

Lori Louise Moulds Sablan, 50

Lori Louise Moulds Sablan, 50, of Reno, Nev., passed away Dec. 25, 2013, surrounded by her loving family, following a motor vehicle accident one week earlier.

She was born Aug. 18, 1963, in Aberdeen, S.D., to James and Kathy Moulds. Lori attended school in Columbia Falls and graduated from Poplar High School in 1981.

She enrolled in Northern Montana College, pursuing general studies for a year, prior to enlisting in the United States Army. She was active duty, serving her country for 10 and a half years. She served a tour of duty in the Middle East as part of the 330 Transportation Corps during Desert Storm. Lori received many military commendations during her service, and was honorably discharged in 1995.

Lori continued her service by becoming a federal corrections officer with the U.S. Bureau of Prisons in Ely, Nev., Yankton S.D., and Herlong, Calif. She received numerous honors and recognitions as an outstanding officer.

Lori was a vibrant, caring woman who loved the outdoors, fishing with her



significant other, Barry Thomas, and spending time with family and friends. She loved to laugh, she loved animals and she loved traveling

around the country.

Lori was preceded in death by her grandparents, Hugh and Louise LaBay, and Henry and Alby Zeman; and her father, James Moulds.

She is survived by her mother, Kathy Moulds, of Kalispell; her sister, Charlene Moulds, of Kalispell; and her aunt, Joan Livingstone, of New York City.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 3, at Epworth United Methodist Church, 329 Second Ave. E. in Kalispell. Interment will take place at a later date in Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Lori's family.

Vivian Elaine Sackett, 52

Vivian Elaine Sackett, 52, died Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2013, at her home in Columbia Falls.

Vivian is survived by her children, Caleb and

Hannah Sackett.

No services are planned at this time.

Austin Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Wilma Helen Sager, 100

Wilma Helen Sager, 100, died Thursday, Jan. 24, 2013, in Kalispell.

She is survived by her daughter, Peggy Hedin,

of Somers.

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

Terry Sakariason, 58

Terry Sakariason died at his home near Kalispell on Friday, July 19, 2013, from natural causes.

Terry was born Aug. 2, 1954 in Enumclaw, Wash. He felt blessed every day of his life to have had his parents, Wayne and Amanda Sakariason, and grandparents, Bill and Selma Mattson. His dad and "Gramps" were his heroes and role models. Both of them overcame great hardships in their early lives by sheer determination and hard work and he followed in their footsteps. His mom was the perfect combination of tenderness and toughness and his grandma was everybody's dream grandmother who spoiled him rotten.

Terry's exceptional skills with all things mechanical became apparent early in life when, at 3 years old, he received a tool kit and bicycle for Christmas and, much to his mothers' consternation and then relief, proceeded to use the first to dismantle and then reassemble the second.

It was only fitting that as a teenager the first time he was introduced to his future wife, Joy, he had his head under the hood of a Mustang Mach adjusting the carburetor for a friend and giving him a lecture on how Chevys are better than Fords. Luckily, Joy also came from a family who preferred Chevys. He liked telling people he and Joy were happily married for 38 years, because most had predicted they wouldn't make it to three. Terry found the job

most suited to his talents when he joined the staff at Kalispell Regional Medical Center at the beginning of a time of rapid expansion that continued to pick up speed as the years went by. He was continually challenged, never bored and loved every minute of it despite a lot of swearing. He no longer had much time to hunt and fish so he took up trapshooting, became quite good at it and enjoyed it thoroughly.

Terry is survived by his family, wife Joy; brothers, Joe Bennett, Don Bennett and Francis Tanzella; sisters, Terri Bennett, Michele Bennett and Donna Tanzella; his nephews of whom he was immensely proud, Brian Bennett, currently serving with the U.S. Army in Afghanistan and Jesse Bennett, completing his final year of college before continuing on to grad school; also a sister, Sheri Sakariason, and her children. He is also survived by his friends, Jordan Boles, Scott and Lorinda Daumiller, Rich Herbold and Linn Gielman who shared countless cups of coffee in the late hours he kept and, of course, his second family, his friends and coworkers at KRMC.

Terry's ashes will be buried near his parents and grandparents at C. E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. In accordance with his wishes there will be no services.

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

Raymond Warren Sampson, 90

Raymond Warren Sampson of Troy died April 21, 2013, at St. John's Lutheran Hospital in Libby.

He is survived by his wife, LuRee; and his children, Sharon, Janice, Nancy, Allen, Laura,

Heidi and Leah.

A celebration of life will be at 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 27, at Three Lakes Event Center.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home & Crematory in Libby.

James 'Jim' Samuelson, 88

A memorial for longtime Columbia Falls cabinet maker James "Jim" Samuelson, 88, will be at 10 a.m. July 20 at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

He died at his home in Yuma, Ariz., on Oct. 9.

He and his widow Lee lived in Columbia Falls from 1956 until their retirement in 1986, when they moved to Arizona.

Born Sept. 1, 1924, Samuelson grew up the second of four brothers on a farm in Depression Era Maynard, Iowa. His parents were Nicholas Samuelson and Ardath Conrad.

After high school, he married longtime sweetheart Leila (Lee) Renfrow. The couple celebrated their 68th anniversary September 2012. Samuelson joined the Army in 1944 and was sent to the European Theater, where he served in the German occupation until 1946.

When he returned to peacetime America, Jim and his wife raised two girls in Iowa and in 1956 moved to Columbia Falls where Jim for many years operated his own custom cabinetmaking shop, Samuelson Cabinets, on Railroad Street.

He took his family on many Montana trips and waterskiing adventures. During their long retirement, Jim and Leila traveled the U.S., Canada and Mexico by motorcycle and RV. They worked summers at the Grand Can-



yon, on the TV set of "Bonanza" in Nevada and as campground hosts and employees in the Colorado Rockies and New Mexico. In

recent years, the couple spent summers with friends Bill and Bonnie Poser in Conrad.

Jim was a member of the Foothills Southern Baptist Church in Yuma and the VFW. He was a past commander of VFW Post 5650 in Columbia Falls.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and three brothers, Thomas, Philip and Charles.

He is survived by his widow, Leila, of Yuma; two daughters, Terri Lee Gamble and husband Harry of Prescott Valley, Ariz., and Roxana Hessman of Denver; and four grandchildren, Erin, Kris, Bryan and Cody.

Jim was known by family and friends as "the can-do man" and was often called on to fix and make things in his wood-working shop in his backyard in Yuma. He loved a challenge.

Funeral services were held Oct. 13 at Foothills Baptist Church in Yuma. His ashes will be buried next to his parents at Woodawn Cemetery.

3-6-13 Edward R. Sanders, 79

Edward R. Sanders, 79, following a short bout with cancer, passed away in the comfort of his home on March 3, 2013, in Kalispell.

Born in Milwaukee, Wis., on May 16, 1933, Ed lived life to the fullest. He was a boxer in the 82nd Airborne and was the only survivor of an airplane crash. Following a move to Fairbanks, Alaska, and not wanting to continue in the chiropractic profession for which he had been trained, he turned to constructing houses, piano tuning and gold panning. In 1974 he came to Kalispell, where he became a world-class picture framer.

Tennis, marathon running and bicycling were his passions. On any given day you could find Ed on the tennis court, helping others, young and old, to improve their game.

Always smiling and telling jokes, Ed was a gentle



man, a kind and loving husband and a generous and loyal friend. He touched many lives and inspired us all.

Ed is survived by his

wife Jan; sons, Eddie and Gary Sanders, of North Carolina; daughter, Torrie McMillan, of Seattle; stepdaughter, Erica Neils; five grandchildren, Breanna, Hunter, Gary, Tiffany and Nicole; and one great-grandchild, Lacy.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

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

Evelyn K. Sandmeyer, 84

Evelyn K. Sandmeyer, 84, died Tuesday, March 19, 2013, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She is survived by her husband, William Sandmeyer; and three children, Sherry Shillenn, Richard Schultz and Michael Schultz.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, March 25, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery with the Rev. Tim Bartholomew of Stillwater Free Lutheran Church officiating.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Raymond Lee Sanford Jr., 74

Funeral services for Raymond Lee "Pepper" Sanford Jr., 74, of Sulphur Springs, Texas, will be conducted at noon Thursday, Aug. 22, at First United Methodist Church in Sulphur Springs with the Revs. Pete Adrian and Debbie Riggsby officiating. Visitation will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. today, Aug. 21, at West Oaks Funeral Home in Sulphur Springs.

