

Joyce Geraldine Heggen Eastlund, 82

Joyce Geraldine Heggen Eastlund, 82, died peacefully on April 13, 2015, at Brendan House in Kalispell after a long illness.

Joyce was born Sept. 21, 1932, to Fred and Lena Heggen in Saskatchewan, the oldest of five children. Her family moved to Havre, then to Kalispell when she was a young girl.

Joyce graduated from Flathead County High School in 1950, and three months later married the love of her life, Hollister "Holly" Eastlund. One rarely saw one without the other. Joyce and Holly were married for more than 64 years until Holly passed away last November. They raised two boys, Gary and David.



Joyce loved being a wife and mother, hosting large family gatherings,

entertaining their numerous friends and spending the summers at their cabin on Ashley Lake. She kept a beautiful home, and always managed to make the most of what they had.

While raising her family, Joyce found time to work outside the home. She worked at Hendrickson Motors, then was a longtime bookkeeper at Bitney's Furniture, where she developed a long-lasting friendship with the Bitney family. Later she was head teller for several years at First

National Bank.

Playing bridge was always one of her favorite pastimes. For years she played with a close knit group of friends, who did much more than play cards ... parties, birthday luncheons, outings. Any excuse to be together and do something silly and fun was their motto.

Joyce and Holly enjoyed the last 25 years living at Village Greens, golfing and socializing with many of their lifelong friends as neighbors. There was always a get together at someone's house!

Joyce and Holly loved to travel, and were fortunate enough to visit many different places around the world. After retirement, they spent many winters in Arizona, traveling in their RV, and gambling at any and all casinos along the way. But they were always happiest to return to their comfortable home and family and friends in Kalispell.

Joyce was preceded in death by her parents, soul mate Holly, son David, and sister Beryl.

She is survived by her son, Gary and wife, Ginger, of McMinnville, Oregon; grandchildren, Sam Eastlund of Boise, Idaho, and Sarah Eastlund of Missoula; her siblings, Shirley Lybeck of Kalispell, Wayne Heggen and wife Arlene of Seeley Lake, and Jerry Heggen and wife Kathy of Missoula, brother-in-law, Russ Garvin, of Kalispell; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, April 17, at Epworth United Methodist Church, Kalispell. Interment will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

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

19 Mar 2015

Courtney (Calvert) Ebaugh, 92

Courtney (Calvert) Ebaugh, 92, passed away March 9, 2015, in Lewis-town.

She was born to Bill and Agnes Calvert of Stockett, Montana, on Feb. 28, 1923, in Great Falls. The family later moved to Trego. She completed her schooling in Eureka in 1938.

In 1942, she married Vernon W. Gregoroff. They had one son, Vernon T. Gregoroff.

She lost Vernon in 1944 during World War II; he was buried in France. She married Matt Stoken of Graves Creek, Montana, in 1946. They traveled to different states while Matt worked as a plumber and pipe fitter. They also sold Christmas trees for many years. She was a secretary and model while living in Pasco, Washington. Matt passed away in 1969.

She worked at the Eureka Drug Store until she met and married Harold Ebaugh in 1971. She welcomed his children Jon "Buck" and Lana to the family. She continued to sell Christmas trees with her son Tom (Vernon) as Courtney's Evergreens in Havre. Harold passed away in 2006. She then



moved to Laurel with son Tom and his wife LuAnne. Courtney was very active in

Eastern Star, Daughters of the Nile, and getting the Rural Interbell telephone company started in Eureka. She made numerous trips to Washington, D.C., on the company's behalf. She enjoyed gardening, fishing, and berry picking in her spare time. She was preceded in death by her parents, Bill and Agnes; and two brothers Lorne and Lyle.

She is survived by her son Tom and daughter-in-law LuAnne; three grandchildren, Tammy, Vern and Brandi; eight great-grandchildren, Bridget, Levi, McKenzie, Kal, Conner, Cole, Charlie and Logan; four great-grandchildren, Colt, Kimber, Dakota and Cooper; one brother, Keith, and Goldie Calvert; one sister, Wilberta Calvert; numerous nieces and nephews; and stepchildren and their families.

Memorial services will take place at a later date.

