

Esther Ober, 99

Esther Ober, 99, passed away Nov. 28, 2011, at the Brendan House in Kalispell.



Esther was born on Feb. 4, 1912, to John S. and Bertha (McIntosh) Ober.

Esther came close to making her 100th birthday, which she had talked about for many years.

She attended schools in Dayton and Iowa. Esther spent time in Arizona as a missionary to the Indians, where she learned bead work. She enjoyed the craft and made many necklaces and moccasins for her family and friends.

When she returned to Montana she worked as a clerk at the Montana Market.

She did various home jobs after that. She was the first person taken into membership at the newly organized Kalispell Church of the Nazarene at that time. Esther babysat for Doug and Judy Wise's children, Cindy, Mary Janice, Tim, Randy, Diana and Nola.

Esther did not learn to drive so she walked everywhere she went. She maintained a quick wit and sense of humor when she was feeling well. She

was generous with others but very frugal with her own needs. She won the hearts of the Brendan House staff who took great care of her the last nine months of her life.

The family would like to thank Karen and Cliff Haven for their outstanding care of Esther the last few years.

Esther is survived by her four sisters, Virginia Schultz of Phoenix, and Rose Schultz, Grace Hartsoch and Twilla Walker, all of Polson; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family suggests in lieu of flowers memorials be made to First Church of the Nazarene, 1295 Whitefish Stage Road, Kalispell, MT 59901, or a charity of your choice.

Memorial services for Esther will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 8 at the Kalispell First Church of the Nazarene, with Pastor Ed Kotesky officiating. Urn burial will be at Lakeview Cemetery in Polson.

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

You are invited to go to www.jgfuneralhome.com to view Esther's guest book, offer condolences and share memories.

Leo Obermiller, 86

Leo Obermiller, 86, passed away peacefully at the Montana Veterans Home Dec. 7, 2011, from long-term complications from a traumatic brain injury.



Leo was born in Anchorage, Alaska, June 25, 1925, a third-generation member of an Alaskan gold mining family.

Moving to California as a young boy, he returned to Alaska in 1948 after serving in the U.S. Army in the European Theater during World War II. He graduated from the University of Alaska-Fairbanks with a degree in civil engineering in 1950, later obtaining his master's degree at U of A, Anchorage.

Leo married Virginia in 1949. They lived and raised their family in Alaska for nearly 40 years before retiring to Washington, and then Montana.

During his career, Leo worked for White Alice Communications, the U.S. Army

and Air Force, the Federal Aviation Administration and Atlantic Richfield Co. Initial construction of Anchorage International Airport brought Leo and Virginia from Fairbanks to Anchorage in 1950. Later he served as the project engineer for the construction of the Anchorage Air Traffic Control Center, and then the control tower at Anchorage International Airport.

He was a life member of the Anchorage Elks Club and the Pioneers of Alaska, Knights of Columbus and the Military Officers Association. In Kalispell, he was a member of Risen Christ Catholic Church.

Leo is survived by his wife, Virginia; sons, Tim and Mary Obermiller of Kalispell, and Leo and Darcel Obermiller of Spokane; and daughters, Leslie and Chuck Alford of Atlanta, Gwen and Mark Phillips of Anchorage, and Katie and Dale Fosselman of Palmer, Alaska. He also leaves 15 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Leo loved his family, of whom he was extremely proud. He will be greatly missed.

A memorial Mass will be held in January at Risen Christ Catholic Church.

Violet J. O'Bleness, 72

Violet J. O'Bleness, 72, died Wednesday, March 9, 2011, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

Memorial services will

be at 4 p.m., Sunday, March 20, at the Libby Memorial Center in Libby.

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

Kerry Andrew O'Donnell, 39

Kerry Andrew O'Donnell, beloved son and brother, passed away early Monday morning on Dec. 26, 2011, after a hard fought and courageous battle with the devastating disease of cancer. He was surrounded by and cared for by his devoted family and fiancée.



