

## Sadatoshi 'Jim' Kajiwara, 91

Sadatoshi "Jim" Kajiwara, 91, died unexpectedly on May 17, 2013, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center from complications of a liver infection.

He was born April 11, 1922, in Nyack. He graduated from Whitefish High School in 1942.

He worked for the Great Northern Railroad until he retired in 1983. He enjoyed his retirement years, traveling, fishing, camping and running his gun shop.

He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Mary; son, John Kajiwara, and wife, Linda; two daughters, Linda Joyce and husband Jack of Fairbanks, Alaska, and Sheree



Kajiwara of San Mateo, Calif.; two sisters, Sumiko Yasukawa of San Jose, Calif., and Miki

Lawson of Seattle; one granddaughter, Jen Joyce, and husband, Brent; three stepgrandchildren, Donald, Traci and Daniel; and five great-grandchildren; plus numerous nieces and nephews.

He will be cremated at Austin Funeral Home. By request, he will not have any service, and the family will have a private memorial for him at a later date.

## Mike Kao, 58

Mike Kao, 58, passed away on May 2, just days after learning he had been living with lung and liver cancer. While his presence will be missed by many, his family is thankful he did not have an extended period of suffering.

Mike was born on Aug. 24, 1954, in Kalispell. As a kid, his family remembers him being the constant joker who was happiest when fishing, especially with his grandpa Fritz. Another favorite pursuit throughout his life was working on engines and spending time in a garage. He graduated from Flathead High School in 1972, and went on to work for Plum Creek for the next 28 years, after which he worked at Western Building Center in Whitefish.

He married Steph Jensen in 1975, and they had two children, Jennifer and David. After a marriage to Lorri, who shared his love of car races, he met and married LaRee in 1999. In LaRee, Mike found a companion who shared his love of camping and being by a campfire; they felt happiest relaxing together at home. His family will miss his phone calls that usually began with, "So what are you making for dinner?"



Mike is known to most as a very quiet and gentle spirit who took great pride in doing all

he could to help others but never lost his desire to poke fun at those he loved. It bothered him deeply if he felt he was hurting or letting anyone down. Mike was a family man. He was there as both his granddaughters Victoria and Isabelle were born, and was always there to celebrate holidays or cheer them on from the bleachers during sports.

"In heaven he is joining his son David, and grandparents Ruth and Fritz Sunde."

He is survived by his wife, LaRee; daughter, Jennifer Watson; stepdaughter, LaChelle Freeland; granddaughters, Victoria and Isabelle; parents, Connie and Glen Kao; sisters, Mitzi Yerkes, Val Kao and Marcie Christensen; and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

A memorial service and bonfire will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday, May 11 at 1575 E. Edgewood Drive in Whitefish.

## Carmen Kreidel Karlberg, 89

Longtime Missoulian Carmen Kreidel Karlberg died at her Flathead Lake home, "Camelot," on Aug. 7, 2013, with her family by her side.

Carmen was born March 14, 1924, to Abe and Esther Kreidel in Ellensburg, Wash. Her early years were spent with her family in Ellensburg. Following high school graduation she attended the University of Washington in Seattle.

During the height of World War II, her father became concerned about public safety in Seattle and forcefully requested she transfer to the University of Montana (formerly Montana State University) where she studied business and was a member of the Alpha Phi sorority. She met her future husband, Karl Karlberg, in a UM accounting class. She returned to the UW, earning a degree in business in 1945, but was smitten and returned to Missoula to be with the love of her life, Karl.

Carmen and Karl were married in Ellensburg on Oct. 20, 1946. They made their home in Missoula, where Carmen was a homemaker and dedicated mother to her two children, Kay and Chris. While raising her children she supported their many activities, including Campfire Girls and Cub Scouts.

Carmen was a warm, gregarious woman who dearly loved her family, friends, dogs and the



Flathead Lake home she built with her husband, Karl. She had a quick wit and a keen eye

for the stock market. Her memorable laugh brought warmth and comfort to all who knew her.

She and her good friend and neighbor, Kay Kress, were instrumental in the development of Whitaker Park in their Farviews neighborhood of Missoula.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Abe and Esther Kreidel; her brother, Sam; and her husband, Karl.

She is survived by her daughter, Kay Karlberg, of Missoula; and son and daughter-in-law, Chris and Debbie Karlberg, and their children and grandchildren of Kalispell; and several nieces and nephews. She also leaves behind her devoted puppy, Maddy.

A reception in Carmen's honor will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. today, Aug. 23, at the Doubletree Hotel in Missoula.

The family requests memorials be made to the University of Montana Foundation-Karl R Karlberg Memorial Scholarship Fund in memory of Carmen Karlberg, P.O. Box 7159, Missoula, MT 59807-7159; or by calling (800) 443-2593.

Messages of condolences may be shared with the family online at [www.gro-ganfuneralhome.com](http://www.gro-ganfuneralhome.com).

## Michael Edwin 'Mike' Kartes, 71

Michael Edwin "Mike" Kartes, 71, died Monday, Sept. 30, 2013, at Health-Center Northwest.

He is survived his companion, Linda Vandehey; and daughters, Lisa Elley

and Amber Kartes. No services are planned at this time.

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

## Janet Kaschke, 78

Janet Kaschke, 78, died at Kalispell Regional Medical Center on Wednesday, May 29, 2013.

She is survived by her husband, Marvin Kaschke.

Visitation will begin at 9 a.m. Monday, June 3, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Polson, with a

funeral service following at 10 a.m. Burial at Lakeview Cemetery in Polson will follow immediately after the service, and a reception will follow at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

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

## Elizabeth 'Betsy' Arcand Kaye, 52

Elizabeth "Betsy" Arcand Kaye "went to be with the Lord" on Dec. 15, 2013, at her home in Bigfork; she was 52 years old.

She was born in Aberdeen, S.D., on Aug. 30, 1961, the daughter of LaVonne and Robert Arend.

Betsy spent her younger years in South Dakota and then moved to Minnesota where she attended the College of St. Benedict, Mankato State University and the University of Minnesota; she obtained her Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology and sociology, and her Master of Arts degree as a rehabilitation counselor.

Betsy married her husband, Joseph Kaye, on April 20, 2002. Soon after, they moved to the Flathead area, residing in Bigfork.

She had been a wellness coach and swim instructor at The Summit for the past six years.

Betsy had many hobbies, almost all of them involving water. Her and Joe's favorite was riding



their Jet Skis on Flathead Lake. She also enjoyed reading, hunting, playing soccer, swim-

ming (even in the winter) and spending time with her kids and pets.

She was preceded in death by her parents, LaVonne and Robert Arend; and her husband, Joseph Kaye.

She is survived by her children, Heather Anderson, Samantha Arcand, Nathan Arcand and Jason Arcand.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home with Pastor Tim Bartholomew of Stillwater Free Lutheran Church officiating.

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

## Leon Samuel Keene, 74

Leon Samuel "Leprechaun" Keene, 74, passed away Dec. 27, 2013, in Kalispell.

Leon was born Feb. 16, 1939, the third of eight children to Leona Margaret Keene and Arlo Thompson Keene in Bozeman. He graduated from Bozeman High School in 1958, where he had been active on the stage crew, DeMolay and Boy Scouts. After graduation, he was groundskeeper at Valley View Golf Course.

He moved to Southern California in the early 1960s, where he became a certified electrician and worked for McDonnell Douglas Aircraft and Central Lighting, and traveled with the Grand Land Singers doing their lighting and sound. He had a part in the movie "Little Cigars," released in 1973, and played the Leprechaun in a movie about mountain men. Leon moved to Cody, Wyo. in the early 1990s where he worked as a side attraction at Buffalo Bill's Museum in his mountain man outfit. He returned to Montana in 1996 where he resided in Whitefish. He was very active in the Mountain Men Rendezvous reenactment. He was known as the Leprechaun and for his homemade jams, jellies and beads he

sold.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father; brother, Harold Arlo "Weird Harold," and sister, Margaret "Peggy" Jean Lindgren.

He is survived by his brothers, Alan Powers Keene of Tulsa, Okla., and Arthur Raymond Keene of Bozeman; sisters, Avis Leona Barnes and Gary of Montrose, Colo., Sharon Helen Teixeira of Newark, Calif., and Sheila Mae Keene-Larsen and George Keene-Larsen of Grass Valley, Calif.; his companion of nine years, Patty Ann Wright of Whitefish; niece, Raymona Keene; and other nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 8 at the Kalispell Senior Apartments, 320 Two Mile Drive, in the community room. A larger celebration will be held this summer, time and place to be determined.

The family requests memorial contributions be made to Art Keene, 802 N. 17th, No. 33, Bozeman, MT 59715, or to the charity of your choice. Friends are encouraged to visit [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com) to leave notes of condolence for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

## Joseph Peter Kaye, 46

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Joe was born Dec. 19, 1966, in San Diego and raised there. He attended school in East County.

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After meeting and marrying his wife Betsy in April of 2002, they decided to leave California and make a life together in Montana, settling in Bigfork near Flathead Lake. Joe was an entrepreneur and managed self-storage businesses that he owned with his partners near Missoula, Kalispell and Polson.

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an opportunity to use his barbecue, even in the Montana winters. Joe's cooking never failed to please and he especially liked steak and lobster.

Joe will be missed by his family and friends here on earth, "but we all have comfort in knowing that he is walking the streets of gold with our Lord."

He was predeceased by his mother, Beverly J. Kaye.

He is survived by his wife, Betsy; four stepchildren, Heather, Samantha, Nathan and Jason; as well as his father, Gerry Kaye, and stepmother, Beverly E. Kaye; brothers, Steve Manis, Chuck Kaye and Sean Kaye; and two sisters, Julie Vaughn and Shelly Allen.

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Thelma Keen, 85, of Crookston, Minn., and formerly of Kalispell, died Thursday afternoon, Oct. 10, 2013, at RiverView Health in Crookston.

Thelma Ruth Flynn was born on June 13, 1928, in Dillon, daughter of John and Leda (Walker) Flynn.

