

## John 'Jack' W. Lamb, 86

John 'Jack' W. Lamb, 86, passed away at his home in Columbia Falls on Nov. 1, 2015. He was the fifth child born on Aug. 8, 1929, to Ira and Elsie Lamb.

Jack worked with his dad on the farm and with various other farmers in the area. He spent two summers with his uncle working the haying season in North Park, Colorado, with no motorized equipment everything was done with teams of horses. Jack was in "seventh heaven" those two summers.

Jack married Delores (Smith) in 1955. In 1956 the beauty of the mountains called him back to Colorado. The family lived in the Denver area until 1965, out of the city, to the foothills west of Denver, for the next nineteen years. Jack enjoyed hunting and fishing while he lived in Colorado. Travel and polka dancing filled a lot of his spare time. Jack worked in the shops of ICX, Consolidated Freight Way and King Soopers Grocery before he retired from the Union Local 961.

He was in the Army during the Korean conflict; however, he was sent to Germany.

Wanderlust set in again in 1999, the family moved to Montana their



son Dave offered them a spot of land to put a double wide

home on, Jack was very happy there. Dave was busy with his job, so Jack became keeper of the land, next best thing to a farm of his own.

A stroke on his birthday in 2013 slowed him down but could not stop him; he continued doing the chores he could manage for the next two summers. Life was hard the summer of 2015!

Jack is survived by his wife of 60 years, Delores; daughter Linda of Lakewood, Colorado; sons, Dan of Williston, North Dakota, and Dave of Columbia Falls; also seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; sisters, Laverne Reckmen of Lake City, Minnesota, and Beverly Lange of Markesan, Wisconsin; brother, Don of Lake City, Minnesota, and numerous nieces and nephews across the United States.

There will be a memorial service for Jack at noon on Monday, Nov. 9, at the Church at Creston. A luncheon will follow services. Private urn burial took place at Woodlawn Cemetery.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for Jack's family.

## Robert 'Bobby' Clarence Lane, 89

Robert "Bobby" Clarence Lane, 89, of Kalispell, passed away in Bigfork on Aug. 30, 2015.

Bobby was born July 12, 1926, in Fairmount City, Pennsylvania, to Edward and Anna (Scherf) Lane. He was raised in El Paso, Texas, where he received his diploma from El Paso High School.

Bobby was a sailor on a tanker in the Pacific Theatre during World War II.

He married Permelia B. Lane in 1945 in El Paso. They were married for 31 years before Permelia passed away. In 1977, Bobby married Patsy F. Lane and moved to Kalispell in 1983. Bobby worked as a bookkeeper for Pittsburgh Paints in El Paso, and was co-owner of Bennett Glass Company. After becoming sole owner, he changed the name to Bobby Lane Glass and Upholstery.

He enjoyed spending time with his family, playing cards and dominos. He involved himself in community activities with Pro Life, Prison Ministries, the Gideon's, helping those in need, and the set free sermon ministry.

Bobby was preceded in death by his first wife, Permelia B. Lane, in 1976;



wife, Patsy F. Lane, in 2006; son, Daniel J. Lane, in 2000; and three brothers.



He is survived by his children, Bob Junior Lane

and Leti, David Lawrence Lane and Susan, Linda May Canfield, Clarann Lane Estrada and Corky, Judy Kay Soucie and Denny, and Patty Jo Gibbs and Scott; brothers, Charles Lane and Phillip Lane; 20 grandchildren, 40 great-grandchildren, and five great-great-grandchildren.

Viewing will be from 10 to 11 a.m., with services at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 2, at the Bible Presbyterian Church, 344 Fifth Ave. W., in Kalispell.

The family asks memorial contributions be made to the Gideon's.

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

**Velma Osborn Lard, 91**

Velma Osborn Lard, 91, of Pampa, Texas, and formerly of Amarillo, Texas, died June 12, 2015, in Pampa.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 16, 2015, at Fairview Cemetery, with John Curry officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Lard was born June 13, 1923, in Hollene, New Mexico. She was a 1940 graduate of Pampa High School and attended West Texas State University in Canyon. She then attended radio school in Sayre, Oklahoma, and Oklahoma City University.

Velma married Kenneth E. Lard on August 31, 1947, and moved to Amarillo. She worked with Kenneth in their real estate appraisal business. She was a member of the former San Jacinto United Methodist Church in Amarillo, and a former member of First United Methodist Church in Pampa. Velma was a very special, loving person and enjoyed caring for the birds and squirrels in her beautiful back yard.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth, in 2009; her parents, V. N. and Mayme Osborn; a sister, Juanita



Osborn Gregg; and a brother, Kenneth Osborn.

The family wishes to extend a special

thanks to BSA Hospice, Christi and our friends Mary Arndt and Charline Harris for their loving care of Velma.

Survivors include her son, Kenneth Eugene Lard Jr. of Kalispell; her two daughters, Karen Snell and husband Ron of Amherst, Massachusetts, and Sharen Laurrell and husband Mike of Amarillo; her twin sister, Thelma Bray of Pampa; four grandchildren, Kenny Lard, Lindsay Fisher, Ben Lard and Daniel Lard; two step grandsons, Todd Laurrell and Randy Laurrell; two great-grandchildren, Layla Fisher and Alex Lard; and a step great granddaughter, Lyndy Laurrell.

Memorials may be made to BSA Hospice, c/o Harrington Cancer Foundation, 1600 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo, TX 79106.

The family will receive friends from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Monday, June 15, at Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Home.

Sign the online guest register at [www.carmichael-whatley.com](http://www.carmichael-whatley.com).

Memorials may be made to The Church at Creston to be used to sponsor youths attending the Trinity Lutheran Bible Camp.

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

During his retirement, Don spent his time doing handyman projects, painting, golfing, traveling with Lavonne, hosting and traveling with Friend-

**Donald Allen Larson, 84**

Donald Allen Larson "was called home to be with his Savior, Jesus Christ," on Monday, Jan. 26, 2015, at the Montana State Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

Don was born to Donald and Icadora Larson on Nov. 20, 1930, in Seattle, the oldest of 12 children. At an early age Don and his family moved to Edmonds, Washington.

Don's family operated a dry cleaning business and Don grew up helping and working in that business. He attended school K-12 in Edmonds and in 1950 Don joined the U.S. Navy, originally to get away from the dry cleaning business, but ironically ended up doing dry cleaning in Guam for nearly two years. He also served on the Navy supply ship USS Pictor during the Korean War. Don was honorably discharged in 1954.

After the military, Don worked briefly as a dry cleaner and later as a lumber mill worker in the Seattle area, then later moving to Oregon to work in lumber mills there. Later, he became a plywood inspector for TECO Products and Testing.

During this time Don married Susan Platt and from that union daughter Kirsten and son Eric Larson were born. After 17 years with TECO and moving from place to place, Don and Susan were divorced.

In 1964, Don moved to Kalispell and worked in the plywood industry until 1979. During this time, Don married Patti Smith but they were later divorced. In 1979, Don married Lavonne Kirk and inherited four step-daughters, LouAnn, Patty Jo, Dee Lynn and Karla Rae.

In 1980, Don went to work for the Montana State Highway Department and later retired in 1985. He also spent time as a school bus driver, and over the years, drove for both the Kalispell and Lakeside/Somers school districts.



ship Force, and volunteering his time and energy for anybody who needed help.

Don was a lifelong Lutheran and held firmly in his faith

throughout his life and was a good and faithful servant.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Donald and Icadora Larson; and brothers, Jerry and Royal Larson.

He is survived by his loving wife of 35 years, Lavonne Larson; daughter, Kirsten Larson, and her son Calvin; and son, Eric Larson, and sons Justin and Nathan; step-daughter, Tammy, and Stan Kuchler, and daughter Beth; stepdaughters, LouAnn and Dave Hansen, Patty Jo and Lance Heldstab, Dee Lynn and Jack Boon, and Karla Rae and Blaine Crosbie; grandchildren, Amy Jo and Tom Frandsen, Arin O'Boyle, Ember Hansen and Caleb Hansen, and Shelby Crosbie and Blake Crosbie; great-grandchildren, Quinn and Oakley Frandsen; brothers, Douglas, Bobby and Devotta, Clifford and Bonnie, Eric and Karen, and Melvin and Sandi Larson; and sisters, Mary and Bill Carlisle, Audrey Quinn, Beverly Stone and Shirley Ganwich.

A viewing will be held from 11 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Jan. 31, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory. Burial will take place at 12:45 p.m. at the Trinity Lutheran Cemetery on Whitefish Stage Road in Kalispell. Funeral services will follow at 2 p.m. at The Church at Creston, with Pastor Darold Reiner officiating. A reception/luncheon will follow the service at the church.

### Kathleen Larson, 88

Kathleen Larson, 88, of Polson, died June 23, 2015, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center. No services are planned at this time. The Lake Funeral Home & Crematory is assisting the family with arrangements.

### Ove Larson, 98

Ove Larson, 98, of Troy, died of natural causes April 13, 2015. Services for Ove will be 2 p.m. Saturday, May 2, at the Troy United Methodist Church. Arrangements are under the care of Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home of Libby.

### Don Rodrick Lasher, 87

Don Rodrick Lasher, 87, died Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2015, at Immanuel Luther Home in Kalispell. A celebration of life will be held at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, at Valley Community Church in Evergreen. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

### Clayton Lauman, 92

Clayton Lauman, 92, of Kalispell died Nov. 7, 2015, in Kalispell. No services are being held at this time. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and crematory is caring for the family.

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### Helen Rosemary Leach, 87

Helen Rosemary Leach, 87, passed away peacefully on Dec. 15, 2015, at her home in Grass Valley, California.

Helen was born Feb. 17, 1928, in Fairview, Montana. She graduated from Columbia Falls High School as the valedictorian in 1946.

She is survived by her husband, Donald; sons, Calvin and Cary; daughter, Sharon; son, David; and brother, Quentin Vitt. Helen is also survived by 16 grandchildren, 37 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.



dren. She was preceded in death by parents, Earnest Raymond Vitt, Cassie Guarnero, and son, Rodney. She will be missed by family and friends.

"Goodbyes are not forever, are not the end; It simply means we'll miss you

Until we meet again." Helen will be interred at Glacier Memorial Gardens, Kalispell, in the spring of 2016.

### Bertha 'Bert' J. LaValley, 85

On Dec. 7, 2015, we lost a beautiful and caring woman, "and the Lord gained a great cook."

Bert was born on Oct. 10, 1930, in Amidon, North Dakota, to Frank and Albertina Holler. Bert was one of 11 children raised during the Great Depression.

She married Tom LaValley in November of 1952 and, in 1953, had the first of their three boys. As her boys grew, she had seen just about everything boys could do, and nothing surprised her. Bert never knew how many kids were coming down for breakfast. Everyone was welcome in her home.

