

## Eva Sarah Haack, 81

Eva Sarah Haack, 81, died of natural causes on Nov. 28, 2012, at 12:52 p.m. at Mountain View



Care Center in Ronan. She lived a long life that could no longer contain her spirit. She passed from this world receiving the gift of many prayers and with family at her side.

Eva was a woman of faith and belief that guided her throughout her life and gave her strength up until the very end ... and, we are sure, guides her still. Her faith, like that of her husband, Walter, who passed away in September of '98 at the age of 73, was ingrained and demonstrated in the life she lived and the lives she touched.

She lived her adult life farming and raising a family on Sunny Slope just north of Polson. Farming was hard but rewarding work requiring many skills and challenges that Eva always met or exceeded. Her witness to her faith was in the life she lived and the life she worked — and she worked from a very early age.

Eva, born to Peter and Margaret Kroeker Jan. 5, 1931, at 8 p.m. in Morden, a city located in the Pembina Valley region of southern Manitoba, was the 11th of 13 children. She attended school only through the sixth grade when, at the age of 13, she had to quit in order to work to help support the family. Hard work was always a part of Eva's life and didn't change when she married Walter Haack, a U.S. citizen, in LeDuc, Alberta, in March of '52.

in God. It is an ongoing legacy that has touched many lives and has made a difference. And though Eva was often known for her sometimes hard, no-nonsense exterior and her get-it-done-yesterday attitude that came from a life of often hard times and hard work, those who really knew and loved her recognized that her hardness was only a protective covering beneath which beat a warm, generous heart.

She loved to sing and could play the piano and autoharp, as well as the accordion. Eva also had a good sense of humor, a contagious laugh and an engaging smile that was always a welcomed gift.

We would be remiss, too, if we failed to mention Eva's skills in the kitchen, which she demonstrated daily. Farm wife and good cook seems a redundancy, but Eva's talents in the kitchen were exceptional, and the good food she prepared daily, only one of her many tasks, was the fuel to the farm's operation. Her doughnuts and poppyseed rolls with the morning coffee or as a snack before bed were the stuff of which dreams are made — and that she could cook so well while at the same time maintaining a spotless kitchen would be the envy of any magician come chef and truly was one of God's blessings to all who shared her table.

Eva is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Lonnie and Theresa Haack, of Polson; and her grandchildren, Jonathan Haack, and Tawnia and her husband Blain Marsh, as well as their children, Eva's great-grandchildren, Caitlyn, Chaira, Callie and Josiah, also of Polson. Eva is survived as well by her daughter and son-in-law, Dr. Wendy Haack and Richard Haskell of North Bend, Ore. Her surviving siblings are Betty Weibe and Isaac Kroeker of Morden, Kay Tews and John Kroeker of Wetaskwin and Edmonton, Alberta, respectively, and Harry Kroeker of Merritt, British Columbia.

She then began her new life farming in Polson, which included helping in the fields, with the animals, as well as running the home and, in time, helping to raise their two children, Lonnie and Wendy. She was not just a "wife" but a true life partner, an equal in the farm's success. She became a U.S. citizen in July of 1957.

Eva's legacy, and that of her husband Walter's, was to have planted in their children and their children's children the seeds of compassion and commitment, along with a satisfaction in hard work and an enduring faith

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 28, at New Life Christian Center in Polson. The Rev. Miles Finch will be presiding. Cremation and arrangements will be provided by Grogan Funeral Home of Polson.

Messages of condolences may be shared with the family online at [www.groganfuneralhome.com](http://www.groganfuneralhome.com).

## Paul Gerhard Haag, 84

Paul Gerhard Haag, 84, passed away Sunday, May 13, 2012, at the Montana Veterans Home, of natural causes.

Paul was born Dec. 11, 1927, in Dillon, the son of Christian and Caroline (Albrecht) Haag. He was raised in the Kalispell area and attended Flathead County High School.

Paul served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1952 to 1953, and was a sharpshooter for the military. In 1953, he married Patricia Mufford in Kalispell.

Paul worked for Stoltze Mill for 20 years as a debarker, then turned to farming which he worked at for 55 years. He was a member of



the Farmers Union, and was a school board member.

Paul enjoyed farming, raising cattle, gardening and traveling.

Paul was preceded in death by his parents; and a sister, Anne Van Geystal.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia, of Columbia Falls; daughters, Linda K. Davis and Pamela J. Miciewicz, of Kalispell; brother, Leo Haag, of Sequim, Wash.; and grandchildren, Caroline, Joseph, Jeffrey, Michael and Jaimie.

Visitation for Paul will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. on Friday May 18, with a celebration of life beginning at 11a.m. at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Burial will follow at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Friends are encouraged to visit the website, [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com), to leave notes of condolence for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

## Donald P. Hagerman, 85

Donald P. Hagerman, 85, died Tuesday, July 24, 2012, at the Whitefish Care and Rehabilitation

Center.

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

## Donna Haarr, 93

Donna Haarr, 93, of Harlowton/Two Dot, died Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2012, of complications from multiple myeloma, at the Wheatland Memorial Health Care.

She is survived by her

sons, Dale Haarr and Loren Haarr, both of Kalispell; and daughters, Margaret Lammers and Elaine Lammers, both of Shawmut.

Services are pending after the holidays.

## Dennis Haider, 67

Dennis Haider, 67, of Hungry Horse, "went home on



Thursday, Dec. 6, 2012, to be with his son Joel in time for Christmas, and now they are both watching over Brenda."

Dennis was the youngest of six children born to Frank and Mary Haider in Thief River Falls, Minn., on June 6, 1945. He attended St. Bernard' Catholic School from first through eighth grade, and graduated from Lincoln High School in 1963 (all located in Thief River Falls).

Dennis served six years in the Minnesota National Guard, with six months active duty at Fort Jackson, S.C.

Dennis met the love of his life, Brenda Kohlman, in Minnesota. Brenda's parents lived in Hungry Horse at the time and the two came west to visit Brenda's parents. They fell in love with the area and decided to stay. Dennis and Brenda were married June 1, 1974, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Out of this union their son Joel was born in 1975. Dennis and Brenda later divorced, but remained good friends.

Dennis worked at several jobs, until he was hired by Stoltze Lumber Company in 1976, and retired from Stoltze in 2005.

Dennis loved sports, especially playing pool, for which he had many trophies. His favorite team was the San Francisco 49ers and he never missed a game on TV.

Dennis was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Mary Haider; his son, Joel; and his oldest sister, Margaret Bjerken.

He is survived by his older siblings, Catherine Harris of California, Philip Haider of Minnesota, Fran McCreery of Nebraska and Rose McLain of Arkansas. He is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 12, at Columbia Mortuary, in Columbia Falls. Interment will be at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls, next to his son Joel.

Arrangements are entrusted to Columbia Mortuary. You are invited to go to [www.columbiamortuary.com](http://www.columbiamortuary.com) to offer condolences and view Dennis' tribute wall.

## Donald Hagen, 83

Donald K. "Don" Hagen, 83, passed away on June 22, 2012, in Kalispell.



Don was born in Camrose, Alberta, Canada, on July 9, 1928, the son of Jacob and Gyda (Haukedal) Hagen.

Having dual citizenship, Don chose to serve in the U.S. military. Don served in the U.S. Army Air Force for 11 months starting in January 1947. He was then drafted into the U.S. Marine Corps from May 1952 until 1954.

Don started his own janitorial business in 1958 called Great Falls Mr. Klean, which he operated for 35 years. Some of his clients were the Glasgow Air Force Base, Malmstrom Air Force Base and the Montana State Capitol buildings and grounds.

Don married Rita Kok

in October 1957 and together they have one son, Tim. Don and Rita retired and moved to Kalispell in 2000 where Rita still resides.

Don was preceded in death by his parents; his brother Jim; and his nephew Daniel.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, his son, Tim (Bev) Hagen of Havre; his granddaughter, Ashley (Darin) Pankratz of Glasgow; his grandson Jordan Hagen of Havre; Jim's children Linda, Debbie, Ted, Trudy and Kristy; and numerous nieces and nephews on Rita's side.

Celebration of life services will be held on Wednesday, June 27 at noon at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Friends are encouraged to visit [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com) to leave notes of condolences for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

## Barbara Mary McFarren Hale, 79

On Oct. 29, 2012, Barbara Mary McFarren Hale passed from this life independent and at home, as was her desire, following a brief illness. She was dearly loved by her family and close friends and will be missed greatly by them.



She had an eye for beauty, as evident in her many photos of our national parks, and was extremely talented with her hobbies. She loved her children and grandchildren very much and sacrificed many times for their benefit. She took great pride in her family. And like the Apostle Paul, she "fought a good fight, she finished the race, and she kept the faith."

Barbara Mary McFarren Hale was born in Wisconsin Rapids, Wis., on Sept. 2, 1933. She was the daughter of Edward and Ila McFarren. She moved to Choteau, where she attended high school and was associated with her parents in the operation of the Parkway Cafe.

Following graduation in 1952, she joined the Navy (WAVES) and honorably served as a hospital corpsman at Camp Lejeune and Cherry Point, N.C., and Norfolk, Va.

She married Daryl Neil in 1952 while they were both in the Navy. Following his discharge, they moved to Modesto, Calif., where she worked at the Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department. When her marriage to Daryl ended, she moved back to Montana, where she had the distinction of being the first woman hired by the Cascade County Sheriff's Department in Great Falls in 1960.

for the rest of her life.

In Kalispell as a member of Christ Church Episcopal, she was a licensed lay reader and Eucharistic minister. She served a term as president of the Flathead Chapter of Parents without Partners and also as the president of the Flathead Chapter of NAMI (National Alliance for the Mentally Ill). She was also associated with the Episcopal Mental Illness Network and MONAMI. She was an advocate for helping children with mental illnesses and disabilities.

Barbara was a very proud charter member of the National Women's Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. She was also a lifetime member of Aerie 234, Eagles Auxiliary and adjutant/treasurer and lifetime member of Kalispell Chapter 4, Disabled American Veterans. She was a faithful member of American Legion Post 137 and a devoted advocate for veterans and veteran organizations.

Curious by nature, she had a wide variety of interests and hobbies, including extensive reading on a wide variety of subjects. She enjoyed music, playing the piano, organ and clarinet. She also enjoyed dancing, hunting, fishing and bowling until health problems curtailed those activities. She enjoyed photography, especially in Glacier Park, and playing games and cards with friends and family. Later in life, her passion became counted cross-stitch, embroidery and sight-seeing when possible.

In 1963, she married David "Buzz" Boucher and moved to Kalispell, where she was actively involved in competitive archery. Returning to Great Falls in 1965, she worked for the Montana State Grain Inspection Laboratory, Montana Deaconess Hospital and the Montana Neurological Clinic, where she worked until she retired in 1979.

Divorced from David Boucher in 1974, she later married Duaine Hale in 1978, and during that time she moved to Pendleton, Ore. When the marriage ended in 1983, she returned to Kalispell, where she would remain

She was preceded in death by both parents; her sister, Shirley Caum; and brother, Willis McFarren.

She is survived by her children, Edward Neil of Ingomar, Mont., her son, William, and Maribeth Boucher, of Fort Bragg, N.C., daughter, Diana, and Ron Burow, of Enumclaw, Wash., son, David Boucher, of Deer Lodge; and daughter, Barb, and Al Jenkins, of Lolo; as well as 11 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Nov. 5, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home in Kalispell.

In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests donations be made in Barbara's name to the Disabled American Veterans, American Legion, Montana Supporting Soldiers, or the Wounded Warrior Project.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Charlotte Marie Hales

Memorial services for Charlotte Marie Hales, 97, who died March 24, 2012, will be at 11 a.m.

Saturday, March 31, 2012, at Sunrise Presbyterian Church in Great Falls.

## Emma Gertrude (Kaiser) Hale, 72

Emma Gertrude Hale, 72, passed away on Monday, Feb. 6, 2012, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.



Emma was born Emma Kaiser in Ramfeld, Germany, April 6, 1939. She was the seventh child of 10 children in her family.

Wes and Emma met in Germany while he was stationed at Sembach Air Force Base. Emma, Wes and first child Eduard, immigrated to the United States, May 8, 1958, and lived in California. Wes and Emma were married on Dec. 7, 1958. They moved to Whitefish in 1964 with their three boys.

Her first job was working at North Valley Hospital as a nurse's aide. From there she went to work for Muldown Elementary school in the kitchen as a "lunch lady." She loved all of the students, teachers and staff. She worked at the school from 1978 to 2004, and during those 26 years she only took one day off to attend her grandson's hockey tournament in Canada. After retirement in 2004, she volunteered her time as a sub in the kitchen, reading to the second graders, or to just stop by and have lunch with the students and staff. During the summer months after retirement she worked as a janitor until the summer of 2009.

Emma had many favorite hobbies and activities. She learned to crochet at the early age of 4, and it continued to be a hobby of hers

throughout her life. When she wasn't at a game, visiting with friends or at the Soroptimist Thrift Store, she was crocheting. She enjoyed going to baseball, soccer, hockey, volleyball games and anything the grandchildren and great-grandchildren were involved in. She never missed a game or activity. Being a part of the Soroptimists was a passion of hers. She spent much of her time sorting items and visiting with her "sisters." She looked forward to the first Saturday of the month because that was her day to "work" and visit with the customers. Relay For Life was another passion of hers. Raising money to help someone else was important to her, and she enjoyed getting out and walking with friends.

She is survived by her husband, Wesley O. Hale; three sons, Eduard Hale and spouse Kristen of Kalispell, John Hale and spouse Cyndi of Kalispell, and son Eric Hale of Kalispell; five grandchildren, Lindsey Hale, Brittne and spouse Nick Allan, Nathan Hale and spouse Trista, John W. Hale and spouse Gina, and Corey Hale; and six great-grandchildren, Jeffrey, Colin, Trey, Gaven, Tanner and Jayce.