Kerry was born on Jan. 21, 1972, in Kalispell, to James D. and Beatrice I. O'Donnell. He was the youngest of six children. He started school at age 4, attending schools in Kalispell and graduating from Flathead High in 1990. Kerry had a great love for knowledge, and after high school attended and obtained degrees in criminal justice and aviation science from the University of North Dakota-Grand Forks; receiving his "wings" to fly small planes and becoming a licensed helicopter pilot.

He ultimately received his Juris Doctor degree, graduating with honors from the University of North Dakota-Fargo School of Law in 2003, hoping to one day become a judge. Kerry was working at the law firm of Henning, Keedy and Lee at the time of his death.

Kerry had an avid love of sports throughout his life and school years, participating and excelling in baseball, football, basketball and wrestling; and had received a full

baseball scholarship from Susanville College in California after high school.

He loved reading, outdoor activities, especially hiking with his brother Shawn, and his favorite college hockey team, the Fighting Sioux, of North Dakota.

In 2001 he married Greta Richards in Fargo, N.D.. After separating in 2008, Kerry moved back to Kalispell to be with family. He met and fell in love with Billie Jean.

Kerry was preceded in death by his beloved dad, James D. O'Donnell; and several sets of grandparents,

He is survived by his dear mom, Bea O'Donnell, three brothers, Shawn and wife Arlene of Kalispell; Dan, also of Kalispell; and Terry, living in Everett, Wash.; two sisters, Becky of Kalispell, and Debbie of Belchertown, Mass.; his devoted fiancée and companion, Billie Jean, and her two sons, Ricky and Geno, whom he loved and thought of as his own; and by many nieces and nephews.

Cremation has taken place. There will be a memorial service for Kerry at 4 p.m. on Friday Dec. 30, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. Please join us on that day to remember and celebrate Kerry's life.

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

Harold Glenn Oglesbee, 85

Harold Glenn Oglesbee passed away at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center on Jan. 17, 2011.



He was born on May 18, 1925, to Harold G. and Violette Millikan Oglesbee in Spokane, where he lived through his high school years.

He joined the Army Air Corps in 1943 and served as a staff sergeant during World War II as an aerial gunner in a B17. Stationed in England, he and his crew flew many missions over Germany, and for that he was proudly awarded the AAC Air Medal.

After the war he returned to Spokane and began teaching skiing at Mount Spokane. He joined the Professional Ski Instructors of America, of which he became a life-long member. During that time, he also served as a PSIA examiner of instructors all over the West, including Big Mountain in Whitefish.

In 1960 he moved to Sun Valley, Idaho, where he was a well-respected ski instructor for 14 years and taught many celebrity clients. During these years, he also worked as a master finish carpenter.

He met and married Phyllis Claar in 1972 in Sun

Valley. They later moved to Twin Falls, Idaho, and then to Anacortes, Wash., where he continued in carpentry and remodeled several historical buildings in the downtown area. In their spare time, he and Phyllis sailed around the San Juan Islands in their 32-foot boat named Calico.

Wishing to live closer to the grandchildren, they sold the boat and moved to Kalispell in 1993. Harold worked on various building projects until he retired.

He was a big fan of jazz music and especially of the Latin jazz group Cocinardo. Mark Holston, founder of the group, became his good friend.

He is survived by his wife, Phyllis, of Kalispell; his brothers, Bob Stokes of Spokane, and Dick Stokes of Mesa, Ariz.; his daughter, Janice Dickerman, and husband, Cary, of Kirkland, Wash.; stepdaughters, Susan Maw and husband Steven, and Dallas Traeger and husband William of Kalispell, and Sally Bell and husband Daniel of Hamilton. He has 10 grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Cremation has taken place at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Memorial services are pending at this time.

To send a note of condolence to the family, please go to www.buffalohillfh.com.

Doris Evelyn Ognovic, 87

Doris Evelyn Ognovic, 87, passed away on Friday, March 4, 2011, at the Brendan House in Kalispell.



She was born Sept. 5, 1923, in Fairdale, N.D., to Walter and Ragna (Sholey) Anderson.