Bert always did what she could for her boys. She even became league president for the local baseball association, so her boys could have a league to play baseball. She was a fan for their sports, even losing a couple of windshields on her car from home runs over the center field fence — her favorite parking spot.

Bert always wanted the best for her boys and wanted them to be a doctor, lawyer or a dentist. What she got was a biker, yuppie and a jock. But she was very proud of her boys.

Bert work at various eating establishments in Columbia Falls while the kids were growing up, and also worked for School District 6 in the school lunch program. Bert also had her own restaurant in the Canyon



Bar. In 1981, after her divorce, she move to Fairbanks, Alaska, to be closer to her younger

two boys.

She started working at the Chena Hot Springs Resort where she was a cook and later became the kitchen manager. In 1985, she started working on the North Slope of Alaska.

1986, she moved to Molalla, Oregon, to be close to her brother David and wife Vivian.

Years later, she moved back to the Flathead Valley and found a great apartment at the Elms Apartments, were she made a lot of friends and enjoyed her life.

Bert was a two-time, breast cancer survivor, and never let that slow her down.

Bert was preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Albertina Holler; brothers, Albert, Elon, Frankie, Forrest, Jerry, Lyle and Freddie; and sisters, Diana and Betty.

She is survived by her brother, David, and Vivian Holler, in Arizona; sons, Tom of Hungry Horse, David of Whitefish, and Danny and Cari of Medical Lake, Washington; nine grandchildren, four great-grandchildren; cousins, nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held in the spring.



### Marlene Allen LeCount, 77

Marlene Allen LeCount, 77, passed away on July 6, 2015, in Mesa, Arizona, after battling lung cancer.

She was born on April 27, 1938, in Latah, Washington.

She is preceded in death by her mother, Edith Anderson Davis, and her father, Harry Walter Allen, and is survived by her sister, Bonnie Allen; her former husband, David Allen LeCount; her children, Jana LeCount Lowe and David James LeCount; granddaughter, Allison Raye Lowe; nieces Lisa Lair-Kupsch, Robin LeCount Betz, Kary Lamb Lee, and Genevieve Sciamanda Grocè, and nephews Bob LeCount, Don LeCount, David Lamb, Michael Lamb, and Jim Lamb.

Marlene was a skilled executive secretary,



beginning in the days of shorthand, and could type over 100 words per minute.

She was a stay at home mother from 1963 to 1976, returning to the work force when her children were older.

Marlene was an exceptionally kind and generous mother, grandmother, sister and friend, with grace, elegance and humor, and will be greatly missed.

Family and friends will be gathering at a private celebration of her life, and will be notified soon of further details.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org).

### Alana K. Stout Lee, 70

Alana K. Stout Lee passed away in the early morning of Sept. 28, 2015, after a short, but hard-fought battle with cancer.

Alana was born in Palo Alto, California, but spent most of her growing up years in Whitehall, Montana. She attended St. Patrick's School of Nursing and earned her RN degree in 1966. She worked for over 30 years as an RN and loved her time working as an ER triage nurse.

She met Mike Lee and they were married in 1967. They began their married life in North Pole, Alaska and spent their time together in Enumclaw, Washington, Bigfork and Libby. After their divorce, she spent her time in Ferndale to be close to her grandchildren.

She loved researching genealogy and was thrilled to be able to travel to Scotland and spend time with the family members she found there. She was a wonderful baker and cook — she loved gardening and was so proud that she was able to keep the deer away from her flowers this spring.



She loved watching her grand-kids' activities including rodeo, volleyball, basketball, football

and baseball. She had a quick-witted sense of humor which she held onto, even in her last days.

She is survived by her mother, Mona Tidball, her children Amy and Craig Trujillo, Michael and Kristen Lee and Alisha and Lincoln May, her grandchildren; Lars, Lincoln Jr., Valen, Zoe, Landry, Oscar and Piper, her brothers Skip and Boni Stout and David Stout, sister Nina Anderson, and her nieces and nephews; Susan and Jay Dorr, Blake and Diane Stout, Laura and Mort Mortensen, Justin and Beth Anderson, Zack and Sally Anderson, Katie Radtke, Chelsie Shultz, and Sarah and Luke Stahlberg.

A celebration of her life will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 4, at 640 Swan River Road in Bigfork.

### Kenny Lefthand, 71

Kenny Lefthand, 71, died Sunday, Oct. 11, 2015, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

Wake services will begin at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 13, at Elmo Hall. Rosary will be said at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 14,

with funeral services at 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 15, followed by burial at Dayton Cemetery with full military honors.

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

### Lois M. Leger, 89

Lois M. Leger, 89, died Aug. 10, 2015, in Kalispell.

She is survived by her children, Dave Leger, Gary Tague and Judith Leger.

Burial will take place at later date in Helena.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

# 14 Apr 2015 William Mack Lee, 74

William Mack Lee, 74, "left this earth for heaven" on Sunday, April 12, 2015 at his home in Kalispell, after a short battle with cancer; but not before seeing one more beautiful sunrise, his favorite time of day.

He was born Oct. 15, 1940, in Whitefish to James and Ella Mae Lee.

He attended school in the Flathead Valley and was a state wrestling champion.

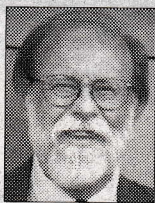
In 1971, he married his best friend and soul mate, Sherry Livesay. They raised two children, Michael and Jennifer.

Bill enjoyed camping, fishing, golfing and spending time with friends. He also enjoyed taking drives around the Flathead Valley and Glacier Park.

He worked at Thomas Printing for almost 50 years. He was a member of the Eagles for 36 years and the Moose Lodge for 21 years.

Bill had a contagious smile and those who knew him well had their hearts lightened when they heard him laugh or saw that wink!

The family would like to thank their many family and friends who are always there for them. A very special thank you also to Shanon Watson who shared a very special bond with Bill and who gave so much through this trying time. They also want to thank the hospice and Kalispell



Regional Medical Center for their caring and support.

Bill was preceded in death

by his father, James Lee; his mother, Ella Mae Lee Montpetit; his stepfather, Dan Montpetit; a brother, John Lee; and a son, Michael Lee.

He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Sherry; his daughter, Jennifer; two grandsons, Garrett, 13, and Carson, 9; his brother, Bob Lee, and wife, Marie; and his sister, Sue Schmied, and husband, Bill.

Visitation will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. today, April 15, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday, April 16, at the Central Christian Church in Kalispell. A celebration of life will be held following the funeral in the basement of the Kalispell Eagle Lodge.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to cancer research or your favorite charity and enjoy the sunrise.

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

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# Alvia E. Leighton, 99

Alvia E. Leighton passed away peacefully at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls on Oct. 19, 2015, just five months short of living to his goal of 100.

Alvia was born on March 21, 1916, to Robert Zena and Loula (Trollope) Leighton in Beach, North Dakota. The family lived in Wibaux but home-steaded in Golden Valley, North Dakota, where Alvia's mother's family lived. Alvia's parents grew wheat, but years of drought convinced them to try their luck somewhere else, and when he was seven they moved to St. Ignatius for a year and then to Ronan where he lived until 1941.

Alvia married Florence Rutledge in Greenville, South Carolina, where Alvia was stationed prior to being sent overseas to serve in World War II.

Alvia had been drafted into the Army on Oct. 3, 1941, but changed over to the Air Corps and went from Wichita Falls, Kansas, to Sheppard Field, Texas, for Aircraft Maintenance School, and then to the 320th Squadron of the 90th Bomb Group of the 5th Air Force in Barksdale Field, Louisiana. He was briefly stationed in Ypsilanti, Michigan, at the Ford bomber plant base where the first B-24 bombers were being built. Florence said goodbye to Alvia when he went to Camp Stone, California, then Pearl Harbor, and finally from Brisbane to the Iron Range in northern Australia and on to New Guinea where he was stationed for one and a half years. Alvia was stationed on a small island off of Okinawa, Japan, when the war officially ended and was discharged as a master sergeant on Oct. 3, 1945, with the following decorations and citations: Good Conduct Medal, Asiatic Pacific Service Medal, American Defense Service Medal, Distinguished Unit Badge GO 38 43, Philippine Liberation Medal with One Bronze Service Star.



was his link to the outside world and it was kept busy calling family and his many friends!



Alvia was a 50-plus member of the Masons 32nd Degree,



Salish Shrine Club life member, Scottish Rite life

member, and member of the Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association, Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Flathead Lake Inboard Racing Association and Montana Boat Racing Association.

Alvia always had an interest in aviation. After his military service, he earned his private pilot's license and owned three different planes. In later years he was fascinated with all the electronics in commercial jets and at the age of 97 a friend arranged for him to take a helicopter ride which thrilled and pleased him to no end.

"When once you have tasted flight you will always walk the earth with your eyes skyward; for there you have been and there you will always be." —Henry Van Dyke

Alvia was predeceased in May by his loving wife of 72 years, Florence, and even though Alvia was the oldest of six children, he outlived all of his five siblings, Clifton "Tip," Marie Shennum, Gerald, Louella Pendelton and Anita Richards.

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Alvia is survived by his brother-in-law, Ron Richards of Seeley Lake; sister-in-law, Jeanne Leighton of Ronan; numerous cousins; several nieces and nephews and many close friends.

The family extends grateful appreciation to the caregivers at the Montana Veterans Home, Heritage Place, Prestige, Brendan House, Home Options and Addus for their patience and loving care as well as the calls, visits and cards from his faithful family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions may be made to the Masonic Temple, c/o Douglas Stam, 37376 Ponderilla Drive, Polson, MT 59860; or to the Humane Society of Northwest Montana, P.O. Box 221, Kalispell, MT 59903; or Mission Valley Animal Shelter, P.O. Box 1644, Polson, MT 59860. Alvia got much enjoyment from his kitty Corky and all of his antics as well as all of their other pets.

A joint service for Alvia and Florence will be held next summer.

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

To send a note of condolence, please visit [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com).

Alvia had many talents and always had a job, even as a youth. He was a heavy truck driver, school janitor, basketball referee, mechanic, concrete contractor, pilot, undersheriff, saw filer and LaBella Lane caretaker.

Once back in Montana, Alvia eventually went to work for Pete Dupuis building a saw mill and learned the trade of saw filing. Alvia was employed as a saw filer and foreman by Dupuis Lumber Company in Polson for 12 years then Pack River, the new owners, from 1964 to 1979 and did consulting work at various mills in Montana and Idaho until he retired in 1996.

Alvia enjoyed racing C-Hydro speed boats, operating his CB, fishing, traveling, piloting, dancing, snowmobiling and entertaining family and friends.

The couple lived in the Ronan area nine years, then moved to LaBella Lane in Big Arm in 1954, where they resided for 52 years enjoying life on Flathead Lake. In 2006, they moved to their new home in Kalispell where they resided until moving into assisted living in 2014. Alvia's cell phone

### Florence M. Rutledge Leighton, 96

Florence M. Rutledge Leighton passed away peacefully at Prestige/Expressions Care Facility on May 4, 2015.

