

Evelyn Catherine Smithson, 85

Evelyn Catherine Smithson, 85, passed away on Thursday, Oct. 24, 2013, at her home in Kalispell.

She was born Feb. 18, 1928, to Albert and Prudence Lewis. She was the oldest of six children. She grew up in the Deer Park area near Columbia Falls and attended grade school at Deer Park school, graduating from Flathead County High School.

On Oct. 12, 1947, Evelyn married Earl Smithson in Kalispell. She enjoyed being a homemaker and raising their five daughters.

Evelyn was involved in Mountain Brook Ladies Club, Creston Auxiliary and the Ladies Pinochle Club. She and Earl lived in Columbia Falls until 1963 when they moved to Mountain Brook, where they lived for 40 years. After Earl passed away she moved to Kalispell. Her saying was, "I don't do dark and alone in the same sentence."

After moving to Kalispell, Evelyn served as an election judge for many years. She made many new friends and enjoyed time playing dominoes, Spite and Malice, eating out and attending T.O.P.S. She also enjoyed eating lunch with a group of ladies who all attended the same grade school. Her favorite activity was playing Farkle with her daughters and sons-in-law after a family get together.

Evelyn was preceded in death by her husband, Earl; her daughter, Barbara Kennedy; her parents; and her brother, Al G. Lewis.



Alesa, Haylee, Ava, Tabor and Trey; as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral services for Evelyn will be held at 1 p.m. on Wed., Oct. 30, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home in Kalispell, followed by interment at Fairview Cemetery. Pastor Jamie Woods will be officiating. The visitation will be from noon to 5 pm. today, Oct. 29, at the funeral home.

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

She is survived by her four daughters and their spouses, Judy and Mike Bolog of Kalispell, Cathy and Dave Evenson of Bigfork, Sandra and Richard Kruckenberg of Fairbanks, Alaska, and Diane and Jim Larsen of Bigfork; her brothers, Bob Lewis and wife Judy of Rapid City, S.D., Ira Lewis and wife Lillian of Vancouver, Wash., and Sam Lewis and wife Nomie of San Diego; and her sister, Velma Lauman, and husband Clay of Tulsa, Okla. She is also survived by 12 grandchildren, James Bolog, Justin Bolog and wife Shannon, Scott Evenson and wife Julie, Chad Evenson and wife Jen, Kami and husband BJ Collins, Misty and husband Jason Loveless, Dean Kruckenberg and wife Alicia, Kerry Kruckenberg, Kyle Kruckenberg, Jessie Larsen and wife Rachel, Brent Larsen, and Audrey and husband Kevin Lecy; great-grandchildren, Jordan, Ashlyn, Kierstin, Veronica, Zackary, Trinity, London, Zach, Blake,

Charles Henry 'Charlie' Smart, 59

Charles Henry "Charlie" Smart passed away Saturday, Aug. 3, 2013, at his home.

He was born in Polson on July 19, 1954, to Don and Maryellen Smart. At birth, Charlie weighed a mere 2 pounds. Charlie was the third of five boys.

He worked on the Vanvost farm until he was old enough to get his license to drive truck. Sitting behind the steering wheel of a diesel truck was always his calling. Driving truck was his job until he retired for health reasons in 2006.

In 1984 he married Lynda Thurgood, and of that marriage came his only son, Chase Smart. Charlie was very proud of Chase's graduation and service in the military as a Marine. His next greatest joy was the birth of his granddaughter and the only Smart female heir, Savannah Joy Smart.

Charlie was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Don.

He is survived by his son, Chase, and Sarah



Smart, of Aurora Colo.; brothers, George of Polson, Stan and Diane of Cheney Wash., and

Brian of Polson; granddaughter, Savannah; and aunt, Betty Christensen, of Kalispell. He is also leaves behind Missy and Smokey (the cats) of Ronan, four nephews, many cousins and friends.

Charlie loved his bowling, something that he did three nights a week — Monday night merchants, Tuesday out-o-rounders and Sunday mixed.

Even with all that Charlie had been through medically, he always had a smile on his face and was always cracking jokes. He was kind to everyone, and we loved him for that. More people need to be like Charlie.

A potluck reception/barbecue will be held at 7 p.m. today at the Corbett residence on Terrace Lake Road east of Ronan.

David Sobba, 54

David Sobba was a devoted father, loving husband, beloved son, loyal brother, compassionate physician and everyone's best friend. David lived his life here on earth as big and bright as the stars and sun, his unconquerable enthusiasm a source of inspiration and exhaustion to everyone who ever skied, cycled, ran, climbed, fished or played cribbage with him.

A good day for Davey was a "5-sport day." He lived to compete, whether it was being the first to skin to the top of Big Mountain, the first to finish a grueling bike ride or just bragging rights to the first fish caught on the annual family trips to Sitka. He touched so many in his short 54 years.

A much-loved surgeon, David became increasingly well-known for his holistic and compassionate brand of medicine, which eventually included a wide variety of practices to support the healing process, from nutrition to acupuncture and yoga to Blackfeet sweat lodges and Buddhist meditation. As his long journey turned inward, David insisted that his cancer was a blessing that both challenged and healed him spiritually.

His greatest joy, of course, came from the love of his remarkable children, Perrey and Walter Sobba. David was proud, not just of their intellectual and physical achievements, but of their warmth and compassion.

At the end, he was at peace, knowing that he could count on his friends and family to continue to support Perrey and



Walter and their mother, Beth, and proud that his children had the courage to walk beside

him with open hearts on his long and difficult journey.

David recently married the love of his life, Sue Purvis, who shared his love of the wilderness and outdoor adventure. Their brief time together was filled with laughter, love and passion.

David had friends all over the world whom he loved with abandon, especially his lifelong co-conspirator Bill Weiss.

David passed away at home Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2013, surrounded by some of his many loving friends and family. When asked how he felt, he said, "I'm at peace. I feel serene. There's so much love!"

Besides his wife Sue and his children, Walter and Perrey, David is survived by his father, Walter Sobba, mother Anne Brohan, his sisters Christine, Kathy, Mary and Annie, and his brothers, Tommy, John and Danny, and their extended families who loved him dearly.

In lieu of flowers, just remember David's final voicemail message: "Put a big smile on your face and have a great day" ... and pay it forward.

A memorial service will be held at 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26, at the auditorium at Whitefish Middle School, which is located at the corner of Second Street East and Spokane Avenue in Whitefish. All are welcome.

Lawrence 'Buster' Sparano, 85

Lawrence "Buster" Sparano, 85, formerly of Whitefish, died March 16, 2013, at his home in Vancouver, Wash.

He had worked locally for the U.S. Postal Service

for several years.

He is survived by his son, Michael Sparano, in Vancouver.

Graveside services will take place in Kalispell at a later date.

Shirlee Joy Spain, 82

Shirlee Joy Spain, 82, of Kalispell "is with her Savior" as of June 27, 2013.

She was born to the late Walter and Dora Mecklenburg on Feb. 19, 1931, in Bozeman.

Shirlee graduated from Bozeman High School in 1949 and attended Montana State University, majoring in home economics.

She married Clark L. Spain on June 15, 1951, and during their ranching years early in their marriage, they lived in Bozeman and Belgrade, later moving to Missoula and then Kalispell, where they have lived for the past 42 years and developed many valued friendships.

Shirlee was a busy mother to her four children, Howard, Janet and the twins, Karen and Trude. She was a wonderful cook and baker. No one could make "Grandma rolls" like her. Shirlee enjoyed sharing her baked goodies with family, friends and neighbors. Shirlee was an exceptional seamstress and did her best to teach her daughters the art as well.

