

Thelma Sylvia Bissertt, 96

Thelma Bissertt departed Feb. 17, 2013, of natural causes.

She was born Thelma Sylvia Madslangrud Oct. 10, 1916; to Norwegian immigrant parents Anne and Thorvald Madslangrud, on a homestead farm five miles north of Chester. In 1920, she moved with her parents and siblings to a dairy farm that they purchased in Lewistown. In 1929, her father Thorvald tragically died from a fall off of the dairy barn he was building. It was the Great Depression and like many families, they struggled to make ends meet. Thelma, being the second oldest, was delegated to taking care of the four younger children as her mother worked the farm.

In 1932, Thelma moved with her family to Glasgow where the Fort Peck Dam was under construction. There her mother bought a large home and opened a boarding house.

When World War II broke out, Thelma and a couple of her girlfriends moved to Los Angeles to work at the Lockheed Aircraft Factory there. She was an original "Rosie the Riveter," installing pilot seats into bombers and fighters. It was during this time she met her first husband Glen Good and they were married just before he joined the Army and went to Europe. Glen made it through the war, but was wounded three times, earning one Silver and two Bronze Stars for bravery, only to be killed in a car accident outside of Wallace, Idaho, just a couple of years after the war. Thelma was also injured.



relatives, and lived for a short while with sister-in-law Coral and Dave Fyall before moving into their own home. Bill later became ill and moved into the Veterans

Home for care at Columbia Falls, where he later passed away in 1999.

Thelma moved into Kalispell's Brendan House in 2006, where she received much loving care from her two nieces Renae Solum and Neoma Anderson, and the many wonderful nurses and care providers there.

Thelma was quite a good artist and oil painter. She also enjoyed antique collecting and refinishing classic old furniture. Throughout her life, Thelma was a God-loving woman who exemplified what is to be known as "The Greatest Generation." She survived many historical challenges and personal heartaches with courage and a smile. She once said that she was so blessed to have so many good people caring for her. Truthfully, it was really us who were blessed to have such a wonderful woman in our lives to care for.

In 1951, she met and married Bill Bissertt. They first lived in Billings and then Great Falls for a little while, as Bill was a sales representative for the Sherwin Williams Paint Company. They settled in Conrad in 1955, where they purchased the Marias Hotel. For 40-some years, Thelma ran both the hotel and a profitable beauty salon. In 1958, Bill and Thelma adopted a young girl named Sheila, who was 7 at the time.

In 1992, Thelma and Bill retired and moved to Kalispell to be close to

Thelma died at 96 years old, and is survived by her daughter, Sheila, and husband, Paul Renner, of Spokane; four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; three great-great grandchildren; 11 nieces and nephews; a sister-in-law, Coral Fyall, of Kalispell; and brother-in-law, Al Ploss, of Mesa, Ariz.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Anne and Thorvald; and five siblings, Norma Dunn, Elmer Rude, Edna Darroch, Kenneth Rude and Ina Ploss.

Thelma will be interred next to her first husband, Glenn Good, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. A short memorial service in Thelma's honor will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Brendan House, 350 Conway Dr., Kalispell.

For more information, contact darroch@comcast.net

Howard Blachly, 76

Howard Blachly, 76, formerly of Kalispell, died July 14, 2013, in Port St. Lucie, Fla.

He is survived by his wife, Myrna, two sons, and two daughters.

Argus Black, 72

Argus Black, 72, formerly of Whitefish, died Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2013, at St. Patrick Hospital in

Missoula of natural causes. Cremation is under the care of Cremation & Burial Society of the Rockies.

Mary Jo Anthony Blake, 81

Mary Jo Anthony Blake, 81, died Nov. 10, 2013, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

She is survived by her husband, Gregory Blake; daughter, Jan Hardesty;

and sons, David, Donald and Mike Anthony.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for the family.

Bernice Wanda Blasius, 76

Bernice Wanda Blasius, 76, died Wednesday, May 15, 2013, at her home in Bigfork.

A celebration of life will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, May 21, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

Leonard August Blanc, 80

Leonard was born Oct. 20, 1933, in Carbondale, Colo.

"He entered heaven" on Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2013, in Kalispell, as a result of congestive heart failure.

Dad was born to August and Dorothy Blanc, and would later be joined by a brother Jerry. The family spent his early childhood in various areas of western Colorado, gathering lots of life experiences.

Dad graduated from Garfield County High School in 1952, and enlisted in the Army later that year. Dad served his country for two years, and was stationed in Kaiserslautern, Germany, during the Korean War. Dad also attended a heavy equipment school in Idaho, learning skills he would use for the rest of his life.

Dad was a jack-of-all-trades. His work experience was varied but included numerous ranching positions alongside his parents. Dad's family operated a dude ranch with outfitting in Encampment, Wyo. This is where he met Linda Bergstrom, and the two were married in 1968, in Ekalaka, Mont. They divorced 24 years later but remained friends to the end. The family continued to ranch in Wyoming and Colorado, and were blessed with a daughter Lori and son Lon. Dad worked for several road departments in Colorado. He later started his own business, Valley Gas and Welding Supply, in Glenwood Springs, Colo.

The family moved to Ekalaka in 1982, to take over Linda's family cattle



ranch. We spent four great years there, and then moved to Kalispell in 1986. Dad worked in excavation, and then finished out his career

delivering oxygen for American Home Medical.

Dad loved to hunt and fish, and devoted much of his retirement to fishing. Dad volunteered for the American Legion and the Knights of Columbus. Dad enjoyed golfing, dancing and listening to accordion music. He loved the outdoors and being close to nature.

Dad was preceded in death by his parents, and his brother Jerry.

He is survived by his daughter, Lori, and Jason Spaid, of Huson; and his son, Lon, and Jessie Blanc, of Kalispell. Grandchildren include Morgann and Colter Blanc of Columbia Falls, and Joseth and Joshwa McGee of Kalispell. He is also survived by a nephew and numerous cousins in Colorado.

Cremation has taken place. Services are scheduled for 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 18, at St. Richard's in Columbia Falls. A reception will follow.

Memorials are suggested to the American Legion or Knights of Columbus.

"Dad, we will always love you, and we miss you already. We will never forget all that you taught us. May you rest in peace."

Carolyn Ruth Bloom, 92

Carolyn Ruth Bloom, 92, passed away on Saturday, Nov. 30, 2013, at her home in Kalispell. She was born on April 23, 1921, in Spokane to Louis I. and Ruth E. Davis Brislawn.

Carolyn was raised in Seattle where she attended schools, graduating from Roosevelt High School. After high school, she attended Washington State University, then known as Washington State College.

In 1942, Carolyn married Americo James "Jim" Bloom. They had been married for 61 years when Jim passed away. She raised four children and taught English at Korean University. Carolyn's career as housewife and mother took her from Spokane, to Japan, Okinawa, Guam, South Korea, Thailand, Spain and Tahiti, retiring to Lakeside in 1981.

She was very involved in the community theaters around the world, the Catholic Church, working as a substitute teacher, and helping with numerous fundraising events. Her passion in life was her love of theater and music, golf, crocheting, playing bridge and sailing.

Carolyn was preceded in death by her husband, Americo James "Jim" Bloom Jr.; her parents, Louis I. Brislawn and Ruth E. Davis Roeschley; and her beloved aunts,



Margaret and Molly. She is survived by her sons, Gary J. and wife Diane Bloom of Coeur

d'Alene, Idaho, Gregory L. and wife Karen Ker-shaw Bloom of Bigfork, and Michael P. Bloom of Spokane; and daughter, Jamie C., and husband, Roy Rivers, of Mill Valley, Calif.; a sister, Phyllis Conner; grandchildren, Bob, Deborah and Chase; one great-grandchild, Dillon; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church with Father Roderick Ermatinger serving as celebrant. Interment will follow the Mass at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. A reception will follow the graveside interment at St. Matthew's Catholic Church.

The family requests donations in Carolyn's name be made to Home Options Hospice, 175 Commons Loop, Ste. 100, Kalispell, MT 59901; or St. Matthew's Parish, 602 S. Main St., Kalispell, MT 59901.

You are invited to go to www.buffalohillfh.com to sign her book or leave messages for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Roy Johannes Bloom, 89

Roy Johannes Bloom, 89, passed away on Saturday, June 1, 2013, at HealthCenter Northwest in Kalispell.

He was born on June 13, 1923, in Anaconda to Victor C. and Hilma (Johanson) Bloom. Roy's mother passed away when he was 2 and he was sent to live with his aunt who lived in Shelby. When he was 12 years old his aunt passed away and he returned to Anaconda to live with his father and continue school. He rode a horse to school in many cold Montana winters.

Roy was in the Conservation Corps and started working for the Anaconda Co. as a bellhop at the Marcus Daly Hotel in Anaconda. At 18, he started working at the smelter as a laborer.

At 20, Roy enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served his country during World War II. He went to boot camp at Farragut, Idaho, and then boarded a ship on the East Coast and went to Brazil. After being home on liberty, he went to Bath, Maine, and boarded the USS Drexler and passed through the Panama Canal bound for the South Pacific. During the Battle of Okinawa, the Drexler was hit by suicide bombers and sunk in 49 seconds, accounting for many casualties. Roy was honorably discharged a month later.

