

Dorothy 'Dode' Sivright, 90

Dorothy "Dode" Sivright, 90, passed away peacefully Tuesday, Aug. 2, 2011, at her Bigfork home.



Dode

was born Jan. 23, 1921, to Edward and Edith Manuel in Fergus Falls, Minn. The family moved to George, Iowa, where she lived until she attended Coe College and graduated with an English major. While attending Coe College, she was captain of the rifle team and was an All State basketball player.

After graduation she moved to Iowa City, Iowa, where she taught school and met and married Donald F. Mirick, M.D. They settled in Clinton, Iowa, and had four children. Dr. Mirick was killed in a car accident in 1968.

In 1970, she married David H. Sivright Sr., in Aspen, Colo. They moved to Glenwood Springs, Colo., in November 1974, where they formed Coors Western Slope. They lived there until 1986, when they moved to Indian Wells, Calif.

They also purchased a home in Bigfork and would

winter in California and summer in Montana. They have been full-time residents of Bigfork since 2008.

Dode stayed active by playing golf, tennis, bridge, snow and water skiing, hunting and fishing. She was a lifetime member of the PEO. She was also a contributor to numerous activities and charities in the Bigfork area, including the Bigfork Center for the Performing Arts, various veterans organizations, police and fire departments and the Boy and Girl scouts councils.

She will always be remembered for her generosity, love of family, her unique gift for being a gracious hostess and for her moral fabric.

Dode is survived by her husband, David; six children; 13 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Memorial services for Dode will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 6, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to any veterans charity.

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

Edwin P. 'Ed' Smalley, 85

Edwin P. "Ed" Smalley, 85, died Tuesday, May 31, 2011, in Kalispell.

At his request, there

will be no services.

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

William C. Smart, 78

William C. Smart, 78, passed away in Kalispell on Monday, Aug. 23, 2010, after a nine-month battle with lymphoma.

Bill was born in Missoula and moved with his family to Libby when he was 15. After graduating from Libby High School, Bill married his high school sweetheart, Joan Edstrom, and enlisted in the Air Force and served during the Korean War.

Bill graduated with a degree in accounting from

the University of Washington, and worked for the public accounting firm Price Waterhouse as a partner in Seattle, and Anchorage, Alaska, until his retirement in 1989.

After retiring, he resided in Tucson, Ariz., and Rollins, where his great-grandfather Redeker settled in 1904 and where he had spent childhood summers.

Throughout his life, he was an active volunteer in a variety of community

and charitable organizations, serving on numerous boards.

Bill was married to Joan for 47 years, until her death in March 1999. He was also preceded in death by his second wife, Rozanne Dwyer, who passed away in October 2009, after nine years of loving marriage. Friendly and outgoing, Bill touched many lives and will be sorely missed.

He is survived by his

four daughters, Terri Ray of Seattle, Lorri Gorman of Pelham Manor, N.Y., Stacy Thorpe of Eagle River, Alaska, and Cami Smart of Pacific, Wash.; four brothers, Royal Smart of Crystal Lake, Ill., Jim Smart of Libby, Doug Smart of LaConner, Wash., and Ted Smart of Lake Oswego, Ore.; seven grandchildren; and three stepchildren.

At his request, there will be no services.

Edward C. Smith, 79

Edward C. Smith, 79, of Columbia Falls, died Friday, Sept. 23, 2011, at his home in Columbia Falls.

He is survived by his children, Linda Hand of Idaho, Claudia Dakin of South Dakota, and Rick Smith and Roxy Smith,

both of Columbia Falls.

A memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 8, at Woodlawn Cemetery, and then continue at the house at 3 p.m.

Arrangements are entrusted to Columbia Mortuary.

Jesse E. 'Smitty' Smith Jr., 87

Jesse E. "Smitty" Smith went to be with the Lord" on Nov. 27, 2011, at his home in Kalispell.

Smitty was born Oct. 19, 1924, in Monroe County, Iowa. His father was Jesse Smith Sr., and his mother was Bula (Elswick) Smith.

He grew up on a farm in Iowa, attended a country school and then graduated from Moriva High School. When he was 17 years old he learned to fly, paying \$8 an hour for lessons. Flying was truly his passion for the rest of his life.

In 1942, he enlisted in the Navy and became a gunner's mate, serving aboard a Navy tanker during World War II. He was discharged in 1946. He then returned to Iowa to marry Eileen Culver. They had two children.

In 1949, he enlisted in the Army and became a motor sergeant. Along came the Korean War and his outfit was one of the first units to be dispatched to Incheon, Korea. Smitty received nine honorary medals. He also served 22 years in the Navy Reserve. Smitty, as well as his family, was very proud of his service to this country.

Smitty and his family soon moved to Colorado Springs, Colo., where they lived for over 30 years. Smitty worked for Phil Long Ford, managed Conoco Car Clinic, and owned several gas stations.

With his love of flying, Smitty had owned several airplanes — a 1948 Cessna 120, 1949 Cessna 140, and a 1953 Cessna 170B. He was on the board of directors for the Colorado Aviation Historical Society, and was the founder and state director for the Colorado Antiques Airplane Association.



In 1999, Smitty and Eileen moved to Kalispell to be near their daughter and family. There he enjoyed his coffee time with friends at Sykes' Restaurant, time spent at Glacier Airport, with the pilots at Semitool and especially his time spent at Red Eagle Aviation. On his 85th birthday, Jim Pierce took Smitty on his first helicopter ride.

"Thank you, Jim, Rachael, and all at Red Eagle Aviation for being so wonderful to him."

Smitty is survived by his wife, Eileen, of 65 years; his daughter, Kathy Collins, of Bigfork; Kerry Smith of Colorado Springs; his brother, Carol D. Smith, of Waverly, Iowa; his grandchildren, Tami Bier, Michael Collins, Jennifer Syckes and Jami Collins, all of Montana, and Sherry Johnson, Joshua Smith and Todd Smith, all of Colorado; and his 12 great-grandchildren.

The family would like to give a special thanks to Susan, Jill, Pastor Bob, Lon and all the ladies at Hospice and Home Options for such loving care; and thank you to our caring neighbors, Russ Mole and Merdie Hartsoch, for all your help.

Several years back Smitty wrote his life story and this how he ended the book, "I think I have had the most interesting life a man can have. Flying has really been my passion and I have enjoyed every flight I've had the privilege of flying. In my lifetime, I have seen so many things, done so many things and had so much, far more than I deserved. The good Lord has certainly blessed me with a multitude of memories that I will treasure for the rest of my life. Most of all, I have been blessed with a wonderful family. I thank each and every one of you and I love you all. One of the important things in my life was to see people, laugh and smile. I did my best to make that happen."

John F. Smith, 76

John F. Smith, 76, of Kalispell, peacefully passed away on Jan. 1, 2011, at the Forest Park Health Center in Carlisle, Pa.

He was born Nov. 4, 1934, in Newport, Pa., and was the son of Russell S. and Ruth Pearl (Bealor) Smith, now deceased.

He was also preceded in death by his wife, Alta (Jameson) Smith; a son, Robert Smith; and a sister, Grace Zaring.

Before retiring to Kalispell, John was employed by Keen Transport in Carlisle.

John served in the United States Army and was discharged with an honorable discharge and Good Conduct Medal in 1960.

He was an avid hunter and a member of the North American Hunting Club and National Rifle Association.

John is survived by a son,

Douglas Smith, of Georgia; a daughter, Angela Smith, of Florida; a brother, James Smith, and wife, Bonnie, of Etters, Pa.; five sisters, Jean Cree and husband Victor of Newport, Pa., Nancy Frederick and husband David of Markelsville, Pa., Helen Smith and husband Charles Stake of Gardners, Pa., Betty Morgan of Camp Hill, and Mildred Meck and husband Ronald of East Berlin, Pa.; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews, and great-great-nieces and -nephews.

A private memorial service will be held at a future date by his siblings. Ewing Brothers Funeral Home, Carlisle, is in charge of arrangements.

Contributions may be made to the Newport Fire and Ambulance Service, Newport, PA 17074. Please visit www.Since1853.com to send condolences.

Richard L. Smith, 91

Richard L. Smith, 91, of Columbia Falls, passed away Sept. 12, 2011, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He was born Feb. 18, 1920, in White Earth, Minn., to Samuel J. and Mary T. (Hildreth) Smith. He attended school at the Catholic Mission School in White Earth and high school in Waubun, Minn.

Richard enlisted in the Marine Corps at the beginning of World War II and served in the South Pacific as a member of Carlson's Raiders.

He married Marjorie L. Cajune in 1944 and they settled in Dixon.

He worked in the logging industry, and also for the Bureau of Indian Affairs at the Flathead Indian Agency. In 1960 he transferred to Glacier National Park as a heavy equipment operator and was instrumental for many years in opening the Going to the Sun Road. He transferred with the Park Service to Petrified Forest in Arizona as a road foreman and from there



went to Lake Mead Recreation Area in Boulder City, Nev. He retired in 1984 as the facility manager at Lake Mead.

He continued to live in the Las Vegas area until 2003, when he returned to the Flathead Valley, residing in Columbia Falls.

Richard was preceded in death by his wife, Marjorie; and son, Lawrence "John."