Shirlee was a patient, quiet listener to her treasured family and friends and invested hours in hearing others' thoughts. She offered intuitive and wise counsel on occasion, and was witty and clever with her "one liners."

Central Bible Church was her home church, and she enjoyed teaching Sunday school and serving in the kitchen for



various activities. Attending Bible study with her friends at church was special to her.

The local Sweet Adeline chapter benefited from Shirlee's sewing ability and her tenor voice. She loved her dogs and cats, and there has never been a time there was not a pet in her home.

Those preceding Shirlee in death are her parents, Walter and Dora; one sister, Joann; four brothers, George Lewis, Howard, Bruce and Willard; her son, Howard; and great-grandson, Kaiden Spain.

Shirlee is survived by Clark, her husband of 62 years; daughters, Janet and Mark Carson of Billings, Karen, serving in the Philippines as a missionary, Trude and Paul Hunsucker of Polson, and daughter-in-law, Debbie Spain of Kalispell. Ten grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren were blessed to call her Grandma.

Services for Shirlee will be at 11 a.m. Monday, July 1, at Central Bible Church.

Memorials in Shirlee's honor can be given to Central Bible Church for audiobooks to be placed in the library or a charity of your choice.

Arrangements are being handled by Buffalo Hills Funeral Home. Visit www.buffalohillfh.com to send notes of condolence.

Sally Smith, 63

Sally Smith, 63, of Great Falls, died Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2013, at her home.

She is survived by her daughter, Emily Susan

Betts, of Kalispell.

No services are planned. Schnider Funeral Home in Great Falls is handling the arrangements.

William Richard Spicher, 91

William Richard Spicher, 91, passed away on Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2013, at Prestige Assisted Living in Kalispell, with his daughter by his side.

He was born Feb. 2, 1921, in Great Falls.

Richard served in World War II from 1942 to 1945 as a private first class in the Army. He was with the 89th Depot Repair Squadron and was an expert working with airplane sheet metal.

It was there in London where he met his wife, Emily. They were married on Sept. 22, 1945. Emily traveled by boat to Ellis Island, and by train to Havre. They raised their family in Hingham where Richard farmed.

In 1969, Richard built Highline Fertilizer. This was the first plant of its kind in Montana and the surrounding area. His dream was to revolutionize farming and dramatically increase crop yields.

In 1977, the family moved to Whitefish where they enjoyed golfing, hosting parties, dancing and traveling.

Richard will be remembered for his strong opinions about anything, especially politics, love of country and generosity.

Richard was preceded



in death by his wife, Emily, in 2003; daughter, Corinne, in 1994; and daughter, Georgia, in 1996; his four brothers, Clement, Rodney, Robert

and George; and only sister, Fern Flannigan.

Richard is survived by his daughter, Kim Spicher; granddaughter, Leslie Bailey; granddaughter and spouse, Lisa and Dr. Mike May; great-grandchildren, Georgia May, Lachlan May, Olivia May and Flynn Spicher Bailey; and son-in-law, Claude Bailey.

A funeral service for Richard will be held at 11 a.m. Monday Jan. 21, at Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish. There will be a visitation for Richard on from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 20, at Austin Funeral Home. Burial will take place at Whitefish Cemetery.

The family suggests that memorials be made to WINGS.

Arrangements are entrusted to Austin Funeral Home.

Lorraine Joyce Sprague, 79

Lorraine Joyce Sprague, 79, passed away Sept. 22, 2013, peacefully at home, surrounded by loved ones.

Lorraine was born Jan. 5, 1934, in Lustre, Mont., to Sam and Edna Hermanson. She was the oldest of three daughters.

In 1947, her family moved to Glasgow, where they spent many years farming. This is where she spent her childhood years growing up and attending school. In high school, she was confirmed and very proud of her Christianity; she also worked as a telephone operator. In 1953, she moved to Wolf Point to be with her sister, where she continued to work various jobs.

In 1954, she met the love of her life, Charles Sprague and married on July 24, 1954, in Wolf Point. For the next ten years they spent their time in eastern Montana, supporting and building a family of seven children.

In 1963, Charles's job ended in Glasgow and the family was transferred to Antelope Valley, Calif. It was in California where Lorraine gave birth to their eighth child. She spent six years in California caring for her children and supporting her husband's career. In 1970, Lorraine and her husband moved the family to Kalispell, where Lorraine's parents and sisters lived.



Islands were among her favorites. She also volunteered at Meals on Wheels, Heritage

Place and the Senior Center, where she loved to play cards, especially pinochle and bridge.

She had 15 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren, who she loved dearly. Lorraine had a way of making everyone feel special. She managed to always remember everyone's birthdays and anniversaries, and never missed sending each one a card.

Lorraine was preceded in death by her husband of 49 years, Charles; her son, Randy; and her parents, Sam and Edna Hermanson.

She is survived by her loving children, Darcy and husband Don Chandler, Tracy and husband Brad Gronley, Kellie and husband Dean Hatel and Charles "Rusty" Sprague, all of Kalispell, Steve Sprague and wife Sandy of Polson, Doug Sprague and wife Cheryl of Sedro Woolley, Wash., and Michael Sprague and wife Debbie of Boise, Idaho; her sister, Lyn Hermanson of Kalispell; Shirley Hanson of Hayden Lake, Idaho; stepsister, Jean McDonald of Poplar; 15 grandchildren, Monte, Brandon, Jason, Rachelle, Crystal, Jason G., Mathew, Jacob, Karli, Samantha, Katie, Shawn, Carrie, Chris and Angela; and many great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, uncles and aunts.

When her children were older, she went to work at the Circle K Store in Evergreen and became the owner/operator of that store for many years, and then she became a regional manager. She later worked at the Thrifty Scot Motel as a desk clerk until becoming the manager of the motel, where she and her husband lived for many years. After retiring from the motel business, she and her husband moved back into their family home.

In her retired years she spent much of her time involved in family activities. Camping, fishing, canoeing and outdoor family barbecues were some of her favorites. She had a passion for her grandchildren and spent a lot of her time caring for them. She also enjoyed her time with her husband traveling. Alaska, Hawaii and the Caribbean

Lorraine leaves behind the legacy of her family, who she loved and cared for deeply. She was loved by all that knew her. She was a very special person and she will be deeply missed. We thank Hospice for their care and support during this difficult time.

A celebration of life will be held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 1 at the Faith Alliance Church.

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

Walter Stark, 80

Walter Stark, 80, beloved husband, father, and friend, died of a massive heart attack Thursday, July 18, 2013, while cycling through the beautiful roads of Montana. He is survived by his love, Corrine, to whom he was married for 20 years.

Walter immigrated to the United States from Switzerland — where he met his first wife, Gisela — in 1955. They were married in New York and were together for 34 years until Gisela's death in 1991.

During his more than 30 years working in the airline industry, Walter managed the airport stations of New York, Chicago and Stuttgart. His profession allowed him to travel to places all over the globe. He loved meeting new people and experiencing new places. He was also an avid cyclist. In 1978 Walter became the Illinois State Cycling Champion, setting a new state record for the 10-mile time trial.

In 1995, Walter retired to Bigfork and shortly thereafter began to play his violin again. To his delight, he was accepted into the Glacier Symphony. Family was very dear to him, and he looked forward to flying back to Chicago each year to celebrate Thanksgiving together. The highlight of his last birthday was



having the entire "Thanksgiving Gang" come out to Montana to celebrate his big day.

He was an inspiration to so many.

Walter is survived by his wife, Corrine; a daughter, Desiree, and her husband, Mike; a sister, Iris, and her husband, Ernst; a step-daughter, Amy; step-sons Kaj, and his wife, Yvonne, and Arne, and his wife, Stephanie; 3 granddaughters, Sophie, Liv, and Maia; and a nephew, Dieter.