She was born June 4, 1918, to Forrest and Anna (Lohse) Rutledge in Big Sandy. Florence attended school at Hopp country school and later moved to Ronan to live with her aunt and uncle, Dewey and Agnes Anderson, where she attended high school and worked in their Woodward's store, graduating from Ronan High School in 1936.

Florence met Alvia Leighton in Ronan and, after dating for six years, they were married on July 11, 1942, in Greenville, South Carolina, where Alvia was stationed in the Air Force. They would have celebrated their 73rd wedding anniversary in July.

They moved to LaBella Lane in Big Arm in 1954, where they resided until 2006 when they moved to Kalispell.

A longtime friend shared that in Florence's younger



life, she made the best maple bars, loved people, liked to entertain and accepted Jesus as

her savior.

Florence was a gardener and kept their home on LaBella Lane a showplace with her many roses and flowers. Friends and family were always welcomed to their lake home for a visit, picnic or boat ride. Florence was a caregiver to friends, family and pets and used her knowledge of natural remedies that she learned from her mother and grandma to heal most ailments. When you left their home, Florence always tried to send cookies, fruit or something with you. Florence enjoyed traveling and their trips to the coast, Canada, Arizona and Hawaii.

She was active in both Eastern Star and Daughters of the Nile and was a 50-year member of both,

as well as a member of the Sewing Club.

Florence was preceded in death by her parents, and brother Arvid "Bill" Rutledge. She also leave behind her beloved pets, Lucifer and Corky.

She is survived by her husband, Alvia; cousins, Robert Rutledge of Olympia, Washington, Charlene Morvac and Martha Mae Plenninger, both of Big Sandy; several nieces and nephews and numerous close friends.

Many thanks to the faithful friends and family for their calls and visits through Florence's years of confinement which meant

so much to her.

The family also extends grateful appreciation to the caregivers at Prestige/Expressions, Hospice, Home Options and Addus for their loving care.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions may be made in Florence's name to the Daughters of the Nile, 314 West Park Street, Butte, MT 59701.

Services will be held at a later date.

To send a note of condolence, please visit [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com).

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

## Margaret 'Rusty' (Lemieux) Torstenson, 74

Margaret "Rusty" (Lemieux) Torstenson, 74, peacefully passed away on May 18, 2015, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center, surrounded by her loving sons.

She was born Dec. 5, 1940, to Monna and Herbert Lemieux. Rusty grew up and attended school in Malta.

Rusty met the love of her life, R.W. "Buck" Torstenson, while working at the Sports Club in Shelby. After a short courtship, Buck and Rusty moved to Kalispell, were married in 1967 and spent 48 wonderful years together.

Buck and Rusty were a true team in love and business. They both cherished life and were extremely hard workers. Once in Kalispell, they purchased and operated the Pastime Bar. Being the true businessman that Buck was, he saw an opportunity in the Hennessey Steak House when it became available. With Rusty's love and support and a whole lot of hard work, this restaurant with its employees and patrons grew to what was known as Montana's premier Convention Center and Restaurant, the Outlaw Inn. After many years at the Outlaw, Buck and Rusty sold their interest and bought Fenders, the restaurant where they worked together until they retired.

Along with being a successful businesswoman, Rusty was a loving mother, grandmother and friend to all. She was a wonderful cook, hostess and entertainer. Buck and Rusty enjoyed spending time on their house boat on beautiful Flathead Lake where guests always enjoyed the fine food and wonderful hospitality. Buck and Rusty were also avid travelers and



enjoyed many adventurous trips around the world.

Rusty was a very special lady

and truly cared about people and animals and would do anything to help others in need. Rusty was always very proud of her boys and family and enjoyed spending time with them.

Rusty was preceded in death by her loving husband, R.W. "Buck" Torstenson; and her parents, Monna and Herbert.

She is survived by her sons, Patrick Torstenson, Scott and Mike Bare; and her many wonderful grandchildren.

A viewing will be from noon to 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 2, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, June 3, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell. Funeral services will follow at noon at the Church at Creston Lutheran, with a luncheon to follow.

We would like to extend our heartfelt thank you to the wonderful staff at the Brendan House and Rusty's fellow members of the Church at Creston Lutheran.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Flathead County Animal Shelter.

"Rusty you will always live in our hearts and every time we enjoy a cup of tea, a good meal and kindness we will think of you!"

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

## Wanda Ross Lemonds, 73

Wanda Ross Lemonds, 73, passed away May 7, 2015, in Kalispell due to Alzheimer's disease.

She was born April 3, 1942.

She had worked as a ward clerk at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Wanda will be missed for her creativity, good

humor, quick wit and her love of life and animals.

She is survived by her husband, Jim Lemonds; children, Rick, Ronn, Rise and René; and nine grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, May 11, at 238 Harmony Road.

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## Blythe Lennick, 79

Blythe Lennick passed away on May 22, 2015, at the age of 79.

Blythe was preceded in death by her husband of 62 years, Adam Lennick, and granddaughter Amanda Lennick.

Blythe loved her family dearly and will be missed by all.

She is survived by her son, Dennis Lennick, and Jamie, of Kennewick, Washington; two daughters, Linda Sheehan and John of Kennewick, and Victoria Webber of Spokane, five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and sisters, Bernice Ekimo of Tacoma, Washington, and Bessie Lynch of Kalispell.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. on June 6 at Desert Lawn Memorial Park, 1401 S. Union in Kennewick. A reception will follow at 1 p.m. at Affinity, 5207 W. Hildebrand Ave., Kennewick.



**Donna J. Lerew, 84**

Donna J. (Lynch) Lerew, 84, passed away April 15, 2015, at home at Welcov Assisted Living in Kalispell.

She was born Oct. 27, 1930, in Upton, Wyoming, and raised in Wyoming, Trego and Kalispell. She completed the ninth grade.

Donna had worked as a home health aide for Flathead County Home Health.

In 1980, Donna married Herbert Lerew in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. They had been married 34 years until her passing.

Through the years, she was involved with her church, her children's activities and TOPS. She enjoyed camping, reading and crocheting.

Donna was preceded in death by her parents, Jesse Lynch and Margaret Hill Lynch; siblings, Warren Lynch, Orrine Rhodes, Dan Lynch, Neal Lynch, Jess Lynch and Maude Bauska; husbands, Elvin Morrow and Donald Cotton; and a son, Timothy Cotton.

She is survived by her husband, Herbert Lerew; children, Diana and Mike Hall of Helena, Mike



and Edna Cotton of Kalispell, and Colleen and Chris Young of Vancouver, Washington;

stepchildren, Nadine Litschaer of Helena, Judy Gasco of Kalispell, Toni Wombles of Gresham, Oregon, Cheri Lerew of Socorro, New Mexico, Connie and Lawrence Faulkner of Kalispell, and Judy and Larry Brosten of Kalispell; sisters, Rose Hollopetter and Geri Mitton; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Mom was a caring, prayer warrior who thought about others above herself. She was a mischievous, happy-go-lucky Irish lady whose family was very precious to her.

Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Monday, April 20, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 21, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home with burial following at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

**Herb Lerew, 96**

Herb Lerew passed away on Dec. 28, 2015; he was 96 years old.

He was born on Sept. 8, 1919, in Ipswich, South Dakota, to Isaac William and Ida May (Hall) Lerew. His childhood was spent in the Jamestown area; when he completed the ninth grade he joined the Civilian Conservation Corps and worked at Lake Itasca, Minnesota.

He headed west around 1933 when he hopped a freight train to Minot, North Dakota, and then on to Yakima, Washington. He found work at ranches in North Dakota and in 1936 hopped a freight train to Missoula — he would have been around 17 years old at that time. In Missoula he got a job caring for an elderly man. He joined the CCC again and then moved to Port Angeles, Washington, where he laid railroad tracks.

He moved to Seattle at the beginning of World War II and got a job at Boeing working on the wing section of the B17 Bomber. He left Boeing and joined the Carpenters Union in Tacoma and went to work for the Tacoma Roofing Company. Herb was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1943 and attended basic training at Camp Hood, Texas (now known as Fort Hood). He was then sent to Fort Hancock in Sandy Hook, New Jersey, and then on to Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, for MP training until 1945 when he was honorably discharged.

Herb married Jannice Jennings on Oct. 30, 1948, and they lived in Tacoma until 1963 when the fam-



ily moved to a farm in the Creston area near Kalispell. In 1980 Herb married Donna Lynch and they remained together until she passed in



April 2015.

Herb lived a long and always colorful life. He has left a legacy of hard work and resourcefulness and many, many stories will be passed on for years to come. He is survived by four daughters, Judy Gasco of Kalispell, Toni Wombles of Gresham, Oregon, Cheri Lerew of Socorro, New Mexico, and Connie Faulkner and husband Lawrence of Kalispell; stepchildren Diana and Mike Hall of Helena, Mike and Edna Cotton of Kalispell, and Colleen and Chris Young of Vancouver, Washington, and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Every person who crossed his path surely has a story to share.

There will be a viewing from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 4, with funeral services at 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 4, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Burial will follow the service at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Friends are encouraged to visit the website at [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com) to leave notes of condolence for the family.

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

### William P. Leistiko, 75

William P. Leistiko, 75, passed away Jan. 10, 2015, in Cleveland, Ohio.

He was born in Great Falls and graduated from Simms High School.

William was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving aboard the Pearl Harbor/San Diego-based submarine, USS Grayback SSG 574.

William attended the Milwaukee School of Engineering and Kent State University.

He was the beloved husband of Terri (nee Wietrychowski); dear father of Patrick and Joanne, David and Susan, and Michelle and Dennis



Address; devoted grandfather of Patty, Sydney, Lily,

Massimo, Sam, Eliana and Margot; beloved son of Margaret and Eugene, formerly of Condon, (both deceased); and dear brother of Deanna, Patti, Fred, Steve and Gene; and the following deceased, Bruce and Margie.

Services were held Jan. 24 at the Vitantonio-Previte Funeral Home, 5236 Mayfield Road, Lyndhurst, OH 44124; www.vitantonio-privitefuneral-homes.com.

10 Feb 2015

### Betty Bozarth Leslie, 77

Betty Bozarth Leslie, 77, passed away on Monday, Feb. 9, 2015, peacefully at her home in Kalispell.

Betty was born July 10, 1937, to Ralph and Clella (Johnson) McWilliams in New Deal, Montana, where her father worked on the Fort Peck Dam.

She was raised in Eastern Montana on a farm/ranch and attended school at Hillside, Garfield County High School and then went on to Eastern Montana College where she began her career as an elementary teacher.

Betty married Ernie Bozarth in 1959, and they had two beautiful daughters. She had a fulfilling and successful career as an elementary teacher at various schools. She taught for many years at the Evergreen School in Kalispell, where she retired.

