

Edna Rae Maas, 88

Edna Rae Maas, 88, died in Hot Springs on Sunday, July 10, 2011.

A private family memorial will be held at a later

date.

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

Gerald John Macnorius, 80

Gerald John Macnorius, 80, of Columbia Falls, died on Dec. 29, 2011, at his home.

A memorial service will

be held at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 4 at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

Leonard F. Madsen, 90

Leonard F. Madsen, 90, died at Immanuel Lutheran Home on Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2011.

He is survived by his daughters, Shauna Anders of Seeley Lake, Chris Anders of Columbia

Falls, and Lennae Madsen of Las Cruces, N.M.

Family services will be held later this summer.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

David Lonnie Maes, 56

David Lonnie Maes, 56, of Kalispell, died Dec. 1, 2011, following a long-term illness.

He was a computer-aided graphic designer.

He is survived by his

wife, Meri (Stein) Maes of Kalispell; and two sons, Scott Maple of Boise, Idaho, and David R.L. Maes of Kalispell.

Private services will be held.

Regina 'Jeannie' Mahaffey, 62

Regina "Jeannie" Mahaffey "went to be with our Lord Jesus" Monday, Dec. 12, 2011.

She was born Regina Mae Edens July 9, 1949, in Great Falls to Reginald and Georgia Edens.

She was married to David Mahaffey March 4, 1968, in Great Falls; they spent 43-plus years together and were truly in love the entire time, and spent every non-working moment together.

Jeannie loved camping, dancing and gardening. She was a 20-plus year employee of Scholaris Food & Drug in Carson City, Nev.

David and Regina moved from Montana in 1988 to Carson City, which had remained their home ever since. They worked in the dairy industry for 43 years.

She was preceded in death by her son, Reggie; sister, Eva; mother, Georgia; and father, Reginald.



She is survived by her husband, David, and sister, Connie, of Carson City; daughter, Georgina, and son-in-law, Richard, of Yerington, Nev.; granddaughter, Candace, of Yerington; and granddaughter, Kristine, of Cameron Park, Calif.

Regina spent her last days in Carson Tahoe Hospital where she succumbed to cancer, which had plagued her little body since she was 24 years of age.

"Friends and family were by her side at the beginning of her new journey with the Lord."

Regina was a high-spirited little hothead and would fight anyone or anything that would mistreat any of her friends or family. She will truly be missed by all who loved her or shared any part of her life.

A celebration of her life will be held in the spring of 2012 because this was the time of year Regina enjoyed the most. The time and place will be announced later.

"May God be with her forever."

Charles 'Chuck' William Major Sr., 61

Charles "Chuck" William Major Sr., 61, passed away on Sept. 23, 2011, at Kalispell Regional Medical



Center, due to complications after a heart procedure.

Charles was born on Feb. 4, 1950, in Kalispell to Julius J. and Helen (Wood) Major. He grew up in Kalispell and went to grade school and high school in Kalispell.

He married Kathy Lynn Best on April 9, 1971. They just celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary; with their union they were blessed with four children.

Charles owned and operated Major Construction since the early 1990s.

He was a devoted witness of his god Jehovah whom he loved, and loved to talk about the promises held out in the Bible, including the promise that "all those in the memorial tombs will come out." (John 5:28, 29); the inhabitant will not say "I am sick" (Isaiah 33:24), "and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor pain, for the former things have passed away" (Revelation 21:4); and "Truly I tell you today you will be with me in Paradise" (Luke 23:43).

Charles was preceded in death by his father, Julius J. Major; and sisters, Helen Janel Major-Seaman and Judith Marie Major-Eayrs.

He is survived by the love of his life, Kathy; and his children, Charles Jr., and his wife, Nicole, and their children, Charles III and Syvanna; Heath Major and his daughter, Alix; Tamara Major-Kaufman and her children, Illyssa and Jay Ryan; and Seth Major and his wife, Amber, and their children, Leila and Lilly; his mother, Helen F. Major; and brothers, James J. Major and Wintzel T. Major.

Memorial services will be held for family, friends, business associates and all who have come to know and love Charles at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 1, at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witness on Valley View Court off of West Reserve. A luncheon will follow services at the Creston Grange. Please bring

a covered dish.

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

Susan S. Maisch, 57

Susan "went to be with Jesus" on Aug. 13, 2011, leaving behind her two beautiful daughters, Angela and Juliet. They also love the Lord and have the certainty they will see their mom in Heaven.

Susan was preceded in death by her brother Sam, age 60; and is survived by her sister Jean, 65.

She was born on a farm in Pennsylvania where she loved to hang out in the barn, lost with her pet chickens and kittens.

She moved to the Flathead Valley in 1987 where she was married and gave birth to her daughters. The girls will

always treasure the Christmas decorating, the birthday parties, even the Halloween "haunted house" atmosphere. Their home was a place where all their friends could hang out and Susan loved to entertain them. She always had a smile for all and her sense of humor kept them coming back.

She battled a painful illness this summer but didn't let that stop her from meeting her goals of quality time with her daughters and getting closer to the Lord, who she is with now.

Services were held Aug. 16 at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Judy Bea Mansfield, 64,

Judy Bea Mansfield, 64, passed away on Monday, Oct. 17, 2011, at home in Kalispell.



She was born on Jan. 23, 1947, to James H. and Irma (Kaufman) Mansfield.

Judy was a high school graduate, loved to read, write, draw and do needle crafts.

She was preceded in death by her father,

James Mansfield, in 1993.

Judy is survived by her mother, Irma Mansfield of Vancouver, Wash.; sister, Cheryl Miller of Vancouver; brothers, Jim Mansfield of Roanoke, Va., and Roy Mansfield of Milwaukie, Ore.; uncle, Joe Kaufman of Kalispell; and several nieces, nephews, cousins and brothers and sisters in Christ.

Private family services are planned for a later date.

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

Lucile Malson, 86

Lucile Malson, 86, formerly of Kalispell, died Nov. 25, 2011, in Tempe, Ariz.

Funeral services are

pending.

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

Calvin Malson, 87

Calvin Malson, 87, formerly of Kalispell, died Dec. 1, 2011, in Tempe, Ariz.

Funeral services are

pending.

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

Gerald 'Jerry' Maness, 45

Gerald "Jerry" Maness, 45, passed away Jan. 28, 2011, with his family by his side in Kalispell.

He is survived by his wife and his two children.

He enjoyed his life "and celebrated the coming home

to his Lord."

A celebration of life service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 5, at the Mennonite Church in Kalispell.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Betty Micone, 86

Betty Micone, 86, died at her home in Kalispell on Sunday, Oct. 23, 2011. She is survived by her two sons, Dave and Danny Micone.

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

Mark Edward Manders, 72

Mark Edward Manders, 72, died Tuesday, Aug. 9, 2011, at Health Center Northwest in Kalispell.

He is survived by his wife, Dawn Manders, of their home in Big-

fork; and his son, Chipp Manders, of Madrid, Iowa.

A celebration of life will be announced at a later date.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Diane L. Mangialardo, 61

Diane L. Mangialardo, 61, died Thursday, April 28, 2011, at her Kalispell residence.

Services are pending.

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

Diane Marie Martin, 62

Diane Marie Martin, 62, of Kalispell, passed away on July 4, 2011, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.



Diane was born March 4, 1949, at the Old Mercy Hospital in Nampa, Idaho. Diane grew up in Nampa. She went to St. Paul's Catholic School where she learned to play the piano from Sister Gregory. She was a Girl Scout and junior CDA. She graduated from Nampa High School where she enjoyed cheerleading.

She attended the University of Idaho, was an Alpha Phi, and graduated with a degree in elementary education. Soon after graduation she married Alan Merkle of Boise, Idaho. They moved to Portland and she taught school in the Beaverton School District. This was a happy time for the newlyweds but not meant to last.

They divorced five years later. She then moved to Kalispell where she had family. She worked in radio advertising and sales for many years.

Diane loved flowers, the beach, Mexico and Hawaii. She enjoyed swimming and biking.

Surviving Diane are her parents, Don and Micki Martin, of Nampa; brother, Jon Martin, and wife, Debbie, of Boise; sister Julie Stevens, and brother Dave Martin, both of Nampa; and sister, Teri Dumont, and husband, Scott, of Kalispell. She is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews, and her companion Norman, and good friend Susan.

Diane was very brave with her brief battle with cancer. She is no longer in pain and is now at peace. We all love her and will miss her.

Condolences can be sent to dcmfox@gmail.com. There will be no local service. Cremation has taken place.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Ronda J. Martin, 62

Ronda J. Martin passed away peacefully in her sleep on Saturday, June 25, 2011, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She was born on June 10, 1949, in Kalispell, to Berle and Bernice (Collier) Holland.

Despite health challenges throughout her life, all will remember her sunny smile, her impeccable sense of humor, and her loving sensitivity to people and animals. She was an avid reader and enjoyed word puzzles and cross-stitch.

She was a resident of Bremerton, Wash., from 1950 until 2003, at which time she returned, with her family, to Kalispell.

She was preceded in death by her father, Berle A. Holland, in 1977; and by her sister, Georgiann (Holland) Osborn, in 2007.

She is survived by her mother, Bernice (Collier) Holland, and her brother, Wayne R. Holland and wife Barbara, all of Kalispell, and her brother, James R. Holland of Bothell, Wash.

At her request, there will be no services.

Rae Marie Martinson, 70

Rae Marie Martinson passed away peacefully on July 26, 2011.

She was born on June 27, 1941, in Kalispell. She attended Flathead County High School and graduated in 1958.

Rae Marie married Bill Martinson on Nov. 4, 1963, and they were married for 42 years. They owned several supper clubs together and enjoyed their many years together.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bill Martin-



son; parents, Raymond and Ethyl Lincoln; brother, Ralph Cloke; and sister, Rosalie Lincoln.

She is survived by her son, Brett Martinson; daughter, Angie Martinson, and Stevie; grandchildren, Evan Martinson, Alesha Kassman and Winter Sivertsen; brother, Sam Lincoln; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Rae Marie will always be remembered by her genuine laughter and her kind heart.

Services will be held at 4 p.m. Aug. 18 at the VFW, 212 S. David St., in Spokane Valley, Wash. Coffee and cookies will be served following the service.

Willis 'Bill' Martinson, 85

Willis "Bill" Martinson was born Aug. 24, 1925, in Ismay, Mont., and passed away April 18, 2011, in Spokane Valley, Wash.

Bill owned Bill's Real Estate, Kalispell, and Club Rocco, Hungry Horse. After moving to Spokane, he bought the Phase II which he had for 10 years, and later bought the Bronco Inn which he had for six years. Bill also worked many years for Gordon Curry Realty.

He is survived by his wife, Rae Marie Martinson; two sons, Bruce and Brett Martinson; one daughter, Angie Martinson; seven grandchildren, Willie,

Shannon, Morgan, Laura, Evan, Alesha and Winter. He is also survived by three sisters, Opal Larson of Montana, Ann Lucas of Montana, and Della Dooley of Oklahoma.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Nels and Elsie Martinson; sister, Elnora Hall; and four brothers, Elford, Glen, Carl and Lloyd.

There will be a memorial service for Bill at 4 p.m. Friday, April 29, at the VFW Post 1435 S. 212 David St., Spokane Valley, Wash.,

Following the service there will be a potluck. If you have any questions, please call Chris at 928-7580.

Grace Carson Marvin, 93

Grace Carson Marvin, 93, of Kalispell, died at her home on Wednesday, April 13, 2011.

She is survived by her husband, Robbin Marvin, of Kalispell; her six children, Jan Chelberg and Kim Carnes, both of Mesa, Ariz., Newell Carson, Greg Carson and Jay Carson,

all of Kalispell, and Mike Carson of Dubois, Wyo.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 19, at Central Bible Church, 902 First Ave. E., in Kalispell, with the Rev. Ron Youde officiating.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Paul Dunham Marvel, 86

Paul Dunham Marvel "went home to be with the Lord" on Nov. 17, 2011.

He was born in Eureka to Fred and Ella Marvel on April 27, 1925.

Paul was raised in old Rexford and served in the U.S. Army from Oct. 1943 through March 1946, when he was honorably discharged.

Paul married Opal Evjene on Oct. 30, 1948, and they made their first home in Valtet, Ore. In 1953, they returned to Rexford until the Kooacanusa Reservoir brought about their final relocation to 175 Tobacco Siding in Eureka.

Paul owned and operated North Star Air Service in Eureka. He drove truck and worked in the logging industry in various capacities for several different outfits over the years. He finally retired from Montana's State Highway Department after many years of employment.

In addition to aviation, some of Paul's interests included playing the harmonica, woodworking and carpentry, fishing, hunting



and all things "outdoors." He was a ham radio and CB radio enthusiast. Paul was probably best known for the custom made "Marvel Knives" that grace the belts of hunters every fall. He was a Jack-of-all-trades, master of many!

Paul was preceded in death by his father, Fred; mother, Ella; brother, Freddie; sister, Patty; and wife, Opal.

He is survived by his brother, Jerry Marvel and Karen of Eureka; son, Elden Marvel and Donna of Kalispell; daughter, Cheri Butts and Danny of Whitefish; daughter, Dale Ricketts of Salem, Ore.; son, Rick Marvel and Traci of Eureka; daughter, Sylvia Mee and John of Trego; 12 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Visitation for Paul will be from noon until 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 22 at the Schnackenberg-Nelson Funeral Home of Eureka. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 23 at The First Church of God in Eureka with Pastor Justin Michels presiding. Burial will follow at the Tobacco Valley Cemetery in Eureka.

Donations can be made in Paul's memory to the High Road Youth Ministries at the First Church of God in Eureka.

Grace Carson-Marvin, 93

Grace Carson-Marvin "passed into the arms of her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" on April 13, 2011.



Grace was 93 years old and affectionately known as "Grandma Go-Go" because of her high-energy attitude toward life and because of her blue 1966 Mustang. She was loved by everyone who knew her. The positive influence she had on her friends and family was amazing — she truly was "Amazing Grace."

Grace was born on May 18, 1917, in rural Wadena County in northern Minnesota. Her parents were William and Luanna White. Grace was the third of five children. When she was 12 years old, the family moved to Bemidji, Minn. The Depression of 1929 didn't faze the family in the least — they were so poor, they hardly noticed.

