

Richard LaMonte Gaertner, 91

Richard LaMonte Gaertner, 91, died Thursday, July 26, 2012, while in comfort care with loving staff at the Montana State Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.



Born Aug. 24, 1920, as the youngest in a family of six children for Montgomery and Minnie (Dineen) Gaertner in Eureka, Richard resided the majority of his life in the state he loved dearly. Having graduated from Eureka High School Class of 1939, Richard worked on the Great Northern Railroad before World War II called him to enlist and serve in the Navy off Florida's coast and near Brazil.

Post-war found telegraphy jobs on the railroad fitted well with his radio experience in the Navy. Richard met his wife and fellow telegrapher, Edith Becquart, in those early post-war years. After their marriage, they lived in Stryker, where their only child, Susan Kay, was born in 1948.

An ideal family outing included Richard teaching Susan to fly fish (or untangling her line) while Edith picked huckleberries nearby. A move to Whitefish kept Richard involved in telegraphy, in operator and agent positions on the Burlington Northern until his retirement in 1981.

His love of people marked Richard as a wonderful teacher for new railroad telegraphers and for aspiring hunters and fishermen alike. His students were fellow employees, grandchildren, neighborhood kids and friends. He loved the outdoors

and what Northwestern Montana offered for lifestyle. And he loved to tell stories. Many of us left behind believe we never did hear all of his tales: a bit of the Irish from his mother!

Cherishing his memory as they celebrate his life are his loving wife, Edith Gaertner of Spokane; his only daughter, Susan, and son-in-law, Al Geissler, of White Rock, British Columbia; grandson, Ian Geissler, wife Olga, and great-granddaughters, Natasha and Allyson of Clarksville, Tenn.; granddaughter, Arianna and husband Peter Neimanis of Canberra, Australia, with great-grandsons, Seamus, Owen and Daniel; grandson, Jeffrey Geissler and fiancée Priscilla Valstar of St. Catherines, Ontario, with children, Kiera, Sienna and Liam; and grandson, Daniel Geissler and fiancée Adria Lovic of Burnaby, British Columbia. They are joined in remembrance of Richard by many nieces, nephews, family and friends across Washington, Idaho and Montana.

An Irish blessing for Richard: "May the road rise up to meet you, may the wind be always at your back, may the sun shine warm on your face, the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of his hand."

A Funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 31, at St. Charles Catholic Church in Whitefish, followed by a private interment at 1 p.m. at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

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

Leonard Melvin Gallivan, 86

After a lengthy and courageous battle in with Parkinson's disease, Leonard Melvin Gallivan "went to be with his Lord and Savior" on Oct. 7, 2012.



He and his twin sister were born Sept. 13, 1926, to Eugene and Shirley Gallivan, at Huston, Idaho. The third of five children, Leonard grew up in Marsing, Idaho, graduating from high school in 1944.

In 1945, Leonard enlisted in the Army, serving in World War II until 1947.

In June of 1947, he married his lifelong sweetheart, Dorothy Lucille Brooks. They were blessed with three children, David (wife Jan) of Riverton, Calif., Bob (wife Sharon) of Boise, Idaho, and Karen (husband Jim) of Kalispell; eight grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

After graduating from Northwest Nazarene College, Leonard went on to serve his Lord by pastoring numerous smaller churches throughout Idaho, Oregon and California. He often pastored small churches that were unable to support a full-time clergy, and supported his family by operating

heavy equipment.

After retiring from the ministry, he owned and operated an 18-wheeler, then drove a school bus. He was always active in community service groups, most recently Kalispell Lions Club.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters; his wife, Dorothy, in January of 2009; and a great-grandson, Thaddaeus Seeberger, in 2008.

He is survived by his family noted above; and sisters, Lena Harpham of Pecos, Texas, and Etta Marlin of Bremerton, Wash.

He had a heart for young pastors and took every opportunity to be a mentor. Even as his health failed, those who knew him commented on his ever-present smile and sweet spirit. He was truly an encourager to the end.

Grandson-in-law Kyle Worley carried his watch during the coast-to-coast bicycle event, POPS Ride, as a physical representation of his battle against Parkinson's disease. Leonard wore his POPS Ride T-shirt regularly to show his support, as well as his deep appreciation for those participating in the search for a cure for Parkinson's. He will be missed greatly.

A celebration of life will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 16, at Kalispell Church of the Nazarene, 1295 Whitefish Stage Road.

Memorials can be designated for Nazarene Missions.

Harold Clarence Gansereit, 85

Harold Clarence Gansereit, 85, of Martin City, died Thursday, May 31, 2012, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

He is survived by his

wife, Ila Gansereit, of Martin City.

Services will be held at a later date.

Arrangements are entrusted to Columbia Mortuary.

John Douglas Garber, 52

John Douglas Garber, 52, of Florida, died Sunday, Feb. 26, 2012, while skiing on Big Mountain. Funeral services will be

held next week in Boynton Beach, Fla.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Duywane D. Gardner, 61

Duywane D. Gardner, 61, of Columbia Falls, died Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2012.

He is survived by his wife, Janine Gardner; and children, Devon Forney and Darren Gardner.

A Mass of Resurrection will be at 1 p.m. Friday,

Oct. 19, at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls. Burial will take place at St. Richard's Catholic Cemetery.

Arrangements are entrusted to Columbia Mortuary.

Edward Joseph Gavaghan, 67

Edward Joseph Gavaghan, 67, died May 15, 2012, at the Montana Veterans home in Columbia Falls.

He is survived by his daughter, Mary McMurdo, of Vancouver, Wash.; and his son, Brian Gavaghan,

of Everett, Wash.

A graveside service will take place at a later date at the Montana State Cemetery at Fort Harrison in Helena.

Arrangements entrusted are to Austin Funeral Home.

June E. Gehrkins, 90

June E. Gehrkins, 90, died Saturday, June 30, 2012, in Kalispell.

She is survived by her

sons, Greg, Ken and Gary.

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

Gary W. Gephart, 62

Gary W. Gephart, 62, of Whitefish passed away Thursday, May 10, 2012 at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

He was born Dec. 2, 1949, in Northfield, Minn., the son of Earl and Jean (Trevis) Gephart.

Gary was raised in Lakeville, Minn., the second of eleven children.

In his youth he was a bit of a rebel, keeping his parents on their toes. As he grew older he was a very quiet, patient man.

Gary worked as a painter and carpenter but for the last ten years his job has been volunteering at the North Valley Food Bank.

He met the love of his life, Judy, during a short employment at "The Place" in Whitefish, working for his sisters, Mary Lee and Joan. He was fired for not charging a dime for anything to anyone.

Gary enjoyed hunting, camping and spending time up north with his family but his love of fishing anytime, anywhere, for any fish, was his passion. He was proud of his daughter Jade, as he

watched her grow up riding horses, swimming and playing soccer. He had the joy of his daughter Stacey and her three children, as well.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents and sweet brother Joe.

He is survived by his wife, Judy Canzona Gephart, and daughter Jade Gephart, of Whitefish; his daughter, Stacey and Dan Vanella of Inver Grove Heights, Minn., and grandchildren Hunter Hayden and Hannan Vanella; his siblings, Gregg and Colleen Gephart, Mike and Sally Gephart, Jeanie Gephart, Michelle and Alan Stedman, Mary Lee and Slick Sleichter, Joan Gephart and Jim Poplawski, Lisa Gephart, Gwen Gephart, and Tony Gephart; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Gary's life will be held from 5 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, May 16 at the Moose Lodge in Whitefish.

Arrangements are entrusted to Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish.

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

Elmer 'Trapper' Gentry, 90

Elmer Gentry, 90, of Kailua, Hawaii, passed away on Sept. 6, 2011. He was born Sept. 30, 1920, in Ronan, to Raymond Gentry and Florence Catherine Morris. He graduated from St. Matthew's High School in Kalispell in 1938, where he was an All-State basketball player.