He is survived by his children, Nancy Jo and Virgil Hall of Great Falls, Richard W. and Lorinda Smith of Whitefish, Mary Louise Smith of Columbia Falls, and Joseph E. and Sue Smith of Columbia Falls; He is also survived by nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

A graveside memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 17, at St. Richard's Catholic Cemetery, followed by a reception at St. Richard's Parish Hall.

Memorials may be sent to the Wildcat Athletic Endowment Fund, P.O. Box 2732, Columbia Falls, MT 59912, or the donor's choice.

You are invited to go to www.columbiamortuary.com to offer condolences and view Richard's tribute wall. Arrangements are entrusted to Columbia Mortuary.

Winona K. Smith, 93

Winona K. Smith, 93, died Sunday, Sept. 4, 2011, at Edgewood Vista in Kalispell. Private burial

will be held by the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Jerome Patrick Smithson, 80

Jerome Patrick Smithson, 80, passed away on Friday, May 6, 2011, in West Richland, Wash.

He was born on Aug. 6, 1930, in Eureka, to Robert C. and Hazel (Robie) Smithson.

Jerome worked in the saw mills and served in the U.S. Air Force. In 1955, he was employed by Anaconda Aluminum Co.

He married Darlene Carlson on Sept. 3, 1955, in Coeur d'Alene. They had two children and adopted one.

He founded Jem Christmas Tree Co. He enjoyed fishing, camping, hunting and traveling. Jerome retired in 1985 after 30 years of employment. In 1987, he moved to the Oregon Coast where he enjoyed fishing,

crabbing, clam digging and gardening.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Darlene; his son, Bill; father, Robert; mother, Hazel; brothers, Robert and William; and sisters, Margaret, Florence, Helen, Hazel and Doris.

He is survived by his son, Robert John Smithson; daughter, Debra Lee Hoeke-ma; nine grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Private family services were held Friday, May 20, at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell.

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

Franklin T. Snyder, 78

Franklin T. Snyder, 78, of Libby, died at St. John's Lutheran Hospital on July 1, 2011.

He is survived by his wife, Emily; and his children, Tony Snyder, Ryan Snyder and Jada Thom, all of Libby, Bradley Snyder of Sierra Vista, Ariz., and Strom Snyder of Fol-

som, Calif.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 6, at the City of Libby Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Tuesday.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg and Nelson Funeral Home in Libby.

Joanne Lynn Spady, 57

Joanne Lynn Spady, 57, died at her home in Libby Oct. 2, 2011.

Survivors include her husband, Stu Spady, of Libby; and children, Rob Spady, Stuart Spady Jr., and Sommer Schulte.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 7, at the Christian Church, 100 Kootenai River Road in Libby. Family and friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. at the Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Libby.

Harry James Spear, 85

Harry James Spear, 85, passed on Jan. 15, 2011.

Wonderful memories and accomplishments will be remembered.

Harry was born May 2, 1925, in Flathead County to Irvan Spear and Nina Croskrey Spear.

He joined the Army in World War II, followed by a tour in the Navy.

Harry was a local logger in



Montana for many years.

Fishing, hunting and fishing were his passions. He traveled to Alaska and many other fishing holes around the country, always making great friends.

Harry was preceded in death by his parents, and sister Lois James.

Harry is survived by his brother, Glen Spear; daughter, Vicky Wassberg; stepdaughters, Kay Beyer and Cathy Foote; and several other loved ones.

Harry died with his fishing boots on.

Allan Sollid, 74

Allan Sollid was born in Great Falls on April 30, 1913, and passed away peacefully in Woodburn, Ore., on Nov. 12, 2011. He was 98 years old.



Allan spent all of his childhood in the farming town of Dutton, which is located in the center of Montana.

He attended Montana State University and graduated with a degree in civil engineering.

He had a successful career as an engineer and hydrologist.

He raised his family in Kalispell.

He married Elvira Mensing in Billings on June 16, 1939.

Allan is survived by his wife of 72 years, Elvira; a son and a daughter; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Woodburn on Nov. 16.

Memorials may be made to Immanuel Lutheran Church in Woodburn.

A special note of thanks to the care givers at Country Meadows, French Prairie Care Center, Hospice of the Northwest, Visiting Angels, and the wonderful nurses and doctors at Legacy Meridian Hospital in Tualatin, Ore., for their kind and compassionate care of our dad.

The family would also like to thank the wonderful people of Immanuel Lutheran Church for all their prayers and support.

Katherine A. 'Kay' Spencer, 82

Katherine A. "Kay" Spencer, 82, died Thursday, April 21, 2011, at her home in Libby from natural causes.

Survivors include her three sons, Dave Spencer of Idaho Falls, Idaho, Ric Spencer of Libby, and Larry Spencer of Boise,

Idaho.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 26, at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 109 W. Poplar, in Libby.

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

Shirley Wilhelmina Reiten Spencer, 85

Shirley Wilhelmina Reiten Spencer, 85, passed away at Immanuel Lutheran Home on Oct. 13, 2011, with her family at her side.

Shirley was born in Great Falls on July 30, 1926. She was the only child of Hans and Lucy Reiten.

At the age of 6, Shirley met her best friend Jeanne when the Spencer family moved in next door. It was not until several years later that Jeanne's older brother, Joe, took Shirley on their first date while home on leave from the Navy.

Shirley attended college in Oregon while Joe continued with Naval training. The couple corresponded via letters while Joe was stationed in Australia, the Philippines and Hawaii, and were married on Oct. 15, 1945, in Shelby.

Joe and Shirley moved to the Columbia Falls area in 1946 when Joe took a job working for the Bureau of Reclamation at Hungry Horse Dam.

The couple's first son, David, was born in 1947; Ste-



phen followed in 1949, and Bob in 1954.

Over the years, Shirley worked in Columbia Falls and coached junior bowling leagues. She grew up spending a lot of time in Glacier Park and enjoyed camping and picnicking there with family throughout her life.

After Joe's death in 2009, Shirley continued to live in their apartment in Columbia Falls. She moved to the Lutheran home in August of this year.

In the last few years, Shirley took particular joy in being a great-grandmother.

Shirley is survived by three sons, David, Stephen and wife Peggy, and Bob and wife Cathy; seven grandchildren, Corinne, Jessica and Marcelle Wood, Ross and Lindsey Spencer, Callie, Cami, Tim and Megan; great-grandchildren, Autumn and Lucy; and many nieces and nephews of the Burnham family.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15, at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

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

Arrangements are entrusted to Columbia Mortuary.

Jean Lavern (Colby) Spicher, 91

Following a recent short illness, Jean Lavern (Colby) Spicher died peacefully on Monday, Feb. 21, 2011, at Brendan



House with her family at her side. She was 91 years old.

Jean was born Sept. 28, 1919, in Scobey. She was one of two daughters born to Edwin and Estella (Hughes) Colby. Jean received her early education in Scobey. When she was 10 years old her family moved to Fort Benton, so Jean finished her secondary education there, graduating from Fort Benton High School in 1937.

Following high school she began working as an operator at the local telephone company. She befriended the Handford family, who invited her to travel with them as their "nanny" on a six-month adventure throughout the United States. Jean often reminisced about this trip and considered it the experience of a lifetime.

After Jean returned to Montana, she continued her education at Western Montana College in Dillon, where she earned a two-year teach-

ing certificate. She moved to Hingham and began teaching in the elementary school. While there she met a local farmer, George L. Spicher, and they were married on July 15, 1945 in Spokane.

George and his brother, Richard, were partners in their farming operations, Hi-Line Fertilizer and Chester Motors, so Jean worked diligently as a farm wife and business bookkeeper. She also enjoyed her role as homemaker and mother of two daughters.

George and Jean moved to Chester in 1963 to operate Chester Motors following the sudden death of their business associate, Walter Rust. They ran the Ford dealership in Chester until 1973, then sold it to Don Raunig.

After spending a few years in north Spokane, the Spichers retired to Lakeside where they enjoyed their home on Flathead Lake. They were married 40 years when George died of cancer in 1985. Jean continued to live at Lakeside until 1996, when she sold her property and purchased a townhouse in Kalispell. She enjoyed good health and remained active in the community.

Three years ago Jean suffered a broken hip; she trans-

ferred to the Brendan House Skilled Nursing Facility for rehabilitation and continued to reside there.

Jean had been active in the Lakeside Community Club, Republican Women, United Way, Lakeside Methodist Church, and P.E.O. She was also a member of the Buffalo Hill Golf Club, a Kalispell book club called "The Lunch Bunch," and various bridge clubs.

The Spichers enjoyed traveling to Ford conventions and other destinations throughout the years. Several memorable trips were to Alaska, Panama Canal, Thailand, Hong Kong and Europe, to name a few.

In her younger years Jean enjoyed gardening and sewing. In later years she enjoyed golfing, playing bridge and collecting spoons. Throughout her life she was an avid reader and an accomplished artist. (Her specialty was painting family portraits.)

Jean was an organized lady who maintained a positive attitude in life. Her home was always immaculate and she took great pride in her personal care. Last, but not least, Jean appreciated the love of her family and friends.

