they moved back home to Flathead Lake near Big Arm.

Steve was passionate about sports — he loved to coach

soccer, umpire Little League and volunteer at swim meets. He dedicated many hours to the Federal Way Youth Soccer Association and loved every minute of it. He was an avid reader who had many interests. He loved boating and jet skiing on Flathead Lake, photography, stain and fusion glass. He enjoyed the outdoors, woodworking and restoring classic cars.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Norma LeProwse; his biological father, Darrell Farris; a niece who died as an infant, Brooke; and a great-niece, Miley.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Kathryn, of Big Arm; and three sons and their families, Shawn and Becca, Ryan and Becky, and Kelly and Cherisse of Seattle; grandchildren, Megan, Mathew and Major; sisters and their families, Linda and Randy Lynn of Davenport, Wash., and Rita and Nate Barber of Columbia Falls; brother and his family, Conrad and Jenise of Yelm, Wash.; and his father, Robert E. LeProwse.

His family loved Steve very much and will miss him dearly. Please come celebrate his life with family and friends; all are welcome. A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 5, at the Grogan Funeral Home in Polson, with reception to follow. A buffet dinner will be held at 5 p.m. at the Idle Spur in neighboring Dayton.

Donations can be made to the Steve LeProwse Memorial Fund at the Whitefish Credit Union to continue supporting causes he cherished. Condolences may be sent to the family at P.O. Box 206, Big Arm, MT 59910, or at www.groganfuneralhome.com.

Keith Eugene Le Sueur, 89

Keith Eugene Le Sueur passed away at age 89 on March 23, 2011, at Village Health Care Center in Missoula.



He was born Feb. 18, 1923, in Billings. He was adopted by Herbert and Josephina Le Sueur and raised in Lambert, Mont.

In 1967 Keith and Vivian moved their family back to Montana and lived in Missoula. He was a well-loved car salesman for 30 years at T&W Chevrolet, H.O. Bell Ford, Bitterroot Motors and Jim's Cars. He never forgot a face or a phone number. He had a wonderful personality and laugh, and loved visiting with people. He loved camping, boating and golfing.

On July 3, 1986, he married Nina Graham. They lived in Bullhead City, Ariz. He had gone there to retire and at the age of 75 started a new career selling real estate. In 2008 they moved back to Montana.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Clarence; and two infant

children.

Survivors include his loving wife, Nina; his children, Jerry Le Sueur of Fargo, N.D., and grandchild, Johonet Le Sueur; Debbie Bartlett of Missoula, grandchildren, Travis Bartlett of Renton, Wash., and Trista and Hamilton Sledge of Missoula, and great-grandchildren, Kaden and Tatum, James Le Sueur of Lincoln, Neb., and grandchildren, Sef and Sofia, Audrey and Don Miller of Billings, grandchildren, Donna, Mike, Vickie and Jamie; seven great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild; Larry Le Sueur; stepchildren, Jan and Duane Larson of Missoula, Donna and Chuck Beagle of Missoula, Linda Graham of Kalispell, and Murry and Jan Graham of Columbia Falls.

We would like to thank all of the loving and caring people at Village Health Care Center.

Cremation was under the care of Cremation and Burial Society of the Rockies, and inurnment will be by his family at the Western Montana State Veterans Cemetery in Missoula. A memorial service is planned for July when all the family can attend.

Arthur A. Lindlief, 74

Arthur A. Lindlief, 74, passed away Feb. 15, 2011, at his home in Kalispell.



He was born on Nov. 17, 1936, in Whitefish to Frank Andrew Lindlief and Ruth Anne McConville Lindlief.

Art attended school in Whitefish, graduating in 1955. He went to Junior College at Kemper Military School in Missouri. He was a 1962 graduate of the University of Montana School of Pharmacy.

On June 24, 1961, he married Sandra Marlow, and they had four children, all born in the Flathead Valley. Arthur worked as a pharmacist in Anchorage, Alaska; Lewiston, Idaho and Missoula before purchasing Lindlief Drug on Central Avenue in Whitefish.

