

James E. Waggener, 63

James E. Waggener, 63, passed from this world on Dec. 31, 2011. He died peacefully in his home surrounded by friends and family.

Jim was born April 30, 1948, in Kalispell, to Lois E. (Dode) Harmon and Ted Waggener. He was the second of three children, and is survived by his brother Ted Allen, and his sister Carol.

Jim attended school in Kalispell, graduating from Flathead High in 1966. Following graduation he attended Spokane Community College, where he studied electronics. After finishing his degree, he returned to Kalispell and went to work for Bomar Office Supply. After 25 years at Bomar he



was forced to retire due to health issues.

In 1990 he was the blessed recipient of a heart and lung transplant.

Because of the nature of his illness, Jim was allowed to donate his own heart in a rare "domino" procedure. In another fortunate turn, he became friends with his recipient, Sonny.

Jim was a great lover of the outdoors. Water skiing, snow skiing, snowcatting, golfing and hunting were some of his favorite activi-

ties. Later in life he especially enjoyed camping with family and friends and taking long walks with "not-his-dog" dog, Raja.

Jim was preceded in death by his beloved mother; his maternal and paternal grandparents, Minnie and Fred Spencer, Ella Murchison, and his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Don and Louise Mackey.

He is survived by his father; brother and sister; his dedicated and loving wife of 35 years, Suzi; his son, Brad; and three daughters, Jaylyn, Jennifer and Angie. He is also survived by his six grandchildren, Kyle, Kaitlyn, Mariana, Jackson, Frankie and Emjae;

and his great-granddaughter, Ella Anne.

A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 4, at Central Bible Church. There will be a visitation from noon to 5 p.m. today, Jan. 3, at the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Jim's name to Alpha-1 association at https://www.alpha1.org/forms/donation_tribute.php of Home Options Hospice.

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

Donald Edward 'Don' Wagner, 78

Donald Edward "Don" Wagner, passed away at the Brendan House in Kalispell on Sept. 1, 2011.

He was born in Kalispell on Dec. 6, 1932, the son of Charles and Velma (Parker) Wagner.

Don grew up in Kalispell and graduated from Flathead High School in 1951. Following high school he enlisted in the Air Force and served his country for 4 1/2 years. While stationed at Sewart Air Force Base in Tennessee he met Stella Mae White of Nashville, Tenn., and they married on Oct. 8, 1955.

From 1957 to 1980 Don had various jobs with Shell Oil, IBM, Vanderbilt, KGEZ Radio station in Kalispell and WSIA TV station in Nashville. He was a very good business man and owned three women's clothing stores in Nashville, TN., the Middle Tree Apartments



in Kalispell, and also three women's clothing stores in Kalispell, The Closet, Touch of Class, and Fashion Lady. He also had stores in Butte and Great Falls.

Dogs were of special interest to Don. He owned Collie and Malamute show dogs while living in Nashville and won numerous ribbons and awards. He also loved to fish and would never turn down a chance to go fishing with friends.

Don was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Velma Wagner; and a brother, Jim Wagner.

He is survived by his wife, Stella of Kalispell; sister-in-law, Pat Wagner of Kalispell; nephew, Ken Wagner of Homer, Alaska; niece, Darlene Fowler of Fort Wayne, Ind.; double cousin Gary Wagener and his wife, Linda, of Kalispell; and many good friends.

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

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

Martha Louise 'Sophie' Wagner, 81

Martha Louise "Sophie" Wagner "passed from this earthly life



into the hands of her loving Lord, Jesus," on May 19, 2011, in her home and in total peace.

Martha entered this life by being delivered on a pillow, so tiny and fragile.

At 2 years of age, she arrived at an orphanage with severe malnutrition and other medical issues. The doctors said she wouldn't live, and if she did, she would never walk. Well, Martha not only lived, she made it 81 years, and "walking, sometimes dancing, the whole way with Jesus."

As she grew up, she had many around her who loved her and nurtured her. In spite of her situation, she had a deep sense of compassion and developed a profound sense of humor, and grew into a loving and generous person.

She married Joseph and was married for more than

50 years, and that marriage produced two children, Linda and Richard.

She worked many years at the Fort Atkinson Memorial Hospital in Wisconsin. After retirement, she and Joseph moved to Montana to be close to their daughter. Martha loved to cook, and it gave her joy to do lots of it for her loved ones. She made her last meal on Easter Sunday.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph; her son, Richard; and her brother, Carl.

She is survived by her daughter, Linda Ruther; four grandchildren, Tina Vogt, and Aaron, Adam and Jacob Ruther; and two great-grandchildren, Dustin and Brooke.

She was amazing and loving, and will be greatly missed by her family.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 9 a.m. Tuesday, May 24, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Kalispell.

Contributions can be made in her memory to hospice or to any charity.

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

Quintin Uziah Wagoner, 2

Quintin Uziah Wagoner, 2 years, 8 months, and 23 days, was welcomed into the family of Steve and Nettie (Kauffman)



(Kauffman) Wagoner on May 16, 2008.

As the fifth born son, Quin was immediately loved and cherished by each of his older sisters and brothers. Israel could hardly wait for him to get big enough to go outside and play trucks together. When his younger sister, Zaira, was born in March of 2010, Quin loved her very much, so much that he would tremble in loving anticipation of hugging, holding, or even just giving her a kiss. He helped care for her every time he thought she needed it, even though she has grown to nearly 3/4 of his size.

Quin was a vivacious little guy with an inspiring exuberance for life. He would rarely slow down except to eat, sleep, or when he was buckled in his car seat. Quin enjoyed spending his days playing with Israel, Priscilla and Olivia in their grand adventures, driving Matchbox cars (usually having one in each hand) or reading a book with Momma. He would joyfully greet Hadasa, Elaina and Ben when they came home from school, but was especially happy when Dad and David came home in the evening. It was a special treat to spend time with his eldest sister, Alicia, and nephew, Zeke, or to play video games with Josiah.

During supper on Saturday, Feb. 5, Quin choked on a bite of hot dog and very soon passed out. Though CPR was given by his daddy, QRU and EMTs, and he revived after his heart had stopped on the way to North Valley Hospital, he never regained consciousness. He was life flighted to Missoula and was on full life support at Community Medical Center until his heart quit beating on its own early in the morning on Tuesday, Feb. 8.

We miss touching the softness of his dark gold blonde

hair, the twinkle in his dark eyes, the "five", "knuckles" and "cut the pickle" when he was pleased with himself for doing a good job, the cute little "happy dance" he would do when he was excited, and his insistence on being barefoot every possible moment.

"We are so thankful for him and the amount of time God granted us to spend with him. We encourage parents to remember to treasure each of their children. Children truly are a gift from God.

"Quin has joined his older sister, Annie, his maternal "Papa" Jim Kauffman, and his paternal "Grandpa Joe" Wagoner in heaven."

We, his family, who are missing him are his parents, Steve and Nettie, his siblings, Alicia and husband Z.J. Hilliard, David, Josiah, Benjamin, Elaina, Hadasa, Israel, Priscilla, Olivia, Zaira and nephew Zeke. He will also be missed by Grandma Bobbi Wagoner, aunts and uncles, Terresa and Rud Knudsen, Fay and Gary Schmidt, Lyle and Becky Wagoner, Elton and Gayla Kauffman, Jay and Angie Kauffman, Anita and Bill Stinde, Willard and Dawn Kauffman, Renee and Jon Sanford, Ted and Natalie Kauffman, and Jeremiah and April Kauffman; and numerous cousins on both sides of the family.

We appreciate the excellent care given to Quin by the Badrock QRU, Three Rivers EMTs, North Valley Emergency Room Staff, the Life Flight crew, and Dr. Smith and staff at Community Medical Center Pediatric Intensive Care Unit. We are also humbled by the outpouring of gracious sympathy and compassion shown by the communities around us.

"May God richly bless each one of you for your thoughtfulness."

A celebration of Quin's Life will be held at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 19, at the Mountain View Mennonite Church.

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

Arlene M. (Tracy) Walker, 73

On Jan. 18, 2011, Arlene M. (Tracy) Walker of Whitefish passed away at her home after a brief fight with cancer. Robert Walker, her husband of 37 years, was at her side, along with her sons.

Arlene was born on Sept. 24, 1937, in Livingston.

She graduated from Park County High School in Livingston in 1955 and married Bozeman native Rudolf W. Nelson on Nov. 16, 1956.

Arlene was a telephone operator for Mountain States Telephone from 1955 to 1960. While raising three sons, she also worked for Miller's Jewelers and Singer Company in Bozeman.

On April 26, 1974, she married Robert B. Walker of Columbia Falls. They moved to Whitefish, where they resided for the duration of her life.

Arlene will be remembered for her devotion to God, family and friends. She was an active member of the Christ Lutheran Church in

Whitefish. Those that know Arlene will know that her sons, grandchildren and great-grandchild were the joy of her life.

She was preceded in death by her father, Elza Willis Tracy, and mother, Nadean Mardell Caldwell Stipp. She is survived by her husband, Robert; sons, Gregory Nelson of Las Vegas, Robert Nelson and family of Olney, Md., and John Nelson of Livingston; two sisters, Pamela A. Putnam and Laura M. Nicholson, both of Livingston; a brother, James L. Stipp, of Bonny Lake, Wash.; five grandchildren; one great-grandson; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, at Christ Lutheran Church, 5150 River Lakes Parkway in Whitefish.

In lieu of flowers, please make charitable donations to Christ Lutheran Church, your local hospice care, or to the charity of your choice.

Charlotte Irene Walker, 83

Charlotte Irene Walker, 83, died March 26, 2011, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

She is survived by her four sons, Butch Ward, Clarence Ward and Neal Ward, all of Whitefish, and Robert Ward of Portland;

and one daughter, Bonnie Ward, of Hot Springs.

A graveside service will be at 1 p.m. March 31 at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

Arrangements are entrusted to Austin Funeral Home.

Mary Ann Wake

Memorial services for Mary Ann Wake, 94, who died Nov. 23, will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 23, at Wel-Life Assisted Liv-

ing, 156 Three Mile Drive, Kalispell.

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

Arlene (Watts) Wallace, 88

Arlene (Watts) Wallace passed away peacefully on March 13, 2011, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls following a six-month illness.



Arlene, born Margarete Arlene Deobald, arrived April 15, 1922, in Kendrick, Idaho, the oldest of five children born to Edwin Albert and Anna Becker Deobald. Her childhood was spent in Kendrick where she graduated in 1939 as valedictorian of her class at Kendrick High School. She then pursued her education at the University of Idaho in Moscow, graduating Phi Beta Kappa with a Bachelor of Science degree in business in 1943.

On July 19, 1942, Arlene married Joseph William Watts in Kendrick. Joe and Arlene made their home in Moscow where Joe was an accountant, and later business manager and bursar at the University of Idaho. Together they raised four daughters, Jane, Linda, Carol and Sue.

Following Joe's untimely death, Arlene married John Andrew Wallace on March 21, 1987, and became step-mother to Kristianna and John Clarke. Arlene and John made their home in Whitefish, where Arlene joined PEO Chapter BR and where she and John volunteered at the Whitefish Library and the Whitefish Train Depot Museum. For many years they enjoyed organizing the monthly birthday parties and the Christmas gift shop for the residents at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

Arlene's family and friends loved listening to Arlene play the piano. She enjoyed doing embroidery and baking cookies, pies, and other sweet treats. She was interested in local history and one of her passions was genealogy. Her extended

family was quite large and their frequent family reunions and "cousin picnics" were very important to her.

In late September 2010 Arlene was diagnosed with a brain tumor. She and John subsequently moved together to the Whitefish Care and Rehabilitation Center and then to the Montana Veterans Home. John passed away on March 10, 2011, just three days before Arlene's death. Our family wishes to thank all the doctors, nurses, aides, other staff and volunteers at both facilities for their compassionate care during Arlene and John's last months.

Arlene was also preceded in death by her 10-year-old daughter, Carol, in 1963; her parents, Anne and Eddie; her first husband, Joe; her brother, Theodore "Ted" Deobald; and her second husband, John.

Arlene is survived by her sister, Aunabel Keene, of Moses Lake, Wash.; her brothers, Charles Deobald and John Deobald, both of Kendrick; her sisters-in-law, Barbara Deobald of Richland, Wash., Betty Watts Bell of Lewiston, Idaho, and Ervalyn Hill of Bend, Ore.; her daughters, Jane Weiss of Cardiff, Calif., Linda and husband Dale Newberry of Moscow, and Sue and husband, Dave Eschen of Moscow; and her stepchildren, Kris and husband Sven Ollestad of Bothell, Wash., and John C. Wallace of Whitefish. Nana will be missed by her many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Arlene's life is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 26, at the 1912 Center in Moscow. Private burial will take place at the Moscow Cemetery. A second celebration is planned in Whitefish later in the spring.

The family suggests memorials to the Whitefish Library, the University of Idaho Arboretum, or the Juliaetta-Kendrick Heritage Foundation.

John Andrew Perry Wallace, 89

John Andrew Perry Wallace, 89, passed away on March 10, 2011, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.



He was born March 16, 1921, in Pilot Rock, Ore. John graduated from high school in Kendrick, Idaho, in 1939. He entered Eastern Washington College, studying to join the Navy to train as an officer and pilot. He enlisted in 1942 and married his college sweetheart and Whitefish alumna, Anne Hansen, in 1943.

He served in World War II and the Korean War, flying anti-submarine patrol squadrons. He never lost a man or a plane. He was qualified to fly 32 different Navy planes and was active in Naval Reserve and Recruiting. Cmdr. Wallace retired (for the first time) in 1963 from the Navy.

