

## Dorothy Ruth Saholt, 87

Dorothy Ruth Saholt, 87, of Whitefish passed away peacefully on Nov. 8, 2014.

Ruth was born on Dec. 9, 1926, in Pella, Iowa, to Albertus "Bert" and Cornelis "Kate" Van Ee.

After her mother died when she was very young, she was cared for by her aunt, Hattie, until age 5, when she went to live with her uncle and aunt, Leonard and Ann Van Ee, who raised her as part of their family. Ruth graduated from Pella High School and attended Central College in Pella for three years. In 1947, Ruth married Leon Vander Schaaf and moved to Austin, Minn., where she worked as a secretary for the Hormel Company. She became a homemaker when her sons were born.

Ruth was a loving mother and grandmother who taught her sons to be engaged in life with a special emphasis on reading, education, playing the piano and physical activity, especially swimming and golf. In 1979, she left Minnesota, her home of over 31 years, and bought The Book Shoppe in Whitefish. Being an avid reader, Ruth decided that owning a bookshop was the perfect vocation for her. Having never been to Montana before, she soon became an admirer of its beauty and kind



people. For many years she was the proprietor of The Book Shoppe where no special order was too insignificant for her index cards which tracked every customer's reading pleasure.

Ruth married Bill Saholt in 1980 and they shared a happy life together at their Forest Ridge condominium. She was an active swimmer and longtime member of the Whitefish Lake Golf Club where she was known as a "warrior," teeing off at 7 a.m. many summer mornings with her good friends.

She supported several organizations, including the Nature Conservancy and Accessible Space, Inc. The Van Ee Apartments in Kalispell, developed by Accessible Space and designed for seniors with disabilities, is named in honor of her compassionate generosity.

Ruth was a person of strong faith and a member of the Christ Lutheran Church. She met with a weekly Bible study group and was always willing to share with others her knowledge of the Scripture. She was also involved in the Whitefish Soroptimist Club. Her

love of pets was unending, as she could never pass by a dog without giving it a pat; she will rest easy knowing that her cat, Serafina, is being cared for by family members.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William Saholt; parents; brothers, Wilbur and Vernon; and daughter-in-law, Sandy Vander Schaaf.

She is survived by her sons, Dick (Marcia), Stephen (Debora) and James

Vander Schaaf; her cousin, Byron Van Ee (Shirley); six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

A celebration of life service will be held at 11 a.m. on Dec. 13 at the Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish. She will be interred at the Oakwood Cemetery in Pella in the Van Ee family plot.

In lieu of flowers, Ruth has asked that memorials be made to Christ Lutheran Church or the Humane Society.

## Mitsuru 'Mits' Saimo, 89

Mitsuru "Mits" Saimo, 89, of Missoula, passed away at St. Patrick Hospital on Monday, April 14, 2014.

Services are planned for 2 p.m. Friday, April 18, at Garden City Funeral Home. Burial will be at

the Western Montana State Veterans Cemetery with military honors. A reception will follow back at Garden City in the community/reception room.

A complete obituary will follow.

## Einar (Gislason) Samuel, 63

Einar (Gislason) Samuel, 63, formerly of Columbia Falls, passed away in his sleep Sunday night, Feb. 16, 2014, in Springfield, Ore.

Einar was born in Iceland and came to the United States when he was 10 years old, settling in Missoula prior to moving to Bigfork in 1970.

Einar is survived by his ex-wife, Gayle Samuel-Skees, of Columbia Falls; their three children,

Angela McLaughlin and husband Derrick of Kalispell, Erik (Samuel) Einarsson of Buffalo, N.Y., and Kurtis Samuel and wife Rhiannon of Honolulu; four grandchildren, Paige and Ridley Samuel, and Alec and Jacob McLaughlin; two sisters, Elizabeth Runyan and Audrey Ardison of San Antonio, Texas; his brother, James Ruth, of Kalispell; and numerous nieces and nephews.

## Bonnie Jean Sanders, 54

Bonnie Jean Sanders, 54, passed away after a lengthy illness on Thursday, Jan. 2, 2014, at her home in Village Greens. She was surrounded by family and friends.

Bonnie was born on Jan. 3, 1959, in Glendive to Theophil "Ted" and Barbara (Hanson) Bonnet. Bonnie received her early education in Glendive and attended Dawson County High School.

She met Robert "Bob" Sanders in Glendive while he worked as a Navy recruiter. They were married on Nov. 22, 1980, in Woodstock, Conn., in a skydiving ceremony. Bonnie became a loving mother to Bob's sons, Scott, 10 and Mark, 6.

After a short stay in Connecticut, Bob and Bonnie transferred to California and lived there until Bob's retirement from the Navy in 1986. Following retirement they returned to their home state of Montana and lived in Lolo. In 1996 they moved to Lakeside and in 2002 they moved to Village Greens Golf Course in Kalispell, where they have since resided.

Bonnie loved all that the outdoors had to offer, including hunting, fishing, snowmobiling and camping. Her passion became golf when she joined the ladies golf league. She spent many enjoyable hours on the course and with her friends at Village Greens Golf Course.

Bonnie was preceded in death by her parents, and a brother, Wendell Bonnet.



She is survived by husband, Bob Sanders, of Kalispell; son Scott of Antioch, Calif., and son Mark and his wife, Kimberly, of Long Beach, Calif.; sisters, Carol Bryan-Bonnet of Billings, Sharon Micklewright of Kalispell, Mashal Knoll of Glendive and Montana Sue Galland of Missoula; numerous nieces and nephews throughout Montana; and her godmother, Carol Webb, of Kalispell. Bonnie's loving cat, Simone, was faithfully by her side through it all.

Bonnie's smile and infectious laugh always made those around her happy.

Memorial services for Bonnie will be held later in the spring.

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

## Patricia 'Patti' Knapton Sanderson, 68



Patti Sanderson of Kalispell passed away peacefully at Immanuel Lutheran Home on Saturday evening, Dec. 27, 2015, with her loving husband, Sandy Sanderson, by her side. Her delightful 6-year-old granddaughter, Alisa, had left that afternoon softly singing her the song, "Tomorrow," before heading to the film "Annie."

Patti was born to Marvin and Irene Knapton on March 28, 1946, in Whitefish where her father was a railroad engineer.

She is survived by her two sisters, Jean Sedivy of Columbia Falls, and Mary Knapton of Seattle; and her brother, Bill Knapton of Florence, Oregon.

"Perky" Patti grew up in the railroad community of Whitefish. Her

best friend since age 3, Sharon (Cafferro) Hale, lived down the street in what they called "Little Italy." Patti loved spending time with the Cafferros making and eating spaghetti and meatballs. Some of her best friends included Sharon, Renee, Gayle, Shirley, Cleone and Zoe. These friends remained close to her throughout her life. Patti, known for her lively, easygoing nature, graduated from Whitefish High School in 1964.

After traveling to Europe with friends, Patti attended beauty school and became part-owner of the Hair Hut in Whitefish with Loni Anderson and Shirley Casey. In 1968, Patti married musi-

cian Sandy Sanderson, and they moved into her grandmother's house in Whitefish. After relocating to Arizona for only one year, they decided to raise their children Karen and Logan in Kalispell after they had complained endlessly about not having snow for Christmas. Patti's greatest love was her family and they all knew their hearts belonged in Montana. Upon returning, she worked part-time at the Hair Affaire Salon for over 10 years.

Patti loved the outdoors and camping. Old friends still reminisce about the tale of when she woke up one morning in the Apgar Campground with a bear sitting on her feet in her tent, eating doughnuts. Patti loved to cook and was cherished for instigating countless family

gatherings. She loved learning new cuisines and frequently hosted themed gatherings such as fajita dinners, French wine and cheese parties, and many lasagna feasts. Patti was also talented at gardening, and crafts such as beading and cross-stitch. Like the Energizer bunny, she was always bouncing from one project to another. Patti was full of unconditional love and expressed no bias.

In 1995, Patti was diagnosed with a moderate case of Multiple Sclerosis. Although the flare-ups were sometimes frightening, Patti never let the MS slow her down. Her sweet optimism overcame her fear, and she never stopped smiling. In 2010, her MS worsened. Fortunately, she suffered little to no pain the entire time. Her

greatest struggle was giving up her hustle-bustle lifestyle. When her legs finally gave out in 2012, she moved to the Immanuel Lutheran Home. Even from her bed, Patti was cheerful. She beamed when friends and family visited, and loved hearing their stories. Patti showed us that quality of life is not just in a physical body but also in a loving spirit. This radiant spirit lives on in her children and grandchild. Her bright twinkle will now sparkle even greater through their eyes.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10 at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home, followed by a reception from 2:30-4:30 p.m. at the Split Rock Café, 30 Second St. E., KM Building, in Kalispell.

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

## Walter C. Sarver Jr., 88

Walter C. Sarver Jr., 88, passed away on Oct. 13, 2014, in Whitefish.

He was born July 16, 1926, in Allegheny County, Pa., to Walter C. Sarver and Alice Michel Sarver. He was the oldest of four children.

Walter left high school in 10th grade, wanting to serve his country in time of need, and enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps. He later obtained his GED and diploma from Freeport High School in Pennsylvania.

In 1947 he married Della Maurhoff. They had six daughters.

He worked various jobs early in his life, obtaining his private and commercial pilot's licenses in the process. He went on to be a civilian flight instructor at Graham Air Force Base in Mariana, Fla., from 1953 to 1956. After that, he worked as a captain for the commercial airline industry, first with Allegheny Airlines and later for U.S. Air, for over 30 years.

He was an accomplished trap shooter as well, shooting just shy of 230,000 targets at Amateur Trapshooting Association-sponsored events in his lifetime. He attended all but a few of the Grand American Trapshooting Championships held during his 42 years of shoot-



elk and waterfowl and also enjoyed fishing during his travels "out West" to Montana — a place he truly loved. He was a supporter of multiple sportsman organizations.

In retirement, he moved to his property in Creston where he farmed and gardened, snow-skied, and enjoyed sitting on his back deck watching the mountains.

Walter was well respected by everyone who met him, and had many dear friends throughout his life. He was greatly loved by his family and will be missed by all.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Walter Sarver and Alice Sarver Herold; and brother, Dale Sarver.

He is survived by his wife, Della Sarver; sisters, Lois and William Gallino and June Keasey; daughters Barb Sarver, Bev and Tom Heitzer, Elaine and Mike Heitzer, Sharon and Dave Johnston, Karen and Ryan Pring, and Linda and Travis Addington; and seven grandchildren. The funeral will be held

## Harry Neil Sanford, 81

Harry Neil Sanford, 81, passed away on Thursday, June 12, 2014, in Sandpoint, Idaho.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, June 20, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Kalispell. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Harry was born on July 17, 1932, in Baker to Roger and Nellie Sanford. He graduated high school in Kalispell.

Harry worked as a janitor at the Kalispell Center Mall and the LDS Church. In 2005 Harry moved to Sandpoint to be closer to his brother.

Harry was a member and elder in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He enjoyed watching John Wayne movies and comedies on TV; he also enjoyed his faithful companions and dogs.

He is survived by his



brother, Delbert, and Rhoda Sanford, of Laclede, Idaho; four nieces, Connie and Steve

Mathis of Beaverton, Ore., Susan and Rick Ishibashi of Yuba City, Calif., Sylvia Taylor of Priest River, Idaho, and Rae Sanford of Yuba City; one nephew, Roger Sanford, of Santa Clara, Calif.; also surviving are numerous great-nieces and -nephews.

Harry was preceded in death by his parents, Roger and Nellie Sanford; and his sister, Sharon Sanford.

Lakeview Funeral Home in Sandpoint is handling the arrangements. Please visit Harry's online memorial at [www.lakeviewfuneral.com](http://www.lakeviewfuneral.com) and sign his guest book.

## Kimberly Anne Emerson-Santa

Kimberly Anne Emerson-Santa, 53, passed away peacefully at Kalispell Regional Medical Center on Aug. 14, 2014.

She was born to parents David Allen Emerson and Anne Marie Emerson in Highland Park near Detroit, Michigan.

She is survived by husband Scott James Santa; and her three children, Alicia, Anthony and Daniel.

Kim had an incredibly rich, creative childhood, full of travel and excitement. Growing up outside of Disneyland in southern California where her dad worked as a professional magician, she and her family traveled around the country on an amazing journey. She attended a Catholic school as a young lady where she developed her keen love of reading and the arts.

Kim excelled at oil painting, sewing and knitting, and classical guitar, and had a natural ability to create art with a perfectionist touch. An advanced student for her age, Kim graduated from high school at 16, before moving north and settling



in the head of Michigan where she learned to gain an associate degree

Kim

a very compassionate giving person and being caring for her children and husband, she provided educational support to two girls from the Pines.

As a professional, was a reference librarian, business accountant, real estate broker.

Kim had an endless thirst for knowledge, learning, and especially loved history, religion and science. She also a genealogist and volunteered her time to help friends trace their family lineages. Kim loved garden and travel with her family.

Kim and her husband Scott fell in love on head Lake racing sailboats and were married for 22 years.

Services will be held for Kim at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 19 at falo Hill Funeral Home in Kalispell.

## Roy 'Sam' Sather, 82

Roy "Sam" Sather, 82, of Libby passed away Thursday, March 13, 2014, at Cabinet Peaks Medical Center of natural causes.