She spent her early years in Dillon and Cottonwood, Idaho. She attended Central and Linderman junior high schools and Flathead County High School in



to Kalispell in 1958, and worked at the Diana Shop as credit manager, with the phone company as a keypunch operator, and then joined Kmart where she worked as a bookkeeper until her

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Kalispell. In 1946, she moved to San Francisco where she worked with Union Oil. She returned

to Kalispell in 1958, and worked at the Diana Shop as credit manager, with the phone company as a keypunch operator, and then joined Kmart where she worked as a bookkeeper until her retirement. In 2001, she joined her daughter in Crookston. Thelma enjoyed solving crossword puzzles, gardening and reading, especially mysteries. She was always ready for a cup of coffee and a good visit with family and friends.

Thelma is survived by her daughter, Kathleen Joyce of Crookston; two grandchildren, Jeremy (JoAnn) Joyce of Crookston, and Stephanie (Jeff) Joyce-Fish of Grand

Forks, N.D.; and five grandchildren, Damien, Jacob, Sean, Adara and Willow.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Leda Flynn; two sisters, Harriet Cottet and Mary Esther Peltier.

Services will be held in Kalispell at a later date.

Stenshoel-Houske in Crookston and Johnson-Gloschat in Kalispell are assisting with arrangements.

## Barry Lynn Kefauver, 65

Barry Lynn Kefauver, 65, passed away at his residence in Kalispell from cancer on April 17, 2013.

Barry was born July 10, 1947, in York, Pa., to Walter and Olive Kefauver. He grew up in Maryland and attended school there.

He worked as a heavy mobile equipment mechanic.

Barry married Nancy Jean May 20, 1980, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. They had been married for 28 years.

He served 26 years in the U.S. Army and was discharged as a sergeant first class (E7) from the Army National Guard.

Barry enjoyed NASCAR, four-wheeling, drinking beer and telling stories of the past.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Walter and Olive Kefauver; wife, Nancy Jean Kefauver; and granddaughter, Aliesha Kefauver.

Barry is survived by his children, son, Kevin Roy, and wife, Beth Kefauver; daughters, Lisa Marie Wells and husband Terry, Lisa Kathleen Pfarr, and



Keli Lynn Kefauver-Powell and husband Thomas Jr.; brothers,

Randy and wife Pat Kefauver, and Ron and wife Sandy Kefauver; sister, Darlene, and husband, Jim Alleger; sisters-in-law, Lynn and Kerby Allers; grandchildren, Chris and Cody Wells, John Pfarr, Leah Kefauver, Jacob Powell and Dillon Kefauver; and many nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 1002, Kalispell, MT 59903.

Celebration of life services will be held at 4 p.m. Monday, April 22, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. A reception will follow at Cornerstone Church.

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

## Keith K. Keil, 87

Keith K. Keil, 87, died Monday, Sept. 2, 2013, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He is survived by his wife, Doris Keil; and their four children, Donald, Becky, Richard and David.

Services are at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 7, at Risen Christ Catholic Church in Kalispell.

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

## Ryan 'Ry Guy' Howard Keith, 29

Ryan "Ry Guy" Keith, 29, passed away on April 23, 2013, at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

He was born in Whitefish on June 9, 1983.

Ryan was an active young man. He loved playing baseball and watching the Red Sox. He also loved hunting, fishing, shooting his guns, snowboarding, riding his motorcycle and playing cards. He was a very hard worker and was good at his job as lead hand on Cyclone 31 for Sudbrink Geological Consultants in North Dakota. He was a "big teddy bear" who loved his family and friends and brought joy to the lives of many. Ryan will be remembered for his love for life and intense ability to make people laugh and have



fun. Ryan will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

He is survived by his mother,

JoAnn Rider; his father, David Keith; girlfriend and partner, BJ Reopelle; grandparents, John and Betty Schurr; Aunts Patti and Chuckie; Uncle Bob; aunts back east; and several cousins, many who called him "Uncle Ryan."

A celebration of Ryan's life will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday, May 13 in the community room at Lone Pine State Park in Kalispell. The family invites all who knew him. It will be a potluck and a sharing in memories of Ryan.

## Edward S. Kelley, 86

Edward S. Kelley, 86, passed away July 15, 2013, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

He was born in Bonners Ferry, Idaho, on June 10, 1927, to Olive E. and Edward E. Kelley. Edward was educated in the Kalispell schools.

At the age of 17 he joined the Navy and was on the USS Missouri battleship, also known as the "Mighty Mo." He witnessed the signing of the Peace Treaty. He was honorably discharged and returned to Kalispell.

He was a construction worker, working on the Hungry Horse Dam, the Aluminum Plant and Ureco Logging and Road Builders.

Edward was preceded in death by his parents; and is survived by his son Robert, and daughters Darlene and Glenda. Also surviving are his five sisters, Joanna



Bitney, Patricia and Bob Higson, Jeanie and Leonard Knutson, Laura and Jack Cave and Ellen Fishel; and several grandchildren, and



nieces and nephews.

We as a family would like to thank the Montana Veterans Home for the wonderful care he had while living there.

A private family graveside service is planned for 10 a.m. Thursday, July 18, at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell.

Arrangements are entrusted to Columbia Mortuary. You are invited to go to [www.columbi-mortuary.com](http://www.columbi-mortuary.com) to offer condolences and to view Edward's tribute wall.

## Wayne L. Kennedy, 72

Wayne L. Kennedy passed away Friday, Sept. 20, 2013.

He was born Nov. 15, 1940, in Rapid City, S.D., to Lyle and Elma Kennedy, the first of four children.

Wayne served in the Navy aboard the USS St. Paul from 1958 to 1969.

In 1962, Wayne married Iris Graham. They had two children, Wayne Jr. and Cindy. They later divorced. He married Deanna Cole Aug. 7, 1967. They had three children, Micheal, Rocky and Michelle.

In Wayne's early years he worked road construction. In 1976 the family moved to Coram. Wayne worked for Glacier National Park rescue crew and for the Montana State Highway Department as a surveyor. In 1980 he went to work for



the Sur Transport and Mayflower. Wayne also served as

the chief of Coram's Volunteer Fire Department.

Wayne is survived by his wife, Deanna; son, Wayne Jr.; daughter, Cindy and Doug Walters, of Casper, Wyo.; son, Mike and Charlene Kennedy, of Joplin; daughter, Michelle Albin, of Columbia Falls; brother, Ron and Joan Kennedy; sister, Judy Davis; grandchildren, Ashley, Jarrell, Kassie, Amanda, Russell and Jason; and great-grandchildren, Ethan and Destiny.

Wayne was preceded in death by his son, Rocky; grandson, Mikie; and brother, Larry.

A memorial service will be announced at a later date.

## Iva Marjorie Kephart, 91

Iva Marjorie Kephart, 91, passed away peacefully Thursday, July 11, 2013, in Helena.

She was born Aug. 25, 1921, in Falls City, Texas, to Elmo J. and Iva B. Schulz, and was known as Marjorie for most of her life.

Marjorie attended Our Lady of the Lake College in San Antonio, Texas, from 1940 to 1941. The family moved to Roswell, N.M., in the early 1940s where her father worked in the physical plant services of Roswell Army Air Field.

Marjorie was a clerk at Roswell Army Air Field during World War II where she met Lester H. Kephart, who was serving as a maintenance specialist on B-17 and B-29 aircraft. They were married July 26, 1944, in Santa Fe, N.M. Marjorie and Lester witnessed the explosion of the Trinity atomic bomb in 1945 while they were driving home from a trip to Las Cruces, N.M.

They moved to Tucson, Ariz., after the war where Lester worked in manual arts therapy at the Veterans Administration Hospital. Marjorie enrolled in courses at the University of Arizona during that time. She received a novice radio operator's license in November 1952 with the call sign of WN7-STW.

Beginning in the late 1950s, the family made frequent trips to Montana's Flathead Valley and Glacier National Park. Lester and Marjorie acquired property inside Glacier Park near Huckleberry Mountain, and in 1965 they purchased 80 acres in the Mountain Brook community 15 miles east of Kalispell. The family permanently moved to their Mountain



Brook home in August 1969.

Marjorie was a homemaker nearly all of her life, but

also sold Shaklee products during the 1960s and '70s. She was active in the Disabled American Veterans auxiliary during the 1970s and 80s. Marjorie lived in Mountain Brook until 1998 and then moved to Helena. She resided at Rocky Mountain Care Center in Helena from 2005 until her death.

Marjorie was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Lester (Feb. 2, 1972); her brother, Elmo R. Schulz (killed in action during World War II Dec. 20, 1944); and her sister, Mary.

She is survived by her sister, Mildred Allen, of Campo, Calif.; daughter, Susan Harralson, of Quitman, Ark.; son, Kenneth, and Diane Kephart, of Billings; son, Kevin, and Lucy Kephart, of Brookings, S.D.; and daughter, Leslie, and Jay Pierson, of Havre. Marjorie has eight grandchildren, Sara and Jason Kephart (parents Kenneth and Diane); Josephine, Natalie, Jonathan, and Abigail Kephart (parents Kevin and Lucy); and Jill and Nikki Pierson (parents Jay and Leslie).

A family gathering to celebrate Marjorie's life will be held this autumn when her ashes will be interred at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

Condolences and memories can be shared by visit [www.retzfurneralhome.com](http://www.retzfurneralhome.com) or by writing to Leslie Pierson, 700 17th St., Havre, MT 59501 (email [llprsn@optimum.net](mailto:llprsn@optimum.net)).

## MEMORIALS

### Wayne L. Kennedy

A memorial service for Wayne L. Kennedy, 72, who died Sept. 20, will be at 4 p.m. Monday, Sept. 30, at St. Richard's Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

A reception will follow immediately afterward at the home of Michelle Albin, 1550 Monte Vista Dr., in Columbia Falls. Call 314-0518 for directions.

### Laurence Kenmille, 28

Laurence Kenmille, 28, died in Lake County on May 25, 2013.

A wake began on Wednesday, May 29. A rosary will be said at 8 p.m. today, May 30 at the Elmo Hall in Elmo. Funeral services will be

at 10 a.m. Friday, May 31 at the Elmo Hall. Burial will follow immediately at Dayton Cemetery, with the Rev. Miroslaw Szynal officiating.