He began a second career making his family and community his life's work as they moved to Kenmore, Wash. John was active and instrumental the Northshore Chamber of Commerce, Kenmore Library Board, Kenmore Community Club, YMCA, Boy Scouts, Little League and more. Wallace Swamp Creek Park in Kenmore was named in honor of John and Anne when they retired, again, to Whitefish in 1980.

In Whitefish, John was active in the American Legion in the white cross program, Glacier baseball and as an officer. He and Arlene enjoyed many hours volunteering with the Whitefish Historical Society and Museum and at the Whitefish

library.

John was preceded in death by his wife and co-pilot of 42 years, Anne; his sister, Donna Theissen; his brother, Glenn; and his parents, Lillie and Lester.

John is survived by Arlene Deobald Watts Wallace, his Kendrick '39 classmate and wife of 23 years; and his dear sister, Ervalyn Hill. Also, his daughter, Kristianna and her husband, Sven; and son, John Clarke. He enjoyed and celebrated the interests, activities and charm of his grandchildren, Taren, Annika, Isabella, Sabrina and Julia; and great-grandchild, Melody. He is also survived by and was deeply fond of his stepfamily, Jane Weiss, Linda Newberry and Sue Eschen, their spouses, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and by many Wallace nephews, nieces, and their children and grandchildren.

Many, many friends made throughout the years were all very special to John. Any visitor was welcomed as warmly as family.

We will celebrate John's life with a funeral Mass at 11:30 a.m. Monday, March 14, at St. Charles Borromeo Church in Whitefish, with burial to follow at 1 p.m. at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Luncheon following.

We will deeply miss the twinkle in his eye, his positive attitude and his lifelong generosity of his time and talents.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances can be made to the Parkinson Research Foundation (www.parkinsonresearchfoundation.org) or the Stumptown (Whitefish) Historical Society (www.stumptownhistoricalsociety.org). Thank you.

Arrangements entrusted to Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish.

Ava Ruth Walters, 64

Ava Ruth Walters passed away in her home Dec. 28, 2011.

Born Sept. 11, 1947, in Billings to Howard

and Bette Carpenter, Ava attended Vennard College in Iowa and Flathead Valley Community College in Kalispell, where she attained her Associate of Arts degree in accounting.

She married Gerald Walters on June 7, 1968, in Whitefish and settled west of Kalispell. They have two children, Kara and Casey.

Ava was a warrior. She loved God, family, friends and this country. She was full of laughter, had many dreams and was steadfast in her beliefs. If she was not leading, she was pushing from behind.

Ava was active in the Bible Presbyterian Church, where she sang and helped with vacation Bible school. She had many talents and shared them unselfishly. She was a wonderful wife, mother, friend.

Ava ran several home businesses, both as a bookkeeper and telemarketer, using her skills at selling.

Ava dedicated many hours in volunteer work for Flathead Christian School, where her children attended. When the school moved to its present location off Willow Glen, she became the financial officer, at first donating her time. Before her forced retirement due to a stroke, Ava was employed by Teletech, providing technical assistance via telephone.

Ava's passion for politics and the founding principles of America started at the very young age of 16, when



she started volunteering for causes she believed in. In later years, even with poor health, Ava was passionate about training and education. She achieved her dreams through steadfast action.

She became the Republican Central Committee chair and served two terms in that position. Ava achieved the ultimate reward while running Republican election headquarters in 2010 — every Flathead Valley Republican campaign was successful. During that campaign, Ava was instrumental in securing volunteer workers for mailings and door-to-door literature drops.

She helped found Freedom Action Rally, an organization that provides a broad scope of information, education and public awareness of the rapidly changing political scene. She initiated and donated her time to do precinct training, and facilitated a Constitution study course that continues to meet weekly.

Ava was not easy. She was uncompromising in sharing her beliefs. She had been ill and in pain for many years, working unceasingly, mentoring all in whom she believed. Ava's dreams will echo through this community, and we will remember her well.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

She is survived by her husband, Gerald; children, Kara and Casey; and brother, John, and Sandra Carpenter.

Services were held Jan. 4 at Bible Presbyterian Church.

Donations to assist the family with expenses can be made through Bible Presbyterian Church, 344 Fifth Ave. W., Kalispell, MT 59901; or to the Ava Walters Memorial Fund, held at Wells Fargo.

James B. 'Jim' Walters, 66

James B. "Jim" Walters, 66, died Saturday, June 18, 2011, at his home in Bigfork. Funeral arrangements

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

Marjorie Mae Walters, 79

Marjorie Mae Walters, 79, died on Sunday, Dec. 25, 2011, in Burnsville, N.C.

Walters was born in Hot Springs, Mont., in 1932 and lived for

a number of years in Columbia Falls and Whitefish.

Survivors include her daughters Evelyn Johnston and Donna Walters of Burnsville.

Blanche B. Ward, 79

Blanche B. Ward, 79, died Dec. 21, 2011, at her home in Libby.

She is survived by her husband of 55 years, Bert Ward, of Libby; daughters Barbara Ward of Vancouver, Wash., and Evelyn Hilt of Dutton; and son, Bob

Ward of Lake Oswego, Ore.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 28, at the Libby Christian Church, 100 Kootenai River Road.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home of Libby.

Jeannie Warner, 89

Jeannie Warner, 89, died peacefully on July 26, 2011, after a brief stay at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

She was born on July 18, 1922, in Kalispell.

Jeannie attended Deer Park during the Depression, oftentimes riding her horse to school. She graduated from Flathead County High School.

She married Norman Stringfellow in 1940 and worked in the World War II war effort until 1945.

Jeannie married Russell Warner in 1950.

Jeannie was a human dynamo. She partnered with Russell in their ranching and logging operations. Over the years she was a proud owner of Sandra's Dress Shop in Whitefish, a secretary for Stoltze Lumber Company, a driver for the railroad, head of the Conrad Mansion tours and clerked for the Kalispell Livestock Auction. Her many occupations also included stints with the U.S. Postal Service, U.S. Unemployment Office, the forestry division of Burlington Northern, and Weight Watchers, all while raising four very busy children.

Over the years, Jeannie was active in women's bowling league, Rocky Mountain Riders Saddle Club, Grange, Home Demonstration, Flathead Beef Breeder's Association, Montana State Shorthorn and Lassie Associations, Montana Cowbells, Soroptimists and the Whitefish Chamber of Commerce.

As a self-taught lifelong musician, she played the



organ for numerous events over the years and also loved playing piano with the Senior Citizens Troubadours. She was a regular at the Nite Owl in Columbia Falls, and was an enthusiastic supporter, attending every game and as many performances as she could for her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Jeannie was a valuable member of the Christian Science Church, including service as a practitioner. One of her many proud accomplishments was a lifetime commitment to 4-H. Her dedication influenced many young lives and earned her national recognition for her 50 years of service.

She was preceded in death by her father, Oscar Wendt; her mother, Viola Wendt Jore; son, Dan E.; and husband, Russell Warner.

Jeannie is survived by her four children, Judy Stringfellow Hall of Tallahassee, Fla., Joe Warner of Whitefish, K.C. Warner of Columbia Falls, and Dawnie Warner Haase of Portland; her grandchildren, Erika, Tara, Deirdra, Rusti, Dan, Luke, Sunni Rae, Jeanne Margaret, Amy Simone and Johnny; and 12 great-grandchildren.

A celebration of Jeannie's life will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, July 29, at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish.

Remembrances can be made at the Viola Wendt Jore Scholarship Fund with FVCC Foundation at 777 Grandview Dr., Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

Marie H. Wasson, 91

Marie H. Wasson, 91, died peacefully in the early hours of Thursday, June 4, 2011, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.



Marie was born on May 25, 1920, to William and Marie S. (Meyer) Hambleton in Woodworth, N.D.

When her father, a pharmacist, succumbed to the flu, her mother and the six children moved to Missoula in 1930. Those were hard times, as her mother worked as a domestic and then as a cook at the University of Montana. As a girl, Marie had aspired to go to college and become a kindergarten teacher but without the means, she moved to Ronan after graduation to work for a relative. It was here that she met and married Walter H. Peschel, a local cattle buyer, on April 8, 1939. Over the next 19 years she raised two sons and two daughters, and worked as a bookkeeper in her husband's business. She always planted a large garden, belonged to PTA and did anything else necessary to maintain our home west of Ronan.

In 1958 to 1959 the family moved to Missoula, probably to make it easier for her children to attend the University of Montana. She encouraged us all to get higher education, to make our lives easier, and we thank her for all that she did for us.

Marie and Walter divorced in 1972. She was then briefly married to Carroll Wasson. She worked hard in various jobs from short order cook to the Community Hospital laundry, and later left Missoula to work in a venetian blind factory in West Bountiful, Utah. She then worked in her sister- and brother-in-law's State Farm office in Torrance, Calif.

In 1982 Marie retired and came to live with her daughter, Bonnie, in Kalispell. After suffering Crohn's Disease and several surgeries, she worked again as a nanny

to two young children, and finally, as an assistant to the M.A.B. secretary of the Montana Association of the Blind.

Marie retired again at age 74. After sharing a house with Bonnie for 24 years, she moved into the Immanuel Lutheran Home, where she was treated with love and care.

Marie always said that the best thing she ever did was to have children. She was kind, generous and at times, feisty. She had a great laugh, she absolutely loved to dance and to sing along while she played along with her piano to some of her favorites like "Alexander's Ragtime Band" or "Red Wing." Marie enjoyed gardening and embroidery. She had a passion for picking huckleberries, which was later impeded when she encountered a large grizzly bear in Essex. She was competitive playing "Hand and Foot" with her beloved sister Margie or brother Hammie and friends. She adored her grandson, Nick, and reminisced about her times spent with him.

Marie was preceded in death by her parents; older sisters, Ruth Barden, Carol Bettle and Helen Rumsey; brothers-in-law, Morris "Doc" Mayo, and Thayne Rumsey; and sister-in-law, Mary Hambleton; and her ex-husband, Walter Peschel, and his four brothers and wives.

She is survived by her sons, Walter Peschel, M.D., and wife, Peggy, and Bob Peschel, all of Missoula; two daughters, Bonnie Runge of Kalispell, and Marie Cheeseman and husband, Tom, of Hempstead, N.C.; her siblings, Margie Mayo of Fallbrook, Calif., and Howard "Hammie" Hambleton of Ogden, Utah; grandson, Nicholas Peschel of Redmond, Wash.; and special friends, Sandy Hurd Olson, Sandra Rossette, Wayne Runge, and Jackie Simmons.

"Goodbye for now, Mom, we love you and miss you."

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

Rex Eldon Waters, 86

Rex Eldon Waters, 86, died Jan. 30, 2011, at Mountain View Manor in Eureka.

He is survived by his two sons, Tom Waters of Eureka, and John Waters

of Michigan.

A memorial service will be at 11:15 a.m. Feb. 4 at Mountain View Manor.

Austin Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Nancy J. Watson, 80

Nancy J. Watson passed away Sunday, Aug. 28, 2011, as a result of a heart attack.

Nancy was born on July 31, 1931, in Great Falls. She and her sister, Sharon Wilson, were raised and educated in Minneapolis. In 1946, their family moved to Helena.

In December 1956, Nancy married Robert Watson, of Dillon. In 1958, Nancy and her family moved to Phoenix where they lived for 22 years. In 1970, Nancy and her husband moved back to Montana, relocating to the Polson area. In 1990, Nancy and Robert moved to the Kalispell area where she had lived since.

Everyone that knew Nancy found her to be a loyal friend and joy to be around. Her interests were family,



friends, home, numerous pets, and her yard and flowers in which she took great pride.

Nancy was preceded in death by her husband, Robert J. Watson, who was a long-time resident of Montana. Robert passed away on July 6, 1994.

Surviving family members include a son, Stephen Watson, of Kalispell and Crandall, Texas; a sister, Sharon Wilson, of Great Falls; granddaughter, Christina Watson, of Crandall, nephew, Kenneth Wilson, of Great Falls; and nieces, Delia Singer of Bozeman and Melissa Pate of Jackson, Wyo.

A private family memorial service will be planned for the near future.

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

Jacqueline Weatherly-Trombly, 85

Jacqueline Weatherly-Trombly, 85, of Whitefish, died Sunday, Feb. 6, 2011, in her home.

There will be a celebration of life from 5

to 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, at Jagz Restaurant in Kalispell.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Austin Funeral Home.

James E. Weaver, 89

A celebration of life service for James E. Weaver, 89, who passed away peacefully at his home on July 4, 2011, will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 12, at Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish, followed by a lunch reception at the church.

Jim was born in Choteau and spent his younger years in Billings, where he graduated from Billings Senior High School in 1939. After being drafted into the U.S. Infantry, he served as a second lieutenant in the Pacific Theater for three years during World War II. Jim returned from the war and completed his college training at Montana State University in Bozeman, graduating with honors in mechanical engineering.

Jim did contract engineering in the aircraft industry, followed by 33 years with Exxon Oil Co. at the refineries in Billings; Marsa El Brega, Libya; and Kingston, Jamaica. He served most of his engineering career as a supervisor, manager, trainer/teacher and inspector.

Jim was an avid outdoorsman. He loved to ski, hunt, fish and go boating. He taught his children to love the great outdoors, and particularly enjoyed fishing in the Beartooth Mountains and hunting waterfowl along the Yellowstone River. He spent countless hours pulling his children and their friends water skiing around Whitefish Lake.

He also had a strong love for music throughout his life, and very much enjoyed playing trombone during the home concerts his wife, children and grandchildren

would perform each year on Christmas Eve.