Doris married her husband, Joe Ognovic, on Dec. 13, 1941. Joe passed away in 1988.

In earlier days she was involved with her church, Bethlehem Lutheran, and with the Scandinavian Fraternities. Every year she looked forward to going to the lute-fisk dinner.

She loved crafts of all sorts. She also loved to cro-

chet and to quilt. Everyone in the family has at least one quilt, if not several. She adored antiquing, yard sales and going to thrift stores. She was a kind and generous woman who always saw the best in people and life's circumstances.

Doris is survived by her son, Sam and his wife, Annie, who live in Alta Loma, Calif.; and also by her two nieces, Sherry and Linda, who live in Seattle.

A graveside service for Doris will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 10, at Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

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

Joyce N. (Daggett) Olson, 92

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"slipped the surly bonds of earth to touch the face of God and

her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" on March 31, 2011, at her home in Kalispell. She was 92.

Joyce was born in 1919, in Eureka, to Clarence and Audrey Daggett. She attended grade school in Polson and Klamath Falls, Ore., and graduated from high school in Libby.

Joyce taught herself to play the piano through a correspondence school while growing up in Libby. She studied music for a year at the University of Montana in Missoula, and attended a business school in Spokane. She set the record for shorthand notetaking speed in Lincoln County.

Joyce married the late Donald F. Olson in March 1944. While her children were growing up, she was active in Cub Scouts, Bible studies and played accompaniment for many high school band soloists at district and state music festivals. Don and



Joyce moved to Kalispell in 1996.

In 1990, Joyce was inducted into the LSHS Hall of Fame for Distinguished Graduates. Besides raising her three children, David, Julie and Russell, Joyce enjoyed gardening, sewing, swimming, water skiing, picnicking, ice skating and playing piano and organ for the First Presbyterian Church in Libby.

After the children were grown, she took up watercolor painting. She became quite proficient at her art after studying under several well-known water colorists, and taught some classes of water coloring in California and Montana.

Joyce is survived by her children, David and Naomi of Polson, Russell and Leslie of San Diego, and Bill and Julie Chasteen of Gooding, Idaho; six grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Joyce was preceded in death by her husband, Don; her parents; and her brother, Jack.

Interment will be at the Libby cemetery with family attending.

An open house to "celebrate Joyce's home-going" will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. on Monday, April 4 at 112C Glenwood Drive in Kalispell.

Irene Carter Olson, 82

Irene passed away peacefully Dec. 6, 2010, with family at her bedside. She was 82 years old.

Huldah

Irene Carter was born in Darrell, Fergus County, on April 1, 1928, to Clay and Huldah Toogood Carter. She was the third of 11 children.

In 1930 Irene moved to Charlo with her family. She graduated from Charlo High School in 1946. She attended business school in Missoula and became the office manager at Consolidated Dairies.

She married Chuck Olson in 1949 and they had two children together, Chuck and Cheri.

Irene will be remembered by her children, six grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and countless cousins, nieces and nephews.

She preceded in death by her husband; parents; and siblings, Hester Carter, Delbert Carter, Fern Stott, Ernie Carter and Gary Carter.

She is survived by her children, Chuck Olson and



Julie, and Cheri Olson McLaren and Jan; grandchildren, Maj. David J. Boyd and Rachel, Brenda Olson Andersen and David, Jody Olson Walter, Mandy Olson Robinson and Kelly, Grayson McLaren and Gavin McLaren; siblings, Bill Carter and Sylvia, Clarabelle Carter Barsness and Richard, Marvin Carter and Sue, Sharon Carter Guenzler and George, and Trudy Carter Farrier and Merle.

She was an exceptional grandma who enjoyed making cookies and teaching the grandkids how to play cards. She enthusiastically cheered her grandchildren on and was often moved to tears. She was passionate about her grandchildren, cooking and politics, and was full of witty one-liners.

The family would like to thank The Village Health Care Center and Dr. Shepherd for the exceptional care given to Irene.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations be made to Flathead Valley Veterans, 241 Main St., Kalispell, MT 59901.

