

Leah Marie Kelly Galloway, 82

Leah Marie Kelly Galloway, 82, passed away on Thursday, June 6, 2013, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

She was born to Nora Francis Adams and George Arthur Kelly on Sept. 10, 1930. She grew up in Polson in the Valley View area with her four brothers and four sisters. She attended school there and loved playing the drums in the high school band. They all helped with the family farm.

She was married on March 27, 1949, to Calvin Rex Galloway at her parent's home in Polson. They were sealed in the Alberta Temple on March 16, 1963.

She is survived by her husband, Calvin; sister, Georgia and Ron Snyder of Deer Park, Wash.; daughter, Tessa and Kent Hill; sons Gayle Rex and Val Galloway, Kelly and Linda Galloway, Jerry and Geri Galloway, Alan Galloway, and Corby and Tiffany Galloway, all of Kalispell; daughter, Leola and Morris Stout of Nampa, Idaho; 33 grandchildren; 64 great-grandchildren; and foster child Buckley Isakson.

She was preceded in death by one grandchild, Adam Stout; her parents; all four brothers; and three sisters.

She was involved in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day



Saints as a primary president, relief society counselor and Sunday school

teacher. She was an avid genealogist and completed all temple ordinances for her parents, brothers and sisters who preceded her in death. She strengthened her community by serving as a Cub Scout leader, and was in Boy Scout leadership positions for over 50 years, earning her Silver Beaver award. Her great love was her family. She was a dedicated homemaker who would bake 12 loaves of bread and make scones every week with much tender, loving care. She loved to crochet, quilt and craft. She was a daycare provider for many years. Leah is known to many outside of her family as "Grandma" and "Auntie Leah."

Visitation for Leah will be from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, June 13 at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and again from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Friday, June 14 at the church, followed by the funeral at 11 a.m.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is located at 1380 Whitefish Stage Road.

The funeral is under the direction of Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home.

Joan Gallup, 79

Our beloved wife, mother, grandmother and friend, Joan Gallup, 79, died unexpectedly on Dec. 4, 2013 from natural causes in Bigfork.

She was born July 15, 1934 in Moscow, Idaho to Everett and Margaret "Ernie" Anderson.

As a child, she lived in Seattle during World War II. Her family returned to Moscow where she graduated from high school and met the love of her life, Vernon Gallup, while studying at University of Idaho. They moved to Ketchikan, Alaska following their marriage and Vern's graduation. Vern had an opportunity to teach high school, but the electrical industry brought them to Spokane, Wash., where they raised their three children.

As a mother, Joan was active in Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts and Campfire Girls. For fun, she knew how to bowl a turkey — spending several years on a league at Silver Lanes on Spokane's South Hill. She found peace in the great outdoors while tending her gardens and canning her favorite fruits and vegetables — and at times crowding the cupboards of friends and family with jams and jellies.

To relax, she curled up with a classic science fiction or romance novel beside the rivers of the Pacific Northwest, Yellowstone and South America



as Vern fly-fished for trout.

She had a beautiful life.

She was preceded

in death by her parents and her brother, Michael Anderson, all of Spokane, Wash. She is survived by her husband Vern, son Neil Gallup of Spokane, Wash.; daughters Corinne (Eric) Hensley of Spokane, Wash., and Michele Wheeler (Edmonds). She is also survived by her granddaughters Kimberly (Mike) Berlin and Nicole Hensley and great-granddaughter Isabelle Berlin as well as many cousins, nieces and nephews.

She is loved and missed by all her friends, family and not to mention, her precious cats — Pippin and Sunshine.

Services will be held at Hennessey-Smith Funeral Home, 2203 North Division in Spokane at 1 p.m. on Dec. 13. Interment will follow promptly after the service at Spokane Memorial Gardens, 5909 Spokane-Cheney Road, Spokane, WA.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to your favorite charity in Joan's name.

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

Betty Lee Garrison, 87

Betty Lee Garrison "went home to be with her Lord Jesus" on April 2, 2013, at the age of 87. Her battle with pancreatic cancer ended "and her new life in heaven began with perfect eyesight and perfect hearing and no more pain. Thank you, Lord!"

Betty was born in 1925 on a sugar beet farm in Pompeys Pillar to John and Vera Chappell. She was second to the oldest of six children. Growing up during the Depression, she met with hardship early in her life when at the age of 9 her mother woke up paralyzed from polio. Vera would never walk again.

Hardship became a frequent visitor throughout her life, but that never dimmed Betty's resilience, her fierce loyalty to family and friends, her joyful spirit or loving relationship with the Lord. When she was 19 years old, she received Christ into her life as her Lord and Savior at a small Nazarene church in Pompeys Pillar.

After graduating from Huntley Project High School, she took secretarial classes in Nampa, Idaho, and then moved to Great Falls to attend nursing school. She met Lloyd Oertli in Townsend, while visiting her sister there. They were married in 1949. To that union were born three children, Sandy, Jerry and Jane. In 1959, Lloyd was killed in an accident while repairing a high-powered electrical line.

In the fall of 1959, Betty and her three children moved to Missoula, where she attended the University of Montana and got her degree in home economics. They moved to Hot Springs where she became the home ec teacher at Hot Springs High School.



and Louise Garrison. Miles became the high school principal at Lincoln County High

School and remained there for eight years.

In 1986, because of their adventurous spirit, they accepted a position at Palmer Community Christian School in Wasilla, Alaska. They had numerous other positions in Alaska, including being resident supervisors at Kenai Peninsula Community Care Center and houseparents to developmentally disabled adults at Arca House in Anchorage.

That position opened the doors for them upon their return to Tobacco Valley to become foster parents to numerous children within Eureka and Lincoln County and their home on Burma Road north of Eureka in 1992, where they have since lived.

Betty was very active in her church, First Baptist in Eureka. Her smiling face was there to greet visitors and longtime members alike. She could be found most often in the church's kitchen preparing meals, helping whenever and wherever she could.

She also loved raising a beautiful garden full of fresh vegetables and raspberries. She was well known for her beautiful dahlias with which she made many gorgeous arrangements for the church and the nursing home. She also loved quilting; she made a quilt for each one of her children, and her home has quilts as artwork on the walls.

During her time there she met Miles Garrison, who was the coach and history teacher. She married him the summer of 1963. She became a stay-at-home mom to two more children, Brad and Valerie. They remained in Hot Springs, where Miles was the principal of the high school, until the summer of 1971 when they moved to Spokane where Miles, Sandy, Jerry and Jane all attended Whitworth College.

After Miles got his master's degree in education administration, they moved to Cle Elum, Wash., where he was high school principal at Cle Elum/Roslyn High School for five years. In 1977, they moved back to Eureka where they built a home on the ranch owned by Miles' parents, Homer

She was preceded in death by two brothers, John and Harold Chappell; and one sister, Virginia Novotny.

She is survived by her husband, Miles; and her five children, Sandy Oertli of Eureka, Jerry Oertli of Billings, Jane Fairfield of Gillette, Wyo., Brad Garrison of Portland, and Val Garrison, also of Portland; and two sisters, Margie Brown of Billings and Lois Leggett of Mills, Wyo. She also has eight grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, April 8, at First Baptist Church in Eureka.

Memorials may be made in Betty's name to the First Baptist Church Diaconate Fund for Special Needs, P.O. Box 391, Eureka, MT 59917.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Eureka.

Merle 'Jean' Garrison, 76

Merle "Jean" Garrison, at the age of 76, "joined her parents and younger sister to be with the Lord in heaven" on Nov. 24, 2013. After a brave battle with pancreatic cancer, she left this world peacefully while at the Health Center in Kalispell.

Jean was born in Tulare, Calif., on Feb. 24, 1937, to Robert "RV" and Mabel Glenn. With older sister Sonja Garrison and younger sisters Letha Ann Glenn and Connie Sillen, she was the middle child. She enjoyed spending her time working outside on the family dairy as a child, rather than performing the traditional, female household chores of the day.

She married John Garrison at the age of 16 on June 25, 1953, in Modesto, Calif.

Very focused, she obtained her high school diploma in June 1966 while attending Modesto High Night School. She worked for the United States Postal Service for 27 years before taking an early retirement at the



age of 55, in 1992.