Jim loved building, whether it was airplane models, remote-controlled boats or residential homes. He built our family home in Billings, and he helped several other friends build their homes as well.

However, his most treasured building project is the relationship that was built with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father, Marguerite and Elmer Weaver; his sister, Jeannine Partin; and his brother, Jack Weaver.

Jim is survived by his wife, Dorothy; son, Robert, and spouse, Cindy Weaver, of Whitefish; grandson, Jonathan, and spouse, Emily Weaver; great-granddaughters, McKenna and Clara Jo of Helena; grandson, Tyler Weaver, of Girdwood, Alaska; granddaughters, Hannah and Rebekah Weaver, of Whitefish; and son, Michael, and spouse, Jacqueline Weaver, of Los Alamos, N.M.; grandson Jonmichael Weaver, and granddaughter Amelia Weaver of Los Alamos; granddaughter, Kristiana, and spouse, Caleb Goble, of Savannah, Ga.; great-grandsons, Gage and Boaz, of Savannah; granddaughter, Hosanna Duran, of Virginia; great-grandson, Justice, of Virginia; and many nephews and nieces.



The family suggests memorial contributions in Jim's name to the charity of your choice.

Friends are encouraged to visit the website, www.buffa-

lohillfh.com, to leave notes of support and condolences for the family.

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

Doris 'Pat' A. Webb, 87

Doris "Pat" A. Webb, 87, of Polson passed away on Friday, Dec. 24, 2010, at St. Joseph Hospital following years of ill health.



Pat was born on her brother's birthday in 1923 in the railroad station at Pompeys Pillar. Her father was a frequently transferred Northern Pacific station master, which meant that Pat attended 13 schools in Montana, graduating from Havre High School. While attending school in Cut Bank, she met her future husband, Carlyle "Chic" Webb.

Pat and Chic owned Flowers By Carlyle for 50 years. The business included a greenhouse, growing fields and flower shop.

She was the charter president of the Jaycees, held many offices in Soroptimists, was Worthy Matron of Eastern Star Chapter 53,

and served on boards for the Rainbow for Girls and DeMoley, among many other community activities.

Pat is survived by her husband, Chic, at the family home; daughter, Dr. Khelly S.J. Webb of Long Beach, Calif.; son, Craig and his wife, Carmille, of Mesquite, Nev.; sister, Virginia and husband, William Green, of Oregon City, Ore.; brother, Emmitt of Whidbey, Wash.; and numerous nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 21, at First Presbyterian Church in Polson. Inurnment will follow at Lakeview Cemetery in Polson.

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

This paid obituary is being run again at the request of the family.

Sharon Ann Webb, 67

Sharon Ann Webb, 67, passed away on July 1, 2011, after a long and courageous battle with the complications of diabetes.

Sharon is survived by her husband, Myrt; her mother, Rose Wetmore; her children, Geoffery and Cynthia; and her four grandchildren, Chad, Sabrina, Forrest and Gwendolyn.

She was born June 18, 1944, in Denver, to Lawrence and Rose Wetmore. She lived her early life in Castle Rock, Colo. In the late 1950s her parents to moved to southern California and she attended high school in Hawthorne, Calif., where she was a classmate with the Beach Boys.

She met her future husband, Myrt Webb, after high school and both attended UCLA. In 1966, she and Myrt were married and started the adventure of being an Army wife. These were the Vietnam years and there were many moves and hardships, but she



never lost her bright disposition and was an inspiration to everyone she met. Her help to Army families and communities made her as essential a part of the defense of the United States as any service member.

After the Army Sharon and Myrt made a second career in local government, serving in Colfax, Wash., before moving to Columbia Falls. Her years in the Flathead were happy ones as she was able to settle in one place for more than a few years. She was active in the Columbia Falls community at the United Methodist Church and the Columbia Falls Food Bank.

Sharon was a bright and loving light to everyone she met or knew. She was devoted to her children and grandchildren, and loved and helped everyone she met. She will be missed.

A celebration of Sharon's life will be held at 10 a.m., Friday, July 8, at the United Methodist Church in Columbia Falls, 117 2nd Street West. A reception will immediately follow at the church's Fellowship Hall.

Arrangements are entrusted to Columbia Mortuary.

Dustin 'D.J.' Weber-Pourroy, 23

Dustin "D.J." Weber-Pourroy, 23, died Jan. 4, 2012, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

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

Robert 'Bob' Weber Jr., 59

Robert "Bob" Weber Jr., 59, passed away on Aug. 13, 2011, losing his heroic battle with cancer. Surrounded



by his family, he peacefully joined his daughter Joyce, brother Steve and parents, Robert Sr. and Joyee (Hehman) Weber.

The eldest of six children, Bob was born on June 9, 1952, in Spokane. He often spoke of "crazy escapades" with his siblings while living in Northern Idaho and the Spokane area. In 1971 he graduated high school from IHM Academy in Coeur d'Alene.

While raising his boys, Matt and Mark, Bob worked and paid his way through school. He graduated from Eastern Washington University with a degree in accounting and business. His determination to finish what he started is part of the legacy he leaves with all of us.

Through his career as a CPA, controller and corporate officer, Bob traveled all over the U.S. to meet his customers' needs. With the business world entering the computer age, Bob did the same. In order to solve any problem, he was always able to rig something with duct tape and a bolt. Really though, he preferred a computer to solve those problems and was very good doing it.

He blended his incredible business knowledge with numbers, hardware and software. Working for some of the big players like Unisys, he was part of an emerging world of business known as the computer age.

Having spent a successful career in the corporate world, his next move would prove to many how amazing he really was: the starting of his own business and his marriage to Cheryl Ladderoute. Business ownership represents the American dream for many. Even more important to Bob was his marriage to Cheryl.

Cheryl gave him a renewed perspective on life and someone to share life's possibilities with. He was truly a new man from that point on. Bob had endured many of life's most difficult challenges and did so with amazing strength and integrity.

Bob and Cheryl moved to

Kalispell, where he started a FASTSIGNS business. Their move to Kalispell afforded them the opportunity to be nearer to family and Glacier Park, both of which he loved dearly.

Bob's greatest pleasure in life was being with his family. Enjoying outdoor activities while camping and traveling in his Winnebago was the ultimate in happiness. While growing up, most of his fondest memories were traveling with his parents and siblings to national parks around the country. He shared that passion and passed on that special bond with his children and grandchildren.

Another passion he shared with his father, brothers and passed on to his sons and grandchildren was that of classic cars. As far as Bob was concerned, there was none better than a '57 Chevy Bel-Air.

He was a fisherman, water skier, golfer, hiker, lover of any and all sports, a lover of the outdoors and any activity that allowed him time with his family. Given the choice of a Hawaiian vacation or a day spent watching bowl games with his boys and a bunch of "munchies," he would choose the latter. So would his boys.

His parents taught him about self-reliance, hard work and generosity. He was a quiet, strong man who will be missed beyond what words can describe.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Joyce; his brother, Steve; and his parents.

Bob is survived by his wife, Cheryl of Kalispell; son, Matt Weber, daughter-in-law Marti, and grandsons Gavin, Cameron, Evan and Dylan, all of Stevensville; son, Mark Weber, also of Stevensville; brother, Jeff Weber and wife Bridgette of Polson; sister, Jan Roberts and Hugh Bartle son of Spokane; sister, Lesley Austin and husband Mike of Spokane; and sister, Amy Weber and Nancy Slick of Hansville, Wash. He was also loved and admired by Cheryl's children, Paul Jensen, Erika Thompson and Angela Farnsworth and known as "Grandpa" by their children, Taylor, Karlee and Logan.

Bob and his family have been attended to by Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. You're invited to post a note of condolence to the family at www.buffalohillfh.com.

Gladys Marie 'Nanny' Weed, 95

Gladys Marie "Nanny" Weed, 95, passed away on Saturday, Aug. 6, 2011, at the Billings Clinic in Billings, of natural causes.



Gladys was born on May 4, 1916, in Waseca, Minn., the daughter of Erick D. and Clara D. (Reick) Wobschall. She was raised and attended a country school in Waseca.

On March 21, 1934, Gladys married Orville Weed in Iowa and then moved to Montana. They lived in Kalispell and Bigfork, where Gladys worked at the Kalispell General Hospital for 22 years. She was a member of the Methodist Church.

Sewing was her greatest hobby, and she made bunny rabbits for her grandchildren and many friends.

Gladys moved to Hinsdale in 1987, then to the Nemont

Manor in 2004, and to the Valley View Nursing Home in 2008.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Orville in 1976; her parents, Erick and Clara Wobschall; and by five brothers and two sisters, Selmer Wobschall, Noel Wobschall, Pat Wobschall, Ervin Wobschall, Marvin Wobschall, Malinda Poplow and Stella Kujath.

Survivors include her two daughters, Evelyn Elaine Weed and Lloyd Jones of Hinsdale, and Doris Marie Weed and Stan Christianson of Leavenworth, Wash.; nine grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; 16 great-great-grandchildren; sisters, Mae Heightshoe and Ellis Reese; and a brother, Wally Wobschall, all of Minnesota.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. today, Aug. 13, at Hinsdale Methodist Church in Hinsdale. Interment will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 15, at Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Kalispell.

Viola 'Vi' Wellman, 85

Viola "Vi" Wellman, 85, "entered Heaven" on March 6, 2011.

She was born Nov. 12, 1925, in Towner, N.D., to Edgar and Marjorie Jean McDonald Wellman, the oldest of three children. She grew up splitting her time between Glacier National Park, Bear Creek Ranch, Essex and Arizona at Camelback Inn, helping her family.

Viola graduated high school through determination, writing with her left hand, and in bed because of a horseback riding accident. She also attended higher education schools. She always helped her parents and her two brothers, Dalton and Bob.

She lived in Las Vegas for

many years near her brother Dalton and Anne Wellman, then moved to Kalispell to be near her brother, Bob and Carole. She spent her last few years being lovingly cared for by all the staff at Immanuel Lutheran Home.

Viola is survived by her nephews, Terry, Robert, Ed, Wallace, Dalton "Dee," Craig and Dale Wellman; and also her nieces, Debra Wellman, Verla LaPlant, Cindy Barcus and Carole Harwood; and many great- and great-great-nieces and -nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Dalton and Bob Wellman; and niece, Marjorie.

Memorial services will be held at 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 12, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

John V. Wendt, 89

John V. Wendt, 89, formerly of the Flathead Valley, died Oct. 21, 2011, in Peoria, Ariz., due to cancer.

He is survived by a son,

Terry Wendt, of San Carlos, Calif.

A memorial service will be held at a later date in California.

Orin Lee Well, 43

Orin Lee Well, 43, of Anna, Ill., died Sunday, Aug. 21, 2011, at the Union County Hospital in Anna.

He is survived by his parents, Vernon E. and Venita C. Well of

Kalispell.

Private funeral and burial services will be at a later date. Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna is in charge of arrangements.

Joyce Welliver, 60

Joyce Welliver, 60, died Sunday, July 24, 2011, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

Services will be private

by the family.

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

Dorothy Mae (Sume) West, 63

Dorothy Mae (Sume) West, 63, passed away Oct. 27, 2011, in Kalispell.

She was born March 5, 1948, in Whitefish, and was raised in Fortine.

In 1990, she married David L. West in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

She was a homemaker.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her daughter, Shan-

non Lamkin.

She is survived by her son, Charlie Zimmerman; sister, Patti Keeper, of Columbia Falls; and brother, Shane Sume, of Randle, Wash.

Services will be private.

Memorials are suggested to Glacier Animal Hospital, 511 Second Ave. W., Columbia Falls, MT 59912, for the care of Rhino, her beloved pug.

Jack West, 78

Jack West, 78, passed away Aug. 22, 2011, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center of congestive heart failure.

He was born June 14, 1933, in Estes Park, Colo., and raised in Estes Park and Loveland, Colo.

He attended Loveland High School in Loveland, and then air training command at Chanute Air Force Base, Ill., ground combat school at Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska, and Arlington Aeronautical School in Arlington, Texas. He served with the National Guard from Dec. 1, 1949, to Feb. 2, 1951; and with the U.S. Air Force from Dec. 2, 1951, to Feb. 2, 1955.

Jack married Marjorie Rose in 1955. He married Carol Hutcheson in 1971. He later remarried Marjorie, in 2001.

In his early years, Jack worked with his father as an auto mechanic in Estes Park. In his adult life until the time of his death, he was



a custom residential trim contractor. He took great pride in working with his son Chris.

He enjoyed car racing, fishing, camping, RVing, and harassing the local waitresses, subcontractors and business people.

He was preceded in death by his father, Moody West; mother, Bertha West Karnes; stepfather, George Karnes; and brother, Robert West.

Jack is survived by his wife, Marjorie West; children, Chris and Marcie West, Jackie and Duane Roosa, and Laurel West; brother, Donald, and Rose West; grandchildren, Myriah and Jason Stringer, Joshua McElrea, Kathryn and Ben Ferriman, and Britni, Tyfini and Wrango West; great-grandchildren, Kyle Milton and Mila Stringer; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Cremation has taken place. Services will be held at 11 a.m. Aug. 26, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

Memorials are suggested to the charity of your choice.

Robert K. West, 89

Robert K. West, 89, died of natural causes on May 29, 2011, at the Montana Veterans home in Columbia Falls, with family at his bedside.



He was born on Oct. 30, 1921, in Great Falls, the oldest of Mildred and Robert West Sr.'s two children. He attended grade school and high school in Great Falls and graduated as valedictorian in 1939.