A memorial service for Emma will be held at 3 p.m. March 3, at Muldown Elementary School, 1300 E 7th St., Whitefish. A reception will follow in the Muldown cafeteria.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Emma's family. You are invited to go to [www.jgfuneralhome.com](http://www.jgfuneralhome.com) to offer condolences and view Emma's tribute wall.

## Charlotte Marie Hales, 97

Charlotte Marie Hales, 97, died March 24, 2012, at Peace Hospice in Great Falls of natural causes. She had lived in Kalispell during the '90s.



She was born Charlotte M. Spoonemore on Aug. 4, 1914. Her parents were Roy and Beulah Spoonemore of Havre.

Charlotte attended school in Havre, and graduated in 1932 and married Carl R. Noyes of Chinook in June. They were divorced in 1944. Charlotte later married Ralph Hales of Conrad. Ralph died in 1986.

During World War II, Charlotte raised her two daughters and worked full time while her husband was in the Navy. In later years, she worked for the Montana Air National Guard. The American Red Cross was a big part of Charlotte's life. She traveled to many parts of the U.S. and overseas as a disaster worker.

Charlotte was a very efficient at work and at home. Her talents at organizing were exhibited as a wed-

ding planner in later years. Fishing was an important pastime all of her life. She taught her children and grandchildren her passion for the creeks and reservoirs of Montana. Many happy days were spent at her cabin close to Kings Hill and on Sheep Creek and Moose Creek.

Charlotte's brother, Bill Spoonemore, preceded her in death.

Survivors include her daughters, Billie Rae Erickson of Kalispell, and Caryl Marie Lockett of Chinook; grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Donna Mortensen McKinney and husband Keith McKinney, Donovan and April McKinney of Marysville, Wash., John Mortensen and wife Opal Mortensen of Twin Falls, Idaho, Rick Erickson of Lolo, Dan Erickson and son Zachary Erickson of Los Angeles, and Michael Noel and Leah Noel of Great Falls.

Charlotte will be greatly missed by her family, friends, her church and her card playing buddies.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, March 30, at Sunrise Presbyterian Church in Great Falls.

## Clarence Howard 'Indy' Halvorson, 94

Clarence Howard  
"Indy" Halvorson, 94, died  
Thursday, June 14, 2012,  
at the Montana Veterans  
Home in Columbia Falls.

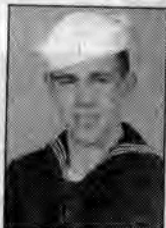
His request was to be

cremated and his ashes  
buried at the Montana  
Veterans Home Cemetery.

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

## John D. Hanger, 91

John D. Hanger, a World War II veteran, left his earthly body behind on Friday, Dec. 7, 2012, Pearl Harbor Day, with his family at his side. He was 91 years old.



John's love for God, family and country framed his life. John David Hanger was born Nov. 10, 1921, in Whitefish to John H. and Marie Hanger. The eldest of four children, John attended the Central School in Kalispell and was baptized at the Central Christian Church.

The Hanger family moved to Missoula in 1935, and John graduated from Missoula County High School in 1939. He attended the University in Missoula and delivered Western Union telegrams on his bicycle.

John joined the U.S. Navy on Sept. 12, 1942. He served during World War

II in the Pacific Theatre as an aviation metal-smith in CASU-20 on the island of Roi-Namur in the northern part of the Kwajalein atoll in the Marshall Islands. He was honorably discharged in Dec. 1945, and began his long, distinguished career with the U.S. Postal Service one year later.

Many people remember John's exemplary customer service at the Hellgate Station, Kent Street office, traveling as an inspector, and later at the Huson Merc and post office where John and his wife Joan worked together prior to retiring in 1992.

John married Mary Lou Wood in 1947. She passed away in 1962. As a single dad, John became PTA president at Prescott School. There he met Joan Cochran, the school secretary, and they married on Bastille Day, July 14, 1963, at the First Christian Church.

John worked long and hard hours, all in the pursuit of providing for his loved ones. At the end of every day, family

was most important to John. He had an amazing voice and ear for music. Music was present throughout his entire life. He was a sports fan, and a family fun day was a Griz game at Dornblazer Field or at Dahlberg Arena. John spent many happy hours attending his children's and grandchildren's sporting and musical events.

In retirement, John and Joan enjoyed traveling to visit family, especially Yuma, Ariz. in the winter. He and Joan also attended 18 consecutive CASU-20 Navy Reunions all over the country.

John was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Lois; brother, Howard; and grandson, Bert.

He is survived by his loving wife of 49 years, Joan; his five children, Karen and Glen Adams, Nancy McIntyre, Susan and Jon Alper, John C. and Jennifer Hanger, and Julie and Greg Robitaille. He is also survived by 10 grandchildren, Ben Smith, Libby Fields, Shawn McIntyre, Chris-

tine and Michael Allred, Jon and Sophie Hainline, Larisa, Zachary, Katia and Ana Hanger; and five great-grandchildren.

The Hanger family thanks the employees at The Springs of Missoula for their excellent care of John over the past several years. It was heartwarming to witness the steady stream of caregivers coming by to give John a hug and a kiss and wish him well on his journey free from Parkinson's. Thanks also to Aspen Hospice for their compassion and care.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 10 at the First Christian Church, 2701 South Russell Street, in Missoula, followed by burial in Missoula City Cemetery and a reception at the First Christian Church. Arrangements are under the direction of Garden City Funeral Home.

Memorials in John's name may be made to the First Christian Church or the American Parkinson Disease Association, [www.apdaparkinson.org](http://www.apdaparkinson.org).

## Richard Hanes Sr., 51

Richard Hanes Sr., 51, passed away in Kalispell on Monday, April 9, 2012.

He is survived by his wife of 25 years, Christine; son, Richard Hanes Jr.; daughter, Hanna Hanes; sister, Wendy McKissick; brother, Robert and Theresa Hanes; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family would like to

thank Richard's wonderful medical staff, especially his doctors at Big Sky Family Medicine, Dr. Goodman, Dr. Sheldon, Dr. Stillie and all who attended him.

A celebration of his life will be held at a later date. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Irma Jean Hannon, 88

Irma Jean Hannon, 88, died Friday, March 16, 2012, in Kalispell.

She had been an elementary school teacher.

She is survived by her son, Keith Hannon, of

Kalispell.

At her request, there will be no services.

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

## R. Michael 'Mike' Hannon, 61

Ronald Michael Hannon, M.D., passed away on March 27, 2012.

He was born in Kansas City, Mo., to Stanley and Barbara Hannon on Oct. 3, 1950, and was raised in Miami.

Mike, as he preferred to be called, attended Florida State University and the University of Miami medical school. After completing a family practice residency in Omaha, Neb., Mike moved with his wife Karen Ulmer to Columbia Falls to join the Professional Center. He practiced medicine in Columbia Falls for 10 years. After leaving the Professional Center he became a locum tenens doctor working all around Montana, as well as in Oregon, Alaska and Wisconsin.

Mike was very creative and enjoyed a wide variety of hobbies, including wood working, fishing, gardening and cooking. But what he was known best for was his beer making. Mike was an extraordinary home brewer



who won several national awards for his brews. He loved to make it, he loved to share it and really loved to talk about it! Dubbed "The Beer Guru" by family and friends, he would pour you a beer and then launch into a detailed explanation of how it was made. After leaving the medical profession, Mike worked at the Lang Creek Brewery. In recent years, the beer guru could most often be found sharing beer stories at The Cottage Inn in Kila.

Mike is survived by his children, Nicholas Hannon and his wife Holly of Bozeman, and Kimberly Hannon Teal and her husband Chris of Rochester, N.Y.; father, Stanley, of Melbourne, Fla.; brother, Terry Hannon, of Baltimore; and sister, Kitty Smith, and her husband, Stu, of Camino Island, Wash.; as well as numerous other family and friends.

A "Celebrate Mike's Life" memorial will be held this summer when his family members are able to get to his beloved Montana. All of the "Beer Guru's" friends are invited to come share a beer and share a story.

## Martha Raye Hansen, 70

Martha Raye Hansen, 70, of North Pole, Alaska, died peacefully at home June 17, 2012,

after a long, hard fight with Huntington's disease.

Martha was born Aug. 8, 1941, in Kalispell to the late Joseph Romie and Betty Virginia (Clapper) Evenson. She grew up in the Flathead Valley on her parents' farm.

She married her high school sweetheart, Royal G. Hansen, the summer after she graduated from Bigfork High School. Martha and Royal were married Sept. 4, 1959, and moved to Missoula so Royal could attend college.

They had two children, Deborah, born May 13, 1960, and Scott, born Aug. 16, 1961.

After Royal graduated in 1963, they moved to Juneau, Alaska for an adventure, and to Sitka, Alaska in 1966. Martha loved the ocean, the state and the people but she wanted away from the rain, so in 1969 she and Royal packed for one more move to North Pole. She immediately loved North Pole and said she'd found home. She worked for the school district in the early 1970s and started working at the Fairbanks Regional Health Center in the late 1970s until her retirement. She greatly enjoyed her jobs, the people she worked with and the people she



helped.

Martha retired when she was officially diagnosed with Huntington's disease. She was honest, hardworking and loving, and will be greatly missed by those she touched in this world.

Martha was preceded in death by her parents.

She is survived by her husband, Royal Hansen of North Pole; daughter, Deborah and Kevin Knutsen of North Pole; son, Scott Hansen of North Pole; grandson, Joel and Feniss Knutsen; granddaughter, Samantha and Brandon Benson of North Pole; great-grandchildren, William E. Russell, Jackson L. Knutsen and Aleigha K. Benson, all of North Pole; brother, Warren and Nickie Evenson of Charleston, W.Va.; and extended family and friends.

A memorial service was held at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 23 at the Knutsen home in North Pole. Interment will take place at 2 p.m. July 20 at Lone Pine Cemetery. There will be a gathering afterwards for family and friends.

Memorial contributions may be made in Martha's memory to Huntington's Disease Society of America, 505 Eighth Ave., Suite 902, NY, NY 10018.

Arrangements are entrusted to Fairbanks Funeral Home in Fairbanks, Alaska. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Martha's family. You are invited to go to [www.jgfuneralhome.com](http://www.jgfuneralhome.com) to offer condolences and sign Martha's guest book.

## Melva M. Hansen, 99

Melva M. Hansen, 99, died Friday, Oct. 5, 2012, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

Grogan Funeral Home, Polson, has been entrusted with the arrangements.



## Melvin H. 'Skip' Hanson, 61

Melvin H. "Skip" Hanson, 61, passed away Nov. 27, 2012, in Kalispell, of natural causes.



He was born Sept. 19, 1951, in Kalispell, and was raised in Kalispell.

He graduated from Flathead High School with the Class of 1969.

Skip married Bonnie Holmquist in 1974 in Kalispell. They were married for 36 years.

Over the years, Skip had worked for Bells Manufacturing, LP Gas and Kelly Main. Primarily, he was a mail contractor for the United States Postal Service. Since 2010, he was executive manager for New Republic Apiaries LLC in honey production and sales.

In 2002, Skip was a candidate for the U.S. Senate against Max Baucus.

Skip was member of the Family of Faith Church.

He was an avid hunter and loved having coffee and chats at Sykes' and Montana Nugget.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Melvin and Dorritt C. Hanson.

Skip is survived by his son, Vince Hanson; daughter and her husband, Libbee and Jannison Todd; sisters, Cecile Powell and Melvin, and Carlene Moore; grandchildren, Tianna and Nicoma Hanson, and Jasmine, Megan, Colton and Shanen Todd; and many nieces, nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews.

Friends and family are welcome to attend a memorial service and celebration of Skip's life from 11 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 15, at First Church of the Nazarene in Kalispell, followed by a potluck from noon to 3 p.m. For more details, call Vince at 212-6249.

## Philip Charles Hanson

A picnic celebration of life for Philip Charles Hanson, 79, who died Nov. 20, will be at 2 p.m. Satur-

day, Aug. 11, at the family home, 220 Swan River Road in Bigfork.

## Roy M. Hanson Jr., 79

Roy M. Hanson Jr., 79, of Libby, died Friday, May 11, 2012, at St. John's Lutheran Hospital in Libby from natural causes.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, May 18, at Christ Lutheran Church,

200 W. Larch, in Libby, with burial to follow at the City of Libby Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 17, at Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Libby.

## Maxine Hamlin, 96

Maxine Hamlin, 96, of Whitefish "went to join 'Pop' fishing in heaven" on Aug.



15, 2012, at The Springs of Whitefish.

After making Christmas dinner for the family, Maxine's mother walked over to the old Whitefish Hospital and gave birth to her on Dec. 26, 1915. She was the daughter of Ward and Ethel Forcum and the youngest of four children.

Maxine graduated from Whitefish High School in 1933 and attended Eastern Washington College in Cheney, graduating with a teaching certificate in 1936. She taught for five years in Naches, Wash., and continued her schooling during summers to complete her Bachelor of Arts degree in education, with a minor in home economics and physical education. She then taught for three years in Seattle.

While in Seattle, she met T.E. "Pop" Hamlin, who was serving in the Navy, and they married on Jan. 15, 1944. Their daughter Margy was born in November. They returned to Whitefish in 1946, and another daughter, Judy, arrived in 1948.

Maxine was a substitute teacher for the Whitefish school system and became secretary to the grade school principal. She worked for Mr. Cole, Mr. Elliott and Mr. Nelson, retiring in 1977.

Fishing, camping and family were always happy times for her. An avid sports fan, she enjoyed watching baseball, football and basketball on television.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Pop Hamlin; her parents; brothers Paul and Clarke Forcum, and sister Margaret Parks, and their spouses.