A celebration of Irene's life will be held at 2 p.m., Jan. 22, in Charlo at the Leon Community Clubhouse

Lorraine Lois Olsen, 91

Lorraine Lois Olsen, 91, died Oct. 22, 2011, at her home in Whitefish.

She is survived by her daughter, Marie Brittsan,

of Whitefish.

Services are pending.

Arrangements are entrusted to Austin Funeral Home.

Mary 'Lou' Olsen, 72

Mary "Lou" Olsen, 72, passed away on Wednesday, Aug. 31, 2011, circled by her family and friends, after a hard but short battle with cancer.

Lou was born the third of three children to Morse and Dorothy Campbell in Lexington, Ill. Lou's father was drafted into the U.S. Army in the fall of 1944, and was killed in France on Jan. 3, 1945.

Dorothy married Merle Hoffman, and he was a large influence in Lou's life. The family moved to Bloomington, Ill., where Lou attended grade school and high school.

After graduation, she attended personnel training school in Omaha, Neb., resulting in employment with Western Union of Los Angeles.

While working in Los Angeles, one of her roommates, Mary Lynn Olsen, introduced Lou to her cousin John from Montana, who was serving in the Marine Corps at El Toro. This vivacious, exotically beautiful, ravishing woman swept the young Marine off his feet immediately and kept him that way for the next 54 years. To this union were born Renae Marie and Morse Dwayne.

Over the next 20 years they lived in multiple locations; when John retired from the Marine Corps, they moved to Bloomington, Ill., where they lived for two years, then they moved to Kalispell to be near John's father.

Lou was active in the VFW Auxiliary, and she was a charter member of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary where she served as president, as well as treasurer for many years, in the only Marine Corps League in the state of Montana. Lou was also a member of the Ladies of the Moose in Kalispell. She coordinated funeral luncheons and she loved to decorate for special occasions, dinners, dances, conventions and weddings for members of



the lodge for many years.

Lou was very involved in the Toys for Tots program from 1988 until 2007. She took the names of the families, made

up boxes for the toys, made sure all the families were notified for pick-up, organized the massive buying trips, and made sure everything went right.

Somewhere along the line, Lou became known as the "Chief Elf." Her attention to detail and dedication made the local program a great success. She gave up the responsibilities with reluctance. Many children in the Flathead benefited from her hard work and dedication.

Lou had a love of life and fantastic sense of humor, and her quick wit was ever present, even to the end.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a sister, and her stepfather.

Lou is survived by her husband, John, and a daughter, Renae, both at the family home in Kalispell; son, Morse, and wife Gina; grandson, John, of California; grandson, Brian, stationed at Fort Bliss, Texas; brother, Jack Campbell, and his wife, Sharon, of Illinois; numerous nieces and nephews, sisters and brothers-in-law; and many friends.

Visitation will be from 3 to 8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 5, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. A celebration of Lou's life will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 6, at the First Church of the Nazarene on Whitefish Stage Road. Interment will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family requests donations in Lou's name be made to the Toys for Tots program, Moose Heart or a charity of choice.

You are invited to leave a message for the family at www.buffalohillfh.com. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Mark Edward Olson, 40

Mark Edward Olson passed away surrounded by his family on Aug. 14, 2011.

Mark was born July 21, 1971, in Sioux Falls, S.D., and at the age of 5 moved to Northwest Montana.

One day while cross-country skiing at a park, he pointed up at the ski resort and said, "Dad, I need to be there," and from that point until he finished high school he practically lived up there.

He later graduated from the University of Montana with a finance degree and also obtained his Certification of Risk Management.

Mark began his career in mortgage banking in Minneapolis, but his love of skiing drove him to Portland where he could be closer to his brother and Mount Hood.

Mark had an uncanny ability to excel at individual sports and activities. Besides being an avid alpine and telemark skier, he was a natural snowboarder, golfer and guitar player. He loved biking and long-boarding



on the streets of Portland and could unassumingly walk into a billiard hall and clean house. He was a deep thinker, well versed and well read in diverse topics, such as philosophy, psychology and religion.

