

Robert E. LaFrance, 85

Robert "Bob" Eugene LaFrance, 85, passed away on Wednesday, Oct. 8, 2014, in Kalispell.

He was born in Kalispell on April 22, 1929, the son of Joseph Hubert and Juanita Wilma (Hall) LaFrance.

Bob married Norma Sanvik on May 6, 1950. In May of 1951 they welcomed their first daughter, Vickie. In May 1956 their second daughter, Rae Ann, was born.

Bob served in the Army from 1946 to 1949. He then joined the National Guard in 1949, and retired in 1989 as a sergeant first class.

Bob worked as a delivery driver for Petrolane, delivering propane to the Flathead Valley. He retired after 19 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Norma; sister, Georgia LaFrance Akins; brothers, Arthur G. LaFrance, William "Billy" LaFrance and Hubert Junior "Frenchy" LaFrance; and daughter, Vickie Hamil-



ton.

He is survived by daughter, Rae Ann Evans, and husband Brad, two sisters, Gay "Tootie" McKean and Bonnie Cash; five grand-



children, Nathan Evans and wife Lindsay, Aric Littlefield and wife Leslie, Andy Hamilton, Holly Howery and husband Casey, and Laura Christina and husband Jeff; and 12 great-grandchildren; also his special friend, Joann Turner.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 17, at Rocky Mountain Baptist Church in Kalispell.

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

Roger Kenneth Lambertus Jr., 48

Roger Kenneth Lambertus Jr., 48, of Kalispell, "joyfully went to be with his Lord and Savior" on March 17, 2014.

He was born on May 2, 1965, to Gail and Roger Lambertus in Oakland, Calif., and at the age of 2 they moved to the Flathead Valley where he had since resided.

He courageously and graciously fought a long illness, in which time he was a great witness of his faith and positive affirmations. All those that knew Roger were inspired by his will to make every day count for the Lord and for his family. He loved that he was able to serve and attend Freshlife Church and his supportive small church group.

Roger was a "jack-of-many-trades" but his passion was traveling to promote concerts over 16 years of time. He was forced to retire in 2008



due to his illness.

Roger is lovingly survived by his wife, Kelly. He also leaves behind

his service dog, Angel; as well as his daughter, Autumn Van Orden, and her husband, Chris Van Orden, along with their three children, NeVaeh, Aryanna and Carter; sons, Tyler Selke and Kenny Lambertus; sisters, Linda Chandler of Kalispell, and Jody and Melody; and a niece and nephew; and father-in-law and mother-in-law, Bill and Barbara Dye, of Kalispell.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother.

A celebration of Roger's life will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 29, at Cornerstone Community Church in Kalispell.

Cecile Stelle Lampson, 76

Cecile Stelle Lampson, 76, died in Columbia Falls on Dec. 21, 2014.

She is survived by her daughters, Bonnie Wentzel of Kalispell and Karen Lampson of Williams-

burg, Massachusetts.

Private services will be held.

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

Delores May 'Dolly' Lampman, 86

Delores May "Dolly" Lampman, 86, passed away peacefully at Brendan House in Kalispell on Feb. 23, 2014, surrounded by family as they reminisced about bygone days.

She was born on May 1, 1927, to Robert and Mary (Reinbold) Landwehr in Elbowoods, N.D.

At the age of 9, Dolly moved with her family to Kalispell. Following graduation from Flathead County High School, she met and married Clayton Lampman. She and Clayton became the parents of four children.

After living several years in Washington and Idaho, Dolly returned to Kalispell with her children in order to be closer to her parents and siblings. Family was an extremely important part of Dolly's life. Spending time in Glacier National Park, Fairmont Hot Springs and at the local lakes, with family, were good times remembered by all.

Dolly's religion was very important to her. She spent a lot of time in prayer and attending services. She was also a very generous person who always thought of the other person or cause before herself.

Dolly was preceded in death by her parents; her three brothers, Jerry Landwehr, Vincent Landwehr and Leonard Landwehr; her son-in-law, Mike Franklin; and her son-in-law, Robert McGuire.

She is survived by her sister, Eleanor Hedstrom; three daughters, Virginia and Bill Olsen, Beverly McGuire, and Sandra and Mike Absalonson; and one son, Mark, and Cindy



Lampman; grand-children, Shelley Howell, Jeff McGuire, Heather and Mike Arlint,

Tina and Mark Hixson, Ryan and Lemi Absalonson, Kirk and Keely Absalonson, Ashley and Jeremy Matsui, Amber and Daniel Byrd, and Allie Lampman; 17 great-grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild.

There will be a viewing for Dolly from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 27, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. A rosary will follow the viewing at 6 p.m. Funeral Mass for Delores will be said at 11 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 28, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Kalispell.

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

Velora Ellen LaMunyon, 75

Velora Ellen LaMunyon, 75, died Sept. 9, 2014, in her Montana home surrounded by her family.

Velora was born to Dillard and June LaMunyon in Woodward, Okla., and lived in many places throughout her life.

Velora attended high school in Great Falls and then graduated from the University of Montana. A lifelong learner, she later attained two postgraduate degrees, Master of Education and Master of Business Administration. Velora was the director of the EWU Small Business Development Center and later was the manager of the Incubation Kitchen Center. Among her most rewarding professional accomplishments was her role in paving the way for so many women to become small business owners.

Velora was an accomplished golfer, an elegant skier, a stylish dresser, a talented photographer and



an enthusiastic traveler. She was a gardening perfectionist and, as a photographer, had a

real eye for capturing the essence of the moment. Her adventuresome spirit led her to travel the world and at one time or another to live in Montana, Washington, Idaho, Arizona, Nebraska, New Mexico, Kansas, Oklahoma and Hawaii.

Velora cherished her family. She leaves behind her loving husband, Wayne Anderson, who was her best friend and soul mate; her children, Ginnette and Wynn Kearney, and their children, Nichole, Mellisa, Brandon, Rochfort and Robert of Mankato, Minn.; son, Mike and Linda Sinclair, and their children, Colby, Stephanie, Christopher, Sydney and Ryan of Seattle; daughter, Ann and

Clay Damon, and their children, Austin, Laina, Maxwell and Jake of Spokane; son Sigurd and Kelly Anderson, and their children, Boden and Elsa of San Francisco; and Eric and Debra Anderson, and their children, Hayden, Lyndy and Nolan of Edina, Minn.

Velora's life will be celebrated with a memorial service at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 11, in Spokane at Life Center Church on Government Way. There will also be a celebration of Velora's life at Superstition Mountain Golf and Country Club in Arizona this winter.

Memorials are requested to the Flathead Lake Biological Station (406) 982-3301 or the Kalispell Regional Healthcare Foundation.

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

James Dale Landon, 81

James Dale Landon, 81, passed away July 8, 2014.

Jim was born Aug. 8, 1932, to Carol Landon and Merle (Pewanka) Landon in Saco, Montana. As a young boy, his family moved to Kalispell. He graduated from Flathead County High School in 1951. He was active in sports throughout high school, playing and being co-captain of the football and basketball teams. In 1950, the Flathead Braves team won their first Class AA football championship. In 1951, he was part of the winning championship team that earned the nickname "the comeback kids."

After graduation from high school, he enlisted in the Navy, "bobbing around the ocean for four years," as he would say. After he was discharged from the Navy he enrolled at Montana State University where he played football. The Bobcats were national champions in 1956. They went to the Aluminum Bowl in Arkansas. He was inducted into the Montana State University Hall of Fame in 1987, and into the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Hall of Fame in 2006.

After leaving college he moved to California where he met Nancy. They were married Sept. 2, 1960. In 1968, they moved to Burns. He worked in construction and the logging industry for several years. In 1992, he and Nancy moved to Dundee where he owned and operated Lumpy's Tavern. In 2000, they moved back to Burns to be close to their children and grandchildren. He loved going to the kids'



and grand-kids' games and activities, putting around the house and doing projects for family and friends. He liked going to brandings and hay-

ing in the summer. He also liked working in his "hardware store" (shop). The kids would check his "store" before going up town. They would usually find what they were looking for.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Nancy; sons, Jimmy Landon and his wife Sue of Billings, Kelly Landon and his wife Samantha, and Keith Landon, all of Burns, Oregon; daughters, Joni Ackerman of Billings, and Lisa Tiller and her husband, Scott, of Hines, Oregon; brothers, Frank Landon and his wife Phyllis of Newberg, Oregon, and Don Landon and his wife Gloria of Kalispell; sister, Grace Watters of Kalispell; 12 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Merle, and father, Carol Landon; brothers, Roy Landon and Marvin Landon; and sisters, Alice Pollard, Sylvia Gledin and Nadine Christie.

A celebration of life was held July 14, with a military salute.

Contributions in Jim's name may be sent to Desert Dream Mentor Program for Developmental Disabilities in Harney County, 362 N. Broadway, Burns OR 97720.

Marie Landsberger, 92

heart. She was spunky, independent and fun loving. She enjoyed going for walks, gardening and playing cards. Her sense of humor and quick repartee was appreciated by friends and strangers alike — she was loved by all who knew her.

She is survived by her children, Debra Parod, David Landsberger and Renee Burgess; 13 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and her sister Bernice Shaw.

A Requiem Mass will be offered for Marie at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 29, at Immaculate Conception Chapel, Kalispell.

1964, when they moved first to Bismarck, N.D., and eventually to Kalispell. After the loss of her

husband in 1978, Marie moved to be near her children, residing in Phoenix, Post Falls, Idaho, Columbus, Mont., and finally Billings.

She spent the majority of her life taking care of her children and grandchildren. She was devoted to her faith and will always be remembered for her generous and loving



Marie Landsberger, 92, beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, passed away Nov. 15, 2014, after a long battle with cancer.

Marie was born February 1922 to Anton and Anna Erath in Solen, N.D. She was the oldest girl of 11 children. After graduating from business college, she worked at the Bank of North Dakota, leaving to work for the Naval Department in Seattle during World War II.

Marie married Leo Landsberger on Oct. 14, 1947. The couple farmed near Hazelton, N.D., until

Thelma Jean Larsen, 74

Thelma Jean Larsen, 74, of Libby, died at home Friday, Sept. 19, 2014.

She is survived by her husband, Les Larsen; and children, Dean of Libby, Bev Cummings of Libby, Missy of Bursell of Fairfield, Calif., and Cara Heald of Missoula.

The celebration life will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 25, at Libby Assem-

bly of God Church, 101 Collins Ave., with interment to follow at the City of Libby Cemetery.

A gathering of friends and family will immediately follow at Wilkinson Hall, located next to the church.

Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 24, at Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Libby.

Donna Mae Larson, 74

Donna Mae Larson, 74, died Thursday, Aug. 28, 2014, at the Immanuel Skilled Care Center in Kalispell. She began to experience the ill effects of Alzheimer's disease in 2003, and had been receiving loving and compassionate care from Home Options Private Care, the Immanuel Skilled Care Center — Bratsberg Wing, and Home Options Hospice.

Donna was born Aug. 19, 1940, in Columbia Falls, the third of five daughters and one son born to Chauncey and Beatrice Beebe. When her mother's parents died, Donna's household increased by four uncles, and later took on three additional friends looking for a place to eat and lay their heads at night. Referring to those earliest years, Donna occasionally said, "I felt like I was part of a litter — struggling for sustenance and attention."

Donna and Mike Apgar were married in 1955. They began to raise their four children in Columbia Falls — not far from the Apgar community in Glacier National Park named after Mike's grandfather. Later they moved to Wyoming where together Mike and Donna managed an Indian Mission for a number of years. Subsequently, Mike became a much-honored law enforcement officer. He died in 1974. Donna and the children moved back to Montana where she supported her family by wallpapering, painting and decorating homes in the Flathead Valley.

On Aug. 27, 1977, Donna and L. Peter Larson were married in Kalispell, adding three more children to their family on a part-time basis. Donna became a full-time homemaker, a part-time lay Christian counselor, a flower gardener and a mentor to several young women. She particularly enjoyed short-term Christian mission trips to encourage people less fortunate than herself. Over the



course of several years, Donna traveled to Albania, Bulgaria, Canada, Ecuador, El Sal-

vador, Israel, Nigeria, Russia and Sweden as a short-term missionary. Locally, she helped to found the Lighthouse Christian Home for the Developmentally Disabled.

