

# PEGGY MARIE-JEAN (BURKE) LEIMKUEHLER, 27, PASSED AWAY ON FRIDAY,

*July 24, 2005 at 5:00 am | Daily Inter Lake*

Peggy was born in Plentywood, on Dec. 27, 1977, to her father, Dale Burke, and mother, Sharon Suzane Tyler. Peggy enjoyed life. She loved and had a passion for high school sports, basketball being her favorite.

After high school, she attended college in Williston, N.D. She moved to the Flathead Valley in 2000 to be with her family.

She enjoyed working, often working early and late hours without pay to help improve the company she worked for. She loved spending time planting and taking care of plants and flowers. With a passion for interior decorating, there wasn't anything she couldn't do or accomplish.

Peggy was a wonderful mother and loving wife. Always having a thoughtful and kind heart, her beautiful smile and loving touch will remain in our hearts forever and she will be greatly missed by her family and all who knew her.

She is survived by her husband, Scott Shaun Leimkuehler (29), 19-month-old daughter, Alyssa Ilene Leimkuehler, both of Columbia Falls; father, Dale Burke, mother, Sharon Tyler; brother, Travis Burke of Plentywood; stepmother, Winifred Burke; grandparents, Rosie and Bob Burke; mother and father-in-law, Larry and Debbie Leimkuehler; brother-in-law, Andrew Leimkuehler; sister-in-law, Heather Braswell and her family; uncle, Rich Burke; aunt, Tracie Burke. In addition to her immediate family, Peggy is survived by many aunts, uncles, cousins and many close friends.

A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, July 25, at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls, Rev. Darrell Newby officiating. Burial will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

A luncheon will follow at her grandparents' house at 3942 Columbia Falls Stage Road.

## Gerrit Kendall Leppink, 89

Gerrit Kendall Leppink died on Thursday, May 5, 2005, at Lakeview Care Center in Bigfork, at the age of 89.

Gary was born on May 26, 1915, in Isanti, Minn., to John and

Emily Leppink. He was the third child in a family of six boys and one girl. He lived in a number of towns in Minnesota until 1928, when his father, employed by the Great Northern Railway, moved the family to Montana, settling in Hedgesville, which was a paradise for a bunch of boys who loved to hunt, fish, and enjoy the outdoors. Gary finished his schooling there, graduating from high school in Hedgesville.

During the Depression years of the 1930's, Gary worked various jobs on ranches and for the railroad. He also ran a trapline, which was much to his liking.

In 1940, Gary joined the National Guard, which was being activated for World War II. Shortly after Pearl Harbor, he was deployed to Australia, and later to various areas in the South Pacific, serving in the 41st Infantry Division with two of his brothers, Lloyd and Herman.

Gary returned to Helena, in Montana, where his family had moved during the war years. After working for the government in Helena for a year, he rejoined his old National Guard unit, where he was commissioned as a second lieutenant. He worked in various capacities for the state headquarters of the Montana National Guard until he retired as a lieutenant colonel in 1973.

In 1965, he married Shirley Moore, a widow with three children, whom they raised together.



In 1975, with the family raised, Gary and Shirley sold their home in Helena, and built their retirement home on the shores of Swan Lake, enjoying golfing, boating, and a variety of community activities there. In recent years, Gary and Shirley have wintered in Mesa, Ariz.

A caring man of gentle strength, who spoke volumes in few words, Gary will be missed by all whose lives he touched, but who know that he is now in a place where his fishing reel will always be full, his putts will always roll true, and his pinocle hand will be full of trump.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Ruth Hesselroth; and his brothers, Vernon, Lloyd and Alton.

Gary is survived by his wife, Shirley Leppink, of Swan Lake; their three children, Daniel Moore of Moreno Valley, Calif., Joni Chenoweth of Helena, and David Moore and Virginia Heineman of Seattle; five grandchildren, Cory Chenoweth, Kyle Chenoweth, Megan Moore, Nick Lopez, and Monique Heineman; great-granddaughter, Chloe Davila; his two brothers, Herman Leppink of Seattle, and John Leppink of Helena; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held 11 a.m. on Monday, May 9, at the National Guard Service Club at Fort Harrison, near Helena, and on Tuesday, May 10 at 2 p.m. at the Swan Lake Chapel in Swan Lake. Revs. Ron Pierce and Curtis Wallace will officiate.

The family requests memorials to the Bigfork Quick Response Unit, Bigfork, MT 59911, or the Swan Lake Search and Rescue, Swan Lake, MT 59911.

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

## Grace Irene (Darling) Lerum, 93

Grace Irene (Darling) Lerum, 93, died Tuesday, May 24, 2005, at the Marias Care Center in Shelby.

She is survived by her daughters, Dorothy Lee of Hermiston, Ore., and Lori Boltz of Big Lake, Alaska; and sons, Darrel of Tualatin, Ore.,

and Robert R. of Lakeside.

Visitation will be 1 to 8 p.m., Friday at the Whitted Funeral Chapel in Shelby. Funeral service will be 2 p.m., Saturday at the Lutheran Church of Sunburst with burial to follow in Sweet Grass Cemetery.

## Frances 'Fanny' Lester, 87

Frances Lester, 87, formerly of Somers and Joliet, passed away Nov. 9, 2005, at Evergreen Nursing home in Laurel.

"Fanny" was born in 1918 on a little homestead outside of Roundup, the only child of Johnny and Lettie Johnson. They later moved to Somers, where she loved swimming in the lakes, fishing and camping. She adored her animals and liked reading, drawing and painting pictures.

She married Kenneth Lester on Aug. 17, 1948, and together they had five children, Susan and husband, Gary Enright, Mary and



husband, Sie Counts, Jeannie Flack, Harry and wife, Kathy Lester, and Bob and wife, Charlene Lester. From a previous marriage to Melvin B. Senne, she had three children, Alray and wife, Diane Senne, Christina Senne, and Gladys Counts. Frances has 16 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

"Until we meet again dear one. We all will miss you."

Cremation has taken place under the direction of Smith Funeral Chapel in Laurel.

"Thanks to Evergreen Health Care, staff that made our mother comfortable in her years spent there."

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 12, at Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel.

## Joseph Francis 'Joe' Lewellen, 81

Joseph Francis Lewellen, 81, of Ft. Belknap, passed away Aug. 8, 2005, at Colonial Manor in Whitefish, after a battle with pancreatic cancer. He was born March 18,

1924, in Harlem to Ben and Hattie (Keeney) Lewellen.

He served in the United States Army in both World War II and the Korean War. During his valiant years in the Army, he earned numerous honors and medals. He was well-liked by his fellow soldiers and was known as "Sergeant Lew." His resourcefulness and ability to appropriate supplies made him invaluable to his company.

Although he enjoyed his life in the military, he returned to Montana as his family became a priority. He then began a 50-year career in construction as a master craftsman. He and his wife, Jean, moved to Fort Belknap in 1981, where he was employed as a



building inspector before retiring.

Joe was an animal lover and was happiest while working in his woodworking shop. He was truly a unique man and will be missed by all who knew him.

He was preceded in death by a son, Jesse Lewellen; a son-in-law, Duane R. Karlin; his sisters, brother and parents.

He is survived by his wife, Emma Jean (Larsen) Lewellen, of Fort Belknap; two daughters, JoAnn Karlin of Kalispell, and Hattie Wiysel and husband, Gary, of Minneapolis; nine grandchildren, Jesse Lewellen, Richard Lewellen, Bill Lewellen, Ben Lewellen, Darlene Grachek, and Duane B. Karlin of Kalispell, Lisa Lewellen of Denver, and Justin Wiysel and Sarah Wiysel of Minneapolis; five great-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 13, at Sacred Heart Church in Fort Belknap. Urn burial will follow at the Harlem Cemetery.