He and his young family moved to Kalispell in 1973, where he owned and operated the Hindquarter Steak House and Pancho Villa's Mexican restaurant. Later his business ventures expanded into Pancho

Magoos and Nickel Charlie's Casinos. Art enjoyed playing golf and billiards.

Art was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Ruth Lindlief; his brother, Charles "Chuck" Lindlief; son-in-law, Gary Marko; and mother-in-law, Gladys Ferree Ellensburg, who passed away in November 2010.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Sandy Lindlief; and Pennijo and Ted Tompkins of Big Arm; Kelly and Dan Sibley of Somers; Amy Marko of Covington, Wash.; Lance Arthur Lindlief of Kalispell; his grandchildren, Sierra and Logan Sibley and Madison, Morgan and Megan Marko; and numerous other relatives.

There will be a celebration of his life on June 26.

Memorials may be sent to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 603 S. Main, Kalispell, MT 59901 or to benefit area youth golfers, please donate to the Alice Ritzman Tournament, 64 E. Nicklaus, Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

Leslie Ann Lewellen, 62

Leslie Ann Lewellen, 62, died Sept. 23, 2011, at her Kalispell residence.

She is survived by her partner, Chad; four sons, Jesse, Rich, Bill and Ben;

and a daughter,

A celebration of life service is pending.

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

Sandra K. Lewis, 58

Sandra K. Lewis, 58, passed away on Monday, Aug. 29, 2011, at HealthCenter Northwest in Kalispell.

She was born in Kalispell on July 30, 1953, the daughter of Wilbur A. and Verna B. (Morgan) Lewis. She attended Russell Elementary School, and graduated from Flathead High School in 1971.

She loved quilting and hand-darning (crafts), was an avid reader, and also loved to pan for sapphires.

She worked at CenturyLink for 20 years as a customer service representative. She had a wonderful sense of humor and loved to make people laugh.

Sandra was a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church.

She was preceded in death by her son, Travis Long; and

her father, Wilbur Lewis, in 1971.

Sandra is survived by her mother, Verna Duncan, and her husband, Jerry, of Kalispell; her brother, Kevin Lewis, of Spokane; her sister, Kathy Lewis, her daughter, Tanya Dunlap, and two grandchildren, Maliki Long and Martika Long, all of Kalispell; and daughter-in-law, Alicia Long.

Memorial services for Sandra will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 2, at the Seventh Day Adventist Church, 1375 Hwy. 93 North in Kalispell.

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

William 'Bill' Halstead Ling, 67

William "Bill" Halstead Ling, 67, passed away at home in Whitefish on Sept. 16, 2011.

Bill was born in Albany, N.Y., the son of Halstead and Dorothy Ling.

He grew up in Laurens, near Cooperstown, N.Y., and graduated with 24 students from Laurens Central School. He attended Amherst College, graduating with a bachelor of arts in mathematics. He attended the University of Massachusetts and earned a master's in mathematics. He earned his Ph.D. in mathematics (approximation theory) from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI). Bill studied overseas at Uppsala University in Sweden and the Max Planck Institute in Munich. He taught mathematics at Union College in Schenectady, N.Y.

He ultimately spent 30 years at Sandia National Laboratory in Albuquerque, N.M., where he was a supervisor for systems analysis. His work was classified. He was at the same location as the president on 9/11, as the president traveled to a secure site.

Bill was always a gifted and accomplished athlete. He played golf, squash, racket ball, tennis, skied and played football in high school and college. He loved music and could play the banjo, ukulele and guitar, and had a great voice.

He loved jazz, humor and told the best stories. He also loved languages, such as German, Spanish and Swedish, and he traveled extensively.