Donna was preceded in death by her parents, Chauncey and Beatrice Beebe; her sister, Laura Owens; and her first husband, Mike Apgar.

She is survived by her husband, L. Peter Larson, at the family home in Kalispell; her son, Steve Apgar and Sandi Browne of Kelowna, British Columbia; her daughter, Kelly Apgar and husband, Glenn Gardner, of Somers; her son, Michael Apgar and wife, Gretchen Apgar, of Kalispell; her son, Tyler Apgar and Tonia Gardner of Kalispell; her stepson, Brent Larson of Helena; her stepdaughter, Dr. Robin Larson of Plainfield, New Hampshire; and her stepdaughter, Julie Larson-Alkire and husband, Martin Alkire, of San Jose, California. She also is survived by her sisters Dixie Emerson, Nancy Clapper and Eva Markus, as well as her brother, Donny Beebe. Finally, Donna's legacy will be carried on by her grandchildren, Kate Apgar, Kitt Haddenham, Kayla Anderson, Seth Brothers, Ingrid and Astrid Alkire, and Dara and Coco Apgar; as well as her great-grandchildren, Gracen and Lincoln Haddenham.

The celebration of Donna's life will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 3, at Hope Church, 436 Birch Grove, in Kalispell. A private family graveside service will have been held at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery prior to the church service. Also, a viewing/visitation oppor-

tunity will be provided at the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home from 5 to 7 p.m. on Monday evening, Sept. 1.

The family suggests that memorial gifts could be made to any of the following organizations: Home Options, 275 Corporate Drive, Suite 600, Kalispell; Immanuel Skilled Care Center, 185 Crestline Ave., Kalispell; or Lighthouse Christian Home, 384 North Somers Road, Kalispell.

Ramona L. (Vacura) Larson, 86

Ramona L. (Vacura) Larson, 86, passed away peacefully in the afternoon, Wednesday, Oct. 1, 2014, surrounded by family at the Village Health Care Center in Missoula.

The memorial Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 9, at the Blessed Trinity Catholic Church, 1475 Eaton St., in Missoula, 406-721-2405. A



reception will follow, with the committal service to be held at the St. Mary Cemetery, the Rev. Ed

Hislop will be presiding. Condolences and memories may be shared with the family at www.brothersmortuary.com.

Tamara Marie (Lamoreaux) Larsen, 40

Tamara Marie (Lamoreaux) Larsen, 40, of Columbia Falls, "went to heaven" Sept. 8, 2014.

Tamara was born Jan. 9, 1974, in Whitefish to Vicki and Ron Lamoreaux. Tamara attended schools in Columbia Falls, Bozeman and graduated from Flathead High School in 1992. She attended Montana State University and Flathead Valley Community College.

During her many career opportunities, she worked at various businesses, convenience stores and drove long haul trucks. At the time of her death, she was working at The Lodge at Whitefish Lake.

She married Matthew Larsen and together welcomed Samantha Ann into the world on May 13, 2007. Samantha was the joy of Tamara's life.

She enjoyed doing crafts, scrapbooking, sewing, reading, watching movies and spending time at Echo Lake with family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Vicki; grandparents; uncle, Alan; uncle, Joel; uncle, Paul; and aunt, Suzanne.

She is survived by her daughter, Samantha, who resides with her father Matthew, and grandmother Rayna of Columbia Falls. She is also survived by her father, Ron, of Echo Lake; her brother, Jeff, and his wife, Aimee, of Kalispell, their



children Brittney and fiancé Bryant of Kalispell, Shawn and fiancée Mileah and their

son Carter of Kalispell, daughter Seonna of Kalispell, daughter McKenzie of Kalispell, and son Colton of Kalispell; and her "second mother," Karen Kessinger, of Columbia Falls. She is also survived by her uncles, Gary of Columbia Falls, Brian and his wife Darlene of Columbia Falls and Jan of Missoula, Bud Lamoreaux and wife Elaine of San Angelo, Texas; aunts, Jolayne Tuttle and husband Graham of High River, Alberta, and Mickey Perry and husband John of Columbia Falls; also numerous cousins and their children.

Visitation will be from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 12, at the Columbia Falls United Methodist Church, followed with the funeral service at 11 a.m., with burial to follow at St. Richard's Cemetery.

The family requests, in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to the charity of their 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.

Erling Richard LaSalle, 83

Dick died peacefully at home on Thursday, Feb. 20, 2014, surrounded by loving family.

Dick was born in Shevlin, Minn., on Sept. 18, 1930, to Alvin and Esther Williams LaSalle. He moved to Montana as a toddler and grew up in the Hoagland area. His mother taught school in many one-room schools; he attended 13 of them growing up. He graduated from Harlem High School in 1948.

In 1950 he enlisted in the Air Force. He was a left waist gunner on a B-29, flew 35 combat missions and five spy missions along the Chinese and Russian coasts, was discharged in 1953, then worked in Texas on offshore oil rigs.

In 1958 he returned to Montana and went to work for the U.S. Forest Service in Helena, where he met future wife, Carrie Myhre, at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church. They were married on Dec. 30, 1959.

He spent 27 years with the Forest Service on the Helena and Flathead Forests in Helena, Kalispell, Condon, Whitefish, and back to Kalispell, retiring in 1983. He was too much of a people person to stand retirement, so he tried real estate, a few other jobs, and in 1985 went to work for Montana Power. He retired for the last time in 2005. He and Carrie traveled extensively in their home on wheels.

Dick was a man of deep faith. He was a charter member of Faith Lutheran Church in Condon, spent many hours helping build the church, led adult Bible studies, etc. In 1969 they joined Trinity Lutheran in Kalispell. He was Trinity school board chairman for 16 years and on the camp board even longer. He earned his Silver Beaver and was a Boy Scout leader for many years, helping over a dozen boys



achieve Eagle Scouts, including his three sons and

one grandson. He was a referee and assistant coach for AAU wrestling for many years. He dearly loved the little children and working with the youth.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Esther and August Beck, beloved uncle, Erling Thorson; and brother, Eugene Beck.

He is survived by his wife, Carrie LaSalle, of 54 years; his three sons, Erling Richard II and wife Margie of Austin, Texas, and Eric Douglas and Kurt Wayne, both of Kalispell; his brothers, Donald LaSalle of McGregor, Minn., Arlo Beck and wife Wanda of Calgary, Alvin LaSalle and wife Judy, and Jeane and wife Katie of Cathedral City, Calif.; sister, Ellen Svendsen, of Missoula; sister-in-law, Sandy Beck, of Hoagland; seven grandchildren, Erling Richard III, Joshua and Nichole LaSalle of Austin, Arrika LaSalle of Bozeman, Sharise Smith of Great Falls, and Ryan and Zachary LaSalle of Ellensburg, Wash.; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. There are too many to list that considered him to be a second dad or grandpa.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 1, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 400 W. California St., Kalispell.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Trinity Lutheran Church, School, or Camp, or a charity of your choosing.

MaryLou LaStofka, 85

MaryLou LaStofka, 85, "went home to the Lord" on Oct. 16, 2014, in Kalispell. She passed on peacefully with grace and dignity, surrounded by her family.



great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her sister, Corrine Adomian and family of Athens, Ga.

MaryLou was born in Kalispell on March 2, 1929, to Mark and Dorothy Hodgson. She was the second of three children. Her early years were busy helping with the family dairy, the large garden and having to herd the dreaded cows to the lower place. MaryLou attended school in her early years at the Half Moon school, and then attended two years at the Whitefish High School before moving to Flathead County High School where she graduated in 1946.

MaryLou went on to study voice at the Cornish School of Music in Seattle, and then moved on to the Julliard School of Music in New York. Her entire family treasured her ability to move one's soul with song. While studying at Julliard, Mom met and married the love of her life, Robert LaStofka, in 1951. They traveled around the country while Bob was in the service and then traveled back and forth between Iola, Wis., and Kalispell for several years, finally settling in Kalispell. MaryLou and Bob went on to have four children.

She leaves on this Earth to continue her work, her husband, Robert Earl, of 63 years; her children, Connie LaStofka-Lakes and her husband Roger of Hamilton, Ohio, Robin Carson of Kalispell, Mark LaStofka and his wife Tina of White-Salmon, Wash., and Julie Hindahl of Kalispell. She also leaves her 12 treasured grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and her six great-

MaryLou was preceded in death by her parents, Mark and Dorothy Hodgson; and her brother, Paul Hodgson.

Besides being the mother of four, she dedicated 30-plus years to working at the Immanuel Lutheran Home, helping others have a home where respect, compassion and tender loving care were the most important aspects of her job. MaryLou was proactive in the church with quilting, one of her passions, and the preparations of the service bulletins. MaryLou also loved her flower gardens and tending them.

Through this celebration of her life, we should all remember her love, compassion and caring that she applied every day; for all of us to be advocates of her willingness to help, to hold, reassure and comfort those who are starting their journey into the Lord's loving arms. MaryLou dedicated most of her life to this mission through music, her work and her daily life.

We as a family would like to thank all of those who have helped us make this journey with her, especially the nurses and doctor at the ICU at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Graveside rites will be held at noon on Wednesday, Oct. 22 at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery, followed by services at 1 p.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, with a reception following in the church basement.

Joseph William Lawrence, 75

Joseph William Lawrence, 75, died at his Swan Lake residence on Oct. 14, 2014.

A celebration of life is pending. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Joe Lawrence, 75

Joe Lawrence "finished his allotted time on earth to go on to his next assignment" on Oct. 14, 2014.

He lived in Swan Lake from birth, and could not have been enticed to leave. He was an avid outdoorsman, a true mountain man "and is off to run his next trap line."

Joe spent his years as a logger, forester, wildland fire fighter and a passionate hunter, fisherman and trapper.

Joe was born in Kalispell on Jan. 28, 1939, to Arnold Lawrence and Frances Winter Lawrence. He was predeceased by them and many aunts and uncles.

He is survived by his wife, Joyce; two sisters, Saralene "Sally" and husband George Hopkins, and Kathleen "Kitty" Stolar; his three sons, Jeff, Chris and his wife Lisa, and Luke and his wife Kathy; nine grandchildren, Quinn, Riley, Samantha,



Cort, Skyler, Cody, Eric, Cade and Brooke; and four great grandchildren.

Joe worked and played hard at life and squeezed out everything it had to offer. He was willing to tackle any project and nothing was impossible. A hunter-gatherer to the core, he was an original picker and could build anything with his hands.

He was a member of Swan Chapel, Swan Lake Volunteer Fire Department, Flathead Pioneer Auto Club, Big Sky A's Model A club, and a life endorsement member of the NRA.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 20, at Swan Chapel, and a celebration of his life will follow next summer at the lake place.

Theresa LaValley, 80

Theresa LaValley, 80, died Monday, Dec. 22, 2014, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

There will be no services held at this time. Arrangements are entrusted to Columbia Mortuary.

David M. Leach, 96

David Mason Leach passed away May 25, 2014, at the age of 96, at the Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

He was born in Owatonna, Minn., on Sept. 16, 1917.

During World War II he was stationed in Lexington, Va., and retired as a lieutenant colonel, JAG, after 20 years in the Reserves.

After the war, he married Lucille Dixon and returned to Minnesota to finish his law degree. One daughter, Deborah, was born to that union.

While in Owatonna, David practiced law with his father and served several years as municipal judge. Lucille preceded him in death in 1964. David married Mary Brandley in 1969 and, in his retirement, they moved to the Flathead Valley in 1990 where he finally got his dog.

He was active in the Flathead Valley, preparing income tax returns for the senior citizens, teaching fourth graders cribbage and playing in the Flathead Valley Community Band, Glacier Rag Time Orchestra, Hungry Five Oompa Band and Raz M Taz ensemble. David shared his love of music with his grandson, Mark McCrady, now the band director at Whitefish schools.

He is survived by his



wife of 45 years, Mary Leach, of Kalispell; Deborah

Leach Coakley and William of Bluffton, S.C.; James Brandley and Sandra of Ely, Minn.; Steven Brandley and Annette of Okarche, Okla.; Kathryn Brandley Lockerby and Michael of Red Wing, Minn.; 12 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

David was a faithful Christian, a gentleman and a great example for family.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to the Veterans Home in Columbia Falls, the Humane Society of Northwest Montana or the Flathead Food Bank.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 29, at Kalispell Church of the Nazarene. Interment will be held in Owatonna at a later date.