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

## Rosalie Ann Keys, 65

Rosalie Ann Keys, 65, of Columbia Falls, "fell asleep in death" on April 21, 2013, "and is awaiting resurrection."

Rosalie was born Feb. 21, 1948, in Pendleton, Ore., daughter of Wallace and June Catron, and a sister to three siblings.

Rosalie is survived by her loving husband of 50 years, Garry Charles Keys; her mother, June; her four children, Scott Keys, Curtis Keys, Robin Campbell and Stephanie Piland; as well as 15 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren; and her best friend, Norma.

Rosalie grew up in White Salmon, Wash. She was a bright and beautiful young girl. Not far from her home in White Salmon, in Klickitat, Wash., she met the love of her life, Garry. They fell in love almost instantly and were crazy about each other. They united in marriage on May 18, 1963, just a few months after meeting. Rosalie was loved, cherished and cared for dearly by her devoted husband, Garry, throughout their life together. To him, she is still the most beautiful girl in world.

Rosalie had many enjoyments and hobbies, including quilting, crocheting, being out and about, fishing and occasionally hunting, only

with her husband, Garry.

She loved being a "Granny" very much, and had a deep and tender love for each one of her grandchildren. She also had a profound love and compassion for animals and would often volunteer at the animal shelter.

Rosalie had a true regard for others and their feelings and needs. She was a devoted member of the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses church in Columbia Falls. She never missed an opportunity to serve and help others. She loved and worshiped Jehovah with all of her heart. She was truly a kind, loving and extremely giving person. She was always positive and upbeat, and fun to be around.

Rosalie was a wonderful and devoted wife, mother and grandmother. She will forever be remembered and missed by all of her family and loved ones.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 27, at the Kingdom Hall in Columbia Falls. A reception will follow at Freedom Bank at 530 Ninth St. W., Columbia Falls.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for Rosalie's family. You are invited to go to [www.columbiamortuary.com](http://www.columbiamortuary.com) to offer condolences and to view Rosalie's tribute wall.

## Richard Curtis Kidwell, 86

Richard "Dick" Curtis Kidwell, 86, passed away on May 19, 2013, at the Columbia Falls Veterans Home after a courageous battle with Alzheimer's disease.

Richard was born on April 4, 1927, the youngest of seven children, to Johnson Kidwell and Rosalie Coldwell in Hughesville, Mo. Dick attended school in Hughesville. At the age of 17, Dick joined the U.S. Navy. Dick served on board a "Landing Ship, Tank" (LST) in the South Pacific Theater and was part of the Battle of Tinian during World War II.

After leaving the Navy, he moved to Kansas City, Kan., where he found a job working for Boeing Aircraft Company.

Dick had an adventurous spirit so he made his way to Proctor, where he met his first wife, Elsie Viola Learn. They were married until her death in 1979. He then married Donna Marie Brown Galloway, and they were together until her death in 2010. Dick worked many different occupations while in the Flathead Valley. One of his first jobs after arriving in Kalispell was as a gas station attendant/mechanic. Dick soon found his passion for working in the woods and worked as a sawyer, woods boss,



and had his own logging business. After retiring from the timber industry, he worked for several years at Walmart in the garden center.

Dick was instrumental in starting the Fraternal Order of Eagles (4081) in Columbia Falls. He was an officer in the club and held nearly every position, including its president. Dick was a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Richard was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Alvin; and sisters, Wilma, Ethel and Hazel.

He is survived by his two older sisters, Estelline and Daisy, who reside in Missouri. Richard has numerous nephews and nieces in Oregon, Wyoming and Missouri. Richard also has six stepchildren from his marriage to Donna Brown Kidwell. They include Larry Lessor, Dixeen Cornell, Ray Galloway, Dale Galloway, Valorie Galloway and Cheryl Moran.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, June 22, at Fairview Cemetery on Middle Road.

## Delores Joyce King, 79

Delores Joyce King, 79, died Dec. 29, 2013, at Lake View Care Center in Bigfork.

She is survived by her two sons, Thomas King

and Richard King.

A memorial service is not planned at this time.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for the family.

## Frederick O. King, 91

Frederick O. King, 91, a long-time Eureka resident, died Thursday, Jan. 26, 2012, at Health Care Northwest in Kalispell, from natural causes.

He was born Dec. 25, 1920, in Liverpool, England, to Percy and Alice Forman King. Fred grew up in Eureka and attended school at the Pinkham Creek School House. At a very early age he went to work in the woods using a cross-cut saw.

Fred was a very successful entrepreneur. He built many roads for Plum Creek Timber Company, American Timber and Kasanka. He worked with Paola to help build the railroad to Trego, Fortine and Eureka.

He had a keen eye for spotting the straightest trees to be used for telephone poles. He was willing to hire and train anyone who needed a job. At one time his company employed as many as 80 people. He was named Logger of the Year. He also served

as the vice president of the Banking Committee for the First Bank of Eureka. He and a companion were invited to compete in the Olympics as cross cut sawing competitors. He enjoyed flying, fishing and hunting. Fred is at peace "and the elk can breathe a sigh of relief."

He was preceded in death by his wife of over 50 years, Beulah; and two sisters, Kathryn and Mabel.

Survivors include his son, Stan King, and wife Kathi, of Great Falls; granddaughter Kristina King; two great-grandchildren, Korrean and Meridian; and a sister, Ellen Littigi, of East Moline, Ill.

Services will be Monday, Jan. 30, 2012, at 1 p.m. at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Eureka. Visitation will be from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Jan. 30 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church. Local arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Eureka.

## Mary Lucille King, 90

Mary Lucille King, 90, passed away July 5, 2013, at her home in Plains.

She was born Nov. 30, 1922, in Whitefish, to Ralph and Helen Payne.

She married to Wallace "Jim" King in 1945, and they were married for 40 years. She had one son, William "Billy" King.

She lived in Havre for many years, and also in Whitefish. She spent her remaining years with her sister and brother-in-law in Plains.

Mary belonged to the Northwest Montana Accordion Association. She loved to dance and pick huckleberries, until her strength wouldn't allow it. Mary enjoyed watching reruns of "Hee Haw" and "The Lawrence Welk

Show" and never missed "Jeopardy," "Wheel of Fortune" and the news.

She was preceded in death by her husband and son; sisters, Dot Smith and Jean Elam; and brother, Bob Payne.

Mary is survived by her brother, Ed Payne, and his wife, Pat, of Whitefish; sister, Carol Diesen, and her husband, Harlan, of Plains; five grandchildren of Washington; and many great-grandkids, nephews, nieces, and several special cousins and friends.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, July 11, at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell.

Sunset Hills Funeral Homes have been entrusted with the arrangements.

## Helen Elaine (Thompson) Kingsbury, 63

Helen Elaine (Thompson) Kingsbury, 63, passed away surrounded by her family on Dec. 25, 2013, after a lengthy and courageous battle with cancer.

Helen was born to Charles and Mary (McDevitt) Thompson in Butte on Aug. 24, 1950. She attended school in Butte and graduated from Butte High School in 1969.

She married Henry "Pete" Kingsbury on May 18, 1975, in Butte, where they proudly resided, until they moved to Columbia Falls in 1979 to raise their family.

Helen enjoyed spending her free time camping, rafting, four-wheeling, painting and sculpting. Her greatest enjoyments were sunsets on the beach in Hawaii and spending quality time with her grandchildren.

Helen will be remembered for many things, but mostly her overwhelming generosity



toward her family, friends and community.

She was preceded in death by her father,

Charles; mother, Mary; and brothers, Joey and Chucky.

She is survived by her husband, Henry "Pete"; sister, Mary Esther, of Anaconda; brother, Bob, of Columbia Falls; her three children, Tonja Wiegand of Yorktown Heights, N.Y., Brandi Cotner of Boise, Idaho, and Brian Kingsbury of Columbia Falls; and eight grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

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



## Edward Morine Klimowicz, 70

Edward Morine Klimowicz, 70, passed away Feb. 17, 2013, in Kalispell, due to leukemia.

He was born June 16, 1942, in Taber, Alberta, and was raised in Canada and California. He attended schools in Canada and, after taking a locksmithing course, completed his high school education in California.

Edward served in the U.S. Air Force from 1966 to 1970 as an aircraft propeller repairman and engine mechanic.

Ed received his journeyman certificate in September 1993 in Alberta. He was self-employed as a locksmith and owner of Gemko Lock & Key in Calgary. He sold the business to move to Montana and then continued to work primarily as a self-employed locksmith as Gemko Lock & Key.

Ed married DeAnna VanLancker in 2002 in Kalispell. They had been married for 10 years until his passing.

His hobbies and interests included kayaking, hiking, camping, square dancing and Davidic dancing and cross-country skiing. He could build anything, from greenhouses



to putting together solar panel systems.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Victor and Francis Klimowicz; and sister, Cecilia Klimowicz.

Edward is survived by his wife, DeAnna Klimowicz; children, Lawrence, Verna and JoAnne (Klimowicz) Asza Avatare; stepchildren, William Holmes III of California, Michael VanLancker of Kalispell and Robin Ann Ferren of Kalispell; his siblings, Joseph Klimowicz, Elizabeth Feluch, and Paul Klimowicz and wife, Denise Klimowicz; and grandchildren, Daphne J. Klimowicz, Zehn A. Klimowicz and Adonai A. Avatare.

A celebration of life was held Feb. 23 with the Congregation of BSY at the Methodist church in Columbia Falls. Burial took place Feb. 28 at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society.

## Peter V. Klinke Jr., 92

Peter V. Klinke Jr. passed away peacefully at Home Sweet Home in Eureka on Dec. 21, 2012. Family and friends were at his side.

Pete was born July 17, 1920, in Fortine to Peter V. Klinke Sr. and Petronella (Zeller) Klinke. He had four older siblings, Louis, Thelma, Esther and Helen. He grew up in Fortine and Crystal Lake where his parents owned and operated the first fish hatchery in the Tobacco Valley area.

Pete attended grade school in Fortine and graduated from Lincoln County High School in Eureka in 1937, then attended Eastern Washington University for one semester until his parents were in an auto accident. He then returned home to help out at the fish hatchery.