He spent his summers working on ranches in the Choteau area. In 1941, he worked for the Park Saddle Horse Company in Glacier National Park as their youngest guide. His family sent him east to college in Wooster, Ohio, where he graduated Phi Beta Kappa with a degree in geology in 1942. He graduated a year early so he could join the Marine Corps. He was in the Marine Corps for four years. He served two years of active combat in the Pacific aboard the heavy cruiser USS Salt Lake City. He fought the battles of Iwo Jima and Okinawa.

he was awarded the prestigious William Booth Award in 2007.

In addition to skiing and hunting, Doc loved to rope. He was a member of the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association for 20 years and a gold card holder for 15 of those years. He competed in Canada and the Western United States. Later he competed on the National Senior Pro Rodeo circuit qualifying numerous times for the Senior Pro national finals in Amarillo and Reno.

Doc loved to organize and lead pack trips for his grandkids into the Bob Marshall Wilderness in Montana. Doc's passions were medicine, roping, packing into the Bob Marshall Wilderness and family. He loved a good mule and a good rope horse and would often name his favorites after the people he bought them from. Doc had a genuine interest in people, both as a doctor and as a friend.

Doc received his medical training at the University of Minnesota. He put himself through medical school by taking boys from Camp Lincoln on pack trips in the Bob Marshall Wilderness during the summers. He graduated as valedictorian of his class and served an internship with Minneapolis General Hospital.

Doc returned to Cut Bank to set up a family medical practice in 1952. During that time he served as a consultant at the public health hospital on the Blackfeet Indian Reservation in Browning. While in Cut Bank he raised his three children, Lydia, Dulcy and Russell.

In 1970 Doc moved from Montana to Fresno, Calif., where he began his career as an emergency room doctor at St. Agnes Hospital in the emergency department. He served in that capacity from 1970 to 1990. He also held a teaching position at Valley Medical Center, affiliated with the U. of California-San Francisco (1972-1999).

In 1981 Doc married Billie Fleming, a beautiful woman, who had become the love of his life. She was his constant companion and added style, grace and love to his life. Doc was involved in community service in Fresno and Madera counties. He received the "Physician of the Year" award in 1994. Doc volunteered many hours with the Salvation Army's Poverello House in Fresno. For his efforts

He is survived by his sister, Mary Jane Sargent of Napa, Calif.; daughters, Dulcy Zoellner and Dick of Whitefish, and Lydia Fleming and John of St. Ignatius; and son, Russ West, and Mary of Imbler, Ore.; 11 stepchildren, Mary and Tom Weaver of Houston, James Fleming III of Polson, Joan and Bob Hardie of Seattle, John and Lydia Fleming of St. Ignatius, Pat and Charlene Fleming of Pablo, Peg and Mike Hertz of Missoula, Greg Fleming of Pablo, Neil Fleming of Pablo, Ann Fleming of Ronan, Kate and Greg Hertz of Polson, and Elizabeth and Greg Collins of Polson; grandchildren, Nick West of Corvallis, Ore., Reva West of Imbler, Ian Fleming of Bozeman, Louis Fleming of Missoula, Will Fleming and Brandi Ellefsen of Great Falls, Guy Zoellner and Keagan of Hungry Horse, and Carine Schlesinger and Steve of Lockeford, Calif.; great-granddaughter, Kinley Schlesinger; and 30 step-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death on May 24, 2011, by his wife of 30 years, Billie West.

A memorial service will be held on Sept. 4 at the Lake McDonald Lodge in Glacier Park, at a time to be announced.

Three belt buckles will be awarded in his memory to the team roping and calf roping champions at the Augusta rodeo on June 26.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the Poverello House in Fresno, the Bob Marshall Foundation, or the charity of your choice. If you want to share a remembrance you may email wecare@columbiamortuary.com

Travis Todd Westfall, 43

Travis Todd Westfall, 43, of Libby, died Dec. 20, 2011.

Survivors include his parents, Robert and Lana Westfall of Libby; son, Andrew Westfall, of Kalispell; and partner,

Cindy Norheim, of Troy. Services will be at 3 p.m. Friday, Dec. 30, at the Libby Christian Church in Libby.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Libby.

Fredrick 'Fritz' Joseph Wetzel Jr., 51

Fredrick "Fritz" Joseph Wetzel Jr., 51, "moved on from this life" on Friday, Sept. 23, 2011, at home in Bigfork.



Fritz was a passionate person and never did anything that he didn't feel he could do without doing it passionately.

He was raised in Bigfork and chose to make his life here. In 1990, he found someone in which to share his passion and wed, Alice. Together with his two children and her four children they made up "The Wetzel Bunch."

Fritz and Alice were able to watch all six of their children, Courtney, JJ, Hyrum, Cheryl, Travis and Kristen grow to find and pursue passions of their own, all the while setting time aside to occasionally practice and perform with his band "The Last Word." He also enjoyed

playing and practicing drums in the Woods Bay area with friends.

Fritz had a memorable personality and never left a room without making at least one person laugh or crack a smile.

Fritz was preceded in death by parents, Alta and Fred Wetzel; and brother, Mike.

He is survived by his wife, Alice, and their six children; grandchildren, Jordyn, Matthew, Raiya and Mason; as well as siblings, Tom and Reba, Aunt Mary Ann, Uncle Dave; plus friends and family too numerous to print, but in all of whom Fritz's passion will live on.

A celebration of Fritz's life will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 1, at The Sitting Duck in Woods Bay.

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

Inez Evelyn Weyrauch, 84

After having lived a long full life, Inez Evelyn Weyrauch, 84, passed away on Saturday, Aug. 13, 2011, at the Health Center at



Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

Inez was born to Andrew and Ruth Gunderson in Stanley, N.D., on July 10, 1927. She graduated from high school in Sanish, N.D., on June 6, 1946.

Inez married Kenneth Weyrauch on Oct. 7, 1946, in Ray, N.D. They moved to Columbia Falls in 1948, where Ken worked for Plum Creek Lumber Company and Inez worked as a bookkeeper for Canyon Logging and Ureco. Ken, Inez and their three sons moved to Eureka in 1970. Ken then worked in Canada until he passed away in 1977. Inez moved back to Columbia Falls in 1978, and moved to Kalispell in 1989.

Inez was preceded in death by her parents; her brothers, Arnie, John, Roy

and Del Gunderson; her husband, Kenneth; her son, Kelly; and her grandson, Joey.

She is survived by son, Cary, and his wife, Arlene, of Kalispell; son, David, and his wife, Gayla, of Kalispell; daughter-in-law, Carolyn, and her husband, Russ, of Kalispell; grandson, Andy, and his wife, Alyssa, with their children Abby and Eli, of Vancouver, British Columbia; granddaughter, Christy Fix, and her husband, Brad, with their children Dylan and Ethan, of Kalispell; granddaughter, Terri Rasmussen, and her husband, Aaron, with their daughter Audrey, of Kalispell; granddaughters, Tessa Weyrauch and Alyssa Hadley of Kalispell; and many nieces, nephews, "greats" and "great-greats."

Viewing was held Aug. 16 at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home with a rosary service immediately following. Memorial Mass will be held at 1:30 p.m. today, Aug. 17, at Saint Matthew's Catholic Church in Kalispell, followed by burial at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Burt A. Whirry, 55

Burt A. Whirry, 55, died in a tragic, accidental house fire on April 10, 2011, in Las Cruces, N.M.



Burt was born in Shelby on Aug. 6, 1955, to Walt and Helen Whirry. His childhood was spent in Shelby, the family ranch near Browning, and then the ranch in the Bear Paw Mountains, Havre and West Glacier. He graduated from Columbia Falls High School in 1973, and the University of Montana with a degree in business administration.

Burt served two years active duty in the Air Force during 1976-78, followed by the Air National Guard out of Great Falls.

He married Theresa Brady but their time together was short and they divorced.

A man of many talents, a few of his employers were, Valley Bank of Kalispell, NMSU, Schlumberger, and most recently Sapphire

Energy, as a maintenance engineer.

Burt was quite involved with the Mesilla Valley ballooning activities, whether working the ground crew or celebrating the successful flights. He was with a woman he loved and had a job that intrigued him. Life was good.

Burt is survived by his friend and longtime companion, Patti Havstad, of Las Cruces; parents, Walt and Helen of Kalispell; brothers and sisters, Gordon Whirry and wife Janet of Great Falls, Judy Whirry and husband Mike Turner of Columbia Falls, Jane Mues of Kalispell, Brian Whirry of Whitefish, Bill Whirry of Ronan, and Dawn Diskin of Encinitas, Calif.; two uncles and an aunt, cousins, nine nieces, and two grandnieces and two grandnephews.

Thanks go to his friend, John Kemp, of Las Cruces during this difficult time.

There will be no funeral. At a later date, there will be a celebration of his life, where his family and friends will be releasing his ashes from a hot-air balloon.

Margaret Wilson-White, 79

Margaret Wilson-White, 79, died May 23, 2011, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

She is survived by her husband, Irle White, of Libby; and two sons, Andrew

and James Crichton.

There are no services planned at this time.

Arrangements are entrusted to Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish.

Marian Janet White, 76

Marian Janet White, 76, of Kalispell, passed away surrounded by her family at home on Thursday, April 7, 2011, following a battle with pancreatic cancer.



Marian was born Oct. 8, 1934, to Ann and Dan Kozeleski in Roundup. She graduated from Roundup High School and began her lifelong career as a bookkeeper, following study at Billings Business College.

While working in Roundup, she met and married her best friend and love of her life, Chuck White. They were married Oct. 30, 1954, in Roundup, and ranched in the Bull Mountains south of

Musselshell where their four children were born.

Marian and Chuck later left close friends and Musselshell behind, moving their family to a ranch in Pleasant Valley, west of Kalispell in 1967. In order to provide their children improved access to school and activities, they purchased a home in Kalispell, where Marian enjoyed a brief period as a town girl, until they moved into the ranch home she designed in West Valley, along the Stillwater River in 1972. During this period, in addition to managing the ranch books, Marian resumed her career as bookkeeper and office manager for several businesses, including Lillienthal Insulation, Kalispell Feed & Grain, LHC and Mattelich Construction.

Montana winters gave way to Arizona sunshine at their winter home in Chandler in 1995, where Marian and Chuck spent 15 glorious winters.

Her loves and passions included her family, gatherings with friends, music, dancing, reading, art, decorating, travel and gardening. She had a passion for history, especially for her Slovenian and Croatian heritage.

Marian is survived by her husband of 56 years; her four children, Lindy and Jerry Anderson, Barb and Steve Graham, Ken and Gwen White, and Bob and Laura White. She was a loving grandmother to seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her sister, Madelyn Turley, of Virginia; and several nieces, nephews and

cousins.

A celebration honoring a life well lived will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 16, at Northridge Lutheran Church, 323 Northridge Drive in Kalispell, followed by a lunch reception.

The family requests, in lieu of flowers, memorials to Northridge Lutheran Church or Samaritan House of Kalispell.

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

Marjorie Jean White, 88

Marjorie Jean White, 88, died peacefully Wednesday, April 20, 2011, in Mena, Ark., of a short illness.



Marjorie was born on July 29, 1922, to John Athol and Edith Sarah Kakela Kelly in Lewistown.

Her childhood years were spent in Butte, as the oldest of four children. Marjorie graduated from Butte High School and attended Bremer-ton Business School.

On April 5, 1942, she married Edward C. White and together they raised three children. Married 52 years, they lived in Kalispell, Port Orchard, Wash., and Adak, Alaska. Marjorie spent the first part of her marriage as a homemaker and then worked for the Bureau of Reclamation at the Hungry

Horse Dam.

Marjorie enjoyed hiking, reading biographies, compiling scrapbooks, and following current events.

Marjorie was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; her brother, Clayton Kelly; and her sister, Evelyn Johnson.

She is survived by her children, Carol J. Smith and Ted of Mena, Ark., John E. White and Barbara, and Gil A. White of Milton, Wash.; her sister, Virginia Dennehy, and Ed of Butte; four grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

A graveside service will be held on April 30, at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

Arrangements are entrusted to Hall Funeral Service in Mena.

Visit her online guestbook at www.hallfs.com.

Mark J. White, 54

Mark J. White, 54, died on Sunday, Jan. 16, 2011, at his home in Libby.

He worked as an archeologist and historian for the U.S. Forest Service.

Survivors include his wife, Tami White, of Libby; his mother, Dorothy White, of Billings; and children, Austin Anderson of Coeur d'Alene,

Idaho, and Mariah Larsh, Breanna White and Matthew White, all of Libby.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 24, at the Memorial Center in Libby. Visitation will be from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 23, at the Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Libby.

Charlene Whitman, 96

Charlene Whitman, 96, died Sunday, July 10, 2011, at The Springs in Whitefish.

She was born in Light, Ark., on Oct. 20, 1914, a daughter of Marcus Berger Jones and Eva Jackson.

The family moved to Big Piney, Wyo., when Charlene was a teenager. She received an associate's degree in teaching from the University of Wyoming.

Charlene married Arnold Whitman on July 20, 1935, in Driggs, Idaho. They lived in Wyoming for several years and Glendive for 21 years.

After retiring, Charlene and Arnold spent winters in St. George, Utah, and summers in the Flathead Valley. Charlene loved her flower gardens, walking, dancing, reading and golfing. She was a member of the Eastern Star.

Her husband of 58 years



preceded her in death. After Arnold's death, she enjoyed the companionship of Paul Allen, who also predeceased her.

She was also preceded in death by brothers, Carl, Roy and Marcus Jones; and sister, Seretha Fisher.