Robert Edwin Lay, 70

He always said he'd go until there was nothing left. On, Sunday, March 16, 2014, Robert E. "Bob" Lay ran out of life.

Born in East Cleveland, Ohio, to Charles and Clarisa Robertson Lay on June 25, 1943, Bob grew up in Ohio until he entered the U.S. Navy in 1962. He was honorably discharged as an MM2 (E5) machinist mate on August 29, 1966.

He then entered into a 35-year career in the telecommunications industry starting out as a cable splicer in the manholes of New York City. He retired from PTI/CenturyTel in Dolores, Colo. in 1998, but then reentered the workforce as a superintendent with Wilde Construction Company of Shevlin, Minn., responsible for construction of large fiber optic projects. From 2000 until his true retirement in 2004 he was a nationwide construction project manager for Bechtel Construction and Engineering of San Francisco.

Bob's accomplishment that provided him the most pride was his family. In January 1964 he met



his wife Patricia "Pat" Sheridan. They were married on Oct. 28, 1967 in New York City. In 1969 Bob and Pat moved to Colorado.



Subsequently, Suzanne Janet was born on Jan. 14, 1971, and James Robert "Jimbob" on Dec. 25, 1974, in Longmont, Colo. On Sept. 4, 1994, Suzanne married Thurston Elfstrom. Together the five of them have had many grand and glorious adventures which Bob was sure would continue in the future. All five were together to share Bob's final moments.

Bob enjoyed all of life to its fullest. Two principles he lived by were to tell the truth at all times and never pass up an opportunity to help somebody.

He was very active in Kalispell's Trinity Lodge No. 152 and Algeria Shrine Temple, as well as Helena's Algeria Shrine

Temple. As a Shriner he was involved in helping children with disabilities receive the best care possible. He also served on the Flathead County school board, where he advocated for young adults, particularly those who struggled within the traditional school system.

He was a lifetime member of the International Fly Fishing Federation, where many of his contributions centered on teaching fly tying. In 1994 he chaired the national convention, held in Kalispell. In 2008 he was honored with the Charles E. Brooks Memorial Award and the Dick Nelson Fly Tying Teaching Award — the highest award the FFF bestows to a member for excellence in fly tying teaching.

Bob and Pat moved to Helena in 2006. He then became active with Montana Project Healing Waters, Inc. He was subsequently the recipient of the highest civilian award the National Guard can issue, the Adjutant General's Distinguished Patriot Medal, for his work with Project Healing Waters.

He went on to serve as board member and board president.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Carolyn Virginia Anderson. He is survived by his brother, Richard and Carol of Oakdale, Penn.; sister, Frederica Irwin and Don of Arden, N.C.; good friend and brother, Carl Mucha and Jane of Union, Ky.; along with his immediate family and close friends in the Masonic and fly fishing communities throughout the nation.

A memorial service and celebration will take place at one of Bob's favorite spots along the Missouri river on June 28, 2014. To receive additional details email CelebrationForBob@yahoo.com. The service is open to anyone who would like to share stories about Bob.

If so inclined, contributions can be made to Flathead Shrine Club Transportation Fund, P.O. Box 762, Kalispell MT, 59903 or Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing Inc., P.O. Box 695, La Plata, MD 20646 (please earmark your donation for Montana).

Jeanette Louise (Starr) Lechner, 87

Jeanette Louise (Starr) Lechner, 87, of Ferndale, passed away March 16, 2014, in Kalispell, surrounded by her family.

Jeanette was born in Mayville, Wis., on Sept. 30, 1926.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Fred "Fritz" Lechner.

She is survived by her children and their families, son Fred G. Lechner and wife Carol, and granddaughters Lynde Price and Hailey Morin, of Kalispell; daughter Judith L. Broeder and husband David, and granddaughter Katharine Ludwig, of Kalispell; son, Roger A. Lechner, of



Missoula; daughter, Patsy A. Lechner, of Kalispell; son Alvin A. Lechner and wife Deana, and

granddaughters Heather Lechner and Salinda Lechner, of Ferndale; also nine great-grandchildren.

Private family services have been held.

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.

Roger Michael Ledwell, 66

Roger Michael Ledwell, 66, of Kalispell, died Nov. 19, 2014, at the V.A. Hospital in Salt Lake City, due to heart disease.

He was the owner of New Earth Communications in Kalispell.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Ledwell, of Kalispell; sons, Daniel Roger Ledwell of

Kalispell, Michael Tiday of Colstrip, Roger Ledwell Jr., of Flagstaff, Ariz., and Walter Ledwell of California; and daughter, Athena Ledwell, of North Carolina.

A memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, at Stillwater Lutheran Church in Kalispell.

On Aug. 10, 1981, she married Dennis LeDoux while residing in Helena, adding Denise Csikasz and Sabrina (Jerry) Reynolds, both of Kalispell, to the family. As soon as the children were raised, Darlene immensely enjoyed traveling and exploring different parts of the United States and Canada with Denny in their highway truck and later, when she was no longer able to tag along with him, she took care of the book work at home.

Darlene adored many friends throughout her life, was quick-witted and delighted in making you giggle or even turning

H. Darlene LeDoux, 68

H. Darlene LeDoux of Eureka took her last breathe in this life surrounded by and wrapped in the love of her family, Friday, Dec. 19, 2014, just as she had wished for.

Darlene was born in Whitefish Oct. 30, 1946, to T. Hurley and Myrna L. Banning. They later moved to Fortine where she was raised and romped with her three sisters and two brothers, Geraldine Robinson (John), Charlene Carvey (Lorn), Christine Case (Gary), Tom Banning (Brenda) and Ed Banning (Ruth). Darlene attended grade school in Fortine and high school in Eureka. She relished various activities and hobbies throughout her life, one great joy being music. She learned to play by ear at any early age amazing and enchanting those around her by picking up a guitar or sitting down at a piano and playing a song she just heard, an old favorite, or one she penned herself. She would always leave you begging for more.

On July 25, 1963, she married Roland "Butch" Allen and began her life as a stay-at-home wife and mother. They raised five children together — Darla Carvey and Dan, and Tom Allen, both of Missoula, and Gregg Allen and Kim, David Allen, and Heidi Cheff and Tom, all of Eureka. Darlene was very active in the lives of her children and they kept her on her toes.



your face red; but her true passion was her family. She loved nothing more than spend-

ing time with those she loved protecting, laughing, playing, singing and capturing those memories with a camera that always seemed to appear out of nowhere. She was a strong-willed woman who lived her life honestly, not afraid of hard work or a challenge (many of which she faced and pulled through gracefully), encouraging and teaching her children to do the same. She had a huge heart, not only giving generously of her time and support to those she loved, but donating to her favorite charities such as the Ladies Auxiliary VFW Post 6786 (which she was proud to be a lifelong member), wounded veterans, and St. Jude Children's Hospital.

She was preceded in death by both her parents, one grandchild Cody Flanigan, and one great-grandchild Saydee Plantiko.

Darlene is survived by her husband, children, 22 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 27, at the Fortine Community Church in Fortine, with a luncheon immediately following.

Darlene lived her life in many shades of color and we will be wearing one of her favorites — red — to honor her memory and invite you to do the same. She will live forever as a song in our hearts.

Conly Bennett Lee, 77

Conly Bennett Lee "went home to the Lord, passing into Heaven" on Sept. 15, 2014, in Libby, after suffering a heart attack.

Con was born to Byron and Inez (Beck) Lee on Jan. 27, 1937, in Havre, and lived in Ferndale with his parents and siblings until joining the U.S. Navy in November, 1954. During his four years in the Navy, he was stationed at Norman, Okla., and Jacksonville, Fla., for training. Later, he was posted to Kodiak and Adak Islands in Alaska, and Whidbey Island, Wash., as a crewman flying missions on marine patrol. He received the Navy Combat Air Crewman Insignia, the Good Conduct medal, National Defense ribbons, and was honorably discharged in late 1957. He belonged to the Troy VFW.

He was married to Ethel Gillingham in Missoula on Dec. 26, 1959. They had three boys, Brad, Tim and Jeff. Con worked as a truck driver on the ICBM project in Shelby, in 1962. Later, the family moved to Missoula where he operated Lee Brothers Trucking with his brother, Mike Lee. In the early '70s, Con and his family moved to the Seattle area, settling near Auburn, Wash. Through the years he was a long-time salesman for Kenworth Truck Company in the Seattle area. He was also inventive and entrepreneurial, working on devices to improve the fuel efficiency and performance of trucks.

Con moved back to the Libby area in about 2000; he always had Montana on his mind. Moving back was a dream for him. He married Marlys Ramseur on Aug. 3, 2010, in Troy, where they also lived at the time of Con's passing. He was very involved with the Troy



VFW, the Troy Community Baptist Church and the Troy community.

He was predeceased by his parents; his brother, Gary Lee; his aunt and uncle, Roy and Marge Higgins; and his niece, Kerry (Thomson) Henrickson.



Con's wife Marlys survives at the family home in Troy. He is also survived by sons, Brad, Tim (Jude), and Jeff (Shannon) Lee, all of Washington. In addition he has numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his brother Mike and Judy Lee of Libby; and sisters, Mary Lee of Washington, Janet and Bob Thomson of Great Falls, and sister-in-law, Betty Lee of Ferndale and Arizona. Marlys' children, Steve and Carolyn Ramseur, Leslie and Peter Stemberg, and Rick Ramseur, and grandchildren, also survive him. Conly is also survived by dear friends, Ron and Nancy Higgins, John Erickson, Jim and Joyce Schreiner, Ernie Bliss, Bob Schweiger, Bob Herigstad, and Chuck Dodge. Con enjoyed many great friendships with people in the Troy area, and felt blessed to be back in Montana. His family and his friends will miss his cheerful smile, engaging ways and his can-do attitude.

He has been cremated. Arrangements are by Schnackenberg and Nelson Funeral Home of Libby.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 22, at the Troy Community Baptist Church, at 725 E. Missoula Ave., followed by military honors and burial.

Gwenn Rambo Lee, 80

Gwenn Rambo Lee passed away on Aug. 11, 2014, at her residence in Kalispell.

She was born in 1934 in Hingham. Gwenn went to school in Kevin and Sunburst.

She worked in the medical field for 50 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers and three sisters; her husband, Chuck; and infant son; and a daughter, Valerie.

She is survived by her daughter, Criste Lee; and grandson, Thomas N. Mousel; also half brother, Richard Ellertsen, of Hawaii; and several nephews and nieces, etc.

A graveside service

will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 14, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell. A celebration of life will follow at her daughter Criste's house at 69 E. Nicklaus in Kalispell.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Home Options Hospice at 275 Corporate Dr., No. 600, Kalispell, MT 59901; or a charity of the donor's choice.

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

Mike Dennis Lee, 56

"Mike" passed away Sunday, July 27, 2014, at the University of Washington Medical Center in Seattle, due to complications after surgery.

Mike was born April 23, 1958, to Lloyd and Marilyn Lee in Auburn, Wash. Mike graduated from Enumclaw High School in Enumclaw, Wash., in 1977. The family moved to Montana in 1979. Mike remained in Washington, until later joining them in 1988.

Mike married Jamie Lee Wells in 2000. They lived in Kila for many years, just recently moving to Kalispell. He enjoyed his family, camping, hunting, construction, cooking and barbecuing for family and friends.

Mike had a heart for people and enjoyed serving at Family Life Christian Church in Kalispell where he and wife Jamie served for the last several years.

Mike was preceded in



death by his mother, Marilyn Lee; several aunts, uncles and grandparents.

Mike is survived by his wife, Jamie; three daughters and sons-in-law, Amy, Amanda and Danny, and Cassie and Kasey; six grandchildren, from oldest to youngest, Savannah, Raenna, Zimmery, Brenna, Nataya and Apollo; his father, Lloyd Lee; brother and sister-in-law, Jim and Tracy Lee; sister and brother-in-law, Terri and Mike Bray; several nieces and nephews; as well as many friends whom he called family.