Pete spent summers on a Forest Service fire lookout until enlisting in the Army Air Corps in 1941. He served as a turret gunner and flight engineer in Europe and North Africa during World War II.

While on a mission over Italy, his B-26 bomber was hit by anti-aircraft and set on fire. The crew had to bail out over enemy territory. All survived and were hidden by an Italian family for a week, at which time the crew was put in contact with an American infantry patrol who took them to a safe area. He was always grateful to the Italian family for the risk they had taken for total strangers. He spoke of it often.

Upon returning to the U.S., he was stationed at Fort Myers, Fla., as a gunnery instructor. Pete was very proud of his military service and spoke often of his many experiences.



went into partnership with his father in the Eureka Commercial, a dry goods and clothing store. After the Commercial was sold, Pete went into the Christmas tree business full time.

Pete and his family developed land into a thriving Christmas tree business named Klinke's Christmas Trees. He also manufactured wooden Christmas tree stands that were shipped with the trees throughout the U.S. and Canada. The business operated a retail lot in Santa Barbara, Calif., for 20-plus years.

Throughout his life he also found time to volunteer with the local ambulance and firefighter crews, serve on the school board, and hold offices with the state and national Christmas tree associations.

After selling the Christmas tree business, Pete and June traveled extensively, including Alaska, Hawaii, Canada, Mexico, Portugal and New Zealand. He enjoyed fishing and made numerous trips to Alaska for some deep-sea fishing.

Saddened by the loss of his wife of 50 years in 1995, Pete became an active member of VFW Post 6786. He was honored to be elected commander.

Pete also took great pleasure in feeding and watching the many birds at his feeders and tending to his flowers and lawn, and especially having beers with friends.

Pete is survived by his daughter, Janis Neuman, of Eureka; granddaughter, Robyn, and Michael Large, of Perth, Australia; grandson, Derek Clark, of Eureka; stepgrandsons, Matt Neuman of Havre, and Bryan and Jessica Neuman of Missoula; stepgranddaughter, Karin, and Brett Woolard, of Aurora, Colo.; great-grandchildren, Ashlee, Kaden, Mikayla, Kassandra, Keegan, Madison,

Ellia, Pressley and Sebastian; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Family and friends will miss him for the huge impact he had on their lives, his stories, and his offbeat sense of humor.

A military memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 24, at Tobacco Valley Cemetery.

Arrangements were by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home of Libby and Eureka.

Pete boarded his last airplane flight a few months prior to his 90th birthday, flying to Australia to walk his granddaughter down the aisle at her wedding.

Pete was preceded in death by his parents, Peter V. Sr. and Nellie; his wife, June; son, Craig Klinke; grandson, Damon Clark, brother, Louis Klinke, sisters, Thelma Mace, Esther Oertel and Helen Gilden; former son-in-law, Dan Neuman; and grandson-in-law, Mark Holder.

While on leave in 1943, he married June Scouten on Dec. 24. Upon his discharge in 1945, they returned to Eureka where his daughter Janis was born. In 1946, they moved to Libby where Pete served as a depot operator with the railroad for three years. They returned to Eureka in 1950 where he managed a grocery store for two years. During this time his son Craig was born.

In the early 1950s, Pete

## Cleo Darlene Knauss, 95

Cleo Darlene Knauss passed away Jan. 15, 2013, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell, at the age of 95, where since 2006 she was so lovingly cared for by the staff. Though her eyesight and hearing diminished, she always retained her beautiful sense of humor and upbeat attitude.

Born in Craig, Neb., on April 18, 1917, the beloved only child of L.G. and Pearl Hamilton, she grew up and finished college in Omaha, Neb.

She and her husband moved to Lakeside in 1955 to live near her parents during their retirement years.

An avid homemaker, golfer and bridge player, Cleo enjoyed life to the fullest, spending many winters at her home in Mesa, Ariz.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and three husbands, Bob



Keeley, Rusty Larcombe, and Sam Knauss.

Surviving Cleo locally is her cousin, Sue

Gwaltney and her family, Jim and Linda Norvell and Ron and Sheila Winger of Somers, and Kelly and Misty Lane of Nampa, Idaho. She is also survived by her dearest and closest friend, Eva Norvell Brundige, also of Somers.

Cleo loved her Lord, children, and all dogs.

She would be honored by contributions made to Hospice of Kalispell, Lakeside Chapel, Shriners Children's Hospital or the Flathead Animal Shelter.

Her resting place will be beside her parents at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery, with a memorial gathering to be held at a later date in the spring.

## Shirley Ann Knight, 61

Shirley Ann Knight, 61, of Hungry Horse, passed away Sunday, Jan. 13, 2013.

Shirley was born to William and Edith (Jones) Estes, March 1, 1951, in Casper, Wyo. She was the second of six children.

Shirley married the love of her life, Bobby Ray Knight, after being together for 45 years. They had four children Regina, Ryan, Nicholas and Cindy.

Shirley enjoyed bingo, camping, traveling, family and, most of all, her grandchildren. Shirley was the most caring person in the world; her door was always open to all and her motto was "if I can, I will."

Mom always wanted to go to the big bingo in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, but luck was not on her side. Mom got lung cancer and passed away a month later.

"Mom, we love you so much. You were the most beautiful person inside and out. We will never forget that. You have taught us to be the best that we can. We hated to let you go, but we have comfort of knowing that you are back with the love of your life, Dad.

We will see you on the other side, Mom."

Shirley was preceded in death by her husband, Bob; father, William; sister, Sharon; and best friends of a lifetime, Dennis Young and Darlene Knight.

Shirley is survived by her children, daughter Regina, grandchildren



Bobbie and husband Nathan, great-grandchildren Isaac and Breanne and unborn child, Ter-

ance and wife Jessica and great-grandchildren Boston and Blake; son Ryan, Shiree and grandchildren Kalynn, Mariah and Bryan; son Nicholas, grandchildren Nicholas, Hunter and Trenton; daughter Cindy, Roddy and grandson Clay; daughter Jolene, grandchildren Cheyenne and Derek; her mother Edith; and brother Jim, and nieces Sabrina and Lisa; sister Carol, nephews Marco Torres and Jerry Hilton; sister Judy, niece Janelle, nephew Brett; brother Carl and wife Charlene and niece Carly; brother-in-law, Donald Knight; and numerous nieces and nephews; and great friends, Dan and Chris Catron, Nolan and Echo, Justin, Teka and Megan.

A visitation will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 18, at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 19, at Columbia Mortuary, with burial to follow at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

Arrangements are entrusted to Columbia Mortuary. You are invited to go to [www.columbi-mortuary.com](http://www.columbi-mortuary.com) to offer condolences and view Shirley's tribute wall.

## Shirley A. Moskaloff-Knight, 61

Shirley A. Moskaloff-Knight, 61, died Sunday, Jan. 13, 2013, in Kalispell.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 19, at Columbia Mortuary.

Viewing will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 18, at Columbia Mortuary. Burial will follow services Saturday at Woodlawn Cemetery.

## Phyllis Margaret Knoll, 83

Phyllis Margaret Knoll, 83, passed away on Monday, Nov. 11, 2013, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She was born March 31, 1930, in Helena.

Phyllis graduated from Flathead County High School and recently celebrated her class's 60th reunion. She later took some business classes at Flathead Valley Community College.

Phyllis met Vernon at Bud Lake's horse sale and they later married. They had been married for nearly 65 years. She was a mother of four children, farm wife, and could be seen at times driving the combine at harvest. She also worked at Kalispell Mercantile and at its closure she opened her own business, The Lingerie Place, on Main Street Kalispell.

She loves her horses, dogs, cooking, sewing, gardening and being a homemaker. She loved her backcountry horse trips. Phyllis' love of horses began with her and her cousins racing trains on horseback. Her first horse Fleda was ridden in the parade on Main Street. She served as secretary of the Saddle Club and was a member of Montford



Maidens Home EC Club.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one sister.

Phyllis is survived by her husband, Vernon; son, David, and wife Irene; son, James; son, Steven, and wife Tricia, and their children, Travis, Avery and Ashley; and her daughter, Paula. Relatives include Sylvia, Mary Pat, Lola May, Lois, and many other nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends of the family.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 12:10 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 14, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church. Interment will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made in Phyllis' honor to any animal shelter of your choice.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for Phyllis' family. You are invited to go to [www.jgf-neralhome.com](http://www.jgf-neralhome.com) to view Phyllis' guest book, offer condolences and share memories.

## William Fredrick Knuppel Jr., 93

William Fredrick Knuppel Jr., 93, of Big Arm, died at his home Sunday, April 21, 2013.

He is survived by his

wife, Mildred.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, April 26, at Grogan Funeral Home.

## Leonard Knutson, 85

Leonard Knutson, 85, noted builder and long-time resident of Columbia Falls, passed away on Friday, Nov. 15, 2013.

Leonard was born in Cooperstown, N.D., on March 10, 1928, to Stark and Serena Knutson. After spending his childhood in Hannaford, N.D., the family moved to Anaconda where Leonard graduated from high school.

He enlisted in the Navy and was in China by age 17, sparking a lifelong interest in travel, which included trips across the United States as well as solo travel to places as varied as Costa Rica and New Zealand.

Arriving in the Flathead to work on Hungry Horse Dam, he met his wife, Roberta Schmidt, and began his long career in construction. Leonard built hundreds of private residences throughout Columbia Falls and surrounding communities and was responsible for such notable local structures as the Plum Creek Lumber Co. offices and the Glacier Bank building on Nucleus Avenue. His final project, a home for his then-new bride, Jeanie, was completed at age 79.

An active member of the community, Leonard served as a Columbia Falls city councilman, president of the Columbia



Falls Chapter of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and, as leader of the Wildcat Booster Club, was instrumental in the purchase and installation of

many improvements at the high school track and football field. He also headed the drive to build a new sanctuary for Our Savior's Lutheran Church and was a member of the Sons of Norway and the Columbia Falls Masonic Lodge.

He is survived by his wife, Jeanie; sisters, Edith and Irene; sons, Jerry and Wayne; and grandsons, VJ and Alexander.

