

Deborah 'Debby' Leigh (Ellingson) Hacker, 62

Deborah "Debby" Leigh (Ellingson) Hacker, 62, died Saturday, Nov. 7, 2015, in Kalispell.

She is survived by her

husband, Fred Hacker, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

A memorial gathering will be held in the summer

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Margureite Hermoine Hervol Hader, 88

Margureite Hermoine Hervol Hader, 88, passed away on Sept. 14, 2015.

She was born Oct. 12, 1926, to Michael and Francis Hervol, the 12th of 13 children on their homestead seven miles north of Dodson, Montana. Marge was the last surviving member of this large family.

As a young girl she lived on the homestead "out north" of and attended school in Dodson. She lived winters in a boarding house in town in order to go to school. Some of her fondest memories were of her life on the farm north of Dodson.

Marge met her future husband Jack Hader at a dance in the summer of 1948 and they were married on Jan. 15, 1949, in Dodson. They moved to Columbia Falls in 1956 when Jack got a job working on the Hungry Horse Dam. Ten children were born into the marriage.

Marge worked her whole life. She was a waitress in several places in the Flathead. She worked at Anthony's clothing store and the Gambles store on Main Street in Columbia Falls. Later she worked in the kitchen at the Montana Veterans Home for several years and she finished her work career with the Council on Aging in Kalispell.

She was an avid sports fan and spent many hours on bleachers watching her kids and grandkids play a variety of sports. As a lifelong New York Yankees fan, she especially loved



watching her sons and grandsons play baseball.

Marge was preceded in death by

her parents; five brothers and seven sisters; her husband, Jack, in 1995; her son, Larry, in 1989; and daughter, Kathy, in 2008.

She is survived by her children, John and his wife Kip, Lance and his wife Sharon, daughter-in-law Jamie, daughters Debbie, and Tama and her husband Mark, Chris and his wife Debbie, Mark, Brad and his wife Chrystal, and BJ and his wife Crystal. She is also survived by 29 grandchildren, 42 great-grandchildren with two more due this fall; and by many nieces and nephews.

We would like to thank the people at Brendan House who loved and cared for her — you know who you are. Thank you.

There will be a viewing from 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 18, at Columbia Mortuary with a rosary service at 7 p.m. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, at St. Richard's Catholic Church; burial will follow services at St. Richard's Catholic Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Columbia Falls Baseball Association or Wildcat Endowment Fund.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for Marge's family.

Kerry K. Hafer, 59

Kerry K. Hafer, 59, of Kila, died June 17, 2015, of natural causes.

He was a millwright and ironworker.

He is survived by his wife, Sandy Hafer, of Kila; and stepchildren, Amy

and Richie of Kila, and Tonya of Golden Valley, Minn.

A celebration of life will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 11, at 565 Hoffman Draw in Kila. A potluck will follow.

Edna L. Hagadone, 81

Edna L. Hagadone, 81, died Nov. 15, 2015, in Kalispell.

She is survived by her husband, Harold; daughter, Mary Evelyn Degg; and sons, Lloyd and

Kenneth Hagadone.

At her request, there will be no services.

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

Sally A. Hagadone, 56

Sally A. Hagadone, 56, died May 1, 2015, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

Services will be held at

a later date.

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

Greta Maree Hale, 77

Our loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Greta Maree Hale, 77, passed away Sunday May 31, 2015 in Whitefish, Montana, of progressive supra nuclear palsy, a Parkinsonism.

Greta was born on Feb. 28, 1938, in Glendive, to Ole and Earleen Zinke. She was the oldest of four children. At the age of two Greta and her family moved to Kalispell and thereafter to Whitefish. Greta graduated from Whitefish High School in 1956.

In addition to raising four children, Greta worked in the Big Mountain Ski Shop on the Big Mountain for the Hindermans and later owned and operated the Big Mountain Ski Shop from 1972 to 1995. Greta could often be found working tirelessly in the ski shop; often before the sun came up and until late into the evening. Greta was many times the first up and the last down the mountain. Greta will always be remembered and respected for her many contributions to the Big Mountain.

Greta had a passion for life and her children. Greta's children and grandchildren were everything to her. If Greta wasn't with her children or grandchildren, you could find her working meticulously in her yard or planting flowers. When she was done there, you were likely to find her at her children's homes doing the same. Greta was loved and appreciated for many things including



her famous whitetail Swiss steak, oatmeal butterscotch cookies and huckleberry dessert,

but mostly for her constant love and support of family. Even towards the end, Greta always put her children first.

Greta is survived by her daughter Naomi Hagar and Vic of Whitefish; son Alrick Hale and Sherri of Whitefish; son Toni Hale and Kim of Gig Harbor, Washington; daughter Nancy Nicholson and Rob of Whitefish; grandchildren Ashley Nadeau and Erik, Justin Pacheco and Katie, Marni Kirkemo and Chris, Kalin Hale, Spencer Hale, Ryder Hale, Keaton Nicholson, Haley Nicholson; great-grandchildren Wyatt Nadeau, Clayton Nadeau; sister Shirly Silliker and Jack, brother David Zinke and Laurie and numerous nieces, nephews, sister-in-law and brother-in-law Sydnie and Paul Watson, sister-in-law Pat Zinke and extended family.

She was preceded in death by her grandson Hunter Martin Hale, her parents Ole and Earleen Zinke, her brother Ray Zinke, sister-in-law and brother-in-law Sandi and Tom Unger.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, June 8, at Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish followed by a luncheon.

Austin Funeral Home is caring for Greta's family.

William 'Bill' Hale, 87

William "Bill" Hale, 87, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, passed away peacefully with his family at his side on Sunday, April 26, 2015, at his home in Kalispell.

He was born Feb. 27, 1928, in Afton, Wyoming, to Malinda and William Lloyd Hale.

Bill was a devoted member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

He joined the U.S. Navy at 15 years of age and served two years in the South Pacific on the USS Gallatin as a radar operator and ship's photographer. After being discharged, he attended Art Center College of Design, majoring in motion picture science.

After graduation from Art Center, Bill met and married Kathryn Sorenson in the St. George Temple. Bill and Katie raised six children in California but wanted to fulfill a lifelong dream of moving to Rollins to build a log home. After 40 years of happiness and hard work, Katie passed away in her log home overlooking beautiful Flathead Lake. Bill was alone for two years, then was blessed when he met Barbara. They were married on Aug. 11, 2001, in the Cardston, Alberta, Canada Temple. Barbara was by his side to care for



him though all of his health concerns.

Bill went to work for Northwest Montana Human Resources as an audio video specialist with the cable



company for 14 years. Then AT&T hired Bill to operate Channel 9, the community channel airing the city council meetings live every Monday night and producing other video productions to be aired on Channel 9.

Bill is survived by his wife, Barbara, of 14 years; children, David Clair Hale, William Christy Hale, Rande Scott Hale, Lori Kathleen Grimes, Julie Ann Widtfeldt and John Boyd Hale; three stepchildren, David, Marjorie and Cindy; and a sister, Marilyn Pearce Bangarter; 19 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Bill's grave will be dedicated at 11 a.m. Tuesday, May 5, at Lakeview Cemetery in Polson.

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

Reedy R. Hall, 80

Reedy R. Hall "passed into the arms of his heavenly Father" March 20, 2015, at home in Aztec, New Mexico, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born Oct. 30, 1934, in Vertrees, Hardin County, Kentucky, and raised in Elizabethtown, Kentucky.

Reedy was an incredible musician and entertainer, and played music throughout Kentucky and Tennessee. In 1962, he moved to Montana where he met and fell in love with his beloved wife, Joan E. "Joanie" Durham Hall. Reedy and Joanie played music in Kalispell, and Reedy worked as a disc jockey hosting a country music show. They married Sept. 12, 1964, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Kalispell. They were later sealed for time and all eternity in the Provo, Utah, Latter-day Saints temple.

Reedy attended the University of Kentucky in Lexington, and the University of Montana where he received his master's degree in business and math in 1968. He loved teaching, but his real love was music and entertaining. Reedy and Joanie played music together in their band, Reedy Hall and the Hallmarks, and toured throughout Montana, the Western United States and Canada. They played music for many summers in Seeley Lake, which was Reedy's favorite place.

In 1978, Reedy and Joanie bought The Country Palace nightclub in Flora Vista, New Mexico, where they played music and entertained for many years. Reedy had friends in Nashville, Tennessee, and booked many of the biggest country music artists to play at the County Palace and San Juan County Fairgrounds. In 2007, Reedy and Joanie sold the Country Palace, and traveled throughout the United States sharing precious time together until July 2014, when Reedy became seriously ill.



was also a devoted member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Reedy is survived by his beloved wife, Joan E. Durham Hall; his son, Michael R. Hall, and wife, Anita, of Elizabethtown, and sons Drew, Sean and Logan; son, David R. Hall, and his wife, Kelli Mullin Hall, of Winthrop, Maine; son, Daniel C. Hall, and his love, Sonia Salgado, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, and his children Siera, Brooklynn and Nicholas; and daughter, Brenda L. Hall, of Missoula, and her children, Trebor Riddle and Blaise L. Hall. He is also survived by his dear sister, Alene Martin, of Elizabethtown; and numerous sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, David E. and Lena M. Hall; brothers, Staley, Bernie and Jodie Hall, and baby daughter, Hillary H. Hall.

He will always be loved and deeply missed.

Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. today, March 27, at Brewer, Lee and Larkin Funeral Home, 103 E. Ute St., in Farmington, New Mexico. There will also be a visitation at the church from 1:00 to 1:45 p.m. on Saturday, March 28, prior to the service.

Funeral services for Reedy are at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 28, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 505 N. Oliver, Aztec, New Mexico, with Bishop Jon Kelly conducting. Interment will take place on April 3 at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

The Hall family especially thanks Dr. Robert Burns, and Jackie Livingston, R.N. and all the wonderful caregivers at Guardian Angel Home Health.

Bradley John Hall, 87

Bradley John Hall, 87, passed away peacefully in his sleep at home on May 29, 2015.

Brad was born in Antigo, Wisconsin, on March 26, 1928.

Brad had been a dairy farmer during his younger years. Earning a teaching certificate, he then taught all eight grades in a Wisconsin one-room rural school. In 1967, he, with his wife, Geraldine, and the four older children moved to the Navajo Reservation, where Brad and Gerry taught in the Many Farms, Arizona, schools for the Bureau of Indian Affairs. During that time he earned his Master of Arts in Education degree from Northern Arizona University.

In 1972, the family transferred to the Southern Pueblos Agency where he was a teacher for the next 15 years.

Brad retired to Kalispell in 1987 where he once again enjoyed the outdoor activities of camping, fishing, hunting and gardening, as in his earlier years.

A favorite hobby was harmony singing. He had

been a member of the barbershoppers choral groups, including the Valleyaires, for more than 38 years, as well as church and neighborhood choirs.

