

## Raymond Earl Kalberg, 83

Raymond Earl Kalberg, 83, passed away Sunday, June 26, 2005, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell. He was born Aug. 20, 1921, in Hanley Falls, Minn., to Arnt and Ruth (McCall) Kalberg.



Raymond moved at a young age with his family to Montana, where he was raised and lived most of his life.

He graduated from the Hardin High School in 1939, and on Feb. 16, 1943, he joined the Army Air Corps. Raymond advanced quickly: from private to master sergeant and then from a warrant officer to chief warrant officer before separating Jan. 14, 1946.

On Dec. 5, 1945, Raymond married Marian Snell in Hardin.

Upon his return from active duty, Raymond attended Montana State University in Missoula, and in 1949 graduated with a

bachelor's degree in business. He worked for Carter Oil for a short time but made his career with the Jos. Schlitz Brewing Co., both in Billings and finally in Great Falls, before retiring March 14, 1975.

In 1981, Raymond and Marian moved to the Flathead where he went to work part-time for Fun Beverage until ultimately retiring in 1996.

Raymond was also a life member of the Elks Lodge.

Raymond was preceded in death by his wife, Marian; and a brother, Donald.

He is survived by two sons, Gary and Sandy Kalberg of Kalispell, and Dale and Connie Kalberg of Missoula; one daughter, Kimberly Kalberg, of Hamilton; and a sister, Thelma Lockrem, of Auburn, Calif.

A private family gathering will be held at a later date. The family suggests memorial gifts be given to the QRU in Bigfork or to ALERT.

Johnson Mortuary & Crematory is caring for Raymond's family.

## Greg Kambel, 40

Greg Kambel, 40, died Monday, Jan. 31, 2005, in Libby. He was the voice of Libby Logger Sports on KLCW radio in Libby.

He is survived by his wife Deb, and his daughters, Melissa Moudhart of Teton, Wyo.

## Carl E. 'Bud' Karnes, 79

Carl E. "Bud" Karnes, 79, of Columbia Falls, passed away at the Montana Veteran's Home on Jan. 17, 2005.

He was born on Feb. 26, 1925, to Carl and Josephine

Karnes in Milwaukee, Wis. He was raised in Milwaukee, and graduated from Dunn County Agricultural School in 1942.

Shortly after his graduation, he enlisted in the Navy and was on the USS Amesbury at the invasion of Normandy where his ship was sunk. They were forced to swim more than 200 yards to safety. At this time he was injured and merited an honorable discharge and earned a Purple Heart in 1945.

He started working with the sheriff's posse in 1960 and became a life member which lasted 24 years. He worked at Plum Creek for 21 years (1966-1987), Moonlighting Detective Agency from 1992-1997, and was also an English teacher.

His hobbies included reading, sightseeing, golfing, hunting, watching TV, and playing bingo.



He also loved the Green Bay Packers but was disgusted at their losing streak this last year.

He married Evelyn Mary Baker in 1967.

He is survived by three stepsons, Charles, Bob and Michael Baker; one stepdaughter, Betty Baker; four grandchildren, Sheila and Shelly Baker, Leah and Jennifer Hancock, two great-grandchildren, Amy Schroth and Gregory Baneroft; one great-great-grandson, Riley James; his sister, Irene and her husband, Vaughn Schaffer, in Hungry Horse; his brother, Oliver, and wife, Maura Karnes, of Seattle; and Frank Karnes of Wisconsin; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Evelyn Karnes, on March 24, 2001.

Services will be held for Bud and Evelyn Karnes at 1 p.m. at the Christian Center on Saturday, Jan. 29. Reception to follow at the VFW in Kalispell.

Any donations can be made to the Montana Veterans Home or the Christian Center.

Arrangements are under direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## William 'Bill' Karl Kayser, 58

William "Bill" Karl Kayser "was taken to his Lord" on Friday, Dec. 9,

2005. Bill was born on June 20, 1947, in Newark, N.J.

Bill retired after proudly serving law enforcement in Bozeman for 26 years, ending his career as the assistant chief of police.

Bill moved to Polson in 2003 where he spent many hours working on his house. He loved walking his dog, Abby, and spending time cruising his boat on Flathead Lake. He was an avid outdoorsman and looked forward to hunting season every year. This year, he fulfilled a dream to go moose hunting in Canada with his buddies Jimmy and Ron.

Bill was a well-known Montana Grizzlies fan. He held season tickets for both football and basketball, very seldom missing a game. He took great delight in the Grizzlies' 16-year reign over the Bobcats. His fellow officers took great delight in decorating his office in blue and gold after the streak was broken.

Bill came to Montana in 1965 to study forestry at the University of Montana in Missoula. He never looked back. In 1966, he met his wife, Peg, at a Paul Revere and the Raiders concert. The couple were married in Kalispell in 1969.

Bill and Peg moved to Bozeman in the mid-70s to run a group home for teens. He soon joined the Boze-



man Police Department as a patrol officer. He was known for his ability to generate revenue for the city.

It was Bill and Peg's greatest wish to start a family. With much happiness, Sarah joined their family in 1977. They were blessed soon after with the arrival of Erik in 1979. Matt joined the family in 1981, followed by Annie in 1983. Scott completed their family in 1987. Bill was tremendously proud of all his children and nothing brought greater joy to his life than his wife and kids.

Bill is survived by his beloved wife, Peg, and his five wonderful children, Sarah and Will of Washington, D.C., Erik of Missoula, Matt of Bozeman, Annie of Albany, N.Y., and Scott of Missoula. Bill also is survived by his brother, Bob, and his wife, Julie, and their children, Kristi and Eric Bader and their sons, Jake, Danny, and Michael Kayser.

Survivors also include his mother-in-law, Carol, and her husband, Tom Vars; his brother-in-law, Rick Weaver, and his wife, Karen, and their four children, Kimberly, Angela, Alex and Nicky; and sister-in-law, Linda Johnson. He also is survived by many other family members held close to his heart.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, Helmut and Eleanor Kayser.

Services took place Dec. 13 at Grace Bible Church in Bozeman.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the National Kidney Association in honor of Bill's nephew, Jake.

# CARL E. "BUD" KARNES, 79

*January 23, 2005 at 5:00 am | Daily Inter Lake*

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# JOHN M. KAUFFMAN, 34

*May 04, 2005 at 5:00 am | Daily Inter Lake*

John M. Kauffman, 34, passed away on Sunday, May 1, 2005, in Kalispell.

He was born on Oct. 29, 1970, in Casper, Wyo., to Dennis and Irene (Wolvington) Kauffman. John received his early education in the Flathead Valley, starting in Columbia Falls and continuing at Flathead Valley Christian. He graduated from high school in Kodiak, Alaska, in 1994. Moving back to the valley, John attended Flathead Valley Community College.

John worked for the Lincoln County Juvenile Detention Probation Department.

John was a member of the Libby Volunteer Ambulance, the David Thompson Search and Rescue and was a reserve deputy for Lincoln County. For nearly the last five years, John was employed as a firefighter for the Big Mountain Fire Department and was a certified emergency medical technician (EMT). He loved his work but more so loved the outdoors and spending time with his family. He was an avid hunter and fisherman.

John was preceded in death by two brothers, Terrance in 1966, and Dennis in 1972, as well as his maternal grandparents, Clifford Wolvington and Florence E. Hill in 1976.

He is survived by his wife, Janet, of Libby; daughters, Amanda and Ashley Postier of Libby, Courtney Kauffman of Molalla, Ore., and Ashley Kauffman of Idaho; his parents, Dennis and Irene Kauffman of Kalispell; sister, Theresa Dahl of Grants Pass, Ore.; and grandparents, Rollan and Jane Kauffman of Kalispell; he is also survived by several other relatives across the country.

Visitation for John will be from noon to 6 p.m. Thursday, May 5, at Johnson Mortuary. Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Friday, May 6, at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church with Pastor Lindean Barnett officiating. Burial will follow at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for John's family.

## Mary Lou Keiser, 70

Mary Lou Keiser, 70, died at her residence on Tuesday, March 27, 2005, in Kalispell. She was born on Jan. 11, 1935, in Crook County, Wyo., to James and Mable (Wagoner) Keiser.



Mary Lou resided at the Boulder River School in Boulder, Colo., from 1946 to 1951 when she moved to Happy Acres group home in Ronan to be closer to family.

In 1993 Mary Lou moved to Kalispell, becoming part of Flathead Industries. She worked in the production department of Flathead Industries until the time of her death doing her favorite job of cutting rags. The biggest job Mary Lou ever accomplished was becoming independent enough to move into her own apartment in 1997, a fact she was proud of.

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

Mary Lou is survived by two sisters, Billie Crane of Arizona,

and Susan Boyd of California; one brother, Johnny Keiser, of Florida; several nieces and nephews, and cousins; close friends, Kathie, Jansy, Landra and Dawn; and her coffee buddies, Cliff and Paul; and Flathead Industries staff and clients.

Funeral services for Mary Lou Keiser will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, March 18, at Johnson Mortuary from 2 to 6 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

## Regenie 'Jean' Pearl Keller, 86

Regenie "Jean" Pearl Keller, 86, passed away on Wednesday, March 30, 2005, at her residence in Boise, Idaho.



