

Frances Emehiser Sager, 92

Frances Emehiser Sager, 92, passed away on April 25, 2012, in Bremerton, Wash.



Frances was born on Dec. 11, 1919, in Boise, Idaho, to Madge (Robb) and Frank Emehiser. Frances moved with her parents to Kalispell after graduating from Thompson Falls High School. There she completed business school, and married Edwin Sager on Aug. 3, 1940. A lifelong scholar, she attended Flathead Valley Community College, earning her Associate of Arts degree in her 50s.

She was preceded in death by her husband; sister, Agnes (Henry) Jacobson; brother, Robb Emehiser; great-grandson, Victor Estes; and son-in-law, Gene Hood.

Frances is survived by her daughter, Victoria Sager, of Bremerton, Wash.; brother, Max Sager, and Connie, of Wasilla, Alaska; granddaugh-

ter, Toria Estes, and David, of Anderson Island, Wash.; great-grandchildren, Alec, Sam and Olivia of Anderson Island; grandson, Kevin Sager, and Stefanie; and great-granddaughter, Olivia, of Palmer, Alaska.

Frances was a charter member of the Bible Presbyterian Church, a past officer in VFW and a member of ACBL. She loved to read, play the piano, and walk the beach and forest trails, especially Ashley Lake. She rarely missed a Mariners game, and enjoyed PBS concerts and the Seattle Pops.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to noon Thursday, May 10, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Interment will follow the visitation at 1 p.m. at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. A celebration of Frances' life will be held at 2 p.m. at Bible Presbyterian Church in Kalispell, with a reception to follow at the church.

Donations can be made in Frances' name to the Bible Presbyterian Church in Kalispell.

Victoria Sager, 93

Victoria Sager, 93, died Wednesday, April 25, 2012 in Bremerton, Wash.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Thursday, May 10, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Burial will be at 1

p.m. in C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

A celebration of life will be at 2 p.m. at Bible Presbyterian Church in Kalispell. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Phillip Michael Samuels, 69

Phillip Michael Samuels, 69, died Tuesday, April 3, 2012, at Immanuel Skilled Care Center, after a year-long battle with cancer.

He had worked at the Somers Tie Plant and at

Buffalo Hill Terrace.

Phil is survived by his wife, Brenda; and daughters, Lisa Moore of Kelzer, Ore., and Kristy Williams of Kalispell.

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

Diana Lynn Sande, 58

Diana Lynn Sande, 58, passed away on Sunday, May 13, 2012, at her home in Kila, with her devoted husband Craig Kiser and the many animals she cared for.



There will be a vast emptiness for many in the space in our hearts she leaves behind. Her loving care and concern for others touched virtually everyone she encountered, in many areas of her life including her long nursing career, her family and the Smith Valley community she resided in at the time of her death.

Diana was born March 21, 1954, in Havre to Jim and Joyce (Witcher) Sande. She was joined by sisters Dorothy and Judy, and brother Jesse over the years. She graduated from Havre High and went on to nursing school at Northern.

She worked in both hospitals in Great Falls until 1989, when she moved west of the mountains to Kalispell, where she worked at Immanuel Lutheran Home and in home health care, which she did up until two days before she passed away.

Diana was preceded in death by her brother Jesse.

She leaves behind her husband of 17 years, Craig Kiser; her parents; sisters; nieces, Jessica and Candice; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. She also leaves behind many people she worked for and with in her career of helping others, both in nursing and as a firefighter/engineer with Smith Valley Fire.

Diana had many interests and approached every new opportunity wholeheartedly. When her husband decided to join the local fire department several years ago, she told him if he was still there after a year she would join also. We were privileged to have her as a member for a little over two years, during which time she completed more training classes than many with more time on the department, including a rather vigorous eight-week Fire Fighter 1 academy last year. Every one of us that knew her feels her passing like that of a close family member because that is how she treated everyone, with a hug, a smile, or words of encouragement.

That is not to say that she would keep quiet if you needed to hear words of reprimand or a little strongly-worded advice. Diana was a straight shooter, known for very straightforwardly telling the facts as they were but she managed to do it in a way that was effective and never lost the conveyance of her deep care and concern for others while doing it.

It is then, with deep sorrow and heavy hearts, that we ask you to join us at 2 p.m. on Thursday, May 24 at the Christian Center in Kalispell, to recognize the special place she created within each of us that we will cherish always. Bring a dish for a potluck to follow the memorial service and celebrate the life of our beloved friend and companion.

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

Cole Bryant Sandefer, 17 months

Cole Bryant Sandefer passed away Sunday, Jan. 15, 2012, at the family home in Stevensville, Md. His parents, Jesse and Alayna (Lanie) Sandefer formerly of Columbia Falls, and brothers, Chase Schulte and Cody Sandefer, were by his side.



He was born Aug. 17, 2010, in Charlottesville, Va. The family moved to Maryland in June of 2011.

Cole was diagnosed with rhabdoid tumors, a rare form of childhood cancer, in October 2011.

For three months he battled through chemotherapy treatments at Children's National Medical Center in Washington, D.C. Throughout his treatments he remained bright-eyed, active and happy. After long days of chemotherapy he would come home full of energy and ready to play with his older brothers. In January 2012, Cole's conditioned worsened and he was transitioned to Home Hospice care where he ultimately lost his battle.

Survivors include his loving parents and brothers; grandparents, Laurie Shay of Kalispell, Lynn and Joan Sandefer, Bill Schulte and Dusty Dusterhoff of Columbia Falls, and Lynn Mehring of Hendersonville, N.C. Other

survivors are aunts and uncles, Holly Sandefer of Hendersonville, Anna, Sarah and Emily Downen of Columbia Falls, and Jay Dusterhoff of Seattle; special aunt, Mary Tingley, of Mount Airy, Md.; great-grandparents, Janet Sandefer, Gladys Shay and Josephine Dusterhoff of Columbia Falls, Fred and Lenore Mehring of Hungry Horse, and Edith Mason of Kalispell. Cole is also survived by numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Cole was preceded in death by his uncle, Russell Schulte; and great-grandparents, Bryant Sandefer, Joan Mehring, Al Shay, Leo Schulte and Bud Dusterhoff.

Funeral services for Cole Bryant Sandefer will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 21, at Fellowship Alliance Church, 1025 Seventh Ave. W., Columbia Falls. Interment will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery under the direction of Columbia Mortuary. A potluck reception will follow at Fellowship Alliance Church. Viewing takes place from noon to 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 20, at Columbia Mortuary.

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial donations can be made to the "Itty Bitty Fundraiser" via Facebook; or mailed to 203 Oakwood Lane, Stevensville, MD 21666, where they will be directed to treat childhood cancer at Children's National Medical Center, Washington, D.C.

Donald 'Don' James Sanders, 55

Donald "Don" James Sanders, 55, "went to be with the Lord" on Nov. 13, 2012.



He was born in Mojave, Calif., raised in Oregon, and 14 years ago moved and settled to Whitefish with his family.



Don was exceptionally skilled at many trades during his lifetime; construction, welding, excavating and truck driving.

Don served in the Oregon National Guard, and he served the Whitefish community with volunteering his time at his church and the food bank. He earned his Associate of Arts degree in business at the Flathead Valley Community College.

He loved spending time fishing and hunting, which are skills he also taught his children. Don was a lifetime fan of the Pittsburgh Steelers and he also enjoyed watching

Nascar. He was a skilled guitar player, and he loved to garden, cook and barbecue.

Don is survived by his loving wife, Valenda Sanders; his children, Earl Sanders and his wife Krista, Emilee Sanders, Monica Sanders, Mandy Lomeli, Elizabeth Hanson, Dan Irby, and Kent Irby and his wife Leanna. Don has 11 grandchildren, and many more family and friends, whom he held near to his heart.

Don loved the Lord with all his heart, soul and mind, and he loved his friends and neighbors as himself.

Don had a quick wit, a tender heart and will be deeply missed.

There will be a celebration of Don's life at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 1 at Whitefish Assembly of God, 1549 Karrow Ave., in Whitefish. Immediately following, there will be a reception with lunch and memories shared.

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

Harold M. Sanders, 87

Harold M. Sanders, 87, of Eureka died Thursday, Jan. 10, 2013, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish, from natural causes.

Services will be at 11

a.m. Monday, Jan. 14 at the Church of God in Eureka.

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

Guy 'Sandy' Sandridge, 86

Guy "Sandy" Sandridge passed away of natural causes on March 28, 2012, at his home in Montana with his wife at his side.

Guy, better known as "Sandy" was born in Wynnewood, Okla., to Guy B. and Vera Sandridge.

His preschool days were spent in Texas with his parents and younger sister Peggy, where his father worked in the oil fields. By the time Sandy started school, the family settled in Upland, Calif., where he completed his education, graduating from Chaffey High School in 1943.

He entered the Navy in 1944, serving several places in the U.S. and in the Philippines.

The day of his discharge in May 1946, his sister Peggy introduced him to her classmate, Leona Hill. They had their first date a week later and spent the next 65 years together.

Shortly after leaving the Navy, Sandy went to work at a grocery store and discov-



ered his life's work, eventually buying a small market in Upland. By that time, four children had joined the family, Jeanne Marie, Susan Kaye, Danny Michael and Vickie Lynn. Their dad instilled a strong work ethic in his children, telling them, "Everybody eats, everybody works!"

After owning Sandy's Market in Upland for many years, Sandy and Leona retired to the beautiful Middle Thompson Lake in Montana. Making friends wherever he went, he enjoyed his morning coffees at Happy's Inn and was even a volunteer fireman for a few years.

"We will miss his wry sense of humor, his one-line 'zingers,' his honesty, fairness and, most of all, that big smile.

We love you sweetheart, Daddy, Grandpa and Poppy."

Sandy is survived by his wife, Leona Hill Sandridge; son, Danny M. Sandridge (Pauline, deceased); daughter, Susan K. Sandridge and Frank Meek; daughter, Vickie L. Leonhardt and Raymond; 10 grandchildren, and 17 great-grandchildren.

Sandy was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Peggy Foot; and daughter, Jeanne Marie Sandridge.

Services will be held today, April 6, in Ontario, Calif.

Clare V. Sands, 87

Clare V. Sands of Lakeside, died of a sudden, massive heart attack at the age of 87 on



Sept. 26, 2012, at his son Steve's house in Salt Lake City. He was on a road trip to California in his new car to visit relatives and stopped to spend the weekend and see his great-grandson's homecoming football game. He loved road trips, loved spending time with his family, and died doing both.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Coyne and Alma Sands; his brother, Warren; his sister, Betty Jo Conner; and most significantly by Donna Mae, the love of his life and devoted wife for 54 years.

He is survived by his son Steve and wife, Karen, of Salt Lake City, son Jack of Billings, and son Craig and wife, Connie, of Eureka; three grandchildren; six great-grandchild-

dren; and a host of loving relatives and friends. Special among them was his loyal friend and companion for the past several years, Margaret Kleinert of Lakeside.

He was born and raised in Harlem, Mont., and farmed in the Milk River Valley until the age of 39 when he moved to Butte, where he worked for the Montana Highway Department for 29 years. He and Donna Mae retired to Lakeside in 1993, and loved the people and the land of the Flathead until their deaths.

