

George W. Hess, 85

George W. Hess, 85, of Polson, died in St. Ignatius on Monday, Aug. 25 at Closer to Home Assisted Living.

A memorial service will take place at 3:30

p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 30 at Lakeview Cemetery.

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

Dorothy F. Hewitt, 91

Dorothy Flickinger Hewitt, 91, of Kalispell passed away peacefully in her sleep Wednesday evening, April 16, 2014, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She was born Oct. 16, 1922, in Pondera County to loving and grateful parents, Fred and Emma D. Flickinger. She attended Pondera County Elementary School as a child. During this time she tasted freedom and flight on the back of her horse that an older brother trained especially for her.

Shortly after World War II while working at the Conrad Creamery she met Thomas L. Hewitt, a handsome ex-airman working at the local Ford garage. Smitten and in love, they were married Aug. 31, 1946.

In the early '60s they moved to Kalispell where Dorothy was employed on the Koenig Potato Farm, and her last job was Snow Line Tree Company making wreaths for many years. They raised three children Rita, Patti and Mike Hewitt. They would also raise some of their grandchildren, Joel, Jessica and Alicia Hewitt.



Dorothy enjoyed crafts, painting, ceramics and rock hunting with friends. She

loved tending to her kids' and grandkids' every need.

She was preceded in death by her husband; two children, Rita and Patti; three brothers, Ernest, Glen and Vern; and her parents.

She is survived by her son, Mike Hewitt; her grandson, Joel Hewitt and wife Amber; and granddaughters, Jessica Hewitt, Alicia Hewitt, Maria Konken and Carol Hewitt; great-grandchildren, Bailey and Wyatt Hewitt, Abigail and Gabriella Weber, Brooke Beauregard, Ava Chorn, Lola Dent, and Taryn and Kiera Horner; and two sons-in-law, Ron Konken and David Kellenberger.

Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m. on Monday, April 21 at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. A reception will be held at the Creston Grange following the service.

Jack Seaman Hiatt, 85

Jack Seaman Hiatt died July 22, 2014, in Kalispell.

He was born in Rice, Washington on Dec. 6, 1928.

Jack served in the United States Navy from 1945 to 1949 and was a World War II veteran serving in the Pacific Theater. His shipmates called him "Red."

In 1977, Jack married Berniece English in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. He drove log trucks for LHC and worked as a heavy equipment operator for Schellenger, and retired 20 years ago.

Jack was preceded in death by his parents and siblings.

He is survived by his wife of 37 years, Berniece Hiatt; his children, daughter Judy and John Dillon of Newport, Oregon, daughter Corby and Don Morey of Sherwood, Oregon, and son Roger and Michelle English of Kalispell. He is also survived by his grandchildren, grandson Levi and Kaylin English of Kalispell, grandson Tyler English and fiancée Jill Lehr of Kalispell, and granddaughters Stacy



Schreiner of Oregon and Lisa Nelson of Georgia. Jackson English is his great-grandson.

Jack's family wishes to thank West Valley Search and Rescue, Alert and emergency response personnel for their prompt

care of Jack, with a very special thanks to the VA Medical Center of Kalispell for Jack's superb care over the years.

The family requests no flowers but please donate to a veterans' association of your choice.

A private service for family and close friends will be held at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 30 at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. A reception will follow at 5 p.m. at a family residence.

Chester Benton Hill, 88

Chester Benton Hill, 88, died Monday, Aug. 18, 2014, at his home in Kalispell.

He is survived by his sons, Devlin Hill and Cary Hill.

A graveside service to celebrate his life will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 22, at Woodlawn Cemetery.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for the family.

Marilyn S. Heavyrunner, 58

Marilyn S. Heavyrunner, 58, died at her Eureka residence on March 11, 2014.

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

Ella Hill, 85

Ella Hill, 85, died in Kalispell on July 8, 2014.

She is survived by her husband Chet, and sons Devlin and Cary.

Graveside services will

be at 2 p.m. Friday, July 11, at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for the family.

Gary Dean Hill

Gary Dean Hill "left this earth unexpectedly last week for a better view from above." He was found deceased at his home on Sept. 11, 2014.

Gary was born Sept. 10, 1945, in Whitefish to Pauline and Dayton Hill.

Gary grew up in Libby, along with three brothers, Don Hill of Libby and wife Brenda; Jim Hill, now of Helena, and wife Sheila; and Wayne Hill, now of Kalispell; and one sister, Jo Thompson, now of Helena.

Gary spent his summers between his grandparents' farm in Whitefish with his brothers and cousins, and the Cabinet View Country Club where his love for golf blossomed. Gary graduated from Libby Senior High in 1964.

Gary then attended Eastern Montana College for a short time before joining the Army. Gary was stationed in Korea from 1967 to 1969. After his service, Gary attended Northern Montana College and earned a teaching degree, graduating in 1973.

Gary married Laurie Hassler in 1973 and the couple welcomed three children, sons Gary, now of Melba, Idaho, with wife Renee, and Mark of Kalispell; and daughter, Kelly, now of Gastonia, N.C. Gary was full of pride for his children.

Gary had been blessed with six grandchildren, Cadence, Tyler, Ember, Keldrick, Tristin and Zane. Gary lit up when speaking of his grandchildren. His children and grandchildren were the light of his life.

Gary will always be remembered by his family and friends for his



his passion for a good poker or chess game, and his cuisine as he was an amazing cook and always made enough for an army.

Gary will be remembered most though for his willingness to take care of people and his special sense with children. Gary's grace with children is something that all who knew him admired. He was also the family caregiver and we will always be thankful to him for that. His soft voice and kind demeanor were the things that made him special and loved. His clever stories and limericks kept everyone entertained. We will all miss Gary's stories and laughter.

Gary is survived by his children; grandchildren; siblings; nieces and nephews, Heidi, Steve, Mike, Kami, Sara, Levi and Tasha and their children; aunts and uncles, cousins, as well as Holly and Devin, Stacey and Landon Webb, Serena and Corinne. Gary was also survived by many friends in the Flathead Valley.

A small family gathering to celebrate Gary's life will be held Saturday, Sept. 20. A burial will be planned for the fall of 2015 and an announcement will be made prior.

fashion sense, his amazing Hawaiian shirt collection, his love for adventure with his "3-hour shortcuts," his outrageous driving skills,

Wanda M. (Carr) Hill, 70

Wanda M. (Carr) Hill, 70, of Libby passed away peacefully at her home, surrounded by her loving family on April 22, 2014.

She was born Dec. 2, 1943, in Orofino, Idaho to Daniel and Effie (Hardman) Carr.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jim Hill; her parents, Dan and Effie Carr; her brothers, Arlan Carr, Glen Carr and Lloyd Carr; her sister, Darla Koskela; and her daughter, Roberta McKenzie.

She is survived by her children, Nita Hill and husband Daniel Yates, Diane and Carey Dill, Becky Hill, Robin and Pete Longpre, Jamie and



Larry Murray, and Daniel and Shannon Hill; brothers, Delbert Carr and Melvin Carr; and

sisters, Lorraine Brown and Aletta Lloyd.