He was majoring in pre-law at the University of Montana (where he also lettered in basketball and track), when he joined the U.S. Navy to train as an aviator cadet at the U.S. Naval Air Station in Pensacola, Fla. From 1942 until 1945, he served on the aircraft carriers USS Bunker Hill with the Atlantic Fleet and the USS Petrof Bay with the Pacific Fleet, as a pilot and commander of the flight deck.

After graduating from Montana State in 1948, he began his career as an electrical engineer at the Boeing Company, in Seattle. He subsequently joined the



General Appraisal Company (later American Appraisal), where his career took him to Spokane, Portland, San Francisco and Honolulu.

An avid golfer and tennis player, Trapper became a devoted marathon runner in his 50s. He loved jazz and art, and began making sculpture on vacations at the family beach house in Manzanita, Ore.

He instilled a love of reading, and a passion for creative expression in his daughters and grandchildren. His book, "Play on Words," was published on his 90th birthday.

Predeceased by his wife of 40 years, Jean Knapp Gentry, he is survived by their four daughters, Gene McMahon, Mikel Witte, Elizabeth Dadi and Lucy Meltzer; six grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his second wife, the former Shirley Fite, her two daughters, Leslie Iwasa and Cynthia Fite; and two grandsons.

Memorials will be held at the Washington National Cathedral's War Memorial Chapel and in Portland.

Remembrances may be made to the American Heart Association.

George B. Gentry, 80

George B. Gentry, 80, of Eureka, died Sunday, Jan. 1, 2012, at his home in Eureka, from natural causes.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Lou Gentry, of Eureka; and children, Daniel Gentry of Ferndale, Wash., Rebecca Gentry of Helena, Sharron Lange and Glenn Gentry,

both of Lynden, Wash., and Cindy Nieuwsma and Ira Gentry, both of Eureka.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 13, at the First Church of God in Eureka.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Eureka.

Bessie V. Geoffroy, 99

Bessie V. Geoffroy, 99, died Friday, April 20, 2012, in Kalispell.

Funeral services will take place in Oklahoma City,

Okl., at a later date.

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

Robert 'Bobby' Gesek Jr., 54

Robert "Bobby" Gesek Jr., 54, formerly of Columbia Falls and Whitefish, died Jan. 9, 2012, in Helena, from an aneurysm.

He is survived by his father, Robert Gesek Sr.

A celebration of life and reception was held in Helena. Burial and services at St. Richard's Church in Columbia Falls will be announced in the future.

Alan Gilham, 78

Alan Gilham, 78, passed away quietly on Wednesday, July 11, 2012, at his home in Martin City, with his family by his side.



He was born Nov. 10, 1933, in Browning, to Calvin and Elinor (Smith) Gilham, and was the second of six children. When Alan was 5, the family moved to a ranch between Browning and Cut Bank, where they lived until he was 9, when they moved to Spokane for a short time during the Second World War.

After the war, they moved back to the ranch and were there for several more years. He loved the ranch and always said his happiest memories were playing with his cousins and riding his horse, Big Enough Shorty. He attended schools in Seville, Browning, Hot Springs and Spokane.

In 1951, he joined the Air Force and served during the Korean conflict, leaving the service with an honorable discharge in 1953. For most of his time in the service, he was stationed in Goose Bay, Labrador, and Thule, Greenland.

While he was stationed in Minneapolis in 1953, he met and married Angela "Penny" Krebsbach, and they had two daughters, Tonilynn and Gloria.

From 1953 to 1955, he worked for the Glacier Reporter in Browning as a Linotype operator, typesetter and proof reader; then in 1955, he went to work for the Park Service at Glacier National Park as a payroll supervisor.

In 1957 he and Penny divorced, and in 1958 he married Lois Baeth in Martin City, and they had three sons, Vernon, Gary and Doug, and a daughter, Rebecca.

From 1959 until 1987, he worked for Indian Health Service, working his way up from a supply clerk to hospital administrator/

service unit director. During his time with IHS, he worked in Montana, Oregon, South Dakota and Arizona.

In 1987, after retiring from IHS, he and Lois moved back to Martin City, and he went to work for the Lundgren family at West Glacier, where he worked until 2001.

Alan is survived by his wife, Lois; and children, Tonilynn Gilham of Portland, Gloria Fuzi of Hermiston, Ore., Gary and Wanda Gilham of Kalispell, Doug and Debbie Gilham of Columbia Falls, and Rebecca Gilham of Hungry Horse; grandchildren, Shane and Jason Travis, Raymond and Matthew Dunn, John and Angela Fuzi, Nathaniel, Clifford and Krystyn Gilham, Jye and Cathy McDowell, Jacob Harris, Gary and Brandon Curry, Skylur and Stephanie Gilham, Mariena Taylor, Michael and Melissa Matt, Christopher Gilham, Andrew Burd, and Brittney and Whisper Sellars; 25 great-grandchildren; sisters, Shirley and Jim Stirling of Mount Vernon, Wash., and Sharon Williams of Tooele, Utah; and a cousin, Robert Gilham, of Riverton, Utah, who lived with the family for several years.

He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Vernon Gilham; brothers, Mike and Dean Gilham; sister, Doris Meineke; and a grandson, Russell Gilham.

There will be visitation from 3 to 7 p.m. Thursday, July 19, at Columbia Mortuary. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, July 20, at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls, with interment at Woodlawn Cemetery. There will be a reception following the interment at the Canyon Community Church Educational Building, 185 Coram School Lane, Coram.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Columbia Mortuary.

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

Thomas Anthony Gilman, 84

Thomas Anthony Gilman, 84, died in Kalispell on Aug. 4, 2012.

He had been a teacher and coach.

He is survived by his wife, Beverly J. Gilman of Kalispell; daughters, Gre-

ta Gilman of Spokane, and Beth Gilman of Kalispell; and son, Mark Gilman.

Celebration of life services are pending. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Beverly Irene Brown Gilley, 75

Beverly Irene Brown Gilley, 75, passed away peacefully, surrounded by her family on Tuesday, Aug. 21, 2012, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell. "She now joins her husband of 53 years in heaven."

The family would like to thank the staff at Immanuel Lutheran Home for caring for Mom during her final months.

She was born on Halloween, Oct. 31, 1936, in Brownville, Neb. She was one of six children born to William "Earl" and Mildred "Marie" Brown. Living a modest life with her large family, she was very focused on what the word "family" truly meant. That is how she lived her life and taught her children and grandchildren that family is truly what is important in this world.

Gary "Gilley" and Beverly were married on Jan. 12, 1957. To their union four children were born. Beverly and Gary lived the early years of their married life in the Midwest.

Mom enjoyed her garden and canning. One of her favorite things to do in the fall was to gather Black English walnuts and hull them on their screened-in porch. We would often spend the fall and winter nights shelling those walnuts and reminiscing as a family.

They moved their family to Montana in 1978, first living in Hamilton and then settling permanently in the Flathead Valley. Mom had various part-time jobs through the years. Her main priority was her children. She worked as a ward clerk for several years and then worked part time at a local dry cleaners here in Kalispell.

In the later years of working, Mom was able to travel across the country in their motor home, visiting family and



friends as far east as Arkansas and as far south as Mexico. They spent their

winters in Arizona, and the rest of the year in their home state of Montana with their family. After some health issues they decided to stop traveling and spent their remaining years with her children, their spouses and their grandchildren.

Bev's strength and perseverance to recover from her previous heart surgeries and strokes would later cause her vascular dementia, which she was not able to overcome.

Beverly was preceded in death by her parents, William "Earl" and Mildred "Marie" Brown; brothers, Warren and Richard Brown; sister, Shirley Smith; and her husband, Gary Gilley I; and son, Gary Duane Gilley II.