Grace graduated from Bemidji High School in 1935. She attended Northern Business College in Bemidji. Grace met Ralph N. Carson in 1932, and they were married on Dec. 26, 1935. From this marriage six children were born, Jan, Newell, Mike, Greg, Jay and Kim.

Grace loved to travel. She loved quilting and made countless quilts for family and friends. She was a daredevil and in her youth jumped off the family garage roof, just because her siblings dared her to. Later in life, when she was about 70, she went down the Banzai water slide run, just because her kids dared her to. She lived her life to the fullest and had a strong faith in God, which showed in her everyday living.

Grace had always been

active in her church. In her younger years, she sang in the choir, taught Sunday school and was very active in Bible study fellowship. Grace and Ralph "retired" and joined I.S.I., International Students Incorporated, in 1973. They served with I.S.I. in Colorado Springs, Colo., doing mission work to reach international students who study in the U.S.A. Grace was a secretary and Ralph ran the print shop.

Grace and Ralph moved to Kalispell in 1983 and retired again. Ralph passed away all too soon in 1984.

Grace married Robbin Marvin in 1996. Together they continued ministry with I.S.I. in Canada and the U.S.A., as well as overseas follow-up. They had been active at Central Bible Church and enjoyed life in the Flathead until old age slowed her down.

Grace is survived by her husband, Rob; sister, Arkley Barber; six children, Jan Chelberg of Mesa, Ariz., Newell and Barbara Carson of Kalispell, Mike and Mary Lou Carson of Dubois, Wyo., Greg and Joy Carson, and Jay Carson, all of Kalispell, and Kim Carnes of Mesa; "seventh child," nephew Carson and Gail Gardner of Waubun, Minn.; 11 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. She is also survived by her six stepchildren, Daniel, Robbin, Stephen, James, Richard and Joy.

There will be a memorial service for Grace at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 19, at Central Bible Church, 902 First Ave. E., in Kalispell.

The family wants to thank Kalispell Regional Medical Center's Home Option Hospice for their gentle and understanding care.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is handling the arrangements.

Sharon K. Mason, 53

Sharon K. Mason, 53, died Saturday, Jan. 15, 2011, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

She is survived by her husband, Paul Mason of Columbia Falls; three

sons, Ryan, Jesse and Paul; and two daughters, Julie and Sarah.

Memorial services are pending.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for the family.

Gayle C. Massie, 67

Gayle C. Massie, 67, passed away on Wednesday, July 13, 2011.

Gayle was born on Oct. 30, 1945, in Sturgis, S.D., to Roland and JohnAnn "King" Veren.

Gayle married Wally Massie on Nov. 2, 1962, in Spearfish, S.D. Afterward, they moved on to live in Vancouver, Wash., and Kalispell. To this marriage was born eight children.

Gayle was a member of the Old Apostolic Church and leaves behind many Christian friends. Gayle's life was centered around her children, grandchildren, and Christian friends. She was known as a caretaker and was always there to help those in need. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

Gayle was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Diane O. Neil; and grandchild, Jesse Nasset.

Gayle is survived by her

husband, Wallace Massie; children, Troy and Helen Massie of Moorcroft, Wyo., Trent Massie of Yakima, Wash., Colin and Gena Massie of Battleground, Wash., Layne and Lynn Massie of Kalispell, Kendall and Christina Massie of Amboy, Wash., and Jill and Kelly Knaff, Jann and Kurt Tonjum, and Lynn and Roger Nasset, all of Kalispell; sister, Joyce Desjarlas; brother, Wade Veren; 50 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren.

There will be a visitation from 5 to 8 p.m. today, July 15, at the Old Apostolic Lutheran Church in Lakeside. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Old Apostolic Lutheran Church, with burial to follow at Bethel Cemetery in Somers.

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

Mike N. Mateef, 94

Mike N. Mateef, 94, died Friday, June 24, 2011, at Immanuel Lutheran Hopme in Kalispell.

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

Charles 'Chuck' Mathieson, 63

Charles "Chuck" Mathieson, 63, died May 18, 2011.

A gathering of friends

will be take place at 1 p.m. Sunday, May 29, at the Packers Roost, U.S. 2, Martin City/Coram.

Erma Sophie Matt, 84

Erma Sophie Matt, 84, of Big Arm, passed away at her home on Monday, May 16, 2011.

She was born on May 30, 1926, in Polson, to Mary Finley and Art Marengo. At age 3, she was adopted by Cecille Stasso and Phillip Kallowat and was raised in Dayton. She attended schools in Elmo, the Ursuline Academy in St. Ignatius, Thompson Falls, and graduated from Polson High School in 1945.

In July of 1946, Sophie married Joseph Matt of St. Ignatius and together they had four children, Randall, Barbara, Dean and Rik. Sophie was a stay-at-home mom until her husband, Joe, was hurt and then retired in 1975. She then went to work at the Kalispell Library and with the Kootenai tribe of Bonner's Ferry, Idaho, where she translated documents from Kootenai to English or vice versa. She was also a history book writer for the Kootenai Culture Committee for 10 years and also worked for 13 years for the CSKT Elderly Program, and many years as a Kootenai language instructor for the Salish Kootenai College, where in 2009, she received an honorary degree.

Sophie was an enrolled member of the Confederated



Salish and Kootenai tribes and a fluent speaker of the Kootenai language. She loved to bead, knit, crochet, play stick games, cards, bingo, keno and traveling.

She was preceded in death by both sets of parents; her husband Joe; her sons, Randall, Dean and Rik; daughter, Barbara Matt Clark; James Kallowat; brothers, Howard Kallowat Sr., and Howdy Saloway; and many aunts and uncles.

Sophie is survived by her grandson, Robert Clark, of Kalispell; a sister, Ruby Finley, of Wellpinit, Wash.; aunts, Mary Stasso and Louise Stasso, both of Arlee; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and dear friends.

Wake services will begin at 2 p.m. today, May 18, at Elmo Hall with a vigil service beginning at 8 p.m. Funeral Mass will follow at 10 a.m. on Thursday, May 19, at the Hall. Burial will be in Dayton Cemetery, Dayton.

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 Mrs. Matt's family.

Ethel Diane (Clayborn) Mattingly, 56

Ethel Diane (Clayborn) Mattingly, 56, "was called home on the wings of an eagle to be with the Lord, her parents and sisters" on Nov. 15, 2011, at Whitefish Care and Rehabilitation in Whitefish.

She was born on Aug. 21, 1955, in Butte, to Tommy and Sarah Clayborn. She grew up on the Oregon Coast and Great Falls, where she attended schools.

Diane married J.R. Mattingly on Aug. 24, 1974, and together they had two children, and later adopted her nephew.

Diane loved all of her family and always had the knack to make you laugh and smile with never a dull moment. Her grandchildren were her greatest pride and passion. She always loved being around family and never strayed far from them.

Diane also liked playing bingo, camping and anything to do with her Native American heritage. Diane was loved greatly by all of her family and friends, and will be missed by all.

Diane was preceded in

death by her parents; and sisters, Ramona, Julia, Cora, Laura, Doris and Minnie.

She is survived by her sons, Joshua and wife Jolene Mattingly of Kalispell, and Presley Mattingly of Billings; daughter, Brandy, and husband, Mark Dofelmire, of Kalispell; grandchildren, Cheyenne, Derek and Jamaya Mattingly; sisters, Evon and husband Dan Behrens of Kalispell, Evelyn Gladeau of Great Falls, Eleanor and husband and Warren Currie of Winston, Ore., Shirley Geaudry of Sutherlin, Ore., and Lynn and husband Jeff Chase; one brother, John, and wife, Vivian, of Columbia Falls; and many special nieces, nephews and cousins.

Memorial services for Diane will be at 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home in Kalispell.

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

John Maurer, 75

John Maurer passed away on Dec. 30, 2011 after a lingering illness, at Holy Family Hospital in Spokane.



John was born on March 20, 1936, in Mitchell, S.D. He was raised in South Dakota.

John joined the Air Force in 1954 and in 1958 moved to Kalispell, where his family had relocated.

John married Carol Magstadt on Aug. 16, 1959, in Kalispell. John was a member of the Kalispell Fire Department for 12 years. He also worked in construction for many years, and ended his career working at Ranch & Home in Kalispell.

John was a resident of Kalispell for 45 years until he and Carol retired and moved to Mead, Wash., in 2003, to be closer to family.

John is survived by his wife of 52 years, Carol Maurer, in Mead; son, Marty Maurer, and his partner, Gary Pritchard, of Spokane; daughter, Jennifer, and her

husband, Stacey Martin, of Kennewick, Wash.; daughter, Jodie Maurer, and her fiance Jeremy Rother, of Papillion, Neb.; grandson, George Martin, and his wife, Angela, of Spokane; grandson, Rick Martin, and his wife, Jill, of Spokane; and two great-granddaughters, Samantha and Lauren Martin, of Spokane. John was also expecting a third great-grandchild in June 2012.

John is also survived by two sisters, Carol Ann and Margaret; and one brother, Bill (William) Maurer; along with several nieces and nephews.

John was preceded in death by his parents, Hans and Maybelle Maurer; sister, Phyllis Maurer; brother, Gordon Maurer; and his grandson, Jonathan.

A graveside memorial will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 6, at Greenwood Memorial Terrace in Spokane.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice, Salvation Army or St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

Robert Jack Maurer, 30

Robert Jack Maurer, 30, of Lewiston, Idaho, and formerly of Kalispell, died Feb. 21, 2011, in Ansan, Korea, while teaching English.

He had also worked at Shopko in Kalispell.

He is survived by his parents, Bob Maurer and

Terri Evett, of Lewiston.

There will be a vigil celebration of life at 6:30 p.m. Friday, March 4, at St. James Catholic Church in Lewiston.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 5, at St. James Catholic Church.

Eugene F. Mauzey, 88

Eugene F. Mauzey was born to Earl F. and Jenny (LeFevre) Mauzey on Sept. 14, 1922, at Sunset Orchards, Woods Bay, Mont.



"He stepped into the presence of the Savior he loved" on May 10, 2011.

He grew up on the shores of Flathead Lake, where he learned to work hard in the orchards that were the family business. He also learned to swim, ice skate and fish — pastimes he taught his kids to enjoy also.

In April 1944 he was drafted into the Marine Corps where he served in the Pacific Theater on the islands of Guam, Okinawa and Guadalcanal. He ended his military service in China, where he participated in the surrender of the Japanese forces to the Chinese.

Gene married Helen M. Burnell on June 19, 1949, and to this union was born three children. He loved his family and was a faithful husband and father. He was a member of the American Legion and served as Commander of Flathead Post 7, and was a Boy Scout leader when his sons were young.

In 1958 Gene and Helen were introduced to Jesus Christ, and his relationship with his Lord was what characterized the remainder of his life. He served faithfully

at the Bible Presbyterian Church in Kalispell until moving to Burley, Idaho in 2002 to be closer to his daughter's family.

Gene always enjoyed basketball but was made a rabid fan by his youngest son who took him to a Portland Trailblazer game. He was watching the NBA playoffs during the final days of his life.

He is survived by his wife, Helen, of Burley, Idaho; a daughter, Shirley and John Ramey, also of Burley; two sons, John and Tina of Kalispell, and Steve and Linda of Oregon City, Ore.; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Richard.

Gene's life was characterized by a servant's heart. He loved helping people and would do all he could to help anyone. He would quietly step in to fill any need he saw and never considered a task too menial for his attention. He was deeply loved by his family and friends and will be greatly missed.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, May 17, at the Bible Presbyterian Church, 344 5th Ave. W., in Kalispell.

Arrangements and cremation have been entrusted to the care of the Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

Marjorie Mae Mills, 86

Marjorie Mae Mills, 86, passed away peacefully on Sunday, Jan. 2, 2011, at Expressions Assisted Living Facility near Columbia Falls.



Marge was born in Kalispell, Aug. 8, 1924, the youngest child of Harrison and Ora Gorton. She spent her early years in the northwest dam area of Kalispell. In 1934, the family moved to the Creston farm, where Margie finished her elementary education at the Creston School.

In 1942, after graduating from Flathead County High School, Marge and several of her girlfriends headed west to Seattle to do their part in the war effort. If getting towed off Lake Union by the Coast Guard in a "dead in the water sailboat" helped our boys win the big one, then the girls definitely did their part. (And apparently on more than one occasion to boot!)

At the end of the war Marge returned home to Creston where she met and soon married her best friend Andy Mills, in 1945. Marge and Andy had many years of enjoyment at their Echo Lake cabin, being involved with their daughter's horses, 4-H projects and most importantly, just spending time making memories with family and friends.

Marge enjoyed sewing, knitting, ceramics and flower gardening. Her greatest love

of all was her animals. We all joked that we would love to come back in another life as one of her dogs.

Her wonderful sense of humor and wit made many fast friends for her. You never had to wonder what she was thinking and you knew she'd always be there if you needed her. She was a great friend and the mom everyone wished they had.

Marge was preceded in death by her parents; brother, James; and her beloved husband, Andy.

She is survived by her daughters, Andrea and Bill Bailey of Kalispell, and Marcy Mills of Missoula; grandchildren, Tara of Seattle, Maren of Kalispell, and Jim Ivey and Blair of Dallas, Ga.; great-grandchildren, Andrew Bailey-Mavis, and Caroline and Garrett Ivey; brothers, Jack and Mary, and Sidney and Monte Gorton; special lifelong friend, Peggy Enberg of Creston; and niece, Kate Heggen, of Kalispell. She also leaves behind her beloved and faithful dog Lucy.

Services for Marge will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 7, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home.

Donations may be made in Marge's name to Mission Valley Animal Shelter, 239 North Reservoir Road, Polson, MT 59860.

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

Kathryn Stewart Mitchell, 95

Kathryn Stewart Mitchell passed away peacefully on Friday, Nov. 18, 2011, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She was born in Great Falls on May 16, 1916. She graduated from Great Falls High School, and then worked at the Liberty Theater.