Bradley is survived by his spouse of 60 years, Geraldine (nee Van Mullem); also by his six children, James Hall, of Trinidad, Colorado, Philip Hall and Debra of Savage, Minnesota, Susan Marincel and Joseph of Flower Mound, Texas, Theresa McHarny and Andrew of Albuquerque, New Mexico, Timothy Hall and Regan of Centennial, Colorado, and Jonathan Hall and Carmen of Nine Mile Falls, Washington. He is also survived by 15 grandchildren.

A scripture reading service will be held at 7 p.m. Sunday, June 7, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Mass Of Christian Burial will be held at 12:10 p.m. Monday, June 8, with burial following services at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

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

Katherine Lucille (Snyder) Hall

A memorial service and celebration of life for Katherine Lucille (Snyder) Hall, 61, who died

Nov. 2, will be at 1 p.m. June 9 at the Southside Lions Park in Kalispell.

In addition to being a musician and entertainer, Reedy was a loving husband, father and grandfather, and dearly loved his extended family and friends. Reedy greatly enjoyed spending time outdoors, especially boating and skiing with family and friends. He

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the LDS Perpetual Education Fund, 1450 N. University Ave., Provo, UT 84604, or a charity of your choice.

Reedy's services are entrusted to Brewer, Lee and Larkin Funeral Home, 505-325-8688. Should friends desire to send condolences to the family, they may do so at www.serenityandcompany.com.

William Keith Hall, 76

It is with great sorrow that we announce the passing of our loving husband, father and grandfather, William "Bill" Keith Hall.



in Montana has a special meaning to the entire family and Bill created many memories

He peacefully left us on Friday, Jan. 9, 2015, with his loving wife of 47 years, Janis (nee Almini), by his side. Bill is also survived by his daughters, Shannon and David Burch, and Shelly and Scott Zenew; grandchildren, Pierce and Kayden Burch; and brother, Gary, and Marilyn.

in these glorious natural surroundings.

We would like to thank the staff at Villa Caritas Hospital and Capital Care Grandview for the compassionate care they provided both Bill and his family.

Bill was born on Sept. 29, 1938, and raised in Turner Valley, Alberta, and Kindersley, Saskatchewan. After graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Montana and a Master of Science degree from the University of Calgary, he dedicated his life to preserving threatened animals in Alberta. After working 31 years with the Alberta Government Fish and Wildlife, he retired in 1997.

There is one thing Alzheimer's cannot take away, and that is love. Love is not a memory — it's a feeling that resides in your heart and soul.

Please join many family and friends as we celebrate Bill's freedom from the chaos of Alzheimer's disease at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 19, at Sherwood Park United Church, 20 Fir Street, Sherwood Park, Alberta.

In his leisure time, Bill could be found teaching young curlers, coaching competitive teams and umpiring the game he loved. Flathead Lake

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Bill's memory to the Alberta Wilderness Association (albertawilderness.ca), Alzheimer's Society of Canada (alzheimer.ca/en), or Baycrest Foundation (baycrest.org).

MEMORIAL

Yvonne Dolores Hall, 94

A memorial service for Yvonne Dolores Hall, 94, who died Feb. 5, will be at 2 p.m. Friday, April 10, at Buffalo Hills Terrace in Kalispell.

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Yvonne Dolores Hall, 94

Yvonne Dolores Hall, 94, a longtime resident of Kalispell, passed away Thursday, Feb. 5, 2015.



She was born in Sauk Rapids, Minnesota, on July 17, 1920, to Omar and Pauline Scribner.

Yvonne moved to Kalispell briefly in 1934 where she would meet the man who would later become her husband. She and her family moved around before she came back to Kalispell in 1942, where she re-met Ray Hall while he was on leave from the Army. A

short time after Ray returned to base, Yvonne followed and they were married in Alameda,

California, on Nov. 8, 1942. They returned to Kalispell in September of 1943, making the Flathead Valley their permanent home.

Yvonne worked for Consolidated Freightways as a bookkeeper, the Flathead County Clerk and Recorder's office and

was a dedicated wife and mother. For many years she also volunteered at the pari-mutuel booth during fair season.

Yvonne enjoyed playing bridge and attending the community concerts. She and her family were avid campers, exploring the Montana wilderness via motorcycle, hiking, picking huckleberries and enjoying the great outdoors.

She is survived by her husband, a daughter, son-in-law, two granddaughters and two great-grandsons.

John Hamel, 92

John Carl Hamel, 92, son, brother, husband, musician, citizen and great friend, passed on during the early morning hours of Feb. 18, 2015, at The HealthCenter in Kalispell. He had a wonderful life.

Born to Stanley and Florence Hamel in the small farming town of Glenwood, Indiana, on Sept. 3, of 1922, John was the eldest of three boys. John's father, having been a World War I veteran and automobile mechanic in the United States Army Transport Corps, moved his small family in the mid-1920s to Ferndale, Michigan, gaining employment in the rapidly growing automobile industry. John's boyhood home was only about 8 miles from the Ford Motor Company's first factory of the famous Model T.

John took up music very early in life, beginning to play the clarinet when only about 7 years of age. He was a high school band member and graduated from Lincoln High School in Ferndale in 1939. Also during high school, John played on the baseball team, truly loving that sport. At one point he lamented how he wished he yet had the ball glove given to him by his father.

Shortly after graduating from high school, and true to his "independent nature," John left home, playing big band swing music with the bands of the Big Band Era. He first played for several years with the band of Ace Brigode, decades later telling his Kalispell friends that the key reason he landed his first job was because, even though a saxophone and clarinet player, he was also able to play flute passably well. Later, John enjoyed several very satisfying years with the Bernie Cummins Big Band, of which he spoke frequently and fondly. Many winter months he spent at the Casa Marina Hotel in Key West, Florida, as well as the Last Frontier Hotel in Las Vegas. One-nighters were then a way of life, as John's bands traveled the USA from venue to venue. Very often and in

his later years, John told stories of these memorable gigs — from Chicago to Indianapolis to Kansas City to Las Vegas to New York, and more. He often spoke of playing in the famous Hotel Pennsylvania in New York City, namesake for the famous Glenn Miller tune, "Pennsylvania 6-5000." One of his most enjoyable and memorable stints was playing for a time with Louis Armstrong and his band in Las Vegas. With happy memories, John liked to recall that Louis called him "Johnny." And, of course, the times he played music with, rode horses with and played baseball with Harry James, are not to be forgotten.

In approximately 1950, and as the Big Band Era was winding down, John resigned from the Bernie Cummins Big Band, and returned to his parents' home in Trenton, Michigan. Following John's return, his younger brother Bill was involved in a very serious auto accident. In taking Bill on one occasion to visit the family doctor, he met his first wife Ruth Sylvia, the office nurse attending to Bill. "Ruthy," John would always call her, was a mass general nurse, very knowledgeable and very commanding. Matched quickly, John and Ruthy fell in love and were married in 1955. John joined the steel industry, finding employment with Great Lakes Steel in Ecorse, Michigan. They made their home in Gibraltar, Michigan, about 18 miles south of Ecorse, and Ruthy continued her career in medicine.

John's career in the steel industry was meaningful. True to his nature, he took his work seriously, and rose to the position of parts manager. Retiring in early 1978, and with Ruthy developing health problems, John and Ruthy moved to the warm climate of St. Petersburg, Florida. After a few years in St. Pete, their desire to travel took them first to the east coast of Florida and then to Abaco, Bahama West Indies,

where they bought a home. Developing many friends and with John following his music, several happy years followed. When Ruthy developed serious health issues, they moved back to Florida, settling in Lantana. She passed on in October of 1986.

A year or so passed, and John developed an acquaintance with Elizabeth "Betty" Lee Harris. Beginning with a helping hand in assisting her with the move of her residence, their relationship flourished, and they were married on Dec. 1, of 1987, settling in Ocala, Florida. Happy years passed, but with John developing health issues, they moved in 1999 to Kalispell, the home of Betty's daughter.

Life in Kalispell was great for John and Betty. Purchasing a home on Fourth Avenue East, they enjoyed one another immensely, making new friends and engaging in their new adventure in Northwest Montana. Regrettably, Betty developed serious medical problems, and passed on in December of 2003.

Losing Betty was difficult for John. But rather than retire from social interaction, he engaged in making new friends everywhere he went. Although by now a senior citizen, he truly began to thrive. His music became a key "purpose in life" — the other, his countless friends. John was a founding member of Three Roses & A Thorn in 2002, and was quite proud of naming the ensemble. John played the bass clarinet, but with three ladies of the foursome on Bb or Eb clarinet — the "roses," of course. John played bass clarinet for many years with the Flathead Valley Community Band; baritone saxophone with "The Don Lawrence Orchestra"; 12 very meaningful years on bari sax and solo clarinet with Swingin' On High Big Band; and was the instigator and founding member of Swingin' Light, helping to acquire the entire music library for Swingin' Light from his good friend Paul Luciano of Sommerfield, Florida.

This last decade of John's life was happy, meaningful and loaded with purpose. He practiced his instruments relentlessly — usually five to six hours every day. Although the Bb clarinet was his first love, and always beginning with clarinet, he would usually practice several additional and different instruments in one day, depending on whatever musical gig might be coming up next. A common routine was for him to sit by his window, clarinet in action and with a Benny Goodman or Artie Shaw CD on the player. Hours on end he would work diligently with his beautiful tone, perfecting his phrasing and articulation, in order that the musical product would be superior. At the same time, he was also the neighborhood "grandpa," loving to watch the children going to and from school (worrying about them, of course), and especially enjoying the Young children — as if they were his own grandchildren — directly across the street.

John was preceded in death by his father, Stanley Golden Hamel, in 1973; his mother, Florence Louise Hamel, in 1988; his first wife, Ruth, in 1986; his second wife, Betty, in 2003; and by his younger brother, David Stanley Hamel, in 1989.

He is survived by his brother, William James Hamel, and wife, Juanita, living in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan.

John Hamel will be greatly missed. To one and all he was an example — an example of citizenry, of responsibility, of independence and self-reliance, of work ethic and pursuit of excellence, of superb musicianship and the discipline required to get there — but most of all, of friendship. Truly, there was not a soul on this earth who knew him, who would not agree. He leaves behind wonderful memories and a great legacy, and it is to us all — his family and many friends — to honor his memory in our daily lives and by the choices we make.

Ronald Patrick Hambly, 65

Ronald Patrick Hambly, 65, died Thursday at his residence in Polson. No services are

planned at this time. The Lake Funeral Home and Crematory of Polson is handling the arrangements.

Tom LeRoy Hammack, 72

Tom LeRoy "Happy Ham" Hammack, 72, of Libby, died Saturday, Feb. 7, 2015, at Cabinet Peaks Medical Center.

A celebration of life will be at 1 p.m. Saturday,

March 28, at the American Legion Post No. 97 in Libby.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Libby.

Leslie B. Hanger, 63

Leslie B. Hanger, 63, died Jan. 1, 2015, in Kalispell.

Memorial services are

pending.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is entrusted with the arrangements.