But Mark was most known for his kindness. He accepted all people and was known to literally give the shirt off of his back to people in need.

He is survived by his daughter, Sophie, the love of his life. He is also survived by his parents, Steve and Elaine Olson; his brother, Bryce, and his sister-in-law and niece. Mark also had numerous cousins, uncles and aunts.

The family would like to thank the staff at Legacy Emanuel Hospital in Portland for their care of Mark. Mark also provided the gift of life through organ donation.

There will be a memorial service for Mark at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 10, St. Matthew's Parish.

Memorials may be sent to the Samaritan House, P.O. Box 592, Kalispell, MT 59903; or a charity of your choice.

To send condolences to the family, please go to www.buffalohillfh.com

Veva Shaw Olsen, 103

Longtime Flathead Valley resident Veva Shaw Olsen passed away Nov. 10, 2011, just short of her 104th birthday, in Tacoma, Wash.

She was born Dec. 11, 1907.

Veva and husband John moved to the East Lakeshore in 1951. They had a small orchard at Yellow Bay and were very active in the community center there. Their grandchildren loved going to Yellow Bay Clubhouse "pot-lucks" and square dancing when they visited.

Veva was a wonderful gardener and very free with advice and plant clippings to anyone interested. She wrote the horticulture article for the Lakeshore Country Journal for 12 years. When they moved to Polson, Veva became very active on the Tree Board there.

Weaving was another great interest of Veva's and she started the Alpine Weavers Group. She was always

willing to teach new weavers.

When the orchard became too much for them to handle, John and Veva moved to Polson. People could always guess which house was Veva's on Fifth Avenue when they came to her white picket fence and many gardens. After John died in 1989, Veva continued to take care of her house and garden with some help until she was 95. After a fall she moved to Washington to be near family in 2005.

Veva was an amazing mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt, neighbor and friend to all.

The stories of life on the homestead in Eastern Montana will always be remembered by grandchildren and great grandchildren when she retold many of them at her 100th birthday celebration.

The family suggests planting a tree as a memorial to Veva.

Alan W. Opp, 85

Alan W. Opp, 85, died peacefully in his Kalispell home on Wednesday morning, April 27, 2011. He was a longtime resident of Flathead County.



Born in Whitefish in 1925, his family moved to Kalispell in 1926. During his senior year of high school, he moved with his mother and siblings to Anchorage, Alaska, where he resided for a few years and graduated from high school.

He spent the next several years in the Army infantry, where he served mostly in Europe. He was severely wounded by German mortar fire, and after spending months in the hospital, was discharged.

Alan then went to Montana State University, graduating in 1951 with a bachelor's degree in accounting.

While attending MSU, he met and married Stella Goodreau and had three children, David, Richard and Cindy. Al and Stella resided in Kalispell where Alan worked as an accountant for the Aluminum Plant for the next 28 years.

In 1981, Stella was killed in

a car accident. Shortly after that Al married Shirley Knudsen, who had three children, Pete, George and Marcia.

In 1983, Al retired and he and his wife, Shirley, became snowbirds, spending winters in Mesa, Ariz., and summers in Kalispell. While in Arizona, he and Shirley were quite active and had many friends they enjoyed being with. Al especially loved playing pool every morning with the pool league.

During the summers in Kalispell, Al and Shirley spent many weekends taking their grandkids camping and fishing, particularly in the Thompson River country. Al loved to fish, camp and play golf, and enjoyed reading books on Montana history. One of his favorite hobbies was woodworking, where he won many awards for his various pieces.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley Opp, of Kalispell; son, David Opp, of Nevada; son, Richard Opp, of Tennessee; and daughter, Cindy Ostrom, of Federal Way, Wash.; and stepdaughter, Marcia Brown, of Kalispell.

Al was loved by all who met him. He was generous, kind and friendly, and loved his family and friends. We will all miss him greatly.

A memorial service will be held this summer.

Bernard A. 'Bernie' Onsager, 82

Bernard A. "Bernie" Onsager, 82, of Kalispell, passed away from natural causes on Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2011, at his residence.