She married Jim Leslie in 1981, and had many rewarding years teaching, playing golf, bowling and traveling. After retirement she enjoyed her Friday luncheons with her



teacher and bowling friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and two brothers,

Dean McWilliams and Curtis McWilliams.

Betty is survived by her husband, Jim; daughters, Tracy Bozarth and Luanne Bozarth Billman; granddaughter, Kendra Bozarth; grandson, Derek Billman; sisters, Myrna Stone, Jane and Bob Engdahl, and Joyce and Curt Schwartz; along with various nieces and nephews.

No services are planned at this time.

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.

### Virginia L. Leslie, 80

Virginia L. Leslie, 80, of Kalispell, died Aug. 9, 2015, in Kalispell.

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

Services are pending.

31 Aug 2015

### Jo Ellen James Lesmeister, 54

Jo Ellen James Lesmeister, 54, lost her battle with multiple sclerosis on Friday, Aug. 28, 2015.

She was a fun-loving social butterfly that loved traveling, camping, fishing and spending time with her children and grandchildren. Jo also spent many hours at Raceway Park enjoying the races with her oldest grandsons and anyone else willing to be drug along!

She will be remembered as a strong-willed mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend that will be carried close to the hearts of those she left behind.

Jo was preceded in death by her parents, Chester James and Chrystabelle Bunker.

She is survived by her two sons, Andy and Kevin



Rohletter; six grandchildren, Nathan, Tanner, Tahja, Takoda, Ella and Ava; sis-

ters, Beverly Simms, Jackie James and Jodi Farrell; brother, Jesse James; and many nieces, nephews and cousins that were very dear to her.

There will be a potluck barbecue gathering for family and friends from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 5, at the Church of the Nazarene in Kalispell. The church is located at 1295 Whitefish Stage Road.

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

## Paul G. Linaweaver Jr., 86

Paul G. Linaweaver Jr., 86, of Polson, died Nov. 24, 2015, in Kalispell. No services are being held at this time.

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

22 Nov 2015

## Carol Joyce Lindsay, 82

Carol Lindsay died unexpectedly but of natural causes on Nov. 19. She was surrounded by her loving family and cared for by the skilled and compassionate physicians and nurses of the Emergency Department and Intensive Care Unit at KRMC.

Carol was born in Crookston, Minnesota, on Oct. 8, 1933, to Agnes and Otto Sorvig —joining her siblings and lifelong friends David and Joanne. Carol's mother Agnes contracted tuberculosis and died in a sanitarium two years later. Carol and Joanne were adopted by Henry and Olga Sorvig and grew up in Crookston against the backdrop of the Great Depression and World War Two. As a young schoolgirl, Carol was said to have loved music and sang in the school choir and played the flute and piano as well. There were at the time



no avenues to exploit her athletic gifts which were said to be considerable.

After graduating from Crookston High, Carol attended Concordia College in Morehead, Minnesota, where she majored in history. It was during this time that she met and fell deeply in love with Glacier Park. During summer breaks she worked as a waitress at Lake McDonald Lodge and this exposure changed her forever. Upon graduating from Concordia, she took a job as a history teacher at Flathead High School in 1955 and revelled in the presence and beauty of Northwest Montana. She met her husband and father of her three children on a blind date soon thereafter and they

wed in 1957. Richard and Carol welcomed and nurtured Diane in 1959, Bret in 1960 and Kurt in 1969. Carol retired from teaching to become an incredible full-time mother to her children. She returned to Flathead High after her children were grown and taught for many years in the English department where she developed treasured and lasting friendships with other faculty.

Upon her retirement from teaching, it seemed her life became even busier and more fulfilling. She was a devoted grandmother to her beloved grandchildren Bryan, Lindsay, Noah, Skye, Keira, and Hanna. In addition, she had extraordinary friends with whom she shared AAUW (lunch bunch), PEO, and Glacier Symphony League. Her most treasured moments, however, were spent with dear friends hik-

ing in the mountains of Glacier Park and Northwest Montana. She will be sorely missed but those who knew her will be indelibly touched and inspired.

She is survived by her loving husband of 59 years, Richard; son, Bret and Christine Lindsay and children Noah and Skye; son, Kurt and Justine Gavagan-Lindsay and children Keira and Hanna; grandchildren Bryan Sanders and Lindsay and Meko Kierfer and great-grandchildren Sasha, Zoey, and Arya.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Diane Lindsay.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 30, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

In lieu of flowers please consider donations to the Glacier Conservancy, CASA for Kids; and the FVCC Scholarship Fund.



**Diane Joy Lindsay, 56**

Diane Joy Lindsay, 56, passed away on Oct. 2, 2015.

Diane was born in Kalispell in 1959 to parents Carol and Richard Lindsay. She was a beautiful, bright and artistically gifted girl who excelled in academics. She was an athlete as well, excelling in track and cross country, and she would continue to hike, snowshoe, backpack and ski throughout her life. The mountains of Montana were home to her and nothing made her happier than spending time in Glacier Park.

In 1981, she moved to Alaska, where she worked as a bank teller and receptionist, and where she met and married Dale Sanders. They welcomed son Bryan in May of 1984, and a daughter, Lindsay, in July of 1986. A year later, she returned to Kalispell. She moved with her children to Havre to attend college and graduated from Montana State University-Northern in 1998 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education and certification to teach high school art. She returned to Kalispell where she remained the rest of her life.

Diane was a compassionate woman who was always willing to help a friend and her generosity and warmth touched many lives. She was

the kind of person to sit with a friend in the hospital, or bring them a bouquet of wildflowers, just to show that she cared. She was a very creative woman who drew, painted watercolors, and made intricate beaded jewelry, and also loved to write.

She was a loving and devoted mother to her two children, and adored her granddaughters, who called her "Nana."

She will be deeply missed by her family.

Diane is survived by her husband, Randal Marr; by her parents, Richard and Carol Lindsay; her brother, Bret Lindsay, his wife Christine, and their children, Noah and Skye; brother, Kurt Lindsay, his wife Justine, and their daughters, Keira and Hanna; her son, Bryan Sanders; daughter, Lindsay "Liberty" Kifer, and her husband, Meko; and three granddaughters, Sasha, Zoe and Arya.

A celebration of Diane's life will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 10, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Kalispell.

Memorials can be given to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp, Abbie Shelter, or the charity of your choice.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

**Starling Lee Lindsey, 82**

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

24 Nov 201 **Ruby Lea (Dilbeck)  
Lingle-Moorehead, 91**

Ruby Lea (Dilbeck) Lingle-Moorehead, 91, "went to live with her Lord" on Sunday, Nov. 22, 2015.

She was born Nov. 13, 1924, in Frazer, Montana, to Clystia Brooks Thoma and Marvin A. Dilbeck. She spent her early years growing up in Frazer. She graduated eighth grade from Frazer school in 1938, and 30 years later obtained her GED and went on to attend college.

On Nov. 13, 1940, she married her life companion, Melvin Lingle. They were married 60 years before his passing in 2001. They had three children. They traveled some in the early years, but settled in Wolf Point in 1951 and resided there until 1986 when they retired to Columbia Falls.

Ruby always had a smile. She loved life and people. Nothing made her happier than opening her doors to everyone and making sure that no one left without a full belly. She was an accomplished seamstress, cook, quilter and gardener.

She worked for many years as a rural mail carrier and assistant post mistress. She was a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church of Columbia Falls, the Eagles Auxiliary of



Kalispell, and the Senior Citizens of Columbia Falls.

She was preceded in death

by her parents, Clystia Thoma and Marvin Dilbeck; her husband, Melvin Lingle; sisters, Bertha Dilbeck and Marian Sprague; brother, Melvin Dilbeck; and daughter Sheila Lingle.

She is survived by her daughter, Bea, and Ron Montgomery of Las Vegas; son, David, and Michelle Lingle, of Columbia Falls; grandsons, Bruce and Siri Heinrichs of East Windsor, New Jersey, Brian and Debbie Heinrichs of Rifle, Colorado, Tyler and Antoinette Montgomery of Ashburn, Virginia, and Casey and Dawn Montgomery of Parker, Colorado; sisters, Ina and Harry Downs of Wolf Point, and Connie Hansen of Kent, Washington; and brother, Marvin, and Ellie Dilbeck, of Grand Junction, Colorado; 12 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

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**Robert 'Bob' Lingle Sr., 86**

Robert "Bob" Lingle Sr., 86, "went to be with his Lord" Oct. 4, 2014, at his home in Kalispell, with his family at his side.

He was born in Wolf Point on June 5, 1928.

Bob attended schools at Elmont, Pasture Creek and Prairie Elk. He did many different things during his life which includes working cattle in the Bear Paw Mountains, fixing fences and farming.

In 1950, Bob joined the military and served time in Korea. When he returned from the military he worked construction at Glasgow Air Force Base, at Fort Peck Dam and on the highway through Glasgow. In 1960, Bob moved to Columbia Falls, where he worked for the Forest Service, Superior Lumber and Columbia Falls Aluminum Co. from which he retired in 1993.

In 1981, Bob married Ardith Spicher Tompkins in Columbia Falls. Bob and Ardith Liked music, dancing and traveling. In 1993, they became snowbirds, going to Quartzsite, Arizona, until 2007 when they moved to Mesquite, Nevada, for the winters. Home was Montana in the summer.

Bob was a member of the Columbia Falls Saddle Club, Back Country Horseman, Whitefish Moose, Kalispell Eagles, Kalispell Lions, Rocky Mountain Rollers, and the Northwest Montana Accordion Association, where he really like the two campouts at Lone Pine for a weekend of friends, music and camping. He was also a member of Our Savior's



Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls and Mesquite Lutheran Church.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, Fred and Goldie Lingle;



brother Alvin; and grandson Brandon.

Bob is survived by his wife, Ardith, children, Bill Neiss and Trish of Sidney, Robert Jr. of Arizon, Mike of Columbia Falls, Rhonda Appleton and Clayton of Columbia Falls, and Mark and Rachael of Chandler, Arizona, stepsons, Brian Thompkins and Diane of Helena, Mike Thompkins and Kara of Lakewood, Washington, and Mark Thompkins and Carmen of Friday Harbor, Washington; sisters, Beulah Monroe of Kalispell, and Mary Bates of Wolf Point; grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends.

A celebration of life will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 20, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 401 Seventh St. W., Columbia Falls. Military honors will be performed by the United Veterans of the Flathead. Burial of ashes has taken place at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests you give to the charity of your choice in his name. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home was caring for Bob's family.

**MEMORIALS**

**Beryl Rose Lintz**

Memorial services for Beryl Rose Lintz, 84, who died Nov. 24, 2014, will be held from 4 to 6 p.m.

Saturday, May 23, at the Lawrence Park Pavilion in Kalispell.

3 Mar 2015

**Dr. William J. Little, 92**

Dr. William J. Little, 92, passed away Feb. 24, 2015, of complications from heart surgery at Providence Sacred Heart Medical Center, Spokane.