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Alice Marie Hankinson, 87

Alice Marie Hankinson, 87, "went to be with the Lord" on March 17, 2015, in Kalispell.

She was born on June 28, 1927, to Charles and Ida C. Exley, in Osceola, Iowa.

Alice moved to Billings with her mother in 1944, working for Western Union. She worked as a relief operator and came to Kalispell where she met and married Ernest E. Hankinson, in 1950. They were married 57 years. Three children were born to them, Karen, Edwin and Lonnie.

Alice was a homemaker, active in church, school and Grange. She and Ernie traveled and camped for 30 years with their friends known as the "Shaky Eight."

Alice was preceded in death by her father and mother, her husband Ernie, and her son-in-law Frank Tobel.

She is survived by her children, Karen Tobel of Helena, Ed and Jolen



Hankinson, and Lonnie and Julie Hankinson, all of Kalispell; grandchildren, Scott and

Charlene Tobel of Juneau, Alaska, Brad Tobel of Helena, April and Mike Stanisich of Liberty Lake, Washington, Will and Elisha Hankinson of Kalispell, Rial and Sharda Hankinson of Havre, and Tucker Hankinson and fiancée Katie Macken of Kalispell; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, March 20, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, with graveside rites following at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Donations can be made to Stillwater Free Lutheran Church, 1401 Church Drive, Kalispell, MT 59901; or West Valley Volunteer Fire Department, 2412 Farm to Market Road, Kalispell, MT 59901.

25 Jan 2015

James Mills Hannay III, 77

James Mills Hannay III passed away in Whitefish on Jan. 17, 2015.

He was born Oct. 31, 1937, in Peabody, Kansas, to James and Neola Hannay.

He married Frances Pointer in September of 1958, in Topeka, Kansas.

His children are Kaylene, born in 1959, James, born in 1961, Matthew, born in 1963, and John, born in 1967.

The family moved to Fortine in 1972.

His occupations included serving in the National Guard, as a journeyman lineman and electrician.

He had a reputation as an ornery, fun-loving guy who was always ready to help out somebody in need.

His hobbies included being a ham radio operator and tinkering with all sorts of electronic gadgetry. He also held a private pilot's license and loved reading about history.

He was disabled by a stroke in 1987, but continued to be fiercely independent and self-reliant until recently when he spent his last several years at Whitefish Care and Rehabilitation (Genesis) in Whitefish.

He was preceded in



death by his parents; his wife, Frances; daughter, Kaylene; brother, Richard; and sister, Carol.



He is survived by his sons, James and

his wife, Ruth, of Willis, Texas, Matthew and his wife, Deb, of Kalispell, and John and his wife, Jennifer, of Eureka; one sister, June Tebbutt and her husband, Harold, of Topeka, Kansas; grandchildren, Joshua Roose, Stephanie Hannay, Megan Jolliff, Melissa Hannay, Brandon Hannay, Alex Hannay, Nicholas Hannay and Sam Hannay; and great-grandchildren, Celene Roose, Tanin Roose, Tristan Roose, Lylie Eakins, Harper Hannay and Hunter Jolliff.

Cremation will take place at Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish.

Services will take place at a later date.

In lieu of flowers and cards, please make a donation to your favorite charity or just go out and help someone in need.

Charles W. 'Wes' Hansberry, 83

Charles W. "Wes" Hansberry passed away peacefully on Aug. 22, 2015, at Home Sweet Home Assisted Living in Eureka, after a battle with lung cancer.

He was born in Libby Oct. 13, 1931, to Harvey Earl Hansberry and Helen Norris Hansberry. He was named Charles for both his grandfathers, but was known affectionately as Wesley or Wes, to family and friends.

His earliest childhood was spent in Libby, until age 11 when the family moved to the small town of Warland, Montana, along the Kootenai River just above where Libby Dam now stands. He completed his elementary education at the Warland School, and attended two years of high school in Libby before beginning to work.

Even at a young age Wes held a high standard of work ethic. He first worked with his dad Earl, cutting Christmas trees for shipment, and at age 16 began working for the Great Northern Railway as a member of the Section crew. He recalled one of his duties was staying up all night in wintertime beside the railroad tracks to watch for and remove fallen rocks on the tracks that might hinder the trains.

In 1949 Wes began working for J. Neils Lumber Company falling timber using a crosscut saw with his dad. That year he also met Phyllis Applegate, the love of his life. They began dating in January of 1950 and were married Oct. 27 that same year.

The couple's first residence was in a small cabin in Warland. The stories Wes told of negotiating the icy hill to their little home were highly entertaining. In 1951 they moved from Warland to the J. Neils lumber camp in Rexford. Their first daughter Connie was born in 1952, and they moved to the Hansberry Ranch in the spring of 1953. After moving to the ranch, they added three other children, Gary, Cathy and Randv.



Timber. He was highly regarded by those companies, receiving letters of commendation for his

extreme proficiency and outstanding quality of work on his logging sales.

Hansberry retired from logging in 1996, but his work was far from done. His dream was cattle ranching and owning registered Hereford cattle. He and his dad worked building up the herd, until Earl's retirement in the early 1970s, at which time Wes bought his dad's share, and continued ranching. During this time he proudly owned more than 100 head of cattle. In 2006 he retired from ranching, spending his remaining years tinkering on the ranch, traveling some with Phyllis, and taking a few excursions with Frank and Joan Croucher.

Family was Wesley's pride and joy and he spent many happy times during gatherings at the ranch, and camping at the Warland property with his parents, children, grandkids and great-grandkids. Many relatives enjoyed visits to the camp up Warland Creek where the food was good, the bonfire warm with stories and laughter, and the cattle gave way to the deer roaming in the meadow.

In later years Wes was thrilled to watch as herds of elk would cross his property in the spring and fall. He enjoyed the outdoors and was always in tune with animals and nature, loving his livestock and pets. He was so loved by them in return, that he could call his cattle in to the barn by yelling "Come on cows" to them.

He was preceded in death by his son Gary Wayne Hansberry, and his sister Colleen Woodward.

Gary Leroy Hanson, 71

Gary Leroy Hanson, 71, of Bigfork, died May 10, 2015, at his home in Bigfork.

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

Judith M. Hansen, 64

Judith M. Hansen, 64, died May 24, 2015, at her home in Whitefish. Judith was born Jan. 25, 1951.

She is survived by her

son, Brett Kimball.

A celebration of life service will be planned at a later date. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Hansberry's work career with J. Neils Lumber evolved through the years. He and his father were among the first to use gas powered chain-saws in 1951 then, for a few months in 1952, Wes drove log truck for the company. He returned to being a sawyer for several years, later becoming a dozer operator building roads on log sales until beginning his own business, in 1968. First contracting his own skidder, and then branching out, Hansberry Logging grew to several skidders, caterpillar dozers, a line skidding machine, 25 employees, and five log truck haulers. Through the years J. Neils Lumber Company sold, and Wes continued contracting for the subsequent owners, including St. Regis Paper Co., Champion International and Plum Creek

Wes is survived by his wife of 64 years, Phyllis, at the ranch in Eureka; daughter, Connie, and Gary Barker, of Kalispell; daughter, Cathy, and Bill Marvel, of Rexford; son, Randy, and Teresa Hansberry, of Eureka; sister, Shirley, and Ray Nixon, of Libby; sister-in-law Mary Johnson, brother-in-law Bud and Marian Applegate, all of Libby; and sister-in-law, Linda Arnold, of Plains; grandchildren, Pamela Lemer, Kyla Ekholm, Nikki Cheff, Monica West, Anna Garza, Kelsi Hansberry and Tim Hansberry; nine great-grandchildren; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

A viewing was held Friday at Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Eureka. Funeral Services will be held at 2 p.m. today, Aug. 29, at First Baptist Church in Eureka.

Online condolences and memories may be shared at www.schnackenbergfh.com.

Rose Ann Hanson, 64

Rose Ann Hanson, 64, died Sunday, Feb. 8, 2015, at her Lakside home. No services are planned

at this time. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

20 Sep 2015

Violet I. Hansen, 93

Violet I. Hansen, 93, of Kalispell, passed away September 16, 2015, at the Springs Assisted Living in Whitefish of natural causes.

Funeral services will take place at 1 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 21, 2015, at Holland and Bonine Funeral Chapel with Pastor Michael O'Hearn officiating. Burial will follow in Highland Cemetery. In honor of Violet please wear a beautiful color to represent her love of flowers.

Holland & Bonine Funeral Home has been entrusted with services and arrangements. Please visit Violet's online memorial page and leave a message of condolence for her family at www.hollandbonine.com.

Violet was born on Oct. 11, 1921, in Ambrose, North Dakota, to Herman and Anna (Kopergaard) Strand. Violet married the love of her life, Harold J. Hansen, in 1941 and moved to Ophiem, where Harold managed Farmers Union Oil. Later when Harold became an agent for Farmers Union Insurance they relocated to Havre and raised their two sons Duane and Kelly. Violet worked as a bookkeeper for Cenex in Havre for many years before relocating to Fairfield where she retired from Green Field Co-op in 1989. Violet then moved to Sun Prairie Village and enjoyed many years with good friends there. She later relocated to Kalispell to be near family and made many more friends at the Kalispell Senior Apartments.

Violet was a loving and devoted mother. She was proud of her sons and was honored to become a grandmother and great-



grandmother. She loved holidays and get-togethers; any chance to spend time with family was important to her.

Violet had a great love for crocheting and gardening, her favorite flowers being Moss Roses and African Violets. She loved to watch birds and greatly enjoyed listening to music and baking her homeland's traditional lefse. She will be deeply missed by everyone who knew and loved her.

Violet is preceded in death by husband, Harold J. Hansen; brother, Melvin Strand, of Crosby, North Dakota, and parents, Herman and Anna Strand of Ambrose, North Dakota.

Violet was a devoted mother, and is survived by sons, Duane and RondaJan Hansen, of Granby, Colorado, and Kelvin and Debbie Hansen, of Kalispell, and her former daughter-in-law Debra and Jay VanDeriet, of Fairfield. She was the loving grandmother of Kelly Ann and Cole Cunningham, Melissa and Trigger Hansen, and Renee and Kevin Flynn. Violet was the proud and adoring great-grandmother to Lenni Violet, Maxwell, and Willa. Violet is also survived by her brother, Art and Dora Strand, of Ambrose, and best friends, LaVerne Knolwes, of Great Falls, Dodie Christopherson, of Billings, and Marcelene Howard, of Miles City.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to all of the exceptional staff at the Springs Assisted Living Center in Whitefish.

Norma Edmiston Happ, 88

Norma Edmiston Happ, a longtime valley resident, passed away at the Immanuel Lutheran Home on June 24, 2015, due to complications from a stroke.

Norma was born in 1926 in Colfax, Washington, to Amanda Robbin Edmiston and James Gray Edmiston. At 6 months of age, Norma moved to Kalispell and graduated from Flathead County High School in 1944. She graduated from Whitman College in Walla Walla, Washington, with a degree in music.

