

## Lineesa Rose Abernathy, 18

Lineesa Rose Abernathy, 18, passed away on Sunday, July 7, 2013, in a car accident in Washington state.

Lineesa was born Feb. 15, 1995, to Kristi and LaMar Abernathy in Baker City, Ore.

She was a member of the Old Apostolic Lutheran Church in Lakeside. All her friends and sisters and brothers in faith were very precious to her.

She is survived by her parents, LaMar and Kristi Abernathy, three brothers Taylor, Cody and Austin Abernathy, and four sisters, Kendra, Noelle, Emma and Lily Abernathy, all of Kalispell; grandparents, Mark and Becky Abernathy of



Kalispell, and John and Linda Wisti of Lonepine; great-grandfather, Robert Ruonavaara, of Kalispell;

great-grandmother, Violet Wisti, of Battle Ground, Wash.; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Funeral services will be held at 9 a.m. Friday July 12, at the Old Apostolic Lutheran Church 215 Blacktail Road, Lakeside.

To send condolences to the family, please go to [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com). Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Bret Allen Aklestad, 47

Bret Allen Aklestad, 47, passed away Friday, May 31, 2013, in Seaside, Ore.

Bret was born on Nov. 18, 1965, in Chester to Lyle and Loretta (Fritz) Aklestad.

Bret was raised on the family farm at Sweetgrass. He was a hard worker, enjoying mechanics, driving truck and tractors, and farm life. He attended Sunburst schools and graduated in 1984.

Bret was good at sports, playing on the basketball team and football team, and then going to the lake house in Bigfork to enjoy water skiing and having fun at the lake.

After graduation, he attended upholstery school in Portland. Bret upholstered for Automotive Upholstery Shops in Portland and Minneapolis. It was in Minneapolis where he met Diane Mazurek, and their beautiful daughter, Isabel, was born on May 5, 1998. He was always a proud father.

Bret last worked at



Beaverton, Ore., where he was known as an accomplished upholsterer and hard worker.

Bret is survived by his parents, Lyle and Loretta Aklestad of Bigfork; his daughter, Isabel Aklestad, of Royal Oak, Mich.; grandmother, Lillie Fritz, of Chester; stepgrandfather, Jerry Schreck, of Kalispell; sister, Debra Ianniello, of Pembroke Pines, Fla.; as well as uncles, Gary Aklestad, Errol Fritz and Doug Aklestad; aunt, Elaine Keister; nephew, Michal Ianniello; niece, Nicole Ianniello; and lots of cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandfathers, Leonard Fritz and Carl Aklestad; and grandmother, Helen Aklestad Schreck.

A memorial graveside service with interment of ashes was held June 15 at Bigfork Cemetery.

## Thomas Leland Aggson, 81

Thomas Leland Aggson passed away Monday morning July 29, 2013, at La Posada Hospice, Las Cruces, N.M.

Tom was born the son of Leland and Gertrude Aggson on March 25, 1932, in the northwestern Rocky Mountain town of Kalispell. As a Montana boy, Tom enjoyed all aspects of the outdoors, and was a trail boy in Glacier National Park.

Tom attended the University of California at Berkeley, receiving a degree in nuclear engineering, and later a Ph.D. in physics. In 1957, Tom took a year off from graduate school to serve as the only civilian scientist aboard the USS Arneb (AKA-56) during its deployment to Antarctica as part of the International Geophysical Year. Upon graduation, Tom spent several years working in Paris, and his career as a respected scientific researcher at NASA Goddard Space Flight Center spanned over 30 years. Tom especially enjoyed field work, often traveling abroad for rocket launches in such places as Canada, Norway, Peru and Kenya.

Upon retirement, he and his devoted wife of over 42 years, moved to Las Cruces, N.M., where they enjoyed the community and loved playing tennis with friends. Tom enjoyed a lifelong attachment to Ashley Lake in Montana and his summers were spent canoeing, hiking, mountain biking, windsurfing and making music with his family and friends. Next to his family, he was passionate about physics and pursued the study of



cosmology even into his retirement.

Tom was loved as a warm and supportive husband, and was the proud father of five children and four grandchildren.



Tom was preceded in death by his parents, Leland and Gertrude Aggson; as well as his brothers, Willard and Alan Aggson.

He is survived by his wife, Betty; and his children and grandchildren, Laura Holland and Bob of Upper Black Eddy, Pa., Marie Ryan and Richard, and Rachele and Riley, of Old Lyme, Conn.; Kitty Prendergast and Tom, and Dylan and Katie, of Brewster, N.Y.; Alan Aggson and Susan of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; and Josh Aggson of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; and a special niece, Peggy Aggson Koen, and Phil, of San Jose, Calif.

His family wishes to thank the Mesilla Valley Hospice and staff of La Posada.

Memorial donations may be made to the Mesilla Valley Hospice Foundation, 299 E. Montana, Las Cruces, N.M. 88005; or to the charity of one's choice.

Family and friends will meet together at Tom's beloved Ashley Lake next spring to remember and to celebrate his life. His noted charm, humor, and independent spirit will be sorely missed by all.

For online condolences go to [www.graham\\_mortuary.com](http://www.graham_mortuary.com)

## Robert 'Bob' James Albright, 63

Robert "Bob" James Albright, 63, of Williston, N.D., "entered into eternal peace" surrounded by family on Sunday, Nov. 3, 2013, at the Whatcom Hospice House in Bellingham, Wash.