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# HEATHER DAWN LEWIS, 26

*May 06, 2005 at 5:00 am |*

Heather Dawn Lewis, 26, passed away on Sunday, May 1, 2005, in Seattle after complications from her bone marrow transplant. She was born on June 9, 1978, in Great Falls, the daughter of Charles and Debbie (Allen) Lewis.

She moved to Kalispell in 1981. She attended schools in Kalispell and graduated from Flathead County High School in 1997. She worked for the WestCoast Motel for four years and was working at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell at the time of her untimely death.

She was preceded in death by her father, Charles Lewis.

She is survived by her mother, Debbie Maze and her husband, Harvey, of Kalispell; a brother, Tim Hatlen, of Kalispell; maternal grandparents, Linda Allen of Kalispell, and Jon Allen of Ohio; paternal grandparents, Charles and Dale Lewis of Great Falls; three half brothers, Ted Lewis of Seattle; and Tom Lewis and Brad Lewis of Great Falls; a half sister, Melissa Lewis, of Great Falls; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Funeral services for Heather Lewis will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 7, at Epworth United Methodist Church. Visitation will be today, from noon until 6 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

The family suggests that any memorial contributions be sent to the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, 825 Eastlake Avenue East, Seattle, WA 98109.

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

## Chad William Lewis, 32

Chad William Lewis, 32, passed away Sunday, Aug. 7, 2005, in Whitefish. He was born March 26, 1973, in Marietta, Ga., the son of Paul William and Robin Elizabeth (Pratt) Lewis.



Chad was in love with his wife of six years, Kim Lewis. They were married June 5, 1999, at Chop Point, Maine. She was the girl of his dreams and the joy of his heart.

Chad was an honest man who was quick to admit when he was wrong. His enthusiasm was contagious. From fire-fighting to real estate; from spending time with his Bible study friends to being outdoors and in the water, Chad enjoyed so much in this life. What ever he did, it was with passion.

Funny and witty, Chad had a tender, tender heart. He was best friends with his dad, and at 32, he was still his Mom's "baby." He loved animals and kids. When something was funny, really funny, his laughter was awesome! We'd laugh at his laugh! We'll

miss that so much.

There is story after story of Chad's funny personality and tender heart. We wish we could share them all with you.

Chad belonged to the Lord and his heart was sensitive to God. We take comfort in the fact that he is whole and laughing on heaven's side right now. He was truly a great man.

"We have been changed for the better because we knew you, Chad."

He is survived by his wife, Kim Lewis, of Kalispell; his parents, Paul and Robin Lewis, of Medway, Maine; and two sisters, Amy Lewis of Medway, Maine, and Jennifer Goins and husband, Brian, of Huntersville, N.C.; also his father and mother-in-law, Ken and JoAnn Strait, of Kalispell, with nieces and nephews, Hillary and Madison Lewis, and Brantley and Palmer Goins.

Memorial services for Chad Lewis will be held at 2:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 12, at the Christian Center in Kalispell with Pastor Brian Goins officiating. There is no visitation.

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

## David Edward Lietz, 59

David Edward Lietz, 59, died Sunday, Aug. 26, 2005, at his home in Martin City after a courageous battle with cancer.

He had been co-owner of Lietz Logging Co., and served as a firefighter and fire chief for more than 25 years in Martin City.

He is survived by his sons, Shawn of Nampa, Idaho, Chad

of Kennewick, Wash., and Tony.

Cremation has taken place.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 2, at Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls with the Rev. Todd Fox officiating.

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

## James Richard Lind, 72

James Richard Lind, 72, "began his journey to his heavenly home" on Tuesday, May 31, 2005, at his residence in Lakeside.



He was born on Nov. 18, 1932, at Green River, Wyo., the son of Cecil and Stella (Anastos) Lind.

After moving to Chicago he became director of maintenance at Northwestern Medical Center where he was employed until 1970, when he went into the construction business as Mustang Enterprises.

He spent the remainder of his life doing what he most loved, tooling leather and teaching young people leather craft.

He was an avid fisherman and loved being out on Flathead Lake.

He is survived by his loving wife of 47 years, Betty (nee Cristante) Lind, and close friend, Myrt Kochinsky, both of Lakeside; and many nephews, nieces and dear friends across the country.

A memorial Mass celebrating the life of James Richard Lind was held June 6 at St. Matthew's Catholic Church with the Rev. Vic Langhans officiating.

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## Vincent "Babe" Lidstrom, 74

Vincent "Babe" Lidstrom, 74, passed away Nov. 12, 2005, at his home south of Whitefish, after a battle with cancer. "He was sent to be with Our Lord and Savior" surrounded by all his loving family.



LIDSTROM

Babe was born on Dec. 5, 1930, in Palermo, N.D., to Carl and Pauline Lidstrom. He was baptized into the Faith Lutheran Church and confirmed. He was an active member and a strong believer in the Lord all his life.

As a boy he attended school in Palermo and enjoyed spending his spare time with his black horse, Neg. He also enjoyed fishing in the White Earth Creek, something that he loved his whole life. As a young boy he was sensitive to his mother and loving to his baby sister, Ginger, who has always held a special spot in his heart. With his brothers, Sonny and Bud, he just wanted to have fun, which makes for great stories when the family gets together.

As a young man he went to work for the Great Northern Railway.

On Sept. 13, 1949, he married Lorraine Rice in Tioga, N.D. They were married for 37 years before her passing on May 17, 1987.

Babe was transferred to Whitefish to work on the Western Fruit as a refrigeration mechanic.

There he raised his family of five children on a farm south of town where he raised black Angus cattle. The farm has always been a special place of gatherings on weekends and holidays. All his nieces and nephews held the farm special in their hearts for all the summer vacations spent with Uncle Babe.

Babe was a loving husband, a caring father and a patient grandfather who loved each grandchild in his own special way.

He was preceded in death by his father Carl; mother Pauline; his wife Lorraine; brothers, Sonny and Bud; and grandson, Brett.

He is survived by his sister, Ginger and husband, LeRoy Schmidt; son, Gregory, and wife, Mary Ann, and their children, Karl and wife, Margaret, Amanda, and Greg's sons, Trevor Motichka and Shane Lidstrom; son, Claude, and wife, Linda, and their son, Tyrell; son, Jodie, and wife, Mary, and their daughters, Samantha and Sarah; daughter, Kathy, and husband, Randy Schellinger, and their sons, Matthew and A.J.; and daughter, Heidi, and husband, Mike England, and their children, Aaron, Sarai and Zachary; care giver, Donna Morris, and her husband, Dave; great-grandchildren, Tel, Josey and Quinn Motichka, and Grace Lidstrom.

Babe was loved and will be dearly missed by his family and many friends.

Visitation will be from 2 to 7 p.m. today, Nov. 16, at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 17, at the Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish. Burial will follow at the Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Kalispell. A reception will follow for friends and family to celebrate his life at Christ Lutheran Church.

Memorial donations may be made to Christ Lutheran Church Sunday School.

## Goldie M. Lindsey, 77

Goldie M. Lindsey, 77, of Troy, died Monday, Jan. 10, 2005, at the Lakes Care Center from natural causes.

She and her husband, Earl Lindsey, both of Troy, were married and enjoyed the full life together.

