

Frank L. 'Cec' Caferro, 89

Lifelong resident of Whitefish, Frank L. "Cec" Caferro, 89, passed away at home Sunday, Feb. 26, 2012.



Born March 12, 1922, to Frank C. and Theresa Caferro, Cec grew up in the Italian neighborhood affectionately known as "Little Italy." Following the Italian tradition, Cec became famous throughout Flathead Valley for his spaghetti and meatballs.

Cec's musical talents started at an early age with the violin. However, Cec is best known for playing the saxophone. Besides music, Cec loved sports. In high school, basketball, football, and tennis kept Cec busy. He and his cousin, Marlo Lence, took second in State Doubles for tennis. They practiced on the clay courts that they and a few others built on a Great Northern lot. Cec was an avid tennis player into his 80s.

As a sergeant in the U.S. Army Air Corps, Cec proudly served his country in the Pacific Theater during World War II. Following the war, he met his future wife, Mary "Patty" Osborne from Lewiston, Idaho, on a blind date. Upon returning to Whitefish, he worked on the Great Northern and Burlington Northern Railroad for 42 years.

After work, Cec enjoyed playing the tenor sax and clarinet in his band known as the Cec Caferro Quartet. He always ended the night with "Blue Moon." He played in 14-piece bands, including The Robin Hoods and the Don Lawrence Dance Band. He played in several combos throughout the Northwest, as far away as Spokane.

tee and serving on the Street and Alley and Parks Committees.

The winter of 2000 was memorable for Cec and his family when he was King Ullr XLI of the Whitefish Winter Carnival. One highlight was the parade where Cec used his tennis racquet to send tennis balls into the crowds lining the streets.

Cec received the Kari Dodge Community Service Award, as well as several other awards for his dedication to his community.

Val Talbot and Cec met at the Golden Agers and then enjoyed spending time together, going out to dinner, attending Mass, especially in Glacier Park, and date night.

The last few years of his life, Cec lived at home with the loving attention of care givers who quickly became part of his family. He enjoyed life to the fullest, from being entertained by Mimi the squirrel on his back porch to watching Sen. Caferro on TV.

Cec's loving wife of 60 years, Patty, preceded him in death.

He is survived by his six children, Sharon Hale and Dennis of Astoria, Ore.; Theresa Senese and David of Winfield, Ill.; Debbie Caferro of Whitefish; Sen. Mary Caferro of Helena; Frank Caferro and Idelmira of Salt Lake City; and Duran Caferro of Helena; 10 grandchildren, Spencer McMahan, Jesse and Keysa Hale, Margaret, Hallie, Joseph and Kenji Swain, Karl and Shawna McConnell, and Duran Caferro Jr.; five great-grandchildren, Mia, Conner, Alyx, Gabby and Buster; and his beloved Val Talbot.

He was known to many and loved for his brilliant smile, wit and charming personality. Cec's favorite places were Glacier National Park and home. His favorite activities include family reunions, attending the Ice Capades in Spokane, and visiting with family.

Amora Elizabeth Calderon, stillborn

Amora was brought into this world and taken from it even faster. Her life ended before it began. Amora passed due to a rare condition called amniotic band syndrome. She passed away on Oct. 22, 2012, and was born Oct. 23, 2012. She was surrounded by family who will love her unconditionally for eternity.

"Our arms dream of holding you, our hearts love you, our souls will see each other someday. We question why you were taken away, only to not hear an answer. Our love will never fade, the ache will never leave. For you left us too early. A new angel God has. Our love to Amora, for the gates of heaven you have passed."

She was preceded in death by her cousin Ava (infant) "who welcomed her into heaven with arms wide open."

She is survived by her mother, Beth O'Mary and

father Alejandro Calderon of Kalispell; grandparents, Jason and Rhonda Miller of Kalispell, Marlen Calderon of Kalispell, and Joaquin Villruga of Bogota, Columbia; great-grandparents, Ron and Voni Hutzenbiler, Randy and Julie Miller, and Gladys Cetina, all of Kalispell; and great-great-grandmothers, Delores Yeager of Laurel, and Angie Fopp and Marge Miller, both of Kalispell. Amora is also survived by her four uncles, Joaquin Calderon, Nick O'Mary, Fabian Calderon and Dylan Miller, all of Kalispell. Amora has many aunts, uncles and extended family.

There will be a memorial service for Amora at 3 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 29, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home in Kalispell.

All flowers may be sent there or to a charity of your choice.

"God bless Amora. We love you."

Cec was very active at work and in the community. His memberships include the Railway Carmen Union of the U.S. and Canada; BNSF Veterans Association; American Federation of Musicians for 45 years, and local representative for 15 years; Stumptown Historical Society; Loyal Order of the Moose for 48 years; Legion of the Moose for 21 years, Knights of Columbus, Council 7630 life member, past Grand Knight; American Legion, Post 108 life member, past commander; longtime co-chairman of the local American Legion Oratorical Committee, past chairman of the district committee and past member of the state committee; Veterans of Foreign Wars life member and past commander, served on the committee for the Voice of Democracy and the VFW Scholarship Program; and Whitefish City Council, chairing the Water Commit-

Cec said, "I want my family to remember me for loving them and providing for them." His message to his family and friends is "I love you all."

Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 6, with rosary following, at Austin Funeral Home. The funeral will take place at 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 7, at St. Charles Catholic Church.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the Helena Eagles Boxing Club, c/o Duran Caferro, 1730 Butte Ave., Helena, MT 59601; or the American Legion Post 108 Oratorical Contest, P.O. Box 1024, Whitefish, MT 59937.

You are invited to go to www.austinfh.com to offer condolences, share memories and view Cec's tribute wall.

Arrangements are entrusted to Austin Funeral Home.

John Callan Sr., 84

John Callan Sr., 84 of Whitefish, died April 8, 2012, at the Montana Veterans Home.

He is survived by his two children, Colleen Frizelle of Whitefish, and

John Patrick Callan of Portland.

Services will be held at a later date.

Arrangements are entrusted to Austin Funeral Home.

Mary Callan, 90

The world was diminished by the death of Mary Callan on Thursday, March 15, 2012, at her home in Anaconda. She died peacefully, surrounded by family members, after a short illness.



Mary was born Oct. 31, 1921, in Butte, the third of five children to John and Frances Mack. She graduated from Girls' Central High School in 1939, and attended Sacred Heart School of Nursing in Spokane.

She enlisted in the Army following graduation in 1943, achieving the rank of first lieutenant. She was assigned to the 203rd General Hospital, providing medical support for the troops in England and France.

She married Dr. Terry Callan on March 2, 1946; they made their home in Anaconda for more than 60 years.

Mary felt her greatest accomplishment in life was raising her nine children. She was a devoted mother and a wonderful support to her children and grandchildren.

She was involved in many community organizations, volunteering with the Community Hospital Auxiliary and Anaconda Catholic Community in the religious education program, as a member of the parish council and as a Eucharistic minister.

One of her greatest joys was attending church each Sunday. She also enjoyed playing bridge with her friends and her weekly hair appointment.

She loved visiting her nine children and their families, and looked forward to the biannual family reunions. Mary faithfully acknowledged the birthdays of her

many children and grandchildren.

Favorites among her travels were trips to Hawaii, Ireland and Japan.

Mary was preceded in death by husband, Terry Callan; sister, Winifred O'Toole; brothers, John and Eugene Mack; and granddaughter, Stacy Johnson.

Mary is survived by her sister, Marge Henry; sisters-in-law, Dorothy Smith and Peggy and Kevin Johnson; children, Terry and Jane, Tom and Kris, Kathie Vaughn, Frank and Suzanne, Pat and Kathy, Mary and Rich Johnson, Karen and Bill Lowney, Sharon, and Nancy and Gene Marcille, 28 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and numerous nephews and nieces.

The wonderful people of Anaconda made it possible for Mary to live independently at home through their support and kindnesses. The family wishes to especially thank Bill Gransberry, Nicole Green, Kathleen and Ben Nicely, Carol and Jack Gilluly, and Bill and Dawn Dee.

Mary was the model of generosity and grace. In her quiet and unassuming way, she made a difference in the lives of all who knew her.

The Liturgy of Resurrection will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 20, at Holy Family Church in Anaconda.

Visitation begins at 4 p.m. Monday, March 19, with the rosary at 6:30 p.m., and the vigil service at 7 p.m. at St. Peter's Catholic Church.

Memorials may be made to Anaconda Pintler Hospice, 118 E. Seventh, Anaconda, MT 59711; American Cancer Society Great West Division, 1551 Broadway, Suite 200, Tacoma, WA 98401; or Anaconda Catholic Community, 217 W. Pennsylvania Ave., Anaconda, MT 59711.

Arrangements are under the care of Longfellow Finnegan Funeral Home of Anaconda.

Glen H. Canfield, 79

Glen H. Canfield, 79, of Kalispell, passed away in the Philippines on June 14, 2012, in the company of his wife, Rose, and her children.



Glen was born Dec. 7, 1932, in Granton, Wis., to Howard and Lula Canfield.

Glen made his living starting and running several small businesses.

He loved to study the Bible, work in his shop, and loved large family gatherings with homemade desserts.

Glen was married to Shirley Martin in 1951, Sylvia Brandsen in 1958, and Rosalia Sabay in 2006.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1956 to 1958,

stationed in San Antonio, Texas.

Glen is survived by his wife, Rosalia; and his four sons, Scott Canfield of Newberg Ore., Mark Canfield of Portland, Dan Canfield of Portland, and Doug Canfield of Spokane; and three daughters, Pamela Coy of Brookings, Ore., Paula McKeen of Lebanon, Ore., and Barbara Hadley of Kalispell; 19 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Glen was preceded in death by his wife, Sylvia; sisters, Marion and Dorothy; his brothers, Glen, Robert and Calvin; and his granddaughter, Jill Lysaught.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, July 21, at Bethel Baptist Church in Kalispell. A funeral has already taken place in the Philippines.

Suzanne Campbell, 41

Suzanne Campbell, 41, of Troy, died Friday, Jan. 6, 2012, in Troy.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 14, at the Troy Church of God

in Troy.

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

Harold Monroe Cantrell, 89

Harold Monroe Cantrell of Swan Lake passed away on Jan. 2, 2013.

Harold will be forever loved and remembered for the wonderful stories that he told, the way he lived his life and the joy he found in every day.

Harold was born Aug. 28, 1923, in Dillon, to Everett and Ida La Rue Cantrell. The family owned and operated Cantrell Dairy in Dillon. During his early years, Harold and his older brother, La Rue, delivered milk to area customers by horse-drawn wagon and later by panel truck.

Harold graduated from Beaverhead High School in 1942, and continued his education at Montana State College in Bozeman (MSU) and the Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago. He graduated from MSU with a degree in electrical engineering in 1948.

In 1943, he enlisted in the United States Navy and was commissioned as a lieutenant in 1945, and honorably separated from active duty in 1946, yet continued to serve in the U.S. Navy Reserve until 1956.

Harold served in many capacities during his 32-year career with the Bonneville Power Administration. He began as an electrical engineer in Spokane from 1948 to 1950, was the BPA district manager and electrical engineer in Kalispell from 1950 to 1958, and then was promoted to area manager of BPA in Walla Walla, Wash., in 1961, a position he held until his retirement in 1980. In his early retirement years Harold was a consultant for Burns &



McDonnell and the Port of Walla Walla.