She is survived by her son, Mark, and Laurie Gilley, of Columbia Falls; daughter, Valerie, and Rex Galloway, of Kalispell; daughter, Teresa, and Brad Miller, of Kalispell; seven grandchildren, Jason and Danielle Gilley of Columbia Falls, Tabitha and Jordan Venezio and Erica Miller, all of Kalispell, Jamie Sue Gilley Pierce of Kansas, and Logan Nosbusch of Minnesota; sister Myrna Jones, and brother William Earl Brown Jr., of Little Rock, Ark.; along with numerous other family and friends.

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

Kirk Douglas Giroaux, 60

Kirk Douglas Giroaux, 60, died Thursday, Sept. 27, 2012, at his home in Coram.

He is survived by his wife, Sandra Giroaux.

No services are scheduled at this time.

Arrangements are entrusted to Columbia Mortuary.

Rose Mary 'Rosie' Goble, 77

Rose Mary "Rosie" Goble, 77, passed away peacefully in her sleep on May 18, 2012, with her loving husband, Carl Goble, by her side.

Rose, daughter of Frank and Muriel Tyro, was born June 3, 1933, and raised in Dillon.

On Feb. 1, 1951, Rose married Carl Goble of Deer Lodge. The two moved to the Flathead in 1953 where they raised their family.

Rose was a wonderful mother and grandmother who treasured time around a campfire, socializing and forming lifelong friendships. Her love of travel took her cross-country where she worked as a campground host in the great outdoors of Alaska, all the way to the beaches of Mexico.

Rose will be missed by all

of the friends she made during her travels, but most of all by her pets and her loving family.

Rose is survived by her husband, Carl; and their seven children, Vonnie Donahue and husband Warren of Eureka, Craig Goble and wife Lori of Whitefish, Curt Goble and wife Marlene of Whitefish, Jim Goble and wife Mary Ellen of Whitefish, Beth Clark of Eureka, Helen Winchell and Mitch Bradford of Kalispell, and Keith Goble and wife Patsy of Gillette, Wyo.; and 11 grandchildren. She also leaves behind her loving dog, Brandy.

No memorial service will be held for Rose at this time.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations in Rose's name to your local Humane Society, as she was a lover of animals.

Russell D. Giesy, 90

Russell D. Giesy, 90, passed away Oct. 16, 2012.

Russell was born on Dec. 12, 1921, in Corvallis, to Rusper and Edna Giesy. He graduated from Corvallis High School and continued his education at the University of Montana in Missoula, graduating in 1948. Russ earned his master's degree from the University of Montana in 1953.

On Feb. 9, 1944, Russ married Ruth Horn of Windham, Mont., in Fort Meyers, Fla., just before he was shipped to the South Pacific as a fighter pilot in the Air Force.

In 1942, he became a member of the illustrious fraternity known then as the Army Air Corps. While flying a P-47 in support of the infantry in Luzon, his plane was hit and disabled by ground fire and he was forced to evacuate. Much to his dismay, his parachute carried him well behind the Japanese lines into a rear-area bivouac. Fortunately, it was nearly dark, and after some rather breathtaking evasions and some hand-to-hand combat with a couple of Japanese infantrymen he made it back behind friendly lines. Among his awards were the Air Medal, Bronze Star and Purple Heart.



and classrooms. Russ retired from the superintendent position in 1982.

Russ was a dedicated coach, teacher and administrator. His influence on Whitefish students, during his 31-year tenure, is still remembered and admired. Russ was respected by his students and teams for his high standards, expectations and ideals that he himself exemplified.

He was twice elected chairman of the Northwest Administrations Association and held membership in MASA and AASA. In 1969 he received the Jaycees "Boss of the Year" award. Russ was a longtime member of the Whitefish Lions Club. He was also selected as prime minister of the Winter Carnival in 1964.

In retirement, Russ and Ruth enjoyed traveling and took several oversea tours with Ruth's sisters and husbands. He attended annual reunions of his fighter squadron and hosted it one year. Russ was an avid bridge player and participated in several bridge clubs. He also enjoyed gardening and had a beautiful rose garden. However, their greatest joy during retirement years was spending time with their grandchildren.

Russ is survived by his sons, R.D. and Lee Ann, and Roger and Karen, all of Whitefish; his grandchildren, Ryan, Abreon, Tevis and Kieven Giesy; and great-grandson, Jayden; his sisters-in-law, Nina and husband Don Diediker, Gladys Caldwell, Fredalee Horn, Edith Gamble, and Carol Bell, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Russ began his teaching career in Hysham from 1948-1950. In 1951 he and Ruth moved to Whitefish where he began his teaching and coaching career. He distinguished himself as head coach of both the football team and the track team. In his early years of coaching, Whitefish High School won two Class B divisional football championships as well as two Class B state championships. In 1959, along with being principal, Russ took back the football coaching position, taking the Bulldogs from a sixth place team to winning the conference championship. He received the State of Montana Coach of the Year award.

In 1956, he was appointed Whitefish High School principal, a post he held until 1971 when he was promoted to be superintendent of the Whitefish School District. In 1971, one month after becoming superintendent, the junior high gymnasium was destroyed by fire. Then in 1977, the high school gymnasium, shop and several classroom areas were burned. After both fires he championed the construction of new gyms

Russ was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth; his parents, Rusper and Edna Giesy; his granddaughter, Marissa Ann Giesy; aunts, Gladys Rasmussen and Lois Swanson; and uncle, Hector Rasmussen.

Cremation has taken place at Austin Funeral Home.

A celebration of life will be held at 11 a.m., on Saturday, Nov. 3, at Christ Lutheran Church, at 5150 River Lakes Parkway in Whitefish.

Remembrances may be made to the Russell D. and Ruth Giesy Scholarship Fund, established as a living memorial in their names, at the Whitefish Credit Union, 300 Baker Avenue, Whitefish, or at any Whitefish Credit Union branch office.

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

Arrangements are entrusted to Austin Funeral Home.

Irene 'Sissy' Rose Moore Gonder, 84

Irene "Sissy" Rose Moore Gonder peacefully and gracefully passed away on Jan. 3, 2013, in Bremerton, Wash.

She was born on Sept. 24, 1928, in Tokio, N.D. As a young child she survived tuberculosis and attended a Native American boarding school in South Dakota.

As a young woman she moved to Butte, where she lived for many years and always considered it to be her hometown. She eventually moved to Livingston, and later in life moved to Port Orchard, Wash., to be with her sister.

She will always be remembered for her good cooking, her beautiful hand sewn quilts, her bountiful gardens, her pet animals and her nomadic spirit.

Everyone that had the honor of meeting her deeply respected her knowledge and wisdom and admired her for her hardworking endurance and independence. She survived many obstacles and hardships, but her children always came first. She was protective of her children and grandchildren. Irene was a warm-hearted, beautiful soul that was the center of the universe for her family. She is deeply



missed and will forever be remembered in our memories, hearts and souls.

At the time of

her passing she was the matriarch of five generations which will be her everlasting legacy.

Irene was preceded in death by her daughters, Danna Ford, Debbie Jetty and Gina MacAuley; a granddaughter, Jamie Rose Jetty; and her brothers and sisters, Rex, Ed, Patrick, Helen, Grace and Gary.

She is survived by her children, Linda Jetty of Fort Totten, N.D., Maggie and Reggie Siers of Whitefish, Elaine and Stephen Matlow of Livingston, John Scott Jetty of Bozeman, James Dean Jetty of Fort Totten, Myra Lee Kingbird of Bremerton, Wash., and Melanie Gonder Woods of New York; 27 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; 10 great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Cremation has taken place at Washington and private memorial services will be held by family in Livingston. A memorial webpage can be accessed at www.rill.com.