Mr. Sanford passed away on Friday, Aug. 16, 2013, at his home.

He was born Aug. 31, 1938, in Tulsa, Okla., to Raymond Lee and Myrtle Irene (Rinehart) Sanford.

He was a member of First United Methodist Church, Stephen's Ministry and The Messenger's Class.

He worked as director of transportation for Plum Creek Timber in Columbia Falls.

He was married to Rosemary for 22 years, and from that union they had one son and two daughters. In June of 1981, he married Sondra "Sandy" Sanford who preceded him in death.



He is survived by sons, Scott Sanford and wife Kimberly of Frisco, Texas, and Sam

Carter and wife Sabrina of Mesquite, Texas; daughters, Suzanne Sanford of Dallas, and Stephanie Kaufert and husband Bobby of Sulphur Springs, Texas; sister, SueAnn Darling, and husband, Cliff, of Corpus Christi, Texas; and grandchildren, Tanner Hux, Kyle Hux, Alex Hux, Kelsey Kaufert, Cameron Kaufert, John Bug Carter, Luke Carter and Jason Carter.

In addition to his wife Sandy, he was also preceded in death by his parents, and son Joe Carter.

Donations may be made to his church, First United Methodist Church, 301 Church St., Sulphur Springs, TX 75482; or to the charity of your choice. Arrangements are under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home; www.westoaksfuneral-home.com

Ernest William 'Bill' Scott Jr., 62

Ernest William "Bill" Scott Jr., passed away Jan. 15, 2013.

Bill was born in Tulare, Calif., to Ernest and Dixie Scott on June 23, 1950. He graduated from Tulare Union High School in 1967 and soon enlisted in the U.S. Marines, serving overseas in Okinawa, Japan.

Upon returning home, he worked in construction and farming industries. Bill was a talented carpenter and mechanic, following in his dad's footsteps.

He was always in love with the outdoors and was often found with family or friends on camping, fishing or hunting trips,



even to out-of-state destinations. It was that love that

led him to ranching jobs in Colorado and Washington, then to Montana, which won his heart as much as his future wife, Pearl.

He was a 14-year resident of Kila at the time of his death.

Bill is survived by his wife, Pearl; a sister, Trudy Pascoe, in California; and numerous family and friends who will miss him greatly.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Roy 'Buster' Sauerbier, 67

Roy "Buster" Sauerbier "went home to be with his Lord" April 20, 2013, at his home.

He was born Aug. 21, 1945, in Kalispell to his parents Lynus and Cordelia Sauerbier. He was the youngest of their children. He grew up on the family farm in the Swan River area. He lived there most of his life, except when he was in the Army.

He was a loving and caring man with many friends. He loved to hunt and fish.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lynus and Cordelia; a brother, Daniel; and a niece, Lona Mae Sauerbier.

He is survived by his wife Mary; a daughter Jodi, of Seattle; a sister, Bernice Rost, of Bigfork; two nephews, Les Rost of Kalispell and Mike Sauerbier of Missoula; and a niece, Deb Rost, of Bigfork.

Following is the special tribute from his team penning friends:

"Buster truly enjoyed every minute working on his ranch. He found joy whether he was fixin' fences or trying to fix a cantankerous piece of equipment that broke down right when the hay was ready to put up. But, Buster could fix anything. He owned and operated a heavy equipment, sand and sod business. In the winter, he plowed snow. If someone couldn't pay or was down on their luck, they never got a bill.

"One of his greatest joys was tending to his cows and, at calving time, he dedicated himself to taking care of his cows and their babies. At branding, all of Buster's friends and neighbors joined in on the fun and Buster always had a big



feed and a "cold one" waiting at the end of the work day.

"Buster had a deep love for his horses and his dogs and he had a good eye for a good horse. He was one of the first members of the Northwest Montana Team Penning Association. His knowledge of both horses and cattle won him many buckles in this fast paced sport. Buster's horse, Smokey, won Horse of the Year, and his horses, Billy and Okie, were coveted by any horseman that watched them work cattle.

"Buster built a beautiful arena on his ranch. He worked endless hours to make his arena the best and took pride in knowing "Buster's Arena" was a favored place for his many friends to practice team penning, compete for buckles and prizes and, at the end of the day, socialize with friends around the campfire. Cows used for the practices and competitions were all from Buster's herd and they all got worked, except for his ol' wild cow, Radar.

"Buster was respected and considered a good friend by all of his team penning family. Hunting and fishing were also Buster's passions. His yearly trip east of the mountains to camp and hunt antelope, deer and elk was something he looked forward to all year."

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. April 26 at the Little Brown Church in Bigfork.

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

Sandra Vander Schaaf, 64

Sandra Vander Schaaf passed away peacefully in her home with family members by her side on Tuesday, May 7, 2013.

She was born to the late Claybourne and Helen King on April 20, 1949, in Los Angeles.

Sandy was a resident of Whitefish since 1982. She worked at Safeway, Food Depot, Whitefish Schools and Northwest Montana Head Start. Teaching and working with children were her greatest joy.

Sandy was a huge NASCAR fan. She loved the water and also enjoyed reading, lawn work, spending time with family and friends, and the loving affection of her pets.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Karen.

Sandy is survived by her husband, Jim; her daughter, Amanda Bircher; two brothers; three sisters; numerous nieces and nephews; and a large, loving group of extended family and friends. We all will miss her.

Donations can be made in Sandy's memory to the Northwest Montana Humane Society.

No services are planned at this time.

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

Arrangements are entrusted to Austin Funeral Home.



Carroll Edison Scarff, 82

Carroll Edison Scarff, 82, died Jan. 10, 2014, in Palm Desert, Calif.

Cal was born Nov. 19, 1931, in Auburn, Wash., the youngest of three sons of Wayland and Della Scarff. After growing up in Redondo and Auburn, he graduated from Auburn High School in 1949.

He enlisted in the Navy ROTC and graduated from the University of Washington in 1953. Following college, Cal started at his father's Ford dealership, alongside his brothers, Robert and Bowen, at Scarff Ford Auburn.

Throughout the years Cal enjoyed many outdoor activities with his family including golf, snow and water skiing, hiking, camping and fishing. Cal was an avid reader and golfer.

In retirement years, Cal and Virginia loved wintering in Palm Desert and were active at Ironwood Golf and Country Club, being charter members. Cal was very involved with numerous civic activities and organizations in the valley: The YMCA; Auburn Rotary from 1963 to present, elected president in 1970; the Auburn Parks board from 1957 to 2000; Auburn Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year '78-'79; The Federal Way Library; Twin

Lakes Golf Club; Auburn Golf Club; and Washington Junior Golf. He was also active at St. Matthew Episcopal Church in Tacoma/Brown's Point.

Cal was preceded in death by father, Wayland, in 1962; mother, Della, in 1981; and by his wife, Virginia, who passed away in 2011; also his stepsons, Gary and Neal.

Cal is survived by his daughter, Colleen, and Alan Smith, of Wenatchee, Wash.; sons, Greg and Peggy Scarff of Kalispell, and Doug and Denise of Gillette, Wyo.; grandchildren, Brendan and Liz, Andrea and Heath, Caitrin, Emma and Shaun, Connor, Jennifer, Marcie and Ryan, Ashlee and Jesus, and Jamieson; and six great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Feb. 7 at St. Matthew Episcopal Church, 6800 Eastside Drive NE, Tacoma, Wash. Following the service, it was Cal's wish to have an informal, joyous celebration of life that will be held at the Auburn Golf Course and will take place shortly after the service.

In lieu of flowers, please contribute to the Living Desert in Palm Desert and St. Matthew Episcopal Church, Tacoma/Dash Pt.; 253-927-9808.

Georgiana R. Schlicht, 92

Georgiana R. Schlicht, 92, died at Heritage Place on Friday, Sept. 6, 2013.