He was married in June of 1948 in Dillon to Patricia Ann Babcock, daughter of Howard and Gladys



Babcock of Dillon. Harold and Patricia raised three children, Cynthia, Vickie and Mark.

In 1951, Harold and Patricia built their summer cabin in Montana on Swan Lake and spent every summer on the lake throughout his working years. In 1992, Harold, Patricia and their son Mark designed and built their home on Swan Lake, incorporating their original A-frame cabin so they could enjoy their retirement waking up every day to the beauty and grandeur of Swan Lake.

Harold is survived by his wife of 64 years, Patricia Babcock Cantrell, of Swan Lake; daughter, Cynthia Beechinor, and husband, Tom, of Walla Walla; daughter, Vickie Cantrell, of Swan Lake; son, Mark Cantrell, and wife, Janie, of Swan Lake; six grandchildren, Christy Druffel, Jason Beechinor, Matthew Beechinor, and Austin, Carson and Ryan Cantrell; and five great-grandchildren, Tanner and Skylar Druffel, and Kayla, Noah and Hadley Beechinor.

A celebration of Harold's life will be held this summer.

Ronald Arthur Carlson, 80

Ronald Arthur Carlson, 80, died Dec. 15, 2012, in Kalispell.

He is survived by his wife, Donna, of Kalispell.

A celebration of life service is pending.

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

Walter Dean Carlson, 69

Walter Dean Carlson, 69, of Kalispell, passed away March 18, 2012, at the Brendan House in Kalispell.

Walt was born June 19, 1942, in Des Moines, Iowa.

Walt would want to be remembered as a hard worker and faithful Christian.

Walt served in the U.S. Navy. He later attended North Idaho College, where he met his first wife and mother of his children.

After graduation, he worked in construction for many years. He became a vocational instructor at NIC, teaching the carpentry class. Walt completed his master's degree from the University of Idaho and was promoted to



division chair at NIC.

He married Kathy White in October 2009 at Trinity Lutheran Church, where they both had become members. After less than a year of marriage, Walt was diagnosed with brain cancer. They enjoyed one more year of life together before it became apparent the cancer had returned and was terminal.

Walt spent his final months at Brendan House under the care of their wonderful staff and Hospice. The family would like to extend our deepest gratitude for all of those whose care and concern touched our lives.

He is survived by his loving wife, Kathleen White Carlson; daughter, Rita and Ladd Serwat of Rathdrum, Idaho; and son, Jeff and Windy Carlson of Kalispell; four grandchildren; and five sisters.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. May 4 at Christ The King Church in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

Kendall Donne Carpenter, 57

We lost a very dear husband, father, son, brother, mentor and friend when Kendall passed away unexpectedly at his home in Whitefish on Nov. 6, 2012.



Kendall was born May 31, 1955, to Donald and Veronica (Beck) Carpenter in Wolf Point, where he grew up on the family farm. Though he traveled far, Kendall described himself as an educated farm boy and his early home remained close to his heart.

First, and foremost, Kendall loved Gina, his wife of 23 years, and treasured his three successful sons, Kris, Kole and Charlie. Kris was on the USA Telemark Ski Team, worked in Glacier Park and owns a successful trucking company. Kole enlisted in the Navy and will be serving on the USS Nimitz in Everett, Wash. He loves his career in the Navy where he is a mass communication specialist. Charlie is attending his first year at MSU in Bozeman studying statistics.

Years ago, Kendall received his first Dan Black Belt in tae kwan do. All of his boys followed in his enthusiasm of martial arts with Charlie recently receiving his second Dan in soo bahk do. After Kendall sustained severe injuries on a job in 1990, martial arts conditioning and training helped in his recovery. Declared disabled by physicians after

the injury, he refused to accept the diagnosis and pushed on. Through his persistence, he avoided being wheelchair-bound, changed professions and excelled in every endeavor.

Kendall first received his Associate of Arts degree in electronics from Miles Community College in Miles City in 1987 where he was awarded valedictorian and "Outstanding Male Graduate." After his injury, he went on to graduate from the University of Washington School of Medicine's Rehabilitation Department in Seattle with a Bachelor of Science degree in prosthetics and orthotics in 1996, where he was voted "Most Likely to Succeed."

In 2000, Kendall received his master's degree in prosthetics and orthotics with a minor in administration from the University of Connecticut's School of Allied Health. Later that year, Kendall and Gina opened what became Glacier Prosthetic Care, Inc. with offices in Kalispell and Sandpoint, Idaho.

Truly thankful for each and every person who came through our door for help, many became good friends. With our beloved staff who became a family — Ian Reynolds, Niles Velin, Leisa Houlahan, Tiffany Partain, Mariko Bryan and Danielle (Essex) Shoppe, Kendall helped so many people, whether they were able to pay or not. A wonderful mentor and teacher, the business will continue in Kendall's honor under

new leadership.

Throughout his active life, Kendall enjoyed many activities, including skiing, golfing, snorkeling and hiking with his family, and he excelled in woodworking. Kendall often played cribbage and enjoyed watching baseball with Gina. A great neighbor and friend, you'd find him outside in early morning darkness blowing new snow from driveways for his friends and feeding the neighborhood deer.

Preceded in death by his grandparents and sister Colleen "Coco" Bee, Kendall is survived by his wife, Gina; sons, Kris (mother Karen), Kole and Charlie; parents, Donald and Veronica Carpenter of Wolf Point, sister, Cathy, and brother-

in-law, Tom Simensen, of Kalispell; and many in-laws, nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins. He also leaves behind his beloved dogs, Frisko, Andy and Baby Girl, and cat Elvis.

Memorial services will be held at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 14, at the Whitefish Community Center (formerly Golden Agers), located at 121 Second Street East in Whitefish.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Kendall Carpenter Memorial Fund at Whitefish Credit Union, P.O. Box 37, Whitefish, MT 59937 are appreciated.

You are invited to go to www.austinhf.com to offer condolences, share memories, and view Kendall's tribute wall. Arrangements are entrusted to Austin Funeral Home.

Mike Cass, 62

Mike Cass, 62, of Eureka, died June 4, 2012, from injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident.

He is survived by his wife, Beverly; and his son,

Adam.

There are no services planned at this time.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home of Eureka.

Clarence Marvin Caudill, 80

Clarence Marvin Caudill, 80, died Monday, Dec. 17, 2012, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

He is survived by four daughters, Virginia, Donna, Gloria and Susan; and one son, Oscar.

Visitation will be from

9 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Dec. 19, in the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. A graveside urn burial will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 20, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery with military honors.

Jim K. Carrig, 48

Jim K. Carrig, 48, died on June 19, 2012, at his home in Kallispell.

He is survived by his wife Diann.

Celebration of life ser-

vices will be held Wednesday, June 27 at 2 p.m. at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Norman Oscar Caudill, Jr., 58

Norman Oscar Caudill, Jr., 58, passed away peacefully at his home in Somers, on Saturday, Oct. 22, 2011, after a valiant fight against esophageal cancer. His family was at his side.



Norm was born in Kalispell on April 21, 1953, to Norm Sr., and Helen (Pound) Caudill. He was raised in Somers, where he remained throughout his life. After graduating from Flathead High School in 1971, Norm enlisted in the U.S. Army National Guard. He was honorably discharged in 1995 after 24 years of service.

On April 13, 1973, he married his one true love, Lynn Burnside Caudill. During their 38 years together they had a son, Tony, and a daughter, Cory, who later blessed them with four amazing grandsons.

Until a debilitating back injury in the '90s left him disabled, he worked as a mechanic and serviceman for a number of garages in town, including City Service, Standard Safety, Phillips 66, Shoop Datsun, West Mont Tractor, and NW Energy. He also enjoyed working beside his father at his auto repair shop.

Norm served on the Somers Volunteer Fire Department for many years.

He was the happiest being outdoors enjoying camping, fishing, hunting and four-wheeling with his family. He was also a very talented woodworker. Later in life he enjoyed watching and recording movies and had built a rather large DVD collection. His family meant everything to him and his greatest joy

was from his four grandsons, Jackson and Wyatt Byers, and Payton and Austin Caudill. They were his sunshine.

Norm was born under the sign Taurus, and we often joked that it suited his nature well. However, it was that bullheadedness and fight that got him through the last three and a half years with his illness. He had a contagiously positive attitude and was the first to comfort others.

Norman was preceded in death by his father, Norman Sr.; his grandparents, Janoka and Mazie Pound, and Oscar and Emma Caudill; and an infant sister, Sherry.

Surviving Norman are his wife Lynn, his son Tony and Trisha Caudill, daughter Cory and Red Harp, his four grandsons, Jackson and Wyatt Byers and Payton and Austin Caudill, mother Helen Caudill, sister Linda and Jim Darling, and brother Rick and Cindy Caudill, all of Somers; and brother, Boyd, and Stephanie Caudill, of Evaro; also numerous nieces and nephews extended family and multiple friends.

A special thank you is extended to Drs. Dixon and Goodman, Dawn, the nurse in the infusion room at KRMC as well as the wonderful team at Hospice that allowed Norm to die in peace at home with his family.

Per Norm's wishes, no funeral services will be held. Instead a celebration of life potluck will take place at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 29, at the Somers Fire Hall. Bring a dish, pictures and stories of Norm to share.

In lieu of flowers, family request donations be made to Hospice in Norm's name.

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

George Wallace Cecil, 74

George Wallace Cecil, 74, died Sunday, Oct. 28, 2012, at his home in Kalispell, due to Alzheimer's disease.

He is survived by his wife, Darlene; and chil-

dren, Laurie Thompson and Allison Jordan, both of Orlando, Fla., and Ken Cecil of Denver.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Richard Chase, 73

Richard Chase, 73, of Libby died Friday, Feb. 17, 2012, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.



He was born on Aug. 13, 1938, in Ogden, Utah, the son of Arthur and Helen Cromwell. His father was killed in World War II and his mother later married Earl E. Chase, who legally adopted him.

Dick met his wife Shirley at Eastern Washington University. They married March 2, 1959, in Deer Park, Wash. He attended Eastern Washington University and the University of Montana.

He joined the Montana Highway Patrol in 1965. He was stationed in Stanford, Choteau and Libby as he

moved up the ranks. He retired from the Montana Highway Patrol as a captain stationed in Missoula in 1997 and moved back to Libby.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley Chase of Libby; son, Richard Chase Jr., and wife, Lori, of Helena; daughter, Barbara Chase-McElmurry of Everett, Wash.; brother, Mike Chase and wife, Maria, of Moses Lake, Wash.; and grandchildren, Tyler, Trevor and Annie Chase, and Connor and Keaton McElmurry.

Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 23, at the Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Libby. Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 24, at Christ Lutheran Church, 200 W. Larch St. in Libby.

Memorials may be made to WINGS, St. John's Lutheran Hospital Foundation, Montana Hope Project or Christ Lutheran Church.

Mildred C. Britzman Chidley, 93

Mildred C. Britzman Chidley, 93, died Nov. 27, 2012, in Campbell, Calif.

Mildred was born July 28, 1919, in Glasgow, the next-to-youngest of nine children of pioneer homesteaders William and Paulina Britzman. She was valedictorian of her Glasgow High School class of 1937.