John W. Gordon, 92

John W. Gordon, 92, of Lewistown, and formerly of Kalispell, died Tuesday morning, Oct. 18, 2011, of natural causes at Valle Vista Manor.

He was born June 25, 1919, to parents Alex and Petra (Berquist) Gordon in Moore. He received his education in Moore.

On July 27, 1942, John was united in marriage to Ann Jonas; they later divorced. John worked many years as a bricklayer for Frank Valach. He later moved to Kalispell, where he worked various jobs. In 2010 he returned to Lewistown, where he lived until the time of his death.

John loved to socialize and was a great storyteller.



With a John Wayne voice, he made the stories believable, whether true or not.

He is survived by one daughter, Carol, and Don Waite, of Lewistown; four sons, John of Great Falls, James and Chris of Roundup, Jerome and Diane of Miles City, and Jerrold and Kathy of Billings; longtime companion, Phyllis Leonard, of Kalispell; 19 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Larry; and two sisters.

No services will be held for John W. Gordon. Cremation has taken place. Cloyd Funeral Home and Cremation Service is assisting the family with arrangements.

Condolences for the family may be posted online at www.cloydfuneralhome.com.

David Aaron Gordon, 68

David Aaron Gordon, 68, of Kalispell, passed away Sunday, Jan. 1, 2012, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.



He had an amazing heart. He was willing to give the shirt off of his back to those in need. Whether he was known as PaPa Dave, Big PaPa or Grampa, his greatest pleasure was spending time with his grandchildren.

He will be greatly missed by many, including his mother Clarice Hewitt; brother Dennis Teeters; niece Jennifer Delao; sister Tjal Chandler; nephew Chris-John Chandler; daughter Corinna and her husband Dave Banderas, daughter Sirene Kiryn; son Rich and his wife Laurie Gordon, and son Ron and his wife Samantha Gordon. Dave's 14 grandchildren are: Aaron Thomas, Amanda Thomas, Ryan Thomas, Cory Thill, Jordan and his wife Cameron Carrier, Treyanna Carrier, Natasha and her husband Nick Haskins, Diwjin Carrier, Mikya Carrier, Anika Gordon, Cody Gordon, Colby Gordon, Carter Gordon and Conner Gordon. Dave was very proud to be the great-grandfather of Austin Thomas, Evan Gore, Raygan Carrier and a new baby due in March.

He is preceded in death by his wife Nancy and his parents Beatrice and Palmer Gordon.

A visitation was held Saturday, Jan. 7 at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 9, 2012, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery with Pastor Tim Bartholomew of Stillwater Free Lutheran Church officiating.

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

Sidney Marcellus Goodrich, 92

Sidney Marcellus Goodrich, 92, of McGregor Lake in Marion, died Wednesday, December 20, 2012, in Bellingham, Wash.

A celebration of life will be held in the spring in Marion.

Jerns Funeral Chapel in Bellingham is handling arrangements.

Bertha Jean (Jorgenson) Gostnell, 69

Bertha Jean (Jorgenson) Gostnell, 69, of Columbia Falls, passed away Monday, Aug. 29, 2011, at Northwest Health Center in Kalispell.



She was born in San Francisco on May 4, 1942, the daughter of Hiram W. and Rose (Lacayo) Jorgenson. Bertha graduated from Buchser High School in Santa Clara, Calif., and, after graduating from votech school, she worked as a key punch operator for Westinghouse, in Sunnyvale, Calif.

Bertha married Richard A. Gostnell of Colorado Springs, Colo., on March 2, 1963, and together with their four children moved to Columbia Falls in 1970. In 1974 they moved to Libby where she became very active in the Eagles Club, serving one year as president of the women's auxiliary. She also had two newspaper motor routes. In 1990 she and her family moved back to Columbia Falls where she worked for Pamida until the store closed, and then she worked for Shopko until her retirement.

She enjoyed working in her garden, growing flowers, working on her family tree, gold panning, jewelry making, crocheting, quilt making, sewing, dancing, singing, stamp collecting and model railroading.

She was an active member of her church, serving with the CCW at St. Richard's Parish and other activities.

In February 2011 she underwent surgery for cervical cancer; on June 29 she underwent more surgery; on Aug. 22 she was admitted to Kalispell Regional Medical Center; on Aug. 24 she was moved to Northwest Health Center (hospice) where she passed away on Aug. 29.

Bertha was preceded in death by her parents; a nephew, Tony Jorgenson; and son-in-law, Charles "Bo" Clay.

She is survived by her husband, Richard A. Gostnell; two daughters, Lisa A. Gostnell and Julie M. Clay; two sons, Eric J. Gostnell and Joseph A. Gostnell; as well as five brothers, three sisters, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Bertha was a very special and loved person; she will surely be missed by her family and friends.

Viewing will be from 2 to 5:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 2, at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls, followed by the rosary. A Funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 3, at St. Richard's Parish in Columbia Falls, with interment at St. Richard's Cemetery.

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

George Howard Gould, 91

Dr. George Gould, 91, died at his home in Kalispell on May 16, 2012, after a long and rich life.



He was born Aug. 18, 1920, in Dorchester, Mass., to Johanna and Harry Gould.

In 1942, George joined the Navy as a pharmacist mate, and received a degree in pre-medicine through the V-12 Program. In 1945 he entered the University of Illinois College of Medicine in Chicago. George graduated from medical school in 1949 and did a two-year rotating internship at Cook County Hospital.

In 1947 he met his future wife, Barbara Schultz, in Yellowstone Park while working at Old Faithful Inn. The two were married in 1950 in Chicago.

He rejoined the Navy as a physician in 1951 during the Korean conflict.

Following his naval service he worked for the Park Service in Yellowstone Park as a resident physician for one year. In 1955 he moved to Kalispell with his partner, Dr. Jerry Wildgen, to open a family medicine practice.

He and Barbara raised a family of eight children in Kalispell, and Dr. Gould practiced medicine in the valley

for 38 years. He was an excellent educator and welcomed medical students and medical residents into his life and office as a WWAMI program director. He was honored by the University of Washington School of Medicine as a Clinical Associate Professor Emeritus of Family Medicine.

Golf was a lifelong passion for George; he often hit the ball "not far, but straight." After moving to Kalispell he enjoyed exploring the Montana outdoors with his family. He was an active member of St. Matthew's Catholic Church.

George is survived by his loving wife, Barbara; and by his children, Tom, Joan and Bud Thullbery, Pat and Joann, John and Nancy, Chris and Cami, Tim, and Greg. In addition, he is survived by 15 grandchildren.

George was preceded in death by his son, Dan; his grandson, Jeff Gould; his parents; and his siblings.

There was a rosary and remembrance service May 17 at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home Chapel. The funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. today, May 18, at St. Matthew's Church, followed by a burial at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. There will be a reception at St. Matthew's Church basement following the burial, at approximately 4 p.m.

The family suggests memorial donations to the Flathead Valley Community College Nursing Program, or the Home Options Hospice.



Dorothy Bergstrom Graham, 83

Dorothy passed away peacefully May 21, 2012, at her home in Kalispell.

She was born June 9, 1928, in Kalispell, to Rudolph and Alma Bergstrom. She was raised in Somers and enjoyed growing up near Flathead Lake with her brothers Rudy and Ray. She took great pride in being a third generation Montanan.

Dorothy was an avid golfer, great bowler and thoroughly enjoyed traveling the world. She worked many years at JCPenney and Strawberry Patch. Her customers always enjoyed her smile and her caring attitude. She enjoyed Sunday drives all over the valley with her husband Bob.

Dorothy provided an amazing amount of love to her daughter Claudette and her grandson Don throughout their lives. Her daughter was able to return that love, by caring for her mother at home, as her health diminished.