He was born Nov. 3, 1931, in Somers to Samuel and Anna (Anderson) Sather.

He grew up in Somers and attended Flathead High School, graduating with the Class of 1950.

In 1951, Roy entered the United States Air Force and served from 1951 to 1955. He served his country during the Korean War, and then two years in Okinawa.

In August of 1954, he married Donna Gompf in Libby. They enjoyed 59 wonderful years together. Roy worked as a quality control supervisor for J. Neils and Champion. He was a 51-year member of the American Legion. He also served a time on the Libby City Council and was a member of the Senior Citizens. After 17 years of running bingo, many around town recognize Roy as the "caller" for bingo games at the Senior Citizens



Center and the Legion. He enjoyed fishing, camping and traveling.

He was preceded in death by his brothers, Elmer and Alfred; and his sis-

ter, Grace.

Survivors include his wife of 59 years, Donna Sather of Libby; children, Yvonne Hencley of Helena, Kevin and Mary Sather of Viroqua, Wis., and Debra Sather of Palm Springs, Calif.; nine grandchildren, Ryan, Amanda, Courtney, Shenna, Caylea, Chris, Samantha, Abby, and Lucas; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Services for Roy will be at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, March 18 at Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home, 422 W. Second St., in Libby. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. on Monday, March 17. Arrangements are under the care of Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home.

## Phyllis L. Savka, 79

Former Roundup resident Phyllis L. Savka passed away Feb. 12, 2014, while surrounded by her family in Utah.

An avid educator, Mom enjoyed teaching business education, history and political science courses. In August of 1988, she received her master's in education from the University of Montana.

Mom lived and taught in numerous communities, including Flathead Valley Community College in Kalispell.

She was extremely proud of her children, her education, agricultural, medical, business and military pursuits and associations. She deeply appreciated people, music and humor.

While in Roundup, Mom owned and operated the Maverick Bar for 15 years and developed some tremendous friend-



ships.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Leola Ritter; father, Phillip Dalager; hus-

band, John Savka Jr.; and son, Phillip L. Bruyer.

Phyllis is survived by her daughters, Claire Downing and Kenny of Utah and Lee Graf of California; sons, G. Arnold Bruyer and Carol of Montana, Thomas J. Bruyer of Montana, and Richard E. Bruyer and Terri of Montana; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place and no funeral services will be held, per her request.

Burial will be in the Veterans Section of Sunset Memorial Gardens in Missoula.

## Patricia 'Pat' K. Sauerbier, 63



Patricia "Pat" K. Sauerbier passed away at home in Kalispell on Jan. 11, 2014.

Pat was born on Aug. 24, 1950, in Belle Fourche, S.D., to Joe and Annabel Gordon. After Joe's death in 1964, Annabel married Ernest O'Brien and then the family moved to Whitefish in 1966. Pat graduated from Flathead High School in 1968, and married in 1970. In 1972, daughter Jodi was born and shortly after the new family moved to Bigfork where they lived for nearly 20 years.

Pat's beauty school degree was put to good use over the years styling hair for family and friends. She also displayed her sewing talents, not only on the family's clothing but also for her sister's entire wedding party. Through both outside work and the family farm, Pat utilized her bookkeeping skills as well as a gift for sign painting. Other well-recognized talents included macramé, baking and gardening. She also enjoyed reading, playing cards and watching television shows.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Joe and Annabel.

Pat is survived by her daughter, Jodi Sauerbier of Seattle; stepfather, Ernest O'Brien of Buffalo, Wyo.; sister and brother-in-law, Barb and Oly Bircher of Whitefish; sister and brother-in-law, Robin and Chuck Richards of Belle Fourche; brother and sister-in-law, Joe and Darlene Gordon of Florence; and six nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 24, at Pine Slope Cemetery in Belle Fourche. For more information regarding the service, please email [pksestate@gmail.com](mailto:pksestate@gmail.com) or contact Kline Funeral Chapel at (605) 892-3964.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Arthritis Foundation or your local Animal Shelter.

## Phyllis A. Saulter, 88

Phyllis A. Saulter, 88, passed away on Sunday, Feb. 16, 2014, in her home surrounded by her family.

Phyllis was born in Titonka, Iowa on Feb. 27, 1925, to Chester and Madeline Lamoreux. The family moved to Stevensville in 1937. Phyllis graduated from Stevensville High School in 1942, and moved to Missoula soon after graduation.

Phyllis married the love of her life, Donald Saulter, on May 22, 1946. Phyllis and Don enjoyed camping, fishing and hunting for several years before Donald passed away unexpectedly. Phyllis took care of the office work for Donald's business until his passing, and then worked as a waitress for many years to support her three children.

After retirement, Phyllis moved to Kalispell where she had resided for the past 16 years. She loved to garden and her green thumb showed in her amazing display of flowers that bloomed throughout the summer. When not gardening, Phyllis passed her time with needlework, sewing and entertaining her grandchildren.

Phyllis was preceded in



death by her husband, Donald Saulter.

She is survived by her three children, Sandy

Schellinger and husband Al of Whitefish, Vicki Saxby and husband Kent of Kalispell, and son Mike Saulter and his partner Marion Titus of Clinton. She is also survived by her five grandchildren, Kyle, Nicci, Ryan, Sarah and Lindsay; as well as three great-grandchildren.

No services will be held at her request. Phyllis' ashes will be inurned this summer at St. Mary's Cemetery in Missoula, beside her husband.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to our "angel" Lori Mitchell, who made an enormous impact on Phyllis' life.

Donations in Phyllis' honor may be made to Home Options Hospice, 275 Corporate Dr., Ste. 600, Kalispell, MT 59901.

To send a note of condolence to the family please go to [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com). Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

## Irene C. St. Sauver, 91

Irene C. St. Sauver, 91, of White Bear Lake, Minn., and formerly of Bigfork, passed away June 21, 2014.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George, and son, Bruce.

She is survived by her children, Gail and Chuck Gregory, Dennis and Micki, and Deb and Greg Roy, all of the Twin Cities, Minn., Mark and Rachel, and Mary Grant, all of Montana; also by 13 grandchildren, Dawn and Craig, Christopher, Jennifer and Mark, Amy and Steve, Jerry and Wendi, Nicki, Angela, Kristen and Eric, Mallory and Evan, Katrina, Jake and Maryanne, Brooke



and Scott, and Joe. There are 12 great-grandchildren.

Mass of Christian Burial will

be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, July 11, at St. Mary of the Lake Church, Fourth Street at Bald Eagle Ave., White Bear Lake, with visitation one hour prior to Mass at church. A reception will follow Mass, then interment will be at Fort Snelling Cemetery.

Memorials are preferred to Clare Bridge Hospice, 300 Village Center Drive, North Oaks, Minn., 55127.

## Delories A. Savage, 81

Delories A. Savage, 81, died in Whitefish on Sept. 2, 2014.

She had been a race-horse trainer.

She is survived by her children, Sandra D. Muckey, Larry A. Gursky, Cheryl D. Ashe, Ber-

nadine I. Sorensen and Laura L. Hagan.

A celebration of life will be held at 5 p.m. today, Sept. 4, at the Village Greens Community Center.

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

## Katharina Schaefer, 75

Katharina Schaefer, 75, died Saturday May 24, 2014, at Buffalo Hill Terrace in Kalispell.

She is survived by her son, Uwe Schaefer.

A memorial service is pending for Thursday May 29 at Buffalo Hill Terrace.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Memorial for Leo T. Schaefer

to be held on Saturday, June 28th 2014 at 11am at the Cut Bank Community Bible Church 102 North Central, Cut Bank, MT 59427 Church number: 406-391-6010

## Louis William 'Bill' Schlegel, 84

Louis William "Bill" Schlegel, 84 was born Nov. 10, 1929, in Dillon, the second child of Louis and Gladys (Bump) Schlegel.

He attended schools in Kalispell and Kila, but only until grade six, when his formal education ended and he began a long career as a working man. His was truly a hard-knock life.

He passed away quietly at his home Feb. 13, 2014.

His childhood and young adult life were full of adventures that sounded like the stuff movies are made of, and he regaled his kids and grandkids time and again with tales from those times. Only last week at dinner, we said to him again how we needed to record his stories because they were so priceless. Sadly, it did not get done.

When he was 20, he married the only woman he ever loved, Carol (Kahn) Schlegel, and they were married 56 years until Carol preceded him in death. They too had adventures, worked together, had five children and faced down Carol's cancer as a team.

Besides his family, Bill's biggest accomplishments were his work history and the business he built from nothing. When he was 16, he worked alone in the Blacktail Lookout; when 17, he ran cross cut saw with his dad west of Kalispell. He worked on the Hungry Horse Dam project, clearing timber; and worked road and logging jobs from Seeley Lake to Superior. In the 1960s, he worked for Fred King, including construction of the south portal of the railroad tunnel near Trego; and worked many other heavy highway construction projects.



and little could distract him from it. When Carol became ill, though, she became his job and

he took it very seriously, too seriously sometimes according to her! But when he wasn't otherwise occupied, he loved working on and showing off his old car collection, personally having restored a Diamond T truck and a 1928 Durant. These were like his babies, and if you wanted to score points with him, you just needed to express admiration for them.

Carol's illness accomplished some things in Bill that nothing in his life had ever done, tenderizing his heart and beginning a late-in-life makeover that few thought they would see. He became humbler, more expressive, more willing to love and be loved. He started sometimes attending church and the Dirt Bags Bible Study in Bigfork, making friends and considering things he had never previously thought of, and God did a work in his life. Those of us who were close to him and were witness to the process were surprised and delighted. The past couple of years in particular saw a man far different from his former self. We were grateful to be present to observe the transformation up close.

Bill was preceded in death by his sweet bride, Carol; his son, Leslie; his mother and father; his brothers, Bob and Bennie; and his sister, Bonnie.

In the mid-seventies he took a leap and began his own business, building roads from the Libby and Eureka areas to the Flathead Forest. For many years he built logging road for Stoltze Land and Lumber. Wherever you went with him, he could point out some project he had worked on, and even recount details of who he worked with and how well they did their jobs.

Although Bill officially retired, he never was able to become a completely hands-off business man. Work was in his blood

He is survived by his children, Ron and Vickie, Sandy Manning and Jeff, Mike, Mark, and Les' wife, Mary. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Karen, Wayne, Jerry, Shannah, Priscilla, Alex, Hannah, Karsen, Jessa, Kaylyn, Kylie, Kaden and Kahn; 12 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18 at Crossroads Church in Bigfork, Jim Holman officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests that memorials be made to Bigfork Fire or A Ray of Hope.

## Mary Jane (Hagen) Schlegel, 63

Mary Jane (Hagen) Schlegel "joined the Lord, our Savior" from her daughter's home in Star, Idaho, on Nov. 24, 2014, after a difficult battle with pancreatic cancer. She was surrounded by her loving family. Her firm belief in God supported her in her battle, fully knowing that no matter what, she would ultimately be healed, either by medicine or by her Father in heaven.

Mary was born Oct. 15, 1951, in Whitefish to Alvin and LeVerna (Rensvold) Hagen. In 1952 she moved with her family to Kalispell where she spent her childhood and graduated from Flathead High School in 1969.

On Aug. 22, 1969, she was married to Leslie W. Schlegel at the Central Bible Church in Kalispell. Shortly after they were married, Les was drafted into the Navy and they spent a short time living in San Diego. After moving back to the state they loved, they lived for a short time in Stryker before moving to the West Valley community where they raised their three children — first, in a three-room cabin with no running water, then in the first home they purchased in 1976 on West Reserve Drive, where she lived until her treatment for cancer started in October of 2014.



Mary was preceded in death by her parents Alvin and LeVerna Hagen, and husband Les.

She is survived by her son, Wayne and wife Denise Marquart Schlegel of Kalispell, daughter Karen and husband Scott Graham of Star, Idaho, and son Jerry Schlegel and girlfriend Farah Perry of Kalispell. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Casey Schlegel of Seattle, Shelby Schlegel of Libby, Royce Schlegel of Kalispell, Marlie and Ashlyn Graham of Star, and Joel Turner and Kobe Schlegel of Somers; great-grandchildren, Riley and Audrey Love of Libby; brother, Richard "Rick" Hagen, and wife Rena, of Kalispell; sister, Dorothy Bauer, and husband Joe, of Mesquite, Nev.; brother, Lee, and wife Fay, of Kalispell; and brother, Ronald "Ron" Hagen, and wife Bobbi, of Columbia Falls. She is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and -nephews, sisters- and brothers-in-law; and more than 50 cousins.

Mary was deeply moved by all the love, prayers and concern during her battle with cancer. She was especially overwhelmed by the love and support from the West Valley School and community. She found the blessing in her cancer to be all the cards she received in addition to the Caring Bridge messages she read daily. She was blessed to hear all the good things people had to say about her while she was here versus having her family hear it at her funeral. This was an overwhelming gratification to an otherwise tragic situation.

As a business owner with her husband for many years, bookkeeping and daily business activities for the businesses of L&M Trucking, Schlegel Sand & Gravel, Schlegel Construction and Les Schlegel Enterprises was a large part of her daily routine. She started working at West Valley School in 2004 and fell in love with her job so much she rarely took a day off. Her hobbies were swimming, sledding, ice skating, dancing, traveling, spending time at Ashley Lake or with her grandchildren, playing cards, spending time with dear friends and listening to music, especially if it was played by one of her siblings.