Bob was born in Watertown, S.D., on April 11, 1950, the son of Harry and Arlene (Cook) Albright. He graduated from Riggs High School in Pierre, S.D., in 1968 and attended one year at South Dakota State University in Brookings, S.D., prior to enlisting in the Air Force in 1969. He was a meteorologist while serving in the Air Force and was stationed in Texas, Illinois, Guam and Montana before receiving an honorary discharge in 1973.

After leaving the military Bob considered his new home Montana. There he worked as a truck driver, home builder, timber faller and log hauler, until 1992 when he purchased Custom Tree Service and in 1996 received his certification as a certified arborist. In 2000 the family relocated to Whidbey Island, Wash., where he and his wife started and managed two Curves for Women fitness centers. After selling those businesses they relocated back to Montana and eventually moved to Williston where he worked for Plains Marketing as a truck driver hauling crude oil.

At a very young age, Bob was introduced to the opportunities of the great outdoors by his parents. He loved hunting and fishing or just being in the woods or on the water in his boat with friends and family. He was a great teacher of ethical hunting and fishing practices and was always willing to teach those who



wanted to learn. He could sit and talk hunting and fishing stories for hours and never forget where he was, who he was with or what the

weather conditions were in recalling his outings. He always thanked God for the animals he took, the fish he caught and the beautiful surroundings he loved so dearly.

Bob is survived by his wife, Debra, at their home in Williston; as well as his children, Rachel Shelton of Lebanon, Ohio, Jamie and Justin Sartori of Eureka, Timmy and Alexandria Albright of Bellingham, Tom Albright of Fairview, Mont., Chris and Linda Patton of Whitefish, and Ginger and John Moniz of Kalispell; his grandchildren, Steven, Dakota, Emma, Alexis, Kora, River, Carly, Adam, Riley, Sullivan, Sutton, Trinity and Ryker; great-grandson, Brent; his sister and her husband, Becky and Rich Garrison, of Niceville, Fla.; and 13 nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents Harry and Arlene Albright, and a grandson, Colter.

A memorial service will be held in Kalispell on a date in April 2014, to be determined.

Bob's message to family and friends in many more words is Luke 10:27 — "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself."

## Robert Norman Allen, 76

Robert Norman Allen, 76, passed away Friday, Dec. 2, 2011, surrounded by family and friends.



Bob was born July 18, 1935, in Leroy, Ind. His parents were Charley Oscar (Karl Oskar Johansson) and Hattie Rosalie (Tylen) Allen. He attended school in Leroy and high school in Crown Point.

He followed his sister Mary to Montana in 1952. He worked for Arnard Johnson and then the U.S. Forest Service. In 1954 he was hired by the Great Northern Railway as a brakeman and retired in 1993 as a conductor.

He married Sally Howke on July 16, 1957, at the Methodist parsonage in Whitefish. To this union they were blessed with two sons, Charles Bruce and Rodney Lee.

Bob was an active outdoorsman, hunting and fishing in the Montana wilderness. If anyone ever needed a knife to open something, Bob had one. And the one he lent was always razor sharp. He was an active member of the local Trap Club, for which he reloaded his own shells. As a hunter of both live and clay prey, Bob was an avid gun collector. He was also a member of the Whitefish Moose Lodge. Bob and wife Sally enjoyed bowling and golfing together. He loved baseball and was a devoted fan of the Glacier Twins.

When Bob wasn't out in the wild or with Sally golfing or bowling, he could be seen with a Western novel in his hands. He also greatly enjoyed playing card games, a joy that he passed on to

the next generation. With an inquisitive mind, Bob loved testing his skill with small 3-D puzzles.

What everyone will remember of Bob is his friendly nature and great sense of humor. "He was well liked by everyone who knew him, and was always telling someone his most recent joke."

He was a longtime member of the First Baptist Church of Whitefish. Without fail, Bob and Sally were sitting in their specific pew every Sunday morning.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife, whom he couldn't live without; his parents; his brothers, Carl and Elmer; and sisters, Ella, Hilda, Mary, Rosalie and Lorraine.

He is survived by his sons, Charles and wife, Vivian, of Whitefish, and Rodney and wife, Elaine, of Havre; grandchildren, Amanda (Allen) and husband, Jake Russell of Kalispell, and Joshua Allen of Missoula; and many nieces and nephews.

"We will remember his unique sense of humor and that twinkle in his eye."

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2011, at the First Baptist Church in Whitefish. Interment will be at 2:30 p.m. at Glacier Memorial Gardens for friends and family.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Bob's name to the Glacier Twins American Legion Baseball, P.O. Box 2007, Whitefish, MT 59937.

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

Arrangements are entrusted to Austin Funeral home.

## Isabelle G. Allen, 70

Isabelle G. Allen, 70, died Saturday, June 8, 2013, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She is survived by her son, Max Wayne; and a

daughter, Natasha Allen.

Memorial services are pending.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for the family.

## Ronald L. Allen, 74

Ronald L. Allen, 74, "was called to heaven" on March 31, 2013, in his Columbia Falls home, surrounded by his loving family.

He entered this world on Sept. 25, 1938, in Kalispell. He was a true Montana native.