Harvey H. Ebel, 71

Harvey H. Ebel, 71, died in Kalispell on Aug. 23, 2015.

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

Marjorie Jean Edley, 76

Marjorie Jean Edley, 76, died Monday, April 6, 2015, at her home in Columbia Falls.

There are no services planned at this time. Columbia Mortuary is caring for the family.

12 Aug 2015

Phillis Florence Parr Edmiston, 87

Phillis Florence Parr Edmiston passed away Friday, Aug. 7, 2015, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

Phillis was born at home under the water tank in Somers, to Gordon and Freda Parr in 1928. She attended school in Somers and graduated from Flathead County High School in Kalispell in 1946.

After graduation she worked for four years as a teller, then as secretary to the President and Vice-President of Conrad National Bank in Kalispell. She married Vice-President James G. Edmiston in September 1951.

After starting a family, she and Jim moved to Scottsdale, Arizona, where Jim built the Bank of Scottsdale in 1960. In 1963, they returned to Montana to raise their family and run Edmiston Land & Cattle Co., raising registered Herefords on land north of Kalispell.

She cherished her memories of growing up in Somers and swimming at Somers' Beach, as well as summers spent at Six Mile Estate on Swan Lake, and Edmiston's Woods Bay Point on Flathead Lake.

Phillis was a loving wife and mother who enjoyed her children's interests, along with a variety of hobbies. She was a wonderful,



enthusiastic homemaker, bread baker, quilter, and skilled seamstress, as well as an expert,

energetic knitter. Her passion in recent years was knitting miles of yarn for the R.S.V.P program, donating hundreds of hats and mittens to children. She was also a 50-year-plus member of PEO, Chapter C.

Phillis was preceded in death by her parents; daughter, Janel; sister, Clarice; brother-in-law, Col. Lynn "Sam" Lee, and sister-in law, Norma Happ.

She is survived by her husband, James G. Edmiston, and daughter Marla Edmiston of Kalispell; son, James G. Edmiston III and wife Marni, of Billings; granddaughter, Katie Edmiston-Luoma and husband Cory, of Whitefish; and grandson Gray Edmiston of Twin Bridges; nephews, Rick Lee, Lynn Lee, and Craig Happ, and nieces, Norice Lee and Laurie Happ.

Private graveside services will be held at 10 a.m Wednesday Aug. 12, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Camp-Mak-A-Dream at www.camp-dream.org.

12 May 2015

Evelyn Marie Fletcher Edwards, 84

Evelyn Marie Fletcher Edwards passed away peacefully at her eldest daughter's home in Corvallis, Oregon, on April 24, 2015, at the age of 84.

Evelyn was born May 26, 1930, in Malta, the daughter of Clarence and Hannah Fletcher. She attended high school in Libby until she was married on July 28, 1946, to Martin Julius Edwards, who had just returned from World War II.

Making their home on the Bobtail Cutoff, Martin and Evelyn raised a family of four children in Libby with Martin working as a sawyer and Evelyn as a postal clerk. She had made her home in Oregon with her daughter for the past 17 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Martin, in 1982; her father, Clarence, in 1972; and mother, Hannah, in 1984.

Evelyn is survived by her sister, Elaine Fletcher Fitzpatrick; her daughters, Connie and Mona; and her sons, Wayne and Julie, and Lance and Ruth. She is survived by eight grandchildren, Danny, Jesse, Laurie, Hollie, Jaimie, Gini, Kristi and Allison; 14 great-grandchildren, Nicole, Chelsea, Halee, James, Ashley, Hope, Daniel, Brooke, Chelsea, Logan, Jocelynn, Kaitlin, Lillian and Edwin; and two great-great grandchildren; Cadence and Jaida.

Evelyn was cremated at Crown Memorial in Salem, Oregon, and a celebration of her life will be held in mid-June when the family is able to gather in Corvallis. A ceremony will be held, shortly thereafter, in Libby, as she is laid to rest by Martin. The family will notify relatives and friends when the dates are certain.

16 Jun 2015

Shirley Ann Finrock Elam, 74

Shirley passed away Dec. 20, 2014, peacefully with her granddaughter by her side.

