

Jamie Ring, 76

Jamie Ring died on Sept. 29, 2015, finally succumbing to "O.D.T.A.A (One Damn Thing



After Another)" in Whitefish. Beloved daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother, aunt, cousin and friend; Jamie was ever the optimist, big hearted, and determined to leave this world better than she found it. She was also fond of a good IPA, a good cheeseburger, and a good conspiracy theory. She was known for getting fits of giggles, especially with her cousin. And please know that if you ever sent Jamie a card, she still had it in a box in her house. The U.S. Postal Service lost a good patron in Jamie.

Born to Jim Childs and Madeline (Cordner) Childs on July 30, 1939, in Bismark, North Dakota, Jamie and family started in Mandan, North Dakota, and then moved to Laurel for a few years. The family moved back to Mandan where she graduated from high school in 1957. Jamie attended Montana State College (Montana State University) and was a member of the Chi Omega Sorority where she graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in secondary education. After graduation, she taught middle

school in Helena and then moved to Billings where she also taught middle school.

While in Billings, she met the love of her life, Tom Ring. They were married in July 24, 1965, and remained devoted to one another until Tom's death in 2008. During their marriage, they lived in Missoula and Sterling, Colorado, before finally settling into Casper, Wyoming to raise their family. Jamie was a wonderful stay-at-home mother for several years before going to work at the Casper College Library. She eventually became head of Special Collections for the library.

Jamie always had a strong sense of civic responsibility. While living in Casper, she was on the Wyoming State Commission for Women and the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. She was active in her church throughout her entire life, also serving in United Methodist Women. She was also a member of the American Association of University Women and PEO.

Horses were a huge part of Jamie's life. There are pictures of her on her first horse at 18 months old. Her "horse time" was

her therapy, right up until shortly before her death. Although she would not have bragged, she was the Rodeo Queen of North Dakota in 1958. She rode in an annual summer trail ride in or around the Bob Marshall Wilderness with good friends, family and sorority sisters that she looked forward to every year. Jamie was also an avid alpine skier, first learning during college years and continuing up until her diagnosis. She skied all over Colorado, Utah, Wyoming and Montana.

Upon her and Tom's retirement in 1992, they returned to Billings. During these years, they enjoyed traveling to Europe and throughout the U.S., visiting with friends and family. Jamie was also very active in her book club and her investment club. She and Tom were members of Habitat for Humanity and volunteered at a school to help young children with their reading. Jamie also walked in the annual Montana Women's Run every year she and Tom lived in Billings — and she kept every T-shirt.

Jamie was a proud mother, and an even prouder grandmother. She is survived by her

son David and his wife Wendy of Whitefish; daughter Susan and her husband Eric Strom of Sebastopol, California; and her beloved "grands" — Madeline, Sonja, Preston, Grace and Bryant. She loved visiting all of them to watch them in their various sporting events, spending one-on-one time with each of them, and having lively family discussions. Other surviving family members include her brother Greg Childs and his wife Debbie, her cousin Peggy Rowe, and numerous nieces and nephews whom she loved very much.

Jamie was preceded in death by her parents and her beloved Tom.

A celebration of Jamie's life will be held at 1 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 2, at the Whitefish First United Methodist Church, 1150 Wisconsin Ave., Whitefish, MT 59937.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that contributions can be made to the charity or library of one's choice, or the Whitefish First United Methodist Church.

Austin Funeral Home is caring for Jamie's family. You are invited to go to www.austinfh.com to offer condolences and view Jamie's tribute wall.

Robert 'Bob' Ring, 78

Bob Ring was born May 30, 1937, in York, Nebraska, the first of William and Bernadine Ring's five children. In 1947 the Ring family moved to Sterling, Colorado, where Bob attended school, graduating from high school in 1955. Upon graduation, he attended Sterling Junior College and continued his education at Colorado State College in Greeley, where he received an athletic scholarship. He was a track and field participant in the shot put and discus. In fact, Bob set a Rocky Mountain Conference record in the shot put that held for seven years. This was a remarkable accomplishment for a man of 5 feet, 10 inches and 225 pounds, competing against much larger opponents.

Bob completed his master's degree in psychology in 1962 and took a position as a guidance counselor in the North Platte Nebraska school system. There he met and married Welda Hood, a union that would last 10 years. During this time, Bob and Welda moved to Jackson Hole, Wyoming, and spent two years teaching there. Shortly thereafter, they moved to Torrington, Wyoming, and became the proud parents of two children, Wendy and Christian. While in Torrington, Bob again took a position in counseling and also coached the high school field events in track. His weightmen were perennial state champions three consecutive years. Bob, himself, competed in the Olympic style lifting competitions for several years, compiling an impressive trophy collection.

In 1975, Bob moved to Kalispell and, together with his brother Richard, started a residential home and landscape business. One year later, Bob met Marsha Harp and her daughter Erin. After a brief courtship, they mar-



ried and within a few years, Brandon Ring was born, adding to the blended family. Bob

continued in the construction business while Marsha sold real estate. By 1983, Bob left the business and joined forces with Marsha, becoming full-time real estate agents for Wachholz and Company. Ten years later they ventured out on their own and opened Ring Real Estate, which is where they worked until retirement. Bob and Marsha then purchased a second home on the beaches of St. Augustine, Florida, where they spent their winter months, returning to their Many Lakes home in Kalispell during the summer.

This past Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2015, Bob Ring died at his home in Kalispell after fighting a courageous battle with chronic health issues.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and brother Billy Boy.

Bob is survived by his wife, Marsha; sisters, Sherry Castleberry and Suzanne Ring; brother, Richard Ring; sons, Christian Ring and his wife Erica, and Brandon Ring; daughters, Wendy Pessolano and husband Vinnie, and Erin Johnson and her husband Chris. He leaves behind seven grandchildren, Colin, Cameron, Madison, Hunter, Login, Chace and Cutter.

There will be a memorial get together to celebrate his life on Wednesday, Sept. 23, at his Many Lakes home.

Bob will be truly missed but will remain in our hearts and prayers forever.

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

27 Oct 2015

Craig Phillip Roberts, 55

Craig Roberts, beloved husband, son, brother, stepfather and uncle, passed away at his home on Thursday, Oct. 22, 2015.

Craig was born Dec. 25, 1959, to James and Janet Roberts. He was a native Montanan and longtime resident of Kalispell.

Craig worked at Red Lion for 25 years. His job gave him the opportunity to meet several people, some of which became very special to him.

His passion in life was hunting, fishing and listening to rock 'n' roll music. Craig loved to teach people how to hunt and the many different ways to fish and was always content to sit back and let others "reel in the big one." He was one-of-a-kind and will be missed by all that were close to him.