On Sept. 3, 1960, he married the love of his life, Marilyn Rasmussen, at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls. They just celebrated their 52nd anniversary where they renewed their vows.

Some of Ron's hobbies included hunting, boating, fishing and four-wheeling with his family at their Middle Thompson Lake cabin for 42 years. Ron and Marilyn spent many years planning, working and building their dream cabin that was a special place for all.

He worked for the operating engineers for 40-plus years. He built many roads in the state of Montana, ran whirly cranes on Libby Dam and drove heavy equipment on the Alaskan Pipeline. He always impressed the state inspectors by the quality of his work. Ron retired in 1994.

During this time he enjoyed traveling with his wife. He also loved helping other people, working in his garage, reading Western novels, playing pinocle with dear friends, going to Wild C/K basketball games and picking on his grandkids.

Ron was a quiet, humble man of his word who had a positive outlook on life and a great sense of humor. He loved to tease.

Ron is survived by his soul mate, Marilyn; and three children, daughter Kim, with children Elicia Bennett, Jhovee La Casse, Jariah Allen, Elicia's husband Chris and their daughter Everly; daughter Kelly, with children Ryan and Austin Reichert; and son Kevin, his wife Rebecca and children Vanessa, Sierra, Sydney and Bridger Allen. He is also survived by his godchild-



dren, aka his "other" grandchildren, Jason and Amber Youso; his brother, Gary Allen, and his

wife Angie; brother, Dennis Allen; sisters-in-law, Isabel Allen and Jean Rasmussen; and brother-in-law, Dennis Rasmussen, and his wife Bev. He is also survived by his many loving nieces, nephews and cousins.

Ron was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Nettie Allen; his beloved brother, Max Allen; his brother-in-law, Larry Rasmussen; nephew, Frank Allen; and niece, Marty-Ann Allen.

Ron was a much loved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother and friend. His spirit will live on in each person who knew him.

Rosary will be said at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 4, at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. Mass of the Resurrection will be at 11 a.m. Friday, April 5, at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls. Interment will be at St. Richard's Catholic Cemetery. Funeral luncheon will follow at St. Richard's.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Ron's name to St. Richard's Church or Relay for Life.

## Thomas John Allen, 84

Thomas John Allen, 84, of Lakeside, passed away peacefully at home on Sept. 29, 2013.



ington, D.C., and Spokane. He retired in 1994.

Thomas was born in Los Angeles on July 1, 1929, to Thomas and Ethel Allen. His early childhood years and education were spent in Toronto, Ontario and Buffalo, N.Y.

Thomas worked many positions during his career in industry and government. He was a drift and raise miner for Anaconda Copper Mining Company in Butte. He later graduated from University of Missouri-Rolla with a bachelor's degree in mining engineering. He was a registered professional engineer.

He was conscripted into the U.S. Army in 1955 and achieved the rank of first lieutenant. He was stationed in Fort A.P. Hill, Va., after basic training. After his military experience, he held mining engineer, chief engineer and superintendent and manager positions as he continued his career.

Some of the companies he worked for included U.S. Steel Corporation in Hibbing, Minn., Sheep Creek Mines Ltd. in Toby Creek, British Columbia, Zonolite Company in Libby, and Noranda Mines Ltd. at 100 Miles House, British Columbia. In 1964, he started working for the federal government at the Bonneville Power Administration in Portland. His government career also included working at the Bureau of Land Management in Portland, the U.S. Geological Survey in Reston, Va., and the U.S. Bureau of Mines in Wash-

ington, D.C., and Spokane. He retired in 1994. In his earlier years he was an avid rower, fisherman, hunter and enjoyed playing bagpipes. He enjoyed his family, yearly family fishing vacations to Kootenay Lake, British Columbia, reading, genealogy and probably most of all, sitting on the deck having a "puff" while looking at the Mission and Swan mountain ranges. He was also a member of the Ken-Ton Lodge, Tonawanda, N.Y., the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry in the Valley of Duluth, and the El Katif Shriners, Spokane.

Thomas is survived by his wife of 55 years, Eleanor; their son, Thomas Allen Jr., and daughter-in-law, Tami, of Moscow, Idaho; daughter, Anne Marie Allen, of Billings; and grandchildren, Tom Allen III, Krystal, Kyle, Ryan, Hayden, Dylan and Katelyn. He will be missed by family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to Shriners Hospitals for Children.

The family of Thomas John Allen wishes to thank all who cared for him in recent years.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family and a visitation and graveside service are being planned. You are invited to go to [www.jgfuneralhome.com](http://www.jgfuneralhome.com) to view Thomas' guest book, offer condolences and share memories.

## Ward E. Allers, 46

Ward E. Allers, 46, passed away at Kalispell Regional Medical Center on Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2013, after battling cancer and other health issues.

Ward was born Feb. 2, 1967, in Kalispell to Myrna M. (Minthorn) Allers and Elmer D. Allers.

He grew up in Kalispell, graduating from Flathead High School in 1985. He attended the University of Montana in Missoula from 1985 to 1986, and DeVry Institute in Phoenix from 1990 to 1991.

He worked at Mountain Villa Apartments in building repair from 1987 to 2005, when he was forced to quit due to ill health. Ward was a cheerful, kind and gentle man, whose hobbies included hunting, fishing and wood-working. He was very adept with computers.