"She is now with her Lord." She fought a hard battle from several surgeries from a broken leg after a fall at home. Shirley was 74 years young when she left the ones she loved.

Shirley was born Feb. 15, 1940, in Council Bluffs, Iowa, to Roy and Eulabelle Thompson. Shirley was raised by her grandmother, Icy Hull, after her parents divorced. She moved to Cook, Nebraska, when her mother remarried to her new dad Philip Doeden. Shirley and her brother Floyd were then joined by her sister Janice and brother Danny. On their farm, Shirley milked the cows and tended to the chickens with her mother. She attended a country school where she rang the bell every day.

Shirley married Clarence Finrock in April 1959. She later moved to Whitefish. They built their own home on the property they bought. Together they had three children, Scott Finrock, Bonnie Finrock and Sue Lytle. After the death of Clarence, Shirley remarried to Jerry Elam which brought in two more daughters to the family, Corina and Nickie. After Jerry passed, Shirley fought and won her battle with breast cancer.



Over the years, Shirley enjoyed watching her daughter and granddaughters show their

horses in 4-H and in other shows. She had the best advice to give — just try hard, do your best and have fun.

Shirley enjoyed entering her exhibits in the local fair, including her grand champion scarecrow and her prize-winning rooster. Watching her son restore old cars and watching her daughter work horses were a big joy for her to see the finished project.

Shirley is survived by her three children, grandkids Kristen and Timothy House; great-granddaughters, Audree McLaughlin, that she loved so dearly, Gabriel and Tiffany Pena — she loved spending the time she had with them — grandson Rick Pena, stepdaughter Nicki Boykin and her family, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 1 p.m. June 20 at the family home in Whitefish, with a potluck reception following the service. Any memories and condolences may be sent to the family at 210 Reservoir Road, Whitefish, MT 59937.

Our loving mother is so greatly missed. We love you Mom and Granny Poo.

25 Mar 2015

Cerilda Ellis, 102

Cerilda Cecelia Anna Jasch Ellis, of Trout Creek, passed away Saturday afternoon, March 21, 2015, at Clark Fork Valley Hospital, Plains, at the age of 102.

Cerilda was born Jan. 6, 1913, in Elma, Iowa, the first child of Ernst and Emma Boehmer Jasch. She completed her schooling in Detroit Lakes, Minnesota, and worked there until she met Richard Wilson Ellis, and after a brief courtship they were married on May 13, 1950 in Duluth, Minnesota.

After traveling around the Midwest and Western states they settled for a short time in Coos Bay, Oregon, where their daughter, Winona Ann, was born and they made their way back to Minnesota for a time before more traveling took them through Missouri, Texas, California, Washington and Idaho and finally their ultimate destination of Kalispell, in 1963.

Following the passing of her husband in 1971 she began work at the Flathead County Courthouse in the treasurer's office where she later retired. She enjoyed walking



and traveling, as well as beadwork, crocheting and gardening, which she did until age 99. She

moved to Trout Creek nine years ago to be near her family.

Cerilda is survived by her daughter, Winona, and Bruce Wortley, and grandson Tyrel Wortley, of Trout Creek; a sister and brother, Gladys Wilke, and Don and Esther Jasch, of Detroit Lakes; brother, Virgil Jasch, of Fargo, North Dakota; and one sister-in-law, Ruth Ellis, of Duluth.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, a brother Orval, and a sister Rose.

Services will be held at 11 am. Friday, March 27, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Thompson Falls. Interment will follow at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell at 3 p.m.

Sunset Hills Funeral Home in Thompson Falls has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Elizabeth 'Betty' Marie Emerson, 100

Elizabeth "Betty" Marie Emerson, 100, died Sept. 6, 2015, in Spokane.

A funeral Mass will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, at St. Joseph's Catholic

Church in Otis Orchards, Washington. Interment will follow at 3 p.m. at St. Joseph's Cemetery.

Thornhill Valley Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Douglas 'Doc' Ellis, 50

Douglas Scott Ellis passed away on June 6, 2015, of natural causes in Missoula.