There will be no ser-

vices at this time.

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

Martha E. Schoeppel, 88

Martha E. Schoeppel, 88, died Nov. 22, 2013, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She is survived by a daughter, Virginia Shayne.

Cremation has taken place. Burial will follow at a later date.

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

Rudolf Schoesser, 83

Rudolf Schoesser, 83, of Great Falls, died Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2013, at Health-Center Northwest in Kalispell.

Services are pending in Germany.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Martha Anne Schmidt, 68

Martha Anne Schmidt, 68, died in Kalispell Monday, Sept. 9, 2013.

She was certified nursing assistant at Immanuel Lutheran Home.

She is survived by her

sons, Scott and Shawn, and a daughter, Jessica.

Private family services will be held.

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

Anne Schmidt, 68

Anne Schmidt passed away peacefully in Kalispell on Sept. 9, 2013, at the age of 68, from complications of cancer.

For the last two decades, Anne served as a CNA at Immanuel Skilled Care Center in Kalispell, where she was highly regarded for her extraordinary kindness, compassion and dedication to the care and well-being of patients, residents and co-workers.

Anne devoted her entire life to hard work, and service to her family, friends and acquaintances. All who knew Anne admired her exceptional selflessness, concern for others, wisdom and humor.

Anne was born Martha Anne Donahue on May 5, 1945, in Glasgow. She attended schools in Omaha, Neb., Grand Forks, N.D., and Lincoln, Neb. She graduated high school in Rapid City, S.D., married Carl Martin, and together they had a son, Shawn, and daughter, Carrie. After her first husband was killed in



Vietnam, she married Don Schmidt in 1968 in South Dakota, and she became a mother again to Jes-

sica and Scott.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Carrie; husband, Carl Martin; husband, Don Schmidt; father, Edward Donahue; and brothers, Edward and Wayne Donahue.

She is survived by her sons, Shawn Schmidt and Scott Schmidt; and daughter, Jessica Kampf; and grandchildren, Taylor Kampf, Ashley Kampf and Cassie Kenyon. She is also survived by her mother, Lucille Donahue; sisters, Rita Donahue and Linda Sanborn; and brother, Paul Donahue.

A memorial service and tribute to Anne's spirit and life will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 25, at Immanuel Skilled Care Center in Kalispell.

Harry 'Doc' Julius Schneider 72

Harry "Doc" Julius Schneider 72, of Libby, died Aug. 2, 2013, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

Doc was born to the late Bill and Mina Schneider, Sept. 10, 1940, in Libby.

On June 16, 1967, he married Sue Ann Cadwell. Doc lived and worked in Libby all of his life. He spent most of his years driving logging truck and working the family ranch.

Doc is survived by two daughters, Julie Betts

and son-in-law Bruce Betts of Virginia Beach, Va., and Tracy Schneider of Kalispell. He is also survived by two grandchildren, Zachary and Hailey Betts, Doc is also survived by three siblings, brothers, John and Jim Schneider, and sister, Anna Miller; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

A celebration of life memorial will be held at a later date

Kathryn L. Schnaidt, 96

Kathryn L. Schnaidt, 96, of Moorhead, Minn., formerly of Kalispell, passed away on Nov. 9, 2013, in after eventide on the eighth, in Moorhead.

Kathryn Louise Zinzow was born on April 24, 1917, in Wausau, Wis., to William and Helen (Page) Zinzow. She grew up in East Orange, N.J. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree in art history from Oberlin College in Ohio in 1938. She moved to New York City, where she worked for 10 years in personnel at Time Life Publishing. She walked to work from her Manhattan apartment every day in high-heeled shoes.

Kathryn married Donald H. Schnaidt on April 11, 1945, at Donald's parents' home in Parkston, S.D. They moved to Kalispell in 1949. Kathryn worked as a bookkeeper and dental assistant. She went back to school at the age of 50 to become a social worker because she loved children. She was employed as a child welfare social worker, and eventually, social work supervisor, for Flathead County until her retirement in 1982.

Kathryn's life was marked by love and generosity and a brilliant smile. She loved children, particularly babies. She loved to decorate her house with flowers and to do crafts, especially counted cross-stitch. She gave her crafts to friends and family, and donated them to fundraisers for her favorite organizations.



Kathryn spent many years of her retirement working as a volunteer for United Way.

She was also an active member of AAUW, PEO and the National Foster Parents Association. She belonged to Epworth Methodist Church in Kalispell.

She was an exceptional wife, mother, grandmother and friend. Kathryn moved to Moorhead to be near her daughter in 2005. In Moorhead, she joined First Presbyterian Church.

Kathryn is survived by her son, Mark Schnaidt of British Columbia, daughter, Martha and David Wheeler of Moorhead; grandchildren, Tanya and Bob Andrea, Daniel and Megan Wheeler, and Nicholas Wheeler; and great-grandchildren, Dean Mianscum and Tony Andrea.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Donald; and her brother, William Zinzow.

Memorials may be sent to United Way of Flathead County, P.O. Box 7217, Kalispell, MT 59901; or United Way of Cass-Clay, 219 7th Street South, P.O. Box 1609, Fargo, N.D. 58107-1609.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 30, in Korsmo Funeral Chapel, Moorhead.

An online guestbook is available at www.korsmo-funeralservice.com.

Levi Allyn Schneider, 18

Levi Allyn Schneider was found deceased on July 23, 2013, in Marion. He had been missing since July 7, 2013.

Levi was born to Rhonda Lamberson and Ray Schneider on Aug. 9, 1994, in Kalispell. He went to school and was raised in Great Falls, and attended school at Lincoln Elementary and Great Falls High School. In 2012 he earned his GED and lived at the Set Free Ministry House, where he learned to love the Lord. He spent the last year in Marion to be with his mother and family.

Levi could identify the make and model of most vehicles from an early age and loved anything with wheels. He was involved in tae kwon do and played tennis for Great Falls High School. He enjoyed motorcycle riding, snowboarding and recently had been becoming an accomplished snowmobiler. Levi had become passionate about the outdoors and was in love with hiking and camping in the back woods. He had always been interested in unique



junk, antiques and anything from the past. He really liked Louis L'Amour

books and the old west.

"Our dear Levi, we miss you and love you. You will be remembered for your calm demeanor and loyalty to others."

Levi is survived by his mother, Rhonda Lamberson and Darrin of Marion; father, Raymond Schneider and Mary of Great Falls; sisters, Jayne, Josie and Julie of Marion, and Saird Kunsa of Great Falls; nieces and nephews, Rainy of Great Falls, Arrikah of Marion, Tobias of Great Falls, and Micah of Marion; grandparents, Tim and Rae Mitchell of Marion, and Barb and Jack Fleming of Kalispell; and grandfather, Ray and Linda Schneider of Anaconda. Levi had many cousins, aunts, uncles and friends.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 2 at the Christian Center in Kalispell.

Mary Louise Schroder, 88

Mary Louise Schroder, 88, of Cut Bank, formerly of Kalispell, passed away Tuesday, July 2, 2013, at the Glacier Care Center in Cut Bank, due to natural causes.

Mary was born to Orland and Florence (Stevenson) Covert on July 14, 1924, in Kalispell, where she was raised and attended school.

She married the love of her life, Raymond Glen Schroder, on Oct. 9, 1942, and was a stay-at-home mom. They raised two daughters, Palma Lee Shock and Linda Louise Fletcher.

Mary was a member of the First Baptist Church in Kalispell and the Flathead Pioneer Auto Club. She loved her garden and grew some of the most beautiful roses, irises and peonies.

In July 2006, Mary moved to Cut Bank to be closer to her daughter Lee.

Mary is survived by two daughters, Palma Lee Shock and Thomas of Cut Bank, and Linda Louise Fletcher and Norman of Grass Valley, Calif.; three grandchildren, Cynthia-Shock Bucklin and Douglas of Downtown, Pa.,



Chadwick Shock and Debbie of Bainbridge, Ohio, and Glenda Fletcher of Sacramento, Calif.;

six great-grandchildren, Alexandria Vernon, Isabel, Andrew, Jeffery and Mark Bucklin of Downton, and Trenton Shock of Bainbridge; and one great-great-granddaughter, Blake Holly Matthews, of Downton.