She and her husband John relocated from Modesto to Fortine

in 1983, with their two younger sons. She was a wonderful seamstress, beautiful piano player and had a lovely singing voice. She liked to spend her time outside of work gardening and planning her next remodeling or building project. In addition, her early retirement allowed her to spend more than 20 years with her numerous grandchildren, as well as traveling, while also spending many winters in Yuma, Ariz.

She is survived by her husband, John Garrison; her five children, Barry and Jane Garrison, Steve and Esther Garrison, Timothy and Deb Garrison, Robert and Cindy Garrison, and John and Sharon Garrison; eight grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild,

two sisters; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family would like to invite you to funeral services which will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 29, at the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home in Kalispell, with graveside services following. A celebration of her life will be held at the Landmark Worship Center located at 1735 Highway 35, also in Kalispell, after funeral services. Cards may be sent to 165 Terning Drive West, Eureka, MT 59917.

Lois Mae (Harris) Gavette, 77

Lois Mae (Harris) Gavette, 77, formerly of Kalispell, died Thursday, June 20, 2013, in Fort Collins, Colo.

She is survived by her husband, Brian Gavette of Pierce, Colo.; and daughters, Sherry Joyce

and Jill Harris, both of Kalispell, and Stacie Rose noff of Fort Collins.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 6, at Timberline Windsor Church, 360 Crossroads Blvd., Windsor, CO 80550.

Doris Hazel (Cool) Gaylord, 90

Doris Hazel Gaylord passed away peacefully Jan. 31, 2013, in Flagstaff, Ariz., with her daughter and grandson by her side. She was 90.

Doris was born on Oct. 27, 1922, at her family home in Culver City, Calif., the daughter of Alma and Harold Cool.

Doris was a wonderful sister, mother, grandmother, aunt and friend. She worked for Southern California Gas Company for 35 years, and made many good and lasting friendships at her work place. She bowled in leagues and took part in many activities with her friends.

She loved her family and was always thoughtful by remembering everyone's birthday and special events with cards and letters. She wrote to soldiers in three wars to try and remind them of home.

Doris retired in 1984 and moved to be near her sister in Kalispell in 1990, and lived in her beloved little house until 2010.

She was a member of Adah Chapter No. 17 OES and Epworth Methodist



Church in Kalispell.

Due to a stroke, she moved to Flagstaff, Ariz., to be cared

for by her daughter and grandson.

Doris was loved and will be missed.

She is survived by her sister, Marcia, and Bob Wise, of Kalispell; her daughter, Barbara M. Murphy, of Flagstaff; grandson, Joe Murphy, of Flagstaff; great-grandson, Joey Murphy, of Flagstaff; and by her beloved nieces and nephews, as well as many special friends in Kalispell, Flagstaff, California and around the country.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Alma and Harold Cool; her sister and brother-in-law, Ruth and Frank Heller; her brother and sister-in-law Norman and Agnes Cool; and her nephew, Richard Cool.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.norvelowensmortuary.com

Hamilton A. 'Hoot' Gibson, 71

Hamilton A. "Hoot" Gibson, 71, passed away on Jan. 20, 2013, in Whitefish, after a short battle with esophageal cancer.

He was known as "Hoot" to his friends and "Billy" to his siblings.

He is survived by three sisters, Eletha Brown of Bellevue, Wash., Sylvia Thomsen of Seattle and Shirley Sanders of Marble City, Okla.; and many nieces and nephews and cousins, including special niece Kari Wagner of Kalispell.

The family appreciates all the help from Hoot's friend, Jim Bellmore, in Columbia Falls.

At his request there will be no services. Special thanks to the staff of



Whitefish Care and Rehab and Frontier Hospice for their care of him during his last few

months.

Arrangements are entrusted to Columbia Mortuary.

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

Marion Giles, 83

Marion Giles, 83, passed away in Spokane on Sept. 27, 2013.

Marion was born in Canada to a Scottish mother and an American father, Isabelle and Earl Eastwood. She lived in Canada five of her first seven years. At age 7, her family moved to Kalispell. During World War II she moved with her family to Tacoma, Wash. The family moved back to Kalispell where she completed high school in 1948.

She first met her husband Burt in Kalispell when she was 12 years old. They met again and began dating when he returned from the Navy. They eloped and were married in Shelby on Sept. 3, 1947. They lived in Glacier Park, Kalispell and Whitefish. Then, in 1963, they moved with their children to Spokane. Burt and Marion moved to Auburn, Wash., in 1984. Following Burt's death in 2002, Marion moved back to Spokane.

She worked for many years at Kershaw's in Spokane as a bookkeeper, then office manager. She worked in Auburn as an office manager at the Mental Health Association.

She loved to knit, crochet and play pinochle. She volunteered for over 20 years and was on the board of directors at the Spokane Crisis Intervention Center. Marion was also a member of Eastern Star.

She is survived by three sons, Dennis E. and Kathy Giles of Fort Worth, Texas, Donald E. and Lori Giles of Redwood City, Calif., and Robert M. and Cindy Giles of Spokane;



brother, John E., and Cher Eastwood, of Casper, Wyo.; grandchildren, Douglass

E. Giles, Brian E. Giles and Richard D. Giles, all of Spokane, Maureen A. Giles of Fort Worth, Theodore E. Giles of Arlington, Texas, Andrew J. Giles of Redwood City, Calif.; sister-in-law, Betty Ann Matheny, of Puyallup, Wash.; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Lewis B. Giles; and grandchildren, Rachel S. Giles, Jeremy R. Giles and Robert J. Giles.

A time of visitation will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. today, Oct. 2, at Heritage Funeral Home in Spokane, and again from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 3. A funeral service will be held at 3:30 p.m. Thursday at Heritage Funeral Home.

A second service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 5, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home in Kalispell, to be followed by interment at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery, Kalispell.

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

Evelyn Lillian Gillespie, 66

Evelyn Lillian Gillespie, 66, passed away on Thursday, March 28, 2013, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

She was born Feb. 26, 1947, to Harry Logan Smith Sr. and Evelyn Lillian Smith in Newark, N.J. She led a fairly normal life of a child of the era, and was a noted tomboy who played more with the boys and their sports-centered things than with the girls she knew.

As a teenager she took pride in the fact she excelled in school, and would later talk at length about her service as a candy striper at a local hospital run by nuns. From those experiences she would tell everyone that, "Nuclear plants would be just fine if they let the nuns run them."

After high school she joined the U.S. Air Force and excelled again in her endeavor there. Called before her superiors to answer why her barracks was always on parade grounds on time for morning services — something purposefully designed to be nearly impossible — she explained how she had organized the girls so they could get through showers and dressed in record time, which stunned the officers.

She wound up in charge of a decoding unit charged with receiving and dispersing all communications to the mainland from Vietnam. This required a very high security level, and during the background checks the FBI told her mother that they were stopping the investigation early because they were scaring her friends. Not one ever asked, "What did she do?" but rather, "What happened to her ... is she all right?"



ended up blessed with two wonderful children, Heather,

her first, followed by Patrick.

She and Dan lived in the East for a while, but moved here to Kalispell in 1972 and began a whole new life. They opened a welding shop and became well known and liked by many of the loggers locally. After a divorce in the '80s, she went on as a single mom for several years with plenty of trials on hand at any time.

She met Dan Gillespie at Finnegan's Restaurant, where she was working night shifts and he would stop for coffee in the morning after his work. Long story short, the relationship endured and they married in 1991. In 1992 they bought a small acreage farm by the airport so they could watch the planes. They added animals until the place looked like the bill of lading for Noah's Ark.

She was later able to return to school and was very proud of her Bachelor of Arts degree in botany. She was living the life she had always wanted and was very happy.

She could fly an airplane, plant a tree, nurse a sick goat back to health, talk politics with logic, be a friend, chew you out when she thought it was needed, raise children and discuss Scripture. All in all, Evelyn was an exceptional person who will be sorely missed by all who knew her.

Evelyn was preceded in death by her parents.

She did her best to get her "wings," passing and, as usual, excelling in every pilot qualification, except for gender. She even went so far as to talk a male airman friend with the same last name and initials to take the physical for her. It got her in a little trouble but it passed without incident.