She was preceded in death not only by her husband and parents, but also by her sister, Irene Bennett; and two grandchildren, Matthew Badger and Amalie Lehman.

Survivors include her two daughters, Cheryl and Doug Allen of Cut Bank and Marsha and Mel Lehman of Kalispell; four grandchildren, Scott Allen, Park Allen, Allison Badger and Marcus Lehman; five great-grandchildren; a special friend, Peggy Sweat (who has been her caregiver for the past six years); many cousins, including Mary Jane Nelsen (who was raised as her sister); and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 25, at the Epworth United Methodist Church, 329 Second Ave. E., Kalispell. Viewing will be from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., today, at the church, and Friday prior to services. Burial will be in the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell. A luncheon will follow at the church. Arrangements are by Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester.

Memorials may be given to the United Way, Brendan House in Kalispell, or Hi-Line Health Foundation in Chester.

David Bryan Spores, 51

David Bryan Spores, 51, of Kalispell, died Dec. 23, 2011, from injuries suffered in a 2011 accident.

He was a mechanic and a carpenter.

Family services were held at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home.

Dolly Edna Fisher Sproul, 90

Dolly Edna Fisher Sproul, 90, passed away Dec. 14, 2011.

Dolly was born near Kalispell to Guy and Edna Fisher in 1921. She attended school in Kalispell and Bisell, then graduated from Whitefish in 1940.

She married Francis "Barney" Sproul in 1956. They lived in Great Falls and Washington state before moving back to Kalispell in 1973.

Dolly was preceded in death by her husband, Bar-

ney; and her parents.

She is survived by her sisters, Elaine Luke of Columbia Falls, and Betty Stevens of Whitefish; brother, Virgil Fisher of Whitefish; and several nieces and nephews.

At her request, no services will be held.

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.

Dean Raymond Sprinkel, 89

Dean Raymond Sprinkel, 89, passed away on Sunday, March 27, 2011, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.



He was born on April 4, 1921, in Heppner, Ore., the son of Lee Austin and Clara Alice (Blahm) Sprinkel.

Dean attended schools in Heppner and graduated from Heppner High School. He began working at Boeing in Seattle, where he was an aircraft mechanic.

He was united in marriage to Mathilda E. Anderson on May 12, 1944, in Burien, Wash.

Dean entered the U.S. Army Air Corps and served from November 1945 to his discharge in December 1946. He then returned to Boeing and worked there until his retirement 40 years later. He worked as a mechanic and worked his way up to supervisory positions, which included pre-flight and experimental testing.

Following his retirement, Dean and Tillie traveled the United States in their motor home. They enjoyed seeing new places and spent 18 winters as "snow birds" in Yuma, Ariz.

Dean enjoyed water and snow skiing, scuba diving and golfing. He was a longtime member of the Eagles Aerie No. 1 in Seattle.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lee and Clara Sprinkel; his sister, Margaret Scott; and son, Tim.

He is survived by his wife, Mathilda "Tillie" Sprinkel, of Kalispell.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 6, 2011, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home with Pastor Wayne Pris officiating.

Visitation will be from 2 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 5, 2011, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family. Friends may go to www.jgfuneralhome.com to offer condolences.

Peter Anthony Sprunger, 88

Peter Anthony Sprunger, 88, passed away on Sunday, May 8, 2011, at the Whitefish Care and Rehabilitation Center.

He was born on April 29, 1923, in Kalispell, to Jerry P. and Mary B. (Enders) Sprunger.

He grew up in Bigfork and spent most of his life in the Flathead Valley. Peter enlisted in the U.S. Army (A.A.F.) in 1942, and served the majority of his service overseas in India. After completing his tour of duty, he married his wife, Vivian (Bellmore) Sprunger, on Jan. 28, 1945. They settled in Hungry Horse, where Peter was employed by the Bureau of Reclamation, and together they had three children.

He enjoyed a "successful" retirement in 1978 and filled his time with sign painting, renovating homes, winter trips to Yuma, Ariz., fishing and huckleberry picking, trips to their Flathead property and enjoying the

Flathead Valley. They moved to Kalispell in 1994, and after Vivian fell ill, he became her caregiver until her move to the Brendan House. He continued to visit her daily until her death on Jan. 11, 2009.

Peter was preceded in death by his father, Jerry; mother, Mary; and his brother, Elmer, all of Bigfork.

Peter is survived by his son, Randy Sprunger and his wife, Phyllis, of Whitefish, and their two daughters, Erin and Stephanie; his daughter, Katherine "K.C." Curtis of Belgrade, her son, Shawn, and his daughter, Cameo; and his daughter, Jan Varty and her husband, Warren, of Edmonton, Alberta, and their son, Lucas; along with numerous nieces and nephews.

A private family service will be held at a later date.

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

Lois Ann Houskeeper Stacy, 69



Lois Ann Houskeeper Stacy, 69, of Kalispell passed away on Monday, July 4, 2011, surrounded by her family after a long, hard fight with pulmonary affections.

Born on Dec. 29, 1941, in Blackfoot, Idaho, Lois was the oldest of four children born to Cliffe H. and Louise (Collard) Houskeeper, and was raised primarily in the Olympia/Tacoma, Wash., area, where she later met her soul mate James E. "Lucky" Stacy. They were married Aug. 21, 1964, in Kalispell and have celebrated 46 entertaining and wonderful years as partners in life and love.

The two resided in Libby for 17 years before returning to Kalispell where they have remained ever since. An active and endearing mother of two, Lois was primarily a homemaker and worked in the cafeteria at Evergreen Junior High School, and later at Kalispell Regional Medical Center as a housekeeper.

Lois was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-day Saints and the Fraternal Order of Eagles Auxiliary.

She enjoyed many hobbies but being amongst her family and friends was indeed her favorite pastime.

Lois is survived by her devoted husband, James "Lucky" Stacy; their children, Heather and Joe Mongelli of Wappingers Falls, N.Y., Bryan and Justina Stacy of Kalispell, and sev-

eral "adopted" children; her grandchildren, Marisa and Logan Mongelli; her siblings, Vernett and Dan Simkins of Idaho Falls, Idaho, LaVal and Jennifer Houskeeper of Lacey, Wash., and Carol and Dennis Workman of Shelton, Wash.; brothers-in-law, Dennis and Debbie Stacy of Fairbanks, Alaska, and Gene and Tudy Stacy of Arizona City, Ariz.; sister-in-law, Carolyn Tonkinson, of Kalispell; and many nieces, nephews, and very precious friends and extended family.

Lois always opened her heart and home to all and she would say, "If you've been here more than once, you're family." She truly meant every word!

She was preceded in death by her eternal parents, Cliffe and Louise Houskeeper; mother-in-law, Velma Miller Stacy Hutton; brothers-in-law, Robert Stacy and Tom Tonkinson; and many beloved friends and extended family members.

The family wishes to extend their humble gratitude to all of you whose care, smiles and encouragement made her burden a little lighter.

"Her spirit in peace is free to soar, and we will miss her ever more!"

A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 13, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints of Kalispell.

Donations may be made in her honor to the kind hearts at Hospice.

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

Magdalene Martha Spry, 90

Magdalene Martha Spry, 90, passed away on Wednesday, Aug. 24, 2011, in Kalispell.

She was born on Feb. 24, 1921, in Brooklyn, N.Y., the daughter of Jerry and Angela (Brancato) Marino.

She attended Abraham Lincoln High School in Brooklyn.

She married Harold Spry on July 6, 1941, in Brooklyn.

Magdalene lived in Cupertino, Calif., for many years, then relocated to Kalispell to be closer to her children. She was very active in the Ladies Circle of Central Christian Church, of which she was a longtime member. She volunteered at Kalispell Regional Medical Center and was



an election judge for many years.

She enjoyed creating latch hook rugs, cooking, baking and spending time with family and grandchildren.

Magdalene was preceded in death by her husband, Harold, in 1977; her parents; and sister, Ann Marie, in 1958.

She is survived by her daughter, Barbara Wells of Kalispell; son, Philip Spry and wife, Toni, of Clayton, N.C.; son, Harold Spry III of Big Arm; daughter, Lynn and husband, Steve Shoemaker, of Kalispell; seven grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

At her request no services will be held at this time.

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

Loy James 'Jim' Stafinbil, 92

Loy James "Jim" Stafinbil, 92, passed away on Jan. 25, 2011, at his home in Tacoma, Wash.

He was born Sept. 30, 1918. He is survived by his brother, Michael Stafinbil and wife, LaVon; six stepchild-

ren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 27, 2011, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell. All friends and family are invited.

RoseAnn Stafford, 70

RoseAnn Stafford, 70, passed away on Monday, May 23, 2011, at her home in Kalispell.

RoseAnn was born on Oct. 22, 1940, in Kalispell, to Clifford and Elizabeth Nordtome.

She was raised in Kalispell, and went to work right out of high school for Equity Supply. She retired after 42 years working for the same company.

RoseAnn married Jerry Stafford on Aug. 6, 1959. They were married for 51 years.

RoseAnn loved her animals, cooking, canning and bowling with her friends. No



one was ever turned away hungry.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Clifford and Elizabeth Nordtome.

She is survived by her husband, Jerry; a daughter, Shelly, and husband, Lincoln Reed, of Oregon; and numerous cousins.