A visitation will be held from noon to 5 p.m. today, Nov. 19, at Columbia Mortuary.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 20, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Burial will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery. A luncheon will then be served at Our Savior's.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for Leonard's family. You are invited to go to [www.columbiamortuary.com](http://www.columbiamortuary.com) to view Leonard's tribute wall, offer condolences and share memories.

## Carol Kocar, 67

Carol Kocar, "went home to be with the Lord" March 4, 2013.

Carol was born Aug. 22, 1945, in Havre, the daughter of Jerry and Bessie Kocar.

She moved to Kalispell as a very young woman and became a mother to her daughters, Carol Lou and Rachel.

Her gentle and loving nature made her a perfect fit at the Immanuel Lutheran Home where she worked as a certified nurses assistant.

Carol was a wonderful, kind and loving person. Everyone who met her loved to be around her. With her upbeat personality, she never let anything get her down. Even through her battle with cancer, she held on to her infectious smile and spunky attitude.

She was an amazing



grandmother to her grandchildren, and she also volunteered at the Head Start as a foster

grandparent.

She is survived by her daughters, Rachel Matt and husband Jason and children, Tyrion, Nakiyah and Kayne; and Carol Lou Hamble and husband Chris and children, Christina, Christopher, James and Katrina; her sisters, Bertha, and Bess and Lyle; also many other family, friends and loved ones.

The family wishes to invite all to a celebration of life at 2 p.m. Monday, March 18, at the Shining Mountains Center, 475 Eighth Ave. EN, in Kalispell.

## Frederick Daniel Koenig, 85

Frederick Daniel Koenig, 85, of Mount Pleasant, Mich., passed away on Saturday, May 11, 2013.

Fred was born Jan. 8, 1928, in Kalispell to William and Wanda Koenig.

He married Frances Marie Becker on Aug. 18, 1962, who preceded him in death in 2000. Fred was also preceded in death by his parents; brother, Robert; and sister, Evelyn McKinley.

Fred completed his undergraduate work in physics at the University of Montana, Missoula, and earned master's degrees from Oregon State University and Michigan State University. His career included teaching mathematics, physics, chemistry and biology at the high school and collegiate levels in Montana, Alaska, Oregon and Michigan at institutions of higher learning that included Concordia College, River Forest, Ill.; Oklahoma State University, Stillwater; Northern Illinois University, Dekalb; and General Motors Institute, Flint, Mich.

After moving to Mount Pleasant in 1974, Fred worked in the industrial uniform and retail hardware businesses and retired in 1984. Fred was a Sunday school teacher, served 10 years as the service coordinator for Community Cancer Services and held many offices within his church.



Sept. 21, 2003, Fred married Betty Jean Funnell of Mount Pleasant. In this marriage,

Fred's family grew with the addition of five children and their partners, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Fred is survived by his wife, Betty Jean; his brother, Herbert and Vonie of Kalispell; and many nieces and nephews.

The funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 15, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Mount Pleasant, where he has been an active member for many years. Pastor Dana Hendershot will be officiating, and interment will follow in Memorial Gardens Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. and from 6 to 8 p.m. today, May 14, at Clark Family Funeral Chapel in Mount Pleasant. Visitation will continue the day of the service at the church from 10 a.m. until the time of service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the charity of choice.

You may view Fred's obituary online and send condolences to the family, light a memorial candle or place a memorial donation at [www.clarkfuneralchapel.com](http://www.clarkfuneralchapel.com).

Duge and Joan were the proud parents of two sons and one daughter. He was also blessed with eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He defined his riches in life by the relationships he had with all of his family and friends. He was a man of great integrity and character and always lived by the highest of moral standards.

Duge enjoyed beating

A memorial service will be held in Polson at a later date.

Memorials may be made to the First Presbyterian Church of Polson, 301 4th Ave. E. Polson, MT 59860; or a charity of the donor's choice.

Messages of condolences may be shared with the family online at [www.groganfuneralhome.com](http://www.groganfuneralhome.com).

## Eugene 'Duge' Koon, 83

Eugene "Duge" Koon, 83, of Polson, surrounded by his loving family, died on Wednesday, Aug. 15, 2013, at St. Joseph Medical Center, of natural causes.

He was born on June 26, 1930, in Malta to Russell and Helen Koon. He attended high school in Glasgow where he played football and was a star of the basketball team. Sports writers in the state referred to him as the "stocky, bespectacled warrior." His senior year he moved to Missoula where he played varsity basketball at Missoula County High, making All State that year. Following graduation, he attended the University of Montana and remained an avid Grizzly fan for the rest of his life.

In 1949, Duge married his high school sweetheart, Joan Sharkey, in Glasgow. Theirs was a love that knows no end and they often remarked that even a lifetime would not be long enough. They were the truest of soul mates. They lived in Kalispell, Missoula, Anaconda and Boise, Idaho, location of the first out-of-state super store, as Duge advanced in his career with Buttrey Foods. The family eventually settled in Great Falls when he was made vice president of sales and merchandising for the Buttrey Company, where he had a 32-year career. He had the admiration and respect of everyone he worked with through the years.

Following his retirement, Duge and Joan lived in Bigfork for 10 years and then moved to Polson to be nearer family and where they have resided until his death.



his sons, son-in-law and colleagues in tennis, golf and one-on-one basketball.

He also enjoyed playing bridge and was an avid sports fan and an enthusiastic golfer who made his hole-in-one after he had lost most of his sight. He won two championships at Eagle Bend during his years living in Bigfork.

Duge was a faithful member of Congregational and Presbyterian churches in the communities in which he lived. He served on various boards and as a greeter and taking up the offering, and continued with this despite the difficulties he experienced with the loss of his sight.

In the past few years it was necessary for Duge to have caregivers in order for him to remain at home. He was blessed to be cared for first and foremost by his devoted and loving wife, Joan, his daughter Debbie, and his sons when they were able to be here. He also had wonderful care from Luella Bushar, Jean Smith and Judy Sloan. The family is grateful for the kind and compassionate care provided to Duge.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Joan Koon; son, Ron, and Cathy, of Atlanta; daughter, Debbie, and Jim Ofstad, of Polson; and son, Dave, and Jeannine, of Kent, Wash.; grandchildren include Adam and Noah Koon, Tyler, Nathan and Andrew Ofstad, Marissa, Kyle and Jalen Koon; and great-grandchildren, Aiden Ofstad and Fiona Koon. He is also survived by one brother, Jerry, and Barb Koon, of Sun River, Ore.

## Bertha Mae Korolog, 89

Bertha Mae Korolog of Bigfork passed away on Sept. 28, 2013.

She was born Birdie May Harris on Feb. 14, 1924, to the late Vera and Everett Harris of Decherd, Tenn.

Bertha left Tennessee when she was 18 and lived in New Orleans with her brother JC, prior to moving to Delaware to be with her sister, Mildred. She worked as a "Rosie the Riveter" at Atlantic Aviation and that is where she met Harry. She married Harry Korolog in Wilmington, Del., in 1946 and had three children, George, James and Patricia.

She worked as a billing supervisor at Wilmington Medical Center until her retirement.

Bertha was a strong supporter of Alcoholics Anonymous and she always spoke out for the underdog. She loved traveling and took her husband on many vacations he would not have experienced otherwise. She also loved gardening with her son Jim at her side. Before she lost her vision she was an avid reader and loved learning



about history. After retiring she spent many hours volunteering.

She lived in Delaware

with Harry until May of 2012 when they moved to Montana to be with their daughter. It was here Bertha experienced her first true camping adventure.

She is survived by her loving husband, Harry; her children, George, Jim and Pat; her sister, Mildred; her sister-in-law, Sophie; her grandchildren, Niko and Phillip; her daughters-in-law, Diane and Winn; her son-in-law, Fella; and many loving nieces and nephews and friends.

Bertha is going back to Delaware to be buried where she spent most of her life.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Bigfork Chapter of Alcoholics Anonymous.

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

## Michael Leonard Koskela, 50

Michael Leonard Koskela, 50, passed away in a car accident Jan. 27, 2013.

Mike was born in Libby. He was an honor student and graduated in the top ten of his class.

He had loved airplanes all his life. Mike became a licensed pilot at age 17 and was involved in sports, jazz band and 4-H.

Mike enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and served for 23 years, retiring as a master sergeant. He worked as metals technician and was selected to aid in the manufacturing of the Skunkworks F-117A Stealth Fighter.

He married Margaret Colonel.

Mike loved the outdoors, home brewing and was a barbecue pit master. He was an avid jokester and prankster and will be greatly missed.

Mike is survived by his son, Kyle, and Katie Koskela; parents, Leonard and Shirley Koskela, of Columbia Falls; sisters,



Lynn Koskela of Olympia, Wash., and Betty and Jay Reiss of Spokane; brother, Jeff, and Lisa Koskela, of Libby; nieces, Heather and Jason



Armour of Graham, Wash., and Jessica and Scott Patterson of Spokane; nephews, Spencer and Jeremy Koskela, of Libby; two great-nieces and three great-nephews.

A memorial service will be celebrated at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home with Pastor Tim Bartholomew officiating.

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

## Devra S. Kostelecky, 55

Our mother, Devra S. Kostelecky, passed away at the age of 55, on July 24, 2013.

She was born on Dec. 10, 1957, as the fifth of six children to Nadine and Virgil Holt in St. Charles, Mo.

She was preceded in death by both parents; her brothers, Duane Holt and David Holt; and her sisters, Betty Strong and Donna Camp. "In such mighty company she now resides, beside her siblings and parents who loved her."

A devoted mother and friend, many people described her as the most loving and giving woman they had ever met. She saw the good in people when no one else did. She invited guests over for holiday dinners if she knew they didn't have anywhere else to go. She reveled in driving her Mustang with the top



down and the breeze in her hair, and cheered her beloved Dallas Cowboys on for better or worse.

She's remembered for her warm smile, infectious laugh, quick wit and vitality. The kindest soul you could have ever known.

She is survived by her children, Shauna Cascity of Austin, Texas, and Shelley John and Scott Kostelecky, both of Kalispell; and one surviving brother, Dale Holt.