Craig is survived by his wife, Laurie; mom, Janet Roberts; mother- and father-in-law, Lorraine and Don Schultz; brothers, Jim Roberts and wife Marla, Scott Roberts and Kerry Roberts; stepchildren, Aaron Lanktree



and fiancée Shelby, Jessica Guderjahn and husband Wyatt, Ashley Lanktree, and

Joni Lanktree, all of Kalispell; grandchildren, Alarik, Stetson and Zane Guderjahn; brothers- and sisters-in-law, Tami Whitehead and husband Mark, Don Schultz Jr., Dan Schultz, Todd Schultz and wife Yvonne, Ron Baier and wife Shirley, Gail Welch and husband Steve, Lance Baier, Wendy Baier Hartshorn and husband Bert; and several nieces and nephews who were very dear to him.

Craig was preceded in death by his dad, James Roberts.

A celebration of life will take place at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 28, at the Hilton Garden Inn 1840 Highway 93 South, Kalispell.

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

19 Sep 2015

David Adam Roberts, 37

David Adam Roberts, formerly of Kalispell, and Londonderry, New Hampshire, died unexpectedly Aug. 9, 2015, at Houston Methodist Hospital in Houston after a brief illness.

Adam was born May 20, 1978, in New London, Connecticut, one of seven brothers, and attended schools in Marshfield, Massachusetts, and Londonderry before moving with his family to Kalispell in 1997. He also attended St. Lawrence University and the University of Montana before heading out into the working world. Most recently, he worked for Cameron Oil based in Houston.

Adam is survived, and will be missed dearly, by his parents, David and Kathy Roberts, of Kalispell; his older brother, Eric, and his wife, Ann, of Goffstown, New



Hampshire; younger brothers, Mark and wife Desiree of Clemson, South Carolina, Sean

and wife Kara, William, along with Christopher and wife Stephanie, all of Kalispell.

Adam's youngest brother Matthew pre-deceased him at age 3, in 1990.

Adam is also survived by his maternal grandmother, Mary R. Hearty, of Akron, Ohio; along with several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. He will be missed by his dog Bella.

He will be laid to rest next to his brother Matthew during a private family ceremony in Londonderry. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

William D. 'Billy' Roberts, 47

William D. "Billy" Roberts, 47, passed away Aug. 31, 2015, in Kalispell.

Billy was born April 3, 1968, in Los Angeles to William H. and Patricia M. (Corner) Roberts. Early schooling was spent in Maywood, California, then the family moved to Havre where Billy graduated from Havre High School in 1986.

Bill took pride in providing for his family in his work as a paintless dent repairman. He was one of the few specialists in that area in the Flathead Valley.

Bill was a generous, selfless, caring man. His sense of humor influenced those around him. He spent a great deal of time teaching and mentoring his own children and others as a coach and as a father figure. Bill met Chris and from the moment he met her he knew he would marry her. She was the love of his life. They were married in 1990 in Los Vegas. They cherished the 25 years they were blessed to have together.

Billy enjoyed fishing, hunting, foosball, softball, chess and kayaking. He was a diehard new England Patriots fan.



As a family, they received a lot of pleasure when they went camping together. The

Thompson Chain of Lakes was one of their favorite spots to camp.

Bill was preceded in death by his father William H. Roberts, and grandparents Eugene and Myrtle Corner.

Bill is survived by his wife, Christine Roberts, of Kalispell; mother, Patricia Roberts, of Havre; sons Alex, Drew and Ethan Roberts, and daughter Fayth Roberts, all of Kalispell; sister, Debbie Keenan; aunt, Kathy, and Larry Galloway; uncle, Gene, and Joy Corner; uncle, Tom, and Jan Roberts; aunt, Phyllis, and Arthur Tovas; and numerous cousins.

Services will be held at 4 p.m. today, Sept. 4, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

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

Robert 'Bob' Raymond Robbin, 81

Robert "Bob" Raymond Robbin passed away Dec. 10, 2014, in Seattle.

Born Sept. 23, 1933, in Kalispell to Raymond O. Robbin and Edna Breen Robbin, he spent his youth and early adulthood summers working on his family's cherry orchard on Flathead Lake. While there, he spent his leisure hours swimming and boating, which in turn became a cherished memory for his children, who also came to work and love the property.

Bob attended Montana State University where he became a member of Pi Kappa Alpha. After attending for two years, he transferred to the University of Southern California in 1955, where he later graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology.

He was inducted into the United States Army. While being cited as a marksman, he served as a musician, playing the trumpet and French horn in the General's Honor Guard at Fort Hood, Texas.

After mustering out of the Army, he returned to Montana and went to work for National Cash Register in their computer division. While there, Bob helped introduce "modern" computing to Malmstrom Air Force Base and the lodges at Glacier Park.

Utilizing this experience, he came to the University of Washington in 1966 to work on the student information system, computerizing the state library, and then student housing. Although Bob retired from the university in 1995, he remained a devoted Huskie football fan, while also maintaining allegiance to his alma mater, the USC Trojans.

In retirement, Bob remained very active



with memberships in a number of groups, including the Nordic Heritage Museum, Northwest Montana Historical Society, Seattle Art Museum, Seattle Yacht Club and the University of Washington Club.

Bob was a genuine Renaissance man, with a keen eye for art and beauty, a great appreciation and respect for history, an innate feel for how things worked allied with an Old World sense of craftsmanship, and an unwavering commitment to doing things properly — the first time.

Bob brought these characteristics to life in a great many ways — he was a gifted photographer, had become masterful at building miniature houses, and was a gourmet cook who loved to entertain. He loved to travel, seeing the world with his wife, Carmen. As maestro of decorating the family Christmas tree, his creations had a different theme every year and were always a sight to behold.

Most of all, Bob was a wonderful friend, husband, father and grandfather; he will be greatly missed.

Bob is survived by his wife Carmen, sons Roger, Robert and Christi, and Raymond and Jody, daughter Roxanne and Michael, and 10 grandchildren.

Donations may be made to the Northwest Montana Historical Society.

A memorial service will occur at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13, at the Seattle Yacht Club.

Dorothy Ruth Robinson, 93

Dorothy Ruth Robinson, 93, died Monday, March 2, 2015, at Greenwood Village Assisted Living Center in Kalispell.

Born Aug. 11, 1921, in Williamsport, Indiana, she was the second of eight children born to Russell and Gertrude Black. Dorothy spent her childhood in Indiana and Illinois, graduating from Hyde Park High School, Chicago, in 1940.

