## Esther Ingram, 90

Esther Yvonne Ingram, age 90, passed away April 5, 2018 in Spokane Valley. Esther was born May 22, 1927 in Columbia Falls to parents Pearl and Bradford Leighty. Esther married James R. Ingram on Dec. 31, 1945. Esther loved to work in her garden, play cards with family and friends and volunteered many years at RSVP - Meals on Wheels. Esther enjoyed traveling. She had a bucket list which included seeing New York City, going on a cruise through the Panama Canal and cruising the Mississippi on a Paddle Wheel. She checked everything off her bucket list, enjoying them all with her daughters and friends.

Esther is survived by her two daughters, Judy Dryden (Bob) and Faye Olson (Jerry), both of Spokane Valley; five grandchildren; Andria Young (Mike) of Spokane, Brian Spitzer (Kim) of Green Valley, Arizona, Kenny Ingram of Kalispell, Aaron Olson (Katie), of Bellevue, Washington and Christina Wold of Bonney Lake, Washington; eight great-grandchildren. Meriah, Mikaela, Marissa, Mirranda,



Samantha, Toby, Bain and Kruse; and two great-greatgrandchildren, Ryan and Karson.

She is also survived by sisters Thelma Carter of Columbia Falls, James Leighty of University City, Washington, Violet Lundy of Aloha, Oregon, Ardith Wolfe of Spanaway, Washington and Andy Leighty of Kalispell. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Esther is preceded in death by her parents, Bradford and Pearl Leighty, husband James R. Ingram, son James B. Ingram, sisters Ellen, Ethel, Nellie, Bertha, Alma, Irene and June and brothers Sam, Earl, Charlie and Ted.

Esther lived in Kalispell until May of 2015, when she decided to move to Spokane Valley to be near her daughters. She lived at Colonial Court for almost 3 years. There will be no memorial service, per Esther's request. Memorial contributions can be made to Meals on Wheels in Kalispell.

## Flora Mae Isch, 94

Flora Mae Isch passed away on Nov. 19, 2018, at Lakeview Care Center in her two daughters, Rita Bigfork.

She was born on April 28, 1924, in Kalispell to Henry and Ella Bellefleur, pioneer settlers of Creston. She attended Creston Elementary, Flathead County High School and then the University of Montana. Later she received a Master of Arts degree at the same university in Montana history.

On June 30, 1947, she married Harry M. Isch and they set up residence in Kalispell. Flora was a member of the Kalispell Garden Club and Birthday Club. Her passion was gardening and growing many different varieties of flowers. She enjoyed going on wildflower tours sponsored by Flathead Valley Community College.

She was preceded in death by her husband,

who died in 1988.

She is survived by McKinney of Creston and Stephanie Isch of Seattle; her sister-in-law, Betty Trueblood; two grandchildren, Boone McKinney of Orcas Island, Washington, and Nicole Soto of Burbank, California; and two great-granddaughters, Maya and Corina Soto.

Flora was well thought of at the nursing home and her longtime caregivers had some special thoughts. One said, "She was the sweetest, loving and kindest woman I've ever met." Another stated "She always treated us like family."

A service will be held at 1 p.m., Monday, Dec. 10, at the 4Bs Restaurant in Kalispell.

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

## John Wesley Isles Sr., 83

John Wesley Isles Sr., 83, passed away of natural causes on June 2, 2018, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

John was born on March 28, 1935, to Charles and Mabel (Switzer) Isles in Fairfield, Illinois.

On July 14, 1953, John married his wife, Melba Ruth Watson, in Corint'i, Mississippi, and they enjoyed 65 years of marriage. John spent most of his working years as a machinist.

John is survived by his wife, Melba (Watson) Isles; his parents, Charles and Mabel Isles; children, John W. Isles Jr,, Connie R. Isles, Jerry W. Isles, Jay W. Isles and Jeff W. Isles; and brother, James (Betty) Isles, of Fairfield, Illinois. He is also survived by 12 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, June 8, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home in Kalispell. There will be a viewing one hour prior to the service.



In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Rocky Mountain **Baptist** 

Church at 2387 Montana

35, Kalispell.

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.