She took special interest in passing on family traditions. Sewing, baking, lefse-making, 4-H, owning a business and many years of community volunteering were important examples we live by today. She was dedicated to the West Valley Fire and Rescue Auxiliary for 39 years. She was widowed in September of 2010 after being married for 41 years.

Please join us at 3 p.m. Dec. 1 for a graveside service at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell, with the memorial service following at 4:30 p.m. at Canvas Church, located at 255 Summit Ridge Drive. The reception following the service will be held at Northridge Lutheran Church located at 323 Northridge Drive, also in Kalispell.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to the Mary Schlegel Warm Coats for Kids Fund at West Valley School. Her wish was to leave a legacy in the community that she loved which supported her for so many years.



## Cindy Louise Schiltz, 54

Cindy Louise Schiltz died on Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2014, at her home in Bigfork, with her children surrounding her in love and care.

Cindy was born on July 14, 1960, to Merritt and Isobel Smith in White Sulphur Springs and attended public school and graduated there in 1978. She attended the University of Montana and later graduated from the International Air and Hospitality Academy.

Cindy worked in Reno, Nev. for U.S. Airways where she met Mark Schiltz and they married in 1988. On Jan. 27, 1989 the couple welcomed the birth of their son Forrest Olander, and he was followed by sister Ahna Jean on May 8, 1990. In June of 1990 the family packed up and moved back to Cindy and Mark's home state and settled in Bigfork.

After moving to Bigfork, they lived in Mark's great-grandparents' home where their third child Taylor Isobel was born in 1992 with a midwife, father and grandparents in attendance. In 1995 the couple bought Mark's grandparents' home across the street.

Both Cindy and Mark loved the Swan River community for the kindness and love shown to their family and for the natural beauty that surrounded them. Cindy enjoyed riding horses with her many friends and later found adventure in kayaking and camping.

Cindy was deeply involved in Swan River School and community activities, supporting 4-H, sports and artistic proj-

ects. Cindy worked at the Echo Lake Cafe where she was a fine waitress and manager. After Mark and Cindy divorced in 2007, she purchased Kravingz Cafe in Bigfork which she proudly owned and operated with her daughter Ahna until shortly before her death.

A loving mother and valued friend, she was also a craftsman, seamstress, remodeler, excellent cook, hostess and businesswoman who taught her children and her family many valuable skills.

Cindy and all of her extended family were gratified and uplifted by the outpouring of love and support at the benefit given for her in Bigfork in August, and considered it to be a celebration of friendship and a life well-lived.

Cindy is survived by her children, Forrest, Ahna and Taylor Schiltz, who were with her at home during her illness and at her death. She leaves her brother Bruce Smith, sister Wendy and brother-in-law Larry Johnson, all of White Sulphur Springs, sister Connie and brother-in-law Marvin Rehbein of Plains, and several nieces and nephews.

Cindy was preceded in death by her mother Isobel and father Merritt.

A private family memorial service is planned, to be followed by a community celebration of her life at a later date.

To send a note of condolence to the family, please visit [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com). Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Leo Arnold Schmauch, 95

Leo Arnold Schmauch, 95, a longtime Libby resident, peacefully passed away on Thursday, Nov. 20, 2014, at the Libby Care Center.

Leo was born May 18, 1919, in Kalispell to Fred and Mida (Nordome) Schmauch, the second of three sons. He grew up and attended the Kalispell Public Schools. Leo married Ada Farris in Kalispell in 1943, and in 1944, he entered the United States Navy, serving in the Pacific Theater during World War II. Following his discharge from the service in 1946, Leo and Ada moved to Libby where Leo worked for the J. Neils Lumber Company, and the subsequent owners of that company, until his retirement. During his years working for J. Neils, Leo was a first class crane operator for logging operations. Upon his retirement in 1981, Leo devoted much of his time to family and friends. He enjoyed working on and restoring John Deere tractors, as well as hunting and fishing.

Leo was preceded in death by his parents, Fred and Mida; his brothers, Norman and Jim; and his wife, Ada.

Leo is survived by sons Fred (Mikel) of Salt Lake City, and Mike (Nancy) of Missoula; daughter Sallie (Mickey) of Choteau; seven grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren;



and three great-great-grandchildren.

Leo wanted to give a special thanks to his "little angel," granddaughter Sarah, who was by his

side with comfort and care, tending to his needs with love. Leo also wanted to thank his longtime friend and companion, Hazel Halsey, with whom he enjoyed so many wonderful years and occasions.

The family wishes to thank all those who visited Leo frequently and to thank the nurses and staff at the Libby Care Center for their comfort and compassion.

Services for Leo will be held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 25, at Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home, Chapel, 422 W. Second Street, in Libby, followed by military honors at the City of Libby Cemetery. Interment will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 24, at Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home.

Online condolences and memories may be shared by visiting [www.schnackenbergfh.com](http://www.schnackenbergfh.com).

## Marva Jean Schmid, 84

Marva Jean Schmid, 84, "was released from this life" on April 26, 2014, at Edgerwood Vista in Kalispell, "and went home to begin her new life in heaven."

Marva was born on March 26, 1930, in Somers. She was the second of four children born to Fred and Thelma Bolster.

In 1947 Marva married John Holmes. On Oct. 2, 1948, their first child, Karen, was born. She was soon joined by Fred, Jack, Mary and Danny. John and Marva were later divorced.

On April 22, 1961, Marva met her "knight in shining armor" (although he was most likely disguised in khakis and work boots) on a double date with Carl and Betty Daley. Vernie and Marva were married on Nov. 17, 1961, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Kalispell. A few months later they moved into their new home at 1214 Fifth Street West where Marva resided for the next 52 years. Vernie had been a bachelor for 39 years and since Mom already had five children, she told him he could have "one." On Nov. 16, 1962, their twins, Sharon and Shawn were born. The twins completed the family.

Marva liked things quiet and orderly, however, she had a loud and rambunctious family. With seven children, a large extended family, and an array of pets there was never a dull moment! It's no wonder later in life she just wanted to "sit back and relax."

Marva never complained and was not envious of others. She lived frugally and was always grateful for what she had.



them to the veterans and area nursing homes. Mom enjoyed ceramics, aerobics,

playing cards, walking, coin hunting, huckleberry picking, fishing trips to Lake Francis and her family. She especially loved playing bingo.

Marva resided in her home on Fifth Street West until she moved to Edgewood Vista Memory Care on Valentine's Day 2014.

Mom was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

A heartfelt thank you to the "angels in blue" (and flowers) at Edgewood, who not only provided excellent care for Mom, but loved her as well. Also a special thank you to Home Options Hospice. The family would like to thank Greg, Karla, Katelyn, Ben and Taryn Butts who exemplify the true meaning of "Love thy neighbor." Without their help Melva would not have been able to stay in her home for as long as she did.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, two daughters, one son, her husband, and a great-grandson.

She is survived by her children, Fred Holmes and wife Karen, Jack Holmes and wife Dee, daughter-in-law Terrie Holmes, Sharon Hagel and husband Jack, and Shawn Schmid and wife Susan, all of Kalispell; 16 grandchildren, Branch, Beth, Dane, Chad, Steve, Michael, Chris, Angela, Pamela, Ashley, Amber, Austin, Conner, Amanda, Levi and Heidi; along with many great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her brother, Jack Bolster, and his wife, Jullie.

## Caroline M. Schmidt, 86

Caroline M. Schmidt, 86, of Kalispell, died Sunday, Sept. 14, 2014, in Kalispell. A memorial service is

pending.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

She was always a very hard worker. Her most important job was taking care of her family. She also worked at the cherry warehouse and Montana Evergreen. She began at Montana Evergreen tallying Christmas trees, but soon became the office manager, working seven days a week during the Christmas tree season. She was also a bookkeeper for her brother Maynard's Union 76 Service Station and Bolster's Towing. She later became a state inspector for the cherry warehouse and the seed potato farms in the valley.

Marva never sat idle; She always had a crochet hook or knitting needles in her hands. She cross stitched many beautiful baby quilts. In her later years, she crocheted lap blankets and donated

A funeral service for Marva will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, May 2, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church with Pastor Mark Gravrock officiating. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. A reception will follow at the Elks Lodge.

In honor of our parents' love and support of animals throughout their lives, memorial contributions can be made to Flathead Spay and Neuter Task Force, P.O. Box 2095, Whitefish, MT 59937. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Marva's family. You are invited to go to [www.jgfuneralhome.com](http://www.jgfuneralhome.com) to offer condolences and view Marva's tribute wall.

## Darlene Kay Schmidt, 76

Darlene Kay Schmidt passed away April 14, 2014, at the Montana Veterans Home. She passed peacefully. She was ready to be with God and her dear loved ones who have gone before her.

Darlene was born on March 30, 1938, to Ida and Charles Vance of Watford City, N.D. As a young family they moved to the Flathead Valley and settled in Whitefish. She married Raymond Schmidt at 16. Darlene and Raymond were together 57 years in Whitefish. They raised three children, and together they enjoyed six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She loved to garden, swim, play cards and in later years spent her time watching golf and football on TV.

Darlene's life was dedicated to her family. She was instrumental in raising her sister and brother. Her home was always open and she had many "extra" children over the years, including a foreign exchange student 10 years after her own children were out of the house. As a wife she supported all adventures, projects and businesses of her husband. As a mom she was as tough a sports mom as you could get and the best Girl Scout leader and dance mom around. No matter which role she was in she was nurturing and unselfish, allowing all to be who they were, always advising when asked and adding her intense, intuitive look that would speak more than any spoken words.



important to her. She was a Christian. She spent most of her life as a member of St. Charles

Borromeo Parish in Whitefish. Darlene raised her family there and always worked hard to further her faith. Darlene was a pioneer in lay ministry. Thirty years ago she was one of the original women to finish the Program for Lay Ministry using the Liturgy of the Hour prayer book daily. She served on the Counsel of Catholic Women where she held titles of president and secretary. She was a participant in a discipleship program at the Sycamore Tree and was instrumental in the Cursillo movement. Darlene wrote, 40 years ago in 1983, "I'm a Christian, and my faith is very important to me as I've gotten older and realize that there is more to life than creature comforts and material gain. I believe that in order to have a better world to live in, I must work to be the best person I can be through educating myself and through loving mankind as individuals, and being a living example to those around me." Darlene spent her last years of life as a member of St. Richard's Parish in Columbia Falls where she served as her health would allow.

In 1983, Darlene started pursuing the education that she had put on hold while raising her family. Between 1983 and 1990, she received her GED and Associate of Arts degree at Flathead Valley Community College. Then she went on to receive her Bachelor of Social Work degree at the University of Montana. Darlene worked her way through college. Most of her jobs were in mental health or geriatrics with as many extra certification courses in her field as possible. She was a natural leader with wisdom and insight into human relations.

After graduating from the University of Montana she became employed in her field of choice, geriatrics, as the social service director at Colonial Manor in Whitefish. After eight years, Darlene retired from her corporate job to help her children manage their business, Mums Flowers, for the next seven years. In all her education, work and volunteer positions she possessed strong leadership and organizational skills. She felt that it was important in our society to be dependable and responsible.

Darlene's faith was very

Darlene was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond Schmidt; her parents, Charles Vance and Ida Landon; her brother, Johnny Vance; her son, George Schmidt; and her daughter-in-law, Cindy Schmidt.

She is survived by her brother, Darrell Vance; sister, Jeanne Canfield, and husband Ken; son, Rick Schmidt; daughter, Terri Adams, and husband Bruce; daughter-in-law, Sue Schmidt; six grandchildren, Rachel Vandevort and husband Alex, Jason Schmidt, John Schmidt and wife Catherine, Eric Schmidt, Nathan Wyss and fiancée Vanessa Guerra, and Kelly Wyss and wife Joanna; and three great-grandchildren, Mclean and Schafer Vandevort, and Owen Schmidt.

Darlene's celebration of life Mass was April 23 at St. Richard's Catholic Church. As her family we would like to thank everyone who came and who gave cards and Masses.

We want to give our gratitude, thanks and admiration to the Montana Veterans home. Your love, care and respect for Darlene will be in our hearts forever.

There will be a gathering to celebrate Darlene's life from 2 to 5 p.m. on July 5. Please call Terri at (406) 253-9667 with any questions.

## James Bailey Schnee Jr., 90

James Bailey "J.B." Schnee Jr., passed away Tuesday night, July 8, 2014, in Whitefish.

He was born in Chinook on Oct. 15, 1923, to Marie (Van de Reit) and James Bailey Schnee. The family lived in Shelby for a time where his father had a creamery, and then for a time up near Babb where his father ran a ranching outfit. The older Schnee children went to a one-room school house there called Camp 66, and it was a pretty isolated place. If the roads weren't cleared then Santa couldn't get there on Christmas, (Montgomery Ward mail order). From there they moved down on the Cut Bank River about 15 miles out of Cut Bank and the kids attended school there when they could get into town. The family moved to Columbia Falls when his father purchased a Chevrolet dealership in Kalispell. He graduated from Columbia Falls High School in 1941, and was a star basketball and football player.