Survivors include her husband, Earl Lindsey, of Troy; two sons, Ray and Bill Lindsey, of Troy; and sons, Bill Lindsey, of Troy; and sons, Bill Lindsey, of Troy; and sons, Bill Lindsey, of Troy.

Services will be at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, at the Troy Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Private graveside services will follow at a later date. Condolence expressions are by Rev. Nelson's Lead Funeral Home in Troy.

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*June 07, 2005 at 5:00 am | Daily Inter Lake*

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## John A. Linn Jr., 71

John A. Linn Jr. of Sun City West, Ariz., passed away Saturday, March 26, 2005. He was 71 years old.

"Jack," as he preferred to be called, was born in Aberdeen, S.D., in November of 1933 to John and Vernie Linn. Shortly after his birth the family moved to Missoula where Jack grew up. He graduated from Missoula County High School, which incidentally was where his father was an English teacher.

In 1952, he enlisted in the U.S. Army, and eventually was stationed in Korea, assigned to the infantry. Four months into his tour of duty while participating in combat maneuvers, Jack was shot through the chest a couple inches above his heart, and also suffered severe leg wounds. He was not expected to survive, but did, and received the Purple Heart and returned to Missoula.

Shortly after his return, he started his college studies at the University of Montana where he participated in the ROTC program.

During this time, he met, fell in love with, and married fellow student Kay Leona Linn (Nelson) in 1957. Eighteen months later, they had their first son, named John. Prior to finishing his first degree, and with Kay pregnant with their second son, Scott, he re-enlisted in the Army as a 1st lieutenant and returned to Korea. During the second tour in Korea he worked as a special communications officer, and later as a battery commander. After completion of his second tour in Korea, he again returned to Missoula to complete his undergraduate degree. In 1960, he received his Bachelor of Science degree in physics and math.

Later in life, pursuing his love of learning and teaching, he completed graduate studies at Boston College, University of Washington, and eventually received his Masters degree in physics from the University of Arizona.

Jack's love of Montana and all that the state offered kept him from accepting work in other states. In 1962, the family moved to Billings where he began his career as a physics teacher at Billings West High School, where he taught for 34 years until his retirement in 1995. During his time at Billings West, he was well liked by the students, respected by his fellow teachers, and was successful in providing students with a positive environment in which they could learn and mature.

He was the past president of the Billings Education Association, former board member of the Montana Education Association, and recipient of many professional honorary awards.

Several years before his retirement, Jack and Kay built a waterfront house on Flathead Lake where they planned to live. In 1996, Kay



passed away suddenly, and Jack moved up to the lake where he lived for three years.

In 1999, he fell in love for a second time, and married to Dawn Linn (Green) of Polson. Shortly after their marriage, they moved to Sun City West, Ariz., where they lived happily together until his passing.

Jack loved spending time with family and friends, especially if it involved outdoor activities. He enjoyed time with his two sons; they often back-packed, snow and water skied, motorcycled, camped, and did anything that had to do with fishing, and the unique life style of Montana. He coached youth basketball, Little League teams, and was involved in all types of youth activities, especially when his two sons were involved.

Jack was a good person and valued citizen of whichever community he happened to be living in. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

He is survived by his second wife, Dawn; brother, Michael, and niece, Fran, of Duluth, Minn.; sons, John and Scott Linn of Vancouver, Wash., and Boynton Beach, Fla., respectively; two daughters-in-law, Young and Karin; three grandchildren, Michael, Austin and Madison; Dawn's children, James and Jill, of Bend, Ore., and Missoula; and many nephews and nieces. He also, of course, leaves behind his little white dog, named Annie.

A small memorial gathering is planned for July in Montana. Memorials if desired should be sent to Sun Health Hospice, 19702 N. Rutzahn Way, Sun City West, AZ 85375.

## Christine Elizabeth 'Chris' Litchfield, 86

Christine Elizabeth 'Chris' Litchfield, 86, of Peaks Island, Maine, and Boothbay, Me., died Feb. 27, 2005, at Sebastian Elder Medical Center in Roseland, Fla., after a brief illness.

She was born Nov. 26, 1918, in Lowell, Maine. She was a 22-year winter resident of Boothbay Bay.

Mrs. Litchfield was a home maker. She was a member of the Brackett Memorial Church on Peaks Island. She attended Roseland United Methodist Church and was active in the church thrift shop.

Chris loved music and taught piano. She loved her family and cooking for her family and was affectionately known as the "Gan-

derbaker" of Peaks Island. Survivors include her son, Robert Litchfield, of Whiting, an grandson, Joseph Litchfield of Boston. Also, a son, Mark Litchfield of Decatur, Maine, and David Litchfield of Middlebury, Vt., a son, Elizabeth Casson, of Peaks Island, Maine, grandchildren, four sons-in-law, children, and one grandson and grandchild.

At the family's request, there will be no visitation.

Mrs. Litchfield will be interred to Portland, Maine, for services and buried on Peaks Island.

Memorials may be made to the charity of one's choice.

Arrangements by Sprunk Funeral Home, Sebastian, Fla.

## Hal Lavern Lloyd, 99

Hal Lavern Lloyd, 99, formerly of Kalispell, died May 30, 2005, in Ames, Iowa, of natural causes.

He had been a professional musician and a bail bonds-

man. Survivors include his daughter, Patti Harvey, of Kalispell and Ames.

Private services will be held at a later date.

## Mary Jane Long, 85

Mary Jane Long, 85, passed away Friday, March 18, 2005, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

She is survived by her husband, Cody Long; a son, Monty Long, and two daughters, Pati

Zorn and Micki Grosswiler, all of Kalispell.

Visitation will be today from 9 a.m. to noon at Johnson Mortuary. The family will have private family services.

## Vicki Jo Lopez, 53

Vicki Jo Lopez, 53, of Sun City West, Ariz., passed away Wednesday, March 23, 2005.

She was born August 11, 1951, in Berkeley, Calif., to Margaret and Robert Smith. She attended schools in the Flathead Valley, spending time from 1969 to 1970 in Phoenix.

After working for several years at the University of Montana,

Vicki married Frank Lopez in Las Vegas. In 1990, she worked for Mohavee Real Estate. She worked for United States Savings in Bozeman, Mont., and Reno.

She enjoyed spending time at Flathead Lake, boating, playing cards and golf, and with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Pat and Jean Smith, Grandmother Mildred Linn, step-

grandmother, Holly Beach, grandmother, Art Smith, and one brother, Mike Smith.

She is survived by her stepson, Frank Lopez, of Eugene, a son, Justin R. Lopez, stepchildren, Joseph R., Jackie R., and Janice R. Lopez, of Reno, Mack, and his wife, Lisa, of Bozeman, of Kalispell, a step-daughter, Julie, of Turle, 10 step-children, and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 1, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home with the Rev. Fred Topps officiating.

A wake reception will be held after the memorial service at the Ladies Club, 671st St. West, Kalispell.

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



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# CHRISTINE ELIZABETH "CHRIS" LITCHFIELD, 86

*March 01, 2005 at 5:00 am |*

Christine Elizabeth "Chris" Litchfield, 86, of Peaks Island, Maine, and Barefoot Bay, Fla., died Feb. 27, 2005, at Sebastian River Medical Center in Roseland, Fla., after a brief illness.

She was born Nov. 28, 1918, in Lowell, Maine. She was a 22-year winter resident of Barefoot Bay.