She met Earl Mitchell in Great Falls and they were married on May 1, 1943. Earl worked for Western Airlines and was soon transferred to Cheyenne, Wyo., where their daughter, Judy, was born. They were then transferred to Aurora, Colo., in 1946, where their son Kim was born.

Kathryn was active in her church and president of the Lady Elks. In 1962, they were transferred to Granada Hills, Calif.

In May 1980, they retired to the Flathead Valley where they have been residing. During their life together, they enjoyed traveling abroad and

in the U.S.

She was preceded in death by her three brothers, and her son, Kim Mitchell.

She is survived by her husband of 68 years, Earl, her daughter, Judy Thorsen, and her husband, John, both of Kalispell; her granddaughters, Janel Sharpe of Indianapolis, Kelly Hinz of Phoenix, and Laurie Mitchell of San Clemente, Calif.; and three great-grandchildren, Marley, Nathan and Zachary.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. today, Nov. 22, at Risen Christ Catholic Church, with Father Rudolph Bullman as celebrant.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the National Diabetes Association.

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

Donald Curtis Marquis, 21

Donald Curtis Marquis, born June 6, 1990, "was called home to the Lord" on July 2, 2011, after a courageous three-year battle with acute myeloid leukemia.

Donald was known for his broad, easy smile, his extraordinary faith in God, and his capacity for love and forgiveness. His passions were the outdoors, drawing and football.

Donald was engaged to his true love, Christina Wendland, and dreamed of a future without cancer, where they would both finish college and make a life together. Donald and Christina shared a special bond, and she was with him until the moment he passed away.

Another great love of Donald's was his two younger brothers, Steven and Laniki. Steven was an immeasurable support to Donald during his illness and at his side until his last breath. Laniki was born after Donald became ill. Laniki adored his "DonDon"



and was a source of light and laughter to the whole family during such a dark time. Donald's older brothers, Jeb Marquis and Brandon Kinghorn, and older sister, Stephanie Brockmier were also very dear to him.

Donald's friends and family grieve the loss of his presence in everyday life, "but rejoice in his entrance into Heaven, and his eternal state of peace and joy in the arms of Jesus."

Donald's parents, Dan and Jen Marquis, are blessed by all of the friends, family members, medical providers and charitable organizations from Eureka to Seattle, who have loved and supported their family over the last three years.

A celebration of Donald's life will be held 10:30 a.m. Saturday, July 16, at the Chapel of Praise, 6474 Highway 93 South, in Eureka. There will also be a bonfire at 6 p.m. at the Kootenai Reservoir through the Swisher entrance.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Donald Marquis benefit fund at any First Interstate Bank, to help Donald's family with medical expenses.

Erik Marolt, 30

Erik Marolt of Lompoc, Calif., died Feb. 10, 2011, at his home.

Erik was born March 6, 1980, to Nando and Franciska Marolt in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. They lived in Columbia Falls, and he graduated from Columbia Falls High School in 1998.

On June 9, 2007, he married Kelli Mathews in Winchester, Va.

Erik served in the U.S. Air Force as a staff sergeant until he left the service. After his discharge, he was employed as a lead technician for InDyne



Corporation doing missile communications.

He is survived by his wife; his daughter, Frankie; his parents, Nando and Franciska Marolt; his sister, Natasha Martinelli, her husband, John, and their two children, Dominic and Amelia.

Erik's hobbies and interests were many: hunting and fishing with his dear father, skiing in his beloved Montana, cooking, woodworking, camping and traveling.

Erik was cremated and his remains will be scattered in Glacier National Park and in Slovenia, where he has many relatives and friends.

A service commemorating Erik's life was held on Feb. 18 in Lompoc.

Lois Elaine McAllister

Lois Elaine McAllister passed away on Aug. 22, 2010, at her home in North Bend, Wash.

Elaine was born in Kalispell in 1934 to Carl and Irene Wilke.

She worked for many years at the Virginia Mason Clinic in Seattle prior to moving to Juneau, Alaska, in 1984. She returned to the Seattle area in 1996 after the death of her husband Ken.

She is survived by her children, Brian, Mike and Amy, Christa and Mary;

granddaughters, Nichole, Corri and Calli; and her sisters, Louise Haynie of Seattle, and Carlene Brooner of Lakeside.

A gathering to celebrate Elaine's life will take place at 3 p.m. on Sept. 2 at The Moon Mansion, 44305 SE Edgewick Road, North Bend, WA 98045 (or P.O. Box 2690 for correspondences); www.themoonmansion.com.

Ross E. McAlpin, 81

Ross E. McAlpin of Bigfork "went home to be with our Heavenly Father" on Jan. 20, 2011, with his loving wife and family at his



side, following a long and painful battle with cancer.

Ross was born at home on March 15, 1929, on the McAlpin farm at Villisca, Iowa, to Robert and Lottie (Thompson) McAlpin. In November of 1941, the McAlpins moved to Polson after purchasing the former Gov. Joseph Dixon Ranch on the south shore of Flathead Lake.

Ross graduated from Polson High School in 1947 and later attended Iowa State College at Ames, Iowa, where he studied agricultural science.

On Sept. 16, 1949, he married his longtime sweetheart, Mary Lou Groves. Together Ross and Mary Lou spent the next 61 and a half years raising and enjoying time with their four children, Bob, Judy, Wes and Susan, as well as seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Ross was baptized on July 22, 1951, in Flathead Lake near Polson by Pastor Charles Durston. After relocating to the Bigfork-Swan Lake area in 1980, he joined the Swan Chapel in Swan Lake where he had been an active member for the past 30 years.

Ross was active in 4-H in Lake County, not only as a member, but also as a leader and served as beef superintendent at the Lake County Junior Fair for a number of years.

In 1963 and '64, Ross worked for the U.S. Forest Service at the old Java Ranger Station along the Middle Fork of the Flathead

River where he was a witness to "The Big Flood." In later years he worked seasonally on the U.S.F.S. road crew maintaining the thousands of miles forest roads.

He also worked for a time with the Lake County Road Department, and finished his career working for the Montana Department of Transportation on Montana Hwy. 83, plowing snow from Bigfork to Condon.

Ross retired in the fall of 1990 and started a new adventure of traveling to Yuma, Ariz., where he and Mary Lou spent their next 13 winters enjoying friends, family members and the warm weather.

Ross never met a stranger, as everyone was his friend.

He was preceded in death by his father, mother, brother Neil, as well as his daughter Judy and her husband Larry Fitzpatrick.

Survivors include his wife of 61 and a half years, Mary Lou; sons, Bob and Jeannie of Fairbanks, Alaska, and Wes of Kalispell; and daughter, Susan and Gary Jackson of Poulsbo, Wash.

His seven grandchildren are Jay McAlpin, Crystal (McAlpin) Timmcke, Sean Jackson, Amy Jackson, Justin Fitzpatrick, Larissa Fitzpatrick and Reese McAlpin. His great-grandchildren include Jillian and Charlotte McAlpin, as well as Abby, Jordon and Jacob Timmcke.

Memorials may be made to the Ferndale Volunteer Fire Department, the Swan Chapel at Swan Lake, or a charity of choice.

A celebration of life will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 29, at the Swan Chapel, 122376 Hwy. 83, Bigfork.

To send condolences to the family please go to www.buffalohillfh.com. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Floyd Ben McCann, 75

Floyd Ben McCann, 75, died at his home in Troy on Sunday, July 3, 2011, of lung cancer.

He is survived by two daughters, Kristi McCann-Scott and Becky McCann-Holder; and three sons, Bill McCann, Tim McCann and Duane McCann.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 9, at the Troy Cemetery. There will be a potluck celebration of life immediately following at the family's home.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Libby.

Oran Gordion 'Gordy' McCartney, 80

Oran Gordion "Gordy" McCartney "left our presence here on Earth to be with our Heavenly Father and our beautiful mother" on April 23, 2011. He was born on March 14, 1931, in Brown- ing, to Oran and Emma McCartney.



He met and married Ver- na Buck on Oct. 6, 1951, in Kalispell. They were married almost 56 years "before the Lord called mommy home."

Daddy was a blessing to many and made life a bit richer for everyone who knew him. His children were a big part of his life, and we know that he was happiest when he was with his family. Whether he was camping, hunting or snowmobiling, he was always with one of his kids or grandkids and we were blessed because of it.

Dad owned and oper- ated Gordy's Electric for many years here in the Flathead Valley. He loved his work and made many great friends who couldn't help but love him in return. Dad was a wonderful man and always had a smile for everyone. In his last week of life, his smile is what got us through. He knew how much we loved him and "we believe that's what made it so much easier for him to enter into the arms of the Lord." Although we miss him terribly, we also know that he lived a full and happy life while he was with us.

Dad was preceded in death

by his parents, Oran and Emma McCartney; and his wife, Verna McCartney.

He is survived by his children, Tawni and Gordon Norton, Randy McCartney and wife Nora, Sam McCart- ney and wife Deby, Lona Hanson and husband Chris, Mike McCartney, Lori Jo Cousins and husband Trev- or, LeAnn Sampson and hus- band Todd, all of Kalispell, and Lisa Newton and hus- band Glenn of Ripley, NY.; one sister, Arlene Keller; 12 grandchildren, 22 great- grandchildren; and many, many nieces and nephews who thought the world of our dad. And most impor- tantly he is survived by Gladys Buck, who was not only his companion for the last three years, but some- one who shared a special love with him and took care of him. She is a blessing to his children and we couldn't love her more.

"Thank you, Daddy, for all the love you've shown us through the years and for being our best friend. Although we have to say good-bye for now, we know heaven is a brighter place for having you."

Funeral services for Gordy will be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday, April 28, at Easthaven Baptist Church with Pastor Daniel Lambert officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gar- dens. A potluck reception will follow the burial at the church. Friends are invited to visit www.buffalohillfh.com to leave notes of condo- lence for the family.

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

Larry W. McCauley, 75

Larry W. McCauley died at his home in Kalispell on Dec. 29, 2010, after a long series of sicknesses that was finally determined to be lymphatic cancer.



His ashes will be spread during a celebration of his life in July.

He was born Nov. 2, 1935, in Hansboro, N.D.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Ruth; and his siblings, Myron, Vera Kieffer, Lila McGuire, Lorene Ouellette, Ruth King, Robert and Allen.

He started his single life doing carpentry and working for Great Northern Railroad while developing a close relationship with his sister Ruth's older children, Robbie and Cary King.

Larry enlisted in the Marines and achieved the honor of being named a marksman. He received an honorable discharge.

His love of the outdoors brought him back to the Flathead Valley where he went to work for the U.S. Forest Service.

He married his first wife, Pam Tellesch, after she was

widowed with an infant, Sheila Welch. Together they had one child, Sharla, before they divorced. He built a house from the ground up, which he later sold.

Larry then met and married Iris, with whom he spent the last 34 years as a couple. Iris had four children, Sean, Angie Mayer, Jill and Duane, all of whom he quickly adopted. This union provided two more children, Heather McDonald and Teague. Larry remained in the area working for various lumber mills and in his later years for the Park Service.

He had many hobbies, most of which enabled him to be out in nature. He could name any tree, bird and darned near about every insect. His hobbies included hunting, fishing, fly tying, photography, gardening, gold panning, rock collecting, taxidermy, bee keeping, cribbage, cooking, candy making and conceiving inventions to make the world easier for others.

Though he was never much for expressing his love, it shone through in his actions. He was ever willing to give of himself in so many ways. He will be greatly missed. Condolences may be posted online at m.sharla@yahoo.com.

Sharon Elaine McClelland, 46

Sharon Elaine McClelland, 46, of Columbia Falls, died Thursday, April 21, 2011, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

She is survived by three sons, Cory Hamil-

ton of Severn, Md., and Derek McClelland and Travis McClelland, both of Columbia Falls.

Services will be private.

Arrangements are entrusted to Columbia Mortuary.

John Kenneth 'Jack' McDonald, 82

John Kenneth "Jack" McDonald, 82, formerly of Lakeside, died Oct. 21, 2011, at Our House Assisted Living in Helena.

He was a Montana legislator and senator.

He is survived by his children, Deanna McDonald Hanson of Inglewood, Colo., Kelly McDonald of

Lutz, Fla., Wendy Noble Hammond of Las Cruces, N.M., Jeff Noble of Boise, Idaho, and Laurel McDonald Peters of Burlingame, Calif.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 27, at Neighborhood Assembly of God in Helena. A reception will follow.

James Gilbert McCully, 67

James Gilbert McCully was a courageous fighter and after an amazing life, "played his final 7 NT contract, leaving this world on April 4, 2011, with a full deck of memories."

Jim was born on Nov. 19, 1943, in Vancouver, British Columbia. His family moved to Kamloops, British Columbia, and lived at Knouff Lake fishing resort 40 miles north, where Jim was a guide.

Jim is survived by his wife, Tanya; brother-in-law, Jim Skakoon; sister and brother-in-law, Jan and Bill Oram; sister, Maureen McCully; brother and sister-in-law, Gerry McCully and Rhonda Foster; one niece, two nephews, and grandnieces and grandnephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father, Jessie and Gilbert McCully.

Jim began his career with computer programming and architecture after receiving his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of British Columbia.

Jim became an American citizen after moving to Montana in 1994. He played a key role in the delivery of the Safeway card, Trickle and the Safeway gas promotions while working at Safeway's corporate headquarters in Pleasanton, Calif. He was highly regarded by his team and acquired the nickname of "guru" on the West Coast

because of his ability to problem-solve. He followed his boss, a close friend, to Boise, Idaho, and spent three years working as a data architect for Super Valu. His career saw many travel opportunities including Chicago; Seattle; Eden Prairie, Minn.; Montreal; Victoria, British Columbia; and London.

Jim was gentle and witty and was game for any new adventure. He played duplicate bridge (becoming a Gold Life Master in 2010). He was a master fly fisherman and loved to hike and camp in the Bob Marshall Wilderness with his wife. He loved to entertain and would often share a bottle of Margaux with his close friends. He enjoyed putting in the yard, traveling, attending concerts, golfing, biking, cross country skiing and playing with his four-legged sidekick, Ms. Quito.

The cards were not dealt in Jim's favor these last eight months; however, he didn't hesitate in believing in a cure until the last hand was dealt. Jim left this world a winner!