In her younger years she served as a deacon in the Presbyterian Church, and enjoyed sharing the fruits of her flower gardening and needlework interests.

She and her husband Neil raised their children in Kalispell and Butte. Following his death in 1995, she moved to California to be near her daughter.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 53 years, Neil F. Chidley; sisters, Wilma Britzman, Alice Bates, Clara Dix, Marie Pulliam and Edna Davidson; and brothers, Lee and Carl Britzman.

She is survived by her children, Linda Lewis and Russell of Saratoga, Calif., and John Chidley and Judy of Richmond, Va.; and brother, Wilmer J. Britzman, of Glasgow. Also surviving are her grandchildren, Katie Lewis Scott and Paul, Matthew Chidley, and Jennifer Chidley Prunty and Robert; and great-grandchildren, Sadie and Mia Scott and Charlotte, Robert, Rebecca and Christian Prunty. Mildred also had great pride and interest in her many nieces and nephews, and their children and grandchildren.

At her request, no services will be scheduled. Her family will return her ashes to Montana at a later date.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of the Valley, 4850 Union Ave., San Jose, CA 95124; 408-559-5600; Info@hospicevalley.org; www.hospicevalley.org

William N. 'Bill' Chilton, 84

William N. "Bill" Chilton, 84, passed away Thursday, March 1, 2012, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center, with his family by his side.

Bill was born April 1, 1927, in Rugby, N.D., and grew up in Towner, N.D.

He attended Towner High School until he was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1945.

Bill was hired by the Flathead National Forest in 1947 and spent his early years at Shafer Ranger Station. In 1950 he was again called to active duty to serve in the Korean conflict. He then continued working for the Forest Service for 37 years, retiring in 1985. But Bill never retired. He continued to work for Flathead County and the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation until a few months of his passing.

On Jan. 2, 1953, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, Bill married Barbara Crout.

Bill kept himself busy as a Red Cross first aid instructor to many Forest Service employees and local loggers. He was leader of Boy Scout Troop No. 33; had served as chairman of the Flathead



Government Employees Credit Union; and was a committee member of the Flathead Chapter of Ducks Unlimited.

Bill enjoyed wood carving and was a member of the High Country Carvers. He and Barbara enjoyed traveling to Australia and New Zealand, and wintering in Arizona. Bill was an avid reader and story teller of the "good old days."

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, William and Anne Chilton; and an infant son, John.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Barbara, of Kalispell; son, Jim Chilton; and daughter, Carol Ann Chilton, of Kalispell; sister-in-law, JoAnne, and husband, Larry Suelzle, of Lacy, Wash.; sister-in-law, Betty Jo Pflaster, of Aurora, Colo.; and nieces and nephews in California, Washington and Minnesota. He also leaves behind special pets, Ice and Bing.

A Memorial Mass will be said at 10 a.m. on Thursday, March 8, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made in Bill's name to Wings, 310 Sunnyview Lane, Kalispell, MT 59901; the Veterans Pantry; or the charity of your choice.

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

Nadine Christie, 86

Nadine Christie, 86, passed away on Friday, Aug. 3, 2012, after a long illness. She was born on Sept. 19, 1923, to Carol and Meryl Landon in Saco, Mont.

When she was 11 years old, she and her family left Saco and moved to Kalispell, where she grew up and went to school. Her family grew to include five boys and four girls; brothers Roy, Jim, Marvin, Frank and Don and sisters Nadine, Grace, Alice and Sylvia.

In 1944 she met the love of her life, Lawrence Christie, and they were married on January 5, 1945. They had been married 61 years at the time of his death in 2006.

Nadine loved the Lord and was a member of the Nazarene Church in Kalispell. She was adorable and never looked her age. She was sweet, loving, helpful, energetic, funny and always ready to pitch in and help any of us out. She was a great cook and family potlucks won't be the same without her.

"We will miss you, our sweet Nadine, and can't wait to see you in heaven."

The family wishes to thank the wonderful staff at Home Options Hospice of Kalispell for their loving, tender care of Nadine (especially her favorite nurse Lorie) and also her helpful home care companion Jean Jones, for things too



numerous to list here. The family requests that any memorials contributions be sent to Home Options Hospice of Kalispell, in memory of Nadine Christie.

Nadine was preceded in death by her husband Lawrence, brothers Roy Landon and Marvin Landon, sisters Alice Polard and Sylvia Glidden, grandson Brent Christie and nephew Ron Waters.

She is survived by her brothers Jim and wife Nancy, Frank and wife Phyllis, and Don and wife Gloria; her dear sister Grace Waters; her sisters-in-law Verna Landon, Gladys Landon and Elsie Darlene Christie; her stepson Larry Christie; her daughter-in-law Shirley; her granddaughter Joy Harmon; and numerous nephews and nieces. Along with her BIG family she leaves behind many good friends, who will really miss her.

There will be a visitation for Nadine on Tuesday, Aug. 7, from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. Funeral services for Nadine will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 8, at 10 a.m. at the First Church of the Nazarene, 1295 Whitefish Stage Road, with Pastor Ed Kotesky officiating. Burial will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens, with a luncheon following at the church.

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

Nancy Christensen, 65

Nancy Christensen, 65, died June 3, 2012, at home in Lakeside.

She is survived by her husband, David Christensen.

A memorial service is pending at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Kalispell. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Lorene Fraeschle Christman, 79

Lorene Fraeschle Christman, longtime resident of Columbia Falls, passed away peacefully at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in the early evening of Oct. 3, 2012. She was comforted by the truth that God was always with her.

Lorene was born Dec. 3, 1932, on the family farm in rural Beulah, N.D., not too far away from the farm her future husband was born on. She was the last of eight children born to German-Russian immigrant parents, John Fraeschle, Jr., and Henrietta Riedlinger. Lorene received infant baptism into the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Known as "Lorena" by her family, she grew up a farm girl and attended school through the eighth grade. During the Great Depression, Lorene's father managed to keep two farms and operated a general store, which Lorene and her siblings helped run. She attributed her father's smart business sense and mother's frugal industriousness in getting the family through this dire time, traits Lorene would display as an adult.

In 1943, her father died unexpectedly and a few years later, both farms were sold and a farm house was moved into the town of Beulah where Lorene, her mother, and sister Esther lived. Being closest in age, Lorene and Esther were the best of friends and spent much time together as teenagers.



created, including countless numbers of dollies and braided rugs she donated for fundrais-

ers or sold at the farmers market. There was rarely a moment when she didn't have a crochet needle and thread in hand.

Lorene was a member of the Northwest Montana Accordion Association and the Senior Center of Columbia Falls, and a volunteer "craft lady" for Immanuel Lutheran Communities, to whom she generously donated so many lovely items for its annual auxiliary Holiday Bazaar.

But Lorene's true talent was as a wife, mother and homemaker, always putting the needs of her family first. She always felt her greatest accomplishment was her children and grandchildren, of whom she was so proud. Everyone who knew her will always remember how kind, loving and beautiful she was.

Lorene was preceded in death by her husband of 58 years; her parents; and her siblings and their spouses, sister Clara and Fred Christman, sister Ella and Jake Dschaak Jr., sister Viola Saylor, infant sister Rebekah, brother Louis and Evelyn (Klundt), brother Albert and Hilda (Renner), and brother-in-law, Tobias Koehler.

In the late 1940s and early 1950s, Lorene, her mother and siblings took train trips to Washington to see their uncle. Along this route, they stopped in Columbia Falls to visit Lorene's oldest sister and brother-in-law. It was during one of these trips that she became acquainted with Helmeth Christman, whom she married in the judge's chambers at Columbia Falls City Hall on Feb. 5, 1952. Like most of the Christmans, they established their home along the Flathead River and lost everything in the Flood of 1964. But with faith and determination, Lorene and Helmeth rebuilt their home and their life, and continued on together, through good times and bad.

Lorene had a natural talent for playing the piano, but her forte was the accordion. She was an avid fisherwoman and often outshone her husband in the sport. Lorene passed on to her family her heritage by often cooking wonderful German food. As a child, Lorene learned how to crochet and knit at the knee of her mother and became very talented at this art. She will be remembered for the beautiful handcrafts she

She is survived by her children, daughter Edith Christman of Columbia Falls, daughter Diane and Steve Holladay of Kila, and son Lyle and Tiffany Christman of Seattle; grandchildren, Beth and Mike Schultz, Katie Christman, Jacob Christman, Joshua Holladay and Trevor Holladay; great-grandchildren, Dominic, Sarah, Avery, Ella, Mary, Aiden and Lisa; sister, Esther Koehler and brother-in-law, Leo Saylor, both of Beulah, N.D.; former daughter-in-law, Linda Whitaker, of Kalispell; and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 11, with funeral services at 11 a.m. in the chapel of Columbia Mortuary. Burial will follow immediately afterward at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls, where Lorene will be laid to rest next to Helmeth.

Cards of condolence may be left at Columbia Mortuary, or sent to the family at P.O. Box 2719, Columbia Falls, MT 59912.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Columbia Mortuary.

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

Elaine Clairmont, 52

Elaine Clairmont, 52, passed away at her home in Polson on Saturday, Nov. 24, 2012, after a long battle with brain cancer.

Elaine was born on Jan. 18, 1960, in Polson. She attended Polson Schools and graduated from Polson High School in 1978.

Elaine worked in Polson at several area businesses. Radio Shack and Regatta Pizza were some of the jobs that she enjoyed the most. She was also an avid quilter and was a member of the Mission Mountain Quilt Guild, and she also sewed several items and donated them to the Shriners Hospital in Spokane. Elaine was also a member of the Mystic Chapter No. 53 of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Elaine is survived

by her husband Daniel M. Clairmont, and her parents Fay and Sonny Addington, all of Polson; sons, Malden of Joliet, Ill., and Matthew who is serving in the Coast Guard in Honolulu, Hawaii; a sister, Chris Tomayer, of Guatemala; brothers, Alvin "Butch" McKay of Anchorage, Alaska, Dee McKay of Polson, and Bud McKay of Bigfork; and two grandchildren, Nick and Bradley.

Cremation has taken place and no services are planned.

Grogan Funeral Home in Polson has been entrusted by the family to handle all the arrangements. Messages of condolences can be shared online for the family at groganfuneralhome.com.

Marjorie (Kinsey) Clandfield

Marjorie (Kinsey) Clandfield, our beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister and aunt, passed away peacefully Aug. 18, 2012, in Kalispell, in the loving presence of family.

Marjorie (Marj) was born to Rollo William and Sarah Lavern Kinsey in Lethbridge, Alberta. Marj was raised in a home of farming and ranching in Raymond, Alberta, of which she carried many fond memories.

Following high school graduation, Marj moved to Calgary, where she met and married her best friend Michael "Mike" Arthur Clandfield. They were married in Raymond on May 25, 1957, and then resided in Calgary. Marj and Mike later moved to Lethbridge, Grassy Lake and Medicine Hat, Alberta, where they owned and shared several successful businesses together throughout the years.

In 1984, they relocated to Bigfork, where they owned and operated Korner Kitchen/Kings Lounge until their retirement in 2007. Marj was known for her excellent homemade cooking, which was the cornerstone of their business. Marj and Mike made the business a family endeavor, which involved all their children and grandchildren over the years. Marj enjoyed her many customers and friends she met throughout ownership and was a dedicated perfectionist in both her personal life and business.