Norma served as a three-term Kalispell City Council member from Wards 3 and 4 and was first elected in 1965. She was chosen and served as president of the Council, and in 1975 became Kalispell's first woman mayor, finishing out Mayor Larry Bjorneby's term. She ran for re-election and served another four-year term. She was very proud that she was in office when the style of city government favored a strong mayor, long before the city manager form of government came to be.

She contributed to the Daily Inter Lake with a column titled, "From the Mayor's Desk." During that time she was involved in many historic changes in the city, and was instrumental in saving the Conrad Mansion, allowing it to become the historic museum it is today.

She had the honor of meeting four United States presidents, including Franklin D. Roosevelt, Harry S. Truman, Richard Nixon and Gerald Ford. Upon meeting Richard Nixon she shook his hand and suggested he put a woman on the Supreme Court.

Norma loved music, was a piano teacher and volunteered her musical talents to many organizations around the Kalispell area.

Her accomplishments were numerous, and she found many ways of involving herself in the community. She was a longtime member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church



and was on multiple committees and councils. She was a 65-year member of PEO,

Chapter C. She served on the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery board; Community Concert board, Kalispell Regional Medical Center board and was an early advocate and supporter of the Northwest Montana Historical Society (Museum at Central School), sitting on the senior advisory board. She was the Beta Sigma Phi Lady of the Year in 1975 and inducted into the Buffalo Hill Golf Club Hall of Fame in 2014. She was also a Paul Harris Fellow of Rotary Club International.

Norma was a patriot and so proud of our military. She was a sports fan, and for a time was a season ticket holder for the NFL Arizona Cardinals. One of her happiest memories was attending game six of the 2001 World Series and cheering on the Arizona Diamondbacks to victory over the Yankees.

Norma was preceded in death by her parents, and former husband Robert W. Happ.

She is survived by her children, Craig M. Happ and wife Bea Happ of Missoula, and Laurie Happ of Kalispell; grandchildren, Cambria Happ of Washington, D.C., and Jeffrey Happ and wife Megan; and great-grandchildren, Olivia and Isabella of Castaic, California; brother, James G. Edmiston, and wife, Phillis Edmiston; nephew, James G. Edmiston III; and niece, Marla Edmiston.

Services for Norma will be held at 11 a.m. on July 10 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, with a celebration of life at the Museum at Central School immediately following.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Bethlehem Lutheran Church or the Museum at Central School.

Happ, city's first female mayor, dies at age of 88

By RYAN MURRAY
The Daily Inter Lake

The first female mayor in Kalispell history died Wednesday, leaving a pioneering legacy in her wake.

Norma Edmiston Happ, 88, was the first woman elected to the Kalispell City Council and served several terms starting in the mid-1960s. She was also the first woman elected mayor, serving until 1982.



HAPP

She died at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell due to complications from a stroke.

She is survived by two children, Craig Happ of Missoula and Laurie Happ of Kalispell, as well as many friends and colleagues. She had been married to Kalispell Realtor Robert Happ.

Her brother, Jim Edmiston, recalls early days of playing with his sister at Bitterroot Lake as just one of many fond memories.

"She was an interesting person who made life interest-

HAPP

ing," he said. "She was a great lady, there's no question about that. She always pursued her ideas."

Duane Larson, who was assistant chief of the Kalispell Fire Department while Happ was mayor, recalls a woman who cared deeply for her hometown.

"She was a real wonderful lady to work for," he said.

"She was always accommodating and a real smooth-running mayor. The best thing I could say is she always had the best interests of the city of Kalispell at heart."

Larson became fire chief after Happ left office, but worked with her again on the board of the Northwest Montana Historical Society.

"I worked with her for a

number of years," he said. "She was always doing good things for the city."

Happ was born and raised in Kalispell and gave a lifetime of public service to her home town. She was Kalispell's "Lady of the Year" in 1975 and hired the city's first Community Development Director.

Wayne Saverud, a current City Council member, said her tenure is partly responsible for Kalispell looking the way it does.

"She started the Urban Renewal Program, so Kalispell looks a lot different today than it might if she wasn't in office," he said. "She was a real spark plug. She exuded energy. From my point of view, the community is a

much better place thanks to her."

Happ had many interests, including music, local history and the Hockaday Museum of Art.

The second female mayor in Kalispell history, Pam Kennedy Carbonari, served from 2002 to 2009. She said Happ's leadership set a foundation for her tenure.

"While I didn't spend much time in City Hall while Happ was in office, she was obviously an influence on me as mayor," Carbonari said. "It was a very significant time for her to run for mayor in Kalispell and signified a changing time in the city. She was a great leader and she will be sorely missed."

The third and most recent

female mayor, Tammi Fisher, was close to Happ and saw her as a mentor and friend. The loss was a personal one, and Fisher spoke warmly of Happ.

"Her grace under fire, her dedication and service to the city of Kalispell, her charm and wit were attributes I deeply admired and respected," Fisher said. "She had an uncanny ability to sum up complicated situations with just a few words, and she was a great support and resource to me when I was mayor. She will be missed greatly; heaven has gained a remarkable soul." Services for Happ are pending.

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

Donna L. Harding, 74

Donna L. Harding, 74, of Kalispell, passed away Aug. 25, 2015, at her home in Kalispell.

Donna was born in Wiliston, North Dakota, in 1941. She was raised on a small farm in Crosby, North Dakota, until her family moved to Montana in 1947. Donna spent her childhood years attending schools in the Kalispell area, graduating from Flathead County High School.

Donna loved hunting, fishing and camping, and being with family and friends.

After high school, Donna worked making cabinets for Bell Manufacturing, as well as a waitress at Norms News. Donna also worked as a meat wrapper at Ashley Creek slaughter plant in 1976. Donna retired as a meter reader with Pacific Power Company in 1993.

Donna was a proud member of the Order of Rainbow for Girls.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Clarence M. Bigley and Mable M. Bigley Kiser.

Donna is survived by her husband, Roy R. Harding, of Kalispell; sons, Ralph Harding of Kalispell, and Rodney and Brenda Harding of Kalispell; grandchildren, Sophia, Colten and Hailley, Justin and Allison, all of Kalispell; and brothers, Jay and David Bigley.

In lieu of flowers, please send memorial donations to Shepherd's Chapel, P.O. Box 416, Gravette, Arkansas 72736; or R.B.C Ministries, P.O. Box 2222, Grand Rapids, Michigan 72736.

There will be a funeral service held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 2, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home, with burial to follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Kalispell.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the Harding family.

Leoti H. Harke, 96

Leoti H. Harke, 96, died Nov. 16, 2015, in Columbia Falls.

She is survived by her children, Ted Harke of Columbia Falls, Larry Harke of Alyn, Washington, Randy Harke of Lakeville, Minnesota,

and Carol Miller of St. John, Washington.

A private family burial will take place. A celebration of life will be held in the spring.

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

Marcia Ruth (Gamm) Harp, 66

Marcia Ruth (Gamm) Harp, 66, died Sept. 28, 2015, of respiratory failure in Kalispell.

She is survived by her husband, Charles Harp; and their seven children, Heather Harp of Missoula, Rebecca Harp of Naples, Italy; Suzanne Harp of Boulder, Colorado; Carlene Harp of Genoa City, Wisconsin; Adriane Freeman of Burlington, Wisconsin;

William Harp of Somers; and Lorelei Harp of Missoula.

She served as secretary of the Eidsvold Lutheran Church.

Her memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24, at Eidsvold Lutheran Church, 5935 U.S. 93 S. in Somers.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Lloyd C. Hart, 84

Lloyd C. Hart, 84, of Kalispell died June 20, 2015.

He is survived by his daughters, Audrey Han-

nah, Barbara Sullenger and Janet Hopkins.

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

Myrtle Ellen (Jones) Hart, 78

Myrtle Ellen (Jones) Hart, beloved wife, amazing mom, phenomenal grandmother and incredible friend, "was called home to heaven" on Friday, Oct. 16, 2015, at the family home with her husband Bill and dog Salsa at her side; Mom was 78 years old.

Mom was born at the family home on April 1, 1937, in Bigfork, Minnesota. She was one of nine children. Mom spent the majority of her life working and raising her family, in Columbia Falls.

After high school she moved to Springfield, Illinois, with two of her sisters, Alice and Peggy, and worked for Ben Franklin Life Insurance. Mom met William "Bill" Hart in 1955 and they were married on Jan. 20, of 1956. They moved to Columbia Falls in 1959 and made it their home until both she and Bill retired.

Mom was extremely hard working. If she wasn't watching children in the home, she was taking in laundry and doing ironing. She was a custodian at Columbia Falls High School for a few years and then she decided to open her own contract cleaning business. Her two main contracts were the Forest Service buildings and Plum Creek's fiberboard offices.

Mom loved the outdoors. She loved to camp, fish and pick huckleberries. One of her favorite spots to camp and fish was on Echo Lake. After retirement Mom and Dad spent several years as state campground hosts along the Oregon coastline.

Mom was into crafts! She was always crocheting mittens, hats and blankets for people. Mom made a personalized



Teddy-bear blanket for each of her grandchildren. She also loved to make and donate lap blankets

for chemo patients. Mom refused to miss a good yard sale. Mom loved to "yardie" with her friends. She never passed a sale!

Mom was preceded in death by her parents, Edward and Flossie Jones; brothers, Bud and Tom; and sisters, Alice, Violet, Norma, Margret and Ronda. She was also preceded in death by her daughter, Cheryl Ann Sprague.

Mom is survived by her husband, Bill, of 59 years; one sister, Peggy Oprechaha; sons, and their wives, Randy and Tami, Clyde and Diane, and Todd and Gayle; and her son-in-law, Doug Sprague. Mom was madly in love with her grandchildren. Granny is survived by 10 of them, Shawn, Audrey, Gibby, Carrie, Brittney, Sarah, Jessica, Olivia, Tyler and Cameron; and one great granddaughter, Tinsley.

A memorial service to celebrate Mom's life will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 7, at Adventure Church, located at 348 2nd Ave. W. Kalispell. The Rev. Jim Davey is taking care of the family and officiating. A meal and fellowship time will follow the service.

Mom spent the last few years of life attending nearly every single event her grandchildren had, cowbell always in tow. Mom transcended way beyond the role of a mother and a grandmother. She was our best friend and she will be deeply missed!

"We love you bigger than the moon, Mama!"

Paul Harsh Jr., 87

Paul Harsh Jr. left his loving family at his home "to go find peace" on the morning of Dec. 29, 2015.

He was born to Paul and Clara Harsh in San Francisco on Sept. 18, 1928. He was raised in San Francisco and graduated from Lincoln High School in 1946.

After four years of service at Pacific Gas & Electric, he left to serve in the Korean War from 1950 to 1952. Upon returning he resumed his career with PG&E and married his sweetheart, Myrella Gregor, on Aug. 2, 1953, in Oakland, California. After 41 years at PG&E he retired as a building supervisor. Paul was a member of the Lions Club in Sonoma, California, and Bigfork. He was also an active participant with the Bigfork Elves.