On Nov. 8, 1943, she married Bernard Anthony Robinson. They were married nearly 68 years at the time of his death in 2011. After World War II, they settled in the Chicago suburb of Melrose Park. Vacationing in 1948 to visit Air Force friends in the Flathead Valley, they decided to leave the Windy City, moving to Lakeside in 1949. Dorothy and Bernie moved to Kalispell in 1952 and resided here since.

Dorothy loved children, especially babies. She was active in PTA while her children were in school, and was a state officer several years. She loved to say that at one time, she had a child in every level of education — university, high school, junior high and elementary school. Summer meant gardening, both vegetables and flowers. She canned and froze fruits and vegetables, and would enter her products at the Northwest Montana Fair frequently. She loved showing family her blue ribbons (and red too!).

Dorothy and Bernie enjoyed spending time with family and friends at the house the family built on Little Bitterroot Lake.



She was a longtime member of the Century Club in Kalispell.

Dorothy worked for the Flathead County attorney several years, was the secretary of the Carpenter's Union and was a bookkeeper at several stores in Kalispell.

She is survived by three daughters, Peggy Morrison and John of Lakewood, Colorado, Barbara Lohn and Jim of Renton, Washington, and Toni Powell and Gordon of Kalispell; one son, Chuck Robinson, and Debbie, of Auburn, Washington; seven grandchildren, three stepgrandchildren, five great-grandchildren, three stepgreat-grandchildren, one sister, and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bernie; her parents; one sister; five brothers; and daughter-in-law, Jane Robinson.

Visitation will be from 3 to 6 p.m. today, March 5, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Funeral services for Dorothy will be 2 p.m. Friday, March 6, at First Presbyterian Church, 540 S. Main St., in Kalispell, where Dorothy was a member. Burial will be in C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family would like to thank the staff of Greenwood Village. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorials be made to First Presbyterian Church of Kalispell to be used to purchase Bibles for children.

Larry Paul 'Butch' Robinson, 72

Larry Paul "Butch" Robinson, 72, peacefully passed away on Saturday, Jan. 24, 2015, at his home in Martin City, surrounded by his loving family, following a long and courageous battle with pancreatic cancer.

He was preceded in death by his father, Ralph Robinson; his mother, Sadie Robinson; and his two great-grandsons, Remington and Jameson Taylor.

Butch was born in 1942 in Bemidji, Minnesota. He moved to Columbia Falls with his family in 1954, after his father landed a job at Plum Creek. Butch served in the Coast Guard after high school, serving a tour of duty in Vietnam, where he served as coxswain, landing some of the first American Marines at Da Nang. After returning from Vietnam, he met the love of his life, Donna Jimison, who was working at Todd's Cafe (The Nite Owl, today), in 1967. Forty-six years ago, Butch and Donna were married, in March of 1968.

Butch first worked for Plum Creek and later became a self-employed carpenter, working across the state of Montana. His carpentry projects included some of the buildings at Plum Creek, the Hungry Horse Mini-Golden Inn, and individual houses all across the Flathead Valley. He also enjoyed



several years as a stock car driver, was a skilled woodwork-

er, and Butch and Donna together spent many years raising hunting Labradors.

Butch was a passionate outdoorsman and loved nothing more than hunting and fishing, in all corners of the state. He took great joy in sharing his love of the outdoors with all his friends and family.

Butch is survived by his wife, Donna; and his three children, son Tony and his wife Minsun Ji of Denver, Robby and his wife Andrea of Martin City, and Suzette and her husband John Taylor of Martin City. He is also survived by nine grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and by his sister, Phyllis Robinson, and two brothers, Richard Robinson and David Robinson.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 31, at North Valley Baptist Church in Columbia Falls.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for the family.

28 Jan 2015

Nancy Hanna Robinson, 90

We celebrate the life of Nancy Hanna Robinson who "moved on from this world" on Jan. 24, 2015.

As Nana, Mother and friend to so many, she will be missed for her loving, caring and giving way. With her warm heart and beautiful smile, her life was an ongoing testimonial to her quiet faith and boundless love.

She served her community and extended family in numerous ways. Nancy was the co-founder/leader of the Flathead High School Dance/Drill team, the Akekowans. She was a cradle Episcopalian and longtime member of Christ Church Kalispell. She was a facilitator for Flathead CARE. She co-chaired The United Way with her husband, Cal, and together they were recipients of The Great Chief Award.

Nancy was born June 16, 1924, in Burlington, Vermont, to Marion and Phillip Hanna. She was raised in Hinsdale, Illinois, and while attending Northwestern University, she met Cal Robinson. While he served in the Navy during World War II, they corresponded often and, in spite of the limitations of war-time mail, they widened and deepened their relationship. When Cal returned to the states, Nancy met him in Kalispell, after taking the train from Chicago, and they were married Dec. 13, 1945. And so began her lifelong love affair with Montana.



sweet tears when her son Terry sang "Harvest Time."

To know Nancy, one need look no further

than the words of friends and family:

"Nancy was a woman with a deep and personal relationship with God, a relationship she intentionally nurtured each day of her life. She was a gracious woman with a gentle dignity and full of grace. She carried a basket of rainbows and handed them out like candy. A role model to all who knew her. Fiercely loyal and loving to her husband, family and friends, she left us all a legacy in How To Live."

Nancy was preceded in death by her husband, Cal; son, Terry; sisters, Elizabeth Miller and Barbara Englebert; and one brother, Phillip Hanna.

Nancy is survived by sons, Bruce Robinson and Sandi of Spokane, and Doug Robinson and Marla of Edmond, Oklahoma; daughter, Beth Robinson of Kalispell; brother-in-law, Robert "Ty" Robinson of Missoula; sister-in-law, Marcia Hanna of Lake Oswego, Oregon; grandchildren, Shea Robinson and Lindsay, Shawn Robinson and Sarai, Stephanie Robinson and Chauncey Allison; great-grandchildren, Summer, Conner, Craig, Abigail, Grace, Calvin III, Terry, Kayla and Avery; nieces, Amanda Englebert and Susan Miller; and nephews, John Robinson, Laird Robinson, Mark Hanna and John Hanna. In addition, she is survived by her loving and supportive group of Care Bears, Beverly Braig, Alison Schmaltz, Cathy McDevitt, Carla Heintz, Patti Ormiston, Kathy Fischer, Kay Hopkins, Kathleen Hayden and Carol Halcro.