Following retirement in 2007, Marj and Mike spent much time with their family and friends and frequently had the opportunity to travel. Her husband will miss her dearly as will her family. She shared a close bond with each and every member. She was proud of all of her children and



grandchildren who she enjoyed spending time with and watching grow. She was a

wonderful wife, mother, grandmother and mentor who will be missed forever.

Marjorie was preceded in death by both of her parents; brothers, David "Dick" Kinsey and William "Bill" Kinsey; nephew, Chris Kinsey; and grandchild, Cole Huff.

She is survived by her brother, Robert "Bob" Kinsey, and wife Kay, and nieces Julia and Sally, of California. She will be loved and remembered by her three children, Jeff Clandfield of Bigfork, Kinsey Lee Huff and husband Scott of Kalispell, and Lisa Clandfield of Boynton Beach, Fla.; and eight loving grandchildren, Mark Huff, Brad Huff, Matthew Huff, Meghan Huff, Kaitlyn Clandfield, Morgan Clandfield, Kyle Clandfield and Sarah Clandfield. She will also be dearly remembered and missed by many cousins, relatives and friends.

There will be a time of visitation with the family to greet guests from 5 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 23, in the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Chapel. Funeral services for Marjorie will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 25, at the Raymond Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 3rd Ward Chapel in Raymond, Alberta, with burial in the Temple Hill Cemetery.

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

Gordon R. Clark, 79

Gordon R. Clark, 79, died Dec. 31, 2012, in Columbia Falls.

He is survived by his wife, Sheryl Clark, of Kalispell; nine children;

and four stepchildren.

Funeral services have taken place.

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

Justin Warren Val Clarke, infant

Justin Warren Val Clarke, infant, died in Kalispell Jan. 10, 2013.

He is survived by his parents, Kimberly

and Cody Clarke, of Kalispell.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Robert W. 'Bob' Clarke, 77

Robert W. "Bob" Clarke, 77, died at his Kalispell residence on Tuesday, May 8, 2012.

At his request, there

will be no services.

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

Nancy Lee Claydon, 56

Nancy Lee Claydon, 56, died suddenly Jan. 10, 2013, at her home in Columbia Falls.

She is survived by her three children, Sara

Kurashige, Weston Conat and Lexie Conat.

There will be a memorial service at 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 17, at Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish.

Kyle James Clayton, 44

Kyle James Clayton, 44, formerly of Kalispell and Great Falls, died Friday, Jan. 27, 2012, at his home in Butte.

He was most recently employed by Toyota of Butte.

Survivors include his daughter, Shea Clayton, of Kalispell; and his parents, Samuel and Judy Clayton

of Great Falls.

Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Schnider Funeral Home in Great Falls, and an hour prior to the 2 p.m. service Monday at Hillcrest Lawn Memorial Chapel in Great Falls.

Burial will take place in Highland Cemetery in Great Falls.

Robert Elmer 'Sarge' Clough, 81

Robert Elmer "Sarge" Clough, 81, of Libby, died of natural causes at his home Dec. 24, 2012.

Survivors include his children, Maynard Clough of Boise, Idaho, Linda McCracken of Kingwood, Texas, Gregory Clough of Bellefontaine, Ohio, Duane Clough of Puyallup, Wash., and Diane

Anderson of Helena.

Graveside services with full military honors will be at 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 29, at the City of Libby Cemetery. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home. A reception will immediately follow services at the VFW

Leonard A. Cobler, 65

Leonard A. Cobler, 65, died Saturday, July 21, 2012, at his home in Bigfork.

At his request, he will

be cremated, with the family having private services. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Lester S. Coffman, 97

Lester S. Coffman, 97, a lifelong resident of Troy, died Thursday, March 1,

2012, at St. John's Lutheran Hospital from natural causes.

He was born Jan. 30, 1915, in Troy to Jacob and Nora Cripe Coffman. He grew up and attended school in Troy and graduated from Troy High School with the class of 1933.

Lester enlisted in the United States Navy on Aug. 15, 1933, and served until he was honorably discharged on June 21, 1934.

Lester married Alice Chase on June 15, 1939. After their marriage they moved to Pullman, Wash., where Lester graduated with industrial arts and education degrees from Washington State College in 1941. As a member of the WAU boxing team, Lester was the Pacific Coast Boxing Champion in 1939, 1940 and 1941. In 1939 and 1940, Lester took second place at the NCAA Boxing Tournament in the welterweight division.

When war broke out Lester again enlisted in the Navy and served his country as a Seabee until 1945. From 1951 to 1976, he owned and operated Coffman's Sporting Goods and Highway Market in Troy. During that time Lester held various jobs and positions, including two years as a game warden for Montana



Fish and Game. In 1959, he graduated from the Montana Law Enforcement Academy and he was a deputy sheriff in Troy and also the city's chief of police for five years.

Lester was active in several organizations and was president of the Kootenai Valley Shrine Club in Libby, exalted ruler of the Libby Elks Club, governor of the Troy Moose Lodge, master of the Troy Lodge and high priest of the Libby Chapter of the Masons. He was an avid bowler and golfer.

Lester married Mona Case on Feb. 18, 1995, in Troy.

Lester was preceded in death by his two wives, Alice and Mona; and two sisters, Irene and Margaret.

Survivors include his brother, Herb Coffman, of San Leandro, Calif.; sister, Florence Larson, and husband, Ove, of Troy; nieces and nephews, Charlie Decker and wife Yvonne, Esther Parker and husband Mike, and Mark Decker and wife Debbie, all of Libby, Marie Hanson and husband Skip of Columbia Falls, Lois Gillam and husband Alan of Martin City, Jack Coffman of California, Annette Coffman of California, Barbi Bain and husband Frank of Oregon, and Keith Kenelty of Libby.

Services will be held at a later date.

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

Leonard A. Cobler, 65

Leonard A. Cobler, 65, of Kalispell, died July 22, 2012, at his home, surrounded by friends and family.



Leonard loved God, family and Montana's great outdoors. He was a passionate, inspirational and dedicated Christian, serving in nearly every available post in his church. Toward the end of his battle with cancer, he was ready to go home to see his Savior face to face.

Leonard was a family man and proud patriarch — grandpa to Henry, 3, and Michael, 10 months.

He adored his wife and constant companion of 48 years, Barbara "Bobbie." Childhood sweethearts from The Dalles, Ore., they set off to marry in Montana in 1964. The pair moved west of Kalispell with Leonard's parents and

siblings, and settled a small farm with the family. Then Leonard fought in Vietnam for a year, while Bobbie helped make a home in the nearly uninhabited fields of the Flathead Valley.

Leonard loved to work and play outside. He worked for Plum Creek Timber in Columbia Falls for 35 years, while his heart wandered the many ridges, rivers and lakes he loved to camp, hike, hunt and fish.

He is survived by his loving wife, Bobbie Cobler, and his two children, George Cobler and Sarah Cobler Leow. He is also survived by his brothers, LeRoy, Malcolm and Melvin Cobler; and sister, Lois Cobler. He has a wealth of nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews, and even great-great-nieces and great-great-nephews throughout the region. He loved each very much.

Loved ones will host a

memorial service at 10 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 16, at the Country Way Church of God, 554 Country Way, Kalispell; and an outdoor barbecue and potluck at Little McGregor Lake in Marion. Everyone is welcome.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Northwest Montana Veterans Food Pantry, 1399 U.S. 2 E., Kalispell, MT 59901; or St. Jude's Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Lanona Jane Coburn, 79

Lanona Jane Coburn, 79, of Missoula, passed away peacefully on Thursday, June 14, 2012, after



a brief and courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. Surrounded at home by her daughters, "Jane couldn't have chosen a more beautiful and sunny day to reunite with the love of her life, her husband Dan."

Jane was born April 4, 1933, in Dickinson, N.D., to James and Myrtle Dobie Grogan, the first of 10 children.

At the age of 13, the family moved to Seeley Lake where Jane and one other student completed eighth grade in a one-room school. Her family then moved to Missoula so Jane could attend and graduate from Missoula County High School.

Jane met her future husband, R. Dan Coburn, on a blind date in April of 1952 and after a brief courtship, the two were married on Dec. 20, 1952, in St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Missoula. Together, they had four daughters.

The couple resided in Missoula until 1965 when Dan was transferred to Kalispell with Westmont Tractor Co., while the Libby Dam was being constructed. In Kalispell, Jane had the opportunity to stay at home and raise her daughters, a time of her life she greatly treasured. In 1974, Dan was transferred back to Missoula, where Jane has resided ever since. In Missoula, Jane was employed first by Missoula General Hospital and later St. Patrick's Hospital, until she retired in 1995.

Jane enjoyed any activity that allowed her to spend time with her family, who were truly the light of her life. She also

enjoyed traveling to new places, camping, gardening, working crosswords, and later in life, attending her grandchildren's band concerts, sporting events and various other activities. In retirement, Jane was an avid reader and stayed active with her friends and family. She enjoyed weekly luncheons with girlfriends, spending time with her sisters, and Saturday morning breakfasts at Paradise Falls.

Jane was preceded in death by her parents, James and Myrtle Grogan; husband, Dan Coburn; daughter, Karen Sandall; brother, Charles Grogan; and sisters, Nancy Foltz, Janice Donaldson and Jeanie Zakos.

She is survived by sisters, Rowene Sutherland, Sylvia Iverson, Jamie and Larry McCrary of Missoula, and Beverly and Tom Rogers of Bigfork; brother, Gerald and Gwen Grogan of Black Hawk, S.D.; and sister-in-law, Eve McGhee of Virginia. Also surviving are daughters, Janet and Ken Veidt of Kalispell, Dani and Tom McLaughlin, and Lisa and Bill Kostelecky, of Missoula; son-in-law, Dave Sandall of Moxee, Wash.; her 10 grandchildren, Justin and Missy, Tony and Kristy, Daniel Roy, Steven Veidt, Staci and Mike Nugent, Amy McLaughlin and Kody, Kyle, Katie, and Kolten Kostelecky; and six great-grandchildren.

Jane will join Dan at Sunset Memorial Gardens in a private family ceremony. A public memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 30, at Garden City Funeral Home, with a reception to follow.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Partners in Home Care of Missoula or to a charity of the donor's choice. Condolences for the family may be left at www.missoulafuneral-homes.com

Wilfred Lee Colon, 43

Wilfred Lee Colon, 43, died Thursday, June 14, 2012, at his home. A traditional Confeder-

ated Salish and Kootenai Tribes wake and service is pending with Foster Funeral Home of St. Ignatius.

Sally M. Cook, 97

Sally M. Cook, 97, died Wednesday, June 27, 2102, at Lake View Care Center in Bigfork.

She is survived by her daughter, Christine Cook,

of Rollins.

No services are planned at this time.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Robert H. Cope, 72

Robert H. Cope, 72, of Sun City, Ariz., died June 17, 2012, in Sun City.

Graveside services with military honors will be

at 10:30 a.m. Friday, June 29, at Lakeview Cemetery, Polson. Arrangements are under the care of Grogan Funeral Home.

Karen Ann Collins, 72

Karen Ann Collins, 72, "received her wings" on Nov. 29, 2012, at her home in Kalispell.



