

Jan 'JP' (Poplawski) Pace

Jan "JP" (Poplawski) Pace, a dedicated and respected nurse who inspired her patients, co-workers, family and friends, passed away unexpectedly on Friday, Nov. 23, 2012, while visiting family in Texas.

Born May 18, 1951, in West Islip, N.Y., Jan grew up with her three brothers, Tom Poplawski, Jim Poplawski and Ray Poplawski, and one sister, Nancy (Poplawski) Cozzolino, in Lindenhurst, N.Y.

In the 1970s she made her way west to Montana where she fell in love with the Flathead Valley and made it her home. Jan worked for Kalispell Regional Medical Center for more than 15 years before deciding to get her nursing degree at Salish Kootenai College. Graduating in 1994 with her hard-earned registered nursing degree, she settled in at DCI, providing the unconditional love and compassion that forever changed each and every one of her patients and co-workers. She possessed the special qualities that make a "good" nurse a "great" nurse, and turn a "co-worker" into a trusted "mentor."

A foodie at heart, Jan was a gifted baker and talented chef. Renowned for her inventiveness and passion in the kitchen, she opened up a new world of flavors beyond salt and pepper for those who had the pleasure of sitting at her table. She loved sharing her creations with others. It's a certainty her legion of culinary fans will never look at banana cream pie, chocolate cake, cheese-cake, almond cake, mac and cheese, apple pie, biscotti, New York-style pizza, Scotch, bagels, bread or coffee the same way again!

g She was passionate about the outdoors and enjoyed camping and fishing, especially at Augusta, her favorite place on earth. On camping trips,



she greeted the morning early, with a fresh cup of coffee in one hand and a camera in the other. Jan

had an eye for life's grand and small miracles, artfully documenting the richly hued forest around her or the morning sun rising through a dewy spider web. After communing with nature, she would return to camp and her beloved camping oven, awakening other campers with the smell of fresh-baked bread and pastries. Jan set the bar very high when it came to camping and the culinary arts.

Jan was an exceptional artist, as well. She skillfully captured the essence of color and movement with her stained glass pieces, showcasing colors like burnt sienna red and cobalt blue, two of her favorites. Jan gifted her pieces to friends and family, but they were more than mere presents. They were a joyous embrace from Jan, a physical representation of her deep and abiding love.

It was that most essential generosity that was a hallmark of Jan's life, and was once again in evidence at her death. Her dedication to helping others carried forward with the donation of her organs to medically needy children and adults whose lives will be that much better for having "known" Jan.

Jan taught us much with her generous spirit and her ability to give love unconditionally. As we remember her, we will be warmed by those memories and of her talent for laughter and kindness. Quite simply, she made the world a much better place. Jan would want those who loved her to remember her by giving back, by doing a kind deed or by helping

someone in need. In that way, her spirit will live forever.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Dialysis Patient Fund, 135 Commons Way,

Kalispell, MT 59901.

A celebration to honor her life will be held in the summer of 2013; details can be found at www.caringbridge.com/visit/janpace.

Ronald Eldon Pack, 79

Ronald Eldon Pack, 79, died Saturday, May 19, 2012 at his home in Kalispell. He is survived by his wife Margaret and three daughters: Deborah Pack-Patton, Holly

Pepe and Vonnie Gardner. Memorial services for Ronald are pending at this time. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Ronnie Pack, 79

Ronnie Pack, 79, died peacefully on May 19, 2012, at his home in Kalispell with his wife and daughters at his side.



Ronnie was born Nov. 26, 1932, in Raleigh, N.D., to Samy and Marjory Pack. He lived in several states in the northwest while growing up and graduated in 1950 from Wheatland High School in Wyoming.

Ronnie married his high school sweetheart, Margaret Cooper, in 1952. After the birth of their first daughter they moved to Kalispell, sight unseen, in 1953, where they raised their family and built a business. Within the next three years they had two more daughters.

Ronnie first worked for the Mills Lumber Company on a green chain. After one year he started his own business, Pack & Company, a construction company that specialized in underground utilities, asphalt paving and concrete work. He sold the company in 1986 after 32 years, but continued with other ventures in real estate. Throughout his life he loved to fly his single-engine bush plane and ride motorcycles.

He was respected for his integrity and honesty in his business and personal life. Ronnie served the Lord by teaching Sunday school and as an Elder at the Central

Christian Church in Kalispell for many years.

Ronnie loved traveling and throughout retirement he and Margaret traveled extensively. One of their favorite trips was riding a motorcycle through the Alps in Northern Europe.

Ronnie is survived by his wife of 60 years, Margaret; his daughters Deborah Pack-Patton and her husband Bruce, of Portland, Ore.; Holly Pepe and her husband Ralph, of Boise, Idaho; and Vonnie Gardner and her husband Brian, of Kalispell; his grandchildren Chad Patton, Lindsay Pepe Baird, Stacey Gardner Sundt, Eric Gardner and Taylor Gardner; and his great-grandchildren Coleman and Caden Baird and Walter Gardner.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Samy and Marjory Pack, and his brother, Don.

He is loved and will be greatly missed by his family, but has left us all with wonderful memories of a life well lived.

A celebration of Ronnie's life will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 23, 2012, at Christian Center, 255 Summit Ridge Drive in Kalispell. Memorial contributions are welcome for the Parkinson Foundation, APDA, Montana Deaconess Medical Center, 1101 26th St. S., Great Falls, MT 59405 or Home Options Hospice, 275 Corporate Drive, Suite 600, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Joan A. Paliga, 87

Joan A. Paliga, 87, of Kalispell, died peacefully Thursday, Jan. 12, 2012, of natural causes in nursing home in Conrad. A memorial service will be held in Kalispell at a later date.

Candyce R. Palmer, 33

Candyce R. Palmer, 33, died Monday, Oct. 8, 2012, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center. A celebration on life will be at 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 12, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

Richard Canfield 'Dick' Pancake, 80

Richard Canfield "Dick" Pancake, passed away on Wednesday, May 16, 2012, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

He was the eighth of eight children of George Washington and Alvina Catherine (Canfield) Pancake, born Aug. 1, 1931, and raised in Malta.

After serving in the Navy as an aviation electrician's mate from 1951 to 1955, Dick returned to the family farm north of Wagner, Mont.

In the early '60s, Dick was a pioneer in the field of artificial insemination and the breeding of Black Angus cattle. Later in the '70s, along with other ranchers in the area, Dick helped develop the Exotics North Association and continued for many years raising and selling club calves throughout the country.

Dick was an avid pilot for approximately 14 years and endured several cross-country flights. He was a member of the Phillips County Airport Association and acted as



chairman for a short period of time.

Dick was a lover of music, primarily the sounds of big band and brass instruments, and was an accomplished trumpet player. He enjoyed the challenges of a friendly, but competitive golf game, peaceful hours fishing the lakes in western Montana, visiting with good friends, good books, guns, and his cat Jake.

Dick embraced life to its fullest, and with a common sense perspective that only friends and family could appreciate.

Dick is survived by his beloved, Margaret Conley, of Bigfork, and her children, Will Conley and Lisa of Phoenix, and Ann Quarles and Michael of Clarksburg, Md.; his son, Randy Pancake, and Mary, of Redding Calif.; daughters, Rene' Harrison and Larry of Houston, and Linda Hould and Bruce of Malta; five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Private family services will be held at a later date. Inurnment will be in the Malta City Cemetery in Malta.

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

Harriet McCord Paris, 91

Harriet McCord Paris, died peacefully on Sunday, Feb. 26, 2012, surrounded by her family at Kalispell Regional



Medical Center. She was a remarkable 91-year-old woman, who believed that she had lived an incredibly full and happy life.

Harriet was born to John Merle and Ruby McCord on the family farm in the small community of Farmer City, Ill., on Sept. 26, 1920. When Harriet was 6 years old, her family moved from Illinois to Los Angeles in their Model A Ford, where her father had a good job waiting for him.

Growing up in Los Angeles in the '20s and '30s was a special time in her life. As a young girl she and her family loved going to the Santa Monica Beach, movie premieres, and exploring Southern California with family and friends. She graduated from Fairfax High School in 1938. Her family notes that the final moments of her life coincided with the end of the 2012 Academy Awards broadcast.

Harriet decided to attend college with a friend at Montana State in Bozeman in the fall of 1938. There she joined Phi Beta Phi sorority and met her future sister-in-law, Rita Paris, who introduced her to Hugh Thomas Paris, then a senior and football star at Montana State.

After attending Montana State for a year, Harriet returned to Los Angeles and attended business school, eventually working for the telephone company in the drafting department. Hugh never could forget Harriet, and they had a long distance courtship while he taught school and coached in Stanford, Mont., and later joined the Army in 1940.