Ward was preceded in death by his parents; and a brother, Roger Allers.

He is survived by his sister, Beverly Miller, and husband, Royce, of



Fairbanks, Alaska, and nieces, Alicia Miller, Hannah Unger and Justin, Lacey Lilley and Jon, all

of North Pole, Alaska, and their children, Mikila and Carel Miller, Austin and Ethan Unger, and Jonathan, Hank, Hailey, Riley and Marlon Lilley. He is also survived by many loved friends.

Memorial services will be held at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 12, at Northridge Lutheran Church, 323 Northridge Drive in Kalispell.

The family requests memorial contributions be made to WINGS, P.O. Box 7852, Kalispell, MT 59904.

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

## Richard Daniel Altenburg, 88

Richard Daniel Altenburg, 88, beloved husband, father and friend, passed away on April 10, 2013.

He was born on the family farm near Somers, the youngest of six children, to August and Florence Altenburg.

He was fortunate to have spent his life doing what he loved, which was farming and ranching, first with his father and later with his son. He also enjoyed hunting, fishing, traveling and sports.

Richard's passion for farming was equaled by his love of family and friends. When he met his wife Paula in 1950, it was his distinctive, contagious laughter that eventually attracted her and brought them together. They were married in 1951, and during their 62 years together they worked hard and had many fun times, including their various trips in recent years.

Richard's home became a gathering place for countless family and friends throughout the years, and many fond memories of those times will be treasured by all. Richard and Paula raised three children together



— Robert, Denise and Nicole.

Richard was a wise and caring husband and father whose lov-

ing presence will be forever remembered in our hearts. Though he slowed down, he did what he loved to the end — He never really stopped farming, and he never stopped laughing.

Richard was preceded in death by his parents, August and Florence; his brothers, Peter, Edmond, Eric and Arthur; and his sister, Martha.

He is survived by his wife, Paula; his children, Robert, Denise and Nicole; his granddaughter, Mia; and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, April 19, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home, 525 South Main, in Kalispell.

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

## Gordon Raymond Anderson, 86

Gordon Raymond Anderson, 86, died at his home on Feb. 15, 2013.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Grogan Funeral Home of Polson.

## John Paul Anderson, 70

John Paul Anderson, 70, of Columbia Falls died of natural causes at his home on Monday, Jan. 21, 2013.

Services will be held at a later date.

Arrangements are entrusted to Columbia Mortuary.

## Dale Willis Anderson, 87

Dale Willis Anderson, 87, passed away peacefully on Nov. 26, 2013, in Phoenix.

He was born on Jan. 30, 1926, in Milan, Minn.

He was a Marine and fought in World War II on Iwo Jima.

He married his greatest love and partner, Jean, and they had a beautiful marriage of 66 years together, living in Minnesota, Iran, South Dakota, Montana and Arizona.

Dale was a bank president with Wells Fargo in Minnesota and Montana. He was an avid golfer as well as outdoorsman, enjoying hunting, fishing and being in nature, loving the mountains, lakes and wildlife.

He is survived by his



loving wife, Jean; his daughters, Laurie Anderson, Wendy Anderson and Kris Thomas, and his son, Kurt Anderson, and their spouses;

eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Dale was a man of profound integrity, dignity and love, and will be greatly missed.

Donations may be made to the American Heart Association.

Please visit [www.hansenmortuary.com](http://www.hansenmortuary.com) for online condolences.

## Dustin Lee Amdahl, 28

Dustin Lee Amdahl, 28, passed away on Saturday, May 11, 2013, at his home in Kalispell.

Dustin was born on Dec. 28, 1984, in Whitefish to Gary and Deborah (Hutchens) Amdahl. He attended schools in the Flathead Valley, graduating from Flathead High School.

After high school, he worked at Nickel Charlie's, Jagz, Outback, Quiznos, Taco Johns, Lawn Care services and as a local DJ.

He enjoyed fishing, boating, and was an avid outdoorsman. He also enjoyed hunting, snowboarding, skateboarding, basketball and football, and had a love for music, writing, mixing, rapping, singing, recording and performing in various local clubs.

Dustin was preceded in death by his grandmother, Gladys Hutchens, and his uncle, Ben Barkley.

He is survived by his parents, Gary and Deb Amdahl, of Kalispell; a



brother, Morgan Amdahl, of Kalispell; grandparents, Jerry Hutchens of Kalispell, Ann Hutch-

ens of West Union, Iowa, and Verla Amdahl of West Union; other relatives, Dennis "Denny" and Jean Amdahl of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Elden "Sarge" and Donna Marvel of Kalispell, Judy Barkley Kalispell; numerous cousins, friends and family.

A celebration of Dustin's life will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 18, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory with the Rev. Tim Bartholomew officiating.

The family request that memorials be made to the family, 1740 Haven Court, Kalispell, MT 59901.

To send condolences to the family, please go to [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com). Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Jean Bunger Amidon, 52

Jean Bunger Amidon, 52, died in a tragic highway accident on Dec. 20, 2013, in Washington state.

She was born in Prosser, Wash., and grew up on a wheat farm. Her initial career was in nursing where she had remarkable talents in the emergency room and neonatal intensive care unit. She then received a bachelor's degree in wildlife biology from U.C. Berkeley which allowed her to pursue her passion for all living creatures.