Mrs. Litchfield was a homemaker. She was a member of the Brackett Memorial Church on Peaks Island. She attended Roseland United Methodist Church and was active in the church thrift shop.

Chris loved music and taught piano. She loved her family and cooking for her family and was affectionately known as the "Garden Lady" on Peaks Island.

Surviving are her sons, Robert Litchfield of Whitefish, Captain Joseph Litchfield of Homer, Alaska, Mark Litchfield of Dracut, Maine, and David Litchfield of Colchester, Vt.; sister, Elizabeth Cassidy, of Peaks Island; nine grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

At the family's request, there will be no visitation.

Mrs. Litchfield will be transferred to Portland, Maine, for services and burial on Peaks Island.

Memorials may be made to the charity of one's choice.

Arrangements by Strunk Funeral Home, Sebastian, Fla.

# VICKI JO LOPEZ, 53

*January 30, 2005 at 5:00 am | Daily Inter Lake*

Vicki Jo Lopez, 53, passed away on Friday, Jan. 28, 2005, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Vicki was born on Jan. 14, 1952, in Kalispell, to Marion and Vivian Smith. She attended schools in the Flathead Valley, graduating from Flathead High School.

After high school she attended the University of Montana.

Vicki married Frank Lopez in Las Vegas, in 1980. She worked for Mountain Bell in Phoenix, then worked for the U.S. Postal Service in Kalispell, Bigfork and Elmo.

She loved fishing on Flathead Lake, hunting, playing cards and going with her son, Justin, to his motocross races.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Pat and Buzz Smith; grandmother, Mildred Frach; stepgrandfather, Bob Frach; grandfather, Art Smith; and one brother, Mike Smith.

She is survived by her husband, Frank Lopez, of Bigfork; a son, Justin R. Lopez; stepchildren, Jessie R., Jackie R., and Janice R. Lopez; brother, Mark and his wife, Frankie Smith, of Kalispell; sister, Patty Ruiz of Butte; 10 stepgrandchildren; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 1, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home with the Rev. Fred Topp officiating.

A potluck reception will be held after the memorial service at the Eagles club, 37 1st St. West, Kalispell.

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

## Joseph E. 'Joe' Longpre, 86

Joseph E. "Joe" Longpre, 86, passed away unexpectedly July 14, 2005, after a short illness.



"He was courageous, caring and loving in life to his last muster call, when God called him to new work that could not wait."

He will be sorely missed and indelibly loved and remembered in our hearts and minds.

Joe was born May 14, 1919, in Missoula, the fourth child of eight born to Anthony Edward deLongpre and Theresa (Novotny) deLongpre.

He began his education at Elrod Grade School and graduated from Flathead County High School in 1938.

In the grip of the Great Depression, he joined the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCCs) at the Glacier National Park Apgar Camp.

The CCCs were responsible for many improvements to our beloved park.

He was proud of his service, saying that it is where his love of the outdoors was nurtured and he learned skills that lasted his lifetime — not to mention there was finer food for the times.

He left the CCCs and signed up for the U.S. Army on July 8, 1941, at the start of World War II. He volunteered for the then-new 10th Mountain Division, was put into the 87th Regiment Mountain Infantry and served as staff sergeant in the Aleutian Islands in the North Pacific, and the Apennine Mountains and Po River Valley in Italy.

In Italy, he meritoriously led his mortar section to clear the way for the final battle in Northern Italy.

Joe earned many commendations, among them the coveted Bronze Star for exceptional bravery and two Purple Hearts for wounds that occurred in battle. In the award of the Bronze Star, it was cited Joe had rejoined his outfit just two days before the major battle, after recovering from a stay in the hospital for a wound in action.

"honeymoon limo" when he met and married his beloved wife of 59 years, Evelyn Irene Voorhies. They were married in Billings in 1946 on a hauling trip and honeymooned in the Army truck.

He always said that was the best trip that old truck ever made.

With a growing family, Joe quit the trucking business in 1948 to work several jobs including pipe fitter, printer and lumber sales and delivery at the Bremerton, Wash., Shipyard, O'Neil Printers, O'Neil Lumber and Kalispell Lumber.

In 1951, when the Hungry Horse Dam began construction, Joe went to work hauling workers, materials and managing the tool shop at the dam.

At the completion, he returned to Kalispell in 1955 to build a house at Fourth Street and Eighth Avenue and work for the city Water Department.

In 1975, he became the superintendent of the Water Department, and many will recognize him as the one who saved them from a life of failing water lines and low pressure. He remained in that position until his retirement in 1982, when he devoted his all to his family and home.

He was preceded in death by his infant daughter, Sherrill; parents; and sisters, Marjorie (infant), Dorothy Winters, Irene Loveday, Frances Sheppard, Amber Mero and Elva Walters.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Evelyn; his four sons, Merrill J. Smith and wife, Judie, of Spokane, Daniel S. Longpre and wife, Vicki, of Chillicothe, Ohio, Anthony R. deLongpre and wife, Leslie, of Bethel Park, Pa., and Clinton E. deLongpre of Klamath Falls, Ore.; 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; and his sister, Almeda King, and husband, Jack, of Kalispell.

During his wonderful life, Joe was an avid outdoorsman and skilled carpenter, electrician and a host of other trades.

He loved camping, hunting, hiking, cutting firewood and anything to get him and his family close to nature.

He built the major part of three homes and four campers and a host of fine woodworking projects.

His bravery and aggressiveness in the application of his 60mm mortar section during the battle, where he was wounded a second time, protected attacking riflemen and drove off the enemy, assuring a victory.

Joe was well-liked by his men, who knew he would guide them well and stand with them at all costs (no man under his command was ever lost in battle).

After the end of World War II in 1945, Joe returned to civilian life in Kalispell.

He bought a surplus Army 6X6 truck and started hauling lumber and building supplies.

It was this truck that served as

His skills, bravery, optimism and forge-ahead spirit touched upon the lives of his extended family and friends. "We rest assured he is not far away, in God's hands and we will be together again someday."

Funeral services for Joe will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, July 21, at the Johnson Mortuary Chapel, with Pastor Steve Snipstead officiating. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 20, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Interment will be afterward at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

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

## Donald W. Lolli, 67

Donald W. Lolli, 67, passed away Sunday, Oct. 30, 2005, at his residence in Kalispell.

He was born Dec. 1, 1937, in Chicago, the son of Dorando and Lela (Breed) Lolli.

He served in the U.S. Coast Guard from 1955 to 1959 in the Aleutian Islands in the Bering Sea.

In 1959, Don married Donna Bell Keeney of Pacific Beach, Ore. Together they had three children, Denise, Darrin and Daniel. They later divorced.

Don was an electrical engineer, and a prolific product designer and developer. His designs included: voice scrambler, ultrasonic leak detector, telephone open-line detector, telephone buried-line finder and fault detector, power dam fault locators, seismic equipment, oil well horizontal drilling systems and cryogenic equipment.

He worked for Hewlett-Packard in Palo Alto, Calif., where he was involved in development of oscillators and other electronic test and measurement instruments, which made Hewlett-Packard an international supplier of electronic instrumentation.

Don retired from Hewlett-Packard in Palo Alto in 1969, and established Lexington Cable Area TV, a television cable company in the Santa Cruz Mountains of California. He continued to design and develop electrical and mechanical products for government environmental agencies and the private sector in the Silicon Valley area of California for several years.

