

Birthe (Jorgensen) Kaltschmidt, 84

Birthe was born Sept. 27, 1930, and raised in Copenhagen, Denmark. She passed away Nov. 16, 2015.

Birthe experienced the invasion and occupation of Denmark by the Nazis from 1939 to 1945. As a young girl she saw "a black sky of airplanes." She asked her father what was going on and was told the Germans "were taking over Denmark." She and her family experienced the hardship of war for the next six years. As a young girl working in a shop, she was involved with helping Jewish people hide from the Nazis before they were smuggled out of Denmark to Sweden. She experienced terror, rationing and school occupation by the Nazis. These events played a big part in her life. Birthe never complained about these events and like many "survivors" just tried to forget; later in life she shared them with her husband and children.

She immigrated to the United States in 1953 on the ship Kungsholm from Sweden and arrived in New York with two pieces of baggage. From there she stayed with an aunt and got a job, again in a shop, in New Jersey. When asked if she spoke English, her aunt looked at the shopkeeper and said, "Some." He looked at the nice looking immigrant girl and said, "That's OK, no one speaks English here anyway." Thus was the state of the immigrant communities in the New York area in the 1950s.

Shortly thereafter, she met and married her



husband, Donald Kaltschmidt Sr. They shared 55 years of marriage; he preceded

her in death in 2010. The Kaltschmidt family resided in New Jersey until a move in 1969 to Kalispell. Raising her family here and again working in retail stores as a sales girl for most of her working years, she worked in the KM building for at the Fashion Salon, later at Hillstead's and, up until recently, at the Salvation Army where she volunteered her time to help her friends and neighbors of Kalispell.

Birthe loved to hike and, living out on Foy's Canyon Road for many years, was an avid hiker in the Blacktail Trail area in Herron Park. She always had her dog by her side while hiking. She was committed to exercise in her retirement years and rarely missed a senior exercise class, consequently, rarely saw a doctor. Like any good Dane, she enjoyed pastry a little too much but it never seemed to slow her down!

Birthe enjoyed going south for the winter when she retired with her husband Don. They spent time camping in Arizona and Mexico. She also had a great talent with puzzles and to her last day was working with the "girls" at the Buffalo Hill to complete another. She loved to crochet and made many wonderful things such as beautiful pine needle basket work — a lost art

today. Though a "tom-boy" in her youth, sewing was a requirement and she learned it well. All her other handiwork she taught herself in her adult years. Her work ethic and survival skills were remarkable.

A gift and talent was the ability to be comfortable around people; she made friends easily. Birthe will be remembered as the outgoing one at any gathering; she never met a stranger.

"Returning to her loved ones we imagine her smiling face into a new adventure beyond the veil. As she has returned to her heavenly Father and Savior Jesus Christ those of us left behind will miss her immensely."

Birthe is survived by her son, Don Kaltschmidt and Debbie, and their children Erik and Shanna Kaltschmidt, Kevin and Catlin Kaltschmidt, and Jason Kaltschmidt; her son, Ken and Marcy Kaltschmidt, their children Sierra and Corey Johnson, Cali Kaltschmidt, Shelby Kaltschmidt, and Kenny Kaltschmidt; her daughter, Karole and Dale Sommerfield, their children Stacey Sommerfield, and Scott and Jordan Sommerfield; and great-grandchildren, Clara and Camaron Kaltschmidt.

A memorial service will be held 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 23, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home in downtown Kalispell. To Leave condolences for the Kaltschmidt family, please visit www.jgfuneralhome.com.

Julie "Julz" Marjorie Kaneen, 31

Julie 'Julz' Marjorie Kaneen, 31, of Kalispell, passed away suddenly on the morning of Feb. 22, 2015.

Julie was born in Whitefish on Nov. 26, 1983, to William "Bill" and Ellen Ann Kaneen of Kalispell. She attended Glacier Christian Academy through sixth grade, started public school in Columbia Falls in seventh grade and continued on to graduate from Columbia Falls High School, Class of 2003. During that time she played many sports, including volleyball, soccer, basketball and softball where she was awarded a Most Valuable Player Award. Julie then started college at Flathead Valley Community College and graduated with the Class of 2005, with an Associate of Arts degree.

Julie was proud to have followed her mom, Ellen, in being part of the Glacier National Park family as a park ranger for the campgrounds. She also worked at Big R/Murdoch's, Candy Bar Ranch and Flathead Concrete.

She had a great sense of humor and was always up for a good joke. Everyone knew she didn't like to be teased. Julie enjoyed the outdoors but especially loved fishing, boating and camping. She treasured time spent with family, and especially her nieces MaKenzie and Erika



whom she treated like her own.

Julie is survived by her parents, Bill and Ellen Kaneen, of

Kalispell; brothers, Brad and Connie of Corona, California, and John and Jason, both of Kalispell; maternal grandmother, Marjorie Hanson, of Pelican Rapids, Minnesota; aunt, Jean, and Robert Varholdt, of Barnsville, Minnesota; uncles, Donald and Colette Hanson of Pelican Rapids, Minnesota, Ronald and Lorie Hanson of East Grand Forks, Minnesota, and John and Linda Hanson of Hungry Horse; nephew, Seth Kaneen, of Corona; nieces, Shelby Kaneen

of Corona, and MaKenzie Kaneen and Erika Kaneen, both of Columbia Falls; cousins, Travis, Rhonda, Brittny, Megan, Courtney, Joey and Tiffany; and her beloved fiancé and best friend, Karl Hoffman, of Kalispell.

She was preceded in death by paternal grandparents, Robert and Marjorie Kaneen; maternal grandfather, Jarhl Hanson; and brother, Ryan Kaneen.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 28, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls, with burial to follow at Woodlawn Cemetery.

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

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

Frank Richard Kapelanczyk Sr., 83

Frank Richard Kapelanczyk Sr. died at 83 years of age of natural causes in Kalispell, on Jan. 14, 2015.

Frank was born Nov. 25, 1931, in Baltimore to Leon and Bertha (Pikette) Kapelanczyk.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, March 13, at Lone Pine Cemetery in Bigfork.

Frank married Emma Marie "Boots" Zink in 1950 in Baltimore; they were married for 41 years.

Frank served in the United States Marine Corps, during and after the Korean War. He was discharged as a staff sergeant, from Camp Pendleton, California, in 1956. He graduated from high school and attended City College, in Baltimore, and Hartford Community College in Belair, Maryland. Frank worked as a Maryland state trooper from 1956 to 1958, retiring from federal service, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Aberdeen, Maryland.

He moved his family to Montana in 1973. In Montana he was the owner and operator of J&K Trucking, in Bigfork. He drove log truck for Richards Logging, in Seeley Lake. He always loved Montana and said he could not believe they paid him to drive log truck in the woods. He also delivered campers for S&S Campers all over the U.S. and Alaska. In retirement he worked as court bailiff for the 11th Judicial Court, in Kalispell.

Frank had many hobbies that he enjoyed, especially sailing his sailboat on the Chesapeake Bay in Maryland. He was the eighth man in Maryland to bowl a 300 perfect game in 1971. He played golf for several years in Montana and Arizona. Frank was



a Gold Wing rider for years, traveling all over the U.S.

until health prevented him. At age of 74, he traveled to Australia and New Zealand with his brother and scuba dived in the Great Barrier Reef. Frank was a member of the Montana Loggers Association and the Flathead Gold Wing Club.

Survivors include his sons and daughters, Kathy and Brian Frame of Bigfork, Frank Jr. and Bonnie Kapelanczyk of Bigfork, Susan and Robert Trodick of Las Vegas, Janet and Denny Beach of Kila; and Matthew and Missy Kapelanczyk of Kalispell; one brother; Joseph Kapelanczyk, of Forest Hill, Maryland; grandchildren, Rebecca Dickey of Kalispell, Rachel Johnson of Texas, Justin Trodick of Bigfork, Jake Trodick of Kalispell, Amanda Durband of Billings, Christopher Kapelanczyk of Spokane, Laura Kapelanczyk of Helena, Cole Kapelanczyk of Kalispell and Lucas Kapelanczyk of Kalispell; and 18 great-grandchildren.

Frank was preceded in death by his wife, Emma "Boots" Kapelanczyk, in 1992; and one sister, Leona Ciresi, in 2010; and his parents, Leon and Bertha Kapelanczyk. Frank will be greatly missed.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to the Flathead County Council on Aging or Eagle Transit for their senior services.

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Janet Angstead Kauffman, 42

Our dear friend Janet Angstead Kauffman died quietly Sunday, Feb. 8, 2015, at about 1:30 p.m. at Brendan House, in Kalispell. She was 42 years old with six years sobriety.



trials. "I don't want my death to be in vain. Maybe someone else can be cured even

if I'm not," she said.

Janet fought endometrial cancer for five years without remission, and outlived her prognosis by 12 months. She endured three chemo treatments, two radiation treatments and multiple surgeries. She accepted her plight and endured unimaginable pain day after day in the hope that she would be cured and go on to live a full and sober life.

She kept her spirits up by attending church, art therapy sessions and AA meetings. Those who knew her will always remember her closing, "I'll shut the hell up and take another 24."

Janet deeply believed her higher power's plan for her life was to help others. Even in the final stages of her illness she was helping others by volunteering for clinical

She had dreams of starting a foundation for cancer patients and a website called, "What's So Funny About Cancer." She looked forward to sharing her photography with the world and wanted to write a book about her experience with and recovery from cancer.

Her earnestness and humor will be missed. Her strength in the midst of heartbreaking circumstances was beyond exemplary.

She was preceded in death by her loving father, Dan Angstead, and her husband, John Kauffman, whom she celebrated as her soulmate.

Please join us in a celebration of life and potluck lunch at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 1, at the Alano Club, 55 First Ave. WN, Kalispell.