"Mikey, you will be sorely missed! We love you!"

A memorial service to celebrate Mike's life will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 5, at Family Life Christian Church in Kalispell.

Nathan Orin Lee, 82

Nathan Orin Lee, 82, passed away June 11, in Kalispell.

He was born Sept. 17, 1931, in West Hartford, Conn., to Nathan and Pearl (Dean) Lee.

Nate was a detective for the town of West Hartford for most of his career.

He served four years in the U.S. Marine Corps. During his tenure he earned a Purple Heart Medal, Presidential Unit Citation with one star, Korean Service Medal with four stars, the United Nations Service Medal and the Good Conduct Medal (first award). After the Marines, Nate joined the U.S. Army for three years, serving in the 101th Airborne Division. There he earned the Good Conduct Medal and a parachutist badge. Nate loved his country and serviced it for most of his life.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing and the great outdoors. He moved to



Montana 20-plus years ago from Connecticut. He loved

his home and the friends he made in the Big Sky Country. Nate was a life member of the Bigfork Gun Club.

Nate was preceded in death by his parents, and one brother, Ace Lee.

He is now survived by one brother, Frederick Lee, of Springfield, Vt.; two sisters, Beverly Dutko of Hartford, and Glenna Niro and husband Francisco of Newington, Conn.; one sister-in-law, Cathy Lee, of Avon, Conn.; with many nieces and nephews located across the county

Private services will be held for Nathan this fall.

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

Carol Lynn Leigh, 50

Carol Lynn Leigh, 50, died Sept. 22, 2014.

She is survived by her son, Josh Leigh, and mother, Dorene Leigh, both of Kalispell.

A potluck-style memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 4, at the Trap Club, north of Kalispell.

Mary Emma (Carr) Leighty, 94

Mary Emma (Carr) Leighty, 94, "was reunited with her loved ones" on Feb. 4, 2014, in Kalispell.

Mary was born on Jan. 27, 1920, at the home of her parents, Rue and Mauna Loa Carr in Creston. She was number four of six girls and grew up in Creston. She attended the first eight grades at Creston School and then went on to Flathead County High School, graduating in 1938.

In 1942 Mary married the love of her life, Earl Leighty, and they were soon joined by twin boys, Samuel and Daniel. They lived in Kalispell until the boys were in the third grade and then moved to Evergreen where they resided until Earl passed away in 2012. Mary moved to Wel-Life assisted living on what would have been their 70th anniversary.

Mary and Earl raised a large garden in Evergreen, milked cows and raised chickens, and when the Flathead Farmers Market started up in the First Interstate Bank parking lot, she and Earl began taking their produce and flowers to sell. The Farmers Market was a major part of Mary's life for many years. She and Earl would spend all day Friday getting their produce and flowers ready for sale. Mary was well known at the market and she was the little lady with the flowered hat. She had bought a muumuu in Hawaii and when she got home cut it up and covered a straw hat with the fabric. Mary and her hat became the symbol of the Farmers Market as she was featured in the Daily Inter Lake many times, as well as many other newspapers and magazines. Many of her customers would take pictures of her, some sneaking them and some coming up to her and asking permission to take her picture and saying, "You are cute."

She loved her grandchildren and great-grandchildren and would often be



seen down on the floor with them putting a puzzle together, playing

with marbles or out in the garden sharing her strawberries, raspberries and peas with them. In the winter she could be found sledding with them. There was always a smile on her face when they were around.

Her faith in Jesus Christ was very important to her and she was very active in Evergreen Alliance Church teaching Sunday School for many years to young children. She was also active in the Women's Missionary Prayer Fellowship, and both she and Earl attended Keen Camp at Dickey Lake for several years. She was also a 4-H leader and a volunteer at the Nutrition Center.

Mary was preceded in death by her husband, Earl in 2012; son, Dan in 2011; a granddaughter; four sisters; and her parents.

She is survived by one son, Sam and his wife, Sandy of Kalispell; daughter-in-law, Diana of Kalispell; one sister, Helen of Great Falls; six grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren, one great-great-granddaughter; numerous nieces and nephews; as well as all her friends at Wel-Life.

Viewing will be from 1 to 5 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 14 at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. A celebration of Mary's life will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 15 at Faith Alliance Church, 348 Second Ave. W., in Kalispell. There will be a luncheon provided after the service. Memorials may be given to Faith Alliance Church, or Wel-Life Assisted Living.

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

Caroline Leland, 76

Caroline Leland, 76, passed away peacefully at Brendan House on Nov. 11, 2014, with family at her side.

Caroline Ann (Doggett) Leland was born May 13, 1938, to parents John Marvin and Mary Katherine Doggett in Townsend.

She married Robert Theodore Leland on Oct. 27, 1956, in Townsend. In 1963 Bob and Caroline, along with three of their children, Marvin Ray, Melvin Leroy and Shirley Kay, moved to Kalispell. Mark Theodore was born in Kalispell.

Caroline worked very hard at being a full-time, stay-at-home mother and wife. She was a very loving mother and friend.

Caroline was preceded by her parents, husband Bob, son Marvin, her in-laws, and brother



Raymond Doggett.

She is survived by her children, Melvin, Shirley and Mark;

sisters, Roxy Whitney, Marlene and Dale Merrill, Donna Nash, and Rosie and Dwayne Pennington; as well as grandchildren and nieces and nephews. Caroline will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

There will be a viewing from noon to 5 p.m. today, Nov. 13, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. The funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for

Caroline's family. You are invited to go to www.igfuneralhome.com to

view Caroline's guest book, offer condolences and share memories.

Jacques 'Jack' Theodore Leverenz, 87

Jacques "Jack" Theodore Leverenz, 87, passed away peacefully on Saturday, Sept. 20, 2014. He was surrounded by his wife Barbara and their three daughters, Barbara (David), Jane (Kirk) and Wendy.

Jack was born in Chicago in 1926, where he grew up.

In 1945, he served his country in the Army Air Force. After service, he graduated from the University of Colorado in Boulder, where he met Barbara. They raised their children in Chicago and moved to Whitefish in 2000. Also, surviving are eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.



No memorial service is planned.

The family

extends their heartfelt appreciation to the North Valley Hospital staff and to Frontier Hospice for their skill and kindness shown to Jack.

In lieu of flowers, the family encourages donations to Frontier Hospice, 42 Bruyer Way, Kalispell MT 59901; or to Shepherd's Hand Clinic, 5150 River Lakes Parkway, Whitefish MT 59937.

Austin Funeral Home is caring for the Leverenz family.

Robert 'Bob' Leslie, 72

Following an extended illness, Robert "Bob" Leslie passed away at his home in Surprise, Arizona on July 21, 2014.

Born May 20, 1942, in Havre, Montana to Robert and Bertha (Coyle) Leslie, he later accompanied his family to Kalispell and graduated from Flathead High School in 1960. He was named all-state center as a member of the Flathead Braves football team that year and later graduated from North Dakota State University with a degree in business administration.

After a 32-year career and multiple assignments in the sales division of International Business Machines Corporation, the Leslies settled in Surprise, but Robert's Montana heritage proved undeniable. Retreating to Lakeside each summer, the family enjoyed boating on Flathead Lake, fishing for lake trout, and their association with friends, be they formerly known or newly established



In Omaha, Nebraska Robert married Barbara Bitner in 1973. She now survives him, as do sons,

Ryan, Mark and Scott (Hazel) Leslie; daughter, Jennifer Leslie, and grandson, Kevin Leslie, all of whom reside in Seattle. Surviving too, are sisters, Linda (Rand) Robbin of Bigfork; Laurie (Myron) Vogeles of Roberts, Montana; Mary Kay Swanson of Fargo, North Dakota; Coyla (Dean) Scheel of Kewaskum, Wisconsin; sister-in-law, Kris (Mike) Fruehwald, of Indianapolis, Indiana; and a number of nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life was held on July 25 at Surprise Funeral Care. An additional service will precede interment at 11 a.m. on Aug. 16 at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Robert 'Bob' Leslie

A memorial service for Robert "Bob" Leslie, 72, who died July 21 will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 16, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Scholarship fund honors victim of mudslide

By RYAN MURRAY
The Daily Inter Lake

As a kind and patient nurse, Amanda Lennick is remembered fondly by all she encountered, even as the wounds of losing her remain open.

Lennick, 31, whose parents were Flathead High School graduates, was one of dozens of people killed in a massive landslide near the town of Oso, Wash., on March 22.

In her honor, friends and family have started the Nursing Annual Scholarship at Washington State University, Tri Cities.

and Dennis Lennick of Kennewick, Wash., are 1971 Flathead High School graduates and have received much support from their former home for the loss of their community-minded daughter.

"Mandy was a strong, independent person with a heart of gold," Jamie Lennick said.

Amanda was born in Washington's Tri-Cities in 1983 but spent many summers in the Flathead with her grandparents and still has many family members in the area.

Her great-uncle, Losh Kusumoto, still lives in

Kalispell and remembers a bright little girl. "She was quite a nice young lady who was trying to get better educated," he said.

Lennick had just closed on her new house in Oso a week before the nearby hillside came down. By all accounts, she was embarking on a new chapter when her life was cut tragically short.

When the mudslide hit, Lennick was at her home along with an electrician, plumber and satellite-dish technician who also were killed.

She had graduated from Washington State University, Tri Cities in

2006 after volunteering in New Orleans in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina and spending time as a medical missionary in Belize.

She had found a job as a nurse at Providence Regional Medical Center in Everett, Wash. and had settled on her Oso home after six months of searching.

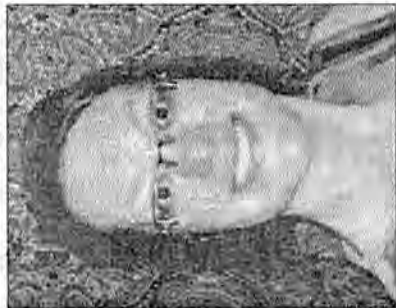
Lennick's father, Dennis, was an all-state member of the 1970 football state champion Flathead Braves. Jamie was an honor society member as well as a Y-Teens and pep club member. The two married after high school and had two children:

Amanda and her brother Matt.

Members of that 1971 Flathead High School class were instrumental in helping to set up the scholarship.

Tax-deductible donations can be made online at <https://secure.wsu.edu/give/default.aspx?fund=2055> or by writing a check to: WSU College of Nursing, P.O. Box 1495, Spokane, WA 99210. Specify gifts are for the Amanda Lennick Memorial Scholarship.

Reporter Ryan Murray may be reached at 758-4436 or by email at rmurray@dailyinterlake.com.



AMANDA LENNICK

The college, Lennick's alma mater, will award the scholarship to a nursing student with a history of community service. Her parents, Jamie

Amanda Lennick, 31

Amanda Lennick tragically lost her life in the Oso, Wash., mudslide March 22, 2014.

She was born in the Tri-Cities, Wash., Jan. 17, 1983. Amanda graduated from Kennewick High School in 2001, received an Associate of Arts degree from Spokane Falls Community College in 2004, and a bachelor's in nursing from WSU-Tri-Cities in 2006. During school she traveled with her fellow students to help at Hurricane Katrina and to Belize on a medical missionary trip. Amanda was a strong, independent woman with a heart of gold.

When Amanda made an offer on the riverfront property in Oso, she knew she had found her "little piece of Montana," her home. Even before the property closed, she visited the area every weekend, walking the neighborhood and getting to know her future neighbors. The beauty and peace she experienced in the woods and mountains around Oso is exactly what she wanted. It was life-changing.

Amanda was preceded in death by her maternal grandparents, Tommy and Lillian Thompson, formerly of Kalispell and Lakeside; and her paternal grandfather, Adam Lennick, formerly of Kennewick, Wash.

She is survived by her parents, Dennis and Jamie Lennick, of Ken-



newick; her brother, Matthew Lennick, sister-in-law Tam Trang-Lennick and nephew Eli-

jah Thompson Lennick, of Battle Ground, Wash.; grandmother, Blythe Lennick, of Kennewick; aunts, Janet Lund of Lakeside, Sandra and Bill Lindstrom of Florence, Mary and BJ Lupton of Kalispell, Linda and John Sheehan of Kennewick, and Victoria Webber of Spokane; and many cousins, great-aunts and -uncles, friends and co-workers who will never forget her.