She married Dan Looney while in the Air Force and stationed in Texas (which she hated with a passion), and they

She is survived by her husband, Dan Gillespie; a daughter, Heather Looney, and husband, Thomas Sly; a son, Patrick Brodeur; and her brother, Harry Logan Smith Jr., and his wife, Diane.

Funeral services for Evelyn will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, April 4, in the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery with military honors.

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

Agnes Laura Gingery, 93

Agnes Laura Gingery of Kalispell passed away on July 25, 2013, a few days past her 93rd birthday and a birthday trip to her beloved Glacier National Park.

She was born on July 21, 1920, to Harve and Laura Fowler in Hillside, Colo., and grew up and attended schools in Buena Vista, Colo., along with her ten brothers and sisters.

She married Maurice "Morey" Gingery on Aug. 14, 1937, and they had been married 56 years when Morey passed away in 1993. Morey's career with the National Park Service afforded them the privilege of living in Rocky Mountain National Park and Glacier National Park.

Agnes and Morey were the proud parents of two sons, Marshall and Gary. While living in Colorado, Agnes was employed by Bell Telephone and after moving to Glacier National Park in 1953, she was employed by the West Glacier Mercantile for 27 summer seasons.

Morey and Agnes retired in 1980, and moved to Kalispell to be able to continue their visits to Glacier. The roads and trails of Glacier National Park were well known and an integral part of the lives of Agnes and all of her family. Agnes and Morey enjoyed many trips to various parts of the country to visit their children and grandchildren and always arrived with a



long list of what they hoped to experience while visiting that area.

Agnes was preceded in death by her husband, Maurice; and an infant son, Keith.

She is survived by her sons, Marshall (Elaine) and Gary, both of Helena. Grandchildren are Christine Payne of Midlothian, Va., Marsha Demaree of Marriottsville, Md., Keith Gingery of Jackson, Wyo., Anne Gingery of Rochester, Minn., Elizabeth Jankowski of Helena, Matthew Gingery of Helena, Susan Gingery of St. Paul, Minn., and David Gingery of Minneapolis. There are 14 great-grandchildren.

A celebration of life for Agnes will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday, July 29 at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home, with burial immediately following in C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Rev. Miriam Mauritzen, First Presbyterian Church, will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the Education Ministry of First Presbyterian Church, 540 South Main St., Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

Howard Richard Glazier, 84

Howard Richard Glazier, 84, died on Saturday, Aug. 3, 2013 at home, surrounded by family.

He was born on Jan. 31, 1929, in Miles City to Harold and Olga Glazier. He began school in Sumatra, and then moved to Kalispell and he began attending the Boorman School in second grade, graduating eighth grade in 1944. He was raised on the family ranch on Ashley Lake Road.

Howard graduated from Flathead County High School in 1948 where he was active in FFA and went to college for a short time before returning home at the time of his father's death to run the family ranch. He was then drafted into the Army where he served and received an honorable discharge.

He met his future wife and their first date was at Cedar Creek in Libby. They committed to each other before he left to serve his country and married Laura Marquardt on May 31, 1953; and they began marriage on the ranch where they spent their entire married life. To this union, five children were born.

He was a member of the Smith Valley Grange as a master and officer from 1943, and continued over 70 years. He was also a member and officer of the Smith Valley Boosters 4-H Club, as well as the Montana Wool Growers Association here in Kalispell. He received the Junior Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Young Farmer of the Year Award in 1956.

Howard served on the Boorman School board for many years and all of his children attended school there, as well as many of his grandchildren.

Howard was preceded



in death by his parents.

He is survived by his loving

wife, Laura Belle; and four daughters, Laura Lee and Charlie Buckallew, Frances Fay and Mark Smith, Audrey Ann and Jim Vetrone, Shelly Sue and Dave Buckallew; and one son, Harold Harley, and Michelle Glazier; grandchildren Ben and Cody Buckallew, Dale Crabtree, Victoria Well, Miles, Ryan and Mason Smith, Tracy Swope, Kelly Landsburger, Cindy Liebrecht, Todd Vetrone, Matthew and Jay Stickney, Rory and Trey Buckallew, and Paige and Quinn Glazier. Twenty great-grandchildren entered his life, Cody, ShyAnn, Wyatt, Faith, Hope, Dakota, Trenton, Thelma, Lynnae, Samantha, Brock, Kayden, Brayden, Baily, Madison, Jayce, June, Piper, Tuff and Meghan. Also surviving is one brother, Dawson, and Sandy, Glazier; and two nephews, Todd and Jessica and their sons Dawson and Calvin, and Jeffery Glazier; and one sister, Viola, and Tiny Marquardt and their sons, Eddie, and Darwin and Trish, and sons Chad and Tucker.

Howard will never be forgotten and will be greatly missed by a devoted family and many "forever friends." His beautiful, smiling blue eyes and constant smile, always with a joke or a helping hand will live in our hearts forever. His constant devotion and love for family and friends cannot be denied.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is attending the family and funeral services are pending at this time.

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Howard Richard Glazier

Funeral services for Howard Richard Glazier, 84, who passed away Saturday, Aug. 3, at his home in Kalispell, have been changed from Friday to 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 17, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home, with burial at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Visitation for Howard will be from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 16, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home.

Military honors will be presented at the cemetery by the Veterans of the Flathead and Honor Guard. A reception will follow the

services at the Smith Valley Grange Hall on Highway 2 West of Kalispell.

Memorials may be given to the VA Home or The Boys Ranch.

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

Alvin Chester Gordon, 72

Alvin Chester Gordon, 72, passed away Dec. 8, 2013, at his Bigfork residence.

Alvin was born Nov. 10, 1941, in Butte, the son of Chester and Eva Jo (Clark) Gordon. He was raised in Bigfork.

He worked as a farmer, pipefitter and certified welder. Alvin was a member of the Local No. 459 Plumbers and Pipefitters Union.

Alvin was honorably discharged from the U.S. Navy.

He married Mavis Gordon in 1993 in Bigfork.

Alvin is survived by his wife of 20 years, Mavis, of Bigfork; son, David DeShazer, of Bigfork; daughter, Julie DeShazer, of Kalispell; son, Thomas

DeShazer, of Bigfork; brother, Doug Gordon, of Bigfork; three sisters, one brother; four grandsons, and three great-grandsons.

A celebration of life service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, at Bethany Lutheran Church in Bigfork.

The family is requesting memorial donations be made to Bethany Lutheran Church, 8559 Highway 35, in Bigfork, toward funeral expenses for Alvin.

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

Travis Wayne Gomke, 36

Travis Wayne Gomke, 36, passed away on Saturday, Feb. 23, 2013.

He was born on March 28, 1976, in Havre, to parents Donald Gomke and Judi (Dan) Little. He grew up with his brother and sister, Russ and Janene, on the family farm south of Kremlin. He enjoyed living on the farm and especially enjoyed riding dirt bikes, a pastime that he continued to enjoy throughout his life.

In 1986, Travis moved with his family to Whitefish where he graduated from Whitefish High School in 1995. After high school, he started his painting career with Scuffy's Painting and went to work in Louisiana. Let's just say his time in Louisiana became quite an adventure and he came home with plenty of entertaining stories.

Travis fell in love with Deana Dimler in 1997, and they had a beautiful daughter together, River Bella Gomke. Travis was a loving father and his daughter River was a great joy to him.

He became a professional painter and worked with his close friend, Brett Miller, at Preferred Painting for many years. He was well known in the Whitefish area for his high skill level in painting and renovations. He loved boating, camping and being outdoors. He was a free spirit with a



great sense of humor that made people enjoy spending time with him. Also, his love of

riding bikes caught up with him and he bought his first Harley Davidson.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Christian Gomke, Leona Gomke and Dan Morse.

He is survived by his parents, Dan and Judi Little; his siblings, Russ Gomke and Janene Adams; his daughter, River Gomke; his grandmother, Doris Morse; as well as his nieces and nephews, Christopher Gomke, Cameron Gomke, Blake Boucher and McKinzi Adams; and many aunts and uncles.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. this Saturday, March 2, at Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish.

A college fund for River has been established at the Whitefish Credit Union, River Gomke Educational Memorial, P.O. Box 37, Whitefish MY 59937, for friends and family wishing to honor Travis's memory.

