

Lorene Rose 'Lori' Ulland, 60

Lorene Rose "Lori" Ulland, 60, passed away on Monday, April 30, 2012, in Kalispell.



Lori was born June 5, 1951, in Olympia, Wash. Early in her childhood she moved to Minot, N.D., where she grew up. She had a happy childhood being a tomboy, surrounded by loving parents, Dr. Brian and Connie Briggs, Grandma Rose and Pearl, her sister Diane, her brothers Tom and Paul; and there was Buster her dog to run with, the crow that she raised and taught to do tricks, countless art projects, and hills and valleys of the Mouse River to explore.

She had an active life with family and friends, taking trips and just enjoying life. Swimming at the country club, many lessons in various interests and her friends kept her happy throughout her adolescence. Lori was a majorette in the marching band, played clarinet and was active in the school art club, graduating from Minot High in 1969.

She worked at Grass Printing that summer and entered college at Minot State that fall as an art and special education major. While in college, Lori suffered a broken neck from a fall from the rings in gym class. Her father Dr. Briggs, a physician for the college, was the first one at her side. Lori was paralyzed for a short time "but was healed with prayers to Jesus." From that point on in her life she followed the Lord for the rest of her days on Earth.

Lori started working at the Minot Vocational Workshop and met her future husband Mike who was also working there at the time. Through working together with the developmentally disabled, Mike and Lori became friends.

Mike transferred to the university in Grand Forks and Lori soon followed as they couldn't stand being apart. Lori and Mike were married Jan. 12, 1974, and took turns working and going to school. In September they welcomed their first child, Gretchen, while living in married housing on campus.

school in Boulder. Daughter Paige was born in Helena two weeks after their arrival in Montana. Mike and Lori both worked at Boulder for another year until Mike got a fifth grade position at Kessler School in Helena where they moved into a house owned by some friends from Basin.

In 1985 Mike got a teaching position at Somers School and they moved to a little green farmhouse on Holt Drive in Bigfork. Lori substitute taught, worked at Eagle Bend Greenhouse, Marina Cay and had her own cleaning business. After purchasing a home in Woods Bay, they busied themselves raising their children.

Lori was the consummate mother and brought up her children with good food and a knowledge of Jesus and who he is. There were many activities for the kids and she expanded her family with a handicapped foster child for two years. She began working at Somers School in 1994 as a special education aide and Chapter One aide, eventually becoming a Title One math teacher in Lakeside. Many a Somers child was prayed for at the dinner table during those years.

Lori retired a year after her husband, in 2011, somehow getting 22 years of teaching in along with her many other interests.

Everywhere Lori worked she left behind good friends who stayed in touch with her throughout her life, and she witnessed often of her faith to others. Lori could draw and paint, weave and sew, cook and run the home, and be a friend to all — always looking for ways to help others. She was supportive to her children and husband, and honored our parents and other relatives.

Lori will be missed dearly by her husband, children, friends, and four grandchildren. She showed bravery and strength throughout her struggle with cancer, but the suffering here is finally over "and she is rejoicing with Jesus as this is written."

Lori graduated with a special education, art and elementary degree in 1975 and was the director of the LISTEN (Love Is Sharing The Exceptional Needs) drop-in center for the developmentally disabled people, a job she loved. "Special" people were always drawn to Lori because of her love and kindness.

Mike took an elementary teaching position in Rolla, N.D., in 1976 and they were there for five years, Lori running a motel that college friends had bought, and living in a house attached to it. Son Ian was added to the family when they were in Rolla.

In 1978 Mike and Lori took their first vacation and visited friends in British Columbia. They fell in love with the mountains, and in 1981 moved to Basin, Mont., where Mike taught fourth through sixth grade, and Lori taught at the state

She leaves behind her husband, Mike Ulland, of Woods Bay; daughter, Gretchen, and husband, Robby Kahsen, of Hilo, Hawaii, and two grandsons, Tripp and Wiley; son, Ian, and Doni Ulland, of Missoula and their children, Gavin and Brynna; and daughter, Paige, of Bigfork; parents, Dr. Brian and Connie Briggs of Minot; brother, Tom Briggs, of Seattle; sister, Diane, and Jeff Friesen, of Okatoks, Alberta; and brother, Paul, and Janice, of Indianapolis; plus numerous cousins, nephews and nieces.