Mildred M. Keene, 84

Mildred M. Keene, 84, died Thursday, Jan. 22, 2015, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell of natural causes.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial ser-

vices are planned for this spring in Havre.

Holland and Bonine Funeral Home in Havre has been entrusted with services and arrangements.

Eric James Keith, 44

Eric James Keith, 44, of Kalispell, died Oct. 12, 2015, in Kalispell.

He is survived by his daughter, Angel Gunn, and son, Cameron Keith; also his parents, Rodney

Keith and Christine Thisselle.

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

Joseph 'Joe' Samuel Kauffman, 87

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Joseph "Joe" Samuel Kauffman, 87, died Saturday, Dec. 5, 2015, at Lebanon Rehab Center in Lebanon, Oregon.

He was born on Leap Day Feb. 29, 1928, in Creston, one day after his mother's 40th birthday, the 12th child in a family that would grow to 15 children. He attended the Cayuse Prairie one-room school house and was one of the first in his family to graduate from high school. He also learned the value of hard work while helping with the family farm and sawmill. During the World War II era, Joe served his country as a conscientious objector serving as an orderly in a Colorado Hospital.

He met his future wife, Ruth Unternahrer, at Hesston College in Kansas. While they both were serving the hospital in La Junta, Colorado, they eloped and were married in Raton, New Mexico.

Joe was a member of Mountain View Mennonite Church in Kalispell and attended Lebanon Mennonite Church while living in Oregon. He was also a longtime member of the Flathead Valleyaires Barbershop Chorus.

He had a great love for music, both singing and listening to it. He often joined his six older brothers to present a cappella gospel music at local churches.

Joe had a great passion for sports and played league basketball past age 60. He also organized the church softball league in Kalispell and adult basketball leagues.

Brook School, a two-room school house several miles from his childhood home and also taught in Elrod School (Kalispell), Western Mennonite School (Oregon), Cayuse Prairie School (where he attended all eight grades as a child), Homer Christian School (Alaska), Kalispell Nazarene School, and finished his teaching career in the one-room Pleasant Valley School near Marion.

Joe lived the vast majority of his life near Kalispell, with brief stints in Colorado, Kansas, Alaska and Oregon.

Joe grew up in a hunting family and loved hunting trips into the Swan Valley and Bob Marshall Wilderness with family members. He also was the local guide for the Outspoken Tours hiking ventures into the Rocky Mountains.

He was preceded in death by his parents, N.L. "Roy" Kauffman and Anna (Snyder) Kauffman; and 12 of his siblings, Reuben, Mabel, Ruth, Mary, Paul, Aldine, Bernice, Dave, Norman, Lilly, Jim and Sanford; one daughter, Kelli White; one son, Charles Upham; and one grandson, Jordan Carlson.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth U. Kauffman of Lebanon; two sisters, Gladys Reimer of Whitewater, Kansas, and Rosella Eby of Drake, Saskatchewan; four daughters, Kristina and Leonard Krabill, and Amy and Todd Borntreger of Lebanon, Tracy and Bruce Drury of Libby, and Sandra Cannon of Buda, Texas, five sons, Brent and Debra Kauffman of Lebanon, Doug Kauffman and Sherry Jolley, and Scott and Patti Carlson of Kalispell, Raymond and Jasmine Burland of Butte, and David Kauffman of Deer Lodge; 17 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and a multitude of nephews, nieces and extended family.

Joe grew up in rural Creston, one of the youngest members of a large family. His strong value of family shown throughout his life, from his birth family relationships to his relationships with his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Joe (and Ruth) were foster parents to 60 children over many years with seven children coming into the household at a young age and being there until adulthood and remaining as close family members.

Joe taught school for many years, starting and ending his teaching career in small country schools in rural Northwest Montana. Joe began his teaching career in Mountain

A celebration of Joe's life will held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 12, at Mountain View Mennonite Church, 795 Mennonite Church Road, Kalispell, less than a mile from his place of birth.

In lieu of flowers, the family encourages donations in Joe's name to the worldwide relief agency of Mennonite Central Committee, 1010 G Street, Reedley, CA 93654.

Alvin Martin Keller, 88

Alvin Martin Keller passed away Feb. 14, 2015, at Prestige Expressions Memory Care in Kalispell.

Alvin was born March 22, 1926, in Half Moon, Montana, to Herman M. and Clea A. (Forman) Keller. He attended Canyon View School until the 8th grade. He grew up delivering newspapers and milk on his bike to the neighbors, sledding the Half Moon Hill and swimming in the Half Moon mill pond.

In 1941, at the age of 15, he and his parents moved to the farm on McMannamy Draw and farmed along with his dad. While buying calves from a nearby dairy farm from his future father-in-law, he met Frances Stiles. They were married September 1949. They continued farming up McMannamy Draw. In 1950 his parents moved to Kalispell and Alvin continued to farm until his retirement in 1983. To this marriage three children were born. Alvin and Frances were divorced in 1980. He spent 35 winters in Arizona, this winter being the first he has missed. In February 1988 he married Arlene Miller. They were later divorced. He continued to live up the road from the farm on McMannamy Draw until this last July when he moved to Prestige.

Thank you to all the wonderful care givers at Prestige Expressions Memory Care and the Hospice Nurses.

Dad, the hay is in the barn, the sickle knives have been sharpened, the



rocks are picked and the cows have been fed. Rest peacefully.

He was preceded in death

by his parents, brother Kenneth, and sister-in-law Ruth Keller as well as his former wife Frances.

Survivors include his daughter Jeanine and Kevin Buettner of Kalispell; Leland Keller of Colbert, Washington; Leslie and Katy Keller of Kalispell; grandchildren Hanni and Nick Hanson of Kalispell; Hillary and Calvin Sphuler of Kalispell; Justin and Sarah Keller of Danbury, New Hampshire; Tiffany Keller of Alameda, California; Alanah Keller of Chattaroy, Washington; Kline Keller of Kalispell; Laura Keller of Moses Lake, Washington; great-grandchildren, Avery and Zephy Hanson, Katelyn, Jonah and Emily Sphuler all of Kalispell; along with two nieces, a nephew and cousins.

A funeral service will be held for Alvin at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home on Saturday, Feb. 28, 2015, at 10 a.m. officiated by Pastor Ron Peirce. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Donations can be made to the library at West Valley School, 2290 Farm to Market Road, Kalispell, MT 59901. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the Keller family. Please visit www.jgfuneralhome.com to leave condolences.

Jack L. Kelly, 81

Jack L. Kelly, 81, a former resident of Kalispell, died Thursday, Jan. 8, 2015, in Almont, Michigan.

He had been a logger.

He is survived by six children, including Andy and Scott Kelly, both of Kalispell.

Rita L. Kelsay, 56

Rita L. Kelsay, 56, died Tuesday, July 21, 2015, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

Cremation has taken

place and no services are planned at this time.

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

Peter Hubbard Keller, 49

My husband, best friend, true love and constant companion passed away on July 7, 2015, by accidental drowning in Hackensack, Minnesota. He was excited to take and was enjoying his vacation with his family and many best friends.



with them and be a positive influence on their lives. He expressed much empathy

where needed.

Peter Hubbard Keller was born to JoAnn Olson Keller and Dr. Richard Keller in Salt Lake City on Aug. 16, 1965. He was the second of three children. He grew up hiking, camping, taking many family vacations and traveling to different parts of the world. When possible, he followed the Grateful Dead, amongst other bands, with close friends.

Peter graduated from Skyline High School in Salt Lake in 1983, later attending the University of Montana, where he received his Bachelor of Arts in Education degree and a Bachelor of Arts in history. While in Missoula he spent his summers as a guide on the Main Salmon and the Locksaw in Idaho. He enjoyed this job greatly and told me wonderful stories from his experiences.

Peter had a tremendous appreciation for the outdoors. While his first years of teaching were on the Rocky Boy Reservation, he developed a passion for the North Fork of the Flathead on his many trips to the valley, where he purchased 25 acres close to the border.

In 1995 Peter began his career teaching sixth grade in Columbia Falls, where he remained for 20 years. His good friend Don Barta and others helped him build a cabin on "the Land" with whom we, and eventually our boys, spent much time.

Peter and I were married there on June 20, 1999. The perfect place to unite in marriage to one's soulmate. Peter had a great love for God, his family and was a true patriot to his country.

Peter loved teaching and went to work each day for his students. He was dedicated, hard working and taught with dignity. He respected each student trying to connect

Peter and I traveled each year with our boys, often more than once to let them learn from and experience life outside of Montana. His greatest joy was spending time with and watching his boys grow and develop. They shared a deep mutual love. He was a true family man, always putting us first. Although many of our dreams were achieved, many will be left unfulfilled.

"While gone from this earth and rejoicing in heaven, each day for those that love him will remain a challenge. We will grieve him forever in our hearts. Farewell for now my love — until we meet again." Always, CC.

Peter is survived by his wife, Debbie Forman Keller; sons, Dalton Hubbard and Weston Peter of Creston; father, Richard Keller and Sallee; sister, Christena Ensign and Mike, their children Hannah, Eric, Zachary and Andrew; sister-in-law, Anina Merrill, all of Salt Lake City; stepchildren Michael Jones, Bobby Jones and Ashley, Tara Billsborough and Rich; grandson, Brody, all of Kalispell; mother-in-law, Elva Forman; brother-in-law Ben Forman, and Joelle, their sons Josh Forman and Rachel, Zach Forman with his son Benny, all of Columbia Falls; and his many, wonderful best friends and their families in Salt Lake City and Missoula.

Peter was preceded in death by his cherished mother JoAnn in 2004 and beloved brother David in 2013.

"It is because of love we grieve, and because of love, also, we will be comforted."

There will be a celebration of Peter's life at 4 p.m. on Aug. 22 at the Columbia Falls High School.