She will be greatly missed by all her family and friends.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, May 26, at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church Cemetery, at the corner of Rose Crossing and Whitefish Stage Road.

The family requests memorials in RoseAnn's name be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Delford 'Del' R. Stamy, 89

Delford "Del" R. Stamy, 89, passed away on June 19, 2011, at St. Peter's Hospital in Helena, following a heart attack.



He was born June 8, 1922, to Walter and Edna Stamy in Great Falls.

Del entered World War II and was a B-17 bomber pilot. He flew 50 successful missions out of Fojia, Italy.

Del married Vera Bergum on Aug. 16, 1946. Together they raised two children. Upon earning his bachelor's degree from the University of Montana in 1947, Del spent his entire 36-year career with Western Life Insurance Company. The first 13 years were spent in Helena; in 1960 the company then transferred to St. Paul, Minn., where he finished out his career as executive vice president of investments, in 1983.

Upon his retirement, Montana beckoned them

back where they resided in Whitefish and Kalispell from 1983 to 1996, at which time they then moved back to Helena. Most winters during these retirement years were spent in Borrego Springs, Calif.

Del is survived by his wife Vera, of nearly 65 years; his son, Ed, and Carolyn, of Libby; and his daughter, Judy, and Sam Murfitt, of Helena; two granddaughters, Lisa and Ted Steiner of Whitefish, and Lori and Mark Quinn of Missoula; and three great-grandchildren, Ruedi Steiner of Whitefish, and Eli and Mason Quinn of Missoula.

A memorial service celebrating Del's life will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 25, at The Waterford, 915 Saddle Drive, in Helena. To offer condolences to the family please visit www.bigskyfunerals.com. Twichel Funeral & Cremation Service assisted the family with the services.

Memorials may be sent to an organization of the donor's choice.

Donald Irvin Stanfield Jr., 63

Donald Irvin Stanfield, Jr., 63, passed away on Saturday, April 23, 2011, in Polson.

His parents, Don and Lillian Stanfield, preceded him in death.

He is survived by his wife, Kathi, whom he was married to for 34 years; his children, Jodie Dugan, Pamela Laverling, Kristine Stanfield, Lilly Anne Stanfield, Katherine Stanfield, Roseanna Stanfield, Donald Stanfield III and Casey Stanfield; sons-in-law, Brian Dugan and Eric Laverling; and three grandchildren,

Dugan.

Viewing will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, April 29, 2011, at the Grogan Funeral Home, 101 Sixth Ave. E., Polson.

Funeral services will be at 4 p.m. Friday, April 29, 2011, at New Life Christian Center, 1414 Second St. W., Polson.

There will be a potluck reception following at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, 1609 Second St. W., Polson.

Condolences may be left and the obituary viewed online at www.groganfuner-

Adela 'Del' Stanger, 91

Adela Stanger, 91, was born on July 22, 1919, in Great Falls, to Sam and Angela Stanger, and passed away at Immanuel Lutheran Home on Jan. 5, 2011.



Del graduated from Great Falls High School in 1938.

She retired from a civil service position at Malmstrom Air Force Base in Great Falls in 1976 after 34 years of service. She then moved to Flathead Lake where she lived for five months of each year, and enjoyed the life of a snowbird for seven months of each year in Yuma, Ariz., and Las Vegas, for 24 years.

Del loved playing softball. She was the pitcher on the Butcher's Local team in Great Falls. In 1937, the team was in the World/National Amateur Softball Tournament at Soldiers Field in Chicago. She often would talk about how the team sang songs all the way to Chicago.

Del loved to sing and knew the words to hundreds of songs. She was named the Babe Didrikson of Montana for her excellence in sports. Del played softball on several

teams in the 1940s, and in the 1950s she coached a slowpitch softball team to the Montana Women's State Championship. Del also enjoyed bowling. She played on several teams throughout her life.

She loved the outdoors, hiking, bicycling, fishing, playing bingo, dancing, singing, and listening to music. Del would often say that "Life is an adventure, and I live life to the fullest!"

She loved Glacier Park and often told the story of how she hiked from Trail of the Cedars to Avalanche Lake barefoot (!) on a moss covered trail.

Del was dedicated to her Catholic faith and very devoted to the rosary.

She was preceded in death by her loving parents; her brothers, Evert, Gene, Larry and Dick; her sisters, Myrtle Howard and "Babe" Stanger; and her dear friend, Emma Boykin.

She is survived by her sister-in-law, Marge Stanger, of Great Falls; special friends, Polly Nikolaisen and Trish Ingvalson of Kalispell, and Gladys and Wally Kruger of Canada; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service and Mass will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Great Falls at a later date.

Wilford Quentin 'Bill' Starbuck, 86

Wilford Quentin "Bill" Starbuck, 86, passed away Friday, July 8, 2011, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.



Born Dec. 21, 1924, in Ramona, Okla., Wilford was raised and attended school in Ramona, graduating from eighth grade.

He married Carol Anna Nordtome April 4, 1964. They had been married for 47 years.

Bill was in the U.S. Navy Submarine Corps during World War II. He then worked for a sawmill in Oregon and then the C&C, which later became Plum Creek. After 32 years in the mills, Wilford retired.

He loved to fish and hunt, enjoyed driving tractor for his brother-in-law, and loved to do word search puzzles by the hour.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, Nita Gertrude (Hauger) and Ernest Glen Starbuck; brother, Glenn Tilton Starbuck; and sister, Bella Jean Haley.

Bill is survived by his wife, Carol Anna (Nordtome) Starbuck, of Kalispell; sister, Grace Johanson, of Andover, N.J.; brother, John Starbuck, of Highland, Colo.; and numerous nieces and nephews and friends. Graveside services were held on July 12.

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

Orva Adeline Steffarud, 91

Orva Adeline Steffarud, 91, passed away Wednesday, March 9, 2011, at the Brendan House in Kalispell.



She was born on July 20, 1919, to Paul and Bertina (Brovick) Steffarud in Galesburg, N.D.

She attended the Galesburg schools, where she was known as a scholar and athlete. After graduation, she attended Moorhead State Teachers College in Moorhead, Minn. Her first introduction to teaching began in a one-room schoolhouse, where she taught grades one through eight.

After the untimely death of her father, Orva and her mother moved to Whitefish to be near an aunt and uncle; this would be their first and last move. She first taught junior high math and girls' P.E.; she would then go on to teach fifth and sixth grades and later became the principal of the department.

Orva left Central School in 1981 to take the position of principal, where she remained until her retirement in 1985.

With all the honors and recognition Orva received, she always said the most important thing she ever did was taking in two young boys, and she raised them as her own. These young boys did not disappoint Orva or her mother. They went on to have distinguished careers in the U.S. Army and the U.S. Navy. They married and raised wonderful families of their own. She always has

and always will be known as "Grandma Orva" to her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

In 1959, Orva was given the honor of First Lady of Whitefish. She was chosen for her dedication to the field of education and her tireless efforts to promote organized activities for youth outside the classroom.

She was a dedicated volunteer and leader in the community. Over the years she held many offices on both the local and state level. She was a member of Sons of Norway, Delta Kappa Gamma, Community Concert, Retired Teachers and was an active member of Christ Lutheran Church.

She served as superintendent and senior league adviser of the senior youth department at the church. One of the great highlights of her life was when she chaperoned 17 leaguers to the youth convention in San Francisco in 1955.

She is survived by her two sons and their wives, Robert and Keiko Brovick of Chula Vista, Calif., and Dennis and Frankie Johnson of San Antonio; grandchildren, Peter and Shelley Johnson of Fort Carson, Colo., Patrick and Kellie Johnson of San Antonio, Eugene Brovick, Gloria and Dennis Davies, all of Chula Vista, Calif., and Ed Brovick of Seattle; 13 great-grandchildren; and cousins, Mardel Sievers of Fargo, N.D., and Myron Bejelverud of Galesburg.

A memorial service will be held to honor Orva's life at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 24 at Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish.

Arrangements are entrusted to Austin Funeral Home.

Helen Stein, 84

Helen Stein, 84, passed away on Friday, Jan. 14, 2011, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.



She was born Nov. 6, 1926, to Zoltan and Maria (Hauer) Gugi.

Helen immigrated from Hungary to the United States in 1964, and later became a U.S. citizen. She lived in New York, Michigan, and moved to Bigfork three years ago.

Helen loved life and animals. She was a good cook and great homemaker. She dearly loved her dog Molly and enjoyed caring for her.

Helen is survived by her son, Frank Vass, of Bigfork; grandchildren, Kathy Vass and Marianne Erdman of Michigan; a sister, Irene, in Hungary; and four great-grandchildren.

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

Richard Steiner, 90

Dr. Richard Steiner, D.D.S., 90, died Nov. 22, 2011, at his home in Whitefish. Private family services

are planned for a later date.

Arrangements are entrusted to Austin Funeral Home.

Helen Leota (Burk) Steinke, 91

Helen Leota (Burk) Steinke, 91, "went home to be with Jesus" on Monday, Jan. 17, 2011, at her residence in Kalispell.



She was born on May 23, 1919, at Ogalalla, Kan., the daughter of Ira and Esta (Battin) Burk.