She was born on Nov. 3, 1918, at Johnson Island, Mont., the daughter of Frank and Edna (Fucker) Geyman. Jean attended schools in Arlee and graduated from Arlee High School.

She was united in marriage to Norman Hale Keller on Jan. 1, 1939, in Lake County.

She kept books for Norman's gas station. She later worked at Arlee Meats for about 10 years and later at Hillstead's Department Store for 15 plus years and was also a volunteer at several hospitals.

She enjoyed knitting, playing cards, crocheting and water skiing up to about the age of 60. She enjoyed her grandchildren, and always had a smile on her face.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Norman, and two brothers, Fred and Bobby Geyman.

She is survived by a daughter, Norma Kerzman, and husband, Gary, of Boise; a son, Gary Keller, and wife, Terri, of Bigfork; and a daughter, Dorothy Sedivy, and husband, Frank, of Columbia Falls; grandsons, Tony Sedivy of Warrenton, Va., and Chance Keller of Bigfork; a granddaughter, Cassie Keller, also of Bigfork; great-grandchildren, Catlin and Dylan Sedivy, of Warrenton; a brother, Don Geyman, of the state of Washington; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Jean will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 2, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with burial to follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be private.

The family suggests that any memorials be sent to the charity of the donor's choice.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for Jean's family.

## Scott Keller, 87

Scott Keller "went home to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" after 87 years of fighting a good fight.



Scott was born in Logan, Utah, to LeRoy and Sarah Keller on Oct. 8, 1918, while his father was in France during World War I. Scott grew up on the family farm that had been established by his original pioneer ancestors.

He was educated at Utah State University and was commissioned a lieutenant in the Army Air Corps in 1943. Scott was a C47 pilot, flying combat missions over France and Germany during World War II. By war's end, he was promoted to the rank of captain, and continued in the inactive reserves for over 30 years.

Scott was hired by Western Airlines in 1946. He moved on to Frontier Airlines as chief pilot in 1947. He served as chief pilot for over 20 years. Scott accepted the position of vice president of operations, he retired from Frontier Airlines in 1978, but not from flying. He immediately went to work for Stockhill Aviation as a bush pilot and FAA examiner. A couple of years later, Scott began to work as a corporate pilot for Crop Hail Management, followed by Citadel Communications, and Semitool. These local companies kept him

flying professionally until he was 82 years old.

In his 60 year career, Scott logged over 40,000 hours as a pilot flying everything from open cockpit biplanes, to the modern glass cockpit jets.

Scott was a gentle man in every sense of the word. He was a wonderful husband and father as well as a devoted friend. Scott had great faith, and is in a much better place.

"Those of us left behind will like this world less and truly look forward to seeing him again."

Scott was preceded in death by his parents, and two sisters, Kathryn and Beth.

He is survived by his wife, Marlene; his two sons, Scott and Rob; and five grandchildren, all of the Flathead Valley; and two sisters, LaRee and Ruth.

Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Monday, Dec., 19, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at noon Tuesday, Dec. 20, with the Aletheia Christian Fellowship at the Seventh-day Adventist building, 1375 Hwy 93 North, Kalispell, MT, with his son Scott serving as the officiant. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery with military honors being conducted by the United Veterans of the Flathead Valley.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home caring for the family.

## Ruth Keller, 88

Ruth Keller, 88, died Saturday, Aug. 20, 2005, at the Colonial Manor in Whitefish.

Survivors include her children, Patsy Sanford, Carol Beckstrom and Lanny Bowers.

Visitation will be from 1-6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 23, at the

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

A funeral service will be held 11 a.m. Aug. 24, at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. Burial will follow at 2 p.m., at the Tobacco Valley Cemetery in Eureka.

## Heinz Wilhelm Kellerman, 78

Heinz Wilhelm Kellerman, 78, died Saturday, Dec. 24, 2005, at his Bigfork residence.

He is survived by his partner, Peggy Kellerman, of Bigfork.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. today, Jan. 3, at the

Community United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Jan Witman officiating. Urn burial will take place at Fort Harrison at a later date.

Bigfork Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## John 'Jake' P. Kelley, 77

John 'Jake' P. Kelley, 77, died Saturday, Dec. 24, 2005, at his residence. At his request, there will be no services.

Arrangements will be handled by Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

Mr. Kelley was born in Whitefish, Mont., to Rev. and Mrs. Kelley. He was preceded in death by his wife, Karen Blaney, and two daughters, Karen Blaney of Post Falls, Idaho, and two daughters, Mary Ann Miller of Columbia Falls and Heidi Miller of Whitefish.

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# MARY LOU KEISER, 70

*March 17, 2005 at 5:00 am /*

Mary Lou Keiser, 70, died at her residence on Tuesday, March 15, 2005, in Kalispell. She was born on Jan. 11, 1935, in Crook County, Wyo., to James and Mable (Wagoner) Keiser.

Mary Lou resided at the Boulder River School in Boulder, Colo., from 1946 to 1971 when she moved to Happy Acres group home in Ronan to be closer to family.

In 1993 Mary Lou moved to Kalispell, becoming part of Flathead Industries. She worked in the production department of Flathead Industries until the time of her death doing her favorite job of cutting rags. The biggest job Mary Lou ever accomplished was becoming independent enough to move into her own apartment in 1997; a fact she was proud of.

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

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Funeral services for Mary Lou Keiser will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, March 18, at Johnson Mortuary from 2 to 6 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

# REGENIE "JEAN" PEARL KELLER, 86

*April 01, 2005 at 5:00 am | Daily Inter Lake*

Regenie "Jean" Pearl Keller, 86, passed away on Wednesday, March 30, 2005, at her residence in Boise, Idaho.

She was born on Nov. 4, 1918, at Jefferson Island, Mont., the daughter of Frank and Edna (Tucker) Geyman. Jean attended schools in Arlee and graduated from Arlee High School.

She was united in marriage to Norman Hale Keller on Jan. 1, 1939, in Lake County.

She kept books for Norman's Gas station. She later worked at Arctic Meats for about 10 years and later at Hillstead's Department Store for 15 plus years and was also a volunteer at several hospitals.

She enjoyed knitting; playing cards; crocheting and water skied up to about the age of 60. She enjoyed her grandchildren, and always had a smile on her face.

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She is survived by a daughter, Norma Kerzman, and husband, Gary, of Boise; a son, Gary Keller, and wife, Terri, of Bigfork; and a daughter, Dorothy Sedivy, and husband, Frank, of Columbia Falls; grandsons, Tony Sedivy of Warrenton, Va., and Chance Keller of Bigfork; a granddaughter, Cassie Keller, also of Bigfork; great-grandchildren, Catlin and Dylan Sedivy, of Warrenton; a brother, Don Geyman, of the state of Washington; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Jean will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 2, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with burial to follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be private.

The family suggests that any memorials be sent to the charity of the donor's choice.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for Jean's family.

## Nancy Lee Stricklin Kellogg, 74

Nancy Lee Stricklin Kellogg, 74, passed away peacefully on Saturday, Feb. 29, 2005, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.



Nancy was born in 1931 in Polson, to Conrad Warren and Esther Stricklin. She married H.E. "Lack" Kellogg in Dec. 5, 1947.

Nancy was preceded in death by her parents, husband, mother, Robert Stricklin, and sister, Mary Jane Monroe.

Nancy lived her final 26 years in Conrad with all of those years on a dry land farm west of Conrad. In 1964, Nancy and her family moved to the Flathead Valley, where she spent the remainder of her life.

She loved refurbishing antiques, working with plants and flowers, reading novels, and pampering her cats over the years.

Nancy especially enjoyed her kind neighbors and many close to friends and friends in the Conrad area and Flathead Valley.

Nancy's survivors include her three children, son, Warren, and wife, Pat Kellogg, and daughters, Kaye Kellogg, and Karlyn and husband, Ronald Bond; five grandsons, Matt Weston, Jeremy Lee Bond, Michael Peter Kellogg, Troy Collins, and Nathan Collins, and two great-grandsons, Kyle and Cody Collins.

Nancy will be deeply missed by all of her family, friends, and neighbors.

Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. today, Feb. 29, at the Buffalo Hill Funeral Home in Kalispell.

A gathering of family and friends will also be held at the First Presbyterian Church (basement area) in Conrad from 2 to 4 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 24.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Humane Society of Northwest Montana, 43 Woodlawn Park Drive, Kalispell, MT 59901.

## Patricia Rose Keltner, 81

Patricia Rose Keltner, 81, passed away July 29, 2005, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.



Pat was born b. 22, 1924, in Eureka to Edgar and Constance (Bean) Holder. She attended schools in the Eureka area.

Pat married Glen Keltner on March 11, 1944, in Polson. She worked as the manager of the Pioneer Junction Motel in Libby, the Blue Sky Motel in Lincoln, and others across the state. She loved to play cards and adored her family.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Glen Keltner, in 1973.