She is survived by her children, Margy and Richard Brown, and Judy Hamlin of Whitefish, grandchildren, Molly and Ken Klapan of Butte, Heidi and Leif Haugen of West Glacier, and great-grandchildren, Kyle and Josie Klapan of Butte; also, Lynda and Terry Nelson of Whitefish, who adopted her as their "Montana Mom"; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Maxine was a member of P.E.O., Eastern Star, and served on both the library board and EA Hinderman Scholarship Committee for many years.

"We cannot thank The Springs of Whitefish enough for all of the great love and care they gave Mom over the last four years, and also Frontier Hospice for the past month."

At her request, there will be no service.

You are invited to go to [www.austinfh.com](http://www.austinfh.com) to offer condolences, share memories and view Maxine's tribute wall.

Arrangements are entrusted to Austin Funeral Home.

## Robert John 'Bob' Hamill, 84

Robert John "Bob" Hamill, husband and father, "was placed in God's loving arms" on Friday, May 25, 2012, at St. Vincent Hospital, Billings.

Mr. Hamill was born on Aug. 3, 1927, in Rock Island, Ill., the son of Bernard J. and Mary Schmale Hamill.

He met his future wife while they were members of the St. Ambrose College band. He married Janet Lou Kramer on June 2, 1962, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Muscatine, Iowa.

He had several careers during his long life. While still in high school he became a telegrapher on the Rock Island Railroad, serving 11 years until 1954. Later, he became a professional musician and studied the drums and percussion in Chicago. During this time, he toured with the Carl Sands dance band and later went on tour with the Wayne King Orchestra.

He then attended St. Ambrose College in Davenport, Iowa, and graduated with a degree in English. In 1969 he moved his new family to Kalispell, where he served for 20 years as head librarian at Flathead High School.

Bob enjoyed being in the outdoors. He loved camping, canoeing and hiking in Glacier National Park, as well as train watching in Whitefish and Essex.

Bob held a passion for the rural West. In his retirement, he continued to manage the family acreage near Kalispell. In 2000, the family moved to a rural property near Lavina, where he pursued his interests in agricultural activities and a rural lifestyle.

In later years, Bob spent much of his time playing the piano, writing his own musical arrangements, reading and following current events. He enjoyed solitude and the company of close friends and family. A devoted husband and father, Bob followed his family's interests closely with unwavering support.

Bob possessed a kind and gentle soul. He was a quiet and thoughtful man with a keen intellect. Bob always greeted each new day with enthusiasm and hope.

Survivors include his wife Janet, of 49 years; son, Joseph Hamill, of Lavina; and son, Mark, and wife, Christy Hamill, of Billings; two sisters-in-law, Juliette Hamill of Manchester, N.H., and Ann Reifert of Duluth, Ga.; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, and a sister.

A private memorial is planned.

The family suggests memorials may be made to the Musselshell County Ambulance Program.

## Mary M. (Lensing) Hammer, 85

Mary M. (Lensing) Hammer, 85, formerly of Troy and Libby, died Tuesday, Aug. 28, 2012, at her home in Spokane Valley, Wash., with her loving family at her side.



She was born April 26, 1927, in Missoula, to William B. and Sylvia J. (Jaques) Lensing. She grew up and attended school in Deer Lodge.

She married Peter William Hammer on Aug. 28, 1948, in Great Falls.

Mary enjoyed bingo, Po-Ke-No, yard sales, bowling, the Game Show Network and, most of all, her family.

She lived at Park Place Independent Living in Spokane for 10 years before moving in with her daughter and grand-

daughter.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Bill and Sylvia Lensing; her husband, Peter; siblings, Gordon Lensing, Delores Lensing, Rose Hall, Myra Humphrey and Bill Lensing; grandson, Bryan Baker; and sons-in-law, Bruce Baker and Dale Bowker.

Survivors include her children, Frances Baker of Spokane, Betty Warner and Ed of Kalispell, Peggy Smith of Spokane Valley, Bill Hammer and Karla of Oldtown, Idaho, and Rose Bowker of Spokane Valley, Wash.; sisters, Sharon Howery of Helena, and Betty White of Spokane; grandchildren, O'Lene Rowden, Darryn Baker, Dusty Baker, Scott Warner and Stacy, Jerome Warner and Karen, Chrystal Smith, Amber Smith, Heather Erickson, Charity Baker, Travis Hammer, Angela Hammer, Kamy Bowker, and Peggy

and Jeff Eveland; 19 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren. Mass of the Resurrection will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 4, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church

in Libby. Parish vigil and rosary will be at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 3, at the Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Libby, with visitation from 4 to 7 p.m.

## Alvera Marie Hammett, 94

Alvera Marie Hammett, 94, died Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2013, at Mountain View Manor in Eureka.

Private family services

will be held at a later date.

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

## Barbara B. Hansen 89

Barbara B. Hansen, 89, of Kalispell, died at the home of her daughter Kathy on Tuesday, July 31, 2012.



She was born Oct. 19, 1922, in Three Forks to Clarence and Hazel Buckley.

She attended an Episcopal girls' school in Walla Walla, Wash. Barbara completed a business college course in St. Paul, Minn. She also graduated from State Normal College in Dillon, now called the University of Montana-Western.

Barbara married Verne A. Hansen in Dillon on July 20, 1944. They moved to Salt Lake City, living there from 1944 to 1969 and raising four children. They moved to Kalispell in 1969 and resided there until Verne retired in 1976.

She and Verne traveled around North America in their RV from 1976 to 1988. They then moved to Sutherlin, Ore., and resided there until Verne's passing in 1999. Then Barbara returned to Kalispell in 2000.

Barbara was preceded

in death by her parents and husband.

Survivors are her daughters, Roberta Webb of Salt Lake City, and Kathy and Bert Sipes, and sons, Buckey Hansen and Brian Hansen, all of Kalispell; 12 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Barbara was a model wife and mother, always putting the needs of others ahead of herself. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. today, Aug. 3, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. A service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 4, at the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. Mike Baer will be officiating. Burial will be at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery following the service.

The family wishes to express their deepest appreciation and gratitude to Kathy for all the loving care she has given our mother for the last 18 months.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Barbara's family. You are invited to go to [www.jgfuneralhome.com](http://www.jgfuneralhome.com) to view Barbara's tribute wall, offer condolences and share memories.

## Clarine Elizabeth Harker, 91

Clarine Elizabeth Harker, 91, of Whitefish, died and "gracefully took her place among the angels" on



Sept. 22, 2012, at Bee Hive Homes, an assisted living facility in Columbia Falls.

Clarine was born Dec. 14, 1920, in Sturgis, S.D., to Charles and Philomene Baker, one of eight children.

She met and married the love of her life, Arthur Bailliss Harker, and, thereafter, they raised seven children. They moved several times during their married life, from South Dakota to Colorado, Ohio, New Jersey and finally settled in Montana. In addition to their home in Whitefish, they spent much of their time at the family cabin, Harker's Cougar Den, near Polebridge.

Clarine loved socializing, flowers, traveling and all things romantic. After Art died in 1997, she spent many hours volunteering for various service organizations including North Valley Food Bank, the Ladies Auxiliary VFW, the American Legion and Women of the Moose Lodge. At the time of her death, she was an active member of St. Charles Catholic Church.

Clarine was preceded in death by her husband of 57 years, Art; son, James Harker; daughter, Virginia Slater; and grandsons, Jeffrey Born and Dennis Poncelet.

She is survived by daughters, Carol and Fred Born of Hamilton, N.J., Margaret "Peggy" Anderson of Dillon, Loretta and Nick Poncelet, and Barbara "Buzzie" and Ric Anderson, of Whitefish; and son, Jeff, and Sheila Harker, of Columbia Falls. She enjoyed spending time with her 25 grandchildren, 59 great-grandchildren, 13 great-great-grandchildren, and many very special nieces and nephews.

Viewing and recitation of the rosary will be from 5 to 7 p.m. today, Sept. 25, at Austin Funeral Home. The Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m. Sept. 26 at St. Charles Borromeo Church. Interment will immediately follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations to be made to the Wounded Warriors Organization or the North Valley Food Bank.

You are invited to go to [www.austinfh.com](http://www.austinfh.com) to offer condolences, share memories and view Clarine's tribute wall.

Arrangements are entrusted to Austin Funeral Home.

## Helen Louise (Stores) Harmon, 69

Helen Louise (Stores) Harmon, 69, passed away at Immanuel Lutheran Home on May 26, 2012.



Helen was born in Havre on June 3, 1942, to Donald and Dorothy Stores. She was raised at Tiber Dam near Chester, where her father was superintendent of the dam. In her youth, she overcame the hearing and vision impairments left by childhood illness to become an enthusiastic pianist and a proofreader for the Liberty County Times.

Helen graduated as Class Salutatorian from Chester High School in 1960 and married her high school sweetheart, Daniel Harmon, on Jan. 21, 1961. In 1966, not long after Helen was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis, the young family moved to Kalispell and built their home in Evergreen.

She was a devoted mother who raised her five children with home-made cooking, hand-sewn Christmas gifts, and home-grown preserves. She served as Cub Scout leader for her sons' troop. She loved to square dance and garden, until MS made those pursuits too difficult. She undauntingly planned and carried out adventures with her family, including camping near Dan's summer bridge construction jobs in Glacier Park and beyond, and driving to Arizona and

Mexico over Christmas break.

After her children were grown and MS had stolen much of her independence and ended her marriage, Helen's motto was "Better to laugh than cry!" She continued to amaze her children and grandchildren with her cheerful courage. We know Mom would want us to honor her memory with more laughter than tears.

She is survived by her children, Danny (Danette) Harmon, of Post Falls, Idaho; Mike and Sandy Harmon, and Chuck and Darla Harmon, all of Kalispell; Vonda and Rod Garcia, of Whitefish; Matt and Pam Harmon, of Post Falls; grandchildren Zane (and Kate) Kimes of Phoenix, Miranda (and Larry) Lee, Hunter and Hali Harmon, all of Post Falls, Cody and Tessa Harmon, Logan and Lauren Harmon, all of Kalispell, and Sydney and Barrett Garcia, of Whitefish; great-grandson Xander Lee of Post Falls; siblings Robert Stores and Pat Stores, of Eugene, Ore., Donna McCaleb, of Camano Island, Wash., Margie Holmes, of Chester, and Sharon Stores, of Belle Fourche, S.D., as well as numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews, and one great-grandson.

A memorial service is being planned for the end of June in Chester at St. Mary's Catholic Church.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to the Montana MS Society or Immanuel Lutheran Home.

## Thomas Calvin Harmon

A memorial service for Thomas Calvin Harmon, 97, who died Nov. 5, will be held at 11 a.m.

Saturday, Aug. 11, at Christ Church Episcopal, 215 Third Ave. E., in Kalispell.

## Helen Louise (Stores) Harmon

A memorial service for Helen Louise (Stores) Harmon, 69, who died May 26, will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, June 30, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chester.

## Russell Harold, 71

Russell Harold, 71, of Kalispell, passed away peacefully on Nov. 15, 2012, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center, after a long, courageous fight with heart disease that started in 1985, and his recent diagnosis with lung cancer in September of 2012.

He was born April 13, 1941, in Ottawa, Ill., to Dale Harold and Evelyn Stillwell. He spent his childhood years in Ottawa and also attended high school there.

Russell served in the United States Army during the Vietnam conflict as a Ranger, Special Operations Forces. Upon returning home he worked his early adult years driving truck out of Nebraska, then moved to Canada, finally settling in the Flathead Valley in 1982 where he met and married his wife Kelly. He drove truck in the valley until his health no longer allowed him to.

Russell enjoyed working on automobiles, but was most passionate about the classic Corvette, of which he helped restore many. He had a tender affection for animals, especially his dog Brandy and numerous stray cats. Russell shared a special bond with his birds. He had a cockatiel, cockatoo and an African grey parrot. Gizmo, the African grey, was quite fluent and sounded very much like Russell.

He enjoyed ice fishing, camping, holidays and family gatherings. He also loved working with wood and could fix just about anything. Russell truly was a man among men, a jack-of-all-trades, a friend to so many, and never hesitated to lend a hand. It was not uncommon for Russell to give the coat off his back, a child a car seat, help a stranger or



give a meal to a family in need.

In November of 2011, after multiple heart surgeries, he was sent to the University of Washington Medical Center where he received an LVAD (left ventricular assist device). An LVAD clinic was created in the Flathead Valley in order for Russell to be able to return home to his family in April of 2012. Because of his bravery and willingness to go through this intense process and surgery, he helped pave the way for other LVAD recipients, young and old, to be able to come home to the Flathead Valley.

His favorite activity, just before his passing, was to go and sit down at the river by the Old Steel Bridge with his wife.

He was preceded in death by his father, Dale Harold; his mother, Evelyn Stillwell; his sister, Barbara Wolfe; his son, Roger Otterstein; and his grandson, Cody Joe Flanagan.

He is survived by his wife, Kelly Harold, of Kalispell; children, Sabrina Reynolds and her spouse Jerry, Denise Csi-kasz and her spouse Miki, Russell Otterstein, Jerry Richard, Marcia Richard and Shawna Allery; brother, Butch Harold, and his spouse, Cheri; grandchildren, Bailey Reynolds, Dallas Reynolds and Dillon Reynolds, Russell Flanagan, Amanda Flanagan and Jennifer Muir and Nicholas Otterstein; plus numerous great-grandkids and nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. on Dec. 7 at the Christian Center, 255 Summit Ridge Drive, Kalispell.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to American Heart Association.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for Russell's family. You are invited to go to [www.jgfuneralhome.com](http://www.jgfuneralhome.com) to view Russell's guest book, offer condolences and share memories.