He is survived by his wife, Marguerite Kaminski of Whitefish, and his five children, Cody, Chance, Cherstin, Callie and Casey Ling, all of the family home; his sister, Sara Ling of Manhattan, N.Y.; and his cousin, Kathy Ling Mullins of Willard, N.M.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Bill was the consummate father, husband, friend, teacher, son and brother. We will miss him greatly.

Services will be held at a later date.

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

Mabel Elizabeth Little, 99

On Feb. 26, 2011, Mabel passed away at Lake View Care Center in Bigfork, surrounded by family.

On April 25, 1911, an extraordinary woman was born in the little town of Melrose. Mabel was the eighth of 10 children born to Ella and Otto Boetticher. She had, in her own words, a marvelous childhood and had many stories of what life was like way back when. She remembered the first car showing up in town, stealing coal from passing trains to heat their stove, bathing in the Big Hole River, going to the first talkie movie in Butte and, of course, having to fill the hated oil lamps. When a barnstorming pilot landed in town and offered rides, the first to go was Mabel, starting a lifelong fascination with flying.

After finishing the eighth grade, she traveled to Dillon to attend high school, working for families for room and board. During this time she met and fell in love with Frank Little, beginning a romance that was to last nearly 70 years. Frank and Mabel married in 1930 and, after Frank completed college at Oregon State, they spent the next several years moving about in Montana as Frank pursued a very successful coaching career. From Dutton to Glendive to Livingston to Kalispell to Libby and finally Bigfork the Little family moved, and Mabel made sure family and home were loved and cared for. Four children were born to the couple.

The devotion, support, guidance and love Mabel bestowed on her family

made them wonder if she were truly a saint. Throughout her life, Mabel continued to educate herself by reading thousands of books and magazines, dreaming of seeing all the wonderful far-off places. Before she was done, she would indeed travel the globe, missing only a hoped-for trip to China.

When her cherished Frank passed away, many wondered what she would do after nearly 65 years of marriage. It became more a matter of what she wouldn't do. Thrice weekly water aerobics classes, parasailing on Flathead Lake, flying in a hot air balloon over the Flathead Valley, kayaking across Lake Washington, flying in a vintage World War I open cockpit plane, and tandem skydiving at the age of 94. She literally took our breath away. A stroke at 94 slowed her down, but her spirit remained strong.

Mabel was preceded in death by eight of her siblings, and one grandson.

She is survived by her four children, Tom Little and wife, Gerene, of Kalispell; Sue Mahlum and husband, Dale, of Missoula; Jerry Dunckel and husband, Jay, of Choteau; and John Little and wife, Cissy, of Bigfork; 14 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

Mabel was a lifelong inspiration to all who were fortunate enough to know her. For her family, she left thousands of wonderful memories and a shining example of how life is meant to be lived.

"We will be lost without our guardian angel."

Fred Alexander Little, 97

Fred Alexander Little, 97, formerly of Whitefish, died April 5, 2011.

He had worked for Burlington Northern Railroad for many years.

Survivors include his children, Dorthea Stub-

bert of Dayton, Wash., and Jean La Vanway of Milton-Freewater, Ore.

Services were held Saturday at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Dayton, Wash.

Edith Lola (Munyan) Lockwood, 85

Edith Lola (Munyan) Lockwood, 85, of Troy, died at her daughter's home of natural causes on Jan. 27, 2011.

She is survived by a son, Buck Lockwood, of Sanger, Texas; and daughters, Mary Jo Downey and Linda Greg-

ory, both of Troy.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 3, at the Troy Church of God, followed by graveside services at Milnor Lake Cemetery.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Libby.

Justin Lee Lockwood, 25

Justin Lee Lockwood "went to be with his Grandma Marsha" on March 1, 2011. He was 25 years old.



Justin was born on May 31, 1985, in Ronan to Molly Lynn Holmes and Daniel Lee Lockwood Jr. He was born with beautiful, big blue eyes and a wonderful happy smile that brightened the world around him.

Justin started school in Ronan, then moved with his family to Charlo where he made many lifelong friends. He had an especially great relationship with his little sister, Megan.