She is survived by her children, Don Keltner and his wife, Jan, Dan Keltner and his wife, Connie,

Jim Keltner and his wife, Janice, and Diane Trujillo; one brother, Dale Holder; one sister, Kretie Follensbee; grandchildren, Torey and his wife, Gretchen Keltner, Ashley and his wife, Annie Keltner, Shelby and his wife, Jennifer Keltner, Shawn Keltner, Dannette and husband, Brian Crock, Josh Keltner, Amberly Keltner, Matt Trujillo, Samantha Trujillo; great-grandchildren, Sybastian, Gabrielle, Clayton, Payton, Taylor, Jordan, Olivia, Conner, Masen, Cayden, Shauna and Alexis; and numerous other relatives.

Visitation will be from 3 to 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 5, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 6, at the First Baptist Church in Eureka, with the Rev. Tim Bartholomew and the Rev. James Holder officiating. Burial will follow at the Tobacco Valley Cemetery.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## William A. 'Bill' Kemp, 60

William A. "Bill" Kemp, 60, of Libby, died July 28, 2005, at the Veterans Administration Medical Center at Ft. Harrison.

He had served as superintendent of city services in Libby and also as fire chief until his retirement.

He is survived by his wife, Agnes, of Libby; and his chil-

dren, Annie Bynum of Lewiston, Idaho, and Dr. Walter "Willy" Kemp of Dallas.

Services will be 10 a.m. Monday, Aug. 8, at the Christian Church, 100 Kootenai River Road, and interment with military honors will follow at the City of Libby Cemetery under the direction of Nelson & Vial Funeral Home.

## Mary Joyce Kelly, 74

Mary Joyce Kelly, 74, passed away on Sunday, May 29, 2005, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

She was born Oct. 23, 1930, in New Orleans to Clemont and Elsie (Chandezon) Dumesnil. Mary received her early education in Louisiana and continued her education in Port Arthur, Texas, where she graduated from high school.

She married LeRoy Joseph Viator on June 15, 1946, in Port Arthur, and the couple later divorced. Mary worked at Spooner Photo until moving to Beaumont, Texas, where she worked for Fox Photo for 25 years.

In 1969, she moved to Long Beach, Calif., to care for her mother.

Mary met and married Earl Kelly in 1971, in Long Beach, and they later divorced. In 1985, she moved to Lawton, Okla., where she returned to school and received her bachelor's degree in accounting and bookkeeping.

Mary worked in this field for a short time before moving to Columbia Falls to live with her daughter and grandchildren in 2001. Mary loved to paint and work with ceramics and all kinds of crafts.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents, her first husband, and her son-in-law, Michael B. Johnson Sr. in 1999.

She is survived by her daughter, Sandy Johnson, of Columbia Falls; five grandchildren, Mary Elise Hall and David Stephen Wright, both of Beaumont, Michael B. Johnson Jr., Jaquelyn Elizabeth Johnson and Samantha Gail Johnson, all of Columbia Falls; three great-grandsons, Michael Wayne Hall, Matthew Dustin Hall and Christopher Allen Wright; and one brother, Clemont Floyd Dumesnil and wife, Heidi, of Lawton, Okla.

No services are scheduled at this time.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for Mary's family.

## Mildred Catherine (Olsen) Kendrick

Mildred Catherine (Olsen) Kendrick, 57, passed away Sept. 15, 2005, in Spokane, of pancreatic cancer.

She was born Dec. 11, 1947, in Toledo, Ore., to Bill and Connie Olsen. She was raised in Whitefish and Sweet Home, Ore., and graduated from Sweet Home High School.

In 1967, she married Milton Larry Kendrick in Caldwell, Idaho. Milton passed away in 1981.

Mildred was a homemaker. She enjoyed sewing, quilting and crocheting.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Milton; son, David Kendrick; and her parents, Bill and Connie Olsen.

She is survived by her daughter, Debra Kendrick, of Kalispell; son, Dennis and Lori Kendrick of Lakeside; brothers, David and wife, Cynthia Olsen, Mark and wife, Sue Olsen, all of Sweet Home, Kevin and wife, Kelly Olsen, of Estacada, Ore., and Brian Olsen of Coram; grandchildren, Chante, Charlene and Catherine Hampton, Catelyn Costa, and Samantha, Odessa, Emma and Claudia Kendrick; and extended family, especially Ron and Sandi Hale.

Viewing will be from 2 to 4 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 22, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 23, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

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# NANCY LEE STRICKLIN KELLOGG, 74

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Memorial contributions may be made to the Humane Society of Northwest Montana, 43 Woodlawn Park Drive, Kalispell, MT 59901.

## Kathleen B. 'Kate' Isakson Keyser, 46

Kathleen B. "Kate" Isakson Keyser, 46, passed away Nov. 27, 2005, at her home in Kalispell.

She was born Jan. 21, 1959, in Whitefish, the fourth child to John A. and Elsie M. Isakson. She went to grade school in Olney, then graduated from high school in Whitefish.

She went into the Navy in 1981 until 1986. She was stationed in Georgia.

Kathy was preceded in death by her grandparents, father, aunts, and one uncle.

She is survived by her mother, Elsie Schmitz-Isakson, of Kalispell; sisters, Kristine Rose of Olney, and

Karen Ruby of Whitefish; a brother, John P. Isakson of Bonsall, Calif.; nieces, Jeri Billsborough of Kalispell, Anna and Tami Pemble of Whitefish, and Linda Isakson of Bonsall; nephews, John E. Billsborough of Kalispell, and Erik Isakson, stationed in Iraq in the Navy, and Kyle Rose of Olney; two great-nieces and one great-nephew.

"Memories of Kathy 'Kate' will live on with all of us."

Cremation has taken place with Johnson Mortuary and Crematory. There will be no services at this time.

A memorial will be announced in the summer.

## William 'Bill' Kinniburgh, 88

William "Bill" Kinniburgh, 88, "went home to be with the Lord" on Tuesday, May 31, 2005, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

Bill was one of 12 children born to James and Leah (Stitzel) Kinniburgh in Tecumseh, Neb. At the age of 9 his father passed away and the age of 13 the family moved to Eastern Montana. While there, Bill worked at various jobs, including sheep herding, coal mining and working on Fort Peck Dam. Around 1939, the family moved to Marion in Northwest Montana where he worked for various sawmills.

Bill married Emeline Bruce on May 18, 1942, and they had two sons, Daniel and Jerry. In 1948, Bill along with his five brothers, started their own sawmill business, later changing to contract logging which Bill continued with until retiring in 1979. Emeline died in 1980 and Bill remarried Betty Annear on Sept. 18, 1981.

Through Pastor Ralph Werner's ministry, Bill accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Savior and continued serving the Lord until his death.

Bill enjoyed softball, hunting and in later years, golfing. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Columbia Falls, and a charter member of the First Baptist of Marion, and in later years, upon moving to Kalispell, he was a member of Bethel Baptist. He was active in each church doing various ministries, including serving as a deacon and trustee.

He was preceded in death by his parents; first wife, Emeline; and all of his brothers and sisters.

He is survived by his wife, Betty, of Kalispell; sons, Daniel and wife, Carol, of Marion, and Jerry and wife, Janene, of Marion; grandchildren, Jason and wife, Mary, of Hayfield, Minn., Heather, Heidi, and Scott of Kalispell; two great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held 10 a.m. Saturday, June 4, at Bethel Baptist Church with Pastor David Pestel officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be held at Johnson Mortuary Chapel today from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for Bill's family.

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## Dale Dean Kinniburgh, 66



Dale Dean Kinniburgh, 66, passed away on Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2005, at Calvary Baptist Church in Hayre with Pastor David Pestel officiating. A second viewing and interment of his remains will follow on July 31 at the First Baptist Church in Marion.

He was a partner in Kinniburgh Wagon Laundry, owned by Kinniburgh and Kinniburgh Laundry, and later was a partner in Bear Paw Boulder and Veneer.

He was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church and enjoyed studying the Bible.

He was an avid hunter and enjoyed spending time with his family. He currently has two grand children serving in the military in the Middle East.

Dale was preceded in death by his parents, sister and brother.

Dale is survived by his wife of 15 years, Janita Faye (Platon) Kinniburgh of Hayre, daughter, Jannetta Rae and Matt Schreiber of Mayerville, Ill., sons, Dale D. Kinniburgh of Hayre, David D. and Molly Kinniburgh of Golden Valley, Minn., and Danny L. Kinniburgh of Lafayette, La., sister, Marie, and Don Kenneth of Marion, and Ruth and Don Lizabeth of Kalispell, numerous nieces, nephews and cousins, 14 grand children, and four great-grand children.

## Hermie Florence (Ray) Kruse Kinyon, 88

Hermie Florence (Ray) Kruse Kinyon, 88, of Shelby, passed away Saturday, Sept. 17, 2005, at Marias Care Center in Shelby due to natural causes.

Hermie was born April 16, 1917, in Hermiston, Ore., to William D. and Orpha Ray. The family moved to Oilmont when Hermie was young where she grew up and graduated from high school.

At 19, she married Lester Ernest Kruse in 1936 in Shelby. In 1941, they made their home in Cut Bank, where Hermie was a dedicated homemaker. Lester died in 1980.