He headed off to college in Bozeman but his education was interrupted by the war. He went into the Army in 1943, and was selected to attend Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Ga. He was promoted to first lieutenant (infantry unit commander and then intelligence staff officer) after seeing heavy fighting in the Philippines, resulting in his becoming a highly decorated combat veteran. At the end of the war he was sent to Japan to assist in the recovery effort and spent the next year there. He returned at the end of 1946, and then resumed his education in Missoula at the University of Montana.



able bond, community service and taking care of their families. They were perfect examples of the "Greatest Generation."

They were an integral part of the community of Cut Bank for over 60 years. Their first child Susan was born when they still lived out at the ranch, and their son Corey was born two years later after they moved to town. They took in the children of his older sister Shirley when she passed away in 1963, adding two more to the family, his niece Judy and nephew Jim.

He was an avid fisherman, outdoorsman and collector of fossils and arrowheads. He loved to play cards. He was the beloved patriarch of our extended families and led by example. "Be kind, be fair, be honest, be resolute." His smile was so beautiful.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his older sister, Shirley; his younger sisters, Idabelle and Loyette; his wife, Eileen, in 1999; and his son, Corey, in 2007.

He returned to Cut Bank where his dad had taken up a 50,000-acre dry-land farming and ranching concern. He worked for his dad, running the operation, until his father's passing in 1958, then took over the operation with the help of his brothers and sisters.

He met Beatrice Eileen Parsons, a registered nurse from Calgary, and they married in 1952. He was a tall, good-looking blond and she was a petite redhead, and together they forged a life based on hard work, an unbreak-

He is survived by his daughter, Susan Schnee, and grandson, Jackson Schnee-West, of Whitefish; his brother, Harley, and Shirley Schnee, of Sacramento; his sister, Gloria, and Odell Siebrecht, of Cut Bank; his niece, Judy, and Bruce Buer, and family; his nephew, Jim, and Gail Asbury, and family; his niece-in-law, Deb Christofferson, and family; many other nieces and nephews; and his good friends, Dick and Alice Humble. Many thanks to his coffee-drinking and card-playing buddies for keeping an eye on him during the past few years.

Services will be held in Cut Bank in September.

## Daniel H. Schoedinger, 69

Daniel H. Schoedinger, of Columbus, Ohio, and Whitefish, died in a bicycle accident in Whitefish on July 27, 2014.

Dan was born on Sept. 5, 1944, to Mary Harris Schoedinger and William O. Schoedinger.

He was a loyal and loving son, devoted husband, wonderful father, doting grandfather, great friend, talented attorney and a gentleman. He had a love for the American West that he carried with him throughout his life.

He graduated from Lehigh University in 1966 and then, seeing an opportunity to further his education while living in the mountains, he attended the University of Denver Law School in 1969. Following his graduation from law school, Dan returned to Columbus where he clerked for C. William O'Neill, the Chief Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court from 1969 to 1971.

He spent his career as a real estate and development attorney at Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease where he was a partner. From 1972 to 1979 he served on the Columbus City Council — elected as the leading vote-getter in his first city-wide race. He decided not to run for re-election, walking away from a promising political career in which he was identified as a probable candidate for mayor and devoting himself instead to the full-time practice of law.



and especially with family. As a young attorney, he took a month-long sabbatical and loaded

his family into an RV heading due west, visiting many of the national parks. A lifelong and accomplished skier, he not only kept up with, but still bested many a fraction of his age. His granddaughters would all attest to his tireless willingness to play in the snow, even on the heels of rigorous skiing.

Summertime in Whitefish meant happy days filled with hiking and biking. He loved to share the beauty of Bowman Lake, nestled deep within Glacier National Park ... particularly after first sharing a huckleberry bear claw at Polebridge Mercantile.

Dan was preceded in death by his mother, Mary Harris Schoedinger.

He will be deeply missed by many, and especially his wife, Diane Bennett; children, Tara and Arne Metzger Schoedinger of Jamestown, Colo.; Arrin and Alisa Schoedinger of Portland, and their children, Poppy, Edie and Inez; Christy and Andrew Rosenthal of Bexley, Ohio, and their children, Grace and Lily; Diane's children, Mark and Ashlea Bennett, and their children, Lake and Bryson, of Dallas; and Jill Bennett Iman and Clay Iman of Denver; his father, William O. Schoedinger, of Scottsdale, Ariz.; sisters, Peggy Schoedinger and Simon Fisher of Boulder, Colo., and Nancy and Pat Hurley of Paradise Valley, Ariz.; nephew, Mike and Ali Makowski; niece, Katherine Makowski; nephew, Justin and Andrea Hurley, and their children Eden and Alana; and nephew, Ethan and Amy Hurley of Helena, and their children Finn and Reef.

## Sharon Scholz, 60

Sharon Scholz, 60, died Jan. 22, 2014, at Whitefish Care and Rehabilitation.

A memorial service will

be held at a later date.

Arrangements are entrusted to Austin Funeral Home.

## Donald 'Barry' Schrammeck, 72

Donald "Barry" Schrammeck, 72, died Saturday, Nov. 1, 2014, at his home in Bigfork.

No services will be

held.

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

## Leo Arnold Schmauch, 95

Leo Arnold Schmauch, 95, a longtime Libby resident, died Thursday, Nov. 20, 2014, at the Libby Care Center.

He had worked for J. Neils Lumber Company.

He is survived by sons, Fred of Salt Lake City and Mike of Missoula; and daughter, Sallie, of Choteau.

Services will be 1 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 25, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. at Schmackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home Chapel in Libby, followed by military honors at the City of Libby Cemetery. Interment will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell. Visitation will be 1 to 8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 24, at Schmackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home.

Upon his retirement in 2012, he found himself free to pursue many and varied passions. In 2012, he rode his bicycle across the U.S. in a fundraising effort for Action for Children Ohio, where he served as a trustee from 1980 to 1988. He also served as trustee for the Central Ohio Breathing Association since 1995. He learned to sculpt in recent years, animals being his favorite subject. From his parents he inherited a love of travel. He was unlikely to pass up an opportunity to share a glass of red wine, a bowl of ice cream or a good story.

Woven through all of this was the American West, a passion he indulged as often as he could and one he shared generously with friends

Memorial services will be held in Columbus in October, and in Whitefish in February.

Condolences may be made to the family at [www.schoedinger.com](http://www.schoedinger.com).

## Richard Dean Schultz, 58

Richard Dean Schultz, 58, died Saturday, Feb. 8, 2014, in Whitefish.

Visitation for Richard will be from 9 a.m. to noon Thursday, Feb. 13,

at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

## Rosella Blanche Schultz, 91

Rosella Blanche Schultz, 91, died Friday, April 4, 2014, at St. Luke Extended Care in Ronan.

There are no services

planned at this time.

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

## Rosella B. Ober Schultz, 91

Rosella B. Ober Schultz, 91, of Polson, died Friday, April 4, 2014, at St. Luke Extended Care of natural causes.

Rose was born March 16, 1923, in Des Moines, Iowa, to John Ober and Bertha McIntosh Ober. Rose's adventures started at the age of 4 with a car ride from Iowa to Montana in a Maxwell with her Mom, Dad and four siblings. The family settled in the Dayton area where two more siblings were born.

On November 15, 1941, Rose married the love of her life, Arland Schultz. Together they were an ambitious pair and left to work in Seattle during the war. Rose worked for Boeing during their time there, while Arlie worked in the shipyards. After four years they returned to Dayton and began their family. All five of their children were raised in the Dayton area.

Rose was an active member of the Presbyterian Church and community of Dayton where she and Arlie lived for many years. In 1989 they moved to Polson where Rose volunteered at the Country Store for several years.

Rose was a resilient

lady who was very loved by her family. She was a wonderful mother and grandmother, who believed in and worked for the Lord and did her best to instill that faith in her family.

Preceding her in death were her parents, husband Arlie, sisters Stella and Esther, and brother Bobby.

Survivors include sisters Twilla Walker, Grace Hartsoch, and Virginia Schultz; children Bill (Diane) and Wesley (Darcy), all of Polson, Wayne (Jane) of Sisters, Ore., Doug (Becky) of Dayton, and Wanda (Pete Halpin) of Columbia Falls; grandchildren Lisa (Dan) Kinyon, Jon (Kelly) Schultz, Ryan (Jessica) Schultz, Randee (Aaron) Benson, Jeremy (Ashley) Wetzal, Joel Wetzal, Tyler Wetzal and Josh Schultz; and 12 great-grandchildren.

At Rose's request private family services will be held at a later time.

Arrangements are under the direction of Grogan Funeral Home and Crematory. Messages of condolence may be sent to the family online at [www.groganfuneralhome.com](http://www.groganfuneralhome.com).

## William Rudolph Schultz, 90

William Rudolph Schultz was born on Dec. 25, 1923, in Kalispell, the first son of William R. and Beatrice V. Schultz.

He attended school in Whitefish and following graduation from high school in 1941, he entered the University of Washington. World War II soon intervened and he subsequently flew to England as the navigator on a B-24. There he and the crew joined the 93rd Bomb Group of the Eighth Air Force until their aircraft was shot down on a raid over Germany, where he waited out the war as a prisoner in Stalag Luft I.

After returning to the University of Washington he began the study of Chinese language and culture. With the aide of the G.I. Bill and summers spent logging on the South Fork of the Flathead River, he completed the Bachelor of Arts degree and began a course of graduate studies. In 1949, he met and married the love of his life, Darline Hanson LaTorre, who to his wonder and surprise had also been born in Kalispell but whose family had moved to Seattle soon thereafter.

With the aide of graduate fellowships he was also able to continue his studies for an advanced degree and in 1953, their daughter Erika was born and he was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to study in Japan. Two years later all three returned to Seattle where he completed the dissertation defense and was awarded the Ph.D. degree in Chinese language and literature.



translations and short essays, as well as a variety of articles, translations and book reviews relating to Chinese literature and history.

During those years he was called upon to serve a term as president of the Western Conference, of the Association for Asian Studies and similarly of the Western Branch of the American Oriental Society, and in 1974 he was named a life member of the National Committee on U.S.-China relations.

Ultimately, he and his wife retired to Whitefish where over the years he was called upon to serve as a board member of the Glacier Symphony and Chorale, the Stumptown Historical Society and the North Valley Music School. He was several times named Commander of the Local American Legion Post and served as adjutant of the Montana Chapter of the Ex-P.O.W. organization. He was also a member of the local Kiwanis club. Over a period of several years, he was also involved in raising funds for the construction of the city library and the O'Shaughnessy Center. Later he was greatly surprised to be named King Ullr XXXIV of the Whitefish winter carnival, and even more so upon the publication in 2002 of a book of scholarly essays by former colleagues and students titled "Excursions in Chinese Culture, Festschrift in Honor of William R. Schultz."

nese literary figures, the co-editorship of another volume on the poetry of the last imperial dynasty, which included many of his own

He then accepted the position in Taiwan where he and his family resided for the next three years. After one year back in the states, he was posted to Singapore where their son William Rolfe was born. In 1961, he accepted the offer of a teaching position at the University of Arizona in Tucson where over the years he taught a variety of courses relating to Chinese language, literature, history and philosophy. He also served for a time as department head. In addition, he maintained an active research and publishing schedule which included the editorship of 36 individual volumes on classical and modern Chi-

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Darline; his daughter, Erika Astle; his son, William Rolfe; and two grandsons, Ryan Burr and William Astle of Federal Way, Wash.; as well as his sister, Beatrice Nugent; and his brother, Alfred and their children.

A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. on Friday, July 11, at the Whitefish Community Center.

## Doris June (Huston) Scott, 81

Doris June (Huston) Scott, 81, of Pablo, passed away peacefully in her sleep on Feb. 23, 2014, at St. Luke Hospital in Ronan.

Born June 18, 1932, to Stephen Albert Huston and Dora Belle Fox in Everett, Wash., she moved to Montana at a very young age and grew up in the Bigfork and Creston area.

Doris married Clayton Allan Scott on Easter Sunday, April 9, 1950, in Kalispell. They later moved to Pablo, where Clayton worked for the state of Montana as a horticultural inspector. Doris worked at Hanson and Granley Hardware store in Ronan for many years.

Doris "is joining in heaven" her beloved husband, Clayton; her father, Stephen; her mother, Dora; brothers, Robert "Bud" Huston, Lester LeRoy Huston and Norman Lee Huston; sisters, Vera Sampson and Ella Mae Heuscher; and her oldest son, Frank Edwin Scott.

She is survived by one sister, Beverly Loehr, of Payson, Ariz.; a brother, Marion, and Janet Huston, of Richland, Mont.; a sister-in-law, Helen Meston, of Tees, Alberta; two sons, Gerald Jay and



Christine Scott of Kalispell, and Clay Allan Scott of Pablo; one daughter, Nancy Jane, and

Henry Pieper, of Polson; seven granddaughters, Sylvia Rai and Chuck Webb of Ronan, Amy Lynette and Drew Miller of Evansville, Ind., Julie Ann and Canyon Smith, Traci Diane and Matt Bean, and Joni Marie and Ryan Mitchell, all of Kalispell, Brenda Lee and Jamie Shepard, Sarah Lynn and Nathan Lamphere of Polson; three grandsons, Tucker Johns Scott of Kalispell, Scott Emil and Brooke Pieper of Hatch, Utah, and Adam John and Michelle Pieper of Great Falls; 24 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

She was respected and loved as a friend, employee, sister, wife, aunt, mother and grandmother. She will be greatly missed.