He was preceded in death by his wife Marjorie, in 2006, and son Greg in 1970.

He is survived by son, Jeff Little, and wife, Paula; daughters, Cheri Heinecke, and Candi Vincent and husband Jerold; seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 7, at C.E.



Conrad Memorial Cemetery, Kalispell. Visitation will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. Friday, March

6, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Humane Society of Northwest Montana, 100 Adopt A Pet Way, U.S. Highway 93 North, Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

**Roger L. Linnell, 61**

Roger L. Linnell, 61, passed away very unexpectedly Tuesday, July 7, 2015, with his family by his side.

A celebration of life and reception will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, July 18, 2015, at TPC Snoqualmie Ridge Golf Club, 36005 SE Ridge Street, Snoqualmie.

He was the loving husband of Sharon; father



of Laura and Trevor Gould and grandfather of Jenna and Carter Gould.

An online guestbook is available through Flintofts Funeral Home at [www.flintofts.com](http://www.flintofts.com).

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## John Duncan Livingston, 83

John Duncan Livingston, 83, of Eureka and formerly of Great Falls, died Tuesday, May 6, 2015, at his home with his family by his side.

John was born to Duncan and Genevieve Riley Livingston on Nov. 20, 1931, in Pueblo, Colorado, the eldest of three boys.

John spent his youth in Great Falls and was educated in parochial schools. He was in the last graduating class of St. Mary's High School. John attended Great Falls College and Montana State University. He was a Korean War veteran.

John married Beverly Clare Kimmitt on Aug. 23, 1958, at Our Lady of Lourdes in Great Falls.

John discovered his love of work at a young age. He spent his summers at the family ranch in Geyser with his grandparents and learned all aspects of shearing, haying, and equipment operation. He traveled with his father as a teenager, working in utility construction, and began his career as an expediter for Utility Builders, became a foreman for Falls Construction, was plant manager at Fagenstrom Precast, and then went to work for the U.S. Customs Service in 1967. He was area director at the Port of Roosevelt until he retired in 1992.

John was an active member of the Eureka Volunteer Fire Department, the VFW, Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church and the Historical Village.

John was able to see everything life brought him in a positive way. He laughed hard about pretty much everything, and this



National Park, traveling, reading, volunteering, cutting wood, tinkering in his shop, playing cards, Jeopardy, gadgets, storytelling, a good joke and a cold beer.

He loved his family, his friends, and never encountered a stranger. He was proud of his grandchildren's achievements and successes and was a steadfast champion of their goals and dreams.

Beverly survives John along with his brother, Jerry and Carol; his son, Mark and Ann Marie; daughter, Mary Hinkle and Frank, and grandchildren, Daniel, Sarah Dyck and Matthew, Jordan, Duncan, and Emily.

John "is belly laughing it up in heaven" with his mother, Genevieve, father, Duncan, and brother, James.

A celebration of John's life will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, May 11, at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church in Eureka.

Memorials may be made to the Eureka Volunteer Fire Department.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Eureka. Online memories and condolences may be shared at [www.schnackenbergfh.com](http://www.schnackenbergfh.com).

trait made it impossible for him to remain anonymous in any social setting!

John enjoyed walking with Bev, hiking in Glacier

## Doris Mae Lochridge, 90

Doris was born in Creston on Feb. 17, 1924, to Curtis and Verna Shoemaker.

She passed away peacefully on Jan. 5, 2015.

Doris was one of 11 children. She was married to Bennie Lochridge until his passing in 1990. She is survived by her three children, Ralph and Kathy, Mary Helen and Jack, and Joyce and Bill. She was grandmother to seven and great-grandmother to nine children.

Doris worked as an office manager for many years then retired from



Frank Toby Jones as a beautician. She enjoyed visiting family and friends.

She was a great cook and had a love for gardening. Playing cards with friends was a delight.

A special thank you to her caregivers Cindy and Greg at Bear Creek Adult Family Home.

At her request, there will be no services.

16 Sep 2015

## Florence G. Lockwood, 86

It is with sad hearts that the Lockwood family announces the death of Florence G. Lockwood, born March 24, 1929, and passed Sept. 10, 2015, at 86 years young.



She was preceded in death by Marvin Lockwood, her husband 22 years ago.

She is survived by her children, Dennis Lockwood and wife Linda, Diane Harpine and husband Verland, and Ted Lockwood and wife Kayleen; and her four siblings, Bert McCollum, Gary McCollum, Lee McCollum and Marie Taber, along with their respective families. She also has many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was kind, strong, caring and had a smile that could change any bad mood. While residing in Lake Mary Ronan with Marvin she had numerous friends and truly enjoyed fishing. In 2004 she moved to Seeley Lake where she also had many friends and family.

She passed peacefully at St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula.

## Marie Evelyn DeLaitsch Lockhart, 88

Marie Evelyn DeLaitsch Lockhart passed away Dec. 10, 2015.

She was born in Oct. 28, 1927, near Colfax, Wisconsin, to George and Evelyn DeLaitsch. She was the fourth of six children. Marie grew up on a dairy farm and, as a young girl, went to a one-room schoolhouse.

After graduating high school, she attended St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota, where she earned a bachelor's degree in teaching with a minor in biology. Following college she began work as high school science teacher.

Seeking adventure, Marie would teach in a community for a year and then move on. In this way she "taught her way West" to Great Falls where she met Harold Best Lockhart whom she married in 1956. They had three boys — Andy, Doug and Pete — while living in Great Falls.

In 1967, the family moved to Whitefish. Marie was a substitute teacher in the Whitefish school system while raising her three boys. She later became a Realtor, a library volunteer, and instructor for Literacy Volunteers of America.

Marie had a lifelong love of travel, both local and global. She took many trips with her husband and family, and often with a group of close girlfriends. For over 20 years they visited places like China, Japan, Brazil, Israel, Portugal, Ireland, Germany, England, Scandinavia, Mexico, Fiji and New Zealand.



loudly count her rapidly increasing catch, so that her family would know how

many fish she'd caught.

Marie had a keen mind, a great sense of humor — fun-loving and playful, and an irrepressible curiosity. She had a good appetite and was an adventurous eater. She stayed on top of current events and the interests and activities of those she knew. Marie was direct and straightforward. On the rare occasion when she made a mistake, she would be the first to identify the error with a self-deprecating "Oh, Marie, you

dumbass!" Besides being a great mother, she is remembered as a great partner to Harold. Their marriage was one of her proudest accomplishments. Her sons remember her and their father laughing at night before bed as they discussed the days' events.

After Harold's death in 2014, Marie moved to Hillsboro, Oregon, to continue her adventure and engage in some last minute remedial child rearing.

True to her lifelong pursuit of new experiences, Marie recently observed: "I want to learn to fight with a knife." To the relief of her family this wish was never fulfilled.

Marie liked animals, from dogs and cats to the wildlife that paraded past her homes in Montana and Arizona. She enjoyed seeing bears, but did not appreciate them on her porch or at the base of a tree she'd climbed. She liked tidal pools and bird watching.

Marie was the best fisherman in the Lockhart family. On fishing trips around Montana, she would

She is survived by her sons, Andy Lockhart of Vancouver, Washington, Doug Lockhart of San Diego, and Pete Lockhart of Hillsboro; her daughters-in-law, Carol Lockhart of San Diego, and Beth Harrington of Vancouver; her grandchildren, Nick and Catey Lockhart; and her siblings, Bud DeLaitsch and Margie Riste.

A memorial service will be held in Whitefish later this spring.

In lieu of flowers, go somewhere new or do something you've never done before.

## Bryon Wayne Logue, 24

Bryon Wayne Logue of Craig, Colorado, "went to be with God" on Saturday, Feb. 28, 2015, in Grand Junction, Colorado. He was 24 years old.

Bryon was born Sept. 16, 1990, in Edmonds, Washington, to Byron Logue and Trudy Doble. When Bryon was 2 years old, his parents moved back to Montana. It was at this time that Bryon was blessed with two additional parents, Ami Logue and Kirk Doble. Bryon attended Fortine Elementary School, Stillwater Christian School, and he graduated from Lincoln County High School in 2009.

Bryon grew up with a strong work ethic, and from a young age was always helping his dad on numerous household remodels, and his stepdad repair and maintain the family's logging equipment. Many of the construction companies Bryon worked for took advantage of this skill set, and asked Bryon to assist in keeping their equipment running along with his construction duties.

Bryon loved to be outdoors. If he wasn't hunting or fishing, he was riding dirt bikes, four wheeling, or finding some mud to test his newest rebuilt truck. He lived in Colorado, North Dakota and Montana, but anyone who knew Bryon knows that regardless of where he lived, he always considered Montana his home.

Bryon was full of life and love. As a young boy, he could always be found cuddled up in someone's lap. He loved to smile and have fun, and was very fond of playing jokes on everyone. His smile and laugh were infectious, and would light up the room. He loved with his whole heart, and was always willing to share everything he had with everyone around him, often at his own expense.

Bryon's final gift on this



earth was the gift of life. Bryon made the decision to be an organ donor, and through this unself-

ish personal act, there are at least five people whom Bryon has blessed with the gift of life.

Bryon accepted Christ into his life at a young age, and while our minds and bodies ache at the loss of Bryon, we take comfort in knowing that we will see him again in heaven. Bryon's body has left this earth, but his legacy lives on through the renewed life of others.

"Bryon, we love you, and we are so proud of you!"

Bryon is survived by his parents, Byron and Ami Logue of Amarillo, Texas, and Trudy and Kirk Doble of Fortine; grandparents, the Rev. Gary and Kathy Logue, Lenore Burgess, Karen and Garrett Kincaid, John and Pat Doble and Joyce Stanfill; great-grandparents, Henry Cockerham and Arlean Keister; sisters, Alysha and Gerald Lopez, and Alexis Logue; brothers, Brad Doble, Braeden Logue, Brenden Doble and Bridger Logue; nephew, Arturo Lopez; and many special aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Bryon was preceded in death by his grandfathers, Keith Burgess and Charles Bronson.

"Bry Bry, our lives will be forever changed. We cannot imagine life without you. We love you so much forever and always!"

A celebration of Bryon's life will be held at 1 p.m. on March 21 at the Fortine Cemetery, followed by fellowship and a potluck dinner at the back room of Jerry's Saloon.

Memorials to celebrate Bryon's life are suggested to Donor Alliance, Inc., [www.donoralliance.org](http://www.donoralliance.org).

## Clifton C. Looney, 88

Clifton C. Looney, 88, of Polson, died at Polson Health and Rehabilitation on Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2015.

Arrangements are pending. The Lake Funeral Home & Crematory is assisting the family.



## Evelyn Irene Longpre, 94

Evelyn Irene Longpre, 94, of Kalispell, passed away peacefully on Nov. 29, 2015, of natural causes.