Roy went on to attend diesel engine school in Miami and returned to Anaconda where he worked at the smelter and in Butte at the geological department. He worked for Anaconda Co. for a total of 41 years.

Roy married Phyllis on Aug. 24, 1973, in Coeur



d'Alene, Idaho. He retired and moved to Kalispell in 1984 where he enjoyed gardening, fishing, walking in the mall and morning coffee with

friends at Bojangles, Sykes and Cislos. He also enjoyed several special trips on group bus tours and as a family.

He was also very honored to join the veterans that participated in the 2012 Big Sky Honor Flight to Washington, D.C.

Roy was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, one sister and a granddaughter, Megan Marie Ramstad.

He is survived by his wife, Phyllis; daughter, Terri, and Greg Postell; granddaughters, Kaitlyn and Taylor Ramstad; and his sister, Erma Morse.

Graveside services for Roy will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, June 7, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery with Pastor Tim Bartholomew of Stillwater Free Lutheran Church officiating. Military honors will be by the United Veterans of the Flathead.

In lieu of flowers, the family would like to encourage memorial contributions be made in Roy's name be made to Big Sky Honor Flight of Montana.

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

Mackenzie Boeshans, 2 months

Early Sunday morning, Oct. 6, 2013, our little Mackenzie Elyse "went to heaven to be with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

Mackenzie was a beautiful, blue-eyed 2-month old girl, who loved being snuggled tightly against her momma and daddy's chests. She loved kisses from her big sister Jessica even when she got 10 in a row. She was a happy girl who left us way too soon.

She is survived by her parents, Eric and Robyn (Yarush) Boeshans, her big sister Jessica, paternal grandparents Gerianne Gremaux of Kalispell, Nathan and Colleen Boeshans, her maternal grandparents Vinny Yarush Jr., Lona (Gelvin) and Steve Grover, great-grandparents Dale and Connie Gelvin, Vinny and Janet Yarush, Helen Boeshans, Pat and Marcie Ginnaty, Richard and Joyce Grover, great-great-grandmother Lois Valentine and many uncles,



aunts and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her great-grandpa Boeshans, great-grand-

ma and great-grandpa Debuff, great-great-grandpa Valentine, great-great-grandma Nichols, great-grandpa and -grandma DeLoia, great-grandma Yarush and great-uncle Steve Valentine.

Services will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 12, at Faith Chapel in Billings. Please join us in celebrating the life of our little peanut.

In lieu of flowers, there has been an account opened up for her big sister Jessi at Altana Federal Credit union in Laurel. Mackenzie would want her big sister to be able to go to college. There is also an online donation site set up to help with the financial burden. You can access it at pledgie.com.

Maynard Leroy Bolster, 79

Maynard Leroy Bolster, 79, passed away on Friday, Feb. 15, 2013, at the Heritage Place in Kalispell.

He was born on May 29, 1933, in Bismarck, N.D., to Fred J. and Thelma N. (Clark) Bolster.

The family moved from Bismarck to Spokane before settling in the Flathead, where Maynard received his early education. He attended and graduated from Flathead County High School, where he enjoyed playing football.

Maynard eventually owned and operated a few gas stations around the valley before opening Bolster's Towing. He operated Bolster's Towing from 1964 until 1999 when he sold the business. He worked with the new owners a few years before devoting most of his time to his hobbies and interests.

Maynard had always been a sports enthusiast. He loved watching the Braves play and going to the Yankees' training



camp. He also enjoyed the outdoors, hunting and fishing, and spent some time bowling in

a league.

Maynard was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Keith; and a nephew, Danny Holmes.

He is survived by a brother, John "Jack" Bolster, and wife, Jullie; a sister, Marva Schmidt; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Graveside services for Maynard will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 20, at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be from 1 to 5 p.m. in the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Chapel.

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

Gary Nyle Bolliger, 76

Gary Nyle Bolliger, 76, passed away on Monday, Feb. 20, 2012, at his home in Kalispell.

Gary was born on Oct. 2, 1935, in Sandy, Utah. He was raised and attended schools in Sandy. He graduated from Jordan High School in Sandy in 1953. After high school he attended George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

Gary married Marcia Helen Keithley in 1956, in Twin Falls, Idaho.

Gary enlisted in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in 1954. He was trained at Fort Ord in California before being stationed at Fort Belvoir, Va. Later, he was deployed to Korea. He was honorably discharged in 1956.

Gary worked as finance manager at Strevell-Patterson Finance Company in Twin Falls. Later, he moved to Billings to become the finance manager at Seaboard Finance Company.

Gary started his career in car sales at Selover Buick in Billings. In 1974, he moved to Kalispell where he worked as sales manager at Rygg Ford. He worked in sales and management at various dealerships, including KAC Leasing, DePratu Ford and Montana Auto Center. Gary retired full time in 2007.

Gary was a member of the Fraternal Order of the Eagles. He served in the Kalispell Bowling Associa-



tion, coached Little League Baseball, and served as president of the Pleasant Hills Homeowners Association.

He enjoyed golfing, bowling, hunting, fishing and hiking in the mountains. He owned horses for many years and enjoyed riding. Gary loved to travel and visit his family and grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Noal and Evelyn Bolliger; and a sister, Diane.

He is survived by his wife, Marcia Bolliger, of Kalispell; a daughter, Kelly Collins, and husband, Greg, of Sammamish, Wash.; a son, Nyle Bolliger, and wife, Susan, of Homer, Ill.; grandchildren, Matthew Collins, Elizabeth Bertson, Patrick Quinn and Regan Fiona Bolliger; one brother, Noal; and two sisters, Lorraine and Arva.

A celebration of Gary's life will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Military honors will be done by the United Veterans of the Flathead Valley.

Gary had a love for life and enjoyed every day to its fullest. He knew no strangers, and greeted everyone with a warm smile and an open heart. He surrounded himself with his family and friends, which were the most important things to him. Gary's positive attitude and passion for life and family were contagious and will always remain in the hearts of those who knew and loved him.

You are invited to go to www.buffalohillfh.com to leave a message for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

George Boharski, 79

George Boharski, 79, died Thursday, March 21, 2013, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

He is survived by his children, Eileen Flynn, Mike Boharski, Jennifer Boharski, Lorrie Boharski, Steve Boharski and David Boharski.

Viewing will be 5 to

7 p.m. Monday, March 25, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home with rosary said at 7 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be 12:10 p.m. Tuesday, March 26, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church. A graveside service will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Arlie Neva (West) Bolen, 90

Arlie Neva (West) Bolen, 90, died July 17, 2013, at Mountain View Manor in Eureka.

Survivors include her daughter, Marlene Leonard; and son, Ernie Bolen.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, July 22, at the First Baptist Church in Eureka.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Eureka.

Bruce Bosley, 89

Bruce Bosley, 89, died at the Pines of Mission in St. Ignatius on June 3, 2013.

He is survived by his daughter, Beverly Madden, of Ronan.

No services are planned

and cremation has taken place.

Grogan Funeral Home and Crematory in Polson has been entrusted to handle arrangements for the family.

Martha M. Boss, 82

Martha M. Boss, 82, passed away Monday, Dec. 30, 2013, at Green-croft Healthcare in Goshen, Ind., where she had been the past eight years.

She was born Sept. 13, 1931, in Kalispell, to Silas and Elma (Sutter) Mast.

She married Paul D. Boss on Aug. 8, 1952, in Creston.

He survives, along with a daughter, Elvira, and Kenny Burke, of Mishawaka, Ind.; a son, Ernest Boss, of South Bend, Ind.; two grandchildren, Kaitlin and Dan Buzalski of Middlebury, Ind., and Adam Boss of Goshen, Ind.; a sister, Naomi Mast, of Montana; and three brothers, Frank and Donna Mast and Myron and Vicky Mast, both of Montana, and Larry and Helen Mast of Texas.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and a sister, Priscilla Buller.

In addition to being a homemaker, she sold Fuller Brush and Creative Circle products for 20 years.

In Kalispell, she was

active in the Creston Fireman's Auxiliary and in the sewing circle of the Mountainview Mennonite Church, where she was a member. She enjoyed gardening, both flowers and vegetables, and driving in the mountains. Mrs. Boss was very skilled at needlepoint, embroidery and quilting.

Mrs. Boss, along with her husband, moved to Goshen from Kalispell in 1994 to be closer to family.

Mrs. Boss was a member of Sunnyside Mennonite Church in Elkhart, Ind.

Friends may call from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 4, at Yoder-Culp Funeral Home in Goshen. The funeral service will immediately follow at the funeral home with Pastor Terry Zehr of Sunnyside Mennonite Church officiating.

Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery, Kalispell.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Green-croft Foundation.

Online condolences may be shared at www.yoder-culpfuneralhome.com.

Florence Beatrice Steele Borgen, 92

Florence Beatrice Steele Borgen, 92, passed away on Sunday, Feb. 19, 2012, at the Immanuel Lutheran



Home in Kalispell, "joining her husband, Norman, on their anniversary."

She was born on Dec. 3, 1919, to Mabel and Roscoe "Pat" Steele in Parkbeg, Saskatchewan.

She moved to Whitefish at the age of 16 to care for her aunt. She enjoyed playing baseball and dances. It was there that she met her husband-to-be, Norman Borgen.