Dorothy was a giving, caring woman with a beautiful smile who added a bit of humor to each situation. For all that she did and for all



that she was, Dorothy will be truly missed.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Rudolph and Alma Bergstrom; and her sisters-in-law, Joyce Bergstrom and Irene Walter.

She is survived by her husband, Robert Graham; and the entire Graham family, brothers Ray Bergstrom, Rudy Bergstrom and his wife Ruthie, her loving daughter Claudette Walter Biller and her husband Randy, caring grandson Don Walter and his wife Angela, and her great-grandchildren Brooke and Tyler Walter. She is also survived by numerous loving nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A celebration of life will be held at Dorothy's home in Kalispell today, May 23. Please join us between 2 and 7 p.m. to share your memories, pictures and stories about this wonderful woman.

At Dorothy's request, there will be no services. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Contributions and donations may be made to Home Options Hospice, 275 Corporate Drive, Suite 600, Kalispell MT 59901. The entire family appreciates the care support provided by Hospice.

Norma I. Graham, 90

Norma I. Graham, 90, died Sunday, Nov. 25, 2012, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She is survived by her sons, Robin and Michael

Graham.

Celebration of life services will be held in the spring. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

"When I was 19, I moved to California to find work and adventure. And I did. I got a job doing photo color touch ups. I met a handsome and debonair man named Lyle Graham in 1941, and we were married four months later. At that time he was a tool and die maker at Vultee's Aircraft factory in Los Angeles. After Pearl Harbor he signed up and became a fighter pilot and ended up training in some of the planes that he may have worked on.

"When my husband

Norma Tisdell Graham, 90

Norma Tisdell Graham, 90, was "united with her Lord" Nov. 25, 2012.

She passed away peacefully with family by her side at Immanuel Lutheran Home, Kalispell.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lyle Graham, her parents, Alice and Ingvald Tisdell and her brother, Lyle Tisdell.

Norma told her life story to her son Robin, who recounts it from her point of view here:

"Montana was called the bread basket of the West, a land of great opportunities! So the government and the railroads advertised. My mom and dad moved to Montana to make a good living at farming. I was born in a sod house near Winifred on June 18, 1922; that was when Montana was entering into a long drought period and many people lost their farms and had to leave the state. After several years of trying unsuccessfully to make ends meet, my parents moved to Sinai, S.D. My dad was killed shortly thereafter in an ice house accident and my school teacher mom became destitute. I was farmed out to my grumpy aunts and uncles until I was old enough to work for room and board in Madison where I worked my way through high school. Life was a series of hard knocks. But as Churchill said, 'Never give in, never, never, never.'

A memorial service for Norma will be held in the near future.

The family would like to thank all the staff at Immanuel Lutheran Home "for their wonderful care and support of mom."



was in flight training during World War II he took me up in his trainer and scared the living day lights out of me with rolls and loops! I never went up with him again.

"After the war we settled down. My husband became a building contractor and we had two sons, Michael and Robin. We were both hard workers and we started to build our lives together. Life was good.

"Lyle thought I should go to real estate school, so I had to ride a bus to downtown L.A., which I was not very happy about, but as I look back on that decision, it turned out for the best and I did very well in real estate.

"I never had much experience with water and when my husband came to me one day and told me he had sold our business and bought a 36-foot sail boat, I about fainted. But I felt a strong need to take care of my family, so I shipped aboard the Golden Hind for a 13-month cruise through the South Pacific. I cannot say it was the best experience of my life but we all got home safely, so I was very thankful for that.

"The worst period in my life was when Michael was fighting in the jungles of Vietnam and Robin was sailing alone around the world, and not knowing if either would come back home alive."

Norma is survived by her two sons, Michael Graham and his partner Mary Ann of Silverdale, Wash., and Robin Graham and his wife Patti of Somers; three grandchildren, Quimby Wilson and her husband Doug of Newport, Ore., Benjamin Graham and his wife Maggie of Somers, and Jenilee Finley and her husband Russell of Seattle; and six great-grandchildren, Luke, Isaiah and Annika Wilson, Maya and Toviah Graham and Lila Finley.

Anita Louise Jones Gray, 68

Anita Gray of Bozeman passed away on Tuesday, July 10, 2012, in Kalispell after a short illness, surrounded by her loving family, with her hands resting on her Bible.

Anita was born in Livingston on May 16, 1944, to Glenn and Lucille Jones.

She attended local schools, graduating from Park High in 1962.

After high school, Anita began working for the National Park Service in Yellowstone National Park before transferring to Rocky Mountain National Park, where she met her future husband, Bob Gray. They were married in Livingston in 1965 and lived in Colorado for a few years before they moved back to Livingston to raise their two children.

Anita was an accomplished musician, playing

the piano and organ each Sunday morning at the Methodist Church in Livingston for many years before moving to Helena and Bozeman. As a young girl and into her teen years, Anita regularly sang for Sunday services with her sisters, Eunice and Lois, and brother Woody. Until her death, Anita was employed at Montana State University and was an avid Bobcat fan.

Anita deeply loved her entire family and considered each of the grandchildren as "special" blessings which so enriched her life. Nothing was more important to Anita than spending time with family. Over the past few weeks, Anita's family wore rally T-shirts with bold lettering, Team Gram, and "We're Gonna Love You Thru It!" in their support and love of

her.

Anita is survived by her daughter Bekki Hashley, her husband Doug, and grandchildren Holli, Emilee, Cassi, and Jaxen, all of Kalispell; her son Ken Gray of Havre, and wife Jennifer, and grandchildren Kalei and Trace; her mother, Lucille Jones, of Livingston; sisters, Eunice Petrich of Paradise Valley, and Lois Thurlow of Livings-

ton; two brothers, Woody of Poulso, Wash., and Bruce of Livingston; along with numerous nieces and nephews.

Anita was preceded in death by her father Glenn Jones, and her brother Harlan Jones.

A memorial service to celebrate her life will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 14, at Grace United Methodist Church in Livingston.

Larry Michael Greene, 55

Larry Michael Greene passed away peacefully at his home April 9, 2012. He was born Dec. 19, 1956, in Duluth, Minn., the son of Dennis "Pat" and Betty Louise (Cronkite) Greene.



He moved to Montana in 1975 where he started his company, L.G. Construction.

Larry was a loving father, son, brother, uncle, grandfather and a true friend to many. He loved Montana, snowmobiling, four wheeling, hunting, fishing in Alaska and lived life to the fullest. He always said, "If it wasn't fun, it wasn't worth doing."

He will be missed and loved forever. He would want his life celebrated, not mourned.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Betty Louise Cronkite; and nephew, Burt Lawrence Huffman.

He is survived by his children, Zach Greene, Chelsea Greene, Jamie and Justin Westermeyer; his grandchildren, Maddek, Pepper and Keiden; girlfriend, Shelly Nigg; his father, Dennis "Pat" Greene; sisters, Norma Brink, Marty Huffman, Sarah Greene and Sue Feenster; brother, Dennis Greene; brother-in-law, Jim Huffman; and several nieces, nephews and close friends.

A celebration of Larry's life will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, April 14, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home.

There will be a gathering of friends and family immediately following the service at Larry's residence, 97 Shilo Drive, in "True Larry Greene" style.

The family suggests that donations be sent to Zach Greene, P.O. 3442, Kalispell, MT 59903.

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

Virginia Fern Green, 94

Virginia Fern Green, 94, formerly of Henrico, Va., passed away peacefully at Brendan House in Kalispell.

Virginia was born June 19, 1918, in Abington, Va., to James and Jenny Lou Fern.

She worked at Saint Mary's Hospital in Richmond, Va., for 32 years.

Virginia is survived by her son, O.T. Green,

and daughter-in-law, Ann Green, of Somers; grandchildren, Jonathan and wife Amy of Somers, Jason of Richmond, Jessica of Phoenix, and Juliane White of Somers; and great-grandson, Liam White, of Somers.