Paul had a very loving, caring and kind heart. He enjoyed watching his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren grow. He was a positive and driving force for his family. His family will forever hold onto the many great memories of playing



games, watching sports, and celebrating many holidays together. He would always be spotted wearing the red Santa hat during the month

of December. Christmas was his favorite time of year, and he will always be remembered by the train under the tree.

Paul is leaving behind many loved ones who were by his side through all the battles. He is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Myrella M. Harsh, of Kalispell; his five children, Deborah and Ken Amaral of Pollock Pines, California, Diane and James Robertson of Bigfork, Paul Harsh of Santa Rosa, California, Patricia and Darryn Silveria of Sonoma, and Darlene Harsh of Woods Bay; his eight grandchildren; Michelle Culver, Nicholas and Kourtnee

Amaral, Aaron and Candice Franklin, Tessa Robertson, Ian Furniss, and Mitchel Harsh; and seven great-grandchildren; Landon, Katrina, Lekseea, Jayden, Jazmine, Christian and Bennett.

He was preceded in death by his mother Clara Harsh, father Paul Harsh, and daughter

Pamela Harsh.

He was one of the best fathers, grandfathers, and great-grandfathers.

At the request of Paul, there will be no service. To send a note of condolence to the family, please go to www.buffalohillfh.com

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

29 Oct 2015

Marilyn Kelly Hartson, 83

Marilyn Kelly Hartson, 83, passed away on Sunday Oct. 25, 2015, in Whitefish.

Marilyn was born May 27, 1932, in Glendive to Robert and Dorothy Kelly. She attended 12 years of school in Glendive, going to Lincoln, Washington and Dawson County High School, graduating with the Class of 1950. Marilyn enjoyed music, band, choir and piano.

She met the love of her life, Fred Hartson, in Glendive while he was working for the Montana Highway Department. They were married in Glendive on Nov. 4, 1950, and would have celebrated 65 years of marriage this year. They had two daughters, Patricia Ann Harris of McMinnville, Oregon, and Kathryn Lynn Eskestrand of Kalispell. They moved to Havre in 1953 and lived there for 36 years.

They retired and moved to West Glacier, where they resided for 22 years. Marilyn and Fred loved it there! They lived on the golf course and enjoyed their golfing, hiking and looking for beautiful animals. They loved the beauty and their good friends there. They also



spent several winters in Tucson, Arizona, and had many friends and good times there, as

well. In 2009 they moved to Kalispell due to health reasons. They enjoyed six happy years there with their beloved pets, Ni'Chi and Otis.

Marilyn is survived by her husband, Fred; their daughters, Patty and Bob, and Kathy and Louie; and her brother, James Kelly, of New Smyrna Beach, Florida. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Kelly, Jason, Jessica, Adam and Amy; and by her great-grandchildren, Erin, Bobby, Alex, Violet and Zoey.

Her half brother, Carroll Wright, of British Columbia, preceded her in death.

"Marilyn will meet Fred at heaven's gate!"

There will be no funeral services at Marilyn's request.

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

16 ul 2015

Donna Hartnett, 55

Donna Hartnett, beloved wife, daughter, friend and truly beautiful soul, was taken from us June 2, 2015, after fighting stage 4 breast cancer in her liver, bones, brain and lungs for five years. Donna was only 55.

Donna is mourned and greatly missed by her husband, family and many friends.

Donna's ability to make the world a brighter, loving place and bring forth a smile on a person facing disaster and inspire faith, hope, love and courage won her many friends who love her.

This world is a dimmer and sadder place for her not being here, but for the memories of her by all who love her and hold her



in their hearts.

There will be a memorial for Donna at 10 a.m. July 25 at Glacier National Park in the Apgar Amphitheater on Lake McDonald. Everyone who know or loves Donna is invited, and anyone who has lost a loved one to cancer or is fighting cancer is also welcome to attend and listen to the live music or say a silent prayer to that loved one or for the courage and strength to keep fighting.

Robert Allen Hatlen Sr., 93

Robert Allen Hatlen Sr., 93, passed away on Monday, Nov. 16, 2015, at the home of his daughter in Bigfork.

He was born Jan. 23, 1922, in Clarkfield, Minnesota, to Roe and Anna (Helgeson) Hatlen. Robert was the youngest of 12 children, and spent many hours helping on his families' farms. He spent eight years in parochial school. He played ball for a Minnesota farm club. The biggest highlight of that was playing a big league Chicago team. He also spent many hours hunting and fishing with family and friends.

On Nov. 16, 1942, Robert was inducted into the Army. He served 195 days on the front lines in the European Theater of operation. He was in Northern France, Belgium and Central Germany. He earned an American Service Medal, the European-African-Middle Eastern Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Bronze Star, World War II Victory Medal, Army of Occupation Medal and German Clasp, Combat Infantry Badge First Award, Expert Infantryman Badge, Honorable Service Lapel Button, Expert Badge and Rifle Bar, and Marksman Badge and Machine Gun Bar. He was honorably discharged Nov. 6, 1945. He returned to Clarkfield



and there he ran a pool hall and cafe.

In the summer of 1947, he came to Somers and lived with his older brother Harold. He worked at the Somers mill until the winter of 1948 when the lake froze over. He was out of work and returned once again to Minnesota. He returned back to Montana around 1952. He worked in Libby at J. Neils Lumber for a time and then moved back to Kalispell.

April 19, 1957, he married Donna Larson and adopted her daughter Susan Jo. Together they had three children, Robert Jr., Barbara and Roger.

In his retirement years, Robert spent many wonderful years with his family hunting, fishing and camping.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents, Roe and Anna Hatlen; 10 sisters; and one brother; his wife, Donna; and granddaughters, Danielle French and Heather Lewis.

He is survived by his children, Susan French, Robert Hatlen Jr. and Linda, Barbara Ruby and David, Roger Hatlen and Rhonda, and honorary son Dan Fields; grandchildren, Jeremy French, Nichole French, Kimberly and

Jake Moser, Timothy Lee Hatlen and Kristi, Brooke and Billy Hoyer, Ryan Bailey, Jennifer and Silas McKinney, Scott and Janelle Ruby, Kayla and Joe Hartley, Michael and Tonia Hatlen, Monica and Steve Hajek, and Codi and Jeremy Kamm; 29 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be at noon on Saturday, Nov. 21, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, followed

by military honors and burial at C. E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. There will be a lunch at the VFW in Kalispell.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Northwest Montana Veterans Food Pantry, Montana PBS, or an organization of your choice.

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

10 Jul 2015

Sarah 'Sally' Jane Hatfield, 84

Sarah "Sally" Jane Hatfield passed away on June 11, 2015, at her Kalispell home with her husband, Bob, at her side, following effects of congestive heart failure.

She was born at the Kalispell General Hospital on March 27, 1931, to Roy and Norma Walker. She graduated from Flathead High School in 1948 and the University of Montana in 1952.

While working in Casper, Wyoming, she met Bob on a blind date, and they were married November of 1953 at her parents' home in Kalispell.

Sally worked for Jim Murphy and Cal Robinson as a legal secretary while Bob taught at Peterson School. In 1961, they moved to San Jose, California, with their children Cindy and Mark, where Bob taught while Sally worked as a transcriber for court reporting and a homemaker.

She continued the legacy of her grandparents, Frank and Minnie Linderman, by having

his manuscript published and models bronzed. She donated artifacts, placed his contributions at the Museum at Central School and corresponded with researchers. Sally's passion was spending summers with her family at Linderman's homestead on Flathead Lake.

She is survived by her husband, Bob; daughter, Cindy Farnsworth, and her children, Mason and Megan Farnsworth; son Mark Hatfield and his wife Jerri, and their sons, Brayden and Riley, and her brother and sister-in-law, Jack and Melinda Waller.

Preceding her in death were her brothers, Rick and Jim Waller, and granddaughter, Breanna Hatfield.

A graveside service was held at the Conrad Memorial Cemetery on June 16. Donations for Sally's memory can be given to Home Options Hospice Care, Kalispell Fire Department, the Museum at Central School or Rollins Fire Department.

Fay Kingsland Harwood, 91

Fay Kingsland Harwood, 91, died Thursday, July 23, 2015, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

A memorial service is being planned for the summer of 2016 and will be held at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church in Bigfork.

Memorial contributions can be made in Fay's name to Guide Dogs for the Blind, P.O. Box 3950, San Rafael, CA 94912-3950 or to St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 431, Bigfork, MT 59911.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Solveig Laura Haugland, 48

Solveig Laura Haugland passed away at 48, of natural causes, on Aug. 9 in Lafayette, Colorado.

Solveig was born in Boulder, Colorado, the daughter of Palmer and Ethelyn Haugland. She grew up in Juneau, Alaska and Kalispell, graduating from Flathead High School in 1985 and Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota, in 1989.

After working as a technical writer for Great Plains Software, she moved to Colorado in 1997 to work as a course developer for Sun Microsystems. She went on to authored over twenty books, including the Open Office Guidebook and Dating Power Tools.

Solveig visited Kalispell often to spend time with her parents, and in 1998, traveled together to Norway to visit relatives.

Solveig lived life with originality, intelligence, irrepressible wit, a sense



of adventure, and boundless consideration for those she loved.

She is survived by several cousins and many friends.

A memorial service is planned in her honor for Sept. 12 in Boulder, Colorado.

A tribute page can be visited on Facebook.

Contributions may be made in her memory to the Society of Women Engineers.

Girl who died in fire indentified

By MEGAN STRICKLAND
The Daily Inter Lake

Police have identified 8-year-old Autumn Hawk as the girl who died in a motor-home fire Thursday at 425 Daley Lane near Foy's Lake.

The Flathead County Sheriff's Office and Flathead County fire investigation team are looking into the cause of the incident that originally was reported as a fire that started from an explosion.

The investigation is expected to take several days.

The girl's parents, Nicole Davidson and Joseph Hawk, were able to escape the fire.

They were transported to Kalispell Regional Medical Center where they were treated and released.

Later Thursday evening, Joseph Hawk was booked into the Flathead County Detention Center for disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, partner/family member assault and obstruction of a peace officer or public servant.

Undersheriff Dave Leib referred questions about the incident to Sheriff Chuck Curry, who could not be reached for comment Friday afternoon.

Reporter Megan Strickland may be reached at 758-4459 or by email at mstrickland@dailyinterlake.com.

Juanita 'Nita' Bryson White Haven, 100

Juanita "Nita" Bryson White Haven, 100 and a half, passed away Nov. 7, 2015, in Kalispell.

Nita was born April 17, 1915, to Joe and Mamie Lewis in Unionville, Missouri. She was 6 months old when the family moved to Eastern Montana.

They lived in a sod house until 1924, then they moved to Andes, Montana. Nita was baptized in the Church of Christ during her teens and tried to live faithful the rest of her life.