## Alden Thomas Harris Sr., 93

Alden Thomas Harris Sr., 93

Aldie (Tom) passed away peacefully after suffering from Alzheimer's disease on April 12, 2012, at the age of 93. He was born in Chicago on Oct. 22, 1918, to Leon and Ethel Harris.

Alden fell in love with and married his childhood sweetheart, Virginia Swenson, in 1937. They raised a family together and enjoyed their lives to the fullest for 60 years before Ginie's passing in 1997.

Alden served his country from 1943 to 1946 as an Army combat photographer, reluctantly leaving his family at home. When he returned, he opened his photo studio in Highland Park, Ill. He eventually joined the family business, Caledonian Inc., in Winnetka, Ill., specializing in fine antiques and interior design. After working closely with his parents, brother and brother-in-law, he retired from the Caledonian in 1971 and moved to Naples, Fla.

Aldie and Ginie had always enjoyed boating on Lake Michigan and continued that passion in the Gulf of Mexico. They also built a building and business in Olde Naples selling fine art, antiques, and doing appraisals. Later, Alden also helped establish Carlson Harris General Contractors Inc., and was a partner in Houchin



Construction.

In 1983 they visited Montana and decided to spend more time there. They built a beautiful home on Swan River and made Bigfork their part-time residence until 1995 when Ginie suffered a major stroke. Aldie took his beloved wife back to Florida to enjoy some sunshine and warmth. After her passing he moved back to Bigfork and built a log cabin further down the river.

He continued throughout his life to take photos, play golf, walk with his dog and always enjoyed working in his yard, planting trees and flowers. He loved his family and many friends; he will be sorely missed by all who loved him. We are thankful he is now in peace.

Alden was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Ginie; sister, Betty Heath; and brother, Louis Zanin.

Alden is survived by his children, Thom and Nancy Harris of Kalispell, Julie Harris of Naples, Fla., Dan Harris of Fort Myers, Fla., and Kitty and Denny Kellogg of Ferndale; his grandson, Alden Harris; and great-grandchildren, Tristan, Logan and Marlo of Pacific Palisades, Calif. He also leaves behind his faithful dog, Dillon.

There will be no memorial service; the family plans to gather in Montana this summer to memorialize both Alden and Virginia with their love.

In lieu of flowers or cards, a donation towards the Alzheimer's Association would be greatly appreciated

## Clyde Charles Harshbarger

A celebration of life for Clyde Charles Harshbarger, 74, who died Feb. 4, will be at 3 p.m. Monday, May 21, at

Epworth United Methodist Church in Kalispell.

A reception will immediately follow.

## Helen A. Hawbaker, 91

Helen A. Hawbaker, 91, died Saturday, May 26, 2012, at the Brendan House in Kalispell.

She is survived by her son, Arlen Hawbaker, of

Kila.

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

## Gladys Hayes, 87

Gladys Hayes, 87, died Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2012, at the Brendan House in Kalispell.

She is survived by three children, Bonnie Wilson, Arthur Hayes

and Michael Hayes.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Darlene Ruth Lozeau Heaton, 78

Darlene Ruth Lozeau Heaton, 78, of Ronan, passed away in Polson Aug. 4, 2012.

She was born Sept. 23, 1933, to Catherine "Katie" Coffey and Alexander Lozeau in St. Ignatius.

Darlene was a member of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes. She was educated at Flandreau and Chemawa Indian schools before finishing her education in Arlee.

She was introduced to her husband by Herb Marango, and she married her husband Aubrey "Jake" Heaton June 30, 1951, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. The family made their home from what seemed like everywhere from Florida to Alaska, living numerous places. She was a manager of the Dupuis Smoke Signal until her illness forced her retirement.

Darlene was preceded in death by her parents; two sons, Hank and Randy; two grandsons, Jacob and Christopher; and sister, Levi BigBeaver.

Survivors include husband, Jake, of Ronan; daughters, Abby and Greg Dupuis of Polson, Penny

and Steve Anderson of Polson, Susan and Rich Johnson of Missoula, and Cathy and Jon Patton of Polson; 10 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; sisters, Alvina Burns and Tina Lozeau; and brothers, Terry Lozeau, Gene Lozeau, Ken Gingras and Harry Lozeau.

In lieu of flowers, make a donation in Darlene's name to the American Cancer Society.

A rosary will be said at 7 p.m. this evening, Aug. 7, in the longhouse in St. Ignatius, with Mass being celebrated at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 8, at the St. Ignatius Catholic Mission. Condolences may be sent to fosterhandcrematory.com.

## William Albert Heis, 76

William Albert Heis passed away Sept. 15, 2012, in Kalispell.

He was born Aug. 11, 1936, in Hamilton, Ohio. After attending schools there, Bill served in the U.S. Air Force.

He married Bernice Robinson-DeLeary in 1957, and returned to Oxford, Ohio, where he was a barber. In 1973, they moved to Columbia Falls where Bill was a broker and owner of Columbia Falls Real Estate. He married Wendy Quinn Triepke in 1992.

Bill enjoyed cooking, gardening and playing pool at the Eagles Club in Kalispell. After he became disabled, he enjoyed watching movies on his big screen TV.

Bill is survived by his wife, Wendy; his children, Michael W. Heis, Gerald B. Heis, and Kathryn E. Heis; grandchildren, Kenneth M. Stevenson,



Jaymie K. Stevenson and Amy M. Heis; stepchildren, Jack Triepke and wife Susan Erika, and Toni Modie and husband Troy and their children, Desiree, Jaylin, Tyler, Matthew and Jillian Modie, and William Schaffer; and by his brother, Don, in Ohio. Bill is also survived by his brothers-in-law, Jerry and George DeLeary. He had a special relationship with them, and with his sister-in-law, Sandra Jean DeLeary.

We would like to say thank you to our friends at Home Options Private Care for their special love, care and concern for Bill, and also to his doctors, Dr. Bennett Dykstra and Dr. Harvey Swanson.

A service for Bill will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 19, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home, 525 S. Main, Kalispell, celebrated by Fred Topp.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for Bill's family. You are invited to go to [www.jgfuneralhome.com](http://www.jgfuneralhome.com) to view Bill's guest book, offer condolences and share memories.

## David Hedley, 49

David Hedley, 49, of Sanders County, formerly of Bigfork, died Sept. 3, 2012, after a two and a half year battle with acute myeloid leukemia.

He was a deputy with the Sanders County Sheriff's Office, as well as a police officer for the city

of Thompson Falls.

He is survived by his wife, Holly; his children, LeeAnn, Bobbie, Robby, Cody, Curt and Colton; and his father, Robert.

A memorial service will be at 7 p.m. Sept. 11, at the Thompson Falls High School.

## Adam Jesse Hefner, 27

Adam Jesse Hefner, 27, died Saturday, July 21, 2012, at home in Kalispell.

He is survived by his mother and two young

sons.

No services are planned. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Adam's family.

## Ella Mathilda Heikkinen, 98

Ella Mathilda Heikkinen, 98, of Columbia Falls, died Feb. 26, 2012, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She is survived by her three children, Helen Wetherelt of Columbia Falls, Karen James of

Marrietta, Ga., and Milah Gano-Berg of Lakeside.

Services will be held at a later date at Fairmount Cemetery in Spokane.

Arrangements are entrusted to Austin Funeral Home.

## Neil Clarence Hellickson, 72

Neil Clarence Hellickson, 72, formerly of Kalispell, died June 1, 2012, at the Montana Mental Health Nursing Care Center in Lewistown.

He was a teacher, and most recently the Superintendent of Schools in

Plains.

He is survived by his children, Deborah Kathleen French of Kalispell, Rory Neil Hellickson of Las Vegas, and Renny O. Hellickson of Austin, Texas.

No funeral services are planned.



## Marvin LeRoy Helzer, 79

Marvin LeRoy Helzer, 79, of Kalispell, passed away in his home on Tuesday, Nov. 13,



2012, after a long battle with Parkinson's disease.

Marvin was born on Sept. 4, 1933, in Billings. He graduated from Park City High School in 1951. As a child, his parents farmed in Harlem, until 1949, then moving to Park City to farm. He farmed with his parents until 1958.

Marvin married Catherine Friedt on Nov. 14, 1953. In 1958, Marvin, Cathy and daughter, Susan (1955) moved to Billings where Marvin worked for Associated Foods until 1974. Sons

Gary (1959) and Steve (1963) were born in Billings. The family moved to Kalispell in 1974 where Marvin worked for Rosauers, Semitool and Northwest Precision, until he retired in 1992.

He enjoyed camping and fishing with his family and grandchildren, gardening and woodworking.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Conrad and Marie Helzer, and brother, Gerald Helzer.

He is survived by his wife, Cathy; daughter, Susan Gilman, and Marty; sons, Gary and Debbie, and Steve Helzer; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and brother, Wilbur Helzer, of Billings.

Cremation has taken place. There will be a memorial service at 1

p.m. Saturday, Nov. 24, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to your favorite charity.

## Roland Bernard 'Rolly' Hemmah, 88

Roland Bernard "Rolly" Hemmah, 88, "went home to his heavenly father" on Nov. 24, 2012. He passed away of a massive heart attack while visiting friends and family in South Dakota.



Roland was born Jan. 29, 1924, at home in Marshall County, S.D., to Rudolph and Bertha (Loberg) Hemmah. Roland was the oldest of seven

children; six brothers, Carmen, Dean, Merle, Raymond and Ralph; and one sister, Gail and LeRoy Aadland.

Roland served his country during World War II, stationed in Iwo Jima during the occupational period. After he was discharged from the Army, Roland returned to South Dakota where he married Dorothy Rein in 1949. Roland and Dorothy had four children, Faye and Stewart Schiele of Ronan, Allan Hemmah of Lakeside, Lorrie and Jim Werner of Lance Creek, Wyo., and Ann Holland of Helena.

Roland and Dorothy moved from South Dakota in 1960 to follow road construction, working for Schultz and Lindsey Construction Company among others over the years, moving from Kildeer, N.D., Hebron, N.D., Miles City, Fort Benton, Brady, Babb, Lakeside, Lake Five, Superior and Bonner, Mont., before settling in Somers in 1965.

Roland was an avid hunter and fisherman his entire life and enjoyed camping with his family. He was also one heck of a cribbage and pool player.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Doro-

thy; his parents; and brothers, Carmen, Dean and Merle.

Roland leaves his four children, seven grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandson.

A visitation will held from 1 to 5 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 30, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. A celebration of life will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home with interment at Glacier Memorial Gardens. A reception will follow at the Somers Fire Hall.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Steven Douglas Herriges, 50

Steve Herriges was born Aug. 27, 1961, in Long Beach, Calif.; the fourth of six children, to



James and Ina Herriges.

He passed away on July 7, 2012, at his home in Kalispell.

As he was born into a military family, they moved a lot; from California to Bremerton, Spokane and Libby, until returning to Kalispell, their hometown. Steve attended schools in Kalispell, graduating from Flathead High School (Laser).

His first job as a young adult was with a seismograph crew with his older brother, Nic, traveling throughout Montana and Wyoming. He would recount his experiences in this field throughout the years. For one thing, he learned to love helicopters and had aspired to become a pilot. Sadly, he never was able to fulfill that dream.

When he returned home, he learned the drywall trade which took him to Utah, California, Washington, Arizona and around Montana. He worked with his brother Duane and friend Tony in his profession.

While in California, he attended a computer technical school where he graduated at the top of his class and earned his CCNA with A+ and C+ certification. He was then employed by the County of Sonoma for many years.

His was a free spirit, traveling often on his bright red Honda Goldwing motorcycle between California and Kalispell.

He married Michele Shipley and they later divorced. He traveled to Michigan where he worked as a contractor with the Ford Motor Co. for a time. Upon his return to Kalispell, he worked as a drywaller and then for TeleTech.

Steve was preceded in death by his father, numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, and his beloved nephew.

He is survived by his mother, Ina; his daughter, Becky, of Havre; the love and light of his life, his son, "My Buddy," Brandon; his brothers, Nic of Portland, Jim of Fairbanks Alaska, Duane and Eric ("Ian" to Steve), and sister Dianne Buck, all of Kalispell.

Steve will be lovingly remembered for his spontaneous, infectious laugh, and his gift of gab. He was truly a "people person" and touched many lives. He was a giving, gener-

ous and caring man with willing, helping hands and a great big heart. He was happiest when surrounded by friends and family. He could come up with a joke for most any occasion and could keep them coming one after another. His favorite songs he knew by heart, and loved to come out with snippets of them as the occasion arose.

A world without Steve is a sadder world and

his spirit will be sorely missed by us all.

A celebration of life will be held at 3 p.m. on Monday, July 16, at the Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. The setting is very informal and casual so feel free to bring your favorite stories and memories of Steve. An outdoor reception will follow at Tim and Dianne Buck's home at 728 Hoffman Draw, west of Kalispell in Kila.

## Theresa Ann Mann-Herron, 70

Our beautiful mother, Theresa Ann Mann-Herron, 70, died on Jan. 3, 2013. Her rich, full life ended in the home of her loving daughter Lisa Katchur and son-in-law Mike Katchur in Lakeside.



ceded in death by her husband, Jim Herron.

Theresa will always be remembered by

anyone who knew her. She was very loving and kind, and she always saw beyond most people's facades. She always met you where you were emotionally, and loved you unconditionally as you were. She valued family above all else. Her love for her two daughters, her grandchildren and her great-grandchildren filled her life with adventure, happiness and purpose!

Theresa was born Jan. 2, 1943, in Ridley Park, Pa. Her mother Theresa Mann and father Anthony Mann have gone on before her.