Bernie was born on May 22, 1929, to Alfred and Annie Onsager in Northwood, N.D. He grew up on the family farm, and attended grade school and high school in Northwood.

He lived in the Twin Cities, Minn., from 1952 to 1967, when he moved to Ronan. He moved to Kalispell in 1975.

Bernie was a salesman in early years, but later in life worked for Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks as a maintenance worker.

Throughout his life he enjoyed fishing, hunting, piloting, stock car racing, mining, coaching baseball

and woodworking.

He married Clarice Helen Thingelstad in 1949. In 1977, he married Patricia Ann Malone.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and a sister, Barbara Thingelstad.

He is survived by his wife, Pat; and three children, daughter, Cheri Rowbury, and her husband, Guy, son, Al Onsager, and his wife, Carol, and son, Jeff Onsager, and his wife, Ronda. He is also survived by five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Graveside memorial services will be at 11 a.m. today, Oct. 4, at the Ronan Cemetery. A luncheon reception will be held at the Community Fellowship Church immediately following the reception.

Mary (O'Connor) Orr, 96

Mary (O'Connor) Orr, 96, "went to be with her Lord" on Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2011, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home.



She was born on April 15, 1914, in Fergus Falls, Minn., to Thomas and Mary (Teberg) O'Connor, the oldest of four girls.

She moved with her parents and one sister when she was about 4 years old to Litchville, N.D., a small farming community. This move was in the middle of winter and they traveled by horse and sleigh; they were stranded in a snowstorm and taken into a small home where others had already taken refuge.

Upon arriving in Litchville and after getting settled, her father set up a machinery repair service, which he continued for many years. He was also instrumental in bringing electricity to the small town.

Mary talked about going to barn dances and even one where Lawrence Welk was in

the band. She was active in school, played basketball in high school, and was active in the Catholic Church.

At the end of the Depression years, Mary and Alfred Olsen were married. Jobs were scarce. Hearing that there were jobs in Libby, they moved with their two girls. This was in 1937. The couple bought a home in Libby in a welcoming neighborhood where the children could have friends.

Mary was a homemaker. Her first words for those entering her home were, "Would you like a cup of coffee?" No person who entered the home ever left without something to eat or drink. Her grandchildren called her "a good cooker."

After 15 years of marriage, Mary and Alfred were divorced.

Mary remarried some years later to Willard Orr of Libby. Willard and Mary were married 53 years at the time of his passing.

Mary worked in the laundry business, running the Fashion Cleaners for some years. She also remained a homemaker, sewing, making quilts and rugs, cross-stitching on pillow tops, and

crocheting sweaters, afghans and dishrags. When she wasn't doing handwork, she was reading.

Willard and Mary built a log home in Libby and also a log cabin in the Silver Butte area, where they spent time relaxing and fishing.

She also worked preparing Christmas trees to send to the cities in the area so everyone could enjoy Christmas. This was in the early years at the Hofert yard near the train depot. All work was done by hand, and it smelled like freshly cut fir trees.

Mary loved her Lord and was anxious to join Him in heaven. She was a faithful reader of her Bible and the Lutheran "Portals of Prayer." She made many friends in Trinity Church and elsewhere, and spoke of them often with love.

Mary was preceded in death by her husband Willard; two sisters, Viola Newman and Eleanor Eichorn; niece, Corrine Newman; son-in-law, Gary Hanson; granddaughter, Patricia Rusk; and great-granddaughter, Carrie Dofelmire.

She is survived by a sister, Marjorie Hansen, and nieces and nephews of North

Dakota; two daughters, Patricia Madrid of Spokane, and Barbara Kizer and husband Ron of Kalispell; four grandchildren, Barry Dofelmire and wife Cynda of Libby, and Gary Hanson, Deborah Brockington and Judy Peiffer, all of Kalispell; 11 great-grandchildren, Richard, Mary, Andrea, David, Seth, Eli, Asiah, Nicole, Ashley, Philip and Matthias; and six great-great-grandchildren, Delilah, Charlie, Jane and Angelique, Hunter and Garrett.