She continues to live through her 16 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

She has requested no services and asks that you remember in your own way.

Local arrangements are under the care of Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home.

James B. 'Jim' Hill Jr., 82

James B. "Jim" Hill Jr., 82, passed away at his home surrounded by his loving family in Libby on Jan. 3, 2014.

He was born May 31, 1931, in Kalispell to James B. Sr. and Ruth A. Hill.

Everyone who knew Jim knew his passion in life, besides his wife and family, was cutting firewood. He will be missed by all who knew him.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brothers, Edward Hill and George Hill; and his daughter, Roberta McKenzie.

Survivors include his wife, Wanda Hill, of Libby; his children, Nita Hill and husband Dan-



iel Yates, Diane and Carey Dill, Rebecca Hill, Robin and Pete Longpre, Jamie and Larry Mur-

ray, and Daniel and Shannon Hill; and a sister, Doris Selke.

His legacy includes 16 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

At his request, there will not be any service, and we ask that you celebrate his life in your own way.

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

Maxie Lyman Hill, 67

Maxie Lyman Hill, 67, died in Kalispell on Nov. 18, 2014.

Services will be held at

a later date.

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

Vonna L. Hines, 75

Vonna L. Hines passed away May 23, 2014, surrounded by family at her home in Kalispell.

She was born May 11, 1939, to Harry and Lucille Pederson of Cando, N.D.

After graduating from high school in 1957, Vonna moved to Miles City where she met and married Clarence Swanson. Together they had three children.

With her sense of adventure, Vonna traveled many places after finally settling in Florida where she found her true passion with her antique and consignment store. Vonna eventually relocated back to Montana to be closer to family where she owned and operated Angel Consignment.

Vonna was in all things she did an artist, and her



talents are reflected in the unique pieces she acquired and refurbished. Her paintbrush added a personal touch which brightens so much of her work.

Vonna was preceded in death by her parents, Harry and Lucille; and brother, Manning.

Vonna is survived by sisters, Marlene and Margie; daughters, Cassie and Larry Dominick of Bozeman, and Tonnie and Dennis Pier of Kalispell; son, Casey Swanson, of Kalispell; grandchildren, Corey, Josh, Shay, Heather and Malia; and great-grandchildren, Hayden, Landon and Alex.

Effie Hinrichs, 79

Effie Hinrichs, 79, died at her home in Kalispell on Aug. 16, 2014.

Effie was the eldest of five children born to Earl and Vera Pearson on the family ranch in Winifred, Mont. As a young woman she spent many hours working in the fields helping her father grow and harvest wheat. Effie was pretty and kind, a hard worker and an excellent cook. She graduated from Winifred High School and earned her teaching degree at Eastern Montana College in Billings.

She taught at Central School in Roundup, where she met and married Marcus Hinrichs in 1958. They settled into ranch life on his family's homestead along the Musselshell River near Delphia, and Effie continued to teach in Roundup. They enjoyed dancing, card parties, bowling and were members of the First Congregational Church in Musselshell.

Effie became a full-time mother and ranch wife when their first daughter was born in 1960. Along with raising their three girls, she enjoyed helping Marcus on the ranch. In 1969, they moved to a cattle ranch in Pleasant Valley, Mont., where she especially loved running the swather during the haying season. Marcus remembers her as the best help he ever had on the ranch.

She was also active as a volunteer in the local school, in her children's 4-H club, and also contributed many hours of hard work and a lot of good food to numerous events in the Pleasant Valley and Marion communities. She and Marcus attended many of the Saturday night dances at Boisverts and pinochle and holiday parties at Pleasant Valley School.

They sold the ranch in 1981 and moved to Kalispell where Effie worked as a housekeeper



at the Outlaw Inn, and later as a cook at the Lighterside Restaurant.

In March 1994, she survived a brain aneurysm, and spent many long months afterward in rehabilitation. She eventually returned to work, this time in the kitchen at Immanuel Lutheran Home. She retired in 2006.

Effie and Marcus enjoyed traveling, and attended the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas, professional basketball games in Salt Lake City, and often visited friends and family in San Diego, Phoenix, Atlanta and throughout Montana.

Effie is survived by her husband, Marcus; daughters, Jan Hinrichs, Jill Hinrichs and Melissa and Roger Somerville; granddaughters, Teagan, Trenna and Caitlin Keith and Gratia Somerville; sisters, Edith Denny, Ruby and George Thomas, Violie and Dale Kreider; brother, Jim, and Rollie Pearson; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

The family would like to thank the staff of Home Options Hospice for their wonderful care of Effie and all their kindness and support.

A memorial for Effie will be held at 1 p.m. on Aug. 29 at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home in Kalispell. A reception will follow at the Eagles Hall in Kalispell.

Inurnment will take place at the Musselshell Cemetery at a later date.

The family requests that any memorials be made to Home Options Hospice Foundation.

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

William R. 'Bill' Hodge, 95

William R. "Bill" Hodge was born May 25, 1919, in Alfalfa, Okla., to Benjamin Harrison Hodge and Opal Phippany Hodge. He died almost one month after his 95th birthday on June 23, 2014, at North Valley Hospital following an accidental fall in his home. His family takes great comfort in knowing that Bill is now with his heavenly Father.

He grew up in a happy home in Carnegie, Okla., with his four sisters and one brother.

Bill married his high school sweetheart, Euna Faye Garner. They would have celebrated their

75th wedding anniversary this September. He went to business college in Anadarko, Okla., but then later graduated from the Bible Institute of Los Angeles and became an ordained minister. He and Euna ministered in churches in Oregon, California, Idaho and Montana. They had three children, Ron, Royce and Roberta. He performed the marriages and baptisms for several of his children and grandchildren.

Bill was preceded in



death by his parents, three sisters, one brother, one grandson, and one great-grandson.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Euna, of Timbercreek Village in Columbia Falls; one sister, Opal Lavell, of Oklahoma; and children, Ron of John Day, Ore., Royce and Diana of Saratoga, Wyo., and Jon and Roberta Shandorf of Kalispell; along with eight grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Bill's graveside service will be at 11:30 a.m. Friday, June 27, at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell, followed by a luncheon downstairs at Sykes'.

Special thanks goes out to the wonderful staff at Timbercreek Village for their special care and concern for Bill.

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

As per his wishes, he was cremated and his remains interred at home in Joplin where graveside services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 19. A celebration of life will be held in early June.

In lieu of flowers, please make tax-deductible donations to the Bigfork QRU, 810 Grand Dr., Bigfork, MT 59911. Enough cannot be said for the tremendous support they've provided us over the past few years.

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

Because of his many years of bowling and the many hours of working for bowling in Bigfork and Montana, he was inducted in the Montana State Men's Bowling Hall of Fame in 2000 — a proud moment with his wife, close friends, daughter and grandchildren

Leland 'Lee' Dale Hodges, 83

Early morning of April 5, 2014, Leland "Lee" Dale Hodges, 83, "left us to join his dad and other fishing partners out on the lake dipping their lines to catch all those illusive fish they missed in their earlier lives."

We miss you, Lee, but know you are at peace and are now doing what you have missed so very much these past few years.