She was born Aug. 8, 1940, in Glendive to Cecil and Dorothy Skillestad.

Karen was raised in Livingston and graduated from Park County High School. She truly treasured her lifelong bond with her classmates.

She married Al Alverson and had her three loving children, Jeff, Jim

and Val. And these past 43 years she shared her life married to Ray Collins. Karen felt blessed to have her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. They were all the center of her heart.

She had a zest for life, music, dance, art, baking goodies for friends, family and the importance of being there for others. Her quick wit, character and personality left you in stitches. It didn't matter who you were, she always made you feel like you were part of her family.

She will be remembered for her whippy

sense of humor, sparkling eyes, loving smile, spunky spirit, generosity, her nurturing and her genuine love and care for her family, friends and flowers.

Thankful for the blessing that she was in our lives, for her hugs and kisses, we will hold her love forever in our hearts.

Karen is survived by her husband, Ray Collins of Kalispell; her two sons, Jeff Alverson and Jim Alverson, and her daughter, Val Peterson, all of Laurel; five grandchildren, Miranda, Jeremy, Chastyn, Adina and Stephanie; and five great-

grandchildren, Landen, Paxten, Michael, Kaylyn and Dale.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Cecil and Dorothy Skillestad.

The family would like to thank Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home, where the celebration of Karen's life was held on Dec. 1.

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

Walter M. Collins, 63

Walter M. Collins, 63, of Great Falls, and formerly of Kalispell, died Saturday, Aug. 18, 2012, at a Great Falls hospital, due to cardiac arrest.

He was a retired

machinist.

Private family services will be held at a later date. Cremation has taken place under the direction of O'Connor Funeral Home in Great Falls.

Ancil Alva Conley, 83

Ancil Alva Conley, 83, died Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2011, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

He is survived by a son, Edward Conley; and a daughter, Sandra Taylor. Graveside memorial

services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 5, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

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

Zona Gayle Compton, 82

Zona Gayle Compton, 82, died from cancer Aug. 2, 2012, at the home of Terry and Linda Compton in Columbia Falls.

She is survived by her sons, Terry of Columbia Falls and Derald Compton

of Anderson, Mo.

Celebration of life services will be at 2 p.m. Aug. 20, at the Full Gospel Church in Anderson, Mo.

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

Michael Timothy 'Mike' Conner

A potluck remembrance for Michael Timothy "Mike" Conner, 64, who

died June 19 will be at 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 21, at the Kalispell Eagles club.

Thomas Melvin Anthony Conrad, 26

Thomas Melvin Anthony Conrad, 26, passed away Tuesday, April 24, 2012, in Sacramento.

Born to Vicki Tyrrell Ibson and Steven Ross Conrad on July 2, 1985, he was the youngest of four children.

Thomas spent most of his young life in the Flathead Valley, attending Edgerton Elementary and Flathead Middle School. He graduated from Discovery High School in Sacramento in 2005. After graduation Thomas served in the U.S. Army for a period of time. He loved the beauty of the mountains of Flathead Valley and talked frequently about returning.



Thomas was an amazingly wonderful son, brother and friend to all who knew him. He was a sensitive, caring young man who never forgot a birthday or special day for any family or friend; a gentle soul who will be sorely missed by all who knew and loved him.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Jack and Phyllis Sirucek; and uncle, Tom Conrad.

Thomas is survived by his parents, Vicki and Steve; stepdad, Tony Ibson; siblings, Ben Conrad, Brian Conrad and Maria Conrad; and one nephew, Steven Conrad; as well as many aunts, uncles and cousins.

A private memorial will be held for the family later this summer.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers, memorial donations should be made to your local Humane Society in Thomas' name.

Jeannie Renee Cook, 48

Jeannie Renee Cook, 48, passed away peacefully at home in Columbia Falls, of natural causes, on Wednesday, Feb. 29, 2012.



She was born on Sept. 16, 1963, in Vancouver, Wash., the daughter of George Lane and Myrna Lou (Bond) Cook.

When she was an infant, the family moved to Hot Springs. When she was 12 years old, her mother passed away, and then she joined the family of Mike and Sharron Cottet, and their sons Tyson and Chad. She remained with them until she graduated from high school in Hot Springs.

After graduation, she worked for Western Bee. She then took a nanny job in Washington, D.C., for the next 16 years. Her new family then was Brian and Cuyler Kidney, and their children, Blair, Elizabeth and Desmond. Not only did she love this family, she also was given the opportunity to travel with them to France, Italy, London and Australia. She also got to meet President Ronald Reagan and attended his inauguration.

Jeannie returned to Montana to help her brother and nephew Cody, whom she adored and help raise.

Jeannie was then hired by Glacier Bank's Evergreen branch as a teller on Feb. 18, 2002. She ended up as assistant vice president/operation supervisor.

She then found another family she loved and cared for, her co-workers and customers.

It was then that she met the love of her life, Delray, and together they spent time enjoying life at their cabin at Bootjack Lake, where they

would fish, hunt, cut wood, go four-wheeling or just read a good book on the deck.

Jeannie always enjoyed the family gatherings around the campfires or wood stoves, and when football season was on, let's just say she was a good sport.

Jeannie loved to cook and collected many cookbooks. She was everyone's best friend. Her great sense of humor and love for people and dogs will always be remembered.

For never having children of her own, she was still able to raise and love so many. She will be deeply missed.

Jeannie was preceded in death by her parents, George Lane Cook and Myrna Lou Bond Cook; and her favorite dog, Quigley.

Jeannie is survived by her partner in life, Delray Gronley; many brothers and sisters, including Susan Warnock Howlett and husband, Glenn, of Polson; John Warnock of Hot Springs; Greg Warnock of Longmont, Colo.; Michelle Cook and Tina Cook Green, Georgia Cook and husband, Albert Drebes, of Ronan; and Jessie Cook of Ronan; and many nieces and nephews and extended family. She also left behind her two dogs, Chelsea and Griz.

Funeral services for Jeannie will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, March 9, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. Visitation will be held from 2 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, March 7, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. The family will have a private inurnment, which is planned for later this summer.

The family suggests that any memorial contributions be made to the March of Dimes Montana Chapter, 643 Grand Ave., Suite B, Billings, MT 59101; or to the Humane Society of Northwest Montana, 100 Adopt A Pet Way, Kalispell, MT 59901.

JoEllen Cookson, 66

JoEllen Cookson, 66, passed away Nov. 1, 2012, of natural causes, at her home in Kalispell.



She was born Sept. 12, 1946, in Whitefish, to Bill and Pat Phillips. She graduated from Whitefish High School in 1964. She spent many years living in Whitefish before making her home in Kalispell.

She had a long tenure as personnel manager for Winter Sports Inc. (Big Mountain), where she made many lifelong friends. She worked at PTI Communications for a time, then had a long career as an insurance agent for Allstate Insurance Company, retiring in 2010.

She loved the Lord and was very active in the prayer ministry at Family Life Christian Church. You could count on her to send out a thank you card if you did something for her, a get well card if you weren't feeling well, or a birthday or Christmas card just because that was who she was.

In 1988 she married Lindol "Hank" Cookson and they enjoyed many weekends camping in the Flathead and time together at their home at Meadow Manor in Kalispell. Hank

passed away in January 2004 after a brief battle with cancer. In November of that same year, Jo's son Kenny Kasselder died in a tragic climbing accident on Mount Hood. The adjustment in her life after the loss of the two people she loved most was a constant challenge for her.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, Bill and Pat Phillips.

She is survived by her brother, Lyle and Judy Phillips, brother Don and Jeanie Phillips, and sister Debbie Phillips, all of Whitefish; two nieces, Taunja Wagner and husband Mark, and Aarica Phillips, and nephews Ty Phillips and Aaron Phillips, all of Whitefish, and a grandniece, Abby Wagner, a student at Montana State University in Bozeman. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Zachary, Chloe and Garrett Kasselder of Whitefish; and her caring friend of many years, Teri Cottle.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 17, at Family Life Christian Church in Kalispell, with Pastor Frank Mack officiating.

You are invited to go to www.austinfh.com to offer condolences, share memories and view JoEllen's tribute wall.

Arrangements are entrusted to Austin Funeral Home.

Barbara Joan Cooley, 80

Barbara Joan Cooley, 80, died peacefully surrounded by family on Thursday, Aug. 9, 2012, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

She was born June 29, 1932, in Durango, Colo. She loved her mountains!

She was preceded in death by her brother, Tom Smith; daughter, Deborah Cooley; grandson, Adrian Johnson; and great-grandson, Casey Kirkendall.

Barbara is survived by her husband, Lowell B. Cooley; sons, Mark P. Johnson, and Stephen H. Johnson; grandchildren, Brant Hill, Stephanie Johnson, Courtney Johnson, and Blake Thompson; great-grandchildren, Cody



Kirkendall, Gabe Thompson, Sarah Torian and Wesley Hill; and sister, Mary Ida Roberts. She also leaves behind her husky, Chanute IV.

There will be a visitation for Barbara from noon to 2 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 13 at the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. The family will hold a private memorial service for Barbara at a later date.

A very special thank you from the family goes to the staff and doctors at Kalispell ICU, "Super People."

In lieu of flowers, the family wishes that memorial contributions be made on Barbara's behalf to the Red Cross, as they worked miracles getting two service members home from Alabama and Korea in less than 24 hours.

Earnest Morgan 'Earnie' Cooper, 77

Earnie passed away on Sunday morning, Aug. 26, 2012, at his residence in Hot Springs Village, Ark.

He was born March 31, 1935, and grew up in a farming family in Kalispell, the youngest of several siblings.

He enlisted in the United States Navy at the age of 17 with his parents' consent and served honorably during his 20-year Naval career before retiring as a senior chief petty officer.

He served during the Vietnam War on a two-year, non-rotating deployment based in Yokosuka, Japan, from 1966 to 1968, with his family in tow. During this deployment his squadron performed several missions which



included providing support to U.S. ground forces and Vietnamese refugee rescue operations.

He continued dedicated service in a civilian capacity for the U.S. Department of Defense in southern California for many years, before retiring from civil service.

He was enjoying retirement and he was active in his church and community.

Earnie is survived by his loving wife, Tina; children, Leanne Runnals, Wendy Johnson and John Cooper; grandchildren, Eric Runnals, Matthew Cooper and Robert Cooper; and seven stepchildren and their families.

Mass of the Resurrection will be 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 1, at Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church in Hot Springs Village.

Arrangements are entrusted to CedarVale Funeral Home. Guests may register at www.cedervalefuneralhome.com

Robert 'Bob' Gordon Cooley, 94

Robert "Bob" Gordon Cooley, 94, of Polson, died on Sept. 7, 2012.



Bob was the eighth of nine children born to Daisy and Wilford Cooley, on Oct. 17, 1917, in Sarpy, Mont.

Bob graduated from Corvallis High School, and went on to work for the Forest Service and Bently Orchards before enlisting in the Navy in 1939. During his military career Bob served aboard the USS Nevada, USS Kanawha, USS Hornet, USS Caldwell, USS Cicily, and was stationed in Guadalcanal, New Zealand, Guam, Washington, California, Hawaii and Georgia.