Doug was born Aug. 7, 1964, in Havre, to Yvonne and James Ellis. He was the last of five children born to the Ellis household. Yvonne, employed at Flathead High School for 27 years, was fondly remembered by high school students as "Ma Ellis." All five of her children went to high school every day with their mom and even with her last child, Doug, she never missed an activity or event, she was Doug's biggest cheerleader. The beautiful Flathead Valley is where Doug called home and his family wishes him peace after extended health issues.

Doug graduated from Flathead High School in 1982 and his 6'4" frame was a major contributor to the Flathead Braves winning the State Basketball Championship. Doug was awarded the MVP award and for anyone who can recall, every game of that state tournament was a nail biter. The state playoffs were televised from Billings and every household in the Flathead was tuned in.

Doug was nicknamed "Doc" Ellis throughout his baseball career, again, as a major contributor to winning seasons for the Kalispell Lakers baseball team, as a pitcher. He was picked up by the Pittsburgh Pirates farm team with a 92 mile an hour fast ball and continued with baseball in Miami, Florida, into his twenties. His family and friends



were very proud of the achievements he attained at such a young age.

Doug married a local Columbia Falls girl, Beverly Chapman, in 1989 and they moved to the Seattle area. They were blessed with two beautiful children, Alek and Timothy. Doug was very proud of his children. Alek has her father's big heart and Tim has inherited athletic abilities and he is very successful on his high school lacrosse and football teams.

Doug is preceded in death by his parents, Yvonne and James Ellis.

He is survived by his children, Alek Ellis, of Vancouver, Washington, and Timothy Ellis of Irvine, California; four siblings, Kenny Ellis and Pam, of Kalispell, Sharon Ellis, of Palm Desert, California, Terri Klindt, and Warren, of Gillette, Wyoming, and Bob Ellis of Kalispell; nephews, Joel Ellis, Jeff Klindt, Ryan Daley and Chris Daley; nieces, Monica Sidener, Megan Ellis, Heather Burford, Morgan Daley and Angie Brown; and eight grandnephews and six grandnieces.

A memorial for Doug Ellis will take place with his children at a later date.

Sympathy and condolences can be sent to Alek Ellis at 3510 Kauffman Ave #F, Vancouver, WA, 98660. If you have a great story to share about Doug, write it down and send it to his children.

June 21

26 Jul 2015

William 'Bill' D. Emmert, 83

Bill Emmert, loving father, devoted husband, brother, Mr. Fix It, innovator and avid ice fisherman, died Wednesday, July 8, 2015, from respiratory failure in Douglas, Wyoming.

He was born April 11, 1932, in Wolf Point, to George and Martha Emmert.

Bill was a member of the National Guard and worked as an autobody repairman before going to work for Superior Buildings Co. in Columbia Falls as production and maintenance superintendent and was there for more than 30 years. While there, he was responsible for designing and constructing two large sawmills from the ground up after two devastating fires. Bill finished his career as production manager at Pacific Studs in Cimarron, New Mexico.

Although he never had a high school diploma, he never let that stand in the way of his learning and success. Through self-study he became an accomplished electrician.

In his youth, it was indeed the test of one's patience and temperament that would lead to the "Wild Bill" nickname, as with most of us, he was prone to colorful displays and antics that would leave himself and others laughing after things cooled down. He loved some of the most disgusting foods like fried green tomatoes and Limburger cheese. He hated Easter eggs hidden in his shoes, some hard boiled and some not.



er. Even though Geri struggled most of their married life with serious health issues, Bill rarely complained. Bill was a master

disciplinarian, as it would only take one thump to the melon with his sausage-sized fingers to straighten up their four knot-headed children. Make no mistake, Bill loved his family more than anything in the world. He constantly reminded everyone that his greatest joy was the hunting, fishing and camping trips he spent with his wife and kids.

Bill quietly lived his faith by selflessly giving all he had to family, friends and strangers. He freely shared his God-given talents to help anyone in need. There is likely very few of us that did not have a fender dent fixed or an engine repaired by his capable hands. Bill taught us to be generous, compassionate, resourceful and, most of all, to love one another, quietly and patiently in deed and in truth. He will be dearly missed but never forgotten.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, George and Martha Emmert; his wife, Geri Emmert; nephews, Glen Speer and Robert Eyre; great-nephew, Erin Emmert; and grandson, Joe Reid.