Theresa is survived by all of her siblings, Anthony Mann of Ohio, Joseph Mann of Pennsylvania and Rose Marie Everetts of Pennsylvania. The four of them were as close as any siblings could be. Theresa also has a loving daughter Anita Smith and son-in-law Trey Smith, who reside in Colorado. Theresa's life was made wonderful by her grandchildren, Eryn Edelen, Jonathan Marcus, Tarah and Elijah Katchur. She also enjoyed her four great-grandchildren, Daniel, Kieryn, Joshua and Levi, all living in Kalispell.

Theresa was also pre-

Because Theresa was so 'present' in all of our lives, we are rich in so many good memories! We all will carry these gratefully in our hearts from this point on!"

Memorial services for Theresa will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 12, in the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Chapel.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Theresa's family. You are invited to [www.jgfuneralhome.com](http://www.jgfuneralhome.com) to view Theresa's tribute wall, offer condolences and share memories.

## Theresa Ann Herron, 70

Theresa Ann Herron, 70, died Thursday, Jan. 3, 2013, in Lakeside.

She is survived by two daughters, Lisa Katchur and Anita Smith.

Memorial services are pending.

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

## Ragnhild Isane Herset, 78

Ragnhild Isane Herset, 78, of New Hope, Minn., died Aug. 7, 2012.

She is survived by sons, Allen and Joanne Herset of Kalispell, and Sylvan and Linda Herset of Kila; daughter, Mary-Ann and Joel Rolf; grandchildren, Matthew, Nathan and Sarah, Timothy and Emily, Wesley, Josiah and Courtney, Julie, Sarah and Jeremy, and Christina and Jake; great-grandchildren, Grace and Christian; siblings, Marta Heggedal, Odlaug and Njal Isene, Dagrún Brotherston, Arne and Marlene Isane; sister-in-law, Betsey Isane; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Ragnhild was preceded

in death by her husband, Johannes; son, Frederick; parents, Sigurd and Anna Isane; twin brother, Olav Isane; and brothers-in-law, Per Heggedal and Willard Brotherston.

A funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 11, at Association Free Lutheran Theological Seminary Chapel, 3120 E. Medicine Lake Blvd., in Plymouth, Minn. Visitation will be one hour before the service. Interment will be at Golden Valley Cemetery, in Golden Valley, Minn.

Assisting the family with arrangements is Gearty-Delmore Funeral Chapel of Plymouth (763-553-1411).

## Ethel Leora Hewitt, 99

Ethel Leora Hewitt, 99, died Sunday, April 22, 2012.

She is survived by her daughters, Mary Kelly and Jane Pickering.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday,

May 26, at Christ Lutheran Church in Libby, with a potluck gathering at Firemen's Park.

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

## Craig A. Hickenbotham, 60

Craig A. Hickenbotham, 60, died at his home near Bigfork on Sunday, Oct. 17, 2010.

He is survived by two daughters, Jennifer Roberts of Meridian, Idaho, and Carmen Fillingin of Columbia Falls; and one son, Cody Hickenbotham, of Boise, Idaho.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 22, at Pope John Paul II Catholic Church in Bigfork, with Monsignor Donald Shea as celebrant.

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

## Patty Hill, 79

Patty Hill, 79, of Libby, died Nov. 30, 2012, in Kalispell.

She is survived by her husband, Gene Hill, of Libby; and two sons, Ed Hill of Kalispell, and Bob

Hill of Libby.

A memorial service is planned for June.

Arrangements are under the care of Schnackenberg and Nelson Funeral Home in Libby.

## Lewis William Hills Jr., 84

Lewis William Hills Jr., 84, passed away Monday, Jan. 23, 2012, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

Lewis was born Sept. 8, 1927, in Whitefish, the son of Lewis Sr., and Iva Hills.

Lewis was always a hard-working man. In his younger years, he worked with his father and brother in a sawmill. Following that, he was a sheriff's deputy in Flathead County for several years. He also spent time working for the County Road Department. He spent several years seeing the country while trucking.

In his retirement he trav-

eled from Montana to Arizona and back.

Lewis is survived by his siblings, Nina Jones, Harold Hills and Gary Hills; children, Doug and Sue Henry, Katie Johns, Kellie and Terry Smith, and Mike Hills; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, Jan. 31, at the Lonepine Community Hall in Lonepine. Visitation will start at 9 a.m. The service will commence at 11 a.m.

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

## Evelyn Hoerner, 76

Evelyn Hoerner, born on May 18, 1935, died Tuesday, April 24, 2012, after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

Evelyn was born in Killdeer, N.D., but lived most of her life in Columbia Falls.

Evelyn was known for her indomitable will and spirit, unflagging positive attitude and everlasting belief and faith in the Lord. She faced her life with perseverance and determination, and she fought and won an unbelievable number of battles in her lifetime.

"Finally at peace in her final resting place, the Kingdom of the Lord, she goes now to glory in his grace."

She leaves behind seven children, Arlis Herman and her husband Harold of Columbia Falls, Lorsy

Pinkerton and her husband Roy of Orting, Wash., Cindy White of Orting, Sue Snyder of Kalispell, Patricia Slaymaker and her husband Dick of Rochester, Wash., Tyler Triplet and his wife Cindy of Tacoma, Wash., and Steve Triplet of Orting. Evelyn had 19 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren. Also left behind are sisters, Diane and Paulette; and brothers, Cal Bonnet and wife May, Lester Bonnet and wife Verla, and Kurt Amelsberg and wife Nancy. There are many nieces and nephews who will miss her.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Evelyn's family. You are invited to go to [www.jgfuneralhome.com](http://www.jgfuneralhome.com) to offer condolences and view Evelyn's tribute wall.

## Peter John 'Don' Hofer, 68

Peter John "Don" Hofer, 68, passed away on Friday, May 4, 2012, in Kalispell.

He was born on July 4, 1943, in Magrath, Alberta, to Kay and Peter Hofer.

He attended schools in Magrath. The family moved to Columbia Falls in 1950 where he attended Deer Park and Fairview schools. He attended Western Mennonite High School in Salem, Ore., for part of high school. He received his diploma from Hanson Mechanical Trade School in Fargo, N.D., for combined welding in 1963.

He served in 1-W for selective service in a hospital setting in Portland, for two years (1965 to 1967).

Don married Sandra Solberg in 1966; they later divorced. He then returned to Kalispell with his family and worked as a golf course greens superintendent for several years at Buffalo Hill Golf Course in Kalispell. He also worked as a golf course superintendent at Glacier View Golf Course in West Glacier. Don was a member of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America.

In later years he moved temporarily to Great Falls where he worked for Ron Hall Sprinklers before returning to his beloved Flathead Valley.

He loved the Lord and was a member of Mountain View Mennonite Church his entire life. He loved his family very much and was the very best



"Papa." He also loved his "extended family" at Immanuel Lutheran Home very much. He

prayed daily for his brothers, sisters, children, nieces and nephews.

He loved cars, especially Chevys, drag racing in his youth, hunting, playing softball, remodeling homes and Flathead Lake cherries. He was a very active outdoorsman. (And don't forget the Griz!) He had a sense of humor that endeared him to many.

Don was preceded in death by his son, Peter John Hofer; his nephew, Shane M. Hofer; his father, Peter; and mother, Kay Hofer.

He is survived by his daughter, Doni Hofer, and grandsons, Anthony and Corey Brannon, of Costa Mesa, Calif.; daughter, Kimber Erb, her husband, Kristian, and their daughters, Chloe and Clarissa, of Columbia Falls; son, Peter J. "P.J." Hofer, of Lakeside; brother, Benny Hofer, and his wife, Connie, of Bonners Ferry, Idaho; sisters, Ruth Stutzman and her husband Merv of Christmas Valley, Ore., Dorothy Miller of Stover, Mo., and Carol Dashiell of Christmas Valley; and many dear nieces and nephews and their children.

A funeral service for Don will be held at noon Wednesday, May 9, at Johnson-

Gloschat Funeral Home. The family will receive guests one hour prior to services. Burial will follow services at Fairview Cemetery.

The family request memorials be given to the Parkinson's Disease Foundation,

1359 Broadway, Suite 1509, New York, N.Y. 10018.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Don's family. You are invited to go to [www.jgfuneralhome.com](http://www.jgfuneralhome.com) to offer condolences and view Don's tribute wall.

## Lorraine K. Hoffman, 94

Lorraine K. Hoffman, 94, passed away Feb. 15, 2012, at Whitefish Care and Rehabilitation Center.

Lorraine was born Feb. 27, 1917, in Rockwell City, Iowa, spending her early life on a farm her grandparents had homesteaded.

She graduated from Rockwell City High School in 1935, and Iowa State Teachers College (University of Northern Iowa) in 1939.

She taught school in Iowa for two years, and then hitchhiked to California, where she met and married Allen Hoffman.

In 1944 they moved to Allen's home state of Montana, settling in Whitefish in 1948.

Lorraine taught school in the Whitefish School District for more than 35 years. Most of those years were at Whitefish High School, where she touched and influenced many young lives. She retired in 1985.

Lorraine was an avid golfer and an equally avid sports fan, following the Whitefish

Bulldogs, Gonzaga, Duke and the University of Washington. She spent countless hours on buses, chaperoning students traveling to Bulldog games.

Lorraine was preceded in death by her husband, Allen, in 1980.

She is survived by her son, Greg, of Victor; daughter, Mary Ann Rodman and husband, Gary, of Whitefish; and grandson, Jesse Rodman and wife, Lori, of Tacoma, Wash.

Special thanks go out to DeBourah Morris, Dr. John Kalbfleisch, Whitefish Care and Rehabilitation Center and Frontier Hospice for their kindness and care.

Memorials may be made to the Gary Norby Junior Golf Foundation or the Northwest Montana Humane Society.

A private family service will be held this summer.

You are invited to go to [www.austinfh.com](http://www.austinfh.com) to offer condolences, share memories and view Lorraine's tribute wall. Arrangements are entrusted to Austin Funeral Home.

## Maxine Luce Hoffman, 84

Maxine passed away April 1, 2012, at her home in Columbia Falls. She was 84 years old.



Maxine was born to Albert and Dorothy Poole on Sept. 9, 1927, in Dorchester, Ill. When she was 6 years old in 1933, her family moved to Columbia Falls during the Depression. In 1943, her family moved to Seattle where her father found work at a lumber mill.

Maxine met Al Luce in Columbia Falls and fell in love with him as a teenager. In 1944 in Tacoma, Wash., Maxine married Al, who was serving in the U.S. Army during World War II. Maxine and Al returned to Columbia Falls in 1946 where they made their home. Al worked at Westberg Lumber Company for several years, and then worked at Plum Creek Lumber Company for 17 years as a planer setup man and planer foreman. Al died of cancer in 1965.

Maxine moved to Bozeman in 1966 and provided a home for sons Don and Jerry, and daughter Barbara, while Don attended Montana State University. Maxine met Bill Hoffman in Bozeman and they were married in 1967. Maxine and Bill had a son, Bill, together. They were divorced several years later. Maxine moved to Seattle in 1969 with children Barbara, Jerry and Bill. In 1977, Maxine moved back to Columbia Falls where she resided until her death.

During her younger years, Maxine enjoyed summers with her family at the cabin on Lake Blaine swimming, water skiing, and boating. She liked attending her sons' baseball, football and basketball games and hardly ever missed a one. She enjoyed bowling in women's leagues in the '50s and '60s. Some of her highlights in her later years were traveling with her mother to Branson, Mo., traveling to New England in the fall, a trip to Australia and New Zealand, and a trip to Knoxville, the Great

Smoky Mountains, and Nashville, Tenn., and going to the Grand Ole Opry concert.

Maxine worked in the food service department at Riverton Hospital in Seattle in the early '70s. In the '70s through the '90s, she worked in food service at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

Maxine was an active member of the Columbia Falls United Methodist Church for about 50 years. She was a member of Beulah Circle at the church.

Maxine is survived by her son, Gary Luce, and his wife, Lori, of Columbia Falls; her son, Don Luce, and his wife, Judy, of Caldwell, Idaho; her daughter, Barbara Bailey Smith, and her husband, Johnnie, of Algona, Wash.; her son, Jerry Luce, and his wife, Iona, of Columbia Falls; and her son, Bill Hoffman, and his wife, Natalie, of Commerce City, Colo.

Maxine is also survived by her sister, Norma Freier, and her husband, Bob, of Kent, Wash.; and her aunt, Ethel Broyles of Tucson, Ariz.

Maxine has 11 grandchildren, Rob Luce and his wife Jessica of Edgewood, Md., Mandi Heinle and her husband Ken of Hathaway, Mont., Cory Luce and his wife Tera of Nampa, Idaho, Kristy Williams, Travis Bailey and Dillon Bailey of Algona, Shannon Hendrickson in Texas, Joseph Luce of Tacoma, Wash., Lauranna Hoffman in Minnesota, and Brynn and Brock Hoffman of Commerce City.

Maxine has 18 great-grandchildren, Grace Cherry, Ali and Jake Braun, Hunter, Jensen, Sarah, Aaron and Charlotte Luce, Kassidi and Kadie Heinle, Jeff Wood and his fiancée Stephanie Whatley, Jasper and Cody Luce, Warren, Eric, May, and Megan Hendricksen, and Christian Luce.

Maxine also has many nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grand-nephews, and cousins whom she was very fond of.

Maxine was a pillar of strength and loved all her family very much. Her pain and suffering have ended "and she is now in Heaven

## Dewey 'Bud' C. Hogard, 85

Dewey "Bud" C. Hogard passed away Aug. 21, 2012, in Boise, Idaho, due to natural causes.



He was born on Nov. 11, 1926. His parents, Dewey Calvert and Eva, raised him, along with his two brothers and four sisters on a ranch in the Jordan Valley, Ore., area.