You are invited to visit www.austinhf.com to offer condolences, share memories and view Travis's tribute wall.

Arrangements are entrusted to Austin Funeral Home.

Mary Theresa Gorton, 92

Mary Theresa Gorton passed "into the loving hands of Jesus" on Feb. 28, 2013, at the age of 92.

Mary was born on Sept. 13, 1920, in Missoula, the youngest and only daughter of Frank and Angela Bucciol Gasperino. She attended primary grades at DeSmet, north of Missoula, and at St. Francis Xavier, furthering her education at Sacred Heart Academy in Missoula.

Part of her education included traveling with her mother and brother to Italy via France and Switzerland to visit grandparents and relatives. While there, she visited Venice and the Republic of San Marino.

Mary was an honor student throughout her high school years, serving as vice president of her senior class. At the age of 16, she entered college at the University of Montana in Missoula where she was treasurer of the Pharmacy Club and belonged to the Delta Chapter Honor Society for Women in Pharmacy. In 1941, Mary graduated from the University of Montana at Missoula with a Bachelor of Science degree from the School of Pharmacy and was a past member of Kappa Epsilon Honorary in Pharmacy.

After graduation, she was employed in Missoula and Idaho and, for several years, worked for Al LaCasse at the BiRite Drug in Kalispell. She was proud to be the first registered female pharmacist in Kalispell where Al supported her throughout her work career.

On Feb. 23, 1946, she married the love of her life, John F. "Jack" Gorton, at St. Francis Xavier Parish in Missoula. He preceded her in death on June 27, 2011.



and candles for several years.

Mary was always happy with her children's accomplishments, no matter how large or small. She loved and parented graciously,

instilling in her children the love of God. She cared for them tirelessly and enjoyed her beautiful home, garden and yard. She was a meticulous housekeeper and made many award-winning lemon meringue pies (weekly for son-in-law Jim) until "retiring" to Buffalo Hill Terrace. While at Buffalo Hill, she and Jack were crowned king and queen of Buffalo Hill Winter Carnival in 2011.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; and brothers, Albert W. "Al" Gasperino and Anthony A. "Tony" Gasperino.

She leaves behind sons, John G. "Greg" Gorton and wife Paula of Otis Orchards, Wash., and Patrick J. "Pat" Gorton and wife Reba of Clifton Park, N.Y.; and daughter, Lisa Ann Stack, and husband, Jim, of Whitefish. Also surviving are four grandsons, Michael Gorton, wife Kelly and great-grandson Ryan of Walla Walla, Wash., Alexander Gorton of Albany, N.Y., Nicholas Gorton and wife Kelly of McGuire Air Force Base, N.J., and Joshua Gorton of Clifton Park; one sister-in-law, Monty Gorton, of Gresham, Ore.; several nieces and nephews; and her dear friends at Buffalo Hill Terrace whom she considered family.

Prior to moving to the Evergreen area in Kalispell, Mary lived in Milwaukee, while Jack attended the Milwaukee School of Engineering. While there, she worked as a nanny for Harry and Rose Sanders. Mary and Jack also lived in Creston and Polson for a short time.

Since 1941, Mary had been a member of St. Matthew's Parish, and later of Risen Christ Parish in Kalispell. She and Jack were active members at Risen Christ and the first greeters at the parish. Mary scheduled ministers, assisted with preparation of the altar and cared for the linens

Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, March 7, at Risen Christ Parish, 65 W. Evergreen Drive. A reception will follow the services in the Parish Hall with private inurnment at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Memorials may be made in Mary's name to Risen Christ Parish or Buffalo Hill Terrace, 40 Claremont St., Kalispell. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Mary's family. You are invited to go to www.jgfuneralhome.com to view Mary's tribute wall, offer condolences and share memories.

Judith Louise Bury Grady, 77

Judith Louise Bury Grady, 77, passed away peacefully from complications due to Alzheimer's Disease on Aug. 20, 2013, at Expressions Memory Care Home.

Judy was born in Colfax, Wash., on March 24, 1936, to Gertrude Bassett Bury and Lloyd A. Bury. She graduated from Pullman High School in Pullman, Wash., in 1953, and went on to Washington State College, from where she graduated in 1957. It was during college that she met the love of her life, Robert "Bob" Grady. After graduation, Judy worked in market research for Crown Zellerbach in San Francisco until 1959, while their relationship flourished. On May 23, 1959, Judy and Bob were married in Pullman, marking the beginning of a 54-year love affair.

Judy approached life with a quiet confidence and "get 'er done" philosophy of life. She was a loving and dedicated wife and mother with a vast array of talents and interests. In addition to raising her two children, Dave and Laurel, she worked as a receptionist, high school secretary, an aid for autistic children, bookkeeper, and helped extensively at Medical Arts Pharmacy and Option Care in the '80s and '90s, of which Bob was part owner.

Much of her life was spent supporting Bob's career as a pharmacist and operator of pharmacies in Tacoma, Wash., Colfax, Wash., Redding, Calif., and Stockton, Calif. They also lived in Klamath Falls, Ore., when Bob served in the Air Force from 1962 to 1965. Their move to Whitefish in 1981 was their last, as she and Bob truly found their "best place."

Judy was an accomplished pianist and enjoyed playing at Christ Lutheran Church services over the years. Her many interests included quilting, sewing, travel, reading (voraciously), cooking,



gardening, hiking and volunteering as a tutor.

Judy loved the Montana winters

and the snow that would collect around their home in the woods. Christmas was an exciting time at the Grady house. Her family and friends will always remember her amazing fudge, tasty orange butter, and from-scratch "Chex mix" on which we would gorge ourselves. Spring and summer was filled with gardening, clearing the property and some hiking, especially the annual family hike on the Highline Trail in Glacier Park. Later in her life, she and Bob enjoyed walking on the Whitefish streets and stopping for coffee and a treat at Coffee Traders.

Judy is survived by her loving husband, Bob, son, Dave Grady and his wife Linda, daughter, Laurel Grady, and granddaughters, Madison and Cassidy Grady, all living in Whitefish; and her sister, Joanne Bury of Stuart, Fla.

The family will have a private graveside service for Judy and a reception at a later date.

The family would like to express special appreciation to the amazing staff at Expressions Memory Care Home; to Frontier Hospice, especially Eleanor and Don; to Dr. Suzanne Daniell; and to Pastors John Bent and Ralph Boyer and staff of Christ Lutheran Church.

In lieu of cards or flowers, consider making a donation in Judy's name to Shepherd's Hand Clinic, North Valley Food Bank or the Whitefish Community Foundation.

Arrangements are entrusted to Austin Funeral Home. You are invited to go to www.austinhf.com to offer condolences, share memories and view Judy's tribute wall.

Wayne J. Graff, 83

Wayne passed away July 13, 2013, at the family home in Kalispell.

"Wayne J.," as Mom called him, was born on the family farm in Beatrice, Neb., on July 24, 1929.

He married his love, Beverly Bargman, on July 29, 1952.

A job as an architectural draftsman is what brought Dad and his family to Montana. Later, he worked as a construction estimator, from which he retired.

Dad loved Montana and enjoyed all outdoor activities, which he shared with family and friends. This legacy was passed on to his children and continues with his grandchildren.

When not outdoors Dad enjoyed woodworking, which included refurbishing his prized wooden Old Town canoe. Dad was forever journaling tidbits of his daily life. If we ever wanted to know anything, we just had to look in his black book! He was also very proud of his years as a Scoutmaster.



Dad's love of animals started as a boy in 4-H, raising his brown Swiss cow and spring-

er spaniels. This evolved to a variety of animals, from horses down to chipmunks. Zeke (springer spaniel) and Zoey (Maltese) are currently at home comforting Mom.

Dad is survived by our mom, his wife, Bev, of 61 years; and his children, Debbie Harr and Kirk of Fountain Hills, Ariz., Diane McLaverty and Steve of Missoula, Dee Dee Graff of Missoula, Danette Evert and Wayne of Kalispell, and Dave Graff and Erika of Eatonville, Wash. Dad cherished his 12 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his three brothers and their families.

"With love to the 'Old Man,' lover of life, always smiling, who knew pretty near close to everything. — Your family."