In 1991, Don relocated to Whitefish where he continued to design and develop products until his death. His recent products include: in partnership with Reggie McMurdo, Groundhaws, a mechanical driving device to simplify installation of electrical ground rods for home and commercial applications; Travel Trac, a back traction device; and in partnership with Jimmy Bradford and Kelly Wheeler, Airbunz, the original inflatable bicycle seat, designed and manufactured in Whitefish. His



latest product, 10 Minutes Books developed in partnership with Brett Jauhola and Reggie McMurdo, is a simplified accounting software product designed for home, business and commercial applications.

In addition to his family, Don leaves behind many friends. He was admired for his brilliance and loved for his honesty and generosity.

He was preceded in death by his twin brother, David Lolli; his father, Dorando Lolli; and his sister, Lela Jo Bjarde.

He is survived by his devoted wife and helpmate, Elizabeth A. Story, of Kalispell; his daughter, Denise Lolli, of Turlock, Calif.; his sons, Danny and Darrin Lolli, both of Whitefish; his mother, Lela LeBlanc, of San Jose, Calif.; sister, Barbara Lolli, of Laguna Beach, Calif.; and one brother, G. "Bud" Lolli, of Placitas, N.M.; a half brother, Rus LeBlanc, of San Jose; stepbrother, Jim LeBlanc, of San Jose; stepsister, Jeannette McNeal, of Bellevue, Wash.; grandchildren, Gregory Lolli of Los Gatos, Calif.; Geneva, Donald and Alena Lolli of Turlock; uncle, Amos Lolli, of South Lake Tahoe, Calif.; beloved aunt, Lena Leverage, of Hanover Park, Ill.; four nieces, Cindy Holly, of Chico, Calif., and Christy Lolli, Sheila Lolli and Deanna Lolli, all of San Jose; three nephews, Victor George Jr., of San Francisco, and Richard George and Douglas George, both of Hanover Park, Ill.; cousins, Henry Nick Lolli of Coalgate, Okla., Wilmena Thomas of Denton, Texas, and Jeanine McFall of Oklahoma City, Okla.; Victor George of Temecula, Calif.; Dennis George of Northbrook, Ill.; Lawrence Leverage of Bartlett, Ill.; Betty Anderson of Cameron Park, Calif.; Patsy Cavender of Shingle Springs, Calif.; Charles Lolli and Glen Lolli, both of Reno, Nev.; as well as numerous other nieces, nephews and cousins.

Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. There will be no visitation.

The family suggests that any memorial contributions be sent to the Literacy Volunteers of Flathead County, 35 Fourth St. W., Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

## Valora Marie (Landon) Loraas, 70

Valora Marie (Landon) Loraas, 70, passed away at home Tuesday, Aug. 16, 2005, after a prolonged battle with cancer.

She was born Feb. 4, 1935, in Kalispell, to

Lloyd and Frances (Burrows) Landon. She attended Kalispell schools and married Richard Loraas on June 30, 1951.

She lived and raised her family in Kalispell all her life. She was a mother first, but she worked several odd jobs throughout her life. She loved fishing, camping and cooking, and had an artistic soul.

She was an avid bowler most of her adult life and was a member of the Eagles, Moose and the VFW. She is gone but not forgotten. "Her loving soul will be with us always."

She was preceded in death by her parents, and son, Ricky Loraas.

She is survived by her husband, Richard Loraas, of Kalispell; a son, Brian Loraas, and wife, Julie, of Helena; four daughters, Kathy Moore and Gary Krause, and Sue Loraas and Rob Mahan, all of Kalispell. Valora "Lorie" Ehlers and husband, Charlie, of Columbia Falls, and Jimmy Hetrick and husband, Scott, of Missoula; nine grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren; her brother, Michael Landon, and wife, Glynda, of Reno, Nev.; sister, Nita Sampson, and husband, Paul, of Lakeside; and numerous other relatives.

She also leaves behind her loving and faithful dogs, Mike and Gizmo.

Graveside services will be held privately by the family. There will be no visitation.

The family suggests that any memorial contributions be made to the American Cancer Society, 3550 Mullan Road, Missoula, MT 59808; or Wings, c/o Radiation Therapy, Kalispell Regional Medi-



cal Center, 310 Sunnyview Lane, Kalispell, MT 59901. There will be a get-together at 5 p.m. today, Aug. 19, at 111 Wintercrest Drive in Kalispell to celebrate her life.

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

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

## Margaret Genevieve Loranger, 82

Margaret Genevieve Loranger, 82, died Thursday Sept. 21, 2005, at the Northern Montana Hospital in Havre of natural causes.

Viewing will be 1 to 5 p.m. Monday at the Holland & Bonine Funeral Home. Margaret's funeral service will be 11 a.m. Tuesday at St. Mark's Episcopal Church with Pastor Brad Ulgenes officiating. Burial will follow at the Highland Cemetery. A luncheon will be held at the Vineyard Room of the Duck Inn immediately after the services at the graveside.

Memorial contributions in Margaret's honor may be made to St. Mark's Episcopal Church or to a charity of your choice.

Services and arrangements have been entrusted to Holland & Bonine Funeral Home.

Margaret was born July 21, 1923, in Havre. She was the only daughter of Frank and Aminta (Dillenbeck) Wilson. She was raised and educated in Havre, graduating from Havre High School in 1941.

She married Donald E. Loranger later that same year; they shared 54 years of marriage together. Margaret was a homemaker most of her life, but always remembered with fondness her years working as a nurse's aide,

and her work baking many wedding cakes for local residents over the years.

Margaret was a life-long member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, and was active in many service clubs, including Daughters of the Nile, Eastern Star, and Eagles Auxiliary. She shared her love of fishing, hunting, camping, and spending time at her cabin in the Bear Paw with her children and grandchildren, and was passionate about such hobbies as painting, crocheting, baking and doll-making.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Donald E. Loranger Sr. in 1995.

Margaret is survived by her two children, Donald E. and Janet Loranger Jr. of Bigfork, and Suzy and Alex Capdeville of Havre; seven grandchildren, Tracy and Darren Dobie of Bozeman, Jason Morse of Seattle, Joni and Mike Kelly of Kirkland, Wash., Michael Loranger of Florida, Heidi and Chad Murri of Bozeman, Landon Capdeville of Denver, and Chase Capdeville of Bozeman; and five great-grandchildren, Alex, Andrew and Evan Kelly of Kirkland, and Tyler and Hallie Dobie of Bozeman; and her special friend, Dick Winter of Havre.

## John Edward 'Shawn' Loughery Jr., 64

John Edward "Shawn" Loughery Jr., 64, died Sunday, Aug. 21, 2005, at his residence in Hamilton.

He previously lived in Columbia Falls and was retired after working for the

Great Northern Railroad as a conductor in Whitefish.

Services are under the direction of Ronald Brothers with Dowling Funeral Home and Crematory, 415 S. Second St., Hamilton, MT; 363-1111.

## Peggy A. Lowe, 73

Peggy A. Lowe, 73, died on Friday, Oct. 21, 2005, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She is survived by two daughters, Penny Jariabka of Pasadena, Calif., and Linda Crawford of Kalispell.

Memorial services will be held 1 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 25, at the First Presbyterian Church in Whitefish. There will be no visitation.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for the family.

## Leota May Pierce Loveless, 86

Leota May Pierce Loveless, 86, passed away on Friday, Feb. 18 at the Long Place in Kalispell. She was born on Feb. 2, 1919 in Idaho Falls, Idaho, to John W. and Leota May (Holmes) Bartlett.