She worked at a lot of different jobs. She went to Seattle in 1943 and worked in a Zoom factory. The women had a job piling lumber and making more money than she was, so she quit her job and went to piling lumber. During the war in 1944, she went to Portland and worked in the shipyards for a shipfitter as a tacker.

On Aug. 6, 1955, she married Donald Bryson, who was a rancher. He had three children, Gladys, 13 years; Dolores, 11 years; and Gene, 10 years old. Donald died Oct. 8, 1975. On Oct. 27, 1979, she married Jim White and moved to Lewiston, Idaho. Jim died Jan. 30, 1985. Nita made a trip to Israel after that, which was one of her highlights. She married



Chet Haven on Sept. 18, 1999, from Portland. Chet was a fiddler so they played a lot

of music, and traveled a lot. Chet died Aug. 9, 2006. Montana was always home, so after Chet's death she returned back to Kalispell.

Nita was preceded in death by her parents, three husbands, three brothers, four sisters, and one granddaughter.

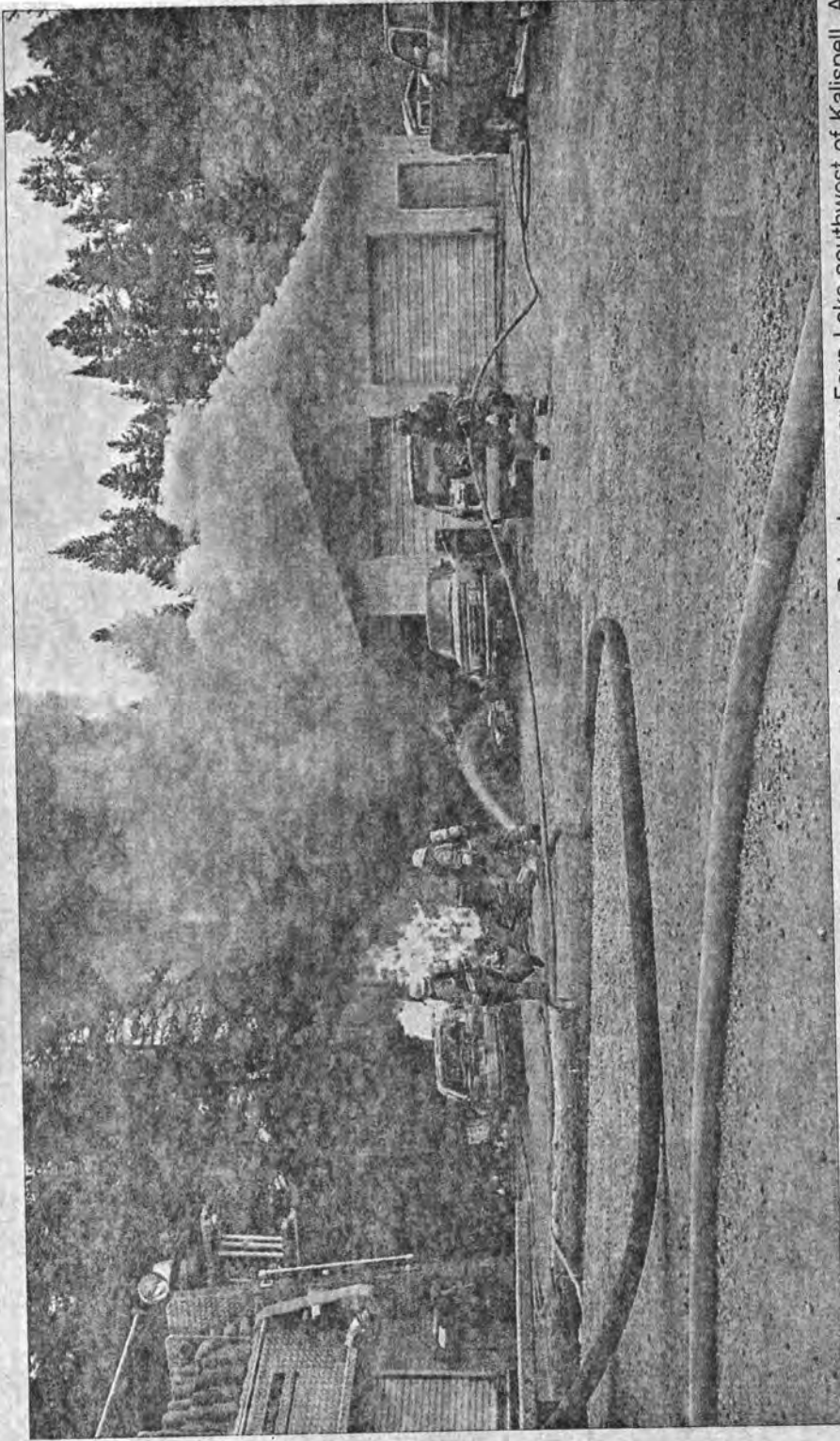
Nita is survived by her daughters, Gladys and Ron Gleason, and Dee Bob Wray; and a son, Gene and Kathy Bryson; 11 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and seven great great grandchildren.

Visitation of Nita will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. today, Nov. 10, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 11, at the Stillwater Church of Christ, with burial following at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

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

OCTOBER 2, 2015

Child killed in explosive fire



A MOTOR HOME and mechanic shop caught fire Thursday morning on Daley Lane near Foys Lake southwest of Kalispell. A young child perished in the motor home. (Ryan Murray/Daily Inter Lake)

Mother injured in motor home blaze

The Daily Inter Lake

A motor home fire Thursday on Daley Lane off North Foy's Lake Drive southwest of Kalispell left a young child dead and the child's mother injured.

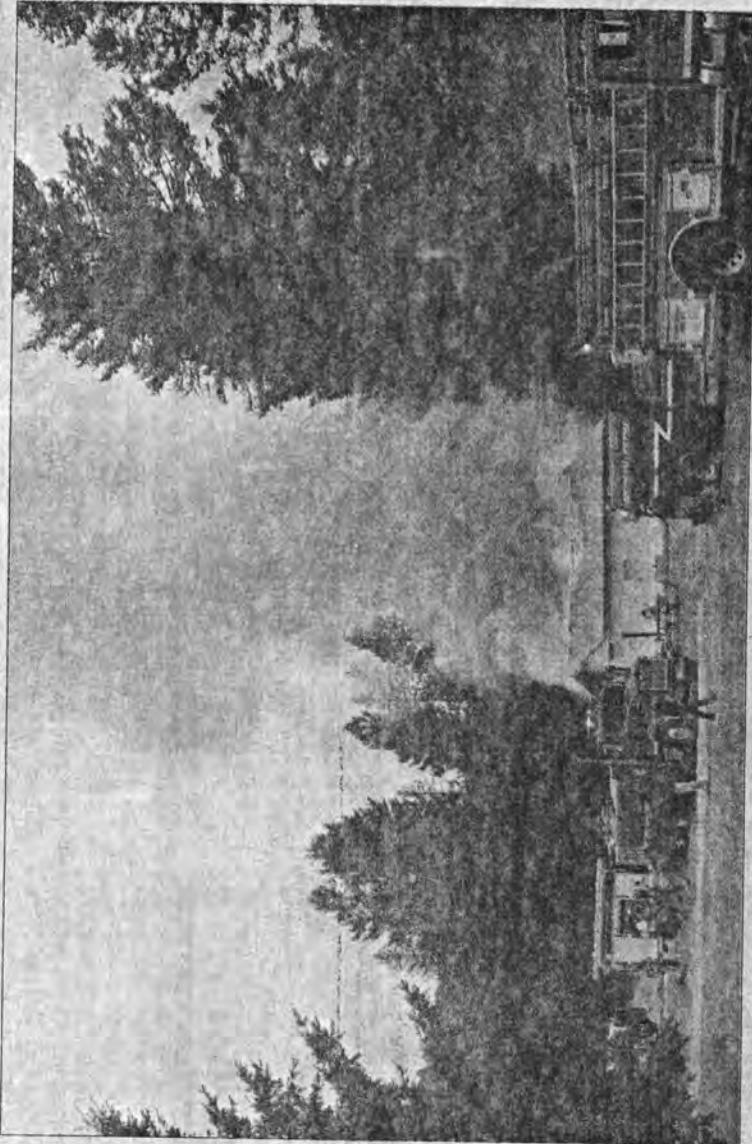
Authorities are still investigating the cause of the blaze that was reported around 10 a.m., but Flathead County Undersheriff Dave Leib said witnesses who reported the fire to 911 indicated that an explosion started the burn.

Firefighters from Smith Valley, Somers, West Valley and South Kalispell responded, along with Flathead County Sheriff's office, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, and Flathead Electric Co-op.

Two adults who were in the home escaped, and the mother of the deceased child was taken to the hospital by an Evergreen Fire and Rescue ambulance.

"I have no information on her injuries," Leib said.

The fire spread to a nearby shop building, which was also destroyed. In addition, the fire burned up a hill behind



FIREFIGHTERS WORK to extinguish the fire on Daley Lane near Foy's Lake. (Aaric Bryan/Daily Inter Lake)

the structure, and DNRC was there to respond to that portion of the blaze.

"The motor home was completely destroyed," Leib said.

There was only one tender on scene for a while, and the fire crews were making calls for more water to fight the fire.

The identity of the child

and the other victims had not been released as of Thursday evening. Two other children in the household were in school at the time of the blaze.

Autumn Rain Hawk, 8

Autumn Rain Hawk, 8, "left this world for a better place" on Oct. 1, 2015.

A memorial service will take place starting at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 10, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home in Kalispell.

Autumn was born Aug. 1, 2007, in Kalispell to Nicole (Davidson) and Joe Hawk, the youngest of three children. Shortly after Autumn's first birthday it was realized that this little girl was an even more special gift than her family had thought, being diagnosed as one of the few with Smith-Magenis syndrome. Although SMS came with many challenges, Autumn's infectious smile and love for life overshadowed them and earned her a special place in many hearts. Over the years Autumn's family and friends learned invaluable lessons in unconditional love, compassion and patience, making us all better people for it.

Autumn loved being around her family and friends. Whenever anyone would come to visit she was there to greet them with a smile and questions. Her favorite questions were "Who you?" even though she knew who you were; "What doing here?"; and "How do that?". When she wasn't busy checking on what everyone else was doing, Autumn



cially pink. Blowing bubbles outside, sidewalk chalk and taking walks were all things

Autumn enjoyed doing with her family and friends. She also, like any little sister, loved to mess with her older brothers, usually while they were playing video games, to get them to pay attention to something much more important, her.

Autumn was very sociable and loved being the center of attention. She had a smile that would light up the room and people around her couldn't help but smile back. If someone was having a bad day or was upset, that was soon forgotten as Autumn would have them laughing within moments of being in her presence. Her sparkling, beautiful blue eyes danced with mischief and one never knew what adventure she was embarking on next. Even though she was very independent she "let" her mom and older brothers do everything for her. She was very smart and surprised us daily. Growing up in Kalispell, she attended Mt. Preschool at Edgerton and physical therapy and speech at The Summit with Ms. Jenny and Ms. Tracy.