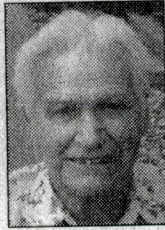
In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to the Hope Pregnancy Center in memory of Lori, at 940 East First Ave. W., Kalispell MT 59901.

There will be a viewing for Lori from 2 to 7 p.m. on Friday May 4, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. A funeral service for Lori will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 5, at the Bigfork Community Chapel. Burial will follow at Bigfork Community Cemetery.

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

James Arnold 'Jim' Underwood, 77

James Arnold "Jim" Underwood, 77, passed away Friday, Jan. 6, 2012, at his residence in Bigfork.



He was born Aug. 5, 1934, in Fairview, the son of Charles and Sarah (Hammer) Underwood.

He attended schools in Fairview and at age 18, moved with his family to Silver Butte, where they owned and operated a cattle ranch. He later went to work at J. Neils Lumber in Libby, where he worked as a mechanic and maintenance worker for more than 25 years until his retirement.

Following retirement, he worked as head of maintenance at the fairgrounds in Bonners Ferry, Idaho, until he retired due to health reasons.

Jim enjoyed hunting, fishing, boating and water skiing, and was also a beekeeper. He was an avid reader of Western novels, especially Louis L'Amour's, and Western movies.

He was a past member of the Moose Lodge and Eagles Lodge, both of Libby.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his children, Jackie Hooper of Spokane, Randy Underwood and

Beth of Bigfork, Bonny Nadrau and husband Thomas of Spokane, and Becky Sarbaum of Libby; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren; two brothers, Vernon Underwood of Missoula, and Bill Underwood and wife Jennie of Tri-Cities, Wash.; and his sister, Lois Theonnes, of Libby.

There are no services planned at this time for Jim.

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

Francis Luther Uskoski, 90

Francis Luther Uskoski, 90, passed away on Saturday, Jan. 12, 2013, at his home in Kalispell surrounded by his loving family.

Francis was born March 30, 1922 in Hockinson, Wash., to Axel and Alma (Wester) Uskoski.

Francis graduated from Battle Ground High School in 1940. He married Nancy Dormanen on Aug. 20, 1946. They enjoyed 66 years of marriage. Francis served in the 8th Air Force stationed in England during World War II. He worked as a machinist for 25 years at Columbia Machine in Vancouver, Wash.; equipment operator for Don Franz in Sidney; and other jobs including logger, mechanic and truck driver. In his later years he worked part-time at Kalispell Regional Medical Center. Francis has been a life-long member of the Old Apostolic Lutheran Church.

Francis is preceded in death by his infant daughter Bonnie in 1949, parents Axel and Alma (Wester) Uskoski, four brothers and three sisters.

He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Nancy Uskoski; seven sons, Bob and Ann Uskoski of Ridgefield, Wash., Rod and Faye Uskoski of Kalispell, Mike and Cheryl Uskoski of Kalispell, Randy and Melinda Uskoski of Battle Ground, Wash., Dick and Jennifer Uskoski of Kalispell, Stanley and Elizabeth Uskoski of Kalispell, and Joe and Carla Uskoski of Battle Ground, Wash.; five daughters, Cynthia and Wayne Pekkala of Palmer, Alaska, Carol and Jim Pegoraro of Battle Ground, Wash., Janet and Henry Patteri of Kalispell, Lori and



Ben Heidegger of Lonepine, and Sara and Dave Hofmann of Battle Ground, Wash.; a

sister, Helen Uskoski of Longview, Wash.; 78 grandchildren; 108 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews, and a host of Christian friends.

Funeral services for Francis will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 15, at the Old Apostolic Lutheran Church in Lakeside at 1 p.m. There will be a viewing for Francis at the church on Monday, Jan. 14, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Burial will follow funeral services at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

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