On his first night in New Zealand, Bob met Nola Pointon and they were married in December 1943. After 20 years of military service and the birth of four sons, Bob and his family relocated to New Zealand permanently, where Bob established the first bowling alley and had other successful business ventures. Upon his wife Nola's premature death, Bob returned to Polson where he met his long-time com-

panion, Elsie Culver. Bob and Elsie led very active lives, including dancing, bowling, skiing, the Senior Olympics and were avid card players.

Bob is survived by sons, Dale and Brigitte of Dayton, Robert and Marion, and Wayne and Linda of New Zealand; grandchildren, Amber of Helena, Mark, Eleanor, Michael, Caroline, Yvette, Teresa, Marcia, Gavin, Brandon and Dale; numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren, all of New Zealand; and Elsie Culver of Polson.

He was preceded in death by his parents, six sisters, two brothers, wife Nola, son Murray Cooley, and grandson Stephen Cooley.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 29, at the Polson Senior Citizen Center.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice of Polson, the Polson Senior Citizens Center, or a nonprofit military organization.

Messages of condolences may be shared with the family online at www.gro-ganfuneralhome.com.

Bob was much loved and will be missed. "Fair winds and following seas."

Judy Cooper, 69

Judy Cooper, 69, died peacefully Jan. 13, 2012, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

She was born July 3, 1942, in Jamestown, N.Y., to Carol and Jane Anderson.

Judy is survived by her loving husband, Donald Cooper, of Polson; and her children, Richard Doyle of Austin, Texas, William Stone of Clear Lake Oakes, Calif., Cheryl Doyle-Drake of Seattle, Kelly Doyle-Magness of Kalispell, and her baby, Patricia Doyle-Krier of Florence; and 13 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren

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Judy loved her children deeply and unconditionally. She befriended all and made everyone feel loved and important. She will be deeply missed.

Per Judy's request, there will be no memorial service, only a private family gathering.

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

Irene Agnes Corbett, 102

Irene Agnes Corbett, 102, passed away on Thursday, Nov. 24, 2011, at Brendan House.



She was born on Sept. 14, 1909, to Alfred and Mary Belle (Knapton) Diseth in Tacoma, Wash. She spent her childhood and young adult life in Tacoma, graduating with a teaching certificate from Pacific Lutheran University in 1929. She was a member of the Pacific Lutheran University Alumni Association and she attended her 50-year class reunion in 1979.

She started her teaching career at the age of 19, forty miles south of Galata. She was the only teacher for all classes in the single classroom Pondera School, on the Bootlegger Trail between Shelby and Conrad. After two years, she moved to Coram where she taught, and met Charles "Compton" or "Red" Corbett, her future husband. They were married Aug. 25, 1932, in Kalispell. She continued teaching in Coram until 1934, when she devoted her time to raising her family. She returned to teaching in 1961, following her husband's death. She continued teaching in Coram, while furthering her education by attending summer classes at Northern Montana College in Havre, receiving her bachelor's degree in 1966. She retired from teaching in 1973.

Irene's greatest joy was her family. She enjoyed spending time with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was a lifelong member and very active in the Canyon Community Church, where she served as the treasurer for 25 years. She was also a longtime church pianist and Ladies Aid member.

She enjoyed sewing, crocheting, hand embroidery, gardening and quilting. She was awarded the first Lifetime Honorary member of the Teakettle Quilters Guild of Columbia Falls when she moved to Brendan House and could no longer be an

active member.

Irene was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Compton; infant son, Charles; son, Gerald "Jerry"; brothers, Lorenzo and Ern Diseth; and special aunt, Elizabeth.

Irene is survived by her daughter, Bonnie Kirkpatrick, and husband, Fred, of Kalispell; son, Jim Corbett, and wife, Deanne, of Polson; son, Jack Corbett, and wife, Lori, of Columbia Falls; daughter-in-law, Joyce Corbett, of Kalispell; sister, Florence "Bobbye" Rogers, of Mountain Home, Idaho; grandchildren, Carla Young and Jim of Great Falls, Janis Dietrich and Dave of Billings, Connie Stickler and Greg of Fort Wayne, Ind., Mike Corbett and Linda of Miles City, Pam Malyurek and Tim of Bozeman, Jennifer Darr and Jeff of Belgrade, Shawn Corbett and Britnie of Longmont, Colo., and Scott Corbett and Kristy of Kalispell; great-grandchildren, Jamiee (Young) Turley and Cole of Bozeman, Nathan Young of Bozeman, Rachel Dietrich, a student at University of Montana, Natalie Dietrich of Billings, Matthew and Ryan Stickler of Fort Wayne, Logen and Kaylee Darr of Belgrade, Blake, Jaxon and Addyson Corbett, of Longmont, and Easton Corbett of Kalispell; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family would like to thank the staff at Brendan House for the excellent care of Irene over the past several years.

A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 1, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home with Pastor Ken Ainsworth of Canyon Community Church officiating. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. The celebration of Irene's life will continue with a reception at Village Greens Community Center, located at 195 W. Nicklaus Ave., Kalispell.

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

Ruth Kathryn Corbett, 91

Ruth Kathryn Corbett passed away in her sleep on Feb. 21, 2012.



She was born the ninth of 15 children on March 11, 1920, to Stanislaw and Katherine Kantorowicz in Chester.

On Sept. 22, 1920, Ruth was adopted by Clarence and Myrtle Biggs. The family moved several times throughout the years; however, the majority of Ruth's earlier life was spent in the Spokane area.

She worked as an elevator operator for 10 years. While working there she became reunited with her biological family through one of her sisters.

She later met and married her husband George "Joe" Edward Corbett. After they were married, they lived in Libby, Helena, and later retired in Polson.

Ruth was preceded in death by her husband, George Corbett; and 12 of her 14 siblings.

She is survived by her siblings, Alfred Biggs of Tonasket, Wash., and Bernice McCabe of Muskogee, Okla.; children, Susan Peters of Helena, and Dean and wife Susan Corbett of Kalispell; grandchildren, Deena Holland, Aaron Peters, Ryan Corbett and Janae Corbett; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Ruth had a strong faith in God with an intense love to pray for family and friends. She gave her life in many ways in service to the Lord, and greatly desired to share the Good News of the Gospel to those she met.

Ruth enjoyed gardening, photography, sewing and utilizing her artistic abilities. She was also very involved politically with Eagle Forum and kept up on current political events.

She will be missed and remembered by the many lives that she touched and influenced throughout the years.

A viewing and funeral will be held at Anderson Stevenson Wilke Funeral Home at 3750 N. Montana Ave., in Helena. Those wishing to pay respects at the viewing are welcome to attend from 1 to 6 p.m. on Friday, March 2. The funeral proceedings will be at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 3, followed by a reception. The burial will be held at 1 p.m. on Monday, March 5 at Lakeview Cemetery in Polson, for immediate family. Family and friends are welcome to attend the viewing and funeral.

The family requests any memorials be made to the Trinity Broadcasting Network (TBN) by visiting: www.tbn.org or the Disabled American Veterans, P.O. Box 14301, Cincinnati, OH 45250-0301, in honor of Ruth.

Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting: www.aswfuneralhome.com

June McCarthy Cosner, 91

June McCarthy Cosner passed away Jan. 11, 2012, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell. She was 91 years old.



June was born to Ralph and Irene McCarthy Jan. 3, 1921, in Bellevue, Ky.

She attended Cold Spring High School, Eastern Kentucky University and Miami University of Ohio, where she received a master's degree. She was married to the late Lewis Cosner in June 1947.

June was an elementary school teacher, a home economics teacher and a school psychologist in Hamilton, Ohio. After retiring, she moved to Montana where

she enjoyed walking, playing bridge and playing accordion and piano. She also loved flower arranging.

Her sweet and loving ways were appreciated by all who knew her. She will be greatly missed by family and friends.

Special thanks go to the entire staff of the Bratsberg wing of Immanuel Lutheran Home. Their special love and care over the past three and a half years brought great comfort to June and her family.

June is survived by her son, Mark Cosner; son, Kerry Cosner; and daughter, Michele Cosner, all of Kalispell.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lewis Cosner of Hamilton, Ohio; and her daughter, Neill Irene Meckley of Voorhees, N.J.

No funeral services are planned at the request of the deceased.

Teresa Duddy Cottrell, 67

Teresa Cottrell was born on July 4, 1945, in Butte, to Neil and Mary (Nolan) Duddy.



Teresa passed away on Thursday, Nov. 22, 2012, in Kalispell.

Teresa married Darrell Cottrell in 1986. Teresa was an amazing certified nursing assistant and worked for the Brendan House in Kalispell until she retired due to illness.

"Teresa was met in heaven" by her parents and siblings.

Those left behind to miss her dearly are her husband, Darrell Cottrell, of Kalispell; her children, Terri and Bill Boyle of Butte, and Dan Torrence of Kalispell; along with grandchildren, Nolan, Quinn, Cinna Boyle and Ashleigh (Boyle) and Dennis Reed; along with two brothers, and three sisters; and best friend, Jackie Rawlings, and her children.

A memorial service was held Dec. 15 in Butte.

A memorial account has been established in Teresa's name at the Heritage Federal Credit Union, 2101 Yale Ave., Butte, MT 59701.

Marie Elizabeth Coulson, 99

Marie Elizabeth Coulson, 99, passed away on Nov. 23, 2012, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.



She was born on June 5, 1913, to Paul and Elizabeth Hyde in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. She graduated from Coeur d'Alene High School on May 27, 1931. She earned her teaching certificate from Lewiston State Normal School in Lewiston, Idaho, on May 28, 1934.

She and Hervey Coulson were married on Aug. 17, 1935, in Coeur d'Alene. Marie started teaching at Twin Lakes, Idaho, that fall. She taught in several schools, until moving to Thompson Falls where she taught for many years. She taught first grade in Columbia Falls for 15 years. While teaching in Columbia Falls, she spent her summers attending the University of Montana and earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in education in August 1962. She retired in 1975.

Marie didn't have any trouble filling her retirement time. She love Glacier National Park and spent as much time as she could sightseeing and learning about the park. She volunteered for the Adult Literacy program for several years. She was very active in St. Matthew's Episcopal Church and always graced the altar with her flowers.

She enjoyed sewing, crocheting, knitting afghans, painting, gardening and playing with her grandchildren.

Marie was preceded in death by her parents, husband Hervey, four sisters, and one brother.

Marie is survived by her daughter, Judi Hedstrom, and husband, Rob; son, Jim Coulson; two grandchildren, Kelly Hamilton of Columbia Falls, and Mike Hedstrom of Kalispell; three great-granddaughters, Kassandra and Shonda Hamilton and Becky Hedstrom; one great-great-granddaughter, Aria Nichols, foster son, Gene Pitcher, and wife, Betty, of Lawrenceville, Ga.; sister-in-law, Elma Crockett, of Mesa Ariz.; and many nieces and nephews.

Our special thanks to the staff of Bratsberg for their loving care of Mom.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 30, at All Saints Episcopal Church on Conn Road in Columbia Falls, with Father Bradley Wirth officiating. The celebration of Marie's life will continue in the fellowship hall at the church.

The family suggests memorial contributions be sent to the All Saints Episcopal Church, 2048 Conn Road, Columbia Falls, MT 59912; or organization of your choice.