She was born on the family homestead near Rocky Point, Wyoming, on Dec. 13, 1920, to Wilber Sr. and Ruby (Rundell) Voorhies. As a child, she loved to ride her horse Fleet on the Wyoming prairie. She graduated from Orchard High School in Orchard, Nebraska.

Evelyn was a life-long homemaker, loving daughter, sister, aunt, wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Family was the cornerstone of her life.

Evelyn was married to Joseph Edward Longpre in Billings on June 28, 1946; they were married for 59 years. She met Joe in Kalispell when he returned from World War II, a strapping guy who owned an Army truck and hauled lumber. She was a beautiful redhead



and quick to notice Joe around town. Joe walked into a dance one night, caught eyes with her,

and that was it. They were married soon after on a lumber hauling trip and went on their honeymoon in that Army truck.

She loved flowers and birds, and had gardens at every house they owned, and a large one at the small farm they had at the base of the mountains east of Kalispell. She loved the out of doors and wildlife, and always had everything packed on Friday ready to go on family camping trips to Glacier Park. She was fearless, as her boys recall her shooing bears away from the bathrooms in Glacier Park, and many other instances. She loved her sons and always encouraged and supported them and their

families in their lives. She loved Joe and was at his side constantly as unofficial foreman on his many projects, traveling adventurer, hiker, huckleberry picker, sitting downtown, getting firewood, and just doing anything together. They traveled to all their sons' homes many times, and made an adventure of most everything in life. Always, she loved family reunions, and the many lives and pathways brought together in celebration. When Joe passed away, she braved 10 more years of life for her family.

"She is now in God's loving hands, reunited with the loved ones who preceded her, and would say, 'Happy for me I want you to be, for now I am free, we will never really be apart, and we will meet again someday.'"

Evelyn was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph; her parents Wilber Sr. and Ruby;

brothers, Everett, Wilber Jr. and Marvin; infant sister, Jessie; and an infant daughter, Sheryl.

Evelyn is survived by her brother, Alvin; sisters, Jennie Rauthe and Nelda Morgan; sons, Merrill and Judie, Daniel and Vicki, Anthony and Leslie, and Clinton; and 10 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews, family and friends.

The funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 5, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home, with Pastor Steve Snipstead of Faith Lutheran Church officiating. Visitation will be held one hour before the funeral service, starting at 10 a.m. Burial will follow the funeral service at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery at noon.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home.

## Esther Loomer, 100

Funeral services for Esther Loomer, 100, of Culbertson, will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 28, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 405 E. Montana 5, Culbertson, with Pastor Gretchen Wagner officiating. Interment will take place in Hillside Cemetery in Culbertson under the direction of Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney.

The family suggests a memorial gift be given to the Glasgow High School Educational Trust, c/o Jeanine A. Markle, 904 Wedum Drive, Glasgow, MT 59230-1541, or to a charity of the donor's choice. Remembrances, condolences and pictures may be shared with the family at [www.fulkersons.com](http://www.fulkersons.com).

Esther Emma Dumke Loomer was born just over 100 years ago on Feb. 1, 1915, on the family farm near Fergus Falls, Minnesota, to William and Henrietta Peterson Dumke. She joined two brothers and a sister and was later joined by another brother. She attended country school and graduated from Fergus Falls High School in 1933.

She was employed as a legal secretary.

On Nov. 24, 1939, she married her high school sweetheart, Francis W. Loomer. It was the year that President Roosevelt moved the Thanksgiving date earlier in an attempt to bolster retail sales during the Great Depression. Esther and Francis were married for nearly 72 years. Born to this union were a son, Douglas, and a daughter, Jill.

Their first home together was in Bowman, North Dakota, where Fran was teaching school and coaching. Early in their marriage, he once left her in a school gym until his team reminded him that his new wife had come



along to the game. In 1946, they settled in Glasgow. They lived there until 2010 when they moved

to Culbertson to be nearer their daughter, Jill.

Esther taught Sunday school and held many offices in the Congregational church, including treasurer and chairman of the women's group. She was a 50-year member of PEO and Order of the Eastern Star, of which she was Worthy Matron. She was a 4-H leader and a Cub Scout den mother.

Esther enjoyed needlework, petit point, needlepoint, knitting and tatting. When Fran retired, they wintered in Mesa, Arizona, where she attended porcelain painting classes and created many beautiful pieces of her own design. She very much enjoyed reading, doing crossword puzzles and playing cards. She was an excellent cook and baked bread and other goodies on a regular basis. Esther was always a positive person and saw the bright side of life, being an inspiration to many.

Esther died on Monday, March 23, 2015, at the Roosevelt Medical Center in Culbertson.

Esther is survived by her children, Douglas Loomer and Suzanne Ostrem of Bigfork and Las Cruces, New Mexico, and Jill Herness and Donald of Culbertson, MT; granddaughter, Lindsey, of Culbertson; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Arthur, Carl and Henry; sister, Ethel; husband, Francis; and her granddaughter, Jami Marie Herness.



## Dorcas M. Louden, 87

Dorcas M. Louden, 87, passed away on Saturday, Feb. 28, 2015, making her long-awaited passing from the Edgewood Vista community, Kalispell "into the next of eternity with Jesus."

Dorcas was born in 1927 in Glasgow to Stanley and Lula Potts and lived on Stan's homestead until the family was bought out during the construction of Fort Peck Dam. The family relocated to the Swan River community east of Bigfork in 1936 where they farmed. On the first day at Swan River School, Dorcas met Alicia Fox (Fagerland) who invited Dorcas to share her desk and became a lifelong friend until Alicia's death, April 2009.

Dorcas graduated from Bigfork High School in 1945 as valedictorian with Alicia alongside as the salutatorian. Dorcas began cadet nurse training at Great Falls Deaconess in the fall of 1945 but left school after the war ended. She eventually moved to Helena where she met Woodie Cottle. They were married at Kalispell in June 1948 and moved to the Bay Area of California to start their lives together.

The following year they produced son Gary and then the following year Andy. Dorcas eventually went to night school and worked for Crocker Anglo Bank in Oakland. Woodie died in 1960 and Dorcas determined to move with the boys back to Bigfork in 1961. The first year back, she rented a large, old farmhouse (Hilda Lee's place) near the Swan River community and

introduced the boys to life Montana-style. She went to work at Conrad National Bank (First Interstate) in Kalispell and served as assistant comptroller until her retirement in 1982.

When she arrived back in the Bigfork area, she attended the church of her childhood, the Little Brown Church. During the ensuing years, she served as secretary/treasurer, historian, Sunday School teacher and anything else that needed doing. She continued her participation until the fall of 2007 and was a dedicated follower of Jesus who believed in touching lives in His name.

In the spring of 1962, Dorcas married a talented craftsman (Rod Jelleff) who built her home on Wolf Creek where she would live the next 45 years. After that marriage ended and she had the boys off to college, in 1969 she married one of the Lower Valley boys she had known in her youth. Ted Danford was a foreman at the aluminum plant but, as with many of the guys at the plant, wanted an outlet for his days off so they built up a small farm on the Wolf Creek property. When not farming or working, they enjoyed traveling, dancing or visiting friends. Ted passed away in March 1984 after battling cancer for 18 months. Dorcas maintained the farm and livestock with the help of her sons but also took time to help others.

A year after Ted's death, Dorcas spent several weeks caring for Betty Louden up at Lost Prairie while

Betty was dying of cancer. Following Betty's death in 1985, Betty's husband Bob tried to return the favor anytime he came to town and often showed up at Wolf Creek near mealtime. In September 1985, Dorcas took in one more stray and married Bob who then split his time between the two farms. They traveled and shared many old friends for the next years until Bob died of a heart attack on a picnic up the Swan with Dorcas and her youngest brother, Harry and wife Marianna, in September 2001.

Dorcas continued to live at Wolf Creek for six more years but her health declined in the early years of Alzheimer's. In 2007, after episodes that put herself and others at risk, she was hospitalized and with the counsel of her doctor, attorney and the agreement of her sons, she became a resident of Immanuel Lutheran Home that November and then the Edgewood Vista community in the following June. While she missed her home at Wolf Creek, she grew accustomed to community living in Kalispell. In the fall of 2010, she was diagnosed with cancer and was part of the understanding to take a short-course treatment which gave her an extra year while reasonably active. The cancer symptoms returned early in 2012.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her best friend, Alicia Fagerland; brother, Doug Potts; Doug Wise and her sister Judy Wise; and lastly by her younger brother, Har-

ry Potts.

She is survived by Harry's wife, Marianna; sister-in-law, Dorothy Potts; sister-in-law, Bunny Louden; son, Gary Cottle, and wife, Teri; son, Andy Cottle, and wife Ann, and their sons Clint, wife Katie and daughter Karlee and Sean Jennison, and Matt, wife Jenn and sons Ernie and Austin; seven stepchildren, numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, several good friends including Irene Bowker, and church families at the Little Brown Church and the Church of the Nazarene.

In keeping with Dorcas' wishes, cremation has taken place, and at a later date a private interment will be at Wolf Creek where her heart always was.

The boys express Dorcas' sincere appreciation to Pastor Ed Koteskey of the Kalispell Church of the Nazarene, Drs. Charles Dixon, David Sheldon and Linda Hitchcock; Starla Robinson and staff of the Edgewood Vista community; Frontier Hospice and the many friends who supported her in prayer and visits through these later years of her journey. Lastly, special thanks from the boys to Jim Johnson, Dorcas' friend and attorney, who was our counselor and advisor through the decisions of the last 15 years. Dorcas would have appreciated your care and concern for her.

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



## Laura Ann Smith Cartwright Loween, 71

Our beloved beautiful mother, Laura Ann Smith Cartwright Loween, passed away quietly at home on Oct. 7, 2015, after a long hard battle with Ovarian Cancer. Laura was born on Aug. 25, 1946, to Maryann (Szabo) and Douglas R. Smith and was taken home from the hospital to Canyon Ferry Dam where her father worked for the Montana Power Co.

The family moved to Wolf Creek and resided at Holter Dam. She went to Wolf Creek schools, until eighth grade. In her eighth grade annual, she had said that she wanted to be a doctor. She went to high school in Helena. She started work at the Oasis Restaurant in Wolf Creek when the men at Montana Power went on strike, to help the family with money. She was very frightened and didn't want to be there, but she stayed through high school and was very close to the woman who owned it. She called her "aunt Francis".

She then moved to Great Falls, where she met her husband Joseph Cartwright. From there the family moved to



Kalispell to Whitefish and back to Kalispell, raising five girls and working as a CNA and a waitress.

Through various troubles and trials, and being a single mother, she finally got to go to nursing school in Helena, and became an LPN, her dream of being a nurse fulfilled. This brought her to the Polson and Pablo area where her parents had resided.

Laura started her nursing career at St. Luke's Hospital in Ronan, then was at Mountain View Care Center for many years and retired from there.

Laura enjoyed being a nurse, showing compassion and love and had a great sense of humor. Laura helped take care of her own mother through her failing years of health.