He participated in basketball and football in grade school, but his greatest joy as a youth was baseball. He excelled as a shortstop, catcher and pitcher. He made the 10-year-old all-star team when he was only 8 years old.

As an adult, Justin enjoyed bowling and golfing, espe-

cially when he could beat Will, and he threw a mean dart. Justin's real passion in life was hunting and fishing and talking about it with family and friends. He lived for catching or bagging "The Big One!" He was completely happy and at peace in the Montana outdoors.

Justin is survived by his mother, Molly, and Will Rogers; father, Daniel Lockwood; stepfather Brooke, and Nan Harriman; sister, Megan Harriman, and Sackett; brothers, McKenzie and Amanda Harriman, and Lane Harriman; grandfather, Tim Holmes; grandfather, Dan, and Linda Lockwood; numerous other grandparents; great-grandparents; uncles, aunts, cousins, brothers and sisters; and many good friends who loved him so very much.

He was preceded in death by his best buddy, Grandma Marsha Holmes.

A cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be held this summer when we can together celebrate Justin's love for life and the great outdoors.

"We miss you Justin Lee!"

Jean Margie Logan, 85

Jean Margie Logan, 85, died Sunday June 5, 2011, at The Springs in Whitefish. She is survived by her son Lance F. Logan and his friend Jennifer Graham.

A celebration of life will be held at 3 p.m. Friday June 10, at The Springs in Whitefish. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Victor Lohn, 91

Victor Lohn, 91, passed away Thursday, April 14, 2011, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center. Vic had been a longtime resident of Kalispell and loved Montana.

Vic was preceded in death by his parents, Dwight and Sara; brother, Sherman; and sister, Lois.

He is survived by his wife, Evelyn, of Kalispell; daughter, Dianne Marie Saichek; son, James V., and Barbara Lohn; brother, Dwight R., and Wilma Lohn, of Missoula; grandchildren, Jennifer E. Lohn, Nathan D. Saichek, Justin V. Lohn and Simon Saichek; sisters-in-law, Flor-

ence Jacobson, Amaryllis and Jim Robischon, and Beverly Watts; daughter-in-law, Jean Lohn; brother-in-law, Howard, and Maureen Jacobson; numerous nieces and nephews; and a great-grandchild, Natalie Claire Gunderson.

Private services will be held. Friends are invited to a reception at 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 16, at the Hampton Inn.

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

Cashius Marc Logan, 7 months

Our sweet baby, Cashius Marc Logan, 7 months, of Great Falls, lost his fight with cancer



on March 21, 2011, in Seattle.

A viewing will be held at Hillcrest Lawn Chapel at 10 a.m. on Monday, March 28, followed by a service at 11 a.m. A reception will follow at Schnider Funeral Home.

He was born Aug. 6, 2010, in Great Falls to parents Jesse Nichols and Brady Logan. Cashius was a fighter from the start, having gone through two surgeries and being diagnosed with a brain tumor by the time he was only 1 month old. He spent the next six and a half months of his life in and out of Children's Hospital, undergoing eight additional surgeries and five rounds of chemotherapy.

His short life transformed both of his parents and touched the lives of countless people. We are grateful to have witnessed his incredible will to live. He was named after his daddy's favorite fighter, and he proved to be an inspiration to all who came in contact with him.

We are truly blessed to have had him for as long as we did. He will remain in our hearts forever.

Cashius is survived by his parents, Jesse and Brady; his maternal grandparents, Larry Nichols of Great Falls, and Len and Shelley Smith of Kalispell; paternal grandparents, Rick Logan of Havre, and Rich and Debbie Rossberg of Great Falls; great-grandparents, Helen Palagi, and Phillip and Dorothy Johnson; sister, Alexis Logan; aunts and uncles, Jason and Lindsey Nichols, Charles Sonsteng, Travis Whitish, Tyler Logan, Tristine Logan, Anthony Holloway, Jeff and Kasey Bury, Cameron and Heather Williams, and Flint and Hilary Baker; cousins, Luc, Sophie, Grayson, Dante, Rhianna, Ayziah, Kaylee, Jayden and Jacoby; as well as many great-aunts and great-uncles, and second and third cousins.