After moving from Seattle to Whitefish she founded the Glacier Academy of Languages.

Jean was a loving wife, a selfless and devoted mother and a passionate advocate for animals and the outdoors. She inspired all



who knew her. Jean is survived by her husband, Tom; her four beautiful children, Emma, Abi-

gail, Byron and Karla; and all six of her siblings.

Her memory may be honored by donations to any organization that supports wildlife.

A memorial service will be held Friday, Dec. 27, 2013, at 1 p.m. at the Christian Center in Kalispell.

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

## Leo B. Arbuckle 80

Leo B. Arbuckle 80, was born Sept. 10, 1933, in Conrad to Hugh C. and Evelyn Arbuckle. Hugh C. was a packer and guide. He raised sheep at the ranch at Swift Dam. Leo's sister joined the family on Nov. 2, 1934.

On June of 1946, Leo, his sister, Margaret, and father trailed their horses from Swift Dam through the Bob Marshall. Leo told of it raining every day, going to bed wet and running short of food. With only a can of peas left at the end of the drive, you can rest assured he never liked peas. They made their destination to Coram. Leo lived on the ranch for 68 years.

Leo and Donna Potter-Arbuckle were married April 24, 1972, at the

ranch. She brought her three children to their marriage. Leo treated Jim, Dawn and Jay as if they were his blood, loving the grandkids as well as their great-granddaughter. He was Pa Pa to all of them.

Leo was a fair man. If he couldn't say something good about someone, he wouldn't say anything. Some will remember his fiddle playing and "Esther," his fiddle.

Leo worked for 10 years for Will and Barbara Warner and 20 years for Canyon Logging.

A celebration of his life will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, at the Canyon Community Church in Coram. There will be a potluck dinner following at the Ed Building.

## Whitefish woman dies in Wash. crash

A Whitefish woman died Friday afternoon in a 10-vehicle accident west of Spokane.

Jean Amidon, 52, died at the scene when her Honda Pilot was pinned between two semi trucks in the chain-reaction accident.

The crash occurred in the westbound lanes of Interstate 90 seven miles east of Ritzville, Wash., according to a report from the Washington State Patrol.

The patrol report said Amidon's vehicle rear-ended the truck.

Her vehicle then was hit from behind by another truck, pinching her between the semis.

With these three vehicles blocking both lanes, seven other vehicles became enmeshed in the accident scene.

Four people were injured. The crash blocked westbound Interstate 90 for more than 12 hours.

## Helen Elizabeth Yeats Andersen, 87

Helen Elizabeth Yeats Andersen passed away July 7, 2013, at the home of her son in Mesa, Ariz.

Helen was born at the ranch 20 miles north of Malta on July 19, 1925, to Harold and Ethel (Mead) Garland. In 1936 the family moved to western Montana and eventually bought a farm west of Whitefish.

Helen attended grade school in town and graduated from Whitefish High School in 1944. She and her mother were two of the first women to join the work force during World War II. They were employed by the railroad, at the roundhouse in Whitefish servicing locomotives.

She married Albert Yeats in 1945, and the next year the first of three boys and three girls was born. Al worked for the railroad, and Helen was a busy mom who enjoyed baking cookies for her kids and gathering them around her on a rainy day to read or recite poetry.

In June of 1960 Al died unexpectedly of a heart attack. Helen married Charles Andersen in 1962, and they added another son to the family.

Chuck worked in Glacier National Park, and Helen and Chuck enjoyed rides over Going-to-the-Sun Road in his convertible. In later years Helen took up tole painting and created many pictures for family and friends. She liked to bake, cook, garden, preserve food and read.

Chuck passed away in 1984, and in 1987 Helen moved to Seattle to live with her brother, Bill, and his wife. She moved to Corvallis, Ore., in 2001 to be near her sister, Jean. They enjoyed friends in their apartment complex and in their church, and visits from family. There was rarely a day went by that the three siblings did not talk on the phone.

In April of this year, Jean and Helen traveled to Mesa to visit her son, Don, and his family. While there, Helen was diagnosed with terminal cancer. She chose to undergo no treatments and remained in Mesa, staying at home with Don and Sandy, until her passing. Her firm belief in God carried her through the physical pain and prepared her to say goodbye to her children as she saw each one of them for the last time. She expressed to each that she had had a long, good life and was ready for her next journey.

Helen was preceded in death by her parents; her brother, Glenn; her husbands, Al and Chuck; and one great-grandson, Carter Allen.

She is survived by her brother, Bill Garland, and wife, Annie, of Federal Way, Wash.; her sister, Jean Schreiber, of Corvallis; her children, Don and wife Sandy of Mesa, Dave and wife Luci of Columbia Falls, George and wife Jody of Kalispell, Judi Yeats of Whitefish, Marcy Carr of Kalispell, Diane Yeats of Whitefish, and Glenn Andersen of Federal Way; and grandchildren, Allen Yeats, Danell Fitzgerald, Chelsie Dusek, Scott Yeats, Kelli Wong, Jamie Yeats, Krista Ford, Kari Lynd, Rikki Morrill, Sean Willmore, Ryan Willmore, Dylan Carr, Cory Andersen and Mikael Andersen. Helen also leaves behind her great-grandchildren, Matilda, Amelia, Lacey, Timmy, Akira, Winter, Kendall and Kadrin.