In August 1942, a month shy of her 22nd birthday, Harriet was on a train from Los Angeles to Illinois to visit family, when Hugh, who was stationed at an Army base in Missouri, met her train and they decided to elope. They were married on Aug. 30, 1942, in Springfield, Mo. It was a simple beginning to a beautiful and loving relationship that lasted for more than 60 years.

ings area. In 1972, Hugh and Harriet moved to Kalispell with their two youngest children.

Wherever she lived, Harriet made friends easily and loved to entertain. She was a vivacious part of any gathering, but you were especially fortunate if you were invited to her home as Harriet loved to cook and bake. Her legendary apple pies led to the family joke that her daughters were graduates of "Apple Pie University" because they learned to bake from Harriet in her kitchen. Every summer evening you could find Harriet tending to her beautiful yard where she took great pride in her begonias.

In 1974 Hugh and Harriet purchased Glacier View Golf Course. During the summer months they spent countless hours enjoying golf outings with many of their close and dear friends.

Hugh surprised Harriet with her first trip to Hawaii in 1960 for her 40th birthday. It was then that she fell in love with Hawaii and walking on the beach. From that point in her life, Hawaii held a special place in her heart, and she and Hugh wintered there for 20 years where they developed friendships with people they met, enjoying the weather with family and friends.

Harriet and Hugh enjoyed traveling to Europe and other parts of the world with their friends, including a memorable trip to Ireland and Scotland, where they were able to experience The Old Course at St. Andrews and traced their ancestry in Ireland and Scotland.

Known for her quick wit and wonderful sense of humor, Harriet was a treasure as a friend and a mother who was adored by all her children and grandchildren.

After Hugh passed away in 2003, Harriet continued to live independently in their family home in Kalispell. She enjoyed playing bridge with her longtime bridge group, going out for dinner with her "Saturday Night Swingers" dinner group, and driving her beloved white Cadillac up until the day she passed away.

Jeanette Bernice (Hewitt) McGee Parent, 99

Jeanette Bernice (Hewitt) McGee Parent, retired nurse and former resident of Whitefish, 99, died at Benefis Extended Care Center in Great Falls on Friday, Aug. 3, 2012.

Surviving is one son, William Michael McGee, of Great Falls, and many

grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Services will be held in Great Falls at Benefis Extended Care Center at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. and in Anaconda on her birthday, Sept. 2. Funeral arrangements have been made and cremation has taken place.

Harriet was preceded in death by her parents, John Merle and Ruby McCord; and her beloved brother George.

She is survived by her family, daughter Susanna Eaton and husband Ray of Kalispell, son Thomas and his wife Deborah of Cheney, Wash.; daughter Heather Cleary and her husband Joe of Richland, Wash.; and son Hugh Thomas Paris Jr., and his wife Joyce of Kalispell; as well as her grandchildren, Sybil Armstrong, Mac and Ben Noble, Arwen and Cameron Paris, Elizabeth and John Cleary, Kathryn and Meghan Paris; and three great-grandchildren.

She requested that no funeral or memorial service be held. Arrangements and cremation will be conducted by Johnson-Gloschat Mortuary and Crematory. A private family gathering for inurnment is planned for later this summer.

In lieu of flowers, and in keeping with her wishes, donations may be directed to our local Humane Society of Northwest Montana, 100 Adopt-A-Pet Way, Kalispell, MT 59901; or the Northwest MT Veterans Food Pantry, 1349 Hwy. 2 East, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Harriet's family.

Hugh had a distinguished career in the Army that took him and his family to many different posts. While he served in Germany in the European theater, their first child, Susanna Lee, was born in Los Angeles.

After the war, Hugh left the U.S. Army and the family moved briefly to San Francisco where Hugh was employed in the banking industry.

Their eldest son, Thomas McCord, was born in San Francisco. In 1949, the family moved to Japan where Hugh served under Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

After living in Tokyo, the family was based in Fort Knox, Ky., and Washington, D.C., where their daughter Heather Ann was born in 1955. In 1958, Hugh retired from active duty and entered private business in Santa Cruz, Calif., where their youngest son, Hugh Jr., was born in 1958.

Through the years, the family continued to visit Montana and always considered the state a home base because of the Paris family members living in the Bill-

Georgie K. Park, 86

Georgie K. Park, 86, passed away peacefully at her home after a short bout with cancer, on Monday, April 16, 2012.



Georgie was born Jan. 11, 1926, in Kalispell, the daughter of George and Nora (McBride) Willis.

Georgie grew up in Kalispell and eventually graduated with a master's degree in music education from the University of Idaho. With her teaching credentials now in hand, she went on to teach piano lessons in the Flathead Valley. She taught for many years and was well loved. Georgie also played church organ for various churches in the valley and

as an accompanist for area funeral homes for services. Georgie enjoyed oil and tile painting in her spare time.

She married Byron Hansen Sept. 22, 1944.

Georgie is survived by her daughters, Kristen Hansen, Joanne Hansen and Susan Farrell, all of Seattle; six grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, and six great-great-grandchildren.

Visitation for Georgie will be held from noon to 8 p.m. on Friday, April 20, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Grave-side services will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 21, at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

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

Mary Jane Parker, 94

Mary Jane Parker, 94, passed away in Kalispell on Friday, May 4, 2012.

Mary was born March 1, 1918, in Cut Bank to Thomas and Josephine (Riechter) Whipple.

Mary was raised in the Cut Bank and Valier areas and graduated from Valier High School.

In 1934, she married Phil Parker in Cut Bank. They lived on a sheep ranch until 1942, when they moved to Kalispell.

Mary worked for the Kalispell Laundry for about 10 years, then went to work for the County Nursing Home as a cook for another 20 years before retiring.

After her retirement she volunteered at the Brendan House and Immanuel Lutheran Home, the R.S.V.P., and helped in the local schools with the administration of fluoride treatments. She also volunteered for the Meals on Wheels as a dining room volunteer.

Mary loved to play cards, specifically with the 500 group, pinochle and whist. She played cards up until her death. Mary was associated with the

Scandinavian Fraternity for a short time. She was a longtime member of First Presbyterian Church in Kalispell.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents; husband Phil in 1983; and a grandson, James Dixon.

She is survived by her three children, Jean Dixon of Missoula, John Parker of Hamilton, and Bill Parker and his spouse, Tie, of Kalispell; sister, Lucille "Babe" Struse of Valier; and three grandchildren, Jay Parker of Florida, Kathy Parker of Boulder, Colo., and Andria Dixon.

A celebration of life service will be at 11 a.m. June 23 at First Presbyterian Church in Kalispell.

The family asks for no flowers and wishes contributions be made to Home Options Hospice, 275 Corporate Drive, Suite 600, Kalispell, MT 59901; or First Presbyterian Church, 540 S. Main St., Kalispell.

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

Jacob Paul Parmenter, 19

Jacob Paul Parmenter, March 2, 1993 - March 16, 2012.



On March 2, 1993, the cutest little boy with peaches and cream skin was welcomed into this world by his Mom and Dad, Kelly and Paul; and his two older brothers, James and Marc. Those brothers couldn't wait to get him home, and wanted him to sleep in between their twin beds. The boys promised their mommy they would wake her up when he cried. Strong willed as always, he only wanted his mommy. As a baby, his Grandma couldn't even hold him. Everyone called him a "Mama's Calf."

As he got older, he was the cutest, mischievous little 2-year-old. So much so, that he was known as the "Evil Parmenter" at daycare. His childhood was filled with many happy days. He loved to go fishing with his Gramps on Flathead and Echo Lakes, and wasn't afraid to "squish the fish." He caught a small mouth bass that Gramps had mounted for him. He started skiing at 3 years old. The first time was straight down the hill without stopping. Gramps promptly went to the ski shop to buy him a helmet because he couldn't keep up.

Later the family moved to Houston. There he taught himself to swim. He would pretend to snap dive tanks on his back in the hot tub. His mother would ask him what he was doing and he'd say, "I'm putting on my tanks, Mommy! I'm gonna be a Navy Seal!" After moving back to Missoula, he'd disappear for hours armed with a shovel and a paintball gun, he would return covered in dirt. When questioned of his whereabouts, he'd say he was building a bunker!

His whole life's dream was to be in the military. He always wanted to be a Navy Seal but after he realized he'd have to be on a boat, he wanted to be a Marine. He worked out like crazy and

was as physically fit as possible. So when the time finally came for him to go to Basic Training, he was immediately made squad leader of 24. There he made the mistake of saying "P.T. was easy," and they decided to teach him a lesson; one that resulted in a medical discharge.