She married Brondle Edward Kinyon on Feb. 21, 1987, in Columbia Falls. They lived on the farm near Galata and in later years spent winters in Yuma, Ariz., and summers at their cabin near Essex.

She was a member of Galata Lutheran Church and St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Cut Bank.

She loved to paint, making cards for her family and traveling. She also enjoyed being outdoors fishing,

camping and going out to the desert. Family was the most important thing to Hermie.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Lester Kruse; siblings, Morris Ray, William "Bud" Ray, Margaret Ray Haney, Dorothy Ray Farrell and great-grandchildren, Crystal Wilson and Eric Willis.

She is survived by her husband, Brondle Kinyon, of Shelby; her children, Shirley Kruse and Norman Nash of Yuma, Ariz., and Donald L. and Mary Kruse of Kalispell; step-daughters, Jane and Curt Shaffer of Shelby, and Jean and Dexter Aspegiv of Bozeman; as well as 13 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Her memorial service was held Sept. 20 at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Shelby with burial of ashes in Valley View Cemetery. Whitted Funeral Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

Condolences can be sent to the family at www.whittedfuneralchapel.com.

# DALE DEAN KINNIBURGH, 66

*February 15, 2005 at 5:00 am | Daily Inter Lake*

Dale Dean Kinniburgh, 66, died Saturday, Feb. 12, 2005, at Northern Montana Care Center in Havre of natural causes.

His memorial service will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 22, at Calvary Baptist Church in Havre with Adam Harris officiating. A second memorial service and interment of the ashes will follow on July 31 at the First Baptist Church in Marion.

Memorials in Dale's honor may be made to Calvary Baptist Church 1204 Cleveland Ave., Havre, MT 59501.

Services and arrangements are under the direction of Holland and Bonine Funeral Home.

Dale was born Sept. 9, 1938, in Marion to John and Jeanette (Rawson) Kinniburgh. He attended the Marion schools and Flathead High School.

Dale married Juanita (Patton) on March 7, 1958, in Norwalk, Calif.

Dale was a partner in Kinniburgh/Wagar Logging, owned Kinniburgh and Kinniburgh Logging, and later was a partner in Bear Paw Boulder and Veneer.

He was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church and enjoyed studying the Bible.

He was an avid hunter and enjoyed spending time with his family. He currently has two grandchildren serving in the military in the Middle East.

Dale was preceded in death by his parents, sister, and brother.

Dale is survived by his wife of 47 years, Juanita Faye (Patton) Kinniburgh of Havre; daughter, Juanetta Rae and Matt Schrepfer of Naperville, Ill.; sons, Dale D. and Cathy Kinniburgh Jr. of Libby, Dennis L. and Theresa Kinniburgh of Havre, David D. and Muffy Kinniburgh of Golden Valley, Minn., and Danny L. Kinniburgh of Lafayette, La.; sisters, Merle and Don Komenda of Marion, and Ruth and Don Loveless of Kalispell; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins; 14 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

# STEWART EUGENE KIENOW, 61

*July 13, 2005 at 5:00 am |*

Stewart Eugene Kienow, 61, of Somers, passed away July 8, 2005. □

Stewart was born June 13, 1944, in Aberdeen, S.D., to Ferdinand and Florence Kienow. He graduated from high school in 1962, in Ipswich, S.D.

After attending college he ventured to Montana, where he became employed with the Fish, Wildlife and Parks at the Somers Fish Hatchery. There, he learned the ins and outs of the management of wild fish, specializing in kokanee salmon. In the early 1980s he was appointed manager of the Flathead Lake Salmon Hatchery. He took great pride in his employment with the state, which was evident in the time he spent "baby-sitting his fish" and maintaining the hatchery grounds. He enjoyed hosting hatchery tours and sharing his knowledge with students from local schools and visitors to Flathead Valley.

In 1969 he married Carol Andrew, and from this union his only child Rox Ann was born.

Stewart was an avid hunter and spent many memorable seasons with his late father-in-law in the Bitterroot Valley.

Upon the birth of his first grandchild, McCaela, Stewart embraced life in a whole new way. As he had with his nieces and nephews, he became her mentor.

Kaleb Stewart was born in 1998 and became the "apple of his grandpa's eye." Grandpa never turned down an opportunity to spend time with his grandkids, and would often be seen with one or both trailing along with him. Words cannot describe how greatly missed he will be by McCaela and Kaleb, and all who shared his days with him.

He loved to travel with Ann, visiting places all over Europe. His most special times were spent with his mother and brother in "The Old Country" back home on the farm in South Dakota, and with Ann at their beloved Nine Mile.

Stewart was preceded in death by his father, Ferdinand Kienow, and his brother, Allan Kienow.

Stewart leaves behind many friends and family beginning with his best friend and loving companion, Ann Daley, of Somers; daughter, Rox Ann Frame; son-in-law, Jim Frame; grandchildren, 10 year-old McCaela and 7 year-old Kaleb Frame; his mother, Florence Kienow; brother, Ronnie Kienow, both of Ipswich, S.D.; and sister, Shan O' Lea Jeschke of Kalispell. Stewart is also survived locally by nephews, Jody and Wendy Jeschke, Chancy and Sarah Jeschke, and niece, Dena Jeschke. He is also survived by nephews, John, Matt, Sam and Allen Kienow, and niece, Bridgette Nelson.

The family and friends of Stewart invite all who knew and loved him to join them at 4 p.m. Friday, July 15, at the pavilion at Vista Linda, 240 Boon Road in Somers to celebrate his well-lived life. Cremation has taken place and his ashes will be taken home to the farm in South Dakota.

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In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a donation be made to The Rolling Dog Ranch, (a sanctuary for disabled and abused animals) 400 Rolling Dog Ranch Lane, Ovando, MT 59854.

# KENNETH RUSSELL 'KENNY' KING

*July 16, 2005 at 5:00 am /*

Kenneth Russell King died peacefully at his home in Whitefish of heart failure Tuesday, July 12, 2005.

A resident of Montana since 1995, Ken was born in Fresno, Calif., and raised in Richmond, Calif.

Kenneth "Kenny" served the city and county of San Francisco with a distinguished 32-year career in the San Francisco Police Department until he retired in 1997. As an inspector, he worked undercover in the narcotics and special operations bureaus.

After Ken's retirement, he co-starred with David Caruso and Linda Fiorentino in "Jade," directed by William Friedkin. His other acting credits include the film "Big Eden" and various print and television advertisements. Ken was a member of the Screen Actors Guild until the time of his death.

Ken was easy going and is remembered for his sense of humor, friendly manner and his comical stories about his many life experiences. It wasn't uncommon, even among those closest to him, to be surprised by a funny story they had never heard before.

Once moving to Whitefish, Ken became a popular figure in the community and enjoyed his job as the Whitefish Golf Course marshal and the head coach of the Whitefish Lake Nude Synchronized Swimming Team (ages 50 and older).

In his leisure time he enjoyed golf, fishing, building model airplanes and smoking good cigars. On July 28, 2004, only days before his 71st birthday, Ken achieved a hole-in-one on the sixth hole of the Whitefish Lake Golf Course, where he was also a member.

Ken is survived by his wife of 40 years, Joanna King; his three children, Dyana, Russell and Stephanie King; his grandchildren, Hillary Marie and Miguel David; daughter-in-law, Rosemary Arosteguy-King; and son-in-law, David Zilka.

A celebration of Ken's life will be held 3 p.m. today, July 16, at his home in Whitefish, 2385 Mountain Shadows Drive. Condolences sent by mail should go to P.O. Box 4366, Whitefish, MT 59937.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Robert Jerome 'Bob' Kirchoff, 55

Robert Jerome "Bob" Kirchoff, 55, passed away on Saturday, Feb. 12, 2005, at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Helena, after a major stroke experienced while residing at his brother's home in Kalispell.

He was born on Aug. 29, 1949, in Salina, Kansas, the son of Paul Donald and LaVonne June (Fiche) Kirchoff. Bob grew up all over the United States of America, except for a five-year period where the family lived in Ipswich, England, as his father had a career in the Air Force.

Following in the footsteps of his father, he served in the Air Force for six active years of duty, which included one tour in Vietnam.

In 1973, after an honorable discharge he settled in Tacoma, Wash., by his wife Pamela's (Balk) family. This union brought forth two daughters, Veronica J. "Rompi" and Cassandra J. "Cassie" Kirchoff.

Bob completed training programs in both welding and auto body mechanics at Clover Park Voc-tech. He worked over 23 years as an auto body journeyman in the Tacoma area. Having a "natural talent working with cars" he did excellent work in his trade, but had to give it up when an injury (broken neck) sustained while in the military affected that work and his quality of life. Also due to other health problems he developed, he couldn't continue to work, and struggled as a 38 percent disabled veteran.

Bob got much of his pleasure when he took up golf in the 1980s. He played a lot at the P.L.U. course in Spruaway, Wash., achieving a hole in one trophy on Oct. 17, 1992, at the 11th hole. He also enjoyed being a pool teacher at the Rustic Inn in Tacoma. Bob continued playing both sports for pleasure with his brother here in the local area. He also enjoyed singing and would participate in Karaoke.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and most recently in January, lost two of his aunts, Mary Fische and Alice Metcreek.