1 Feb 2015

From hikes in Glacier Park to swimming the path of the moon with her children on Flathead Lake, she was a Montanan to her very core. She loved all things Montana including the Montana Grizzlies (she would sing the "Grizzly Fight Song" at the drop of a hat) and the Montana State Bobcats (because her son Bruce played for them). Nancy loved sports, as both participant and spectator — from her Chicago White Sox to the Flathead Braves; golfing, skiing, horseback-riding, tennis and swimming. She made a mean "Salmon-wiggle," entertained her children and grandchildren with "The Crocodile Song" and was best known for her rendition of "The Vegetable Dance." She loved all genres of music and possessed a beautiful singing voice. She sang "The National Anthem" with gusto and always carried the third in last stanza. She taught us show tunes and encouraged our musical education through piano and voice lessons. Through our varied artistic endeavors, she was always there supporting us. And she always cried

Our family extends our thanks and appreciation to the staff of Buffalo Hill Terrace, Immanuel Lutheran Skilled Care Center and Home Options Hospice for their loving care. The Rev. Joan Grant has our gratitude for her faithful attention to Nancy's spiritual needs.

A memorial service is planned for later this summer.

Memorials can be made to Christ Church Episcopal, 215 Third Ave. E., Kalispell MT 59901, or to the charity of the donor's choice.

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

Jane Marie Hollingsworth Rodriguez, 47

Jane Marie Hollingsworth Rodriguez, 47, died on Saturday, Sept. 19, 2015, unexpectedly at home in Rexford.

She was born on Sept. 9, 1968, in Fairfield, California. She was the child of an Air Force family and traveled extensively throughout the U.S. and abroad.

Jane and her family settled in Rexford in 1996. She was a loving and much loved mother and housewife for 26 years.

She was preceded in death by her father, Richard Hollingsworth.

Survivors include her husband, James Rodriguez, and son Tyler, Rexford; daughter, Kasey Rodriguez, and fiance, Justin Hanley, of Kalispell; mother and stepfather, Bun and Barbara DeLange, of Rexford;



three sisters, Deborah and Jim Kochel of Potomac, Elizabeth and Wayne Tyler of Layton,

Utah, and Jolene and Dan Novack of Renton, Washington; and numerous uncles, aunts and cousins.

Services will be at 1 p.m., Monday, Sept. 28, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Eureka with the Rev. Christopher Tabbert officiating. A luncheon will follow in the church basement.

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

Marie V. Rodriguez, 85

Marie V. Rodriguez, 85, passed away in Brendan House on May 6, 2015.

Marie is survived by her daughters, Lois Rodri-

guez and Janice McDaniel.

Services will be held at a later date. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory caring for the family.

Donald 'Don' Roedel, 79

Donald "Don" Roedel, 79, formerly of Whitefish, died of natural causes Sept. 11, 2015.

He had been a logger and shop foreman/diesel mechanic.

He is survived by his wife, Jean; and their children, Lori A. Crawford of Dillon, Gayle Syck of Kila,

and D. Mark Roedel of Kalispell.

A viewing will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18, at Brundage Funeral Home, 300 S. Atlantic, Dillon, MT 59725, with a funeral service 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, with the Rev. Paul Peck officiating.

Lulu E. Rogers, 93

Lulu Rogers, 93, Columbia Falls, died Sunday, March 22, 2015, at Bee Hive Homes of Columbia Falls.

Lulu was born April 6, 1921, in the house on the hill overlooking the Flathead River east of Columbia Falls. She was born to Fred and Mary Loeffler and joined a brother, Henry. She spent her entire life in Columbia Falls, graduating from Columbia Falls High School in 1939 as class salutatorian.

On June 12, 1940, she married J. Ted Rogers and moved "across the field" to join him in operating Rogers' Dairy. Ted and Lulu built their home on Rogers Road where they raised their three daughters and warmly welcomed friends and family throughout their lives.



Lulu grew a big garden in the summer and "put up" the produce, baked bread, sewed the family's clothes, washed clothes in the old Maytag wringer washing machine and hung them on the line to dry. She was ready at a moment's notice to assist with the farm work, taught Sunday school, supported the girls in all their activities, cooked huge meals for haymakers and family holidays, and saved time for playing pinochle with good friends.

The inside work kept her busy but she loved being outside the best ... fishing with her daddy on the frozen Flathead

River as a child and, later in life, fishing trips to Cyclone Lake and the North Fork and South Forks of the Flathead River. She was an avid huckleberry picker and would head to the North Fork for a picnic at the drop of a hat. Hiking to Sperry Chalet and the top of Lincoln Peak at age 51, and traveling later in life with Ted were highlights for Lulu. She was the first to spot spring buttercups and enjoyed watching the birds at her feeder.

In retirement, she and Ted delivered Meals on Wheels in Columbia Falls. She volunteered at the Klothes Kloset, the Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center, and was active at the Senior Center serving on the board, working in the kitchen and assisting with pinochle parties. She continued her lifetime involvement at Columbia Falls United Methodist Church where she was a member for 63 years.

In May 2010, she chose to move into Bee Hive Homes Assisted Living. She made new friends and enjoyed the freedom from cooking, cleaning and

stoking the wood fire.

She was preceded in death by her husband Ted, her parents, brother, and a grandson.

Survivors include three daughters and sons-in-law, Ruth and Bob Clawson, Shirley and Ed Folkwein, and Luci and Dave Yeats, all living on the family farm south of Columbia Falls; four grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Burial is at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 28, at Woodlawn Cemetery, Columbia Falls, followed by an 11 a.m. memorial service at Columbia Falls United Methodist Church with the Rev. Debra Wacker officiating.

The family suggests memorials to the Columbia Falls United Methodist Church, Flathead Lake United Methodist Camp, North Valley Senior Center, or a charity of the donor's choice.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for Lulu's family.

Patricia Jean Rollins, 78

Patricia Jean Rollins, 78, died Wednesday, July 8, 2015, at her residence in Polson of cancer. Private services will be

held at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of the Lake Funeral Home and Crematory.

JoAnn Rosaaen, 70

JoAnn Rosaaen, of Fortine, passed away Tuesday, May 12, 2015, at her home after a strong and courageous fight with cancer.

JoAnn was born to David and Frances Stepler April 2, 1945. She joined two sisters, Clara and Gloria, and the trio later welcomed their fourth sister, Kathleen. It looked as though the Stepler family would be complete with only girls but the family grew one by one to seven children with the addition of three brothers, Donnie, Robert and James.

JoAnn married the love of her life, Donald Rosaaen, in 1962. They were blessed with the birth of their son, Scott, in 1963 and she graduated from Lambert High School in 1965. The following year they packed up and headed west, settling in Fortine. JoAnn thought the family was complete and her mind wasn't easily changed, however, after six years of convincing from Donnie, their daughter LeAnn was born.

Donnie was diagnosed with cancer in 1971; in those days treatment was done in Spokane so Donnie and JoAnn traveled many miles over the years to fight the battle side by side. During this time, the couple established a business, Graves Creek Service. JoAnn did the administration and accounting for the business as well as kept customers in line; she was never afraid to set the record straight and always told it how it was.



humming bird feeders. JoAnn loved flowers and hummingbirds.