He lived a long and good life, served his family and community faithfully, left many friends and no enemies, and died the kind of death he wanted. All in all, no one could ask for more. His life was a beautiful journey. We miss him deeply and will love him forever.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6, at Eidsvold Lutheran Church in Lakeside, with graveside services to follow at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 7, at the cemetery in Harlem.

Thomas F. Sapp

Dr. Thomas F. Sapp, 73, passed away Monday, Nov. 19, 2012, in Fairhope, Ala.



He was born in Aug. 5, 1939, in Natchez, Miss., to Bessie and Chester Sapp. He grew up in Mobile, Ala., attending Murphy High School. He was part of Murphy High School's founding tennis team during that period of time.

Dr. Sapp enrolled at Auburn University for his pre-med. During that time he played tennis for Auburn University. After graduation, internship and residency, he spent two years in the United States Air Force Medical Corps. During his tour of

duty in the United States Air Force he represented the northwest United States in the worldwide tennis championships.

After a tour of duty at Malmstrom Air Force Base in Great Falls, he moved with his family west of the mountains to Kalispell where they spent an additional 19 years. During his 19-year medical practice in Northwest Montana, he played an active part in the development of the ALERT helicopter rescue service out of Kalispell Regional Medical Center. He spent many hours flying through the Rocky Mountains and over the Continental Divide retrieving ill and injured people.

Dr. Sapp and his family moved back to Mobile in 1988, and subsequently to Fairhope, Ala., in 1999. He was a primary care physician in Daphne, Ala., from

1988 until his demise and was active on the Thomas Hospital medical staff.

In addition to his two wives, and his children, one of his greatest loves was his rather large art collection, which many have seen over the years.

Dr. Sapp wanted to convey special thanks to his devoted office staff, his housekeeper Ms. Pam Nelson, and the staff of Thomas Hospital and Kalispell Regional Medical Center for the many years of association. Also a very special thanks to Dr. Ndolo. Finally heartfelt thanks to the 15,000-plus patients in the Eastern Shore area who have been so sweet, loving and tolerant for the past 20 years.

Dr. Sapp was preceded in death by his first wife, Rose Russell Sapp, and is survived by his loving wife, Alice Ruth Sapp, of Fairhope; Leslie Vest-

man of Littleton, Colo., Thomas F. Sapp Jr., of Kalispell, Rose Rogers of Wilsonville, Ala., Bragg Mattingly Sapp of Chickasaw, Ala., and Alexander Byrnes Sapp of Columbus, Ga. He is also survived by 10 grandchildren; also stepson, André and step-grandson, Déaire; and 14 brothers and sisters-in-law and their spouses.

A visitation will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 23, at Wolfe-Bayview Funeral Home in Fairhope. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 24, at the chapel of Wolfe-Bayview Funeral Home.

Private inurnment held at a later date.

Dr. Sapp and his family have requested that in lieu of flowers donation be sent in his memory to: Thomas Hospital Foundation, P.O. Box 929, Fairhope, AL 36533.

Dorothy Savage, 70

Dorothy Savage, 70, died Friday, Jan. 20, 2012, at her home in Libby.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 24, at Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Libby.

Taylor Kenneth Saucier, 23

Taylor Kenneth Saucier, 23, passed away Aug. 11, 2012, in Williston, N.D.



He was born to Michael "Buffalo" and Starla Saucier Sept. 26, 1988, in Carmichael, Calif.

Taylor relocated to Montana with his mom and dad in his senior year of high school and graduated from Columbia Falls High School in 2007.

Taylor loved Montana, snowmobiling with his dad, hiking with his dog, "Bear," and spending time with his family. He was an avid reader and music enthusiast. His passion, however, was being involved with the SCA, Society for Creative Anachronism, which is medieval re-creation. He loved constructing his own suit of armor, swords

and shields to play in SCA events.

Taylor previously worked at Pizza Hut in Columbia Falls, The Montana Rifle Company, TeleTech, worked the summer of 2011 in Williston, Montana Rifleman, and was currently in Williston working for Montana Midwest.

Taylor is survived by his parents, Buffalo and Starla; brother, Michael Saucier II, and his wife, Zhanna, of Martinez, Calif.; his sister, Vanessa, and husband, David Karell, of Elk Grove, Calif.; as well as his grandfather, Kenneth Pruett. Taylor has a large family and will be missed by many aunts, uncles, cousins and many, many friends.

A memorial service will be held for Taylor at 3 p.m. today, Aug. 18, at his Grandpa Ken's house, 74 Windy Ridge, in Columbia Heights.

Hilma Scandale, 95

Hilma Scandale, 95, passed away peacefully at her beloved home on Oct. 9, 2012, with her daughter holding her hand.

She was born in Saddle River Township, N.J., to German-born parents Richard and Hilma Mueller on May 26, 1917. She was the last child born and had five siblings.

She lived with her husband Pat Scandale, in Saddle Brook, N.J., until they moved to Whitefish to be with their only daughter, Barbara L., and her husband, William Klein. They had their own cabin alongside their daughter. Pat passed away in 2000.

Hilma was an amazing cook and baker, and did wonderful knitting, sewing and most importantly, crocheting, until the last week of her life. She made 50 or more afghans a year for the "Project Linus" in Kalispell. Every one was different and she bought her yarn at Ben Franklin in Whitefish. She was so happy to help children in need.

She had so many friends in the Flathead area and she will be missed by all.

Hilma loved her family and was so proud of everything they did. She helped raise her two grandsons, Jeffrey and James. She was a wonderful grandma.

She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Passaic, N.J., her whole life. When she moved to Montana, she went to Bethlehem



Lutheran Church in Kalispell. It reminded her so much of her home church. During the

winter months and last few weeks of her life she loved to listen to the sermons on the radio.

Hilma is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and William Klein, of Whitefish; grandson, Jeffrey, and wife, Yvonne, of Littleton, Colo.; grandson, James, and wife, Michelle, of Henderson, Nev.; and great-grandsons, Brandon and Casey of Henderson. She couldn't do enough for all of them. She will always be with them with wonderful memories.

Funeral services will take place on Oct. 20 in Hackensack, N.J. "She will be with her husband Pat once again."

In lieu of flowers, please send your donations to either Home Options- Hospice, 430 Windward Way Suite 101, Kalispell, MT 59901; or The Project Linus/Flathead Valley/Kalispell, P.O. Box 1457, Kalispell, MT 59903. "She will smile down from heaven on you if you do."

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

Arrangements are entrusted to Austin Funeral Home.

Earle William Schafer, 88

Obituary-posted on Wednesday, January 12, 2011 2:00 am.

Earle William Schafer died days short of his 89th birthday on Dec. 6, 2010, in The Dalles, Ore.

He was the second of four children born to John and Arabella (Moore) Schafer near Calvin, N.D. on Dec. 23, 1921.

He graduated salutatorian from Calvin High in 1939. He was attending Dickinson Teachers College in North Dakota until he enlisted in the Army Air Corps.

He became engaged to Wanelda Crockett of Wales, N.D., and transferred to Hamline College in St. Paul, Minn., where they both attended college until World War II interrupted his studies. "Winnie" traveled to Twentynine Palms Air Force Base in California to marry him on Nov. 27, 1943. They traveled across the U.S. for his training until he shipped out for England.

First Lt. Schafer was the pilot of a B-17 and flew 35 missions in three months; all of his crew came back alive. He flew with the 306th Bomb Group out of Thurleigh, England, and was there during the Battle of the Bulge.

Earle returned to Dickinson Teachers College to finish his Bachelor of Arts degree. He received his Masters of Education from the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks. Mr. Schafer was a teacher, coach and school administrator for 45 years in four states, North Dakota, Montana, Idaho and Oregon. After retiring they moved to Big Arm, where they finally built their own house. Twenty plus years in one place! Flathead Lake provided awesome scenery, wonderful people and proximity to "Winnie's" relatives.

Earle was an active member of the Polson Presbyterian church where he was an ordained elder and served on several committees. He served as the treasurer for the Big Arm Association after "Winnie" nominated him. They really got involved and made many dear friends.

Due to declining health they moved to The Dalles to be nearer family in 2008.

He is survived by his daughter, Dawn McClure, of The Dalles; sons, Lynn Schafer of Seaside, Ore., and Kim and Linda Schafer of The Dalles; six grandchildren, Shawn and Deny Schafer, Corey and Jake Sexton, Logan and Adrienne Schafer, Chelsea Shaw, and Karlee and Zackery Schafer; three great-grandchildren; and a sister, Zelda, and Irvin Rinas of Egeland, N.D.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Wanelda, of 65 years; parents; and brothers, Edwin and Jack Schafer.

A memorial will be held in The Dalles on Feb. 5. Memorials at Big Arm and Polson Presbyterian Church will be held in the spring.

Donald Schaeffer, 63

Donald Schaeffer, 63, of Columbia Falls, died at his home on Sunday, Sept. 9, 2012.

There will be a viewing from 3 to 7 p.m. on Thurs-

day, Sept. 13, at Columbia Mortuary.

Services will be held at a later date. Arrangements are entrusted to Columbia Mortuary.

Charlotte Renate Schauss, 75

Charlotte Renate Schauss, 75, died in her home in Libby of natural causes on June 7, 2012.

She is survived by companion, Edward Perley; and five children, Cornelia Andrews of Kalispell, Tina McCann of Vancouver, Wash., Veronica Meacham of Missoula,

Andy Schauss of the Philippines, and Martha Schauss of Branson, Mo.

Visitation will be from 8 to 8 p.m. Thursday, June 14, at the Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Libby. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, June 15 at the Assembly of God Church in Libby.

Emma T. Scheele, 84

Emma T. Scheele, 84, of Whitefish, died Tuesday, Aug. 14, 2012, at Expressions in Columbia Falls.

She is survived by three sons, Richard of Londonderry, N.H., Wal-

ter of Columbia, S.C., and Eric of Whitefish.

A memorial service will be at 4 p.m. Sunday Aug. 19, at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Whitefish.

Gavin Schenck, 47

Gavin Schenck, 47, died in his own way and time at Heritage Place in Kalispell on Friday morning,



July 20, 2012, after living for 40 years with a terrible, incurable, slowly progressive brain disease.

Gavin was born in Alva, Okla., on June 18, 1965. He was legally named George Lewis Schenck but with his own creative spirit, changed his name to Gavin as an adult.

Gavin's spirit was immensely creative and mentally bright. His grade school teacher said he was so distractible he might never graduate from high school (he did) and as an adult was a voracious reader. Some folks go to faraway countries and islands in the sea but Gavin traveled through the entire galaxy through the Seattle library. There wasn't a thing discussed that he didn't know something about and his favorite sport was to play "Do you know?" One did not need Google, just ask Gavin, who was like a walking encyclopedia. Sometimes his imagination exceeded the possible and there was a level of frustrated intellect in his world. He believed the poet who said, "One's reach must exceed one's grasp, else what's a heaven for?"

In many ways he lived life with full oblivion. As a child he would come home from school barefoot because he lost his shoes along the way, absently broke enough eyeglasses to stock an optical store, more often than not forgot the task at hand and delightfully would find his own interests. His favorite creatures were dragons.

head into the wind and simply ignored the disease as long as possible. He was one of the bravest people alive and lived with his disease with great courage. He went from a typical young man to life with a cane, then a walker, then an electric wheelchair, often falling off it on a Seattle sidewalk with kind strangers picking him up and putting him back on. He had to be catheterized, couldn't walk and speech became a guessing game of, "OK, I got the first word, let's try more." The last few years, he simply could no longer survive alone, staying with his mom for almost a year in her tiny house and then entering Heritage Place. On his birthday at 48, he began to slowly and courageously allow his life to leak away.