She was predeceased by her parents, Orland and Florence; husband, Raymond Glen; two sisters, Ina Ruth Billsborough and Mildred Cordell; along with numerous aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Monday, July 8, in Kalispell at the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home, with visitation one hour before the service. Burial will follow in the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Whitted Funeral Chapel of Cut Bank is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be posted at www.whittedfuneralchapel.com.

Evelyn M. Schroeder, 92

Evelyn M. Schroeder, 92, died July 18, 2013, from natural causes.

She is survived by her three children, Stephanie Schroeder of Whitefish, Curtis Schroeder of

Kalispell and Beth Mocko of Eureka.

A rosary will be said at 11 a.m. July 25, followed by a requiem Latin Mass at Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Eureka.

Lois H. Schuler, 87

Lois H. Schuler, 87, died Friday, Nov. 22, 2013, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She is survived by three daughters, Karen Calabretta, Nancy Adams and Janet Somers.

Her and her late husband's remains will be placed together at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery at a later date.

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

Charles William Schulz III, 69

Charles William Schulz III, 69, died Friday, March 8, 2013, at Edgewood Vista in Kalispell.

He is survived by his companion, Kathy Hill; daughter, Corrinna

Schulz; and son, Tye Schulz.

No services are planned at this time.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Edmund Schumacher, 97

Edmund Schumacher, 97, died Oct. 6, 2013, at his home in Polson. He is survived by his wife Gracie.

No services are planned

at this time.

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

Beverly J. Schwarz, 79

Beverly J. Schwarz, 79, passed away Saturday, Aug. 24, 2013, at Brendan House in Kalispell, surrounded by her family.

Bev was born June 27, 1934, in San Francisco, to Lloyd and Mabel Parker.

She was raised in the Flathead Valley and attended Flathead County High School. Following high school, Bev worked at Norm's News, Rosauer's Grocery, Operating Engineers Local No. 400, and retired from the Flathead County Treasurer's Office in 1986.

Bev was a member of the Kalispell Eagles Auxiliary since 1972 and was a 10-year secretary. She also knew how to drive a logging truck and operate farm machinery.

In 1950 Beverly married LeRoy McDowell. They had three children, Sherry, Charles and Christy. They were later divorced. In 1971 Bev married Carl Kostman. Carl passed away in 1976. She then married Ralph Schwarz in 1980. They were married 27 years, until Ralph passed away on April 1, 2007.

Bev enjoyed camping, boating, fishing, knitting and crocheting. Family was always a very important part of her life and she enjoyed every



moment spent with family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents,

Lloyd and Mabel Parker; husbands, Carl Kostman and Ralph Schwarz; and brother, Robert Parker.

She is survived by her three children, Sherry Stewart and fiance Mark Lamoreux, Charles McDowell and wife Kathryn, and Christy Doty and husband Steve; grandchildren, Billy Salmonsens and wife Stacey, Michelle Morris and husband Rob, Justin Sherman and wife Scarlett, Brittney Erie and LeRoy Doty; great-grandchildren, Tanner Salmonsens, Tucker Salmonsens, Jacob Morris, Dylan Morris, Hayden Sherman and Mia Sherman; sisters, Geraldine Wagner and Florence Huntley; and brothers, Don Parker and Jim Parker.

A celebration of Bev's life will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 29, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. A reception will be at the Eagles Club basement following the celebration of Bev's life.

Larry 'Shag' Allen Schulz, 77

Larry "Shag" Allen Schulz passed away peacefully at the Tobacco Root Valley Care Facility in Sheridan, Mont., on Nov. 17, 2013, four years after a severe stroke.

Larry was born in Sheridan on Sept. 30, 1936, to Lawrence Schulz and Juanita Glaser Schulz. He grew up in Sheridan with his older brother, Norman Schulz, and graduated from Sheridan High School in 1954. Larry participated in all types of high school activities and athletics, including playing baseball in Butte when he also worked in the Butte mines. Larry was honored with his induction into the Butte Athletic Hall of Fame.

Upon graduation, Larry went to the University of Montana on a full-ride baseball scholarship where he was active in the Phi Delta Theta fraternity. Larry played semi-professional baseball for the Bellingham Bells until he suffered serious injuries in a car accident. Larry returned to the University of Montana where he completed degrees in history and math in 1958 and went on to complete a master's in school administration in 1959.

He married Vicki (Fey) Schulz in 1964 and they had two children, Derek and Katie.

After beginning his teaching career at Great Falls High, Larry and his family moved to Kalispell in 1968 where he was a counselor at Linderman Junior High and Flathead High School from 1968 to 1969 and from 1970 to 1985. "Mr. Schulz" was first vice principal and then principal.

Larry eventually finished his career where he started, as the principal of Linderman, until he retired in 1991. "Mr. Schulz" spent many hours at his schools helping and supporting kids and teachers and warmly greeted the students when he walked the hallways and cheered them on at their activities. Larry also spent many years coaching local baseball teams



and never missed a Flathead High sporting event.

He participated in civic organizations in the Flathead such as the Optimists Club, of which he was regional president, and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. Larry was chosen by the National Association of Principals to represent Montana at the United States Congress for several years.

Upon his retirement, Larry enjoyed watching all sporting events, hunting and fishing, and being part of the Back Country Horsemen organization and the Flathead County Sheriff's Posse. Later in life, Larry spent winters in Mesa, Ariz., and enjoyed traveling to see old friends and family and, of course, making plenty of new friends. He never missed a Grizzly football game and truly loved his alma mater.

Larry is survived by his son, Derek Schulz, and daughter, Katie Schulz, as well as his three granddaughters, Marlow Schulz, Allie Schulz and Lauren Schulz; and his niece, Vicki Hudson, and nephew, Mike Schulz.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents, and brother, Norman.

There will be a memorial service for Larry at 11 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 22, at the Bethel Church in Sheridan.

Please direct any memorials to the American Legion Baseball Organization, Tobacco Root Valley Care Facility, or Sheridan QRU.

"As we reflect on Larry's life and achievements, we will always remember his love and appreciation of the outdoors, his dedication to education, and how he went out of his way to lend a hand when needed. So when you are riding horseback, fishing, or cheering on your baseball team, think of Larry."

Verda Mathilda Seal, 100

Verda Mathilda Seal, 100, died at the home of her daughter on Monday, July 1, 2013, in Eureka.

She is survived by her

daughter, Ann Peterson, of Eureka.

Services are pending. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Joseph 'Joe' Frank Sebestin III, 69

Joseph "Joe" Frank Sebestin III, 69, died Saturday, Nov. 16, 2013, at his residence in Polson. No services are

planned.

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

Gary Ray Secord, 65

Gary Ray Secord, 65, passed away on Saturday, Oct. 5, 2013, at Kootenai Medical Center in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

Gary was born Sept. 3, 1948, in Columbia Falls. He was a much-loved husband, father, grandfather, son, brother and uncle.

Gary was a devoted railroad man of 38 years.

Gary was preceded in death by daughter, Bonnie Jean Secord Truscott; parents, Albert and Pearl Secord; and brothers, Jack and Al Secord.

He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Sharon Kay Secord; daughter, Tammy Davis and husband Larry, Taylor and Brady Schreckendgust, Aubri and Brooke Davis; daughter, Keri Reisinger and husband Todd, and



their children, Weston and Cameron Gronley, and Sydney and Dawson Reisinger;

son, Scott Secord and wife Amy, and their children, Garrett, Dylan, Mallory and Wyatt; and brothers, Bill and Leonard Secord.

A visitation will be held from 10:30 a.m. to noon on Friday, Oct. 11, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. A graveside service will follow at 1 p.m. at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell. A luncheon will immediately follow the service at the Moose Lodge on Highway 2 in Kalispell.

Doris Mae Seelye, 86

Doris Mae Seelye, 86, of Kalispell, died Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2012.

She is survived by her daughters, Sharon Skillman and Melody Nickel; and son, Tim Seelye.