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could usually be found in front of her TV with her snacks and blanky, which she called her "lee-lee." Cartoons were a must and she had many favorites, including Sponge Bob and Peppa Pig. She loved "Dragon Ball Z" and referred to herself as Gohan all the time. She also loved being around animals, with Hannah, Gunner and Sketch being her most recent animal companions. Autumn loved to sing and dance and when the music came on her eyes would light up with genuine happiness as she moved to the music. Never much of a talker, her quirky little sayings kept us laughing. She had her own unique way of putting things, more than once causing others to see things from a different perspective. She had the gift of a wonderful imagination and entertained not only herself, but others as well with the things she came up with. Autumn enjoyed having her finger and toenails painted and loved bright colors, espe-

One thing Autumn never liked was having to leave somewhere she enjoyed being and saying goodbye. She was known to hide, wherever she could, under hedges, in closets, or behind furniture to put off the inevitable. There never was any guessing with Autumn; she always made it very clear what she did and did not want to do.

Autumn is survived by many that will miss her great smile and spunky attitude dearly; her parents, Joe (daddy boy) and Nicole (mommy girl); brothers, Chase (cha-cha), Bo (bo-bo); grandparents, Barb Bilbro, and Kathy and Andy Laursen; as well as numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and very close, loving friends.

The world will never know another Autumn, and we will never forget her.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the Hawk family. To leave condolences for the Hawk family, please visit www.jgfuneralhome.com

Sharron Frach Hawk, 71

Sharron Frach Hawk, 71, of Kalispell, passed away Aug. 21, 2015, in Kalispell.

Sharron was born on May 6, 1944, to Robert "Bob" Christian Frach and Mildred Soderstrom Frach in Kalispell. She was raised in Kalispell and graduated from school here.

She married and divorced Larry Green. To this union were born Roxanne "Roxie" Green Erdman and Rodney "Rod" Green. She later married Gene Hawk in 1975 and to this union were born Rhonda Nicole "Nikki" Hawk and Rashawna Hawk. They later divorced.

Sharron's kindness and outgoing personality, gentleness and courage as well as her positive attitude were truly an inspiration to all who knew her. She enjoyed camping, hunting, fishing and playing cards. She also enjoyed spending quality time with family and friends. You could always hear her cheering the loudest at all of her grandchildren's sporting events. She will truly be missed.

Sharron was the first licensed boiler engineer in the state of Montana; she was also the first female motorcycle endorsement in the state of Montana. She worked as a baker as well as a meat wrapper for many years. She cleaned homes and was a caretaker in the Swan, before retiring after 15 years working janitorial at Glacier Inter-



national Airport. She was preceded in death by her former husbands, Larry Green and

Gene Hawk; her parents, Bob and Mildred Frach; brothers, Marion "Buzzy" Smith and Robert G. Frach II; sisters, Eilene and Ike Grahm Kair, and Lois Enevod; son, Rod Green; and two granddaughters, Shannon Erdman and Zowie Keys-Hawk. Sharron is survived by her three daughters, Rhonda Hawk, Rashawna Hawk, and Roxanne Green Erdman and Glenn, and their sons Ryan and Kyle; Nikki Hawk and children Tayzha Hawk, Cadence Keys-Hawk, Gracie and Faith Dimler; Shawna Hawk; Jackie Gillin and her children Alan and April Smith, all of Kalispell; daughter-in-law, Cristyl Claus Green, and her children Berlynn, Andy and Tia; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held for Sharron at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 5, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home, with an urnside service to follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell. Family and friends are invited to attend a potluck in her honor immediately following the urnside service at the Eagle's Lodge. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the Hawk family.

Jerry Ann (Morrison) Eby Hawley, 77

Jerry Ann (Morrison) Eby Hawley, 77, passed away from cancer at home May 18, 2015.

She was born Oct. 26, 1937, in Kansas City, Missouri, where she was raised.

On Nov. 19, 1955, she married Gerald Amber Eby in Browning. They were married for 13 years.

In 1972 she studied accounting at Flathead Valley Community College for a year.

She worked as seamstress and a waitress, starting at Gambles in Kalispell in 1968 and moving to Bonanza 88 in 1970, Stokholm Bar (as a bartender) in 1974, Lighter Side Restaurant, Orly's



Supper Club and the Husky truck stop from the mid-'70s through '80s.

Jerry Ann was always a seamstress; she started sewing at a very young age. She made her sons' socks when they were young men.

A lot of people knew Jerry Ann, and we will all miss her.

She is survived by her sons, Kraig, Monty, Michael and Doug Eby.

A private memorial was held on May 24. Cremation took place May 22.

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Robert Earl Hayward, 51

Robert Earl Hayward, 51, passed away on Thursday, Feb. 12, 2015, at Whitefish Care and Rehabilitation, in Whitefish.

He was born in 1963, in Stockton, California.

Robert will be missed. He was a good man who raised a good family. He is loved and will be in the thoughts of many people as a good, funny, hard-working man who did a good job in life for family, friends and many others. He made a lot of people happy and will be missed indefinitely.

Robert is survived by his three sons, Derek, Tyler and Adam.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for Robert's



family. You are invited to go to www.jgfuneralhome.com to view Robert's tribute wall, offer

condolences and share memories.

C. Louise Hearn, 72

C. Louise Hearn, 72, died in Kalispell on Oct. 31, 2015. Services will be held at

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

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Eleanor Ann Hedstrom, 93

Eleanor Ann Hedstrom, 93, passed away Thursday, April 30, 2015, at the Brendan House in Kalispell.

She was born Oct. 13, 1921, in Elbowoods, North Dakota, to Robert and Mary Landwehr. When Eleanor was 14 years old, her family moved to Kalispell where her father built cabins in Idaho and Main. It was during these years she learned the value of hard work and the importance of education. Eleanor attended grade school at St. Matthew's and graduated from Flathead County High.

She met Bill Hedstrom while roller-skating at the fairgrounds where he always helped her put on her skates. Bill entered the Army in 1942 and upon his return from military service, they got married in Missoula on Nov. 30, 1945.

While Eleanor and Bill were raising their five boys, she worked as a bookkeeper for various businesses. Her first job was at Woolworths. She retired from S&S Campers in 2003 at the age of 82.

She was a member of St. Matthew's Catholic Church. Every family member knew she would pray for them each day.

Eleanor loved spending time with Bill and the family at Echo Lake where she swam and hiked in the woods with her grandchildren. Meadow Creek was a favorite camping and trail riding



destination for her and Bill. Her family also remembers her as a great cook!

Eleanor was preceded in death by her husband, Bill; her parents; her sister, Delores Lampman; and brothers, Leonard, Vince and Larry Landwehr.

She is survived by her five sons, Robin J. and Judi of Columbia Falls, William R. and Marilyn of Kalispell, R. Scot and Judy of Kalispell, Steven L. and Betty of Raynesford and John E. Cassie of Townsend; 14 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her brother-in-law, Ed Hedstrom, and Hazel, of Great Falls; and many nieces and nephews.

Services for Eleanor will be held 12:10 p.m. on Monday, May 4, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church.

The family suggests memorial gifts be given to St. Matthew's Catholic Church, 601 6th Ave., Kalispell, MT 59901, or the veterans food pantry.

They would like to thank the Brendan House staff for their excellent care and compassion.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the Hedstrom family. To send condolences to the Hedstroms, please visit www.jgfuneralhome.com.

Susan D. Henderson, 62

Susan D. Henderson, of Kalispell, passed away at the age of 62, after a short illness at Kalispell Regional Medical Center on Sept. 12, 2015, surrounded by her loving family.



Miller. Susan is survived by her brother, Ralph Henderson, and his wife, Cheryl; and

Susan was born Oct. 13, 1952, in Missoula to Ralph "Bud" Henderson and Jalia (Williams) Henderson. She graduated from Hellgate High School and lived the majority of her life in Missoula.

She worked in the food service industry her entire life, first in restaurants and ending in the dietary department of an area nursing home before her retirement in October of 2014. She was just starting to settle into her new routine after working all of her life.

She moved to Kalispell in the fall of 2008 to be closer to her brother and his family. Susan quickly started hosting many of the family dinners, especially after the family was reminded of just how good her clam chowder was. She never turned down a request for the chowder and made sure to have more than enough on hand to send leftovers home with everyone. She most recently hosted a dinner for her great-nephew Bodie's fiancée, Kelsey, to welcome her to the family tradition of gatherings to celebrate birthdays.

Susan was preceded in death by both of her parents and her sister, Marie

her sister, Sandra Olson, and her husband, Don. She was the loving aunt to her nieces and nephews, including Jennifer Henderson, Scott Henderson and his wife Brandie and their two sons Bodie and Easton, Steven Olson, Dori Peltier, Dan Olson, Anthony Miller and his wife Lynne and their children Kaitlyn, Margaret and Jack, Krista Miller, Kerri Miller and her children Alex and Jalia. She is also survived by her uncle, Jerry Williams, and his wife, Peggy, and their children and grandchildren.

A private family graveside service will be conducted at the Missoula Cemetery at a date yet to be determined.

Susan's family would like to express their deepest appreciation to the medical team at Kalispell Regional Medical Center — to Laura (her first nurse), Dr. Obermiller and especially to Kaija Lockhart who administered to Susan with thorough and gentle care.

To send a note of condolence to the family, please visit www.buffalohillfh.com

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

Karen R. Heppner, 74

Karen R. Heppner, 74, died Friday, Nov. 13, 2015, at the Heritage Place in Kalispell.

She is survived by her husband, Ron; and chil-

dren, Lisa, Gregg and Todd. There are no services planned at this time.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Charlene Johnson Herron, 71

Charlene Johnson Herron died Nov. 10, 2015, of lung cancer.

A native Montanan born Dec. 16, 1943, in Havre, to William and Charlotte Johnson, she grew up on the Hi-Line in Chester, moved to Kalispell in 1958 and graduated from Flathead High School in 1961. She was married to Dennis William Herron in 1962 until his death in 1978. Charlene was employed for 32 years as

the career counselor for TRIO and Flathead Valley Community College and was a longtime choreographer and member of the local Sweet Adelines. After Dennis's death, Charlene was briefly married and divorced from Reginald Thomas DuMontier and Thomas Wayne Emens.

Charlene is survived by two daughters, Christeve Marie Herron and Colby Marie Herron Wood; grandchildren,

Charden Marie Wood and Jaben Herron Wood; and her brother, William C. Johnson, of Quincy, Ill.

At the request of Charlene, no services will be held. Memorials may be sent to the Charlotte Kempf Johnson Scholarship Fund at Flathead Valley Community College; contact Sue Evans. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Mary Joan Hess, 85

Mary Joan Hess, 85, died Sunday, Oct. 4, 2015, at St. Luke Hospital in Ronan.

Arrangements are pending for Mary Joan.