She was united in marriage to George Steinke on Dec. 27, 1942, in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Helen enjoyed gardening, needle crafts, puzzles of all types, watching baseball and playing dominoes.

She was a longtime member of Trinity Lutheran Church. Helen was a lifetime member of the American Legion Auxiliary, as well as the Daughters of the American Revolution.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George Philip Steinke, in 1989; and her son, Robert Marion Steinke, in 2008.

She is survived by her daughter, Boni Steinke, of Portland; granddaughter, Amy Steinke, of Missoula; daughter-in-law, Jo Steinke, of Kalispell; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral services for Helen will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 21, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home with Pastor Mark Cutler officiating. Visitation will be held from 3 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. Burial will follow services at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family suggests that memorial contributions be sent to: Activities Director, Montana Veterans Home, P.O. Box 250, Columbia Falls, MT 59912; or to Home Options Hospice, 430 Windward Way, Suite 100, Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

Emery Stendell, infant

Infant Emery Stendell passed away on Monday, Aug. 1, 2011, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

Emery is survived by her parents, Shane and Diana Stendell.

A memorial service for Emery will be held from 2

to 5 p.m. today, Aug. 6, at 105 Spring Rose Lane in Kalispell.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

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

Clifford Steyee, 68

Clifford Steyee passed away at his home after a short illness on Monday, March 28, 2011. He was loved and admired by all who knew him, and had a smile that could bring sunshine to any dreary day.



He was born April 12, 1942, in Havre, and moved to Kalispell in 1976 where he lived at the Louthback Group Home and began working for Flathead Industries. He worked at both the Flathead Industries' Recycling Center and the Kalispell Thrift Store. Cliff loved working at the Recycling Center where no customer was a stranger, and this is where his hobby of "collecting" aluminum began. He knew exactly how much various recycling businesses paid for aluminum, and he ensured his cans were reimbursed at

the highest rate.

Much to his twin brother Clyde's chagrin, Clifford retired in 2004. However, he never missed a day that he wasn't out in the community meeting friends for coffee and scouring the streets for loose aluminum cans. Cliff remained a part of Flathead Industries' family until his death.

Clifford is survived by his sister, Carol Rivers, of San Diego; brother, Jim Steyee, and Tammy, of Mesquite, Nev.; brother, Omar Steyee, and Jolene, of Simms; brother, Clyde Steyee, and Marlene, of Mesquite; and stepfather, Omar Steyee, of Kalispell.

Clifford was preceded in death by his mother, Josephine.

Memorial Services for Cliff will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 2, at Flathead Industries.

The family requests memorials be made to Flathead Industries or Hospice, in lieu of flowers.

Darrell 'Murphy' Stout, 89

Darrell "Murphy" Stout, 89, died peacefully at Parma Living Center in Parma, Idaho, on Friday, Nov. 18, 2011.



Memorial services will be held at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 23, at Parma Senior Center under the direction of Dakan Funeral Chapel, Caldwell, Idaho. Condolences and memories may be shared with the family at www.dakanfuneralchapel.com.



Murphy was born Oct. 19, 1922, in Lake Freemont, Minn. He was the son of Delbert and Rose Stout. Murphy was a rifle expert in the Coast Guard and it was during this time of service that he met his lifelong love, an Army nurse, Lois Ball. They were married on June 1, 1945, in Modesto, Calif.

Murphy spent many of his later years hunting, fishing and traveling, after retiring from the Department of Interior where he was a fish culturalist at Creston National

Fish Hatchery in Creston. Murphy loved life and loved his wife and family. He had a unique sense of humor that was portrayed through his colorful language while telling his many stories. Whether Murphy was square dance calling, elk hunting, whittling walking sticks or king salmon fishing on the Kenai River, he made many friends and was a stranger to no one.

He is survived by his wife of 66-plus years, Lois; his sister, Margaret "Sis" David, of Kalispell two sons, Mike and wife Sandie of Anchorage, Alaska, and Casey and wife Debbie, also of Anchorage; and twin daughters, Janet Cooney of Parma, and Janice and husband Dave Aragon of Belen, N.M. Murphy is also survived by six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and many extended family members.

The Stout family would like to thank the Parma Living Center staff for the wonderful care they have given Murphy for the last several years.

Memorials may be sent in Murphy's name to the Parma Senior Center, P.O. Box 306, Parma, ID 83660.

Martha J. 'Marge' Stickney, 73

Martha J. "Marge" Stickney, 73, of Libby, died Wednesday, May 4, 2011, at Health Care Northwest in Kalispell, from natural causes.

Survivors include her children, Terri Siefke and Kerby Cross, both of Kalispell; and stepsons,

Bob Stickney and Greg Stickney, both of Libby.

Services will be at 2 p.m. today, May 10, at the Church of God in Libby. Visitation will be from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. today.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Libby.

Mary Ida Stillman, 94

Mary Ida Stillman 94, passed away Monday, July 18, 2011, in Helena, where she had been living with her son, Charles "Skip" Stillman.



Mary was born in Swan Lake on June 1, 1917, the daughter of Monroe and Margaret Spink. She lived in Montana all of her life, most of it in Kalispell.

Mary managed the Devonshire Motel in Kalispell for a number of years before she and her husband, Adee, purchased and managed a successful motel in Miles City for a number of years.

In later years she thoroughly enjoyed her time spent as chaplain for the Disabled American Veterans in Kalispell. One of Mary's favorite places to be and things to do was at the First

Baptist Church, "Mary's Church," in Kalispell.

Mary was a dignified woman who believed strongly in women's rights, made friends easily, enjoyed all time spent with her family and was proud of their accomplishments. In all of her 94 years she loved all of her family, old and young. She also enjoyed spending time and activities with her many friends.

Mary was preceded in death by her husband; her beloved daughter, Donna Lee; one sister; and one grandson.

She is survived by her son, Charles "Skip" Stillman; two sisters; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Cremation has taken place. There will be a celebration of Mary's life at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 6, in the First Baptist Church in Kalispell.

Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church, 301 W. Wyoming St., in Kalispell or to an organization of the donor's choice.

Clyde L. 'Skip' Stout Jr., 55

Clyde L. "Skip" Stout Jr. passed away Nov. 25, 2011, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center, surrounded by his children.



Skip was born Aug. 1, 1956, in Grand Island, Neb., to Clyde and Verna Stout. His father was stationed in Tokyo at the time of his birth and received the announcement via telegram. Skip attended schools in Nebraska and graduated in 1974 from Ophiem High School in Montana.



Shortly after graduation, Skip joined the United States Navy, where he embarked on many adventures. He toured the world on the U.S.S. Crommelin, visiting places like Thailand and Singapore. At each stop along his journey, he got a tattoo to remind him of his epic experiences.

His greatest adventure took place in the Philippines, where he met his future wife, Remy. For Skip, it was love at first sight. Skip and Remy were married April 19, 1976, in the Philippines.

With a new wife and baby on the way, that's when Skip's real adventure began. The pair welcomed daughter Sonya to the world in September. That's when Skip was given the best name of all, Dad. Eleven months later, Skip got his own Jr., when Clyde III came along.

Skip left the Navy in 1980 to pursue a college degree at the University of Montana in Missoula; but returned to the Navy in 1984 and moved his little family back to San Diego, where their surprise daughter, Ashley, was born in 1989.

But Montana is where Skip always called home. So the family returned in the summer of 1990. Kalispell is where Skip would live the rest of his life.

Skip was a hard worker, and all who knew his work ethic said he was one of the best; someone you could always count on. He never met a co-worker he didn't

later call his friend.

To know Skip was to love Skip. He always had a smile on his face or a joke to tell. He always made the room seem a little brighter.

His children and grandchildren will always remember the noisy cards and balloons that they received on their birthdays. Or the bear hugs he was always eager to give out. Skip never missed a birthday, even if he was under the weather.

And you could always count on him being there with his camera, even if you forgot yours.

Skip was a giving man and would give you the last dollar he had if you needed it. It showed in the love he had for his children and the work he did at the food bank.

Skip loved the outdoors, doing things like kayaking, canoeing and hiking with his brother John. Skip always took his camera with him on his outdoor adventures, taking pictures of the beautiful Montana mountains and the wildlife he ran into along the way.

So that Skip's memory could live on, his children decided to donate his organs to the Northwest Organ Donation Center. This is what his family believed he would want, since he was such a lover of life. The family would like to thank Dr. Craig Smith for being so caring during a difficult time.

Skip was preceded in death by his wife, Remy; mother, Verna; his brother, Mark; and sister-in-law, Carol.

Skip is survived by his children, Sonya and Travis AuClaire, and their children, Bryson, Alyssa, Braden and Braxton (due in March); Trey and Sabrina Stout, and their children, Nathan, Ashlynn, Brandon, Jaden and Cy; and Ashley Stout and her children, Cameron and Caden; his father, Clyde Stout Sr.; and brother, John Stout; all of Kalispell; as well as many nieces, nephews, "adopted" grandchildren, and loving friends and co-workers.

A celebration of Skip's life will be at 1 p.m. Dec. 18 at 315 Battleridge Drive in Kalispell. For directions, please call Sonya at 314-5911 or Ashley at 212-5246.