A funeral service will

be held at noon on Thursday, Feb. 2 at Central Bible Church. Burial will take place prior to services at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

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

Marjorie L. Semmens, 86

Marjorie L. Semmens, 86, died at Heritage Place in Kalispell on Jan. 26, 2013.

No services are

planned at this time.

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

Dorothy Helen Senner, 90

Dorothy Helen Senner passed away on her birthday, July 9, 2013.

Dorothy was born on July 9, 1923, to Louis and Barbara Kok, in Makoti, N.D. She grew up on the family farm with three sisters and four brothers. After graduating eighth grade, she worked out for other families.

During World War II, she and her sister were certified welders in the shipyards near Portland.

She married Herman Frank on Nov. 13, 1945, and of this union five children were born. They later divorced. She married A.C. "Bud" Senner in 1978.

She worked at Buttrey's Department Store and also managed the Windward Way Apartments. She also did volunteer work at the local food bank.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents; her sister, Genevieve; her brothers, John, Albert and Raymond; her husband, Bud; and her son, Kenneth.



She is survived by her sisters, Margaret and Rita; and her brother, Robert; her daughter,

Rita McManus, and husband, Denny; her sons, Thomas Frank, Frederick Frank and wife Kathy, and Daniel Frank and wife Jenni; her stepdaughters, Lana Willis and husband Mike, and Linda Boe and husband Arnie; and numerous nieces, nephews, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 13, at Risen Christ Catholic Church.

In lieu of flowers, a contribution can be made to any of the local food banks.

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

Douglas Arthur Seward, 63

Douglas Arthur Seward, 63, passed away Nov. 26, 2013, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Doug was born May 3, 1950, in Richland, Minn. He graduated from Dunwoody College of Technology in Minneapolis with an automotive mechanic certification.

Doug was a cabinet builder and a firefighter. He is survived by his



sons, Daniel Emerson of Kalispell and Peter Emerson of Gresham, Ore.; brother and sister, David

Seward and Mary Pfeleger; and grandchildren, Charlotte and Alyson Emerson. Cremation has taken place.

Sherry May Shanks, 77

Sherry May Shanks passed away peacefully Saturday, Oct. 5, 2013, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Sherry was born Sept. 20, 1936, in Wolf Point to Iona and William "Everett" Chaney.

After graduating Wolf Point High School, she stayed in Wolf Point working as a waitress when she met her husband-to-be, Norman Shanks. Together they had five children and later moved to Glasgow. Glasgow was home for many years; there she started working as a grocery clerk for Buttrey Foods and as a full-time mom. In 1975 she and the entire family moved to Kalispell, where she and Norman became partners in Arctic Meats as she continued working for Buttrey Foods.

Through her life she had a never ending passion for her children, Saturday night hockey, camping in the great outdoors of Montana, and those that had a chance to fish with her were always out-fished when she sang her famous song, "Fishy, fishy in the brook come and bite my little hook." Sundays were best known for homemade fried chicken, with "Walt Disney" and "Mutual of Omaha."

She had friends everywhere she went. She also enjoyed playing cards, cooking and baking from scratch her favorite squaw bread. During her 36-year tenure with the



grocery chain she was coined with the name "The Buttrey Lady," and retired in 1996.

She then spent the years enjoying time with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Norman Shanks; parents, Iona and William E. Chaney; sister, Shirley Flynn; brothers, Sam Chaney, Don Chaney and Everett Chaney Jr.; and daughter-in-law, Terrina Shanks.

She is survived by her brother, Tom Chaney, and wife Pat; daughters, Dana (Shanks) Martin and husband Terry, and Lisa (Shanks) Albrecht and husband Jeff; sons, Danny Shanks and wife Cheri, Dean Shanks and wife Denise, and Rob Shanks and wife Karen; stepsons, Donald Hustad and David Hustad; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

All are invited to the viewing which will be held from 2 to 7 p.m. today, Oct. 11, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Funeral proceedings will start at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 12, at Cavalry Lutheran Church, with burial at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Please join us for a celebration of her life to be held at the church following interment.

Landon Shawback, 5

Landon Shawback, 5, died Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2012, at the family home in Kalispell.

He is survived by his parents, Dallas and Anya Shawback; and his brother and sister, Tyler and Addie Shawback.

Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 28, at the Christian Center/Assembly of God Church. Burial will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Paul R. Shepherd, 66

Paul R. Shepherd, 66, of Kalispell, died Aug. 13, 2013.

A private service will be held at a future date.

English Funeral Chapel of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, is handling the arrangements.

Terrance Roy Shepherd, 53

Terrance Roy Shepherd, 53, passed away Nov. 3, 2013, in Kalispell, of natural causes.

He was born Aug. 8, 1960, in Portland to Art and Shirley Shepherd. He was raised in Portland and graduated from high school in Troutdale, Ore.

Terry served in the Marine Corps for eight years.

In 1992, he married Rebecca L. Dixon in Halfway, Ore.

He worked as a cook at Perkins, Isaak Walton Inn and, most recently, at Local Joe's in Bigfork.

Terry enjoyed being with friends. He never missed Sunday football with his kids and grandkids whom he referred to as "munchkins." He enjoyed camping with



friends, fishing and flying his airplane with his son-in-law.

He is survived by his wife of 21 years, Rebecca L. Shepherd; stepchildren, Ange-



la and husband Corey Rensmon, and Scott and wife Tanya; grandchildren, Michaela, Asher, Bodee and Bailey; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Cremation has taken place. A celebration of life will be held at 5 p.m. today, Nov. 30, at the home of Corey and Anje Rensmon, 1525 Three Mile Dr.

Rita L. (Haglund) Shaw, 68

Rita L. (Haglund) Shaw, 68, died in Kalispell on Nov. 18, 2013, after a short illness.

She was a retired librarian.

She is survived by her daughter, Kristine

Shaw Lindberg of Homer, Alaska.

Cremation has taken place and a celebration of life will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. on Dec. 6 at the Bigfork Art and Cultural Center in Bigfork.

3-7-13 Randy Ward Shero, 52

Randy Ward Shero, 52, passed away Monday, March 4, 2013, at home, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born June 19, 1960, in Whitefish to Lucille and Clifford Shero. He grew up and attended school in Columbia Falls where he was a state champ wrestler for the Wildkats. After graduating from high school, he went to work for Canyon Logging.

In 1981 he married Ronda Felstet and they had two daughters together, Brandi and Brittany. At this time he started working at Plum Creek where he continued to work for the next 23 years.

They later divorced and he met Darleen Vollin in 1988, and they were married in 1993.

Randy was one of the most kindhearted, giving men you could ever meet. He loved helping people do whatever they needed done and would go out of his way to do it. His biggest joy was his grandkids.

He loved children and his eyes lit up when he was around them. He loved golfing, snowmobiling, softball, fishing and any other outdoor activity.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his



grandparents, Ward and Florence Shero; and brother, Jack Stoltz.

He is survived by his wife, Darleen; daughter, Brandi Roth, and husband, Chad, of Kalispell; daughter, Brittany Ballensky, and husband, Brad, of Ventura, Calif.; stepson, Kevin Timmons, and wife, Kayla, of Kalispell; his siblings, Mike Stoltz, Cindy Warner, and Terri Webster and her husband Walt, all of Columbia Falls; his beloved aunt, Leila Klindt; grandchildren, Harlie and Kenlie Roth, Travis Proulx and Hailee Ballensky, Reikah Timmons, and soon-to-be Winston Timmons; numerous nieces and nephews and extended family.

A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 9, at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls, with a potluck-style reception to follow at the Eagles Club, also in Columbia Falls.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Mikayla's Miracles & Blessings Foundation, 154 Hidden Trail, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Robert Shinall, 38

Robert Shinall, 38, died Aug. 21, 2013, in Kalispell. He is survived by his son, Cody Shinall; long-time girlfriend, Kirsten Kohlbeck; and mother, Linda Recotta.

No formal service is planned.

A potluck celebration of life will be at 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 30, at Robert's home, 332 Lindsey Lane, Kalispell.

Julie Dawn Shumpert, 57

On Saturday, April 13, 2013, "The Great Spirit" came to take his child, Julie Dawn Shumpert, home with him.