The family will gather Friday, July 26, in Glacier National Park to celebrate Helen's life with the spreading of her ashes and a potluck picnic. Friends are invited to bring a dish to share and join the family at the Apgar picnic area at noon that day.

## Henry 'Hank' William Anderson, 81

Henry "Hank" William Anderson, 81, avid outdoorsman, loving husband and father, of Columbia Falls, passed away peacefully July 18, 2013, at his home surrounded by his family.

Hank was born July 2, 1932, in Monroe, Wash., to Harold and Mary Anderson.

Hank graduated from Monroe High School. His adventurous spirit led him to become a Merchant Marine when he was 18. Hank traveled around the world. He was drafted into the Army in 1951 and served his country for two years. In 1966, Hank returned to the Merchant Marines, sailing the globe.

He married his first wife, Mary Jane Bower, and together they had a daughter, Valerie Lisa Anderson. The family moved to Columbia Falls.

Following Jane's death, Hank met and fell in love with Flathead Valley local Ardis Rassmussen. The couple were married Oct. 5, 1959. Following the marriage, the couple settled in Columbia Falls, where they have resided ever since.

Hank worked as a heavy equipment mechanic foreman on the Alaskan pipeline. He worked throughout California and Montana.

Hank enjoyed all of the outdoor activities that are available in the area. He was an avid fisherman, hunter, trapper and snowmobiler, and regularly packed into the Bob Marshall and in the nearby mountains of Montana.

Hank and Ardis retired at their home in 1990. They spent most of their time with family and friends in the great out-



doors. One of Hank's favorite things was to go camping and fishing at Middle Thompson Lake.

Hank had a sharp wit and a mischievous

sense of humor that was belied by the sparkle in his brilliant blue eyes. He was quick to laugh and enjoyed the time playing board games and cards with the family.

Hank's health started to deteriorate a few years ago, but he remained active until his passing.

Hank is survived by his loving wife, Ardis Rassmussen Anderson; daughters, Valeri Scott, Wanda and Bill Rains, Teresa and Brett Ready, and Brenda and Dave Stewart; sister, Sally Anderson; seven grandchildren, Courtney and Ryan Cushman, Christopher Suwalski, Dustin Camp, Shaeleen and Nate Hopkins, Hank Ready, Chase Kolodejchuk and Cody Kolodejchuk; and three great-grandchildren, Ava Hopkins, Tray Hopkins and Landon Cushman.

The family will be holding a cremation memorial service at a later date for the immediate family only.

Memorials may be given in memory of Hank Anderson to the Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks Regional Headquarters Children's Fund, 490 N. Meridian Road, Kalispell, MT 59912.

The family is being cared for by Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home.

## Lola B. Anderson, 94

Lola B. Anderson, 94, passed away June 18, 2013, at Northwest Health Center.

She moved into Buffalo Hill Terrace in 2002 and, shortly after, she was asked to write a biography. She mentioned, at the time, that it could double as her obituary, so here it is in her own words:

"I was born in Duluth, Minn., on March 10, 1919, to Earle and Anna McCauley. I had one brother, Edward, who was older than I and two younger siblings who died shortly after birth. My mother died after giving birth to the last baby. I was 5 years old at that time.

"In 1927, my father brought my brother and me to Montana in an open air Model T Ford to live with our aunt and uncle on their farm near Virgille. We later moved to another farm near Loma. From that farm we had 4 miles to go to a country school. Eventually, my brother and I went to high school in Fort Benton.

"After finishing high school, I went to college in Havre. There I met my husband, Robert L. Anderson. We were married on June 2, 1943, while he was serving in the Army during World War II. We lived in Salt Lake City when he was stationed in Fort Douglas. From Utah we moved to New Orleans and on to Fort Wayne, Ind. Bob was shipped out to New York and then on to Europe.

"I taught school for four years in a one-room country school before we were married and then one year while Bob was serving in Europe.

"When Bob returned after World War II, we went to Coulee Dam, Wash., where he had a job working in an office. He wasn't happy cooped up in an office so we moved to Whitefish. In Whitefish, Bob started a used car dealership.



tion. Years later, while living here in the Flathead Valley, the wood smoke became so

dense and I was having such trouble breathing that I contacted the health department in Helena. The health department sent me pamphlets titled, 'How to Burn Makes a Difference.' Bob and I, along with the help of a Boy Scout troop and our insurance agent, distributed these pamphlets throughout the valley. We continued this for eight years.

"After retiring, we spent some winters in California and Arizona. During this time I learned to golf. I especially enjoyed golfing with Bob at West Glacier while we summered at our home on Lake Five.

"Bob passed away in 2004. I am very happy that after moving to many different homes in Kalispell we ended up living here at Buffalo Hill Terrace.

"Currently my interests focus around making baby quilts. I have given many away and they have ended up with babies all over the United States. I have also learned how to play pool recently. My favorite food is lobster and my favorite place is Lake Five (near West Glacier)."

Lola passed her 94th birthday in March and spent her last few months living at Immanuel Lutheran Home. Lola's family would like to thank her Kalispell Regional Medical Center and Health Center Northwest teams, especially nurses Andrea and Meg, for their exceptional care in her final days.