Arrangements are under the direction of The Lake Funeral Home and Crematory.

Mariane Davis Heyne, 98

Mariane Davis Heyne, 98, of Libby, died Sunday, Jan. 18, 2015, at the Libby Care Center.

Survivors include three children, Joan Robbins of Sandpoint, Idaho, and Sandy Nelson and Budd Heyne, both of Libby.

Services will be at 11

a.m. Monday, Jan. 26, at the Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home, with interment services at Milnor Lake Cemetery; a reception will follow at the VFW Club. Family and friends may call at the funeral home from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Debbie Diane Heuscher, 57



Debbie "went home to be with her Lord and Savior," suddenly and unexpectedly, on July 3, 2015.

She was born in Seattle on Jan. 31, 1958. Her family moved a lot following her father's iron work so she grew up all over the country. They settled in Walhalla, North Dakota, when Debbie, the oldest of five, started high school. She stayed in Walhalla until she came to Bigfork to spend the summer of 1977 where she met the love of her life.

She married Vernon Dee Heuscher on Aug. 12, 1978, in Bigfork where they lived and soon after raised their four children. She was the rock of her family. Always willing to listen, always ready with kind advice. Debbie had a heart for children and enjoyed teaching Sunday school and being involved with the children's church and VBS programs at First Baptist Church of Bigfork for many years. She and her husband were directors of the church's AWANA Sparks program for 28 years, stepping down just this spring.

She had many jobs throughout her life, but finally found a fulfilling career when she joined the Food Services Department of Bigfork Schools in 1998. She enjoyed getting to know the kids of Bigfork and knew almost every one of their names and lunch numbers by heart, which the kids loved.

Her faith and family were by far the most important things in her life. She spent as much time as she could with her husband, kids and

grandchildren and visited her family out of state as often as she could.

She enjoyed reading, watching country music videos, people watching, and traveling to fun new cities as part of her position with the Montana School Nutrition Association. She was always there to support her children and grandchildren, making sure they knew how proud she was. She was a night owl and spent many nights up late chatting with loved ones.

"She is joining in heaven" her stepfather Jimmy Madden, and mother-in-law, Ella Mae Heuscher whom she was close with.

Debbie is survived by her husband of 37 years, Vernon Dee Heuscher; her mother Martha Madden, her father Wayne Hogan Sr.; sisters, Joan Meidinger and Michelle Hogan; brothers, Wayne Hogan Jr. and Clinton Hogan; her children, Joshua Heuscher, Jenni and Geoff Cosand, Jacob Heuscher, and Jessica Heuscher; her grandchildren, Cooper and Dyllynne Cosand; and many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, July 10, at First Baptist Church of Bigfork, with a reception following.

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

Kyle James Hibler, 30

Kyle James Hibler was born on May 13, 1984, to Ken and Becky (Batz) Hibler in Longmont, Colorado. He was an only child and was very much loved by his family and the many friends that he made during his lifetime. He was a caring and compassionate young man who loved people and animals and thrived on making people laugh.

Kyle was raised in Longmont through his grade school years. In 1999 he moved to Whitefish to live with his mother and stepfather, Becky and Steve Vance. In the fall he started at Whitefish High School. To say that Kyle loved school for the education is a bit of a stretch. He loved school because of the people who were there — teachers, staff, students and the lifelong friends he made. He graduated in 2002.

Kyle continued his education at Flathead Valley Community College in Kalispell. He graduated in 2004 with an Associate of Business degree. After graduating from FVCC, Kyle moved to Missoula to continue his education at the University of Montana and to pursue his passion to become a certified personal trainer.

Kyle was happiest in his job at Gold's Gym where he worked with people and promotion. While at Gold's, he became an experienced personal trainer and assistant manager. He was also able to pursue his goals to become a competitive weight lifter and body builder. In 2008 and 2009, Kyle participated in the Pride Power Lifting competitions in



Missoula. In 2008, he received awards for first place in power lifting and was overall champion.

In 2009, he received first place awards for bench press and dead lift.

In May of 2014, Kyle moved to Colorado for better employment opportunities and to again be close to his childhood friends. During his short time there, he worked for Verizon and was a personal trainer.

On Jan. 23, 2015, while crossing a street in Fort Collins, Kyle was hit by a car. After three days in the critical care unit, Kyle was taken off of life support. He passed away on Jan. 26, 2015.

He will be greatly missed by his family and many friends.

As an organ donor, Kyle benefited as many as 70 others in need.

Kyle is survived by his father and stepmother Ken and Kathy Hibler, and stepbrother Blake Shipman, all of Lafayette, Indiana; mother and stepfather, Becky and Steve Vance, of Whitefish; grandmother, Mary Batz, of Laramie, Wyoming; and aunt, Kathy, and Marlon Rambo, of Laramie.

Kyle has been cremated. A celebration of his life will be held in Colorado in the spring.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Kyle Hibler Memorial Fund in care of Allnutt Funeral Service, 2100 N. Lincoln Avenue, Loveland, CO 80538.

William 'Bill' Edward Highbarger, 72

William "Bill" Edward Highbarger, 72, "went home to heaven" on Feb. 14, 2015, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center, after a 17-year battle with COPD.

A celebration of Bill's life will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 20, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, 1890 U.S. 93 N., in Kalispell.

Bill was born Feb. 10, 1943, to Hazel (Scott) and William James Highbarger in Roundup. His parents divorced early in Bill's life and he was raised by his grandparents, Josephine and Bill Scott, and aunt, Beulah Scott Rice. He attended school in Roundup.

Bill went into the Marine Corps in April, 1961. He went to boot camp in San Diego and did three tours on Okinawa, receiving jungle training. He was honorably discharged in May 1965.

Bill married Sharon Branum in 1964; Vicki Lynn was born in 1967. The marriage ended in divorce.

Bill received his bachelor's degree in 1974, and his master's degree in 1980, from Eastern Montana College. He worked as a rehabilitation counselor in Lewistown. After receiving his masters degree, he was a school



psychologist in Miles City and in Great Falls.

A new job brought Bill to Kalispell in 1986, where he met Karen McDaniel. They were

married in February 1988. Bill had a counseling practice in Kalispell for nine years.

Bill enjoyed fishing, camping, reading and travel. He was a member of Epworth United Methodist Church, the National Rifle Association and the American Legion.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents and parents.

Bill is survived by his wife, Karen; his brother, John; his niece, Tera; and daughter, Vicki.

Memorials are suggested to Home Options Hospice, Montana Wounded Warriors and Northwest Montana Veterans Food Pantry.

Friends are encouraged to visit the website, www.buffalohillfh.com, to leave notes of condolence for the family.

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



Esther Dena Hicklin, 95

Esther Dena Hicklin passed away Aug. 9, 2015, with her loving family, son, and daughter by her side. Esther was born April 20, 1920, in Belgrade.

Esther celebrated her 95th birthday on April 20 of this year.

Esther moved with her family to a small farm in Whitefish in 1932. On July 9, 1938, Esther married Edward "Kirby" Hicklin in Kalispell. They celebrated 69 years of a loving relationship. Esther and Kirby moved to Polson from Clancy, after Kirby retired. They helped their daughter Jeanie and son-in-law Francis Williams in the cherry orchard. Esther and Kirby were dedicated members of First Baptist Church in Polson. On Oct. 15, 2007, Esther lost Kirby who was the love of her life.

Esther so loved family, grandkids, friends, her cat, Pritzie, and her church family. Esther lived alone for nine years in her own home, being very independent, active, and keeping a sharp mind.

Esther is survived by daughter Karen "Jeanie" Williams, of Polson; grandson William "Bill" Williams and his wife Melody; great-grandsons Daniel and Benjamin Williams, of Lavon, Texas; granddaughter Kim Stallknecht and her husband Kurt; great-granddaughters Ariel and Alanis, of Bigfork; son Milton Hicklin, of St. Helens, Oregon; granddaugh-



ter Tammy McLean, of Seattle; great-granddaughter Brooke McLean, of Seattle;

great-grandson Beau McLean, of Helena; granddaughter Therese Phillips and husband Greg; grandsons Zayn of Bothell, Washington, and Allen Shive of Newberg, Oregon; great-great-grandson Brody of Newberg, Oregon; grandson Troy Hicklin and his wife Julie; great-grandson Jace Hicklin, of Longview, Washington; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Esther was preceded in death by seven sisters and three brothers.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 12, at the Lake Funeral Home, Polson. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 13, at First Baptist Church, Polson with Pastor Scott Craven officiating. Interment will be at Lakeview Cemetery. A reception will follow the services at First Baptist Church.

Donations may be made to the First Baptist Church in memory of Esther.

Memories and condolences may be sent to the family at www.thelakefuneralhomeandcrematory.com.

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

Richard Kenneth 'Ken' Hicklin, 83

Richard Kenneth "Ken" Hicklin passed away June 1, 2015, at Genesis Health Care Center in Whitefish where he had been resident since December.

He was born on Oct. 27, 1931, to Charles Thomas Hicklin and Lillian Hicklin in Stoutsville, Missouri.

As Ken grew up he showed great interest in mechanics and was often seen outside working on one of the family's vehicles, whistling as he worked. He was also intensely interested in fire arms, also very knowledgeable.

He was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1952 and honorably discharged in 1954. While in the Army, he was in artillery and as a result suffered the loss of his hearing over the years. He suffered from poor health most of his life and became permanently disabled with congestive heart failure.

He married Rosalie Vanskike in Paris, Missouri, on Aug. 18, 1957, and had three children by this union, eight grandchildren, two stepchildren and one great-grandchild.

He operated a drag line with his dad when he was 14 years old and also learned to set explosives in the coal mine. He and the family moved to Kalispell in 1967. He drove feed trucks a good part of his life and finally worked at Anaconda Aluminum



plant for 21 years without missing a day.

Ken was church treasurer for several years at Easthaven Baptist Church where he and the

family were members. He also played guitar.

He is survived by his wife, Rosalie Hicklin, and his children and grandchildren.

Thanks to hospice and the staff at Genesis Health Care Center who took such good care of him in his last days "before he went to with Jesus." And thanks to all his dear friends who were so faithful to visit him over the months and to his children, Tammy Kiser and son-in-law Noel of Kila, Sherri Houterman of Minneapolis, and Darin Hicklin and Jessica of Whitefish; grandchildren, Jason, Jacob, Rachyl and Peden of Minneapolis; and Tarin, Mitchell and Blake Foster, Noel Kiser and Faye Rosalie Hicklin, all of Montana.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, June 10, at Easthaven Baptist Church, with military rites. To friends and loved ones, please bring a dish for the potluck and join us.



Jerry K. Hicks, 89

Jerry K. Hicks, 89, passed away on Saturday, May 2, 2015 at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

A funeral Mass for Jerry will be held 11 a.m. Friday, May 8, 2015, at Immaculate Concep-

tion Catholic Church. Burial with military honors will be at 1:30 p.m. at Lakeview Cemetery.

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