Glen Stout, 64

Glen Stout, 64, was found dead Friday, Jan. 14, 2011, at his residence near Bigfork.

He is survived by three sisters, Linda Brentano, Judith Aden and Barbara

Proctor.

Memorial services are pending.

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

Richard 'Dick' P. Strack, 70

Richard "Dick" P. Strack, 70, passed away in Arizona at Danilo Adult Care Home on Feb. 3, 2011, after a long battle with cancer and diabetes.

Dick was born on Feb. 15, 1940, in Kalispell to Mathias and Marcella Strack. He was the oldest of six children. He was raised in Kalispell and attended school at Flathead County High School.

He worked many years as a truck driver for ANR/Garrett Freightlines in Kalispell.

Dick took an early retirement due to a disability. He moved to the warmer climate of Tucson, Ariz., and has resided there for 19 years. He enjoyed his retirement, going to casinos and playing bingo.

He was preceded in death by his father, Mathias; his sister, Rita Steinke; brother,

Greg; and numerous aunts and uncles.

Dick is survived by his mother, Marcella; sisters, Sharon Burgad and Bob, Kay Petroff and Dennis, and Betty Anderson and Mark. He is also survived by five children, Rebecca, Richard, Gregory, Cynthia and Jeff; and grandchildren, nieces, nephews, aunts and cousins.

The family would like to extend our special thanks to Danilo Adult Care and Hospice of Tucson.

Cremation arrangements are under the care of Angel Valley Funeral Home in Tucson. Urn placement will take place at a later date in C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.bell-tob@peoplepc.com.

Hugh Dixon Strait, 84

Hugh Dixon Strait, 84, of Columbia Falls, died Friday, Sept. 9, 2011, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Ellen (Ferguson) Strait, and two children.

Services will be scheduled at a later date. Arrangements are entrusted to Columbia Mortuary.

Cecilia Theresa Strauss, 73

Cecilia Theresa Strauss, 73, died Tuesday, March 1, 2011, at her home in Columbia Falls.

She is survived by her husband, Raymond, of Columbia Falls; daughters, Kathleen of Havre, Mary of Kalispell, Theresa of Kalispell, Barbara of Tolland, Conn., and Michelle of Bedford of Virginia; and son, Ray-

mond, of Buckeye, Ariz.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 5, the Easthaven Baptist Church, 2010 Whitefish Stage in Kalispell, with her son the Rev. Raymond Strauss and Rev. Daniel Lambert officiating.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Jerry Streeter, 74

Jerry Streeter, 74, died on Thursday, Oct. 20, 2011, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

A celebration of life will be held at 4 p.m. on

Saturday, Nov. 12 at the Wallace Elks Club.

Buffalo Hill Funeral

Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Howard A. Streich, 85

Howard A. Streich of Wickensburg, Ariz., and Whitefish "went home to be with his Savior" on Feb. 20, 2011, at Clare Bridge Care Facility in Sun City West, where he had resided for nearly five years.

Howard was one of five children, born to Robert E. and Ida F. Streich on Dec. 22, 1925, in Detroit Lakes, Minn. He grew up loving the outdoors, fishing and hunting. He was a great dancer and joke teller, a real "mountain man," hence his move early to Montana.

Howard graduated from high school in Alexandria, Minn., in 1943, and went on to be a crash firefighter at Williams Field in Arizona during World War II. After he returned to Minnesota, he married the love of his life, Marion Gronberg, on Sept. 3, 1948.

He was a man of God, hence integrity and honor were very important to him. He served as president of Christ Lutheran Church and president of the Montana Tree Growers Association. He was a member of the Moose and Ducks Unlimited.

Howard was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Orin Streich and Robert Streich; and nephew, Elden Streich.

He is survived by his wife, Marion; daughter, Lynda Osborne, and husband, Jerry, of Whitefish; daughter, Karla

Millar Nixone, and husband, Ken, of Lethbridge, Alberta; and son, Eric Streich, and wife, Marcia, of George, Wash. The pride of Howard's life were his children and grandchildren, Anne, Ryan, Steven, Paul, Julie, Jared, Jacob, Molly, Kelli and Vickie; and great-grandchildren, Jinise, Josiah, Nicole, Chad and Jerod. Howard is also survived by sister, Audrey Johnson, of Perham, Minn.; brother, Elwood Streich, of Shawnee Mission, Kan.; and sisters-in-law, Jeanine Streich of Phoenix, and Naomi Streich of Kalispell.

Howard was multi-talented. He worked as a butcher, railroader, Christmas tree farmer and real estate investor.

Marion and Howard spent 15 years in the winter on the Big Island of Hawaii, then wintered in California, until he found Wickenburg, Ariz., in 1999.

Howard suffered from a genetic syndrome called FXTAS and was in one of the first studies done at University of California, Davis, on this discovery due to gene and DNA recognition.

A get-together and picnic to honor Howard's memory will be held informally at 1 p.m. June 25, at Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish, because the road to Stau Meadows (previous plan) is not in driving condition.

Ruth Strem, 102

Ruth Strem, 102, died Tuesday, April 19, 2011, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Melvin 'Dee' Strickler, 83

Melvin "Dee" Strickler, 83, died at his home in Columbia Falls on March 12, 2011.



He was born March 29, 1927, in Walla Walla, Wash., to Glenn and Elba Conley Strickler. His father was a wholesale distributor for Standard Oil and his mother, a homemaker. He attended schools in Milton-Freewater, Ore. Dee loved hiking in the outdoors and fished most of the length of the Walla Walla River as a boy. He lettered in football, basketball, and track at McLoughlin Union High School for three years. He spent his senior year in the U.S. Navy at the end of World War II, stationed on Oahu, Hawaii.

In 1950, he graduated from Washington State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in forestry, where he was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. Two years later he was granted a Master of Science degree in wood utilization from Syracuse University.

He was married to Claire Church in Syracuse, N.Y., on June 1, 1953. His first job out of college was at Cascades Plywood in Lebanon, Ore., working in quality control. In 1954, he and Claire moved to Clarkston, Wash., to help on his dad's fruit ranch on the Snake River. They also raised purebred Suffolk sheep. Their two older children, Jack and Zoe, were born in Clarkston.

hiked many miles in the Blue Mountains, where he started photographing wildflowers.

In 1976, the Stricklers moved to Whitefish to establish Strickler-Taylor Lumber Company with Keith Taylor, who had built a finger-jointing machine using one of Dee's patents. In 1978 their company entered "The World's Longest Board" in the Whitefish Winter Carnival Parade. A 2 by 6 measuring over 500 feet in length was carried by dozens of Whitefish Junior and Senior High School students. They had hoped to be entered in the Guinness Book of World Records, but were rejected because there was no such category.

When their business closed in the recession of 1980, Dee turned his hobby of many years, photographing wildflowers, into a new profession. He wrote and published five books: "Prairie Wildflowers," "Forest Wildflowers," "Alpine Wildflowers," "Wayside Wildflowers of the Pacific Northwest" and "Northwest Penstemons." All but the latter have gone into several editions and all are still in print.

Dee was a member of the American Penstemon Society, the Montana Native Plant Society, and a former board member of the Glacier Natural History Association. He was a member of the first Presbyterian Church of Whitefish, an ordained elder and the church's "Dishwashing Deacon." He loved to sing and was a faithful tenor in the church choir. In 1982, he designed and oversaw the building of an addition to the church.

Possessing a lifelong passion for game hunting, Dee managed to go into the field at age 82 with his son. He also loved gardening, laboring over a vegetable garden and three wildflower gardens.

When the ranch was scheduled to be flooded by a dam on the river, they moved to Pullman, Wash., where he was a member of the faculty at Washington State in the Division of Industrial Research, College of Engineering for 19 years. He was involved in research that included particleboard, finger jointing, trusses and glu-lam beams. During that time he authored 20 articles in professional publications and was awarded two patents. In 1972 he earned the L.J. Markwardt Award for Wood Engineering Research from the Forest Products Research Society for "distinguished contribution to the knowledge of wood as an engineering material and enhanced utilization efficiency of this renewable resource." He took a year's absence from WSU to study for his Doctorate of Forestry degree at Duke University, which was awarded in 1967. He rose to the rank of full professor of materials science at WSU.

Their youngest son, Walt, was born in Pullman, Wash. Dee was active in Boy Scouts with his two sons. He took Scouts on long hikes, including a 100-mile hike in the Bob Marshall Wilderness. He also took church youth groups on backpacking trips with Claire, and the family enjoyed backpacking together. He hunted and

Dee was preceded in death by his parents, and his older brother Bob.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Claire; and their son Jack, his wife Diana, and grandson Glenn, of Kalispell; son, Walt, of Boulder, Colo.; daughter Zoe, husband George Gibson, and granddaughter Chloe, of Storrs, Conn.; and a foster son, Sanjay Narasimhalu, and family of Katy, Texas.

The celebration of Dee's life will be held 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 19, at the First Presbyterian Church, Whitefish, with the Rev. Dan Davis officiating, followed by a lunch in the church's Fellowship Hall.

The family suggests donations in lieu of flowers to the North Valley Food Bank, 311 E. First Street, Whitefish, MT 59937; or the Glacier Presbyterian Camp and Conference Center, P.O. Box 384, Lakeside, MT 59922.