Unfortunately, his dreams in the military didn't work out as he planned and it broke his heart. Two weeks after his 19th birthday, alone in his dorm room, Jacob Paul Parmenter decided to take his own life. He left only a few messages. He let his mother and father know that he loved them and left his friends a couple short goodbyes. He knew there must be a better place. "He's with his grandmother now," and whatever intense pain he felt, it's over.

Jacob was preceded in death by his grandmother, Donna Paulson of Bigfork.

He is survived by his mother, Kelly Jo Paulson of Missoula; brothers, James Parmenter and Marc Taylor of New York City; father, Paul Parmenter of Salt Lake City; grandfather, Jack Paulson and wife, Donna Bruce, of Bigfork; Jean and Bud Larsen of Puyallup, Wash.; Mike and Paulette Keller, and Dale Hofeldt of Lloyd, Mont.; Doris Hofeldt of Chinook; Karen and Clint Baertsch, and Kari Kimball of Missoula; Pamela Liggett of Sacramento, Calif.; numerous Parmenter relatives; and many friends.

A celebration of Jacob's life will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 24 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 3201 Bancroft, in Missoula. A reception will be held following the ceremony at the 501 at the Iron Horse.

The family is requesting any memorials to be sent to the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, 91 Campus Drive, PMB 1407, Missoula, MT in care of house fund. Jacob was just accepted to this fraternity with great support and had recently applied to be president. Jacob will be missed by all whom he loved and all who loved him.

Judy Paro, 59

Judy Paro, 59, passed away on Tuesday, July 24, 2012, at Brendan House in Kalispell, after a brief battle with cancer.



She was born Dec. 8, 1952, in San Bernardino, Calif., to Pat and Clyde Paro. The family moved to Dayton and Judy later moved to Polson, then Kalispell.

She held a bachelor of arts degree in anthropol-

ogy from the University of Montana. Judy last worked for Connector Technology. Judy enjoyed doing crafts, needlepoint, tatting and was an avid reader.

She was a very charitable person and will be missed by her friends and family.

Judy was preceded in death by her parents.

She is survived by her brothers, John, Jerry and Clyde, and their families.

At Judy's request, there are no services planned.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Len Eldon Patterson, 54

Len Eldon Patterson, 54, of Columbia Falls, passed away on Friday, Jan. 27, 2012, at St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula, of complications following heart surgery.



Len was born Dec. 15, 1957, in Whitefish, to Bob and Betty Patterson. Len grew up in the North Valley, attending schools in Whitefish and graduating from Whitefish High School in 1976.

Len was very involved in high school athletics, participating as a varsity member of the football team, basketball team and the track team. He was also a member of the high school rodeo team.

On Aug. 7, 1982, he married Cindy K. Stewart of Bigfork, and on Oct. 20, 1989, their son Clayton was born.

Len was employed with various companies in the logging industry and spent 20 years with Plum Creek Timber Co., from which he retired in 2007. He started Patterson Ranch Construction in 2007 and worked in the construction industry until the fall of 2011.

Hunting and fishing were two of his favorite pastimes, and his hunting trips with his family and friends in the

fall were his favorite. He was an accomplished team roper, competing on the Northern Rodeo Association circuit.

Being an avid fan of the Columbia Falls Mat Cats wrestling team and Wildcat basketball team, you could always find him in the bleachers enthusiastically encouraging the kids. He enjoyed watching sports.

Len was a competitive sporting clays shooter, a multi-class state champion who attended the National Sporting Clays championship in Texas in October. He was a Level One shotgun instructor and coached the Pheasants Forever Ringneck Youth Shooters for 10 years.

Len is survived by his wife, Cindy, and son, Clayton; his mother, Betty Schultz; brothers, Lew and Lee; and sisters, Lita and Lona; and their families.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 2, at the Christian Center in Kalispell.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Len's memorial fund at Parkside Credit Union for the benefit of the Mat Cats Wrestling program and the Pheasants Forever Youth Shooting program.

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

Pamela Gene Patterson, 66

Pamela Gene Patterson, 66, of Belgrade, passed peacefully after an eight-month struggle with intestinal cancer, on



March 17, 2012, surrounded by her family.

She was born on Jan. 21, 1946, in Kansas City, Kan., the daughter of Gene and Bonnie Sprague.

Pam graduated in 1964 from Downey High School, where she participated and excelled in many activities and sports. She attended Cal State Fullerton for one year.

In 1964, she married Bill Kaneen and they had two sons, Brad and Ryan. When the children were young, they moved from Belmont Shore, Calif., to Coram to start a business.

In the spring of 1982, Pam met Bruce Patterson at a birthday party bash, and it was love at first sight. This magical love lasted for 30 wonderful years! In 1983, they adopted a daughter, Misty.

Pam worked as a legal secretary in California and as a property manager for the Povah family in West Yellowstone, Wyo. She was ready

to travel anytime, anywhere. She enjoyed skiing, camping, reading, needlework of all kinds, and fine cuisine and vino. She loved the ocean and the beach, snorkeling, scuba diving, shelling and, of course, her children and grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father, Gene Sprague; and her son, Ryan Jay.

She will be sincerely missed by her loving mother, Bonnie Brown, and incredible stepfather, Verne Brown of Palm Desert, Calif.; devoted and committed husband, Bruce; her son, Brad, and his wife, Connie, and their two children Seth, 14, and Shelby, 13, of Corona, Calif.; her daughter, Misty Petersen, and husband, Jerry, of Bozeman; her brother and sister-in-law, Bob and Nancy Brown, of Irvine, Calif., and their children, Todd, 25, and Kurt, 23; sister-in-law, Jean, and her husband, Bill Robinson, of Bastrop, Texas; best friends forever, Sue Meston of Colorado Springs, Colo., and George Schramm of Belgrade; and numerous and fantastic friends from around the world. Her memory will be cherished by everyone who knew her. She was loved!

In the near future on a beautiful summer day, her

family and friends will get together to celebrate her life — maybe on the river, maybe at home. We will let everyone know the details.

In lieu of flowers, Pam requested that donations be made to Heart of the Valley Animal Shelter, P.O. Box 11390, Bozeman, MT 59719; or Hospice of Southwest Mon-

tana, c/o Bozeman Deaconess Foundation, 931 Highland Blvd, Ste. 3200, Bozeman, MT 59715.

Pam's final wish was that her brain be donated for Multiple Sclerosis research.

Arrangements are in the care of Dokken-Nelson Funeral Service, www.dokkennelson.com

Patti Pedersen, 56

"Our loving and kind Heavenly Father worked out His plans in Patti Pederson's life. He made her and brought her safely through the troubles that we face here on Earth. He poured His abundant blessings upon her each and every day. He did not abandon her and on May 8, 2012, called her and her beloved four-legged grandson 'Reese' home."



Patti was born on Nov. 11, 1955, in Anaheim, Calif., to Robert and Mildred Jury.

Twenty-seven years later, in 1982, she met her other half, Byron Pederson, on a blind date. In 1983 they were married in Seattle and, together with his daughter Angie, they started their family journey. Over the next three years, Patti and Byron welcomed into the world their two daughters, Briana and Caitlin. The family was not one to settle. They were pioneers.

Moving from place to place over the span of 22 years, each new adventure fit another piece into the giant puzzle that they were creating. That journey took Patti and her family from Briar, Wash., to Sunriver, Ore. in 1989. Eventually it was on to Kalispell in 2002, and finally Ennis in 2005. Patti loved her little house on the golf course with its wonderful views and the peaceful serenity that comes from living in a small town.

After graduating from Lake Stevens High School in 1974, Patti worked in various positions in the medical field and in 1995, while living in Sunriver, she began working in the medical transcription field which included running her own business for several years. In December of 2011, she put away her keyboard for the last time.

Ask anyone what Patti's most precious gift was and they will all say the same thing; servitude. It didn't matter how she was feeling or what she was struggling with personally, she would never hesitate to bend over backwards to help others. Whether it was packing a lunch, making cookies for a friend, or doing your dishes

and laundry when you were too sick to do them yourself, she always put everyone else's needs before her own, never asking for anything in return.

She had a comforting voice and a contagious laugh that could dance around a room and lift your spirit off the ground. Her daughters and her grandchildren were her pride and joy, and by far, her greatest accomplishments. She left an enduring impression on our lives that will never be forgotten.

She preceded in death by her father and mother, Robert and Mildred Jury; and her brother, William Jury.

She is survived by her husband, Byron, and their three girls, along with their families: Angela and Charles Alexander with granddaughter, Ann-Marie and grandson, Charlie; Briana and Brandon Nelson, and Caitlin and Justin Danielson, with grandsons, Bryson and Wesson. She is also survived by her sister, Barbara Pettit, and her husband, Charles, along with their children; her brother, Robert Jury, along with his wife, Cheryl, and children; not to mention numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

And finally we cannot forget Mater and Naji, the cats who were Patti's constant companions over the past several years while Byron was flying overseas.