Walter will be missed not only by his family but also by the numerous individuals whose lives he touched.

You are invited to stop by Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home between 4-7 p.m. on Wednesday to share memories and offer condolences. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Kalispell, 603 S. Main Street. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Glacier Symphony.

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

Michael Timothy 'Tim' Stracener, 60

Michael Timothy "Tim" Stracener, 60, passed away unexpectedly on Friday, July 26, 2013, in Southaven, Miss.

He was born on July 9, 1953, in Cairo, Ill., to William McKinley and Eva Earnestine Stracener.

Though born in Illinois, Tim grew up in the Bay Area in California. He was an avid surfer and automotive enthusiast. He moved to the Flathead Valley in 1981, where he met his soon-to-be wife, Marsha, at a singles group at New Covenant Fellowship. They were married on Dec. 18, 1982. Michael was born in 1984 and Ivy in 1986.

Tim would go on to pastor at New Covenant for the next 28 years as well as working full time in the construction trades. While many homes and businesses in the Flathead Valley and beyond bear his craftsmanship, his passion was ministry. In 2010, he and Marsha moved to Mississippi where he continued to minister and "equip the

saints." He lived and loved full on and is cherished by those he left behind.

Tim is survived by his mother Earnestine, his wife Marsha, daughter Ivy, son and daughter-in-law Michael and Jen-eah; Tim's siblings, Beth McMurtry, Cindy Gray, Dan, Matt and their families; his in-laws, Dewey and Tiny Levitt; and his wife's siblings, Leslie Toman and Rod Levitt and their families. He is also outlived by many close friends and family.

Funeral services for Tim will be held at noon on Tuesday, Aug. 6, at New Covenant Church on Birch Grove Road. Visitation will be at the church from 11 a.m. until the time of the service. Burial will be in the Glacier Memorial Gardens.

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

Rudolph 'Rudy' William Stefanatz, 97

Rudolph "Rudy" William Stefanatz passed away peacefully in his sleep June 12, 2013, at the age of 97.

He was born Sept. 13, 1915, in Twin Bridges. Rudy was the youngest of seven children — four brothers and two sisters — born to Mike and Kathryn Stefanatz. As a young boy he attended school and worked on the family ranch in Twin Bridges.

He met Agnes Cassidy, the love of his life, at a community dance in Dillon where he was playing banjo in a local band. They were married June 9, 1941.

He began his work career in the mines where he mined gold, copper and chromium. After 10 years in the mines he became a lineman, working on power line construction throughout Montana. He was one of the first linemen to join the electrical union and recently received his 65-year pin. He completed his work years in Kalispell working for Flathead Electric Cooperative for 28 years, before his retirement in 1978.

He is survived by his three children, Ed Stefanatz, John Stefanatz and Nancy and Vince Jarvis; five grandchildren, Shelly and Eric Smith, Carrie and Ted Burnham, Eddie Stefanatz, Kristen and Eric Dion, and Nicole and Ryan Neggars. He is also survived by his eight great-grandchildren, Cassidy, Kaycee, Kate, Claire, Cameron, Quintin, Danielle and Tyler, who were all the light of his life.



Rudy enjoyed fishing and hunting and was always the one to catch the most

and biggest fish. After he retired, he spent 13 years in Arizona where he and Agnes bought a winter home. They loved playing cards, dancing, camping and socializing with their many friends.

He was a member of the Elks and Eagles for many years and was active in the Kalispell Senior Center, playing cribbage and pinochle.

He has recently been living at Greenwood Village Assisted Living. The family would like to express our sincere gratitude for the friendship and care he received from the staff there.

Rudy's laughter and keen sense of humor will be greatly missed by all of his friends and family.

"We take peace in knowing that Grandma had your coffee ready."

In lieu of flowers, the family would like to ask that donations be made to Frontier Hospice for their loving care of Rudy, at 29 Second St. E., Kalispell.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, June 17, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens. A reception will immediately follow at 59 Sunset Court in Kalispell.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

LaVerne Steffes, 87

LaVerne Steffes died May 27, 2013, at Timber Creek Village in Columbia Falls.

She is survived by her children, Jim, David, Tom, Cheryl, Linda, Karen and Bobby.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, May 31 at Timber Creek Village, 375 Meadow Lake Blvd., in Columbia Falls.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for the family.

David Grimes Steller, 47

David Grimes Steller, 47, died Friday, July 26, 2013, in Kalispell.

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

Daniel L. Stevens, 60

Daniel Lee Stevens, 60, died Tuesday, March 12, 2013, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He is survived by his children Rita, Micah, and

Taylor.

No services are planned.

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

Lloyd R. Stevens, 94

Lloyd R. Stevens, 94, of Evergreen, died Thursday, Aug. 8, 2013, at Brendan House, of natural causes.

He is survived by six children.

Visitation will be from

4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 13, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 14, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Interment will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Leslie M. Stringfellow, 57

Leslie Martin Stringfellow, 57, passed away on Jan. 9, 2012, at his home in Turlock, Calif., after a year-long battle with pancreatic cancer. He was born Feb. 14, 1954, in Whitefish. He was a 1972 graduate of Columbia Falls High School where he played first-chair trombone in the concert band and the Columbians. He attended the University of Idaho where he started as a trombone major and changed to vocal performance.

He was a missionary for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Minnesota/Wisconsin mission from 1974 to 1976. He transferred to Brigham Young University where he studied vocal performance and had leading roles in Pirates of Penzance, Rigoletto and La Boheme.

He moved to San Francisco in 1977 to pursue his dream of an opera career. He married Patty Johnson on Aug. 26, 1978, in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple. They lived in California for the past 33 years.

He is survived by his children, Martin and Arliss (Redinger) Stringfellow of Columbia Falls; his sister, Linda (Tim) Rosenlund, of Yacolt, Wash.; his brother, Larry (Rachel) Stringfellow; his wife, Patty, and children, David, Jamison (Carina) and Lindsey Stringfellow, all of Turlock; a daughter, Jessica (Michael) Robins, of Sheridan, Calif.; and two grandchildren, 21-month-old Maven and 4-month-old Gia, of Turlock.

He was a well-known musician and sang for the first Church and second Church of Science in San Jose, two Christmas caroling groups, the Merry Old Christmas Carolers and Singing Toys. He sang as a soloist for the Santa Clara Chorale and for several Messiahs. He worked his music around his job working for United Parcel Service for almost 25 years as a package and feeder driver.

Funeral services were held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Stake Center in Turlock on Jan. 21, where he attended church meetings. He was interred at Turlock Memorial Park.

Condolences may be sent to his family at 1702 Porter Way, Turlock, CA 95380.



Bruce I. Stewart, 92

Bruce I. Stewart passed away on April 4, 2013, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home, of natural causes.

Bruce was born on Dec. 13, 1920, to Robert Fulton Stewart and Rosa Grace Tucker in Spokane. When Bruce was a small child the family moved to Havre, where they raised five children in town during the school year and on a ranch in the Bear Paw Mountains during the summer.

Bruce attended high school and college in Havre and was a master machinist by age 21. He moved to Seattle and worked for Boeing aircraft through the end of World War II.

He met and married Missoula native Vera Van Ostrand while at Boeing, and they had the first two of their four children while living in Seattle. After the war the couple moved to Hungry Horse where Bruce worked on the construction of Hungry Horse Dam and Vera ran Stewart's Drive Inn. At the end of dam construction, Bruce partnered with Tom Ladenburg and started Stud Timber Company. When their partnership ended, Bruce opened Chipmunk Timber Company. The family moved to Bigfork in 1968 and Bruce closed his logging business and went back to full-time machinist work for Plum Creek, where he worked until retirement in 1988.