When one dies consciously and deliberately, there can come an incredible depth of wisdom and spirituality. Gavin's last days were like that with both humor and insight. For Gavin, God became all-embracing and more vast than any of us know or imagine with our limited concepts, entirely on a different plane of existence from the concrete literal. For those of us who walked with Gavin through these last long weeks, it has been a profound privilege to share in his dying.

Gavin is survived by his mother, Judith Schenck and sister, Elsie Milliren, both of Kalispell; brother, Andrew of Danville, Ky.; sister, Audrey Schenck of Denver; daughter, Samantha Ayers of Seattle; and his best friend, Heidi Ayers. He is also survived by many nephews, nieces, uncles, aunts and cousins. He was preceded in death by his father, George Lewis Schenck.

Gavin's happiest memories were when he lived in the Black Hills with his family in a hundred-year-old log cabin on two acres, filled with chickens, goats, pigs, geese, cats and a beloved old friend named Shep. His greatest accomplishments were the years he spent in Missoula after Job Corps working as a CNA, and his daughter, Samantha Ayers of Seattle.

At age 7 Gavin intuited he had the same disease as his father, spinocerebellar degeneration. His father died of that disease after 13 years in a VA hospital. Two of his siblings have inherited the disease, which has roared through the family like a freight train. In many ways ataxia was Gavin's "life lesson" and for a long time he felt it was actually a gift and taught him to be a better person. Eventually it became intolerable.

With his own independent style, Gavin put his

Thank you to the workers at Heritage Place for so faithfully caring for Gavin through all of his ups and downs. You are appreciated.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. on Monday, July 23 at Bet Harim, 475 Eighth Ave. E.N., in Kalispell, followed by a reception at Shining Mountains.

Gavin was joyfully converted to Judaism in June and the family would like memorials sent in Gavin's name to Bet Harim Jewish Community, P.O. Box 364, Kalispell, MT 59903. Gavin chose Judaism because "Jews can argue and are not pinned down by any black and white literal answers and because in Judaism, God is beyond all our limited images, a loving cosmic mysterious eternity." His ashes will be interred in a family plot in Alva.

"You died, Gavin, knowing how much you are loved. Well done, Gavin. We will miss you."

Lewis 'Lewie' Schenck, 77

Lewis Stewart Schenck passed away peacefully at his Kalispell home on April 7, 2012.



Lew was born on March 7, 1935, in Montpelier, Idaho, to Hilda and Stewart Schenck.



Lew's father worked for Morrison Knudson (MK), a construction company, and the family moved frequently to follow construction projects. They lived in Ketchum and Boise, Idaho, Kalispell, and Cheyenne, Wyo. In 1947 they moved from Cheyenne to Long Island, N.Y.

In 1952, when Lew was 17 years old, his father passed away while working on a dam project in Kandahar, Afghanistan. Lew had to grow up quickly, and drove his younger sister Patricia and mother from Long Island back to Kalispell where they had family. He attended Flathead County High School, graduating in 1953.

After high school Lew worked for Kalispell Lumber Company for a short time before enlisting in the Navy, in 1955. Because Lew graduated at the top of his submarine class, he was given a choice to serve on the first nuclear submarine, the Nautilus, or accept an assignment in Hawaii. He chose Hawaii and served on the Bass and Tiru submarines.

Lew was honorably discharged from the Navy in 1959, returned to the Flathead and worked for Anaconda Aluminum Company. Shortly thereafter, he met the love of his life, Beverly June Gronley. After a three-month courtship they married on Aug. 8, 1959, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. They spent 52 wonderful years together, and raised three sons, Steven, Rodney and Brian.

After marrying Beverly, Lew spent the next nine years working for Retail Credit Company in Kalispell and Great Falls, and Fargo, N.D. Lew wanted to get his family back to "God's Country," so while visiting family and vacationing in Kalispell,

he went job hunting and found employment with Gambles retail store located on Main Street. He started there as a store clerk, and spent the next 19 years moving up the ranks of the organization, achieving a position in upper management at the corporate headquarters in Minneapolis.

In 1986, Lew had an opportunity to get back to the Mountain West, and accepted a position with C-A-L Ranch Stores in Idaho Falls, Idaho. C-A-L Ranch Stores were five farm and ranch supply stores in southern Idaho. Lew started as general manager and later was co-owner. Lew retired from C-A-L Stores in 1995 and returned to Kalispell to enjoy his retirement.

Lew was an avid golfer and enjoyed Buffalo Hill, serving on the board for a time. He loved the outdoors, and built a cabin "out west" where he appreciated Montana's splendid outdoors. He loved hunting, fishing, four wheeling and spending time with friends and family.

Lew was a good provider, a wonderful husband, father and grandfather. He was a thoughtful and intelligent man, and a source of wisdom and strength. He loved life, and brightened everybody's day with his goofy sense of humor.

"Heaven will have more laughs and be a bit brighter now that Lew has gone home."

Lew was preceded in death by his father Stewart, and his mother Hilda.

Lew is survived by his wife, Beverly Schenck; three sons, Steven and wife Peggy, Rodney and wife Kathy, and Brian and wife Cathy, all of Kalispell; nine grandchildren, Meghan, Amanda, Matthew, Jennie, Katelyn, Justin, Alex, Sidney and Tyler; sister, Patricia, and husband, Don Kallevig, of Colorado Springs, Colo.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A viewing will be held from noon to 5 p.m. Thursday, April 12, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, April 13, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church; burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. A reception will be held at the Rainbow Bar following shortly after the burial.

Robert Irwin Schliep, 96

Robert Irwin Schliep, 96, died from natural causes at his home on Monday, Jan. 30, 2012.

He is survived by his daughters, Karen Albu of Alexandria, Minn., Sharon Tayler of Montana, and Corliss Nelson and Connie Thomson, both of

of Libby.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4, at St. John Lutheran Church, 1017 Montana Ave., in Libby. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3, at Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Libby.

George Sumner Schmidt, 55

George Sumner Schmidt, 55, of Whitefish, died Tuesday, July 31, 2012, at his home in Whitefish.

He is survived by his wife, Susan, of Whitefish; and his sons, Johnathon D. Schmidt of Kalispell, and Eric Schmidt of

Whitefish.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 18, at St. Richard's Catholic Church, 1210 Ninth St. W., in Columbia Falls.

Arrangements are entrusted to Austin Funeral Home.

Douglas N. Schnackenberg, 77

Douglas N. Schnackenberg, 77, died Sunday, Sept. 9, 2012, at home in Kalispell.

Cremation has taken

place and at his request no services will be held. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Sandra K. Schmidling, 62

Sandra K. Schmidling, 62, died Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2013, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

Private family services

will be held at a later date.

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

George Sumner Schmidt, 55

"A new construction supervisor was appointed to the highways in heaven" on July 31, 2012.



George Sumner Schmidt, 55, passed away at home in the arms of his family and surrounded by friends as his battle with cancer ended.

George was born in Whitefish on Aug. 5, 1956, to Raymond and Darlene Schmidt.

In 1979 he met Susan Witty and they were married two years later in 1981. George and Sue felt so blessed to have shared 30 years of love and dedication with each other.

As a young man, George was quiet, shy and well-liked by everyone. He was a terrific athlete that played basketball, football and baseball, and belonged to the Whitefish Junior Rifle Club. He was known for working hard at whatever he put his mind to his entire life, even when it came to the picking and selling of night crawlers to buy a rifle as a kid. In high school, and part-time after he graduated, he worked alongside his dad and brother in the family business making Track Knives.

fish and grayling. The stories from elk camp and Shorty's are legendary and will be held close in our hearts.

George was a longtime supporter and member of the Glacier Gun Dog Club. He was well-known for his dog training ability and his beloved dogs. George was a member of the trap shooting club for many years and helped start the local chapter of the Pheasants Forever Youth Trap League. He loved helping the young people learn to shoot and spending time with them. When his boys, John and Eric, decided to play soccer he became an expert in the sport. He felt it was important to teach them that it wasn't about winning the game; it was about how you handled the successes as well as the disappointments. Even though his job kept him out of town and busy, a six-hour drive wasn't too long to keep him from attending his boys' soccer games, choir concerts, baseball games, band concerts or any other important event.

George loved to entertain and made every opportunity to share it with friends and family. He could make flawless gravy, and even made duck taste good! George loved his life. He loved his family, friends, co-workers and Schellinger Construction. Al was his mentor and treasured friend. He lived with no regrets and felt blessed to have been touched by so many people.

In 1977, George found his true life's calling when he started working for Schellinger Construction. He started at the bottom as an oiler on the rock crusher. After many years of learning the qualities and specs of gravel from the ground up, pun intended, and running the crusher, he left his most prized position to his capable and skilled crews. He began traveling the state looking for gravel for upcoming jobs, troubleshooting problems and finding solutions to challenges anywhere the company was working. George worked for Schellinger Construction for 35 years, and through those years he transformed from a quiet, shy young man into a man people turned to for advice, guidance and help for all matters business and personal. George's "men and women" of Schellinger are a tribute to his life; the bonds developed through the years while working side by side gave him true joy, friendship and camaraderie. We are all grateful for their love.

George became an avid hunter and fisherman at a very young age.

He was a natural-born storyteller just like his dad, brother and the other Hoerner men. He made you feel like you were actually there and could remember where, when and who was along on every fishing or hunting trip. His greatest joy was going on hunting or fishing trips with his family and friends. George was always hunting for pheasant, grouse, elk, deer, duck, goose, turkey, moose, buffalo, goat and doves; or fishing for pike, trout, perch, halibut, salmon, bonefish, white-

George was preceded in death by his grandparents, George and Frances Schmidt, Ida Landon, and Charles Vance; and his father, Raymond Schmidt.

He is survived by his wife, Susan of Whitefish; sons, John and beautiful wife Catherine of Kalispell, and Eric of Whitefish; mother, Darlene Schmidt; brother, Rick Schmidt; sister, Terri Adams and husband Bruce; niece, Rachel VandeVoort; nephews, Nathan Wyss, Kelly Wyss, and Jason Schmidt. He is also survived by many other aunts, uncles, cousins and in-laws who loved him.

A Catholic Funeral Mass will take place at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 18 at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls. A celebration of George's life will be held immediately afterwards at 4405 Whitefish Stage Road (the Carlson Gravel Pit). It was George's wish that everyone gather together to tell stories, laugh and celebrate the moments we all have shared.

The family was extremely blessed to have the love and care of Lori Mitchell during this difficult time. Any donations in George's honor may be made to Home Options Hospice, 275 Corporate Drive, Suite 600, Kalispell Montana 59901.

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

Arrangements are entrusted to Austin Funeral Home.

Sue Ann 'Sudy' (Cadwell) Schneider, 70

Sue Ann "Sudy" (Cadwell) Schneider, "left us" on May 5, 2012, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.



She was born in Billings on Sept. 11, 1941.

Sudy grew up in South America and returned to Montana where she graduated from the University of Montana in Missoula. After teaching in Stamford, she relocated to Libby where she married Doc Schneider and raised two lovely daughters, Julie (Schneider) Betts and Tracy Schneider.