May was the youngest of seven children and the only child not born in the Cherokee Strip in Oklahoma, where her family had homesteaded. Her mother died when May was 2 years old and she was raised by her father, whom she affectionately referred to as Papa.

May graduated from Eastern Falls High School in 1937 with honors. In 1938 she married Dale Roger Pierce in Idaho Falls. Shortly after they married the couple moved to Dillon, where Dale was employed by the Forest Service during the summer and attended college in Logan, Utah, in the winter. In 1941, May moved with Dale. He was transferred with the Border Patrol to Malheur then to Browning. When he left the Border Patrol in 1945 they purchased the Rising Wolf Guest Ranch located on the south fork of the Two Medicine. That was their home until 1957. At that time they moved

to Columbia Falls. Dale passed away in Columbia Falls in 1961. May continued to raise her three younger children in Columbia Falls, while she worked at Todd's Cafe.

In 1972, May married Willard Loveless in Columbia Falls. They moved to Woods Bay in 1977 and lived there until moving to Kalispell in 1992. Willard passed away in 1993. May enjoyed her beautiful yard and flowers and loved her two cats and her dog, Cody.

May was preceded in death by her husbands, Dale Roger Pierce and Willard Loveless; her parents, three brothers, Edgar, Glen and Johnny, and three sisters, Beatrice, Mable and Edith.

She is survived by her two children, Kodynn Pierce, Kibbe and husband, Larry, of Malheur, Dale Ruth Pierce and wife, Cheryl of Kalispell, Lynn M. Pierce, Doreen, and husband, Don, of Toston; Tamara Pierce, Thompson and husband, Gary, of Clark, Wyo.; and James R. Pierce and wife, Nancy, of Kalispell, several grandchildren and great grandchildren and one great great grandchild.

Memorial services for May will be held later this summer. Burial is suggested that memorial gifts be given to the Humane Society.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is in charge of May's obituary.

## Buck (Marshall) Lowell, 102

Buck (Marshall) Lowell died peacefully at home in Kalispell on Dec. 23, 2005. He was 102.



During his remarkable life he was a cowboy, baseball player, actor, stage driver, farmer and rancher, wood worker, retailer, boat builder, appraiser, pilot, golfer, avid outdoorsman, and husband and father. He was born the year the Wright brothers first flew a plane, and on his 100th birthday he celebrated by flying in a glider over the Flathead Valley. In the '60s he proudly served as a volunteer mounted deputy sheriff in Kalispell.

Those who knew Buck saw him as a Renaissance man who could do almost anything well. He succeeded at dealing with blindness and Parkinson's disease because,

as he told the Inter Lake on his 100th birthday, "If you make up your mind, you'll handle whatever comes."

Born in the Green Mountains of Vermont, he came west in 1919, when the only highways were two rutts through the weeds. He met Ruth Slanger at a baseball game in Great Falls, married her, and the two celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary last July.

Buck is survived by his wife, Ruth, of Kalispell; daughter, Marsha and Wally Jacobson, of Kalispell; son, Richard, of California; granddaughter, Holly; and grandson, Todd; great-granddaughter, Nicole; and great-grandson, Wyatt.

At Buck's request, there will be no funeral. The family will plan a memorial gathering at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial donations to Home Options Hospice at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

## Arthur William 'Art' Lubbes, 80

Arthur William "Art" Lubbes, 80, died at his residence Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2005, in Kalispell.

He was born Oct. 5, 1924, in Wallowa, Ore., to Lloyd and Velma (Hewitt) Lubbes.

Art attended schools in Wallowa, Ore., graduating from high school in 1943. Shortly after graduation, he was drafted into the U.S. Navy from 1944 to 1946, serving during World War II, and served in the South Pacific on the Cruiser USS Nashville.

After being discharged, he drove logging trucks in Oregon for about four years, and then was drafted again in 1950 and



again as a log truck driver. Art then started to drive heavy construction equipment, retiring in 1986, and subsequently moved to Kalispell in June of 1999.

Arthur was a retired member of the Teamsters. He also enjoyed fishing and observing sports of all kinds on television.

Art was preceded in death by his parents; stepfather, Ray Martin; brother, Raymond; and granddaughter, Ashli Cottingham.

He is survived by four daughters, Sandi Nelson and husband, Arthur, of Kalispell, Kathy Foster and husband, Joe, of Malta, Gayle Young and husband, Phillip, and Cheryl Lubbes, all of Great Falls; half-brother, Delbert Martin, of Milton-Freewater, Ore.; seven grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren; and numerous

## Ruby E. Loy, 86

Ruby E. Loy, 86, passed away Thursday, Aug. 11, 2005, of congestive heart failure.

She was born to Christian and Emma Bern on June 20, 1919, in Sinai, S.D. Ruby moved with her family to Kalispell in 1935, and she graduated from Flathead County High School in 1937.

She married Bill Loy of Kalispell in 1942, and the couple moved to Whitefish in 1947, where Bill worked for, and was later owner/manager of, Whitefish Furniture.

Ruby was a homemaker and enjoyed being a mom. She loved music and had a fun sense of humor.

She was active at Christ Lutheran Church, which the fam-

ily attended.

She and Bill moved back to Kalispell in 1982. Bill died in 2002, just before their 60th wedding anniversary.

She is survived by her children, Ginni Siblingud and husband, Lonnie, of Spokane, Julie Grenrod and husband, David, of Fort Collins, Colo., and Doug Loy, and wife, Sandy, of Whitefish; her sister, Bernice Rasmussen, of Kalispell; four granddaughters, and eight great-grandchildren — all boys!

There will be a memorial service for Ruby at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20, at Christ Lutheran Church.

Memorial contributions can be given to the church if desired.

# LEOTA MAY PIERCE LOVELESS, 86

*February 28, 2005 at 5:00 am | Daily Inter Lake*

Leota May Pierce Loveless, 86, passed away on Friday, Feb. 25, 2005 at the Heritage Place in Kalispell. She was born on Feb. 2, 1919 in Idaho Falls, Idaho, to John W. and Leota May (Belmear) Bartlett.

May was the youngest of seven children and the only child not born in the Cherokee Strip in Oklahoma, where her family had homesteaded. Her mother died when May was 2 years old and she was raised by her father, whom she affectionately referred to as PaPa.

May graduated from Idaho Falls High School in 1937 with honors. In 1939 she married Dale Roger Pierce in Idaho Falls. Shortly after they married the couple moved to Dillon, where Dale was employed by the Forest Service during the summer and attended college in Logan, Utah, in the winter. In 1941, May moved with Dale as he was transferred with the Border Patrol to Malta and then to Browning. When he left the Border Patrol in 1945 they purchased the Rising Wolf Guest Ranch located on the south fork of the Two Medicine. That was their home until 1957. At that time they moved to Columbia Falls. Dale passed away in Columbia Falls in 1961. May continued to raise her three younger children in Columbia Falls, while she worked at Todd's Cafe.

In 1972, May married Willard Loveless in Columbia Falls. They moved to Woods Bay in 1977 and lived there until moving to Kalispell in 1992. Willard passed away in 1993. May enjoyed her beautiful yard and flowers and loved her two cats and her dog, Cody.

May was preceded in death by her husbands: Dale Roger Pierce and Willard Loveless; her parents; three brothers: Edgar, George and Johnny; and three sisters: Beatrice, Mable and Edith.

She is survived by her five children: Koralyne Pierce Kibbee and husband, Larry, of Manhattan; Dale Raub Pierce and wife, Cheryl, of Kalispell; Lynette Pierce Dyk and husband, Dwight, of Toston; Tamarra Pierce Thompson and husband, Gary, of Clark, Wyo.; and James B. Pierce and wife, Nancy, of Kalispell; several grandchildren and great grandchildren and one great great grandchild.