Patterson, of Columbia Falls; daughter, Shelley Borden, and son-in-law Brad, of Kalispell; grandson, Tyler Stewart, his wife Elaine, and great-grandson Alex, of Missoula; grandson, Chris Stewart, great-granddaughter Clare and great-grandson Mason, of Columbia Falls; granddaughter, Riona Tilley, and her husband Andre'; granddaughter, Shanin Prusia, her husband Christian, and great-grandsons Cole and Owen, all of Portland; and grandson, Clayton Patterson, of Columbia Falls.

He was preceded in death by his parents; all four of his siblings; his daughter, Karalee Koppang; and son-in-law, Len Patterson.

Cremation has taken place and there will be a celebration of his life at Bitterroot Lake in the late summer.

Monetary donations will be forwarded the Fish Wildlife and Parks youth program, Hooked on Fishing.

In lieu of flowers, please take the rest of the day off and take a child fishing.

To send a note of condolence to the family, please go to www.buffalohillfh.com. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Bruce was an avid outdoorsman, spending as much time as possible in a boat, an ice house or behind the scope of his rifle. He was a patient teacher of woods craft and spent countless hours with all of his children and their families in the great outdoors of Montana.

He is survived by his wife, Vera, at Buffalo Hills Terrace in Kalispell; son, Don Stewart, and daughter-in-law Judy, of Columbia Falls; son-in-law, Ron Koppang, of Oregon City, Ore.; daughter, Cindy

Peter Barrett Stewart, 70

Peter Barrett Stewart, 70, died Nov. 25, 2013, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

He is survived by his wife, Sheila; and children,

Michelle, Charley, Susan, Amanda and Tom.

A celebration of life will take place next summer.

Austin Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Shirley Marie (Hansen) Stivers, 83

Shirley Marie (Hansen) Stivers passed away peacefully in the loving care of family on Oct. 23, 2013, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. She was 83.

Before departing this life for eternal and blissful rest in the other, Shirley, "sweet Shirley," was blessed with visits and expressions of deepest love and appreciation from her many grandchildren, friends, sons- and daughters-in-law and each of her 10 children, Pamela Marie Stivers Fritzer of Baltimore, Michael James Stivers of Port Angeles, Wash., Deborah Ann Stivers Snyder of Missoula, Douglas Anthony Stivers of Moscow, Idaho, Kimberly Joan Stivers Rosenlund of Hayden, Idaho, Daniel Christopher Stivers of Black Diamond, Wash., Jennifer Katherine Stivers Schade of Helena, Julia Elizabeth Stivers Stark of Coeur d'Alene, Patrick Fitzgerald Stivers of Kalispell and Carrie Christine Stivers Shook of Moscow.

Shirley Marie Hansen was born on June 13, 1930, in Evanston, Ill., to Glen and Marie (Simon) Hansen. She attended St. Mary's Church, School and Convent in Evanston until the age of 10. She and her sister Marilyn moved with their parents — affectionately known as MoMo and PoPo to their grandchildren — to Sioux Falls, S.D., in 1940. Both attended Catholic schools, with Shirley graduating from Cathedral School in 1948. All who were touched by Shirley's presence recall her beauty, brightness and kind nature — qualities which shone in her to the end.



me over, lend me an ear, fresh out of clover, mortgage up to here ..." was something of a

family anthem, sung top of the lungs, during those most carefree of times.

In 1969, Shirley and Jim moved their family from Sioux Falls to Moscow where the couple spent the majority of their later years together. After all the children left the roost and until Jim's passing, Shirley and Jim were blessed to have some quality time to relax a little, travel and simply enjoy each other's company. Due to ill health, Jim retired early, but Shirley carried on working, putting in a total of nearly 35 years in retail sales with Rosauers/Drug Fair. She retired in September 2003 and received memorable accolades from her colleagues at the going-away, all on the order of "Sweet Shirley, you will be missed!"

Shirley's life was enormously enriched by a move to Boise, Idaho, in 2003 to live with daughter Debbie who encouraged her to expand her lifelong love of animals and nature by volunteering at the Friends of Zoo Boise. Shirley loved it! She became indispensable and was later hired to work in the Zootique gift shop.

In 2006, Shirley and Debbie moved to Missoula where they lived, loved and laughed together for several years despite the serious health issues which were beginning to emerge. She moved to Kalispell for three years to be with son, Pat, his wife, Trina, and family — weathering cancer surgeries and chemotherapy. Shirley made her final move to Coeur d'Alene in 2011, where she happily lived with daughter Julie and her husband, Garry, and family, until her passing. There she experienced a familiar and loved mix — the sound of children and their friends, animals underfoot.

After graduation, Shirley attended the University of South Dakota in Vermillion where she met her one and only, James Leon Stivers, during her freshman year. Her plan to pursue a degree in journalism was put on hold (Permanently!) in order to marry and start a family. The world that missed out on a promising journalist nevertheless gained an all-around hard worker, a woman who, especially in her children's eyes, could do everything and do it well. Guide, fixer, cook (A remarkably good one!), cleaner, chauffeur, seamstress, nurse, teacher, counselor, cheerleader, friend, comforter ... wonderful mother. Can we ever marvel enough and give enough credit to a wonderful mother? No, we cannot.

Shirley and Jim were married on Jan. 28, 1950, at St. Joseph's Cathedral in Sioux Falls. They eventually moved with several small children in tow to Sioux City, Iowa, for a few years, and then back to South Dakota, settling in the small town of Tyndall for a number of years in connection with Jim's employment with International Harvester Co. The growing Stivers clan filled up the neighborhood track and football field, with Shirley, Jim and kids playing every manner of sport, especially enjoying baseball. There were enough Stivers to field a team ... with Shirley as catcher. She and Jim made many good friends in Tyndall and enjoyed bridge, dancing, skating, Saturday night concerts downtown (Jim played cornet), their children's band performances and "operettas" at school, church activities, picnics and rides. "Let's go for a ride, Mom" was rarely met with a negative. All her days, Shirley loved to take car trips. "Hey look

The entire family is forever indebted to Julie and Garry for their tireless, loving care of Shirley in her final few years, and to the many members of her immediate and extended family and admirers who shared their lives with her. She was always interested, always "there" with wit, warmth and wonderment ... so proud of each and every family member who cannot, in the end, express how very proud we were (and are) of her.

"Shirley is reunited in heaven with her adoring husband, Jim, her parents, and many beloved family members and friends."

She is survived by all of her children, 20 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, her sister Marilyn Olson, and many nieces and nephews.

"Rest in peace, dear mother, sweet Shirley."

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Shirley's name can be made to Crest Home Health and Hospice in Coeur d'Alene, or to the Kootenai Humane Society.

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 4, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Moscow. A luncheon and reception will follow at St. Mary's Family Center. The urn placement and burial will be at the Moscow Cemetery.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Short's Funeral Chapel, Moscow, and online condolences may be sent to www.shortcutsfuneralchapel.net.

Mary Barbara St. John, 81

Mary Barbara St. John, 81, lovingly known as Grandma B, formerly of Kalispell, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2013, at her residence in Virginia Beach, Va.

Her dog Maude followed her on Monday, March 4, 2013.

Mary was born Aug. 25, 1931, to Frederick Harry and Charlotte Emerson Greil. She had been married to Chuck St. John (now deceased.)

She was a majorette in high school where she met her first husband and the father of her children, George Vorel, on the football field.

She was predeceased by her sister, Lois Cole; and daughter, Amy Vorel.