Allan Gayle Graham, 78

Allan Gayle Graham, 78, died Thursday, Feb. 28, 2013, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, March 4, at Faith Alli-

ance Church, with urn burial at 1:30 p.m. at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

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

Margaret 'Marge' Gray, 86

Margaret "Marge" Gray, 86, passed quietly Sept. 12, 2013, at The Springs at Whitefish Assisted Living.

Marge was born Sept. 29, 1926, in Newport News, Va., to Wyatt and Virginia Jones.

She met her future husband, Ed Gray, while working at the PX at Camp Patrick Henry Army Base in Newport News and they were married Nov. 8, 1944. Ed brought his new bride to Whitefish where they spent the next 69 years.

Marge was a homemaker and also worked for Slusher's Bakery for many years. She enjoyed camping, cooking, ceramics and china painting. The love for her family was evident in the many handmade gifts she made especially for each one.

She is survived by her husband, Ed; son, Don Gray and wife, Elaine, of Brady; daughters, Margy Kroeze and husband, Vern, of Medical Lake, Wash., and Cyndi



Nanna and husband, Charlie, of Whitefish; eight grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

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She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Wyatt T. "Booty," Curtis, Donny, Charles and Billy; and sister, Lillian.

At her request there will be no funeral or memorial service.

The family wishes to thank the staff of The Springs at Whitefish, Dr. John Kalbfleisch and staff of Glacier Medical Associates, staff of North Valley Hospital and staff of Home Options Hospice for their compassionate care of Marge over the past few years.

A donation to the Alzheimer's Association, First Presbyterian Church of Whitefish or a charity of your choice, in lieu of flowers would be appreciated.

Dorothy E. Griffin, 83

Dorothy E. Griffin, 83, of Ronan died at St. Luke Hospital on Tuesday, May 7, 2013.

Grogan Funeral Home of Polson is assisting the family with arrangements.

Eliene Mary Gridley, 96

Eliene Mary Gridley, 96, passed away peacefully Tuesday morning, July 2, 2013, of natural causes at Timber Creek Village, where she had resided for the past year.

Rosary will be said at 7 p.m. Friday, July 12, St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls. Her funeral Mass will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, July 13, at St. Richard's with Father John Miller officiating. In accordance with her wishes, interment will follow at a later date in Highland Cemetery at Havre.

Eliene was born on Sept. 30, 1916, on a homestead in Fresno, Mont., to Nick and Mary (Lammerding) Schend. The family moved to Havre in 1923, and she attended grade school at St. Jude's Catholic School and graduated from Havre High School in 1935.

Eliene worked as a waitress in Havre before marrying Miles L. Gridley in February of 1941. They made their home in Havre, where Miles worked for the Great Northern Railroad prior to his death in 1976.

Eliene was very active in St. Jude's Altar Society and Catholic Daughters of America in Havre, and was a member of St. Richard's Parish in Columbia Falls. Her hobbies included volunteer work, reading, needlework and knitting. She always loved a party and never missed a chance to spend a holiday or special event with her family and friends.

In her younger years, she enjoyed fishing and camping in the Bear Paw Mountains.

Eliene moved from



Havre to Columbia Falls in 2000 to be nearer to her cousin, Ken Ausk, and other family

members, and with their help she was able to maintain her own apartment and live independently until she was almost 95.

"Auntie," as she was known to her family, was always cheerful, kind and patient no matter what life dealt her. She was a terrific cook and baker and was always willing to share her knowledge of gardening, flowers, cooking, canning and the Catholic faith and traditions.

Mrs. Gridley was preceded in death by her husband, parents, and brothers Bernard and Henry.

Survivors include Ken and Phyllis Ausk of Columbia Falls; Ralph, Keni and Taylor Hopkins of Columbia Falls; Tom and Theresa Kolczak of Columbia Falls; Wade and Susan Hodgson of Calgary, Alberta; Brandy Hodgson and family of Didsbury, Alberta; Kyle Hodgson and family of Calgary; David and Colleen Schend and family of Spokane; Janet Fislser and family of Snohomish, Wash.; Frances Sommars of Kalispell; Vince and Toby Allan and family of Columbia Falls; Kathy and Tyrell Lundman of Missoula and New York City; and other family and friends.

To send condolences to the family, please go to www.buffalohillfh.com. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Tilda 'Tillie' Lydia (Ost) Green, 83

Tillie passed away on June 30, 2013, at home, at the age of 83.

Tillie was born in 1930 in Zap, N.D., to Christ and Emma Ost. They moved to Priest River Falls, Idaho, and from there moved to Whitefish, in 1933, after a fire claimed their home in Idaho. Tillie was in a severe motorcycle accident when she was 17 years old, and spent most of her senior year of high school in a hospital in Spokane with numerous broken bones and was in traction for months.

After her return to Whitefish, she met and fell in love with Arthur Green who, at the time, was a boarder at the Ost house while working on Hungry Horse Dam. They later married, on Oct. 29, 1949, at the Episcopal Church in Whitefish. They were happily married for 56 years, until Art's passing in 2005.

Tillie will always be remembered for her amazing ability to cook, especially over an open pit fire for large groups of people. She was a Cub and Girl Scout leader and helped to form many young minds. She had a passion for gardening and took great pride in her flower beds.

She occasionally worked out of the home for various hotels in Whitefish, but her main job, and love, was being a full-time mom to her three wonderful children and their numerous pets. Tillie also helped form the Big Mountain Ski Patrol.



Art and Tillie were blessed once again in their lives in 1970 to acquire a stepson,

Greg Loberg.

Tillie is survived by her two sons, George and Karen of Columbia Falls, and Greg Loberg of Whitefish; and one daughter Renee, and Steve, of Minnesota; six grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren; brothers, Fred Ost and Margie of Whitefish, and Leo Ost of Whitefish; sisters, Ida Grant of Las Vegas, and LaVonna of Washington; sister-in-law, Millie Hansen, of California, and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Arthur Henry Green; parents, Christ and Emma Ost; brothers, Otto, Butch, Orrin and Gene; sisters, Loretta and Laverne; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Art and Tillie's lives will be held at 2 p.m. on Aug. 24, at the Stillwater Free Lutheran Church. The family would like to invite you to a time of fellowship and remembrance at the church immediately following the services. Burial will take place at 6 p.m. at Whitefish Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Stillwater Free Lutheran Church, the Flathead County Animal Shelter, or to your choice.

Esther 'Tyke' Aubert Green, 91

Esther "Tyke" Aubert Green, 91, died on Dec. 4, 2013, at her home in Overton, Nev.

Tyke was born April 15, 1922, in Eureka to Frank and Loretta Costich.

She married George Aubert of Browning on July 23, 1945. They moved to Columbia Falls in 1948 where George taught high school, until 1972. George passed Dec. 18, 1975. They raised their family out on Highway 40 and ran a family business.

Tyke met Larry Green in Whitefish and they married on July 20, 1978. She was part owner of the Hanging Tree Bar. They also ran a restaurant called Larry and Tykes in Whitefish, retiring to Overton.

She is survived by her husband, Larry, at their home; daughters, Lyndell and Cyrus Mace of Overton, Lori and Carl Radabah of Coram, Sylvia and Gary Huguley of Swan Lake, and Teri and Mike Johnson of Happy Valley; and daughter-in-law, Jane Aubert, of Mesa, Ariz. She has 12 grandkids and 14 great-grandkids.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Frances Marie Costich; parents, Frank and Loretta; brother, Tommy; husband, George; and son, Jon Aubert.

We'll miss hearing about their little adventures to Mesquite and her giggling when she'd win.

A memorial service will be held next summer.

Dennis Patrick 'Pat' Greene, 92

Dennis Patrick "Pat" Greene, 92, passed away Thursday, March 28, 2013, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

Pat was born Jan. 22, 1921, to Golden Silver Greene and Martha Whipper, and was raised in Backus, Minn.

Pat served 21 years with the Army Air Force. During World War II, he was stationed with the 357th Fighter group, 364th squadron. He served as crew chief-C5M in Luxembourg, England, from 1942 to 1945.

Pat retired from the military in 1965, then drove school bus in Backus for 20 years. He served as a volunteer for the Backus Fire Department and served as Backus mayor for seven years.