During World War II, he enlisted in the Navy and served in the Pacific aboard the USS Stonewall. He was very proud of his military service and maintained ties to VFW and other veteran groups for many years thereafter.

Returning to Boise after the war, he married Erma Lough, and son Guy Lee was born. He later married Irene Wargelin and, with son Stephen, moved to the Flathead Valley. The new family grew to include son Kurt and daughter K. Karol.

While his initial interest in moving to Montana was to work with horses, he maintained an interest in a wide range of subjects and was employed at a variety of jobs, sometimes two and three at a time. He and Irene operated an accounting business both before and after he retired from the Columbia Falls Aluminum plant.

Dewey took full advantage of the Montana out-

doors with regular pursuits hunting and fishing, often just "taking another look" at the area he knew and loved. He particularly enjoyed finding new places of interest to add to those he already knew. He was a people person, easily striking up new relationships and friendships.

With the death of Irene, Dewey returned to Idaho to rekindle his relationships with Guy Lee and Erma. The couple remarried in Boise in 2001. Erma preceded Dewey in death. In his last years, Loren Colson assumed the role of companion and caregiver, providing incredible support as Dewey's health declined. Even with declining health, he would ask about old friends and families.

Dewey is survived by Guy Lee of Boise and K. Karol of Idaho, son Stephen who resides in the Philippines, and Kurt of Columbia Falls; granddaughters, Angie and Scandia, and grandsons Chad, Cyrus and Christopher; and his adopted family of sons, daughters, grandchildren and a growing number of great-grandchildren.

It was his wish for his ashes to be laid to rest next to those of Irene Hogard.

His final inurnment will be at 3 p.m. Oct. 22 at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell.

## Gene Louis Holliday, 57

Gene Louis Holliday, 57, born Sept. 22, 1955, passed away on Aug. 12, 2012, at his home in Troy.

He was born to Eileen and Don Holliday in O'Neill, Neb. His family later relocated to the Air Force base in Lakeside in 1959.

Gene attended Lakeside Elementary School and graduated from Flathead High School in 1974. His passion for the Flathead Braves began when he had a successful high school football career playing for the Braves. This interest continued throughout all these years.

After high school, Gene worked at the Columbia Falls Aluminum Plant for a year. He then attended Spokane Falls Community College where he earned his degree in law enforcement.

He first worked as a jailer and soon became a deputy for the Flathead County Sheriff's Department. He moved to Seattle for several years to work for the Bellevue Police Department. While in Bellevue, he began to miss the gravel roads of Montana, so he returned

to the Flathead County Sheriff's Department.

Later, he became a sergeant for the Kalispell Police Department. He also worked part time for the Whitefish Police Department. He loved the life of a law enforcement officer and was able to touch the lives of many youths through the programs offered by the police department.

He was preceded in death by his father, Don Holliday; and grandparents, Louis and Dorthy Prange, and Daisy Holliday.

Gene is survived by his mother, Eileen Holliday, of Lakeside; brother Larry Holliday, and nephews Don and Brady of Somers, and niece, Caitie Holliday Touchberry and husband Reid of Misawa, Japan; and sister, Debbie Carlson and husband Mark, and their children, Abby and Coby Carlson, of Whitefish.

A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 30, at Eidsvold Lutheran Church in Somers.

Memorials can be made to Eidsvold Lutheran Church.

## Collin Ellis Holstein, 65

Collin Ellis Holstein passed away Nov. 26, 2012, at his home in Libby after a six-month courageous battle with brain cancer. He was surrounded by his family and friends.

Collin was born March 16, 1947, the son of Raymond and Madge (Chriesman) Holstein. He went to public schools in Fort Stockton, Texas, graduating from Fort Stockton High School in 1965. He went on to receive his master's degree in range science from Sul Ross University in Alpine, Texas.

Collin's main career was spent with the Forest Service in the Fire and Aviation program. He served on the Northern Rockies Type I Fire team



for many years. In 2004, he retired as the Kootenai National Forest Aviation Officer.

Anyone that knew Collin knew this to be the truth: He cherished anything that flew, was passionate about building airplanes, and was respected for and loved his career in fire and aviation. He enjoyed reading all types of military history and science books, and was an excellent writer of short stories.

Collin was an avid hunter and trapper in his earlier years and cherished spending endless hours hiking and hunting arrowheads on the family ranch.

He was dearly devoted to and loved his wife Bobbie, and of course, all his pets, especially most recently his "little fat girl," Turbo. His sister in law, Charlyn, had a very special place in his heart

as well. Collin loved to barbecue for family and friends and would do anything to help them out. He had a desire to always help anyone fix things; he was fondly called "Mac-Gyver" for some of his more creative solutions to problems.

Collin was preceded in death by his parents, Raymond and Madge Holstein; and a special brother-in-law, Gary Puckett.

Collin is survived by his wife, Bobbie Lacklen, who resides at their home in Libby; a son, Vann Thomas Holstein, of Lawrence, Kan.; sister, Molly Akin, of Nellysford, Va.; sister, Mary Puckett, of Fort Davis, Texas; sister, Lisa Harkins, of Sander-son, Texas; brother, Jay Tom Holstein, of Fort Stockton, Texas; and many nieces and nephews.

Collin was loved and will be loved by the many

people that knew him. All his buddies and his Forest Service family meant the world to him and up to his very last day he enjoyed hearing from them and listening to their often funny or elaborated stories.

"We will miss you dearly and think of you daily. When we look out across that sky, we will know it is you flying your plane in heaven. Fly Collin, fly. We love you dearly — now go to rest with your dear friends and family that have passed before you."

A memorial service will be held 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, at the Libby Christian Church, 100 Kootenai River Road, Libby. Family and friends are welcome to attend a Mexican potluck lunch that will follow the service.

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

## Richard 'Dick' Charles Holt, 72

Richard "Dick" Charles Holt, 72, passed away at home on Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2012, surrounded by his family.



Richard was born on April 24, 1940, in Forsyth, to Earnest Earl and Alice (Ferguson) Holt.

Dick married Patsy Doverspike on Feb. 21, 1977.

He started his baking career with his father and went on to spend 25 years as a bakery manager for Buttrey Foods. He then went into the fire and safety business for the next 35 years. While in this business he spent 24 years with Alert Security and Glacier Airport. His retirement was spent enjoying family and his greatest joy of all — his grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, Earnest Earl Holt.

Dick is survived by his wife of 35 years, Pat; mother, Alice Holt, of Laurel; daughters, Debbie Kauffman and husband Mark of Absarokee, Corinne Daken and husband Kirt of Kalispell, Johnna Gonzales and husband Leonard of Virginia Beach, Va., Sandy Corpron and fiancé Jim Hodgkinson of Whitefish, and Alaine Stremel and husband Dave of Kalispell; grandchildren, Justin Holt and Robbie Kauffman of Absarokee, Leslee Hemmy and husband David of Kalispell, DaLane Daken and wife Melissa of Kalispell, Janell Plummer and husband Jeremy of

Kalispell, Giordanne Gonzales of Maryland, Derrick Gonzales with the U.S. Navy, Kourtney Jack and husband Jere of Kalispell, Heath Corpron and wife Jade of Kalispell, Jessica Whittle of Kalispell and Hannah Stremel of Kalispell; great-grandkids, Madeline, Dawson, Wyatt, Westin, Sam, Ione and Sadie Sue; sisters, Diana Swecker and husband Duane of Laurel, and Sherry Jones and husband Jim of Tumwater, Wash.; brother-in-law, Steve Birky of Kalispell; a very special cousin, Joe Rogers, and wife Ruth, of Lewistown; and numerous nieces and nephews.

At his request there will be no memorial service but his family is gathering to remember him with laughter, tears and stories.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for Dick's family. You are invited to go to [www.jgfuneralhome.com](http://www.jgfuneralhome.com) to view Dick's guest book, offer condolences and share memories.

## Donna L. Hoover, 66

Donna L. Hoover, 66, died Sunday, April 15, 2012, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell. A celebration of her

life will be held at a later date.

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

## Robert J. Hoover, 83

Robert J. Hoover, 83, of Whitefish, formerly of Williston, N.D., passed away Friday, April 13, 2012, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.



Cremation has taken place.

A memorial service, to be announced by the Everson Funeral Home, will be held early this summer in Williston.

Friends may visit [www.eversonfh.com](http://www.eversonfh.com) to share remembrances of Robert or leave condolences for the family.

Robert J. Hoover was born on Dec. 11, 1928, to Jay and Florence (Schafer) Hoover in Columbus, Neb. Robert was raised and educated in Calvin, N.D.

Robert served in the United States Army and after his discharge, he attended Minot State University. After graduation, Robert started his career as a certified public accountant. He later became

a partner at Zine, Hoover & Voller accounting firm in Williston.

On Sept. 11, 1954, Robert was united in marriage to Dorothy Walleen. The couple made their home in Williston where they raised their two children.

Robert and Dorothy retired to Whitefish, where he was living at the time of his death.

Robert is survived by his wife, Dorothy J. Hoover, of Whitefish; a daughter, Jane, and her husband, Craig Audet, of Kalispell; a daughter-in-law, Cindy Hoover, of Colorado Springs, Colo.; his grandchildren, Essie and her husband Tim Oxendahl of Fargo, N.D., Cole Hoover and his wife Sarah Michie Hoover of Williston, and Taylor and her husband Josh Sie of Colorado Springs; his stepgranddaughter, Marrin Audet, of Dickinson, N.D.; and his great-grandchildren, Marlei Hoover and Jon J. Hoover of Williston.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jay and Florence Hoover; and his son, Jon J. Hoover.

The Everson Funeral Home of Williston is caring for the family.

## Leslie William Hoops, 48

Leslie William Hoops, 48, of Stevensville, formerly of Lakeside, died Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2013, at Community Medical

Center in Missoula. Arrangements are under the care of the Daly-Leach Chapel in Hamilton.

## Kenneth Horn, 66

Kenneth Horn, 66, passed away on Friday, Aug. 24, 2012, at his home near Whitefish.

He was born on Oct. 5, 1945, in Kalispell to John J. and Ruth (Lee) Horn.

Ken received his early education in Kalispell, graduating from Flathead High School. He joined the National Guard and attended basic training at Fort Ord.

He married Carol Day on Oct. 16, 1966, in Kalispell.

Ken was employed as a sawyer for many years and with numerous companies around the valley. He also worked in construction and was an accomplished builder.

Ken enjoyed traveling with Carol, camping and building. After his injury on the job, he spent many



hours on the Internet. He loved the ability to learn anything any time by surfing the Web.

Ken was preceded in death by his father; one brother, Eric Horn; and a son, Kenneth Lee Jr.

He is survived by his life partner Carol, his daughter Virginia Westberg, and his grandsons Tyler, Branden and Seth Howard, all of Whitefish; his mother, Ruth Horn; friend and brother, Randy Horn, and brothers, Mike Horn of Whitefish and Martin Horn of Kenyon, Minn.; and sisters, Karen Berosik of Kalispell and Christy Horn of Bremer-ton.

Memorial services for Ken will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 1, at Stillwater Free Lutheran Church, with Pastor Tim Bartholomew officiating. Burial will take place prior to the services at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

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

Thea passed peacefully in her home on Aug. 27, 2012, having lain down for a nap, she did not awake.

"Thanks for everything, Thea — rest easy in your faith, you earned it."

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 19, in Bloomington, Ind., at the Trinity Episcopal Church.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Trinity Episcopal Church.

Allen Funeral Home, 4155 South Old Highway 37, Bloomington, Ind., is handling the arrangements, and online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.allenfuneralhome.org](http://www.allenfuneralhome.org)

Family was Thea's priority as she and Bob raised three sons, Mike, Bryan and Eric. Bob retired as a command pilot in 1966 after 25 years in the cockpit. With the military behind them, Thea would make herself known in the private sector. Bob's new position with Square D (Schneider Electric) found the family in Peru, Ind. It was in this north central Indiana town Thea would give to her community just as she had her family — it was home for the next 25 years. Thea's family would grow once more

## Althea Hosek, 92

Born Aug. 12, 1920, to Hugo "Boots"

and Harriet (Reavy) Lehnen, Althea E. Lehnen, "Thea,"

lived a full life to age 92 — active and independent. Modest beginnings in Springfield, Ill., and living through the Depression in high school was not enough to keep this woman from making her mark and touching the lives of all those around her.

A 1938 graduate of Springfield High School, she was on her own at 19 as a working woman, traveling and living independently. She spent the years of World War II in bomber plant production, like so many of the "Greatest Generation," doing her part.

Postwar years would find Thea on the beach in Miami — a setting she would return to throughout her life. She loved the ocean and it was on the beach she would meet her future husband and life partner, Robert "Bob" H. Hosek. Fresh from the European Theater, Bob had earned his wings as a B-25 pilot and would make a career of the U.S. Air Force; they were married Dec. 28, 1948.

Over the next 17 years Bob would advance from lieutenant to lieutenant colonel, and the family would relocate six times to as many states and territories. With each U.S.A.F. relocation, Thea made sure any air base billet was a warm home for her growing family and those in need, something stray dogs seemed to know.



with the adoption of Janie "Yare" in the late '60s.

Thea's list of accomplishments in the '70s and '80s would make any family and community proud. From nonprofits to local business involvement, Thea was on the board and getting things done for the United Way, Big Brothers and Big Sisters and the local Chamber of Commerce.

During this period Thea was named Peru's Woman of the Year and then later Miami County's Citizen of the Year (the first woman to receive this honor). Along the way she became a successful Realtor and a leading fundraiser. Thea enjoyed many years in retirement with the Colonel, seeing more of the world and spending the summers in Montana and returning to the beaches of Florida for the winter.