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

Michael Robert Stricklin, 51

Michael Robert Stricklin, 51, of Lakeside, passed away peacefully at home on Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2011, after a long, hard-fought battle with cancer.



Mike was born in Billings March 24, 1960, to Robert and Emily "Ann" Stricklin. He and his twin brother, Patrick, were partners in crime and kept their parents and brothers, Charles and Victor, on their toes at all times.

After graduating from Billings Senior High School in 1979, Mike went to work at the family business, Automatic Vending. He moved to Lakeside in 1990. He worked at the Montana Nugget and Leland's Honda before retiring early in 1999 to focus on playing.

After retiring, he had more time to do the things he loved, such as riding his Har-

ley and Goldwing, driving his boats, riding his snowmobiles and just having fun.

Mike had so many friends, almost everywhere he went he knew someone, and if he didn't he would make friends quickly. Mike lived more in his short 51 years than most people live in their entire lifetime.

Mike is survived by his children, Paula Stricklin and her husband Landon Gomez, and Ryan Stricklin and his wife Ashley Stricklin, and grandson Ryley Stricklin; his twin brother, Patrick Stricklin, and brothers Charles Anderson and Victor Anderson; numerous nieces and nephews; and many, many friends. He also leaves behind his best friend, his dog Lucy.

At celebration of his life will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 19, at the Kalispell Christian Center, located at 255 Summit Ridge Drive. A reception will follow at the Montana Nugget, located at 740 West Idaho.

LaVerne Marie Strodtbeck, 74

LaVerne Marie Strodtbeck, 74, passed away on Tuesday, April 12, 2011, at Lake View Care Center in Bigfork.



She was born on Dec. 30, 1936, in Sioux City, Iowa, to James E. and Maria (Greenhagen) Burke. She graduated from Flathead County High School in 1954.

LaVerne was married in 1955 and divorced later in life.

LaVerne worked as a teller at a local bank and enjoyed being a homemaker most of her life. She loved working in the garden and on the family farm, until moving to Missoula. She moved back later, to Kalispell, to be cared for by family.

She enjoyed ceramics, sewing, and was a member of the Daughters of Isabella, Ski Club, Card Club, Bowling League and was active in the Boy and Girl Scout organizations.

LaVerne was preceded in death by her father, James E. Burke; mother, Marie

Burke; and brother, James F. Burke.

She is survived by her daughter, Kathy, and husband, Kirby Ray, of Houston; son, Mark Stradtbeck, and wife, Lori, of Kalispell; daughter, Teri, and husband, Wayne McMichael, of Kalispell; son, Tim Stradtbeck, and wife, Chris, of Boise, Idaho; daughter, Cindy, and husband, Mike Donohue, of Seattle; 10 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 16, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church, Kalispell. Interment will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be held from noon to 6 p.m. today, April 15, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home in Kalispell.

Memorial contributions can be made on LaVerne's behalf to Lake View Care Center, 1050 Grand Avenue, Bigfork, MT 59911; or to the Kidney Foundation at www.kidneyfoundation.org

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

Leonard F. Stuart, 85

Leonard F. Stuart, 85, passed away on Tuesday, June 7, 2011, at Ephraim McDowell Regional Medical Center in Danville, Ky.

Mr. Stuart was born Nov. 1, 1925, in Havre, to the late Hattie Ann Behrends and Charles Leonard Stuart.

Mr. Stuart graduated from Havre High School, Northern Montana College and Asbury College. He also completed a hospital administrator's course at the University of Alabama. He was manager of Vita-Rich Dairy in Havre for 14 years and was lay associate pastor of First Methodist Church in Yuba City, Calif., before becoming a missionary. He served as field treasurer for the United Methodist Church in Congo, Africa, and hospital administrator at Phebe Hospital in Liberia, West Africa. After returning from Africa, he was assistant director of Redwood Christian Park in Boulder Creek, Calif., and served as development director of McCurdy School in Espanola, N.M.; hospital administrator at Red Bird Mission Hospital in southeastern Kentucky; and development director for the Mission Society in Atlanta. He also served his country in the U.S. Army Air Force in World War II.

Mr. Stuart and his wife, Marie, retired to Danville, Ky., in 1992. He was a mem-

ber of Centenary United Methodist Church in Danville where he was involved in mission outreach, taught Sunday school and started a men's breakfast group.

Leonard is survived by his wife of 62 years, Marie E. Fanning Stuart; two daughters, Michaelyn Stuart of Lexington, Ky., and Patti Stuart of Montana; two grandchildren, Julie Coy Martinez and Michael Stuart, both of Lexington; and four great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 18, at the Christian Life Center at Centenary United Methodist Church on Perryville Road in Danville, with the Rev. Dr. Quentin Scholtz and Rev. Dr. Matthew Atha officiating.

A private committal service was held at Camp Nelson National Cemetery with military honors.

Honorary pallbearers will be members of Pruitt Sunday school class and members of the Thursday morning men's group.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Centenary United Methodist Church in Danville building fund or Asbury University in Wilmore, Ky.

A tribute wall is available for Leonard at www.prestonpruitt.com

Mary Ann Stuker, 67

Mary Ann Stuker, 67, of Eureka, passed away at Kalispell Regional Medical Center on May 10, 2011, following a difficult battle with cancer.

Mary was born on March 13, 1944, in Cando, N.D., to George and Esther Clemo. She was raised by her mother and stepfather, Leon Steinke, near McVille, N.D., where she completed school and married Pete Lemer. They gave birth to their son Paul in McVille, moving to Montana shortly afterward, where she gave birth to their daughter, Leann.

Mary experienced life to the fullest, working and traveling on the West Coast with her children, spending time in the Tacoma, Wash., area and nearly 10 years in Sitka, Alaska.

She enjoyed her job as a bartender and had several hobbies, including playing sports, riding motorcycles, playing pool and cooking. She was a wonderful cook and enjoyed catering throughout her life. Large family dinners, holidays and social functions were a highlight for her, and she loved to throw wonderful parties for family and friends. Her family was always a huge priority for her, coming first and foremost in all that she did.

She married Gary Stuker and they started her Skyline

Catering business and restaurant, fulfilling a lifelong dream for her. In recent years, she spent her time working in Hungry Horse and catering small functions in the Eureka area.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents, George and Esther Clemo; and stepfather, Leon Steinke; as well as her husband, Gary Stuker.

She is survived by her son, Paul Lemer, and wife, Pamela, of Havre; and daughter, Leann Lemer, of Eureka; as well as her grandchildren, Candice Middleton, Katrin Baney, Jacquelyn Lemer and Courtney Lemer, all of Eureka, Kayli Lemer of Sitka, and Emily and Matthew Lemer of Havre.

Mary is also survived by her siblings, Barbara Skramstad, of Renton, Wash., Doug "Bud" Clemo and Kate of Jamestown, N.D., Robert Clemo and Dee of Troutdale, Ore., Jeff Steinke and Debbie of Grand Forks, N.D., Creech and Mark of McVille, and Nadine Hansen and Ronnie of Devils Lake, N.D.; numerous nieces and nephews, and her extended family, including Dan and Ron Lemer of Eureka.

Memorial services were held May 14 at First Baptist Church in Eureka.

Arrangements are being handled by the Schnackenberg and Nelson Funeral Home in Eureka and Libby.

Sandra Sue Sullivan, 46

Sandra Sue Sullivan was born Jan. 11, 1965, in Rawlins, Wyo., to her parents, Patricia and David Morris, and joined her brother, Mike.



She had two children, David and Jennica.

She met Kip Sullivan, and they married on April 12, 1996, and joined their two families together in McCall, Idaho. They were married almost 15 years.

She had a bachelor's degree in psychology and was just a few classes away from a master's degree. She enjoyed playing on the computer, sewing, puzzles, reading and playing "World of Warcraft" with her kids. She spent a lot of time praying and studying the Bible.

In addition to going to col-

lege for many years, she had various jobs, including Web design.

Her No. 1 priority was Jesus, but she didn't preach at people, she just showed them love. Anyone who knew her knows that she put everyone else's needs and feelings above her own discomfort or pain. Her life was one of unconditional love toward everyone.

After many years of fighting against multiple illnesses, she "went to heaven" at age 46 on Feb. 26, 2011. "She is no longer in pain and has a new body. She is sitting at Jesus' feet, laughing and visiting with him."

Her life has made an impact on everyone around her, and she will be greatly missed.

"We love you, Mom!"

Services will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 6, at the Sullivan residence. Viewing will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Contact the family for more information.

Delores Swanberg, 89

Delores Swanberg, 89, was born on her parents' farm near Nardin, Okla., on July 16, 1922, to J. Floyd and Luella Trekell McAninch.



She died Nov. 28, 2011, in Woodland, Calif., following complications of a head injury.

She received her early education in Tonkawa, Okla., and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Colorado in 1942. In her younger years she was employed by Standard Oil of New Jersey as an organic chemist in Wichita, Kan.

She met her future husband, Alfred Swanberg, while in college; they married June 11, 1944, and celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary prior to his death in May of 2003.