Jim has requested a celebration of life for his bridge friends at the Flathead Valley Bridge Club, and another for his close friends at his home in Whitefish.

For remembrance, Jim suggested Alpine Theatre, ALERT Helicopter and Frontier Hospice.

Carrie Elizabeth McDonald, 49

Carrie Elizabeth McDonald, 49, died peacefully at home Dec. 17, 2010.

She was born in Kalispell on Jan. 31, 1961. She attended Evergreen grade school and junior high, and graduated from Flathead High School in 1979. She attended college in Moscow, Idaho, majoring in interior design.

Carrie, a devoutly religious woman, was an artist who, in recent years, focused on Christian themes.

Carrie courageously faced juvenile rheumatoid arthritis throughout her life and will be remembered by all who

knew her for her youthful, fun-loving spirit.

She is survived by her loving mother, Ruth Jones; step-father, Ivan Jones; and her sisters and brothers, Rebecca Orford, Vicki McDonald, Josie Hill, and Clay, Steve and Casey McDonald; as well as her closest friend, Rhonda Hermosillo. Carrie is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, James McDonald.

A memorial service for Carrie will be held in the spring of 2011.

Maurice 'Butch' Richter McEnaney, 64

Maurice "Butch" Richter McEnaney died at the age of 64 on Sept. 11, 2011, at his home in Polson, overlooking what he thought to be the most beautiful valley he had ever seen.



Butch was born on July 29, 1947, in Butte. He graduated from Harlowton High School in 1965. He was so proud to be a member of the 1964 state High School Class B championship basketball team. He went on to graduate from Western Montana College in 1972. He also graduated from several military colleges throughout his career.

Butch married his high school sweetheart, Arlene Rector, on Sept. 3, 1966, in Harlowton.

After graduating from college, Butch taught in Conrad and Box Elder, before making the Active Army Reserve his life's career. His 37 years of military service led him to many different places where he took major roles in military operations such as Operation Enduring Freedom. Butch retired in 2004 as a lieutenant colonel.

Survivors include those who will always love him: his wife, Arlene McEnaney; his three sons and their wives, Jerry and Amy McEnaney, Kirk and Tracy McEnaney, and Steve and

Nicole McEnaney; as well as his grandchildren, Brandy, 15, Jasmine, 8, Cooper, 7, and Ryan, 3. He is also survived by his mother, Violet Richter; his sister, Gayle Jensen; his five half brothers, Anthony Shutey, Loran Richter, Mark Richter, Ken McEnaney and Mike McEnaney, Ed and Joyce Wretling, Tim and Danette Rector and several nephews and nieces.

"Butch, may your body rest easy and your soul be comforted in knowing that eventually, your family will see you again."

In the waning days of his life, he whispered, "It's turned out beautiful." It has.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 17, 2011, at Polson Community Church in Polson. Interment with military honors will follow at Lakeview Cemetery in Polson.

In lieu of flowers, Butch's family has requested that donations be made to Lake County Hospice for assistance in helping purchase new mattresses for hospice patients. Donations should be directed to Arlene McEnaney, 2012 Woodbine Way, Polson, Mont. 59860; or to Grogan Funeral Home and Crematory, 101 Sixth Ave. E., Polson, Mont. 59860.

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 the McEnaney family.

Luella McFadden

A memorial service for Luella McFadden, 80, who died Dec. 26, will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, July

15, at the Moose Lodge in Whitefish. A potluck will follow.

Joyce McGinnis, 78

A memorial service for Joyce McGinnis, 78, of Sidney, is set for 10 a.m., Wednesday, July 13, 2011, at the Ebenezer Congregational Church in Sidney with the Rev. David Meehan officiating.

Joyce died Thursday, July 7, 2011, at the Billings Clinic. She grew up in rural Kalispell, graduated from Flathead High School and worked as a

waitress at several area restaurants and lodges. She moved to Sidney in 1992.

Interment of cremains will be in the Richland Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney. Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at www.fulkersons.com.

Floyd Edgar 'Mac' McHenry, 90

Floyd Edgar "Mac" McHenry, 90, died Sunday, Nov. 13, 2011, at his residence near Kalispell.

He is survived by his three children, Gary McHenry, Kay Lynn Hertle and Kelly McHenry.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 21, at the Outlaw Inn in Kalispell.

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

Craig C. McIntosh, 49

Craig Charles McIntosh, 49, died Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2011, at his home in Kalispell.

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

Renee Marie McKeag-Waters, 49

Renee Marie McKeag-Waters, 49, lost her courageous eight-year battle with cancer "and became an angel" April 30, 2011, at HealthCenter Northwest in Kalispell. She received excellent, compassionate, loving care until the end from Hospice provided by Home Options.



Renee was born Feb. 27, 1962, in Arcata, Calif.

She is survived by her husband, Fred Waters, of Kalispell; her mother, Carol McKeag, of Beaverton, Ore.; her father and stepmother, Santiago and Jan Lahoz of Palm Desert, Calif.; her stepfather, Roy McKeag, and his wife, Skai, of Santa Fe, N.M.; her sister, Michele McKeag Larsen, her husband Brian, and nephew Kellen Larsen and niece Taryn Larsen, of Vancouver, Wash.; her sister, Melina Murray, her husband Tom, and nieces Taryn and Tessa Murray, of New Zealand; and her brother, Wendel Lahoz, of California.

A Kalispell resident for more than two decades, Renee and her husband, Fred, could often be found

sitting at Sykes' having a cup of coffee, or walking through Center Mall greeting her friends who are too many to count. Her wide, welcoming smile flashed easily and her contagious laughter brought joy to many. She was a gentle and kind soul.

Friends and family were most important to Renee, as evidenced by the too-numerous-to-count photos covering the walls of her home. Renee loved people and dogs, especially her special dog friend Mookie. She was a courageous, valiant, strong, joyful, young spirit who touched many, many lives. She will be missed beyond measure.

Renee's life will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Thursday, May 5, at the Christian Center, Assembly of God, 255 Summit Ridge Drive, Kalispell, with a reception to follow at the church for family and friends.

Memorial contributions can be made in Renee's name to the Special Friends Advocacy Program, 313 2nd Avenue, West, Kalispell, MT 59901; or Home Options Hospice, 430 Windward Way, Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

Dell Wilbur McManus passed away Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2011, at his home in Kalispell after a short battle with leukemia.



Dell was born Sept. 22, 1931, in Great Falls to Nathan and Gertrude McManus.

He attended school in Great Falls and Coram until the family moved to Rollins in 1944. He attended Polson High School until he dropped out of school to pursue a career in truck driving, hauling crude oil to a refinery in Kalispell until it closed that winter. He then bought a saw mill from Roy Commers and ran it for a year.

McManus moved to Great Falls to work on a storm sewer that was being built. If it was 20 below zero or warmer they worked; otherwise they could stay home. He worked there until the job finished in the spring of 1950. He then married his first wife and had two daughters.

In November of 1952 he was drafted into the Korean War. He served from February of 1953 until the war ended in July of 1954. He continued to serve as a member of the Army Boxing Club and traveled with it until he came home to Great Falls in October of 1954. In Korea, he gained great respect for the American flag and our national anthem. Throughout his life he had been known to get into a few (as Dell would say) "fisty cuffs" if you didn't salute and honor the flag.

McManus began driving truck as soon as he came home, this time for Taber Brothers, hauling gasoline and road oil. He then went to work for Wilson Truck Lines, hauling gas. After working there for a couple years, he took a leave of absence to go to Alaska. He jokingly told his boss, Cheney Wilson, that he would make enough money in Alaska in two years to come back and buy him out. In Anchorage, Alaska he worked for Cummins Engine Company and even drove back to Montana once to bring a load of Christmas trees to sell in Fairbanks. McManus didn't quite make the amount of money he had told his boss he was going to, and actually had to call him collect and ask to borrow the price of an airline ticket to come back to Montana. When he arrived in Montana, he went back to work for Wilson and met and married his second wife, Marvel Huseby, in 1958.

The McManus family moved to Kalispell and he

continued hauling gas until the summer of 1960, when he opened a diesel shop called Super Stop Diesel Repair. He operated that business until he bought his first truck and set of trailers in 1962. In the first 11 1/2 months of owning his own truck he drove 150,000 miles by himself. While driving truck, he saved peoples' lives on more than one occasion by rescuing them from vehicles stalled in winter storms. He rescued a family of four in 20 below weather just north of Glasgow on his way to Opeim. Dell would get emotional every time he spoke of it.

In May of 1964 he bought his second truck, and then his third in 1966. In 1967 he applied for his own authority to haul petroleum products and after two years he was denied by the public service commission. He opened Dell's Truck Supply in 1973. The store was operated by his friend, Jim Ellis, until his son David graduated high school in 1976, and then David ran it until they closed in 1985. He was leased to a few different trucking companies until 1991, when he was finally approved for his own authority. He owned and operated McManus Transport, one of Montana's leading liquid asphalt carriers, and ran it along with his son Leonard and daughter Alison, until selling the business to his son Leonard in 2010. Wherever he would travel, around Montana and throughout the Northwest, he would run into friends he had made through his work and business.

McManus had a love for all sports. He started boxing at the age of 13 in Great Falls. His first boxing gloves were bought for \$12, and his parents had to put them on a one-year installment plan. If they couldn't make the payments, Dell cleaned the store where they had been purchased, working off the payments. He met famous boxers, such as Joe Lewis, Sonny Liston and Roger Rouse. Dell was one of the most enthusiastic sports fans you could ever meet. McManus was a diehard Flathead Brave and Bravettes fan, and was a University of Montana Grizzlies season ticket holder for over 30 years. He attended thousands of home contests, traveled around the state watching the Flathead High School teams play football, basketball or wrestle, and traveled around the country following the Griz team. He had an almost photographic memory for certain plays and players. Dell also had a passion for stock car racing, watching his son David race,

and more recently his good friend, Cory Wolfe. He also loved to watch motocross racing, where he followed his son David and his grandson Tyler.

When Marvel McManus, also a basketball fan, passed away in 2000, he started a scholarship fund in her name. McManus Transport also teamed up with Flathead High School to honor excellent young basketball players from area grade schools and the middle school through the "Future Braves and Bravettes" T-shirts, and an introduction and inclusion with the teams at home basketball games. There will always be a seat for him right below the press box at Legends Field, behind the east basket at FHS, and in the north end zone of Washington Grizzly Stadium.

McManus is survived by his children, sons David and wife, Cindy, of Anchorage, Alaska, and Leonard and wife, Shannon, of Kalispell; daughters, Coni of Big Lake,

Alaska, Laurie and husband, Craig, of Ronan, Janice of Missoula, Jeri of Montgomery, Texas, and Alison and husband, Ryan, of Kalispell; 21 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and siblings, Dean McManus, Hugh McManus, and Carol Warnes.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Marvel McManus; parents, Nathan and Gertrude McManus; brothers, Harold and Glen McManus; and sister, Shirley Kline.

A celebration of Dell's life will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, at the Flathead County Fairgrounds.

Dell's family suggests donations to the Dell and Marvel McManus Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 8600, Kalispell, MT 59904.

You are invited to go to www.buffalohillfh.com to sign Dell's guest book and leave condolences for the family.

Dell Wilbur McManus, 79

James Radford McMerrick, 83

James Radford McMerrick, "Jay," passed away peacefully in his sleep at the age of 83 on Friday, Jan. 14, 2011, at Immanuel Lutheran Home.



Jay was born to Marcella Grace and James K. McMerrick on Jan. 22, 1927, in San Diego. He grew up in Carlsbad, Calif., and played an integral role in his mother's businesses. When not working or attending school, Jay enjoyed hunting and hiking in the great rural outdoors of San Diego County.

Immediately after graduation from Oceanside High School in June 1945, Jay joined the Army where he was trained as a weapons specialist. While stationed in Fort Knox, Ky., Jay was on a weekend tour of Mammoth Caves with a group of buddies when he met a striking local Evansville, Ind., girl named Mary D. Dillman. Following the cave tour, Jay and Mary exchanged information, and six weeks later (after a whirlwind courtship) they were wed on Nov. 23, 1946. Following the wedding, Mary and Jay got on a train and headed to California to begin what would become a 64-year journey of love, friendship and support.

After his discharge from the Army in December 1946, Jay began working as a carrier for the U.S. Postal Service, while Mary was employed as a telephone operator for AT&T. Jay and Mary welcomed their precious son, Michael Allen McMerrick, into the world in October 1947.

One day in 1948, Jay began to feel flu-like and went home to rest. Jay's "flu" was actually polio. After spending a year in the Balboa Naval Hospital in San Diego, he returned home to his dedicated wife Mary and young son Mike. Together, Mary and Jay worked tirelessly to strengthen Jay's upper body in order to help him compensate for the total loss of muscle in his legs. Although he never regained his ability to walk, he always maintained a positive attitude and cheerful disposition.

carousel horses), intricate wooden ship models made from scratch, turned wooden vases and bowls, harps, spinning wheels, etc.

Jay's talents and passion for woodworking were only equaled to his passion for food. Jay was a "foodie" before being a "foodie" was cool. Jay loved trying new recipes, restaurants and planning meals at least 24 hours in advance. Above all, Jay loved the spiciest of spicy Mexican food. Beads of sweat pouring down his forehead were an indicator of a delicious Mexican meal.

In August 2005, Mary and Jay relocated to Kalispell. Mary and Jay lived together at Prestige Assisted Living until Jay suffered from a stroke in January 2006, which made it necessary for him to transfer to Immanuel Lutheran Home. He enjoyed the craft classes offered there, especially ceramics, where he continued to create beautiful things.

The family would like to thank the staff at Immanuel for their wonderful care and support throughout these years. During the days apart, Mary and Jay would spend endless hours on the phone together. Mary would make the pilgrimage to Immanuel to spend time with Jay as often as she could.