Her services will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 24, at the Kalispell Christian Center, 255 Summit Ridge Dr. Please contact Shelley with any questions at 406-261-6973.

## Grace Kracher, 87

Grace Kracher, 87, passed away on Friday, May 17, 2013, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

Grace was born on March 27, 1926, in Havre to William and Sarah Gregoire. Grace grew up on a farm and ranch south of Havre and graduated from Havre High School in 1942. She married Clifford Kracher on Aug. 27, 1949, in Havre. They were happily married and devoted to each other for 64 years. The close bond between Grace and Cliff was always evident in everything they did throughout their many years together. Her infectious pleasant personality was felt by all she came in contact with.

Grace and Cliff began their life together working and living in Anaconda until 1969, when the family relocated to Columbia Falls. In 1987, they moved to Kalispell and have been residents ever since. Among her many interests and hobbies were music, dancing, playing the piano, motorcycling, attending Dixieland jazz festivals around the country, traveling, sewing, camping



and hiking.

Grace is survived by her husband, Cliff, of Kalispell; her sons, Steve of San Luis Obispo,

Calif., and Jim and wife, Joan, of Plymouth, Minn.; grandchildren, Chad and Matthew of Minneapolis; and numerous nieces and nephews.

There will be a viewing from 4 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 21 at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, followed by a rosary. A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, May 22 at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Kalispell. Burial will follow at St. Richard's Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made to the Immanuel Lutheran Home or Hospice Home Options of Kalispell. The family also wishes to extend their sincere appreciation to the Immanuel Lutheran Home for their loving care, tenderness and support shown towards Grace during her stay with them.

## Frank Conrad Kraft, 94

Frank Conrad Kraft, 94, died Tuesday, May 14, 2013, at HealthCenter Northwest in Kalispell. A memorial service

will be held at a later date.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Elmer Jacob Kraft, 73

Elmer Jacob Kraft, 73, passed away on Sunday, June 23, 2013, surrounded by his family, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

Elmer was born on July 4, 1939, in Belfry, Mont., to Emanuel and Olga Kraft. He was the oldest of four boys. He had a close relationship with his brothers all of his life. His youngest brother, Larry was killed in a car accident when he was 13 years old. Elmer never got over that and missed him dearly. Elmer passed away on Larry's birthday.

Elmer married the love of his life, Beverly Simons, in 1957. Together they had three children, Sheryl, Greg and Jeff. They celebrated their 56th anniversary in April.

Elmer was retired from a number of occupations. He worked for years in the title agency field, both in Billings and in Polson. He was the ultimate entrepreneur. He owned the Hinky Dinky in Bozeman, Lake Mary Ronan Resort, built golf clubs, performed hypnotherapy and mastered many, many other things.

Elmer loved his hobbies. His latest were oil painting and gold mining. He blessed his family and friends with his paintings and he was in the process of introducing more of his family to the Libby Creek panning area. Last summer was the most enjoyable time in his life.

"Words cannot express the sadness we feel right now, but we know there was a big birthday party for Larry in heaven when Elmer got there and as his 6-year-old great-grandson, Keaton said, 'Granddad is OK because there



is way more gold in heaven than he would have ever found in Libby Creek."

Elmer is survived by his loving wife, Beverly; his daughter and son-in-law, Sheryl and Tim Rickard, of Sandpoint, Idaho; and son and daughter-in-law, Greg and Brenda Kraft, of Polson. His grandchildren and great-grandchildren meant everything to him and they will miss him greatly. His grandchildren are Tiffany and James Simpach, Dandee and Nate Ricciardi, Carly, Tucker and Molly Rickard, Nicole Gilpatrick, and Casey, Zach and Tyson Kraft. His great-grandchildren are Kimberly, Keaton and Kendall Simpach. Also surviving Elmer are his brother and sister-in-law, Ed and Peg Kraft, of Billings; his brother, Dan Kraft, of Billings, his dear friends, Ron Edmonds of Phillipsburg, Gordon "Skip" Chapman of Priest Lake, Idaho, and Mike Mallowney of Absarokee; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Elmer will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 27, in the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. Viewing will be on from noon to 7 p.m. today, June 26, also at the funeral home.

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

## Vernice 'Vicky' Kramer, 85

Vernice "Vicky" Kramer, 85, of Kalispell, passed away June 30, 2013.

She was born Aug. 26, 1927, in Elgin, N.D., the daughter of Daniel and Etta (Mayer) Giese. Vernice was raised and educated in the Steele area.

She married Robert "Bob" Kramer Dec. 21, 1946, in Columbus, Mont., where they lived until 1958. Together they moved to Great Falls, then back to Billings, before settling in Kalispell in 1983.

Vicky worked as a waitress throughout her life, before retiring. She enjoyed bowling for many years, fishing and camping with Bob. Together they traveled, visiting family and friends all over the U.S.A. They attended all their grandchildren's high school graduations. Vicky was proud to pin a California Highway Patrol badge on her grandson, Robert Muzzy.

Vicky loved afternoons at the casino with her daughters, Barb and Rita, as well as visiting the casino when she traveled. She enjoyed playing cards and bingo at Center Street Court Apartments, where she moved when Bob passed away in 2003.

Vicky is survived by one son, Richard Kramer, of Bullhead City, Ariz.,



and three daughters, Barbara and Gaylord Pulse of Polson, Linda and Michael Bracy of

Harbor City, Calif., and Rita and Tom Hall of Kalispell; grandchildren, Chantil Breen of Missoula, Doug Brewer of Kalispell, Dana Brewer of Polson, Robert Muzzy of Gridley, Calif., Clarissa Muzzy of Harbor City, Calif., and Tybel Hall of Missoula. In addition, she has eight great-grandchildren, and was soon to be a great-great-grandmother.

Vicky is also survived by three brothers, Chester and Lorraine Giese of Steele, N.D., Eugene and Hilda Giese of Buffalo, N.D., and Raymond and Janet Giese of Redding, Calif.; as well as many nieces, nephews and brothers and sisters-in-law on the Kramer side.

Vicky was preceded in death by her parents, husband Bob in 2003, two brothers, two sisters-in-law, four brothers-in-law, and one great-grandson.

A celebration of Vicky's life will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 17, at the Moose Lodge in Kalispell.

## Esther Ovidia Kraus, 96

Esther Ovidia Kraus died of natural causes Thursday, Jan. 10, 2013, at Valley View Nursing Home in Glasgow.

Esther was born April 16, 1916, to Dick and Bentine Opland in Nashua.

She graduated from high school in Glasgow and then married John Brenden, and they raised six children in Nashua.

When her children were growing up, she was very busy baking and canning food from her garden, as well as sewing some of their clothes. She also loved to cut hair and give permanents. She would even cut her own hair.

In 1968, she married Floyd Kraus and lived in Minot, N.D., until 1976. They moved to Kalispell and for nine years spent winters in Arizona. They were members of the Senior Center and enjoyed cards, dancing and potluck dinners.

Esther's twin great-granddaughters, Reese and Regin, were born in 2001, and she enjoyed living close to them and watching them grow.

Esther was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Kalispell.

She will be remembered for her love and devotion to her family.



She moved back to Glasgow in 2009 and lived at Nemont Manor where she

had more daily care.

Esther was preceded in death by her husband, John, in 1961; her husband, Floyd, in 2000; son, Richard Brenden; brother, Bennie Opland; and sister, Ruth Truax.

Survivors include her four daughters and their spouses, Jeanette and O.K. Forest of Glasgow, Betty and Darrell Trueblood of Kalispell, Darlene and Johnny Ramsbacher of Polson and Welton, Ariz., and Susan and Dale of Tucson, Ariz.; her son and his wife, Gary and Josephine Brenden, of Redding, Calif.; 13 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; sister, Gladys Nybakken, of Glasgow; brother, Clarence Opland, of Redmond, Wash.; and two stepdaughters, Pat Wenzel of New Rockford, N.D., and Joan Bommersback of Rapid City, S.D.

A memorial service will be held this spring. Bell Mortuary of Glasgow is in charge of arrangements.



## Ronald 'Ron' Jerry Krantz, 70

"So God made a farmer." Ron Krantz, 70, passed away Saturday, Aug. 3, 2013, at Community Medical Center in Missoula in the arms of his wife, surrounded by the family he dearly loved. The cause of his death was lung damage from complications of multiple myeloma and stem cell transplant treatments.

Ron was born at Holy Family Hospital in St. Ignatius, Dec. 22, 1942, to Barbara Jakes Krantz and Hiram Franklin "Frank" Krantz. He was the ninth child in a family of 14 children. Ron grew up on the family farm southwest of St. Ignatius, and attended and graduated from Mission High with the Class of 1961, his lifelong good buddies.

He married Karen Jean Bristol on Sept. 7, 1963, at the Zion Lutheran Church in St. Ignatius. Ron was blessed with two wonderful children, Clark and Carolyn, and eight grandchildren. A very proud father, Ron delighted in working and playing and just "hangin' out" with his children and grandchildren.

After working at the Plum Creek Lumber Co., Ron attended college and graduated from Western Montana College with degrees in industrial arts and social studies. He taught school for a year in Troy, and then spent a year on the family farm working with his dad. Ron then moved his family to Ronan where he taught school for the remainder of his teaching career, until his retirement. Many of his former students remember being sent looking for "board stretchers" and "striped paint." He loved a good prank and had mastered that skill. Mr. Krantz was very proud of the many students he sent out to the "world of work" with excellent skills and a good work ethic.



good food at the large Krantz family gatherings. He spent his adult life watching his chil-

dren and grandchildren participate and excel in many activities. Ron sported Bobcat "Blue and Gold" and loved a good game of cards with his buddies.

During retirement, Ron enjoyed traveling with family and friends, always up for a few days of "getting out of Dodge" to travel the Northwest. After one great vacation, he offered his services as a "vacation taker" to friends who were too busy to travel.

Ron was preceded in death by his parents, Barbara and Frank; siblings, Betty (Bob) Rogers, Tom Krantz, Jesse Krantz and Russell Krantz; brothers-in-law, Gene Stahl, Jack Reddick and Jerry Hopper; and former sister-in-law, Lou Krantz Williams.