Lee was born in Havre on Sept. 6, 1930, to Frank and Leora (Hill) Hodges. At the young age of 9, when he was barely able to reach the controls of the tractor, he decided his life's ambition was to till the earth and continue farming in Joplin, as his family had always done.

Lee graduated from Joplin High School in 1948, and married Lorraine Rochs in 1951. For the next 25 years, he farmed and raised their two adopted children, Starla and Dan. Not too many years after their divorce, Lee's dad and mother convinced him to retire and move to Bigfork, which he did in 1980. Days were spent on the lake with his dad fishing to their hearts' content.

It wasn't long before he started bowling in Bigfork; and then he spent evenings knocking down pins and days out in a boat hooking fish. In due time, he was elected to the Bigfork Montana Bowling Association board of directors and while attending to bowling business, met Lorraine Hall who became his bowling partner in tournament and league bowling. Their great friendship and shared interests lead to marriage in 1990, and the rest of their lives together included traveling all over Montana and many places throughout the United States bowling, being involved with other administrative aspects of bowling, and lots of sight-seeing; and, naturally, Lee getting in plenty of fishing while not on the road.



present. Grandson Andrew had the opportunity to video the annual state tournament

opening with ceremonial first balls rolled by Hall of Fame Inductees. His "Papa's" thumb insert hit the head pin but the ball went down the channel, after which all his bowling friends clapped him on the back and congratulated him for such a great shot!

Lee was preceded in death by his brother, Wesley Hodges; parents, Frank and Leora Hodges; niece, Bonnie Sebastian; nephew, Terry Hodges; and grandnephew, Kevin Sebastian.

Surviving, is his loving wife and partner, Lorraine Hall Hodges, of Bigfork; daughter, Starla and significant other, Jim Augspurger, of Bigfork; son, Dan, of Bigfork; grandson, Andrew Atcheson, of Butte; granddaughter, Alissa Pesante, and Cody and their two sons, Jack and Will, of Butte; granddaughter, Adriana Atcheson, and her two children, Kanyon and McKynlee, of Butte. The three great-grandsons and great-granddaughter were his greatest pride. Lee is also survived by nephew, Dale Hodges, and wife Faith, of Kalispell; Chris Hodges and wife Debbie, of Riverside, Calif.; niece, Noella Brooks, and husband Bruce, of Kalispell; niece, Desiree Alkire; and numerous grandnephews and grandnieces, most of whom were with him during his last day.

Danny Hoerner, 75

Danny Hoerner died July 7, 2014.

He was born Dec. 8, 1938, in Kalispell to Mike and Elizabeth Hoerner.

He is survived by sisters Fran, Angie and Judie; and brother, George.

Danny moved to the Fourth Avenue Group Home in Kalispell on July 1, 1980, where he worked at Flathead Industries and the Highway Patrol. On July 21, 2006, Danny moved to the Montana Ave. Group Home in Libby, where he worked at the thrift store and soon became part of the community.

Danny loved to tease and was rarely seen without a smile. Danny loved



family, friends and church. He loved riding his bike, camping, huckleberry picking and

the many fun activities at the Montana Ave. Group Home.

During his last days, Danny was surrounded by people who loved him.

Please join us at 3 p.m. Friday, Aug. 22, for graveside services at St. Richard's Cemetery in Columbia Falls. A memorial service and luncheon will be held in Libby at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 23.

Nora (Cooper) Holcomb-Willis, 86

Nora Grace "Gracie" (Cooper) Holcomb-Willis, 86, passed away at Brendan House on March 15, 2014, of natural causes.

Gracie was born Nov. 26, 1927, in the Lower Valley of Flathead County, the daughter of Roy E. and Adelaide (Taylor) Cooper. She grew up in the Flathead Valley where she attended Rousell School in Lower Valley, Elrod, and graduated from Bigfork High School in 1945.

In October 1945, Gracie married James A. Holcomb and they enjoyed 41 years of marriage. Gracie had worked for Bi-Rite Drug and Sykes'.

She hosted Bible clubs, loved people visiting and taught grade schoolers how to play cribbage. She enjoyed playing cards, doing crosswords and motor home trips. Mom was known for her amazing sense of humor, her love and dedication to her family.

Our loss is immeasurable and memories plentiful.

On Aug. 26, 1991, Gracie married longtime friend Melvin Willis, blending and enlarging our family. They were together for 13 years.

Gracie was preceded in death by her parents; husband, James A. Holcomb; second husband, Mel Willis; aunt, Ann Dale; aunt, Isabell; uncles, Roger and Bob; stepdaughter, Arleta Edwards; and son, James L. Holcomb.

Gracie is survived by daughters, Linda and Reynold McMannamy, Judy Sipe, Karen and Mark Kvaalen, Kathy Holcomb, and Vicki and Mark



Adams; stepchildren, Rhonda Morgan, Mike and Lana Willis, and Gerry and Shelly

Lingle; sister, Carol Hug-gins; special cousins, Jo Kienas, Joyce Olson and Harry Taylor; grandchildren, Mike and Jennifer Hayden, Rickey Hayden, Kerry and Josh Davis, Bruce and Vanessa Sipe, Jeff and Jenni Sipe, Rod and Libertie Barkley, Bill and Kate Barkley, Colin and Sonja Holcomb, James and Brandi Holcomb, Jason and Candice Calobeer, Shawna and Josh Naethe, Ryan Calobeer, Andrea Wyman, and Brooke and Aaron Callaghan; stepgrandchildren, Shannon Willis, Crystal Willis, Shane and Denice Edwards, Brett Edwards and Ty Edwards; 39 great-grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and in-laws.

A celebration of Gracie's life will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 22, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Urn burial will follow at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery, with a reception to follow at The Church at Creston Lutheran where all are invited.

The family asks that contributions be made to the charity of your choice.

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.

GRAVESIDE SERVICES for OLGA HOERNER

Age 98, who passed away in Seattle on February 5, 2014, will be WEDNESDAY, JULY 2, 2014 at 11 A.M. at Glacier Memorial Garden in Kalispell.

Deacon Floyd McCubbins, St. Richard Catholic Church, will preside. A picnic reception will follow at Lawrence Park, 1105 N. Main St., Kalispell, in the Rotary Shelter.

Olga is survived by daughter, Celeste McArthur of Seattle, WA and son, Clinton Hoerner (Sue), of Las Vegas, NV as well as four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren

Melvin J. 'Mel' Hoff, 79

Melvin J. "Mel" Hoff, 79, died Sunday, Sept. 14, 2014, at Cabinet Peaks Medical Center in Libby.

He had worked with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara Hoff, of

Libby; and two sons Brian Hoff of Cripple Creek, Colo., and Jeff Hoff of Libby.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Sept. 22, at Christ Lutheran Church in Libby.

Phyllis R. Hogue, 70

Phyllis R. Hogue, 70, of Libby, died Saturday, Oct. 4, 2014, at the Libby Care Center.

She had been a dispatcher for the Flathead County and Lincoln County sheriff's offices.

