

## Marjory Lura Pack, 98

Marjory Lura Pack, 98, died Nov. 23, 2005, in Kalispell. She was born Dec. 21, 1906, in Iowa, to Arthur and Lura Hostetler. She spent her early life on the ranch near Raleigh, N.D., where her parents homesteaded and raised their six children.



Donovan Pack and wife, Elaine, of Spokane, and Ronald Pack and wife, Margaret, of Kalispell; a sister, Ilene Ozbun, of Bismarck, N.D.; six grandchildren, Deborah Pack-Patton of Portland, Holly Pepe of Boise, Idaho, LaVonne Gardner of Kalispell, Gayle Gehrke of Seattle, Danny Pack of Boise, and Andrew Pack of Seattle; eight great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

She was a member of Christian Center and closely followed politics, giving generously from her small income to many Christian charities and her political party.

The family suggests memorials could be given to Christian Center or Immanuel Lutheran Home. A private memorial service is planned for a later date.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

In 1927, she was married to Samy Pack in Leith, N.D.

She was preceded in death by her husband on Oct. 4, 1955. After her husband's death, she taught school at Marion and Deer Park for 14 years. After retirement in 1969, she moved to Seattle, returning to Kalispell in 1994 where she lived until her death.

She is survived by her sons,

## Eva Jeannette Parker, 84

Eva Jeannette Parker, 84, died Nov. 23, 2005, in Kalispell. She was born Dec. 21, 1921, in Kalispell. She was the daughter of Arthur and Lura Hostetler. She spent her early life on the ranch near Raleigh, N.D., where her parents homesteaded and raised their six children.

In 1947, she was married to Samy Pack in Leith, N.D. She was preceded in death by her husband on Oct. 4, 1955. After her husband's death, she taught school at Marion and Deer Park for 14 years. After retirement in 1969, she moved to Seattle, returning to Kalispell in 1994 where she lived until her death.

She is survived by her sons, Donovan Pack and wife, Elaine, of Spokane, and Ronald Pack and wife, Margaret, of Kalispell; a sister, Ilene Ozbun, of Bismarck, N.D.; six grandchildren, Deborah Pack-Patton of Portland, Holly Pepe of Boise, Idaho, LaVonne Gardner of Kalispell, Gayle Gehrke of Seattle, Danny Pack of Boise, and Andrew Pack of Seattle; eight great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

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She is survived by her sons, Donovan Pack and wife, Elaine, of Spokane, and Ronald Pack and wife, Margaret, of Kalispell; a sister, Ilene Ozbun, of Bismarck, N.D.; six grandchildren, Deborah Pack-Patton of Portland, Holly Pepe of Boise, Idaho, LaVonne Gardner of Kalispell, Gayle Gehrke of Seattle, Danny Pack of Boise, and Andrew Pack of Seattle; eight great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

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## Margaret Pahl, 96

Margaret Pahl, age 96, passed away on Wednesday, June 29, 2005 at Brendan House in Kalispell, Montana.



She was born on May 19, 1909, in Kennedy Township, North Dakota, the daughter of Phillip and Regina (Brinster) Urlacher, where she grew up on the family farm.

In 1929 she married Carl Gartner. They lived on a farm four miles west of New England, N.D. To this union eight children were born. When Carl died in 1944, Margaret and her children moved into New England where they lived until her marriage to Jim Holtzer in 1946. To this union one daughter Edie was born. They then moved to a farm 17 miles south of New England and remained there until moving to Missoula. Jim died in 1963 and in 1969 she married Adolph Pahl. They continued to make their home in Missoula. After Adolph's death, Margaret made her home with three of her daughters until becoming a resident of Brendan House in Kalispell in May 2005.

Although Margaret was 96 at the time of her death, her mind was still very active. She worked hard all of her life but still found time to enjoy music, dancing, cooking and especially growing and tending

her rose garden. Her greatest joy, however, was her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. Through all of her trials she always trusted in the Lord to get her through. One of her passions in life was making quilts and giving them to the poor and homeless at the Paverillo Center in Missoula.

She is survived by her children, Raymond and Rosie Gartner, Arnold and Arlene Gartner, and Carl and Edie Gartner, all of Seattle, Reggie Gentz of New England, Catherine Jacobs of Missoula, Adzie and Will Schmaltz of Mobridge, S.D., and Edie and Ernie Hey of Kalispell; a son-in-law, Archie Jalbert of Dickinson, N.D.; also surviving are 43 grandchildren, 48 great-grandchildren and 14 great-great-grandchildren; and one sister, Ida Messer of Richardson, N.D.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husbands; two daughters, Mary Schatz and Leona Jalbert; four grandchildren; and 10 brothers and sisters.

Mass of Christian burial for Margaret Pahl will be held 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 9, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in New England, N.D.

Rosary will be at 10 a.m. at the church. Urn burial will follow mass at St.

Mary's Catholic Cemetery.

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

## Opal Marie Palmer, 85

Opal Marie Palmer, 85, passed away at her Spokane home on Friday, July 29, 2005.