He is survived by the love of his life, his wife Karen; son, Clark, and Adele Krantz, of Kalispell; and daughter, Carolyn, and Ridge Wieringa, of Coram. Grandchildren include Collette, Carter and Keaton Krantz (Clark and Adele's children) and Ashton, Joshua, Jarrett, Grady and Durgen Wieringa (Carolyn and Ridge's children). Ron's surviving siblings include Judy Stahl, John Krantz and Sylvia, sister-in-law Bonnie Krantz, Ed Krantz and Faye, Darlene Mendler and Tom, Dick Krantz and Joan, Peggy Delaurenti and John, Dennis Krantz and Melvina, Nancy Rider and Bob, and Robert Krantz and Alberta. Ron is also survived by sisters- and brothers-in-law, Maurice Eva Bristol, Bill and Rose Bristol, Donna and Tom Delaney, and Bob and Pat Bristol. Many dear nieces, nephews and their families also survive Ron.

He also began farming, gradually turning his "hobby farm" into a career in ranching, which he loved to his last days. Often, Ron could be found on "neighborhood watch," cruising and visiting with friends and neighbors over the fence about the current price of cattle, or how much a ton of hay was selling for, or what the weather forecast was. Of course, a good farm auction was hard to beat as a gathering place for the farm experts of the valley. John Deere green was high on his list of favorites.

His financial skills served him well as it may be said he earned an advanced degree in the Krantz fine art of "bartering for a better price" school.

The fruits of Ron's carpentry skills are evident in the home he built and furnished with his many woodworking projects.

He always enjoyed visiting the family and the

Ron's family thanks the amazing medical caregivers at the Polson and Missoula Cancer Centers and also those who so lovingly cared for his last medical needs at the Missoula Community Medical Center intensive care unit. Thanks also to St. Luke's, Ronan. "Many angels touched his life and helped carry his load."

A celebration of Ron's Life will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 8, at the Ronan Alliance Church on Terrace Lake Road. A lunch reception will be held at the church following the service. A graveside service will be held at the Krantz Memorial Cemetery southwest of St. Ignatius at approximately 2 p.m.

Ron's family request memorials to the Krantz Memorial Cemetery or the Cheerful Hearts Cancer Support Group of Polson.

## Richard Earl Kreienheder, 60

Richard Kreienheder was born in St. Louis Dec. 11, 1952, and passed away Oct. 22, 2013, at age 60. He died in Seattle due to complications from an illness.

He graduated Affton High School, Affton, Mo., in 1971 and attended several college classes. He was drafted during the Vietnam War and was honorably discharged from service July 12, 1978.

He was the son of Earl and Beulah Kreienheder who both had preceded him in death.

He was united in marriage to Amanda Henke Oct. 11, 1987, at Eden United Church of Christ. They were in a loving relationship for 26 years and 11 days, and parted only by his passing. They moved to Whitefish in 1993.

He is survived by his loving wife, Amanda; his sister and brother-in-law,



Janice and Arnold Laxton; two nieces and a nephew-

in-law, Tracey Framness, and Lisa and Michael Weaver; two great-nieces, Victoria and Elizabeth Framness; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Carl E. Henke, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Decosta, Mr. and Mrs. Shahrom Tabrizi, and Mr. and Mrs. Carl A. Henke, all from the St. Louis area, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Henke from Alamogordo, N.M.; and numerous other nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Nov. 23 at the Eagles, 1640 Highway 2 West in Columbia Falls.

We wish to thank everyone for their support and sympathy during our time of loss.

## Lorne Dean Krieg, 23

Lorne Dean Krieg, 23, passed away on Monday, July 1, 2013, in Kalispell.

Lorne was born Jan. 22, 1990, in Springfield, Ore., to Rondey and Debra Krieg. They moved to Kalispell where he was raised and attended schools.

Lorne moved to Dickinson, N.D., a little over two years ago to pursue a career as a roustabout in the oil fields. He was a leader and gained great satisfaction from the work he performed on a daily basis. He enjoyed being with his friends, hunting, fishing, shooting, playing football and just being outdoors.

He was preceded in

death by his grandmother, Stella Krieg.

Lorne is survived by his parents, Rondey and Debra Krieg; his grandparents, George Krieg, Lynn and Christine Holsworth; and his brother, Justin Krieg.

A celebration of Lorne's life will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, July 6, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Hooked on Fishing, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks, 490 N. Meridan Road, Kalispell, MT 59901.

You are invited to go to [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com) to leave a message for the family.

## William Donald Krejci, 82

Born to Czech immigrants on a small ranch near Simpson, Mont., on May 5, 1931, William Donald Krejci started out in life farming with his brother Joe on a place outside Havre. Moving on to spend much of the rest of his life welding and fabricating, Bill led the simple, gracious life of working with his hands; he built almost anything anyone would ask him to build for them.

It would be a surprise if Bill had spent one night away from his best friend and beloved wife of 42 years, Beryl. They cared for each other and each other's children, settling in the Kalispell area where Bill had once worked with horses and at one time had built a good reputation as a farrier and horse trainer. Ultimately, they bought a piece of land and proceeded to build their home together in Marion. To those who have had the good fortune to become acquainted with them, they became known



as one unit, "Bill and Beryl."

Living by and serving his faith became like breath

to him and he had this easy way of sharing his wisdom without arrogance through the telling of silly and funny stories, often noting the irony in life and in our human choices. In 1994, at the age of 63, Bill took it upon himself to re-learn speaking the language of his family's country, Czechoslovakia; and then, with his bride of at that time 23 years, traveled to Prague where he met and spoke with, for the first time, many members of his extended family. His experiences were re-lived through the stories he told and the polka music he brought back with him and ultimately danced to with his grown daughter in the big workshop he had built near the house. That was the time

when it became apparent that something was really different. And, in later visits, it became more and more apparent through the increasing silliness we were noticing in his stories and actions. He was soon freed of life's burdens and mortality issues through the further onset of Alzheimer's disease. The memory of those who love and survive him was lost to Alzheimer's several years ago and we have missed him dearly.

At midnight on June 13, 2013, at the age of 82, Bill passed away peacefully in the home that he and Beryl had built. We may now let go of what had been lost to Alzheimer's but have continued to hold so heavy in our hearts.

He was preceded in death by his father, Joseph; mother, Josephine; brother, Joe; and sisters, Mary, Allie and Agnes.

He is survived by his wife, Beryl; his seven children, Jerry, Greg, Billy, Shelly, Mike, Joe and

Teddi; 16 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren; as well as Beryl's offspring, who were an equally important part of his life, Kenyon (who preceded him in death), Keith, Kathy, Kelly, Kerry and Valeda; as well as numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Mercifully, it is now time to say good-bye and we will be honoring his life with stories and song at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, June 25 at the Buffalo Hills Funeral Home, 1890 U.S. 93 N., in Kalispell.

In lieu of flowers, any donations will be directed to Home Options Hospice, Suite 600, Corporate Drive, Kalispell, MT 59901. They were a great comfort and an immense help in caring for Bill. They provided emotional support as well as the needed medical attention.

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

## Edward Richard Krieger, 59

Edward Richard Krieger, 59, died in Kalispell due to an extended illness on March 4, 2013.

He had worked as a construction manager for Casey Industrial.

He is survived by his

wife, Rhonda Krieger; and daughters, Diana Wells of Lee's Summit, Mo., and Loni Mrgich of Kalispell.

Services will be held at a later date. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

## Jeanette 'JP' Helmut Krona, 71

Jeanette "JP" Helmut Krona, 71, passed away Sept. 24, 2013, with her family by her side at Immanuel Lutheran Home due to complications from Alzheimer's disease.

She was born Aug. 25, 1942 in Williston, N.D. to Peter and Clara (Killingsstad) Helmut.

Her family settled in Whitefish where JP grew up and attended Whitefish schools.

She met Edward R. Krona, the love of her life, in 1957, and they married on June 11, 1960.

They had a daughter, Tamra Rose, in 1961, and a son, Peter John, followed in 1965.

JP was a devoted wife, homemaker and mother while her husband worked for the Burlington Northern Railroad; she attended to every detail. A decorated bowler, JP delighted in sharing time and laughter with friends at the bowling alley. She loved to go dancing with her husband, even in the kitchen at home. JP enjoyed decorating and was always willing to help others in coordinating their homes. The holiday season was always important, especially Christmas. She was always by her husband's side in remodeling work and was never afraid to get dirty.

JP worked for Sandra's Dress Shop from 1976 to 1980 on a part-time basis. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church where she was married, and later attended Bible Study Fellowship for seven years. She also liked



motor-cycling, which she did from 1982 to 2000, traveling to Wisconsin, Colorado,

Oregon, California and Washington, with many friends. She spent winters in Arizona for three years at Quartzsite and Yuma.

On Aug. 24, 2010, one day before her 68th birthday, she became a resident of the Bratzburg unit at Immanuel Lutheran Home, where she was cared for in an exceptional way.

JP was preceded in death by her parents and four siblings.

She is survived by her husband, Ed Krona of Kalispell; a daughter, Tammy Arlint and husband John; son, Peter John Krona and wife Kena; a sister, Marge Hairell of Seattle; a sister-in-law, Debbie Burke and husband Dennis of Mesa, Ariz.; grandchildren, Bryan Sawyer, Adam and Sarah Arlint, Blaine Krona, Cody Even-son and husband Chance, and Taylor Stafford.

A memorial service for JP will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 5 at First Presbyterian Church in Whitefish.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the donor's favorite charity.

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

## Vincent Charles Kubas, 79

Vincent Charles Kubas, 79, of Bigfork and Sun City West, Ariz., the last of eight children to pass on, died on Good Friday, March 29, 2013, at his home in Sun City West, with his daughter and son-in-law at his side.

As Shakespeare said, "Goodnight sweet Prince and flights of angels sing thee to thy rest."

Vincent Kubas was a beloved father, son, brother, uncle, grandfather, great-grandfather and friend, and his life was taken sooner than expected by cancer.

His favorite statement was, "I am a simple man living a life of silence, simplicity and solitude."