A memorial service will be held in Doris' honor at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 8, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Polson. A reception will follow at the church.

## Wilma Arlene Wagner Search, 84

Wilma Arlene Wagner Search "went home to be with her Savior" on Nov. 26, 2014, after a short, but difficult battle with cancer.

Wilma was born in Shelby on Aug. 8, 1930, to Adrian and Ida Wagner. As a teenager, Wilma moved with her parents to Hot Springs where she met and married Robert Search in 1956. They raised their five children in Whitefish.

She is survived by her children, Wanda Hall and Scott of San Antonio, Texas, Cindy Perry of Billings, Robin England and Larry of Whitefish, John Search and Nachele of Sandpoint, Idaho, and Ida



Hamilton and Flint of Gillette, Wyo.

For the last 10 years she lived in Gillette

to be near her daughter, Ida, and family. The summer and fall of 2014 was filled with visits and celebrations with her seven grandsons, five granddaughters, great-granddaughter and great-grandson.

Wilma loved the mountains and flowers. The last days of her life the family quickly gathered and she enjoyed laughing, singing and visiting.

## JoAnn M. Seidel, 82

JoAnn M. Seidel, 82, died July 12, 2014, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

JoAnn had been a homemaker. She is survived by her husband, Richard, and children

Wendy, Leilani, Steven, Ronald and Cindy. A private family celebration of life will be held.

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

## Ruth Handford Scruggs, 86

Ruth Handford Scruggs, 86, died April 30, 2014, in McCrory, Ark.

She was born Oct. 3, 1927, in St. Ignatius to Henry and Ruth Handford. The family moved to Kalispell in the early 1940s where Ruth attended schools and graduated from Flathead County High School in 1945.

She lived in California and Arkansas.

Ruth was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Ralph Handford; sister, Beryl Overton; and husband, Morris Scruggs.

She is survived by her brother, Jim Handford, of Kalispell; and stepdaughter, JoAnne Schaffer, and husband, Gary, of California.

Interment will be in McCrory, next to her husband Morris.



## Ronald Selden, 58

Ronald Selden, 58, of Glasgow, died on Friday, Aug. 29, 2014, near Fort Peck Reservoir.

A loving father and loyal friend, he was born on May 13, 1956, in Corvallis, Ore. He had a rich and varied life that gave him wonderful adventures that he would recount to his rapt family and friends. He was a talented writer and storyteller, which served him well as a reporter for the Missoulian, Great Falls Tribune and later, as a freelance journalist for many publications including Indian Country Today and the Missoula Independent. He had a strong sense of justice and strived to reveal the truth in every situation he covered. He was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize in 1993.

More recently, he went to work for the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks in various positions, until he ultimately took the position of public information officer for Region 6 of the Department in Glasgow where he made many friends. He was an avid outdoorsman and thoroughly enjoyed every place he lived in Montana and elsewhere. He took every opportunity he could to hike, fish, boat and hunt. He felt that he was truly at home and at peace while in the wilderness.



Ron married twice in his life. In 1981, he began a common law marriage with Lisa

Fleischer, which they formalized in 1987. Together they had two daughters, Stella and Cecily. They divorced in 1995. Ron married Beth Brenneman in 1999.

A unique soul, Ron was a very kind man with a deep love of family and friends. He will be greatly missed.

Ron is survived by his daughters Stella and Cecily Selden, and their mother Lisa Fleischer; his wife, Beth Brenneman; father, Charles Selden and Sylvia; and his sister, Karen Addington, and Marc.

A memorial service and potluck meal will be held at the home of Frank and Janet Sucha, who are long and cherished friends of Ron and his family. It will be at 2 p.m. Sept. 7 at 33647 Eagle Pass Trail, Charlo.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Ron's name to Montana Conservation Voters, or HiLine Youth Hockey, P.O. Box 933, Glasgow, MT 59230. For any questions about the memorial, please contact 406-544-2613.

## Howard Sell, 82

On Aug. 2, 2014, Howard Sell of Columbia Falls died at his farm.

Howard was born March 28, 1932, in Winner, S.D. His parents, Henry and Theresa, owned a ranch near Mission, S.D., where Howard grew up with his sister and three brothers.

Howard enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1952 and was honorably discharged 1955. While in the Marine Corps, Howard was trained as a marine diesel mechanic and was stationed in San Diego. After leaving the service, Howard returned to South Dakota and operated a ranch there for many years.

Howard married Ann Randolph Sneed in 1965 and they moved to Columbia Falls in 1969.

Howard was a lifelong Mason. He worked at the Columbia Falls Aluminum Company as an ironworker from 1972 to 1997, when he retired.

Howard was a big, caring man and will always be remembered for his work ethic and generosity to others. Howard's pride and joy was his postcard-



pretty farm on Columbia Falls Stage Road.

Howard was preceded in death by his brother, Gerald Sell.

Howard is survived by a son, Timothy

Sell, of Sausalito, Calif.; and a daughter, Kristie Sell-Gullufsen and husband Patrick Gullufsen, of Juneau, Alaska. He is also survived by his sister, Delores Holmes, of Winner; brother, Donald Sell, of Grants Pass, Ore.; and brother, Gary Sell, of Springview, S.D.

A celebration of life for Howard will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 9, at Columbia Mortuary.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to a Shriner's Children's Hospital of your choice.

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

## Daphne Nicole Sellers, 23

"God in His infinite wisdom and grace plucked our precious and beautiful daughter suddenly from this world of sorrows into His marvelous light and eternal rest for Jesus' sake." Daphne Nicole Sellers, 23, of Great Falls and formerly of Phoenix, "went to be with the Lord" on Saturday, July 12, 2014.

"My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand." John 10:27-28

We thanked God for our brave daughter as she struck out on her own at the age of 19 to move to Phoenix to start a new chapter in her love for life, people and adventure; then her transition back through Great Falls to broaden her horizons. However, "her plans were cut short by a loving God she trusted. Lord, thank you for our precious daughter, Daphne, and the times we spent with her. Thank you for the blessed hope of the resurrection when we will be reunited in God's glory and eternal rest. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Daphne was born Sept. 2, 1990, in Great Falls. She graduated from Great Falls High School in 2008 and went on to attend the University of Montana in Missoula. Over the past five years she worked in hospitality, retail clothing, restaurant and tavern industries. She loved the Lord and was a baptized and confirmed member of Trinity Lutheran Church.

Daphne had an amazing sense of humor and was the "movie line queen." There was not a day that went by during her last



month in Great Falls that Daph and her mom didn't exchange movie lines during casual conversation. We will miss her quick wit. What a cackle Daph was! She also loved fashion. Daphne loved to put outfits together and could do it like a pro. She wanted everyone to look and feel amazing. She also was an avid weightlifter, going to the gym almost daily. ("See ya at the gun show.")

Daphne is survived by her mother, Jill O'Moore, of Great Falls; father, Darryl Sellers, of Great Falls and Jackson, Wyo.; sister, Austyn Sellers, of Great Falls; brother, Isaac Lee, of Great Falls; grandparents, Jean Sellers, and Gary and Rose Shelden; niece, Kyslie Jean Dear; stepfather, Karl O'Moore, of Kansas City, Mo.; stepbrothers, Patrick O'Moore of Oregon, and Mathew O'Moore of South Carolina; and numerous loving uncles, aunts, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her beloved grandfather, Kay Sellers.

Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday, July 27, at O'Connor Funeral Home in Great Falls. Graveside services will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, July 28, at Highland Cemetery, with a celebration of life to follow beginning at 2:30 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, located at 1226 First Ave. N., in Great Falls. O'Connor Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Condolences may be left online at [www.oconnorfuneralhome.com](http://www.oconnorfuneralhome.com).

## John A. Senin, 89

John A. Senin, 89, of Whitefish died Monday, Jan. 27, 2014.

He is survived by his wife, Ann; and children, Christine, John, Mary, Patrick and Monica.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Mon-

day, Feb. 3 at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Whitefish.

Burial will follow services at St. Richard Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

Arrangements are entrusted to Austin Funeral Home.

## Beulah O. Sept, 88

Beulah O. Sept, 88, of Missoula, formerly a long-time resident of Polson, passed away peacefully on Saturday, Feb. 8, 2014, surrounded by her loving family. At the time of her passing, Beulah was under the compassionate care of the staff at Village Health Care Center where she was recuperating after a hospital stay.

Beulah was born March 27, 1925, in Woodward, Iowa, the daughter of Blanche and Roy Blanchard. She was raised in Livingston and graduated from Park County High School in 1943.

While working for the Army Corps of Engineers and then for the Bureau of Reclamation in Fort Peck, she met Alton Sept, who worked for the Bureau of Reclamation as an electrical engineer. They married in Livingston on Aug. 26, 1950, and lived in Fort Peck until January of 1952. At that time they moved to Polson where Al was employed as the power superintendent of the Flathead Irrigation Project Power System. There they raised their two children, Jerry and Kathy, and made many lifelong friends.

After moving to Polson, Beulah enjoyed being a stay-at-home mom. Forever a worker and community-minded woman, she was an active member of the Polson Jayceens, holding the position of state treasurer. She was a Cub Scout den mother for years, even before Jerry started the Scouts. Beulah served as the president of the Women's Golf Association in Polson in the early 1950s and her bowling team won the state B tournament in the '60s. She was a member of bridge clubs throughout her life in Polson and enjoyed many afternoons and evenings playing competitive, friendly games of bridge.



grand-children and great-grandchildren now cherish.

Beulah was known throughout

her life as an extraordinary seamstress. In the years that they lived up Hellroaring Creek on the east shore of Flathead Lake, she would set up her sewing machine in the living room. When the family moved to town on Hillcrest Drive, she had a room of her own for her sewing, where she sewed a variety of items, including clothes for her family. She taught sewing lessons for a time in Polson and would graciously do alterations for friends. In her later years she became a fabulous quilter. Her talent for sewing astounded all, and everyone would cherish a handmade gift from Beulah. Sewing was a hobby she shared throughout her life with her friends, her daughter and granddaughters.

In 1970, Beulah went to work at Security State Bank and was a member of the Polson Soroptimists during her tenure there. She retired in 1984, and for the next 20 years Beulah and Al spent their winter months in their RV traveling throughout the sunny Southwest and Mexico, with some extended trips to Alaska and the eastern and southern states. They sold their RV in 2005, and purchased a park model at Sun Vista Resort in Yuma, Ariz. They made many friends there, and Beulah enjoyed dancing, playing bridge, quilting, going to flea markets and frequent trips to Mexico. In June of 2012, they sold the family home in Polson and moved to Missoula to be closer to family. They purchased a beautiful home in Linda Vista and were busy making it their own.

Active in the Methodist Church, she was a volunteer secretary during Paul Ashbrook's ministerial term and taught Sunday School and Vacation Bible School for many years, and was a Camp Fire leader as well. In the late '60s, Beulah and Al moved to the Presbyterian Church where she enjoyed many years of service in the church community and was famous for her cookies and sewing projects for the church bazaars. In the 1970s Beulah and Al purchased a pool table and had a pool group supper club which gave her many hours of fun with their friends.

Beulah and Al enjoyed the outdoors and spent a lot of time in the Swan Valley. They purchased an old homestead on the Swan River in 1963, and worked tirelessly and joyously to restore the cabin and barn and improve their land. Beulah had wonderful times there with family and friends. Together Al and Beulah created a retreat for the entire family, which

Beulah is survived by her loving husband, Al; her son, Jerry Sept, and his wife, Sandee, of Helena; and daughter, Kathy Devlin, and her husband, Paul, of Missoula. She adored her four grandchildren, Dr. Jennifer Hall and her husband Rick of Missoula, Megann Sept of San Francisco, Ryan Sept of Helena, and Zoe Devlin of Missoula. She was blessed to have two beautiful great-grandchildren, Madelyn and Meredith Hall of Missoula.

Beulah was a well-loved woman, grateful for her wonderful life, and a true and caring friend who will be missed by all who knew her.

A celebration of Beulah's life will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18, at the First Presbyterian Church in Polson. A private graveside service will be held in Missoula at the Western Montana State Veterans Cemetery. Memorials can be made in Beulah's name to an area food bank or the YWCA of Missoula.

## Norma Emma Servo, 78

Norma Emma Servo, 78, died peacefully, surrounded by her family at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell, June 16, 2014, from Alzheimer's disease and complications from a brief illness.

Norma was born to Frederick and Molly Ginter on Aug. 20, 1935, in Fairview, N.D. She was raised on the family farm with her six brothers and sisters. She grew up loving music, and learned to play the accordion from her uncle.

Norma married Garfield Servo in Fairview on Nov. 15, 1953. While he was in the Air Force stationed in England, Norma gave birth to their first daughter, Sheryl, and two years later, their daughter, Joyce, was born. When Garfield got out of the service, they moved to Seattle and had their third daughter, Karen. In 1969 they decided to move the family back to their beloved Montana, choosing the Whitefish and Columbia Falls area to live.