In lieu of a service, we prefer to honor Amanda and carry on her legacy through a scholarship. Members of the Flathead High School Class of 1971, with the family's help, have set up a nursing annual scholarship at Washington State University. Funds donated will support a nursing student at WSU-Tri-Cities who has a record of community service. Tax-deductible donations can be made online at <https://secure.wsu.edu/give/default.aspx?fund=2055> or by sending a check to: WSU College of Nursing, P.O. Box 1495, Spokane, WA 99201. Whether online or by mail, please specify that your gift is for the Amanda Lennick Memorial Scholarship.

Dorothy Marie Allen Lewis, 78

Dorothy Marie Allen Lewis, 78, passed away on March 15, 2014, in Springdale, Ark.

"She has flown home to be with her beloved Al G. Lewis, and her son Norris Wayne St. John."

Marie was preceded in death by her husband, Albert G. Lewis; son, Norris Wayne St. John; her parents, Grover Cleveland and Esther Zephania Allen; and her four siblings, Flora, Amos, Garrett and Cora.

Marie was born and raised in Fort Payne, Ala., and attended college at Berea, Ky.

She married William N. St. John and spent the next 16 years moving all over the world with him and the United States Army. They had five children together.

Marie moved to Kalispell in 1975 and married Al Lewis in 1977.

making their home in Columbia Falls. Marie and Al were very active in their faith and traveled all over the United States and Canada to attend Bible student conventions.

They were fortunate to travel to Israel together and we all have fond memories of their trip.

Marie is survived by her four children, Tina St. John-Horner and Bill, Marlys St. John-Ball and Don, William Randall St.



John and Angela St. John. She has six fantastic grandchildren, and 12 awesome great-grandchildren. Marie lived for her grandchildren and great-grandchildren; they were her world. She also has numerous nieces and nephews who will miss her.

At Marie's request, graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, March 25, at Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery, 2659 Highway 93 N, Kalispell.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for Marie's family.

Everett 'Dewey' Levitt, 88

Everett "Dewey" Levitt, 88, passed away at Brendan House in Kalispell on May 25, 2014.

"He peacefully slipped into heaven as 'Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling You Home' was sung to him."

He was born to Frank and Stella Knapp Levitt on Aug. 19, 1925, at his Knapp grandparents' homestead in Columbia Falls. Being a proud Flathead native, he lived and worked in the Flathead Valley nearly all his life.

He served his country during World War II. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy at age 17, in June 1943, and was honorably discharged in April 1946. Always a willing, hard and smart worker, he was one of the first to be hired to build Hungry Horse Dam and stayed until the dam was finished. He was one of the last three to be laid off.

In 1950, he met and married Ruby Otis. They raised four children



together. Following the completion of Hungry Horse Dam, they moved to Great Falls for a short time, returning to the Flathead when Anacoda Aluminum Company began hiring. He remained employed there until 1983, retiring after 28 years.

Dewey was always hardworking and full of a common-sense approach to life. He was a pillar of support and generosity when you were in need. If you were being foolish, he would minister to that, too. He was a rock and we who knew him will be forever grateful for his life and light being part of ours.

He was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers; son, Michael;

and son-in-law, Tim Stracener; as well as tiny ones we never got to hold, "that he is holding now."

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, "Tiny;" children, Leslie and husband Kelly Toman, Rod and wife Elizabeth Levitt, and Marsha Stracener; 12 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; three sisters and three brothers and their families; as well as many beloved nieces, nephews and cousins.

A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 14 at the New Covenant Church; Pastor David Graham will officiate. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell. A reception will take place after the burial at the New Covenant Church.

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

Jennifer C. Lewis, 62

Jennifer C. Lewis, 62, passed away peacefully at her home in Bigfork on Aug. 16, 2014, surrounded in love by her family and friends.

Jen was born May 7, 1952, in Waukegan, Ill., and moved to West Okoboji, Iowa, shortly after with her loving parents, John and Sally Cory.

While Jennifer was growing up in Iowa she threw herself into all she did; from pestering her little brother to horseback riding, water skiing, sailing, fishing and spending time with many of her various animals, Jennifer was always on the go.



Mo., where she studied dance before giving in to her calling to move west. She first moved to Colorado and then to Montana in 1973, where she fell in love with Big Sky Country and set down her roots.

She will forever be remembered and greatly missed by family and friends for her compassionate spirit, quick wit

Jen graduated from Spirit Lake High School and attended Stephens College in Columbus,

and humor, ability to "throw together" delicious gourmet meals, have a spontaneous dance party in her living room, start a mean campfire, lend a listening ear to friends or family, and tend to any and all animals in need.

Jennifer was preceded in death by her mom Sally, and dad John Cory.

She is survived by her children, Cory and Mary Lewis, and Emily and Adam Nichols; brother, Webster Cory; two special grandsons; and one soon-to-be granddaughter.

Jen will be greatly missed.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations be made to the Bigfork Quick Response Unit and/or Bigfork Fire Department.

"Mom, you belong among the wildflowers, you belong in a boat out to sea. Sail away, kill off the hours, you belong somewhere you feel free."

There are no services planned at this time.

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.

Valee E. (Jenkins) Lewis, 91

Valee E. (Jenkins) Lewis, 91, passed away March 21, 2014, in Kalispell.

Valee was born Nov. 27, 1922, to Rice and Eva (Lewis) Jenkins on their farm near Brockton, Mont.

She graduated from Brockton High School in 1939. On March 7, 1942, she married Roscoe D. Lewis in Glendive, Mont. After their marriage they lived in Fairview, Mont. In 1947 the family moved to Portland and in September 1956, the family moved to Kalispell where she has resided since. Mrs. Lewis' husband Roscoe owned and operated Flathead Valley Diesel Service in Kalispell. While living in Kalispell, Valee worked for a time at the Columbia Falls aluminum plant and was the bookkeeper for her husband's business.

For many years Roscoe and Valee traveled to various locations in the United States and wintered in Yuma, Ariz. Valee



enjoyed singing and playing music with her husband and jamming with family and friends. They entertained at nursing homes often. She was well known for her fine, detailed embroidery. She was a member of the Church of Christ all her life.

Valee was preceded in death by her husband, Roscoe, in 2007; one son, Dale; two brothers, Ernest and Norman Jenkins; and two sisters, Ruby Mann and Melba Lewis.

She is survived by one son, Jim Lewis of Kalispell; two daughters, Eva "Elaine" Stahlberg of Brentwood, Tenn., and Nancy (Mrs. Pat-

rick) Murphy of Ocean Shores, Wash.; three granddaughters, Valee Stahlberg of Brentwood, Sherry (Mrs. Peter) Bugnet of Palm Coast, Fla., and April (Mrs. Alex) Harris of Gresham, Ore.; four great-grandchildren, LeeAsa Pomeroy, Andrew Bugnet, Eva Stahlberg and Valee Stahlberg; and several nieces and nephews.

At Valee's request, there will be no service.

The family will always remember Valee's caring nature and love for her family. She especially enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She will be greatly missed.

In lieu of flowers, the family request donations to the charity of your choice in Valee's memory.

Hilma Dean Lightner, 91

Hilma Dean Lightner, 91, died in Kalispell on Sept. 26, 2014.

Arrangements are

entrusted to Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory.

Shirley Ann (Sand) Lindgren, 79

Shirley Ann (Sand) Lindgren passed away on Sept. 20, 2014, at the age of 79, in Portland, Ore. She had been living in Dufur, Ore., for the last years of her life but had strong ties to the Kalispell area.

Shirley was born to Anthony and Dorothea Sand on July 18, 1935, in Buckman, Minn.

Her early years were spent in Minnesota and Montana. While in Montana, she met and fell in love with Eugene "Gene" Lindgren, spending over 61 years together. They were married in The Dalles, Ore., on Oct. 25, 1952. A family of four followed; son, Ricky, and daughters, Debra, Denise and Catherine. Raising the family and supporting Gene in his logging ventures filled Shirley's time. There was also time to enjoy bowling as well as working in retail sales. After retirement,



Gene and Shirley lived for a time on Bitterroot Lake near Marion, and traveled with

many trips to back and forth to Oregon and Arizona to visit family and friends.

Shirley was preceded in death by her husband, Gene, and her son, Ricky.

Shirley will dearly be missed by her family, including her brothers and sister in Montana, as well as all who knew her.

A gathering of Shirley's family and friends will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. today, Oct. 11 in at the Catholic Hall in Dufur. All are welcome to come and share memories and thoughts of Shirley's life with us. The Spencer, Libby and Powell funeral home in Dufur is helping with the services.

Beryl Rose Lintz, 84

Beryl Rose Lintz passed away Nov. 25, 2014, at home with her loved ones by her side.

This beautiful woman gave food, clothing and a home to countless people over the years. Her door was as open as her heart was. She will be missed beyond words by many. Her soul is free of its tired body and we bow our heads not in sorrow, but in the deepest gratitude to have been loved by such a wonderful sister, mother, grandmother, great-grandma and friend.

Beryl is survived by her brother, Forest Pool, sisters, Bettie Hamm, Patricia Elvis and Marjorie Davis; daughter Vicki Woodruff,



sons-in-law James Woodruff and Michael Netherly; grandchildren, Mariah Vance, Jake Netherly, Johana Woodruff, Samuel and Tom Lintz; and great-grandchildren, Jacob, Elijah and Samuel Vance.

She was preceded in death by her son, CW Lintz; daughter Helene Netherly; brothers, Sylvan and Garner Pool; and sisters, Fern Barrett and Joleen Irish.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Lois Jane (Frankfurth) Lingle, 69

Lois Jane (Frankfurth) Lingle, 69, passed away Aug. 16, 2014, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Lois was born in 1945, in Dupree, South Dakota, to Albert and Mayme (Poppen) Frankfurth.

She grew up in Dupree through her high school years then moved to Rapid City, South Dakota, where she graduated from high school.

She then co-managed a discount department store in Rapid City for two years before marrying her husband, Creig Lingle, and accompanying him on a career in the U.S. Army. During that time she tirelessly served the military community in various officers' wives' clubs as a Red Cross volunteer and as a volunteer for activities supporting junior enlisted families.

Lois and her husband retired and moved to the Flathead Valley where they have enjoyed hunting, fishing and the great outdoors, which she loved so much for the past 15 years. Lois was

a devoted, loving wife and if you knew her, you loved her. Her infectious smile would light up a room and at the same time could melt your heart.

She was full of life and could see humor in almost any situation. She dearly loved to make people laugh with her cute little jokes.

She was preceded in death by her father, mother and one sister.

She is survived by her husband, Creig Lingle of Kalispell; three sisters, Barbara Frankfurth of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Edna Bieber of Douglas, Wyoming, and Linda Walker of Kansas City, Missouri; and one brother, Eugene Frankfurth of Bowdle, South Dakota.

No services are planned at this time. 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.

Robert Lee Lingle Sr., 86

Robert Lee Lingle Sr., 86, of Kalispell passed away Oct. 4, 2014, in Kalispell.

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

Norma K. Little, 84

Norma K. Little, 84, died Sunday, Jan. 26, 2014, in Kalispell.

At her request, there

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

Janette Lloyd, 70

Janette Lloyd, 70, died in Kalispell on Feb. 24, 2014.

A celebration of life will be at 4 p.m. Monday,

March 3, at the Church of the Nazarene in Kalispell.

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

Geneva 'Gen' Mildred Lockhart, 91

Our loving mother Geneva "Gen" Mildred Lockhart, 91, "went home to the Lord" on Nov. 5, 2014.

Geneva was born Feb. 24, 1923 to Bennie and Dena Seney in Max, N.D. Her early days were spent on the farm and she attended two years of high school in Minot, N.D. before her family moved to Montana in 1939. Bennie and Dena sold the farm and drove to Kalispell in a 1930 Model A Ford with five children in 30 days. Upon arriving in Kalispell Bennie and Dena took over Dena's brother's farm in the Lower Valley.

Geneva met her future husband Dean Lockhart (the neighbor boy) while she was attending Flathead County High School. After graduation in 1941 Dean and Geneva were married on Nov. 1, 1941. They bought a farm also in the Lower Valley in 1945.