After 60 years together, she was preceded in death by Bob in 2005; and her beloved older sister, Eileen Saxer. To the end, she was proud and supportive of all her children and loving to her seven grandchildren.

Throughout her life Thea was a woman of charm, strength, poise, intellect, beauty and grace. It was easy to tell where Thea stood, for she lived her values and Christian beliefs out in front for others to see. She was not afraid to speak up against injustices, to support the right idea or to lend a hand to others less fortunate, seeking nothing in return. The world was a better place for her actions and she lifted others up with her.



## Stephen James Hoskins, 55

Stephen James Hoskins, 55, passed away at home on Friday, May 4, 2012, after courageously battling cancer.

Steve was born Oct. 10, 1956, to James and Irene Hoskins in Missoula, the second of three sons. He attended school there until the family moved to Plains in 1970. Steve graduated from Plains High School with the class of 1975.

Soon after, he joined BNSF and worked as a brakeman.

In 1976 he had a son, Andy, with his first love Janna. Steve lived in Whitefish and Kalispell, where he married Ranae Ducept in 1988. After leaving the railroad in 1991, Steve moved back to Plains, where he helped his family run the Tops Motel.

Steve loved Montana and the Wild West, and telling his grandchildren tales of how it used to be. He also loved to fish, and everywhere he went he knew someone.

In 2005 Steve found sobri-

ety from alcoholism, through which he found peace, "and was able to meet his maker a truly happy and humble man. He joins his parents, Jim and Pat, and his niece Ashley."

He is survived by his son, Andy, and wife, Alisha; grandchildren, Chloe and Patrick Hoskins, of Lakeside; his wife, Ranae Hoskins, of Kalispell; and children, Holly Richards, Tiffany Eddy, and grandchildren; his brother, Bill Hoskins, of Plains; his brother, Alan; nephew, Reese Hoskins of Bellingham, Wash., and nephew Curtis Hoskins of Missoula.

Steve was a very charismatic and strong man, and all who met him are not soon to forget.

"You are loved and dearly missed, may you rest in peace."

A service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 19, at the Alliance Church in Plains. All are welcome to attend.

## Kenneth LeRoy Hotz, 91

Kenneth LeRoy Hotz, 91, passed away in Whitefish on May 2, 2012.

He was born, the seventh of nine children, on March 24, 1921, in Pego-sa Springs, Colo., to Marion and Elizabeth (Hilliker) Hotz.

Ken graduated from high school in 1939 and joined the Civilian Conservation Corps. Ken joined the U.S. Army Air Corps where he served from 1940 until retiring as a master sergeant in 1963.

He served as a logistics officer at Whitman Air Force Base in Knobnoster, Mo., and at the Strategic Air Command. During his service, Ken received many medals, including the Distinguished Flying Cross and Meritorious Service Medal.

He married LaWanda B. Miner on March 24, 1949, in Rapid City, S.D.

Ken went to work for Stoltz Lumber from 1964 until retiring in 1985.

He enjoyed traveling throughout the United States to visit family and friends and see the sites. He had been to every state but New Jersey, Ohio and Delaware. He loved his family, playing cribbage and pinochle, and was an outdoor enthusiast, spending lots of time



fishing, hiking and hunting.

Ken was a member of the U.S. Air Force Sergeants Association and the Columbia Falls Senior Center.

Ken was preceded in death by his father, Marion; mother, Elizabeth; sister, Goldie Anderson; sister, Nellie Walter; brother, William Hotz; brother, Thomas Hotz; brother, Robert Hotz; sister, Murriel Hotz; and brother, Bert Hotz.

He is survived by his wife, LaWanda Hotz, of Columbia Falls; daughter, Debora Hall, of Columbia Falls; daughter, Anita Floden, and husband, John, of Stilwell, Kan.; son, Kenneth Hotz, of Dayton, Minn.; daughter, Pamela Gatto, and husband, Phil, of Buckley, Wash.; son, Alan Hotz, of Aurora, Colo.; sister, Minnie Johnson, of Westminster, Colo.; 21 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

No services will be held at this time. A private service for family and friends is being planned for a later date.

Memorial contributions can be made in Kenneth's name to Montana Veteran's Home, 400 Veterans Drive, Columbia Falls, MT 59912; or North Valley Senior Center, P.O. Box 676, 205 Nucleus Ave., Columbia Falls, MT 59912.

Columbia Mortuary has been entrusted with Kenneth's arrangements.

You are invited to go to [www.columbiamortuary.com](http://www.columbiamortuary.com) to offer condolences and view Kenneth's tribute wall.

## James R. Houston, 72

James R. Houston, 72, died Sunday, July 22, 2012, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

A viewing will be from 4 to 8 p.m., Thursday, July 26, at Sunset Hills Funeral Home in Bellevue, Wash. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m.

Friday, July 27, at The Third Ward Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Bellevue. Interment will follow at Cedar Lawn Cemetery in Redmond, Wash.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is handling the local arrangements.

## Margaret Amalia (Schultz) Howard, 81

Margaret Amalia (Schultz) Howard, 81, passed away on March 9, 2012, after struggling with dementia for many years.

Margaret was born Margaret Amalia Schultz in Kalispell on Sept. 22, 1930. The youngest child of Gustav and Natalie Schultz, Margaret, known to most as Peggy, was a lifelong resident of Flathead Valley. She graduated from Flathead County High School at the age of 16 and then worked at the Equity Supply Company. On June 8, 1957, she married Donald E. Howard. Dedicated to her family, a helpmate to her husband and a loving mother, Margaret passed her love of reading and learning and her deep commitment to family on to her daughters. After taking time off to raise her daughters, Margaret returned to work at the Equity before retiring.

Her parents, her sister and three brothers and their spouses preceded her in

death.

She is survived by her husband, Donald E. Howard; two daughters and their husbands, Mark and Rose Clevidence of Belgrade, and Scott and Ruth Wheat of Kirkland, Wash.; her brother-in-law and his wife, Eldon and Rae Howard of Whitefish; niece and nephews; and seven grandchildren.

The family appreciates the care and support offered by those of you from Home Options Private Care, Health Care and Hospice and the staff at Immanuel Lutheran Home that worked with Peggy. Thank you so much.

A private family graveside inurnment is planned for Tuesday, March 20 at Trinity Lutheran Cemetery in Kalispell.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Peggy's family. You are invited to go to [www.jgfuneralhome.com](http://www.jgfuneralhome.com) to view Peggy's tribute wall, offer condolences and share memories.

## Robert L. Howard, 71

On July 7, 2012, Bob gave up his fight with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (Lou Gehrig's disease).

Bob was born on Feb. 13, 1941, in Kalispell, to Robert W. and Eunice McMahan Howard. He graduated elementary school from the rural schoolhouse at Birch Grove, and high school in 1959 from Flathead County High School in Kalispell. He attended Montana State University (now University of Montana) and one quarter short of his degree in forestry switched majors, graduating in 1969 with his bachelor's degree in wildlife management.

He met his future wife, Faith Baldwin, in May 1958 and they were married in Kalispell on June 16, 1962. His children are Janeille and Brett Howard. On New Year's Day of Brett's junior year, a friend of Brett's, Chuck Dzluk, joined the family and became Bob's second son.

Bob worked the summers of 1962 and 1963 for the U.S. Forest Service, Hungry Horse Ranger District. In 1964, he was on the Trapper Creek Hot-shot Crew out of Darby. The next three summers he was a smokejumper stationed out of Missoula.



He fit in a year as a warden. He also worked at the Ernst store while it was open

and retired from Ziggy's Building Center.

Bob was the outdoorsman/mountain man that you read about and some wish they were. Fishing, trapping, hunting, sapphire digging, picking over 1,000 pounds of huckleberries and trying to see every hidden corner in Montana were the fabric of his life, which he brought others into.

In 1991, 1993 and 1999, the lifelong dream of being in New Zealand fly fishing for those "big" ones was realized. Photography and "coin shooting" with his metal detectors also got him outside. He also took an unexpected fishing trip in Scotland with his son, who was posted in England by the Navy.

Bob did not join many organizations, but he did serve as the second president of the Montana Trappers Association, was on the board of Crimestoppers in its fledgling years and helped start Montana Furbearer Conservation Alliance. He was also a member of Glacier Cam-

era Club.

One of his joys resulting from shift work was working with the young school friends of his kids, giving class demonstrations on the ways of the outdoors. The kids still talk about his demonstrations of traps ... and how he would stick his hands in the small leg trap.

Bob is survived by his father, Robert W. Howard, at The Springs in Whitefish; his sister, Marilyn Edwards, of Meridian, Idaho; his wife, Faith, at the family home in Martin City; his daughter, Janeille Howard, and her two sons, Bryan and Kalyb, of Kalispell; his son, Brett Howard, and wife, Mandy, and their three children, Malysa, Bethany and Marcus, of Columbia Falls; Malysa's

daughter, Alessandra, is his great-grandchild; Chuck and his wife Kelly, his daughter Breann, and sons Alex, Sean and Cody. Bob has an extended family of uncle, aunts, cousins and lifelong friends scattered around the country.

Bob requested cremation. There will be an informal gathering of family and friends at 1 p.m. Sunday, July 15, at 333 First Ave. S., Martin City, to share stories and memories of Bob. It will be potluck, so feel free to bring your chairs, favorite dish and be prepared to share your favorite story of our friend, son, brother, husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Gary Lee Hoxmer, 70,

Gary Lee Hoxmer, 70, passed away at Kalispell Regional Medical Center on Oct. 18, 2010.



his father-in-law.

Gary loved bowling, lake trout fishing, playing craps in Las Vegas, playing pool and telling his famous Chinese joke. His lawn has been described by many as looking like velvet. Gary's health forced him to retire in 1998.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents, Gilbert and June Hoxmer; and daughter, Laurie Hoxmer.

He is survived by his wife, Jeanette; son, Steve Hoxmer, of Las Vegas; daughter, Valerie Goss, and husband, Duke, of Kalispell; and grandsons, Colter and Bridger Goss.

Contributions in Gary's name can be made to a charity of your choice.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for Gary's family. You are invited to go to [www.jgfuneralhome.com](http://www.jgfuneralhome.com) to view Gary's guest book, offer condolences and share memories.

## Lester Edward Hoxsie, 99

Lester Edward Hoxsie, 99, died Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2012, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

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

## Gerda R. Huckeba, 87

Gerda R. Huckeba, 87, died Monday, Sept. 17, 2012, at her home in Kalispell.

Arrangements are pending with Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory.

## Gloria Doreen Hudson, 84

Gloria Doreen Hudson of Columbia Falls passed away Thursday, July 19, 2012, at Whitefish Care and Rehabilitation Center.



She was born July 4, 1928, in Shelby, the daughter of Edwin and Elsie Mae (Ball) Adams. She eloped to Conrad to marry Wilbur Victor Hudson on Sept. 12, 1946.

In the early 60s, the family moved several times while Wilbur worked construction, finally settling in Columbia Falls in June of 1964. For six years in the 70s, Gloria and Bill lived in Fairbanks, Alaska.

Mom, being born on the Fourth of July, loved to tell everyone she started out life as a firecracker. She loved playing almost any card game with friends and family. Eventually she learned to bowl and enjoyed many years of bowling in a league with her "girls." She attended several Montana State Bowling Tournaments. Winning never mattered to her, she just wanted to have fun, and she did have fun.

She loved to make tied quilts; that lead her to start donating her time making quilts and lap quilts at the Klothes Klostet. She used to collect aluminum can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. Over the years she collected four five-pound cans of tabs. She was R.S.V.P. volunteer of the year once. She knitted caps for R.S.V.P. in her later years. She said "It is God's will to help each other. Volunteering is not boring, you will be happy no matter what you do and you will get your rewards in Heaven."

ardy and Wheel of Fortune. She should have had stock in the Mars candy company for the way she loved her M&M's.

In her last five years she resided at the Whitefish Care and Rehabilitation Center in Whitefish. She always had a hug for everyone. The folks at WCRC were very sweet to her. Many of them loved seeing her to get their hug and give her a kiss on her forehead. She was treated with love and dignity in her time at the WCRC.

She was a very loving mother to her eight children, all of whom survive her, James "Jim" Hudson, T. Edward Hudson and Marcy, Steven Hudson and Cindy, and Martha Knoll and David, all of Columbia Falls, Sandra Urrea and Jose of Kalispell, Victor Hudson and Barb of Mills, Wyo., Mark Denney and Blu of Bullhead City, Ariz., and Roger Denney and Joan of Vanceboro, N.C.; ten beautiful grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren. She is survived by her sisters, June Dempsey of Stevensville, Shirley Davis of Shelby; brother, William "Bill" Adams of Anaconda; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her brother, John Adams; and sisters, Alta Denney, Anita Marsh, Edna Marzella Clark, Eva Harrington and Viola Vandell. Her precious granddaughter, Amber Mae Hudson, also preceded her. Her husband Wilbur preceded her in death in 1981, "they will now be together again."

She enjoyed spending time at the Columbia Falls Senior Center. She was loved at the Senior Center for her smile, hugs and especially her sense of humor. One of her favorite at-home pastimes was watching TV game shows; her favorites were The Price is Right, Jeop-

Services will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, July 26 at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. Visitation will be from noon until the time of the service. A gathering of friends and family will be at the Columbia Falls Senior Center following the interment service at Woodlawn Cemetery.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for Gloria's family. You are invited to [www.columbiamortuary.com](http://www.columbiamortuary.com) to view Gloria's tribute wall, offer condolences and share memories.

## Dylan G. Hudson, 20

Dylan G. Hudson, 20, of Kalispell, passed away Saturday, June 23, 2012, in Whitefish, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.



Dylan was born in Rochester, Mich., Nov. 26, 1991, and was raised in Kalispell. He attended Romeo High School, Glacier High School and Laser.