He is survived by his daughters, and their mother, Pam, who reside in the state of Washington; also brothers, Paul Kirchoff and his wife, Laurette, and their son, Nathaniel, of Kalispell, and Michael Montek and his wife, Bertha, and their two daughters, Kriska and Marissa, of Whittier, Calif., and many aunts, uncles and cousins too numerous to mention.

A private family get together to celebrate Robert's life, as all the formality he wished to take place. He was loved and will be missed, deeply.

The family suggests that donations be made to the Creston Rural Fire Department (CRL), 4998 Montana 35, Kalispell, MT 59901; or the VFW Food Pantry, 1527 Montana 35, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Richard Lloyd Kirkpatrick, 79

Richard Lloyd Kirkpatrick, 79, "joined with the Lord and his beloved Geraldine," on Monday, Dec. 19, 2005. Dad was born Sept. 12, 1926, in Kalispell, to Warren and Vivian (O'Leary) Kirkpatrick. Richard completed his primary and secondary education while being raised in Kalispell and graduated from Flathead County High School.



After serving his country for a short period, Richard attended Montana State University and acquired his civil engineering degree. On Feb. 2, 1952, Richard was married to Geraldine Lenore Richardson and enjoyed 38 years of togetherness.

With two of their seven children born, they moved from Casper, Wyo., to Anacortes, Wash., in 1956. Here Richard hired on with Texaco as a civil engineer for which he carried out a 33-year career and retired with great honors. Undeniably his greatest career achievement was his engineering and directing the construction of Texaco's Coker Unit, which now provides many Anacortes residents with jobs and security. His diligence, creativity, and lack of fear to try new technologies on the Coker Project, secured Texaco's Anacortes refineries future for many years to come.

An assertive mathematician, he also was responsible for surveying much of the greater Anacortes area. For the last 50 years, never did a summer pass without multiple fishing trips to Tuttle Cove. Pioneered and developed by Richard and his buddies, Tuttle Cove Fishing Society was where he loved to be. All who have traveled on these fishing trips with Richard know how valuable he was in creating and maintaining a fishing camp that will live on for several generations. None so precious of words that "Daylight in the Swamp!"

Richard was responsible for starting up a college baseball program at Montana State University and played semipro baseball himself for a few years. A bowler, golfer, and dad; his family was his life. Raising seven kids over several decades, he was all about family. He passed up many career financial opportunities to preserve the stability of his family here in the Pacific Northwest. Richard was preceded in death by his wife, Geraldine, and his son, Colin. He is survived by his children, Shannon, Kevin, Todd, Shea, Kelly and Ryan; 15 grandchildren, Justin, Mariys, Nathan, Tyler, Morgan, Brennan, Kaily, Kye, Joel, Jordan, Jackson, Damon, Sally, Kate and Reuben; one great-grandson, Hayden; his sister and brother-in-law, Sally and Bud Neumann; nieces, Kayce, Reta, Ruth, Erin and Susan; and his nephew, Kirk. He will also be remembered by one very special woman, Miss Jeanette Allumbaugh, who spent much of Richard's later years with him. Visitation will be held at Evans Funeral Chapel in Anacortes from 1 to 7 p.m. today, Dec. 22, followed by a vigil service at 7 p.m. today at Evans Funeral Chapel. A private Mass of Christian burial will be held Friday, Dec. 23, at St. Paul's Catholic Church in La Conner, followed by interment at Fernhill Cemetery in Anacortes, where he will be placed by Geraldine's side. A public reception will be afterward at 1 p.m., at the American Croatian Club of Anacortes, 1202 Seventh St., in Anacortes. Donations may be made in Richard's memory to the Skagit Hospice Foundation, P.O. Box 1376, Mount Vernon, WA 98273, whose kindness and experience helped the Kirkpatrick family in the final days of Richard's life. "We are going to miss you Pa, but you will never be forgotten. Thank you." Arrangements are in the care of Evans Funeral Chapel and Crematory in Anacortes. Share memories of Richard and sign the online guest register at [www.evanschapel.com](http://www.evanschapel.com).

## Byron Elton Kiser, 44

Byron Elton Kiser, 44, died in his sleep Sunday, March 6, 2005, at his home in Kalispell.

He was born Feb. 12, 1961, in Kalispell, to Phillip and Louise M. (Casady) Kiser. Byron attended schools in Columbia Falls and Anaconda.

He had worked as a journeyman painter for 25 years here and one year in Hawaii. He was a dedicated and meticulous painter and everyone who knew him appreciated his good work.

Byron was married to Libby Leigh Soger on Aug. 1, 2001, and they have one son, Robert. He loved his family and friends and animals.

He always admired his grandfather, Robert Casady, who was also a painter and chose to follow in his footsteps. Byron was a generous person and willing to help anyone in need. He and a friend once hitchhiked to Florida to see the pace center. Byron enjoyed camping and being in the great out-



doors. He is survived by his wife, Libby Kiser, and son, Robert of Kalispell; his parents, Phil and Louise Kiser of Columbia Falls; sister, Rhonda L. (Kiser) Smith and son, Zeke Smith of Bemidji, Minn.; brother, Steve Kiser and his wife, Annette, and their children, Adam, Phillip, Robyn and Robert Kiser of St. George, Utah; brother, Vernon Kiser and his children, Tyler and Brittany Kiser of Columbia Falls; sister, Rubiana (Kiser) Masa and her husband, Paul, and their three daughters, Rebecca, Ariana and Kiera Masa of Columbia Falls; and many cousins, aunts and uncles.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Robert and Ruby Casady, and Elmer and Ruth Kiser; one niece, Jessica Masa; and one nephew, Jason Kiser.

Memorial services for Byron will be held 1 p.m. Saturday, March 12, at the Columbia Falls Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Chapel, 1700 Talbot Road, Columbia Falls. There will be no public visitation.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for Byron's family.

## Ruby Nadine Kirkpatrick, 83

Ruby Nadine Kirkpatrick, 83, died Wednesday, April 20, 2005, at the North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

She is survived by two daughters, Susan Sanders of Eureka, and Patricia Maddox of Anchorage, Alaska.

No services are planned at this time.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for the family.

# ROBERT JEROME "BOB" KIRCHOFF, 55

February 16, 2005 at 5:00 am |

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He was born on Aug. 20, 1949, in Salina, Kansas, the son of Paul Donald and LaVonne June (Piche') Kirchoff. Bob grew up all over the United States of America, except for a five-year period where the family lived in Ipswich, England, as his father had a career in the Air Force.

Following in the footsteps of his father, he served in the Air Force for six active years of duty, which included one tour in Vietnam.

In 1973, after an honorable discharge he settled in Tacoma, Wash., by his wife Pamela's (Baker) family. This union brought forth two daughters, Veronica J. "Ronnie" and Cassandra J. "Cassie" Kirchoff.

Bob completed training programs in both welding and auto body mechanics at Clover Park Vo-tech. He worked over 28 years as an auto body journeyman in the Tacoma area. Having a "natural talent working with cars" he did excellent work in his trade, but had to give it up when an injury (broken neck) sustained while in the military affected that work and his quality of life. Also due to other health problems he developed, he couldn't continue to work, and struggled as a 30 percent disabled veteran.

Bob got most of his pleasure when he took up golf in the 1980s. He played a lot at the P.L.U. course in Spanaway, Wash., achieving a hole in one trophy on Oct. 17, 1992, at the 11th hole. He also enjoyed being on pool leagues at the Rustic Inn in Tacoma. Bob continued playing both sports, for pleasure with his brother here in the local area. He also enjoyed singing and would participate in karaoke.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and most recently in January, lost two of his aunts, Mary Piche' and Alice McCormick.

He is survived by his daughters, and their mother, Pam, who reside in the state of Washington; also brothers, Paul Kirchoff and his wife, Laurette, and their son, Nathaniel, of Kalispell, and Michael Menick and his wife, Bertha, and their two daughters, Ericka and Marissa, of Whittier, Calif.; and many aunts, uncles and cousins too numerous to mention.

A private family get together to celebrate Robert's life, is all the formality he wished to take place. He was loved and will be missed, deeply.

The family suggests that donations be made to the Creston Rural Fire Department/QRU, 4498 Montana 35, Kalispell, MT 59901; or the VFW Food Pantry, 1527 Montana 35, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

# BYRON ELTON KISER, 44

*March 10, 2005 at 5:00 am | Byron Elton Kiser, 44, died in his sleep Sunday, March 6, 2005, at his home in Kalispell.*

He was born Feb. 12, 1961, in Kalispell, to Phillip and Louise M. (Casady) Kiser. Byron attended schools in Columbia Falls and Anaconda.

He had worked as a journeyman painter for 25 years here and one year in Hawaii. He was a dedicated and meticulous painter and everyone who knew him appreciated his good work.

Byron was married to Libby Leigh Stiger on Aug. 1, 2001, and they have one son, Robert. He loved his family and friends and animals.

He always admired his grandfather, Robert Casady, who was also a painter and chose to follow in his footsteps. Byron was a generous person and willing to help anyone in need. He and a friend once hitchhiked to Florida to see the space center. Byron enjoyed camping and being in the great outdoors.