Memorial services for May will be held later this summer. The family suggests that memorial gifts be given to the Humane Society.

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



# ARTHUR WILLIAM 'ART' LUBBES, 80

*September 30, 2005 at 5:00 am |*

Arthur William "Art" Lubbes, 80, died at his residence Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2005, in Kalispell.

He was born Oct. 5, 1924, in Wallowa, Ore., to Lloyd and Velma (Hewitt) Lubbes.

Art attended schools in Wallowa, Ore., graduating from high school in 1943. Shortly after graduation, he was drafted into the U.S. Navy from 1944 to 1946, serving during World War II, and served in the South Pacific on the Cruiser USS Nashville.

After being discharged, he drove logging trucks in Oregon for about four years, and then was drafted again in 1950 and served during the Korean Conflict and was stationed at Pearl Harbor.

After his second discharge, he returned to Oregon and worked again as a log truck driver. Art then started to drive heavy construction equipment, retiring in 1986, and subsequently moved to Kalispell in June of 1999.

Arthur was a retired member of the Teamsters. He also enjoyed fishing and observing sports of all kinds on television.

Art was preceded in death by his parents; stepfather, Ray Martin; brother, Raymond; and granddaughter, Ashli Cottingham.

He is survived by four daughters, Sandi Nelson and husband, Arthur, of Kalispell, Kathy Foster and husband, Joe, of Malta, Gayle Young and husband, Phillip, and Cheryl Lubbes, all of Great Falls; half-brother, Delbert Martin, of Milton-Freewater, Ore.; seven grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

There will no services or visitation at this time.

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

## Carl Kenneth Luke, 80

Carl Kenneth Luke passed away on Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2006, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell, at the age of 80.

He was born on Sept. 18, 1924, in the Sparks district northwest of Kalispell, the son of Frederick A. Luke and Nora (Sweeney) Luke. Carl attended Sparks School and received his diploma from Flathead County High School in 1942.

He entered the U.S. Army on July 13, 1944. Carl served as a medical aidman, helping the wounded on the front lines. When he was wounded in the Philippines Campaign, at Mindanao Philippine Islands, on June 5, 1945, he received the Purple Heart with oak leaf cluster, Good Conduct medal, ribbon with one bronze

Star, Silver Star, (a medical badge) and other ribbons. He was discharged (honorable) May 3, 1946.

Returning home, he worked in the family sawmill. Carl was living at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls, since March 5, 1968. He liked to go fishing, hunting and camping while working at his mine.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Frederick and Nora; his brothers, Thomas Luke, Harold Luke, twins, Floyd and Lloyd Luke; sister, Goldie Chapman; along with nephew, Thomas Luke Jr.

He is survived by nieces, Wonna Drake and husband, Ernie, of Kalispell, Neila Chase and husband, Mick, of Kila, Janet Motichka and husband, Gary, of Polson, Judy

Warner and husband, Joe, of Columbia Falls, LaVerne Lindsley of Columbia Falls, and Betty Smith and husband, Leo, of Whitefish; and nephews, Gordon Luke, Donald Luke and Bill McIntire and wife, Ann, of Kila.

Graveside services will be 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8 at Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Military honors will be conducted by the United Veterans of the Flathead. Visitation will be held from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. today, at Johnson Mortuary.

The family suggests that any memorials be sent to Montana Veterans Home, P.O. Box 250 (in Carl's name) Columbia Falls, MT 59912.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## June Ellen Lunde, 71,



June Ellen Lunde, 71, of Helena died Saturday, June 4, 2005.

She was born in Rolette, N.D. on June 20, 1933, to Margaret and Heibert Britsch.

She spent her childhood in North Dakota and Washington and graduated from Irene S. Reed High School in Shelton, Wash., in 1952.

On July 10, 1954, she married her childhood sweetheart, Ted Lunde. She earned her diploma from Minot State Teachers College and began teaching near Fargo, N.D. During her early career, she taught in many small rural schoolhouses. In 1961, she received a teaching contract in Libby. In 1968, she moved to Kalispell where she spent the next 27 years. Most of her years in Kalispell were spent teaching at Trinity Lutheran School.

She loved to cook and entertain and spent several enjoyable years cooking at the St. Matthews parish. In 1995, she moved to Craig, where she finished her career teaching with a childhood friend in a small rural schoolhouse.

Her love for children and education was evident in the many lives she touched throughout her life. She is loved and missed by many.

Survivors include her husband, Ted, of Helena; daughter, Heather Monday of Helena; son, Ted Lunde of Kalispell; sister, Mildred Kirkeide of Rugby, N.D.; sister, Fay Kirkeide of Leeds, N.D.; brother, Glen Britsch of Sedro Wooley, Wash.; sister, Vurl Landis of Alma, Wash.; and six grandchildren.

Memorial service will be held noon Friday, June 17 at Trinity Lutheran Church. Luncheon to follow.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Hagler-Anderson Funeral Home in Helena.

## Wesley W. Lynch, 52

Wesley W. Lynch, 52, passed away at his home in Columbia Falls.

He was born on July 2, 1953 in Kalispell to O. J. and Roberta

Bess Lynch. Wesley was a graduate of Flathead High School and became an Eagle Scout. He went on to graduate from Flathead High School in 1970. From an early age, Wesley loved airplanes and knew what he wanted to do in life. During high school he worked for private pilot friends. Wesley continued his interest in flying and joined the Aviation Association of Columbia Falls.

Wesley was married to Virginia Smith. They lived in Astoria where Wesley spent many years flying for the West Air Service and for Southwest Airlines. Wesley traveled throughout the United States. They later moved to Kalispell to raise their two sons. Wesley loved the outdoors and



spent many hours mending boats, camping and getting with his family and many friends.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy, of Columbia Falls, two sons, Justin Daniel and Dawson Jacob Lynch of Kalispell, his parents, O. J. and Bess Lynch of Kalispell, two sisters, Wanda Lund of Columbia Falls, and Cheryl Lynn Lynch of Seattle, along with numerous other relatives.

Funeral services for Wesley Lynch will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday, June 13, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Kalispell. Burial will follow at C. B. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be held at the church prior to services from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The family suggests donations be given to the Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 102, a special interest program for youths going to the EAA Flight Academy. Donations can be mailed to: EAA Flight Academy, 3427 S. Nevada Ave., Columbia Falls, MT 59912, or to the Trinity Lutheran School Scholarship Fund, 400 West Columbia St., Kalispell, MT 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Arnold O. Lund, 88

Arnold O. Lund, 88, died Aug. 18, 2005, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

Survivors include his children, Jeanne Thomason of Aurora, Colo., Sherry Wood of Bigfork,

and Larry and Stanley Lund of Havre.

Cremation has taken place. Services will be at 2 p.m. Aug. 27 at the Messiah Lutheran Church in Havre with a luncheon afterward.

## Robert LeRoy Lynn, 73

Robert LeRoy Lynn, 73, died Saturday, Oct. 1, 2005, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

Services are pending. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Mildred E. 'Millie' Lyons, 92

Mildred E. "Millie" Lyons, 92, of Columbia Falls, died Sunday, Dec. 11, 2005, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

She is survived by two sons, Richard Perkins of Columbia Falls, and Warron Johnson

of Baltimore; and daughter, Cheryl Fucile, of Billerica, Mass.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

# CARL KENNETH LUKE, 80

*February 06, 2005 at 5:00 am | Daily Inter Lake*

Carl Kenneth Luke passed away on Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2005, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell, at the age of 80.