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

Samuel Wilburn Cox Sr., 83

Samuel Wilburn Cox Sr., 83, was born to Estle Elmo Cox and Ona Vivian Gross on June 4, 1928, in Morgan



Co., Ky.; and died May 20, 2012, at St. Vincent's Medical Center in Billings.

When Samuel was 2 years old, he moved from Kentucky to Ohio with his parents. He graduated from high school in Carlisle, Ohio.

It was in high school that he met the love of his life, Arletta Jean Lanier. They were married on Dec. 22, 1945, and raised six children. Samuel and Arletta Jean spent the next 20 years farming near Germantown, Ohio.

They moved to Montana in 1966 where Samuel worked on a road crew repairing the Going-to-the-Sun Road in Glacier Park. In 1967 Samuel found employment at Columbia Falls Aluminum Co. as a

millwright, and worked there until his retirement in 1990.

Sam spent many years enjoying the life that Montana had to offer by fishing, hunting, camping, boating and capturing the beauty of Montana in pictures with Arletta Jean always at his side.

Sam and Jean had six children, Samuel Wilburn Cox Jr., Walter Lee Cox, Michael Eugene Cox, Kenneth Nelson Cox, Deborah Ann Beck and Alice Louise Meyer.

Sam is survived by his wife, Arletta Jean; five children; 14 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and son, Michael Eugene Cox.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, May 29, at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

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

Robert H. 'Bob' Crane, 87

Robert H. "Bob" Crane died Sunday, Dec. 30, 2012, in Atlanta, Ga., following complications from a stroke he suffered on Friday, Dec. 28.

A memorial service was held on Dec. 30 at the home of Charles Crane.

Bob was born in Los Angeles to James "Jack" and Mildred Crane in 1925.

He married Ruste McCoy in 1951 and had three sons, Charles of Atlanta, Robert of Sacramento, Calif., and Thad of Cut Bank.

Ruste preceded him in death in 1986.

He is survived by his sons; longtime friend, Myrtle Cagle, of Whitefish; and grandchildren, Robert L. Crane of Haiku, Hawaii, Jane and Meghyn Crane of Pickerington, Ohio, Pamela Crane of Nashville, Tenn., Matthew Crane of Edinburgh, Scotland, and Chris Crane



of Atlanta; and great-grandchildren Liam of Atlanta, Jane of Pickerington, and Dalton and Ashley of Haiku.

Bob served in the U.S.

Navy during World War II in the South Pacific. After the war he worked for his parents' lumber yard in Joshua Tree, Calif., for several years before joining the U.S. Air Force, retiring in Great Falls in 1969.

He moved to Whitefish in 1975, until he moved to Cut Bank in 1996.

He was an avid shooter and gunsmith as well as fisherman. He moved to Atlanta in early 2012 and resided in an Alzheimer's residential home until his death.

Clarence L. Counsell, 90

Clarence L. Counsell, 90, passed away peacefully on Saturday, May 5, 2012, surrounded by his family, at the Immanuel Skilled Care Center in Kalispell.



Clarence was born on Sept. 1, 1921, in Parkers Prairie, Minn., to Lee and Anna Counsell, the youngest of six children. In 1934, at age 13, Clarence moved to the Flathead Valley with his mother and siblings where they settled in Egan Community. Clarence completed seventh and eighth grade at Egan before graduating from Flathead County High School in 1940.

After graduation, Clarence traveled to Redondo Beach, Calif., where he received training building B-25s. Following the attack on Pearl Harbor, Clarence enlisted in the Army Air Corps. He spent time building housing for the Navy until he was called for duty.

He returned home in May and married his childhood sweetheart, Helen Maxine Wendt. After more training, Clarence was sent overseas and was stationed at Molesworth, England, flying combat missions over Germany as a bombardier on a B-17 Flying Fortress. On Nov. 5, 1944, Lt. Clarence L. Counsell was hit in the chest area by flak. Flak bounced off his vest into his left arm, throwing him into temporary shock. He managed to get back to his bomb site and release bombs with his right hand. The minus 60 degree temperature kept him from bleeding to death. A shot of morphine by navigator, Lt. C.L. Fowler controlled the pain. Lt. Counsell was awarded the Silver Star medal for his heroic action and a Purple Heart for being wounded in action.

After some recuperation Clarence returned to the United States on the Queen Elizabeth while being chased across the Atlantic by two German submarines. Upon his discharge in November 1945, Clarence returned to the Flathead Valley and took advantage of FDR's training program in woodworking and cabinetry.

repairs and upgrades at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, and the Lutheran Bible Camp on Flathead Lake. He also did construction work on several area schools, banks and houses. He was very proud of his fine cabinetry work.

Clarence was happiest when working and creating. His other passion was gardening and sharing the bounty of his labor of love. Dad grew the best corn, zucchini and asparagus in the valley.

Clarence enjoyed fishing and hunting in the valley. He especially enjoyed his "little bit of heaven on earth" at his spot on Lake Blaine. He enjoyed entertaining friends and relatives with a big Fourth of July celebration and barbecue each year to commemorate the country he loved. Clarence flew the American flag daily until he became too weak to display it.

Following retirement Clarence and Helen enjoyed traveling. Two of his special memories were his reunion trip to Molesworth, England, and a trip to the World War II monument in Washington, D.C. They also enjoyed a trip to Hawaii, a cruise to Alaska, a road trip south to Branson, Mo., and then to Georgia to cheer Helen's favorite baseball team, the Atlanta Braves.

Clarence was a lifelong member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church where he served as a church deacon and contributed his talents wherever needed. He loved to build items to contribute to the young people's auctions at the church. In his retirement years, Clarence crafted walnut crosses which were included in the baptism boxes of new members, and he enjoyed giving them away. Clarence created beautiful shadow box scenes using birch bark gathered from the trees in his yard; he gifted these to his family and the church.

Clarence spent the next 60 years working in cabinetry and construction around the valley. He was always proud of his contributions in helping with construction of Hungry Horse Dam, the aluminum plant, the Alpine Glow Inn at Big Mountain, the water reservoir near Buffalo Hills Golf Course, repairs to the Many Glacier Hotel in Glacier Park,

Carrie, of Brooklyn, N.Y.; grandson, Travis Counsell, and Jenny, of Bothell, Wash.; grandson, Tim Stocklin, and Andrea, of Kalispell; 13 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews; and special friends from his old Eighth Avenue East neighborhood, Egan Community and Buffalo Hill Terrace.

Memorial contributions can be made in Clarence's name to Bethlehem Lutheran Church Children's Ministry Fund, 603 South Main Street,

Kalispell, Montana.

Visitation will be from 2 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 10, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. Burial will be at 12:30 p.m. on Friday May 11, at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell. A celebration of life will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, at 603 South Main Street, Kalispell.

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

Clarence was preceded in death by his mother, Anna; his father, Lee; sister, Viva Petersen; sister, Gladys Hobbs; sister, Edith Tucker; and brothers, Clinton and Marion Counsell.

Of all his accomplishments, Clarence was most proud of his family. He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Helen, of Kalispell; his daughter, Sharon Shepherd, and Dan, of Kalispell; son, Don Counsell, and Carol, of Kalispell; son, Gary Counsell, and Pam, of Monroe, Wash.; granddaughter, Tamra Dugaw, and John, of Covington, Wash.; granddaughters, Kassie and Katie Counsell, of Monroe, Wash.; granddaughter, Stephanie Sager, of Hungry Horse; grandson, Todd Shepherd, and Lynda, of Tacoma, Wash.; grandson, Ryan Shepherd, and

Jim Creelman, 74

Posted: Wednesday, January 12, 2011
2:00 am

Jim Creelman's life ended at home in hospice care on Sunday night, Jan. 9, 2011, surrounded with peace and love in the embrace of his wife, daughter and son.

Jim was born March 16, 1936, in Red Deer, Alberta, to Rex and May Creelman. His early education took place in rural Alberta country schools, often with his mother as a teacher. He graduated from Red Deer Composite High School in 1953.

Jim's youthful adventures included riding and hitchhiking the Alcan Highway, starting in the fall of 1953 and stopping at an air force base to work (indoors) as a cook and dishwasher. In 1954 he earned a placement at Royal Roads, the Royal Canadian Air Force Academy in Victoria, British Columbia. After one year he resigned his commission to pursue his education at the University of Montana in Missoula.

Jim earned his Bachelor of Science degree in business with honors in 1959, and his Master of Science degree in business administration with honors in 1960. Summer employment while at school included running a jackhammer on the Noxon Rapids Dam Project, and working on the road construction of the new Interstate Highway 90 near Drummond in 1958. Part-time jobs included working at the Bureau of Business Research at the University, and selling ties at the Missoula Mercantile.

While in Missoula he also met and married his wife of 53 years, the former Carol Ann Herman. Jim moved with his wife and new daughter to Calgary, Alberta, in 1960, and began a 32-year professional career employed as an executive in the oil industry. He lived and worked in Calgary, Chicago, New York City, Dallas and the Washington, D.C., areas. He also lived and worked in London, England. His business

travels sent him to the Far East, the Middle East, Australia, South America and Europe. His career was interesting and rewarding, and he was stimulated by his travels.

Jim was very active in provincial politics while living in Alberta, working to elect progressive conservative candidates. He was active at the P.C. Nomination Convention in Ottawa, and was on the committee that successfully gained the nomination of Joe Clark as leader of the Canadian Progressive Conservative Party in 1976. Jim made many lifelong friends during this time of his life.

After living many years in and around metropolitan areas, Jim and Carol Ann searched for a small town for their retirement years. The beauty of the Flathead Valley, golf courses in the area, and friendly people attracted them to Bigfork.

Jim pursued a lifelong passion for learning and reading. He had a penchant for studying history and enjoyed discussing the subject with friends. Jim's quick wit and humor kept family and friends entertained.

Physical activities were also important in his life. He was a runner and proudly finished the New York City Marathon in 1979. He played competitive squash and was an avid golfer. Jim was active in men's golf at Eagle Bend. He sought out challenging courses to play and made several trips with his wife, sister and brother-in law to Scotland and Ireland for golfing adventures.

Jim lived his remaining years as fully as he could while fighting leukemia/lymphoma for 20 years, and the resulting pneumonia this past year. He met the challenge of his declining health with courage and humor. His passing leaves family and friends blessed for having known and loved him, and deeply saddened by our separation.

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In addition to his wife, Jim is survived by his daughter Camie Lynn Kakos, his son-in-law Edward Kakos, and granddaughters Alison and Valerie of Lone Tree, Colo. His son, Clay, of Morrison, Colo., loved and admired Jim as a friend, a man and a father. His much loved sister, Patricia Gray, and her husband, Gordon Gray, reside in Red Deer. Other survivors are Jeff and Sue Herman of Missoula, Val and Pat Herman of Lawrenceville, Ga., and many special cousins, nieces and nephews.

Jim was preceded in death by a daughter, Lee Ann; and his parents.

There will be no burial service. A memorial gathering is planned for later this year.

The family requests that the following be considered for any memorial donations being given in Jim's name: St. Labre Indian School, Ashland, Montana 59904; Montana Cancer Center 500 West Broadway, Missoula Montana 59807; Kalispell Regional Medical Center, 310 Sunnyview Lane, Kalispell, Montana 59901.

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Amalia C. Cresap, 91

Amalia C. Cresap, 91, died at her home Wednesday, Oct. 31, 2012.