Survivors include her husband, Emery Hogue of Libby, and two sons, Darryl Hogue of Mor-

rison, Ill., and Daniel Hogue of Yakima, Wash.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 10 at the Assembly of God Church, 105 Collins Ave., in Libby.

Arrangements are under the care of Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home & Crematory in Libby.

Ronald C. Holden, 63

Ronald C. Holden, 63, "went to be with the Lord" on Nov. 17, 2014, at his home in Trego.

Ron was a loving and caring husband, father and grandfather.

Ron loved aviation. He received his pilot's license at age 17 and at the time was the youngest pilot in the state of Montana. He built an aircraft that he logged countless hours in the backcountry and over the Flathead Valley.

Ron was a graduate of Flathead High School in 1969.

Ron was a very talented mechanic, welder and outdoorsman. During his life he worked for John Jump hauling logs and the Montana Highway Department plowing snow. Ron spent time in his favorite state of Alaska working on fishing boats and on Long Island, N.Y., driving heavy equipment. When he returned to Montana he started his own log-

ging company and did contract work on forest fires.

Ron enjoyed hunting, fishing and racing stock cars.

Ron Holden was a dreamer. He dreamed of building another aircraft, sailing to Alaska and packing into the Bob Marshall Wilderness with his sons.

Ron was preceded in death by his brother, Dennis; and parents, Bud and Dorothy Holden.

Ron is survived by his wife, Rosemary; son, Christopher, and his wife, Tausha, and their children, Siarah and Parker; son, Eric, and his wife, Brittney, and their son, Bryson; and daughter, Jennifer; family in Colorado and Oregon and his church family in the Tobacco Valley.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Nov. 29 at Fortine Community Church.

MEMORIALS

Joe William Holler

A memorial service with military honors for Joe William Holler, 71, who died June 13, 2013, will be held at 5:30 p.m.

Friday, June 13, at Central Christian Church, 240 Second Ave. E., Kalispell. Light refreshments will follow.

Donald Bill Holmquist, 69

Donald Bill Holmquist, born Oct. 14, 1944, son of the late Ted and Pat Holmquist of Kalispell, "went to be with his Savior" on May 9, 2014, after a long battle with cancer.

He was raised in Kalispell and graduated from Flathead County High School.

After graduation he joined the Air Force where he was trained in refrigeration. After his discharge he continued for a while working with refrigeration as a civilian at the Air Force Academy



in Colorado Springs, Colo. He spent a few years working here in Kalispell but made his refrigeration career mainly in Texas.

Don is survived by seven of his eight siblings, Ted Holmquist of Columbia Falls, Bonnie Hanson of Kalispell, Jim Holmquist

of Kalispell, Robin Holmquist of Grandview, Idaho, David Holmquist of Cheyenne, Wyo., Joseph Holmquist of Somers, and Wendy Holmquist of Kalispell.

His other sister, Diane Murphy Dumontier, passed away in 2000.

Don has two sons, Todd Holmquist of Cleveland, Ohio, and Mark Holmquist of Norfolk, Va. He also leaves behind his wife, Trish, and her children, Rene, Quentin, Hayden and Lisa, as well as 12 grandchildren, and many

other relatives and friends, all dear to his heart.

Don's main passion was barbecuing, but he also loved fishing and children. He will be greatly missed.

A memorial service will take place at 1 p.m. on July 11 at the First Church of the Nazarene, 1295 Whitefish Stage Road, in Kalispell.

In lieu of flowers, please send any donations to Community Kitchen — Feeding The Flathead, P.O. Box 3166, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Laurie T. Homen, 55

Laurie T. Homen, 55, died at her Rexford home.

She is survived by her husband, Larry; and daughter, Ashley.

A celebration of life will

be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 9 at Lakeside Community Church in Rexford. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Angela Marie Hoots, 42

Angela Marie Hoots, 42, of Bigfork died April 22, 2014.

at this time.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

No services are planned.

Viola Grace (Syring) Hill Hoover, 82

Viola Grace (Syring) Hill Hoover of Whitefish "was escorted home to be with Jesus" on April 19, 2014. "She is now being welcomed after a courageous battle with cancer by our loved ones that took the journey before her."

She was born to Walter and Evelyn Syring in Sydney, and was raised with her brothers in the winds of eastern Montana. Vi attended SKARR grade school for first grade, Bennie Pier School, second through fourth, Sydney Elementary, fifth through eighth, and graduated from Sydney High School in 1950.

She married George Hill on Oct. 24, 1953, in Billings and was married for 27 years before George's passing in February 1980. They were blessed with four children, Lin, Bruce, Jan and Steve. The family enjoyed camping and fishing throughout Montana with family and friends but their favorite spots were Lake Inez and the Blackfoot River. Vi was the matriarch of the family and taught her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren the importance of family, traditions and love. She answered to many names, Vi, Gracie, Mom, Grandma, Muggers and "The Edge." No matter the name, she loved her family with all her heart, a big smile and lots of hugs and moochies!

Vi's second marriage was to James Hoover on April 27, 1981. They spent the last 33 years together making many memories



with family and friends. Some of the annual traditions included family Christmas, camping at Lake Mary Ronan and barbecues with her famous potato salad. Vi and Jim enjoyed their many friends throughout the state hunting, fishing, rock hounding or just visiting over a cup of coffee.

Vi also was a very hard worker and paid great attention to detail. Her first job was with the State of Montana Department of Health and Welfare in Helena where she made \$1.10 an hour. She moved to Billings and worked for a coffee shop and Grinnel Plumbing House. She moved to Missoula with her husband George in 1954, and worked for the UFCW and Central School as a secretary until her retirement in 1989. She and Jim moved to the Flathead Valley where she worked for Walmart and Flathead Water District No. 8 until her illness in 2012.

Gracie also enjoyed league bowling, was a member of the "Union Club" in Missoula with her friends Maxi, Betty and Bonnie, the Moose Club in Whitefish, Rock Clubs, Time Scale Adventures and the Red Hat Society. Mom loved cross-stitching, collecting antiques, yard sales, auctions, dancing and music, especially Glenn Miller and Glen Campbell. But what she loved most was family time at home during the holidays and at the lake, even though she was afraid of the water. Our family is truly blessed to be related to such an amazing example of strength, love, humor and grace! Her bond with family and friends will always be strong in our hearts and memories!

Vi is survived by her husband, James Hoover of Whitefish; daughters, Lin Patton of Texas, and Jan and Ray Hitchcock of Arlee; son, Steve and Lisa Hill of Whitefish; brother, Howard and Carol Syring of Miles City; and grandchildren, Jeremy and Kelly Clark, Jason and Irma Clark, Tiffany and

Hakon Roose, Chad Hill, John and Heather Jones, Josh and Dee Hitchcock, Jeff and Lisa Hitchcock, William Hitchcock, De Rae and Joe Matuzak, Zachary Hill, Leo and Chris Hoover, and Colleen and Tom Kirn. She is also survived by 20 great-grandchildren!

Vi was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Larry, Harvey and Doyle; husband, George Hill; son, Bruce Hill; and granddaughters, Jessica Hill and Samantha Kirn.