Donations may be made in Cashius' name to his website, www.babycashius.com, or Ronald McDonald House Charities.

Condolences for the family may be posted online at www.schniderfuneralhome.com.

Francis W. Loomer, 96

Francis W. Loomer, 96, passed away on Thursday, Aug. 11, 2011, at the Roosevelt County Medical Center in



Culbertson of natural causes.

Francis was born on Sept. 5, 1914, in Fergus Falls, Minn., the son of Charles F. and Mary (Schramm) Loomer. He attended rural elementary school in Minnesota and high school in Grand Forks, N.D., and then graduated from high school in Fergus Falls where he played football on undefeated teams. He was selected first team for the All Central Conference.

Francis attended the University of North Dakota in 1933 and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in education in 1937. He was a member of Phi Delta Kappa and received honors for his wrestling.

Francis Loomer married Esther Dumke in Fergus Falls in 1939. They raised two children, son Dr. Douglas Loomer, and daughter Mrs. Jill Herness.

After leaving college, Francis taught school at Sharon, N.D., Bowman, N.D., Chamberlain S.D., and Carlton, Minn., before joining the U.S. Navy in 1944. He retired from the Navy in 1946 as a lieutenant.

Mr. Loomer began teaching in Glasgow in 1946 and retired in 1977, serving 21 years as the high school principal.

He was active in the Congregational Church, Masonic Lodge and Eastern Star, serving as Worthy Patron. He also served as secretary-manager of the Valley County Fair for five years and taught classes for the Valley County Red Cross. He was a past president of the Kiwanis, was secretary of the Montana Association of School Administrators, was twice

elected president of the Northeastern Montana Secondary Schools Principals, and was president of the Glasgow Teachers Association. He was instrumental in organizing the Retired Teachers Organization in Northeastern Montana.

He was a member of the Elks for 30 years and of the American Legion for 41 years.

Francis earned his master's in physical education from the University of Minnesota and his master's in administration from the University of Montana. During his 31 years in the Glasgow School System he saw many changes, especially when the airbase opened north of Glasgow. Sixty teachers had to be released when the base closed. At its peak, 1,300 students occupied space actually built for 700. The famous "triple split shift" became necessary until the new school was built.

He traveled to all parts of the United States, western Canada, Alaska, Nova Scotia and Mexico. He enjoyed hunting, bowling, and golf, including heading the Golf Association while living in Mesa.

He was preceded in death by his siblings, Walter, Ray, Merle, Iva, Hazel and Inez; and by a granddaughter, Jami Marie Herness.

Survivors include his wife, Esther Loomer, of Culbertson; his son, Dr. Douglas Loomer, and his wife, Suzanne Ostrem, of Bigfork; a daughter, Jill Herness, and her husband, Donald, of Culbertson; one granddaughter, Lindsey Kathleen Herness, of Culbertson; and a sister, Ida Mae Fabian, of Fergus Falls.

Services were held on Aug. 15 at the First Congregational Church in Glasgow, with the Rev. Susan Waterson officiating. Interment will be at 10 a.m. today, Aug. 16, at the Culbertson Cemetery in Culbertson.

Bell Mortuary in Glasgow is in charge of arrangements.

Hulda Lorenz, 77

Hulda Lorenz, 77, of Libby, died Tuesday, May 24, 2011, at her home in Libby from natural causes.

Survivors include her children, Monte Lorenz of Kalispell, and Todd Lorenz of Seattle.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, May 31, at Faith Bible Church in Libby.

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

Jack Edward Lovejoy, 84

Jack Edward Lovejoy, 84, of Columbia Falls, died Saturday, May 28, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

He is survived by his

three children, Jack, Kurt, and Barry Lovejoy.