In 1990, JoAnn and Donnie began going south for the winters and enjoyed it for all but three years. JoAnn never met a stranger and enjoyed visiting with friends new and old. Together, through the years, they enjoyed many travels and made many friends. For JoAnn and Donnie, every day together included joy and laughter and a drive wasn't just a drive but an adventure. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 2012.

JoAnn became a grandmother at the young age of 39 and a great-grandmother at 65. She loved to play cards and games. Everyone who played with her, especially her grandchildren, have many memories of games played with JoAnn that were always rowdy. She always played to win no matter who the competitor was — young or old.

She is survived by her one and only true love, Donald Rosaaen, at their family home in Fortine; two children, Scott and Yvonne Rosaaen in Whitefish and LeAnn and Eddie Risenhoover in Peoria, Arizona; five grandchildren, Tony and Edna Rosaaen, Josh and Sabrina Prechel, Tyler Risenhoover, Nathan and Miriam Risenhoover, and Daniel and Kyla Risenhoover; and six great-grandchildren, Dyson, Olivia, Dax and Cameron Risenhoover, and Dekwone and Marcelino Rosaaen.

In Fortine, the family lived in a trailer while building their first house, which was the first of three built over the years. Later they purchased land to build a log home; in 1981 the family moved into the basement while completing the main level and loft. Construction was interrupted as their business burned to the ground, which they rebuilt and sold. In the following years, JoAnn cleaned at Plum Creek Lumber and later began working in the mill.

In 1995, construction of their dream home began. JoAnn was thrilled with the building site because the ground was perfect for her many flower beds and the surrounding trees were perfect for her

Viewing is from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday at Vial Funeral Home, Eureka. The funeral is at 11 a.m. on Monday at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church in Eureka, with burial at Fortine Cemetery, and life celebration luncheon to follow at Our Lady of Mercy.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Sparrow's Nest of Northwest Montana, P.O. Box 8384, Kalispell, MT 59904, in memory of JoAnn Rosaaen.

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

Carolyn Ramberg Rosenbaum, 78

Carolyn Ramberg Rosenbaum "went to be with the Lord" on Sept. 1, 2015.

Carolyn was born on Aug. 27, 1937, in Chinook, Montana, and was a 1955 graduate of Chinook High School.

She married Charles Richard Rosenbaum on June 4, 1955, in Chinook, and was a 51-year resident of Coram.



Carolyn enjoyed gardening, sewing, card parties and entertaining her family and extended family.

Carolyn was preceded in death by her parents, Harry "Pat" and Lena Ramberg; husband

Charles; sons Leland and Jody; brothers Chris, Warner and Frank; sister Erna; daughter-in-law Lola; and two great-grandchildren.

She is survived by sons Jeff, Todd and Peggy, Randy and Judy, Stuart and Brenda, Darryl, and Mike and Angie; 15 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; brothers Harry and David; and

sisters Anna, Myrtle, Mildred, Eileen, Linda, Carla, Mary and Susan.

A celebration of life honoring Carolyn will be held at 4 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 18, at the Canyon Elementary School, 200 North Street, Hungry Horse.

Memorial donations can be made to the American Red Cross or the Canyon Community Church.

16 Aug 2015

Ann Benich Rosenberger, the finest woman that ever lived, passed away Aug. 9, 2015. She was a down-to-earth woman, without a pretentious bone in her body, yet possessed of a fine intelligence, great taste and a wise soul. Everyone liked Annie – she was a man's woman and a woman's woman. She treated everyone with great class and discernment, always gracious and polite, reliable to a fault, meek and tremendously strong at the same time.

She was born in Butte, on July 7, 1924, to parents, John and Rozi Krzmarich Benich, who were immigrants from Brinje, a small village in the mountains of Croatia. John supported the family by working in the mines that made Butte "the Richest Hill On Earth" and his wife Rozi made lace, took in boarders and did anything possible to make ends meet. Ann was the second of three daughters, her sister Mary, born first, but dying at the age of 2. Another sister came after Ann, also named Mary and the Benich girls, Annie and Mary, lived a life in Butte that was tough, exciting and full of hope. Their father John, plagued by ill health that he had done in his younger years, succumbed and died at the age of 45, leaving a widow who did not speak or write English and two little girls. Annie did not learn English until she started kindergarten, but that was typical in a town full of immigrant enclaves and Annie taught herself to speak, read and write perfect English, always.

After graduating from Butte High in 1942, she went to work as a secretary in the insurance business and in 1946, was introduced



on a blind date to Tom Rosenberger, a student at the Montana School of Mines and a veteran of World War

II in the Army Air Force.

Something clicked and on April 17, 1947, they married and stayed married for 58 years, a perfect match for each other, supporting, loving, arguing and sticking together, responsible parents and providers to six children, John Vernon, Judith Ann, Joanne, Jerri Ellen, Thomas Edward Junior and Robert Wayne.

After graduating from the School of Mines with a degree in petroleum engineering, Tom was hired by Fred Goodstein and the family lived throughout the Rocky Mountain Region, wherever there were oil and gas wells. Tom started his own business, Northern Petroleum Engineering, in 1960, a successful venture that depended entirely upon Annie's full partnership. Tom always said that she was "the brains of the outfit" – secretary, bookkeeper, receptionist and sometimes helping hand out in the field.

Annie helped everyone, all the time. She lived to make a good life for her husband and kids. At Southridge School, she volunteered in the library, the nurse's office, the cafeteria and was the best room mother ever. Whenever Annie was in charge of the festivities for a class party, everyone knew that a good time was going to be had by all. She was a den mother for her sons' Cub Scout dens and Den No. 1 was always the best den in Pack 212.

She would never be so pretentious as to call herself

an artist, but she lived her life in constant creativity, cooking, sewing, crocheting, gardening, making the most up-to-date clothes for her sister and herself when they were too poor to buy clothes in the store and continuing to make clothing for her kids, just because she like doing it.

Her daughter Jerri Ellen was born with birth defects that shortened her life to the age of 5, but Annie loved her and took care of her with total dedication. She displayed the same ferocious dedication in 1997 when her daughter Joanne was felled by a stroke at the age of 45 – Annie was at her side, day and night, for months on end, never letting go of her hand and helping her out of this life the same way that she had let her in.

She always prized the education of her children, supported their endeavors and could always be relied upon. She had an inquisitive mind, reading constantly, mostly mysteries, doing crossword puzzles, watching Lawrence Welk, right up to her last night on earth, supporting the Democratic Party, a lifelong liberal without a prejudiced bone in her body.