An avid book reader, Sudy owned Sudy's Bookery where she shared her love of books with anyone who walked through the door. Her other passions included bowling,

bridge and the Writers Club.

Sue volunteered at the Libby Community Center, St. Luke's Episcopal Church and the Heritage Museum. At home, Sudy enjoyed her "wild kingdom."

Sue was preceded in death by son, Alan Julius Schneider; and her parents, Pete and Grace Cadwell.

Sue is survived by her husband, Doc; daughters, Julie and Tracy; son-in-law, Bruce Betts; grandchildren, Zachary and Hailey Betts; a brother, David Cadwell; a sister, Kane Deuel; niece, Chela Noto; nephew, Nathan; and niece, Dr. Abby.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday, May 14, at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Libby.

In lieu of flowers, donations to Wings and St. Luke's Episcopal Church would be appreciated.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Libby.

Karen Jean Magone Schoonover, 58

Karen was born on Feb. 10, 1954, to Joseph and Edris (Huckaba) Magone in Superior.



She grew up in their family home on Trout Creek and married Adrian Schoonover on June 5, 1971, her high school sweetheart, best friend and the love of her life.

She died on Oct. 8, 2012, of natural causes in New Orleans.

She is survived by her husband, Adrian; her sons, Kirk and Jennifer Schoonover, and Jeff and Brittani Schoonover; her daughter, Andria Atkinson, and her son-in-law, Mark Atkinson; her much-loved grandchildren, Logan, Abigail, Adriana, Cadence, Kyler, Justin and Rylie; as well as her goddaughters, Anne Evans and Emily Macvie. Other survivors include her father, Joseph Magone; sisters, Diane, and Margaret and Ted; brothers, Dale and Becky, and Mark; and many nieces and nephews, aunts and uncles and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Edris Magone; paternal grandparents, Hugh and Margaret Magone; maternal grandparents, James and Ruby Huckaba; and several aunts and uncles.

Karen and Adrian lived in several different places around the country. Their first adventure was to move to Maine when she was 18 years old; from

there back to Superior and then to Washington for a short stint. They subsequently lived in Warrenton, Ore., and Columbia Falls, and then several years ago moved to Louisiana where she resided until her death.

Three years ago they acquired a house on Kidd Island Bay, Lake Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, where Karen was able to spend her summers and holidays with her beloved family and enjoyed many hours watching her grandchildren play in the lake and entertaining the always-welcomed company.

She and Adrian celebrated their 40th anniversary by hosting a family reunion at the lake house in July of 2011. They were also able to spend her last two Christmases there with all their children and grandchildren. Her much-loved lake house is the legacy that she left her family, wishing it to be a place where they could always come home to.

All who knew her loved her, and she gave freely with all her heart, her last gift being the gift of her beautiful eyes so that someone else would be able to see.

"Our family lost a very special person this past Monday; we will cherish all the wonderful memories that we have of her and although we will miss her greatly, she will live forever in our hearts."

A celebration of Karen's life will be held at noon Saturday, Oct. 27, at the Grange Hall on Kidd Island Bay Road.

Arnold Doyle Schreffler, 75

It is with great sadness that the family of Arnold Schreffler of Liberty, Saskatchewan, announce his passing. He was born Jan. 28, 1937, and died Nov. 27, 2012.



Left to mourn are his children, Rod and Christina, Sara and Michael, and Rick; his five treasured grandchildren, Andrew, Jessica, Ethan, Alex and Mason; his brother, Don; and many close and dear friends.

Arnold was predeceased by his loving wife, Donna, in 2004, "and is now with her."

Arnold was a dedicated, loving husband, father, grandfather and friend. He worked with Sask-

Power before coming back to his roots of farming. He farmed until he retired and enjoyed travelling with Donna. His love of politics and history kept him busy and made many hours of time spent with him memorable.

Descendant of the Studebaker family, Arnold was active in the Saskatchewan and Montana chapters his entire life. Arnold passed away in Kalispell, where he wintered.

The funeral service was held on Dec. 8 at the All Saints Anglican Church in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. Interment will be at a later date.

Condolences may be emailed to mail@westwoodfuneralchapel.com.

Donations may be made to the Canadian Diabetes Association of Saskatchewan

Donald Ferdinand Schwegman, 85

Donald Ferdinand Schwegman, 85, died on Monday, March 5, 2012, at the Grand Lake Villa in Grove, Okla.



Don was born on July 15, 1926, in Okarche, Okla. He proudly served in the United States Navy during World War II, then with the United States Army during the Korean War.

He and Elizabeth "Betsy" Johnston were united in marriage in Drexel Hill, Pa., on May 2, 1959, and then moved to the Dillon area.

Don attended Western Montana College and graduated in 1974 with a bachelor's degree. He began teaching industrial arts at Kalispell Junior High in January 1975. For the next five years Don

dedicated himself to enhancing the curriculum and made a huge impact on the lives of his students. He truly loved teaching and it was obvious that his students adored and respected him. In 1980, Don was injured in a car accident and was forced to retire early from teaching.

In 1984, Don and his wife Betsy relocated to Oklahoma. There he spent time enjoying his many hobbies, including fishing, making knives, leather work and vegetable gardening, to name a few.

Donald is survived by his wife, Elizabeth "Betsy" Schwegman, of Grove, Okla.; son, Jon Schwegman, of Marysville, Ohio; daughter, Barbie Townsell, and her husband, Tommy, of Cave Spring, Ga.; and daughter, Donna Wells, of Neosho, Mo.

Adeline R. Schumacher, 88

Adeline R. Schumacher, 88, passed away peacefully on Sept. 12, 2012, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.



Adeline was born to Herman and Martha Wetzel Muske on July 4, 1924, in Berlin, N.D. She attended school in Berlin, graduating in 1941 as the valedictorian of her class at the age of 16.

She then attended Valley City State Teachers College for one year and then began her teaching career, which continued for 38 years.

Adeline first taught in North Dakota, but moved to Montana in 1955. She taught locally at Cayuse Prairie, Fair-Mont-Egan, and Hedges schools. She taught first grade the last 23 years at Hedges. In her teaching profession, she taught more than 850 children to read. Being honored by being named an Outstanding Elementary Teacher of America was something she was very proud of.

She was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Bethlehem Lutheran Church Women and a charter member of Calvary Lutheran Church in Evergreen. She was once named a finalist for Senior Citizen of the Year for the Flathead Valley.

Adeline enjoyed traveling with the Good Sams. She traveled extensively in the U.S. and Mexico. She enjoyed making peanut brittle and cookies and entering them in the Northwest Montana Fair where she won many ribbons on her entries.

Adeline was the sixth child in a family of eight and enjoyed sharing her experiences as a child of the Depression, and later on her experiences as a rural school teacher. She was a member of the N.W. Retired Teachers Association, having served as a secretary for six years. She was a generous person, sharing her talents, and was very generous with those who needed her help.

On Nov. 20, 1948, Adeline married Francis Schumacher in Minot, N.D. They had four children. She encouraged her children and grandchildren to attend college and was very proud that some of them chose to become educators, which was her beloved profession.

Adeline had many other interests, the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) where she did much volunteer work, including bingo at the Veterans Home in Columbia Falls and serving lunch at Hedges School. She was very active at the Senior Citizens Center and was elected as chairman for four terms. She was a member of the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary (DAVA), holding the office of state commander, and served as a committee member on the national level and with local offices.

Adeline is survived by her husband of 63 years, Frank Schumacher; and their four children, Steven Schumacher and wife Carol, and Randy Schumacher and wife Rebecca, and daughters, Susan Ramsey and husband John, and Sandi Shawhan and husband Tim. Adeline also had seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

A memorial service for Adeline will be held at 11 a.m., Friday, Sept. 21, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Kalispell. The burial will take place at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

The family suggests memorial gifts be given to the Cornelius-Hedges School library fund, 825 Fourth Ave. East, Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

Francis Schwenke, 65

Francis Allen Schwenke passed away on Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2012.

Francis was born in Kalispell on Jan. 25, 1947, to Herbert Leonard Schwenke and Martha Jane Chapman.

He and his wife Carol of 28 years have spent their retirement years traveling. Before Francis retired he spent most of his life as a logger.

Francis served in the Montana National Guard.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Dorothy Krause; sons, John Lotze and James Lotze; and daughter, Beverly Schwenke.

He is survived by his wife, Carol; four sons, Allen Schwenke and his wife Arlene, Glen Schwenke and his wife Janell, Joe Lotze and his wife Jan, and Jesse Lotze and his wife Barbara;



and daughter, Valerie Gathagan and her husband Travis; his brothers, Bill Schwenke and Wayne Schwenke; and his sisters, Lois Jackson, Florence Rhodes, Barbara Dougherty and her husband Bing, Irene Ferguson, Shirley Shipp and her husband Clyde, and Rosalie Schwenke. He also leaves behind many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Francis loved his family and enjoyed camping, horseshoes, shooting, watching NASCAR, and his beloved Seahawks and Mariners. He also enjoyed the annual family campouts in Montana, California and Idaho. He was a great husband, father and grandfather. He will be missed by all who knew him.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations to the charity of your choice.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 19 at Danekas Funeral Chapel at 11:00 am in Colville, Wash.

Nancy K. Schwegel, 73

Nancy K. Schwegel, 73, died Jan. 10, 2012, in Kalispell.

She is survived by her daughters, Lisa Hill of Olney, and Lana Pettit of Columbia Falls; and sons, Kim Schwegel of

Kalispell, Greg Schwegel of Olney and Carl Schwegel of Alaska.

Private services will be held at a later date.

Arrangements are entrusted to Austin Funeral Home.

Beverly Ruth Scott, 81

Beverly Ruth Scott, 81, of Whitefish, died Tuesday, July 31, 2012, at the Bee Hive Homes in Columbia Falls.

Beverly is survived by her two sons, Randy Scott

of Whitefish, and Brad Scott of Sand Point, Idaho.

Funeral services are pending.

Arrangements are entrusted to Austin Funeral Home.

William 'Bill' Scott, 91

William Mathias Scott, 91, died peacefully on July 21, 2012, at the family Swan Lake cabin, surrounded by family. "His chassis finally wore out and was recalled by the Maker."



Bill was a third generation Montanan and Great Falls native with deep Flathead Valley roots. He was born Aug. 29, 1920, to William Mathias Scott and Gladys Duncan. His father, a dentist, was born in Whitefish, and his mother grew up in Kalispell. His grandfather arrived in Kalispell as a doctor with the railroad in the 1890s, and his grandmother, an early woman entrepreneur, built the brick Duncan-Sampson building in Whitefish in 1910.

Bill's lifelong passion for the outdoors began early. When he was an 11-year-old boy, his Boy Scout troop put him in charge of catching fish for dinner at the hike-in Moose Lake camp behind Big Mountain. Later, during his early teens, no road existed between Great Falls and Whitefish, and Bill would hitch a freight train from Great Falls to the family cabin on Whitefish Lake to hike and fish.

Bill attended Great Falls High School, where, among many other honors and achievements, he won first place in the Montana state high school extemporaneous speaking and debate contest. He graduated from high school at age 16, and entered the University of Montana the following fall on a speech and debate scholarship. There, he continued to be a champion debater. He attended the University of Montana's law school, where he served as law review editor before

graduating with honors in 1943, finishing both undergraduate and law school in five years.