Julie was born to her mother Eleanor and father Kenneth at Kalispell Regional Hospital on June 15, 1955.

She spent her life surrounded by people that love her dearly. Her daughter Misty was her pride and joy; as Julie would say, "She's the one good thing I ever did."

Julie was a free spirit, extremely proud to be an American, and she answered solely to her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Julie was brought up in the Swan Lake area. She was also a member of Assiniboine Native Amer-

ican tribe. Though at times Julie was stubborn, she had a heart of gold.

Julie is survived by her husband of 23 years, Edmon Shumpert; their daughter, Misty Dawn Shumpert-Weber; her son, Edmon Lenard, and his four children; her unofficially adopted daughter, Marcy Franklin; and her sisters, Debra Jean Byers and Lavelle Toycen.

She will be remembered at 1 p.m. today, April 19, with services at Whitefish Credit Union in Columbia Falls. All friends and family are invited to attend.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for Julie's family. You are invited to go to www.columbiamortuary.com to offer condolences and to view Julie's tribute wall.

Raisa Shestak, 77

Raisa Shestak, 77, died Wednesday, Aug. 21, 2013, at her daughter's home in Columbia Falls.

She is survived by seven children, Raya, Vera, Alex, Victor, Lyuba,

Leon and Alla.

Funeral services will be 1 p.m. today, Aug. 23, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Francis H. Sherwood, 88

Francis H. Sherwood, 88, died Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2013, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

He has been cremated

and his cremains will be interred in Eureka.

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

Michael 'Mike' Siderius, 50

Michael "Mike" Siderius, 50, passed away on June 7, 2013, in Kalispell from cancer.

Mike was born March 20, 1963, in Montgomery, Ala., the son of Jerry and Barbara (Marsh) Siderius. His father was in the military, so he moved around until they settled in Kalispell when Mike was in the ninth grade. He graduated from Flathead High School in 1981, and earned his Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering from Montana State University in 1986.

Mike worked for the Boeing Company for six years, then moved back to Kalispell, and bought and ran his own business for 20 years.

In 1992 Mike married Joan Badley in Seattle. They had 20 happy years together. Mike was a member of Trinity Lutheran Evangelical Church.

He is survived by his loving wife, Joan; children, Joe, Reid and Shea; parents, Jerry and Barbara Siderius; sister, Robin and John Bedford of Billings; brother, Chuck Siderius of Denver; brother, Paul and Sarah Siderius of Billings; and nieces and nephews, Mitch, Alex and Jack Bedford, and Katie, Emma and Abby Siderius.

A celebration of Mike's life will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, June 26 at Trinity Lutheran Church.

The family requests memorial contributions be made to Trinity Lutheran Church, 400 W. California St., Kalispell, MT 59901 or to the CSN Radio Network, P.O. Box 391, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

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

James Siems, 81

James "Jim" Siems, 81, passed away Sept. 18, 2013, at Brendan House.

Jim was born Aug. 12, 1932, to Walter and Stella (Kafka) Siems at Thief River Falls, Minn. He spent his early years at Williams, Minn. He was a hockey player all of his years, and in high school his team won second place at State two years in a row. Williams is the smallest town to ever win that. He graduated from high school in 1950.

Jim served in the Army from 1952 to 1954 at Camp Chaffee, Ark. When he returned home, he attended Bemidji College for four years.

He then drove the school bus and did mail delivery for more than 20 years.

Jim had many interests; one was cars — he loved them. During his life he owned numerous cars and had a collection of model cars. He also enjoyed playing softball for the town of Williams.

Jim coached young people's hockey and, years later, two of his players became coaches and won an award, which they, in turn, gave to Jim. Many of his players sent him letters thanking him, which meant a lot to Jim.

He was a loving son by taking care of his parents until their deaths.

He married his friend Joyce Evenson Styler on July 23, 1988. He not only became a husband, but a father and grandfather,



all with one "I do." They just celebrated their 25th anniversary.

Jim is survived by his wife, Joyce, at their family home in Columbia

Falls; one sister, Marilyn Northcott, of Yakima, Wash.; and one brother, Robert Siems, of Bemidji, Minn.; his stepdaughter, Susie (Phillips) Eisenzimer, of Kalispell; and stepson, Rick Styler, of Columbia Falls. He also leaves behind a little four-legged friend, Friskie.

He is also survived by his grandchildren, Stephanie and Chase Eisenzimer of Kalispell, Austin Styler of Columbia Falls, and Tiffany and Travis Bell of Billings; two great-grandchildren, Kali and Karsten Bell, of Billings; nieces and nephews, Mike, Noralee, Tina, Bill and Jay Siems of Bemidji; with several other nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Walter and Stella Siems; brother, Walter Siems Jr.; daughter-in-law, Lerral Styler; and grandson, Zachary Styler.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. today, Sept. 21, at Columbia Falls United Methodist Church, 117 Second St. W. A reception will follow services.

Phyllis Owen Mollberg-Sienknecht

On March 18, 2013, Phyllis Owen Mollberg-Sienknecht passed away at her home in Kalispell from natural causes.

The middle child of Montana homesteaders, she was born and spent most of her childhood in the badlands west of Opheim, where her family raised sheep on a small ranch.

After her father died suddenly and quite young, Phyllis managed to attend college in Duluth, Minn., with the help of relatives and family friends. To help support her education, Phyllis worked at the Deaconess Hospital in Glasgow where she attended to one of the Wallendas. The famous circus family was there to entertain the workers building the Fort Peck Dam, and Phyllis cared for one of the family who had fallen during a performance. She graduated with a teaching degree and taught elementary school until retiring in 1984.

Phyllis moved to Kettle Falls, Wash., where she began her teaching career and met and married the love of her life, Brian Sienknecht. They were married for 55 years and were separated only by his passing in 2000.

Brian and Phyllis both taught school in Kettle Falls and later in Spokane, Palouse, Chelan and Almira, Wash. In Chelan, Phyllis was active in the Toastmistress Club. In 1957, the family moved to Long Beach, Calif., where Brian was a high school administrator and Phyllis a fifth grade teacher.

After retiring, Phyllis and Brian moved to West Glacier where they spent many wonderful years enjoying the beauty of Glacier Park and the company of their relatives



and friends. Both were very active. Brian loved to garden and golf, and Phyllis was involved

in politics and bridge. She was a long-standing member of the Duplicate Bridge Club. In 1999, she was honored as the Democratic Woman of the Year. Always popular, she made countless friends throughout her life. We will all miss her.

Phyllis and Brian had two children, Barbara and Steven, both born in Spokane. Barbara and her husband live in California. Steven and his wife reside in Kalispell. Phyllis is also survived by her two children, three grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

A memorial service is planned for noon July 29 at the Shining Mountain Church, 475 8th Ave. East N., in Kalispell. Graveside services will follow at 2 p.m. at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery, "where Phyllis will rejoin Brian to rest in peace."

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that you make a donation to your favorite charity in Phyllis' name.

The family also wishes to express that any and all who wish to attend the memorial are welcome.

Jessica Adams Simonson, 51

Jessica Adams Simonson, 51, of San Diego, "left her earthly home to be with her dad, David Simonson, in his 'heavenly home'" on May 16, 2013.

Jessie was born on Nov. 9, 1962, in Erwin, N.C. When she was just 3, her family moved to San Diego, and eventually to Bigfork where they lived and the children were raised.

Jessie attended school at Bigfork and graduated from Bigfork High School. While there, she was a cheerleader for the wrestling team and also played basketball for a time until injuring her knee, at which time she had to quit.

Jessie was a very special person; a loving person with an outgoing personality.

She met and married



Brent Adams and together they moved to San Diego. They divorced eventually and she

married again, and had her son, Gary, whom she loved very much.

She is survived by her mother, Sue Simonson, of Kalispell; her son, Gary Allen Jacobi Jr. of San Diego; a sister, Susan Simonson, also of Kalispell; a brother, David Simonson, of Belgrade; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, David Simonson; her grandmother, Ann Simonson; and her grandfather, Harvey Simonson.

There will be no formal services.