After a brief stay in San Francisco, Florence moved to Tacoma, Wash., and was employed with S.H. Kress. It was in Tacoma that she and Norman decided to marry. He was stationed at Fort Lewis, Wash., and serving in New Guinea during World War II.

Following the war, they returned to the Flathead Valley and started their family. Florence worked at several businesses over the years, including as a checker at Carl's Market Basket in Evergreen and Buttrey Foods, sales clerk at K.M. Mercantile and as floor manager at the Cherry Warehouse. She and Norman also owned Evergreen Oil Company for a time. She drove a school bus for Henry Larkin in Columbia Falls in the '60s, and she and Norman eventually purchased two buses of their own. They later sold them to their son, Dennis Borgen, and Florence remained a driver for him. She also was a very involved farm wife, working with her husband haying, milking cows, combining, changing irrigation pipe and other routine farm chores.

Florence was very active in the community. When her children were small, she helped build and establish two churches — Our Savior's Lutheran in Columbia Falls and Calvary Lutheran in Evergreen. She served her church in numerous capacities, including president of the ladies organization in both churches, as well as conference and circuit ELCW groups. During her conference presidency she was instrumental in the ground breaking of the Immanuel Lutheran Home.

the opportunity to travel, learn and share with other volunteer leaders from across the nation. Two of her most memorable 4-H trips were to leaders conferences in Hawaii and Alaska. It was in Alaska that she was able to watch the Iditarod Sled Dog Race.

She enjoyed her involvement with the Grange over the years. She was past master of LaSalle Grange, Pomona Grange, and won many state awards for her record keeping. She was also the caretaker for LaSalle Grange for many years.

The greatest honor bestowed on Florence was the Kalispell Chamber of Commerce "Great Chief" Award, recognizing her many years of volunteer work and commitment to youth. She was quite proud of this recognition.

In 2004 she moved from the family farm to Immanuel Lutheran Home, where she didn't miss a beat in her leadership commitments. It wasn't long before she was elected president of the Resident Council. She also enjoyed all the many activities that the home offered, from bingo to ceramics to pinocle to bus outings. She never missed out on an opportunity to be active.

Florence was preceded in death by her husband, Norman; her parents; her sister, Patricia; her brother, Robert; and one grandson.

She is survived by her children, Vicky Brookman of Cochise, Ariz., Dennis Borgen and wife Jan of Columbia Falls, Thea Borgen of Eureka, and Wendy McCaffree and husband Ernie of Columbia Falls; grandchildren, Justin Brookman of Billings, Misty Brookman of Santa Monica, Calif., Shawn Borgen and wife Amy, and Darren Borgen and Janelle Clark of Columbia Falls, Raee Lyn Hays and husband Jon of Eureka, Jason Curtiss and wife Tanya of North Pole, Alaska, Kendall and Eric Gislason of Whitefish, Zane McCaffree and wife Emily, and Shane McCaffree and Portia Elletson, of Columbia Falls; and 17 great-grandchildren, Kasyn Brookman of Billings, Thane, Taryn, Talon and Fjord Borgen of Columbia Falls, Trestin and Peyton Benson of Eureka, Darian, Sierra, Jaya and Tyler Curtiss of North Pole, and Kyah, Tracer, Strait, Kyrie, Trygve and Baby Gislason of Whitefish; and her brother, Leslie Steele and wife, Elma, of Edmonton, Alberta.

She and Norm lived on several farms throughout the Flathead Valley from Creston to Columbia Falls, eventually settling in the LaSalle community. This is where she participated in L.B.H. Club and Hobby Club with her neighboring farm wives.

As her children grew, she began her lifelong involvement in Flathead County 4-H. She was a leader of Golden Spurs for 44 years. Through 4-H, she touched the lives of many youth, not only in Flathead and Lincoln counties, but statewide. She served as Flathead 4-H Foundation president, secretary and treasurer, in addition to assisting with the development of the Loon Lake 4-H Camp in Ferndale. To honor her spirit of volunteerism and dedication to the youth, the 4-H building at the Flathead County Fairgrounds was named after her. She served on many state 4-H committees and helped write the 4-H Horse Curriculum. 4-H afforded her

Burial will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 24, at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Memorial services will be held at 12:30 p.m. Friday at the Christian Center Assembly of God Church in Kalispell, with the Pastor Ron Pierce officiating. There will be a luncheon following services until 5 p.m. at the Old Cenex North Building, 4947 Highway 2 West, in Columbia Falls (located at the intersection of Highway 2 West and Jellison Lane).

The family suggests that any memorial contributions be sent to the Flathead 4-H Foundation or to the Immanuel Lutheran Home, 185 Crestline Ave., Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

Mildred W. Boyer, 95

Mildred W. Boyer passed away peacefully on Friday, Jan. 18, 2013, at St. Patrick Hospital, after a week of sharing, from her hospital bed, her 95 years of love and wisdom to each of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and lovingly caressing the cheek of her new great-great-grandson.

She smiled at seeing all her family surrounding her for a last goodbye. She knew how to live and she knew how to die with her deep Christian values strengthening all.

Her last five years were spent happily and independently at Burlington Square Senior Residence in Missoula. She was a natural leader, gathering so many friends together there, playing in pinochle, bridge, poker and bowling tournaments throughout the week.

She was born Sept. 15, 1917, in Trenton, Mo., to Harry and Grace (Brassfield) Woodruff; then they moved to Montana to homestead near Knowlton in Custer County. When she was not yet 2 years old, her mother became ill and passed away on her way to see a doctor in Miles City, 50 miles away.

Her father later married Bertie Jones, a nearby homesteader who had lost her husband, and together they raised Mildred and Bertie's two sons, Jim and Vern Jones, on their combined homesteads.



in Forsyth School. They later purchased the Standard Oil Bulk Plant which Harold oper-

ated while she continued to teach well past the time her first students' children began attending school.

After they retired, they moved to Flathead Lake near Lakeside where they enjoyed entertaining friends and family, fishing, gardening, playing cards and traveling in their motor home. After Harold died in February of 1990, she continued to live there attending church, Star, plays and jazz festivals, and traveling with her dear friend, Jo Ann Vagg and others until her move to Missoula to be near family.

Surviving family include her daughter, Joan Newman and Rod of Missoula; her son, Gary Boyer and Donna of Darby and Dillon; grandchildren, Rhonda Dolcater and Randy of Darby, Brady Anderson-Wood and Elaine of Missoula, and Renee Morrison and Noel of Darby and Muskogee, Okla.; four great-grandchildren, AJ Jenkins of Washington, D.C., Miranda Simmons and Matt of Darby, Lauren and Lacey Dolcater of Darby; a great-great-grandson, Logan Simmons, of Darby, two sisters-in-law, Wilma Boyer and Mary Lou Butcher, of Washington; a special cousin, Ruthie Brown, of Miles City; and other cousins, nieces and nephews.

School was a large part of her life, having attended country schools nearby, high school in Miles City, and college in Eastern Montana College, obtaining a lifetime certificate. With her lifetime certificate, she taught in the same country schools she had attended. Later, she graduated with a bachelor's degree in elementary education the same year her son graduated from college.

During her teaching career in the early 40s, she met and married Harold L. Boyer. They had a daughter, Joan Annette, and a son, Gary Lee. They farmed along the Yellowstone River near Forsyth while Mildred continued teaching

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Mildred Boyer Memorial Fund, Wells Fargo Bank, 1800 S. Russell, Missoula, MT 59801.

There will be a celebration of her life at 2 p.m. today, Jan. 29, at Burlington Square, and at the Knowlton Cemetery this summer.

Arrangements are under the care of Garden City Funeral Home and Crematory. Condolences and memories may be left for the family at www.missoulafuneralhomes.com

Clarann Todd Brady, 91

Clarann Todd Brady passed away peacefully at home on Jan. 26, 2013.

Clarann was born in 1921 to parents, Harry and Mary Theresa Todd, in Missoula. The family moved to Kalispell in 1923 where Clarann's parents established and operated the longtime family business, Todd's Bakery.

Clarann, along with her sister, Marie and brother, Jim, spent many happy hours playing in the back of the bakery. Neighbors such as Jordan's Cafe, Eagle's Shoes, the Orpheum Theater, and Tucker's Pool Hall created rich childhood memories. Mr. Tucker at Tucker's Pool Hall always had something for the children "under the glass" like Hershey's bars which Mae and Harry bought the kids as a treat. Mr. Tucker always referred to little Clarann and Marie as "ladies." As the children grew older, they each worked in the bakery. Todd's Bakery was a staple valley business for many decades and Todd's Anna Marie bread was shipped all over the United States.

Clarann attended St. Matthew's School throughout grade school, and graduated from St. Matthew's High School in 1940. Clarann loved music and studied violin and piano. She later attended the College of St. Scholastica in Duluth, Minn.



teacher and mentor. She wholeheartedly, and without any reservation, dedicated her

life to her children. As her grandchildren came along, they brought her extra special joy.

Clarann worked as a registered nurse at Kalispell General Hospital and the Flathead County Nursing Home for many years. She also enjoyed teaching children Sunday School at St. Matthew's. Clarann's faith was a huge part of her life. She prayed the rosary daily.

Clarann loved children and angels, frogs and gardening, literature and poetry, music and playing piano. She has left a legacy of love that will reach into generations to come.