She and her husband were both, kind, loyal, trustworthy, honest people, standards of excellence in manners and generosity. They retired to their home on Flathead Lake and spent decades tending their orchard, entertaining family and friends and loving just being together, no conversation necessary, they knew each other that well.

Annie had an effect upon everyone she met, even her doctors, nurses, therapists and aides in the last few months of her sudden and

unexpected illness – people adored her, they recognized that she was a decent, true, funny, smart individual with a keen sense of being an individual, never content to just follow the crowd. In 1969, she took up transcendental meditation, to find her peace and was disciplined to the practice, an uncommon act for women of her time. She always sought self-improvement, took care of her health and knew everything about the body and medicine, rarely complained and greeted her troubles with a deep strength and inner wisdom. She was a tough fighter, right up to the end, but after months of chronic pain and a never-ending onslaught of physical maladies, she asked to be let go and went into her dying with sureness and grace. We should all go so well.

She is missed forever by her family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Tom; and sister, Mary; as well as her daughters, Joanne and Jerri Ellen.

She leaves behind her sons, John Rosenberger and Tom Rosenberger; daughter, Judith Christenson and son-in-law Ben Brown, of Casper, Wyoming; and her son Bob Rosenberger and his wife Kay Rosenberger of Wellington, Colorado. She also leaves behind her grandson, Deva Jai Rosenberger, his wife Laura and great-granddaughters, Alana and Mia; as well as her devoted niece, Roxanne Stillwagon of Butte.

She leaves behind a life well lived, unlike any other life and notable for its integrity and good deeds.

No public services are planned. Donations may be made in Ann's name to Central Wyoming Hospice.

21 Oct 2015

Barbara Jean Noel Ross, 80

Barbara Jean Noel Ross, passed in her sleep with peace and grace on Oct. 16, 2015, at her daughter Kim's home.

She was predeceased by her youngest daughter, Kelly Sue Johnson; and seven brothers and sisters, Bud Noel, Dotty Joy, Dorothy Watson, Jerry Noel, Margie Jones, Patsy Anderson and James Noel.

Barbara is survived by her two daughters, Cindy G. Rossmith of St. Ignatius, and Kimberlee J. Ross of Kalispell. Grandchildren include Ryan Cislo, Ashlee Cislo, Jackson Rossmith, Christopher Rossmith, Kristen Johnson-Doble and Ross Johnson; great-grandbabies include Jade, Alexis, Brylee, Avaree, Theodore, Tucker, Weston, and two in waiting.

Barbara was born to William Herbert Noel and Laura Cecelia Glover Noel at the Saint Ignatius hospital in 1935, joining a large family of 14 children. Barbara became a Polson High School graduate of the Class of '54. During her high school years she met the love of her life, Kenneth W. Ross, and was married for 18 years, living and raising



her family on a ranch in Hot Springs. Barbara threw all of her energies into raising her three daughters with part-time work at the Hot Springs Post Office, Polson Bee Box Factory and Polson Super One Foods.

Barbara was an avid collector of precious glassware in multiple shapes and colors. Many of her travels revolved around countless garage sale searches for pink Depression glass, blue glass, crystal glass, milk glass, carnival glass, red glass and tea pots. Days of her retirement were spent volunteering at the Polson Country Store sorting and pricing treasures.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 22, at the Lakeview Cemetery in Polson. High tea and cake at the Polson Tribal Senior Center will follow.

If you wish, donations in household treasures can be made to the Polson Country Store.

Janita Lois Ross, 73

Janita Lois Ross, 73, passed away Aug. 1, 2015, in Kalispell.

She was born Sept. 4, 1941, in Modesto, California. She graduated from Ripon High School and went to dental college in San Diego, California.

In 1964 she moved to Montana and worked at Peter Penses Pizza Parlor in West Glacier. She soon met and fell in love with Wolford "Woody" Ross. They married in June of 1965 and recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Together they adopted their daughter Brandy in 1970.

She was very active in her community. She was involved with Girl Scouting from the early 1970s and continuing until the 1990s. She held many responsibilities in Girl Scouting and was awarded the highest award given to adult volunteers, the Thanks Badge. She was very active and dedicated to the St. Richards Catholic Church for the majority of her life.

Lois loved children and all animals. She has been known for her amazing cake decorating skills, her award winning cooking, as well as camping, fishing and other outdoor activities.

She is survived by her husband, Woody Ross,

of Columbia Falls; her daughter, Brandy Ross, of Kalispell; her grandchildren and great grandchildren, Sophia and Skylor Strash, of Kalispell, and her children, Logan and Madalynn, Aundrea Kehoe, of Kalispell, and her, children Kieran and Kale, Zackary Ferron of Whitefish and his son Mason, and Myrsadez Klingele of Kalispell.

She is also survived by her siblings, George and Debbie Catramis of Modesto, California, Nick Catramis of Ripon, California, Lenna and Pete Gonzalez of Ripon, Tom and Debi Hamilton of Columbia Falls, Red Hamilton of Bigfork, and Snooki Fish of Kalispell. She is also survived by many neices, nephews, and extended family.

Lois is preceded in death by her father, Ronald Hamilton, step father, George Catramis, mother, Doris Catramis and brother Ronald Hamilton.

Cremation has taken place, and a memorial service is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Aug. 13, 2015, at St. Richards Catholic Church in Columbia Falls.

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

17 Sep 2015

Bertha N. Rossol, 78

Bertha N. Rossol, 78, passed away in Kalispell on Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2015.

She was born in Hogleland, Montana, on Sept. 20, 1936, to Oscar C. and Evelyn (Lacey) Holm.

Bertha was a homemaker, loving wife and mother. She enjoyed spending time with her family.

Bertha married Herman Rossol on July 3, 1954. They

made their home in Whitefish.

Bertha was preceded in death by her husband Herman; sister Leona Rossol; brother-in-law Herbert Rossol; brother Carl Holm, half brother Cecil Henry; father Oscar Holm; mother Evelyn Paradis; and nephew MacKenzie Holm.

Bertha is survived by her daughters, Katie Albertson

and husband Richard, and Debbie Rossol; they were everything to her. She is also survived by her sister, Dorothy Smith, and husband, Smitty; sister-in-law Faye, Holm; goddaughter, Linda Stidmon, and husband, Rick; godson, Larry Rossol; numerous nieces and nephews; great-niece Kari Stidmon, Jason Allen and their son Samuel.

Bertha was loved dearly and will be greatly missed by all her family and friends.

Visitation will be 1 to 1:45 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18, at Johnson-Gloschat and burial 2 p.m. at Glacier Memorial Cemetery.