As his friends and co-workers will attest, he was a mechanical marvel. He always said that he was blessed to have had the privilege of working with the most colorful, talented people over his career. While that is true, he managed to amaze them all with the equipment and gadgets he could pull together from a wrecking yard and a pile of scrap iron.

Bill married Geri Newbury on Sept. 7, 1952. The two enjoyed and endured all that life would bring for nearly 58 years togeth-

8 Feb 2015

Caryl Joy Empie, 82

Caryl Joy Empie, formerly of Lewistown, passed away in Columbia Falls on Feb. 6, 2015, after a battle with lung cancer.

She was born Oct. 29, 1932, in Derrick, North Dakota, to Vern and Esther (Anderson) Clover.

She is survived by her five children, Robert of Kalispell, Brian of Kalispell, Terri and Bryan Block of Kalispell, Lynda and Joe Peters of Columbia Falls, and Brad and Theresa of Lewistown. She is also survived by eight grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband,

Robert "Bob" Empie. Caryl enjoyed hiking with friends in Glacier National Park. She also enjoyed animals and was especially passionate about dogs, as evidenced by her 20-plus years of operating Glengarry Kennels.

Cremation has taken place.

At her request, there will be no funeral services, but a private family memorial will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to Northwest Airedale Terrier Rescue, 3235 Bonham St. S., Salem, OR 97302.

Bill is survived by his four children, Kathy and Roger McFadden of Columbia Falls, Tina Reid of Douglas, Wyoming, Scott and Monica Emmert of Kalispell, and Terry and Katie Emmert of Douglas; brother, Don and Joyce Emmert; and sister, Shirley and Evan Speer, all of Columbia Falls. He is also survived by numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, July 31, at Hope Church at 436 Birch Grove Road in Kalispell.

Beulah A. (Bylsma) Erickson, 89

Beulah A. (Bylsma) Erickson "stepped into the presence of Jesus" on Sept. 24, 2015, at age 89. Beulah was born in Lynden, Washington, to Charles and Nancy Bylsma. She graduated from high school in Seattle at 16, and from Simpson Bible College at 19. She married Harold Erickson in 1945 and moved to Montana. She spent her lifetime mentoring women, as well as children's Bible clubs, and cooking for summer Bible camps and retreats. She loved playing the piano and organ for churches while she lived in Trego, Billings, Savage, Belgrade, Bigfork and Casper, Wyoming.

She offered outstanding support for Harold in startup churches in Trego and Belgrade. She also worked fervently behind the scenes when Harold helped establish Dickey Lake Bible Camp, Yellowstone Alliance Bible Camp, several Christian radio stations and Mountain Top Ministries.

Beulah is survived by six children, Joy and Steve Stumbo, Elaine Erickson, Bruce and Ann Erickson, Marvin and Deb Erickson, Donna and Grant McDowell, and Doris and John Reese; 15 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild; sister, Jeanne, and Dave Greene; and brother, Bud, and Pattie Bylsma. She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, and brothers, Percy, Pat, Bernard and Otto. Memorials can be made to Mountain Top Ministries, 13705 Cottonwood Canyon Road, Bozeman, MT 59718. A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Oct. 5, at Dokken-Nelson Funeral Service in Bozeman. A committal service and interment will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 6, at Bigfork Community Cemetery in Bigfork. Arrangements are in the care of Dokken-Nelson Funeral Service, www.dokkennelson.com.

7 Oct 2015

LaVonne Ertz, 77

On June 26, 2015, LaVonne Ertz, 77, "graduated from this life on earth to eternal life with God in heaven." She died in the comfort of her daughter's care at Tamie and Dan Hollingsworth's home in Anchorage, Alaska, with her husband of 57 years, Ralph Ertz, by her side.

LaVonne was born in Sandpoint, Idaho, on Nov. 25, 1937, to Laurence and Maxine Lautaret. She was the oldest of four children. She spent most of her childhood in Kalispell, where she received a high school diploma in 1956, from Flathead County High School. After high school, she attended Pacific Bible College in Portland.