Clarann Todd Brady is survived by her children, Dick Brady and wife Marilyn of Kalispell, Marie Celeste Brady of Washington, Mary Theresa Brady of Washington, Catherine Ann Brady Sorenson of Kalispell, and Marilyn Eileen Brady and husband Geoff of Kalispell; and her grandchildren, Anna Marie Brady, Andrea Kathleen Brady, Michael John Brady, Candace Jean Sorenson and Alexandria Sue Sorenson.

After the war broke out, Clarann wanted to be closer to home and joined her sister, Marie, in nurses training in Great Falls. Clarann graduated from Columbus Hospital School of Nursing as a registered nurse in 1945. Clarann frequently commented on how grateful she was for the great parents she had and how deeply she valued the good education she received.

Back in Kalispell, Clarann married her sweetheart, John Brady, on Oct. 16, 1948, in St. Matthew's Catholic Church. Clarann and John raised five children and built a life together that spanned 62 years. Clarann's greatest joy and purpose in life were her children. She was a loving mother,

The rosary will be said at 6 p.m. today, Jan. 29, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Kalispell. Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 30, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church, with the Rev. Stanislaw Rog as celebrant. Rite of Interment will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Memorials may be given in Clarann's memory to St. Matthew's Catholic School, 602 South Main Street, Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

Shirley Lois (Frazier) Brantner, 91

Shirley passed away peacefully on Feb. 8, 2012, in her home with her loving family around her.

She was born to George R. and Ethel F. Frazier on Feb. 9, 1920, in Jordan.

She grew up on her dad's cattle ranch in eastern Montana until 1935. Their homestead ranch was on the Missouri River breaks. Shirley and her brothers and cousins made their fun by sliding down gumbo mounds after drenching cloud bursts. It is said that people who grew up in the Missouri River breaks were truly special people.

After living on the prairie of eastern Montana, the family moved to Rollins. As a young girl, Shirley would watch the moon rise over Flathead Lake from her bedroom window. One of her favorite memories was the diamonds of light dancing on the water.

Shirley graduated from Polson High School in 1938. She was a member of the school newspaper. At the start of World War II, she joined the Navy WAVES, Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service. As a WAVE, she worked as a machinist on airplanes. Once, while on leave, she rode the bus from Texas to Montana. She exited the bus in a terrible blizzard along U.S. 93 near Rollins, where she was eagerly greeted by the family dog, Snip, who guided her on their walk toward the house down the hill past the big red barn. She was discharged from the Navy in August of 1944. At one point during the war, Shirley and her three brothers were in military service at the same time. At the end of the war she was married to Jack LaBonty but later divorced.

Shirley preserved though a rough stretch of time as a young woman with three children. Balancing responsibilities such as housekeeping, getting her kids ready for school, arranging baby sitters, working at a Christmas tree yard, and picking and selling pine cones were



accepted tasks. She drew upon her varied experiences and faith to forever maintain a positive outlook and provide love and friendship to all family and others throughout her life. Those who knew her could count on a friendly smile and unquestionable assurance.

James Brantner and Shirley were married in 1957. They lived in Kalispell for 10 years, in Havre for 10 years, and Santa Maria, Calif., for 15 years. When James retired, they moved back to the Flathead Valley and Polson. They square danced all their married life, and were charter and longtime members of the Polson Community Church.

Shirley attended lunches, played cards and participated in Bible study meetings with her dearest friends until her death.

Shirley's great joy was raising her three "kids" with the help of James. She liked reading, knitting, quilting and traveling. She enjoyed competition and excelled at bowling and playing games, and she championed sportsmanship and fair play above winning. She never missed a University of Montana Grizzlies game on television and she liked to watch the Lakers and Yankees.

She was preceded in death by her husband James in 2006; her parents; three brothers; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Survivors include her son, John LaBonty and wife, Sharon; son, Dennis LaBonty and wife, Anza Ketterman; daughter, Linda LaBonty and husband, David; grandchildren, Tom and Susanna LaBonty of Oregon, Eva LaBonty of Oregon, Andre and Megan LaBonty of Idaho, Elizabeth LaBonty of Kentucky, and Mindy and Bill Surber of Oregon; and great-grandchildren, Shey, Amelia, Ruby, Ethan, and Peyton.

A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 13 at Polson Community Church.

Grogan Funeral Home and Crematory in Polson are entrusted with arrangements. Messages of condolence may be shared with the family online at www.groganfuneralhome.com. The staff of Grogan Funeral Home considers it a privilege to care for the Brantner family.

David Mann Brant, 79

David Mann Brant, 79, son of Robert Alston Brant and Jane Mann Brant Ward, died unexpectedly on Nov. 19, 2013, in Spokane.

Dave was born in Los Angeles in 1934. He attended grammar school at Third Street School and secondary school at Harvard Military School, both in Los Angeles. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in geology from Stanford University in 1956. During his days at Stanford, he was a member of the Naval ROTC and Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, and then went into the Navy's Underwater Demolition School at San Diego.

Dave served for two and half years as a lieutenant with Demolition Team Eleven (forerunner to the Navy Seals), based in Coronado, Calif., and served on the USS Telfair (APA 210) in Japan where he participated in destroying World War II mines in Tokyo Harbor. When released from the Navy, Dave went to graduate school in geology at Stanford, then pursued careers in geology and selling securities.

In 1968, he moved to Ashley Creek Ranch in Kila — the place he called home for the rest of his 45 years, loving his family, dogs, cows and horses. Dave loved to hunt and fly fish all over the world, especially in San Martin de los Andes, Argentina, where he spent many winters. As a member of Rancheros Vistadores of California since 1964, he participated in their annual rides in the Santa Ynez Valley, and was well known for his pranks.



While always spiritual, Dave had a vision of Christ on the cross before a heart surgery in 1997. God blessed him with an extend-

ed life and a new focus on humility, forgiveness and being prayerful. Dave lived a long, active life, bountiful with love and friendships. He was a true cowboy.

He will be dearly missed and remembered by his daughter, Rebecca, and her husband, Ken Edwards; daughter, Kathleen, and her husband, Tom Torgerson, and their daughters, Riley and Taylor; his son, Pike Brant, and his wife, Nicolette, and their son, Jake; his sister, Marilyn, and her husband, Patrick DeYoung; his sister-in-law, Sally Brant; and numerous nieces and nephews. He also leaves behind his border collie, Chica.

His brother Robert Brant, and his parents predeceased him.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 7, at Faith Covenant Church of Kalispell, with a reception following. A private burial and wake will follow on Dave's beloved ranch.

In lieu of flowers, donations or memorial gifts can be made to LAM Christian Academy, 4800 N. Ramsey Road, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815; or Hope Pregnancy, 1281 Burns Way, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Giles David Breaux, 58

Giles David Breaux, 58, of Columbia Falls, "followed the path to the other side" on Sept. 2, 2013. His mother, Dorothy May Breaux, and friends shared his final moments with him.

Giles was born in Bad Kreuznach, Germany, on Jan. 12, 1955. His father was in the Army, and the family returned to the United States later that year. Giles lived his childhood in the Salinas, Calif., area and moved to Montana in 1979 where he went to work for Royal Logging Co.

Giles was an avid gunsmith, and in his later years spent all of his spare time restoring guns and building guns for his friends and grandchildren.

Giles' wife, Janet

Breaux, preceded him in death in 2008, "and he has gone to be with her. May their souls rest together forever."

He is survived by two children from his first marriage, Cleveland D. Breaux of Kentucky and Levicey M. Fox of Arkansas; his mother of Prunedale, Calif.; and eight grandchildren. Giles also leaves behind two stepchildren, Glen and Shannon; a brother, Paul Breaux; sister, Valerie Breaux Hampton; and numerous nieces and nephews.

It was Giles' request that there not be any memorial or funeral services. Cremation has taken place, and "Giles is walking the mountains of Northwest Montana with his love, Janet Breaux."

Giles David Breaux, 58

Giles David Breaux, 58, of Columbia Falls, "followed the path to the other side" on Sept. 2, 2013, surrounded by family and dear friends.

Giles was born Jan. 12, 1955, in Brad Kreuznach, Germany. As an infant he returned with his parents to the United States later that year.

Giles was preceded in death by his loving wife, Janet Breaux, in 2008; and his father, Giles Breaux, in 2002.

Survivors include Giles' mother, Doro-



thy May Breaux, and other relatives.

Per Giles' request, there will be

no memorial or funeral services. Cremation has taken place.

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

Bernard Albert 'Al' Brennan

Bernard Albert "Al" Brennan died June 24, 2013, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

There will be a graveside service at 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, July 16 at the Montana Veterans Home Cemetery.

Arrangements are entrusted to Columbia Mortuary.

John Edward Brekke, 63

John Edward Brekke passed away suddenly Oct. 31, 2013.

John was born Dec. 25, 1949, to Ralph and Ruth Brekke, spending his childhood in Chinook. He was the youngest of four children, brother Bob and sisters Barbara and Gini.

John graduated from Montana State University with a degree in psychology.

In 1973, John married the love of his life, Nancy Fuller, in Kalispell in the Woodland Park flower garden.

In 1976, John went to work at the Swan River Youth Camp where he implemented the 12-step AA program combined with wilderness expeditions. One of his greatest joys was the arrival of his three "little boys," Matthew in 1976, Brian in 1978, and Robert Marshall in 1980.