He was born on Sept. 18, 1924, in the Sparks district northwest of Kalispell, the son of Frederick A. and Nora (Sweeney) Luke. Carl attended Sparks School and received his diploma from Flathead County High School in 1942.

He entered the U.S. Army on July 13, 1944. Carl served as a medical aidman, helping the wounded on the front lines. When he was wounded in the Philippines Campaign, at Mindano Philippine Islands, on June 5, 1945, he received the Purple Heart with oak leaf cluster, Good Conduct medal, ribbon with one Bronze Star, Silver Star, (a medical badge) and other ribbons. He was discharged (honorable) May 3, 1946.

Returning home, he worked in the family sawmill. Carl was living at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls, since March 5, 1998. He liked to go fishing, hunting and camping while working at his mine.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Frederick and Nora; his brothers, Thomas Luke, Harold Luke, twins, Floyd and Lloyd Luke; sister, Goldie Chapman; along with nephew, Thomas Luke Jr.

He is survived by nieces, Wonita Drake and husband, Ernie, of Kalispell, Neila Chase and husband, Mick, of Kila, Janet Motichka and husband, Gary, of Polson, Judy Warner and husband, Joe, of Columbia Falls, LaVerne Lindsley of Columbia Falls, and Betty Smith and husband, Leo, of Whitefish; and nephews, Gordon Luke, Donald Luke and Bill McIntire and wife, Ann, of Kila.

Graveside services will be 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8. Military honors will be conducted by the United Veterans of the Flathead. Visitation will be held from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 7, at Johnson Mortuary.

The family suggests that any memorials be sent to Montana Veterans Home, P.O. Box 250 (in Carl's name) Columbia Falls, MT 59912.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

# WESLEY W. LYNCH, 52

*January 30, 2005 at 5:00 am |*

Wesley W. Lynch, 52, passed away Thursday, Jan. 27, 2005,



at his home in Columbia Falls.

He was born on July 2, 1952, in Kalispell, to Dan and Florence "Bess" (Lund) Lynch. Wes grew up in Kalispell. He was actively involved in Scouts and as a member of Troop 48, became an Eagle Scout. He went on to graduate from Flathead High School in 1970. From an early age, Wes loved airplanes and knew what he wanted to do in life. During high school, he received his private pilot license. Wes continued his interest in aviation, earning all his ratings to become one of the youngest qualified commercial pilots.

In 1981, Wes married Dorothy Smolik. They lived in Alaska where Wes spent many years flying for the Wien Air Alaska and for Southwest Airlines, flying throughout the United States. They later moved back to Kalispell, to raise their two sons.

Wes loved the outdoors and spent many hours hunting, boating, camping, and rafting with his family and many friends.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy, of Columbia Falls; two sons, Justin Daniel and Dawson Jayde Lynch of Kalispell; his parents: Dan and Bess Lynch of Kalispell; two sisters, Wanda Hinzman of Columbia Falls, and Charlene Lynch of Seattle; along with numerous other relatives.

Funeral services for Wes Lynch will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 31, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Kalispell. Burial will follow at C. E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be held at the church prior to services from noon to 2 p.m.

The family suggests donations be given to the Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 102, a sponsorship program for youths going to the E.A.A. Flight Academy. Donations can be mailed to First Interstate Bank, 1325 S. Nucleus Ave., Columbia Falls, MT 59912, or to the Trinity Lutheran School Scholarship Fund, 400 West California St., Kalispell, MT 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Arthur J. 'Art' Lyngstad

Arthur J. Lyngstad died of natural causes at the Montana Veterans Home on February 27, 2002, at the age of 78.

He was born March 21, 1922, in Williston, N.D., to Ole and Ida Lyngstad, where he resided until he joined the Army in 1942.

Following his honorable discharge in December 1945 as a World War II veteran, he returned to Williston where he married his high school sweetheart, Valerie Carolyn Johnston, on August 2, 1946.

They had three children and decided to move to Montana in 1951, finally arriving in White Sulphur Springs for Bell Telephone, where he worked up to the Columbia Falls office. He spent his career as a telephone repairman, doing 100 for Bell, the Mason & Knott, Northern Electric, Inc., eventually corresponding to Columbia Falls. Part of his career was done on road work.

He was one of the first to be accepted in Columbia Falls into the 401 House for his annual hunting trip to the Lake Louise, and



ing, bowling, playing cards, singing, dining and camping with friends and family. He also enjoyed watching sports - track and field, baseball, football, and especially basketball in his later years.

Art was preceded in death by his parents, an infant brother, and also his wife, Valerie, who died Nov. 6, 2002.

He is survived by three children and their spouses, Mike and Vicki Lyngstad of Alaska and Hamilton, Dea and Steve Brown of Coram, and Loree and Ed Cunningham of Kalispell. There are seven grandchildren, Dennis, Kim, Michelle, Ryan, DeDee, Amy and DJ, and two great grandchildren, Kyle and Alyssa. He is also survived by one brother and four sisters.

There will be private graveside services for the family.

He will be missed by the people who loved him, but we will always smile when we think about the corny jokes he told over and over again. (That is, when he could get through them without laughing himself.)

Any memorial gifts can be given in memory of Art to: Arthur Lyngstad Memorial Fund, c/o Montana Veterans Home, P.O. Box 350, Columbia Falls, MT 59712.

# ARTHUR J. "ART" LYNGSTAD

*February 25, 2005 at 5:00 am | Daily Inter Lake*

Arthur J. "Art" Lyngstad died of natural causes at the Montana Veterans Home on Feb. 19, 2005, after a short illness.

He was born March 28, 1922, in Willow City, N.D., to Ole and Ida Lyngstad, where he resided until he joined the Army in 1942.

Receiving his honorable discharge in December 1945 as a World War II veteran, he returned to Willow City where he married his high school sweetheart, Audrey Charleen Johnston, on March 24, 1946.

They had three children and decided to move to Montana in 1951, originally arriving in Whitefish, working for Bell Telephone, then transferring to the Columbia Falls office. He spent his career as a telephone repairman/electrician for Pacific Power & Light, Northwestern Telephone, eventually retiring from Centurytel. Part of his career took him to Valdez, Alaska, which he enjoyed very much.

Throughout his life his hobbies were packing horses into the wilderness for his annual hunting trips, coaching Little League, golfing, bowling, playing guitar, singing, dancing and camping with friends and family. He also enjoyed watching sports -- track and field, baseball, football, and especially basketball in his later years.

Art was preceded in death by his parents; an infant brother; and also his wife, Charleen, who died Nov. 5, 2002.

He is survived by three children and their spouses, Mike and Vicki Lyngstad of Alaska and Hamilton, Dee and Steve Brown of Coram, and Loree and Ed Cumming of Kalispell. There are seven grandchildren, Dennis, Kim, Michelle, Ryan, DeDee, Amy and DJ; and two great-grandchildren, Kyle and Alyssa. He is also survived by one brother, and four sisters.

There will be private graveside services for the family.

"He will be missed by the people who loved him, but we will always smile when we think about the corny jokes he told, over and over again." (That is, when he could get through them without giggling himself.)

Any memorial gifts can be given in memory of Art to: Arthur Lyngstad Memorial Fund, c/o Montana Veterans Home, P.O. Box 250, Columbia Falls, MT 59912.