A celebration of Patti's life will be held at a later date this summer yet to be determined.

Remembrances in memory of Patti can be made to Mercy Xpress, a nonprofit charity that she and Byron founded. She was hopeful that through Mercy Xpress, Byron could stay home and be able to fly helping others: Mercy Xpress, P.O. Box 454, Ennis, MT 59729.

"Our separation from Patti is only temporary. So let us rejoice in the knowledge that we will one day join her at our Father's table, and will spend eternity by her side."

"Though I am surrounded by troubles, you will bring me safely through them... the Lord will work out His plans for my life-for your loving-kindness, Lord, continue forever. Don't abandon me-for you made me."— Psalm 138: 7-8

Flora Romera Pedrasa, 93

Flora Romera Pedrasa was born April 12, 1919, in San Francisco and died at the age of 93 of natural causes, in her home, on Nov. 13, 2012, in Bigfork.



Flora is survived by her daughter, Bonnie Lukin and son-in-law, Mario Lukin; four granddaughters, Jill, Joy, Joaquina and Mariah; five great-grandchildren, Shauntel, Angelito, Asa, Ellery and Frankie; brother, Jack Romera; sisters, Frances Stearns and Premavera Rodriguez; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Flora was preceded in death by her husband, Francisco Lopez Pedrasa; son, Frankie Moreno Pedrasa; brother, Rusty Romera; and sister, Helen

Gabrielson.

A private gathering in honor of her life will be held in her home with family and close friends at 7 p.m. on Nov. 21.

Flora, a remarkable woman of stylish dress, was a joy to everyone who met her. A woman filled with love for family and friends, memories to share, with a sense of humor that brought laughter, and who had a spirit of vitality for life that everyone felt.

Common sense and the golden rule is what she lived by.

She believed in Angels. Her favorite flowers were red roses, simply because they were beautiful and signify love.

She will remain in our hearts forever.

"Our little spring hen flew the coop and left her golden eggs behind."

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

George Monford Peebles, 81

George Monford Peebles, 81, died Saturday, Jan. 12, 2013, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

He is survived by two daughters, Veronica Brandewie and Leslie Greene.

Memorial services will be held 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 18, at Flathead Valley Cowboy Church with the Rev. Paul Arends officiating.

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

Scott Lester Peiffer, 41

Scott Lester Peiffer, 41, passed away due to injuries sustained from an automobile accident on May 6, 2012.



Scott was born Aug. 8, 1970, to Gary and Nancy Peiffer in Kalispell. He was raised in Somers, attended Somers Elementary School and Kalispell Junior High School. He graduated from Flathead High School in 1989.

Scott started dating Kari Anne Galle while she was in college. They were married July 30, 1994, at Northridge Lutheran Church in Kalispell. Scott bought a small house on the west side where they started their life together. Scott had been married to the love of his life for almost 18 years. During that time Scott and Kari were blessed with two wonderful sons to complete their family.

Immediately, out of high school, Scott went to work for Montana Tractor as a heavy equipment mechanic where he was able to learn from his dad. He also owned and operated a mobile sandblasting business during this time. Scott was a go-getter, always having jobs lined up — constantly on the go! He had a saying, "Work now,

you can always sleep later." Scott worked for Montana Rockworks for three years.

Most recently, Scott had an opportunity to work at Anderson Masonry as the shop foreman. For eight years he put in long hours of dedicated service. He was loyal, dependable and always at least two hours early. Just recently, Scott purchased a Snap-On Tool business franchise. He was excited to take on this new chapter in his life. Scott could do anything.

His most prestigious accomplishment was serving as the "Mayor of Hilltop Avenue," a highly coveted position that only the greatest could hold. Yearly block parties on Hilltop were the highlight of the fall.

Scott served on the board for PeeWee baseball and was a member of the Moose Club in Evergreen. He coached baseball, basketball and football. Scott's greatest love was coaching Brady and Casey, as well as their teammates. His children looked up to him. He was truly their mentor, best friend, and the dad every boy deserves. He had a great knowledge of sports and a way of teaching that not only brought out their skills but made it incredibly fun. Kids loved Scott for his playful teasing — something all our children will miss immensely.

"We appreciate all of the

kind words, especially from the children Scott reached; including, "Today, a great man has been lost in our very own town. Not only was he kind, friendly, tough, and quite the partier, but he was also an unbelievable father and husband. He will be missed greatly as a friend and a neighbor. Rest in peace, Scott Peiffer. Your life will be cherished in our hearts forever."

Or this quote from the kids: "This weekend we lost a great person as well as my favorite coach. We all love you Coach Peiffer. You will always be remembered in our hearts. Our prayers go out to the Peiffer family. R.I.P. Coach Peiffer"

Scott played baseball, softball, football and basketball, and did it well. Many of his lasting friendships were created during those times. These experiences made him an amazing coach. Scott was an avid outdoorsman. He enjoyed rafting, boating, fishing, camping and cruising in "Olivia," the family RV. Scott, his brother Todd, his wife, and his boys were all enthusiastic Pittsburgh Steeler fans.

Scott was our leader of fun and entertainment at any and all occasions. His greatest asset was his quick wit and sense of humor; you couldn't be around him without a great belly laugh. His greatest gift to others was

his love for family, friends and life.

He is survived by his wife, Kari, and their two boys Brady, 12, and Casey, 10, of Kalispell; his parents, Gary and Nancy Peiffer of Somers; sister, Laurie Peiffer, and her son, Eric Peiffer, of Kalispell; brother, Todd Peiffer, and his sons, Gary, David and Daniel Peiffer, of Rescue, Calif.; mother and father-in-law, Joe and Kathy Galle, of Kalispell; brother-in-law, Craig, and Anna Galle, and their sons, Trevor and Brooks, of Omaha, Neb.; and brother-in-law, Dan Galle, and Kelly, and daughter Rylee and son Grayson, of Kalispell.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Albert Peiffer, and Loretta and Steve Olson, and Harry and Dorothea Walker.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be donated in honor of Brady and Casey Peiffer at any First Interstate Bank. They want to make a donation to the Kidsports Complex in Kalispell in memory of their father.

A celebration of life service will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 12, at the Trade Center at the Flathead County Fairgrounds in Kalispell.

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

Robert William Pemble, 69

Robert William Pemble, 69, of Port Orchard, Wash., formerly of Kalispell, died Aug. 19, 2012.

A potluck celebration of his life will be held at 2 p.m. Sept. 8, at the Waterman Hall in Port Orchard.

James Harold Perkins, 49

James Harold Perkins, 49, died Friday, March 23, 2012. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, March 26 at the First Baptist

Church in Whitefish, with Rev. Troy Harvey officiating. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Charles 'Dean' Peterson, 75

Charles "Dean" Peterson, 75, passed away on Nov. 16, 2012, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.



Chuck was born on April 21, 1937, in Bismarck, N.D., to Harry and Eva Peterson.

Charles married LaVonna Wilson, and drove trucks for Allied Van Lines and Coors Distributors.

He lived his life in South Dakota and Colorado. He made his home in Whitefish for eight years.

Charles "Dean" was preceded in death by his wife, LaVonna; stepdaughter, Valerie; parents, William "Harry" and

Eva Marie Peterson; his brother, Duane; sister-in-law, Evey Peterson; niece, Jenny; and several aunts and uncles.

He is survived by a step-granddaughter and her children; and two brothers, Clair Dennis and Diane Peterson of Columbia Falls and James Leo Peterson of Libby. Dean also leaves behind a sister-in-law, Betty (Duane's wife) Peterson; and also many nieces and nephews.

Much praise and many thanks to the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls for taking very good care of Charles.

You are invited to go to www.columbiamortuary.com to offer condolence, share memories and view Chuck's tribute wall.

Arrangements are entrusted to Columbia Mortuary.

Donald R. 'Don' Persicke, 48

Donald R. "Don" Persicke, 48, formerly of Whitefish, died June 19, 2012, at Community Hospital in Missoula.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 23, at Garden City Funeral Home in Missoula.

Alexander James 'A.J.' Peters, 25

Alexander James "A.J." Peters, 25, was born June 6, 1987, to Laurie and Ron Peters in Kalispell.



He passed away on June 18, 2012, from a drug overdose.

A.J. grew up in Kalispell and graduated from Flathead High School in 2005. He enjoyed cooking and worked at various restaurants after high school. He liked to spend time playing video games, playing his guitar, his trombone and playing with the dog, Jack. A.J. also enjoyed traveling. He enjoyed his foreign travel to Germany with the German Club during high school and extensive travel through China last year with his friend Robert.