In addition to farming and raising two children Geneva also worked outside of the home for many years at various locations such as the Cherry Warehouse, Snowline Tree Company, B&B, KM Gift and China, Coast to Coast on Meridian and Main Streets, The Children's Alley, Harmon's Dress Shop and the Lingerie Place.

Geneva was a lifelong member of the Mountain View Birthday Club. She enjoyed gardening, cooking, camping, visiting with the many friends she held close to her heart and fishing. Although the 5-pound perch she caught at Ashley Lake was never officially weighed and measured; it is believed to be the biggest perch ever caught on that lake. Her fried chicken, potato salad and chocolate cake were among just a few of her many favorite dishes she loved to prepare. Geneva's joy was spend-



ing time with family and friends. Her grandson Brian Lockhart and his family

spent many hours with her even getting her to ride in his open-air Jeep to Sykes for lunch at the age of 90.

Geneva was very religious and participated in many Bible studies. In the later years she was a member of the Happy Valley Missionary Baptist Church. She was cherished by many and her kindheartedness touched everyone she met. She always put others first above her own needs with a smile and was loved by many.

Geneva was preceded in death by her parents, Bennie and Dena Seney; brother, Lavern Seney; sisters, Viola Sundgren and Vera Ripplinger; and husband, Dean Lockhart.

Geneva is survived by her daughter Marilee Pritchett and Joe Bell; son Denny Lockhart and wife Kathy; sister Velma Heinrichson; sisters-in-law Doris Seney and Eileen Brickett; and brothers-in-law Andrew Ripplinger and Ronald Lockhart and wife Marietta. There are numerous nieces, nephews, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren. Geneva is also survived by her lifelong friend Geri Mitten.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2014 at C.E. Conrad Cemetery. Please dress warmly. A reception will follow at 3 p.m. at the Moose Lodge, 2158 U.S. 2 East, Evergreen.

Friends are encouraged to visit www.buffalohillfh.com to leave notes of condolences for the family.

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

Starling Lee Lindsey, 82

S. "Lee" Lindsey was born Feb. 29, 1932, and raised in Somers.

Lee served in the Navy and worked for Petrolane Gas where he was promoted to vice president of foreign affairs. Lee traveled most of the world and later formed his own oil and gas consultation company with his wife, Mary Aliene Johnson. Though he moved away from Somers, Lee regularly sought to enjoy his Montana lifestyle of hunting, fishing, horseback riding and hiking.

On July 25, 2014, he passed away peacefully in Houston. Lee had many friends and was always a wise, loving, gentle guiding force for his family. He is profoundly missed and dearly loved.

On Aug. 3, 2014, nine days later, his youngest son, Montgomery Dean Lindsey, suddenly passed away and his eldest son, Starling Marc Lindsey passed away May 31,



2015. His children requested to have their ashes spread at "Hillcrest," the Lindsey home in Somers, where they cherished many memories

with their father and grandparents, Starling Wayne Lindsey and Ruby Lindsey-Johnson.

Lee is survived by his wife, "MaryAl"; children, John Steven Lindsey, Susan Lindsey, Michaela Lindsey, Steve Johnson and Laurie Leven; and brother, Kent Lindsey and family; 13 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Friends and family are welcome to gather at the Vista Linda to share memories from 3 to 5 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 27. Call Susan at 916-554-0044 for information.

Harold Best Lockhart, 84

Harold Best Lockhart of Whitefish and Oro Valley, Ariz., died Saturday, March 15, 2014. He was 84 years old.

Harold was born to Viola and Harold Best Lockhart Sr. on Oct. 24, 1929, in Great Falls, when it was still a frontier town with a small population. As a boy, Harold spent summers on the Gowdy Horse Ranch in central Montana and worked on the M.V. Caribou in Vancouver, British Columbia.

All this led to a lifelong appreciation for open space and outdoor activities. He especially enjoyed fly fishing, skiing and hunting.

He graduated from Great Falls High School. After serving in the U.S. Army, he later earned a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering from Montana State University. Following college, he began work for the Anaconda Company of Great Falls, becoming part of management early in his career.

He married Marie De Laitsch in 1956 and they moved to Smelter Hill where they began raising their three sons, Andy, Doug and Pete—two scalliwags and a prodigy.

In 1967, the family moved to Whitefish where Harold became heavily involved in the management of the rod mill at Anaconda Aluminum plant at Columbia Falls. He later moved into general management. He relished his interactions with plant colleagues and shared numerous stories and anecdotes about the workplace that he'd begun to write up in recent years.



capacity of his wife. Explanations rationalizing this discrepancy continue to this day.

Mostly, Harold and his family fished, skied and camped in the mountains near Whitefish. One time, Harold and Marie

were treed by a grizzly. Marie encouraged Harold to "Shoot the damn bear, Harold," to which he replied, "I can't shoot the damn bear, Marie, it's not bear season." The bear wandered off, vindicating Harold's decision.

Harold retired in the mid-'90s and devoted himself to his beloved outdoor activities as well as painting and writing. Harold was a voracious reader, especially well-versed in world history. This informed his own writing about life in Montana. In retirement, he also served on the board of the Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Harold and Marie began spending winters in Arizona in 2004 where they indulged their love of the outdoors in a different setting.

Above all, Harold is remembered by his family and friends as a man of honesty and integrity.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

Harold Best Lockhart

A memorial gathering for Harold Best Lockhart, 84, who died March 15 will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. Wednesday, May

21, at the Whitefish Golf Club.

For more information, call Andy Lockhart at 360-356-6399.

Harold and Marie's life together included countless family outings; backpacking in the Bob Marshall; foreign travel to places like England, New Zealand and Turkey; and numerous dinner parties with close friends. Fishing expeditions were his favorite and included journeys to Belize, Alaska, Christmas Island and the Bahamas. However, despite heroic efforts, advanced tackle and techniques, he never attained the productive

Harold is survived by wife, Marie; sons, Andy of Vancouver, Wash., Doug of San Diego, and Pete of Hillsboro, Ore.; daughters-in-law, Carol Lockhart of San Diego, and Beth Harrington of Vancouver; and grandchildren, Catey and Nick Lockhart of Bozeman.

Arrangements for a memorial service are being made at present. Burial will take place in Kalispell and will be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please pick up a rod and go fishing or read a book.

Marvel Ann Logan, 85

Marvel Ann Logan, 85, passed away peacefully in the early morning of Thursday, July 24, 2014.

Marvel was born in Whitefish to Ephrium and Sadie Street on Nov. 13, 1928. Marvel grew up in a large family that was invested and instrumental in building their community. She graduated from Whitefish High School and married her husband, Clayton Logan, the following day, May 20, 1947.

Marvel spent many years as a stay-at-home mother with her children while they were young. As her children grew older she worked at Dairy King in Columbia Falls. For most of her life, Marvel was an avid gardener and loved her rose bushes. She was a wonderful cook, often using harvest from her own garden.

Marvel inherited a love and talent for baking and has passed this legacy forward. She took time each year to make Christmas cookies and party mix for her extended family — a tradition that lives on in her grandchildren. For many years, Marvel not only baked specialty birthday and wedding cakes for family members but she ran her own cake decorating business from home.

Marvel was also gifted in knitting quilts, sewing and hand making greeting cards, all of which she would give as gifts.

Throughout her life, Marvel dedicated herself to serving others through ministry. Marvel loved the Lord and took time each day to read her Bible and "Our Daily Bread" devotional. She and her husband, Clayton, became members of First Baptist Church in 1958. As a member, Marvel served the

church in many different capacities including; Sunday school teacher, Vacation Bible School teacher and helper, treasurer, and as an active member of the Missionary Circle.

Marvel was a strong, quiet spirit that will be missed by all. She spent her final years in the care of The Beehive Assisted Living Facility in Columbia Falls. Although Marvel may not have expressed it in words, her gratitude for their loving care was demonstrated by her frequent and genuine smiles.

Marvel was preceded in death by; her husband, Clayton Logan; her parents; her brothers, Merle Street, Russel Street and Harold Street; her sister, Thelma Smith; and her great-grandson, Dawsyn Schelling.

She is survived by her sister, Allyce Street, of Whitefish; also by her children, John Logan and Brenda of Kirkland, Wash., Marceen Ramsey and Vaughn of Corvallis, Ore., Les Logan of Columbia Falls, and Jeanie Schelling and Randy of Kalispell. She is also survived by numerous grandchildren, Shane Ramsey and Bridget, Mandy Cox and Gabriel, Marcus Logan, Mashawn Schelling and Jerry, Jessica Logan and Adam, Autumn Logan and Dusty, Dustin Logan and Lisa, Aaron Schelling and Stefanie, Kellan Logan and Shelby Logan; as well as numerous great-grandchildren.

A memorial service for Marvel will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 9, at the Baptist church in Columbia Falls.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for Marvel's family.

Laura Eileen Longhart, 98

Laura Eileen Longhart, 98, passed away Jan. 7, 2014, at Immanuel Lutheran Skilled Care Center.

Laura was born Sept. 13, 1915, in Chicago, the only child of John and Louise Paton. She enjoyed a happy childhood and loved playing pranks, usually at the expense of her parents.

Laura graduated from the University of Illinois and worked as a court reporter for the District Court of Illinois, a job she dearly loved.

In 1947, Laura met and married Clyde Longhart and they lived many happy years in Arvada, Colo.

Laura moved to Montana in January 2012 to be near her only living

relative, nephew, Fred Longhart, and his "special friend," Marjory McClaren. She was a favorite at Immanuel Lutheran; known for her daily "spins" with Fred and Marjory. She had the ability to make others laugh with her witty and feisty sense of humor.

Laura was preceded in death by her husband and parents.

She is survived by Fred, Marjory and her dear friend, Marj Hart of Arvada.

At Laura's request, no services are planned.

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

Lloyce E. Logan, 83

Lloyce E. Logan, 83, died Sept. 3, 2014, in Kalispell. Services are pending.

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

Richard 'Dick' Birch Loraas, 84

Richard "Dick" Birch Loraas, 84, "left this Earth" on April 2, 2014, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

He was born June 15, 1929, in Harlem, Mont., to Helmer and Sadie Loraas.

Dick moved to Kalispell in 1942. He worked the family farm. He graduated from Flathead County High School in 1947. Dick joined the Navy in 1948, and attended aircraft mechanical school in

Memphis, Tenn. He decided not to be an aviator and was discharged in 1950.

Dick married Valora M. Landon in 1951. They had six children in the 50 years they were together.

Dick joined the Air Force in 1951, and attended Air Force Mechanical School at Sheppard Air Force Base in Texas. He was sent to Japan and served as a B-29 mechanic. He was discharged and returned home in 1953.

Dick joined the National Guard in 1956. He attended Track and Wheel School in Fort Sill, Okla., in 1959. He attended Jump School in Fort Benning, Ga., in 1963, and became a member of the elite Special Forces.

Dick bought 160 acres above Lake Blaine in 1956. He logged and milled his land. Dick lost his son in 1968, and the family moved to town. In 1969, Dick got a full-time position with the National Guard. He retired in 1989, after 20 years of service with the Army.

Dick and Val spent



several years being snowbirds. In 1993, Dick built a home for them. They ran their business selling yard critters.

Dick lost Val in 2005, and his daughter Kathy in 2011.

He spent his last years with his loyal dog, Gizmo. There wasn't anything Dick couldn't do. He was a carpenter and built several homes in the valley. He loved fishing, camping and jumping out of perfectly good airplanes. Dick's smile and humor will be truly missed.

Dick was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; one son, Ricky B. Loraas; and daughter, Kathy S. Moore.

He has left behind four of his children, Sue, Brian, Lorie and Tammy; nine grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Come celebrate Dick's life with us at 1 p.m. on May 3 at the North Valley Eagles in Columbia Falls. There will be a luncheon and military honors to follow services. For more information, call Sue at 871-3179.

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

Eugene Rodney "Rod" Lorang, 70

Eugene Rodney "Rod" Lorang was born on June 29th, 1944, to J. Earl and Olive B. Keep Lorang in St. Louis, MO, and grew up in Junction City, OR. He passed away July 6th at his home in Whitefish.