He is survived by his wife, Libby Kiser, and son, Robert of Kalispell; his parents, Phil and Louise Kiser of Columbia Falls; sister, Rhonda L. (Kiser) Smith and son, Zeke Smith of Bemidji, Minn.; brother, Steve Kiser and his wife, Annette, and their children, Adam, Phillip, Robyn and Robert Kiser of St. George, Utah; brother, Vernon Kiser and his children, Tyler and Brittany Kiser of Columbia Falls; sister, Rubianna (Kiser) Masa and her husband, Paul, and their three daughters, Rebecca, Ariana and Kierra Masa of Columbia Falls; and many cousins, aunts and uncles.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Robert and Ruby Casady, and Elmer and Ruth Kiser; one niece, Jessica Masa; and one nephew, Jason Kiser.

Memorial services for Byron will be held 1 p.m. Saturday, March 12, at the Columbia Falls Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Chapel, 1780 Talbot Road, Columbia Falls. There will be no public visitation.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for Byron's family.



# SHERRY ANN KLINE, 52

*January 10, 2005 at 5:00 am |*

On Friday, Jan. 7, 2005, "God gazed down from Heaven, in search of a helper with a good heart, and called upon Sherry Ann Kline."

Sherry Ann Carter Kline was born on Feb. 14, 1952, in Whitefish, to Ray E. Carter and Gladys V. Johnson Carter.

A Valentine's baby, Sherry enjoyed collecting anything and everything "heart-shaped." The youngest of four children, she and her older brothers grew up learning to fish and swim in the Flathead River and roaming the foot of Columbia Mountain, at the Carter and Johnson family farms. She attended Columbia Falls Schools and later, attended FVCC, majoring in human services. Sherry worked in customer service all over the valley for the majority of her life, while raising her three children, Shellie, Renae, and Jason.

While growing up, Sherry and her kids found laughter in small things like old records and games of Yahtzee, trips to Nebraska to see grandparents, catching fireflies, and drive-in movies. She took great pride in her kids and could always be counted on to help with a last minute project - a costume, a dress for a band concert, or a scouting craft. She was a talented seamstress and sewed many of her children's clothes, as well as agreeably mending her son-in-law's work jeans and making blankets and cloth diapers for her grandchildren.

Sherry found her soul mate in Greg Kline, and they married in July of 1986. Greg and Sherry were an invincible duo and could always be seen hand in hand and obviously in love. From rummage sales to road trips, and as many trips as they could fit to the Red Lobster in between, eighteen years of "hearts," love notes, and constant companionship were gifted Sherry and Greg. He cared for her with empathy and grace the remaining months of her life, never failing to tell her each day, how beautiful and cherished she was.

Sherry claimed all "bragging rights" to her four grandchildren, Justin, Kasmir, Amaia, and Hannah, as you could tell by her walls covered in photographs and her constant search for a whimsical "goodie" to send home in a bag "for the kids." She loved surprising others with gag gifts, especially her famous "Rudolph" gifts, and was always up for a good prank, a good story, or a good talk.

Some of her greatest joys in life were gardening and supplying her family with canned and dehydrated bounty from her green thumb, as well as fishing, camping, and spoiling her cat. Sherry really loved boating - while some people do figure 8's, Sherry excelled at figure 22's! She was always the first in line to help plan and organize a party or event, right down to doing most of the catering herself - whether for 25 or 125. She was famous for her baked beans and fried chicken, her stuffed green peppers, and her artistic vegetable trays.

Sherry will always be remembered for her generosity of spirit, her perseverance, her sense of humor, and her vivacious and tenacious love of life. She taught those around her that you always keep your chin up and a smile on your face, dare to believe in yourself and never give up, and when all else fails - grab a star and hang on!

To all of those who knew and loved her, Sherry will always be remembered as "one tough Norwegian woman," and to those who knew her best of all, it is no surprise that she lived her last moments the way she lived her life - fully, with dignity, and most of all, "her way." She will be greatly missed and remembered always, for the person she strived to be, and in the process, taught us all how to become. While she was here, she made the grass greener, the lights brighter, the tastes sweeter, and the nights warmer.

Sherry was preceded in death by her mother, Gladys (Johnson Carter) Kile; an infant daughter, Tina Rae Sibley; father, Ray E. Carter, Sr.; and grandparents T.S. and Bessie Carter and Nicolai and Winnie Johnson.

She is survived by her husband, Greg, of Columbia Falls; daughters, Shellie Spilis and husband Chucko, and Renae Gugler and husband Rocky, of Kalispell; a son, Jason Polensky, of Wichita, Kan.; grandchildren, Justin, Kasmir, and Amaia Spilis, and Hannah Lou Gugler; brothers Ray Carter, Jr., of Pierre, S.D., Larry Len Carter, of Newton, Kan., and Jack Carter, of Tulsa, Okla., and numerous other relatives.

Cremation will take place under the direction of Columbia Mortuary. Services will be held in Kalispell, at Northridge Lutheran Church, 323 Northridge Drive, on Wednesday, Jan. 12, at 11 a.m., with fellowship following.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in Sherry's name, to the Northridge Lutheran Church general fund or the charity of your choice.

## Lenora Knupton, 91

Lenora Knupton, 91, a longtime Columbia Falls resident, passed away on Nov. 20, 2005, at the (Lutheran) Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

Her obituary on Sept. 1, 1911, in *Banker Miner* outside Hamilton to Andy and Sarah Amundson. She married Henry (Hemph) Hilly on Oct. 1, 1913, and married Wolf and Hilly Knupton in Hamilton on June 1, 1934. They had three sons: Dick, Jim, and Doug.

The family moved to Columbia Falls when Flathead Creek mill reopened following World War II. Lenora supported her sons in all their activities in Flathead while they were growing up and volunteered for many of them. She was a club member for her mother, sister and son. A father's advisor and a regular at school plays, band concerts, and football and basketball games.

Some of Lenora's other activities included working with her husband at Gateway Lumber and driving a school bus route, where she handed out more treats than discipline. Her cookies were well known by kids of all ages. She knitted and crocheted an untold number of sweaters, afghans, table cloths and blankets.

Lenora was a member of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church for more than 50 years where she worked on different committees

and belonged to the Morning Circle for many years. Lenora also volunteered for several years at the Columbia Falls Senior Center. She especially enjoyed working in the kitchen. Her family and church were very important parts of her life.

She became her husband's caregiver after Bill suffered a stroke. She always enjoyed hearing what her sons, grandchildren and great grandchildren were doing. She also enjoyed seeing them whenever they came to visit. Lenora traveled to several states to help when grandchildren arrived.

Lenora is survived by her sons, Dick and Sandy of Houston, Jim of Council, and Doug and Janice of Columbia Falls; seven grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, two sisters, and a brother.

Lenora will be missed by all the people she touched along the way.

A memorial service will be held 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 6, at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls with Pastor Tom Gopp officiating.

Memorials are suggested for Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Luthemann Lutheran Home, or charities of choice.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is in charge of the arrangements.

## Lawrence Norman 'Buster' Knutson, 79

Lawrence Norman "Buster" Knutson, 79, passed away Sunday, Aug. 7, 2005, at his home in Kalispell. He was born July 23, 1926, a twin, in Kalispell to Fred and Hattie Clara (Conrad) Knutson.



Buster grew up in the Batavia area working on his uncle's ranch until he was 18 years old. He enlisted in the Navy in October 1944 and was honorably discharged in June 1946. He had obtained the rank of gunner's mate 3rd class.

Buster returned to the Flathead Valley and worked at ranching for a short time. He then began a career working in the woods.

Buster married Arlene Kinshella on May 17, 1952, in Kalispell. After retiring from the Royal Logging Company in 1981, he went to work for the Nevada Test Site outside of Las Vegas until 1988, when the couple moved back home to live out their lives.

Buster enjoyed western culture and rodeos. His hobbies included

playing guitar, woodworking, fishing, camping and horseback riding. He was a member of the Sheriff's Posse and one of the early organizers of the Junior Sheriff Posse Drill Team.

Buster was preceded in death by his parents; and his twin brother, Clarence.

He is survived by his wife, Arlene; daughter, Connie Fischer, and husband, Dan; and son, Larry Jr., and wife, Diane, all of Kalispell. He is also survived by 10 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; two sisters, Norma Brumbaugh and husband, Harold, of Richmond, Wash., and Betty Brown and husband, Ransom, of Burley, Idaho; along with numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation for Buster will be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. today, Aug. 9, at the Johnson Mortuary. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 10, in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel, with Pastor Jim Holman officiating. Burial will follow at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Military honors will be by the United Veterans of the Flathead.

Johnson Mortuary & Crematory is caring for Buster's family.

## Norman A. Knutson, 80

Norman A. Knutson, 80, formerly of Kalispell, died May 18, 2005, at his residence in Walla Walla, Wash.

He is survived by his wife, Cynthia J. Knutson, at the family home; two daughters, Jeanie Holm of North Plains, Ore., and Lori White of Meridian, Idaho; and two sons, Alan Knutson of Bellingham, Wash.,

and Scott Knutson of Walla Walla.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. today, May 21, at Christ Lutheran Church of Walla Walla with the Rev. John Knapp officiating. Burial will follow at Mountain View Cemetery.