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

Louisa M. Lovering, 90

Louisa M. Lovering, 90, on the morning of Aug. 17, 2011, went "just beyond the moon" to be with her sweetheart, Forrest. She



passed away at home with her daughters and her little dog at her side.

Louisa was born on Feb. 21, 1921, in Peoa, Utah, to Franklin and Edith (Lyons) Barnum. Louisa grew up in Peoa and graduated from South Summit High School in 1940.

Louisa loved to dance, and in 1941 she met her future husband, Forrest Lovering, at the Coconut Grove in Salt Lake City. Forrest, who was in the Army and stationed in Salt Lake, walked into the dance, saw her and told his friend he was going to marry that girl.

They were married March 19, 1942, in Salt Lake City. Their marriage was later solemnized in the Idaho Falls Temple. Forrest was from Montana, so after they were married, he danced Louisa away to a new life in Kalispell. They moved to Libby for a few years then returned to Kalispell to live out their lives.

Louisa loved her family and spent most of her time raising and caring for them. She loved to knit, crochet, embroider, sew clothes for her family and work in her gardens.

For many years her favorite thing to do was bowl. She loved it so much that at one point she was bowling on three leagues a week (plus substituting on other leagues when needed)! She has good friends and fun memories from those years.

She was a charter member of the Flathead Search and Rescue Auxiliary, where she also formed lifelong friendships. She and Forrest belonged to the Eagles, where they spent many times enjoy-

ing the fellowship and dancing the night away.

Louisa was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, where she was greatly loved and considered a second mom by many people. She served in many different positions. Her favorite calling was when she and Forrest taught dancing and put together ballroom dancing exhibitions for the Sweetheart and Gold & Green balls.

Louisa was preceded in death by her eternal companion, Forrest; her parents; her six siblings and their spouses; her son-in-law, Burdette Ruggles; and her brother-in-law, Harry Lovering.

She is survived by her daughters, Ruth Ruggles, Marilyn Lovering and Linda Doty and husband Larry of Kalispell; three grandchildren, Dennis Ruggles and wife Charlotte of Pennsylvania, Brenda Fenger and husband Jim of Kalispell and Mindy Haroldsen and husband Craig of Utah; four great-grandchildren, Jackie Ruggles, Wendy Storey, Shelby Fenger and Emmalee Haroldsen; two great-great-grandchildren, Athena and Aidan Storey (a great-great-grandchild Logan John is due in September); and numerous other relatives.

Funeral services for Louisa M. Lovering will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 25, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Whitefish Stage Road in Kalispell. There will be a viewing preceding the funeral services at 10 a.m. in the Relief Society Room. Bishop Mark Robison will officiate.

Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be Wednesday evening from 5 to 7 p.m. at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Chapel.

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

Clifford Walter Luke, 75

Clifford Walter Luke, 75, of Polson, passed away on Monday, Sept. 12, 2011, at the Pines of Polson.



Clifford was born on June 17, 1936, in Kalispell, a son of the late Charles and Vivian Moore Luke. He was a 1954 graduate of Polson High School and served in the Army Reserve.



In 1956, he married Roberta Wilhelm in Libby.

In his early years, Clifford worked in logging and, after completing high school, he worked at the Texaco Station in Polson. He later started working in heavy construction with many road projects throughout the state. Clifford helped work on Libby Dam as a crane operator during its construction. He was a 50-plus year operating engineer for Local 371.

He enjoyed working on the family farm and doing mechanical work on old cars, and was a member of the Spark and Throttle Car Club in which he was a Ford Thunderbird collector. Clifford was an avid hunter and fisherman. He was the happiest tromping through the forest hunting, cutting wood

and camping. If he wasn't doing something, that meant he was usually up to something.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Bill, and a granddaughter, Amber.