Crash victim was co-owner of Hungry Horse News

The Daily Inter Lake

Carol Pollock Kennedy, the woman killed Monday in a crash on Interstate 90 near Anaconda, has been confirmed to be the former co-owner of the Hungry Horse News in Columbia Falls.

Kennedy, 57, of Columbia Falls, and 26-year-old Osiris Munoz Rifo of Woodland Hills, California, died in the crash Sept. 28. Rifo was a passenger in the other vehicle.

Kennedy and her ex-husband, Brian, operated the Hungry Horse News for 20 years from

1978 to 1998, and became sole owners in 1987. The Montana Highway Patrol said Kennedy was driving eastbound in the westbound lanes when the two vehicles collided. Kennedy's car caught fire, the Montana Standard in Butte reported.

Trooper Joseph Fowler

said the driver of the second vehicle, a 25-year-old woman from Van Nuys, California, was hospitalized in critical condition in Butte.

Investigators are still trying to determine why Kennedy was driving on the wrong side of the interstate.

4 Oct 2015

Carol Lynn Pollock Kennedy, 57

Carol Lynn Pollock Kennedy, 57, of Columbia Falls, died in a car accident Sept. 28, 2015, in southwestern Montana.

She was born July 3, 1958, in Chico, California, to Robert and Corinne Pollock. She grew up and attended schools with her three brothers in Douglas, Worland and Casper, Wyoming. Carol graduated from high school in Cody, Wyoming where she began a successful sales career, first in the livestock industry and then in newspaper advertising.

She met Brian Kennedy at a newspaper conference in Cody in 1981 and they were married there on April 10, 1982.

Carol was co-publisher of the Hungry Horse News until 1999 when the business was sold. Her work was a major reason for the newspaper's success as she tirelessly directed its advertising sales program for many years. She always was the newspaper's biggest booster in the HHN building and local community.

Her children were the highlight of Carol's life and she proudly cheered on Jim, Justin and Tia in their many sports and music pursuits throughout their school and college years. She cherished family get-togethers with them around campfires,



holiday reunions and sporting events of all kinds.

She enjoyed skiing, hiking, camping

and loved her flower gardens. Boating at Hungry Horse Reservoir was a favorite. An enthusiastic runner, she ran the North Fork Gauntlet, Summit Classic in Kalispell and Bloomsday in Spokane, numerous times. She once finished second in her age group in the annual August race up the Danny On Trail to the top of Big Mountain.

Horses always were a big part of her life, beginning as a teenager with barrel racing and continuing for years on trails near her rural Columbia Falls home. She rode in the week-long Montana Centennial Cattle Drive from Roundup to Billings in 1989.

Animals and pets of all sizes loved her gentle touch, but there was a special place in her heart for her beloved boxer Layla.

After her marriage ended in 2011, she continued living in Columbia Falls and celebrated her first grandchild when Safia was born to Jim and Nikko in 2012.

Carol's family and

many friends will miss her smile, her spirit and the sincere warmth she showed everyone.

Preceding her in death were her father, Robert, and grandparents, Earl and Thelma Dunham, James and Cleo Tighe and Merle and Virginia Sweargin.

She is survived by her children, James and Nikko of Cave Junction, Oregon, Justin of Soquel, California, and Christina of Columbia Falls; one granddaughter, Safia Kennedy, of Cave Junction; her parents, Corinne and Jack Sweargin, of Cody; three brothers, Bob and Wendy Pollock of Lakewood, California, Ron Pollock of Harbor City, California, and Jim and Debbie Pollock of Cody, Wyoming; two step-sisters, Charlene and Bill Klutts and Bonnie Sweargin, of Sheridan, Wyoming; two nieces, Jennifer Brainerd, of Cody, and Heather Papirio, of Denver; one nephew, Brennen Pollock of Cody, and numerous loving aunts, uncles, cousins and dear friends.

A memorial service for Carol begins at 11 a.m. Monday, Oct. 5, at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls with the Rev. Dawn Skerritt of United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery, Columbia Falls.

Dorothy Wallace Kennedy, 99

Dorothy Wallace Kennedy, 99, of Kalispell, died Oct. 4, 2015, in Minneapolis.

She is survived by her son, Tom Kennedy;

and daughters, Carmen Hemmer and Kathleen Kennedy.

Services will be held next summer in Billings.

Karl G. Kent, 73

Karl G. Kent, 73, died Friday April 24, 2015.

He is survived by his wife, Marlene Kent; and son, Devon Kent.

Memorial services

will be held at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 29, at Glacier Church of Christ.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for the family.

29 Dec 2015

Mumford W. 'Mump' Kenyon, 95

Mumford W. "Mump" Kenyon, 95, passed away Thursday, Dec. 24, 2015, peacefully at his home with family in Bigfork.

Mumford was born Sept. 18, 1920, in Orfordville, New Hampshire. He is survived by his wife, Mylet, sons

Mumford Jr. and Walter of Bigfork; seven grandchildren, 10 great-children and one great-great grandson.

There will be no services; cremation has taken place.

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

Zaneta Keplin, 46

Zaneta Keplin, 46, died at home Monday, June 1, 2015.

13 Jan 2015

The Lake Funeral Home & Crematory is assisting the family with arrangements.

Jean Chapman Keretzman, 84

Jean Chapman Keretzman passed away peacefully on Jan. 8, 2015, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She was born on Jan. 27, 1930, in Philadelphia. Her parents were Alexander Chapman and Helen Hardie. Her younger years were spent in the Coatsville, Pennsylvania, area. She graduated from Scott Senior High School in 1948. She married Michael Keretzman on Aug. 27, 1999.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and her sister, Mary.

She is survived by her husband, Mike; sons, John Kearny of Philadelphia and Terence Kearny



of Florida, their children and grandchildren; also stepchildren, Michael Keretzman,

Mark Keretzman and Helen Franks, and their children and grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial Mass for Jean will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 16, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Kalispell. Urn burial will be in C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please make a memorial donation to St. Matthew's Parish.

Helmer Kienzle, 83

Helmer Kienzle, 83, passed on June 15, 2015, with Loreina by his side at Lake View Care Center in Bigfork.

He was born in North Dakota on Oct. 9, 1931, to Bertha (Job) and Simon Kienzle. Helmer had one sister and three brothers.

Helmer married Loreina Dewald on Dec. 7, 1952, at the folk's house in North Dakota.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1954 to 1956 as a mechanic and spent time in Germany. He worked as a tile contractor for many years. He loved snowmobiling, four wheeling, fishing and spending winters in Arizona with Loreina and many friends.

Helmer is preceded in



death by his two sons, parents and his siblings.

He is survived by his wife Loreina and many nieces and nephews.

A visitation will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 20, at Bethany Lutheran Church in Bigfork. A funeral will follow at 1:30 p.m. at the church. Interment will be at Bethany Lutheran Cemetery, Bigfork.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Helmer's family.

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

Jeanne Kildahl, 89

Jeanne Kildahl, 89, of Great Falls, died July 2, 2015, in Kalispell.

No services are sched-

uled locally at this time.

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

3 May 2015

George Benjamin Kimes Jr., 70

George Benjamin Kimes Jr., 70, of Vacaville, California, passed away April 28, 2015.

A funeral service for George will be at 1 p.m. Monday, May 11, at Vaca Hills Chapel 524 Elmira Road in Vacaville. He will be laid to rest at the Sacramento Valley VA National Cemetery in Dixon, California.

George was born in Montana on Dec. 27, 1944, to George Sr. and Clarice Kimes. He retired from the U.S. Army after 22 years of meritorious service.

A true outdoorsman, George enjoyed camping and RVing. He enjoyed playing poker with his sons and friends from the senior center.

George is survived by his beloved wife of 19 years, Donna Kimes; sons,



Jeffrey and Renee, Ben and Beejal, and Erik and Crysta; stepsons, Tom and Susan, and Tim and Heather; stepdaughter, Melissa and Carl;

grandchildren, Bailey, Chloe, Xavier, Ashlyn, Aidyn, Elizabeth, Tommy, Zachary and one due in August; and sister, Sandra. He also leaves behind his loyal dog Lucy.

He was preceded in death by his parents; infant son, Gregory; and brothers, Fred and Gary.

Funeral arrangements are by Vaca Hills Chapel Funeral Home, 707-446-3233, www.vacahillschapel.com.

Almeda Louise (deLongpre) King, 88

Almeda quietly slipped away on Christmas morning with her husband at her side.

Almeda and Jack King were high school sweethearts and recently celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary.

Almeda was born in Kalispell. She graduated from Flathead High School in 1945 and attended Western Union School. She was in charge of the boys who bicycled around town delivering telegraphs. After marrying Jack and moving to Missoula, she worked as a stenographer at Misco Mill.

She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, friend and servant to the Lord. She touched many with her huge heart, kindness, class and grace. She taught her family to treat everyone the way you want to be treated, take interest in others, take pride in your work, yourself and your home.

Almeda loved to entertain, travel, garden and dance. She enjoyed their summer home on Ashley Lake, going to Griz games and attending all her children and grandchildren's events and activities. She loved Christmas! She loved animals and will be missed by Clyde, Lucky,



Smokey and Sarah. She was a supporter of the Humane Society of Northwest Montana, the dog

kennel being named in her honor. She was a Deacon of the First Presbyterian Church of Kalispell and remembered by many for her contributions there.

She was by Jack's side and a tremendous supporter over Jack's banking career at Valley Bank of Kalispell. Almeda typed the entire application presented to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation which was approved to move the Charter of the State Bank of Somers to Kalispell and change the bank's name to Valley Bank of Kalispell. She also typed the Charter application for the First Security Bank of Kalispell in which Jack was one of the founders. The bank's name was later changed to Three River Bank of Montana.