His dream was to start a rehabilitation program of his own and this dream was realized in 1983, when he met his wonderful longtime partners Lou and Gloria Flanders who owned a working dude ranch in Marion. Thirty years later Wilderness Treatment Center is still operating and helping adolescents and young adults on their road to recovery. John was very proud of the 30-year mark this year and all the staff and people who continue to make the center such a success.

His spiritual well-being originated through his love of the outdoors and wilderness. He had discovered complete happiness and peace in his life knowing he had accomplished all of his hopes and dreams — a wonderful wife and family, great friends, a successful business and hunting and fishing adventures all over the world with his sons. He had no regrets in life and mentioned this often.

John passed away doing what he loved most — hunting pheasants in his favorite place, with his best friends and dog Shilo, his beloved hunting companion. The family



has found some peace knowing that before his heart gave way, he shot his last pheasant

and was found with Shilo proudly sitting next to him with the bird in his mouth. One final retrieve for John.

John is survived by his wife, Nancy; sons, Matthew and Robert Marshall; as well as many other caring family members and friends.

The family would like to thank all who have loved John so much and supported the family through this terrible loss. He will be missed as a great friend and husband and a true hero to his sons.

"He is now reunited with his son Brian."

Brief graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 7, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell, followed by a time of celebration and memories at the Red Lion Hotel at 3:30 p.m. Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. today, Nov. 6, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home.

The family suggests contributions to one of the following organizations: The Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation, P.O. Box 190688, Hungry Horse, MT 59919 — this connects Americans with their wilderness heritage by providing access to and stewardship of one of the world's most spectacular places; or to the Braveheart Chaplain Ministry, P.O. Box 7217, Kalispell, MT 59904 (designate through the United Way for Braveheart) — this serves law enforcement and fire department staff as well as citizens experiencing a life-changing crisis.

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

Joel Ashley Bridger, 35

Joel Ashley Bridger was born Nov. 27, 1977, in Kalispell to James and Wilene Wallis Bridger.

He passed away on Wednesday, July 24, 2013, at HealthCenter Northwest after a lifetime of fighting post radiation necrosis from a brain tumor he had in 1980, as well as kidney disease and multiple other cranial complications.

Joel was an amazing and courageous young man in spite of being legally blind and disabled from his brain tumors. He was game to try anything with an enthusiasm that brought joy to others. He loved people and no one was a stranger, giving his encouragement to all and never complaining of his own pain or disappointments. He would do anything within his power to help others.

Joel attended kindergarten at Hedges School. Then he went to West Valley School for the next eight years where he was helped by his special aide, Shelley Mower, who remained a much loved and important part of his life.

He was the "Barbeque King" and his dream for the future was to become a chef. But in 1994, surgery for another brain tumor robbed some of his skills.

During high school Joel began to ski with the DREAM Adaptive Program as well as Special Olympics. He continued with the Special Olympics program until 2008, participating in weightlifting, race-walking, snowshoeing and skiing. He also participated in Ski for Light which is cross-country skiing for the blind. He loved volunteering at the hospital and became a clown with his sister Paula, wandering the hallways spreading laughter and joy to all.



tries until 2006, when he moved to Beehive in Missoula. He worked for ORI until the fall of

2008. That winter three brain surgeries resulted in him having to learn to walk, talk and eat again. They did not discourage him. In 2010, a brain stem stroke robbed him of the ability to move and he was totally helpless. In June of 2012, he moved to Kalispell where he resided at Immanuel Lutheran Home until the time of his death.

The most important part of Joel's life was his faith. He loved to read his Bible which he did lying on his stomach with his nose pressed against the page because of his poor eyesight. He loved music, especially the hymns and even in his dying days he would try to sing along. Quoting Joel, "I wish to be a righteous man."

Joel was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Edna Bridger, Allen, and Gen Bridger; maternal grandfathers, William Wallis and Carl Soderberg; uncles, Fred Wallis and Irvin Moen; and Aunt Peggy Bridger.

He is survived by his grandmother, Pauline Soderberg; parents, Jim and Wilene Bridger of Kalispell; his "Sister" Paula of Helena, and her fiancé, Christopher Jones, and nephew-to-be, Kayven; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and beloved friends too numerous to count.

Joel gave one last gift in death. His corneas were harvested so that two fortunate people might have the gift of sight. He would be ecstatic to know that others could see through his almost sightless eyes.

Imogene J. Bridges, 83

Imogene J. Bridges, 83, of Ronan, died Monday, March 18, 2013, at St. Luke Extended Care.

Grogan Funeral Home and Crematory is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Emile 'Bud' Brie Jr., 80

Emile "Bud" Brie Jr., 80, died at his home in Polson with his wife by his side on Saturday, Aug. 31.

Grogan Funeral Home & Crematory is assisting the family with arrangements.

4-H was a big part of Joel's growing up years. He loved it all, especially taking chicken and market hogs to the fair. The fair became one of his favorite places; he fit right in with his big cowboy hat, boots, Wrangler jeans and big belt buckle. Joel was known for his love of Dodge trucks and the Montana Grizzlies. He really got going if you teased him about the Cats or a Ford truck.

In January of 1997, he graduated with honors from Flathead High School. He moved into Fernwell Apartments and worked as a laundry attendant at Summit Health and Recreation Center. He remained at the Summit until they reorganized and the position was eliminated. Later he worked at Target until one health crisis after another forced him into an assisted living called Beehive Home in 2003. He worked at Flathead Indus-

The Bridger family would like to extend sincere thanks to the communities of Kalispell and Missoula for helping Joel find his place in the community. We would also like to thank Beehive Homes, Immanuel Lutheran Home, Intermediate Care and Hospice for your compassion, care and love towards Joel.

Memorials for Joel may be sent to the Ronald McDonald House or the DREAM Adaptive Program.

Joel's funeral service will be at 3 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 1 at the Northwest Montana Fairgrounds in the Expo Building. Visitation will begin at 2 p.m. There will be a potluck immediately following the service.

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

Leonard 'Len' Allan Bridger, 77

Leonard "Len" Allan Bridger, 77, passed away on Thursday, Oct. 31, 2013, at his home in Kalispell, surrounded by family.

He was born to Allen and Edna (Ashley) Bridger on March 7, 1936, at Fort Peck, where his father worked on the building of the dam. Shortly after his birth the family moved back to Winnett to take over the Ashley Ranch on the death of Edna's father. He grew up there and attended the first two years of school in a little schoolhouse on the ranch. Later he would board in Winnett to further his education. He graduated from Winnett High School in 1955, where he excelled in sports, especially basketball. His small class of 16 remained close for the rest of his life.

In 1956, Len volunteered for the draft and was ultimately sent to Schweinfurt, Germany, where he was on the All Germany Rifle team and traveled all over Germany to compete. He did that until he was honorably discharged in 1958.

He then worked heavy equipment, building roads in eastern Montana, until he went to work for the Fish and Game Department as a game warden.

While working as a game warden in Big Timber, he met the love of his life, Marit Oiestad. They were married on July 2, 1960, and enjoyed nearly 55 years together, counting dating.

After Len left the Fish and Game job, he went back to running heavy equipment, building interstate highways in Wyoming and Montana. While working in Cheyenne, Wyo., their only daughter, Kari Lynn, was born in 1962. During the winter months when construction stopped, they would go back to the ranch in Winnett and take care of it so his parents could get away.



followed with his favorite being his several BMWs. He took many vacations on the "bikes" and the most ambitious was to ride

from the Mexican border to the end of the road in North America at Inuvik, Northwest Territories! He kept that particular motorcycle until last fall when he sold it for more than he had paid for it 30 years before!

Another of his passions was woodworking and building things to give away. He did that nearly all his life too, but especially in the later years in his retirement. He loved to spend hours out in his little shop making things to give away after our own home became filled with his "projects." He took pride in being able to make almost anything with a minimum of "fancy" tools.

Len said his most rewarding project was writing a book about his growing up on a ranch in the 1940s and 1950s, called "As I Recall." He left a wonderful legacy for his family to enjoy with this labor of love. As well as his own life, it includes history about his family, dating back to the 1800s when his grandfather homesteaded in Montana.

Len loved his family above all else. During his time in California, he would always make at least one trip a year back to Montana to visit his parents and his brothers and their families, as well as the Oiestad in-laws. His friends were also important to him and remained in contact until the end.

In the spring of 1963, after an especially brutal month of construction in Rock Springs, Wyo., Len came home and said he had enough of this, and flipped a silver dollar. Heads, we would go back to Montana and tails, we would go to California where at least the weather was better.

With a 5 month-old baby, no job to go to, an 8-foot wide trailer, and an old two-ton Ford truck, he took off and ended up in Orange County, Calif. After abandoning plans to work heavy construction there, he went to work for Proctor and Gamble in Long Beach, Calif., where he went from night cleanup to machine operator, to mechanic, to machinist and eventually contract coordinator for all construction jobs in the factory. He remained at Proctor and Gamble until the factory closed in 1988.

At 52 he was too young to fully retire, so he went to work running heavy equipment again, but found out that it was not nearly as much fun at 52 as it was at 25! Because of the stress and the horrible traffic he became seriously ill and ended up in the hospital for several months. When he recovered from that, he had to decide when enough was enough, and he retired and moved back to Montana.