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

21 Jun 2015

Harriet 'Mo' Rost, 77

Harriet "Mo" Rost, 77, passed away on Dec. 24, 2014.

Mo was born Dec. 15, 1937, in Dighton, Kansas, to Emma Helzer Moore and Dale Behm Moore. The family moved to Richland, Washington, when Mo was a child. Her siblings included Robert Moore, Dale Moore Jr., Melva Ritzler, Jeanie Lechelt, Pam Hansen and William Richmond.

Mo was preceded in death by Dale Moore Jr., Mel Ritzler, and both of her parents, as well as son Mike Rost.

Mo married Robert "Bob" Rost on April 29, 1963, in Grangeville, Idaho. Mo and Bob had five children, Robert "Mike" Rost, Cynthia "Cindi" Johnson, Michelle West, Shannon DeWandel and Mark Rost, and many grandchildren.

Mo and Bob moved to Fairbanks, Alaska in 1967 and homesteaded there, a great adventure. They returned to Bigfork in 1979 where they started Mo's Greenhouse on Swan River Road. Mo loved green and growing things and operated the greenhouse until 1992 with a much adored staff of family and friends. Mo and Bob moved to Ronan



in 2003 where both of them undertook courses at the Salish-Kootenai Tribal College. Mo

studied jewelry making, beading and silver-smithing. Many of her lovely pieces were in galleries across the Mission Valley.

Mo and Bob returned to Bigfork in 2013 so that they could be closer to family living in the area.

Mo passed away at home with family in attendance after battling cancer for over a year. Mo was dearly loved and will be sorely missed. Grave-site service will be held at 11 a.m. June 27 at the cemetery behind the Little Brown Church in Bigfork.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to local hospice providers.

Blanche Starr Roush, 64

Blanche Starr Roush, 64, died Aug. 15, 2015, in Kalispell.

She is survived by six

children.

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

Marsha Rozevink, 65

Marsha Rozevink, 65, died in Whitefish on Oct. 10, 2015.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

17 May 2015

Doris Irene Runyan, 92

Doris Irene Runyan, 92, passed away on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 10, 2015, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center, surrounded by loving members of her family.

She was born on December 9, 1922, in Kalispell, to John and Lena Cusick. Doris was raised in the Olney/Bissell area where her father, John, was the head of the school board and Doris attended first through eighth grade. She later went on to graduate from Flathead County High School in 1940.

Doris worked in the insurance industry until her retirement. Doris was a member of the Soroptimist Club.

She enjoyed spending time with family and delighted in hearing about what everyone was



doing and especially enjoyed seeing pictures of her grandchildren, great-grandchildren and

great-great-grandbabies. She kept herself busy embroidering and reading. She looked forward to her nightly telephone calls from everyone checking in on her.

Doris is survived by her daughters, Jane Dutcher of Marion and Betty Brown of Palm Coast, Florida, and her only son, Bob Bigham of Yuba City, California. She leaves behind many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren and she will be missed by all.

Doris had many friends that she held dear to her heart, from the apartment building that she lived at for many years to the Brendan House where she spent her final days. She would always say, "They are so good to me."

Doris was preceded in death by husbands Lee Bigham and Cleve Runyan as well as various other family members.

At the request of Doris a funeral will not be held. The family will be having a celebration of her life at a later date.

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial donations be made to Shriners Children's Hospital.

Condolences may be left on Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home's online guest book at www.jgfuneralhome.com/obituaries/.

1 Jun 2015

Herbert H. 'Herbie' Russell, 96

Herbert H. "Herbie" Russell, 96, passed away Friday, May 29, 2015, in Kalispell due to complications from a fall at home.

Herbert was born on May 6, 1919, in Saugus, Massachusetts, to Charles and Jennie (Burnett) Russell.

Herbie attended school in Saugus and was raised in New England. Herbie entered the U.S. Army and served his country from 1940 to 1945. He was a Staff Sergeant and earned two bronze stars. He served in Panama and Europe. Herbie always said, "Once a Soldier: Always a Soldier!"

In 1944 Herbie married Florence Walendowicz, they were married for 67 years before her passing. Herbie was a tool and dye inspector and a lobster fisherman. Herbie was active in the community with Good Sammers, VFW, and St. Matthews prayer groups. His focus on life was God, family and country.

Herbie's hobbies were all outdoor activities, drawing, shooting, chopping wood and helping



his family and friends. He loves his granddaughter Kacey and grandson Aaron.

Herbie was preceded in death by his wife, Florence; his parents; and a brother, Charles. He is survived by his daughters, Sharon (Rob) Holden of Missoula, Camille (Ron) Scott of Kalispell; grandchildren, Kacey Scott and Aaron Gibson; and a cousin, Hilton Burnett.

The family suggests memorials be made to Kalispell Regional Health-care Palliative Care.

A Rosary will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, June 1, 2015, at St. Matthews Catholic Church, with a mass of Christian burial at 12:10 p.m. on Tuesday, June 2, 2015, at St. Matthews Catholic Church. To send a note of condolence to the family please go to www.buffalohillfh.com.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory caring for the family.

23 Apr 2015

Raymond Russell, 72

Raymond Russell, 72, of Watertown, South Dakota, died, April 19, 2015, in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, surrounded by his wife, children and grandchildren.



tan Clubs, and also enjoyed his Wheel Inn coffee group.

Ray loved spending time with his family and grandchildren. He



also enjoyed HAM radio, hunting, golfing, fishing, bowling, photography, reading and watching old Westerns.

Memorial services are 11:30 a.m. April 24 at Wight, Comes & Sogn Funeral Chapel in Watertown with Pastor Scott Dempster officiating. Visitation is to 6 p.m., today at Wight, Comes & Sogn Funeral Chapel.

Raymond LeRoy Russell was born Sept. 7, 1942, to Howard and Lorraine Magdelene (Buell) Russell in Great Falls. He grew up in Havre, and after high school he served in the United States Navy.

He married Janet Norden June 15, 1968, in Kalispell. After having their two children in Montana, and managing credit bureaus in Montana and Wyoming, Ray purchased the Credit Bureau of Watertown, South Dakota in 1978. He owned the credit bureau until 2006, when he retired.

He was a member of the Elks, former member of Rotary and Cosmopoli-

Survivors are his wife, Janet, of Watertown; children, Jennifer Dahl of Hawley, Minnesota, and Jason Russell of Gillette, Wyoming; grandchildren, Olivia, Andrew and Aidan Dahl and Emma Russell; brother, Richard, and Linda Russell of Columbia Falls; and sister-in-law, Judy, and Sotero Muniz, of Polson.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and nephew, Robert Russell.