A.J. was preceded in death by his grandparents, Jim and Ruby Tannehill, and Don and Elaine Peters.

He is survived by

his parents, Gary and Laurie Morrison, and Ron and Pat Lawshe Peters; his brothers, Jon Peters of Kalispell, and Greg and Jenny Morrison of Naples, Italy; his aunts and uncles, Tom and Lisa Tannehill, and Scott and Martha Tannehill; and cousins, Kelsey, Kyle, Holly and Megha Tannehill, all of Kalispell.

Services for A.J. will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, June 21, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, with Pastor Steve Snipstead officiating. A reception will follow the service in the church. Everyone is welcome at Laurie and Gary Morrison's home Thursday evening. There will be a viewing for A.J. from 5 to 7 p.m. today, June 20, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home.

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

Hazel Theresa (Halvorson) Peterson, 98

Hazel Theresa (Halvorson) Peterson "passed into eternal life" on Jan. 9, 2013, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

Hazel was born to Emma Nelson and Adolf Halvorson in Ryder, N.D., on April 7, 1914. She was the seventh of 10 children and the first girl. In 1923, when Hazel was nine years old, her family moved to Kalispell, where her father died within a month of their arrival.

As the first daughter, Hazel helped her mother care for the younger children and developed a strong work ethic and sense of responsibility at a young age. But she also learned to laugh and have fun. She always had an optimistic outlook and could find the silver lining in every cloud.

Hazel graduated from Flathead County High School in 1932, worked at the county hospital for a while and then, feeling that she needed to prepare for a career, went to Minneapolis to train as a beautician. In 1937, she was a licensed beautician and, with the help of her brother Lester, bought a beauty shop in Bigfork. There she met Walt Peterson, whom she married in 1940. They had two children, Neil and Rita.

Hazel and Walt moved from Bigfork to Evergreen, and then to Kalispell. In 1956 they moved to Ketchikan, Alaska, with Walt's job in the U.S. Forest Service. Never having liked being a beautician, Hazel worked as a retail clerk, in hardware, housewares and shoes during these years. She was very proud of becoming manager and buyer for Champion Shoe Store in Ketchikan. She was also very proud that she helped both of her children go to college.



and Walt retired and moved back to Kalispell. There Hazel was active as a member of Bethle-

hem Lutheran Church, as a driver for Meals on Wheels and as a member of the Century Club. She also loved to read and to take long bicycle rides every summer evening. Walt kept her busy canning and freezing produce from their garden and fish that he caught. They both enjoyed hosting dinners for family and friends.

Hazel always loved to go places, whether traveling around the country or just going for a drive. She enjoyed exploring Alaska, going on a Caribbean cruise, taking two trips to Norway and a trip to England and Germany. She and Walt made numerous road trips around the country to visit friends and family. In later years, after Walt's death in 1992, Hazel made several trips to Oregon and Arizona.

Hazel is survived by her son, Neil Peterson of Salem, Ore.; her daughter and son-in-law, Rita and Roger Dunn of Kalispell; and three granddaughters, Amy Koepke of Peoria, Ill., and Julie Peterson and Jamie Peterson Dunn of Portland; and numerous beloved nieces and nephews.

Wherever they were, Hazel and Walt made many close and lasting friendships. For their 25th anniversary, their friends gave them a surprise party and a trip to Hawaii.

For their 50th anniversary in 1990, their children hosted a big celebration at the Flathead Lake Lodge. In 2004, Hazel had almost 100 guests at her 90th birthday party.

In the early 1970s, Hazel

She was preceded in death by her husband, Walt; her nine brothers and sisters; and her dear friend, Art Whitney.

Hazel will be remembered for her hard work, her sunny personality, ready laugh and sense of humor, her love of telling (sometimes slightly exaggerated!) stories about her experiences, and her positive attitude, which saw her through the difficult times in her life. We will all miss her.

A memorial service and celebration of her life will be held next summer.

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

Taylor Rae Peterson, 17

Taylor Rae Peterson, 17, of Columbia Falls, "went to be with her Lord and Savior" on Dec. 10, 2012, after



a courageous battle with cancer, surrounded by her family at her home. Taylor was a loving daughter, granddaughter, niece, cousin and friend.

Taylor was born on July 25, 1995, in Whitefish, to Michelle Koller and Chuck Peterson.

During the last 18 months Taylor fought cancer with a huge amount of courage and strength. She received love and support from the entire Flathead Valley and beyond.

Taylor loved her friends and family with all her heart. Taylor was an entertainer and comedian for all. She made an impact on anyone she came in contact with. Taylor had an infectious smile and sparkle in her eye that would light up any room. She loved roller coasters, sleepovers and any time she got to spend with friends and family.

Taylor was an honor student at Columbia Falls High School. She was a member of the Columbia Falls High School varsity volleyball team and track team. She received All

Conference honors and three varsity letters in volleyball. Taylor also received two varsity letters in track. She was very competitive and her enthusiasm was hard to miss. Taylor was very proud to be a Wildkat.

During senior night this year for volleyball, Taylor gave this advice, "No matter how hard life gets, always stay positive and keep focused on the bright side and push through. Never give up!"

Taylor is survived by her mother, Michelle Koller, of Kalispell; and her father, Chuck Peterson, of Columbia Falls; maternal grandparents, Dennis and Lynn Koller; and paternal grandparents, Richard and Belinda Peterson. She is also survived by numerous aunts and uncles and cousins, and extended family and friends. Taylor had many people in her life that she considered to be her family, including her best friend, Catie King, and the entire King family.

A memorial service to celebrate Taylor's life will be held at 3 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 14, at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls.

Arrangements are entrusted to Columbia Mortuary.

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

Sheron Joan (Mulligan) Petesch, 74

Sheron Joan (Mulligan) Petesch "proceeded through the pearly gates of Heaven" at 9 a.m. on Jan. 2, 2013. Sheron had a valiant four-year battle with various health issues.

She was born to Joseph and Elsie Mulligan on March 4, 1938, at St. James Hospital in Butte.

Sheron attended St. Anne's grade school and graduated from Butte Central High School in 1956. She received her degree in nursing from Carroll College in 1959, and continued on to complete her Bachelor of Science degree in nursing in January 1961.

During her senior year at Carroll, she met Jim Petesch and the two were married at St. Anne's Parish in Butte on Feb. 4, 1961. Sheron worked as a nurse in the early years of their marriage, but her focus was on raising their five children and supporting their family business, Petesch Electric.

Sheron had a wonderful green thumb and loved spending time gardening and growing her flowers and plants. She hosted many family friends, and friends of her children, at their family home on Foy's Lake. In their last two Kalispell homes, Sheron insisted on having a greenhouse where she could continue to grow and culture her flowers. The rewards of her labor were evident to anyone who visited their home and beautiful yard(s) where they hosted many gatherings of friends and family through the years.



Sheron was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph (1952) and Elsie (1972) Mulligan.

Sheron is survived by her husband, Jim Petesch; and five children, Dan of Los Angeles, Cheryl (Petesch) and Kevin Mackay of Mill Creek, Wash., Mari (Petesch) and Evan Ilias of Redmond, Wash., Joleen (Petesch) and John Osborne of Kalispell, and Jennifer (Petesch) and Scott Poverud of Vancouver, Wash.; her sister, Gail (Mulligan) Griffin and husband Tren; and her eight grandchildren, JonAlan and Josh Osborne, Taylor and Emily Mackay, Demetri and Alex Ilias, and Ryder and Regan Poverud. Her grandchildren brought significant joy to her life and watching them grow was one of her greatest pride and pleasures.

A rosary will be said at 7 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 4, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home (Viewing will be held from 6 to 7 p.m.) Her funeral will be held at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 5, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church, with Father Rod Ermatinger as celebrant.

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

Donald 'Don' Phillips, 69

Donald "Don" Phillips, 69, died Saturday, Jan. 12, 2013, after a courageous battle with cancer.

He is survived by his wife Jeanie, son Aaron, and daughter Aarica.

A memorial service

will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 18, at Christ Lutheran Church, 5150 River Lakes Parkway in Whitefish.

Arrangements are entrusted to Austin Funeral Home.

Helen Carolyn 'Carol' Biller Phillips, 90

Helen Carolyn "Carol" Biller Phillips was born Aug. 16, 1922, and passed away in Kalispell on Nov. 27, 2012, at the age of 90.



Carol, the youngest of five children, daughter of David Howard Biller and Mary Theresa Robinson Biller, was delivered by her grandfather, Dr. J.G. Biller, at the family home in Spadra, Calif.