She was also a great and memorable first lady for Jack when he was the president of the Independent Community Bankers Association (ICBA), the national trade association for community

banks. She hosted a dinner reception attended by the directors of the ICBA in honor of Paul Volcker, who at the time was the chairman of the Federal Reserve System. She also was a member of P.E.O. Chapter C. Most recently, she became an honorary member of Rotary International's Paul Harris Fellow.

Almeda is preceded in death by her parents, A.E. "Ed" and Theresa (Novotny) deLongpre; her five older sisters: Dorothy Rose, Amber Mero, Irene Loveday, Elva Walters, and Frances Sheperd; and her brother, Joseph Longpre.

Almeda is survived by her husband, A.J. "Jack" King, their three children, Karen Rosenberg (Ron), John King (Cheryl) and A.J. King; six grandchildren, Kirsten Pevey (Derek), Joel Rosenberg

(Shannon), Ashley King-Jones (Bobby), Shila Schreiner (Cody), Patrick King and Annie King; seven great grandchildren, Rylan and Jaidyn Pevey, Ollie, Reese and Hadlee Rosenberg and AnnaLynn and DecLand Schreiner.

A memorial service will be held at noon on Thursday, Dec. 31, at First Presbyterian Church, 540 N. Main St., Kalispell with a reception to follow at the church. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Pastor Glen Burfeind will officiate.

Memorials can be made to the Humane Society of Northwest Montana, 100 Adopt A Pet Way, Kalispell; the Glacier Presbyterian Church Camp, 17482 O'Neil Lane, Lakeside; or the First Presbyterian Church of Kalispell, 540 N. Main St., Kalispell.

1 May 2015

Casey Allen King, 24

Casey Allen King, 24, passed away in Kalispell on April 27, 2015.

He was born May 3, 1990, to Bill and Kris.

Casey enjoyed fishing, hunting and his motor bike. He also enjoyed the outdoors in general, as well as all the family gatherings in Kalispell and Trout Creek. He worked as a mechanic for Big Sky Truck.

Casey is survived by his wife, Thess; son, Jeremiah; and daughters, Emma-Leigh and Mollie of Kalispell; his father Bill "Pete" and stepmother Stevie; brothers, Clinton, Jamie and Steven, all of Kalispell; mother, Kris; and sister, Ali, of Washington.



Casey was preceded in death by Pa and Grandma King, as well as cousin

Peck King.

There will be a service held for Casey at 4 p.m. Tuesday, May 5, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home, with burial to follow at 1 p.m. Wednesday, May 6, at the Noxon Cemetery, Noxon.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the King family. Please visit www.jgfuneralhome.com to leave condolences for the King family.

Michael Annual King, 69

Michael Annual King, 69, passed away Aug. 5, 2015, from complications of COPD in Kalispell.

Michael was born Dec. 22, 1945, in Modesto, California, and was raised in Martin, South Dakota.

He had been a business owner and inventor.

Michael had been married to Elizabeth Bailey for the last 28 years.

He enjoyed fishing and hunting.

Michael was preceded in death by his parents, Frances Johnson King and Darrell King, and two brothers, Darrell and Robert King.

Michael is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Bailey King; daughter, Linda and Terry Pickinpaugh and stepsons, Scott

Bailey and Mark and Karen Bailey; brother, Thomas King, and sister, Linda Walker; three grandchildren, Astaysha (Pickinpaugh) and husband Logan Hewitt, Aaron and Alyssa Pickinpaugh.

The family requests memorial contributions be made to the Humane Society or Flathead Animal Shelter. Friends are encouraged to visit the website www.buffalo-hillfh.com to leave notes of condolences for the family.

A celebration of life will be held at 3:30 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 28, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

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

Dennis L. Kinniburgh, 49

Dennis L. Kinniburgh, 49, passed away on Tuesday, April 14, 2015, at his residence.

Cremation has taken place and a celebration of life is planned for a later date in Marion. Memorial services in Havre will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 18, at Immanuel Baptist Church, 3003 County Road 650 W.

Memorial donations may be made to Dennis' beloved family in care of Holland & Bonine Funeral Home, P.O. Box 208, Havre, MT 59501. Holland & Bonine Funeral Home has been entrusted with arrangements. Please visit Dennis' online memorial page and leave a message of condolence for his family at www.hollandbonine.com.

Dennis was born on Nov. 25, 1965, in Kalispell, to Dale and Juanita (Patton) Kinniburgh. He was raised in Marion and Kalispell, graduating from Flathead High School in 1983.

He married Theresa Barron in 1992 in Kalispell, and the couple's union was blessed with three sons. They lived in Flathead and Lincoln counties, while Dennis logged. They moved to Havre in 2000, where



Dennis co-owned Bear Paw Boulder & Veneer with his father. He lost his beloved

Theresa in 2010, and health issues prevented him from working for the past several years.

Dennis enjoyed exploring historical sites, ghost towns, geographic features, caves and craters, lakes and mountains with his family. He adored his family, and time spent with them was treasured.

Dennis was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Theresa Kinniburgh; his brother, Dale Kinniburgh, Jr.; and his father, Dale Kinniburgh.

He is survived by his beloved sons, Patrick Kinniburgh of North Dakota, and Paul Kinniburgh, and Peter Kinniburgh and Dawna Keeley, all of Havre; his grandson; his mother, Juanita Kinniburgh, of Havre; his sister, Juanetta, and Matt Schrepfer, of Eureka; his brothers, David and Muffy Kinniburgh of Minnesota, and Danny Kinniburgh of Louisiana; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

15 Jan 2015

Betty Kinniburgh, 95

Betty Kinniburgh, 95, passed away Jan. 13, 2015, at her home at Greenwood Assisted Living in Kalispell "to be with her Lord Jesus Christ."

She was a strong and resilient woman raised in a rustic home near Belfield, North Dakota, where she attended grade school and high school and then went to college in Dickinson, North Dakota. She taught rural schools before marrying Montie Annear, a local rancher, on Oct. 10, 1941.

They lived on the ranch until they moved to Montana in 1943. They raised three children, a son, Harry, and two daughters, Sharon and Debra. Montie died in 1977 and she married Bill Kinniburgh in 1981. They



enjoyed their latter years together, golfing in Arizona in the winter and in Montana in

the summer until Bill's passing in 2005.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, at Bethel Baptist Church, 936 4th Ave. West, Kalispell, MT.

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

Archie Bon Kirkland, 94

Archie Bon Kirkland, 94, of Kalispell, passed away Sept. 21, 2015, in Kalispell.

He was born Oct. 8, 1920, in Sidney to Archie and Phoebe (Lester) Kirkland. Archie moved to Kalispell, the Lower Valley, in 1928, and served in the U.S. Army from 1942 to 1945, seeing duty in North Africa as well as Italy.

He worked in the woods and Somers Lumber Company for several years and met the love of his life, Shirley Wilson, of Kalispell in 1945. They were married in 1947.

Archie also served as a fire fighter for the city of Kalispell from 1951 to 1965, and retired from the department. From 1964 to 1999, he became the owner/operator of Kirkland school buses. He also drove for the U.S. Forest Service.

Archie was a member of the Somers Saddle Club, Eagles, Bus Drivers Association, as well as the Retired Firemen Association.

He enjoyed horses, vacations in the back country, fishing, hunting, boating, camping, potluck dinners, flying airplanes, and trips to Alaska to visit his brother Clifford and friends.



Archie was preceded in death by his wife, Shirley; parents; six brothers, Clarence, Lawrence, Tom, John "Bud," LaVern and Clifford; and one sister, Margart Troxel.



Archie is survived by his two daughters, Karol Kirkland Haupt, of Kalispell, and Karen Kirkland Ivers and husband Jerry, of Conrad and Fort Mohave, Arizona; grandchildren, Theron Haupt, Frances Ivers, Rhonda Miller, Malcolm Ivers and Brenda Ivers; as well as several great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

An urnside service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 30, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery, with a memorial service to be held following the urnside service at Calvary Lutheran Church at 1 p.m. A luncheon will follow at the church. Honors will be provided by United Veterans of Flathead Valley.

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

Mearl I. Kirkland, 79

Mearl I. Kirkland, 79, of Kalispell, died at home on May 31, 2015.

He is survived by his sons, Don and Dean Kirkland, and daughters, Dottie Nelson and Diana Kirkland.

A celebration of life with potluck will be 2

p.m. Sunday, June 7, at the Birch Grove Community Center. A graveside urn burial will be 11 a.m. Monday, June 8, at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell.

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

Matthew Scott Kirton, 25

Sgt. Matthew Scott Kirton, 25, of Clarksville, Tennessee, passed away suddenly on Dec. 31, 2015, in Clarksville as a result of a motorcycle accident.

Matthew was born on Oct. 23, 1990, in Santa Ana, California, the son of Jeannie (Virginia) Butler and William Butler of Polson. He attended elementary, middle and high school in Murrieta, California.

Matthew was married to Shelby Fenger in 2012 in Las Vegas. He spent 3.5 years in defense of our country in the military. Matthew had just been promoted to sergeant at Fort Campbell with the 160th Night Stalkers.

He served a tour in Afghanistan, received 10 medals, and conquered Airborne and SERE school. He worked as a mechanic on helicopters and was an excelled sharpshooter. Matthew attended several training schools within the Army and excelled at each with a tremendous amount of achievement to be proud of during his time in the military.

Anyone that knew Matthew knew his passion and love for motorcycles and dirt bikes was huge. He has been an avid rider since around 10 years of age. He also had been professionally trained to race dirt bikes. He recently became a nationally certified ATV and off-road course instructor in Clarksville. He loved and enjoyed working on mechanics of autos and bikes. He had enjoyed playing the guitar since his early teens up to recently. He really loved and enjoyed firearms and shooting. His other passion was working out at the local gym, which is where you would find him if not



once, but twice a day at times! When he was very young, he and his brother John trained in the art of taekwondo for a couple of years.