She is survived by a son, Gary Whitman, and his wife, Veda, of Whitefish; a daughter, Karen Varner, and her husband, Jerry, of Hershey, Pa.; grandchildren, Autumn Hottle, Jeff Varner, and Jessica and Katie Whitman; great-grandchildren, Caroline and Elizabeth Varner; and sisters, Cody Budd and Jimmie Thomas.

Charlene was truly loved and will be missed by her family and friends.

Private funeral services will be held by the family.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to Whitefish Community Library, 9 Spokane Ave., Whitefish, MT 59937; or the Humane Society, P.O. Box 221, Kalispell, MT 59903.

Don Warren Whitson, 73

Don Warren Whitson, 73, a longtime resident of Lincoln County, died July 4, 2011, at his home on Quartz Creek, due to cancer.

He is survived by his wife, Lena; and daughters, Joyce (Kimberlin) Pereira of Columbia City, Ore., and Justina (Whitson) Schiff of Kalispell; and

two sons and a daughter from his previous marriage, Donald and Warren Whitson, and Eva Christensen.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, July 8, at the Libby United Methodist Church.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Libby.

Ruth Gardner Wicks, 90

Ruth "went peacefully to be with her Lord and Savior" on Aug. 24, 2010, at the Buffalo Hills Terrace in Kalispell,

surrounded by her family.

Ruth, the fourth child of Charles and Grace Bucher, was born on Nov. 21, 1919, in Colfax, Wash., where Charles owned and operated The Jersey Creamery. She joined three sisters, Helen, Mildred and Grace Margaret "Peggy."



Scout leader, worked at Flathead Travel, Buttrey's department store and owned and operated the Kalispell Hotel. Mom made many life-long friends, staff and students alike when, in 1967, Ray became a founding member of the staff at Flathead Valley Community College.

Mom and Dad traveled domestically and abroad to visit their grown children and their families. They often gathered with Forest Service, college or church friends to play bridge, pick huckleberries, picnic or swim. She played bridge actively for many years with a devoted group of lady friends who always remained dear to her heart, and continued playing at her home at Buffalo Hill Terrace.

In 1980, Ray was killed in an auto accident. Ruth married Sheldon Wicks in 1985. They enjoyed traveling and entertaining their children and grandchildren

Ruth graduated from Colfax High School, began college at the University of Idaho in 1937, and graduated from Cheney Normal School (now EWU) in 1940 with a degree in elementary education. While in high school, she loved her first jobs as an usher at the Colfax movie theater and wrapping butter and dipping ice cream bars at the Creamery.

Her first teaching assignment was in Kelso, Wash., teaching second grade. Always the consummate saver, Ruth, after one year of teaching, saved enough money out of her \$1,200 per year teaching salary to purchase a \$90 round-trip train ticket and toured the United States with her best friend.

While in Kelso, she met her husband of 38 years, Lt. Ray Gardner, while he trained with the U.S. Army at Fort Lewis. They married in 1942. Soon after, they moved to Fort Sill, Okla., then to Fort DuPont, Delaware, where Ray was deployed to the European theater with the 5th Corps, in World War II. Linda, Ruth and Ray's first child, was born while in Delaware. Ruth returned to be with family while Ray served overseas.

In 1945, Ray returned home and re-entered the University of Idaho to complete his degree in forestry in 1946, and it was there that their second child, Cathy, was born. Ruth became a U.S. Forest Service ranger's wife where their first assignment was on the Kingston District in north Idaho.

Ray was later transferred to the Flathead National Forest in Kalispell where he served as back country ranger in the Bob Marshall Wilderness at Big Prairie, then on the Condon district. Just prior to a transfer to the Tally Lake district, their third child, Chuck, was born.

Ruth taught in Kalispell at the Opportunity School for several years. She left this position when Brian was born in 1956. During the Forest Service years, Ruth could be found leading the girls on hikes, picking huckleberries, climbing the fire lookout tower at the old Condon station or shooting away black bears from a food cache during remote assignments.

Ruth served as a Girl

Ruth was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church. She served on the Board of Deacons and taught Sunday school where she touched many lives. Those who knew her valued and cherished her quiet, behind-the-scenes style of ministry and mentoring. She was also a woman of prayer. She recently related how God had surely blessed her in so many ways, over so many years. Ruth was also member of P.E.O. Chapter C, Kalispell, Alpha Phi Sorority and Friendship Force.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Grace Bucher; her three sisters, Helen McCroskey (2007), Mildred Sewell (2007), and Peggy Sartwell (1995); and her husbands, Ray Gardner (1980) and Sheldon Wicks (1992).

She is survived by her four children, Linda Lewis and husband, Phil, of Thompson Falls; Catherine Rasmussen and husband, Stan, of Missoula; Chuck Gardner and wife, Linda, of Alberton; and Brian Gardner and wife, Vonnie, of Kalispell; 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service and reception for Ruth will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 27, at the Buffalo Hills Terrace.

Memorial gifts may be made to the FVCC Foundation for the Community Arboretum; or the Glacier Camp and Conference Center (on Flathead Lake). Gifts for FVCC may be sent to: FVCC Foundation, 777 Grandview Dr., Kalispell, MT 59901; for information call 406-756-3963. Gifts for Glacier Camp and Conference Center may be sent to: Glacier Camp and Conference Center, P.O. Box 384, Lakeside, MT 59922.

Special thanks to the staff at Immanuel Lutheran Home, Buffalo Hills Terrace, Hospice and the First Presbyterian Church for providing compassionate, loving care to Mom, and her family.

Ronald Kent Wilber, 72

Ronald Kent Wilber, 72, passed away on Wednesday, Dec. 15, 2010, at Health Center Northwest.



He was born on March 1, 1938, in Cleveland, Ohio, to Alfred Wilber and Nella (Kent) Wilber. Ronald grew up on a farm in South Russell, Ohio, where he learned to work on tractors. He graduated high school from Chagrin Falls, Ohio.

In 1958, he married Virginia Nye at the Federated Church in Chagrin Falls. They were married for 52 years.

Ronald worked as an auto mechanic for Rygg Ford until the mid-1970s. He then worked at Glacier Log Homes until 1983. In 1983 he started his own business, R&D Planning, with his son David. They owned this business until 1987.

Ronald then moved his

family to Colorado in 1987 and stayed until 1997, working for Satterwhite Log Homes. In 1997 they moved to Utah where they lived until 2001.

Ronald then retired and moved to Bigfork, where he enjoyed tinkering on tractors and being in the Flathead Tractor and Engine Association.

Ronald was preceded in death by his parents, Alfred Wilber and Nella Wilber.

He is survived by his wife, Virginia Wilber, of Bigfork; his children, David Wilber of Kalispell, and Kathleen Dey and husband Ricky of Kalispell; brothers, Alan and Roger Wilber of Ohio, and granddaughters, Ellie and Olivia Dey, of Kalispell.

No services are planned for Ronald at this time.

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

Kim LaRae (Staley) Willett, 52

Kim LaRae (Staley) Willett, 52, formerly of Columbia Falls, died Sept. 19, 2011, in Bellevue, Wash., after a battle with cancer.

She is survived by her husband, Duane Willett;

and son, Cole Staley.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 8, at Fairview Cemetery, followed by a reception at the Silver Bullet Bar and Grill.

Patricia Ann Jennings Willette, 78

Patricia Ann Jennings Willette passed away Dec. 2, 2010, into the loving arms of her adoptive father and mother, Ed and Ocie Jennings.



Patricia was born Oct. 23, 1932, in Tacoma, Wash.

As a young girl, her mother would take her to The Rebekahs, and as an adult she became very involved. Through The Rebekahs Club she was able to go on many trips.

She went to Kinman College in Spokane, and then on to Montana State University in Missoula, from which she graduated. She was very proud of her accomplishment. But due to her mother's failing health, she decided that her duty was to her family and she became a caretaker to her parents.

In 1988 she met and later married Lloyd A. Willette

and moved to Seattle, much to the dismay of her mother's many friends, whom she showered with love.

Patty had a cute, unique sense of humor. She loved life and her friends to the fullest. Patty was an only child, so the friends she made over a lifetime were very dear to her — Barbara Lawrence, Rita McDowell, Shirley Spears and many dear friends too extensive to give proper mention.

Patty is survived by her cousin, Joan Bump Inman; sister-in-law, Shirley Willette Spear; and many cousins.

Patty was preceded in death by her husband, Lloyd Willette, on Nov. 19, 2010.

Interment will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, July 27, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery, followed by a reception at the home of Barbara Lawrence, hosted by Joan Inman. Please come and share in the celebration of Patty's life and share your stories about Patty. Barbara's address is 492 Conrad Drive in Kalispell.

Dale Warren Williams, 62

Dale Williams passed away in Kalispell on Nov. 11, 2011.



Dale was born a fifth generation Montanan, to Warren and Marjorie Williams. As a youth he was active in 4-H, speech and debate. He graduated from Flathead High School and went on to receive his bachelor's degree in history under a pre-law curriculum at Ripon College, Wis.

Dale and Brenda were married May 21, 1976, and have a son, Sean, and daughter-in-law, Beth. Being a strong family man, Dale was excitedly looking forward to the arrival of his first grandchild in January.

Dale worked in the consumer finance industry from 1972 to 1986, receiving numerous state and national awards. In 1986 he went into business for himself under Williams Tax Consultants.

With a passion for history and political science and a strong love of his community, state and nation, Dale served on the Kalispell City Council from 1974 to 1978 and as a Flathead County commissioner from 1997 to 2002. As commissioner, he represented the county and state in various capacities and organized

Coalition of Forest Counties. He testified before the state Legislature on many issues as well as nationally on Senate and congressional hearings.

He was known for his convictions and being a man of his word. He said what he meant and did what he said.

Dale loved the outdoors and was always up for a good hunting story. He enjoyed the woods, hunting, his dogs, family history, gardening and flowers. Dale was on the board of directors for Montanans For Multiple Use, vice chair and later chair for the National Organization to Save Flathead Lake, and life member of the National Rifle Association. He supported 4-H, Friends of the NRA, Ducks Unlimited and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, among other organizations.

Dale is survived by his wife, Brenda; their son, Sean, and wife, Beth, of Bozeman; his parents, Warren and Marjorie, of Trego; and many other beloved family members.

Visitation will be held from 3 to 6 p.m. Nov. 17 at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Nov. 18 at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

You are invited to go to buffalohillfh.com to leave a message or sign his book.

The family suggests memorials may be made to Church of the Nazarene in Kalispell

Dorothy Kirby Williams, 82

Dorothy Kirby Williams of Evergreen died Dec. 2, 2011, at Brendan House.

She was born Nov. 20, 1929, in Harrisonville, N.J., to John Jacob and Hazel Jones Kirby.

Educated in New Jersey and at George School in Pennsylvania, where she met many of her lifelong friends, she then went on to graduate from the Philadelphia School of Art in 1952. Upon graduation, she taught school in Delaware and Colorado.

She met Davis W. "Bud" Williams when he showed up at her family Thanksgiving dinner with her cousin whom he was friends with in the Air Force. They were married the next Thanksgiving weekend, in Sheridan, Wyo., on Nov. 25, 1955.

They started their life together first in Denver, then to Billings, and in 1958 came to the Flathead Val-

ley where they would make their home for the rest of their lives. They owned the Midway Drive-In in Columbia Falls and then Boisvert's Camp at McGregor Lake before making their way to Kalispell.

Dorothy loved teaching and taught at the Evergreen Schools as a Title I aide from 1968 to 1987. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church and a volunteer for the Humane Society for many years.

She was a great lover of art, theater and film. One of her greatest memories was being one of the first to "discover" Marlon Brando when she saw him in his breakout role as Stanley Kowalski in "A Streetcar Named Desire" on Broadway in 1949.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; infant daughter, Christina; and her two sis-

ters, Marion Farley and Emily Crane.

She is survived by her son, Matthew D. Williams, his wife Dorie Moniz Williams; son, Daniel J. Williams, his wife Kim Kessler Williams; grandchildren, Jaycee, Bob and Katelynn; and numerous

nieces and nephews.

A private scattering of her ashes will take place in the spring. She had requested that memorials be made to the Northwest Humane Society.

"We love and miss you, Mom."

Grace E. Williams, 89

Grace E. Williams, 89, of Spearfish, S.D., "went to be with the Lord" Oct. 26, 2011, at Spearfish Regional Memorial Hospital.



Grace was born July 8, 1922, near Whitetail. She was the oldest of 12 children in the family of Ambrose and Threseasa Goudy.

She married Floyd (Bill) Williams on Aug. 17, 1940, at Scobey, MT and farmed at Whitetail.

At age 21 Grace and Bill worked in Tacoma, Wash., at the Todd Pacific Shipyards and welded until after World War II. She was one of the first women to work in the shipyards.

In 1946 they moved to Troy, where she worked in a grocery store. They then moved to Libby and she worked in a filling station and did bookkeeping. They then moved to Seattle, where they were partners in a grocery store business with Grace's sister and brother-in-law, Inez and Glen, and later owned the store, which was called the Friendly Market. Soon after, Grace worked at Boeing and riveted on the first 707 airplane and the KC135 military version of the 707.

In 1960 Grace and Bill moved back to Whitetail to farm. After Bill passed away, Grace raised four children. While her children were in school, she cooked at the Lustre Christian High School in Lustre, Mont. She also cooked at various church camps and at the hospital

in Scobey. She also stayed with and was a part-time caregiver for the children of the Summer family.

In 1980 Grace moved to Kalispell to be closer to her mother. While there, she helped the elderly with their daily tasks so they could stay in their homes longer. She attended the Bethel Baptist Church, which became her extended family. She loved and appreciated all the families she had the privilege to know.