Raised on a citrus ranch in rural Los Angeles County, Carol enjoyed the warmth and happiness of a close-knit farm family. Summering with her grandparents at Laguna Beach was a highlight for her. As a youngster, Carol attended a tiny rural school and then continued her education "in town" at Pomona High School where she met and fell in love with her future husband, Louis Phillips. After graduating from Pomona Junior College she went on to attend UC Santa Barbara.

As World War II progressed, Carol left school to work in the wartime Douglas Aircraft factory, while Louie became a Marine pilot and would later fly B-25s in the Pacific. On a short leave from Marine Corps flight training at Cherry Point, N.C., Louie drove home for a surprise visit to marry Carol. Their wedding was May 19, 1944, a date that was always remembered because it coincides with opening day of fishing season!

After the war, the young couple settled in Claremont, Calif., for a time and then in early spring of 1949, packed up and moved to Kalispell.

Carol had many interests but closest to her heart was home and family. She was a true nurturer as well as an industrious, tireless wife and mother. Being a wonderfully positive and gracious person, Carol was always looking for the good in people. With her quick smile and gentle reassurance, Carol has been a strength for all of her family and friends. On one hand, athletic Carol could fish, hunt and camp with the best of them but her center was always her children and later, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She loved gardening, cooking, sewing and the simple pleasures of living in the home that she and Louie built together on the outskirts of Kalispell. She often spoke about how wonderful it was to be surrounded by so many happy memories.

Carol continually marveled at the beauty of Montana and the changing seasons. Although she loved solitude, she was a holiday lady who looked forward to festive times of year. She enjoyed hosting friends and family get-togethers at home, at their little cabin on Swan Lake or the Salmon Prairie Ranch on Swan River, and how she loved the Christmas season. In later years, although she could hardly wait to come home to Kalispell, Carol enjoyed fishing and dog-walking

with her husband Louie at Lake Havasu, Ariz., during the winter months.

Carol was preceded in death by her husband, Louis T. Phillips; father and mother, David Howard and Mary Theresa Biller; brothers, John Biller and James Biller; and sister, Virginia McCaslin.

She is survived by her sister, Patricia Hickson, of Carlsbad, Calif.; her four children, Pam Chute of Kalispell, Janet Phillips of Huson, David Phillips of Kalispell and Roger Phillips of Kalispell; daughters-in-law, Jackie Phillips of Kalispell and Carole Phillips of Lake Five; grandchildren, Ethan Chute and wife Lisa of Ramsey, Minn., Jessica Chute of Kalispell, Ira Chute and wife Kirsten of Austin, Texas, Stacie Anderson and husband Mark of Seattle, Melissa Phillips of Lake Five, Carrie Short and husband David of Seattle, and Chris Phillips of Kalispell; five great-grandchildren, Caleb and Carissa Chute of Ramsey, Minn., Carter and Emma Chute-Teigen of Kalispell, Hayden and Bryson Phillips of Lake Five, and Ilsa Chute of Austin, Texas.

The needs of the family are being cared for by Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. A private family gathering will take place at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in July 2013.

Rather than flowers, Carol would have you remember those in our valley who are in need. Suggested donations are our Flathead Food Bank, the Veteran's Pantry or Kalispell Hospice.

Ronald Leroy Pierce, 83

Ronald Leroy Pierce, 83, died Sunday, April 8, 2012, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

He is survived by his three sons, Rodney, Stan-

ley and Raymond Pierce.

No services are planned at this time.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Timothy Piland, 43

Timothy Wayne Piland, 43, died on Friday, May 11, 2012, at his residence in Missoula.

He is survived by his mother and step-father, Donna and Monty Graham of Columbia Falls; his son, Steven Piland of Camp Lejeune, N.C.; and his daughter Natasha

Piland, of Moab, Utah. Memorial services will be held Thursday, May 17 at 3 p.m. at Columbia Mortuary. Urn burial will follow at St. Richard's Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for Tim's family.

Tim W. Piland, 43

Tim W. Piland, 43, of Columbia Falls, died May 12, 2012, in Missoula.

He was born April 4, 1969, in Englewood, Colo., the son of Donna E. Davis Piland Graham and Tim D. Piland.

Tim W. was preceded in death by his father, Tim D. Piland; and a daughter, Daneya Renee Piland.

He is survived by two children, Steven and Natasha, previously of Columbia Falls; a brother, Cliff A. Piland; and a sister,



Heather Piland Burgeson, of Kalispell.

Tim W. had many problems in his short life. He was loved and prayed for often, and will continue to be in our thoughts and prayers.

Tim's ashes will be buried with his baby daughter, Daneya Renee Piland, at St. Richard's Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Thursday, May 17, at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

Arrangements are entrusted to Columbia Mortuary.

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

Jeffrey William Poe, 39

Jeff Poe of Kalispell passed from this life on Nov. 23, 2011.

Jeff was born on March 27, 1972, in Eaton Rapids, Mich., to Jim and Corinne Poe. When he was a small boy, Jeff's family moved to Montana.

As a boy he loved wrestling and baseball and excelled as a member of Flathead's AAU Wrestling and Little League baseball.

Jeff graduated from Flathead High School in 1990. He was a proud member of the Flathead High Brave's varsity wrestling and football teams and was state champion runner-up in 1990.

He married Jennifer Barker in Omaha, Neb. The proudest moment of his life was when his son, Andrew, was born in 1991. Jeff spent the next 12 years raising Andrew. During these years, they lived in Nebraska, Arizona and Reno, Nev.

When in Reno, he was employed by Custom Concrete and became an expert concrete cutter. He worked for Stevens Concrete several years in the Flathead. In 2010, he obtained his CDL and started working for Haliburton in Williston, N.D.



Jeff was an avid Pittsburgh Steelers fan and loved watching NFL football. He enjoyed golfing with Dad and hunting and fishing with family members.

Jeff was a man of few words but with a heart of gold. He will be missed by all who knew and who loved him.

He is survived by his son, Andrew Poe, of Delta, Colo.; father Jim Poe, and mother Corinne Poe, of Kalispell; brother, Jimmy Poe, and wife, Angie, and their children, Jordan, Bailie and Jaden; sister, Deborah Poe, and husband, Jason Hatten, and their children Alyssa, Noah and Caleb, all of Kalispell; and his maternal grandfather, William Collier, of Springport, Mich.

In remembrance of Jeff, his friends and family are invited to a memorial service at 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 19, at Calvary Lutheran Church, 2200 Highway 2 E., Kalispell, with pastor Kurt Rau officiating.

In lieu of flowers or gifts, the family suggests donations to an education savings account opened by Corinne Poe for Jeff's son Andrew, a freshman at Colorado Mesa University in Grand Junction, Colo., at any Wells Fargo Bank branch.

Julia Anna Polus, 77

Julia Anna Polus, 77, of Whitefish, died Dec. 10, 2012, at North Valley Hospital.

She is survived by her husband, Ivan Polus, of

Whitefish.

A funeral service will be held Saturday, Dec. 15, in Elmira, Mich. Arrangements are entrusted to Austin Funeral Home.

Mary Jean Poole, 55

Mary Jean Poole, 55, died Friday, March 30, 2012, at her home in Kalispell.

She is survived by her children, Isaac, Raine, Nicholas, Samuel, Kathleen, Adam, Zachary and Elizabeth.

Graveside services will be 11 a.m. today, March 31, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery with the Rev. Paul Arends officiating.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Leroy Porter, 76

Leroy Porter, 76, died of natural causes in his home on Aug. 1, 2012.

He was born to Lloyd and Isabelle Porter on Oct. 27, 1935, in Klamath Falls, Ore. He graduated from Klamath Union High School in 1953 and Oregon State University in 1957.

He married Eunice Welman in 1958. They later divorced.

After college, Leroy worked for Phillips Petroleum in Idaho Falls, Idaho. He and his family moved to Columbia Falls in 1963 where he worked for Anaconda Aluminum, later Atlantic Richfield, until 1986. He then worked seasonally for the U.S. Forest Service until retirement in the mid-1990s.

Leroy enjoyed living in Montana. He liked to fish and hunt with his family. He also liked to pick huckleberries. He was well-loved among friends and family for the jam he would make from huckleberries and other fruits that he grew in his yard. He also enjoyed listening to music, reading, genealogy, Civil War history and square dancing.



He enjoyed world travel during his retirement. He traveled to several countries in Asia,

Europe, Africa and Central and South America. He was scheduled to take a trip to Mongolia and Lake Baikal in September.

He is survived by his sister, Karen Nicolas, of Klamath Falls, Ore.; his daughter, and son-in-law, Annette and Mickey Hatley, of Keizer, Ore.; his daughter and son-in-law, Elaine and David Laraway, of Redding, Calif.; his son, Russell Porter, of Seattle; and his grandchildren, Stephanie Hatley of Redmond, Wash., Benjamin Hatley of Corvallis, Ore., Todd Hatley of Keizer, and Elisa and Andrew Laraway of Redding.