After law school, Bill joined the Navy to serve his country in World War II. As a lieutenant, he was a skipper in charge of a landing craft (LCT-A-2309). While Bill's group was training for D-Day in England, his colleagues marveled at his ability to enter any noisy London pub and find in the crowd at least one Montanan he knew.

On D-Day, his LCT was slated to land on Normandy's Utah beach in the third wave, but the first two waves sank, leaving him in the first wave. The landing crafts on each side took heavy German artillery hits going in, but his boat and men were spared. True to his promise to the Army tank commander of the three Sherman tanks aboard, he got the tanks and men to shore safely. Bill frequently quoted the poet Robert Service: "A promise made is a debt unpaid."

In 1946, Bill returned to Great Falls and opened a law practice. Once home, he met Shirley Roehm and asked her on a date. She declined, stating she had to finish plucking her father's recently shot ducks. Fortunately, she eventually finished the task and relented to his insistent requests that she go out with him. They were married on Aug. 23, 1947. Despite Bill's zeal for waterfowl hunting, Shirley never again plucked a duck.

In 1983, Bill founded, with Keith Tokerud (who became his son-in-law), the Great Falls law firm of Scott & Tokerud, later joined by their partner Jon McCarty. In his 65-year practice of law, Bill mostly did estate planning for farmers and ranchers. He loved his clients, many of whom became lifelong friends (and blessed him with many hunting and fishing opportunities).

Bill was a gifted word-smith, a skill sometimes masked by his nearly indecipherable handwriting. When he retired in 2008 at the age of 87, he was tied for being Montana's oldest practicing lawyer.

A lifelong active Republican, Bill held nearly every city and county Republican Party office. He was a Montana delegate at the 1964 GOP convention that nominated Barry Goldwater for president. In the 1970s, he led the successful proposition to change the Great Falls city government structure from mayor-alderman to commission-manager. He was then elected to the first commission.

Bill was a champion of private charity. He served for decades in leadership roles with the Rescue Mission and received its Good Samaritan award. He also served on the Dufresne Foundation board for 30 years and the Cobb Foundation board for 40 years, guiding the provision of scholarships and grants to students, teachers and other deserving recipients in the Great Falls area.

Born at the old Montana Deaconess Hospital, Bill dug the first ceremonial dirt years later for the new Deaconess Hospital (now Benefis East) as president of the hospital board. He served as chairman of the City Park board and as an officer with the American Legion. He was a director of the Chamber of Commerce, served on the Symphony board, was the recipient of the DeMolay Legion of Honor award and was a 55-year member and once-president of the Lion's Club. He was also a member of the Episcopal Church, serving on the

vestry and the Diocesan board.

The perennial sportsman, Bill continued to hunt and fish until the end. At the age of 90, he bagged a four-point buck at 168 yards without eye-glasses. He had several devoted younger friends who, at great risk to their own backs, took him fishing in the last few years. He caught his last trout just weeks before leaving us.

Bill is survived by Shirley, his wife of 64 years; five children and their spouses, Becky Scott and Keith Tokerud of Great Falls; Anne Scott-Markle and Robert Markle of Columbia Falls; Laurie Scott Paddock of Denver; Duncan Scott and Suzanne Kinney of Bigfork; and Sarah Scott-Cipos and Mark Cipos of Mankato, Minn.; five grandchildren, Tyler Markle and wife Lauren, Evan Scott, Hannah Tokerud, and Sonja and William Cipos; and one great-grandchild, Mikaela Markle.

For those who want to honor Bill, please hug a loved one, pet a Labrador, take a youngster hunting, celebrate America's blessings of liberty and freedom, and pull the lever this fall for Republicans.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the Rescue Mission, P.O. Box 129, Great Falls, MT 59403; or the Great Falls Symphony, P.O. Box 1078, Great Falls, MT 59403.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Aug. 2 at the Great Falls First Congregational United Church of Christ, 2900 Ninth Ave. S., with a reception following at the Meadow Lark Country Club.

Doris Mae Seelye, 86

Doris Mae Seelye, 86, of Kalispell, "went to be with the Lord" Wednesday Jan. 25, 2012.



Doris was born March 25, 1925, at the family home in Goldfield, Nev., to William and Lennie (Morris) Barlow.

Doris grew up in Silver Peak, Nev., where her father was a deputy sheriff. After high school, the family moved to Hawthorne, Nev.

There Doris worked at the Naval Ammunition Base, where she met Allard Seelye. After World War II and Al's return from the South Pacific, he and Doris were married June 9, 1946, in Hawthorne. The couple then moved to Seattle for two and a half years before settling in Kalispell.

They enjoyed 64 happy years together.

Doris was a member of Central Bible Church since 1949. She enjoyed camping, fishing and the family cabin on Ashley Lake.

Doris drove school bus in the Flathead Valley for many years. In retirement, she looked forward to winters in Arizona. She also took trips to Ireland to visit her daughter, as well as to Mexico and Canada.

She enjoyed playing the

piano and guitar and kept in touch with all her family and friends on her computer.

Doris was preceded in death by her husband, Allard; her parents; and her brother, Bill Barlow.

She is survived by her daughters, Sharon Skillman and husband John of Lustre, and Melody Nickel and husband Dan of Limerick, Ireland; son, Tim Seelye, and wife Melodee of Kalispell; grandsons, Jonathan Skillman and wife Laura of Bozeman, Justin Skillman and wife Racquel of Bozeman, Ryan Nickel of Washington, D.C., and Corey Nickel of Kandern, Germany; her granddaughters, Ashley Cohen and husband Martin of Houston, Julia Nickel of Limerick, and Lisa and Valerie Seelye of Kalispell; great-grandchildren, Madison, Micah, Madelynn, Finley, Jay and Tyler; and nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Doris will be held at noon Thursday, Feb. 2, at Central Bible Church.

Memorials may be made to Central Bible Church, 902 First Ave. E., Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

Carl A. Seifert, 72

Carl A. Seifert, 72, of Polson, died Tuesday, Oct. 19, 2010, at St. Joseph Medical Center in Polson.

Arrangements are pending and services will be announced by the Grogan Funeral Home of Polson.

Robert Lawson 'Bob' Sellars, 68

Robert Lawson "Bob" Sellars, 68, passed away suddenly but peacefully at his home on Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2012, in Bigfork.



He was born on Sept. 21, 1944, in Miami to Thomas and Eunice (Griffith) Sellars.

Bob received his early education in Florida and continued by attending the West Point U.S. Military Academy, graduating in 1967. He served his country during one tour in Vietnam. Bob then attended Florida State University, receiving his Juris Doctorate in 1974. He then practiced law in West Palm Beach, Fla., for the next 40 years.

Bob married Edie Turk on Nov. 17, 1984.

Bob's main focus in life was his devoted and loving wife, Edie. He also enjoyed the outdoors, his dogs and traveling.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his devoted wife of 28 years, Edie Sellars; two brothers, Joseph and John Sellars; and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service for Bob will be held at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 19 at Brumar Estate, 29048 Broken Leg Road, in Bigfork, with military honors by the United Veterans of the Flathead.

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

David Charles Segerstrom, 66

Dave Segerstrom, 66, of Missoula, passed away peacefully at home, on Sunday, Jan. 6, 2013, after a valiant fight with cancer.

He was born Feb. 28, 1946, in Charles City, Iowa, to the Rev. Charles and Betty Segerstrom.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1967 to 1972.

He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in social work and Master of Social Work degree from the University of Iowa, and became a licensed clinical social worker.

He was a director of social work at Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines, Iowa, director of social work at Columbus Hospital in Great Falls, and opened his private practice, Montana Behavioral Health, in both Great Falls and Kalispell. In 2008, he moved to Missoula and completed his



career working for the Advanced Pain & Spine Institute where he offered pain management psychotherapy.

He was a faculty member of the University of Great Falls from 1990 to 2005, and president of the Montana Chapter of NASW from 2007 to 2009. He was honored as the Montana NASW Chapter's Social Worker of the Year in 2003. His greatest passion was his work and the clientele he felt fortunate to serve.

When he wasn't working, he loved to cheer on his Iowa Hawkeyes, watch college sports, play golf, travel, garden and

advance his epicurean talents in the kitchen.

He is survived by his spouse, Boni Braunbeck, of Missoula; mother, Betty Segerstrom, of Waterloo, Iowa; children, William Segerstrom of Newton, Iowa, Christen Segerstrom and Kristie of Portland, Travis Malone of Bozeman, Angee Murillo and Rob of Hayden, Idaho, Kevin Malone and Tiffany of Roseville, Calif., D'Nette Grover and fiancé Keith of Missoula, and Dean Braunbeck and Donna of Spokane; siblings, Diane Glover of Omaha, Neb., Charleen Head of El Mirage, Ariz., and Bryan Segerstrom and Marilyn of Waterloo; grandchildren, Kevin Grover and Keli Grover of Missoula, Aurora Segerstrom of Great Falls, Trevin Murillo and Mekhi Murillo of Hayden, and Reese Braunbeck of

Spokane.

A memorial service will be held for family and close friends at 11 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 11, at Cremation and Burial Society of the Rockies in Missoula, followed by a Hawkeye tailgate for all of Dave's friends at the Missoula Country Club at 12:30 p.m. for a celebration of life. Please come dressed in your favorite sports gear. Go Hawks!

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be left under the David Segerstrom Memorial Fund at Farmer's State Bank, 3130 N. Reserve St., Missoula MT 59808, or taken to any of the bank's branches. The funds will be used to help establish The First Tee youth golf program in Missoula.

Condolences and memories may be left for the family at www.missoula-funeralhomes.com

Monte Lorrin Senner Jr., 56

Monte Lorrin Senner Jr., 56, passed away suddenly at his home in Columbia Falls on Friday, May 11, 2012, of a heart attack.



He was born on Aug. 27, 1955, in Kalispell, to Peggy (House) and Monte Senner Sr.

Monte attended school in Evergreen and graduated from Flathead High School in 1973. Shortly after, he married the love of his life, Barbara Lee Strandberg. They enjoyed 38 years of marriage and together they raised two children, Brandie McCracken and Shilo Senner.

Monte worked at Columbia Falls Aluminum Co. for 35 and a half years. He was a dedicated employee and cherished his co-workers. He was an honest and loyal man who stood up for what he believed was right. He was always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone who needed it.

His hobby was carpentry. He and Barb built their house and then proceeded to build a house for each of their children, along with many other construction projects along the way. He also enjoyed farming and gardening.

He, along with his wife, recently started his own business called Ache-N-Acres, where they did lawn care, Bobcat work and other odd jobs. They sold their veggies at the local farmers market where Monte became quite a people person. He enjoyed helping his wife put together garage sales, even if he didn't act like it.

He was known for his amazing cookies and was always creating some new concoction. His grandkids

loved those cookies!

Monte was an avid hunter and enjoyed spending time with his family at his special hunting ground. He did manage to bag a couple of big ones over the years, and even if he didn't fill his tags, he was just happy to be up in the mountains.

Monte was preceded in death by his grandparents, Spike and Daisy Senner, and Ruby Brockway; his mother and father-in-law, Ruth and Howard Strandberg; and his brothers-in-law, Eddy Strandberg, Gary Strandberg, Dennis Leo and Delmer Molitor.