Mary and Jay were also blessed to have the love, support, phone calls and visits from their dedicated family, daughter Patti and son-in-law Mike Mason, of Rogers Lake Road in Kila and Portland; and grandchildren, Marty and Nelva McMerrick of Clinton, Utah, Stacy and Justin Miller of West Haven, Utah, Michael Jay and Heather McMerrick of Clearfield, Utah, Erin Mason of Kalispell, and Renee and Gary Mason-Stephens of Bozeman. Jay is also survived by 12 great-grandchildren, Curtis McMerrick, Monica McMerrick, Erika McMerrick, Samantha Miller, Emily Miller, Justin Miller, Michael McMerrick, Jovie McMerrick, Landyn Mason, Alyssa Stephens, Carson Stephens and Camron Stephens.

Jay was preceded in death by his beloved son Mike McMerrick, and his great-grandson Carter Jay McMerrick.

Mary and Jay welcomed their baby girl, Patricia Ann McMerrick, into the world in November 1952. Jay and Mary raised chickens and parakeets and ran an egg farm from their home in Vista, Calif., for several years.

Jay began working for Hughes Aircraft as a vacuum tube tester in 1957. After 25 years of employ with Hughes, he retired in 1982 and was able to maximize his retirement to the fullest. As a passionate wood craftsman, Jay would go to his wood shop every day and create masterpieces — dollhouses, wooden doll furniture, sleighs, model cars, wooden carvings (fish, eagles, Santas, snowmen and

"Those who have been truly blessed by Jay's love and talent find peace in knowing he is walking in heaven alongside his beloved son Mike while holding great-grandson Carter Jay in his arms."

A visitation is scheduled for 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. A celebration of life will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 21, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Interment will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family wishes this Irish blessing to their dear J.R. McMerrick: "May you always walk in sunshine. May you never want for more. May angels rest their wings right beside your door."

Roland K. McNair, 67

Roland K. McNair, 67, of Libby, died Monday, Aug. 8, 2011, at St. John's Lutheran Hospital in Libby.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 19, with viewing from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Libby.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home & Crematory.

Janie McNair, 57

Janie McNair, 57, of Libby, died Wednesday, March 9, 2011, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

Survivors include her husband, Roland McNair, of Libby; and daughter, Irma Sibert, of Great

Falls.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday, April 1, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Libby.

Earl Grey McPike, 73

Earl Grey McPike, 73, an owner and operator of Two Bears Trading Company in Bigfork, passed away on Sept. 17, 2011, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.



Earl was born in Worland, Wyo., on July 23, 1938, the son of Earl and Nora McPike. Earl was of Irish and Cree Indian heritage and active in the Native American industry, and had stores in Bigfork; Palm Desert, Calif.; Estes Park, Colo.; and Cody, Wyo.

He was an All American in high school football three years in a row, and after serving his country in the U.S. Army, attended the University of Arkansas on a football scholarship. In the early 1960s, he was on the roster of the San Diego Chargers until he was injured. Football remained important to him

until the day he passed.

He had a personality as big as he was and will be greatly missed by his family and friends. To Earl, life was all about family, friends, food, football, fireworks and just plain fun.

"Earl, we miss you and love you."

Earl is survived by his partner in life, Jill Pratt; sons, Earl "Macky" Sentar, Brian McPike and Sid Pratt; daughters, Denise McPike, Kimberly McPike and Pamela Pratt Hinrichs; grandsons, Matthew Sentar, Peter and Matthew Pratt, and Mark Marcus; granddaughters, Makayla Sentar and Madison Hinrichs; and one great-grandson. He also leaves behind his chow dog, Pookie Bear.

A celebration of life service for Earl will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 1, at the Pocketstone Cafe in downtown Bigfork.

Friends are encouraged to visit the website, www.buffalohillfun.com, to leave notes of condolence for the family.

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

Scott Allen Meyer, 29

The day Scott Allen Meyer passed away, on Jan. 8, on Big Mountain at Whitefish Mountain Resort, he was smiling and right



where he wanted to be, surrounded by friends and snowboarding his favorite section of the mountain.

Scott was born Oct. 12, 1981, to Valerie Maginnis and Mike Meyer in Ridgecrest, Calif.

From Ridgecrest his family moved around the West coinciding with his father's career with the National Parks Service. Scott's lifelong love of the outdoors was born during these early years as the family lived afield in Grand Canyon National Park, Lassen Volcanic National Park and Death Valley National Park before settling in Palm Desert, Calif. Scott attended high school and graduated there in 1999.

His adventurous spirit led him to Big Sky Country and the University of Montana in Missoula. This is when Montana and the great outdoors became his home.

Scott became a member of the Sigma Nu fraternity and made a group of lifelong friends whom he stayed close with well after graduation. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in American history in 2003, and anyone who came in contact with Scott would certainly agree he earned his place as a dean's list and honors list student, thanks to his encyclopedic knowledge and great storytelling skills.

The outdoors was where Scott loved being. He spent four summers fighting fires for the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, working at the Dillon Unit and the Clearwater Unit, where he became an engine boss, incident commander and "Clearwater All Star."

In between seasons as a fire fighter he was a substitute teacher throughout the Coachella Valley back in California. He worked as a deputy corrections officer for the Riverside Sheriff's Office in Riverside before being drawn back to Montana, where he became a probation and parole officer

in Kalispell in July, 2008.

Scott loved being active in the outdoors, whether it was fishing, hiking, rafting, snowboarding or hunting. If he had to pick one, and the San Diego Chargers weren't playing, Scott would probably choose a summer day standing in the river with his fly rod. Wearing that blue Chargers hat, Scott would leave work in the early evening, find a fishing hole and stay until twilight. Anyone who ever went with him will never forget his patient passion as he waited for a trout to rise above water and go after his homemade fly. He especially loved and looked forward to his annual float trip down the Madison River with his father.

When he wasn't working or spending quality time with friends and family, Scott was reading, another passion of his passed along by his librarian mother. He too was a librarian and was always passing along books to his friends to read. "Read it and pass along."

He lives on through those who knew him. He is as unforgettable as the history he knew at heart.

Scott is survived by his mother, Valeria, of Mission Viejo, Calif.; his father, Mike, of Palm Desert, Calif.; his stepfather, John Maginnis, of Mission Viejo, Calif.; his grandparents, Allen and Marion Wesson, of San Diego; his uncles, Thomas Wesson of Moab, Utah, and Jack Wesson of Telluride, Colo.; and cousins, Lucy, Mia and Chase Wesson.

A local memorial service will be held at 6:30 p.m. Thursday on the second floor of the Museum at Central School in Kalispell, 124 Second Ave. East. A reception will be held there after a short ceremony and anyone who wants to bring food can.

A memorial service will also be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 20, at Cal State University at San Bernadino, Mary Stuart Rogers Gateway Building, Oliphant Auditorium, 37-500 Cook St., Palm Desert, Calif.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Friends of the Mission Viejo Library, Scott A. Meyer U.S. History Collection, 100 Civic Center, Mission Viejo, Calif., 92691.

Genevieve Mae Meyers, 83

Genevieve Mae Meyers, 83, passed away of natural causes on June 6, 2011. Surrounded by family at the home of her daughter,

Carleen, and son-in-law, Ron Severson, "she went peacefully to her eternal home with Jesus Christ."

Genevieve was born in Kalispell on July 9, 1927, to Frank and Leone Rauthe. She resided in Kalispell most of her life.

Jennie was beautiful and graceful, a woman of integrity. She devoted her life to her family and friends, always caring for others above herself. "God gave her the gift of hospitality."

Her life was filled with blessings, many loved her and will miss her, and no one can take her place. A friend said, "She was like a star who always had a special twinkle."

Jennie was preceded in death by her husband of 49



years, Mark A. Meyers, in 1994. Together they owned and operated Meyers Logging.

Also preceding her in death were her loving stepfather, Oliver Aurand; four brothers, Henry, Frank, and Carl Rauthe, and Butch Aurand; and two sisters, Agnes Newell and Elsie Sundberg.

Genevieve is survived by her daughter, Carleen and husband, Ron Severson, of Kalispell; her devoted grandson, Jamie Severson, his wife, Kara, and their children, Victoria, Trace and Madeline, of Palmer, Alaska; her adoring granddaughter, Keri and husband, Tony Petrilli, and their children, Vince, Kyle, Dominic, Marco and Tori, all of Florence; stepchildren, Nora Lou Victory and Marvin Meyers; and a large extended family.

At Genevieve's request there will be no service. A family celebration of her life will be held this summer.

Jennie asked that all those who loved her remember her well.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Patti Meyers, 75

Patti Meyers, 75, of Missoula and Bigfork, died Tuesday, May 31, 2011, at the Village Health Care Center.

Survivors include her son, Jim Brant; daughter, Staci Elmore; stepson,

John; and stepdaughter, Janet Haines.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 18, at Garden City Funeral Home, with a reception following at Stockman's Bar, 125 W. Front St., in Missoula.

Ruth Marie Meyers, 98

Ruth Marie Meyers, 98, "went to be with the Lord" on Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2011, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

Ruth was born on May 25, 1913, to Herman and Mary Anderson in Duluth, Minn. She grew up in the country near Lake Superior with three sisters and one brother, attending grade school in Larson, Minn., and high school in Two Harbors, Minn.

On June 23, 1934, Ruth married Robert "Bob" Meyers in Two Harbors. They raised their two daughters on a farm there, where Bob worked for the DM&IR Railroad.

After Bob's retirement they moved to Kalispell, in 1980, where they enjoyed the lakes and mountains for the rest of their lives. Ruth and Bob shared 64 years of marriage until he passed away in 1998.

Ruth loved family events, especially after grandchildren and great-grandchildren were born. She was an avid gardener and always had flowers, vegetables, and indoor plants flourishing. Cooking, baking, sewing and her artistic talents, including numerous watercolors and oil paintings, all came naturally to her. She and Bob spent many wonderful days camping and fishing.

Her faith in God was

very strong and she was active at the Gospel Tabernacle in Two Harbors and Kalispell Christian Center until the last four years, when she became fearful of falling while in public places. She was one of the kindest, caring and most optimistic people who ever lived.

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

Survivors include her daughters, Ardis Christoferson and husband Darrell of Kalispell, and Eve Robinson and husband Rauleigh of Bismarck, N.D.; seven grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren; and several cousins, nieces, nephews, and their children and grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service and celebration of life will be held at a later date, when more family members and friends will be able to attend. She will be laid to rest next to her husband, Bob, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

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

Trevor Dale Mead, 31

Trevor Dale Mead, 31, of Bozeman, passed away Friday, Aug. 12, 2011.

He was born Oct. 20, 1979, in Oklahoma City, Okla., to Russell Mead and Denise MacDonald.

Trevor's father was a career Air Force and the family lived in many places. Trevor and his family moved to Hungry Horse when Trevor was in junior high. Trevor attended high school at Eagle Alternative High School in Coram.

During his life he was a great carpenter, water damage restoration technician and explosive technician.

Later Trevor settled in Bozeman. In earlier years Trevor was an artist and created the drawings for his tattoos.

Trevor met and fell in love with Meghan Mohr, and together they had two sons, Hayden, born in Seattle in 2005, and Damien, born in Livingston in 2008.

Trevor's greatest joy was spending time with his boys,



taking them camping, fishing and barbecuing. He played on the VNEA pool league in Bozeman.

Trevor was an amazing person, outgoing, funny and loved by many. He so loved to make people smile; he often sent jokes out via his cell phone. But most of all, he was an awesome father to his boys.

Survivors include his boys, Hayden and Damien, of Bozeman; his mother, Denise MacDonald, of Hungry Horse; his father, Russell, and Rachael Mead, of Marysville, Wash.; brothers, Justin and Aaron, of Bozeman; stepbrother Henry Wint, and niece and nephew Silvie and Jeffery, all of Marysville; grandmother, Marjorie MacDonald, retired judge of Columbia Falls; Meghan Mohr, mother of Trevor's children, of Bozeman; grandmother, Alice Mohr, of Livingston, and grandfather, Papa Mike Mohr, of Livingston.

A celebration of Trevor's life will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27, at the South Fork Saloon in Martin City. A potluck will be served.

A trust fund for his sons will be set up. Any donations can be sent c/o Denise MacDonald, P.O. Box, 190157, Hungry Horse, MT 59919.

Shirley Margaret Melton, 89

Shirley Margaret Melton, 89, died Thursday, April 7, 2011, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

She is survived by her two sons, Leroy Lucke of Kalispell, and

Donald Lucke of Bigfork.

Memorial services will be announced at a later date.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Frankie Merrill, 77

Frankie Merrill, 77, died Sunday, March 20, 2011, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

She is survived by her husband, Clarke Merrill; daughter, Kelley

Zimmerman; and sons, Michael L. Merrill, John D. Merrill, Patrick A. Merrill and Anton C. Merrill.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Clifford A. 'Smokey' Metcalf, 91

Clifford A. "Smokey" Metcalf, 91, died peacefully after a brief battle with cancer, in Kalispell on Nov. 28, 2011.

Smokey was born Jan. 27, 1920, in Colfax, Wash., to Carl Frank and Cyrena Mae (Baldwin) Metcalf. He was the eldest of six children. Smokey was raised and attended school in Libby.

He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1942. He was in the Artillery Division, proudly serving in North Africa, Sicily and Italy. He was hon-



orably discharged in 1945, returning to the family home.

He worked for the Whitefish Creamery where he met his future wife, Isabell Murdock, whom he married in 1947. They had two children.

Smokey worked for the Ford garage in Whitefish until accepting a job with Glacier National Park in 1953. He retired as shop foreman after 27 years.

Smokey was a jack-of-all-trades. He and Isabell built three homes together. They traveled extensively to Alaska, Hawaii, Europe and Scotland. He loved to hunt and fish, and made many fishing trips to the West Coast.

Smokey was preceded in death by his parents; and a brother, Ace.

He is survived by his wife, Isabell; brother, Howard; and sisters, Ethel, Shirley and Kay; children, Carl and wife Ethel, and Susan and husband Phil Coons; four grandchildren, Tom and wife Sarah, Colleen and husband Andrew Zebedeo, Jennifer Baldwin and Matthew Coons; and great-grandchildren, Christofer, Savannah, Abby, Shea, Alec, Lance, Wes and Kaylee.

A celebration of life service will be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 1, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

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

John A. Mihalic, 90

Chief Master Sgt. John Anthony Mihalic, USAF (retired), 90, died of natural causes



Jan. 19, 2011, at his residence in Missoula. Chief Mihalic was a 25-year veteran of the armed forces.