Herring Groseclose Funeral Home in Walla Walla is handling arrangements.

## Gayle Loraine Kolden, 54

Gayle Loraine Kolden, 54, passed away Monday, Feb. 14, 2005, while in the presence of her family.

She was born Nov. 12, 1950, in Clovis, N.M., to Jack Fish and Clarice Inslund. After spending a short time in New Mexico her family moved to North Dakota and then to Columbia Falls.

Gayle went on to marry the love of her life, Richard Allen Kolden. The two met at a dance at the Whitefish Armory, and married in 1970. The two offered each other a true love, something others seldom find and most can only dream of.

Gayle was devoted to her family and shared her passion, love and understanding with her husband, children, grandchild, brothers, sister, parents, and all of her



extended family. In 2001 she became "Grammy" to a very special little boy whom she cherished more than anything.

Gayle is survived by her husband, Richard; three sons, Brady, Jerome, and Brian; grandson, Rodie; daughter-in-law, Carey; two brothers, Leonard and Wade; sister, Myrna; father, Jack Fish; mother, Clarice Inslund; numerous cousins, aunts, uncles, and an extended family reaching far and wide.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. today, Feb. 16, at Buffalo Hills Funeral Home in Kalispell. A potluck reception will be held immediately following at the home of Wade and Penny Fish, located at 5710 U.S. 97 S., Whitefish.

The family suggests memorials be made to Flathead Hospice, 175 Commons Loop, Ste. 100, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

# LENORA KNAPTON, 91

*January 05, 2005 at 5:00 am |*

Lenora Knapton, 91, a longtime Columbia Falls resident, passed away on New Year's Day, 2005, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She was born on Sept. 1, 1913, in Bagley, Minn., (outside Bemidji) to Ludvig and Sarah Amundson. She graduated from Bemidji High School in 1932 and married William "Bill" Knapton in Bemidji, on June 5, 1934. They had three sons there, Dick, Jim, and Doug.

The family moved to Columbia Falls when Plum Creek mill relocated following World War II. Lenora supported her sons in all their various activities while they were growing up and volunteered for many of them. She was a Cub Scout den mother, junior and senior Luther League advisor and a regular at school plays, band concerts, and football and basketball games.

Some of Lenora's other activities included working with her husband at Gateway Lumber and driving a school bus route, where she handed out more treats than discipline. Her cookies were well known by kids of all ages. She knitted and crocheted an untold number of sweaters, afghans, tablecloths and blankets.

Lenora was a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church for more than 50 years where she worked on different committees and belonged to the Morning Circle for many years. Lenora also volunteered for several years at the Columbia Falls Senior Center. She especially enjoyed working in the kitchen. Her family and church were very important parts of her life.

She became her husband's care giver after Bill suffered a stroke. She always enjoyed hearing what her sons, grandchildren and great-grandchildren were doing. She also enjoyed seeing them whenever they came to visit. Lenora traveled to several states to help when grandchildren arrived.

Lenora is survived by her sons, Dick and Sandy of Houston, Jim of Conrad, and Doug and Janice of Columbia Falls; seven grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, two sisters, and a brother.

Lenora will be missed by all the people she touched along the way.

A memorial service will be held 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 6, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls with Pastor Tom Gopp officiating.

Memorials are suggested for Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Immanuel Lutheran Home, or charities of choice.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is in charge of the arrangements.

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*February 16, 2005 at 5:00 am |*

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Gayle went on to marry the love of her life, Richard Allen Kolden. The two met at a dance at the Whitefish Armory, and married in 1970. The two offered each other a true love, something others seldom find and most can only dream of.

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## Pearl Ethel Kolden, 85

Pearl Ethel Kolden, 85, passed away at the Immanuel Lutheran Home on Dec. 4, 2005, from pneumonia. "By leaving us she was able to be in the presence of her husband and her family in heaven with God at her side."



Mom was a resident at the Immanuel Lutheran Home since Nov. 22, 2002. She came to love her new home and her caretakers, and they in turn came to love her as much as her family did. She came to regard her male nurse, Ricker, as her son, and "we love him like our brother." She tried very hard to make life as easy as possible for those wonderful people who loved and cared for her.

Mom was born Jan. 23, 1920, in Minot, N.D. She was married Feb. 27, 1946, to Richard M. Kolden, and they raised their family on the family farm in Roseglen, N.D., until they moved to Kalispell in the winter of 1960. Both Pearl and Richard retired from School District No. 5 as custodians.

Mom was preceded in death by her parents, John and Hildur Kerzman; her husband, Richard, who passed on March 21, 1995; a daughter-in-law, Gayle Kolden, who passed on Feb. 14, 2005; and six brothers, Bud, Art, Swede,

Bob, Glenn and Clinton.

Mom is survived by five daughters and one son, Patricia and Dave Muhlbardt, Sharon and Joe Scott Chalmers, Carol and Don Eayrs, Richard and Sandi Kolden, Jean and Jim Balding, and Janice and Stewart Kirkpatrick; two brothers, Richard and Dennis Kerzman; three sisters, Viola Golden, Thelma Rickerett, and Hildur Gartner, three sisters-in-law, Lorraine Kerzman, Myrt Jorgenson and Alice Ehley; 13 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

"Mom and Dad were always so proud to introduce their six children to anyone they thought might have the slightest interest in knowing who we were. They believed their greatest accomplishment in life was their children. We hope we will continue to make them proud. To relatives and friends of mother's, I hope you will find comfort in knowing that we were by her side and that she passed peacefully into the arms of our heavenly Father. We thank all of you for caring and loving her."

We are planning a graveside memorial service under the direction of Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory in late spring or early summer. An announcement will be placed in the Inter Lake prior to services.

We suggest memorials be given to the Immanuel Lutheran Home or Hospice in mother's memory.

Roy L. Kramer, 90, passed away on Sunday, Nov. 13, 2005, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

Roy was born on Aug. 8, 1915, in Clements, Minn., to Sebastian and Margaret Mary Kramer. He moved to Fort Ripley, Minn., in 1916. He attended schools in Fort Ripley, Bell Prairie Catholic Academy, Little Falls High School as a freshman and sophomore, then living with his aunt, Annie, and uncle, Joe Como, during his



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junior year. He graduated from Brainerd High School in 1935. Roy attended the University of Minnesota from 1939 until 1941. He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1942, serving for four years.

He attended Mets Meteorology

Kramer and wife, Rita, of St. Cloud, Minn.; daughter, Cheryl Hoheisel and husband, Mark, of Orlando, Fla.; son, Kevin Kramer and his wife, Donna, of Kalispell; one brother, Lewis Kramer of Fairbault, Minn.; one sister, Betty Caughey of Brainerd; 16 grandchildren, Jessica Hansen of Colorado Springs, Colo., Patrick Kramer of West Yellowstone, Kristen Kramer of Missoula, Jennifer Waverek of New York, Jody Waverek, Jordan Waverek, and Cody Kramer, all of Kalispell,

Cayla Kramer of Missoula, Tony Kramer of St. Cloud, Brian Hoheisel, and Adam Hoheisel, both of Orlando, Rocky Kramer of Kalispell, Tommie Kramer of Renton, Wash., Breanna Chavez, and Jason Copping, both of Kalispell, and Laci Boeckel of Garberville, Calif.; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

A wake service will be at 7 p.m. with Deacon Fred Topp officiat-

## John Eyth Krapf, 82

John Eyth Krapf, 82, a retired machinist and U.S. Navy veteran from Cut Bank, died Wednesday, May 4, 2005, at Glacier County Care Center in Cut Bank of natural causes.

Cremation has taken place and a service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 4, at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Whitted Funeral Chapel of Cut Bank is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.whittedfuneralchapel.com](http://www.whittedfuneralchapel.com).

He is survived by his wife Mary Krapf of Cut Bank; daughter, Linda (Dana) Williams of Salt Lake City; son, Mark (Cathy) Krapf of Cut Bank; a sister, Dorothy Johnson of Burbank, Calif.; grandsons, Karl Krapf of Bozeman, Kyle Krapf of Casper, Wyo., Kody Krapf of Cut Bank and Jesse Williams and Perry Williams both of Salt Lake City.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a cousin Gretchen Frantzych.

He was born August 4, 1922, to Karl B. and Julia (Eyth) Krapf in Enterprise, Kan. When John was a child, the family moved to Cut Bank where he grew up and graduated from high school. He attended Montana State College in Bozeman for one year and entered the U.S. Navy where he served as a flight instructor from 1942-1946.

He then attended the University of Colorado in Boulder where he graduated with a degree in education.

While in college, he met Mary Elizabeth Knodle and they were married June 18, 1950, in Marshalltown, Iowa. They moved to Cut Bank where John worked at and later took over the family oilfield machine shop. After retiring in 1984, they traveled around the country extensively and spent their winters in Tucson, Ariz.