Pat enjoyed fishing in Alaska, and traveling to and from Minnesota for 16 years. He enjoyed bingo, cribbage and card games.

Pat lived in Columbia



Falls with his best friend and longtime caregiver, Gale (Reynolds) Bailey, and his dear canine friend Snoopy.

Pat is survived by his five children, Martha Ann and Jim Huffman of Alaska, Sarah Greene of Massachusetts, Norma Brink of Alaska, Sue Feemster of California and Dennis and Mary Greene of Arizona; grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, and many friends in both Backus and Columbia Falls.

Pat was loved by many, and will be missed by all.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 6, at Columbia Falls Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

William L. 'Bill' Gress, 72

William L. "Bill" Gress, 72, of Twin Falls, Idaho, passed away March 7, 2013, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

He was born on March 17, 1940, in Hardin, the son of William J. and Marie Oliver Gress.

On April 12, 1961, in Helena, Bill married the love of his life, Margie Strickland. Together they owned and operated the Ol' River Bridge Inn in Columbia Falls. He enjoyed playing music and entertaining his patrons. They operated the inn for 25 years, then moved to Lake Havasu City, Ariz., to build the Montana Steak House.

After operating that restaurant for eight years, they transitioned to Twin Falls, opening another Montana Steak House. Together, they operated that until Bill's passing.

Bill enjoyed boating, cooking, fishing and telling stories of his escapades. He never met a stranger and will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him. His passion and gift was his music. He played the rhythm guitar and bass guitar, entertaining many throughout the years. He played in clubs with many country legends such as Merle Haggard,



Ferlin Husky and Ernest Tubbs, to name only a few.

Surviving are his wife of 52 years, Margie; daughters, Jeanne and David Cheff of Columbia Falls.

Jacque Corbett and her companion Jeff Burgett of Twin Falls, and Jari Jo and Kash Nelson of Alberta; son, Robert Gress, of Buhl, Idaho; four grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; sisters, Lilli Ann Martin and Betty Lou Armstrong, and a brother, Benjamin Gress.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Jeannie; and a brother, James.

The family will hold a celebration of life honoring Bill's life from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday, March 11, at his second home, the Montana Steak House in Twin Falls.

In the spring, the family will hold another celebration in Columbia Falls.

Those who wish may share memories and condolences at www.magicvalleyfuneralhome.com.

Mary Byers Greene, 86

Mary Byers Greene passed away Dec. 18, 2013.

She was born on Sept. 18, 1927, to Marguerite (Kelly) Byers and Frederick Byers in Minneapolis.

She received a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Minnesota and master's degree from the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

She was a registered dietitian and worked at Montana State University in Bozeman as a dietitian and instructor, and then in the Fargo, N.D., Public School System as the school lunch director, until her retirement in 1990 when she moved to Somers.

She loved the mountains, wildlife and her dog O'Toole. She was well-known for her ability to organize and throw par-

ties and for her Christmas cookie baking marathons.

Mary was preceded in death by her brother, Patrick Byers.

She is remembered and missed by her sister, Grace Byers; her daughter, August Droege; son-in-law, Michael Droege; grandsons, Daniel and Matthew Droege; and many close friends.

A memorial service will be held at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 4, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Hope Hospice, St. Jude's Children's Hospital or St. Matthew's Parrish.

Please visit www.asw-funeralhome.com to offer the family a condolence or to share a memory of Mary.

Jackson 'Jack' Allen Gregg, 89

Jackson "Jack" Allen Gregg passed away peacefully in his home in Billings on Sunday, June 16, 2013, at the age of 89.

Jack was born April 6, 1924, in Whitefish, to Earl and Lillie Gregg. He graduated from Whitefish High School in 1943.

He served in the European Theatre with the 80th Infantry Division during World War II. He was a recipient of the Purple Heart while serving as a messenger on the front lines in France and Belgium.

Jack married Kathleen Ellis on Oct. 11, 1953, in Whitefish. He retired from work as a telegrapher/clerk for the Burlington Northern/Santa Fe Railway in 1983.

Jack was an avid golfer, who held the nine-hole record at Whitefish Lake Golf Course for many years. He was a devoted fan of the Whitefish Bulldogs and loved to hold babies, especially his grand- and great-grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Kathleen; two sisters, Bonnie Palmquist and Jim of Annandale, Minn., and Marcie Conn and Gordon of Marysville, Wash.; sister-in-law, Margaret Gregg, and Robert, of Spokane, Wash.; four children, Jack-



son "Jack" Gregg and Leona of Helena, Thomas Gregg and Kim of Springfield, Va., Julie Draeger and Dave of Billings, and Holli Miller and

Rod of Billings; 10 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. His latest great-granddaughter was born in Helena the same day he died.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Jim and Robert; sister, Jeanne McKinley; and sister-in-law, Gloria.

A celebration of life will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, June 21, at Peace Lutheran Church in Billings, 1301 Ave. D., Billings, MT 59102. Inurnment will take place at a later date at Whitefish Cemetery.

Memorials can be sent to Peace Lutheran Church or Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish.

Arrangements are by Cremation & Funeral Gallery in Billings. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.cfgbillings.com through "Our Families."

Kenneth M. Grinde, 92

Kenneth M. Grinde, 92, passed away Oct. 8, 2013, at his home in Prineville, Ore. There will not be any services at this time.

Ken was born on Nov. 18, 1920, to Ben Grinde and Ruth Baker in Onamia, Minn.

After high school he served in the U.S. Army during 1942 through 1946 in the Radar and Radio Engineering Division,

Aleutian Islands, Alaska.

After the service, Ken met his wife Cecile R. Rehder and began raising three children while he pursued an ambitious career as an aerospace engineer for Lockheed Martin. He spent nearly 20 years as an electrical engineer, launch coordinator and systems analyst for Mercury, Gemini, Apollo and Titan II projects.



In 1971 the couple moved to Bigfork where

Ken worked as a carpenter and started Grinde Construction in 1974. In 2004, Ken retired to Oregon to be with his daughter Lorna and family.

Ken is survived by his sons, Dan Grinde

of Kalispell and Keith Grinde of Bigfork; daughter, Lorna Grinde, of Prineville; seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Prineville Hospice or Quick Response Unit of Bigfork, through Whispering Pines Funeral Home, 185 NE 4th Street Prineville, OR 97754.

Richard 'Rick' Groves, 56

Richard "Rick" Groves "went to the heavenly Father" on May 5, 2013, after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer.

He was born on Feb. 10, 1957, in Polson to Donald and Alice Groves. Rick was raised on the family farm north of Polson and attended Polson schools.

He married Debra Crevar of Charlo in 1977. They were blessed with a son and a daughter.

Rick had his own grain truck and hauled for many of the area farmers, as well as the family farm. After Debra's death in 1982, he married Lynn Hellyer of Bigfork and went from hauling grain to hauling logs. He later worked with his brother drilling wells for Western Water Works.

After undergoing back surgeries, they moved to Utah, then back to Bigfork. They divorced, and he married Diane Masciullo of Kalispell in 2010.

Rick was hard-working and dependable on whatever job or project he took on. He was willing to help anyone who needed it when he could, and he will be greatly missed.

Rick was preceded in death by his wife, Debra; maternal and paternal grandparents; several aunts and uncles; as well as other members of the



family.

He is survived by his wife, Diane, of Kalispell; son, Joshua, and Lindsey;

daughter, Jessica, and Nate Hansen; stepchildren, Loretta, Dan, Todd, Chris and Shelby; grandchildren, Josiah, Vivienne, Danielle, Aidan and Cadence; parents, Donald and Alice Groves; brother, Forrest "Frosty," and Colleen; sister, Dianne, and Robert Lynn; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

A private burial was held for the family May 9 at Bigfork Community Cemetery, with Bishop Marshall of the Bigfork Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints dedicating the grave, and Bishop Chery of the Kalispell Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints officiating. Family members and friends also shared memories of Rick.

A celebration of life service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 18, at the Kalispell Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Whitefish Stage Road.

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

Theodore A. Groenke, 92

Ted made it until 92, and peacefully "passed on to our Lord" from his winter home in Green Valley, Ariz., on May 23, 2013. Ted was at home with Martha when his heart gave out.