In 2010 Grace moved to Spearfish to be closer to her daughters and their families.

Survivors include her two sons, Floyd and Diane Williams, and Paul and Shelly Williams, all of Arkansas; two daughters, Teresa "Teri" McGriff of Spearfish, and Inez and Alan Clark of Gillette, Wyo.; two brothers, Donald and Myrna Goudy of Seattle, and Ambrose and Beverly Goudy of Great Falls; sister-in-law, Mae-Belle Goudy of Fergus Falls, Minn.; five sisters, May Sledjeski of Tacoma, Wash., Inez and Glen Tweet of Seattle, Lucille Mott of Otis Orchards, Wash., Edith Burgess of Kalispell, and Georgia Stack of Spokane; and also many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and special friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Floyd "Bill" Williams; parents, Ambrose and Threseasa Goudy; two sisters, Miriam Goudy and Emma Goudy; and two brothers, George Goudy and John Goudy.

Memorial services were held on Saturday, Oct. 29 at the Whitetail Cemetery in Whitetail.

Herbert E. Wilke, 87

Herbert E. Wilke, 87, of Fortine, died May 31, 2011, in Eureka.

Private family services are being held.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Homes in Eureka and Libby.

Warren Robert 'Bob' Wilkerson, 83

Warren Robert "Bob" Wilkerson, 83, died of lung disease in Kalispell, May 18, 2011. He was born an only



child to Ben and Erma Wilkerson in Hamilton on Sept. 19, 1927. He spent his early years in the Bitterroot and moved with his wife, Janis (Blair), to the Flathead Valley, where they raised three sons, Mitchell, Robin and Alex Wilkerson.

In his next season of life, Bob met and married Royalene "Blondie" and they raised her son, Duffy, in Kalispell. Following Blondie's untimely passing, Bob entered the final

season of his life, which he shared with Grace Watters, also of Kalispell. Though his time here has ended, he has entered into a new life and adventures with his Savior. Bob loved hunting, fly fishing, literature, a cold beer and a good game of cribbage.

Bob is survived by his life companion, Grace Watters; sons, Mitch Wilkerson of Kent, Wash., and Robin Wilkerson of Denver, Colo.; and grandchildren Nathan Wilkerson and Mariah Wilkerson. He was preceded in death by his son, Alex Wilkerson; his stepson, Duffy Sjong; and his wife, Royalene Wilkerson.

Bob requested no memorial service or donations, but consider casting a thought his way next time you go fishing.

Laura Wilkes, 82

Laura Wilkes, 82, died Sunday, Sept. 4, 2011, at Immanuel Lutheran Home

in Kalispell. Arrangements are pending with Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

Keith George Williams, 70

Keith George Williams, 70, of Big Arm, passed away on Saturday, March 12, 2011, at St. Joseph Medical



Center, Polson, after a three-year battle with cancer. His courage and strength were always present during this difficult time.

He was born on June 29, 1949, in Surrey, England. At age 16, he became an apprentice hairdresser and remained in this profession for 40 years. In 1973, he came to the United States, living and working in the Los Angeles area until 1994. The next year, he and his wife, Sharon, then moved to Montana, residing in Big Arm.

He was an avid golfer and loved playing with his buddies at the Polson Bay Golf Club. When not playing golf, he was cheering on the teams of the European Premier Soccer League.

Not known by many, he was a Free Mason with the Knightsbridge Lodge in London.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Katherine Williams.

Keith is survived by his wife, Sharon; and his uncle, Brian Blamey, of Surrey, England.

A celebration of life party will be held in May on a date to be determined.

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

Georgia C. Williamson, 73

Georgia C. Williamson, 73, of Libby, died Saturday, Aug. 27, 2011, at her home in Libby from natural causes.

Survivors include her husband, Jim Williamson, of Libby; children, Bambi Quinn of Yakima, Wash., William Quinn of Tri-Cities, Wash., Rebecca Rohman of Maple Valley,

Wash., Shelly Hall of Stafford, Va., and James Williamson Jr., of Hesperia, Calif.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 2, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Libby. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 1, at Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Libby.

Randy David 'Dell' Willoughby, 52

Born March 4, 1958, in Butte, Randy was relieved of his pain Feb. 14, 2011, peacefully at his home surrounded by



his family. Randy's passion for life and riding motorcycles motivated him through his struggles with cancer. Known for his graceful smile, big heart and shiny head, Randy's devotion and unbeatable love for his family and friends will be forever in our hearts.

He is survived by his loving wife, Maureen "Mo"; daughter, Christina; stepfather, Joe Chatriand; brothers and sisters, Sandy and Hutch Hutchins, Lynn and Shawn LeCoure, Ron and Susan Chatriand, Gary and Lucretia Chatriand, and Sandy Kuschel; sisters-in-law, Em and

Shirley Willoughby; several nieces and nephews; and his extended family, Carole, Travis, Terry, Crystal, and boys, Tim, and Kevin, the McLure family.

Randy was preceded in death by his mother, Betty; father, Jack; and brothers, Charlie, Jackie and Rick. A memorial and potluck will be held from 2 to 6 p.m. on Feb. 26 at the family's home, 386 Meadow Lane, in Whitefish.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to Frontier Home Health and Hospice, 29 Second St. E., Kalispell, MT 59901, or a charity of your choosing.

"Ride and rest in peace, Dell."

Friends are encouraged to send a note of condolence to the family at www.buffalohillfh.com.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

David Lew Wilson, 63

David Lew Wilson, 63, died Dec. 9, 2011, at Healthcenter Northwest in Kalispell.

He was a retired chef.

Survivors include his wife, Fay. E. Wilson, of Kalispell; and his children,

Jade Beranek, Jay Stansberry, Janette Wilson and Brian Wilson, all of Columbia Falls, and Bobby Drye of Washington.

Cremation has taken place. Per his request, no services will be held.

Lloyd Wilson, 85

A memorial service for Lloyd Wilson, 85, who died Oct. 14, will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 23, at

the Christian Center, 255 Summit Ridge Drive in Kalispell. A luncheon will follow.

Richard Dean Wilson, 74

Richard Dean Wilson of Polson passed into eternal life on May 28, 2011. He was 74.

Dick was born in Kalispell to Kenneth and Mayme (Tibke) Wilson on July 6, 1936. Dick was raised in the Kalispell area and graduated from Flathead County High School in 1954. Dick married Connie Green on August 12, 1956. Dick and Connie raised four children. He was a member of the Montana and Idaho National Guard. Dick worked numerous jobs over the years, but continually returned to his first love — truck driving. Dick was extremely proud of Dick Wilson Trucking, the family trucking business that he and Connie built. His greatest joy



was spending time with his family at the lake, camping, and water skiing. In later years, he enjoyed golfing with his family. He enjoyed watching his children and grandchildren compete, following them wherever the competition took them. Dick was active in booster clubs, helping to raise money to support the teams and enjoyed being on the sidelines during football games as a member of the chain gang.

Dick is survived by his wife of 54 years, Connie; his sons Rick (Karen) of Grass Valley, Calif., Randy (Kari) of Mandan, N.D., and Scott of Polson; daughter, Tami (Paul) of Billings and eleven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Kenneth and Mayme, and brother, Kenny.

Services will be held at Grogan Funeral Home at 11 a.m. June 3.

Robert 'Bob' L. Wilson, 81

Robert "Bob" L. Wilson, of Whitefish, died of natural causes Sunday, Aug. 21, 2011. He was 81 years old.

Bob was born on Sept. 21, 1929, in Velva, N.D., and lived in Ruso, N.D., and Anamoose, N.D., until 1947. Bob graduated from Anamoose High School in 1947. He joined the U.S. Navy for four years and was honorably discharged, spending his Navy career on the ship USS Steinaker in the Mediterranean area.

After being discharged from the Navy, Bob moved to Portland where he met the love of his life, Lorraine Jackson. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary before Lorraine passed away in December 2003. Together they had two children, Rollie and Debbie. They also adopted a nephew, Michael.

Bob loved the outdoors. Hunting in the mountains or with a group of guys on the plains always netted a good harvest. He especially loved to go fishing with his buddy, Dave.

Bob was a friend of everyone, always ready to help anyone in trouble or need. He was a cowboy from early



life and always had a horse to ride. If he wasn't home, you could very possibly find him at a rodeo. Both Bob and Lorraine were at the National Finals Rodeo in Oklahoma City in 1979 when their son Rollie was a finalist.

He retired as a foreman of the Flathead County Fairgrounds and continued to help with the fair until two years ago.

He will be greatly missed by his sons, Rollie of Los Angeles, and Michael of Las Vegas; and daughter, Debbie, of Whitefish, who was a watchful eye over her dad in recent years; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; a sister, Joan, of Huntington Beach, Calif.; and a brother, Bill, of Bismark, N.D.; and his "adopted" family, Darrel and Diane Stoner.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lorraine; his father, Roland; mother, Florence; two sisters, Jean and Karen; and friend, Donna.

Memorial services for Bob will be held at noon on Saturday, Aug. 27, at the Country Kitchen at the Flathead County Fairgrounds. For more information regarding the service, please call 406-270-2180.

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

Samuel Arthur Wilson, 71

Samuel Arthur Wilson, 71, died Tuesday (August 2) at his home in Libby.

He had been a longtime sawmill worker.

He is survived by his children, Jackie (Rob) Nelson, Dean Wilson and Paulena (Paul) White, all of Libby.

Local services will be

Thursday, Aug. 4, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. at the American Legion in Libby. Graveside rites will be at the Kuper Memorial Cemetery in Chinook under the direction of Edwards Funeral Home. Local arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home.

William 'Bill Eric Wimmer, 59

William "Bill" Eric Wimmer, 59, passed away peacefully in his home in Whitefish on Sept. 18, 2011.

Bill was born Nov. 14, 1951, in Easton, Pa., to Paul and Ruth Wimmer.

Bill's name is a legacy. He was named for his uncle Bill whom he never met. Uncle Bill was the younger brother of his father, Paul. His uncle Bill served in World War II and died as a result of a plane crash on Ascension Island, in May of 1945.

Bill was raised in Belfast, Pa. He attended Grace Lutheran Church, and graduated from Pen Argyl High School in 1969. From there he went on to attend Northampton County Community College where he received an associate degree in electrical electronics.

After leaving Pennsylvania Bill lived in many places — Coon Rapids, Minn., where he was employed at the American Monarch Corp.; Houston, where he was employed at Home Depot; and Kalispell, where he was self-employed as a real-estate



inspector.

Bill was an avid outdoorsman. He enjoyed nature, camping, hiking, visiting state parks and drawing. He had studied about the U.S. Civil War, paying close attention to the exact dates, battles, generals, victories and defeats. He also enjoyed studying about the Moravians of Bethlehem and Native American culture.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, Paul W. and Ruth B. Wimmer; and his first wife, Terry Armondo.

He is survived by his wife, Jennifer Ann Rambo Wimmer, of Whitefish; his sister, Loreen Sherman, of Schnecksville, Pa.; a brother, Mark Wimmer, of Quakertown, Pa.; one niece, Erin Fadako, of Philadelphia, Pa.; and nephews, Brett Wimmer of Quakertown, and the Rev. Ryan Stout of New York Mills, Minn.

A memorial service is planned for 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 3, at Shining Mountains Spiritual Center, 478 Eighth Ave. EN, Kalispell.

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

Wilbert Otto 'Bill' Winter

Wilbert Otto "Bill" Winter passed away quietly on Jan. 18, 2011, at the age of 91, in Longview, Wash., with family at his side.



Bill was born Dec. 28, 1919, on a small farm south of Parkston, S.D., to Bertha Uttecht Winter and Nathaniel Winter. He was one of seven children raised in the township of Kulm, named after the Russian village from which his and many of the neighboring families emigrated.

From an early age he would spend spare time (rarely found on a farm during the Depression years) working on anything mechanical. In 1938, he and his older brother Arnold rebuilt an old motorcycle and the two men, at 6-foot, 4-inches and 6-foot 6-inches, rode the cycle from South Dakota to Los Angeles, to find work and learn to fly. He soon had the training to be hired by Douglas Aircraft and in less than two years earned his pilot's license and owned his own plane.

During the war years he was a wing foreman for Douglas aircraft and was recognized by the company for innovations to the building of the C47. He was the foreman in charge of the wings on the first Air Force One designed and built, but never used, for Pres. Franklin Roosevelt.

While working at Douglas he met Jean Elaine Foster and they were married on Feb. 21, 1943, in Santa Monica, Calif., and their three daughters, Marvilla, Christie and Deneanne were born there. Bill moved his family in 1949 to Whitefish where Jean's family was located and he went to work for Harlow Chevrolet. A certified GM mechanic, Bill was sought after for his expertise on cars. He went to work for the Great Northern Railroad in 1953.

Morken, Gary Morken and Marilyn Morken, and Mollie's family became a big part of his life.

Bill could be quite opinionated on many topics and he enjoyed relating stories of his youth to family and friends. He was a perfectionist and a very inventive and clever man. Up until the time Bill moved from his home in 2010, he would most likely be found in his garage inventing, tinkering and redesigning almost everything. He was very gifted in math and mechanics and, with only an eighth grade education, could help solve his daughters' math problems — even calculus. His understanding of automobiles led him to be in demand for rebuilding engines for friends.

His carpenter talents were visible in the woodwork in the home that he built in Whitefish. He loved Christmas and went out of his way to think up clever and thoughtful gifts. He always made sure that the family had the perfect tree which he selected during the summer and cut during a family outing before Christmas. He enjoyed the younger grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and the many years after his retirement when he and Mollie could travel in their fifth wheel were some of the favorite times of his life.