Len had many interests in life, but beside his family, probably the most passionate was his love of motorcycling. His first motorcycle was a 1948 Indian Chief which he brought home in three pasteboard boxes and paid \$85 for! Len and a friend put the motorcycle together and he got much enjoyment out of riding it. Sadly, it was stolen, but several others

He was so devoted to his daughter, Kari, and patiently taught her so much when she was younger. When she married Larry and added two grandsons to the family, there was more to be grateful for. He never missed an opportunity to tell people how proud he was of Kari.

Len loved living in the Flathead Valley where there were so many opportunities to hike, until his health took that away. Then it was drives around the valley with its endless beauty in his 1970 Z28 Camaro that he bought new. It always got a thumbs up which made him happy.

Len was preceded in death by his parents, stepmother, Gen; an infant sister, Peggy; and nephew, Joel Bridger.

He is survived by his wife, Marit; daughter, Kari, and Larry Carter, grandsons Clint and Jake Carter, and great-granddaughter Payton Carter. Also surviving are brothers, William and Mary Bridger, and Jim and Wilene Bridger; sister-in-law, Sissel, and Jerry Selvig; brothers-in-law, Ole and Helen Oiestad, John and Shari Oiestad, Kenny and Jackie Oiestad and Steve Oiestad; as well as many special nieces and nephews.

Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 8, at Northridge Lutheran Church, 323 Northridge Drive, Kalispell. Viewing prior to service will be at 10:30 a.m. Viewing is also available from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 7.

Memorials in Len's name can be made to Northridge Lutheran Church, 323 Northridge Drive, Kalispell; Home Options Hospice, 275 Corporate Drive, Suite 600, Kalispell; or the charity of your choice.

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

George Ronald 'Ron' Brigham, 74

George Ronald "Ron" Brigham, 74, died Wednesday, Aug. 8, 2013, at the Lake View Care Center in Bigfork.

He is survived by two daughters, Tara Hoveland and Maria Grand-Clem-

ent; and one son, Vincent Brigham.

Memorial services will be held at a later date in Chicago.

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

Mary Lee Kramer-Brooks, 72

Mary Lee Kramer-Brooks, 72, passed away on July 3, 2013, at her home in Kalispell.

She was born on June 30, 1941, in Chinook, to Willard and Martha (Vestre) Kramer.

Mary moved to Kalispell at a young age and attended school there until her senior year when the family moved to Bonners Ferry, Idaho, where she completed her schooling and graduated high school.

Mary worked for years in the insurance industry and the banking industry for First Tennessee Bank in Memphis.

When not working or raising her family, she loved collecting dolls and sewing doll clothes for them. She was a tireless worker for the



Muscular Dystrophy Association in Memphis. Through her efforts, Germantown High

School became handicapped-accessible for the first time in its history.

She was preceded in death by her mother and father, and her special daughter LaVonna Worsham.

She is survived by her husband, Mike; her sons, Jimmy Worsham and Mark Martin; brother, Bill Kramer, and his wife, Nancy; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Private services will be held in Memphis at a later date.

Michael Stephen Brooks, 64

Michael Stephen Brooks, 64, died Sunday, Aug. 25, 2013, at his home in Kalispell.

He is survived by three children, Gina Lovette, Michael Brooks and Bran-

don Brooks.

Services are planned for a later date.

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

Ardean F. 'Deannie' Bronson, 74

Ardean F. "Deannie" Bronson, 74, passed away on Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2013, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home, with family by her side.

She was born in Kalispell on July 11, 1939, and lived in Kalispell all her life.

She married the love of her life, Lee A. Bronson.

Deannie loved having fun socializing and playing with family, friends and exercise class pals. She especially loved the good times and memories with family and relatives on their special outings to the cabin in Condon.

Deannie is survived by four children, Jon T. Bronson and his wife Rose, Connie L. Gabriel, Randy Lee Bronson and his wife Char, and Tina Lee Malkuch and her husband Steve; one brother, Don Nelson, and his wife Jeannie; seven grandchildren, Stefan Lee Malkuch, Chad Dukeshier, Chase L. Bronson, Beau Bron-



son, Tia Cappise, Ramon Cappise and Jake Gabriel; six great-grandchildren, Caleb

Zane Calvero, Graysin Dean Dukeshier, Hux Lee Dukeshier, Piper Ann Dukeshier, Christopher Cappise and Zoey Christina Gabriel; and numerous other family members.

Memorial services for Deannie will be held at 11 a.m. today, Nov. 23, in the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home with Pastor Scott Keller of Aletheia Christian Fellowship officiating. Urn burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

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

Ronald A. Bronson, 79

Ronald A. Bronson, 79, passed away at his Kalispell residence on Nov. 1, 2013.

Ronald was born Aug. 22, 1934, in Niehart to Fred and Ida Bronson. When he was a young child, the family moved to Lakeside where Ronald grew up. He graduated from Flathead County High School.

Ronald served in the U.S. Navy as a naval mechanic from 1953 to 1957, and then the U.S. Naval Reserve from 1957 to 1961.

He married Judith Streit in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, in 1960. They were together for 53 years.

Ronald worked for the Columbia Falls Alumni



Plant from early 1961 until he retired in 1993.

Ronald was a member of the Kalispell Eagles Lodge. He was a regular coffee drinker

at the Park Inn, Sykes' and Nickel Charlie's. He loved to do yard work and spend time at their place on McGregor Lake. He liked to fish and spend time with his grandchildren.

Ronald was preceded in death by his parents, Fred

and Ida Bronson; twin brothers, Jim and John; brothers, Lee and Vern; and sister, Betty Nebel.

Ronald is survived by his wife, Judith Bronson, of Kalispell; daughter, Susan, and Tom Wynne, of Kalispell; son, Doug Bronson, of Milwaukie, Ore.; daughter, Julie, and Geron Wade, of Florence; sister, Edie Kaps, of Kalispell; seven grandchildren, Kaitlen and McKenna Wynne of Missoula, Sean Wynne of Kalispell, Clifford Wade of Missoula, Randall Wade, currently serving in Afghanistan, Meghan Manfredi of Lolo, and Colton Manfredi, currently serving in Afghanistan; great-grandchild,

Tian Manfredi, of Lolo; and sisters-in-law, Jesse Bronson and Deanie Bronson of Kalispell. He is also survived by various nieces and nephews.

The family requests memorial contributions be made to the American Heart Association, 510 First Ave. N., Room 114, Great Falls, MT 59401; or the Veterans Administration, 2989 U.S. 93 N., Kalispell, MT 59901.

Friends are encouraged to visit the website at www.buffalohillfh.com to leave notes of condolence for the family. A private family service will be held.

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

Dale Brown, 79

Dale Brown, 79, died Saturday, Dec. 28, 2013, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He is survived by his

wife, Josephine.

At his request, no services are planned. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Gerald G. 'Jerry' Brown, 70

Gerald G. "Jerry" Brown, 70, "began his trip up the staircase to be with the love of his life, Victoria 'Vicki' (Lumpry) Brown," on June 18, 2013, in Helena.

Born in Kansas on Sept. 29, 1942, to Arvid and Mildred (Sedlachek) Brown, at a young age he moved to the Post Creek area, eventually graduating from Mission High School. It was in this area that he met the love of his life and they eventually married and started their family.

Following high school he worked in Deer Lodge, then construction in Missoula for a short while, before he and Vicki moved to Helena where he worked building roads, parking lots and gravel work for Helena Sand & Gravel for 39 years, until he retired.

After retirement, he started working on small engines, fixing just about anything that someone brought to him. He also worked for CAP Paving part time, and was looking forward to this year's projects.

At age 38, Jerry won his first pitman crew race, and he took up racing. The number 38 became

his racing number as he continued racing. His son and grandchildren continue the race legacy today.

He and his wife, Vicki, who passed last fall, were known as "Leather and Lace." Also preceding him were his parents; twins who died in infancy; and his youngest daughter, Robin Rae Brown, who passed in 1988.

Survivors include his children, SueSan Lumpry of Helena, Jerry "Chomers" Brown and fiancée Kim Rodgers of Helena, and Jacki "Jake" Brown and Dave Fortin of Coram; grandchildren, Camas Brown Fortin, Bryan, Cody and Mariah Brown; great-grandchildren, Braydon and Karyhana; siblings, Richard Brown of Post Creek and Denise and Tony Incashola of St. Ignatius; numerous nieces and nephews; family in Kansas, as well too many people to name whom he considered his own.

A rosary will be said at 8 p.m. Friday at the Foster Funeral Home in St. Ignatius with Mass being celebrated at noon Saturday at the St. Ignatius Catholic Church.

Condolences may be left at fosterfhandcrematory.com.

Kimble Jubilee Brown, 7 months

Kimble Jubilee Brown was born at home and joyfully greeted by his loving family on Oct. 31, 2012.

After struggling with a rare congenital heart defect, he passed gently from his parents' arms "into the arms of Jesus" on May 25, 2013.

Kimble is the son of Jeremy and Alicia Brown of Kalispell. He warmed his way into many people's hearts in the 7 months he was here. He loved being held and snuggled by his mom



and dad. He also enjoyed music and dancing with his sister and brothers. Kimble will

be greatly missed.

Kimble is survived by Jeremy and Alicia Brown; and his siblings, Mailli, Jamin, Eli and Toby.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. on Thursday, May 30 at Easthaven Baptist Church.