A celebration of his life will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 18, at the United Methodist Church in Columbia Falls.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Wilderness Society.

Larry Loraine Poston, 59

Larry Loraine Poston, 59, of Billings and formerly of Libby and Kalispell, died July 15, 2012.

He is survived by his daughters, Vivian,

Vickie and Valerie, all of Kalispell, and Heidi and Billie, of Nebraska.

A private memorial remembrance will be on Saturday, July 28, in Whitehall.

Gareth 'Dean' Potter, 82

Dean Potter, 82, of Kalispell, "passed into the loving arms of his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ" on May 3, 2012, after an eight-year courageous and inspirational journey with colon cancer.



He passed peacefully in his home surrounded by his wife, Alice, and his loving family.

Dean was born on Feb. 14, 1930, in Crosby, N.D., to Earl and Ida Potter. He lived in Dooley, Mont., as a young boy, and later Kila where his mother taught school in a one-room country schoolhouse. He was a smart little boy and skipped second grade, making him only 16 years old when he graduated from Flathead County High in 1946.

Following graduation, he furthered his education at Montana State in Bozeman, graduating with a degree in teaching. While on break in Kalispell, he met the love of his life, Alice Halvorson. They dated only three months before marrying on Dec. 30, 1950.

Dean served nine years in the National Guard during their first years of marriage.

After receiving his teaching degree, he taught two years alongside his mother in Marion, and one year in Kila. He and Alice lived in a one-room teacherage. In 1953, their son, David, was born and a year later, their daughter, Janet.

In 1955, he gave up teaching and moved the family to Hungry Horse where he began a new career at Anaconda Aluminum. They soon moved to Columbia Falls. In 1968, he accepted a job with Bonneville Power Administration. This new career took the family to Anaconda for two years, and then on to Wenatchee, Wash., for another two years before returning to their home in Kalispell in 1973.

music and he loved his family and friends.

Dean and Alice enjoyed entertaining in their home where the evening always ended in playing cards or a board game with friends or family. In earlier years, they loved to camp with their grandson, Sam, and also took many trips with their fifth wheel to the Oregon coast which they enjoyed so much.

Following retirement, they also enjoyed several bus tours and two cruises to Alaska.

Dean will be missed for his love of life, never giving up until his body said it couldn't go on; he never complained. He was an inspiration to his family and friends and many others at Northwest Medical Oncology who are fighting this same battle. We want to say a special thank you to Dr. Ward, Justine, Lois and Kathy and the other staff at Northwest Medical Oncology for loving Dean, taking such good care of him and treating him like family. And also towards the end of his journey, a special thank you to KRMC Home Options/Hospice, especially to Karen H., Lori, Janet, Wendy and Bob. We love you all.

Dean is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Alice; son, David Dean Potter, and Angela, of The Dalles, Ore.; daughter, Janet, and Orland Leland, of Kalispell; sister, Enid Tronson, of Spokane; grandson, Samuel Dean, and Krista Nunnally of Kalispell; granddaughters, Amanda and Mike Moreno of Neets Bay, Alaska and Ashley Potter of The Dalles; and great-grandchildren, Alexandra and Samuel Dean Jr., Nunnally of Kalispell. His grandchildren and great-grandchildren brought him so much joy the last few years. He loved you all very much. He was also survived by several nieces and nephews and many friends who were like family to him.

Dean retired from BPA in 1993.

Following retirement, Dean enjoyed his time as a volunteer at Kalispell Regional Medical Center. He also started a music group, The Golden Reruns. They entertained at many nursing homes and events throughout the valley. Dean was a talented musician, self-taught in many musical instruments, including guitar, harmonica, button accordion, fiddle and mandolin.

Dean and Alice were very involved in Bethel Baptist Church where he served as a deacon for many years. Dean was a man of few words, but when he spoke, you knew he meant it. He loved to tell a story or a joke, he loved

"We will miss you more than we can say, and Valentine's Day will never be the same again. We love you, Dad!"

Memorial gifts may be given in Dean's name to the Northwest Healthcare Foundation Volunteer Fund towards the ER campaign; or to the Bethel Baptist Missionary Fund.

Visitation will be from noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday, May 8, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home, where the family will greet friends from 3 to 5 p.m. Burial will be at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, May 9, at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell. A celebration of life will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, May 9, at Bethel Baptist Church, 936 Fourth Ave. W., in Kalispell.

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

Mavis L. Potter, 71

Mavis L. Potter, 71, of Libby, died Friday, Jan. 27, 2012, at St. John Lutheran Hospital from injuries sustained from a motor vehicle accident near Libby.

Survivors include her husband, Stan Potter of

Libby.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 2 at the Libby Christian Church. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. today.

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

Isabelle Pound, 59

Isabelle Pound, 59, died Friday, March 9, 2012, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

She is survived by her son, Terry Pound.

A memorial service will be

at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 15 at the Moose Lodge in Evergreen.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Isabelle's family.

Dustin D.J. Weber-Pourroy, 23

Dustin D.J. Weber-Pourroy, 23, passed away peacefully Jan. 4, 2012, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.



Dustin was born Nov. 24, 1988, to Randeena Weber and Joseph Pourroy.

He graduated from Flathead High in 2007. He was upset to hear that he did not get to go back the next year. He loved school that much.

He started working at Flathead Industries right away and never left there. He enjoyed working with all the other people there and learning new things.

Dustin also belonged to the Special Olympics. He loved skiing. Someone once said that Dustin was one of the

best skiers she had ever seen; she was very surprised how well he did.

He also liked basketball, swimming, cross country, bike riding and football. He knew all the teams and players' names of whatever sport was happening at the time.

Dustin is survived by his mother, Randeena Dowling, and her husband, Tim; his little sister, Jasmine; his father, Joseph Pourroy and his wife, Jeanie; grandma, Darlene King; Sierra Dean, his adopted sis; and a lot of aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, James and Julia (Erickson) Weber, and David and Mary (Nelson) Pourroy; and aunt, Roberta Baldree.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Jan. 17 at the Christian Center.

Leonard Powell, 91

Leonard Powell "went peacefully to our Lord and Savior" on Nov. 30, 2012.



He was born June 30, 1921.

Len loved the outdoors, fishing and hunting throughout his life. Len and his childhood friend, Will, were avid backpackers in the Bob Marshall Wilderness in their younger years.

Len served our country in World War II in the U.S. Air Force. He received his commission as a second lieutenant at Yale University. He graduated from the Montana School of Mines in Butte with honors in 1949 with a degree in metallurgy.

Len worked at the Anaconda Company in Great Falls after graduation, doing many jobs. He was promoted to plant

manager and eventually became corporate vice president. Len had many other accomplishments in his business career. Companies around the world consulted Leonard about advancements in the industry.

After retirement, Len and his wife, Joan, were involved in many activities such as owning orchards, buying and selling real estate, square and round dancing, and showing movies of his fishing trips and his travels to shut-ins. Len loved life.

He will be missed by many who knew him, especially by his dear wife, Joan. The love they shared for each other was evident to everyone.

Leonard is survived by his wife, Joan; the Rogers family and numerous other relations.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 6, at Blessed John Paul II Catholic Church in Bigfork. A celebration of Len's life will follow the service.



Wayne Noel Powell, 71

Wayne Noel Powell died on March 15, 2012, in Jefferson City, Mo.

He was born in Great Falls on Oct. 17, 1940, to Charles S. and Retta M. Buchanan Powell. During World War II they moved from Great Falls to Pittsburgh where he lived until age 4, when the family returned to Kalispell.

Wayne graduated from Flathead County High School, Class of 1958. He later studied architecture at Montana State College in Bozeman, interrupting his studies for work as a draftsman in White Plains, N.Y., and then for Boeing in Seattle.

After receiving his degree in architecture, he worked in various locations throughout his



throughout his life. As an avocational physicist, Wayne promulgated many theories, touching on esoteric concepts such as the time/energy continuum, and built models for many inventions, including a concept car. His stories, inventions, knowledge of physics and propensity for teaching made him

career.

He married Linda Palm in 1967, with whom he had three children.

Ever the dreamer, Wayne worked on building projects

quite popular with the children of the family, who carry on his legacy.

He served in the Montana National Guard, receiving his basic training in Oklahoma.

He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Kalispell where he designed the remodel of the front entry and also sang in the choir.

As a Freemason, Wayne served as master of the Kalispell Masonic Lodge No. 42 in 2001-02.

After recovering from heart surgery in Kalispell in 2007, he spent his final years building churches for Cowboys for Christ.

Wayne was preceded in death by his parents, Charles Powell and Retta Powell; and brother,

James H. Lee Powell.