Grandma B is survived by her children, Mike Vorel, Will Vorel, Rose Vorel, Beth Campbell and Charlotte Kostecky; 15 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild; and siblings, John Greil and Toni Theisen.

If you were to ask any of them, they would all say they were her favorite. She loved her family unconditionally, and was always the one we would all turn to for love and advice. She always had the



right words for any situation and the one phrase that always stuck with us was, "Do what makes

you happy and if they don't like it ..." well, we know how that ends.

It never seemed to matter how old you were, you were never too old to snuggle with her, to be held by her, or have her kiss your face and nibble your neck. She loved her gardens, museums and ice cream. She gave us all the love for music, and played piano and was choir director for church. Her never ending care, her blankets, scarves and vests that she made will always be remembered and cherished.

Her favorite poem was "How Do I Love You? Let Me Count the Ways!"

Her favorite hymns were "In the Garden," "The Old, Rugged Cross" and "Amazing Grace."

"She was our guardian when she was here and will remain our guardian while she watches us from heaven."

A private family service was held on March 1.

Theodore 'Ted' Robert Stollfuss, 87

Theodore "Ted" Robert Stollfuss, 87, formerly of Bigfork, died in Leander, Texas, on Feb. 15, 2013, due to complications from an automobile accident.

He had worked for the Montana Highway Patrol and the sheriff's office.

He is survived by his wife, Elaine Stollfuss, of Leander; and his daughter, Cindy Ross, of Three Forks.

A memorial will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 2, at the United Methodist Church in Three Forks.

John C. Stockwell, 80

John passed away March 28, 2013, in Las Vegas from a massive heart attack.

He was born in Kalispell Aug. 27, 1932, to Minnie and Walter Stockwell and attended local schools, graduating from high school in 1950.

John used his outstanding mechanical ability to keep his car running for his and his buddies' transportation in high school, and while he worked on the construction of Hungry Horse Dam.

He then joined the Navy and served from 1951 to 1955 during the Korean War. He was aboard the destroyer SS Kyes which was named after a former captain whose ship was torpedoed, and he gave his life jacket to a sailor and went down with his ship. His son served on the SS Kyes with John and they became friends.

On returning from the Navy he worked several jobs, including telegrapher on the railroad, log Sawyer and towing trailer houses.

Tiring of Montana winters, in 1962 he loaded his family in his car and headed south, stopping in Las Vegas where he spent the next 50 years.

John worked at several major casinos maintaining plumbing, refrigeration and air conditioning. While working, his spare time was spent building dune buggies and drag racers, highlighted in 1994 when he won the national drag racing pro-bracket at the Las Vegas Speedway, in a racer he built.

After retiring in 1991,



he began his model airplane hobby. As usual, he built his own planes and became an expert operator, enjoying many years with friends,

several of whom he taught to fly.

While working at a major casino, he met Lela and they were married in 1991, and spent the next 22 years enjoying love and companionship. They traveled extensively in their motor home. Many trips were with friends, sometimes amounting to a convoy.

John was predeceased by his parents, and his older brother Willard in a tragic car accident.

He is survived by his wife, Lela; and three daughters (by a former marriage), Cheryl and Ron Wells, Rene Egge and Lee Ann Gerhard in Nevada; also his brother Howard Stockwell and sister Patricia Nelson in Kalispell. Also surviving are six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren, together with numerous nieces, nephews and stepchildren.

John's survivors and his many friends will sorely miss his wit and wisdom.

A memorial service will be held at 11:20 a.m. May 7 at the veterans memorial cemetery in Boulder City, Nev., conducted by the Rev. Curtis Robinson (John's stepson).

Donald Atwood Stratton, 89

Donald Atwood Stratton, 89, of The Dalles, Ore., "went to be with The Lord" on March 4, 2013.

Don was born to James and Minnie Geery Stratton on April 16, 1923, in Chinook, the youngest of eight children.

In 1936, Don the family moved to Martin City. Don grew up hunting, fishing and logging with his family throughout the valley.

In 1942, Don joined the Army and spent much of his time in England, attached to the 8th Air Force.

Don married Clara Rodgers in 1947, in Hungry Horse. Don spent the next years working in construction, on the Hungry Horse Dam and at Anaconda Aluminum Company, all the while raising his four children with Clara on the family homestead. In 1958, Don and Clara moved their family to The Dalles, to work at the Harvey Aluminum Plant. Don spent the next 26 years as a maintenance supervisor. It was work he took great pride in.

Don and Clara began their retirement in 1984; sadly, it was shortened when Clara passed away in 1986.

In 1987, Don married Rita Walston. Don and Rita spent many years traveling to their winter home in Bouse, Ariz., the Seattle area to visit their children and Montana to see family, making good friends along the way.

Don was a man of great honor, loyalty and commitment. He was a fun, loving and kind husband,



daddy and grandpa. He instilled a great love of music, cooking,

camping, hunting and fishing in his children and grandchildren. He gave us a beautiful gift in all of these cherished memories with him, and we all agree that the time spent doing all these "things" wasn't nearly as important as spending time with the man we did them with. We are all better people for just having known him.

Don "was welcomed into Heaven by Jesus," his parents, his brothers and sisters, Clarence, Dee, William, Mary, Eugene, Ellwood and Orminta, and his wife, Clara.

Don "went on to 'get things ready' for the rest of us," including his wife, Rita Stratton; his sons, Frank and Ruthie Stratton, and Rob and Debbie Stratton; his daughters, Bonnie and Sonny Hill, and Penny Lepinski; stepchildren, Ed Walston, Mike Walston, Cindy and Cliff Baker and Debbie Stratton, 15 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; several nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

There will be a graveside service for family and friends at 1 p.m. Friday, March 8, at Odd Fellows Cemetery in The Dalles.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that any donations be sent to the Celilo Cancer Center and Hearts of Hospice. Spencer, Libby & Powell is caring for the family.

Sharon Dianne (Orre) Stratton, 73

Sharon Dianne (Orre) Stratton, 73, passed away Sept. 24, 2013, at home, surrounded by her loving family.

Sharon was born March 18, 1940, in Hillsboro, N.D., to Leonard and Elenor Orre. They later moved to Opheim where they resided on the John and Anna Richardson Sheep Ranch, where some of Sharon's fondest memories of her childhood were spent. Her love for her prairies never wavered. Sharon graduated from Opheim High School in 1958.

On June 7, 1959, Sharon married her high school sweetheart, Sandy Stratton, in the Opheim Lutheran Church. In 1965 Sharon and Sandy moved to Columbia Falls, where they have since resided.

To this union of marriage, they were blessed with five boys. Infant son Scott Louis was born Oct. 7 and "went to be with the Lord" on Oct. 9, 1961. Other children include son Steven and his children, TJ, Tara and Casey; son Stewart and his children, Shelby, Zach and Orian; son Shane and Jenny with their children, Ashlee, Josh and Mason; and son Scott and Kim with their children, Kayla and Jake. Sharon was blessed with 11 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, Ava, Kaden, Makenna and Tucker. Shane was able to share that Ashlee was expecting, which will be their fifth great-grandbaby.

Sharon and Sandy celebrated 54 years of marriage this year. Sharon was a loving mother, grandmother and great-



grandmother and wife. You will find her sense of humor in all four of her boys. They all

have the love for cooking.

Sharon was an awesome caregiver and would give you her shirt off her back if needed. There was always a houseful and never an empty cookie jar.

Sharon was preceded in death by her infant son, Scott Lewis; her father and mother, Leonard and Elenor Orre; sister, Sally Harris; and father- and mother-in-law, Sam and Irene Stratton.