He is survived by his beloved wife Barbara Senner, his daughter Brandie "Ba" and husband Jason McCracken, his son Shilo Senner, and four grandchildren, Keagan, Timber, Takeylie and Blayze McCracken, all of Columbia Falls. He is also survived by his parents, Monte and Peggy Senner, of Kalispell; his siblings, Valerie Leo of Shelby, Brad and Michelle Senner, Brent and Missy Senner, Vienna Senner, and Shannon and Al Vacura, all of Kalispell; his brothers-in-law, Bill and Penny Strandberg, and Jim and Rita Stranger, all of Helena; and his sisters-in-law, Ardyth and Diane Huinier of Hettinger, N.D., and Sheri and Dan Muller of Billings. He also had many beloved nieces, nephews and great friends, all of whom he loved and cherished.

He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

There will be a barbecue/potluck to celebrate Monte's life with his family and loved ones at the Senner residence at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 19. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided.

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

Joseph D. 'Joe' Serfoss, 77

Joseph D. "Joe" Serfoss, 77, passed away April 8, 2012.

He was born in Penrose, Colo., and is survived by his daughters Cheryl, Candi and Janet, and son Kelly; and several grand- and great-grandchildren. He also leaves

behind his beloved dog, Sassy.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother; and daughter, Cindy.

Services will be held in Colorado later this year. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Marilyn L. Servoss, 82

Marilyn L. Servoss, 82, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on Wednesday, May 9, 2012, at her residence in Kalispell.



She was born on July 26, 1929, in Chinook, the daughter of Marion L. and Marie Catherine (Kappes) Bear.

She moved to the Flathead Valley as a young child and graduated from Flathead County High School in 1948. She attended college in Havre and upon graduation moved to Belt. She met Russell Servoss in Belt and they were married in 1953.

Marilyn taught second grade in the Belt school system for 32 years until her retirement.

She enjoyed family and friends, as well as activities with the antique car club in Great Falls. She was a past member of the Delta Kappa Gamma Chapter in Great Falls and a past member of

the VFW Auxiliary of Belt.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, her sister Meredith Mott and her brother Colonel Howard Bear.

She is survived by her two children, Gary Servoss of Hayward, Calif., and Nancy Cusick of Seattle; son-in-law, Steve Cusick; sister, Glenna Small of Kalispell; sister-in-law, Rae Bear of Auburn, Ala.; two grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Graveside services for Marilyn will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, May 14, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery with Pastor Glenn Burfeind officiating.

The family suggests that memorial contributions be sent to Home Options Hospice, 275 Corporate Dr., Suite 600, Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

Patricia May Shaffer, 93

Patricia May (Monk, Warren, Girman) Shaffer, of Lakeside, died July 21, 2012, at a Sandpoint, Idaho, Care Center.



A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 11, at Lakeside Community Chapel United Methodist Church in Lakeside, with Pastor Dennis Reese officiating.

She was born March 7, 1919, in Whitefish and attended schools there. Patty graduated as valedictorian from Anaconda High School Class of 1937. She attended Montana School of Mines, Butte, and College (now University) of Great Falls in Great Falls, obtaining certification as a medical technician. She worked for hospitals and doctors in Great Falls, Helena, Plains, Libby, Kalispell and Whitefish, and Lehigh Acres, Fla.

She was active in several community choral music organizations throughout her life, and in the Flathead Valley Grange. Her home-pieced quilts and crochet took

numerous awards at the Flathead County Fair. She passed her love of gardening on to her daughters and granddaughters.

She married George W. Warren Aug. 22, 1940, in Boulder; they divorced in 1968. She married Walter Girman in Lehigh Acres, Fla., on May 26, 1973. She married James A. Shaffer Jr., Dec. 28, 1996, in Dillon.

She was preceded in death by her three husbands; a son, David J. Morris; her parents, Jesse E. and Mildred (Odlie) Monk; and a sister, Winifred (Monk, Sutcliffe) Robocker.

She is survived by daughters, Bert Burnett and Don, and Mary W. Koepp; son, George W. Warren Jr., and Jane; granddaughters, Lynnell Bauer and Ron, Jennifer Carlson and Don, and Jill Morris; grandsons, Robert, Richard and Jeanette, Jeremy and Wendy, and Joshua Denning, Matthew King and Carolyn, Daniel Koepp and Alicia, Wilton Warren and Julie, and Brett Morris and Kym; several great-grandchildren; and brothers, Wilfred J. Monk, and John L. "Lonnie" Monk and Mary Frances.

Vivian Faye Shaw, 77

Vivian Faye Shaw, 77, passed away on Saturday, Oct. 6, 2012, in Ronan.

Vivian was born on Dec. 9, 1934, in Kalispell, to Robert Randle Hill and Luzzell Faye Thompson. Vivian was one of 14 children raised in the Kalispell area.

Vivian married her sweetheart on Feb. 14, 1953.

Vivian was a homemaker who enjoyed reading and taking long walks. She was a friend to everyone. Vivian's family was everything to her, and she especially cherished her 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Vivian is survived by her husband, Norman Shaw, of Pablo; daugh-

ter, Wanda, and John Wheeler, of Polson; son, Norm Shaw, of Kalispell; son, Dale Shaw, of Pablo; and daughter, Valerie, and Don Bell, of Ronan; grandchildren, Christy, Tracy, Gareth, Justin, Dale, Jacob, Alysia, Jared, Jayden and Samantha; great-grandchildren, Jewel, Jadelynn, Josh, Ryleigh, Afton, Noelle, Myla, Kimber, Kennedy, Halle and Carter; her siblings, Nola, Leonard, Jeani and John; and many nieces and nephews she called her own.

Funeral services will take place at 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 12, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Polson. The burial will follow at Lake View Cemetery.

Messages of condolences may be shared with the family at www.groganfuneralhome.com.

Dick D. Sharp, 63

Dick D. Sharp, 63, of Libby, died Jan. 22, 2012, at St. John's Lutheran Hospital from natural causes.

Survivors include his children, Tina Sharp of Sumner, Wash., Eric Sharp and Jesse Sharp, both of Fife, Wash., and

Brian Sharp of Colorado Springs, Colo.; and mother, Stella Sharp, of Libby.

Graveside Services will be at 1 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 29, at the City of Libby Cemetery.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Libby.

Landon James Shawback, 5

Landon James Shawback went to heaven to be with Jesus on Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2012, surrounded by his family and lots of love.



He was due to join us on June 12, 2006, but as a result of a car crash, he was born on March 6, 2006, the son of Dallas and Anya (Longnecker) Shawback.

He took his first helicopter ride that morning and spent 14 weeks in the NICU at Community Medical Center in Missoula.

Landon was a determined little fighter, growing from his two-pound beginning to graduate from the NICU on his due date. If he could, he would thank all the doctors and nurses there for their amazing skill and loving care.

As a result of his tough start, he had many physical challenges and endured many surgeries and hospital visits. His eyes and body never worked well for him but he had a strong spirit and a great sense of humor. His laugh was heard often and he smiled whenever he heard the voices of his favorite people.

Landon loved music, which always calmed him, especially "If You're Happy and You Know It, Say Amen" and "Jesus Loves Me." He loved his guitar and harp that he would use to make his own music.

He loved roller coasters, long stroller rides and boat rides in the summer. When he was only one year old he was joined by a brother, Tyler, and in 2009 by a little sister, Addison, whom he adored. They both love their brother and already miss him but when Addie was told he was in heaven and

could walk now, she opened her arms with surprised excitement and said, "He can walk?"

All the family are happy for him — "the first face he got to see in his short life was the face of Jesus.

Landon is survived by his parents, Dallas and Anya, brother, Tyler, and sister, Addison; grandparents, Terry and Rhonda Longnecker, and Dave and Lois Shawback; great-grandparents, Edna Munter, and Jacob and Romilda Shawback, all of Kalispell, and Miriam Longnecker of Lititz, Pa.

He had a large extended family; aunts and uncles include Byron and Jessica Longnecker of St. Louis, Mo., Brent and Amanda Longnecker of Manila, Philippines, and Daniel Longnecker and Logan and Andrea Shawback, all of Kalispell. Landon's cousins who will miss him are Noah and Hudson Longnecker, and Daniel, Isaac, Aaron, Michael and LilliAnn Shawback.

Many other extended family and friends loved and prayed for Landon faithfully and the family is grateful.

A visitation for Landon will be held from noon until 6 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 27 at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. Funeral services for Landon will be held at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 28 at the Christian Center/Assembly of God. Burial will follow services at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Should anyone desire to give a gift in Landon's memory, the family would encourage it go to the Ronald McDonald House of Kalispell in care of Northwest Healthcare Foundation.

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

Gail Kemp Sheffield, 72

Gail Kemp Sheffield, born Sept. 6, 1940, in Houston, died Oct. 4, 2012, in Kalispell, after a brief illness.

Gail grew up in Houston, graduated from Louisiana State University with a master's degree and was a member of Delta Delta Delta Sorority, then became a flight attendant for Pan Am Airlines.

She then married Charles Harwell Sheffield.

Gail continued her education with a law degree at Louisiana State University and a Ph.D. in anthropology from Tulane University. She was a published author and an accomplished artist.

Gail and Charlie lived in the Virgin Islands for two years before moving back to Kentwood, La. She became an assistant district attorney in Tangipahoa Parish. After Charlie retired, they lived in Slidell, Ponchartroula and Covington, La., and then in Kalispell.

While in Covington, Gail became very active with the Feral Cat Consortium. Feral cats and rescue became her passion. After moving to Kalispell, she became active in Flathead Spay



& Neuter Task Force which also deals with feral cats. Gail was known as

"The Cat Lady" to many people.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 48 years, Charles "Charlie" Sheffield; and her parents, Harold and Jane Kemp.

Gail is survived by her sister, Patricia Kemp Whitfield, of Guy, Texas; two nieces and one nephew. She is also survived by close, longtime friends, Julia and Joe Arthur Sims. Besides leaving behind other numerous friends, she leaves Anie, her Welsh Corgi, and her cats Girlie, Knickers and Thump.

Gail will be missed by all, animals and people alike, and if she could, would ask for donations to Flathead Spay & Neuter Task Force, P.O. Box 2095, Whitefish, MT 59937, to be made in her name.

There will be a celebration of Gail's life on Saturday. For more information, please call Julia Sims at (406) 257-7698.

Roberta 'Bobbie' Mae Shelley, 86

Roberta "Bobbie" Mae Shelley, 86, passed away on Thursday, Dec. 27, 2012, at her home in Bigfork.

She was born on Feb. 15, 1926, in Kalispell, to Anton and Grace May (Brown) Bartel.

She was the third child of seven. Bobbie was raised in the Creston area. She also grew up on the Flathead River, where her father operated a ferry.

In 1943, she married Warren McIntyre. They had one son, Don. Later they were divorced. In 1949, she married Herbert Shelley. Herb had three children, Joe, Steve and Pat, from a previous marriage. She and Herb had two more children, Lilly and Herbert Jr.

She worked for a time at Snowline, as well as at the Immanuel Lutheran Home. She served in her church as a Cub Scout leader and a primary teacher. She enjoyed spending time with the family and friends at the church, doing activities or camping with the family, or just going on a picnic in the woods. Bobbie also looked going on long drives through the mountains, watching the wildlife. She spent her pastime doing crafts such as crocheting, knitting, plastic canvas house, making cookies and candies and working in her



flower garden.