He also liked collecting watches and wearing them.

Matthew had a heart for dogs and a huge love for his Max, Sadie and Bella. Those were his babies and he loved them dearly.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Opal and John Kirton; great-grandmother, Louisa Lovering; and grandmother, Ruth Ruggles.

In addition to his loving parents "who miss you so very much and love you forever," he will be missed by his wife Shelby Kirton of Clarksville — "I will love you always and can't wait 'til we meet again"; adoring siblings, brothers John Michael Kirton and Brett Butler; and sisters Wendy Caporale, Danielle Lopez, Erika Seirup and Breana Sanders; grandmother, Delia Ruiz; uncles, and lots of nieces and nephews and cousins; and in-laws, James and Brenda Fenger, who love him and will miss him. A celebration of life, visitation and video presentation will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 10, at the chapel of Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

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

Amilou Betty Kis, 85

Amilou Betty Kis, 85, died July 21, 2015, at St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula.

Services are pending. The Lake Funeral Home in Polson is handling the arrangements.

5 Apr 2015

Bruce D. Kiser, 78

Bruce D. Kiser "left this world to rejoin his beloved wife" Hazel M. Kiser on Nov. 22, 2014, after a prolonged struggle with Alzheimer's disease.

Bruce was an avid outdoorsman and taught all of his children to hunt and fish, as well as many of his grandchildren. His love for the woods was also mirrored in his lifelong career as a logger. He enjoyed time spent logging on the Alaskan Islands where he learned to fish for halibut. Remembered by many for his amazing mechanical skills, Bruce, in his younger years, was always willing to lend a hand to those who needed his talents.

Bruce was known for his love of animals and in his lifetime had a wide variety of unique pets.

Bruce was preceded in death by his wife, Hazel M. Kiser; mother, Blanche Swaney; father, Fleetice "Fleet" Kiser; and brother, Noel D. Kiser.



He is survived by his brother, Keith "Bill" Kiser, and his wife, Kathy, of Kila; daughters, Marie McDowell and her husband Randy of Kalispell, Kay Leeds and her husband Dan of Kalispell, and Susan Wilkinson and her husband Jeffrey of Cheyenne, Wyoming; and sons, Noel Kiser and his wife Tammy of Kila, Todd Kiser and his wife Karla of Kila, and Craig Kiser of Kalispell. He also leaves behind a legacy of numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Graveside rights will be held for Bruce at 1 p.m. on April 9 at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery with longtime family friend Ron Pierce presiding.

In lieu of flowers, please contribute to the Humane Society of Northwest Montana in his honor.

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Jim R. Kittle, 68

Jim Roger Kittle passed away of pulmonary fibrosis at his home in Polson on Feb. 12, 2015.

Born on Oct. 11, 1946, in Celina, Ohio, he was the second child of Royce and Ruth Kittle, and grew up in both Ohio and Texas.

He started school at John Brown University but left and enlisted in the Army in 1967, to be a helicopter pilot. That was also short-lived, as he broke his knee in Basic Training and then was assigned to be the hospital messenger, a faux pas that resulted in his becoming a disabled veteran.

After leaving the Army, he taught school in the Mendon-Union School District near Celina and found his true loves — school teaching and his wife, Linda Barger, whom he married in 1969. He never forgot his sixth-grade students and to the end told fond stories of them.

Over the next 45 years, he endured dozens of surgeries and worked as a petroleum chemist, telephone lineman and telephone company manager before enrolling in the University of Montana, earning his teaching credential and becoming a rabid Grizzlies fan. In 1994, he joined the staff of Hillcrest High School in Idaho Falls, Idaho,

imbuing his journalism and advanced placement writing classes with government, logic, skepticism and a relentless drive for perfection. He did not tolerate foolishness and named himself the Caviling Curmudgeon, but those who could see beyond the crust found a smart, funny and kind person who passionately cared for his students and their welfare. A number of them kept in touch to the very last week of his life.

He was a champion trap shooter, a sport he enjoyed with his son Jess



in Washington and Montana, and bemoaned his inability to "get out and shoot," do more woodworking, run his tractor around his

property, or visit the historical sites of Montana. He died with innumerable unfinished projects and unsaid goodbyes to many who will cherish his memory and miss him dearly.

He was preceded in death by his father; and brother, John.

Survivors include his mother, Ruth of Conway, Arkansas; wife, Linda of Polson; son, Jess and Rene of Polson; grandsons, Brandon and Spencer of Missoula and Polson; sisters, Judy and Larry Johnson of Spokane, Paula Kittle of Conway, and Betsy and Donnie Kankel of Bulverde, Texas; brothers, Michael and Lynda of West Plains, Missouri, and Dana and Kim of Colleyville, Texas; many nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles; and an uncountable number of students whom he called his kids, loved beyond words and never forgot.

He was grateful for the loving support of his family, Home Options Hospice Care, the members of Mountain Peaks Bible Church, his therapists and fellow exercisers at St. Joseph Hospital pulmonary rehab, the VA, and many supportive friends, who all made this hard journey much easier.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 18, at Polson Community Church, 1814 First St. E., in Polson. Lake Funeral Home of Polson is handling the arrangements.

Robert Clair Kiser, 95 *died June 5, 2015*

My daddy, Robert Clair Kiser, 95, was delivered by his grandmother, a trusted midwife. He was the first born of fraternal twins on July 3, 1919, in Coal Wood, Montana. His family was a hard working, self-reliant family. As was often typical of the times, once a child was big enough to perform a task, they shared in the family work. Living through the Depression was tough, but a farming family fared better than city dwellers because they grew their own food. They even dug their own coal.

Of course, kids will be kids. Daddy and his brothers and sister had their stories to tell when everyone got together. Remembering adventures was always fun. There were also life lessons learned through the choices Daddy made, like, don't put your hand down a gopher hole because you will get bit.

Interests and talents led Daddy to carpentry as an occupation. His finish carpentry can be found in banks, colleges, a movie set and a carousel for an amusement park. His handiwork is not limited to the Lower 48, it is also found in Alaska and Greenland. To widows, Daddy was a honey-do superhero. He could build a wheelchair ramp and fix most anything except cars. Preferring to buy fixer-upper homes, there was plenty to do after work. The kids needed Daddy's skills as well. He built tree houses, bird houses, club houses, dressers, stilts, Lincoln logs, caskets for pets and kites for every kid in the neighborhood.

When our country was reeling at the shock and need for a call to arms



don't have a deep-seated desire to find that special someone and have a family. Jennie Rose Likens was that special someone. Mom and Daddy married the day before his baby brother was married. Bygolly, his baby brother was not going to beat him to the altar.

The first child was stillborn. Leaving the hospital empty handed left an aching hole in their hearts. Fortunately, three more children followed. A happy family life filled with love and a wide variety of adventures ensued, some painful, but most not. When the kids were in their 20s, Daddy was asked what he would do if he had it to do all over again. He responded, "I'd do the same thing, but have twice as many kids."

One of Daddy's greatest heartbreaks was the loss of my mother. He was left lonely. It was the kind of loneliness that eats a hole in you. Finding a new love was a quest that was filled when he married Elizabeth Brinning. For a season, he blessed her and her children's lives with love and acceptance, which they returned. Of course, he and his carpentry skills trailed along for that season of his life.

Daddy liked to be master of his own ship, and hang his hat in his own house. The last 10 years,

during World War II, enlisting was a given. Four years were spent serving his country in the Army.

There aren't very many of us that

he did just that; he kept his own hours pouring over letters and writing them.

Daddy was a peacemaker. He was on the quiet side, but very approachable and helpful. He was truly filled with compassion and has left impressions on our minds and joy laced with sadness when he passed from this life to the next. His ever-growing family wishes him well.

A public viewing will be at 9 a.m. Saturday, June 13, at Columbia Mortuary, with a funeral service following at 10 a.m. Burial will be at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery, with a dinner at Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1780 Talbot Road, Columbia Falls.

Arrangements are entrusted to Columbia Mortuary.

Robert W. Klawitter, 76

Robert W. Klawitter, 76, of Big Arm, died at St. Joseph Medical Center on July 6, 2015.

The Lake Funeral Home and Crematory is assisting the family with arrangements.

24 Feb 2015

Irene Mildred Klingler, 90

Irene Mildred Klingler, 90, recently passed away while surrounded by her family. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, three sisters, and one daughter. Survivors include two sons, Steven and Kenneth, and two daughters, Marilyn and Jeanene, as well as numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, cousins, nieces and nephews.

A funeral service is

scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 28, in Kalispell at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, located at 1380 Whitefish Stage Road. Viewing will begin at 9:30 a.m. with family prayer at 10:30 a.m. and funeral beginning at 11 a.m. Grave dedication and burial will follow immediately thereafter. A celebration of Irene's life will also be held out of state on March 7.

William M. Klinger, 65

William M. Klinger, 65, died Wednesday, May 13, 2015, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Memorial services will be held at a later date. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Joyce Carol Kloock, 86

Joyce Carol Kloock, 86, died Tuesday, March 10, 2015, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

A visitation will be held on Monday, March 16, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. A funeral service

will be held on Tuesday, March 17, at 11 a.m. at Faith Free Lutheran Church, 405 Liberty St., Kalispell.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for Kloock's family.

Richard Nicholas 'Dick' Klein, 63

Richard Nicholas "Dick" Klein, 63, passed away May 16, 2015, at Kalispell Regional Health-care.

Dick was born in Denver to Jack and Ruth Klein on Dec. 10, 1951. The family moved from Denver to Swan Lake, Montana, when he was 4.

Dick became an entrepreneur at a young age, starting his own business selling worms to fishermen in the area as well as having his own paper route. When Dick was 12 the family moved to Kalispell where he attended school at St. Matthew's and then on to Flathead High School. The family moved to Whittier, California, in the late '60s when Dick was in his late teens. He attended Whittier High School and worked at a local gas station and later for the Uniroyal Tire Company.