Survivors include his loving wife, Roberta "Bobbie," of Polson; two daughters, Marilyn and Lynn Cooper, and Colleen Oden, both of Polson; two sons, Ernie and Jo Luke of Columbia Falls, and Kenny and Diana Luke of Pablo; a sister, Carol Richmond, of Kalispell; two brothers, Ralph Luke of Polson, and Duane Luke of Cape Canaveral, Fla.; and nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren that he deeply loved.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that donations be made in Clifford's name to the charity of one's choice.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 17, at Grogan Funeral Home, 101 Sixth Ave. E., Polson. A reception will follow at the funeral home following the service.

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

Evelyn Marie Lundstrom, 92

Evelyn Marie Lundstrom, 92, of Whitefish, died Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2012, at Whitefish Care and Rehabilitation Center.

She is survived by her children, Dick Lundstrom, Lori Lundstrom, Judy Schroeder and Leah Kvamme of Columbia

Falls, Lois Pfeiffer of Alliance, Neb., and Frank Lundstrom of Silverdale, Wash.

Services will be at 2 p.m. July 7 at Woodlawn Cemetery.

Arrangements are entrusted to Columbia Mortuary.

J. Willard Lybeck, 80

J. Willard Lybeck, 80, passed away peacefully at his home in Kalispell, surrounded by his wife and three generations of his family.



He was born on the family farm north of Chester. Willard was the youngest of Hans and Karen Lybeck's five children. He learned from his older brothers, during his early years, and spent his formal first through eighth grade education at the North Chester Country School. Willard was proud to be the valedictorian of his class (he was often the sole student in his grade level). In grades nine through 11, Willard attended Mount Ellis Academy in Bozeman. In his senior year he traveled to Silverton, Ore., for school. He became a certified electrician after high school.

Willard married Shirley Ann Heggen on Aug. 28, 1954, in Coeur D' Alene, Idaho. They made their home in Kalispell. Willard worked on cement construction on Hungry Horse Dam while logging in the winters. He had a dairy farm with his brother Ray and worked as an electrician at the aluminum plant. In 1958 Shirley and Willard moved north of Zurich to farm and ranch. In winters, the family moved to various locations so Willard could work electrical construction. They moved to the valley farm in 1967 and continued farming and ranching until 2003. Willard's final move was to Kalispell.

Willard enjoyed fishing, golfing, camping, reading, pinochle and whist. He found friends and made connections wherever he traveled. He and Shirley visited Australia, Hawaii, New Zealand and Alaska. They frequently spent winters in Arizona, then California. Willard volunteered his time as a board member and member of numerous local, state and national organizations.

Willard was preceded in death by his parents, Hans and Karen Lybeck; sister, Cora; brothers, Harold, Clifford and Ray; children, Cynthia Ann and Christina Lynn.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley Lybeck of Kalispell; children, Brenda Flynn of Gildford, Warren Lybeck of Chinook, and Shari and Edward Ruff of Havre; grandchildren, Whitney and Patrick Wicks of Chester, Jordan Lybeck of Fallon, Jack Flynn of Missoula, and Madison and Rydell Ruff of Havre; and great-grandchild, Lane Wicks of Chester.

A funeral for Willard will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 14 at Epworth United Methodist Church in Kalispell. Interment will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell.

Memorial contributions can be made on Willard's behalf to the local food bank of your choice.

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

Gloria Grace Lyford, 79

Gloria Grace Lyford passed from this life early on the morning of Dec. 12, 2011, while in her home of some 50 years, surrounded by her husband, Bob, and members of their family.



Born on a farm near the small town of Bricelyn, Minn., on March 5, 1932, to Clement and Grace Hollensbeck Logan, Gloria spent her first 13 years in several places in southern Minnesota and northern Iowa. Then at age 14, she traveled with her parents to Whitefish where her father and older brothers logged with horses for a year. In 1947, her parents moved to Kalispell, and Gloria graduated from Flathead County High School in 1949 when she was just barely 17 years old.