Bobbie was preceded in death by her parents; four brothers,

Joe, Dave, Robert and Francis Bartel; and one sister, Ramona Norton; her husband, Herbert Shelley Sr.; and one son, Donald McIntyre; four grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

Bobbie is survived by her five children, Joe Shelley, Steve Shelley, Pat Chubb, Lilly Wainwright and Herbert Shelley Jr.; 19 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren and 19 great-great-grandchildren; with many nieces and nephews and friends.

A funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 4, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Stake Center on Whitefish Stage Road in Kalispell. A viewing will be held from 9:30 a.m. until the time of service, at the church. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

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

Patty (Kennedy) Shelton, 72

Patty (Kennedy) Shelton, 72, formerly of Kalispell, died Dec. 21, 2012, in Mesa, Ariz., of natural causes.

She had been a business owner of Patty Seaman Homes.

She is survived by her husband, Charles Shelton; and sons, Garry Seaman and Michael Seaman.

Services are pending with Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory.

Patty Shelton, 72

Patty Shelton, 72, died Friday, Dec. 21, 2012, in Mesa, Ariz.

She was born May 30, 1940, in Great Falls to Raymond and Janet Kennedy.

Patty graduated from Havre High School in Havre in 1958.

She married Vernon Seaman in 1958 in Havre. Patty and Vernon had two children, Garry and Michael Seaman. They were later divorced in 1979. In 1987 she was married to Charlie Shelton of Kalispell. Charlie and Patty enjoyed spending their winters in Arizona.

Patty was known in the Flathead Valley as a successful self-made businesswoman.

She made a significant impact in the modular home business that first began over 45 years ago when she and her first husband started Seaman Homes. She always enjoyed the business, liked people and loved visiting with customers, who she treated as friends. She was also dedicated to meeting the needs of her employees, who she



included as extended family. With her positive professional manner, Patty was respected as a businesswoman, admired by her peers and loved by many.

In May 2001 and January 2002, Patty was featured as the cover story in "Montana Woman" magazine. "When meeting with Patty, the first thing you notice is her genuine smile and the ever-present twinkle in her eye. The second thing you may notice is her signature style and professional mannerisms. She has a sincere caring personality that offsets her no-nonsense business style." She was first featured for her business savvy and how she became a successful businesswoman. She was later featured for receiving an invitation from the governor to attend an evening with President Bush. She and Charlie flew to New York but were unable to meet the president due to planning that was going on to attack the terrorists. She did, however, meet Vice President Cheney and she reported that as being one of the most exciting days of her life.

Her family was important to her always. She

managed time for work and family. She especially adored her grandchildren and held much grandmotherly pride for them. She loved the Flathead Valley and felt fortunate that her grandchildren could live and grow up in the valley.

She loved all children and was quoted once as saying, "One of the reasons I love little kids so much is that they say what they think. They say it how it is. Children are our future and we need to encourage them to be honest and outspoken," a statement that showed her sincere caring for mankind. Patty was a wonderful person trying to make the world a better place.

Patty was also a very talented homemaker, skilled in cooking, sewing, decorating and gardening. She enjoyed traveling and art.

Patty was proud of her family heritage and often recalled her grandmother, whose maiden name was Fleming and who came from Oslo, Norway. She was also the very first woman to homestead in the state of Montana on some 10,000 acres and was one of the last surviving Spanish-American War nurses. She loved the

story of how her grandpa Phalen had come over from Ireland and had met her grandmother in Cuba, and followed her back to Havre.

She was preceded in death by her father, Raymond Kennedy; her mother, Janet Konopatzke; and her siblings, Michael Kennedy and Janet Trochie.

She is survived by her husband, Charlie Shelton of Kalispell; two children, Garry Seaman and Michael Seaman of Kalispell; six grandchildren, Gregory Seaman, Kayla Seaman, Clark Seaman, Madison Seaman, Eric Seaman and Justin Seaman, all of Kalispell; and longtime companion and caregiver, Lili Rosselli.

Please join us in the celebration of Patty's life at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 2 at St. Matthew's Catholic Parish, 602 South Main St., in Kalispell. A reception will be held at the Elks following burial at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

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

William H. 'Bill' Shewell, 79

William H. "Bill" Shewell, 79, died Saturday, May 26, 2012, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

He is survived by his wife, Marilyn Shewell, two sisters, nieces and nephews.

He served in the U.S. Army in Korea for two years. Bill retired from Hughes Aircraft after 35 years. He enjoyed visit-



ing national parks, hiking, skiing, golf, photography, musicals, operas and glider riding.

Bill and Marilyn moved from California to Kalispell in 1987.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Grace Bible College, 1011 Aldon St. SW, P.O. Box 910, Grand Rapids, MI 49509-0910.

A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on June 2 at Grace Church in Kalispell.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Marvene S. Shidler, 80

Marvene S. Shidler, 80, of Buffalo, Wyo., passed away Monday, July 9, 2012, after a short stay at the Sheridan Manor in Sheridan, Wyo.

Marvene was born June 9, 1932, to Ione (Mayes) and Marvin Shidler in Edgerton, Wyo. She was raised in Edgerton and Midwest, Wyo.

Her father was very interested in the cherry business and purchased land on Flathead Lake. He built a summer cabin and, from early childhood, Marvene spent many summers there.

She graduated from the University of Wyoming and taught elementary school for several years in Wyoming. She and her husband then moved to the East Shore of Flathead Lake, where she learned the cherry business. She ran an orchard from the ground up and was very active in the East Shore Flathead Lake Community Clubs.

Marvene loved the out-

doors, horses and western lore of any kind. She was very proud to have been born and raised in the West. Marvene had a wonderful sense of humor that was enjoyed by many in Wyoming and Montana alike. The last years of her life were spent in Buffalo, surrounded by her dear friends.

She is survived by a closely knit family unit of friends.

Marvene was preceded in death by her parents; her sister, Wyma Dale; her daughter, Celeste; and her good friend, Barney Hoy.

At Marvene's request, no services are planned. A dispersal of ashes will take place in September, on a beautiful Indian Summer Montana day, a time of year beloved by Marvene.

Kane Funeral Home in Sheridan, Wyo., has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be posted at www.kanefuneral.com

Harold Hume Shiell, 60

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.

Patricia Colleen Curran Shilling, 81

Patricia Colleen Curran Shilling, 81, formerly of Kalispell, passed away March 3, 2012, in San Francisco.

She was born Aug. 28, 1930, the second child born in Spokane to James Wesley Curran and Mary Marguerita "Marge" Chasse. Pat attended St. Matthew's School, moving to Bremerton, then Lodi, Calif., with her family.

She married her high school sweetheart, Donald L. Shilling, and was the devoted, beloved mother of three, grandmother of one and foster mother of two.

A blue-ribbon bread baker, she also raised prize-winning begonias and champion golden retrievers.

Throughout her life, Pat was actively involved in organizations focusing on children, and was known in her retirement years as "Grandma Pat" by all and sundry.

Pat enjoyed music and dancing, was an avid reader and a happy camper and outdoorswoman. Her passion for genealogy took her across the U.S. and Canada, and later to Ireland with her cousins, Shy McClarty, Barbara Roche, Lois Byers and Kyrol Jystad. Pat adored exploring and travel, and could be ready to go anywhere at a moment's notice, as long as she had her morning coffee.

She had many dear friends, and Pat leaves them with fond memories

of adventures, gatherings and time spent together. Positive and enthusiastic, Pat always noticed and remarked on the beauty around her. She cherished time with friends and family.

Pat passed away in San Francisco from a sudden illness with family at her side. She created a legacy of love, kindness and encouragement, and would remind us today, "Everything will be all right."

She leaves her beloved husband of 61 years, Donald L. Shilling; children, Marguerite A. Shilling of Citrus Heights, Calif., Mary D. Bippus of Stockton, Calif., and Donald D. Shilling of Lodi; and grandson, Matthew W. Bippus, of Colorado Springs, Colo. She is also survived by her siblings, James W. Curran of Mercer Island, Wash., and Cherie Flower Strain of Roseville, Calif.

She was the granddaughter of early St. Ignatius settlers and Cut Bank Hotel founders Romain Chasse and Ida Racine of Maine, and Minot, N.D., construction foreman Thomas Curran and Rosa Belle Cartier of Minnesota. She leaves extended family and very dear friends.

Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery, with Father Stan Rog of Risen Christ Catholic Church officiating. At her request, she will be

inurned at Lodi Memorial Cemetery, and Conrad Memorial Cemetery with her mother.

In lieu of flowers, dona-

tions could be made to the charity of your choice, or consider taking a loved one on a special outing in honor of our beloved Pat.

John Shima Jr., 94

John Shima Jr., was born on March 5, 1918, and "went on to be with the Lord" on Oct. 18, 2012. He was 94 years old.

Dad was one of six children born to John and Mary Shima of Mason City, Iowa.

He was married to Betty June Pearson on Aug. 1, 1943, in Seattle.

John served 10 years in the Navy and was a Pearl Harbor survivor.

He moved to Polson in 1945 and he and his wife, Betty, had three children, Sue, Pat and Mike.

John worked for the Flathead Irrigation Project for 20 years and then retired at age 55.

He is survived by his wife, Betty; his three children, Sue, Mike and



Pat; nine grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 28, at Grogan



Funeral Home in Polson, 101 Sixth Ave. E. A reception will follow at John Shima's residence at 36233 Blue Jay Lane No. 10. Please come and celebrate stories of John.

Messages of condolence may be shared with the family online at www.groganfuneralhome.com

Jacob 'Jake' Wayne Shipp, 26

Jacob "Jake" Wayne Shipp, 26, died Sunday, Aug. 26, 2012, of injuries sustained in an accident in Kalispell.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 1, at Faith Alliance

Church, 348 Second Ave. W., Kalispell, with the Rev. Jim Davey officiating.

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

Lyle K. Shuttlesworth, 78

Lyle Kent Shuttlesworth died Oct. 30, 2012, in Butte.

He had worked in the construction industry in Columbia Falls and Libby.

He is survived by his wife, Hannah; son, Kevin

Shuttlesworth; daughter, Norma Pylypuw.

A memorial service will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 3, at First Presbyterian Church, Butte. Axelson Alternative Cremation is caring for the family.

Jenny Lou Siderius, 77

Our wife, mother and friend, Jenny Lou Siderius, "joined her savior Jesus Christ in heaven" on Christmas Eve, 2012.



Jenny Lou was born March 7, 1935, in Anita Valley, Okla., to Anita and Delaine Grimmett. She grew up in Oklahoma and Texas, graduating from high school in Sherman, Texas.

Jenny Lou attended the University of Oklahoma, graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in education. She was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority and made many friendships that had lasted throughout her life.

She married Mel James in 1957 and they had three children, Kimberly, Trey and Doug. Jenny Lou and her family settled in Kalispell in 1968. She loved being a homemaker and was involved in many activities through the years, including being a leader for her kids' activities in Brownies, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts and Boys Scouts.

Jenny Lou also enjoyed skiing on the winter weekends, as well as hiking and golfing with family and friends.

She attended the University of Montana in 1976 to renew her teaching credentials and returned to teaching third grade at Elrod School for a number of years.