Bill leaves behind a rich legacy and is survived by his sister, Hilda Winter of Van Nuys, Calif.; daughters, Marvilla and Charles Davis of Fairbanks, Alaska, Christie and Glenn England of Longview, Wash., and Deneanne Winter of Portland; stepchildren, Earvin Morken and Beverly of Kalispell, Gary Morken and Karen of Sidney, and Marilyn Morken of Great Falls; 10 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandson.

Along with Art and Evelyn LaBrie, Ted and Connie Lund and Lil and Dale Howke, he and Jean helped to found the Whitefish Winter Carnival Penguins. It was Bill who came up with the design for the moveable "bills" that allowed the Penguins to talk.

Following a divorce, Bill met Mollie Morken and they were married in 1965. He retired from the railroad in 1979 and he and Mollie eventually moved from Whitefish to Village Greens in Evergreen. Bill and Mollie enjoyed a marriage of 40 years until her death in 2006. Bill became a stepfather to Mollie's children, Earvin

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, Bertha and Nathaniel Winter; brothers, Arnold Winter, Raymond Winter and infant brother; sisters, Adele Schultz and Olivia Isabel; wife, Mollie Winter; son-in-law, Mike Conn; and grandchildren, Wendy Mae Conn, Maxwell Wischafski and Kevin Morken.

Bill was interred next to his wife Mollie at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell.

A gathering for friends and family of Bill will take place beginning at 1 p.m., Saturday, May 21, at the Village Greens Community Center in Evergreen.

The family requests that any donations be made to Hospice of Kalispell; or Cowlitz County Home Health and Hospice, Wash.

Charles Gary Winters, 64

Charles Gary Winters, 64, of Missoula, formerly of Whitefish, passed away Feb. 5, 2011, at St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula, due to complications from cancer.

He was a lifetime member

of the VFW, and a longtime member of Whitefish Moose Lodge 642.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lulu Belle and Charles Winters. He is survived by his wife, Iola John-

son Winters, of Missoula; children, Yvonne and Luis Haas, Chuckie and Patty Winters, and Cyndi and Tony Adams, all of Fernley, Nev., and Teresa Simpson of Great Falls; brother, Jerry, and Michelle,

of Vancouver, Wash.; 10 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Cremation has taken place with Burial Society of the Rockies.

Hubert H. Wirtz and Fern D. Wirtz

A celebration of life and potluck for Hubert H. Wirtz, 90, who died April 18, 2011, and Fern D. Wirtz, 83, who died

July 19, 2009, will be from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 23, at Lawrence Park Pavilion in Kalispell.

Douglas F. Wise, 93

Douglas F. Wise, 93, passed away on Friday, Jan. 14, 2011, at Health Center Northwest in Kalispell.



He was born Aug. 19, 1917, to George and Mary Wise in Kalispell. He attended school at Elrod Elementary and Central Junior High School. Doug left school in the eighth grade to go work in the woods to help support the family. As a teen, he started working for Cecil Sykes at the slaughterhouse and eventually learned to buy and sell cattle from his father. He then worked for Cecil Sykes in the meat market. Doug purchased the market in 1945 and then the grocery business in 1947. He met and married Julia "Judy" Mae Potts on Dec. 19, 1952 in Missoula. He owned and operated Sykes' for 64 years. Doug was a member of the Eagles and the Elks. He loved horses, cattle buying and taking care of the elderly.

Doug was preceded in death by his parents, George and Mary Wise; son, Douglas Wise Jr.; son, Terry Wise; daughter, Nola Wise; sisters, Bud Willey, Rachel Mitton, Mae Lester, and Mary Roach Wise; and brothers, Gene "Buzzy" Wise and Wallace Wise.

He is survived by his wife, Julia "Judy" Mae Wise;

son, David Wise and Doris of Vaughn; daughter, Diana Stoller and Walt of Somers; daughter, Cindy Dodson and Steve of Las Vegas; daughter, Mary Janice Inman and Mike of Spokane; son, Tim Wise and Dodie of Kalispell; son, Randy Wise and Debi of Kalispell; daughter, Hilda Wise; sisters, Lorraine Schultz and Gladys Kikendahl of Kalispell; 23 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19, at the Christian Center, 255 Summit Ridge Dr., in Kalispell. Interment will follow at C. E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. An open house in Doug's honor will take place from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 19 at Sykes' Restaurant in Kalispell. A visitation will be held from 2 to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 18, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions can be made in Doug's name to the "Sykes' Free Thanksgiving Dinner Fund" at Valley Bank, The Samaritan House, Salvation Army, or a charity of your choice.

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

Julia Mae 'Judy' Wise, 82

Julia Mae "Judy" Wise, 82, passed away on Monday, May 16, 2011, at her residence in Kalispell. She was



born May 30, 1928, in Glasgow, to Stanley and Lula (Putnam) Potts.

Due to the building of the Fort Peck Dam, the family moved to Bigfork in the fall of 1938. Judy attended Swan River Grade School and graduated from Bigfork High School in 1946.

She went to work at Sykes' in 1950, where she met and fell in love with Doug Wise and married him on Dec. 18, 1952. She accepted the Lord into her life at age 35, and had been a member of the Church of the Nazarene ever since.

In 1982, they started an annual free Thanksgiving dinner for all those in need of food or fellowship. Judy received a number of awards over the years for her generosity and compassion to others. She was a member of the Kalispell Soroptimists.

Judy was preceded in death by her parents, Stanley and Lula Potts; husband, Doug Wise; three children, Doug Wise Jr., Nola Wise and Terry Wise; and brother,

Douglas Potts.

Judy is survived by children, David and Doris Wise of Vaughn, Diana and Walt Stoller of Somers, Cindy and Steve Dodson of Las Vegas, Mary Janice and Mike Inman of Spokane, Tim and Dodie Wise of Kalispell, Randy and Debi Wise of Kalispell, and Hilda Wise of Kalispell; 23 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; sister, Dorcas Loudon of Evergreen; sister-in-law, Dorothy Potts of Bigfork; and brother, Harry Potts and wife, Marianna, of Bigfork.

A funeral service will be held for Judy at 1 p.m. today at the Church of the Nazarene, Kalispell. Pastor Ed Koteskey will officiate. Private interment will be at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. An open house reception will follow interment at Sykes' Diner, 202 2nd Ave. W., Kalispell, from 3 to 5 p.m.

Memorial contributions in Judy's name may be made to the Church of the Nazarene or the charity of your choice.

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

Beverly Jean 'Crick' Withey, 68

Beverly Jean "Crick" Withey, 68, passed away May 14, 2011, in Kalispell, following many years of ill health due to complications of multiple myeloma.



Beverly was born Feb. 28, 1943, in San Luis Obispo, Calif., to Earl Harold and Olive Louise (Thompson) Crick while her father was in the U.S. Army. After her father's discharge the family returned to McFarland, Mich. At age 13, the family moved to Kalispell where she attended schools, and graduated from Flathead County High School with the class of 1961.

While in high school she worked at the Kalispell hospital until her marriage to Gareth LaCelle in 1962. They had two children while Gareth was in the Air Force and they lived in Texas, California and Washington.

On Oct. 22, 1971, she married Myron J. "Skip" Withey in Kalispell. They each brought two children to this marriage. They lived in North Dakota and California until his retirement from the U.S. Air Force. They then returned to Kalispell for some time before moving to Michigan. While in Michigan, she worked for and retired from Wolverine Shoe Co.

Upon Skip's retirement from General Motors in 1999, they returned to Kalispell. They built their home at Village Greens and resided there since. Skip passed away on Dec. 30, 2010. "She has now joined Skip and her parents."

Beverly had many talents, including building Adam's rocking horse and other woodworking projects, sewing, needlepointing, crocheting, oil painting, refinishing furniture and restoring several homes.

She loved the Polebridge area where she had her cabin built after being diagnosed with multiple myeloma. Her nephew Dan Gustafson put in many long days getting "Aunt Bev's" cabin ready for

her to enjoy. She visited the area as often as possible but her dream of spending any length of time there was not possible due to her failing health as well as Skip's.

After retirement, Beverly and Skip made several trips to Hawaii where they enjoyed the warm days in the middle of winter. Their home was open to all and if anyone needed anything, Beverly and Skip were there to assist all.

Beverly was diagnosed with multiple myeloma in the fall of 2005 and received a stem cell transplant in May of 2006. After being in remission for her multiple myeloma she was diagnosed with MS and diabetes. She was a "real fighter" and never complained about her condition, but rather accepted it with a smile.

Beverly is survived by their children, Michael LaCelle of Kalispell, and Judith Matz and her husband Vance of Cedar Springs, Mich., Ken Withey and wife Patty of Spokane, and Kathy Withey, also of Spokane. Also surviving are grandchildren, Adam Matz, Connor LaCelle, Christine, Jason, Stephen, Michael and Thomas Withey; and great-grandchildren, Alexis, Miria and Tiziana Withey. She is also survived by Skip's brothers, Ron, Dale, Bob and their families. She is survived by her brother, Cliff, and Vickie Crick, of Whitefish; her sisters, Lorraine and Dick Stotts of Kalispell, CarolLou and Melvin "Gus" Gustafson of Somers, and Marlene and Tom Brunaugh of Columbia Falls. Many nieces and nephews also survive and Beverly who was affectionately known as "Aunt Bev" by all.

Her wishes were that donations be made to Wings. There will be a double memorial service for Beverly and Skip at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 21, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. A luncheon will follow at their home.

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

An obituary for Beverly's husband Skip also appears in today's Inter Lake.

Myron J. 'Skip' Withey, 73

Myron J. "Skip" Withey, 73, passed away on Dec. 30, 2010, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center, with his wife and stepson by his side. Skip was born March 7, 1937, to Myron A. Withey and Florence J. Newberry, the eldest of five sons. Skip had fought a long and difficult battle with COPD.



Skip and Beverly "Crick" LaCelle were married Oct. 22, 1971, in Kalispell. They each brought two children to this union.

Skip retired from the United States Air Force after serving 21 years as a B-52 tail gunner and achieving the rank of master sergeant. He never truly retired. He was very patriotic and stayed in contact with his Air Force "Tail Gunner" fraternity for the rest of his life. Skip and his wife Beverly attended many military reunions. Skip was proud to display his military association, from decals on cars and golf carts to baseball caps and the flag flying prominently in his front yard. Myron was often frustrated and upset with the local and national politicians and freely expressed his opposition to the same. Yet, his support for the military could never be questioned.

After the Air Force, Skip worked many years for General Motors Pontiac Division in Michigan until returning home to Kalispell for good. Even as his health was failing in the last few years, Skip found the time to keep an eye on his family, friends and beloved military brothers. Skip and Beverly enjoyed several trips to Hawaii after his retirement.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother,

Mike; and in-laws, Earl and Olive Crick.

Skip was survived by his beloved wife Beverly, who has since passed away on May 14th of this year.

He is now survived by his daughter, Kathy Withey, of Spokane; son and daughter in-law, Ken and Patty Withey, of Spokane; stepdaughter, Judy, and her husband, Vance Matz, of Michigan; stepson, Michael LaCelle, of Kalispell; seven grandchildren, Christina Withey of Seattle, Jason, Michael, Steven and Thomas Withey, all of Spokane, Adam Matz of Michigan, and Connor LaCelle of Kalispell; three great-grandchildren, Alexis, Miria and Tiziana; and three of his four younger brothers, Dale Withey, Robert Withey and Ron Withey. He is also survived by Beverly's family, Clifford and Vicki Crick of Whitefish, Dick and Lorraine Stotts of Kalispell, Melvin "Gus" and CarolLou Gustafson of Somers, and Tom and Marlene Brunaugh of Columbia Falls; and many nieces and nephews.

"Rest in peace Skip. You are loved by many, you will be missed by many more whose lives you touched."

A graveside memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 21, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery, Kalispell. A reception will follow at Skip and Beverly's home.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that memorial contributions be made in Skip's name to your favorite charity, the veteran's food bank or the American Lung Association.

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

An obituary for Skip's wife Beverly also appears in today's Inter Lake.

Norris E. Woerner, 93

Norris E. Woerner, 93, of Rollins, died of natural causes at The Villa Rosa in Sahuarita, Ariz., on July 25, 2011.

Norris was born in Adrian, Mich., July 20, 1918, to August and Opal Woerner. He attended local public schools and Adrian College.

On Oct. 20, 1941, he married Mary Custis in New Haven, Ind. They lived in Angola, Ind., for the next two years as he attended Tri-State College, earning a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering.

Following military service in the Navy during World War II and using the G.I. Bill, he earned a master's degree in meteorology from Cal Tech in Pasadena, Calif. The next 29 years were spent in National Weather Service offices in San Francisco and Bakersfield, Calif., and Great Falls and Billings. He served

as meteorologist-in-charge in Billings.

Norris and Mary retired to Rollins in 1977, enjoying the amenities of Flathead Lake and wintering in Green Valley, Ariz.

Norris was a member of the American Meteorological Society, Elks Club, and active in Boy Scouts of America.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Olive Woerner; his two brothers, LaVerne and Raymond Woerner; his sister, Ruth Shaw; and dear friend, Thelma Judge.

Survivors include a daughter, Jo Rowland, of Billings; son, John, of Prineville, Ore.; six grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place and funeral services are under the care of Adair Funeral Homes-Avalon Chapel 8090 N. Northern Ave., in Tucson, Ariz.; (520) 742-7901.