A few years later, she and her parents moved to Idaho where Gloria graduated from the Boise State (then Boise Junior College) with an Associate of Arts degree which allowed her to teach second grade students in the Boise Public Schools for three years. After moving back to Kalispell, she taught second grade at Russell School until the time of her marriage to Bob in 1957.

Gloria was preceded in death by her parents; three of her brothers, Wayne, Dale and Clayton; and her only sister, Viola Kluender.

Gloria is survived by two of her brothers, Robert and wife Marge of Des Moines, Iowa, and Rex V. Logan and wife Marion of Grand Island, Neb. She is also survived by her husband, Bob, and their five children and 12 grandchildren, Scott and wife Carleen of Indian Springs, Nev.; Mark and wife Irene, and children, Christa, Amanda and Nathan, of Sparwood, Wash.; Daniel and wife Jill, and girls, Kelsey and Kimi, of Kalispell; Tom and wife Martha, and children, Jordyn, Chase, Sydney and Zach, of Laguna Niguel, Calif.; and daughter, Jewel, and husband Matt Dyson, and

children, Chandler, McKynzie and Colton, of Placentia, Calif.

Thoughtful and loving to the end, Gloria left notes affirming her love for her Lord Jesus, husband Bob, each of her children and her precious grandchildren, as well as her special friend Kim Lolly, and sisters-in-law, Marvel Logan and Lois Lyford.

Gloria consistently witnessed to her love for her Lord since she gave Him her heart as a child at an Assembly of God church in Well, Minn. Gloria also held membership in the Christian Center (Assembly of God) in Kalispell where she taught Sunday School for over 20 years. She especially enjoyed her Women's Bible Study group, as well as the many special musical programs and Christmas productions held there.

By both words and deeds, Gloria showed how much she enjoyed being with, caring for and teaching children. Many neighbors can attest to how much their children gained from her patient ability to help many 5- and 6-year-olds who attended her home preschool and, later, a similar program at Central Christian Church.

The family would like to thank Hospice Home Options Health Care for their unfailing care and assistance, and to acknowledge and thank many special friends for their support as well. They would recommend memorial donations be given to the Christian Center, Hospice Home Options, or a charity of your choice.

Funeral services for Gloria will be held at noon on Thursday, Dec. 15, at the Christian Center, with a reception immediately following memorial. Burial will follow the reception on Thursday at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

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

Donald Lyght, 89

Donald Lyght, 89, passed away on Wednesday, April 20, 2011, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.



Don was born on Feb. 2, 1922, in Tekamah, Neb., to John D. and Eunice E. (Nelson) Lyght.

Don served his country in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Berlin during World War II.

In his early years he worked as a logger in Kalispell, and then worked for Milwaukee Railroad in Deer Lodge, as a prison guard at the Old Montana State Prison in Deer Lodge, as well as for the Anaconda Company at the smelter in Anaconda and at the Berkley Pit in Butte for 35 years as a heavy equipment shovel operator.

Don loved Friday night dancing; fishing; family outings; woodwork; card and board games; rock, gem and mineral collecting; and he loved animals and music. His favorite song was "In the Mood" by Benny Goodman. He was a member of the Central Bible Church.

He was truly a blessing for Anna and her family. We had some great times camping, huckleberry picking, s'mores around the campfire, anniversary and birthday parties, family reunions, Sunday dinners at Wes and Pam's, and homemade cinnamon rolls.

Don was preceded in death by his parents, John and Eunice Lyght; brother, Earl Lyght; first wife, Beth (Engle) Lyght; and daughter, Cheri Plute.

Don is survived by his wife, Anna (Luckenbill) Lyght; son-in-law, Don Plute of Butte; daughter, Donna Lyght of Butte; stepsons, Vern and wife Joyce Holmquist of Phoenix, Wes and wife Pam Holmquist of Kalispell, Ed and wife Shirley Holmquist of Vancouver, Wash.; 14 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren.

He is loved by his family and friends, and all will miss his smile.

A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, April 25, at Central Bible Church in Kalispell. Inurnment will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

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