Jenny Lou married Chuck Siderius in 1984 and moved to the family farm. At that time she became a stepmom to Chuck's four children, Doug, Laurie, LeAnn and Dan.

Jenny's faith was a big part of her life. She was active in Bible study fellowship, Cursillo/Pathways and the Creston Lutheran Church. She became active in the local chapter of Compassionate

Friends in 1985 after the loss of her son Trey, and continued to reach out to parents dealing with the loss of a child since that time.

Jenny Lou was known as a gracious, classy and loving woman who lived by the golden rule, "If you can't say anything nice, don't say anything at all."

Jenny Lou was preceded in death by her father, Delaine Grimmett; mother, Anita Scivally; and son, Trey James.

She is survived by her husband, Chuck Siderius; sister, Betty Sue Purser; daughter, Kimberly Zipp, and her husband, Gene, of Kirkland, Wash.; son, Douglas James, and his wife, Becky, of Montz, La.; stepson, Doug Siderius, of Kalispell; stepdaughter, Laurie Quinlan, and her husband, Kelly, of Hamilton; stepdaughter, LeAnn Siderius, of Kalispell; and stepson, Dan Siderius, of Kalispell. Jenny Lou has 14 grandchildren whom she loved deeply, including Sarah and Clay James, Cory and Amber, Kody and Anna, KC and Tanner Siderius; Courtney, Stella and Ceili Quinlan; Kellen Murray and Kaden Schoenthal; and Austen, Aaron and Andrew Siderius. Jenny Lou also had been blessed with one great-grandchild, Jackson Siderius.

Gifts in Jenny Lou's memory are suggested to the Flathead Education Foundation, Trey James Memorial Scholarship, or Compassionate Friends.

Funeral services for Jenny will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 28, at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church with Pastor Darold Reiner officiating. Burial will be in the Glacier Memorial Gardens.

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

Leora Josephine (Norton) Siems, 91

Leora Josephine (Norton) Siems, 91, passed away on Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2012, in Kalispell.



She was born Nov. 13, 1921, in Webster City, Iowa, to George and Arkell (Barker) Norton. She was the third of eight children.

Leora attend school in Webster City and Fort Dodge, Iowa, until the ninth grade.

She was an amateur entomologist. She liked reading, crossword and word search puzzles, and her kitty cats. She also enjoyed gardening and picking blueberries and raspberries in the woods. She and her children took care of the family farm.

Leora met her husband in Hill City, Minn., and they were married on Oct. 23, 1939, in Fort Dodge.

They moved to Hill City and resided there until 1982, at which time they moved to Montana.

Leora was preceded in death by her husband, Ernest; her parents; a sister, Kathleen Urich; and two brothers, Oliver and Eugene Norton.

She is survived by her children, Marie Mitchell and John Siems; two sisters, Hazel Iverson of Eagle Point, Ore., and Hannah Weaver of Roswell N.M.; and two brothers, Earl Norton of Mesa, Ariz., and John Norton of Oregon.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday Dec. 27, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. Burial has taken place at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

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

Geraldine 'Gerry' Sihrer, 82

Geraldine "Gerry" Sihrer, 82, passed away on Monday, Dec. 24, 2012, at her home in Evergreen.



She was born on Jan. 10, 1930, in Los Angeles County, Calif., to Jack Shubin and Mildred Collins Shubin.

Gerry was raised in Lewistown until coming to Kalispell in April of 1945. She went to school at Flathead County High School.

Gerry was married to Larry Claldwell, and from that union there was a daughter, Cheryl. She later married Martin Shanor, and they had a daughter, Rae Ellen.

In 1970 Gerry met the love of her life, Alvin "Al" Sihrer; together they raised Rae Ellen, their daughter. Al and Gerry were married for 38 years. He had a daughter, Carol, and grandson, Eric. Al passed away on May 10, 2008.

Gerry worked at Sykes' as a checker for 27 years. She enjoyed fishing, snow-cattin and camping with Al and his kids, her kids and the neighbor kids.

Gerry was a good cook, and wonderful seamstress, and spent many hours in her garden and with flowers. She loved

to play cards, and she did a lot of quilting. Each grandchild and great-grandchild had a quilt made by Grandma with lots of love in each stitch. She was a perfectionist in everything she did.

Gerry was preceded in death by her father and mother; three brothers, Mickel, Bill and Joe; grandson, Jason; and her beloved husband, Al.

Gerry is survived by three daughters, Cheryl Weber, Carol Duncan and Rae Ellen Quientero; a brother, David Johnson and wife Veronia; two sisters-in-law, Bobbie and Lottie; her grandkids, Angie, Erica, Paul, Eric, Jessica, Christina and Jason III; her special niece, Debbie Johnson; several other nieces and nephews; her best friend, Colleen Wise; and her neighbors and good friends. She will be deeply missed.

There will be a service for Gerry at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 31, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. The visitation will be held at 9 a.m. until the time of the service. The burial will follow the service at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

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

Debbie K. Silverthorn, 60

Debbie K. Silverthorn of Plains, formerly of Kalispell, died Nov. 5, 2012, after a long battle with cancer.

She is survived by her husband, Bill Silverthorn,

and her children, John Trebas, Terry Oswald, Tony Trebas and Kimberly Trebas, all of Kalispell.

No services are planned at this time.

Barbara Elaine Simon, 62

Barbara Elaine Simon passed away on Friday, Dec. 28, 2012, at her home in Kalispell.

Barb was born Feb. 8, 1950, to Fred and Etta Williams.

Her life travels began with a move to Billings with her family where she attended high school and college. She loved to explore, which led her and husband Rande, to live and work in Chicago, Boston, Houghton, Mich., and Jackson Hole, Wyo.

Along the way, two sons joined this trip through life, and everyone looked to "Mom" for love and support. With an empty nest, Barb led the way to Kalispell and her eventual retirement. She loved the outdoors, but her passions were cabinet making, and later woodcarving, at which she became an expert and taught others at the annual carving rendezvous near Glacier National Park.

Barb is survived by her husband, Rande; two



sons, Kody or Brunswick, Maine, and Jeremy of Dickenson, N.D.; sister, Linda, of Arvada,

Colo.; a hoard of nieces and nephews who loved their "Aunt B," and an army of friends who will miss her intelligence, humor and quick wit.

An informal gathering of family and friends will be held at the Simon residence to remember Barb and celebrate her life from 2 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 6.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the American Cancer Society.

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

Alice Marie Norquay Simons, 78

Alice Marie Norquay Simons was born in Whitefish on May 16, 1934.

She survived breast cancer to succumb to Alzheimer's-related disease on May 23, 2012, in San Antonio, Texas, at the age of 78.

Alice married Roy S. Simons Dec. 31, 1951. They owned and operated Kalispell Taxi Company while raising five children.

Roy and Alice traveled extensively throughout the United States, living in Ari-



zona until 1993, when Roy preceded her in death. She moved to Texas in 2000 to live with her family until present.

She was preceded in death by her parents, brother, sister, husband and two sons.

She is survived by two sons, Raymond and wife Carole of San Antonio, and Kevin of Seaside, Ore.; and a daughter, Louella, in Richland, Wash.

There are four grandchildren Raysha, Christopher, Timothy and Claude Griffin; along with two great-grandchildren Nevaeh and Chase.

Interment will be at 3 p.m. today, June 6, at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Ellen Simpson, 66

Ellen Simpson, 65, of Jefferson City, passed away on Friday, March 23, 2012, after a long and valiant battle with cancer.



She was born in Butte on July 8, 1946, the youngest child of Lauritz C. "Buck" Neilsen and Margaret Luoma Neilsen, formerly of Red Lodge.

She attended Butte public schools and Butte Business College, married Carl Engstedt of Butte in 1965, and the couple moved to Helena shortly thereafter. In her early career, her employment included the Maffei and Harrington Law Firm in Butte, Union Bank and Trust Company (now Wells Fargo Bank) in Helena, St. Paul's Methodist Church, and the Ghost Art Gallery.

But it was in the legislative arena where Ellen found her true calling. She went to work as legislative staff at the Environmental Quality Council in 1981, eventually moving on to independent contracting as an association manager and lobbyist. In 1999 she joined the Montana Wood Products Association and served as executive vice president, until her retirement in 2010 due to ill health. Although her professional life was centered in Helena, Ellen was extremely proud of her Butte roots.

In her role as an independent contractor Ellen represented various associations, but she was most passionate about Don't Gamble with the Future. She was a fierce opponent of gambling and lobbied the issue in several legislative sessions, becoming known statewide as the "Anti-Gambling Lady." With the Montana Wood Products Association, she was a dedicated advocate for the timber and wood products industries, and became well known in western Montana through her monthly commentaries on KUFM Radio.

role of lobbyists in informing and advocating in the legislative process, and deplored the frequent demonization of the lobbying profession that has become vogue in today's openly hostile political arena. Above all, she valued and took great pains to maintain and protect her credibility, a fact to which anyone who worked with her in the legislative process would attest.

Over the course of her career Ellen was active in a variety of civic organizations and activities, including the Campfire Girls board of directors, Lewis and Clark County Transportation Advisory Council, Kiwanis, St. Paul's UMC Committees, and work-related boards and commissions, including the Workforce Investment board, Helena Republican Dinner Club and the Society of American Foresters.

Ellen enjoyed many outdoor activities, including backpacking, cross-country skiing, and especially river floating. More recently, she enjoyed traveling, particularly within the United States, including Alaska and Hawaii, but also to such far-flung places as New Zealand, South Africa and Canada.

Ellen is survived by her husband, Dave Simpson, formerly of Hardin, whom she married in 2007; and by her first husband Carl Engstedt of Helena. Affectionately known to all as "Gramme," the most important element in Ellen's life was her family — son Eric Engstedt, daughter Christina Engstedt and Tom "Toby" Weida, and grandchildren Tiana Pallister, Talon Pallister, Austin Jonas, Gabriella Weida, Kennedy Engstedt and Sienna Engstedt, all of the Helena area. She is also survived by brothers, Dale Neilsen of San Diego, Calif., and Lyle and Lynn Neilsen of Butte; sister, Selma Neilsen, of Aberdeen, Wash.; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Honors included induction as a Montana Department of Natural Resources Forestry Pioneer and the Forest Resources Association Western Region 2011 Forestry Activist Award. Shortly before her passing, she was notified that she was also to receive the FRA 2011 National Forestry Activist Award.

Ellen loved the legislative process, and in recent years longed for earlier days when legislative debate included a much higher degree of statesmanship. She enthusiastically kept up with current events, and held strong opinions on a variety of issues which she would gladly share in terms that left no doubt as to where she stood. She embraced good government and good policy, and her politics were driven by issues rather than political party. She was passionate about the

Cancer ultimately destroyed Ellen's body, but it could not diminish her spirit or suppress the fire in her belly. Her family would like to express special appreciation to Dr. Thomas Weiner and the nurses and staff at the St. Peter's Hospital Cancer Treatment Center for their kindness and care provided during her three years of treatment.

Cremation has taken place. Friends and colleagues are invited to a memorial gathering beginning at 4 p.m. on Friday, March 30, at the Montana Club in Helena to celebrate Ellen's life. Readings and remembrances will start at approximately 4:30 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Montana History Foundation on behalf of the Montana Club, St. Peter's Hospital Cancer Treatment Center, or the charity of your choice.