Gretchen Jean Browne, 51

Gretchen Jean Browne, 51, of Kalispell "was called home to heaven" on Jan. 23, 2013.

She was born in Yreka, Calif., on Aug. 24, 1961, to Charles and Naomi Burk. She graduated from Montana State University in Bozeman with a Bachelor of Arts in Home Economics. There she met Donald Browne, who she would marry on August 6, 1983.

She had two children while the couple lived in Wyoming, Daniel and David, both of whom survive her. The family later moved to Montana, where Donald preached at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Whitefish.

Gretchen was active in the congregation and was a loving mother to her two children. She moved the family from Whitefish to Kalispell after Don's death due to brain cancer in 2001.

While raising her children on her own, she enrolled in courses online through Montana State University, seeking a degree in financial planning. She had nearly com-

pleted a master's degree at the time of her passing. The strength of her work ethic was obvious to everyone, except perhaps herself.

Gretchen is preceded in death by her husband Donald in 2001, and brother Craig in 1990.

She is survived by her parents, Charles and Naomi Burk; her siblings, Donald and Kathleen; and her sons, Daniel and David.

She always sought to improve her mind, and was a devout listener of public radio. She loved reading and music, and it was her dream to one day attend the Vienna Philharmonic's New Year's concert in Austria. Her sense of humor will be remembered and her strong faith admired by those she leaves behind.

Funeral Services for Gretchen will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 30 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Kalispell, with burial to follow immediately at Glacier Memorial Gardens, and a light luncheon at Trinity Lutheran to conclude.

Naoma Browe, 78

Naoma Browe, 78, of Polson died at her home on Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2013.

Grogan Funeral Home and Crematory is assisting the family with arrangements.

James Henry Bukoskey, 53

James Henry Bukoskey, 53, of Ryegate, passed away peacefully on Aug. 22, 2013.

"Jim was my best friend, fishing and hunting partner. He will be missed by myself, family and friends," his friend said.

Jim is survived by his dad, Stanley Bukoskey, of Ryegate; his children, Bri and Chris Jarvis, Betsy Bukoskey and Jayme Bukoskey; grandchildren, Maddilyn and Abigail Jarvis, and one on the way.

Cremation has taken place. Graveside services



will be held at the Ryegate Cemetery at 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 31. A potluck reception

will follow at the Ryegate Bar.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary and Crematory in Billings is assisting with arrangements, and remembrances may be shared with the family online at www.michelottisawyers.com.

Joseph Lee 'Jo Jo' Buck, 36

Joseph Lee "Jo Jo" Buck, 36, "was called to heaven" on Thursday, June 20, 2013, in Deer Lodge.

Jo Jo was born and raised in Kalispell where he was surrounded by numerous friends and family. Jo Jo had a love and loyalty to his family like no other, and if he called you his friend, he considered you family.

Jo Jo was preceded in death by his Aunt Ruthie, Grandma Alice, Uncle Mike and Jim. "They are all standing at Heaven's gate to welcome him."

He is survived by his parents and biggest supporters, Tamela Keys and Douglas Buck; sister, Jennifer and her children, Gracie, Colter, Michael and Garrett; brother, John and his daughter, Isabela; sister, Morgan and her children, Lilly and Noland;



grandparents, Jack and Dorothy Buck; grandfather, James Keys; cousin, Johnny, who was

more like a brother to him; and numerous other dear friends and family.

"There are no words to express our love for Jo Jo and he will remain in our hearts and thoughts forever. Jo Jo, you are now 'free.'"

A visitation will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 25 at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, June 26 at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, with burial at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Homer Alexander Bruce, 64

Homer Alexander "Al" Bruce passed away Aug. 13, 2013, in Hungry Horse.

He was born July 23, 1949, in Los Angeles; the son of Ernest Bruce and Nora (Davis) Bruce.

After high school Al went on to college and obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree and had 3/4 of his Bachelor of Science degree.

Al served in the Air Force for six years. After his honorable discharge, he worked putting in security systems in motels and hotels in Fresno, Calif. He met the love of his life, Bea. After a whirlwind courtship, they were married and have enjoyed 40 amazing years together.

Al worked for Cig Machine Co., and then got a job working for the Fresno County Water Works for 10 years when his wife's health forced them to move. They landed in Whitefish and then finally Martin City.

He was hired by the Whitefish school system where he became head custodian. He was known there affectionately as "MacGyver." He worked there for 25 years and retired in January of 2013.



Al would do anything to help others, and the middle school was his second home. Al loved his job and treasured all the students,

teachers and co-workers who passed through its doors.

He was an avid collector of antique radios and could fix anything electrical and mechanical. He was a wonderful friend and an amazing husband. We will truly miss you.

Al is survived by his wife, Beatrice Bruce, of Martin City; brother, William Ernest Bruce, and sister, Nora, of California.

Services to honor Al will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 16, at Columbia Mortuary, 1010 Fourth Ave. W. in Columbia Falls, with a military honors graveside service at Woodlawn Cemetery immediately following the service. A reception will follow at the middle school, 15 Spokane Ave., Whitefish.

Stanley Lyman Bruce, 79

Stanley Lyman Bruce, 79, of Columbia Falls and the Montana Veterans Home "went to be with his Lord and Savior" on Thursday, Aug. 1, 2013.

Stan was born in Redmond, Ore., on April 11, 1934.

Stan is lovingly remembered by his two sons, Thomas A. Bruce and wife, Wendy, and Joseph M. Bruce and wife, Angie; grandchildren, Nicholas, Nathan, Sierra, Savannah, Jonathan, Sasha, Sienna, Jacob and Sophia; sister, Betty Orozco; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Stan was preceded in death by his parents, Stanley Sr. and Doris Bruce; brother, Robert



Bruce; and sister, Darlene Hersh.

Visitation will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. on Thursday, Aug.

8, at Austin Funeral Home, 6200 U.S. 93 N., in Whitefish. The memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 9, at Glacier Memorial Gardens, 2659 U.S. 93 N. in Kalispell. A reception is immediately following at 452 Bear Trail in Whitefish.

The family wishes to thank the Montana Veterans Home for all the loving care he received throughout the years.

Jean Phillips Burns, 76

Jean Phillips Burns passed away quietly Aug. 24, 2013, at her beloved Flathead Lake home in Somers following a brief illness. Born on May 26, 1937, in Waterville, Maine, and raised in Duxbury, Mass., and Tucson, Ariz., Jean graduated from The Montecito School for Girls in Santa Barbara, Calif., and later attended the University of Arizona where she was a member of the Pi Beta Phi sorority.

She was married to J. Dawson Burns of Tucson, Ariz. on Dec. 18, 1956, and was soon raising a family of three children and helping Dawson establish his dental practice.

An avid horsewoman, Jean later operated a small ranch for nearly 20 years before discovering Montana and establishing a summer home in the Flathead Valley. Well known in her Somers neighborhood for her deck parties and Australian shepherd dogs, Jean



was also a regular at the Kalispell Farmers Market as the owner and creator of Wonder-

mere Jewelry.

Jean is survived by her husband, Dawson, daughter Diane of Scottsdale, Ariz., son Jack of Tucson, son Brad and daughter-in-law Lindsay of Las Vegas and brother Eben "Bud" Phillips and sister-in-law Betsy of Sacramento, Calif.

The family requests donations be made to the Humane Society of Northwest Montana in lieu of flowers or gifts.

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

Ralph Stanley 'Stan' Bruner, 90

Ralph Stanley "Stan" Bruner, 90, died Saturday, Feb. 11, 2012, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley of Kalispell; daughter, Nancy Hanchett of

Kalispell; and son, Stanley of Melbourne, Fla.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 17 at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Burial will follow at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Phyllis Seeley Burroughs

A memorial service for Phyllis Seeley Burroughs, 73, who died Nov. 21 will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday,

March 13, at Blessed John Paul II Church in Bigfork. A reception will follow. Everyone is welcome.

Mary Ella Bunting, 83

Mary Ella Bunting, 83, died Friday, March 8, 2013, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

She is survived by her husband, Thomas C. Bun-

ting, M.D.; and a son, Jeff Bunting.

A gathering will be held at a later date.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Diane M. Butts, 80

Diane M. Butts, 80, "was called home to her Savior's loving arms" on Feb. 26, 2013, at the Mountain View Manor/Good Samaritan Center in Eureka where she resided since May 2012.

Great-grandmother to eight and step-great-grandmother to another five, Diane started with four children, Steve Butts, Barbara (Butts-Helms) Larson, Joseph Butts and Tracy (Butts) Stamper, all with late husband Richard "Dick" Butts, whom she married on Dec. 15, 1950, after moving to Eureka from Idaho in 1948. Dick and Diane remained together for 42 years until Dick passed in 1992.

Diane spent most of her life caring for her family in Eureka, cooking, baking and canning from the family orchard; hunting, fishing and metal-detecting alongside Dick; and working the family Christmas tree business, among other things. A community maven, Diane was a longtime active member in the VFW Ladies Auxiliary, the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (having been a baptized member of the Holy Cross Lutheran Church), and was an avid bowler and club representative. Diane also enjoyed working for various Eureka establishments over the years as a cook, whenever family time wasn't impacted.