Norma and Garfield played their music locally, along with daughter Karen in the Servo Band for many years. You could always enjoy dancing to their polkas, waltzes, country and two-step music at many area bars and clubs. They worked together on many of Garfield's jobs at his business as Servo Construction.

Norma was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother and home-



maker. She enjoyed her yard, fishing, camping at Kooconusa, singing and dancing, and

playing her accordion.

Norma is survived by her husband, Garfield Servo; and daughters, Sheryl "Sherry" Abel of Kalispell, Joyce Hanson and her husband Darren of Columbia Falls, and Karen Servo of Springfield, Ore. She has five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren that she loved dearly. Grandchildren include Christa Handford of Kalispell, Michelle Thomas of Bend, Ore., Joel Mueller of Vancouver, Wash., and Jake Finsaas of Springfield.

Norma was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Reinhold, Harold and Dale; three sisters, Ella, Alma and Louise; granddaughter, Jennifer Lynn Servo; and son-in-law, Thomas Abel.

A celebration of Norma's life will be held at 11 a.m. today, June 19, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls.

Contributions may be made in care of Garfield Servo, or Our Savior's Lutheran Church.

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

## Donald E. Shaw, 80

Donald E. Shaw, 80, a longtime Libby resident, died Monday, Aug. 25, 2014, at Kalispell Regional Healthcare.

Survivors include his wife Bev Shaw, and children John Shaw, Teresa Johnston and Jim Shaw, all of Libby.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 5, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Libby. Visitation will be from 1 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 4, with rosary starting at 7 p.m. at Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home Chapel.

## Dwight L. Shaw, 88

Dwight L. Shaw, 88, passed away at his home on Sunday, Nov. 2, 2014.

He was born Dec. 18, 1925, in Bismarck, N.D., to Dwight S. Shaw and Margaret (Holcomb) Shaw.

Dwight spent most of his 88 years here in the valley, except the years 1942 to 1945 when he was in the U.S. Navy. After his discharge, he returned to the valley.

In 1949, he married Margaret "Peggy" Ann (Everett) Shaw. They were married for nearly 63 years. She preceded him in death Dec. 25, 2011.

He was also preceded in death by his youngest son, Bruce; his parents; three brothers, George, Don and Robert Shaw; and a sister, Alice.

Dwight is survived by his children, Yvonne Madea and husband Wally, Dwight E. Shaw, Laura Jean Gettig, and Myra Birky and husband Frank, of Kalispell, and a son, Lewis, of Washington state. He is also survived by two brothers, Norman and Richard, of Pablo; and



12 grandchildren, several great-grandchildren, and a few great-great grandchildren; plus nieces and nephews, of which there are



too many to name.

Dwight was a very busy man. For several years he drove Caterpillar for his father-in-law, Loren Everett. He was also a mechanic and a builder among other interests, but in the last 35 or so years, his passion was mining. I guess a person could say that he was a jack-of-all-trades.

A private burial took place Nov. 8 with many relatives in attendance. It was his wish not to have funeral service. "Dwight is now with his loving wife" of whom he really missed these past three years.

Condolences, cards, etc., may be sent to Dwight Shaw, P.O. Box 39, Kila, MT 59920.

## Donald H. Shea, 83

Donald H. Shea, 83, of Libby, died Wednesday, Aug. 20, 2014, at Cabinet Peaks Medical Center.

Survivors include his children Vickie Ramsey of Boise, Idaho; Donna McQueen (Larry) of Kuna, Idaho; Betty Will-

man of Libby; Deb Willman (Ron) of Jamestown, N.D.; and Pete Shea (Dee) of Libby.

Services for Donald will be 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 30, at Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home Chapel in Libby.

## Lucille Virginia Shotwell, 93

Lucille Virginia Shotwell, 93, a longtime resident of Kalispell, passed away on Feb. 8, 2014, in Plains.

She was born Oct. 13, 1920, to Henry and Katherine Hofferber in her parents' home in Laramie, Wyo., where she would eventually marry the love of her life, DeForest Norris Shotwell, who passed away in December of 1971. They were married Nov. 21, 1941. After her husband was discharged from military service as a meteorologist at the end of World War II, he became a music teacher in public school systems with stints in Deaver, Hanna, Rawlings and Douglas, Wyo.

While in Douglas, DeForest, Lucille and daughter Kathy all ran the weather station for Douglas out of their home. The entire family was active in 4-H with projects in gardening, sheep and chicken rearing, sewing and cooking. They moved their six children to Kalispell in 1964.

After DeForest's death, Lucille went back to school and got her education degree from the University of Montana, at the age of 54. She spent many years teaching at the Kalispell Junior High School working with special needs children. After she retired, she then tutored many children out of her home for several more years. Many a child turned adult today still has fond and grateful memories of Lucille turning their lives around.

Lucille loved to knit and cook. She would



make a big fuss about making cookies for when her children and their families would come to

visit. Life for Lucille was not easy after DeForest's death and she became a very independent hard-working, feisty woman; and at the same time very loving to those who mattered to her.

She was preceded in death by two of her three younger brothers, Ken and Edward Hofferber.

Her surviving brother, Donald Hofferber, and his wife Billie, currently reside in Laramie, Wyo. She is also survived by her six children, Kathy Preble and her husband Jim of Cheney, Wash., Lynne Shotwell of Paradise, Mont., DeForest Norman Shotwell and his wife Eleonore of Monroe, Wash., Carol Giamario and her husband Jeff of Mountain View, Hawaii, Susan Lepore of Seattle, and Mary Storaasli and her husband Mark of Cheney. She has 10 grandchildren, Carissa Gipe and Jenny Preble (Kathy), Nathan Shotwell and Molly Klindt (Lynne), Michelle Gallik and Ryan Burgess (DeForest), Carmel Lepore and Layla Lepore (Susan), and Hannah Storaasli and Amanda Storaasli (Mary). She also has 10 great-grandchildren, with one on the way.

A memorial service is planned for later in the spring.

## Donald Curtis Siers, 92

Donald Curtis Siers passed away Jan. 14, 2014, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls, at 92, after a lengthy battle against cancer. He was surrounded by family.

Don was born May 1, 1921, on a farm in Wadena County, Minn., to Harry and Anna Reece Siers. He was the oldest of five brothers and five sisters.

He was drafted into World War II in 1942 and served under Gen. Patton, earning five bronze stars from five major battles including the Battle of the Bulge. Don was also awarded the Good Conduct Medal for his service before he was honorably discharged in 1945.

On Dec. 15, 1952, Don married Joyce Newland in Olyen, Minn., and they celebrated their 61st anniversary in 2013.

Don worked in the logging industry nearly all his working life, most of the time as a sawyer. This work eventually took him to Dixon where he and Joyce lived for 35 years. They made many civic contributions in Dixon, particularly enjoying their work with the senior center.

Don was an expert pinochle player and loved to tell a joke. He always



had one or two handy.

Besides his wife Joyce, Don is survived by his four daughters, Beverly Siers, Sheila Quimby and Bucky, Mary Rackham and

Bill, and Janet Schwegel and Greg; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandsons. As well, four sisters, Pearl, Norma, Evelyn and Ruth, and two brothers, Wayne and Dale, all of Minnesota, survive him.

One sister, Fern; three brothers, Willis, Harry and Ross; and one grandson, Teddy, preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 18, at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. Visitation will run from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Burial will take place at the Montana Veterans Home Cemetery, with full military honors. A luncheon will follow at the First Baptist Church of Columbia Falls, 827 9th Street West, Hwy. 2, Columbia Falls.

## David Shavell, 51

David Shavell, 51, formerly of Kalispell, died Dec. 3, 2014, in Leesburg, Fla., due to cancer.

He was a Teletech manager.

He is survived by his mother, Judy Guralchuk, of Eustis, Fla.

Cremation has taken place.

## James Webster Sherwood III, 78

James Webster Sherwood III, born May 18, 1936, a lifetime summer resident of Glacier National Park, passed away suddenly yet peacefully in his sleep Christmas night, Dec. 26, 2014.

He had only recently left his home in Plandome, New York, last June with his cherished wife Karyn, setting their sights west to spend the rest of their life together in the great outdoors of Montana and wintering in Arizona. He and Karyn were due to move into their new home together only weeks after he passed. His last months on the planet were happy and filled with excitement for this new adventure.

"Jaz" lived his life in magnificent chapters, as he had come to tell the world so vividly about in the many books he penned since he first published in Paris in 1963. His most recent book, "Going to the Sun," about growing



up inside Glacier National Park is sold all over the Flathead at stores and book

signings which will be continued by Karyn. A commemorative book-mark with his signature will be distributed.

His two loves in life were family and the written word. He was also an avid conversationalist, a talent he shared readily with friends and neighbors. You may remember him sharing a story or an observation with a particular pep in his step and flare in his words.

He is survived by his six children, Veronica, Alexandra, Roxanna, Christopher, Jim IV and George; as well as seven grandchildren.

Karyn will continue spending her summers in West Glacier lifted by the legacy her husband left behind.

## Barbara Joan Singer, 80

Our beloved mother Barbara Joan Singer passed away in the arms of family from a rare cancer on Sunday, March 2, 2014, in Mesa, Ariz.

Joan was born in Denver on March 29, 1933, to Carl and Beulah Shelby. She graduated from Cut Bank High School and Montana State University-Northern in Havre with a degree in education. She married Dale J. Singer in 1953. They spent 10 years in Havre before moving to Missoula where Joan taught at Clinton.

Joan was a member of the Orchard Homes Women's Club and the First Presbyterian Church. In 1973, Dale and Joan moved to Bigfork and built a home on the Swan Highway. They went on to found the first newspaper in the area, "The Bigfork Eagle," and Gateway Nursery, where everyone in the community loved to purchase their tomato plants as well as many of their flower-varieties. Joan was active in Eastern Star and the Swan River Extension Homemakers Club in Bigfork.

In 2007, Joan and Dale sold their beautiful Swan home and moved to the Hamilton area. Joan



loved being a member of the Grantsdale Ladies Aid, Presbyterian Women's Association

and choir. For the past several years, Joan wintered in Mesa at The Resort. She sang in the choir, acted in theater and designed gourds. She was a wonderful mother and the picture of grace right up to the moment she took her last breath.

Joan is survived by daughters, Melodee and Doug Burreson of Missoula, and Heidi Stiff of Mesa; son, John and Sheri Singer of Billings; brother, Jim and Sandy Shelby of Washington; sister, Marlene and Floyd Hooley of Missouri; 16 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren and one on the way.

A memorial was held in Mesa on March 8. On June 28, a second memorial will be held in Hamilton at the First Presbyterian Church. Memorial contributions in her name may be made to Marcus Daly Hospice Services, 1200 Westwood Dr., Hamilton, MT 59840.

## Janis Louise Singer, 79

Janis Louise Singer, 79, died Feb. 24, 2014, at her residence in Kalispell.

She is survived by her daughter, Brenda Roskos.

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

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Judy Mae Sizemore, 64

Judy Mae Sizemore, 64, passed away Nov. 2, 2014, at her Columbia Falls residence.

Judy was born April 4, 1950, in Wallace, Idaho, to Buddy and Naomi (Dubia) Sizemore. She was raised in the Flathead Valley and had worked in the fiscal department at North Valley Hospital for the past 27 years.

Judy was preceded in death by her parents, Bud and Naomi Sizemore; and sons, Larry and Ron Benner.

Judy is survived by her siblings, Frank Sizemore, of Columbia Falls, David and Judy Sizemore of Kila, and Susan and Ray Bridwell of Columbia



Falls; and two granddaughters, Lisa Benner and Makayla Benner, of Columbia Falls.

A celebration of life for Judy will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 8, at Journey Church. Urn burial will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

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

## William Robert 'Bill' Sizemore, 59

William Robert "Bill" Sizemore, 59, of Columbia Falls, passed away peacefully in his sleep from pneumonia on Dec. 26, 2013, in Sequim, Wash., where he was living at the time.

He was born Nov. 6, 1955, in Wallace, Idaho, to Buddy and Naomi Sizemore. Bill spent his childhood in Kalispell. Bill graduated from Flathead High School in Kalispell in 1974.

He married Bonnie Davis in 1974 and they later divorced. They had one son, Charles Sizemore.

Bill loved sports his whole life. He and his brother Frank spent many a weekend in Missoula cheering on the Grizzlies. In his free time Bill was involved in bowling leagues and loved to play pool.

He was preceded in death by his parents, father Buddy Sizemore, mother Naomi Sizemore; both sets of grandparents; and two nephews.

Bill is survived by his son, Charles "Chuck" and wife Kaylee Sizemore of Laguna Niguel, Calif., brother Frank Sizemore of Columbia Falls, brother David and wife Judy Sizemore of Kila; sister Judy Sizemore of Columbia Falls, sister Susan and husband Ray Bridwell of Columbia Falls, and their families.

A memorial will be held for Bill at 1 p.m. Monday, July 28, at the Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls. There will be a gathering following the service at Bill's brother Frank and sister Judy's home, 1390 Florence St., Columbia Falls, MT 59912.

## Derald Glen Smith, 75

Derald Glen Smith of Calgary, beloved husband of Nancy (married 1970), passed away in Agape Hospice of cancer on June 18, 2014, at age 75 years, surrounded by family and friends.