In 1958, she married Ralph Ertz. They raised three children, Tamie, Ralph and Lonita. In 1970, they moved to Anchorage where they resided for more than 30 years. In 2007, LaVonne and Ralph returned to the Flathead Valley to care for her mother and aunt. Most recently, Ralph and LaVonne enjoyed traveling between their homes



in Kalispell, and Patagonia, Arizona, and up to Alaska for visits with family and friends.

LaVonne was perhaps the most positive, pleasant person one could ever meet. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and friend. She constantly marveled at the glory of God's creation, insisting on being outside whenever possible. She enjoyed bird watching, gardening, taking long hikes, hunting and fishing with her husband, or just sitting on the porch with a dish of her favorite ice cream (maple nut) watching the wildlife around her.

Those who knew LaVonne knew that she couldn't contain her love for God. She happily shared the Gospel with those around her and traveled all over the world to share God's love with all people. Some of the countries she visited included Africa, Chile, Peru and Guatemala. On

those trips, she helped to build new homes, schools and churches and taught children about the Bible. In Alaska, she ran a bus ministry, bringing families without transportation to her church to hear God's Word. She was truly a good and faithful servant to God.

In addition to the missions' trips, LaVonne had lots of other adventures in her life. In Montana, she and Ralph ran a 100-mile trap line (with the children in tow!). She spent many summers helping Ralph on their commercial fishing boat in Bristol Bay, Alaska — something not very many women were willing to do. She was never afraid to take on a new challenge.

For a living, LaVonne sold real estate and eventually became a broker with her own office. She also sold health supplements of Matol and Monavie and Weekender clothing on the side.

LaVonne was preceded in death by her parents, Laurence and Maxine Lautaret; her grandson, Dustin Hollingsworth;

and her son-in-law, Bradley Wainwright.

LaVonne is survived by her husband, Ralph Ertz; her children and their spouses, Tamie Hollingsworth and Dan, Ralph Ertz Jr. and Tami, and Lonita Wainwright-Fisher and Rob; her siblings, Carolyn Tulowitzky and Clyde, Larry Lautaret and Rena, and Rita Stein and John; her grandchildren, Nathan Hollingsworth and Lauren, Autumn Loken and Nic, Topaz Hollingsworth, Caleb Wainwright, Levi Wainwright, Dakota Wainwright, Jordan TeSelle and Jake, Ryan Ertz, and Dalton Ertz; three great-grandchildren, Vera and Noah Loken and Hayden TeSelle; and many beloved nieces, nephews and great friends.

A gathering to celebrate her life will take place at 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, at Hillside Church, Highway 93, Whitefish.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Hillside Church Guatemala Missions Fund.

Cecile Evanson, 85

Cecile Evanson, 85, of Kalispell, died Friday, June 3, 2015, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

Services will be held in Havre.

A wake will be held in Rocky Bay.

10 Feb 2015

Julia 'Judy' Eva (Trosper) Evenson, 95

Judy was born on Oct. 11, 1919, in Pomeroy, Washington, to Benjamin Carlos and Jeanne Dinkins Trosper.

She passed away peacefully on Feb. 1, 2015, in her new apartment at Timber Creek Village at the age of 95, after a difficult battle with congestive heart failure.

She spent her early years on the family farm outside Pomeroy. She had many experiences and close encounters with the many rattlesnakes that live there! Her mother died when Judy was just 9 years old and after that she spent school years with an aunt in Clarkston, Washington. Later the family moved to Kellogg, Idaho, where her father worked in the mines and then on to Kalispell. She graduated from Flathead County High School in 1937.

She met and fell in love with Wallace G. Evenson and they married Dec. 15, 1938. Wally was drafted into World War II and was in the European front when their son, Jay, was born. Wally was captured by the Germans on their wedding anniversary. After the war, they continued to live in Kalispell, staying there the rest of their lives. In 1947 they added a daughter, Pamela, to the family. Judy and Wally were married 55 years when he passed away in 1994.



baptized in 1951 as Jehovah's Witness. Judy enjoyed telling people about Jehovah

and the love He and his son have shown for mankind in making it possible for people to have everlasting life on the paradise earth promised in the Bible. Even in the hospital Judy was concerned about people she had been visiting with about the Bible's message and her inability to go see them. She looked forward to the fulfillment of Revelation 21:3,4 when death will be no more, and John 5:28,29 where it promises a resurrection to life.