He was born Aug. 17, 1920, at home in Livingston, Ill., the son of Nicholas and Sophia (Ruzovic) Mihalic. Throughout his school years he merited awards for academics and attendance, and worked at his uncle's bakery each morning before school.

Upon graduation from high school, he joined the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), worked on roads and bridges in the Works Project Administration, was a foreman for Hayes Freight Lines in St. Louis and was a member of the "Knothole Gang" favoring the Browns and the Cardinals.

With the outbreak of World War II, he volunteered for and was drafted Sept. 18, 1942, entering service at Jefferson Barracks. After basic training he was assigned to the Signal Corps, first at Drew Field in Tampa, Fla., then at Camp Pinedale near Fresno, Calif., where he was trained in signals intelligence and intercept. This began a long career in cryptographic and classified assignments.

He served first in 1943 in North Africa, at Bizerte, Tunisia, then Algiers, Algeria, in the 12th Air Force Service Command. There he met Pfc. Geraldine Mills, a teletype operator in the 6670th WAC HQ Company. In 1944, both of their units moved to Naples, Italy, with the Mediterranean Allied Air Forces (MAAF) Service Command. At war's end they

returned to the United States, where he and Gerry Mills were married Jan. 4, 1946.

Following short stints back with Hayes and with the Indian Service in Mescalero, N.M., he returned to the Air Corps in October 1946 at Chanute Field. Later assignments were to Scott Air Force Base in Illinois, Sondrestrom Air Base (Bluie West 8) in Greenland, Lackland Air Force Base and Randolph Air Force Base in Texas, RAF Bruntingthorpe and South Ruislip Air Station in England, and a final assignment to HQ, Air Force Communications Service at Scott Air Force Base, Illinois. He retired Dec. 1, 1967, and was awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal for his exemplary service in the Fixed Wire Communications and Cryptographic fields.

He spent several years with Western Union, retiring a second time in 1975 to Mascoutah, Ill., where he and Gerry made their home. He gave his time to the local Veterans of Foreign Wars post and enjoyed woodworking, especially intricate projects including classic, handmade wooden toys for his grandchildren.

He and Gerry moved to Missoula in 2007 to be near their children and grandchildren. He was a Life Member of the Mascoutah VFW Post 7682.

His sister, Mary Grega died before him.

He is survived by Geraldine, his wife of 65 years; son, David and Jeri Mihalic of Missoula; daughter, Jonna Mihalic-Hoag of Kalispell; granddaughters, Emily Mihalic and Katherine Hoag; and grandsons, Nicholas Mihalic and Peter Hoag.

Burial and memorial service with military honors will be held at a later date.

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Betty L. Claridge Miller, 82

Betty L. Claridge Miller, 82, passed away at Immanuel Lutheran Home on Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2011, after a 14-year battle with Alzheimer's.



Betty was born May 24, 1929, to Lance and Lula Claridge, the second of five children. She grew up on the family farm west of Kalispell in the Bald Rock area.

In 1946, she married her longtime beau Ken Miller and they raised five children. Betty was a stay-at-home mom, although every summer you could find her working at the county fair, and in the fall she helped Dad cut, haul and sell Christmas trees. They spent 40-plus years taking their trees to Whittier, Calif., for the Christmas season where she made numerous friends.

She loved to crochet, making many colorful afghans for everyone she knew; she also loved flowers and took great pride in her yard, especially her rose bushes.

Betty was preceded in death by her husband, Ken; her parents, Lance and Lula; one granddaughter, Kathy; and her brother, Loren.

"We know that they were

all there to greet her when she entered the gates of Heaven."

She leaves behind her five children, Roxy and Roger Smith, Ray and Randi Miller, Rod and Carol Miller, and Ronda and Joe Hermsillo, all of Kalispell; and Reta and Jack David of Columbia Falls; grandchildren, Jerry Smith, Tami Engler, Carla Williams, Cori Souci, Destry and Tony David, Derick and Katie, and Trevin and Colton Hermsillo; and several great-grandchildren; sisters Evelyn Heuscher, Marilyn and Bob Cartwright, and Verla Guerro; as well as many other relatives and friends.

The family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the staff of the Bratsburg unit at the Immanuel Lutheran Home for the love and care you have shown Mom and our family during her time with you.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 3, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home with Pastor Jim Davey officiating. Burial will follow at Spring Creek Cemetery.

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

Carole Louise (Olson) Miller, 72

A memorial gathering to celebrate the life of Carole Louise (Olson) Miller, 72, who passed away on Thursday, June 9, 2011, will be held at 1

p.m. on Saturday, June 18, at the Cowboy Church in Kalispell. A potluck will follow. All friends and family are encouraged to attend.

Creighton Zigmont James Miller, 56

Creighton Zigmont James Miller passed away on Dec. 17, 2011, at his home in Challis.

Zig was born on Sept. 23, 1955, in Juntura, Ore., to Earl and Josephine Miller, later joined by a sister, Dixie.

He came to Challis in 1983, dipping cattle for the state of Idaho. He met and married Wrene Smith of Salmon in 1984. He later attended barber school in Boise from 1989 to 1990, and soon opened Ziggy's Clip Joint in Challis, which he operated from 1990 until May 2011.

As one of Jehovah's Witnesses, a main joy in his life was talking to people about the Bible and God's purpose

for the earth and man. A highlight of that was going to the Custer County Jail, which he did for 25 years, visiting with the inmates about a Bible-based hope for a better future.

Zig is survived by his wife Wrene Miller of Challis; mother, Josephine Miller of Ronan; and sister, Dixie and Wes Knutson of Columbia Falls.

Zig will be greatly missed. Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m. on Jan. 7 at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Challis. Everyone is welcome.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Custer County Cancer fund.

Gerald Eugene 'Jerry' Miller, 83

Gerald Eugene "Jerry" Miller, 83, passed away Wednesday, April 27, 2011, in Kalispell.

Jerry was born April 20, 1928, in Troy to Delbert and Iris (Whitmer) Miller, and he was raised in Thompson Falls.

He married Joyce Popham in 1947, in Polson.

Joyce preceded him in death.

Jerry is survived by his children, Jay G. and wife Nancy Miller, and Joe E. and wife Kathy Miller; 12 grandchildren, Jeff, Jennifer, Michael, Angelia, Cindy, Liz,

Jeremy, Hope, Aaron, Jess, Bobbi Jo and Ashley; and 34 great-grandchildren.

Visitation for Jerry will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Sunday, May 1, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home; and from 9 to 11 a.m. on Monday, May 2. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. at the Thompson Falls City Cemetery in Thompson Falls.

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

Fred J. Miller, 80

Fred J. Miller, 80, passed the morning of Aug. 10, 2011.

He was born June 22, 1931, in Kalispell, and spent most of his life in Kalispell with two brothers and five sisters.

He served in the U.S. Navy from 1950 to 1954 on the USS Satyr, earning three medals and two ribbons.



Fred is survived by Marilyn, his wife of 41 years; sons, Fred, Mike and Rick; daughters, Jolene, Kim and Crystal; 16 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren; five sisters and one brother; along with several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ora and Buleah Miller; and brother, Orville.

At his request, no services will be held.

Cremation has taken place with Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

Fred J. Miller, 80

Fred J. Miller, 80, died Wednesday, Aug. 10, 2011, in Kalispell.

At his request, there

will be no services.

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

Kenneth W. 'Ken' Miller, 86

Kenneth W. "Ken" Miller, 86, died Friday, Jan. 21, 2011, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

A celebration of life service is pending.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Patricia M. Miller, 68

Patricia M. (Stevens) McSloy Miller, 68, passed away peacefully at her home in Ronan on Sept. 24, 2011.

Born April 15, 1943, in Missoula to Maryann and Gordon Stevens, Pat attended schools in various towns in Montana and Tacoma, Wash. The family returned to Montana in 1958 and she graduated from Ronan High School in 1961. It was here Pat met the love of her life, Larry Miller, and married him in June 1961. She and Larry have lived in Ronan all their married life and raised two children, Dina and Scott.

Pat worked as a waitress in local restaurants, including 23 years at the 4B's in Polson at the time she retired in 2002.

Pat enjoyed raising her wonderful children and grandchildren, gardening, crocheting, photography and planting many flowers in the yard every spring. In June, Pat and Larry celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, surrounded by family and friends who will miss so many things, her



ear to always listen to problems and the many goodies that she made with love and always took out the calories.

She was preceded in death by her father, mother, step-father, sister Judith and brother Frank.

Survivors include her loving husband Larry; daughter Dina Wilson (Jay) of Libby; son Scott Miller (Lori Tromp) of Ephrata, Wash.; sisters Penny Gosney (Jerry) of Milwaukie, Ore.; Donna Burland of Kalispell; Kathy Hill (Chuck Schultz) of Kalispell; brothers Don McSloy (Maryann) and Lloyd McSloy (Jolie Fish), both of Columbia Falls; grandchildren Kristopher Wilson (Sheri) of Kalispell; Andrew Miller (Tanya) of Moses Lake, Wash.; Brendon Miller of Polson; Katarina Wilson of Kalispell; and Kaleb Wilson of Libby. Everyone who knew her dearly loved her.

A memorial service is being planned and details will be announced later. Messages of condolence may be sent to the family online at www.groganfuneralhome.com.

The staff of Grogan Funeral Home and Crematory in Polson considers it a privilege to care for Mrs. Miller's family.

Helen Thompson Miller, 95

Helen Thompson Miller, 95, passed away Jan. 18, 2011, at Swedish Hospital in Seattle.

Helen was born on April 11, 1915, to Benjamin Joseph and Anna Van Dyne Thompson on the farm near Unionville, Mo. She attended a rural school near her home and graduated from Unionville High School in 1932. She attended Kirksville Normal College (now Truman University) and taught in a rural school near her home.

In 1936, she moved to Kalispell with her family and was employed in the office of Dr. R.L. Towne. She later returned to teaching and taught at Cayuse Prairie and Elrod schools.

In 1948, Helen moved to Seattle and was employed in the Seattle Public Schools for the next 30 years.

On March 3, 1952, she married William M. Miller of Winthrop, Wash. After retirement they took many enjoyable trips, including a trip to the Holy Land.

Helen was a member of

the First Baptist Church in Seattle and enjoyed assisting in their library. She was a former member of the First Baptist Church in Kalispell.

Helen was preceded in death by her husband, William her parents, Benjamin and Anna Thompson; and her brother, Lt. Col. James E. "Bill" Thompson, Ret. USAF, and his wife Alice, and their son, Robert, all formerly of Denver; two brothers-in-law, Gerald Bowers, formerly of Green Valley, Ariz., and Donald Aadsen, formerly of Kalispell and Ronan.

She is survived by her sisters, Dorothy Bowers, of Green Valley, Ariz., and Betty Aadsen of Kalispell; and special nieces and nephew, Don Thompson of Mirana, Ariz., Linda Stevens of Greeley, Colo., Terry Enfield of Tucson, Ariz., Sue Therrell of Houston, Ann Henriksen of Ronan, and Donna Daniels of Sand Point, Alaska.

Services for Helen will be held at a later date in Winthrop.

Kenneth Wesley Miller, 86

Kenneth Wesley Miller, 86, passed away Friday, Jan. 21, 2011, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell from complications of pneumonia.



He was born Dec. 3, 1924, in Neppel, Wash., the son of Johnnie Roscoe and Eva May (Bower) Miller. His family moved to Kalispell when he was 1 year old where he, the second oldest of 11 children, attended Bald Rock School through the eighth grade, after which he went to work to help support his large family.

Ken grew up in the Rhodes Draw area just a few miles from his future wife Betty (Claridge) Miller. At the age of 4, he was one of the first to hold her when she was born.

In 1944, at age 20, Ken enlisted in the U.S. Army. He spent time in Europe during World War II, serving as a tank driver. He received numerous medals for his duties and achievements overseas, including the Purple Heart and Silver Star.

In 1946 Ken was honorably discharged from the Army, made his journey home to Kalispell and married his childhood sweetheart. Ken and Betty enjoyed 64 years of marriage together, during which time they had five children that they blessed with fulfilling, active, successful lives.

After the war he went to work in the woods on the business end of a cross-cut saw, but in the first year of logging he lost his leg when a tree fell on him. Having only one leg would easily slow most people down, but not Ken, as he went on to become a hunting guide in the Bob Marshall, a fishing guide on all branches of the Flathead River, and a tree thinner for the Forest Service.

Ken also went to school in Seattle to learn how to put a sharp edge on saws. Word spread and his work attested to his reputation which soon led to numerous jobs from the local mills and the For-

est Service. If you wanted a sharp saw, you went to Ken Miller in Evergreen, period. As well as guiding, thinning trees and sharpening saws while raising a family, Ken also held contracts to harvest, transport and sell Christmas trees in California, another inspirational success which he did for 40 years.

Ken was preceded in death by his parents, one granddaughter, six brothers, and two sisters.

He is survived by his wife, Betty; daughter Roxy and Rodger Smith of Evergreen, son Ray and Randi Miller of Evergreen; daughter Reta and Jack David of Columbia Falls; son Rod and Carol Miller of Hope, Idaho, and daughter Ronda and Joe Hermosillo of Kalispell. Ken is survived by 10 grandchildren, including Jerry Smith, Tami Engler, Carla Williams, Cory Soucie, Destry and Tony David, Derek, Katie and Trevin and Colton Hermosillo; as well as numerous great-grandchildren, with one more on the way; and several great-great grandchildren, with two more on the way; brother, Irvin Miller; sister, Sylvia Evans; and many other nephews, nieces, cousins and in-laws, as well as many friends cherished and held so close to him that they became family as well.

Ken had lived at the Immanuel Lutheran Home for nearly five years and we would like to acknowledge and thank the staff for their wonderful care and compassion. Hospice also helped give care to Ken during his last days with us and our heartfelt gratitude goes out to them.

A celebration of life service will be held at 6 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 28, at the Cowboy Church, 3171 U.S. 93 North. Cake and coffee will be served afterward.