In the mid to late '70s Dick moved to Sidney, Montana, and worked as a mechanic for a large trucking company and then it was on to the oil rigs during the first oil boom in Richland and McKenzie counties. Prior to leaving Sidney in the early '80s he also did brick work and installed swimming pools.

Dick moved back to the Kalispell area for a short time in the early 1980s. It was then he started working out and lifting weights. In 1983 he competed in Missoula and won the title of "Mr. Montana."

Shortly thereafter, he moved to Wyoming and worked for an oil leasing company and then it was on to Denver where he started a successful construction trash removal business by the name of Dependable Hauling. His son would spend summers with him in Denver often working in the family business. Dick was able to do many things and over the course of the years he learned many skills which served him well throughout his life. He was a hard worker, provided for his



family and was known for his love of the outdoors and love of animals.

Dick was preceded in death by his mother, Ruth Scheidt Klein; and brothers, David Klein and Dan Klein.

Dick is survived by his father, Jack Klein of Kalispell; son, Matthew Klein and wife Tami of Seattle; stepson, Kevin Knapp and wife Carol, also of Seattle; and stepdaughters, Christine Johnson and Brenda Lamb of Sheridan, Wyoming.

He is also survived by his three sisters, Mary Hildesheim and husband Joe of Seattle, Linda Green and husband Dave, and Jackie Klein and husband Rob Mattheisen of Kalispell; and three brothers, Andy Klein and wife Diane of Kalispell, Terry Klein of Vancouver, Washington, and Mark Klein and wife Charlotte of Billings. He leaves behind numerous nephews, nieces and cousins. He also leaves behind his beloved dog and best friend, Nickki.

A celebration of Dick's life with Pastor Scott Keller of Aletheia Christian Fellowship will be held at 3 p.m. on Monday, June 22, at the pavilion (near the Visitor Center) at Lone Pine State Park.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to your local animal shelter, the Wounded Warrior Project, a substance abuse recovery program or to consider sponsoring a child through Compassion International. Dick generously supported all these charities.

We love you, Dick, and know that you are now at peace.

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

Richard William Knapton, 78

Richard William Knapton, 78, passed away in San Antonio, Texas on Dec. 9, 2015, surrounded at home by his family.

He was born on Aug. 3, 1937, in Bemidji, Minnesota, to Bill and Lenora Knapton. He is the oldest of three boys. At the end of World War II when he was in the third-grade his family moved from Bemidji to Columbia Falls, when his father Bill was asked by owner D.C. Dunham to establish and run a lumber mill there under the name Plum Creek. Over the years Plum Creek Timber Co. grew to become the largest private landowner in the United States.

Richard graduated as valedictorian from Columbia Falls High School in 1955. While in high school he worked for the Hungry Horse News and Plum Creek. He attended Montana State University where he was the student body president and graduated in 1960 with a bachelor's degree in industrial engineering. Out of college he became a businessman in the forest products industry. During his career he held both sales and general management positions with Packaging Corporation of America, Willamette and Weyerhaeuser corporations.



baptism as an infant in 1940 at the First Presbyterian Church of Bemidji, Minnesota.

As a young man in 1951, he was confirmed in Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls, and he later followed the example of Jesus Christ by being baptized as an adult in 1972 at the First Baptist Church of Euless, Texas. He lived out his faith through a life of integrity and service to others as a coach and mentor to youth. His life verses from the Bible were Jeremiah 17:7-8.

In early 2014 Richard was diagnosed with ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis), also known as Lou Gehrig's disease. He was an inspiration to many. Even as the symptoms of the neurological disease progressed, he was active in events and videos that helped build awareness and support in the ongoing effort to find a cure and help other ALS patients.

Richard is survived by his wife Sandra Knapton

of San Antonio; and his three children, Brent and Michelle Knapton of Houston, Kurt and Martha Lu Knapton of Arlington, Texas, and Kristin and Layne Sedate of San Antonio; and seven grandsons, Luke Knapton, Erik Knapton, Michael Knapton, Brock Knapton, Brooks Knapton, Layton Sedate, David Sedate; and one granddaughter, Lauren Knapton. Richard's two younger brothers also survive him: Jim Knapton of Conrad, and Doug and Janice Knapton of Columbia Falls. Richard is preceded in death by his parents, Bill and Lenora.

The funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 17, at Our

Savior's Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls, with Pastor Pete Erickson officiating. A reception will be held at the church immediately after the funeral service, followed by a graveside service at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell, where Richard will be laid to rest surrounded by the beautiful mountains where here grew up. Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is in charge of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the ALS Association of Texas, Our Saviors Lutheran Church of Columbia Falls, or a charity of choice. Condolences may be sent to 19519 Clay Oak, San Antonio Texas, 78258.

Richard fell in love with and married Sandra Hewitt of Des Moines, Iowa, in 1964, his wife and devoted companion of 51 years. They settled in Bedford, Texas, and raised three children together, Brent, Kurt and Kristin. Richard retired in 2002 to be near grandchildren in Houston, Texas.

Throughout his life Richard was very active and enjoyed sports, golfing, fishing, coaching, traveling, skiing, running, hiking and all kinds of outdoor and sporting activities. Richard was a member of both the Optimist Club and Toastmasters, which fit his positive outlook on life and his great storytelling ability. He enjoyed people and was a natural leader. He was a faithful husband and family man. Most of all he enjoyed any type of family activity.

The only thing more important to Richard than family was his faith. He received Christian

Joyce C. Eckelberry Kloock, 86

Joyce C. Eckelberry Kloock, 86, passed away March 10, 2015 surrounded by her family "to be with her Lord" and once again dance with her husband Erwin.

She was born on September 3, 1928 in Kalispell to James and Pearl Eckelberry. She will be greatly missed by her family and all the friends that have touched her life and she theirs.

She was raised in the Flathead and lived there throughout her wonderful life. They lived in Somers, on Lake Blaine, the Badrock area and finally their place on Flathead Lake. After Erwin passed away, she purchased her own townhouse in Kalispell to be closer to her son.

Joyce worked for many years at Helphrey Motor Freight, at Dr. Wildgen and Gould and finally retired from Flathead Electric. She was very proud of her work ethic but never did embrace the computer age in the workplace.

During their life together, they raised and showed Arabian horses. They brought their grand children into showing horses. They showed numerous championship horses and earned many awards during that time. During their life together they enjoyed traveling, taking many cruises and train trips around the world and around United States.

Joyce and Erwin were a lifetime members of the Lutheran faith. They were regulars on Sunday services. After Erwin passed away she continued in



her faith. She was a member of Faith Free Lutheran Church in Kalispell.

She attended as her health allowed.

She was preceded in death by her husband Erwin; her parents James and Pearl Eckelberry; her in-laws Walter and Paula Kloock and sister Norma Johnson.

She is survived by her daughter Idonna Kloock Harke and husband Randy Harke; her son Del Kloock and friend Shelley Pierson; three granddaughters Ann Kloock Love and husband Shaun Love, Tina Harke Saucke and husband Jonathan Saucke, Shelly Harke Watterud and friend Randy Gilb; three great-grandchildren Brooke Saucke Lynch and husband Jason Lynch, Tyler Watterud and Jared Watterud; two great-great-grandsons Jackson and Jameson Lynch and her sister Thelma McKinley.

A visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 17 at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home with the funeral at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, March 18 at Faith Free Lutheran Church conducted by Pastor Steve Snipstead. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery.

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

She has requested in lieu of flowers, a donation be made to Faith Free Lutheran Church at www.faithkalispell.org.

Nathan Paul Knoll, 54

Nathan Paul Knoll, 54, "went home to be with his Lord and Savior" May 30, 2015.

Nathan was born to Virgie and James Knoll on Dec. 5, 1960, in Chehalis, Washington, where he was raised.

In 1982, he moved to Montana where he met and married the love of his life, Brenda Bouley, in February of 1993.

Nathan is survived by his wife, Brenda Knoll, daughter Liza and son Tucker, all at the family home in Marion; son, Jason Knoll, of Columbia Falls; daughter, Renae Knoll, of Columbia Falls; daughter, Kayla Knoll Vanbommel, of Eureka; grandsons, Tristan and Jadon; granddaughters, Kaylee, Jenna and Peyton; brother, Mike and wife Gail of Whitefish; brother, Larry and wife Dana of Whitefish; brother, Tim and wife Kay of Power, Montana; brother, Chris and wife Clairice of Centralia, Washington; sister, Inis and husband Tom of Lafayette, Tennessee; sister, Joan and husband Wayne of Lewistown; sister, Mamie and husband Dennis of Whitefish; sister, Mary Jane and husband Paul of Kalispell; sister, Judy and husband Chuck of Kalispell; along with several nieces and nephews.

Nathan was preceded in death by his parents, Virgie and James Knoll; nephew, Caleb Husted; nephew, Matthew Goodwin; and nephew, Brayden Titchbourne.



Nathan's love was working on cars and helping others, even when it seemed that was

hard to accomplish — he never gave up. His children were always included in his love of drag racing, hunting and fishing and he felt his family came first in his life. God blessed Nathan with the gift of and a passion for music, which lives on in his children. He passed on his legacy to his children with love and compassion. Nathan knew the value of hard work and he never gave up on something he believed in.

Everyone enjoyed being around him because of his great sense of humor. He was dearly loved by all who knew him. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather who loved his family and the Lord with all of his heart.

"We will not say goodbye, we will say, when we see you again it will be a joyous day with the Lord. Until then — we will carry you in our hearts."

Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. to noon on Friday, June 5, at Cornerstone Community Church, with graveside services at 1 p.m. at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. A celebration of life will be held at 2 p.m. at Cornerstone Community Church.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Ilse Knight, 87

Ilse Knight, 87, passed from this life on June 27, 2015, after complications from a fall.