Vincent was born in Dickinson, N.D., on Nov. 13, 1933, to the late John and Agnes (Ridl) Kubas. He received his diploma from Dickinson High School in 1951 and went on to be a successful businessman in the men's clothing retail business, dividing his time between Colorado and Montana, and always tried to live life by practicing the Golden Rule.

Vincent enjoyed riding his horses, golfing, dancing, dining with friends, chopping wood, working on his property and reading. His favorite book was "The Prophet" by Kahlil Gibran. And, last but not least, he was a loyal and avid Broncos fan.

He is survived by his loving children, his daughter, Pamela Joné Detamore, and his son-in-law, Drew Detamore, who reside in Arvada, Colo.; his son, Barrett Alan Kubas, who resides in Missoula; as well as two grandchildren and two great-grand-



children. In addition to his immediate family, there are two step-sisters, Mary Ficek, and her sister

Ellen, in Yakima, Wash.; two sisters-in-law, Rita Kubas of Chippewa Falls, Wis., and Kaye Kubas of Rockville, Md.; along with many nieces, nephews and cousins. He also had many friends who will miss him in two special places of merit — Flathead Lake, Bigfork, where he spent his summers, and Sun City West, where he spent his winters.

His deceased family members "who will be meeting him in the afterlife" are his parents; his loving grandmother, Antonia Kubas (Kudrna); his stepmother, whom he always referred to as an angel, Theresa Divorak-Kacalek; and his brothers and sisters, Henry, Julia, Robert, Clara, Peter, Mary and twin brother William "Bill."

Welcome to a final celebration of Vincent's life to be held at the blessed Immaculate Conception Catholic Parish, located at 1002 Fourth Ave. E., Polson, at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Aug. 16, with a reception to follow.

"Life may be over, but the good times with Jesus are to come into being."

In lieu of flowers, please send a gift of your choice to the quick response unit in your community.

Grogan Funeral Home is handling the arrangements for the family. Condolences can be sent to [www.groganfuneralhome.com](http://www.groganfuneralhome.com).

## Joan Lewis Kruse, 58

Joan Lewis Kruse, 58, passed away Saturday, Aug. 31, 2013, at the Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center in Los Angeles, after fighting a long battle with heart complications.

Joan was born in Tylorstown, Wales, on Dec. 1, 1954, to William E. Lewis and Sarah "Sally" Jane Lewis. The Lewis family came over to the states on the Queen Mary in 1955; they settled in Great Falls, and raised their two children, Alun and Joan. Joan attended Franklin Elementary, West Junior High and graduated from CMR in 1973. She later attended the University of Phoenix where she got her Associate of Arts degree in business.

On Aug. 19, 1973, Joan married the love of her life, Rodney M. Kruse, and they started their new life in Great Falls. Joan worked for White Freight Liner and for the famous Ford's Drive-in where she helped to put them on the map by coming up with putting peanut butter on their cheeseburgers!

Joan loved the great outdoors, including camping, hunting, fishing, four-wheeling, stock car racing and snowmobiling. She loved all kinds of racing. Joan even did some drag racing in her 1966 Mustang coupe and she won second place in a cross-country open mod class in the family's 1948 Willy's Jeep.

Rod and Joan began their family with their first, Malcolm, in January of 1974, and Sheri followed in March of 1977.

In January of 1980, Joan and the family moved to Kalispell. In May 1981, they were blessed with their third child, Cory.



The Snow Slip, Wild River Rafting Co., Nitro/Mr. Green Lawn Care, School Districts

50 and 5 as a school bus driver, and more recently for Super 1 Foods in Whitefish. Most recently, she worked part time for Molly Montana house sitting and taking care of homes and pets for clients, which she greatly enjoyed doing in her spare time.

After 35 years of marriage Rod and Joan divorced, but remained very close friends.

Joan was preceded in death by her parents, William E. Lewis and Sarah "Sally" Jane Lewis, and her father-in-law Donald F. Kruse of Great Falls.

Joan is survived by her children, Malcolm Kruse of Minot, N.D., Sheri L. Kramer of Kalispell, Cory and Jessica Kruse of Kalispell, and Rod Kruse of Kalispell; and her many grandchildren, including Venessa Sager, Tailer Benson, Jordan Layne, Paige Kruse, Patience Kruse, Kayla Bonny, Johnathon Kramer, Hunter Kramer and Carter Kruse. She also had the joy of three great-grandchildren, Dominick Holwuttle, Colby Cobb and JJ Bagwell, all of Casper, Wyo. She is also survived by her brother, Alun, and his wife, Bev, of Great Falls, their children, Darren and Brenda Roen of Denver, and Erica Lewis of Great Falls; along with three nieces, Crystal, Jewelia and Angelle Roen of Denver.

### IN LOVING MEMORY



Joan Lewis Kruse

12/1/54 - 8/31/13

*Forever in our hearts.*

*From the ones  
who love you.*

Joan was a den mother for the Boy Scouts, and a member of the Flathead Snowmobile Association and the Eagles. She was also a member of the Moose Lodge in Kalispell over the years and was very involved in its activities, including plays she acted in and events she helped to put on.

Joan worked for the Kalispell Phone Co., Courtesy Answering Service,

Aside from her three children, many others thought of her like a mother and knew her simply as "Ma." She was loved and will be greatly missed by all, including her extended family and friends.

In remembrance of Joan a memorial will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 22, at the Moose Lodge in Kalispell.

In lieu of flowers contributions can be made to the Moose Lodge of Kalispell 1922 and 1710.

## Maryanna W. Kurtz, 78



Maryanna W. Kurtz, 78, beloved wife, mother and friend to many, passed away July 9, 2013, in Kalispell.

She was born April 13, 1935, to Charles and Gwen Wuttke in Fort Scott, Kan., and raised in Pleasanton, Kan.

She attended St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minn., for two years and received her bachelor's degree from Kansas University. She also attended graduate school at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill.

Maryanna taught school for three years in White City and Kansas City, Kan. In her later years she was also a Sunday school teacher.

She married Gene Kurtz in 1960 in Kansas, then resided in Arizona and New Mexico together while Gene completed medical school. During this time, they started a family and Maryanna then dedicated herself as a mother and homemaker. In 1967, they settled in Havre where Gene worked as a physician and Maryanna continued to manage their household and raise their children. They were married for 44 years until Gene passed away in 2004.

Maryanna was a longtime member of Van Orsdel United Methodist Church in Havre, where she was also a member of United Methodist Women and Wesley Circle. She also sang in the church

choir for many years, along with the Havre community choir.

She was a member

of P.E.O., Alpha Chi Omega and the Republican Party, and active in the Havre community choir series. She supported many charities. Maryanna was an excellent piano player and enjoyed playing for the Northern Montana Care Center.

In her youth, Maryanna enjoyed summers at her aunt and uncle's cattle ranch in southern Montana. She was an avid reader and enjoyed crossword puzzles, bridge club with her friends, nature and wildlife, and classic movies. She was also a big Kansas Jayhawks fan, especially their basketball team.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. Gene Kurtz; and her parents, Charles and Gwen (Wild) Wuttke.

Maryanna is survived by her sons, Charles and wife Barbara, and Matthew and wife Donna; and four grandchildren, Julie and Blaine Kurtz, and Allison and Rosalie Kurtz. Services will be held in Havre at a later date.

Memorials are suggested to Van Orsdel United Methodist Church (for the church choir) or P.E.O. STAR Scholarship.

## Anthony Charles 'Charlie' Kuechmann Jr., 16 months

Our Charlie unexpectedly passed away at home in Bigfork on Sunday, May 26, 2013.

Anthony Charles "Charlie-Bear" Kuechmann Jr. was born into this world on a snowy morning in Whitefish on Jan. 22, 2012. Anthony Charles Kuechmann Sr. and LaSaundra Kuechmann believed they would no longer be able to conceive due to medical complications; however, they conceived a "miracle" baby boy, whom they called "Charlie."

Charlie wanted to do everything alongside his older sister, Akazia. Charlie loved to dance to music. He would even dance to his dad's beatboxing. He was an angel, and a joy to be around, flirting with ladies in the grocery store or sharing his toys with others.

There was never a dull moment around our little Charlie-Bear. He always wore a smile on his face. He loved to snuggle, give kisses and hugs. Charlie was very loved by his parents, older sister Akazia as well as anyone he met. He was a perfect, little,



happy chunk of muscle!

Charlie is survived by his parents, Anthony Kuechmann Sr. and

LaSaundra (Villalobos) Kuechmann; his sister, Akazia Cloud Kuechmann of Bigfork; his maternal grandparents, Shirley J. Hughes of Kalispell, and Manuel P. and Bobbi Villalobos of Lenore, Idaho; his paternal grandparents, James T. and Allyson Kuechmann of Kalispell; uncle, James R. Kuechmann of Virginia; aunt, Tamara (Kuechmann) Holiday of Oregon; great-uncle, Steven G. Singleton of Kalispell; aunt, Kristina and cousin, Izzabella Hughes of Kalispell; James R. Kuechmann and Anastasia; as well as numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, friends and family.

Services will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, June 1, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory in Kalispell. A celebration of his life will follow.

## Reuben C. 'Don' Kuntz, 89

Reuben C. "Don" Kuntz, 89, an Army veteran of World War II, who worked in the farm implement business in Havre and Chester for 44 years and then retired to Lakeside in 1990, died of natural causes on April 6, 2013, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

Don was preceded in death by his wife of 58 years, Betty Jo, in 2005.

Don is survived by four sons, Ronald and Dale, both of Texas, Robert of Arizona, and Dennis of Havre; one daughter, Janet Hawks, of Chester; 11 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; one brother, Leonard, of Wyoming; and two sisters, Caroline Tobias of Kalispell, and Esther Mirch of Colorado.

Don's funeral will be at 2 p.m. on Friday, April 12, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester. Burial will be at the Chester Cemetery, with a reception to follow.

Memorials may be given to the Montana



al Chapel in Chester.

Veterans Memorial Flag Fund, 504 Seventh Ave. S., Shelby, MT 59474, or to the donor's choice.

Arrangements are by Rockman Funeral