The family would like to thank Immanuel Lutheran Home for the wonderful care she had there. The staff and aides were very kind during Mary's stay.

Memorial services for Mary will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 29, at Trinity Lutheran Church with Pastor Mark Cutler officiating. Urn burial will be private by the family at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

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

Ruth Frances Ostroot, 96

Ruth Frances Ostroot, 96, passed away on Thursday, Feb. 24, 2011, at Kalispell Regional Medical



Center in Kalispell, one day before her 97th birthday.

Ruth was born Feb. 25, 1914, to Byron and Katherine Farley in a logging camp at Palmer Junction, Ore. The family moved to Idaho when she was a child. She grew up in logging camps near Idaho City and in Boise and graduated from Boise High School. She learned to play the piano as a child, and enjoyed that throughout her life.

She attended the University of Idaho where she was a member of the Gamma Phi Beta sorority. She graduated Phi Beta Kappa from U of I in 1936.

While in college, she met Norval Ostroot on a blind date. They were married in 1937 and they lived in Eagle, Idaho, for 37 years, where they were active in community and school affairs and helped start the library district. She was an English teacher at Eagle High School for a few years. After raising her family, she worked at the Eagle Post Office for 21 years.

They moved to Bigfork in 1974, where they continued to be community-minded. They joined Bethany Lutheran Church. Over the years, Ruth sang in Bethany's choir, served on the church council and was active in the women's group.

They joined Bigfork Senior Center and volunteered at the Bigfork Library. Ruth was a member of the Rebekah Lodge in Eagle and in Bigfork. She was a member of TOPS in Bigfork, where she

maintained KOPS status for more than 20 years. She volunteered for the Council on Aging and led senior exercise classes in Bigfork for several years.

Ruth moved to Buffalo Hill Terrace in Kalispell in 2008. She became the librarian there and participated in the prayer shawl ministry. She was an avid reader and enjoyed working crossword puzzles and other word games. She was a delightful and generous person and well-liked by everyone who met her.

Ruth was preceded in death by her parents, Byron and Katherine; husband, Norval; and her brother, Wayne Farley.

She is survived by her children, Dennis Ostroot and wife, Beverly, of Bigfork, Corinne McKean and husband, Thomas, of Lewiston, Idaho, and Nancy Moss and husband, Gary, of St. Maries, Idaho; grandsons, Johann Ostroot and wife, Jocelyn, of Santa Clarita, Calif., and Justin Moss and wife, Vanessa Steinroetter, of Lincoln, Neb.; and great-grandsons, Calen Ostroot and Cameron Ostroot.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 1, at Bethany Lutheran Church in Bigfork, the Rev. Christopher Miller officiating. Burial will follow at Bethany Cemetery in Bigfork.

Condolences may be sent to the family at P.O. Box 214, Bigfork, MT 59911.

Memorial contributions may be made in Ruth's name to Bethany Lutheran Church, 8559 Montana 35, Bigfork, MT 59911.

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

Andrew T. 'Hoss' Overcash, 46

Andrew T. "Hoss" Overcash, 46, passed away on July 19, 2011, near his home in Whitefish.



"Cap'n Hoss," the son of Marvin C. Overcash and Elizabeth Townsend Overcash, grew up in Virginia Beach and spent many years in the sport scuba diving industry as an instructor, retailer and charter boat captain. He brought joy to many and gave of himself tirelessly. He will be missed greatly.

He is survived by brothers, Charles E. Overcash, Michael E. Overcash and

Stephen C. Overcash; sister-in-law, Kimberly A. Overcash; niece, Elizabeth K. Overcash; and nephews, Harrison M. Overcash and Stephen C. Overcash.

A celebration of Andrews's life will be held at 6 p.m. on Saturday, July 23, at Andrew's home, 430 Beaver Lake Road in Whitefish. A potluck dinner is planned. Please bring a dish to share. Call Kim with any questions or help you can give; 270-7695.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the local humane society.

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