Laura enjoyed music, dancing, reading, her animals, watching "Jeopardy" and camp-

ing, but most of all she enjoyed and loved her family. She loved her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Grandma Laura was the fun grandma, always being silly and making the children laugh. She was often also called the "cool grandma."

Laura was diagnosed with OVC (ovarian cancer) in January 2014 and fought the battle of cancer with strength, dignity and humor with no complaining or feeling sorry for herself, she was never ready to give up or give in and she was determined to fight the cancer with all she had to the very end with Joseph Cartwright and her five daughters by her side.

Laura is preceded in death by her father, Douglas R. Smith; her mother, Maryann Szabo Smith Reum, and her brother Daniel E. Smith.

Laura will be greatly missed by her family.

She is survived by her brother, Douglas Smith; five daughters, Leslie Smith and Todd Hayes, Jeannie Cartwright, Maryjo and Josh Anderson, Shari

Cartwright and Penny and Clint Morgan; her grandchildren, Joseph Stanley, Trista Stanley, Bruce Rennich, Ian and Stacy Urban, Christy Urban, Michael Urban, Daniel and Lynn Cartwright, Devin and Maegan Lester, Jessica Lester, Rebecca Lester, Chris Anderson, Rowen Anderson, Joshua and Nicole Powell, Matthew and Karen Powell, Nakira Morgan and Noah Morgan; great-grandchildren, Phoenix Rennich, Boomy Rennich, Lily Rennich, Mason Urban, Chevy Reum, Cameron Urban, Eric Urban, Oaklynn Lester, Daniel Cartwright, Jr., Hadley Lester, Michael Powell, Katie Powell, Madden Powell and Shyann Powell.

A celebration of her life will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 17, at the Terrace Lake Community Church in Ronan. Memories and condolences may be sent to the family at [www.thelakefuneralhomeandcrematory.com](http://www.thelakefuneralhomeandcrematory.com).

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

### John Harvey Lowell, 83

John Harvey Lowell departed this world on the Winter Solstice, Dec. 21, 2015. At 83 years of age, John died from hemophilia at Kalispell Regional Medical Center. He passed with grace, dignity and above all humor. He was surrounded by family and friends, which he kept entertained with his stories and wit to the very end. He was as much of an inspiration in his final days as he was throughout his life. He will be missed greatly.

John was born in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, on Feb. 20, 1932, the middle son of George and Hazel Lowell (both deceased).

He is preceded by his older brother, Jim, and is survived by his younger brother, Roger.

John is survived by his wife of 60 years, JoAnne Lowell and their five children, Kathy and Ken Peschel, John Mike and Cindy Lowell, Wendy and Kevin Kenison, Loire and Jim Feeney and Heidi and Alisdair Lowell Maden, and their nine grandchildren, Tim



Peschel, Garret Lowell, Jennica Lowell, Jake Kenison, Tess Kenison, Tyler Feeney, Alissa Feeney, Chloe Maden and Luke Maden.

John's children and grandchildren were the love of his life and he has left behind the legacy of his family.

John graduated from the University of Montana in 1955 with a master's degree in forestry. After 30 years in the Forest Service and in his mid-fifties, John retired from the forest service and he and his wife JoAnne went back to Montana State University to obtain a masters degree in marriage and family therapy. In his second career as a counselor, John spent 20 year helping people in Vancouver Washington, and the Flathead Valley.

Throughout his life he played the role of husband, father, Army ROTC officer, smokejumper, forest ranger, marriage and family counselor, emergency medical technician, and ski patrolman. John left a unique mark on this world, and on the lives of his family and friends.

John fully embraced life, had an infectious laugh, a mischievous sense of humor and he made friends everywhere he went. He loved the Montana outdoors, playing cards, and helping people from all walks of life. Whether playing jokes on his grandkids, playing cards, performing volunteer services or helping out friends, John made an impact and will be missed.

Per John's wishes he will be cremated and we will not hold a funeral, but we will have celebration of life. The family will hold this celebration at a later date and will send out a notice to friends and family. The family asks that instead of flowers, to please make a donation to your local Food Bank.

### Jesse C. Lowry, 45

Jesse C. Lowry, 45, of Troy, died Saturday, July 18, 2015, from injuries sustained in an accident in the Yaak.

Survivors include his partner Cricket Orsborn, daughter Zoe Lowry, and son Braden Lowry, and stepson Ryley Orsborn, all of Troy; and mother,

Laurie Lowry, of Bend, Oregon.

Services will be at 7 p.m., today, July 23. Take a right past the 24-mile marker on the Yaak River Road in Troy (there will be signs).

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Libby.

**Holly Anne (Haugen) Love, 45**

Holly Anne (Haugen) Love, beloved wife, step-mother, step-grandmother, daughter, sister, aunt and friend to all, died suddenly July 3, 2015, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Friday, July 17, at St. Richard's Church in Columbia Falls. A memorial service will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Great Falls at 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 18. Cremation has taken place.

Holly was born in Sioux City, Iowa, on Dec. 21, 1969, to M. G "Sonny" and Lucy "Penning" Haugen. In Feb. 1970 the family moved to Columbia Falls. Holly graduated from Columbia Falls High School.

She worked for the Forest Service during the summers while attending college in Kalispell and Missoula. It was a proud day when she graduated from Park University in 2005.

In 1996 she joined the Army, serving in Germany and Fort Lewis, Washington.

She was honorably dis-



charged in 2009. At the time of her death she was employed at Charter Communications. In addition to her husband, Jon, Holly leaves behind step-daughter Stephanie and Eli, step-son Christopher and Anjelica and step-grandson Blake, her parents Sonny and Lucy, sister Jennifer and Jason Goss, nephew Tim Haugen and niece Zurie Goss, sister-in-law Tinalynne Haugen, Jon's parents, Perry and Joanne Love, aunts, uncles, cousins and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her brother Michael, grandparents Millard and Sue Haugen, Ray and Gen Penning, aunts Margaret Masgai and Marsha Wagenhauser.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to your favorite charity.

**James Nelson Lucas, 84**

James Nelson Lucas, 84, of Versailles, Missouri, and formerly of Whitefish, died Sunday, Dec. 6, 2015, at home.

He was a commercial helicopter pilot and flew search and rescue.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy; son, Ron of Hammond, Louisiana; and daughters, Wende Crowe of Versailles and Pam

Dykzeul of Kingsville, Missouri.

Graveside services and inurnment with full military honors will be at 2 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 20, at the Versailles Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction and care of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home in Versailles.

**Lori Luce**

A graveside service and celebration of life will be for Lori Luce, 75, who died Nov. 21 will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, June 22, at the

Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls. A luncheon will follow at the Columbia Falls United Methodist Church at 117 Second St. W.

**David Ray Loveless, 67**

David Ray Loveless, 67, passed away Sept. 8, 2015, at the Whitefish Rehabilitation Facility where he was recovering from a broken hip.



Columbia Falls. David had a great memory of history and

especially family history. He was famous for his stories recounting events that happened long ago. He enjoyed spending time at the Upper Thompson Lake with many family gatherings there. He liked to play cribbage and was very good at the game. Even when he beat you he would always encouragingly say, "You just came in second."

David was born Feb. 22, 1948, in Kalispell to Howard "Happy" and Ruth Adams Loveless. He attended school in Kalispell and graduated from Flathead High School. He lived his entire life in Montana, having resided mainly in Kalispell.

He served three years in the Army and the Army Reserves and served his country proudly in the Vietnam War. Later in life, David became disabled from his contact with Agent Orange that occurred during his time in the service.

David was preceded in death by his parents, "Happy" and Ruth; paternal grandparents, Albert and Lola Loveless; maternal grandparents, Bert and Mildred Adams; his brother, Howard Loveless; a sister-in-law, Ruthie Loveless; a nephew, Jay Loveless; and several aunts and uncles.

David is survived by his brother, Donald, and Faye Loveless, of Kalispell; sister-in-law, Irene Loveless, of Libby; a favorite aunt, Opal Loveless, of Polson; nephews, Randy and Kris, Robbin and Kelly, and Ryan, all of Kalispell, and Dennis and Mary Loveless of Helena; several grandnephews and grandnieces; and some special friends, Sue and Stan of Kalispell. And last but not least, he also leaves behind his special feline friend, Rocky. He also had a very loving and caring "extended family" in all the people at the Veterans Home in

David had worked various jobs, including being a taxi driver in Kalispell. His main vocation was as a chef, having done that while in the service and again for several years for his sister-in-law Irene Loveless at her restaurant, The Ranch in Libby. David was also a longtime member of the Eagles and the VFW.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Sept. 25, at the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home in Kalispell. Military graveside services will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery, performed by the United Veterans of Flathead Valley.

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



## Gail Therese (Ceiplis) Luepkes, 76

Gail Therese (Ceiplis) Luepkes, 76, passed peacefully June 9, 2015, at the Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

Gail was born May 30, 1939, in Chicago to Michael and Helen Ceiplis. She grew up there and attended Catholic school, graduating in 1957.

On Oct. 19, 1957, Gail married James Hiram Luepkes. They moved from Chicago to Henderson, Nevada, where she lived a few years as a homemaker before moving to Kalispell. Eventually they landed in Columbia Falls, calling it home.

Gail will be remembered with much love by the many people who loved her. She touched innumerable lives as she delivered papers on her bike and sold Avon for many years. She was a



cheerful volunteer at the vets' home from the beginning of her stay. She looked forward to

"Dancing with the Stars" every Monday night with her daughter, Renee'.

Gail was preceded in death by her parents, Michael and Helen; and husband, James.

Surviving are her children, Michelle, Renee, Michael, James and Dawn; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, June 22, at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls. A reception with cookies and coffee will immediately follow downstairs.

## Kimberly Rae Luke, 49

Kimberly Rae Luke "passed suddenly into God's arms" Sept. 16, 2015, at the age of 49, from a cerebral aneurysm.

She was born March 31, 1966, in Missoula, to her loving parents, Ron and Donna Luke.

When Kim was a sophomore at Davis, California, high school she was selected to be in a pilot program giving her a business school diploma in addition to her high school diploma upon graduation. During her senior year she worked as a bank teller for Bank of America and also in the school office. The Davis Chamber of Commerce selected her as the Student of the Year.

After graduation she went on mission trips to Mexico with her brother Kevin to help build homes and churches in poverty stricken areas. She was also a volunteer with Youth for Christ, reaching out to unwed mothers with love and support.

Kim loved to travel with friends and family and some of her favorite trips and locations included Italy, New Zealand, Australia, Hong Kong, India, Hawaii, Tahiti, Costa Rica and New York.

Twenty-two years ago she started her bookkeeping service out of her



home so she could be with her two boys, Justin and Jeremy. She was an incredible bookkeeper

who loved her clients like family and was always there for them through difficult and happy times. She had many clients she didn't charge for her services that were going through hard times. She also loved teaching QuickBooks at Flathead Valley Community College for the last 20 years.