She is survived by her daughter, Karen Bach.

No services will be held. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

LaRaine Cresto, 78

LaRaine Cresto was born Nov. 17, 1934, in Mackie, Idaho to Jim and Daisy Cresto.

After making Montana her home for many years, LaRaine "went to be with the Lord" on Jan. 1, 2013, at 7:05 a.m., at the age of 78. LaRaine was residing at Colonial Manor in Whitefish.

LaRaine is survived by her three children, Sylvia Metteer, Tony Price and Christine Davis; and her many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

LaRaine made it her personal goal in life to pass on her passion for art, sewing and her many talents. LaRaine was the town seamstress as well as giving her gifts of wis-



dom and compassion to all whom she came in contact with.

LaRaine touched so many lives and will be missed deeply by all who knew her.

As we all know, LaRaine was an animal lover, so in lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Flathead County Animal Shelter, 1035 First Ave. W., Kalispell MT 59901.

A special thanks to Colonial Manor for all of your love and care. Thank you.

There is no service planned at this time.

Doris M. Crockford, 81

Doris M. Crockford, 81, of Essex, died Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2012.

She is survived by her children, William Crockford, Theresa Norman, Mary Ellen Crockford, Thomas Crockford, Paul Crockford, Patrick Crockford, Christopher Crockford and Mary Johnston.

A rosary service will be at 7 p.m. today, Oct. 11, at Columbia Mortuary. A Mass of Resurrection will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 12, at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls. Burial will take place at St. Richard's Catholic Cemetery.

Thomas H. Croft, 83

Thomas H. Croft, 83, died Sunday, May 27, 2012, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

He is survived by his daughter, Sheila Morales;

and a son, Walter Croft. Services are pending. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Nile K. Cunnington, 74

Nile K. Cunnington, 74, of Troy, died Sunday, May 27, 2012, at his home after a long illness.

Survivors include his wife, Pat Cunnington; and eight children.

A celebration of his life will be held at a later date.

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

Genevieve Frances Currier, 87

Genevieve Frances Currier, 87, died Wednesday, April 4, 2012, at her home in Kalispell.

She is survived by four sons, Bill, Tom, Pat and

Jim Currier.

Private family services will be held at a later date. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

David 'Marc' Curtiss, 62

David "Marc" Curtiss, 62, died Friday, Sept. 28, 2012, at his home in Fortine.

Survivors include his mother, Aubyn A. Curtiss; and children, David and Aubyn Blurette Curtiss.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 5, at the Fortine Community Cemetery in Fortine.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Eureka.

Beverly Jean Cuffe, 83

Beverly Jean Cuffe, 83, a Montana native and 40-year resident of Whitefish and Columbia Falls, passed



away on June 15, 2012, in Sierra Vista, Ariz.

Born in Helena, Beverly was the eldest daughter of Earl and Wilma (Marsh) MacKenzie. She spent her early years in Central Montana until the untimely death of her father when she was 12. Her mother moved the family to Stanford, and later to Choteau, where she taught school. Beverly graduated from high school in Choteau and married Alvin (Bud) Arensmeyer, of Choteau. They became the parents of three children.

In 1952, the family moved to Missoula where they raised their children. Beverly was employed as a checker at Super Save Market throughout her years there. She was an avid women's league bowler and was very involved in the activities of her children as they grew up, including youth bowling, Cub Scouts, Campfire Girls and church youth groups.

Beverly and her husband moved to Whitefish in 1967. She worked there as a grocery checker and later as a meat wrapper at supermarkets in Columbia Falls.

She and her husband parted in 1972.

Beverly took up golf during those years and loved the game. She made many friends and together they spent many happy years in women's league play.

winters behind and live in Arizona year-round. It was the best decision, but the hardest for them.

Jim passed away on March 23, 2011, and Beverly moved to Sierra Vista to be near her daughter. She settled into a small assisted living residence and, while she enjoyed it there, she spoke often of missing "Cuffie" and the wonderful years of their life together.

Beverly was preceded in death by her parents; her sister Cheryl Pedrick; and Jim.

She is survived by her daughter, Kathy Matestic of Sierra Vista; and her grandson Kenneth Ferderer and his wife Janine of Morgan Hill, Calif.; her daughter, Christine and her husband Lon Warren, their son Lon Warren Jr., his wife Barbara, and Beverly's great-granddaughters, Stevie Marie and Erica Lee, all of Graham, Wash.

Beverly's son, Richard Arensmeyer, his wife Virginia, their daughter Lacey and her husband Jeff James, all of Cabot, Ark.; and daughter Lynsey, her husband Steven, and Beverly's great-granddaughter, Bentlee Claire Bates of El Dorado, Ark., also survive her.

Additionally, Beverly leaves behind her cousin and "special sister," Joann and her husband, Walter Bahr of Kalispell; several nephews, nieces and cousins and many wonderful friends.

Jim's children, Ted and Jacquie Cuffe of Whitefish, Mick and Lanette Cuffe of Columbia Falls, and Patti Harmon of Whitefish, also survive her, as well as many grandchildren and great-grandchildren of the Cuffe family, who were all special to her. Beverly loved all of her big family. She will be missed.

Marcie Curto, 79

Marcie Curto, 79, died Thursday, Aug. 2, 2012, at her Kalispell residence.

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

JoAnn Cuthbertson, 74

JoAnn Sharon Cuthbertson, 74, beloved wife and mother, finally succumbed



after a long fight with a rare form of Parkinson's.

She lived with her husband, Gary Cuthbertson, in Montana for 21 years.

Sharon was born in 1938 in National City, Calif., but lived and traveled all over the world before the grandeur of Big Sky Country captured her heart. "She was a wife to one, mother to many and loved by all."

Sharon is survived by her husband Gary, seven children and 21 grandchildren.

Services will be held with family and friends at Kalispell First Church of the Nazarene on Whitefish Stage Road.

In lieu of flowers, donations would be appreciated to one of the following: Northwest Parkinson's Foundation, www.NWPF.org or Friends of Hospice, 29 Second St. E., Kalispell, MT 59901.

Sharon's friendship, courage and wisdom will be greatly missed. She will be loved for eternity.

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

In the early 1980s, Beverly met James Cuffe of Whitefish. They shared the love of golf and a zest for life in general. When Jim retired they bought a used, small travel trailer and happily became "snowbirds." They married in 1985 after settling in Coolidge, Ariz., where they made wonderful friends, golfed and soaked up the sun. They returned to their home in Whitefish for the summer months, enjoying this happy routine for over 20 years.

Beverly and Jim developed health difficulties in later years, and found they could no longer continue to travel between Whitefish and Arizona. In 2008 they made the difficult decision to leave Montana's long, cold

cremation has taken place and Beverly's ashes will be returned to her beloved Montana later. No services are planned. Donations are suggested to a youth golf program or to the cancer research program of the donor's choice.

Beverly's children thank all family and friends who stayed in touch with her. She appreciated and enjoyed your cards, photos, phone calls and visits over the past years. She felt she was truly blessed to have known and shared life with you.

"Bev and Jim: Together again."

Marcie Rosetta (Sindt) Curto, 78

Marcie Rosetta (Sindt) Curto passed away Aug. 2, 2012, in her daughter's arms with tears, prayers to Jehovah and singing to her "You Are My Sunshine."

Marcie was born in a little cabin outside of Bigfork on Aug. 28, 1933. She was one of 10 children born to Martin and Louise Sindt, a humble beginning that continued throughout her life — however, she was rich with a lifetime of love, kindness and the most generous spirit of giving.

Marcie spent ages 8 to 12 at the Montana Orphans Home in Twin Bridges. She then returned to the Flathead Valley.

Marcie raised her three children in Kalispell, working hard to provide the necessities of life. She was a very valued employee, working as a bartender with an outstanding work ethic and well respected by the public and friends.

Marcie loved her later-in-life career choices while working at Mission Mountain Enterprises in Polson where she met and assisted her special friend, Wally Gardipe.

When Marcie returned to Kalispell in 2006, she loved working at Flathead Industries until her health declined and she unfortunately was unable to assist her special friends any longer. A day never went by that she was not dressed and ready to go to work!

Marcie's greatest happiness was spending time with her family and friends, who were many! Everyone enjoyed her infectious smile and laughter. Marcie loved to read and recently read the entire Bible — Genesis to

Revelation — and started over for a second time.

Her parents, Martin and Louise Sindt, preceded Marcie in death; also three sons, Vernon Bowman, Anthony Gene Bolduc, and infant son, Gordon Bolduc; four brothers, Vernon, Wesley, Gordon and Lewis; and four sisters, Marjorie, Gladys, Darlene and Marlene.

Her daughter, Vickie (Altenburg) Goodman, survives Marcie; also grandsons, Vickie's two sons, Shawn and wife Heather, and Shannon "Goob" and wife Kym Altenburg; Vernon's two sons, Vernon and Cody Bowman; Gene's four children, Sonya, James, Jennifer and Cole; sister, Jean Orr; and in addition, many more beautiful family members.

Marcie loved her many family and friends unconditionally. Please cherish the memories, courage and optimistic attitude that Marcie set as an example for all!

A very special and heartfelt "Thank You" to the many medical professionals who contributed their unwavering labors of love through Marcie's many complicated medical challenges over the past nine years.

A memorial and celebration of Marcie's life will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 26, at the Garden Courtyard at Snappy Sport Senter in Kalispell.

In lieu of flowers please forward any gifts of remembrance/contributions for expenses and charities that assisted the family throughout Marcie's medical care to: Vickie Goodman, P.O. Box 1326, Kalispell, MT 59903.

Gregory Douglas 'Greg' Cusick, 66

Gregory Douglas "Greg" Cusick, 66, passed away suddenly at his home March 17, 2012.



Greg was born in Kalispell Aug. 9, 1945. He was the middle child of Edith and Edwin Cusick, and was a lifelong resident.

He attended St. Matthew's School and graduated from Flathead High School in 1963, then went on to Moler Barber School in Spokane.

In 1970, Greg married Theresa M. Miller. This union brought daughter Michelle.

In 1974, he married Susan G. Bergstrom. They completed their family with Erika and Ryan.

Greg was a dedicated family man who enjoyed the outdoors — fishing, hunting, golfing and baseball. He retired in 2008 after 33 years from Plum Creek-Evergreen.

Greg was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Jeanne Graham; brother-in-law, Larry Graham; and a brother, John "Jack" Cusick. Greg is survived by his

wife, Susan, of 37 years; two daughters, Michelle Motichka and Michael of Columbia Falls, and Erika Cusick of Kalispell; son, Ryan Cusick, and Tammi, of Columbia Falls; brothers, Gary Cusick and Linda of Glendale, Calif., Douglas Cusick and Linda of Kalispell, sister-in-law, Linda Cusick (Jack) of Kalispell; mother-in-law Margaret Bergstrom, and brother-in-law Lyle Bergstrom, both of Sandpoint, Idaho; sister-in-law, Vicki Bergstrom, of Sammamish, Wash.; grandchildren, Alyssa Gould, Anestia, Zandel and Alan Wildish, and MKGraygor and Daxden Cusick; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Resurrection will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 22, at Risen Christ Catholic Church. Private family burial will follow.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Evergreen Fire Department or Adopt A Light at Risen Christ Church.

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