He is survived by children, Julie Powell Fogle of Lewistown, Scott Powell of Brooklyn, N.Y., and Jason Powell of Ypsilanti, Mich.; sister, Jean Hedger, of Sedro-Wooley, Wash.; and brother, Terry Powell, of Kalispell; grandchildren, Briana King, Jordan and Ethan Fogle, and Kirin and Rowan Powell; nephews, Erik and Thor Powell, and Greg and Doug Hedger; niece, Lindsay Hedger Marshall; and aunts, Bobbie Wagoner of Kalispell, and Gladys Frank of Orland, Calif.

A family memorial will be held 1 p.m. Saturday, July 7, at the First Presbyterian Church in Kalispell.

Tracey Lynn Prangley, 53

Tracey Lynn Prangley of Bigfork died suddenly at her home on Thursday, Aug. 2, 2012.

She was born in Hillsboro, Ore., on Nov. 16, 1958, the daughter of Don and Marion Ficken. She spent her younger years in Oregon and then moved to Tacoma, Wash., graduating from high school there. She then went on to the Bates Technical School and became a dental/orthodontal assistant. She spent 27 years working in this field in Tacoma.

She married her soul mate, Terry Prangley, on June 24, 2004. Soon after they moved to the Flathead area, residing in Bigfork. She started working at the Wild Mile Deli and then in 2006 became one of the cooks at Eva Gates Homemade Preserves. She was working there at the time of her death.

Tracey loved her grandchildren, Paiton and Kolten. Her eyes lit up every time she saw them or talked about them. The day before her passing, she enjoyed a wonderful evening on Flathead Lake with her husband, Terry, and Kolten. It was one of those picture-perfect evenings on the lake and she was with the two men she loved the most.

She also loved to cook. She always loved to share her recipes with family and friends and was known for her great potato casserole. She also

enjoyed reading, cribbage and of course, doting on her grandchildren. And her work at Eva Gates Homemade Preserves completed her happiness. She so enjoyed meeting new people every day and loved each and every one of the employees there. It was one big happy family and she was especially close to Abby Monroe, her fellow cook and dear friend.

She was preceded in death by her father, Don Ficken.

She is survived by her husband, Terry Prangley, at the family home; her mother, Marion Ficken, of Sherwood, Ore.; her brother, Gary Ficken and wife Karen Ficken, of Tacoma; her sister, Kristie Turner and husband Paul, of Port Saint Lucie, Fla.; daughter Tori Prangley, of Enumclaw, Wash.; son Dustin Prangley of Butte; and her grandchildren, Paiton Louise Meyer, of Enumclaw, and Kolten Wayne Prangley, of Bigfork. She also is survived by four wonderful nephews and her special friends at Eva Gates Homemade Preserves.

A celebration of life will take place at Community United Methodist Church in Bigfork on Tuesday, Aug. 7, at 1 p.m. with a reception following at the church.

"Heaven gained a special angel that day and she will be remembered always in our hearts."

Vicki Jeanne (Hall) Price, 52

Vicki Jeanne (Hall) Price, 52, "passed into Heaven" on July 24, 2012, at her home in San Luis Obispo, Calif., due to heart failure.



Vicki was born in Whitefish on Dec. 27, 1959, the daughter of Kenneth and Doris Hall. She joined three brothers, Larry, Gary and Doug. Vicki grew up in Kalispell, graduating from Flathead High School. She spent one year at Denver Baptist Bible College.

Vicki was a vivacious, happy young lady, bringing joy to all those around her.

In 1979 she married Scott Price and from this union, the pride of her life, Jessica, was born. Vicki spent the rest of her life in San Luis Obispo. In 1992 she married Ernie Carrillo and owned a restaurant there.

She was preceded in death by her brother

Larry in 1984. In 2001, her father Kenneth preceded her in death; followed by her precious niece, Becky (Hall) Nielsen, daughter of Gary and Jayne Hall, from a car accident in 2005.

The loved ones whom she leaves to mourn her passing are her mother Doris Hall of Kalispell; daughter Jessica and Jerami and their four sons in Texas; brother Gary and Jayne Hall of Columbia Falls and their son Matthew and family, and Becky's two children Eli and Ella; brother Doug and Kelly Hall of Palmer, Alaska, daughter Kristin and Justin and their two sons, and Doug's son Colby Hall and wife Eva; nephews Chad and Katy Hall and their two children in Virginia, Tyson Hall and Ailsa and their three children in Seattle; and many friends in Montana and California.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorials may be sent to Lake Blaine Bible Camp, c/o Bethel Baptist Church.

Janet May Pruett, 56

Harold Hume Shiell, 60, died Oct. 28, 2012, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Nov. 5 at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day

Saints, Lakeside Chapel. Interment will be held at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell.

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

David 'Dale' Purdy, 88

David "Dale" Purdy, 88, of Eureka, died of natural causes Tuesday, July 31, 2012, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He is survived by his wife, Marie Purdy; and four sons and three daughters, Russell of Kalispell, Mark of Valentine, Neb., Joe and David, both of Eureka, Virginia Nichols-Bourassa of Missoula, Dorothy Sharp

of Eureka and Deanna Purdy Curtis of Maple Valley, Wash.

Memorial services will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 5, at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church in Eureka. Burial will be at the Purdy Ranch Cemetery, followed by a reception at the church.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Eureka.

David 'Dale' Purdy, 88

David "Dale" Purdy, 88, of Eureka, passed away of natural causes Tuesday,



July 31, 2012, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He was born Dec. 23, 1923, in Eureka, to Lynn and Jessie Purdy. He grew up and worked on the Meadow Home dairy farm/ranch from birth until March 1986.

He married Marie Kuchenski in the Catholic Church, where he continued to be a model Christian throughout his time here on Earth. Dale and Marie worked the dairy farm for 70-plus years and raised their eight children. Dale sold the dairy farm to his son Joe, a fourth-generation Purdy, although he continued to help on the farm until he retired in 1996.

As a part-time job, Dale drove the school bus on the Glen Lake route for many years and to many sporting events. He was part of the Grange and a Glen Lake Irrigation board member for many years.

Dale enjoyed the town dances and even would take the family to a square dance get together now and then. But most of all, Dale treasured the many family parties on the ranch complete with a basketball hoop in the top of the barn (whenever there was no hay in it). Baseball and kickball were also a favorite on the front lawn, volleyball in the back, ice skating at the pond on the hill, swimming where possible, but cooling off in the "Big Ditch" was the best.

ested in getting to know everyone he met. That gift and kindness were what often kept so many honest, loyal milk customers.

Most of all, Dale enjoyed his family.

Dale was preceded in death by his father, Lynn Purdy; and his mother, Jane Ann "Jessie" Purdy, who shared his birthday; his courageous brother, Donald Purdy, who was a World War II hero; and his loving and doting sisters, Rae Jane Schermerhorn and Jean Frost; his amazing daughter, Colleen Stacy; and baby, Patricia Jean, who died at birth.

He is survived by his brother, Arthur Purdy and Dolly of Libby; his wife, Marie Purdy; four sons and three daughters, Russell and Linda of Kalispell, Mark and Ivanna of Valentine, Neb. Joe and Rita, and David and Sue of Eureka, Virginia Nichols-Bourassa and Marti of Missoula, Dorothy Sharp and Darrel of Eureka, and Deanna Purdy Curtis and Paul of Maple Valley, Wash.

Dale has 30 grandchildren and 34 great-grandchildren, with a couple more on the way. Dale has 25 nieces and nephews, many of whom practically lived on the farm and helped out whenever needed over the years to help make it a wonderful place to live, and will also miss him dearly.

Dale was an athlete in school, with basketball and track being his favorites. He enjoyed attending and reading about all the sporting activities of his kids, grandkids and great-grandkids, even those who were spread out over the country. The daily work of milking the cows morning and night for 70 years left little time for traveling, but most weekends included a good pinochle card game and popcorn that didn't end until he won.

He was an active member in the business community of Eureka, as well as in Kalispell and Libby. Dale thoroughly enjoyed living here in this area and was genuinely inter-

We have to mention that Dale has many, many cousins and relatives in the area whom he also liked to give a bad time to, like his older first cousin Edith Douglas of Eureka.

Dale was not into hunting and fishing, "but he was a true 'fisher of men' just like his Father in heaven. As it was said at his daughter's service, he, too, has been called up to play for a more important team, and celebrating has begun."

Memorial services will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 5, at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church in Eureka. The burial will be at the Purdy Ranch Cemetery, followed by a reception at the church. For our dad, brother, grandpa, uncle, cousin, relative, loyal milk customer and acquaintance, there was nothing better than a good gathering with great food, some funny stories, true or not, a little history lesson and a lot of joking around, so please join us if you can.