We look forward to seeing her again in perfect health with her family all around her here on a paradise earth. This was her sure hope from the Bible.

Judy was preceded in death by her parents, Benjamin Carlos and Jeanne Trosper; two infant brothers; her stepmother, Lula M. Trosper; husband, Wallace Evenson; infant daughter; son, Jay W. Evenson; grandson, Bret Shanks; and great-grandson, Victor Estes.

Judy always had a big garden and at times even two gardens. She loved to hunt and shot many deer, elk and antelope over the years. She stopped hunting at 89 because of vision problems. She also developed a reputation around the valley as an artist. Oil and acrylic painting were her favorites, but again her vision forced her to stop doing what she loved. She was always very active and her family had to scold her for getting up on her patio roof in her late 80s to shovel snow off!

Early in the 1950s, they started studying the Bible and developed a deep love for their Creator and His faithful son, Jesus. They were

Survivors include daughter Pamela, and husband, Bob Shanks, of Whitefish; granddaughter, Toria Benet, and her husband, David Estes, and their children, Alec, Samuel and Olivia, of Anderson Island, Washington; grandsons, James and Lindsey Shanks and their daughter Morgan of Lakewood, Colorado, great-grandson Chance Malcom of Nevada; Randal and Susanne Shanks, their children Kaidan and Makenna of Everett, Washington, and Joel and Dawn Shanks of Missoula and their children.

A memorial service will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 14, at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses at 1100 West Reserve Drive, Kalispell, with a reception to follow at the Guest House Suites Winchester Room (formerly the Outlaw Inn).

Kenneth Eugene Eyre, 78

Longtime Whitefish resident Kenneth Eugene Eyre passed away peacefully in his sleep on Tuesday, June 9, 2015, around midday after a prolonged battle with asbestosis. He died with his daughter Marianne by his side in his apartment at Prestige Assisted Living in Kalispell. Kenny was 78 years old.

Kenny was the first child born to Everett "Blackie" Preston Eyre and Margaret Theresa Eyre in New Deal, Montana, on Oct. 10, 1936. He didn't remember New Deal as the family soon moved, but it was fitting that Kenny, a man with great fervor for history, had roots in a town named for such an influential policy. Two years later, the family grew to include his brother Wayne, followed by Maxine, Lorene and Arvin. During his youth, the Eyre family relocated to various towns across Montana in pursuit of Everett's job as a rural electrician, spending time in Richey, Glendive, Willow Creek and Bozeman, among other places.

In 1954, Kenny graduated a Glendive Red Devil and moved to Whitefish, where he landed a job with the Great Northern working on the Empire Builder as a brakeman. He hadn't planned to become a railroader but with the encouragement of friends and family it became a lifelong career. After an impressive 42 years of service, he retired as a conductor for Burlington Northern Santa Fe.

In Whitefish, Kenny



met and married Carol Jean Newbury in 1958. Together they had five children,

Dale, Michael, Robert, Marianne and Kay. Kenny ensured that the entire family could typically be found enjoying the wilderness of the Flathead Valley in their free time. He deeply appreciated and loved his close friends and was the first to lend a hand in times of need.

After retirement from the railroad, he chose to enjoy the rest of his life pursuing his passions. He traveled, continued taking photos, joined singing groups, went dancing, performed on his trumpet, and became ever more involved in the Moose and Eagles lodges.

Kenny was preceded in death by his parents, Everett and Margaret Eyre; brother, Arvin Eyre; sister, Maxine Ford, and son Robert Eyre.

He is survived by his brother, Wayne Eyre and Robin; sister, Lorene Mateo and Paul; and children, Michael Eyre, Dale Eyre and Gloria, Marianne Buller and Delmer, and Kay McDonnell and Aaron, as well as his 19 grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. on Monday, June 15, at the United Methodist Church in Whitefish, followed by a reception at the Eagles' Lodge.

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