A visitation will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, April 25 at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 26 at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, with a reception to follow.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be donated to Brendan House in Kalispell or Flathead Valley Hospice Care. Thank you! To send condolences to the family go to www.buffalohillfh.com. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

John F. Hossack, 87

John F. Hossack, born June 11, 1927, to William and Clarice Coulton Hossack in Sandpoint, Idaho, passed away Dec. 19, 2014, at the Good Samaritan Mountain View Manor in Eureka.

He grew up in the Belton (West Glacier) and Kalispell area, graduating from the Flathead County High School in 1945. While still in school, he spent one summer playing semi-pro baseball for the Portland Beavers; he said he enjoyed the experience but discovered he really didn't belong there.

He entered the Navy immediately after graduating and served during World War II. He then attended school at Montana State for two years before transferring to the University of Montana in Missoula. He graduated from there with a degree in forestry.

He married Tana Marie Jones in Kalispell in 1958. During their marriage they adopted four children, sons William Floyd "Bill" and Robert Joseph Patrick "Tucker," and twin daughters, Joni Marie and Marla Elizabeth. The children were the pride and joy of his life. Tana passed away in 2004 in Whitefish. In 2006 he married Cheryl White in Couer d'Alene, Idaho, and they enjoyed eight wonderful years together.



ing they moved every time the rent came due. He also served as an incident command officer on wildfires, and taught fire fighting skills at Marana, Arizona, in the winter for 15 years. He retired as forest supervisor in 1982 from the Clearwater National Forest in Idaho.

After his retirement from the Forest Service, he worked as a consultant/lobbyist for members of the logging industry and joined the board of directors for Lincoln Electric Cooperative in Eureka. He served at practicums for the Native American tribes in Montana, which he enjoyed very much. He had very fond memories of the young people from these camps, especially the time his tepee fell down.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, George and Maggie Hossack; parents, William and Clarice Hossack; wife, Tana Marie Hossack; daughters, Sharon Lee and Marla Elizabeth Hossack; and brothers, George "Gus" Hossack and Charles "Charlie" Hossack.

Fern E. Hoven, 99

Fern E. Hoven, 99, died in Kalispell Jan. 1, 2014. She is survived by her two daughters, Janet Matdies Collins of Whitefish, and Faith Sotolongo of Boynton, Beach, Fla. Burial took place Jan. 10 at Memorial Gardens in Rochester, Minn.

Gary Jerome Houff, 69

Gary Jerome Houff, 69, passed away Sunday, March 2, 2014, at his Kalispell residence of natural causes.

Gary was born Dec. 5, 1944, in Austin, Minn., the son of Chester and Alice (Kvam) Houff. Gary grew up in Austin, graduating in 1963 from Austin High School.

He joined the U.S. Army in 1964 and was an expert marksman at the rifle. After the military, Gary worked at Precision Sheet Metal in St. Paul, Minn., and did some landscaping work. After moving to Kalispell, he worked with underground sprinklers in Kalispell and did landscaping for Eagle Bend Tree Service in Bigfork.

In 1988, Gary married Norma J. Littlefield in St. Paul. They were married for 26 years.

Gary enjoyed gardening, puzzles, reading books and being a practical joker.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Chester Thomas Houff and Alice Marie Houff.

Gary is survived by



his wife, Norma, of Kalispell; sons, Matthew, Wayne and Tracy Houff, of Austin; son, Todd Houff, of Eau Claire, Wis.; daughter,

Jodie Houff, of Austin; sisters, Debbie Fryer and husband of Winona, Minn., and Sandi Houff of Austin; brothers, Tom, Joey and Rickie Houff, all of Austin; and many, many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, too many to mention; also many nieces and nephews.

The family requests memorial contributions be made to Norma Houff, 456 Kings Way, Kalispell, MT 59901.

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.

John started working for the Forest Service at the young age of 15 as a lookout/smoke chaser. He continued his career in the Forest Service, working on numerous ranger districts and forests in Northwest Montana and Idaho, starting at the Lolo National Forest at the Remount Station (Nine Mile) and moving on to the Nez Perce Forest in Idaho where he served as district ranger on the Moose Creek Ranger District when it first became a wilderness area, the Clearwater and Coeur d'Alene National Forests in Idaho, and the Kootenai and Bitterroot National Forests in Montana. He was fond of say-

He is survived by his wife, Cheryl; sons, William Floyd "Bill" and Cathy Hossack of Casper, Wyoming, and Robert Joseph Patrick "Tucker" Hossack of Port Townsend, Washington; daughter, Joni Marie, and Todd Hudson, of Hayden, Idaho; brother, Donald Hossack, of Kalispell; eight grandchildren, Tana, Zackary, Andrew, Gabbie, Mia, Rashae, Dawson and Cassie; and four great-grandchildren.

This is just a brief summary of his life. He will be remembered by many with respect and love. John always said he lived the best life anyone could have and at his request no services will be held.

Morris Robert Houle, 81

Morris Robert Houle, 81, of Niarada, died Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2014, at the Northwest Healthcare Center in Kalispell from natural causes.

Survivors include his son, Kelly Houle, of Columbia Falls.

A viewing will be held from 6 to 8 a.m. Monday, Feb. 17, at the Terrace

Lake Community Church in Ronan. Funeral Services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18, at the church. Military graveside honors will follow at the Ronan Cemetery.

Shrider-Thompson Funeral & Cremation Services of Ronan is assisting with arrangements.

Delores Ann Howard, 79

Delores Ann Howard, 79, of Thompson Falls died in Kalispell on July 23, 2014.

She is survived by her husband, Calvin of

Thompson Falls.

A celebration of life service will be held in Thompson Falls at a later date. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Shirley Lawyer Howke, 74

Shirley Lawyer Howke, 74, of Whitefish, died Dec. 8, 2014, in Sun City West, Arizona.

She had worked for

Rocky Mountains Transportation.

A memorial service will be held in the spring in Whitefish.

Georgia Ruthe Wendt Howell, 76

Beloved wife, mother, "Nana," sister, aunt and friend, Georgia Ruthe Wendt Howell passed away Feb. 14, 2014, in Tacoma, Wash.

She leaves her husband of 57 years, Hal Howell; five children, George and Lisa, Julia and Jon Edick, Jeanne and Doug Murphy, Janet and Chris Cavanaugh, and Monica and Robb Newby, and their families, which include 10 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren, with another due this spring.

Born to George and Orisse Wendt in Kalispell on April 25, 1937, Georgia was the only girl and had three brothers, Richard and his wife, Jesse, Donald and Doris, and Rodney and Ilo.

She grew up a farm girl who preferred the outdoors; she only learned to cook after she married Dad. She went to a two-room school in Deer Park until eighth grade, then to Flathead County High School in Kalispell.

She met Dad at the University of Montana in Missoula — a dashing forestry major who was a smokejumper in the summers. They married in June 1956. A year later Dad graduated, George was born and they began their travels with the Air



Force: Florida, Texas, back to Montana, California and South Dakota.

They moved to

Washington state when Dad left the Air Force.