He lived every day of his life following his grand plan. He always had a target and goals for himself and tenaciously pursued them without a ripple of distraction.

He was born in Chicago on Jan. 30, 1921, and went to school in Maywood Park, Ill., graduating two years early from high school with honors. He always wanted to be an athlete in his early days, but was always younger than his peers from excelling through his education. Ted became an excellent senior athlete, aiming again his whole life and reaching his goals.

He attended Depauw University, graduating in 1942 Phi Beta Kappa Gold Key, then enlisted in the Army, serving in 2nd Battalion Headquarters Company 130th Infantry, 33 Division in the South Pacific and lived through his tours.

As was his way to further his appetite for knowledge, he attended Northwestern University Law School, graduating in 1947, but not before meeting his love and one-time-forever companion Martha Jean Gauchat from Canton, Ohio, at a Theta function he was supposed to be attending with her roommate. They fell in love and married in 1947 after graduation.

Ted went to work practicing law in the Loop in Chicago and building the Trail Department for McDermott, Will and Emery an international law firm. Ted could take either side of an argument, or both, and it gave him a gift of seeing good



in every-one he met without prejudice.

Ted had many distinguished achievements in his legal career, including many historical

arguments heard by the Supreme Court of the United States. He retired right on schedule, and according to his grand plan moved out West to Montana because he loved the outdoors. He loved everything from skiing and hiking to just feeding the birds.

Ted is survived by Theodore A. Groenke Jr. "Tad" and wife Jennifer, Frederick J. Groenke "Fritz" and fiancée Dawn Jones, and Hans R. Groenke of Desert Air, Wash., and Bigfork; grandchildren, Kai Groenke and Kate Maetzold of Kalispell and Whitefish, Hans Groenke Jr., Karl Groenke and Kase Groenke of Desert Air, Gretchen Groenke of Durango, Colo., and Barbara Manning of Chicago; and great-grandchildren.

He was preceded by his brother, Jack Groenke, of Huntsville, Ala.; and his mom and dad, Otto and Selma Groenke of Chicago.

Memorial services will be held at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, July 13, at St. Pat's Episcopal Church in Ferndale, with Pastor Louise officiating, and we invite all who knew Ted's good heart to a reception immediately following the service at Mountain Lake Lodge, Woods Bay.

Remembrances are welcome for Flathead Lakers, Inc., P.O. Box 70, Polson, MT 59860, or FlatheadLakers.org.

Patricia 'Trish' Mary Freeman Grotberg, 59

Patricia "Trish" Mary Freeman Grotberg of Hungry Horse "left this world" on July 27, 2013.

She was born in San Diego on July 2, 1954, to Elmer and Virginia Freeman. For the last few decades of her life, Trish struggled with many personal challenges and ultimately died as a result of cancer.

In 1959, Trish and her family moved to Spokane. She attended Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Elementary School, St. Joseph's Catholic Elementary School, and graduated from Holy Names Academy High School in 1972. Trish attended Spokane Community College and Intercollegiate College of Nursing and received her registered nurse degree in 1990.

Throughout her career, Trish worked at Head Start, Sunshine House Retirement and Assisted Living Facility, Convent of the Holy Names and Sacred Heart Hospital. She also worked for the Hungry Horse News for many years, delivering the newspaper all throughout Glacier Park in the summer.

Trish was a caring and creative soul. She sewed, did macrame and made greeting cards for family and friends. She wrote amazing poems and ballads and plays that evoked laughter and tears from those who read them.

Trish treasured her childhood rosary and was always willing to say a rosary for anyone who needed a little extra help. Her favorite novel and movie was "Gone with the Wind" and she was always up for a marathon phone call with one of her siblings. Many of us will remember Trish for her quirky sense of humor and, most of all, as a lively story teller! She regaled us with tales of

past and present, and none were told with more spirit than those about her sons. She was so very proud of Alex and Eric.

Trish was a loving mother, grandmother, daughter, sister, aunt and friend.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her oldest brother Danny, and her nephew Kieran.

Trish is survived by her two sons, Alexander and Eric Grotberg; two grandsons, Maddek Oliver (age 5 years) and Preston Alexander (age 3 months); siblings, Jeanne Malubay and Glenn, residing in Bellevue, Wash.; Mary C. Freeman, residing in Los Angeles; Jerome Freeman and Lita, residing in Williston, N.D.; Elizabeth Freeman, residing in Houston; Martha Agnew and Phil, residing in Spokane; Susan Kennedy, residing in Otis Orchards, Wash.; John Freeman, residing in Chelan, Wash.; Bridget Freeman Wamsley, residing in Spokane; and Ann Freeman, residing in Pullman, Wash.; stepmother, Patricia Freeman, residing in Spokane; as well as numerous nieces and nephews, and great-nieces and -nephews.

"Our hearts are heavy as we say farewell to Trish, and we wish her peace and harmony in her next journey."

As per her request, Trish's ashes will be spread by her sons, in a location of her choice, near her home in Montana.

If you are so inclined, contributions can be made to a charitable organization of your choice in Patricia Freeman Grotberg's name.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for Trish's family. You are invited to www.columbiamortuary.com to view Trish's tribute wall, offer condolences and share memories.

Helen Gryde, 71 Wayne Gryde, 74

On July 9, 2013, "heaven received two angels. Wayne and Helen Gryde were called to be with the Lord."

Helen Marie Keck was born June 9, 1942, to George and Ethel Keck in Kalispell. Later the family moved to Columbia Falls where she attended school with the Class of 1960.

She married her first husband, Darrel Wilson, in Oregon. They had two beautiful children, Darcy Wilson Canestro and Greg Wilson. Darrel was killed in an auto accident, and Helen headed back home to Columbia Falls where she met her husband Wayne Gryde.

Wayne became her husband and a father to Darcy and Greg in 1965. Soon after, their daughter Julie was born.

In 1976, the family moved to Polson where Wayne and Helen lived at the time of their death. She was a member of Polson Community Church, and she loved her church family and all the activities they participated in.

Helen was a wonderful mother, wife, grandmother and friend. She was always the first one up in the morning making sure the family had a hot breakfast to get us started. It was common to find fresh cookies or Rice Krispies snacks waiting for us when we got home from school to get us by until we had our sit-down family dinners that would rival the best of chefs. Dad continued to receive this royal treatment throughout his life.

Mom was a friend to many. She had her girlfriends from Polson who included her golfing buddies, her church friends and the girls from back in the Camp Tuffit days whom she still had lunch with. However, she cherished the time she spent with her sisters and best friends, Linda, Doris and Gert. She was blessed to spend her last day with them.



Evergreen School and graduated from Flathead High School with the Class of 1956. He attended the University of Montana.

He entered the Army in 1957 and served with the 101st Airborne Division and also served a

tour of duty in Straubing, West Germany. He was discharged in 1960.

He began working for the Montana Highway Department in 1960, starting out in engineering and transferred to maintenance in 1963, where he worked on sections at Summit, Columbia Falls, Kalispell, and finally retired as Polson section foreman in 1993.

He was a member of the Polson Community Church, the Elks Lodge and served as president of the Kalispell and Polson Golf Associations.

Our dad was an amazing man who lived a full and interesting life, and we treasured the stories and life lessons he was able to teach us. He would approve of being referred to as "old school." He believed if you said you were going to do something, you did it, and you did it well. If something turned out badly, you should always look to yourself first as the reason you failed.

He was also a firm believer in hard work. Even though he didn't always enjoy the countless hours he spent as a young boy opposite his dad on the cross-cut saw building their home and farm, it was there that he learned about pride and a sense of accomplishment that a hard day's work provided.

Jean Guertin, 86

Jean Guertin, 86, died at Village Health Care Center in Missoula on Jan. 26, 2013.

No services are

planned at this time.

Grogan Funeral Home of Polson has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Donald Eugene Guenther, 62

Donald Eugene Guenther, 62, died Thursday, Sept. 26, 2013, in Kalispell.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Sat-

urday, Oct. 5 at Columbia Mortuary. Urn burial will follow services at Woodlawn Cemetery.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for the family.

Mom loved her grandbabies! She was proud of each and every one in their own way, and dearly missed the ones who lived far away whom she didn't get to see as often. She was her grandchildren's best fan. She rarely missed a sporting event and became quite an accomplished cheerleader and official.