Nils Lawrence 'Larry' Simonson, 91

Nils Lawrence "Larry" Simonson passed away Aug. 17, 2013, in Kalispell. He was 91.

Larry was born in Bowbells, N.D., Nov. 16, 1921, to Nils Lawrence Simonson and Grace (Beard) Simonson, the fifth of six children. The Simonsons owned a general store in Bowbells where Larry worked during his youth.

Larry graduated from Bowbells High School in 1939 and from Minot State Teachers College in 1941.

He then enlisted in the U.S. Army, serving from June 1942, stationed in England, France and Germany during World War II. He was honorably discharged in June 1945.

Larry then attended the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, graduating with a degree in business administration.

Larry married Betty Olson on Aug. 21, 1949, and they were married for 49 years before her death in 1998.

Larry worked as a band and choir director from 1947 until 1958, teaching in Bowbells, Culbertson and Cut Bank. Larry then changed his career, attending banking school in Seattle, and worked in many capacities at the Bank of Glacier County. He was the senior vice president at the time of his retirement in 1983.

From 1951 through 1959, the Simonsons had six children — four girls and two boys. Larry and Betty were wonderful parents, raising their children with much love. There were family road trips, lots of camping and many close friends. Music was also a very large part of their life.

After retirement in 1983, Larry and Betty moved to the Flathead Valley where they lived out their lives. They enjoyed traveling, golfing and great times with friends and family. They also wintered in Apache Junction, Ariz., at the Gold Canyon Golf and RV resort.



the Glacier Chorale, the Gold Canyon Resort Chorale and the Presbyterian Church choir for many years. He had a fine baritone voice.

Larry was preceded in death by his wife, Betty; his parents, Nils and

Grace Simonson; his siblings, Charles, Marian, Claire and Betty; son, Mark Simonson; son-in-law, Dick Hewitt; and granddaughter, Rebecca Hewitt.

He is survived by his sister, Jean Satterlie, of Missoula; his children, Judi Hewitt, Janice Schlegel and husband Terry of Kalispell, Laurie Simonson, of Missoula, Connie Titland of Vaughn, and Philip Simonson of Sebring, Fla.; daughter-in-law, Ruth Simonson, of Mesa, Ariz.; his grandchildren, Jennifer Hewitt, Jon Lowry and his wife Tana, Chris Schlegel, Lacy (Schlegel) Austin and her husband Mike of Kalispell, Dustin Danielson and Janna Taylor of Missoula, Travis Danielson of Reno, Nev., Robert Titland of Great Falls, Holly (Simonson) Frydenlund of Missoula, Brigitte Sullivan of Atlanta and Joe Sullivan of Chicago; as well as his 12 great-grandchildren.

Larry enjoyed nothing more than being with his family, including his six children, 11 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. Larry also enjoyed his many friends at Village Greens Golf Course and Gold Canyon RV resort. He also sang in

Gary Edward Simmons, 64

Gary Edward Simmons, 64, died Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2012, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

He is survived by his wife, Karen (Lundberg) Simmons, of Bigfork; daughters, Katherine Simmons of Colton, Ore., and

Elizabeth Wood of Molalla, Ore.; and son, Clinton Simmons, of Milwaukee, Ore.

A memorial service is being planned for a later date.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Vincent Peter Siragusa, 82

Vincent Peter Siragusa, 82, died Monday, Feb. 11, 2013, at The Pines of Polson, in Polson.

Private family services

are planned for a later date.

Grogan Funeral Home has been entrusted with arrangements.

There will be a viewing from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 21, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home, 525 Main St., Kalispell. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 22, at First Presbyterian Church of Kalispell, 540 S. Main St., followed by interment at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. A celebration of Larry's life will follow at the Village Greens Golf Course Community Center.

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

Edgar E. Sirucek, 87

The best Dad, Grampie and husband "finished his work on this earth and began his new life with our Lord." Edgar E. Sirucek passed away on Sunday morning, Sept. 8, 2013, at Prestige Assisted Living after a courageous battle with a brain tumor.

He was a native Montanan, born at home in Danver on April 11, 1926, the second child of 13 to Emil and Rose (Kasala) Sirucek, who were immigrants from Czechoslovakia. Ed was the first son of a farmer, and from a very young age he developed a love for farming and animals. When he was young, the Sirucek family moved frequently and many times Ed was needed on the farm and missed out on school. So he taught himself to read and was able to graduate from the eighth grade. He lived mostly in Eastern Montana, before settling in the St. Ignatius-Ronan area in his late teens.

Edgar joined the Army in October 1946 to 1948. During the Japanese occupation he was sent to Japan where he was valuable in communications because he could speak some foreign language due to his Czechoslovakian upbringing.

When Edgar came home he met Carola Mann on a blind date, and they were married on June 9, 1952, in Bismarck, N.D. He also was baptized, confirmed and received first communion that same day. His faith was a very important part of how he lived. To him it was simple — like most of his life he didn't preach it, he just lived it. Ed and Carola's first years of marriage were spent in the St. Ignatius-Ronan area, then in Creston. Later they settled as a family in the Swan River community north of Bigfork, where they started and operated the Green Valley Dairy from 1959 to 1972. For 14 years he never missed a milking. Dean, Diane, Becky and Rene were all born and raised on the dairy farm.



on the Tree Association board, the Dairyman's Association, the Flathead Conservation District, and was a Farmer's Union board

member for 45 years.

Ed and Carola enjoyed their retirement years in Arizona where he would shoot pool with his buddies and play bingo with the gals even if he never won because "They got the lucky cards." Some of his favorite times included fishing in Alaska and watching his granddaughter's sports events. Even after Ed lost his sight he still went and sat in the bleachers waiting for the results of some of his granddaughter's races.

He was known as Edgar to his brothers and sisters, Ed to his wife of 62 years, Eddy to his son-in-law Bret, Grampie to his children and grandchildren, and friend to all, because he never knew a stranger. Ed's teasing and his mischievous grin were well known to all! Some of his happiest days were spent playing with the kids and dogs in his life, and his new great-grandson.

From Grampie's kids: "We were blessed to have such an amazing father — Not all kids can say that ... but we really did have the best dad ever!"

Edgar was preceded in death by his father, Emil Sirucek; his mother, Rose (Kasala) Sirucek; sister, Agnes Sirucek; brothers, Bill Sirucek, Emil Jr. Sirucek, Jack Sirucek and George Sirucek; and sister, Shirley O'Lexey.

In the 1970s Ed established the Swan River Tree Farm where he raised plantation and Christmas trees. He sometimes trucked his trees as far away as Texas. In the 1980s, with his daughter Becky, he started a new venture, the Green Valley Sod Farm. The sod farm is all on the original homestead, and he stayed actively involved in all the operation until age 85 when he was diagnosed with a brain tumor. That fall he still combined his last crop of barley, his "Final Harvest."

Ed was an active part of the Swan River community for 52 years. He served on the Swan River School board and helped build the first gym and the existing new playground. He also served

Edgar is survived by his wife, Carola; his children, Dean Sirucek and wife Lois, Diane Johnson and husband Eric, Becky Hughes and husband Bret, and Rene' Sock and husband Tom; brothers and sisters, Ruby Smith, Marie Reed, Carl Sirucek, Betty Ferry, Genevieve Baumann and Donald Sirucek; grandchildren, Stephanie Arnlund and husband Alijah, Maggie Rose Sirucek, Breanna Hughes and Bailey Hughes; and great-grandchild Aiden Arnlund.

Rosary will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 12. Mass of Christian Burial will follow at 11 a.m. Thursday at Blessed John Paul II Catholic Church in Bigfork, with Monsignor Donald Shea. A luncheon will be provided following the service. Private burial will be at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, please send any donations to one of Ed's favorite charities, Raising a Saint Foundation at St. Matthew's School Scholarship, or Wings.

David H. Sivright Sr., 88

David H. Sivright Sr., 88, passed away Saturday, Feb. 4, 2012, at his Bigfork residence.

David was born Feb. 11, 1923, to Harry and Mary Sivright in Minneapolis.

He attended Westminster College in Columbia, Mo., before entering the U.S. Army during World War II. He had served with the Occupational Forces in Japan.

He married Dorothy Harrington in 1943.