Rod moved to Whitefish in 1973, where he worked as a bartender, a real estate agent, and a short stint at the original Sportsman Ski Haus. He recently celebrated his 70th birthday and 40th wedding anniversary.

Rod was preceded in death by his parents, J. Earl and Olive Lorang.

He is survived by his wife, Necile in Whitefish; brother, Monty Lorang and his wife, Mary, of Puyallup, WA; sister, Teri Foust and husband, Peter, of Yachats, OR; sisters-in-law Dorlene Agenbroad of Seattle, WA; Donnie Byrd of Eugene, OR; brother-in-law, Dorlen and wife Darlene Hammon of Pardeeville, WI, and many cousins, nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles.



It was widely known that Roddy loved adventure. He enjoyed sports of any kind and loved being around and working with kids. He was a Little Dribbler coach along with longtime friends, Jon Bos, Newton, Ron Holiday, Baptiste, and Garrick. Kids identified with him and loved the fact he could be slightly irreverent. He excelled in tennis, basketball, baseball and skiing even though he suffered from bad knees resulting from an accident in high school. Roddy loved golf. He played both lefty and righty and was good at neither but loved it all the same. He was a state champion cutting horse rider and a national cutting horse judge.

from his lessons outfitted with Italian driving shoes and gloves!

Lori and Stephanie told of many fun and exciting motorcycle trips with Roddy. Most memorable were the years they went to the Sturgis Rally. He was ever the teacher and made sure all were safe, but never scrimped on having fun.



Glen related a story about Roddy and the "3-putt money jar". Their golf group had raised \$500 to use on a trip to Canada. Glen laughed when he recalled how upset Roddy was when he found out all the money had been spent on 'beverages' and no money was left for dinner. Roddy didn't drink, but he expected a good meal!

"we'll do it!" Roddy was always eager to share his knowledge and love of hunting and fishing. He introduced and mentored many friends and was especially good with teenagers who learned a lot and loved him. He was a lifelong member and advocate for Pheasants Forever, Ducks Unlimited, the Jaycees and Flathead Kennel Club.



Speaking of Kennel Club, Stephanie recalled on one occasion she was running late, as usual, which infuriated Roddy. She had been talking with and comforting her sister whose dog had just died. As she told the story to Roddy, she saw he was crying. He had never met her sister or her dog, but his love and

Roddy was a true "gear-had" - the ultimate consumer. His friends recalled he built a super-sized shop just to store everything in and filled it up! Gwaz said one time he asked how much his new truck cost. Roddy replied he had no idea but he could afford the payment! It was widely believed that the Sportsman Ski Haus would have a slow sales day if Roddy ever had a yard sale! Later in life when the real estate market was down, Roddy would push his friends who had money to buy things. He'd go with them and help them select the best top-of-the-line "stuff" thus satisfying his need to shop.



Life, marriage, friendship . . . it's a fun and sometimes hard journey with no one knowing how it will turn out. Roddy was a protector, like the "old guard" who went before him and remain after. Memories and stories will live on in the hearts of the many who knew him. During his lifetime he stayed true to his friends and family, all of whom will miss him dearly. He loved, honored, and cherished his wife of 40 years, Necile. She was his angel.

Eugene Rodney Lorang

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Rod, or "Roddy" as his friends called him, was truly a one-of-a-kind man; a great friend, crazy, generous, fun-loving, with a sometimes wicked sense of humor. Sadly for those who knew him he has gone too soon. His many and varied friends and family will miss him greatly. Some of his friends, including Glen, Duke, Lori, Garrick, Gwaz, Lee, Stephanie, Cory, Wally, Luddy, and Pat, along with his wife, Necile, shared and put together this small celebration of his life with some of their personal memories.

He loved motorcycles and cars . . . the higher powered, the better! Before he bought his Corvette, Roddy had never driven a high performance sports car. Gwaz remembered he immediately signed up for a driving lesson after his first outing in the new 'Vette! Not one to do things halfway, he returned triumphantly



Roddy's true passion was hunting and fishing. He hunted pheasant, duck, deer, elk and antelope. He was so passionate about hunting that Luddy predicted game populations will skyrocket now that Roddy's not out there. Glen recalled that Rod's friend, Milt, would always be annoyed when Roddy and Bos would shoot their limit saying, "Well, you guys aren't hitting any so

understanding of people and their 'best friend' went straight to his heart. He had an abiding love for his and all other dogs.

Roddy loved being on the water. Cory reminded everyone that many people are grateful for the time he shared with them on the river as he would take friends to fish the rivers in his flat bottom boat. A true teacher and master of rowing his drift boat, he enjoyed sharing all aspects of the rivers in his beloved Montana.



Garrick related that Roddy truly believed he lived in the last, best place. He was passionate about family, friends and living life. He got everything he could out of his life in Montana. Roddy never wanted to grow up. He may not have been openly religious but he was very spiritual. He would offer prayers on every hunting trip and on the anniversary of his friend Jon Bos' death.



Roddy, you left us too soon.

~ Glen, Duke, Garrick, Lee, Doug, Cory, Wally, Gwaz, Skinner, Lori, Luddy, Lee ~

A celebration of Rod's life will be held July 16th, from 5-8pm at Hellroaring Saloon on Big Mountain. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Pheasants Forever Youth Trap League, 1399 Wisconsin Ave., Whitefish, MT 59937, or the charity of your choice. Arrangements are entrusted to Austin Funeral Home.

Sue Lorentzen, 82
Archie Lorentzen, 83

Joined in love for more than 33 years, Sue and Archie Lorentzen departed these earthly bonds together at home, with Sue passing away Dec. 9, and Archie following only four days later, on Dec. 13, 2014. Both died of natural causes.

Sue Juan Jones was born in Chandler, Oklahoma, on Nov. 7, 1932. She was 82.

Archie T. Lorentzen was born on a cattle ranch near Hinsdale, Montana, on Feb. 24, 1931, and raised in the Bitterroot Valley. He was 83.

Sue: One of five children, Sue's father worked in the oil patch. She lived in Grand Falls and Imperial, Texas; Findlay, Ohio; Oklahoma City and Hobbs, New Mexico.

When 19, Sue married petroleum engineer Tom Webb. He died unexpectedly at a young age.

Later, while staying at her aunt's house in Texas, Sue met Archie, who was installing a heater. This started the Lorentzens' three-decade romance.

Sue was a Girl Scout, Rainbow girl and 4-H member. Later she joined the Elks Lodge with Archie.

Archie: Archie graduated from Darby High School and enlisted in the Air Force. Initially he played bagpipes in the Air Force band. When Archie aced an aptitude test, however, the Air Force realized Archie had talents beyond music. The Air Force retired Archie's pipes and promoted him to fighter pilot, a rare achievement for a high school graduate with no college degree.



neighborhood Fourth of July parties. Sue entertained with her mischievous wit (while flashing fire engine-red nails), while Archie plundered visitor's pocketbooks with his cribbage board.

The Lorentzens were passionate about America's liberties and those who defend us. When four wounded warriors visited the Flathead Valley several years ago, Archie and Sue opened their home to the veterans and escorted them about the valley for four days.

Archie was an active member of the Elks Lodge, serving as Exalted Ruler in 1973-74 in California and 2010-11 in Kalispell. Archie was an avid sportsman and life member of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. He and Sue were active in the Red River Valley Fighter Pilots Association, also known as the River Rats, and the Air Warrior Courage Foundation.

The Lorentzens have no children but leave behind many friends.

Special appreciation is extended to David Benson and his family, and to the caregivers at Agape Home Care, all of whom took wonderful care of the Lorentzens during their final months.

Cynthia Lousteau, 59

Cynthia Lousteau, 59, died Aug. 3, 2014, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

She is survived by her children, Jamie Kerstetter, Charity Wright, Misty

Blakley and Jack Lousteau.

No services are planned at this time. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Helen O. Lowe, 100

Helen O. Lowe, 100, died Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2014, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She is survived by her daughter, Cheryl Lowe, of Kalispell; and son, Vic

Lowe, of Fort Worth, Texas.

A celebration of her life with her family took place in May of 2013.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Kathy Miskimins Loween, 50

Kathy Miskimins Loween passed away on Thursday, Oct. 16, 2014.

She is survived by her husband, Mike Loween; and her three boys, Justin, Joshua and Jeremy, and Jeremy's wife, Laura.

There will be a celebration with an Irish



wake at 3 p.m. on Oct. 25 at the Family Life Christian Church, 1075 Foy's Lake Road,

in Kalispell.

Archie flew 129 combat missions in Vietnam. He earned numerous awards, including the Meritorious Service Medal, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with 10 clusters and the Bronze Star.

After retiring from the Air Force as lieutenant colonel in 1973, Archie moved to Victorville, California, where he was a mobile home dealer and general contractor.

Sue joined Archie in California. In 1990, they moved to the Flathead Valley where Archie became an investor and manager of various properties.

Together they created a loving home on Lake Blaine that became ground zero for neigh-

A memorial service for Sue and Archie will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home, 525 Main Street, Kalispell.

Donations in the Lorentzens' name can be sent to Air Warrior Courage Foundation at P.O. Box 877, Silver Spring, MD 20918.

Larry Alan Lucas, 60

Larry Alan Lucas, 60, died Oct. 10, 2014 in Kalispell of aspiration pneumonia.

He was born July 19, 1954, in San Diego, and was raised in Missoula.

He had been a consumer for Flathead Industries.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Florence L. Lucas; father, Richard D. Lucas; and grandparents, aunts and uncles on both sides.

He is survived by his sister, Sharon Slattery; brothers, Roger D. Lucas, and Eric D. Lucas; nephew, Bryce R. Lawson and spouse; and nieces, Chelsea, Krystal and Cheryl.

Down syndrome prevented Larry from attending school but not from working. He worked at Opportunity Industries in Missoula until moving to Kalispell in 1994, where he joined the Flathead



Industries. He worked within the recycling plant until that part closed.

Staying on, he worked

at the Production Center doing various jobs.

Music from the 1950s and 1960s and John Denver music were Larry's passions. He loved colorful ribbons and strings. His love for horses was enjoyed at "Sam's Riders," part of Human Therapy on Horseback.

Cremation and burial will take place in Missoula.

A memorial potluck wake will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 8, at Flathead Industries Production Center, 66 Fourth Ave. WN, in Kalispell.

Lori Luce, 75

Lori Luce, 75, passed away on Friday, Nov. 21, 2014 at her home north of Columbia Falls, after battling congestive heart failure, COPD and diabetes for many years. She will be dearly missed by her family, relatives and many friends.

"Her troubles are gone now as she has joined God in heaven."

Lori was a loving and caring wife, mother and grandmother. She was an outgoing person and made friends easily.

She was born on Feb. 18, 1939, in Portland to Robert and Katherine VanScoy. She attended schools in Portland and graduated from Jefferson High School in 1957. She attended Oregon State College in Corvallis, Ore., and Portland State College in Portland, studying accounting and business.

Lori learned to ride horses at a young age and dearly loved it. For several summers when a teenager, she worked at a children's summer camp and taught youngsters to ride.

She started her first job in 1961, working in the accounting department of Jantzen Knitting Mills in Portland. In about 1964, she moved to Seattle and worked in the accounting department of Stetson-Ross Machine Company, a manufacturer of wood-working machinery. Several years later, she worked in the computer departments of Washington Wholesalers and ABC Records in Seattle.

In 1974, she started working for a traffic flagging company. She eventually would train new flaggers and did job dispatching. She worked for the flagging company for about 12 years until 1986. After that, she worked in a video rental/used bookstore in Everett, Wash., until about 1992.

She married Gary Luce on Jan. 13, 1973, in Seattle. A year later, they moved into their new home in Lynnwood, Wash., located about 15 miles north of Seattle. She and Gary lived in this home for 32 years until 2006 when Gary retired and they moved to Columbia Falls.

Lori started bowling in 1974 and enjoyed it very much. She bowled for 38 years in mixed leagues with her husband and in women's leagues.

She was a Cub Scout den mother when her son was young and served on his Boy Scout troop committee.

Lori liked football and enjoyed watching college and NFL games on television. She rarely missed watching her favorite team, the Seattle Seahawks.

She liked collecting carousel horse figurines and had over two dozen adorning her home that she had received as gifts or purchased.

Lori's favorite color was purple, so a lot of her wardrobe, jewelry and home accessories contained purple.