Derald was born June 18, 1939, in Polson.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by half sister Deena Zachritz, daughter Denise Gonzalez (Arnie) and granddaughter Alexis, of Jackson, Calif.; niece Maureen Ammondson, husband Greg, son Zoe, of the Missoula area; nephew Patrick Foley, wife Amy, sons Kell and Colin, of Seattle; grand-nephew and -niece Bryan and Jennifer Foley, and brother-in-law Robert Jones of Missoula.

He was predeceased by his sister Hazel Foley, mother Elsie Culver, father Les Smith, and nephew Kevin Foley.

Derald's half-century career included 35 years teaching at the University of Calgary prior to his 2006 retirement. Derald completed Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degrees at the University of Montana at Missoula (1965 and 1966) before becoming a faculty member at Southern Colorado University, Pueblo (1966-67). He moved on to graduate studies at McGill University (1967-68) and the Johns Hopkins University (1968-71) leading to a Ph.D. from Johns Hopkins University in 1973. Derald earned an international reputation as the leading authority on anastomosing rivers — a distinct type of multi-channeled and stable river pattern found in low-gradient conditions such as deltas, but also for his pioneering work on ground-penetrating radar. His research has had a wide impact on numerous fields including ecology, biology, water management, engineering, geophysics and environmental protection.

Derald was awarded the Royal Canadian Geo-

graphical Society's 2014 Massey Medal by Alberta Lt. Gov. Donald Ethell. Established in 1959 by the Massey Foundation, the Massey Medal is awarded annually by the Society to recognize outstanding career achievement in the exploration, development or description of the geography of Canada.

After his university retirement, he set up Derald G. Smith Consulting Ltd. and continued to research and consult for national and international oil and gas companies.

Alpine skiing was always his passion, along with playing the banjo, roller-blading, kayaking and hiking. After leaving university teaching he joined the Alberta Masters Ski Club, carving up the slopes in national and international races, resulting in his selection for the Canadian Masters National Team. He was named CTV Calgary Athlete of the Week, Feb. 24, 2012. In addition, he was a longtime leader in the Alberta 55 Plus Winter Games. His motto, demonstrated vividly by his accomplishments, was always to "seize life while you're still vertical."

In his words, "I was so grateful that I was able to help and mentor so many students in a way that has contributed to their lives being extraordinarily productive and rich."

A private celebration of Derald's life will be held later this month.

Condolences may be forwarded to [www.mcintoshandholloway.com](http://www.mcintoshandholloway.com).

Derald will be deeply missed by countless students, colleagues, family and friends.

In memory of Derald, please donate, online or by mail, to the Adenoid Cystic Carcinoma Research Foundation (ACCRF) ([www.accrf.org](http://www.accrf.org)) P.O. Box 442, Needham, Mass., 02494.

In living memory of Derald Smith a tree will be planted at Fish Creek Provincial Park.

## Geraldine 'Jerry' Smith, 79

Geraldine "Jerry" Ann Smith, 79, passed away peacefully on Jan. 8, 2014 with her son by her side.

Jerry was born on April 18, 1934 in Stanley, N.D. to Thaddeus "Theodore" and Eva Goulet. She grew up in Minot, N.D. with her sister Patricia "Pat" and graduated from the Sacred Heart Academy in Minot, N.D. She married Don D. Smith on Oct. 10, 1952 in Portsmouth, Va.

Jerry and Don raised their four children, Donna, Anthony, Cecilia and Mary in Kalispell and after Don's retirement enjoyed many years together traveling to Mexico and Hawaii as well as their "snow bird" home in Yuma, Ariz.

Jerry had a deep faith in the Lord and was a devout Catholic. She taught her children to pray and to trust in Him whenever they encountered difficulties.

Jerry was a wonderful gardener and seamstress. She enjoyed square dancing and ballroom dancing. She would dance around in the kitchen holding her newborn grandchildren. She took great pride in her children and grandchildren and would show them off to all she would meet. Jerry was an accomplished homemaker and excellent cook, and always went out of her way to ensure her family was happy and loved, especially at the holidays. She was also extremely



talented with many crafts, including painting, ceramics, crocheting blankets and cross

stitching pictures. She enjoyed giving her creations to her family and friends including her personal signature on them. Her gifts will always be treasured.

Jerry is survived by her devoted husband, Don of 61 years; her son, Anthony Smith; daughters Mary Nowlin and Cecilia (Wayne) Bringer; her grandchildren Bill, Brianne, Katelyn, Rachel, Sydney, Abigail and Domininc; three great-grandchildren; and her sister Pat Jam.

Jerry is preceded in death by her daughter, Donna Smith, and her parents.

Visitation will be held at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 14 at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home in Kalispell, with a rosary service at 7 p.m. A Funeral Mass will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 15 at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, with burial to follow at Conrad Cemetery. A reception will follow at the Moose Lodge.

To send condolences to the family please visit [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com)

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home caring for the family.



## Joan Fetherston Skelton, 85

Joan Fetherston Skelton, 85, died of natural causes at Brendan House in Kalispell on Monday, June 9, 2014.

She is survived by her daughter, Laura Dickerson, of Kalispell; her husband Charles "Chuck" Dickerson.

A rosary will be said

at 7 p.m. Monday, June 16, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 12:10 p.m. Tuesday, June 17, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Joan Skelton, 85

Joan Skelton, 85, passed of natural causes on June 9, 2014, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She was born in Radville, Saskatchewan, and was a strong spirit that loved the outdoors, swimming, horses, dogs and the prairie.

Joan attended nurses training and became a registered nurse. She later became an airline stewardess, as a nursing degree was required for this work.

She met Eugene "Len" Dorosz on one of her flights and they married in 1955 and lived in Regina, Saskatchewan. She was required to leave the airline when she married and became a school nurse for several years. They moved to Southern California where they enjoyed the warm weather and a lifestyle of travel together.

She was inquisitive and highly intelligent, choosing to tackle the new career of building contractor when she was in her 50s. Of course, she succeeded! She was an avid reader, witty and able to find the humor in any situation. She found her joy in the Pacific Ocean where she would swim as often as possible.

She is survived by her daughter, Laura Dickerson of Kalispell; her husband, Charles "Chuck" Dickerson; granddaughter, Amber Dickerson of Palm Springs, Calif.; grandson, David Dickerson of Kalispell and his partner, Savanah Wool-



ery; sisters, Beryle Nesbitt of Calgary, and Kathleen (Keen) Maier of Regina; sister-in-law,

Roxane Skelton, of Regina; and five great grandchildren, many nieces, nephews and great-nieces and -nephews.

Joan was preceded in death by her husband, Eugene "Len" Dorosz; her parents, Murray and Sadie Skelton; her brother, Murray Skelton; and her brothers-in-law, George Maier and John "Jack" Nesbitt.

The rosary will be said at 7 p.m. on Monday, June 16, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 12:10 p.m. on Tuesday, June 17, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church.

The family wishes to express their deep appreciation to the entire Brendan House staff who gave dignity, joy, health and tender care to Joan during her ten months in residence.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Montana Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation, c/o Lion Dennis Kopitzke, P.O. Box 1266, Forsyth, MT 59327.

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

## David Bishop Skillman Jr., 78

David Bishop Skillman Jr., known as "Skilly," passed away peacefully at his home, the Diamond Bar-B Ranch, in Ferndale on Sept. 10, 2014, under the sad and watchful eyes of his devoted companion, Colleen McCabe, and beloved pets, "Charlie" and "Frankie."

Skilly was born on July 10, 1936, in Easton, Pa., to David Bishop Skillman and Frances Skillman.

Prior to pursuing higher education, Skilly enlisted in the Army as a private and served in Korea and Japan under Gen. Daniel B. StICKLER from 1955 to 1957. During his service, the general somehow allowed him to play golf with President Eisenhower which greatly increased Skilly's status amongst his fellow soldiers. He never forgot his Army buddies and remained an ardent supporter of veterans throughout his life.

Upon returning home, Skilly graduated from Lafayette College in 1961.

Skilly made instant and lasting friendships with a gravelly baritone greeting and blinding smile that won hearts immediately. A born salesman, he got his start with Alpha Portland Cement, moved to Car and Driver magazine, and then joined the world of television with CBS in New York City. It was in New York that he also met the love of his life, Heidi Ruth Hjertstrand, a beautiful Swedish Pan Am flight attendant, whom he stole from the arms of Frank Sinatra. When Skilly was transferred to Chicago, he found he couldn't live without her, and they married in 1973.



his Indian teepee or staying in "The Overflow." This was his vision of being a "recluse." He prided himself on establishing a flourishing organic veg-

etable and fruit garden, specializing in perfect tomatoes. Most recently he added a chicken coop and a beautiful pond stocked with Montana trout. Unsurprisingly, Skilly made many new local friends during his last years in the Bigfork area, and wanted each and all of them to know how much joy they brought into his life. Montana provided him with a contemplative and natural environment and the opportunity to work outdoors which gave him enormous happiness.

Skilly's generosity of spirit was matched by his deeds, and on innumerable occasions throughout his life, he quietly provided financial assistance to those who needed his help. An accident suffered by his dog "Charlie" sparked one such charitable idea. Only days after Charlie had been acquired, he jumped out of the back of Skilly's truck, badly breaking one of his legs. The surgery to fix the leg was very expensive, which caused David to wonder how people could afford to pay such high cost care for their pets. So he decided to establish "The Charlie Fund," whereby donations to the fund would be distributed to a local veterinary hospital.

The Skillmans returned to New York and settled in Cedarhurst, Long Island, in 1974, where Skilly joined and held court on the back porch of the Rockaway Hunting Club, to everyone's delight. In addition to capturing a golf championship, he served with distinction as a governor.

His sales career continued its trajectory when he joined 20th Century Fox. He had an extraordinary run selling advertising for "M.A.S.H." This was followed by great opportunities with Turner Broadcasting from which he retired in 1992, when he lost his beloved wife to non-Hodgkin's lymphoma after 25 years of love and devotion. He considered her love his greatest gift.

Friendships were most important to Skilly. He was honored to be godfather to 22, and "good father" to some 33 children. In lieu of birthday, graduation, wedding and other attendance requirements and gifts, he took them on an African safari in 2001. Photo ops of wildlife and wild times were all chronicled on video and camera by the kids — a trip they will remember for the rest of their lives. People magazine wanted to cover the event as well, but as usual, Skilly's generosity was kept low key, and he turned the magazine down.

After Heidi's death, Skilly ultimately found the solace he was seeking when he visited the Bigfork area for the first time. He so loved its glistening lake and beautiful mountain wildernesses. He chose an idyllic spot on the Swan River, and went about transforming it into a mini dude ranch for his hundreds of visiting friends, whom he made sure had the time of their lives exploring Glacier Park, fishing, riding his ATVs and camping in

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to "The Charlie Fund", c/o of the Whitefish Animal Hospital, 245 W. Second St., Whitefish, MT 59937.

David was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Heidi; his parents, David Bishop Skillman and Frances B. Skillman; and his sister, Judith B. Roseman.

He is survived by his dear brother, Willis B. Skillman, of Naples, Fla.; and his nephews, Andrew Skillman of Butte, Robert Skillman of Reston, Va., Stephen Skillman of Hingham, Mass., and William B. Chapman Jr., of Sunnyvale, Calif., his great-nieces, Mary Elizabeth, Catherine, Caroline, Margaret and Maxine; and numerous cousins.

Skilly is also survived by his loving companion of 20 years, Colleen McCabe, whom he affectionately called, "The Nurse." His friends called her "the Saint." She adored him from the day they met and loved him unconditionally.

Nobody had a better friend than David Skillman. He contributed generously to the quality of life of those with whom he came in contact. His sense of humor brought laughter and smiles the world over. As one of his godchildren said, "Skilly will be missed across the globe, from the U.S. to Scandinavia to Australia, and everywhere in between." We are all diminished by his passing, but our wonderful memories of him will be with us always. He was not a tough guy, but he left jagged tracks in the concrete ... and gentle tracks in the sand.

A celebration of life service will be held on Saturday, May 30, 2015, at the Diamond Bar-B Ranch. Time and details will be released at a later date.

## Robert C. Skjold, 59

Robert C. Skjold, 59, died at his home in Kalispell on July 17, 2014.

No services are planned at this time. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Carolyn June Slack, 71

Carolyn June Slack, 71, passed away at her home in Columbia Falls on Monday, Oct. 13, 2014.

Carolyn was born Dec. 19, 1942, in Great Falls to William and Florence Crail. She married John "Jack" Steven Slack in Sandpoint, Idaho.

She was a wonderful wife and mother. She always kept a warm and welcoming home. Carolyn loved and cherished the time spent with her grandchildren. She was so very proud of them and their accomplishments.

She and John shared a very memorable 54 years together, enjoying each other's company. Carolyn loved the time she spent with her sister-in-law Bonnie Craft (now deceased). They enjoyed the local musical events and quilting together. Carolyn loved spending time with family, sharing her love for canning and outdoor activities that included cone picking, huckleberry picking and fishing. She loved the holidays. It meant bringing family and friends together to share memories and create new ones.

Her pets held a special place in her heart. She loved them all. Jewel is her special little pup. She is going to miss Mom immensely.

Carolyn also enjoyed the local casinos and visiting with her girls.



She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Florence Crail;

sister, Sharon Biehl; brother, David Crail; and sister, BillyJo Crail.