Following his discharge from the Army, he was employed by the J.C. Penney Co., eventually becoming a store manager. He resigned in the late 1960s and moved to Clinton, Iowa., where he was employed by R.G. Dickinson Inc. as a stock broker.

His marriage ended in divorce, and in 1970 he married Dorothy "Dode" Mirick. They moved to Glenwood Springs, Colo., in 1974, where they owned and operated Coors Western Slope Inc.

In 1986, they moved to Indian Wells, Calif., and later purchased a home in Bigfork to spend their summers



there. They became full-time residents of Bigfork in 2008.

David enjoyed spending time with his family, playing golf, bridge, games and crossword puzzles, and traveling with Dode. He will lovingly be remembered for his outgoing personality and generous nature.

David was preceded in death by his wife, Dode, on Aug. 2, 2011; two children, Timothy and Laura; sister, Mary Ramsay; and grandson, Mats Mirick.

He is survived by sons, David Jr. of Clinton, and Peter of Southport, Queensland, Australia; stepchildren, Mary and Jim Fleming of Mesa, Ariz., Dr. Mark Mirick of Wausau, Wis., Erik Mirick of Glenwood Springs, and Ann and Curt Kempton of Bigfork; brother, John A. Sivright, of Winnetka, Ill., and Vero Beach, Fla.; 12 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

A memorial service for David will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 18, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home in Kalispell.

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

Joan Ida Skare, 75

Joan Ida Skare, 75, passed away on Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2013, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center, surrounded by loved ones.

Joan was born on July 26, 1938, in Kalispell to John and Marie (Bauer) Schroeder. She was raised in the Flathead Valley and graduated from Flathead High School, and later attended college for computer technology studies.

Joan's professional life included accounting services and office management for numerous businesses in the Kalispell area.

Joan enjoyed camping, fishing, cooking, watching football, crocheting and spending time with friends and family. She was also an active member of the Eagles Auxiliary for 44 years.

Joan married Ronald Skare on Oct. 7, 1956, in Kalispell. They recently celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary. They raised two daughters, Debbie Wilson and Geri



Hearn. She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Marie (Bauer) Schroeder.

She is survived by her husband, Ronald Skare; sisters, Jane Dennison and Ella Mae Norris; brother, Johnny Schroeder; daughters, Geri Hearn and Debbie Wilson; grandchildren, Rhonda Palmer, Melissa DeBruycker, Steven Stem, Brandon Stem and Sara Wilson; and great-grandchildren, Natalie DeBruycker, Steven Stem, Mia Stem and Kennedy Wilson.

A celebration of Joan's life will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 16, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, with interment at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

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

Harriet Gladys (Heabel) Sklany, 75

Harriet Gladys (Heabel) Sklany, 75, passed away March 31, 2013, in Kalispell.

She was born April 13, 1937, in Hinsdale, Ill., and raised in Justice, Ill.

On June 23, 1956, she married Steve Sklany Jr. in Argo, Ill. They had been married for 50 years.

A homemaker, Harriet was also an active member of the Birch Grove Willing Workers for many years. She loved her birds, creek fishing, camping and hiking to the chalets in Glacier Park.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Steve Sklany; three brothers and two sisters.

Harriet is survived by her children, Claudia



and Brad Stanton of Kalispell, Steve Sklany III and Laura of Kalispell, Christopher and

Jenny Sklany of Kalispell, and Eric and Mary Sklany of Kalispell; grandchildren, Jessica Gemmel of Eureka, Calif., and Francis Junkin and family, Caleb Stanton and family, Josh Sklany and family, and Kati Jo Sklany, all of Kalispell; and great-granddaughter, Samantha Nadine Junkin.

Cremation has taken place. Per Harriet's request, no services are scheduled.

Cyril George Sladek, 96

Cyril Sladek, 96, passed away Friday, Jan. 27, 2012, peacefully as he slept at his home in Columbia Falls.



He was born Nov. 6, 1915, to Francis Sladek and Mary Ellen Sladek of Chicago, Ill.

He married Rose Piersma on June 5, 1937, in Chicago. The two of them raised two daughters, Barbara and Patricia, in a home of love and respect due to their applying the teachings of the Bible in their everyday lives.

Cyril was baptized as one of Jehovah's Witnesses on April 5, 1941. Though he worked for Ford Motor Company and Willow Farms Dairy he considered his ministry as one of Jehovah's Witnesses to be his primary occupation. He found great pleasure in studying the Bible and sharing his beliefs with others.

Cyril loved to travel. Very seldom did a year go by that

the family did not take a vacation. This included not only all of North America, but also Europe. His dream was to live in the west within view of the Rocky Mountains. This dream was fulfilled in the summer of 1998 when he moved to Montana.

Cyril is survived by two daughters, Patricia Meister of Chicago and Barbara Pasco of Columbia Falls. He is also survived by four grandchildren, Michael Wilson, of Columbia Falls; Todd Wilson, of Lafayette, Colo.; Craig Wilson, of Half Moon Bay, Calif.; and Wendi Bohlander of Scottsdale, Ariz.; along with six great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his wife of 59 years, Rose Piersma Sladek; his parents; brothers Alvin Sladek, Frank Sladek and Edward Sladek; and a sister, Virginia Wren.

A memorial will be held at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 1900 U.S. 93 West, Whitefish, at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 4.

Debbie Sletten, 61

Debbie Sletten, 61, died at her home in Whitefish on Aug. 27, 2013.

She is survived by her parents, Betty and Walter VanAlstine; and children, Deena Brenden and Daryl Sletten.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Satur-

day, Aug. 31 at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Whitefish. A luncheon will follow services. Burial will be at 2 p.m. at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Arrangements are entrusted to Austin Funeral Home.

Mary Keturah McMackin Smith, 76

Mary Keturah McMackin Smith, 76, died Wednesday, Aug. 28, 2013, at Libby Care Center.

Survivors include her husband, Wally Smith, of Libby; son, David Smith, of Aurora, Col.; and

daughter, Sarah Dinning, of Libby.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 3, at Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Libby. Services will follow at 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mary Virginia Smith, 91

Mary Virginia Smith, 91, of, Elmo, died Monday, April 22, 2013, as a result of a motor vehicle accident on U.S. 93 near St. Ignatius.

No services are planned.

Grogan Funeral Home has been entrusted to handle the arrangements for the family.

Michael Lee Smith, 55

Michael Lee Smith, 55, formerly of Whitefish and Eureka, died Thursday, April 4, 2013, in Glendive.

He is survived by his wife, Kari; two sons; and six daughters.

He had worked for Plum Creek Timber.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. today, April

10, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Glendive, with the Rev. Armondo Murato officiating. Interment will be held on the family property in Glendive.

Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Paul Smith, 90

Paul Smith, 90, of Columbia Falls, died Tuesday, May 14, 2013.

He is survived by his children, Martha Abbrescia, Doug Smith, Paula Duckworth and

Roger Smith.

No services are planned at this time.

Arrangements are entrusted to Columbia Mortuary.

Velma McPherson-Smith, 90

Velma McPherson-Smith, 90, died March 11, 2013, in Kalispell, of natural causes.

Velma was born March 17, 1922, in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Velma is survived by sons, Dan McPherson of Walla Walla, Wash., Doug-

las McPherson of Florissant, Colo., and Dennis McPherson of Kila; one brother, one sister; and many grandchildren.

At her request there will be no local services.

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

Edwin 'Ed' Merrill Smithers, 87

Edwin M. Smithers of Sammamish, Wash., passed away Feb. 2, 2013.

Ed was born May 13, 1925, to Carl and Margaret Smithers in Kalispell.

He graduated from Flathead County High School in 1943 and entered the Navy. After the Second World War he began his tenure with the United States Coast Guard, retiring in 1974 as a lieutenant commander.

On July 13, 1945, he married Joan Bondeson in Kalispell.

Survivors include his



loving wife, Joan, of Sammamish; sons, Thomas of Sequim, Wash., Mark of Woodinville, Wash., and Eric of Kenmore,

Wash.; brother, William, of Kalispell; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were at Flintofts in Issaquah, Wash., on Feb. 11.