She was born Dec. 12, 1927, in Neviges, Germany, to Ernst Erich Tang and Friederike Murach Tang. In 1951 she moved to Wildflecken, Germany, where she lived and worked until she married May 4, 1959.

After that she moved to Olympia, Washington, where she operated a hair salon. She moved to the Flathead Valley with her husband Ralph Knight in 1980. They purchased a little home by the river where they enjoyed fishing together. Many fisherman who passed by their home became lifelong friends. She and Ralph successfully hunted deer and antelope in eastern Montana. She was especially proud of the Boone and Crocket ram she bagged in the Thompson Falls area.

Ilse was very sociable



and often had friends sitting at her kitchen table enjoying her good cooking and an interesting

story from Ilse's life.

She was preceded in death by her husband Ralph in 1992.

She is survived by a niece from Germany, Monika Pressentin, and her husband, Dieter.

A memorial will be held in Ilse's honor at her home at 6 p.m. on Friday, July 10. Please bring a memory of Ilse to share and a lawn chair.

"When you remember me don't feel sorry, but have the courage to talk about me. Let me have a seat between you same as I had in life." — Ilse Knight.

Arrangements are entrusted to Columbia Mortuary.

Ronald D. Knight, 85

Ronald D. Knight passed away after a brief illness on June 1, 2015, at the age of 85. He was born on March 19, 1930, to Elmo and Val Knight in Great Falls.

Ron was interested in cars from an early age and remained a collector and car buff throughout his life. He was also interested in math and science, graduating with a degree in mathematics from Montana State University in Bozeman.

After graduating from MSU, Ron moved to California where he was an aerospace engineer and manager at Hughes Aircraft and later Systems Development Corporation.

In 1957 he married Gretchen VanderVelde with whom he had two children, Geoffrey and Susan. Beginning in 1965, Ron and his sister Kay and her family built a cabin on Lindbergh Lake, Montana, a place that the family still enjoys each summer.

Ron purchased a cherry



orchard in 1980 and joined the Flathead Valley cherry orcharding community.

After retiring in 1985, Ron moved back to Montana from California and became active in the Flathead Valley Cherry Orchard Growers Association, eventually serving as its president.

In 1996, Ron married Ruth Grende. In 2000, they moved to Spokane, spending many years building good friendships and enjoying an active life filled with travel, playing bridge and tennis, collecting wines and spending quality time with their children and grandchildren.

Ron and Ruth moved back to Montana in 2014 and settled in Bigfork.

Ron is survived by his wife, Ruth; his children; his grandchildren and his sister, Kay Wearley.

Ray Newell Knight, 88

Ray Newell Knight, 88, of Troy, died Friday, Jan. 23, 2015, at Cabinet Peaks Medical Center in Libby of natural causes.

Services for Ray will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2015, at

Schnackenberg and Nelson Funeral Home in Libby. Interment will follow the service at the Troy Cemetery. Visitation will be 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home.

Raymond Herbert Knotts Jr., 67

Raymond Herbert Knotts Jr. died on Jan. 17, 2015.

He was born Feb. 13, 1947, the son of Raymond Herbert Knotts Sr. and Norma Louise (Long) Knotts (both now deceased).

He was a graduate of Fort Ashby High School, Class of 1965. After serving with the Army in Vietnam, his construction career lead him to Colorado, Oklahoma, Wyoming and later, North Carolina.

He retired to Kalispell to live his new dream of developing the Montana Mountain Horse. He was passionate about the outdoors and was a member of the Back Country Horsemen. He relished time with his grandkids Addy and Nathaniel.

Ray is survived by his wife, Carol, of 46 years; his sons, Matt of Cincinnati, Ohio, Clint and wife Carrie of Charleston, South Carolina, and Benjamin of Kalispell; brothers, Rodney and wife



Sharon, Barry and wife Gail, and Jeffrey, and sister, Lisa and husband Leo Day, all of Short Gap, West Virginia; also, sunshine and firecracker

grandkids, Addy and Nathaniel.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 24, at Whitefish Baptist Church, 6232 U.S. Hwy. 93 South, Whitefish; and at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 31, at Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church, Rte. 956, Short Gap, W.Va.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers a donation be made to Calvary Chapel Flathead Valley, P.O. Box 747, Kalispell, MT 59903; or Wesley Chapel UMC, Rte. 2, Box 421, Ridgeley WV 26753.

Sharon J. Staley Knudson, 76

Sharon J. Staley Knudson, 76, passed "into the loving arms of her Lord and Savior" on Thursday, Sept. 17, 2015, at the Libby Care Center.

She was born in Lewistown on Oct. 5, 1938. Her parents, Don and Donna Staley, were living in Zortman at that time as Don was working at a gold mine there; he was close to being killed in a cave in.

They moved to Spokane until Sharon was in the third grade and they moved to Columbia Falls. Sharon was the second born of five sisters, older sister Maxine, and younger sisters Diane, Jaquie and Patricia. Sharon completed her education through high school in Columbia Falls. She moved to Spokane for a short time, working at the Sears store downtown.

Sharon moved back to Columbia Falls and on Aug. 19, 1963, she married Marvin "Dick" Harder. On July 17, 1964, Dick was killed in a car accident one block from his parents' home on LaSalle Road by the airport.

On Sept. 2, 1967, Sharon and John Knudson were married; a marriage that lasted for 48 years. John was a pipefitter apprentice at that time, so in February of 1968 he was sent to Libby to work on the big dam.

John promised Sharon that in four years they would move back to Columbia Falls, but they grew to love the area in the Kootenai Valley and



remained in Libby. On April 10, 1974, they adopted their son Shawn and four years

later, on March 18, 1978, they adopted their daughter Michelle. Their children and grandchildren brought them much joy through the years.

Sharon was a very gifted oil paint artist and crafter. She loved knitting and crocheting many items for craft shows. She was also very involved in the Cub Scouts, helping Shawn win his first soap box derby. She was also a Girl Scout leader, taking her girls on several camps across the Canadian border.

She was a very loving mother, and dearly loved her grandchildren, Cecelia and Garrett Chapel, and Jack and Justin Caruso.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and her older sister Maxine Gibson.

A celebration of life will be held at 11 a.m., Thursday, Sept. 24, at the United Methodist Church, 713 Main Ave. in Libby with a luncheon to follow. Interment services will be at 3:30 p.m. at the Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg and Nelson Funeral Home in Libby. Online condolences and memorials may be shared at www.schnackenbergfh.com.

Gary Douglas Kober, 64

Gary Douglas Kober, loving and devoted husband and dad "departed this earthly world to be with our heavenly Father" on July 31, 2015.

Gary was born in Billings on March 27, 1951, the son of Sol and Virla Kober. The oldest of four, he learned work ethics at an early age on the irrigated cattle farm he grew up on in Park City. Gary loved football and was proud to be a PC Panther when they took the 1968 Southern Division Championship. He continued playing at Rocky Mountain College on a football scholarship. On Sept. 1, 1970, he hired out for the Burlington Northern Railroad where he was promoted to locomotive engineer in 1978, receiving the highest score to date on his training exam.

Gary was always dedicated to his community, as a fireman and later as fire chief on the PC Volunteer Fire Department, served on the PC School Board, coached both boy's baseball and women's softball teams. He loved dressing up as Santa for all the local kids at Christmas.

Gary, known as "the Kob" to his friends; loved to make people laugh, spending time with his pets, fishing, farming, carpentry, auctions, welding, and crafting new uses for old horse shoes for his booth at the Whitefish Farmers Market. Gary was always the first in line to help his family and friends with anything and he always thought of unique nicknames to make everyone feel special.

In 1971 Gary married his high school sweetheart, Catherine Ione Linger, and for the next 44 years, they were inseparable. This union was blessed with two children, Carrie Catherine and Lance Gary. In November 1987 Gary was trans-



ferred to Whitefish and they made their home up in the trees just south of Olney.

Gary served as Treasurer of the Olney Fire Board up until his diagnosis of cancer in October 2014. Gary was a big cowboy and a big flirt; anyone who knew him also knew he was full of bull! If you met him he was your friend. He tried hard not to lose his humor during his fight.

Gary was "met in heaven" by his parents, Sol and Virla Kober; brother, Tim Kober, in-laws, Lloyd F. and Evelyn Linger, and son-in-law, Evan F. Schneider.

He is survived by his wife, Catherine; daughter, Carrie C. Schneider of Bozeman; son, Lance G. Kober and daughter-in-law Krista Oge Kober of Whitefish; adopted grandson, Benjamine Krell of Cheney, Washington; sisters Kathy and Mike Alexander of Park City and Laurie Kober of Midland, Texas; sister-in-law Sharon and Wayne Roller of Park City; brother-in-law, Earl and Kathleen Linger of Laurel; sister-in-law Marsha and Randy Robertus of Billings; many uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews, and friends.

Services will be held for Gary at 11 a.m. Aug. 15 at Depot Park under the tree where he set up his Farmers Market booth.

An additional service will also be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Aug. 22 in the Park City Civic Center.

Donations can be made in Gary's name to the Olney Volunteer Fire Department or a charity of your choice.

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

Clara Marlys Kopitzke, 90

On Saturday, June 13, 2015, Clara Marlys Kopitzke passed away after an extended illness at North Valley Hospital with her entire family by her side.

She was born on March 30, 1925, to Ethel and Harry Nieland in Hancock, Minnesota, one of six children and was the last surviving member of the Nieland family.

She met her husband, George, in Minnesota and they were married when he returned from World War II, December 21, 1946, in Kelso, Washington. They spent 56 great years together raising four rambunctious boys. She moved from Minnesota in the late 1940s to Kelso and in 1954 moved to Columbia Falls where George was employed at the Anaconda Aluminum Company. During the war, Marlys worked in the Longview Shipyard and after she was married Marlys was first of all a homemaker and mother and later spent several years working in the local Gambles Hardware store.