Mostly a homemaker, Georgia's resume also included "Gigi" the Clown (she and friends entertained at children's birthday parties), volunteer manager of the Tacoma Lawn Tennis Club, college student (she earned her degree from The Evergreen State College in 1983), and award-winning Avon sales lady, a job she took to meet her neighbors when she and Dad lived in Aurora, Colo. in the 1980s.

Georgia loved bridge, art, the theater, travel and her women's groups. But most of all she loved her family. And we loved her — her smile, the support she always provided and the love that was always there. We will miss her.

We will be interring Mom's ashes at 4 p.m. on Friday, April 25, (her birthday) at Fairview Cemetery in Columbia Falls. A reception will follow at the Wendt Farm, 1605 Middle Road in Columbia Falls.

A. Blanche Hoyt, 98

Arvelva Blanche (Howell) Hoyt was born July 8, 1915, at Columbia Falls, the fifth of 11 children born to Elmer C. and Minnie M. (Johnston) Howell.

She passed away with her daughter Barbara and niece Mary, whom she considered a second daughter, by her side on April 3, 2014, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell, at the age of 98.

Her grandparents were early settlers in the Deer Park community southeast of Columbia Falls. Reuben S. Johnston arrived from the Gallatin Valley in 1884, and Henry H. Howell came from Illinois in 1894. Blanche and nine of her siblings attended Deer Park School and she attended Flathead County High School.

She went to Big Arm to help her older sister Della and met Edward E. Hoyt. They were married Dec. 9, 1933. They had two children, Ross and Barbara. They divorced in 1972. In 1969, Blanche and her 13-year-old niece Mary Johns moved to Kalispell to live with her daughter. She attended drivers' education classes at Flathead Valley Community College and obtained her driver's license at age 54. She got a job as a nurse's aide at the Flathead County Nursing Home where she worked until retiring in 1978.

Blanche enjoyed crossword puzzles, growing flowers and strawberries. She loved children, dancing, the color red, her departed dog Mini and especially family gatherings. She was an excellent cook and enjoyed feeding her family and friends.

She was pre-deceased by her parents; brothers, Mern, Ross, Leonard and Walter; sisters, Della Stalcup, Ruby Howard, Shirley Howell (at 4 and a half years) and Jean Johns; her grandson, Christopher L. Hoyt; and special nephew, Joe H. Johns.

She is survived by her children, Ross and wife, Darline Hoyt, of Big Arm; daughter, Barbara Hoyt of



Kalispell; sisters, Iva Mae Stryker of Columbia Falls and Jessie Wunderlich of Valier;

grandson, Tom Hoyt of Ronan; granddaughter, Tammy McGill-Hoyt of Pennsylvania; great-grandsons, Traven Hoyt, attending Montana State University at Bozeman, Kellen Hoyt, attending Dawson Community College in Glendive, and Morgen Hoyt of Polson. She is also survived by her special niece, Mary and husband Mike Foster of Missoula and their children, whom she considered her grandchildren, Lacey and Carl Mattson and their children, Nolan and Evan of Beaverton, Ore., Brad Foster of Bellevue, Wash., and Sean Foster, attending MSU Bozeman; her special nephew, Allen Johns and wife Stephanie of Deer Lodge and their children, who knew her as "Grandma Blanche," Candace and Mike Sermon, and son Baylen of Buhl, Idaho, Courtney and Wes Spear of Arlington, Wash., and Colton Johns of Deer Lodge; special nieces, Una Rose and David Graham and family of Polson, Myrna Teskey of Columbia Falls, Floy Baker of Whitefish and Lynne Boyle of Kalispell, who visited her often; and also her dear sister-in-law, Bonnie and Hoyt Kirsch, and children, Gina Johnson and Kevin Kirsch of Ronan. She is also survived by additional nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Blanche will be sadly missed but forever in our hearts. Life is but a moment in the infinity of time, but what a precious moment to those who love and care.

There will be a family gathering to celebrate Blanche's life in July at Big Arm.

Donations in her honor may be given to the charity of choice.

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A. Blanche Hoyt

A potluck celebration of life for A. Blanche Hoyt, 98, who died April 3, will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, July 6,

at the Big Arm House, southwest of the Big Arm State Park. Bring salads or side dishes and watch for the red balloons.

Carol Ann Huffman, 75

Carol Ann Huffman, 75, died at her residence on Dec. 2, 2014. Services are pending.

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

Kristina Lynn Hughes, 29

The day Kristina Lynn Hughes discovered she had a baby growing in her belly was the best day of her life. Her daughter, Izzabella Marie Hughes, was Kristina's greatest achievement in life.

Kristina was born to Shirley J. Hughes (Singleton) in Libby on Feb. 13, 1985.

She left this world on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, 2014. Kristina had just turned 29 years old.

Kristina's laugh was magical and contagious. Kristina's heart of gold inspired her to help the plethora of people she met during her life's journey. Upon completion of her CNA, she worked at the Immanuel Lutheran Home and enjoyed the various patients she worked with. She touched the lives of every person she met. Kristina loved the clients she met through Flathead Industries; the Halloween party was a highlight each year of her employment. Kristina loved the bartenders and kitchen staff she



worked with at Moose's Saloon. She also worked at Alliance Title & Escrow, the Heritage Place, Bath & Body in Kalispell and the Veterans Home in Columbia Falls. Many of the friendships she made became an important part of the person she became, striving to make them smile and laugh. When Kristina loved someone, she gave her whole heart and a piece of her soul. There is nothing she would not have done for someone she cared about, no matter how great or small; helping her sister stack wood, delivering groceries to her uncle or cooking for her mother. Kristina loved having barbecues, dancing and listening to a variety of music. She enjoyed spending every available minute loving, teaching, walking in the park and playing with her "One True Love," Izzabella.

"The love she has for her daughter is eternal and will live on forever."

Kristina enjoyed the rafting trips and camping during her Montana summers. She loved to travel. Kristina loved the summer she spent in California, going to school in Vancouver, as well as numerous roads trips with her sister LaSaundra, "Little One," seeing many places from shopping in Seattle to riding the roller coasters at Silverwood. Kristina also traveled with Carina back and forth to Spokane while Nathan was receiving treatment for childhood cancer.

Kristina Hughes was preceded in death by her grandfather/father figure, George Bruffy Singleton; and her nephew, Anthony "Charlie-Bear" Charles Kuechmann Jr.; as well as Nathan Evans, her best friend Carina's son.

Kristina is survived by her daughter, Izzabella Marie Hughes; mother, Shirley J. Hughes (Singleton) of Kalispell; sister,

LaSaundra Sue Kuechmann (Villalobos) and brother-in-law, Anthony Charles Kuechmann Sr., and their daughter, Akazia Cloud Kuechmann of Bigfork; as well as her uncle, Steven G. Singleton of Kalispell; aunts, Sherry Singleton and Sandie Singleton; her Auntie Vesta Moe (Villalobos) and Uncle Jack Moe of Lapwai, Idaho; as well as numerous cousins in Lapwai, Kalispell and California. She is also survived by her best friend, Carina Weiss, her husband Joe and children, their three beautiful children, of Kalispell.