To us kids, she was our rock and our soft spot to land, all in one.

She was preceded in death by her first husband; her parents; her brothers, John and George; and her sister, Ethel.

She is survived by her son, Greg Wilson, and Yolanda; two daughters, Darcy and Ray Canestro, and Julie and Dave Duford; three sisters, Linda and Ed Bucher, Gert and Bob Seliger, and Doris and Scott King; a brother, Robert, and Jean Keck; and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and nieces, nephews and friends.

We feel blessed to have had this amazing woman in our lives.

Wayne Milton Gryde was born July 20, 1938, to Clarence and Ella Gryde in Kalispell. He attended

Dad was also a fierce competitor, whether it be in an Othello game against his young grandchild or a heated match on the golf course. Golf provided him with the competition he loved and the friendships he cherished.

Many will miss his very dry sense of humor and quick wit. He had a favorite saying that we heard many times: "The only bad thing about life is, you won't get out of it alive." We will miss him dearly, but we have too many wonderful memories that will bring a smile once more.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Clarence and Ella Gryde; brother-in-law, Willis Randall; and several treasured aunts and uncles.

He is survived by his three children, Darcy and Ray Canestro, Greg and Yolanda Wilson, and Julie and Dave Duford, his sister, Avis Randall; and many nieces, nephews, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and dear friends.

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

Alfred Lorenzo Guerrero, 80

In loving memory of our father and grandfather, Alfred Lorenzo Guerrero, 80, who passed away Jan. 18, 2013, a kind and generous man devoted to his wife and family.

He was born Sept. 22, 1932. He led an adventurous life, from growing up in Nicaragua to learning various trades.

Al was a lieutenant and detective with the Aurora Police Department in Colorado. He received numerous commendation letters from dignitaries for saving lives.

He served in the Army and Air Force. He loved flying and repairing aircraft, sailing and scuba diving.

His greatest joy was learning the promise from the Bible of a better world ahead. He looked forward to seeing "a paradise earth when the lion



and lamb would be at peace" — Isaiah 11:6.

He devoted his life to serving Jehovah God.

He spent his last years with his wife, Anita, in



Montana.

Al is survived by his son Sean Guerrero, daughter Tina and Marc Milisavljevich, all of Kalispell, and son Armand Guerrero of Colorado; and grandchildren, Caleb, Milana and Angelina.

A gathering for family and friends will be held at 2 p.m. Jan. 26 at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 101 Valley View Court, Kalispell.

Robert H. 'Bob' Guffin, 75

Robert H. "Bob" Guffin passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family on Sept. 1, 2013.

Robert was born Nov. 20, 1937, in Hixton, Wis., to Wilbur and Celesta Guffin. He moved to Montana in 1950, where he attended schools in Brady and Conrad. At an early age, he went to work on the Bob Boucher farm.

He later enlisted in the Montana Air National Guard in 1956. In 1952, he met the love of his life, Nadine Habets. They were married on Nov. 9, 1957, in Conrad.

Bob then went to work at Safeway in Conrad, moving and transferring to Safeway in the Flathead Valley. They have since resided here raising their children, Mark and Shelly. In 1966 he went to work for Wonder Bread, where he worked for 30 years, retiring in 1996.

After retirement, Robert and Nadine spent much of their time traveling and golfing. They spent winters in Arizona, so Robert could spend his time golfing year-round with his buddies both in Kalispell and in Arizona. He was a self-taught carpenter who loved making furniture for his children and grandchildren. He enjoyed making unusual bird houses. He loved to make people laugh, with his stories and endless jokes.



Bob was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife, Nadine; his son, Mark, and wife, Kim, of Kalispell; daughter, Shelly,

and husband, David Goff, of Valier; grandchildren, Shawn Guffin, Amber Franklin, and Kyle Whitehead and wife Trisha, all of Kalispell, and Katelyn Gannon and husband Kaleb of Ipswich, S.D.; nine great-grandchildren; four loving sisters, Bonnie Lane, Connie Vetter and husband Ray, Sandra Hecock and husband Merlin, and Sharon Raemaker and husband Robert; plus numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. today, Sept. 4, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 5, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Interment will be held at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

The family requests donations be made to Home Options Hospice, 275 Corporate Drive, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Mona Lisa Boushie Gulbranson, 55

Mona Lisa Boushie, 55, died Nov. 5, 2013, at her home in Martin City.

She was born July 31, 1958, in Browning to Frank and Mary Jane Boushie.

Mona was raised and lived most of her life in Martin City. She went to California to work for a few years for Atari. She then moved back to Montana and worked for 20 years for Motel 8 in Whitefish.

She was preceded in death by her parents and daughter, Heidi.

Mona is survived by her husband, Russ; two sisters, Chick Boushie



of Martin City and GiGi Talent of North Dakota; one brother, Frank Boushie, of Port

Townsend, Wash.; with many nephews and nieces.

Viewing will be held from 10 a.m. to noon Monday, Nov. 11, at Columbia Falls Mortuary. A rosary will be said at noon, and the service will immediately follow at the mortuary. A celebration of Mona's life will begin at 5 p.m. at the Deerlick Saloon.

Wilbur Owen Gulbranson, 85

Wilbur Owen Gulbranson, 85, died Monday, Oct. 21, 2013, at his home in Columbia Falls following a brief illness.

He was born in Ambrose, N.D., on Jan. 16, 1928, and raised in Colgan, N.D., the son of Hans and Cora (Hocking) Gulbranson. He later moved to Montana where he became a resident. In his later years, he spent his winters in California.

In his early years, Wilbur was a first-class baseball player. After graduating from Crosby in 1945, he attended business school in Minneapolis, University of Grand Forks, Jamestown College, and then finished telegraph school in Spokane. In 1949, he joined the Navy, where he was an electrician's mate second class. After serving with the Navy, Wilbur had the opportunity to join the railroad in Essex. Over the years he was an avid railroad collector.

Wilbur had a passion for music and played lots of instruments including the guitar, trumpet and accordion, and he won numerous ribbons and



awards. He leaves his sons, Charles and Russell Gulbranson; his daughters, Corrine Gulbranson, Karol Knowles and Linda Street; his brother, Wade Gulbranson, his stepdaughters, Patricia Boydson, Linda Taft and Robin Milne; grandchildren; great-grandchildren; and many close friends.

He was preceded in death by his son, Kaare Gulbranson; his wives, Thelma Gulbranson and Jean Robert; and his siblings, Thelma, Fern, Lorriane, Harry, Raymond and Clayton "Buck" Gulbranson.

A funeral service will be held at Columbia Mortuary with private burial at the Woodlawn Cemetery at 11 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 28. A meal will follow at 2 p.m. at the Back Room in Columbia Falls.

Arrangements are entrusted to Columbia Mortuary.

Judith Helen Schneider Gurzynski, 69

Judith H. Gurzynski "left this world" Feb. 2, 2013, from North Valley Hospital in Whitefish, after many years of struggling with heart and lung disease.

Judy was born Sept. 1, 1943, in Butte. She was the second of three children born to Harold and Audrey Schneider. She attended school in Polson and Whitefish and graduated from Ronan High School.

She moved to Vancouver, Wash., in 1978, and later to Portland and Milwaukie, Ore. After more than 20 years working for the electronics firm OECO in Portland, she retired in 2009 and fulfilled her dream of returning to Montana. She spent the remaining years of her life in Whitefish.

Judy will be remembered by many for her

skill at numerous crafts, which she loved bestowing on her friends and family. She enjoyed the outdoors and loved spending time in and on the lake at the family property in Montana.

Judy is survived by her four sons, Fred Greiff and wife Sandy of Reliance, Wyo., Ross Greiff of Whitefish, Julian of Milwaukie and Jesse Gurzynski of Whitefish; and two grandchildren, Breanna Greiff of Reliance and Elijah Gurzynski of Portland. Her brother, Delbert Schneider of Kalispell, and sister, Liane Jett of Whitefish, also survive her.

A private family gathering will take place at a later date. Condolences may be sent to P.O. Box 5541, Whitefish, MT 59937.

Arrangements are entrusted to Austin Funeral Home.