The last couple weeks of her life the family and friends enjoyed the stories of her life, her terrific sense of humor and her unwavering love and devotion to her family and friends.

She was so active playing pinochle, bridge, bowling and was still golfing at the age of 85. She was active in the United Methodist Church, teaching Sunday schools when the boys were little and later volunteering for many of the church functions. She also volunteered at the Columbia Falls Food Bank, Chamber of Commerce and played crib-



bage with the kid at local schools.

For several winters she and George went

south, took a road trip to Alaska and enjoyed getting out and seeing the country. They followed the boys in there athletic endeavors and never missed a game, concert or other event the kids were in. She was so proud of her four boys and what they have accomplished. She also enjoyed spending so much time camping at Lake Five with their three grandchildren that she so adored. She wasn't a by-stander as she rode "Big Red" with the kids around the lake, swan and did everything the kids could do.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George, brothers, Ralph, Lee, and Harry, and sisters, Leone, and Joyce.

She is survived by her four sons, Dennis, and wife Linda, Forsyth, Gene, and wife Linda, of Columbia Falls, Ron, and partner Sarah, of Columbia Falls and Mike, and wife, Kelly, of Missoula and grandsons, Dylan, of Billings, Lucas, of Missoula and granddaughter, Megan, and husband Cody, of Victor.

Services will be held at 12 p.m., Saturday, June 20, at the United Methodist Church, 117 Second Street W. in Columbia Falls with a reception to follow at the church.

Friends may make donations to the Columbia Falls Food Bank or the charity of their choice.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for Clara's family.

Glenn R. Koski, 85

Glenn R. Koski passed away on June 6, 2015, at the Montana Veterans Home.

He was born in Paavola, Michigan, on April 20, 1930, to Oscar and Helmi Koski. As a young child, he worked along with his father in a shoe repair shop.

In 1947, he joined the Army. He became an Army Ranger (Special Forces). Glenn earned his Green Beret, and was in the 101st Airborne Division and the 82nd Airborne. Glenn was a jump master and was an instructor at the School of the Americas in Panama, where he taught jungle warfare, hand-to-hand combat and survival skills. He served in the Korean conflict where he received the Purple Heart for his service. He was stationed in Germany and Japan. He proudly served 22 years in the Army.

In 1969, Glenn married Pat Lynch; between the two of them, they had eight children.

Over his lifetime, Glenn wore many different hats and was a police officer in Oregon and New Mexico. He worked for B & B Beverage, delivering beer all over the valley. He owned and operated Glenn's Shoe Repair for many years before his retirement.

Glenn was an active member in the VFW, and also a member of the Eagles and Moose Lodge.

Glenn loved to do woodcarving, especially chainsaw carvings. He loved fishing, hunting



and camping with his family. He loved people as well, because he never met a stranger.

Glenn is survived by his loving wife of 46 years, Pat Koski;



sons, Glenn Jr., Ronald, Don, Ron, Jeff and Clay and their families; brother, Don, and wife, Elaine; sister, Nancy, and husband, Oiva Harju; sister-in-law, Phyllis (late husband Bill Lynch); sister-in-law, Maxine Domgard; brother-in-law, Jack, and wife, Beth Lynch; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by both his parents; a brother, Butch; a son, Danny; a daughter, Diana; and both his parents-in-law, Warren and Mildred Lynch.

The family would like to thank the Veterans Home and staff for all the wonderful care that they gave to Glenn though out the four years he resided there.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 13, at the Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. A reception will follow at the Moose Lodge in Evergreen.

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

Jean Alice Kramer, 85

Jean Alice Kramer, 85, of Bigfork; died in Kalispell Friday, March 20, 2015. Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 28 in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter

Day Saints, Bigfork ward. Visitation will be from 9 to 10 a.m. Burial will be at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

John L. Kratofil, 70

John L. Kratofil, 70, of Libby, died Tuesday, March 3, 2015, at the Libby Care Center.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, March 13, at the Libby

Christian Church, 100 Kootenai River Road.

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

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Alvin Krejci

A memorial service for Alvin Krejci, 89, who died Nov. 13, 2014, in Whitefish, will be held at 11 a.m., Friday, April

24, at the Rudyard Cemetery. A luncheon will follow at the Catholic Youth Center, also in Rudyard.

James Hugh Kuechmann, 87

James Hugh Kuechmann, 87, was born on April 20, 1927, in Manitowoc, Wisconsin, and passed away peacefully at home on March 7, 2015.

Jim's first job, at the age of 13, was working on the ferry boats on Lake Michigan. Every day, after school, he went to the company's head office to see if they were hiring. Finally, six months later, they hired him. He learned at an early age the value of hard work. He gave most of the money he earned to his parents to help support his family.

He lied about his age and, at 17, enlisted in the U.S. Navy. He served on the USS Butternut during World War II. One of his greatest joys was to pin his grandson, James, when he became Naval chief petty officer in 2013.

Jim received a Bachelor of Science degree in forestry from the University of Idaho in 1951. In college, Jim and a group of buddies started a fraternity, which is still going on to this day.

He met the love of his life, Ruth Miller, on a blind date and they were married three months later. Their marriage lasted 53 years until Ruth passed away in 2007.

Their travels took them to Montana. He worked for the Great Northern Railroad and as a bartender for Stockman's Bar and the Eagles. He then worked for the Montana State Forest Service. He would fly over forest fires and calculate how much manpower, equipment and time it would take to put the fire out. This was an amazing task for him because he hated flying. He retired from the State Forest Service in 1985.

Jim and Ruth were a "team." Together, they conquered sad, depleted piles of dirt and transformed them into lush flower and vegetable gardens. They started every flower from seed. Jim and Ruth traveled extensively to all 50 states and on many cruises to other



countries. Some of their favorite places were Australia, Austria and the pubs of Ireland. He loved to tell stories of their many adventures.

Jim is survived by his only child, James T. Kuechmann, and his daughter-in-law, Allyson Kuechmann; three grandchildren, MMC James R. Kuechmann and Anastasia of Norfolk, Va., Tamara Holiday and Tom of Portland, and Anthony Kuechmann and LaSaundra of Bigfork; four great-grandchildren, James, Akazia, Elizabeth and Tristin; three brothers, Jerome Kuechmann, Chuck Kuechmann and John Kuechmann; and two sisters: Judy Knickelbine and Edith Sylvester.

He was preceded in death by his beloved Ruth; his parents, John Theodore "Ted" and Antonia Kuechmann; older brother, the Rev. Theodore Kuechmann; and great-grandson, Anthony Charles "Charlie" Kuechmann Jr.

Special thanks to the loving care from Frontier Hospice and especially Becky from Agape Home Care who was an "angel in disguise."

"Rest well, 'Slim Jim, the Raindrop Dodger.' We miss you, but we are so happy you are reunited with Mom at last. May your cruises be many and your cookie jar always full!"

Rosary for Jim will be said at 7 p.m. today, March 11, at Risen Christ Catholic Church. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 1 p.m. on Thursday, March 12. A reception and wake will follow at the home of Jim and Allyson at 209 Capistrano NE, Kalispell.

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

Frances M. Kuster, 88

Frances M. Kuster, 88, of Kalispell, passed away Sept. 8, 2015.

Frances was born in Calvin, North Dakota, to George and Ethel (Kayes) Mortimer on June 17, 1927. She was raised and attended school in Calvin.

Frances made her career as a nurse's aide, but in her pastime she loved playing cards and reading.

She is survived by her children, William Jarvis of Newport, Washington, and Darlene Moyer of Lakewood, Washington; grandchildren, Lyndsi and husband Matthew Card of Norfolk, Virginia, Gina Bronowski of Spokane, Teresa and husband Rich Brown of Kalispell,

Shannon Lewis James and husband Dan of Iowa, Dale Postlethwaite of Kalispell, and Tami Jamie of Kalispell; 16 great-grandchildren; nephew, Curtis Underwood, of Sunnyside, Washington, and numerous other nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank; daughter, Amy; two grandsons, Michael and Bobby; five sisters, five brothers and her parents.

No services are planned at this time.

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

Irene F. Kysar, 87

Irene F. Kysar, 87, formerly of Lakeside, died Aug. 26, 2015, at her home in Port Ludlow, Washington, following a brief illness.

She is survived by a daughter, Joette Nystul of Poulsbo, Washington, son

Kevin Pollard of Rockland, Idaho, and stepson, Fritz Kysar of Fredrick, Maryland.

A memorial will be held at the Bay Club in Port Ludlow at a date yet to be announced.

Dale Kusumoto, 84

Dale Kusumoto, 84, served his family, community, church and nation throughout his lifetime.

He was born Jan. 16, 1931, to Joe and Hama Kani Kusumoto in Whitefish.

After high school he and his best friends, Dick Knapton and Jack Harris, played football on scholarship for two years at Western Montana College. Dale and Dick decided to join the Navy; their first assignment was on a troop transport ship conveying French troops to the First Indochina War in Vietnam. Dale became a hospital corpsman, one of the most difficult and dangerous jobs in the Navy. Senior Chief Kusumoto had a distinguished 30-year career serving on ships, on the ground with Marines, and in hospitals and clinics.

Dale met his wife, Kiko Sano, while stationed



in Japan. Their three sons, David, Russell and Jon, all lead successful lives in San Diego.

Dale held every position in the Pioneer

Ocean View Church. He was a caregiver in his naval profession and in everyday life, prioritizing those in need above himself. His renowned appetite, and skinny frame, were only surpassed by the illumination of his service to God and his fellow man.

Dale succumbed to Alzheimer's March 15, 2015.

He is survived by his brother, Losh Kusumoto; and sister, Kuni Kurimura.