He was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, a past member of the hospital board and the Jaycees, was a 50-year member of the Cut Bank Elk's Lodge No. 1632; a 50-year, 32-degree member of Cut Bank Masonic Lodge No. 82 and Tri-County Shrine Club and Al Bedoo Temple; a 50-year member of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity of the University of Colorado, a member of the Good Sam Club, the Glacier Penguins and a member of the Montana Pilots Association.

He enjoyed working with stained glass, snowmobiling, boating, traveling in his motor home, golfing, motorcycling, talking on his C.B. radios, lapidary and flying.

Donations can be made to the Shriner's Cripple Children Hospital or any charity of the donor's choice.

School for one year at Lamoor, Calif.

Roy married Norma Jordan on Jan. 20, 1945, in Brainerd, Minn. He went to work as a meteorologist in April of 1947, at the St. Cloud Weather Bureau. Roy retired in January of 1974.

Roy is survived by his children, Dennis Kramer and his wife, Joyce, of Billings; daughter, Sandi Waverek and husband, Tom, of Kalispell; son, Rick Kramer and wife, Jean, of Kalispell; son, Keith

ing. A Mass of Christian burial will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 19, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church with the Rev. Rudy Bullman officiating.

Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Graveside military honors will be done by the United Veterans of the Flathead Valley.

The family request memorials in Roy's name be given to the donor's favorite charity.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Kevin Dick Krause, 25

Kevin Dick Krause of North Pole, Alaska, died tragically Sept. 12, 2005, in a small-aircraft accident near the Wood River, about miles from Fairbanks, Alaska, along with his beloved brother-in-law, Sean R. Hill.

Kevin was born Jan. 14, 1980, in Kalispell, where he spent the first three years of his life before moving to Alaska with his family. He held various jobs over the years, working in pizza joints, operating and repairing heavy equipment, and most recently working in an auto parts store. He was very mechanically inclined and could repair or alter anything he put his mind to. He attended school in North Pole and went through much of the Process Technology program at the University of Alaska-Fairbanks.

His hobbies included just about anything motorized, from pocket bikes and hobby aircraft, to motorcycles and four-wheelers, to street and stock cars, and airplanes. He raced stock cars off and on since 1996 in the Greater Fairbanks Racing Association in various classes since he was old enough to legally get out on the track at the age of 16. Among the many trophies he won, he was voted most popular driver three years in a row, and was most proud of his "Wall-banger" award, and a first place trophy dash award that another driver contested but he kept anyhow. He also once placed second in the "King of the Street" competition at the Fairbanks Racing Lion's

drag races. He was also an avid gun and shooting enthusiast and held several NRA certifications for marksmanship.

He is survived by his mother and stepfather, Tammy and John Phillips, of North Pole; sisters, Kristina Hill and her daughter, Rowan, Melissa Phillips Gray and her son, Zachary, and Cindy and her husband, Robert Shurte; grandmothers, Mae Christensen, Dorothy Krause, and Carol Phillips; uncles and aunts, Dennis and Betty Christensen, Deryl and Deanna Krause, Kirk and Dhana Krause, Cate Phillips, Craig and Ann Wilson, and Robert Phillips, and their families; and many, many more in the extended family.

He also leaves behind some very good friends who enjoyed motor sports, shooting, hunting and fishing, and other good times with him.

He lived the life he loved and will be dearly missed by all.

He was preceded in death by his father, Dick Krause; and grandfathers, Floyd Krause, Ken Christensen, and the Rev. John A. Phillips.

A joint memorial service will be held for Kevin and Sean at 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17, at the David Salmon Tribal Hall, 109 Clay St., in Fairbanks, Alaska. The dress code/theme for the service is Carhartt clothing and "Cat" hats for those so compelled to wear them.

Graveside services will be afterward at Birch Hill Cemetery,

## Wilma A. Krueger, 91

Wilma A. Krueger, 91, passed away on Sunday, March 6, 2005, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

Wilma was born on May 17, 1913, in New Salem N.D., to Henry and Freda Benker Holle. She attended rural grade school in New Salem, and graduated from New Salem High School with honors in 1930. Wilma attended Dickinson College for a period of time.

Wilma married Fred "Fritz" Krueger on June 7, 1936, at the family home in New Salem. They lived on the grain and dairy farm. They moved to Kalispell, in 1947, where they lived on 240 acres and raised hens to sell the eggs.

She was a member of the Merry Matrons Club, and the First Presbyterian Church. She enjoyed sewing, knitting, crocheting and doing crossword puzzles.

She was an ardent supporter of her family and other farm families. She would return to North Dakota every few years to visit her family and friends.

She was preceded in death by

her parents, her husband, Fritz; a daughter, Karol, a sister, Alice Attenberg; brother-in-law, Lorenz Altenberg; brothers, Milton, Wilbur and Elmer; and granddaughter-in-law, Julie Krueger.

She is survived by her son, Kenneth, and his wife, Betty Krueger, of Kalispell; grandson, Gary, and wife, Jessica, of Kalispell; granddaughter, Kelly, and her husband, Jeff Craig, of Henderson, Nev.; great-grandsons, Derek, and twins, Trent and Ryan Krueger, and Steven Craig; and great-granddaughter, Carissa Krueger.

Interment will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, March 10, at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 10, at the First Presbyterian Church in Kalispell with the Rev. Glenn Burfeind officiating.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

*This paid obituary is being run again at the request of the family.*

## Bonnie Julayne Kraut, 70

Bonnie Julayne Kraut, 70, passed away July 10, 2005, in Lethbridge, Alberta, where she was born on Jan. 23, 1935.

She is survived by her brother, Bill Niles; four children, Kirk von Kraut of Greenwood Village, Colo., Tyra Kilcullen of Evergreen, Colo., Thane Kraut of Lone Tree, Colo., and Thor von Kraut of Bedford, Texas; and seven grandchildren.

Bonnie moved to Kalispell, in 1962, with her husband, Dan Kraut, who was a Montana Highway Patrolman. Bonnie lived in Kalispell from 1962 to 1983. In 1966, she was diagnosed with a brain tumor which left her paralyzed on her right side and other

complications.

She is remembered for her passion for life, incredible positive attitude and willingness to contribute to every person she met.

Bonnie returned to Lethbridge, in 1989, where she was surrounded by many friends and relatives. Her source of freedom and independence was found on an electric scooter where she was known throughout Lethbridge.

Her body was cremated and her ashes will be spread in a few of her favorite places in the Flathead Valley. "Kalispell, my hometown."

Correspondences may be directed to Thane Kraut, 9809 Carmel Court, Lone Tree, CO 80124-3117.

## Carolee Moyer Kurtz, 71

Carolee Kurtz, 71, longtime Whitefish resident, died peacefully in her sleep Monday morning, Jan. 31, 2005, at her home in Whitefish.



Carolee was born March 28, 1933, in Seattle, where she attended schools, then four years at the University of Washington and was a member of Alpha Phi Sorority.

She met and married her husband of 51 years, Norm Kurtz, in Seattle. They were married Dec. 18, 1953. Together they shared the excitement and adventure of growing with Big Mountain and Whitefish. They raised four children, Lisa Kurth of Kent, Wash., Peter Kurtz of Anaconda, Gretchen Murray of Missoula, and Jent Stout of Boise, Idaho, and she was a grandmother to six children, all boys.

In the early days of their marriage, Carolee lived on Big Mountain, as Chalet manager, then later owned and operated View Mount Motel (now Rocky Mountain Lodge). She volunteered in many organizations. Carolee was part of the very first Whitefish Winter Carnival. For many years, she was president of the Whitefish

Women's Club, and held offices in the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Montana. Since the late 1960s, Carolee worked very hard to get a swimming pool for Whitefish. As her phrase of the new "Wave" (the pool) in Whitefish states: "She never quit." She believed in Whitefish and did what it took to get the job done.

The library build, recycling park and recreation boards, Whitefish Lake Boat Club, hospital guild, Whitefish Winter Carnival, (the snowflake street ornaments) all were a big part of her life. Until the last few years, she was an avid sailor, and shared many sailing adventures on Whitefish Lake. (Wednesday sailboat races were a classic), and many sailing trips to the San Juan Islands in Washington, and the British Virgin Islands.

The talents and gifts she passed on to family and friends will be seen in Whitefish for years to come! She will be missed.

Her family is eternally grateful for the loving care that Lori and the Hospice staff provided for her last weeks.

At Carolee's request, a celebration will be held in her honor in a few weeks. Memorials, in form of flowers, may be sent in her name to Home Options Hospice of Kalispell.

## Gynell D. Kujawa, 79

Gynell D. Kujawa, 79, a longtime resident of the Kootenai Valley, died Friday, Nov. 11, 2005, at her home in Libby.

Survivors include her husband, Loren, of Libby; daughter, Dr. Mary Kujawa, of Princeton, N.J., and sons, Loren J. Kujawa of Franklin, Maine, Charles Kujawa

of Spokane, John and Frank Kujawa, both of Libby, and Carl Kujawa of Missoula.

Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Arrangements are under the care of Nelson and Vial Funeral Home.

# WILMA A. KRUEGER, 91

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Interment will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 9, at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 9, at the First Presbyterian Church in Kalispell with the Rev. Glenn Burfeind officiating.

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