Arrangements are by Wight, Comes & Sogn Funeral Chapel in Watertown-www.wcsfc.com

17 Jul 2015

Magdalena Russell, 80

Magdalena Russell, 80, passed away on Saturday, July 11, 2015, at the Montana Veterans Home.

A coffee and cookies reception will be held to honor Magdalena's life on from 4 to 6 p.m. today, July 17, at Columbia Mor-

tuary.

A memorial service will be held for Magdalena on 2 p.m. Saturday, July 18, at Canyon Community Church.

Arrangements are entrusted to Columbia Mortuary.

15 Apr 2015

Virginia L. 'Jenny' Russell, 93

Virginia L. "Jenny" Russell, 93, of Helena, formerly of Kalispell, died Friday, April 10, 2015.

A viewing hour will begin at 3 p.m. Saturday, April 18, with funeral service to be held at 4 p.m. at First Lutheran Church, 2231 E. Broadway St., Helena. A reception will be held

in the social center of the church immediately following the service. A graveside burial service will be at 1 p.m. Monday, April 20, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

Anderson, Stevenson & Wilke Funeral Home in Helena is handling arrangements

James L. Ryan, 52

James L. Ryan, 52, passed away on Monday, Dec. 28, 2015.

He is survived by his parents, Jim and Donna Ryan; a son, James B. Ryan; a brother, Michael Ryan; and two sisters,

Terri Barr and Jana Beagle.

Private family services will be held at a later date.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for the Ryan family.

Miriam Poe Evans Ryan, 90

Miriam Poe Evans Ryan of Polson passed away on Dec. 5, 2015, at Genesis Whitefish Center in Whitefish.

She was born on Oct. 29, 1925, at Columbine Camp (Marathon Oil Company) in Salt Creek, Wyoming, to George Frick and Mary (Nowlan) Poe.

She grew up in Lovell and Casper, Wyoming, and graduated from Natrona County High School in Casper.

She attended Mills College and later the University of Colorado.

She married Army Air Corps 1st Lt. Stanley Evans on Feb. 12, 1944, in Casper. He was killed in action over the Adriatic Sea on March 8, 1945.

She met Thomas Ryan while attending the University of Colorado, and they married on Sept. 4, 1947. Tom went to work for Marathon Oil Company and they lived in Sidney, Nebraska, and Rawlins, Casper and Cody, Wyoming. In 1959 with their two children, the young family moved to Tripoli, Libya, where they lived for seven years. Miriam was very involved in the Petroleum Women's Club there, serving as president and organizing entertainment and excursions for the community, including a trip to the Vatican to meet the Pope.

They later moved to London, England, and Madrid, Spain, where she spent a great deal of time researching antique furnishings. They returned to the U.S. in 1971 to Houston where they resided for 17 years. During that period she and several of her friends opened an antique shop where she was able to use her knowledge of European antiques.

In 1987, Tom retired and they moved to Hamilton, Montana.



Miriam became enamored with the Daly Mansion and the life of Marcus Daly and

his family. She was a longtime docent and tour guide at the mansion and authored a historical novel on Daly and his life, "Riverside." They relocated to Mission Bay in Polson in 2001, where they made many new friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas; her parents; and her brother, William Poe.

She is survived by her daughter, Marylee Ryan Syme, and Douglas, of Bigfork; son, Michael Ryan, and Sue, of Houston; grandsons, Jonathan Syme and Brookie of Hamilton, Aaron Syme of Las Vegas, and Thomas Alan Ryan of Houston; and four great-grandchildren, Brandon Syme of Lafayette, Louisiana, McKenzie Syme of Missoula, Bridger Syme of Hamilton, and Braxton Nimmick Syme of Seattle; and three nieces, Anne Holmes Steck, Virginia Holmes Snowden and Harriet Holmes, all of Colorado.

The funeral Mass will be held at 11 a.m. Dec. 15 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Polson, with a rosary preceding the service at 10 a.m.

Memorials may be made to Marcus Daly Preservation Trust, P.O. Box 223, Hamilton, MT 59840, or to any charity of your choice.

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

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

Thomas V. Ryan, 89

Thomas V. Ryan passed away on Oct. 18, 2015, in Whitefish.

He was born Sept. 11, 1926, in Brooklyn, New York, to Vincent Paul and Anne C. (Ryan) Ryan. He lived in New York until the early death of his father in 1937, when he, his sister and mother returned to her family in Denver. He graduated from East Denver High School in 1944.

He enlisted in the Marine Corps immediately following graduation, at age 17, and served in the Pacific Theater for two years. Following his discharge, he attended the University of Colorado where he met his future wife Miriam Poe Evans. There were married in Casper, Wyoming, on Sept. 4, 1947.

He began his oil business career in production and drilling with the Ohio Oil Company in Rawlins, Wyoming. He was recalled to the Marine Corps during the Korean War. In 1951 he returned to the oil business in Cody and Casper, Wyoming, and Sidney, Nebraska. In 1959 the family moved to Tripoli, Libya, with Oasis Oil Company. His work took him all around the world — Europe, the Middle East, Africa and Southeast Asia. They also lived in London, England, and Madrid, Spain. They returned to the U.S. in 1971 to Houston.

In 1987 Tom retired and they moved to Hamilton. They relocated to Polson and Flathead Lake.

He belonged to the Petroleum Club of Houston, the Hamilton and Polson Rotary Clubs, the American Legion, Elks and the Knights of Columbus for many years. He served as chairman of the Montana Banking Commission. He was the chairman of the



Republican Central Committee of Ravalli County.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and a sister, Betty Anne Garrett.

He is survived

by his wife of 68 years, Miriam Ryan, of Polson; daughter, Marylee Syme, and Douglas, of Bigfork; son, Michael Ryan, and Sue, of Houston; grandsons, Jonathan Syme and Brookie of Hamilton, Aaron Syme of Las Vegas, Thomas Alan Ryan of Houston, great-grandchildren, Brandon Syme of Lafayette, Louisiana, McKenzie and Bridger Syme of Hamilton, and Braxton Syme of Seattle; and nieces, Ann Steck of Highland Park Ranch, Colorado, Virginia Snowden of Avon, Colorado, and Harriet Holmes of Denver.

A wake will be held at 6 p.m. today, Oct. 21, at the Mission Bay Clubhouse. The viewing will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 22, at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Polson, followed by the Funeral Mass at 11 a.m. Military honors will be held at the church following services. Urn burial will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the Mission Valley Animal Shelter, 36251 Reservoir Road, Polson, MT 59860; or to the American Heart Association.

Memories and condolences may be sent to the family at www.thelakefuneralhomeandcrematory.com. Arrangements are under the direction of the Lake Funeral Home and Crematory.