The family suggests memorial contributions to Hospice or to the Immanuel Lutheran Home. Friends are encouraged to visit the website at www.buffalohillfh.com to leave notes of condolences for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Michael Wesley Miller, 53

On Jan. 15, 2011, Michael Wesley Miller passed away, leaving behind his family and friends who loved him very much.



Michael was born on July 8, 1957, and raised in Compton, Calif. At 19 he moved to Sioux Narrows in Ontario, Canada, where his family bought and operated a resort on Lake of the Woods. Michael worked as a fishing guide, which he loved.

Along with his family he moved to Kalispell, where after some time he became a deputy sheriff. He was proud to serve in the Flathead County Sheriff's Department for more than a decade and a half.

Michael lost his father in November 1996, causing him much sadness and changing the course of his life.

Michael was preceded in death by his daughter, McKenzie Miller; his father, Robert Wesley Miller; maternal and paternal grandparents; and his nephew, Steve Gagnon.

He is survived by his son, Robert Wesley Miller,

Robert's wife, Carrie, and their daughter, Holly; son, Sam Miller; mother, Joan Miller; sister, Cindy Booth, her son, Matthew Gagnon, Matthew's wife, Isabel, their daughter, Chrystal and son, Noah; Cindy's son, Lucas and his daughter, Katelin, and Cindy's sons, Jordan and Wesley Booth; Michael's sister, Tamera Miller McLaurin and her husband, John McLaurin; the woman Michael came to know and love very much, and was planning a future with, Valerie Steiger; his cousin, Linda Seaward and her husband, Richard, mother of Robert and Sam, Carla Reed, and Erica Potts.

Memorial services for Michael will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28, at the Little Brown Church.

Donations in memory of Michael would be appreciated, to the Sheriff's Association, in care of Dave Kauffman at the Flathead County Sheriff's Department, 920 South Main, Kalispell MT 59901.

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

Randy Mock, 54

Clinton "Randy" Randal Mock, 54, passed away Feb. 10, 2011, at the University of Colorado Hospital in Denver during evaluation for a possible liver transplant. He was cremated and brought home to Montana.



Randy was born June 26, 1956, in Missoula to Robert and Evelyn Fay Mock. He attended public schools in Missoula, graduating from Sentinel High School in 1975. He went to Idaho State University in Pocatello, Idaho, on a track scholarship.

He returned to Missoula and worked in the timber industry and then began his own hot tub and spa line which became Mountain Springs Spas. The company expanded its showrooms into several states and exported products abroad.

In 2003, Randy became the owner/manager of the Mountain Springs Spas store in Kalispell, and relocated there with his fiancée Linda where he made many new friends.

Randy and Linda built their house in a beautiful meadow east of town and enjoyed the mountain views everyday.

Randy loved the outdoors and the open road, whether it was on his Harley, his ATV or driving a collector car or one of his Corvettes. He built several street rods. His last and favorite motorcycle trip was a trip through Glacier Park with his dad's family. Randy loved to travel and went on cruises to the Caribbean. He and Linda went to Hawaii, California, the Oregon coast, Arizona and Colorado and had many adventures in Montana.

Survivors include his wife, Linda Sole; parents, Bob and Faye Mock; brothers, Lynn and Stan Mock; and numerous aunts, uncles and nieces.

A celebration of Randy's life will be held at 5 p.m. on Feb. 19, at the Hampton Inn, on Hwy. 2 West in Kalispell. Please bring your memories, stories and a potluck dish to share.

In lieu of flowers, please make memorial contributions to the American Liver Foundation, and please be an organ donor.

Walter James 'Jim' Moniz, 71

Jim "was set free to be with the Lord" on Resurrection Sunday, April 24, 2011.



He was born on May 29, 1939, in Sacramento, Calif., to Walter Philip and Anna Moniz. He was raised in West Sacramento in the house his father built. He had great stories and special memories of growing up with his sister Pat, brother Gary and Arleen Morgan, whom he thought of as a sister.

Upon graduation from James Marshall High School in 1957, he joined the United States Air Force where he served his country for four years. He was stationed in Alaska and Opheim, where he met and captivated the heart of Mary Ann Watterud. They were married in Reno, Nev., on Nov. 17, 1962.

The family moved to Columbia Falls, where Jim began his long-time career at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

There he met many great, life-long friends whom he missed daily after his retirement.

Jim loved gardening, reading the scripture and adoring the Lord Jesus. He is known for his beautiful flower gardens which were his pride and joy, as well as his therapy.

"Today, he is tending the gardens of heaven where the flowers are glowingly beautiful and singing their praises to the King of Kings."

Jim is survived by his wife of 48 years, MaryAnn, of Kalispell; son, John, and wife, Ginger; daughters, Dorie and husband Matt Williams, Lia and husband Jeff Jennings, and Maria and husband Mike Tamburelli; grandchildren, Ashley, Taylor, Hunter, Alexis, Adam, Carly, Kora, Mikey, River, Samantha and Kristina; great-grandchildren, Gage, Alyssa and Taylor's baby boy, due in August.

A celebration of his life will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, April 29, at Family Life Christian Church, 1075 Foys Lake Road, Kalispell.

Alvin Lee 'Monty' Montgomery, 78

Monty Montgomery, 78, of Charlo, passed away on Friday, Nov. 25, 2011, at St. Patrick Hospital, after battling cancer for almost three years.

He was born Feb. 28, 1933, in Gold Creek, Mont., to Bill and Mabel Montgomery, one of eight children. When Monty was very young, the family moved to Moiese, and soon after settled in Big Arm where he spent the majority of his childhood.

As a teenager, he exaggerated his age by a year and joined the Navy where his brother Martin was serving during the Korean War. After Martin unexpectedly died, Monty was discharged from the Navy and returned back



to Montana.

Soon after his return home, Monty joined the Diamond R Guest Ranch in Spotted Bear as an outfitter where he met his future wife Eileen Colvin. Monty and Eileen were married April 19, 1958, in Charlo. About a year after they were married the couple moved to Big Prairie in the Bob Marshall Wilderness where Monty worked as a packer for the U.S. Forest Service from spring to fall each year. In this remote area, only accessed by plane or a 28-mile horseback ride, they had three sons, Lee, Lynn and Steve. After nine years Monty left the Forest Service to work for Dupuis Lumber as a scaler while graduating from the first horseshoeing class in Bozeman. The family home was at Charlo during this time where daughters Susan, and later Rebecca, were born.

Rancher, horseman and packer, Monty was admired,

loved and a man of his word. He was known as a person who was a great judge of character. If he was your friend, he was a lifelong friend.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and brothers Martin and Willie.

Survivors include his wife, Eileen, of Charlo; three sons, Lee and Denise Montgomery of Gillette Wyo., Lynn and Denise Montgomery of Plains, and Steve and Terri Montgomery of Covina, Calif.; two daughters, Susan and Monty Werdin of Lewistown, and Rebecca Montgomery of Jackson, Wyo.; 11 grandchildren, and one great-grandson.

Services will be held end of December.

The family wish to express their gratitude for the excellent care Monty received at St. Patrick Hospital from Dr. Scott and Dr. Brewington, and the nurses and aides on the fifth floor.

Kathryn Sadie Moore, 58

Kathryn Sadie Moore, 58, died Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2011, at her residence in Kalispell.

She is survived by her daughter, Jackie Chapman; and her father, Richard Loraas.

A celebration of life will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19, at the Columbia Falls Eagles, 1640 U.S. 2 W.

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

Michael James Pierce Montero, 42

Michael James Pierce Montero, 42, of Eureka, died Dec. 23, 2010, at North Valley Hospital.

He is survived by his parents; and a son, Michael Jr.

Cremation has taken place.

A memorial with friends and family is planned on a lake in the spring.

Alan Lee Moore, 68

Alan Lee Moore, 68, was born on Feb. 2, 1942, in Rochester, N.Y., and passed away peacefully at Brendan House on Jan. 12, 2011.

Alan graduated from Penfield High School in Rochester and received a bachelor of science degree from Rochester Institute of Technology. He was an engineer at Eastman Kodak until his retirement.

After retirement, Alan lived in Arizona, Alaska and Montana. He moved from Montana to Willow, Alaska, in 2002, with his wife Miriam "Mimi" for "an adventure of a lifetime." For five years he lived 80 miles north of Anchorage, enjoying the magnificent wildlife and outstanding scenery in the remote area of Hatcher Pass. One of Alan's greatest pleasures in nature was climbing a mountain, "going to the overlook," to get a better view of his world. Catching a glimpse of Alaska's Denali Mountain on a clear day or seeing snow-capped peaks in Glacier Park were guarantees that he would have a great day.

Alan volunteered much of his retirement time to charities helping with animal welfare. He was a founding



board member of the Flathead Spay and Neuter Task Force. He and Mimi also spent many occasions transporting adopted dogs to their new homes.

Alan will be missed by his family and many friends for his positive attitude, sense of humor, joyous smile and never-ending love of life.

Alan leaves behind his beloved pets ... Sugar Bear, Kitty Blue and Scooter Pie. He is also survived by his wife, Mimi; his brother, Fred Moore and Linda of Rochester, N.Y.; and nephew, Brian Moore and Angela, and grandniece Doris. Alan also leaves behind his dear cousins, Joyce Richardson and Don, Michael Moore and Anne, Patricia DeFurio and Tom, Jane Holliday and Larry, Sue Cornwell and Sheryl Conner, all of New York; John Moore and Cecy of Arizona; Thomas Moore and Dawn of Nevada; and maternal first cousins, Donald DeLorme and Diane DeLorme of New York. He is also survived by his brothers-in-law, David Anderson of California and Michael Lozano of Washington.

He was preceded in death by his cousin, James Moore.

A celebration of Alan's life will be held in the spring.

Arrangements and cremation are under the direction of Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish.

Lewis W. Moore, 91

Lewis W. Moore, 91, passed away in Missoula on Thursday, March 24, 2011.

He was born in Gildford on Nov.

4, 1949. He was the second son of Joseph B. and Elizabeth Lee Moore.

Lewis spent his youth in Havre, where his parents owned the Lyric and Orpheum theaters. He spent summers in a cabin on Lake McDonald.

While attending the University of Montana, he met Mary Kindsfater, whom he married Aug. 15, 1942. They moved to Glendive, where he owned and operated the Rose Theater, Uptown Theater and Skylark Outdoor Theater, as well as maintaining the theaters in Havre. Lewis also started KXGN radio station in 1948 as well as KXGN television in 1957.

He was president of Moore Theaters Corp.; Moore Realty Inc; and Glendive Cable Corp. Lewis was a member of several community business and service organizations including the Chamber of Commerce, Elks, Moose and Shriners. He was an active



member of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church.

After his wife Mary passed away, he married Shirley Suhr in 1980. They moved to Bigfork and spent the winter months in Palm Desert, Calif.

Four years ago, Lewis moved to the Springs Retirement Community in Missoula.

Preceding him in death were his brother, Joseph; wife, Mary; wife, Shirley; and son, Lewis W. Moore Jr.

He is survived by special and close friend Sallie Corlette of Missoula; daughter Elizabeth Lee (Wayne) Hackney of Beaumont, Calif.; son Mark Joseph Moore of Missoula; two grandsons, Lewis W. Hackney and Dustin M. Hackney of Beaumont, Calif.; one niece and one nephew.

Lewis was a staunch Grizzly fan and was well known as a kind, gentle, loving gentleman. He will be sorely missed by family and friends.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 29, 2011, at the Springs Retirement Community, 3710 American Way in Missoula.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Mary Moore Scholarship Fund, Dawson Community College, P.O. Box 421 Glendive, 59330.

Willard M. Morin, 80

Willard M. Morin, 80, "went to grow dahlias with the Lord" on Saturday, Jan. 1, 2011, in Lewistown.



He was born on Sept. 7, 1930, at Medicine Lake, to Joseph and Isabelle (Baney) Morin.

Willard lived in Poplar, then moved to Marion, where he lived most of his life. As a young man he worked as a logger. He was a very talented man and could do anything he put his mind to. When he did things he always went big. The bigger the better.

He was a singer and guitar player in a band, he hand-crafted guns and knives, he was an exceptional artist, working with wood and bronze, his artwork of cowboys, Indians and wildlife was beautiful. He was a master gardener and throughout his life, he raised fuchsias and begonias until he found his real love, dahlias. Willard created TLC Gardens, The Lupin Coulee Gardens, which he and his brother Bernard and wife Gail worked together. "Lupin" comes from the lupin that grew in Willard's backyard, and "Coulee" was from Coulee Dam. Willard created numerous dahlias and named them all with the Lupin trademark. All of his flowers are named after a special person in Willard's life. His garden started out at his house in the backyard then quickly spread to his entire yard, then it spread over to his sister Elenor and husband Bud's farm. He loved growing them dahlias.

Willard loved his family and especially loved his

grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He loved to attend birthday parties, Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas, so he could watch his grandchildren and great-grandchildren have some fun.

Willard will be missed by many.

Willard was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Willis "Sonny" Morin; a sister, Doris Morin Turcotte; and sister, Margaret "Peggy" Hope.

He is survived by two sons, Mick Morin of Kalispell, and Doug Morin and Sheila of Kalispell; two daughters, Lorri Moriarty and Mike of Arizona, and Kelli Covington and Ben of Kalispell; a brother, Bernard Morin, and Gail, of Washington; sister, Elenor Wilhelm, of Kalispell; grandchildren, Brandi Reiner, Chad Morin, Kevin Morin, Erin Braaten, Beau Morin, Summer Moriarty, Michael Moriarty, Britain Morin, Zachary Adkins, Tylee Covington and Christopher Covington, and 14 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for Willard will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 7, in the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Chapel with Pastor Tim Bartholomew of Stillwater Free Lutheran Church officiating. Visitation will be on Thursday from noon to 5 p.m. Burial will follow the services at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. A reception will follow in the Evergreen Fire Department Community Room.

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.

Elizabeth "Betty" Morine, 87

Elizabeth "Betty" M. Morine, 87, died Friday, May 6, 2011, in Denver.

A funeral for Betty Morine is scheduled for 10 a.m., Thursday, May 12, 2011, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. Bishop Frank Wraught will officiate. Interment will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial

Cemetery in Kalispell. A visitation is scheduled from 2 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 11, 2011, at the funeral home.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family. Condolences may be offered at www.jgfuneralhome.com.