Services are being held from 2 to 7 p.m. today, Feb. 23 in the back banquet room at the Kalispell VFW. Bring any photos or stories; potluck dishes are welcome.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the "Fund for Kristina Hughes" at The Rocky Mountain Bank.

Johnson-Gloschat funeral home is caring for Kristina's family.

Lula Ness Hula, 91

Lula Ness Hula, 91, passed away Sunday, Oct. 19, 2014, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She was raised between Columbia Falls and Whitefish. The daughter of a logger and "a saint," she was the wife to a charismatic husband, mother to four strong-willed children, and Grammy of nine.

Lu went to school in Whitefish, often riding the wagon into town to sell and buy what was needed. It wasn't a cushy childhood but it was a loving one, with four brothers and three sisters to keep her company.

She met her husband of 64 years at a dance in Columbia Falls, when she was just 14 and he 15. It was said, "That guy's name is Ed Hula; if you two got married you would be Lula Hula," and

they did, in the spring of her 18th year when Ed was home on leave. Being a military bride was hard, and a military mother harder still.

Lula was at home in the woods, a strong Norwegian woman, proud and tall. Building a home with her husband, winning land with words and then building a cabin too. Her greatest joys were going for firewood and foraging for huckleberries, camping, fishing and driving around this beautiful valley, never taking for granted the majesty of her Montana home.

Mom to a son and three daughters, her life was full of love and heartache, joys and sorrow as she joined them on their journeys. She raised her children to be independent, strong, hardworking, loving

and generous. She didn't always let them know how deeply she loved them but each one held her together, each a part of her. She was a cheerleader, helping the family reach their dreams, and a coach telling it like it is. She was a wife, a mother and a poet.

She was the daughter of Olaf and Pearl Clark Ness, born in Kalispell in 1922, to Olaf and Emma Annis Ness. She attended school in Whitefish and Flathead Valley Community College. She married Edward J Hula, in July 1941.

Lula is survived by her son, Ed R., and his wife, Joan; daughters, Barbara and Jim Wallace, Bonnie and Jim Wilson, and Marna and Ron VanLoo; along with nine grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, brothers and sisters.

"My Grammy taught me compassion and that you have to work for everything in life. Nothing gets handed to you," her granddaughter said. "She taught me words can hurt and they can heal. That the eyes are the windows to the soul and that everyone has a story. I will miss her stories, her love, her hands, her hugs and her voice. Her strength, humility, backbone and her compassion. She was a light in my life."

Please join us for a memorial service for Lula at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 25, at Columbia Mortuary, located at 1010 Fourth Ave. W., in Columbia Falls. An urn burial will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery.

Elizabeth 'Betty' June Wright Hull, 90

March 8, 2014, Elizabeth "Betty" June Wright Hull "left this earth for a better place."

As the last surviving member of her lifelong Browning school friends, Lucille, Ruth and Anne, "her gang," as she called them, she was looking forward to seeing them all again.

Betty June was born to Elsie and William Wright on June 9, 1923, in Cut Bank, growing up in Sun Burst and Browning. She was athletic, loving winter sports, swimming in glacier-fed lakes and riding horses across the beautiful prairie. In high school she was a cheerleader, but poured her energies into music under the direction her music teacher Bob Scriver, playing her clarinet on CBS radio at state festival.

She graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in music from what was then Montana State University in Missoula, in 1947. Betty worked at Fort Missoula during the war years as a phone operator.

She taught music in Eureka and Darby before marrying the love of her life, Roland Henry Hull of Corvallis, on Aug. 5, 1951, in Hamilton. To this union came one daughter Kathryn and one son William. They made home in Hamilton and Whitefish.

She also taught in Corvallis, Trapper Creek Job Corps, Pikunni Alternative School and gave private lessons. Due to health issues, Betty moved to Roundup in 2005 and into Billings Health and Rehab in 2009.



From the skills learned in 4-H, Betty was a remarkable seamstress. There was nothing she could not

make, reflected by how well she dressed herself and her family. Crafting was also a talent that saw her producing many varied projects. Betty was good at playing bridge and liked to host parties. Ever social, she loved to eat out, travel and visit. She was a loyal U of M Grizzly fan.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents, and her husband Rolly, all of whom she missed terribly.

She is survived by her daughter, Kathy, and John Pfister, of Roundup; son, Bill, of Olney; granddaughters, Leanne and Brett Hoagland of Glendive, Loreta and Clint Halford of Chino Valley, Ariz., and Lyndee Pfister of Roundup; and great-grandsons, Connley Hoagland, and Reno and Brody Halford.

Memorials may be sent to Billings Health & Rehab where Betty was so lovingly cared for, or a charity of choice.

Betty did not like funerals and only asked for cremation and burial at Corvallis. In keeping with her wishes a graveside gathering will be held later this spring in Corvallis. If you wish to celebrate Betty's life, go out to dinner, dance, play cards, laugh, smile, enjoy your friends; just do something fun because that is how she lived.

Elizabeth 'Betty Lou' King Hupp, 85

Betty Lou was born March 15, 1929, in Riverton, Wyo., to Earl and Irene King. They moved to Cut Bank in 1930, where Earl worked in the oil fields and Irene taught school.

Betty met her future husband, Bill Hupp, in first grade. They graduated from Cut Bank High School class of 1947. Betty received a scholarship for valedictorian and attended Montana State College (MSU) where she was very active in the Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in interior design. Bill earned a bachelor's degree in business at MSC before joining the U.S. Air Force.

Bill and Betty were married Aug. 2, 1952. Betty and Bill moved to Boulder, Colo., after his discharge from the U.S. Air Force. Bill earned a master's degree in geology at the University of Colorado. The family moved to Calgary, Alberta, and spent eight years there.

In 1966, the family moved to Billings where Betty was active in the arts. She was a member of Billings Arts Association, Montana Institute of the Arts and Thread Benders. Her creative spirit flowed into unforgettable Halloween costumes, fabulous meals, Christmas cookies, remodeling and interior design with homes accented by their art collection. Betty was best known for her batiks on silk and she also produced paintings, weavings and ceramics. Betty inspired her children to see the world more keenly through her artist's eye.

In 1986, Betty and Bill moved back to Boulder where she was a member of the Fort Nightly group. Betty and Bill loved to travel. They traveled to many countries and even rafted the Grand Canyon. After Bill's retirement they moved back to



Montana and spent many summers at her beloved Whitefish Lake cabin, hosting

family and friends.

Betty passed away March 22, 2014, from natural causes at home in Dillon, with her loving husband by her side.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents, and Bill's parents; brother-in-law, Gregg Whitney; and many dear friends and family members.

Betty is survived by her husband of 62 years; her children Megan and Elliott Kuubits, Andrea and Michael Meyer, Tracy and Lenny Hupp-West, Nancy and Brian Schweitzer, Robert and Kathy Hupp, Michael and Patty Hupp; 10 grandchildren; brother, Bill, and Roberta King, of Seattle, sister-in-law, Betty Jo Whitney, of Sacramento, Calif., beloved nieces and nephews and dear friends.

A service for family and friends will be held at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, March 26, in Dillon at Brundage Funeral Home. Her ashes will be interred at a later date this summer.