In 2009, he moved to Austin, Texas, with the love of his life, Eden Dalrymple.

Throughout his incredible life Dylan enjoyed skateboarding, dirt biking, hunting and fishing. He was skilled with guns and enjoyed shooting. He spent his summers on Flathead Lake wakeboarding, and his winters on Big Mountain snowboarding. He was charismatic, charming and compassionate, and will be deeply missed.

Dylan was preceded in death by his grandparents, Gloria and Gerald Blake, Ronald Hudson, and his uncle, Ken Blake.

He is survived by his parents, Kimberly and Christopher McEwen of Kalispell, and Leo

and Jennifer Hudson of Romeo, Mich.; his sister, Julia Hudson, of Colorado Springs, Colo.; and his brother, Kenny Clare, of Bigfork; Ryan McEwen of Salt Lake City, Katie McEwen of Missoula, and Mollie and Madeline McEwen of Kalispell. His large family in Michigan includes his brother Billy, sister Gabriella, brother Antonio and sister Lily Ana, his grandmother Jeanette, many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Dylan's plans were to spend time with his awesome group of friends at the family lake place on Skidoo Bay in Polson. He was leaving this fall to attend Austin Community College with the hopes of transferring to the University of Texas to pursue engineering.

A memorial service celebrating Dylan's life will take place at 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 30, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. The family would like to greet friends at the funeral home an hour prior to the service.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Dylan's family. You are invited to go to [www.jgfuneralhome.com](http://www.jgfuneralhome.com) to offer condolences and sign Dylan's guest book.

## Wayne Ray Hulford, 78

Wayne Ray Hulford passed away Nov. 3, 2012, at the age of 78.



He was born in Broadus to Thelma and Lawrence Hulford. At the age of 15, he went to work on a ranch rounding up cattle. He lived to be on the back of his horse. He always told stories about himself riding bucking horses at the bucking horse sales in Miles City. He made \$5 a ride and made more money in one day than he did in a whole month's wages.

He ran the local bowling alley in Miles City where he also taught people to bowl. He moved to Columbia Falls in the late '60s and worked as a millwright for Plum Creek Lumber Co. While working there during the days, he built the LaSalle Campground with a backhoe and his own manpower during the evenings in Columbia Falls. He ran it for about five years after opening it, and then he sold it in 1991, upon his retirement from Plum Creek.

On May 9, 1992, he married Arlene Hill after a four-year courtship. Wayne then went and built a new home for them in the Columbia Falls area in which they moved into a year later.

He always dabbled with the cedar planter business throughout most of his life, but took it on full time after his retirement. He would get up early on Saturday mornings just so he could be first in line at the Kalispell Farmers Market and then walk down and have his cup of coffee at Sykes' until it was time to set up his planters. He would take a yearly trip along the Hi-Line road all the way back to Miles City, selling his planters all the way there.

He loved to bowl, either in league in Columbia Falls or just a competitive match with his grandkids, right up until his illness got the best of him. He was always ready for a good hand of pinochle at the local senior center or from anyone that just stopped by the house. He also like to go hunting. He was always the first one up to hunting camp just to get the right spot. He would keep that fire going for a whole week prior to hunting season, just so no one else would move in on that herd of elk; but after two weeks in the woods he was the first one ready to leave.

He is survived by his wife of 20 years, Arlene; four stepsons, Terry Stevens and his wife Jeannie of Columbia Falls, their children, Tracy, Lachri-sha, Kilee, Kristen and Kendra; Mort Hill and his wife Billie Jo of Columbia Falls, their children, Natasha, Roddy, Erin and Erika; Randy Hill and his wife Linda of Seattle, their children Jimmy, Tacy and Deanna; Cory Hill and his wife Lisa of Kalispell, their children, Kacie, Brittanie, Zachary, Paige and Payton; 11 great-grandchildren, plus a few on the way; and one great-great-grandbaby on the way. He is also survived by his children, Lenn and Becky of Miles City and David of Kalispell; his brother, Meryl Hulford; and sisters, Loina Reinhardt and Ellen Nishiki.

A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, at the senior center on Main Street in Columbia Falls, with a potluck to follow.

A special cedar planter urn has been made in his honor and inurnment will take place at a later date. As he always said, "I don't want anything fancy when I die, just bury me in the field with the deer." He always had a sense of humor and will be greatly missed.

## Robert William Hurly, 89

A lifelong resident of Valley County, Robert William Hurly died of natural causes suddenly Sunday morning, March 4, 2012, in the hospital where he was born Sept. 14, 1922.



He was the son of Judge John T. Hurly and Jeanette Jamma Hurly. He was raised in Glasgow, became an Eagle Scout, and left only to attend the University of Montana. His professors there fueled his interest in geology, but World War II interrupted his studies. He served in the newly developed Army Air Corps, training as a navigator. He married his high school sweetheart, Marie Forsyth in Brownsville, Texas, during the war. They made their first home in an 8-by-10 trailer at Muroc Air Station, Calif.

After the war, they returned to Montana where he worked nights in the saw mills of Missoula, while attending law school full time during the day. He graduated with honors in 1948. He and Marie sold the home they built on Rattlesnake Creek in Missoula and returned to Glasgow. They built three other homes in Glasgow, and he served two terms as county attorney. They had two daughters, Candace and Irene, and twin sons who preceded him in death. Robert and Marie divorced.

In 1964, Robert and Dorothy Allison were married in Great Falls. They added two sons to the family, Robert Jr., and Dirk Walter Hurly. They were happily married for over 40 years, and celebrated their wedding anniversary every month of their marriage. They traveled extensively, enjoying vacations in Morocco, Hawaii and Jamaica. They delighted in their summer home on Whitefish Lake, where they hosted yearly gatherings of the extended Hurly family each July. They gardened in both Glasgow and Whitefish, winning many awards.

to the day before his death, 64 years in total. For over 30 years Debbie Dulaney, who was like a daughter to him, provided invaluable skill and assistance.

He loved northeastern Montana from his childhood on. He was an expert on the geology of the area, and developed Brazil Creek Bentonite mining. He kept copious records of weather trends, invasive plant species and wildlife changes. He hunted in the area, knew where entire dinosaur skeletons could be found, fished the rivers, took his family for regular picnics, built his home of stones dug from its hillsides, and continually photographed the place he loved. He enjoyed entering his photographs, canned pickles, flowers, fruits and vegetables in the Valley County Fair.

Preceding him in death were his parents; his sisters, Marjorie Hurly Elfers and Jean Hurly White; his brother, Dr. John Hurly; his wife, Dorothy Hurly; his sons, Douglas and Robert Jr.; and grandchild, Bill Krewer.

Left to mourn him are his children, Candace and Henry Krewer of Tampa, Fla.; Irene and Bill Jones of Whitefish; and his son, Dirk Hurly, and fiancée, Denae Hanson, of Kalispell; his grandchildren, Alyssa and Kerstin Jones of Missoula, Hilary Jones of Seattle, Kathleen Krewer of Tampa, Christopher Krewer of Oakland, Calif., Lt. J.G. Sebastian "Bud" Krewer, serving in Tokyo, and Tana, Steven and Robert Hurly of Kalispell; and his great-grandchild, Emma Marie Sasko, (Kathleen Krewer) of Tampa. He will be missed by his younger sister, Mary Jo Hurly Fox, of Kalispell; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

He devoted his long life to Valley County residents and issues, both in his legal career and his writings. He was a prolific writer, with a long list of correspondents. His letters were regularly featured in newspapers throughout Montana, and he wrote a column in local newspapers. He connected deeply with people, sharing a strong sense of humor and a lively curiosity. He dryly commented that he "only practiced law for the first two years, after that I knew what I was doing." He worked faithfully for his clients up

## David John Hughes, 67

David John Hughes, 67, died Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2012.

He is survived by his wife, Carmela Hughes;

and sons, Ryan Hughes and Jeff Hughes.

Services are pending. Austin Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

He also leaves an extended "family" of the many customers he valued and cared so very much about.

Against his wishes, a funeral will be held at 3 p.m. on Friday, March 9, at the Glasgow Elks Club, with a light reception to follow. In accordance with his wishes, the family wants to remember and celebrate all the good memories of our time with him. The family would love to hear your stories about their extraordinary father, grandfather, brother and uncle.

The family is thankful for the many community members who enriched Dad's last years. Taking special care of him were Debbie and Mark Dulaney, Diane and John Peterson, Dr. Iman, and Jim and Nancy Carney.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests you affectionately make today a special memory for the people in your own life. As Robert often reminded his own family, "It's later than you think."

## F. Don Hughes, 84

F. Don Hughes, 84, of Kalispell, passed away on Jan. 16, 2012, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center.



Don was born on April 24, 1927, in Scobey to Frank and Doris (Fee) Hughes.



After graduating from Scobey High School, he enlisted in the Army and served at the end of World War II. He then attended the University of Montana, graduated with a degree in business administration and returned to Scobey. After a brief stint in banking, Don began his Department of Agriculture career, working with farmers in Daniels County. Promotions and transfers then took him to Bozeman, Stanford and Kalispell before retiring 30 years later, 30 years ago.

Don and Carol Ann Humber were married in 1950 and raised two children before Carol passed away in 1989.

Don was quiet but fun, devoted to his family and friends and spent his free time building, remodeling, working with wood and crossword puzzles, farming, singing a bit (including a rousing rendition of the "U of M Fight Song") and tinkering with anything deemed tinkerable. He enjoyed many genres of music, maintained strong ties to Daniels County and had the great fortune of living near good, fun friends,

many of whom he knew for over 70 years. He was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

Daughter Susan (Hughes) Nelson lives in Redmond, Wash., with her husband Steve. Son Jim Hughes lives in Portland with his wife Lindsey. Don married Doris Arleen (Nieskens) Ackerman in 1990, who now survives Don at their Kalispell residence. Don is also survived by his sister, Lynn Ophus, of Havre, his brother, JD Hughes, of Whitefish, his children, stepchildren, grandchildren, great-grandchildren (plus twin great-grandchildren on the way) and a number of great friends.

In addition to his first wife, Carol, he was preceded in death by his parents.

Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 19, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 603 S. Main Street, Kalispell. Visitation and viewing will precede the funeral service at the church, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Interment at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery and a reception at the church will follow the service.

The family requests that any memorial donations be sent to "Veterans Memorial Fund," c/o Chuck Olson, 241 Main Street, Kalispell MT 59901, to help fund the Veterans' Monument in Kalispell's Depot Park.

"He had a good run and he knew it; the next run will be better yet."

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for Don's family. You are invited to [www.jgfuneral-home.com](http://www.jgfuneral-home.com) to view Don's tribute wall, offer condolences and share memories.

## Verna Mae Hughes, 74

Verna Mae Hughes, 74, died May 5, 2012.

She had worked at JB's and then Stein's.

She is survived by a son, Rick Hughes; and three daughters, Janice Doble, Robin White and

Gerri Chapman.

At her request, a family gathering and celebration of her life will take place at a later date.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Eureka.

## Trudy Humberson, 77

Trudy Humberson, 77, a former Whitefish resident, died in Casper, Wyo., on Thursday, Aug. 2, 2012.

She was born March 27, 1935, in Cody, Neb. Trudy lived in White-



fish where she was employed by Alpine Village Market, and later at North Valley Hospital.

Trudy is the mother of longtime Flathead Valley resident Paul Pierce, and family.

Trudy was best known for her loving demeanor and was happiest when making someone smile. She will be truly missed.

## Helen A. Hume, 88

Helen A. Hume, 88, of Fortine died Wednesday, March 7, 2012, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Survivors include her husband, Pat Hume of Fortine; children, Karon Stiles of Yelm, Wash., Darrell Hume and Ron Hume, both of Fortine,

and Colleen Clark of Priceville, Ala.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, March 12, at Fortine Community Church in Fortine.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Eureka.

## Janet Hurt, 59

Janet Hurt, 59, died at her Kalispell residence June 6, 2012.

Celebration of life ser-

vices are pending.

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

## K.C. Wray Hutchin, 34

K.C. Wray Hutchin of Kalispell, formerly of Polson, went to the "Happy Hunting Grounds" New Year's Day 2012.



K.C. was born Feb. 21, 1977, in Polson, to Mike and Gayle Hutchin. He attended Polson schools and graduated from Polson High School in 1995.

## Judy K. Hynes, 67

Judy K. Hynes, 67, of Sun City West, Ariz., and formerly of Broadus, passed away on May 28, 2012.

She was born in Cheyenne, Wyo., on Sept. 13, 1944, the daughter of Carl L. and Mildred G. (Ashenhurst) Bostwick.

Judy and her beloved husband, Russell, traveled and lived in many places.

After receiving her Bachelor of Arts degree at South Dakota State University, Judy worked as an administrative assistant for Schlumberger Oil Company in Denver; FMC Inc. in Rock Springs, N.Y., and Philadelphia; Kemmerer National Bank; and South Dakota State University before her retirement.

Most of all, Judy loved her family. She will be forever

loved and missed by all.

Judy was preceded in death by both her parents; and one brother, Jerry Bostwick.

She is survived by her beloved husband of 38 years, Russell E. Hynes; one loving daughter, Jeannie, and Richard Malone; two stepsons, Mark and Susan Hynes, and Mike Hynes; four dear grandchildren, Megyn, Evan, Tabby and Logan; and three brothers, Jim Bostwick, Lynn Bostwick and Dennis Bostwick.

The funeral service will be at 10 a.m. today, June 2, with the visitation beginning at 9 a.m., at Surprise Funeral Care, 16063 W. Bell Road, in Surprise, Ariz.; (623) 546-8002.

Please visit Judy's online memorial at [www.surprisefuneralcare.com](http://www.surprisefuneralcare.com).