In the mid-1980s, Diane ventured to many different locales in California where she and Dick supported eldest son Steve's construction business for nearly a decade before returning to Eureka in 1991, after receiving a heart valve replacement. Diane traveled extensively in the 21 years after the passing of Dick, attending the Calgary Stampede, trekking and fishing in Sitka, Alaska and other places, including Montana's Tiber and local Kootenai Reservoirs, and even became an excellent horse handicapper.



Diane was preceded in death by her mother, Florence (Wilcox) Lucore; father,

Francis Lucore; step-father, Edson Gay; husband, Richard "Dick" Butts; sister-in-law, Sue Lucore; and nephew, Dale Lucore.

She is survived by her brother, Francis "Sonny" Lucore, his children, Luke, Fran and Kathy, and their families; half-brother, Warren Gay and wife, Rita, and their families; half-sister, Melody (Gay) Goss and husband, Charles Goss, and their families; son, Steve Butts and wife, Suzanne; grandson, Richard Butts and wife, Valerie; great-granddaughter, Gwendolyn Diane; granddaughter, Julie (Butts) King and husband, Nick, and great-grandchildren, Kyler and Kaylee; grandson, Robert Butts; grandson, Rory Butts and Meghan Lanning; granddaughter, Stevnae Butts; grandson, Shane Butts; daughter, Barbara (Butts-Helms) Larson and husband, Glenn; grandson, Kody Helms and wife, Kristina, and great-granddaughter, Elsey, and step-grandchildren, Brooke and Cody; granddaughter, Karie (Helms) Stidham and Jesse Kelleher, and great-granddaughters, Briana and Brittani; step-grandchild, Joseph Larson and son, Kyle; step-grandchild, Lori Larson and daughters, Jakayla and Zoe; son, Joseph Butts and wife, Margaret, and grandson, Ethan; daughter, Tracy (Butts) Stamper and grandson, Jason Culbertson and Kaitlyn Gehres, and great-grandchildren, Karlee and Zander; granddaughter, Jamie Stamper and Steve Schimmel; sister-in-laws, Edith (Butts) Hudson and husband, Dale, Jaunita (Rich) Butts, Cheri (Marvel) Butts and husband, Dan

Betty Jean Butts, 80

On Nov. 10, 2013, Betty Jean Butts, beloved wife and mother, surrounded by her loving family, passed on from natural causes "to the arms of our heavenly Father."

Betty was born in Kalispell on Dec. 6, 1932, to Edward and Pearl Clarke, followed soon after by her three brothers, Richard, Ted and David.

Growing up on a ranch on the West Kootenai, Betty knew how to work hard and enjoy everything that life brought to them.

On Feb. 6, 1953, while working in Roseburg, Ore., Betty married Roy Butts, her high school sweetheart and the love of her life. They enjoyed more than 60 short years of love, life and laughter together.

Betty loved to travel and she loved her handiwork: knitting, needlepoint, sewing, quilting and so many other talents. Her family was always the most important focal point of her life. Betty nurtured and instilled love and togetherness in all of the lives she touched.

Betty's smile and her love of life will be terribly and sorely missed by all



who knew her.

Betty is survived by her three younger brothers, Richard Clarke of Oregon, and Ted Clarke and David Clarke of Eureka; husband, Roy; chil-



dren, Jan and husband Jim Dry, Ken and fiancée Sue Thompson and daughter Sarah Thompson, and Jean and husband Ron Glasgow; grandchildren, Jacie Sievers, Brian Glasgow, Tyra Glasgow, Randy Glasgow, Beth Glasgow, Tracey Glasgow and Ronnie Glasgow; and great-grandchildren, Kaiden and Liliauna Glasgow.

A celebration of life for Betty will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 17, at her brother Ted's residence at 341 Rivers Edge Drive, Eureka.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Eureka.

Gifts or donations are asked to be given in Betty's name to the Heart Association.

In 1999, Diane reached the pinnacle of her hunting career, finally getting a bull moose during the October hunting season; she was in her late '60s. Diane was a grounding influence for many of her children and grandchildren, offering advice and guidance from afar, as many of her extended family moved farther from Montana. She dearly loved her "Precious" toy poodle, a faithful companion for many years. As her health failed later in life, she was cared for by her family until she admitted herself into the care home when she knew constant care would be required.

Butts; Ella (Butts) Evinrude and husband, Larry Evinrude; Neva (Butts) Duff; brother-in-laws, Eldon Marvel and wife, Donna, and Ned Butts; as well as numerous extended family members who she loved.

In classic Diane fashion, she wished for a very small ceremony; therefore, a celebration of life will be scheduled for Memorial weekend, rather than traditional funeral services. A notice of time and place will be announced at a later date.

Donations in memory can be made to Mountain View Manor or the Eureka Animal Shelter.

William Bundt, 96

William Bundt, 96, passed on April 24, 2013, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

"There is a special place in heaven for Bill."

He was born on Jan. 27, 1917, in Manfred, N.D. Bill was the oldest child of Emil and Minnie Bundt of Westby. He attended school in Westby, and later attended college in Seattle.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1942 to 1946, stateside, as a technician fifth grade, in the 800th Signal Service Regiment.

Bill held various jobs in his life, a few being working for an electric company, and as owner of the hardware store in Westby with his brother-in-law Earl Strand and his wife Elaine.

In April of 1949 he married Helen Strand in Glendive. In the 1960s they moved to Billings where he worked as director of maintenance at St. John's Lutheran Home. After retiring in 1982, they moved to the beautiful Kalispell area to be near family.

Bill and Helen enjoyed many happy years camping and fishing. One of Bill's many hobbies was his natural talent for painting. He had a God-given talent for painting beautiful landscapes.

Preceding him in death were his parents; a sister, Irene; wife, Helen; and stepson, Guy.

Bill was a kind, gentle



and very humble man. He will be greatly missed.

Survivors are a sister, Dotty, and Bobby Leininger; brother, Gene, and wife, Willie Bundt, of Minnesota; also a sister, Elaine, of Minnesota; also Earl and Elaine

Strand, niece, Terri Strand Beatty, husband Wayne, and family, all of Kalispell; great-niece, Jamie, and Brian Putnam and family, also of Kalispell; and many other nieces and nephews.

At Bill's request there will be no service. We will return him to Westby this summer with a small memorial there.

We also want to thank all of the support services who have helped care for him; Home Options, Meals on Wheels, Frontier Hospice and the wonderful care he received at the Veterans Home in Columbia Falls; also a thank you to Kathy and Marcus, who were wonderful friends to Bill. He always looked forward to their visits.

Memorials can be made to the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

Frank Butler, 65

Frank Butler, 65, died at St. Joseph's Hospital in Polson on Feb. 13, 2013.

He is survived by his wife, Marina.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Thurs-

day, Feb. 21 at Grogan Funeral Home in Polson. Burial will follow immediately at Lakeview Cemetery in Polson with full military honors.

Gilbert 'Gib' I. Burk, 95

Gilbert I. Burk, 95, passed away on Dec. 14, 2012, in Whitefish. He had resided in Olney for most of his adult life.

"Gib" was born on May 17, 1917 to Lena Talbot Burk and Gilbert E. Burk in Maywood, Ind. When he was 3 years old, his family moved back to their Montana home at his grandma's ranch between Whitefish and Olney. He attended several rural schools including Tamarack Creek, Olney, Missoula and Kinshella Brothers logging camp where he graduated from the eighth grade. He started his logging career with Kinshella Brothers tie mill by skidding logs to the mill with horses. He later had his own tie mill and then became a logging contractor until he retired.

Gib was an active member of the Whitefish Moose Lodge for many years and held numerous

office positions through the lodge. He was also an active bowling member of the Whitefish Bowling League for many years.

Gib was preceded in death by his parents; his infant son; his first wife, Enid; his second wife, Violet Widdifield; brothers, Ted, Louis, Albert, Bill and Jim; sisters, Clara Graves and Betty Enger Overbye; several nieces and nephews, sisters- and brothers-in-law.

He is survived by his sister, Mona Hansen of Whitefish, numerous nieces and nephews; and several sisters- and brothers-in-law, stepchildren and step-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 19 at the Whitefish Moose Lodge, 230 10th St. in Whitefish. A meal will follow the services. Memorial donations may be given to Mooseheart or a charity of your choice.

Glenda Marie Burke, 57

Glenda Marie Burke, 57, of Hot Springs, died at her home Thursday, Aug. 29, 2013.

A rosary will be said at 8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 1, at the Elmo Hall. Funeral

services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Sept. 2, at the Elmo Hall. Burial in Dayton will follow the service. Grogan Funeral Home & Crematory is assisting the family.

Paul Brueggeman, 62

Paul Brueggeman, 62, died at Kalispell Regional Hospital on May 6, 2013.

A rosary will be said at 7:30 p.m. today, May 9, and a Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Friday, May 10, both at Immaculate Conception

Catholic Church in Polson. Burial will follow at Lakeview Cemetery in Polson. A luncheon will follow at the church.

Grogan Funeral Home and Crematory of Polson is handling arrangements for the family.

Betty J. Bryant

A memorial service for Betty J. Bryant who died Dec. 23 will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 30, at the Fraternal Order of the

Eagles, 37 First St. W., in Kalispell. A reception will follow. Call Chrysta Bourne at 257-4282 with questions.