Memorial contributions may be made to Eagle Mount Aquatic Therapy Center in Bozeman.

A guestbook is available online at www.brundagefuneralhome.com.

Richard Alvin Hunting, 82

Richard Alvin Hunting, 82, of Libby, died Sunday, Dec. 29, 2013, at his home in Libby.

Rick was born May 10, 1931, in Pomeroy, Wash., to Alvin and Charlotte (Kingman) Hunting. Rick grew up and attended school in Pomeroy, and graduated from Walla Walla High School with the class of 1950.

Rick married Wanda Hansen Nov. 18, 1956, in Spokane.

Rick served with the United States Air Force and was stationed with the occupation forces in Germany after World War II.

After 12 years in Great Falls and three years in Kalispell, Rick moved with his family to Libby in 1977. Rick and Wanda took over Treasure State Realty and were responsible for developing Big Horn Terrace. In later years, Rick worked for W.R. Grace and also served as a custodian for the Libby Elementary School system before retiring.

Rick was very passionate about his faith. He had a servant's heart and spent many hours volunteering at the Libby



Christian Church, where he served as an elder and as a hospital chaplain.

Rick enjoyed the outdoors, hiking, fishing and car shows.

His wife, Wanda, preceded him in death.

Survivors include his two daughters, Shawn Kienas and John of Kalispell, and Val Hunting and Harvey Jackson of Melbourne, Australia; brother, John Hunting, of Oak Harbor, Wash.; two sisters, Marion Gillock of Florence, Ore., and Rene McIntyre of Belfair, Wash.; grandson, Eddie Beckman, and Ann, of Kalispell; granddaughter, Danielle Reynolds; and two great-grandchildren, Lola Beckman and Drake Glencross.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 9, at the Libby Christian Church in Libby.

Local arrangements are under the care of Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Libby.

Alice E. Hunt, 95

Alice E. Hunt passed away quietly at her residence at Greenwood Assisted Living in Kalispell.

She was born Sept. 19, 1918, in Gully, Minn., daughter of Alma and Svend Krogh. She had three brothers, Sidney, Orvin and Kenneth; and one sister, Myrtle.

Alice grew up on the family farm in Clearbrook, Minn. and graduated from Gonvick High School in 1937. She moved to Minneapolis where she worked as a telephone operator. She met and married James Hunt in 1940. They lived in Crookston, Minn. for a few years. Jim worked for an apiary, so he and Alice traveled between Minnesota and Lake Wales, Fla. with the beehives each winter.

In 1952, they moved to Kalispell during the con-



struction of the Hungry Horse Dam. Arriving in Kalispell, they purchased their home

on Fourth Avenue West, where they raised their four children. Alice and Jim both loved to garden. Alice canned and froze much of the produce. She was an excellent cook. We will always remember the wonderful Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day meals she would prepare!

As Alice grew older, she became the neighborhood "Grandma." The kids knew she would have homemade cookies, so they came to visit her. She always made them welcome and would listen to whatever they had to say, whether it was

their latest adventure or a problem they needed to work through.

Alice was preceded in death by her husband, Jim, in 1996. She continued to maintain her home and lived with her daughter, Jeri Ann, until 2007. Her macular degeneration had progressed to the point that she needed to move to an assisted living facility, which was Greenwood.

She was preceded in death by her parents; all siblings; infant son in 1962; husband, Jim, in 1996; and son, Bob, in 2007.

She is survived by her three daughters, Bonnie Sisson of Kalispell, Sharon Howard and Gary of Whitehall, and Jeri Ann of Kalispell; and daughter-in-law, Barbara Hunt of Kalispell. She is also survived by numerous

grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Thank you to her longtime special friend, Kathy Ross of Bigfork, for her continued support and many visits with Alice over the years. She enjoyed those times very much! Also, thank you to Dennis Rasmussen, Shirley Works, and all of the good people of Greenwood Assisted Living for your continued care and thoughtfulness during her seven years of residence.

Cremation has taken place and a private interment of ashes will take place during the summer months.

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

Betty J. 'Jane' Hunt, 66

Betty J. "Jane" Hunt, 66, died Tuesday, June 10, 2014, at St. Joseph Medical Center in Polson. Funeral services are

pending.

Arrangements are under the direction of Grogan Funeral Home and Crematory.

Derald E. Hutchens, 82

Derald E. Hutchens, 82, died Friday, Feb. 21, 2014, in Kalispell. At his request, there

will be no services. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Pearl Huso, 92

Pearl Huso, who died Sunday, Feb. 16, 2014, wrote her own obituary in 2011.

She wrote, "Just before Thanksgiving, after reading Bent Petersen's book, I decided I should put down some memories of my life — half autobiography and half obituary.

To Walter and Clara Stearns I was born March 14, 1921, at Creston, Mont., so anxious to get here I didn't even make it to the hospital. My dad and neighbor brought me into this world.

My dad said, "That's my little Pearl" and he always called me that. They had Irene picked out for a name, so they named me Pearl Irene Stearns. They looked at the initials P.I.S. and changed the name to Caroline (P.C.S.).

I went to first and second grades at Creston and the rest of the school years in Kalispell, graduating from Flathead County High in 1939.

When I was a freshman, I would meet my friend Pat on a corner and we went skating every night. They had just opened the ice rink at Woodland Park. Only couples went at night. They played good music and I loved the sparkling lights in the trees.

Pat said, "See if Fitzzy wants to go tonight, as I just met a guy new in town and he wants to go." So we met on this street and it was Kenny. We fell in love on that street corner and went steady all through high school. Then I found out he was a beautiful dancer! I loved to dance, so we danced our way through high school and then the rest of our lives together.

We got married Dec. 7, 1940, one year before Pearl Harbor and moved to California.

We returned to Kalispell and the Flathead after the war. I worked for First National Bank for many years and Kenny



joined the Montana National Guard.

We were active in the Buffalo Hill Golf Club.

Kenny was president for several terms and I was secretary/treasurer for several terms. We were also on the entertainment committee for Elks Rest and then the new club in Kalispell.

We moved to Helena five years before retiring and then to Bigfork. We spent summers in Bigfork and winters in Palm Desert, Calif.

We had 12 good years of retirement before Kenny got sick with Alzheimer's. He spent five years in the Lake View Care Center and died in 1995. I still spent summers in Bigfork and winters in Palm Desert.

Our daughter, Susan Newgard, and Ron Newgard moved in with me. Susan got sick and died in 2008, then Ron in 2010. My grandson, Brad Newgard, came home to help me take care of them when they were sick, and then stayed on to help me and our three dogs, so we could stay here at our family home on the beautiful Flathead River.

I would love to spend the rest of my life right here.

I would like graveside rites at Glacier Memorial, where I would be laid to rest next to my beloved husband, and then a memorial at Vista Linda."

Pearl's grandson Bradley died in April 2013.

Pearl is survived by her brother, George Stearns.

Her wishes were granted. She remained in her home on the Flathead River, and there will be a reception for Pearl at 4 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 21, at the Vista Linda in Somers. Please join us to celebrate her wonderful life.