"During our years in Whitefish we adopted our son, Robert A. After seven and a half years in Whitefish we decided to move to Colorado Springs, Colo., to go into the post-card business with Bob's brother.

"During our stay in Colorado Springs, we were charter members of New Ascension Lutheran Church. Through Lutheran Social Services we adopted a baby girl, Carole Sue. We returned to Montana and settled here in Kalispell after four and a half years in Colorado. Bob and I worked together in the postcard distributorship. When son Bob and daughter Carole were old enough, they too helped out in the family business.

"During our years in Colorado Springs, I developed an asthmatic condi-

Lola was preceded in death by her husband, Bob, parents, and brother.

She is survived by her son, Robert A. Anderson, of Kalispell; her daughter, Carole A. Phillips, granddaughter Stacie, and husband Mark Anderson, of Seattle; granddaughter, Melissa Phillips, and beloved great-grandsons, Hayden and Bryson Phillips, of Lake Five; son-in-law Roger Phillips, and very dear friend Burke Burckhard, of Kalispell; along with several nephews and nieces.

Graveside services for Lola Anderson will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, June 21, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials be given to the Immanuel Lutheran Communities or the Shodair Children's Hospital.

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



## Clifford M. Anzjon, 92

Clifford M. Anzjon, 92, passed away peacefully at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls, Wednesday, April 3, 2013.

Cliff, the youngest of three sons of Severe and Petren Anzjon, was born in Jamestown, N.D. During his high school years he worked at the local Ford garage where, through the generosity of a flight instructor and fellow employee, he learned to fly, earning his private pilot's license. Cliff also played high school sports, but hockey was his best and favorite sport. We never missed Hockey Night in Canada. In his later years, when asked if we could take him to a professional hockey game, he declined, saying he wasn't interested "because they just don't score enough points."

Cliff attended the University of North Dakota where he joined the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity, played hockey and enrolled in the Army ROTC program. Upon graduation he was commissioned in the U.S. Army Air Corps.

After his Army training he was assigned to the 549th Nightfighter Squadron. The Squadron was formed in Bakersfield, Calif., where, prior to deployment to the South Pacific, he married Frances Davis Anzjon; his wife of 58 years.

The 549th served on the island of Iwo Jima flying night missions in the P61 Nightfighter. Following his release from active duty, Cliff continued his



military service in the U.S. Air Force, retiring after 20 years with the rank of lieutenant colonel, an achievement he was very proud of.

Cliff graduated from the Northern Illinois College of Optometry in Chicago in May 1949 and was admitted to practice optometry in Montana in July of that year. He and Fran moved to Kalispell from Jamestown and established his optometric practice that lasted 40 years.

Cliff was a member of Kiwanis, the Elks and very active at Epworth United Methodist Church.

Cliff was preceded in death by his wife, Frances; his mother and father; and two older brothers, Arnie and Erwin.

He is survived by his son, Steve, and his wife, Dianna; grandson, Brian; granddaughters, Amanda and Jessica, their husbands Tony and Mark; and three great-grandchildren, Henry, Mia and Atticus.

The family wants to express our never ending gratitude to the staff at the Montana Veterans Home for the wonderful, loving care they provided for Dad in his final years.

A private graveside service will be held at a date to be determined.

## Manuel 'Manny' J. Arceo, 76

Manuel "Manny" J. Arceo, 76, formerly of Lakeside, passed away peacefully on Saturday, April 6, 2013, at home surrounded by his family, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Born April 15, 1936, in Merced, Calif., he was the son of the late Ruben Arceo and Otilia Vega Arceo, and moved to Joplin, Mo., in August 2012, from Montana.

He served in the U.S. Air Force, was an electrician by trade, a massage therapist, a Reiki master, an Herbal Healer Academy graduate, and a member of the American Legion and the Knights of Columbus.

Survivors include his beloved wife of 54 years,



Annette; two sons, Joe Arceo and wife Stacey of Dayton, and Ruben Arceo of Carnelian Bay, Calif.; four daughters, Linda Abreu and hus-

band Carlos of Missoula, Lynette Arceo of Poway, Calif., Terryann Arceo of Joplin, and Lena Arceo of Springfield, Mo.; sister, Mary Peters of Oceanside, Calif.; 18 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Parker Mortuary, [www.parkermortuary.com](http://www.parkermortuary.com), is caring for the family.

## Mercy Sebastian Lee Peterson (Armstrong), 18

Mercy was born on Aug. 26, 1994, at 7:15 a.m. in Daytona Beach, Fla., was raised in the Flathead Valley, and died in a car accident on Friday, June 7, 2013, at 10:15 a.m. in Kalispell.

He attended Glacier Gateway, Columbia Falls Junior High, Columbia Falls High, Glacier High and Flathead High schools, and was a current student at Columbia Falls High School Learning Center. He was working hard to finish school and earn his diploma.

He had a special love for music and many interests and passions that kept him busy. He enjoyed listening to music; playing guitar; creating art; enjoying nature; taking time to love his friends and family; befriending people and animals; being physically active in sports; riding longboards, skateboards, snowboards, wakeboards and bikes; making people laugh and smile; and having a smile on his face.

He was, and will always be, remembered as a truly unique person who was skilled in all of his interests.

Mercy has warmed many hearts in his life. He was a good person who was doing his best.