Delores was active in community affairs in Kalispell where she and Alfred settled after the completion of Alfred's medical training and military obligations. She was often volunteered by her children as room-mother, driver extraordinaire, den mother, cook, costume maker or various other activities. She served on numerous PTAs, served on the Flathead High School board for a number of terms and helped instigate a push for the early Glacier College, a forerunner to Flathead Valley Community College, in Kalispell.

She fought hard and tire-

lessly to have the old Central School deeded to the Historical Society by the city and was an early advocate for a historical museum at that site. She served on the board of the museum until 2006.

She was an avid reader, learner, published writer and loved all history and fine art. She was a fine seamstress and knit for all her children.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Alfred, in 2003; and her parents.

She is survived by her sister, Evelyn Barton, of Wagoner, Okla.; her children, Linda Swanberg of Missoula, Drs. Louise Swanberg and Tom Colyer of Kalispell, Chris and Joni Swanberg of Sacramento, Calif., Shelley and Jim Ferkovich of Woodland, Calif., and Drs. Jane-Marie and Adam Law of Ithaca, N.Y.; grandchildren, Adam and Jamie Colyer of Bellevue, Wash., Christy Colyer of Washington, D.C., Katie Swanberg of Sacramento, Kelly Swanberg of Los Angeles, Brian and Rebecca Ferkovich of Davis, Calif., Melissa and Sheldon Blissett of Woodland, and Sam, Tamar and Hannah Law of Ithaca, N.Y.; as well as great-grandchildren, Meilla, Alani and Talyk Blissett and Kaylee Ferkovich.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held in the spring in Kalispell at the Museum at Central School.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her name may be made to the Museum at Central School.

Margaret 'Marge' (Spillane) Swanberg, 81

Margaret "Marge" M. (Spillane) Swanberg, 81, formerly of Kalispell and West Glacier, died April 30, 2011, of natural causes, at the University of Virginia Medical Center in Charlottesville, Va.

She is survived by her children, Michael and Gregory of Charlottesville, Kenneth of Portland, Maine, Christopher of Houston, Arthur of Palos Verdes, Calif., Thomas of

Washington, D.C., Ann Swanberg-Mee of Albuquerque, N.M., and Marguerite Swanberg Shay of Chicago.

Services were held May 7 at Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church in Henderson, Ky. Burial with full military rites took place at St. Louis Cemetery in Henderson. A celebration of life will be held this summer at Lake Five.

James Wesley 'Jim' Swartzenberger, 56

James Wesley "Jim" Swartzenberger, 56, passed away Sunday, July 31, 2011, in Kalispell.

Jim was born Jan.

3, 1955, in Kalispell, the son of John and Isabel (Riggins) Swartzenberger.

He married Vicki Buck in Kalispell on May 30, 1980.

Jim was self-employed for the past 30 years in the wrecking yard business. He was the owner of Tri-City Wrecking Inc. in Kalispell.

Jim enjoyed fishing, hunting, and camping with his wife, children and grandchildren. Family was the world to him.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Isabel; stepfather, Tex Meyer; brother, Dale; nephew, Patrick; and sister-in-law, Ruthie Buck.

Jim is survived by his wife of 31 years, Vicki, of Kalispell; daughters, April and husband Mike Stanisich, DawnD and partner Clayton Kjensrud, and Joni and hus-



band Kevin Rohletter, and son, Jason Swartzenberger, all of Kalispell; brothers, Danny and wife Linda Swartzenberger, John "Butch" and wife Sandy Swartzenberger, and Ronnie and wife Debbie Swartzenberger; sister, Barb, and husband, Jack Fleming; brother, Joe, and wife, Barb Swartzenberger; sisters, Donna and husband Nick Aemisseggar, Dana and husband Art Toren, Debbie Koski and Lori Barrett; brothers-in-law, Doug, Ken, Ron and Bob Buck; sister-in-law, Josie Buck; grandchildren, Cruz and Chassity Stanisich, Nathan, Tanner, Tahja and Takoda Rohletter, and Casson and Julia Stadick, and unborn grandson, Miken Kjensrud; uncle, Wes; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and extended family.

A potluck celebration of life service will be held at 3 p.m. on Saturday Aug. 6, in the basement of the Eagles Lodge.

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.

Oscar A. 'Doc' Swenson, 81

Oscar A. "Doc" Swenson was born on April 15, 1930, in Wiliston, N.D., to Oscar N. and Iva K. Swenson.



He passed away peacefully on June 23, 2011, after living courageously with Alzheimer's disease.

He was raised in Sidney, graduated from Sidney High School in 1948, joined the Marines, and graduated in pre-med in 1953 from Montana State College in Bozeman.

In Bozeman he met the love of his life, JoAnn Mooney. They married on Sept. 5, 1953. He attended Northwestern University Medical School in Chicago and graduated in 1956. After graduation, they moved to Spokane where he did a one-year internship at Spokane Deaconess Hospital. Following the internship, he began his first family medical practice in Fairview. In 1960, they moved to Sidney where he established his family practice, until moving to Kalispell in 1969 to continue his career, until he retired in 1995.

His accomplishments as a physician were numerous. He was the president of the Montana Academy of General Practice from 1966 to 1967, then the president of the Montana Medical Association from 1969 to 1970. He was instrumental in the establishment of the WAMI program for medical students. His patients would testify that his caring ways guided them through all stages of life and illness.

He enjoyed playing golf and tennis, and loved hunting and dancing. Music has always been an important part of his life, whether playing in the dance band in col-

lege or singing in the quartet at Kihei Lutheran Church. Many Friday evenings, Oscar and JoAnn could be found dancing the night away at the Bigfork Inn. In life, he never missed an opportunity to entertain friends and family. He laughed boisterously at everyone's jokes and told many of his own. His faith in God was evident in the way he lived his life. He'll always be remembered for his big smile, his sense of humor and his warm, caring heart.

He was preceded in death by his father, Oscar; mother, Iva; and brother, Marvin.

He is survived by his loving wife, JoAnn; his children, Kathi Jo and Dave Ebert, and Melanie and Scott Swenson, all of Kalispell, LesliAnn and Randall Finch of Billings, and Patrick Swenson of Bonney Lake, Wash.; his grandchildren, Rebecca, Sara, and Sydney Ebert, Orion Swenson, Shelby and Skyler Finch, and Robert and Joanna Swenson; great-grandchildren, Treymayne and Qordell Swenson; brother, George Swenson of Sidney; and sister, Joan Kringen of Bloomington, Minn.

A celebration of Oscar's life will be at 2 p.m. June 29 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church with Pastor Mark Gravrock officiating. Private family interment will follow at C. E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be held from noon to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, June 28 in the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Chapel.

Donations may be made to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Kihei Lutheran Church in Maui, or Home Options Hospice in Kalispell.

"Until we see Oscar again, he would say, 'Hang Loose!'"

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

Paul F. Svennungsen, 87

Paul F. Svennungsen, a longtime resident of Shelby, "passed into the loving arms of Jesus" on March 2, 2011, in Chesapeake, Va., where he and his wife, Sheila, lived with their daughter, Joyce Black and her family.

Paul, the youngest in a family of nine children, was born on April 5, 1923, in Worthington, Minn., to the Rev. David and Kari Svennungsen. At the age of 5, the family moved to Montana so that David, a Lutheran pastor, could begin a pastorate at Christ Lutheran Church in Big Sandy. Paul grew up in Big Sandy, graduating from Big Sandy High School, with an outstanding career as a basketball and football player. He also played tuba in the band.

After high school, Paul enlisted in the Army and served as a radio technician in Europe during World War II. After returning to the United States, Paul worked for the post office and Dave's Grocery in Shelby.

He married Sheila Buckland, a native of Shelby, on April 15, 1949, in Coeur d'Alene. Paul and his brother, Arthur, then opened a cleaning shop in Big Sandy.

During the four years Paul and Sheila lived in Big Sandy, Eric and Paula, two of their four children, were born. They then returned to Shelby so that Paul could begin work with Eddie's Bakery. Two more daughters, Joyce and Sheila, joined the family.

Paul was an avid golfer, an active member of St. Luke's Lutheran Church, teaching Sunday School and singing in the choir, a member of the Oilfield Men's Chorus, a past commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and a participant in community theater, particularly with a lead role in "The Music Man" in his later years.

Paul is survived by his wife, Sheila, of 62 years; and four children, Eric and Sherry Svennungsen of Kalispell, Paula and Rick Hartwig of Salem, Ore., Joyce and Ron Black of Chesapeake, Va., and Sheila and Gary Gall of Cameron Park, Calif.; 15 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. Paul is also survived by his brother, Amos and Mary Svennungsen of Kalispell.

A memorial service will be scheduled in the summer in Montana.

Edward F. Sverdrup, 82

Edward F. Sverdrup, 82, died Oct. 20, 2011, at his home in Libby.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 26, at Schnackenberg & Nel-

son Funeral Home Chapel in Libby. Burial will follow at the City of Libby Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Richard 'Dick' Taylor Swope, 68

Richard "Dick" Taylor Swope, 68, died Saturday, Jan. 8, 2011, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

He is survived by his wife, Jane, and two daugh-

ters, Shannon Schleifer and Patti Thurman.

Memorial services are pending.

Austin Funeral Home is caring for the family.