Richard Lee Morrison, 59

Richard Lee Morrison, 59, died Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2011, at his home in Columbia Falls.

A memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Monday, Oct.

3, at the family home, followed by a potluck lunch. Contact Kenny Morrison for directions, 471-8388.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for the family.

Violet Cleyola Brewer Morrow

Violet Cleyola Brewer Morrow passed away Oct. 1, 2011, in Kalispell.

Violet was born in Milltown, Pa., to Howard and Emma Brewer. They moved to Montana when Violet was a small child and lived on a farm where her father's family lived in Eagle Butte.

Violet married Tom Morrow on Dec. 23, 1934, in Fort Benton where they both worked. They moved around some due to Tom's jobs until 1948 when they moved back to Kalispell, where they made their home.

Tom and Violet were married more than 60 1/2 years when Tom passed away on Sept. 11, 1995.

Violet is survived by her son, Warren T. Morrow, of Prudhoe Bay, Alaska; daughter, Beverly Rasmussen, and husband, Dennis,

of Kalispell; four grandsons, Tom Rasmussen of Fairbanks, Alaska, Rick Rasmussen and wife Mindie of Kalispell, and Grant Rasmussen and Scott Rasmussen of Kalispell; three great-grandsons, three great-granddaughters; two great-great-granddaughters; and one great-great-grandson.

The family would like to thank Greenwood Assisted Living and Frontier Hospice for their wonderful compassionate care of our mother.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 6, at Riverside Cemetery in Fort Benton.

Friends are encouraged to visit the website, www.buffalohillfh.com, to leave notes of condolence for the family.

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

William 'Bill' Moser, 67

William "Bill" Moser, 67, passed away at his home in Martin City on Aug. 24, 2011.



He was born in Norristown, Pa., on Oct. 26, 1943, the son of Jacob Daniel Moser II and Cecelia Agnes (Belcoski) Moser.

Bill grew up in an "Our Gang"-type neighborhood in Jeffersonville. Even as a kid, he had a passion for hunting and always enjoyed sharing his game. He even learned to tan hides so nothing would be wasted. He later took pride in showing visitors his living room museum.

He graduated from Norristown High School in 1961 and began working with his dad at Jacob D. Moser Cabinets.

A master carpenter, he loved working with wood, honing and shaping it into beautiful things like cabinets, furniture and lamps. He was fascinated with countless species of wood and studied and collected samples from all over the world. Bill also loved taking his family sapphire digging and enjoyed collecting stones, coins and knives.

In 1964 he married Judith Walters of Annandale, Va., his beloved wife of 47 years. Bill, Judy and their children, Teresa and Jason, moved to

Montana with the Moser family in 1971, where he helped re-establish the family business, Moser Cabinets, and was a former member of Flathead Building Association.

Bill was preceded in death by his father, Jacob D. Moser Jr.; a brother, J. Daniel Moser III; and a nephew, Lt. Travis Moser.

He is survived by his wife, Judith, of Martin City; daughter, Teresa, and Ronny Ingbertsen, of Martin City; son, Jason, and Holli Moser, of Chesapeake, Va.; grandson, Corey; granddaughters, Emily, Jalynn and Kim; mother, Cecelia; sister, Nancy; brothers, Larry, and Chris and Pam; many beloved nieces and nephews; and special friend, Clay Johnson.

The family requests memorial contributions in memory of Bill may be made to the Martin City Fire Department and Canyon Quick Response Unit.

Bill fought and won his battle against cancer in 2010. For the past year he reclaimed the simple joys in his life and passed suddenly but peacefully Wednesday morning, Aug. 24, 2011.

A celebration of life will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 4, at the Mosers' ranch in Martin City. The celebration of life will be followed by a traditional Moser family picnic.

Arrangements are entrusted to Columbia Mortuary.

James Lawrence "Jim" Motichka, 85, passed away from cancer on June 8, 2011, at The Springs in Whitefish.

Jim was born Jan. 5, 1926, in Kalispell, the son of Joseph and Mary (Firestein) Motichka. He was the fourth of seven children, joining his older siblings Joseph Andrew "Andy," Mary Elizabeth "Betty" Fredenberg and Catherine "Katy" Hatton, and later joined by younger siblings Richard "Dick," Barbara Penney and Roberta Elgin.

Jim served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and was stationed on a destroyer escort in the Pacific Fleet as a machinist's mate. He was honorably discharged in 1946 and had been able to attend several reunions with his former shipmates.

Jim married Alice Crumley on June 3, 1949, in Columbia Falls. They had two sons, James L. Jr. "Jimmy" and Jack.

Jim worked in the logging industry and at the Anaconda aluminum plant, as well as cutting Christmas trees. He was one of the original organizers of the Evergreen Volunteer Fire Department and the Marion Volunteer Fire Department. He spent many years working with Boy Scout Troop No. 48 and was instrumental in organizing the Kalispell Rock and Gem Club. He also helped construct Calvary Lutheran Church.

He and Alice later built, owned and operated the "Rest-A-Day" campground in Marion, with gift shop, laun-

dry and trailer park. The gift shop consisted of jewelry and crafts handmade by Jim and Alice.

As everyone who knows him knew, he loved fishing, hunting, camping and traveling. Jim and Alice spent 35 years as snowbirds in southern Arizona and California, hiking in the desert. They also spent three summers in Alaska.

Jim will be remembered for his sense of humor. He never met a stranger and was helpful to everyone.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Andy and Dick; sisters, Betty and Barbara; and a granddaughter, Jennifer.

Jim is survived by his wife of 62 years, Alice; two sons, Jimmy and Jackie of Deadwood, Ore., and Jack and Ann of Malta; six grandchildren, Jodi, Janae, Jamie, Jesse, Janel and Jeff; 12 great-grandchildren; sisters, Katy and Roberta; and many nephews and nieces.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Evergreen and/or Marion fire departments or the American Cancer Society.

Visitation for Jim will be held from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday, June 12, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, June 13, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

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

Lewis David Mountjoy

Lewis David Mountjoy, 84, of Hot Springs, passed away Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2011.



Louie was born Jan. 13, 1927, in Lonepine, the son of Leo and Hansine Mountjoy, the youngest of six children.

He attended school in Lonepine, and served in the Army attached Air Force from 1952 to 1954.

He married Donaldeen Grant in 1950. To this family two children were born, David Lewis and Donna Kay.

Louie started a business in Hot Springs that lasted

his entire lifetime. He served with the Hot Springs Volunteer Fire Department for many years as fire chief. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, picking huckleberries, a good visit and most of all, a good joke.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers; one sister; and his son, David.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Donaldeen; daughter, Donna, and Roger Davis; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

A celebration of Louie's life with a potluck dinner will held at 1 p.m. Dec. 3, at the Lonepine Hall.

Clifford Lamar Mower, 32

Clifford Lamar Mower, 32, "entered into rest" on Jan. 30, 2011, at his home in Kalispell.



Our son was born June 20, 1978, in Kalispell. He grew up in the Columbia Falls area and attended schools in the area, as well. After completing his high school education at Capital High School, he enlisted in the U.S. Army in the 82nd Airborne Division. When he re-enlisted, he and his family were stationed in Italy.

In April 2003, his unit was deployed to Iraq as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom. At night, he and his unit jumped into Kurdish territory, hiked for hours in knee-deep mud until they were greeted by teary-eyed Kurds awaiting their help. As a highly decorated Iraqi War veteran, he loved serving his nation; however, he continued to suffer from PTSD, which resulted in an honorable discharge.

Cliff loved being a husband and father. His life revolved around his family, going camping, outdoor activities, hunting, fly fishing and target shooting with his friends.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Merle and Gladys Greenland, Cliff Greenland, Palmo Kushner and Joyce Ogdahl.

Cliff is survived by his parents, Karen Greenland Shepherd of Hamilton, and Lamar Mower of Huntley; daughters, Ashley and Emily Mower of Fort Belvoir, Va.; stepdaughters, Raissa and Aubrey Owens of Kalispell; sister, Tracy Ivey, of Denver; grandparents, R.D. and Karen Mower of Fortine; and many cousins, nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8, at Columbia Falls Mortuary in Columbia Falls. Burial will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

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

Velma Patricia Munroe, 72

Velma Patricia Munroe, 72, of Libby died Saturday, Feb. 19, 2011, at her home in Libby from natural causes.

Survivors include her husband, Joe Munroe of Libby; seven children, Frank Munroe of Libby, Larry Smith of Kalispell, Robert Smith of Missoula,

Joanne Sturgous of Bigfork, Debbie Creighton of Tacoma, Wash., Kathy Coryn of Nevada, and Melody LaRose of Texas.

Private family services will be held.

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

Paul A. 'Mike' Mueller, 84, and Eunice W. Mueller, 81

Paul A. "Mike" and Eunice W. Mueller "went to be with the Lord" on April 27 and April 28, 2011.

Mike was born in Casper, Wyo., on Dec. 1, 1926, to Herman G. and Katheryn Mueller. He was the youngest of five children. In 1928 the family moved to Lewistown. In 1932 they moved to Billings.

Mike went to Fratt Memorial School for eight years, one year to Lincoln Junior High and graduated from Billings Senior High School in 1944. He joined the U.S. Army Air Corps and was honorably discharged shortly after World War II ended in 1945. He went to work for his dad and brother Joe at the North Star Body and Blacksmith Shop.

He married the love of his life, Eunice Schwehr, on June 1, 1949.

In 1977, they moved to Columbia Falls and were in a motel and restaurant business. After 15 years, they returned to Billings and had lived there ever since. He was a life member of the third and fourth degree of the Knights of Columbus and belonged to the Barbershop Singers for many years.

Eunice was born to Edward P. and Elizabeth L. Schwehr in Belfield, N.D., on July 14, 1929, the youngest of 16 children. The family moved to Billings in 1947.

Her first job in Billings was at the Midland National Bank. She worked for many places through Manpower, Inc. She was actively involved in Mary Kay Cosmetics and a volunteer at St. Vincent DePaul.

Mike and Eunice are survived by their eight children, David M. and Cheri Mueller of Billings, Sally A. and Joe DeSarro of Roberts, Julie A. and Mike Newman, and Linda C. Mueller, all of Billings, Mary K. and Steve Hitchens of Nine Mile Falls, Wash., Thomas G. Mueller, Richard



J. and Levi Mueller, and Mark A. and Vanessa Mueller, all of Columbia Falls; 17 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Mike was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Dick and Joe; sisters, Rita Freund and Pat Weber.

Eunice is survived by her sisters, Sister M. Esther, O.S.B., of Watertown, S.D., Elizabeth and Art Depner of Spokane, Mary Ann Schwehr of Billings; brothers, Francis H. and Dorothy Schwehr of Santa Clara, Calif., John and Loretta Schwehr of Deaver, Wyo., Richard A. and Sybil Schwehr of Florida, Leo and Shirley Schwehr of Billings, and Robert R. and Judy Schwehr of Boise, Idaho; and Eva Schwehr of Billings.

Eunice was preceded in death by her parents; and brothers, Phil, and Edward and his wife, Gwen.

Our family wishes to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers during this time.

Joint vigil services will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 3, at St. Pius X Church. Funeral Mass will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, at St. Pius X Church. Cremation will follow. The caskets will be open at Michelotti-Sawyers for visitation on Monday and Tuesday and prior to the services at the church.

Michelotti-Sawyers is in charge of arrangements, and remembrances may be shared with the family at www.michelottisawyers.com.

Avon Murphy, 89

Avon Murphy, 89, died at home on Sept. 19, 2011.

She is survived by her daughter, Jan Cox, of Libby; and her son, Gary "Butch" Wallace, of Missoula.

There will be a private family memorial service next summer in the Cabinet Mountains.

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

Imogene 'Gene' Mustard, 84

Imogene "Gene" Mustard, 84, died at home in Eureka on Oct. 30, 2011.

She is survived by her three children, Gene Mustard of Libby, Dianne Llewellyn of Eureka, and Joe Mustard of Missoula.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Nov. 5, at the Pinkham Schoolhouse in Eureka, followed by a potluck reception.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Eureka.

Merle Jo Murray, 90

After many months of illness, Merle Jo Murray, 90, of Polson, died very peacefully in her home,



early on the morning of Dec. 8, 2011. During her final days, Merle Jo's humor and sharp wit were truly remarkable as she made her final connections with members of her large, loving and beloved family.

Merle Jo was born in Forsyth Oct. 6, 1921. After high school, she attended Normal School in Billings and earned her teaching certificate. She taught in Vananda and Lame Deer. During World War II, she worked at the Boeing Aircraft Company in Seattle.

After the war, she married Clarence Murray and became mother to his three sons. Merle and Clarence had seven children, three of whom died prior to birth.

She is survived by her children, daughter Jackie and her husband Darrell Kruzen of Polson; her son Ted Murray, currently in Arizona; her daughter Kitt and her husband Steve Adams of Proctor; her daughter Nonna and her husband Jerry Anderson of Polson; her three stepsons, Donald, Bill and Darrell; six much-loved grandsons; eight great-grandchildren; and numerous

nieces and nephews.

As her children grew, Merle returned to teaching, first at the Proctor School, where she taught all eight grades, then at Browning Elementary, before taking a position as school librarian in Boulder. Merle truly loved books, and she touched many children's lives through the books and stories she shared with them.

One of Merle's final desires was to let people know that she was sorry for any pain she had caused anyone, and for them to know that she was so sorry. She also wanted people to know that she forgave anyone who had ever hurt her, and to know that she completely forgave them.

We will remember her warm, generous nature, her kindness and sense of fun, her deep love for Montana and her commitment to our Catholic Church.

A vigil will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 12, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Polson. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13, at Immaculate Conception Church, with Father James Connor celebrating the Mass of the Resurrection. Burial will follow at Lakeview Cemetery.

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

Ronald J. Myles, 51

Ronald J. Myles, 51, formerly of Kalispell, died Sunday, Jan. 23, 2011, at his home in Vancouver, Wash. He was an electrical engineer in the semiconductor

field, and had also worked at the Kalispell Weekly News.

Services will be held later this summer in Montana.