She volunteered one

day a week at the Klothes Kloset by helping tie quilts and lap robes. For over seven years she was an active member of the North Valley Senior Citizens Center in Columbia Falls. She enjoyed having lunch at the center, visiting with people and playing pinochle and cribbage there. She was the treasurer of the center for three years.

She was a member of the congregation at the Columbia Falls United Methodist Church for more than eight years. She was also a member of the United Methodist Women's group and served as treasurer for over six years. She helped with many harvest dinners and Christmas bazaars at the church.

She is survived by her husband of 41 years, Gary, of Columbia Falls; son, Rob, and his wife, Jessica, of Mechanicsburg, Pa., and eight grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place and a celebration of her life will take place next summer.

Should you wish to donate in her memory, please donate to your favorite cause or charity, or to the Columbia Falls United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 27, Columbia Falls, MT 59912; or to the North Valley Senior Citizens Center, P.O. Box 676, Columbia Falls, MT 59912.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for Lori's family.

Joyce (Afdahl) Lumsden, 86

Joyce (Afdahl) Lumsden, 86, formerly of Lakeside, died April 3, 2014, at her home in Chester.

Memorial Mass will be conducted at 11 a.m. Friday, April 11 at St. Mary Catholic Church in Chester with the Rev. Joseph

Didkhans presiding. Committal of ashes will take place at a later date at the Highland Cemetery in Havre.

Services and arrangements have been entrusted to Holland & Bonine Funeral Home in Havre.

Wesley 'Wes' John Lureau, 72

In great sorrow we announce the passing of our Dad, Wesley "Wes" John Lureau, on Feb. 4, 2014.

"This day, in God's perfect timing, would mark six months ago tomorrow which would have been his 73rd birthday. We know death is not an end but just the beginning of a new life, redeemed in Jesus (I John 1:9; John 11:25, 26) therefore, our grief is not without a great hope, as we look forward to our reunion with Dad in glory. (John 14:1-4)."

Wesley John Lureau was born Aug. 4, 1941, in Clinton, Massachusetts to Ernest and Nora (Parks) Hureau. He was the third oldest of seven children, Ernest "Ernie," Jean (died at birth), Agnes "Lori," Patricia "Pat," Wesley, Richard "Dick," and William "Bill." Dad was raised in Bolton, Massachusetts the majority of his childhood and later worked in Hudson, Massachusetts and Berlin, Massachusetts, learning the trade of auto body mechanics.

In 1961, he married Irene Mahan and moved to Marlborough, Massachusetts. Together they had three children, Annmarie, David and Christopher Lureau.

In approximately 1968, Dad moved to Virginia where he later met and married Patricia Furr. In the early '70s they moved to Colorado, where dad began his lifelong love for the Rocky Mountains and they raised three children, Pamela, Sherrie and Daniel.



pristine waters welcomed him to move here in 1984. He would reside in this last,

best place until death. In 2009, Dad received the news of serious health challenges that he would face for the next five years. As was true of life, he was also not afraid of death. He found comfort in music, prayer and scripture, especially Psalm 23. It was his courage, generosity, wisdom, accountability, hope and love for us that his life leaves in us an indelible impression.

He took delight over the years in his four grandchildren who also live in Montana, Gharrett, Karl, Amanda and Hollie, spending time talking about their hopes, fears, dreams and life lessons. He taught them how to work on and fix almost anything, the reward of play and the importance of using their talents to learn a trade.

"Dad, no words can express our love, value and gratitude for the gift of your life. Our hope is to continue your legacy until we meet again."

It was in Leadville, Colorado, the highest incorporated city in the U.S., (elevation 10,152 feet), that Dad owned, established and operated Wescraft Auto Body. He was a dedicated hard worker all his life, always seeking to do things to the best of his abilities. (Col 3:23). Consequently, this proved a reputable and successful business for many years to come, in turn allowing Dad to embrace the joy of many interests, learning, teaching, love for creation and being outdoors on horseback, snowmobile, motorcycle, bicycle and long drives by car. We will never forget his year-round cookouts or when he was content to be still at length and watch the moon and stars. Dad also acquired his private pilot's license. He bought, restored, and custom-painted his little Cessna 162 Taildragger from the ground up. Many hours and years were enjoyed in flight while music played loudly.

It was on one of these occasions en route to Canada that he landed in Kalispell. Its big sky, Rocky Mountain air and

A special thank you to dad's close friends and neighbors; to Lyn Her-manson for bringing him companionship, love and humor throughout the easy and hard times, and helping to care for him to the end; and to Buffalo Hill Funeral Home staff who helped us make this difficult time more gentle.

Dad was preceded in death by his parents, Ernest and Nora; sisters, Jean, Agnes "Lori" and Patricia; brother, Ernie; and son, David.

Survivors include his brothers, Richard and Kathy Hureau of Marlborough, and William "Bill" Hureau of Marlborough; sons, Christopher Hureau of Northborough, Massachusetts, and Dan Lureau of Kalispell; daughters, Annmarie and Mac McKinley of Shrewsbury, Massachusetts, Pamela and Jeff Thornburg of Grand Junction, Colorado, and Sherrie and VK Willison of Missoula; grandchildren, Jeffrey Duff, Cassidy Young and Abrey Thornburg, all of Grand Junction, Tara McKinley Sager of Hudson, Kristen McKinley of Northborough, Jessica McKinley of Shrewsbury, and Gharrett Willison, Karl Willison, Amanda Willison, and Hollie Willison, all of Missoula.

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

Charles W. 'Bill' Luscher, 82

Bill Luscher of Libby passed away peacefully on June 9, 2014, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls, at the age of 82.

He was born on Aug. 18, 1931, to Charles E. and Betty (Lampton) Luscher. After graduating from Libby High School in 1949 he went on to attend the University of Idaho at Moscow, where he achieved a Bachelor of Science degree in forestry, majoring in wildlife and range management.

Before he could pursue a career, however, Bill served in the United States Air Force from 1954 to 1957, as a pilot in a troop carrier squadron.

Following his discharge, Bill began his career with the Bureau of Land Management. He went on to earn his master's degree in natural resource administration from the University of Michigan in 1967. He went on to be appointed the state director for the BLM in Santa Fe, N.M. He finished his career as state director for the BLM in Oregon and Washington state, retiring in 1989 to his home state of Montana with his wife Kate.

During his prestigious career, he was the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award and the Meritorious Executive Presidential Rank Award (the highest honor award given by the Department of the Interior and the second highest civilian award given by the president).

Bill's greatest loves in life were his family and the outdoors. His lifelong passion for the natural



environment could be seen through his love of hunting, fishing, camping and traveling, all of which he enjoyed with the company of

his faithful dogs.

He leaves behind his childhood sweetheart Kate, wife of 58 years. He was the proud father of three daughters, Jennifer Hurshman and Tom, Pamela Cushman and Mitchell, and Molly Edwards and Steve; and proud grandfather of seven grandsons, Derek and Jeremy Hurshman, Bryce and Miles Cushman, and Curtis, Zachary and Cameron Edwards; and one great-grandson, Beckett Cushman. He is also survived by his brother, Jim Luscher, and Yvonne; and his sister, Cheryl Wood and Woody; along with numerous other relatives.

Bill leaves behind a legacy of selfless dedication to his family, church and community.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. on June 12 at the Community United Methodist Church in Bigfork. A graveside service with military honors will follow later that day in Libby.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Flathead United Methodist Church Camp, 21339 Methodist Camp Road, Rollins, MT 59931.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for Bill's family.

Nellie Colleen Lutz, 53

On the evening of Tuesday, June 10, 2014, the Lutz family lost their true blue guiding star in the form of Nellie Colleen Lutz.

Colleen left us unexpectedly and we will never be the same with her loss. We will, however, spend the rest of our lives honoring her good and pure soul, and all of her good deeds. She was always a great listener and put all others before her when waiting in the line we call life. Her laugh was both reassuring and contagious. She was our best friend and my soulmate and our hearts are broken in her absence. She was only 53 years old and so full of life.

Colleen is survived by her husband Bruce; daughter Nellie and son Jacob Lutz; and daughter Brittany Niemeyer, her husband Brad Niemeyer and grandson Carson Niemeyer and granddaughter Eva Niemeyer. She is also survived by her grandmother, Altha Lester; father, Don Crumley; mother, Marcella Hughes; and brothers, Robert, Joe and Mike Crumley; aunt, Arlita Fyfe; aunt, George-Ann Crumley; niece, Natalie; and nephews, Joe and Codee Crumley; foster mom, Linda Denney; foster dad, Jim Denney; and foster brothers, Bren and Craig Denny.

Colleen was born in Shelby on May 10, 1961, and lived in Great Falls and Spokane during her early childhood. The family moved to Evergreen and she attended Evergreen Elementary and Junior High and then graduated from Flathead High School in 1979.

Colleen worked in Spokane after high school, but then moved back to the Flathead Valley and worked at Taylor, Thon and Associates (later Architects Design Group) as office manager for more than 10 years, payroll administrator for



LHC Inc., for 14 years and payroll administrator for Flathead Electric Cooperative for just over

five years. Colleen also assisted her husband with their landscape architecture and planning business and was adept at laying out planting designs. Colleen was a very hard worker and cared deeply for those who worked around her.

Colleen achieved an associate's degree from Flathead Valley Community College, a prairie horticulture certificate from the University of Saskatchewan and a payroll and HR certificate while working for Flathead Electric. Colleen was four classes away from receiving her bachelor's degree from Regis University in both business management and human resources.

In an always soft-spoken way, she somehow carved out enough time for a full work schedule, classes, and time to be herself, a great mother and partner to her husband. She always made time for others, to console those who would often confide in her with their own difficulties. She constantly thought of her children and looked forward to a daily phone call, making sure everything was OK and the world was not being too hard on her cherished chicks.

The Lutz family is holding a celebration of Colleen's life from 1 to 4 p.m. today, June 15. We invite her friends and extended family to join us for a happy recollection of this wonderful lady — no black allowed. The event will be held at the upper pavilion at Glacier Raft Company in West Glacier. Come celebrate our best friend.

"Goodbye, sweet Angel."

Jesse Thomas Lynch, 90

Jesse passed away on May 4, 2014, at his home in Hungry Horse, after his battle with lung cancer.

He was born in Upton, Wyo., to Jesse and Margaret Lynch on Sept. 12, 1923. In the autumn of 1930, he moved with his family to Montana in a Model T Ford, following the early trails and lake shores until they reached their new home in Trego. Jesse helped his dad with the farming and later drove a taxi cab in Kalispell, for his dad.

When he was 17 years old, Jesse enrolled in the Civilian Conservation Corps at Belton, as a night guard and telephone operator.

Jesse joined the Army



and trained in Texas. He was then sent to Korea for the Korean War.

He worked in the woods using a crosscut saw falling timber for the Hungry Horse Dam. He had a partner that assisted him on the crosscut saw. He later worked on construction of the dam, and also on the Going to the Sun Road. He cut ice on Lake Five. The ice was then hauled to Whitefish and stored by the railroad for shipment. He also worked for Cotton's House Moving. They moved most of the houses from the compound for the Hungry

Horse Dam.

On June 6, 1959, he married Opal Theresia Schmig.

He loved driving in the stock car races on weekends.

In May of 1964 he moved to Hungry Horse, to work for the Anaconda Aluminum Company. He worked 20 years for them before retiring.

Jesse loved to hunt and fish and spent most of his vacation and days off pursuing those activities with his family.

Jesse is survived by his wife, Opal, of Hungry Horse; daughters, Jane Packer and husband Bill of Edgewood, N.M., and Rita Miller and husband Dennis of Madison, Ohio;

granddaughters, Tess Gelderloos and husband Paul of Billings, Erika Slater of Mentor, Ohio, and Jessica Slater of Columbus, Ohio; great-grandson, Aidan Barnes, of Mentor, Ohio; and sisters, Rose Hollipeter, Geraldine Mitton, and Donna Lerew and husband Herb, all of Kalispell.

Jesse was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Neil, Warren and Dan; and two sisters, Orrine Rhodes and Maude Bauska.

A celebration of life will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, May 9, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home in Kalispell. A reception will follow at the Moose Lodge in Kalispell.