Sharon is survived by her husband, Sandy; and boys and family; two sisters, Connie and Bill Goaseuski of Bayonne, N.J., and Clara and Rance Stahl of Billings; and numerous nieces and nephews. Sharon is greatly loved and will be missed, "but we know she is with her family in heaven."

Come and share in her celebration of life at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28, at Columbia Mortuary. Inurnment will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery. After the inurnment a supper will be served at the Kalispell Moose Lodge.

At a later date, a gathering will also be celebrated at Lawn Dale Cemetery in Opheim.

Columbia Mortuary and Crematory is caring for Sharon's family. You are invited to go to www.columbiamortuary.com to view Sharon's guest book, offer condolences and share memories.

Mildred Carlburg-Strandwitz, 92

Mildred Carlburg-Strandwitz, 92, died Sunday, Nov. 17, 2013, at the Heritage Place in Kalispell.

She is survived by daughter, Margot Bouchard, of Eau Claire, Wis.; son, Bill Carlburg, and wife, Carolyn, of Kalispell; grandchildren, Lara Sather and husband Greg of Strum, Wis., Ryan Bouchard and wife Kate of Fitchburg, Wis., Tim



Carlburg and wife Leah of Kalispell, and Elizabeth Carlburg of Missoula; nine great-

grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

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

Harold F. Strey, 95

Harold F. Strey, 95, passed away on Wednesday, April 10, 2013, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

He was born on April 6, 1918, in Renville, Minn., to Albert and Ida (Reitz) Strey.

Harold entered the Army in 1942, and served until 1945.

He married Edith Trulock on March 20, 1950, and worked for the Burlington Northern Railroad for five years and then at the ARCO Aluminum plant in Columbia Falls until his retirement in 1980.

Harold was an avid outdoorsman and loved to hunt and fish. He also read the Bible and played the guitar.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Edith; two brothers; and two sisters.



Harold is survived by his son, Harold "Butch" Strey

Jr. and wife, Heather; and four stepdaughters, Loretta Buller, Elsie Schulz, Lois Hanson and Cheryl and Jerry Zander; nine grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be on Monday, April 15 at 1 p.m. at Columbia Mortuary with visitation from 10 a.m. until time of service. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Cemetery with military honors.

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

William Chester Stringfellow, 83

William Chester Stringfellow passed away July 25, 2013, in Kennewick, Wash., at the age of 83.

He was born in Kalispell on Dec. 27, 1929. Bill lived a very rewarding life and was loved and befriended by many.

He enlisted in the U.S. Army and was deployed to Greenland and Panama. He traveled the world as a heavy machinery master mechanic and worked on regional projects such as the Grand Coulee Dam and the Kingdom.

Bill worked at the Hanford nuclear reactor, building the Fast Flux Test Facility until his retirement. Residing in



Kennewick, Bill loved working around his property and hunting, fishing and playing with his

dogs.

He will be missed by all who had an opportunity to meet him. He was a great father, husband and friend. Bill is survived by his wife, Lee, and his three children, John, James and Deana.

Memorial services will be held at the Conrad Memorial Cemetery on Sept. 7 at 1 p.m. Friends and family are invited in remembrance of Bill's remarkable life.

Rolland 'Dolly' Stieler, 87

Rolland "Dolly" Stieler, 87, passed away on Saturday May 25, 2013, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

Dolly was born on April 25, 1926, in Albert Lea, Minn., to his parents, Harold and Jesse Stieler. He was raised and attended school in Albert Lea.

Dolly married Kathleen Eddy, they were together for 62 years.

After high school, Dolly enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. After he was discharged from the Marines, he started to work as a semi-truck driver, and had accumulated just under 3 million miles accident-free.

Dolly was preceded in death by his parents, Harold and Jesse Stieler; a brother, Jack Stieler; sisters, Violet Callahan and Laurainne Babcock; and a grandson, Ryan Meehan.



He is survived by his wife, Kathleen Stieler of Kalispell; a

daughter, Sharon Meehan of Kalispell; grandchildren, Corey Meehan of Kalispell, Shaun Meehan of Maple Valley, Wash., T.J. Stieler of Olympia, Wash., Michelle Welcome of North Bend, Wash., and Billy Stieler of Kirkland, Wash.; great-grandchildren, Zach Teeters, Dakota Stieler and Megan Welcome; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, May 31, at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

The family request donations be made in his name to the Montana Veterans Home.

You are invited to leave messages for the family at www.buffalohillfh.com.

Cleo Adelaide McWhorter Stroisch, 95

Cleo Adelaide McWhorter Stroisch, 95, passed away on July 13, 2013.

She was born on May 12, 1918, in Gillespie, Ill., to Andrew and Fern Teresa McWhorter.

In 1935 Cleo was wed to George Stroisch. Cleo then gave birth to eight children — four boys and four girls. Cleo and her family resided in Kalispell, then moved to Post Falls, Idaho, after the death of Cleo's husband George in 1989.

Cleo then moved back to Kalispell, where she resided in her little home on Birch Grove Road in Kalispell where she loved to tend her garden and beautiful flowers, as well as her chickens.

Cleo was most happy spending time watching her family grow from children, to grandchildren, great- and great-great-grandchildren, as well as successfully beating everybody who dared to try to beat her at a game of cards. ... It became well known in the family no one had a chance at winning against Cleo at any card game.

Cleo found great enjoyment in making very special keepsake teddy bear blankets for her children and their growing families.

Cleo had a great faith in the Lord and loved to listen to gospel music and sing church hymns while attending Sunday services. All of Cleo's loved ones would say how Cleo could light up a room with her beautiful smile and never-ending love for each and every one of her children, grandchildren and many great- and great-grandchil-



dren. Cleo peacefully "went home to be with the Lord peacefully with many loved ones by her side."

Cleo is survived by her children and their spouses, David and Sharon Stroisch of Colville, Wash., Teresa and Ray Brandewie of Bigfork, Mary Mummert of Kalispell, Rita and Jerry Taylor of Kalispell, Stanley Stroisch of Kalispell, and Janet and Marcial Malave of Sierra Vista, Ariz.; 29 grandchildren; numerous great- and great-great-grandchildren; sister, Betty Jones; sister-in-law, Siri McWhorter; and many nieces and nephews.

Cleo was preceded in death by her husband, George H. Stroisch; grandson, Jeremy Taylor; grandson, Chris Stroisch; son, Tom Stroisch; son, George Edward Stroisch; brothers, Gilbert and Chester McWhorter; sisters, Irene Dennison and Maude Lindbom; and special cousin, Willie Lewis.

A viewing will take place from 11 a.m. to the start of services today, July 16, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. Funeral services will begin at 2:30 p.m. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

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

Truman Leonard Struck, 93

Truman L. Struck passed away at North Valley Hospital on Jan. 19, 2013, from congestive heart failure and pneumonia.

He is survived by his sister, LaVerna McFadden, of Lakeside; brother, Harold, and Bettie, of Great Falls; his sisters-in-law, Carol of Great Falls and Betty of California; his six children, Kaye Fulcher, and Barbara and Bill Robbins of Kalispell, Will and Trish of Kent, Wash., Janice and Tom Erickson of Libby, Marjorie and Rod Clairmont of Milton, Wash., and Tom and Marla of Auburn, Wash. Truman's extended family includes 13 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson;

along with many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Jean, of 68 years; brothers, Lawrence, Dennis, George and Harley; and sister, Dorothy; brother-in-law, Dean McFadden; and grandsons, Samuel Erickson and Jason Struck.

A memorial service was held Jan. 27 in Libby.

The family would like to thank the nurses and staff at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls for their excellent care of Dad over the past several months, as well as the emergency room doctors and staff for their care and consideration during his last hours.