She is survived by her sons, Justin and Jeremy King; her mom and dad, Donna and Ron Luke; and brother, Kevin Luke. She is also survived by her Uncle Jerry, Aunt Karen and Linda; and many cousins whom she loved very much.

As a loving mother, daughter, sister and friend she touched the lives of many people and she will be dearly missed by those blessed by her love and kindness.

The celebration of life for Kim will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, at Christ Lutheran Church, 5150 River Lakes Parkway, Whitefish, with lunch immediately following in the reception area.

## Roberta 'Bobbi' Joan Luke, 77

Roberta "Bobbi" Joan Luke, 77, of Polson, passed away on Sunday March 22, 2015, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center with family by her side.

She was born on June 21, 1937, in Kalispell to Bill and Charlotte Wilhelm. She graduated from Polson High School in 1956 and married Clifford Luke on Sept. 11, 1956. They celebrated 55 years of marriage together.

Cliff and Bobbi were members of the Spark and Throttle car club in Polson, and made many lifelong friends there.

Bobbi was an avid bowler in earlier years. She enjoyed many crafts and was an excellent seamstress in her prime. She loved gardening, canning, cooking and entertaining guests. From her many hobbies, we remember fondly the cabbage rolls, dill pickles, and one particular year of homemade cherry wine. The Lukehouse was often a place for friends and family to drop in anytime. The coffee was always on.

In recent years, she delighted most of all in family visits, especially from her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, as well as her beloved nieces, nephews and cousins.

Bobbie was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Clifford Luke; and a granddaughter, Amber Luke.

Survivors include her



sisters, Charleen Perkins, Loretta Jepson, and Chris and Jim Schultz; and her

children, Ernie Luke, Marilyn and Lynn Cooper, Kenny and Diana Luke, and Colleen Oden; her grandchildren, Teresa Cooper, Amanda and Mike Lukaitis, Jesse and Vanessa Oden, Annie Luke, CW2 Charlie Cooper, Airman Nathan Luke, Roddy and Melissa Oden, Abby Luke and Aaron Luke; and her great-grandchildren, Romelle, Mason and Emmitt Oden and Gabriella Luke. Among her beloved family she also leaves three brothers-in-law, four sisters-in-law, along with 20 nieces and nephews, and many great-nieces and great-nephews.

Visitation will be from 1 to 5 p.m. today, March 27, at the Lake Funeral Home. Funeral Services will be at the Polson Presbyterian Church at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 28, with graveside services to follow and then a luncheon back at the church afterward.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to either the Polson Presbyterian Church or the Polson Community Church.

Messages of condolence may be sent to [www.TheLakeFuneralHomeAndCrematory.com](http://www.TheLakeFuneralHomeAndCrematory.com).

She loved to serve others, and supported Curtis as he started his own CPA firm, Lund, Koehler, Cox, working as his office manager. Contemplating pulling up her roots of 30 years and moving to Kalispell when Curtis took a job as CEO of National Flood, she cheerfully said, "Let's do it."

She put down new roots in Kalispell, joining, then becoming, a group leader for her Bible study fellowship group. She

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 6, at Christ Lutheran Church, 5150 River Lakes Parkway, Whitefish, MT 59937.

In lieu of memorials, gifts may be sent to Shepherd's Hand Free Clinic at Christ Lutheran Church.

## Mary Ann (Niedringhaus) Lund, 75

Mary Ann (Niedringhaus) Lund, 75, of Kalispell, "changed her residence to heaven," Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2015. She slipped away with her husband of 52 years by her side.



enjoyed painting with water-colors and gifting her children and friends with her talent.

Born on Jan. 28, 1940, in Aberdeen, South Dakota, to Henry and Venetta (Clark) Niedringhaus, Mary Ann was the middle child and second daughter of five siblings. Growing up in the railroad town in Moberge, South Dakota, Mary Ann loved being a member of Trinity Lutheran Church and participating in her high school where she was a cheerleader and accompanist for the school choir. It was at Moberge High School that she met her future husband, Curtis Maynard Lund, son of the local Baptist pastor. After she caught his eye sitting next to him in study hall, she later "left her purse" at his house during a study group evening. Curt took it as a sign and asked her to the March of Dimes dance, and they began dating. She loved cheering him on as he played basketball.

After graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from Augustana College, in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Mary Ann worked as a registered nurse in Minneapolis. She and Curtis married on June 16, 1963, in Moberge and they established their residence in Minnesota, adopting three children. A skilled homemaker, Mary Ann was devoted to her family and served as a longtime member of Ridgewood Church in Minnetonka, Minnesota. She loved making friends and nurturing those relationships. She had a weekly sewing group she attended, a group who became cherished friends.

When she joined Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish, it became her new church home. A gifted pianist, she loved accompanying Curtis when he sang solos and playing for the choir or offertory. She enjoyed filling her home with piano music and caring for her husband and family. After retirement, Mary Ann and Curtis traveled, both abroad and often to Minnesota to visit their children, attend football games, theater performances and holiday events. She was beloved by her grandchildren.

A strong woman of faith, Mary Ann always had a smile through any adversity, believing in her salvation, supporting missions and portraying her faith through her love for others. Those who knew her knew of her Christian faith and love for her Savior.

Mary Ann "is joining in heaven" her parents, Henry and Venetta Niedringhaus, and a nephew, Patrick Niedringhaus.

She leaves behind her husband of 52 years, Curtis M. Lund; three children and their spouses, Susan (Lund) and Andrew Warren, David and Dannette Lund, and Melissa (Lund) and Luke Wilson. She also will be missed by her 11 grandchildren, David, Sarah, Peter and Noah Warren, Ruth Ann, Ellie and Lydia Lund, Abby Knopick, Ashley Ince, and Jordan and Kalina Anderson; as well as three great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her four siblings, the Rev. Donald Niedringhaus of Brandon, South Dakota, Marjorie Hanson of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Dr. Robert Niedringhaus of St. Paul, Minnesota, and John Niedringhaus of Enderlin, North Dakota.

## Robert Stanley Lynch Jr., 65

Robert Stanley Lynch Jr., 65, passed away peacefully at his home in Bigfork on Sept. 13, 2015.

Robbie was born March 29, 1950, in Teaneck, New Jersey, to Robert and Anna (Ambrogi) Lynch. Robbie grew up in River Vaile, New Jersey, with his five siblings. At the age of 16 he went to work for Benzel Busch (Mercedes Benz) as a car polisher.

After high school, Benzel Busch sent him to an apprenticeship to become an auto mechanic. He worked for Benzel Busch for 12 years before deciding to open Robbie's Mercedes Benz Specialist Shop at age 28.

At age 30 he married Barbara Dunley, and two years later they had their only child, Allison Lynch.

After 13 years of running Robbie's Mercedes Benz Specialist Shop, Robbie and his wife decided to embark on a new adventure and moved to Montana. Robbie started a mobile auto repair business. It didn't take long before he needed to build a shop next to his house, and for 23 years he ran his shop until his sudden passing.

Robert was known for his charismatic spirit, his personality, his zealous work ethic, his outspokenness and his storytelling. Several newspapers articles were written for Robbie's honesty and integrity in his mechanical work. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Robbie was preceded in death by wife Barbara, brother John, and his parents.

He is survived by his daughter, Allison Lynch; sisters, Barbara Lynch, Virginia Featherstone and Nancy Lynch; brother, William Lynch; and his loving companion, Shari DeMotts.

A celebration of life service is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, at the Bigfork Chapel Assembly of God Church in Bigfork. A potluck reception will follow the service and everyone is invited to bring their favorite dish.

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

## Raymond Jo Lyons, 94

Raymond Jo Lyons, 94, of Stevensville passed away Wednesday, July 15, 2015, at



his home, with his wife by his side.

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He was a member of the Great Falls Deputy Sheriffs, Mountain Patrol Search and Rescue, CCC Cook, Pony Express, St. Mary's Saddle Club, Bitterroot Draft and Mule Club, Stevensville Historic Museum, 30 years Gourmet Dining Group, Peruvian Paso and Paso Fino breeder and parade contestant.

His love of music could be heard in his playing of the accordion or harmonica, and in his voice when he sang.

Raymond was a gentlemen's gentleman to the core, a trophy husband and the best neighbor anyone could have wanted. He lived a long, fulfilling life with many stories to share and his laugh and smile will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his wife Sue, son Raymond E. and Sherry Lyons of Great Falls, daughter Arlene Lyons of Hamilton, grandchildren Shawn and Paula Lyons of Great Falls, Brian and soon-to-be-wife Kathleen Lyons of California, Colby Lyons of Texas, Robin Palin of Hamilton, and Michele and Clint Morris of Stevensville, and nine great-grandchildren.

A memorial potluck picnic for friends and family will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, July 25, at the Priest Park in Stevensville.

Condolences and memories may be shared with the family at [www.white-sittfuneralhome.com](http://www.white-sittfuneralhome.com).

Raymond was born in Helena in 1921 and later adopted by Raymond and Josephine Lyons who raised him in and around the Flathead Valley.

As a kid he would deliver groceries in his little red wagon. He moved around and up through the professions — watering elephants at the circus, becoming a telegrapher for the railroad, over the road truck driver hauling tankers filled with acid on occasion, painting designs on planes that were later sent to Russia, ice cutter for the Western Fruit Express, sheep herder in Hinsdale, soda fountain and service station attendant in Apgar, owner operator of logging company in Kalispell, foreman with Earl Hunt Construction building houses, employed with Boeing Aircraft Company, inventing/designing new improved devices, outfitting for Diamond Bar X, Bruckerts and the Chief Joseph Ranch, and working for and with the Stevensville Farm and Builders.

Along the way he met and in 1943 married Erma Middleton, having two children, Raymond E. and Arlene. They divorced in 1969 and he married Susan Frazier Mowen of Choteau, in

Stevensville, in 1970.

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## Gordon Lytle, 58

Gordon Lytle, 58, of Kalispell, passed away Sept. 10, 2015.

Gordon was born in Whitefish, to Robert and Gloriana (Auge) Lytle. Gordon was raised in Whitefish and Dallas, Oregon.

He entered the National Guard shortly after high school and served his country honorably. Gordon worked mostly in lumber yards, but his true passion was picking hucks and shrooms. He loved camping with his dad, brother, and friends and being in the outdoors. He was an avid reader; reading over 10,000 books from western novels to science, or anything that he thought was interesting and worth learning. His favorite song he loved to listen to was "He ain't heavy he's my brother."

Gordon was preceded in



nifer Lytle Niles, Parents Gloriana Auge-Rudd and Robert Lytle; brothers Ron and Sue Lytle and Shane Crumbley and sisters, Cheryle Schwegel and Tina Macales.

No services are planned at this time.

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death by his sister, Dena Lytle, and grandparents Freddy and Geneva Hotel.

He is survived by his children, Jordan Lytle, Sierra Lytle, Jen-