Kelly Sue (Conner) Wolf, 43

Kelly Sue (Conner) Wolf, 43, passed away Feb. 15, 2011, in Kalispell, due to natural causes.

She was born March 14, 1967, in Denver and raised in Kalispell. She was a graduate of Flathead High School.

Kelly married Pat Wolf in 1999.

She worked as a waitress, bartender and an in-home caregiver, feeding and caring for the less fortunate.

She enjoyed fishing, camping, photography and gardening, sewing, arts and crafts, cooking and baking, traveling, as well as all animals and attending sporting events.



She was preceded in death by her mother, Maxine Conner; sister, Lori Ann Conner; and her grandparents, Harold and Valate "Annie" Caldbeck, and Leonard and Ceil Jackson.

Kelly is survived by her husband of 11 years, Pat Wolf; father Walt and stepmother Esther Conner; brother, Mike, and Corrine Conner, of Wyoming; sister, Julie, and Chuck Karl, of Alaska, and brother, Curt, and Donna Conner, of Massachusetts; aunts and uncles, Cres and Vern Henry, Doc and Myra McMannis, Ronald and Phyllis Caldbeck and Anna Caldbeck; and several cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held at noon today, Feb. 18, at Rocky Mountain Baptist Church, 2387 Montana 35, in Kalispell.

Gloria Belle Wolf, 68

Gloria Belle Wolf, 68, passed away Jan. 11, 2011, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

She was born June 9, 1942, in Kalispell to Charles and Ruth Triplett Stubbs. She spent most of her life in Kalispell.

Gloria was a member of the VFW Auxiliary, Eagles Auxiliary and the Moose Auxiliary.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Roy L. Wolf; and brother, Ercell Faye Stubbs.

Survivors include brother, Charles Royden Stubbs, and wife, Maxine; a son, Rick; daughters, Sandra Thompson

of Plains, Debra Wills of Mesa, Ariz., and Cindy Chenowath of Morgan Hills, Calif.; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren; also several nieces and nephews, and other family members.

The family would like to thank Gloria's friends and all those people who cared for her.

At her request there will be no services at this time. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Memorials are suggested to the organization of your choice.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Boyd 'Pete' Leland Wolfe, 74

Boyd "Pete" Leland Wolfe, "entered into the rest of his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ," on Jan. 10, 2011, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Pete was born in Pershing, Iowa, on Feb. 5, 1936, to Ted and Janet Wolfe. When he was 6 months old his family relocated to Whitefish. He graduated from Whitefish High School in 1957.

Pete served in the Army at Fort Ord, Calif., and was honorably discharged in 1964. After serving in the Army, he worked as a general laborer for many different construction projects in Montana and in other states.

He married Catherine Fredenberg on March 17, 1964.

Pete was an avid hunter and fisherman from the time of his childhood until just before his death. He loved staying active by being outdoors in the beauty of Montana. He built his own home in 1983 and found joy in maintaining it and doing yard work.

He was a dedicated attendee of Whitefish High School football and basketball games. In addition, he was a fan of the University of Mon-

tana Grizzlies.

He will be remembered for cherishing the simpler things of life, always having a smile for those around him and being a Good Samaritan to his family, friends and neighbors.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ted and Janet Wolfe; his wife, Catherine Wolfe; his sister, Dixie Jensen; and his brother, Ted Wolfe Jr.

He is survived by his son, Kurt Wolfe, of Helena; a stepdaughter, Donna Hanson, of Portland; a stepson, Mike Fredenberg, of San Diego; a brother, Gerald Wolfe, of Whitefish; nieces, Norma Stidham of Kalispell, Gale Birgensmith of Whitefish, and Dawn Cuadras of Gilbert, Ariz.; nephews, Scott Wolfe of Whitefish, Brett Jensen of Temecula, Calif., Gary Wolfe and Benjy Wolfe, both of Whitefish, and Jody Wolfe of Houston; as well as many longtime friends that he considered like family.

A graveside service and celebration of Pete's life will be held later in the spring.

In lieu of flowers, please make a charitable donation in Pete's name to the charity of your choice.

Mildred (Ruley) Wolfe, 85

Mildred (Ruley) Wolfe, 85, "went to be with our Lord" on Sept. 11, 2011.

Millie was born and raised in Lowell, Ind., on April 15, 1926, where she also attended school.

She married James Rogan Wolfe on April 18, 1946, and lived in Gary, Ind., until 1969 when they moved to the Flathead Valley. Millie and Jim were very much in love and she supported him in every way. Raising nine children, Jeffrey, David, James "Mark," Elizabeth, John "Scott," Margaret, Phillip, Roger and Thomas kept Millie busy while Jim worked as a carpet layer, both in Indiana and



then in Montana.

Millie was an avid reader and loved to share her favorite books. She researched her family tree, loved huckleberries, and taught most of her 21 grandchildren how to eat popcorn with chopsticks. She went skydiving on her 69th birthday without telling her family until afterward.

Millie enjoyed pets and was known to feed her neighbors' dogs and cats because she liked having them come visit. A capable little lady, she landscaped, gardened, and always worked on a project around the house.

She had many friends and a very large family.

Millie was the "button lady" for the Klothes Klostet. She was also involved in Vista Chapter No. 44, Order of Eastern Star in Columbia

Falls, the North Valley Senior Center, and participated with Jim in the Northwest Montana Arms Collectors.

She is survived by her brother, Dean Ruley, and his wife, Pat, of Lafayette, Ind.; son, Jeffrey Wolfe, and wife, Pam, of Columbia Falls; son, David Wolfe, of Columbia Falls; daughter, Elizabeth Bolles, and husband, John, of West Glacier; son, Phillip Wolfe, of Dayton; and son, Roger Wolfe, of California. Millie leaves 21 grandchildren, including Yvonne Wolfe, Sarah and Addie Price, whom she was instrumental in raising; 18 great-grandchildren; along with numerous cousins. She will be dearly missed by all.

While suffering with long-term diabetes and other chronic illnesses, she had

both courage and dignity, without complaint. Millie was known for unconditional love, words of encouragement and a generous heart. Adventurous. Loyal. Faithful. Kind. Forgiving.

She was preceded in death by brother, Donald Ruley; husband, Jim Wolfe; sons, Scott, Mark and Tommy; and daughter, Margaret, and her husband, Ed Price; grandson, Jason Wolfe; and granddaughter, Stephanie Blevins Wolfe.

A celebration of life will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Sept. 24, at the Columbia Falls Senior Center.

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

Patricia Womble, 85

Patricia Womble, 85, died Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2011, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

A celebration of life will be at 10:30 a.m. Mon-

day, Oct. 3, in the Buffalo Room at Buffalo Hill Terrace.

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

Lori Anne Wood, 59

After a long courageous battle with cancer, Lori Anne Wood, 59, of Deer Lodge passed away Sunday, April 10, 2011 at St. Peter's Hospital in Helena.

Lori was born Oct. 10, 1951, in Deer Lodge to Walter and Myrna LeBrun.

She is survived by her husband, Terry; daughters Becky Yepes of Honolulu, Hawaii, Jackie Jackson and Julie Jackson of Deer Lodge; son Kevin Knapp of Phoenix, Ariz.; stepdaughters Dawn Swith of Deer Lodge and Paula Morigeau of Hot Springs; father Walt LeBrun of Elliston; mother, Myrna Teskey of Helper, Utah; sister Patty Green of Las Vegas, Nev.; brothers Rick LeBrun of Fargo, N.D., Mark LeBrun of Elliston, Mont., and Pete Howard of Sierra

Vista, Ariz.

She was preceded in death by her brother Gary Howard and stepmother Lou LeBrun of Elliston.

Lori was the proud grandmother of 11 grandchildren and one great-grandson.

A graduate of Powell County High School in 1969, Lori then went to work for the State of Montana Motor Vehicles Division for 28 years and retired as a Training Specialist.

Lori's greatest enjoyment in life were her children and grandchildren. She will be loved and missed by all who were blessed enough to have known her.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 11, at the Elks Lodge in Deer Lodge.

Barry R. Wood, 81

Barry R. Wood, 81, passed away of heart failure on Nov. 9, 2011, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.



Barry was born in Great Falls on Oct. 21, 1930, to Carl and Primrose (Kerr) Wood and grew up in Conrad, Mont., and Casper, Wyo.

Barry graduated from Gallatin County High School in Bozeman in 1948. He graduated from Montana State with a degree in accounting in 1952. That same year, he and Diane Burleigh were married in Bozeman. He worked for Shell Oil Company in Glendive, Billings and Denver. In 1958 they moved back to Montana where he worked at the Great Falls Gas Company for several years.

In 1968 the family moved to Kalispell when Barry and his partner, Bill Shiell, purchased Norm's News. Barry later sold his interest in Norm's to Bill and opened his own accounting business. From there, he began his real estate career with Valley Realty and then Ted Dykstra Realty, until his retirement in 2004.

Barry was active in the Little League and Babe Ruth baseball programs in Great Falls and American Legion in Kalispell. He also enjoyed

participating in several bowling leagues. Larry was an avid reader. He also loved to debate politics, watch sports and was sure to finish at least one crossword puzzle each day. More than anything, he always believed that family came first. His presence, quiet humor and sound advice will be missed.

Barry was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Beverly Randall; and son, Steve, in 2008.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Diane of Kalispell; sons, Brian of Joshua Tree, Calif., Craig and wife, Karen, and their son, Christian, of Cheyenne, Scott and his daughters, Elizabeth and Courtney, of Cheyenne, Mike and wife, Teri, and their son, Chris, and daughter, Randee, of Kalispell, and daughter, Mary McRae and husband, Sean, and their children Olivia, Maisy and Henry, of Kalispell. He is also survived by his sister, Barbara Pedersen of Aurora, Colo., and three nieces and four nephews.

Memorial services for Barry will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 16 at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home, with Father Rod Ermatinger officiating. Burial will follow services at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery, followed by a reception at the Village Greens Community Center.

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

Clarence H. Wright, 94

Clarence H. Wright, 94, of Columbia Falls, formerly of Great Falls, died of natural causes Saturday, Dec. 10, 2011, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.



Clarence was born Feb. 18, 1917, in Traer, Iowa, the son of Thomas and Winifred (Rhodes) Wright. He worked on the family farm during high school and then graduated from Coe College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

After joining the Army, he was transferred to Great Falls in 1940, where he met and married Evelyn Jane MacDonald. They lived in Great Falls until moving to the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls in 2007.

Clarence served in the United States Army during World War II, serving in Egypt. Following the war, he returned to Great Falls, where he worked as secretary treasurer for Montana Flour Mills, and then later for the city of Great Falls, until his retirement.

He volunteered for SCORE and assisted many people with their tax returns. Clarence continued to manage the family farm north of Great Falls throughout his entire life. He was an active member of Sunrise Presbyterian Church in Great Falls.

During their 64 years of marriage, Clarence and his wife Jane raised exotic vari-

eties of daylilies and won many blue ribbons at the Montana State Fair. He was considered a local daylily expert and was sought out for his expertise in gardening techniques. He also collected antiques and other collectibles.

Clarence was very involved in many Montana Veterans Home crafts and activities. He actively supported many charities. He discovered his artistic side while residing at the Veterans Home, and recently won a blue ribbon for an original tile footstone at the Northwest Montana Fair in Kalispell. He enjoyed the bingo nights and became a quite competitive player.

Survivors include his children, Jim and Margaret Wright of Everett, Wash., Bob and Lisa Wright of Savage, Minn., Steve and Kathy Wright of Columbia Falls, and Margaret and John Winters of Richland, Wash.; 10 grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

Clarence was preceded in death by his wife, Evelyn Jane; his sister, Esther; and his brother, Harold.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 15, at Columbia Mortuary.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Montana Veterans Home Memorial Foundation, Box 250, Columbia Falls; or a charity of choice.

Arrangements are entrusted to Columbia Mortuary. You are invited to visit www.columbiamortuary.com to offer condolences, share memories and view Clarence's tribute wall.

Linda Wright, 59

Linda Wright, 59, "went home to be with her Lord and Savior," from her home in Kalispell, on Saturday evening, Jan. 1, 2011.



Linda was born July 12, 1951, in Chicago, to Robert and Patricia (Smith) Wimble. She was raised in southern California where she attended school.

Linda married Vince Wright in 1983 in San Diego. Linda had worked as a florist and had worked with her husband in their own business. She was a wonderful wife and mother who loved her family "and had a passionate love for her Eternal Father and looked forward to her heavenly home."

Linda also loved her church family and one of her highlights in life was

a missionary trip to Africa in 2007. She also enjoyed volunteering in the church kitchen and other volunteer work at Easthaven Baptist church.

She enjoyed photography, cooking, flowers, crafting, swimming, camping, traveling, and life in general.

She is survived by her husband, Vince Wright; mother, Patricia Mizer; step father, Richard; children, Joe Butcher, Julia Bilaver and Alysia Wright; siblings, Robert Wimble, Edward Wimble and Judy Nome; grandchildren, Nicole and Troy Bilaver and Emily Butcher.

A celebration of Linda's life will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 6, at Easthaven Baptist Church in Kalispell.

The family requests that you send memorials to the Easthaven Baptist Church Missions program. You are invited to go to www.buffalohillfh.com to leave personal messages or sign her book.

Margaret Jane Wright, 90

Margaret Jane Wright, 90, died Nov. 5, 2011.

Survivors include a daughter, Beth Ann Burrell, of Libby; and two sons, Paul Byron Wright of Mitchell, Neb., and Gerald Jackson Wright of Athol, Idaho.

Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Wednesday,

Nov. 9, at the funeral home chapel, and from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the church. Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Libby.