An inurnment will take place at a later time.

Kathleen Virginia Stump, 86

Kathleen Virginia Stump, 86, died Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2012, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

Private graveside ser-

vices are being planned in York, Pa.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

John 'Jack' R. Sturgis, 78

John "Jack" R. Sturgis, 78, passed away suddenly from a brain aneurysm April 16, 2013, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell, surrounded by his family.

Jack was born Jan. 6, 1935, to Harold and Mabel (Clark) Sturgis in Kansas City, Kan., joining brother Harold R. Jr., and half sister Mary Jane Sullivan. Jack grew up in Kansas City where he made many friendships that have lasted a lifetime. Jack graduated from high school in 1953, after which he joined the Army serving for two years, one in which he was stationed in Japan.

On his return to the states he married his high school sweetheart, Lois Holmes, on April 29, 1956. Moving to Denver, Jack attended trade school for two years, pursuing his lifetime interest in gunsmithing. The family, now joined by daughter Beckie, returned to Kansas, where son Matt was born and Jack worked at restoring pianos. The family then headed west to Kalispell.

Jack obtained a job scuba driving to remove sunken logs in Flathead Lake. Then he started working at Bauska Gun Shop. Daughter Tami and son David were born during this time. In 1966 the family moved to Stryker where they resided for 18 years and Jack worked as a machinist near Fortine. In later years Jack and Lois returned to Kalispell where Jack, partially retired, continued to do specialized machine work, eventually joining a partnership making scope mounts and parts for Swiss rifles.

He taught himself to



singing folk songs to the enjoyment of many friends and family. Jack and Lois enjoyed traveling, visiting England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales and New Zealand. One of their final trips was a lifelong dream of Jack's of going on safari in Africa.

Jack was very involved in the Church of God and became an ordained elder in 2011. Jack made many dear friends throughout his very full life.

"Our hearts break at our loss, but find peace knowing Jack has joined his Lord and Savior."

Jack is survived by his wife, Lois, of Kalispell, daughter, Beckie, and Randy Evins, of Eureka; son, Matt, of Albuquerque, N.M.; daughter, Tami, and Wayne Bozarth, of Eureka; and son, David, of Kalispell; grandchildren, Kerrol, Kole and Kit Evins, Jordan and Jonathon Sturgis, Tim and Tara Bozarth; and eight great-grandchildren; brother, Harold R. Sturgis; and nephews, H.R. and Mike. He also leaves behind his canine buddy, Teddy.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sister.

A private ceremony was held April 20. A celebration of his life will be held later this summer.

play the guitar when quite young and blessed us all with music and song, which will be sorely missed. Many evenings found Jack and Lois playing and

Arthur John Sturzen, 92

Arthur John Sturzen "went to be with his Father in heaven" on Sunday, March 31, 2013. He was 92 years old and resided at the Heritage Place in Kalispell. He was a loving and caring husband and father, and will be cherished in all of our hearts.

Art was born on Sept. 2, 1920, to John and Dora Sturzen of Spokane.

He was a skilled tradesman and worked as a plasterer, stucco and cement mason.

Art moved from Spokane to San Bernardino, Calif., in 1946, where he later met the love of his life, Della Morrow, and they were wed on May 23, 1950. They both were active members of the Grace Brethren Church in San Bernardino where they helped form and were sponsors of the Jet Cadets for Jesus Youth Group for the church. Their work was very successful and greatly appreciated by many. Art

also served as an active trustee and was always willing to lend a hand.

In 1978 they moved to Kalispell, and shortly thereafter joined Bethel Baptist Church. He again was a faithful servant for the church.

Art was preceded in



death by his parents; son, James; all of his brothers, Walter, Martin, Emery and Harry; sis-

ter, Edna; and grandson, John VanSantford.

He is survived by his wife, Della, of 62 years; daughter, Jean, and her husband, JD; son, John, and his wife, Darlene; grandsons, Bill and his wife JoLynne, Dave and his wife Jessica, and Tom and his wife Brittney; several great-grandchildren, Nichole and her husband Chris, Rachel, Hailey, Rachel and Joel; and son-in-law, Roger.

The family is being cared for by Bethel Baptist Church and Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home.

The memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, April 4, at Bethel Baptist Church, 936 Fourth Ave. W. in Kalispell.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Bethel Baptist Church or Home Options Hospice.

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

Herbert Paul Styler, 89

Herbert Paul Styler, 89, died Sunday, Oct. 6, 2013, at his home in Condon.

He is survived by his wife, Leona; and five children, Linda Guizzo, Bonnie Bray, Gary Styler,

Karen Anderson and Fred Styler.

Memorial services are pending.

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

Lois Jean Sullivan, 80

Lois Jean Sullivan, 80, passed away due to natural causes on May 16, 2013, at her daughter's home in Kalispell.

Lois was born Lois Jean McDaniel on Jan. 18, 1933, in Charlotte, Mich., and was raised in Grand Rapids, Mich., where she graduated from Central High School.

She married her husband of 49 years, Gerald Jerry Sullivan, in July 1953 in Grand Rapids.

She was a committed volunteer with her sorority Epsilon Sigma Alpha, Easter Seals, the Muscular Dystrophy Association, Relay for Life and Spay and Neuter Task Force.

Her hobbies included crafting, volunteering, rummage sales, making pepper jelly and collecting dolls, pitchers and unusual things. She had a deep love for cats, but especially her Sophie and Sasha.

She is preceded in death by husband Gerald Jerry Sullivan; brothers, Ted and Frank McDaniel; sister Shirley Fuller; son Richard Sullivan; daughter Cristi Hand; grandson Craig Sullivan; and parents Franklin and Rosella



Parrish McDaniel.

Lois is survived by daughter Debbie (Les) Ingram; son Jeff

Sullivan; grandchildren Kylee and Kirk Archibald, Lori and Jeremy Todd, Brian Sullivan, Bailee Ingram, Taylor Ingram and Jeremy Sullivan; great-grandchildren Reiley, Amanda and Cody Todd and Payton and Maddie Archibald; other relatives Dawn Noble, Cheryl Sullivan, Cathy and Clay Buckingham, Jane Sullivan, Mike, Natalie and Trent Sullivan, Patty Anderson, Laura, Will and Carolyn Anderson, Kathy, Jim and Josh Kempf and Bill Sullivan.

Friends and family are gathering for a remembrance of her life at 504 Peaceful Drive in Bigfork after the service.

Services will be 11 a.m. today at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory in Kalispell.

Memorials are suggested to Flathead Spay and Neuter Task Force, P.O. Box 2095 Whitefish, MT 59937.

Richard 'Dickie' Lee Sutherland Sr., 75

Richard "Dickie" Lee Sutherland Sr., 75, formerly of Columbia Falls, died Saturday, Jan. 5, 2013 at his home in Rocky Boy, of natural causes.

He had worked at Plum Creek and the Ol' River Bridge Inn.

He is survived by his

children, Connie Sutherland of Poplar; Elaine Coffee, Sandy Sutherland and Cheryl Sutherland, all of Rocky Boy; Thomas Sutherland of Seattle and Dean Sutherland of Rocky Boy.

A Native American funeral was held Jan. 8 at Rocky Boy Reservation.

Elizabeth 'Betty' Marie Svendsen Johnson Calahan, 88

Elizabeth "Betty" Marie Svendsen Johnson Calahan, 88, passed away Oct. 17, 2013, from natural causes at a local care facility in Great Falls.

Betty was born Feb. 5, 1925, to Peter and Katherine Svendsen in Havre. She grew up west of Hogeland on the family farm with her loving sister Carol. She attended school at West End and Hogeland schools. She attended college in Havre and worked in Spokane during World War II.