No services are planned at this time.

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

Keith Lawrence Grice, 86

Keith Lawrence Grice, 86, passed away Friday, March 2, 2012, in Whitefish.

He was born April 19, 1925, in Pasadena, Calif., the son of Larry and Audrey (Vail) Grice.

At a young age, the family moved to Rollins, where Keith grew up.

Keith married Viola Smith in 1951. They were married for 36 years.

He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1943 and served in the Pacific Fleet on the USS Smalley. He was honorably discharged in 1946, when he moved to Somers and owned and operated Grice's Communications for many years before retiring.

Keith was a charter member of the Somers Fire



Department and a member of the Eagles Lodge in Kalispell. He was also involved in the Fascinators and Flatheaders square dance clubs.

Keith was preceded in death by his wife, Viola, in 1988; his parents, Larry and Audrey; his sister, Lorraine Learn; and two grandchildren.

He is survived by his children, Kay Grice of Somers; Turea (Midge) Grice of Homer, Alaska; Norma Commers of Eureka; and Terry Walden of Kalispell; as well as one brother-in-law; two nieces; five grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and special friend and dance partner Evelyn Laber.

Friends may make contributions in Keith's name to the charity of their choice. Friends are also encouraged to visit the website at www.buffalohillfh.com to leave notes of condolence for the family.

At his request, there will be no services. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

M. March Grieb, 83

M. March (Denney) Grieb, 83, of Great Falls, a wife and mother, died of cancer on Saturday, July 7, 2012, at a hospice facility.

A funeral liturgy will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, July 12 at Holy Spirit Catholic Church



in Great Falls. Burial will follow at Highland Cemetery in Great Falls. Schnider Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

March is survived by her husband, Dick Grieb of Great Falls; daughters March Gunderson of Seattle, Mary Del Nagro of Las Vegas, Cember Cherry of Las Vegas, and April Mayes of Las Vegas; and five grandchildren.

Roy D. Griffis, 86

Roy D. Griffis, 86, died Wednesday, Sept. 26, 2012, at Health Center Northwest in Kalispell.

He is survived by his daughter, Debbie Hill; and

a son, Danny Roy Griffis.

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

Terrance Frank Grilley, 74

Terrance Frank Grilley, 74, of Kalispell, passed away Sunday, Nov. 20, 2011, in Lewistown.

He was born Jan. 3, 1937, in Seattle, the son of Verne and Margaret (Kingfisher) Grilley.

Terrance is survived by his children, Lester Grilley

and Bill Grilley, both of Columbia Falls, Paul Grilley of Ashland, Ore., and Michael Grilley of Spokane.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 5, at Columbia Mortuary, Columbia Falls.

Arrangements are entrusted to Columbia Mortuary.

Wesley Gay Grilley, 86

Wesley Gay Grilley, 86, died July 18, 2012, at his home in Kalispell of natural causes.

He was born on Nov. 2, 1925, in Deering, N.D., to

Ben and Clara Grilley.

Wes' family came to the Flathead Valley in the early 1930s, settling in the Bigfork and Ferndale areas, where he attended school. His family had a small acreage where they raised a garden and strawberries. Wes worked in the lumber and logging business when he was younger.

Wes was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1945 and served for 22 months. He was stationed at Fort Lewis, Wash., and Fort Worden, Wash.

He worked in the building and construction business and traveled to many places to work. He worked on the dam in Page, Ariz., and also built houses in California, Washington, Arizona and Montana. Wes and his brother Roger started Grilley Brothers Construction in 1972 and did mainly concrete work for more than 17 years in the Flathead Valley.

Wes met Doreen Pound in 1951 at a Fourth of July dance at McGregor Lake. They were married Aug. 30, 1952, in Bremerton, Wash., and would have celebrated 60 years of marriage in August.

Wes never met a stranger and enjoyed visiting



with all people, especially his extended family and friends. He loved to have fun, and some of his favorite times were spent at Echo Lake.

Wes and Doreen have spent their winters in Arizona and summers in Montana, and they enjoyed their travels to Hawaii; Tennessee; Branson, Mo.; Alaska and Mexico, and a Caribbean cruise.

Wes was preceded in death by his parents; granddaughter, Jasmyn Star Grilley Hanson; sisters, Jeanette Northey and Odean Brown; and brother, Alvin Grilley.

Wes is survived by his wife, Doreen Grilley, son, Wayne Grilley and wife Tammy, son, Keith Grilley and wife Cathy, and daughter, Gaylene Birky and husband Randy, all of Kalispell, and daughter, Starla Grilley of Eloy, Ariz.; grandchildren, Jeremy Winters, Kate Grilley, Levi Birky and Paige Birky, all of Kalispell, Jake Grilley of Missoula, and Kevin Astry of California; great-grandchildren, Dylan and Jesse Wojcik of Shelton, Wash., and Brooke and Shelby Winters of Kalispell; brothers, Ward Grilley and wife, Alice, of Polson, and Roger Grilley and wife, Linda, of Kalispell; sister, Virginia Loveless and husband, Eldon, of Burley, Idaho; and many very special nieces and nephews.

Cremation is taking place, and a memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday, July 21, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home, with a reception following at the Kalispell Elks Lodge.

Dallas LeRoy Gronley, 60

Dallas LeRoy Gronley, 60, passed away peacefully, surrounded by loved ones on Saturday, Aug. 18, 2012, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

He was born in Kalispell on March 8, 1952, to LeRoy and Iris K. (Iverson) Gronley, the first of four brothers.

He grew up in Evergreen, graduating from Flathead High School in 1970. Dallas was an Eagle Scout, living an outdoor life filled with hunting and fishing, wood cutting and camping. He was drawn to the forest, spending 50-plus years cutting Christmas trees, doing sawyer work for Royal Logging, partnering with GNP Logging, and finally owning his own company, Beaver Timber.

He earned the Montana Logger of the Year Award three years in a row. He was meticulous about having his saws sharp and running to perfection; winning several stock power saw competitions. A master with a chainsaw, he made hard work look effortless.

On Sept. 16, 1972, Dallas married Jane Ann Pokornoski, and to this union was born three children, Travis, Ben and Ashley.

Dallas was loved by all who knew him; he was a true "good old boy" who enjoyed life and all God's people. He was a storyteller and a good friend to so many. His driveway was always filled with friends stopping by to visit. He loved a good dog, horse or mule, spending his down time in the saddle, on the trail, and in camp with the people and animals he enjoyed so much. A Saturday spent blazing down the trail on his bay horse, Two Bits, was his favorite place to be.

Joined by countless friends and family, he enjoyed the wilderness and all it had to offer. Fall was his favorite time of year. Hunting trips were a family affair, as



he shared the outdoor tradition with his three children. Elk hunting trips up the South

Fork were the highlight of the year, making memories that will last a lifetime.

On Jan. 27, 2006, he married Dianne D. Mulford of Cherokee, Iowa, and resided near Columbia Falls.

Dallas was preceded in death by his mother, Iris K. Gronley; sister-in-law, Jeannie Cook; father- and mother-in-law, Joe and Helen Pokornoski; father-in-law, Earl Hammer; and close friends, Jim Ferder and Dan and Wes Lynch.

Dallas is survived by his wife, Dianne Gronley; son, Travis, and wife, April, and children Tyler and Tenley, of Helena; son, Ben, and wife, Kara, and children Quindy and Raya, of Kalispell; and daughter, Ashley, and friend, Tony, of Kalispell; father, LeRoy Gronley; brothers, Jamie and wife Lynne, Delray, and Brad and wife Tracy, all of Kalispell; mother-in-law, Elaine Hammer; stepson, Nathan Wirth, and wife, Jen, with children Bailey and Ben, of St. Louis; and stepson, Adam Wirth, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; many nieces and nephews; and special friends, Chris Nickol and Shawn Billy Finch.