There are a vast number of people who miss



Mercy tremendously. His death has left many loving friends and family members heavy-hearted. Although he is gone, he will not be forgotten; he will forever live on in our



hearts and memories.

A service for Mercy will be held at 4 p.m. June 21. The service will take place at the Columbia Mountain Cabins, located at 980 Jensen Road in Columbia Falls.

Mercy was preceded in death by his dad, Michael Jason Peterson, 34, on Jan. 28, 2007; and his mom, Shannon Marie Armstrong, 37, on Aug. 15, 2009.

Mercy is survived by his sister and brother-in-law, Leisa and Wesley Jackson; half-sister, Juliet Peterson; grandma, Carol Peterson; grandpa, Pete McIntyre; stepfather, Joshua Armstrong; step-grandmother, Patricia Sincavage; many aunts, uncles, and cousins in the Armstrong and Peterson families; and even more friends who are considered family.

## Roberta (Dyer) Arnold, 84

Roberta Ann Dyer was born in Kalispell Aug. 11, 1929, to Ray George Dyer and Dorothy (Sheldon) Dyer.

"Bobbi" graduated from Flathead County High School in 1948; then attended nursing school in Spokane.

Bobbi was baptized as one of Jehovah's Witnesses on July 10, 1953. Since she prayed for God's will to be done, it made sense to search the Bible so she could harmonize her life with his will. Soon, she was able to help others find answers in God's message to mankind.

Bobbi provided sole support for her family of four. Still, she found time for painting and other artistic pursuits. In her 70s, she took traveling nursing assignments, earning premium wages for 12-hour shifts, and continued to minister to others.

Since 2006, Bobbi lived in Olympia, Wash., near her grandson, Zachary and his wife Kate. The bonus was being able to see her great-grandchildren Ruby and Matilda on



an almost daily basis. Kate and Zach were her champions, helping her at every turn.

Bobbi died suddenly Sept. 15, 2013, after a brief hospitalization. She was preceded in death by her father and mother; her brothers, Jimmy and John Dyer; her sister, Fran; and her son, Jess.

Bobbi is survived by her brother and sister, Kenneth Dyer and Shirley McDaniel; daughters, Tres Osborn, Darcy Mitchell and husband Robin; and her son, Dan Arnold; grandchildren, Jason Richey, Zachary Osborn and wife Kate O'Donnell, Jess Simonson and wife Sowatana, Autumn O'Brien, Katie Osborn and Chance Cameron; great-grandchildren, Ruby and Matilda O'Donnell, and William Simonson; plus numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins ... a big family she dearly loved.

## Kenneth J. Ashby, 88

Kenneth J. Ashby born on Aug. 3, 1924, passed away on Thursday, July 25, 2013.

He was born in Potosi, Wis., and moved to Land O' Lakes, Wis., as a boy. He graduated from Eagle River High School in Eagle River, Wis., and attended Michigan Tech in Houghton, Mich., for two years and studied forestry. He decided to enlist in the Navy to help the war effort in World War II.

Kenneth married Carolyn Dickman Dec. 29, 1951, and had three children, Kenneth Jr., Tim and Patty. He worked for Rahr Malting Company for 25 years as a hunting guide in Canada. He loved his job very much and enjoyed working in the outdoors. After Rahr's sold the hunting lodge he worked as a log yard manager at a local lumber company until he retired at age 62.

His children had moved to Montana where they had vacationed in earlier years, so in 1989 he and Carolyn moved to Kalispell. Kenneth spent the retirement years hiking, woodworking and



enjoying his time with his family. He was an artist and spent time creating drawings and carvings. The family built a cabin

in the Thompson River area and he spent many years enjoying Montana. He especially enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, Rachael and Cole.

To all of us he is the greatest man we ever knew, kind, honest and the best husband, father and grandfather.

He is survived by his wife Carolyn, son Tim Ashby, daughter Patricia Ashby-Ray, son-in-law Tom Ray, grandchildren, Rachael and Cole Ashby, and great-grandson Kady Ashby, all residing in the Flathead Valley. Kenneth is also survived by his brother Ranger Ashby and sister Carol Vorass, from Wisconsin.

Family graveside services will be held.

## Virginia L. Atkinson, 87

Virginia L. Atkinson, 87, formerly of Lakeside, died March 23, 2013, at her home in Muncie, Ind.

Surviving are three children, Dan Atkinson of Lakeside, and Teresa Skinner and Jill L. Hart, both of Muncie.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Sunday, April 7, at Camp Chesterfield-

The Little Chapel in the Woods Church, 50 Lincoln Dr., Chesterfield, Ind., with the Revs. Lynda Richey and Mary Beth Hattaway co-officiating. Cremation will take place. A gathering will follow in the Maxon Fellowship Center.

The Meeks Mortuary and Crematory is in charge of arrangements.

## Timothy Joseph Attard, 28

Timothy Joseph Attard, 28, died Saturday, Feb. 18, 2012, as a result of a motor vehicle accident.

He is survived by his parents, John and Sherry Attard of Columbia Falls; and his son, Harper Attard of

Kalispell.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 23 at the Hungry Horse Chapel.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Clarence Azure, 93

Clarence Azure, 93, died Friday, Sept. 27, 2013, at his home in Libby.

Services will be at 11

a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 8, at Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Libby.