On Oct. 23, 1946, she married Reuben Johnson and had four children with him. The couple farmed the Svendsen family homestead until Reuben's death in 1974. She worked in the Harlem Bank and owned Harlem Insurance, which she later sold to a family friend. In 1983, she married Marvin Calahan. She was a loving stepmother and step-grandmother to Marvin's family. During this time, she enjoyed traveling around the world.

She was a devoted Lutheran and was active in her church throughout her life. She loved reading and could read a great book in a day. She also enjoyed watching baseball on television, including her favorite team, the Seattle Mariners. Her greatest enjoyment was



spent with her large family. She especially loved dotting on and spoiling her grandchildren and great-

grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother-in-law, Pete Ekegren; husband, Reuben Johnson; husband, Marvin Calahan; and daughter, Brenda Dubray.

She is survived by her children, Randy and Sara Johnson of Kalispell, Kathy and Ed Zellmer of Hogeland, and Leslie and Bonnie Johnson of Great Falls; son-in-law, Ed Dubray of Babb; sister, Carol Ekegren of Choteau; stepchildren, David and Judi Calahan of Missoula, Laurie and Bill Martindale of Bozeman, and Julie and Ken Bauer of Polson; and her 19 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren.

A celebration of Betty's life was held on Oct. 21 at American Lutheran Church in Hogeland and a graveside service was at Silverbow Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to American Lutheran Church of Hogeland, Faith Free Lutheran Church of Kalispell or Peace Hospice of Great Falls.

Amos Walter Svennungsen, 92

Amos Walter Svennungsen was born to the Rev. David and Kari Svennungsen, on Jan. 18, 1921, in Dazey, N.D., and died on April 15, 2013, in Kalispell. He was 92.

The eighth of nine children, Amos attended elementary schools in Northfield, Minn., and Big Sandy, and graduated from Big Sandy High School in 1939. After high school, Amos attended Northern Montana College, where he excelled as an infielder for the Lights. He graduated with a teaching certificate.

Amos served in the U.S. Army Air Corps from 1942 to 1946, after teaching junior high school for one year in Galata. After the war, he taught for one year in Shelby, and then attended the University of Montana, where he earned his bachelor's degree in 1949. In 1952, he received his Doctor of Optometry degree from Los Angeles College of Optometry.

In 1951, he married Mary Gestring of Creston and in 1952, they moved to Shelby where, for the next 30 years, Amos faithfully served Shelby and Chester as an optometrist. In 1990, he received the Distinguished Service Award from both the Montana Optometric Association and his alma mater, now the Southern California College of Optometry.

A civic leader, Amos served on the school board, church council, Kiwanis, Elks Club, and sang with barbershop ensembles and community chorales. He was instrumental in the



construction of the much-loved Marias Valley Golf and Country Club. From 1981 to 1989, he practiced optometry in Sonoma, Calif.

During retirement, he and Mary spent their summers in Whitefish and winters in Palm Desert, Calif.

Amos was the last surviving child born to the Rev. David and Kari Svennungsen. A lifelong member of the Lutheran Church, Amos was an active congregational member throughout his life, participating in Bible studies, church choir, stewardship and various leadership roles.

Amos was also an accomplished bridge player, avid reader and enjoyed sports of all kinds, especially when his children or grandchildren were playing!

A beloved husband, father, son, brother, uncle, brother-in-law, grandfather, family member and friend, he lived life fully, relishing each chapter of his 92-year life story. His values of hard work and joyful play, love for family, community betterment, education, humor, integrity and faith in Christ have shaped his loved ones more than words can say.

Amos was preceded in death by his wife, Mary; his parents, David and Kari; and his siblings, Rolf, Steinar, Ruth, Dave,

Esther, Phil, Arthur and Paul.

He is survived by his son, Rock, and wife, Joanie, of Shelby; his daughter, Ann, and husband, Bill, of Minneapolis; his son, Bradford, and wife, Marnett, of Sacramento, Calif.; 10 grandchildren, Kara, Peter, Sonja, Kirsten, Sarah, John Amos, Mary, Ellyn, Brooke and Bradley; four great-grandchildren, Kyrie, Finley, Noelle and John; and a host of

beloved nephews, nieces and extended family members.

Funeral services will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 20, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Kalispell, with a visitation held one hour prior to the service. There will also be a visitation from 4 to 7 p.m. on Friday, April 19, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

The family suggests memorials be given to the church of their choice.

Mary Gestring Svennungsen, 84

Mary Gestring Svennungsen was born to Edward and Elizabeth Gestring March 30, 1927, in Moccasin, Mont., and died Feb. 8, 2012, in Kalispell. She was 84.

Mary attended Cayuse Prairie School and graduated from Flathead County High School. She entered Northern Montana College, Havre, where she completed her teaching degree, receiving the Delta Kappa Gamma award for outstanding woman graduate in education. She taught elementary school in Missoula and Medford, Ore.

In 1951, she married Amos W. Svennungsen and they moved to Shelby, where Amos began his optometric practice. They lived there 30 years, during which time Mary was active in Jayceens, Garden Club, Marias Valley Golf Women, Soroptimists, Montana Optometric Auxiliary and Lutheran Church Women.

As a member of the Optometric Auxiliary, Mary was instrumental in establishing a scholarship program for aspiring optometrists. In the 1960s, she served as president of the Great Falls Conference of American Lutheran Church Women. In 1979, she helped lead the effort to construct a new sanctuary at St. Luke's Lutheran Church.



In 1981, the family moved to Sonoma, Calif., where they lived for eight years. During retirement, they

spent their summers in Whitefish and winters in Palm Desert, Calif.

A lifelong member of the Lutheran Church, Mary was an active member of St. Luke's Lutheran in Shelby, Faith Lutheran in Sonoma, Hope Lutheran in Palm Desert, Christ Lutheran in Whitefish and Bethlehem Lutheran in Kalispell, where she participated in Bible studies, prayer groups, church choir, altar guild and quilting.

Mary was also an accomplished flower arranger and enjoyed music, bridge and travel.

A beloved wife, mother, daughter, sister, aunt, sister-in-law, grandparent, family member and friend, she was often organizing special gatherings so that friendships and family could be renewed.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and her brothers, Bob and Brad.

She is survived by her

husband, Amos; her brother, Charles, and JoAnn Gestring; her sisters-in-law, Jessie Gestring and Sheila Svennungsen; her son, Rock, and wife, Joanie, of Shelby; her daughter, Ann, and husband, Bill, of Northfield, Minn.; her son, Bradford, and wife, Marnett, of Sacramento, Calif.; 10 grandchildren, Kara, Peter, Sonja, Kirsten, Sarah, John, Mary, Elyn, Brooke and Bradley; and four great-grandchildren, Kyrie, Finley, Noelle and John.

Funeral services will be

held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Kalispell. Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. today, Feb. 10, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home.

The family suggests that memorials be given to the Bethlehem Lutheran Church Organ Fund or Lutheran World Relief.

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

Phanis W. Swanger, 95

Phanis W. Swanger, 95, died at the Montana Veterans Home Friday, Sept. 13, 2013.

Cremation will take place. Buffalo Hill Funeral home is caring for the family.

Olga 'Lou' Luella Syneva Priddy Krantz Williams, 79

Olga "Lou" Luella Syneva Priddy Krantz Williams, 79, of Ronan, died Wednesday, May 22, 2013, at Heritage Place.

Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Monday, May 27, at the United Methodist Church at the top

of Post Creek Hill with a reception to follow. A graveside service will be held Tuesday, May 28 at the City of Missoula Cemetery.

Grogan Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.