Memorial services for Dallas will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 24, at the Cowboy Church, Hwy. 93 North, Kalispell. The family will greet guests at 1 p.m. at the church, one hour prior to the service. Pastor Tim Bartholomew will officiate.

Memorial contributions in Dallas' name are encouraged to The Boy Scouts of America, Back Country Horsemen, and the Montana Logging Association.

Dorothy Jane (Orser) Groose, 91

Dorothy Jane (Orser) Groose, 91, "went home to be with Jesus" early Tuesday, March 20, 2012. She passed away peacefully surrounded by members of her family at the Immanuel Lutheran Home.

She was born April 3, 1920, to Clarence "Doc" and Luella (Logan) Orser.

She was the first born, followed by her two beloved brothers. Dorothy attended Central School, Hedges Elementary and graduated from Flathead County High School in 1938, later graduating from the University of Washington.

Dorothy was the first woman from Kalispell inducted into the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAC) in December of 1942. She was then sent to England in 1944 and crossed on the SS Argentina. It was the lead ship in the convoy of 300, the largest convoy to cross with troops headed for D-Day.

She met William "Bill" at the recruiting office while picking up her medals and pins. They fell in love and were married June 25, 1949. Bill was in the Air Force and they were stationed many places with their four girls before settling again in Kalispell.

A soprano, she sang in the Women's Army Corps Trio



and was the longest serving member in Kalispell's First Presbyterian Church Choir. She was also a member of PEO Chapter AB, Daughters of the American Revolution, Music Club, Eastern Star, Historical Society and was very active in her church.

She loved the beauty of Montana and was a great storyteller and family historian. Her kind and caring personality touched all she came in contact with. Those who spoke with her walked away with a friendly and encouraging word. Her greatest loves were her faith and family.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bill Groose; and her two brothers, Jack and Bob Orser.

She is survived by her daughters, Robin Bain, Gretchen and David Harrington, Karen Thiesen and Rebecca Groose-Jones, all of Kalispell; her grandchildren, Jenifer and Lance Hanson, Tyler Harrington, Matthew, Amy and Laurel Marvel, Jake Thiesen, and Dorothy Groose-Jones; and three great-grandchildren, Christopher, Trey and Logan Hanson.

A celebration of Dorothy's life for friends and family will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, March 23 in the fireside room downstairs at First Presbyterian church in Kalispell.

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

Richard 'Dick' Ervin Grosswiler, 77

Richard "Dick" Ervin Grosswiler passed away Oct. 17, 2012, at Immanuel Lutheran Home.



Richard was born on Jan. 17, 1935, to Carl F. and Mabel Irene (Johnson) Grosswiler. He grew up in Flathead's West Valley area on the family farm, attended and graduated from Flathead High School.

On June 15, 1952, Richard married the love of his life, Miss Loretta Claridge, and over the next 10 years they were blessed with four beautiful children. Richard continued working on the farm, while Loretta was a busy stay-at-home mom.

In 1962, Richard was given and accepted the opportunity to work for Boeing Aerospace in Seattle. After two years in Seattle, away from family and friends, Richard, Loretta and the children returned home to Kalispell, where he joined the Montana Loggers Association, purchased his first Peterbilt logging truck and worked in the Flathead forests until 1973, when he joined the LHC Logging Company as road foreman. Richard's entrepreneur desire to be his own boss became real-

ity in 1985, when he purchased land in Columbia Falls, and developed Beaver Wood Products, until his retirement in 2007.

Richard was very active in all of his children's, grandchildren's and great-grandchildren's activities, including baseball, basketball, football, track, volleyball, car racing, dance recitals, band and orchestra concerts; you name it, he was there.

He also enjoyed and was an avid golfer, pilot and loved to read. Richard was a man of few words, but those words were always words of guidance and encouragement, and when he spoke, you listened.

Richard was preceded in death by his parents, Carl and Mabel Grosswiler; and sister, Ruth McKay; grandson, Kevin Grosswiler; and granddaughter, Melissa Grosswiler.

Richard is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Loretta; son Brian, his wife Micki, and their sons, Cody and Douglas Grosswiler; son Scott, his wife Carol, and their daughters, Stacie and her husband Jason Apple, Sarah and her husband Brent Card, and son Jake and his wife Rebecca Grosswiler; son Joe, his wife Dawn, their sons, Chris and his wife Katrina Arnold, Nolan, Jeremy, and Kevin Grosswiler; and daughter Loni

ta, her husband Jim Huston, their son, Chris, his wife Desiree Huston, son Jeff, daughter LeighAnn and son Aaron Huston. He is also survived by two brothers, Dave Grosswiler, and Jim and his wife Karen Grosswiler.

In addition to his children and 13 grandchildren, Richard was also blessed with seven great-

grandchildren. Richard was liked by everyone who had the pleasure to meet him. He will be missed.

"He is now flying with our Lord, and will never have to stop to refuel."

A memorial service for Richard will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory.

Rebecca Jean 'Becky' Gross, 66

Rebecca Jean Gross, 66, passed away on Nov. 10, 2012, in Kalispell.



Becky was born in Ennis, Texas, on Dec. 3, 1945.

She earned a degree in nursing and became an E.R. nurse in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. She met her husband Guy there during his military assignment. They traveled to several countries and states where she continued her

passion for helping people.

Upon her husband's retirement, she came to their home in Bigfork. She immediately sought nursing work at the Veterans Home, home hospice and finally a local nursing home, always caring for people in need.

Becky is survived by her husband, Guy; and sons, Steve and Chris.

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

Robert Allen Guckenberg, 57

Robert Allen Guckenberg, 57, died Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2012, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

He is survived by his children, Chance Guckenberg, Cody and Cassie Cislo-Guckenberg; his mother,

Alice Ryerson; and father, Robert A. Guckenberg.

Memorial services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, at the Olney Fire Hall in Olney.

Austin Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Patricia Lu Guckenberg, 64

Patricia Lu Guckenberg, 64, of Fortine, passed away June 19, 2012, in the presence of her loved ones.



Patricia was born on May 6, 1948, in Bellingham, Wash., to Warren "Mick" and Dorothy Read, where she grew up. She later moved to Montana.

Pat was known to many as Ma, Nana, Auntie Pat Sister and Friend.

She enjoyed the outdoors; some of her favorites were horseback riding, fishing, hunting and going ice fishing with her boys.

Patricia is survived by her brothers, Andy and

Jim Read; and sisters, Shirley Mullen and Kelly Yamane. Pat's legacy of love will continue to live on through her three sons: Mickey, Michael and Matthew; her grandchildren, Megan, Kathy, Mickey Jr., Elizabeth, Kandra, Mckay, Shelbie, Warren, Matt Jr., Haidyn, Wyatt and Austyn; and her great-grandchildren, Ariel, Eric and Montana.

"Patricia will be reuniting with her Mother and Father who predeceased her."

Pat will be greatly missed by all who knew her, and those who love her "with all our hearts," as she "rides the wide open trails in the sky."

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Eureka.

Erin Amanda Guest-Isles, 35

Erin, 35, born in St. George, Utah, Oct. 5, 1976, passed away March 20, 2012, as a result of a long, courageous struggle with a rare lung disease.



She grew up in Kalispell and graduated from Flathead High School, and married Jeremy Wayne Isles Nov. 4, 1994. Together, they have two wonderful sons, Jordan Wayne Isles, 16, and Jayce Walker Isles, 6. Erin started out as a young mother and dedicated her entire life to her children. They were her joy.

Erin and Jeremy divorced in 2010, so Erin decided to further her education at Eagle Gate College, studying dental assisting, so that she could support herself and her children. She was one semester short of completing her diploma when she became too ill to complete her goal.

Erin enjoyed traveling with her friends and family and visited many wonderful places. She loved the sun, going to the pool, camping, hiking and experiencing new places and things.