She is survived by husband, John "Jack" Steven Slack; daughter, Robin Grosswiler, and husband, Clinton, of Kalispell; daughter, Jackie McFarland, and husband, Jeff, of Kalispell; daughter, Shannon Young, and husband, Jim Young, of Olympia, Wash.; son, John S. Slack Jr.; grandchildren — Robin's children, Darcy, Trevor, Dieter and Kimberly; Jackie's children, Nicole, Jesse, Ashley and Jeffrey; Shannon's children, Jackie, Justina, Janelle and Jack; great grandchildren, Tessa, Jager, Kiya and Rylee; brothers, Don Crail, and Ron Crail and spouse Willie; brother-in-law, Ray Biehl; and numerous loving nieces and nephews.

No services will be held at this time.

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

## Bernice Roberta (Pearson) Slater, 95

Bernice Roberta (Pearson) Slater "was carried away on the wings of angels to her heavenly home" on Feb. 16, 2014.

Born April 18, 1919, she was the sixth of 14 children born to William Arthur Pearson and Leona Ester Cornelison Pearson of Ronan.

In November 1939, she married Les Slater, the love of her life, and their union brought two loving daughters into the family.

To know Bernice was to love her. She lived life to the fullest and embraced any challenge that came her way. Bernice and Les started numerous businesses in the Flathead. They were the first Volkswagen Dealer in the Pacific Northwest where she kept the books. They established the Little Brown Church in Bigfork where her roles included choir director and Sunday School superintendent. They developed what is known by many as "Streeter's Corner" across from the Brown Church where she ran the Glacier Freeze. After a 1965 move



Cold Storage, and then on to Juneau, Alaska, where she worked in payroll for the State of Alaska. She and Les also managed the gas float in Juneau. They returned home to Bigfork in 1978.

Following Les' death in 1995, she spent many winters in Yuma, Ariz., where she made many wonderful friends. Bernice's faith was always the focal point of her daily life. Her positive approach to life was an inspiration to everyone, especially her family. If anyone needed encouragement or uplifting, she was

to Spokane, she operated Lindy's Restaurant downtown. From Spokane, their ventures took them to Petersburg, Alaska, where she plied her book-keeping skills for

the person to go to. She was a living example of what she believed. Some of her fondest memories were fishing with her "Daddy" in the Ronan area when she was growing up and she never lost her love of the sport. She played high school basketball and refereed girls' basketball for a year after graduating high school. Bernice wrote beautiful poetry inspired by her many travels. A talented and generous hostess, she loved entertaining and made sure there was always plenty of food. No one ever left Bernice's table hungry. Her many other pastimes included golf, music and gardening. She will be especially remembered by her family and friends for her infectious laugh, and her wonderful sense of humor will be keenly missed.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 57 years, Leslie B. Slater; parents, Arthur and Leona Pearson; brothers, Wayne, Clem, Grant, Clair, Max, Vance, Keith and Stewart; sisters,

Blanche Bullman, Marie Bullman, Erma Slater and Vida Janke; and son-in-law, Richard Guthrie.

She is survived by her brother, Burton of Moses Lake, Wash.; daughters, Myrna Hostak and husband Don, and Bonnie Guthrie-Ross and husband Lloyd, all of Bigfork; grandchildren, Mark Hostak of Charlotte, N.C., Lisa (Hostak) Rasband and husband Al of Maple Valley, Wash., Tod Guthrie and wife Kaci of Boise, Idaho, and Jodi Guthrie of Vancouver, B.C.; great-grandchildren, Taylor and Grace Hostak, Blake Hudson, Chelsea and Shelby Guthrie, and Alex, Nicole and Matthew Michie.

Bernice's family extends a special thanks to the wonderful and caring staff at Lake View Care Center in Bigfork.

Please join us for a celebration of Bernice's life at 1:30 p.m. on June 14 at the Little Brown Church in Bigfork.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the Bigfork QRU.

## Thomas Robert Sloan, 84

Thomas Robert Sloan, 84, died Wednesday, April 9, 2014, at his home in Kalispell.

Services are planned for a later date. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Leslie Duane 'Bud' Slyter, 93

Leslie Duane "Bud" Slyter passed away Saturday, Dec. 27, 2014, in Kalispell.

He was born Sept. 21, 1921, in Fargo, North Dakota, in St. John's Hospital to Leslie Laurence and Myrtle De Walt Slyter. Shortly thereafter the family moved to Williston, North Dakota, where he attended grade school and two years of high school. In 1938 the family moved to Kalispell where he attended Flathead County High School and graduated with the Class of 1940.

He joined the National Guard in Kalispell in 1940 and his unit, Company F 163rd Infantry Regiment, was activated into federal service in July 1940. They trained at Fort Lewis, Washington, and embarked for Australia by ship shortly after the attack on Pearl Harbor. His unit served under Gen. MacArthur in campaigns that took them from Australia to New Guinea, Borneo and the Southern Philippines (Layte). He rose in the ranks from private to staff sergeant in charge of 32 Infantrymen. For his service he received the American Defense Service Medal, Asiatic Pacific Service Medal and the Philippines Liberation Ribbon with one Bronze Star and a Purple Heart. He served a total of 3 and a half years in the South Pacific. He was honorably discharged in 1945 to resume civilian life. His military service was a source of great pride for him.

After his return to the Flathead, he and his father went into business together and purchased the Skylark Bar which was located where the Montana Club now stands. He also attended the University of Montana but left after his freshman year to pursue a career in insurance with the Walter Woods Corporation for 32 years, ascending to ownership of the company and retiring at the age of 58.



resided until his passing. A huge thank you goes out to the dedicated and caring staff at the Vets' Home in Columbia Falls. What a wonderful bunch of folks.

In February of 2013 his son Michael returned to the Flathead to live so he could spend more time with his dad. They had so many great times together in that short time. It was a truly a "divine appointment" and a blessing to both of them. Through the later years of Leslie's life at his home he enjoyed visiting, and really, "BS-ing" with his two favorite nephews, Dan and Richard Roe. It was told to me recently that Richard and Les were two kindred spirits that fed off each other. Dan was instrumental in helping his Uncle Bud and Michael with so many things. His help is greatly appreciated. Les always loved it when his grandsons came to visit. A trip to Cattleman's was always on the list to play pool. The three of them also liked to sit in the backyard and watch as Leslie's son completed the list of repairs on the house Les had made for him. Les also had many great neighbors who would hang out with him in the backyard and were all honorary members of the "Bull Shippers Club."

"In eternity, Leslie will join his wife Joan, father Laurence, mother Myrtle, sisters Francis Roe, Shirley Otenstror and Betty Vandover, and grandson Andrew Michael Slyter. Andy's sitting on Grandpa's lap right now!"

etables and many fruit trees until her passing in 1998.

Leslie went into the Montana Veterans Home in September 2011 where he

## Verna Alma Smade, 101

Verna Alma Smade, 101, "went home to heaven" on Friday, Dec. 26, 2014.

She was the daughter of Andrew and Julia (Eggers) Rockelman; born on Dec. 8, 1913, in Jefferson City, Missouri. She was a baptized child of God.

Verna is survived by her daughter, Susan Stark and Bill and their children: Suzanne Elliott and Wayne and their children Stephanie and Sam; Paul Stark and Kim and their children Kara, Shelby, and Gideon; Lisa Bloom and Ryan, and their children Connor, Taylor, and Tessa; Krista McKee and Blaine, and their children Blaine Walter and Eva; John Stark and Mickey; David Stark and Lisa; and Michael Stark. Verna was blessed with seven grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Verna was a loving grandmother and shared many baptisms, birthday parties, boat trips, and sporting events with her loved ones. At 100 years of age she was knitting potholders for every family.

Verna loved her Lord. She was a member of



Trinity Lutheran Church, Kalispell, and walked up to the communion rail on her 101st

birthday. She wanted to go home to heaven and "God gently answered her." She was able to kiss and say goodbye to daughter Susan, son-in-law Bill, and granddaughter Suzanne; then "she closed her eyes on earth and opened them in heaven."

In eternity, Verna joins her husband Gene L. Smade; sisters Pricilla Beck, Irene Meier, Miranda Beck; and brother Ralph Rockelman.

Verna loved God for 101 years, and "now she is with Him for eternity." Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

A celebration of life service will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 30, 2014 at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Friends are encouraged to visit the website at [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com) to leave notes of condolences for the family.

He met and married the love of his life, Joan D. Duval, in 1958. He graciously adopted her son Michael to raise as his own. This led to many wonderful years fly fishing the North Fork, hunting pheasants and ducks in the fall, ice fishing lakes all over Western Montana, and probably first on his list, golfing at Buffalo Hill Golf course. He loved it and spent many a summer day there. Fortunately, and not by coincidence, he and Joan bought a house on North Main just down from the golf course. Dad was active in so many areas during his life and he always said, "Name it. I've done it. Not great, but good." He and Joan enjoyed many years together fishing, camping and raising flowers, veg-

Leslie leaves behind his son, Michael, and his children, Adam and Jenn Slyter, and Cody and Emily Slyter; nephews, Dan and Jill Roe, and Richard and Lisa Roe; niece, Leslie Ann and Curt Lund and many great-nieces and -nephews.

A celebration of Leslie's life will come later in the spring of 2015. His grandson Cody is currently serving his country in North Africa and is not available now.

If you'd care to make a donation to the Flathead Valley Animal Shelter in Leslie's name that would be great. He really liked animals. I'd also like to thank Chandra, Cathy and Cassandra at Kalispell Regional Medical Center Hospice. What a great and compassionate group you are.

## Anita Christine Murchie-Smith, 66

Anita passed away in her sleep in the early evening of Wednesday, Aug. 6, 2014, in Kalispell, at the age of 66, after being diagnosed in 2013 with ovarian cancer.

Anita was born on Friday, Nov. 21, 1947, at St. Mary Hospital in San Francisco, to the late Raymond and Verna Dusté. She remained in San Francisco throughout her childhood where she would graduate with honors from George Washington High School in 1966.

Anita worked for many years in a broker firm in California before moving to Spokane in 1977, where she began her career in real estate and raised her children. Anita remained in Spokane throughout much of her life where she met the true love of her life, Lee Cranston Smith. Anita and Lee were married in 1994 in a ceremony among family and close friends. Lee was diagnosed with lung cancer in 2004, and in her true character, Anita never left his side. Lee Cranston Smith passed away on March 3, 2006. Anita soon moved to Kalispell where she would live with her sister and loving family.

Anita was blessed with a natural gift of music and was an exceptional flutist. She enjoyed dancing, pool, bowling and trivia. Anita was fond of the ocean and lighthouses, and she loved animals.

Anita was actively involved in several community services throughout her lifetime, including the Moose Lodge (#161, #1922) where she earned their highest and



esteemed honor of College of Regents, which she was always very proud of. She loved the

Moose dearly and if one so desires, they may honor her memory and make a charitable donation in Anita's name to: Moose Charities, 155 S. International Drive, Mooseheart, IL 60539-1100.

Anita is survived by her three children, Brian of Whitefish, and Richard and Carolyn, both of Spokane; brother, Marc and his wife, Helen, of San Francisco; sister, Lois and her husband, Jim, of Kalispell; grandchildren, Amanda and Derek of Spokane, and Nichole of Auburn, Wash.; nephews, Robbee and James, and nieces, Laura, Tracey, Carly and Sami-Jo, all of Kalispell; and many loving relatives and friends.

Anita will be remembered for her warm and outgoing personality. She would frequently strike up conversations with complete strangers and visit with them like they had been friends for a lifetime. Anita always had a special gift with people and would take the time so others would feel happy and welcome.

Anita and Lee will have their ashes spread together as they both requested. "They will be together eternally in Paradise."

Memorial services are set for 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 4, at the Moose Lodge, 2158 U.S. 2, in Kalispell.

## Barbara C. Hutchinson Smith, 59

Our beloved Barb Smith passed away at her Lakeside home Aug. 21, 2014, following a brief, courageous battle with cancer.

Barb was born March 19, 1955, in Rock Springs, Wyo. She was raised on a livestock ranch just outside of Cokeville, Wyo., where her lifelong love of animals began. The family moved to Montana's beautiful Flathead Valley when she was in high school.

An accomplished equestrian in both Western and English riding styles, Barb managed her own riding and training stable for many years. She was also a real "dog person." Several years ago she discovered the joy of English Springer Spaniels. Her affection for "critters" also extended to wildlife, which led her into the nature photography field that became her vocation for the last several years of her life.

She had a love of music and sang with the Glacier Chorale for years. Barb had an abiding fondness for the cinema



which she shared with her brother Mike who was also her best friend. She was an

extremely loving person devoted to and extremely loyal to, and protective of, her family and close friends. Honorable and honest to fault, if she said she was going to do something, she did it — period! A person always knew exactly where they stood with her.

Barb was preceded in death by her father, Bill.

She is survived by her mother, Esther, of Lakeside; brother, Michael, of Kalispell; niece, Michelle, and her husband, Rob Marvin, of Helena; nephew, Brian Hutchinson, and his wife, Stacey, of Thompson Falls; and grand-nephews, Aidan and Kiran Marvin and Liam Hutchinson.

The family request any memorials in Barb's name be made to the Artists and Craftsmen of the Flathead.