She will be remembered by all of her friends for her positive attitude and conta-

gious smile. Even through all of the adversity she had experienced, she has lifted us all up.

Erin was preceded in death by her grandfathers, Francis LaMar Guest Sr. and Archie H. McNeil; and grandmother, Barbara Amanda McNeil.

She is survived by her grandmother, Venus Qualls-Guest; two sons, Jordan and Jayce Isles; her ex-husband, Jeremy Isles, along with his parents, Vickey and JR Isles, and extended family; her parents, Francis LaMar Guest Jr., and Barbara "Bobbi" Guest; her three siblings, Rebekah Guest-Men and Jonathan, Emily Guest-Whitney and Andy, and Ethan Guest and Niesha; along with 13 nieces and nephews, whom she adored, and many other extended family members.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, March 26, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints West Jordan Prairie 6th Ward Chapel, located at 5154 W. 7000 S., West Jordan, UT 84081. Family and friends may call from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. at the same location. Burial will be at the Larkin Sunset Gardens Cemetery.

Online condolences may be made at www.larkincare.com.

"Erin, breathe in heaven's sweet air, and run ... run very fast!"

Lola Guidi, 85

Lola Guidi, 85, "passed on to life eternal" surrounded by her family on Thursday, Sept. 20, 2012,



at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

Lola was born in Belgrade on Jan. 25, 1927, to Elwin W. and Otamey E. Mack. She was the youngest of four children. As a young child she moved to Butte. Growing up, Lola enjoyed the out-of-doors and spent as much time as possible in the mountains. She attended Butte High School and was a lifelong Bulldog fan.

Lola married Gar Guidi on Jan. 1, 1946, in Butte. They enjoyed many years camping, fishing and hunting throughout Montana. A special place in their hearts was their property in the Jefferson Valley.

Lola and Gar raised their three children to love the outdoors as much as they did. Lola was very active in Scouting. She was a den mother and a trainer of den mothers. Lola was very proud to have been awarded a lifetime membership in the Boy Scouts of America. She was a talented seamstress. She made clothes and costumes for her children. Lola loved doing crafts and crocheting. She was a member of the Marian White Arts and Crafts Club of Butte and the Democratic Women's Club in Kalispell. Lola

was also a member of the Butte Assembly of God Church. Lola was a fine cook and worked for several years as a baker for Rush's Pie Shop.

She was blessed with four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She delighted in all of their accomplishments.

Lola is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Beth and Rick Dotson of Lakeside; her son and daughter-in-law, Ron and Darlene Guidi of Oklahoma; and her son and daughter-in-law, Terry and Doris Guidi of Kalispell. She is also survived by grandchildren Crystal Thurman, Jennie and Ethan Stapp, Rachel Guidi, and Adam and JillAnn Guidi. Her great-grandchildren are Paige, Kara and Grayden. She is survived by her brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Al and Mary Guidi, and several nieces and nephews.

Lola was preceded in death by her husband, Gar; her parents; her sisters, Viola Yerman and Marie Rebich; and her brother, Eugene Mack.

Cremation has taken place and Lola's life will be celebrated at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 6 at the Assembly of God Church in Butte. Pastor Darrell Newby of Columbia Falls will officiate.

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

William Guy Gwynn, 85

William Guy Gwynn died at home the evening of April 9, 2012, after a lingering illness. His devoted wife Edna and daughters were with him.



A private funeral service will be held for the family at St. Michael's and All Angels' Episcopal Church in Eureka Saturday, April 14, with public graveside services following at 2:30 p.m. A public reception to celebrate Bill's life will follow at 4 Corners Restaurant.

Known to all as Bill, he had served the community as a school board member, mayor and state representative. He also coached hundreds of Tobacco Valley youngsters in Little League, Babe Ruth and American Legion baseball. He helped organize and played "town team" baseball and basketball in the '50s. He was a faithful fan of the Lions of Lincoln County High School, and was part of the Booster Club and one of few who attended the first games played at the three "new" gymnasiums in Eureka.

Bill was born March 5, 1927, in Logan County, Ohio, on his Uncle Guy Oder's birthday. Years later, "Unc" lived at Bill's residence alongside the 50-yard line in Eureka.

The son of Thurman and Edna Gwynn, Bill came west via Yellowstone and Glacier national parks in a Model T Ford touring car driven by Thurman with a sewing machine strapped on the back, and a pickup driven by his mother's brother Unc. Bill recalled they drove by the school yard to pick up his older brother, Kenny, and at times Kenny would take the wheel. Years later, Bill could recall leaning over the front seat to hear Thurman say, "Slow her down, Kenneth, you know Unc won't drive over 15 miles an hour."

The trip was slowed by stops to purchase baseballs for Bill, who occasionally pitched them out of the open-sided Model T. Bill was about 2 years old, Kenneth about 14.

He provided jobs for many youths over the years and taught them how to work hard. He was a good steward of the land, and learned early that recently logged-over ground was future Christmas tree land.

Plagued by narrow unnel vision by mid-life Bill's daughters would say, "Dad was a blind man but didn't know it." He continued to fall trees in the woods, take care of yard work at home and the cabin on Marl Lake and help prepare his collection of antique cars for parades. He refurbished a car for each daughter and also took great pride in their 1930 Lincoln Limousine, which originally was a Glacier National Park VIP car. The family holds fond memories of weekly camping trips in the truck camper he designed and built, and Bell Campers in Kalispell later called to copy his design of the queen bed over the cab.

Bill usually coached at least a couple of baseball teams at a time, and the coaching tips he handed out are still being passed on by grandchildren of his players today. During school years, he seldom missed a ball game or track meet.

He taught kids that a strong handshake was important. Honesty was a vital virtue, and a man must be as good as his word. Hobbies included singing to his kids and grandkids, and he was a favorite dancing partner at area community hall dances. Bill also loved to play cribbage, pinochle and bridge.

The family settled in the Tobacco Valley, and at an early age Bill developed a passion for fishing, baseball and basketball. He interrupted his schooling to enlist in the U.S. Navy during World War II, and returned to Eureka to graduate in 1948 and play on the championship basketball team. He attended college at Centralia, Wash., but soon returned home to work in the woods.

Bill married Edna McKenzie in June 1950, and they developed a Christmas tree business, putting out as many as 10 railcar loads per year. A car load consisted of about 10,000 Christmas trees.

In addition to a lifetime of woods work, Bill built several houses. He continued to cut a few trees and boughs for wreaths until age 80.

Bill is survived by his wife, Edna, daughter, Cindy and husband Larry Viano of Kalispell, granddaughter, Marci Davis, and husband Phil and great-grandson Wilbur of Milwaukee, Ore., and grandson Tim Viano and wife Nina of Kalispell; daughter, Susie of Bozeman and grandson Christopher J. Hibbert, great-granddaughters Risa Faith and Kayla Hope of Great Falls, granddaughter McKenzie Gwynn Camp, husband Nick, great-grandson Aaden and great-granddaughters Zoey and Gracie, all of Belgrade, and grandson Michael Angus McRae of Big Sky; daughter, Shelley and husband Tom Shay of Eureka, and grandson Andrew and wife Anna, and great-granddaughter Selah, great-grandson Trent, and great-granddaughter Hattie; and daughter Kelley and husband Terry Comstock of Eureka, granddaughter Tara Patterson and husband Jason, great-grandsons Ty, Kale, Dayne and Nick and two great-granddaughters Emma and Abby, of Escondido Calif., grandsons Telten of Missoula, Cade and wife Samantha of Bozeman, and Colter and wife Amanda of Worland, Wyo. He also leaves behind his dog Lizzie at the family home.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions go to the Kootenai Valley Rangers American Legion baseball team, P.O. Box 1666, Eureka, 59917.