Opal was born to Erik and Alma Lee Mohn on Oct. 22, 1919 in Grafton, N.D. The family moved to Kalispell and Opal grew up in the West Valley area. She attended Sparks School and Flathead County High.

In 1941, Opal married Julian Holden of Kalispell.

They moved to Spokane soon after. Opal was employed with the Shrine Scottish Rites office for nearly 30 years.

Julian passed away in 1966. Opal then married Harold Alvin Palmer on June 21, 1975. Harold and Opal enjoyed Masonic and Eastern Star activities. After retiring, they traveled extensively. Harold passed away in 1982.

Opal enjoyed gardening and entertaining visitors at her home until her passing.

She was preceded in death by her father and mother; and two brothers, Emery and LeVern "Bob" Mohn.

Opal is survived by her niece, Jean Karlin of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; and three nephews, Russell

Mohn of Scottsdale, Ariz., Ronald Mohn of Columbia Falls, and James Mohn of Whitefish.

Opal is also survived by scores of friends. The love and support of many beloved neighbors and friends allowed Opal to live in her home until she passed.

Perhaps most important to her were the many children whom Opal showered with her love and attention.

Graveside services for Opal will be held 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 5, at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery with Pastor Tim Bartholomew officiating.

A reception will follow at the Stillwater Lutheran Church.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Kenneth Allen 'Kenny' Palmerton, 55

Kenneth Allen "Kenny" Palmerton, 55, of Mesa, Ariz., died Sept. 12, 2005, in Galt, Calif., after a long battle with cancer.

He had worked for the Asarco mine in Troy and Northwest Parts in Kalispell, the bark plant in Columbia Falls, and at Stimpson Lumber in Libby.

He is survived locally by

brother, Randy Palmerton, of Libby; and sisters, Sherry Palmerton of Whitefish, and Judy Bailor of Kalispell.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Sept. 19, at the Libby Assembly of God Church, with the Rev. Frank Mack officiating. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to noon Monday at Nelson and Vial Funeral Home.

# EVA JEANNETTE PARKER, 84

*February 27, 2005 at 5:00 am |*

Eva Jeannette Parker, 84, of Kalispell, a retired nurse and Army veteran, died Thursday morning, Feb. 24, 2005, at the Montana Veterans Home following a courageous battle with Lou Gehrig's disease.

Private services will be held and a gathering of friends will take place at a later date.

Her survivors include her brother, Wes Parker and wife, Elaine, of Pahrump, Nev.; nephew, Jim Parker and wife, Ariel, of Whitefish; niece, Sandy Rowe of Beatty, Nev.; and nephew, Ralph Parker and wife, Kathy, of The Colony, Texas. Also special to her were her great-nieces and nephew, Ashley Stern, Jaimye Thompson, Lauren Parker and John Parker; and her two great-greats, Jason Thompson and Sylvia Stern. She also leaves special friends Luanne and J.D. Metcalf, Aila West and Marguerite Dempsey.

Jeannette was born Jan. 3, 1921, in Missoula, to George and Susie Parker. She attended school in Missoula and Whitefish, graduating in 1939. She graduated from St. James Hospital School of Nursing in Butte, in 1943, and enlisted in the Army Nurse Corps later that year.

She later worked as a nurse in Seattle, Spokane and Colorado. In 1954, she re-enlisted and was sent to Japan, where she met the love of her life, William H. Parker. They married there in February, 1956. After living in Japan, the couple also lived in Germany and Washington, D.C.

Upon retirement, they settled in Helena, and later moved to Flathead Lake, near Elmo, where they enjoyed many happy years together.

Jeannette loved to work with her hands and kept very busy sewing, knitting, spinning, weaving, quilting, and gardening. She loved to cook and always had something ready to feed company that would stop by.

Jeannette was a member of St. Matthew's Catholic Church, Alpine Weavers and Spinners, and the DAV Auxiliary. She and Bill were also avid members of Good Sam and enjoyed many trips with that group as well.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and her husband, Bill, who passed away on Sept. 15, 1993.

As her health began to fail she moved to a condo in Kalispell. Her creative energy and love of life brought much joy to her entire family, and she will be greatly missed.

The family suggests memorials to the ALS Foundation or the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish is in charge of the arrangements.

# PATRICIA M. PARKER, 69

*September 09, 2005 at 5:00 am | Daily Inter Lake*

Patricia M. Parker, 69, a longtime Whitefish resident, passed away Wednesday morning, Sept. 7, 2005, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell of natural causes.

She was born June 21, 1936, in Morris, Minn., the daughter of Edwin P. and Cecilia C. Reardon. She attended the Nursing School of Saint Francis in Breckenridge, Minn., and graduated in 1957.

Patricia spent many years as a nurse working in hospitals and nursing homes.

She was an avid reader and member of a local book club. She was active at St. Charles Catholic Church, serving as a lay minister. She volunteered many hours at North Valley Hospital, Colonial Manor nursing home in Whitefish, the American Cancer Society Relay for Life, and the Stumptown Historical Society. She loved the outdoors; hiking, skiing, and spending time in Glacier National Park.

Patricia was a generous and compassionate wife, mother, and friend. She touched the lives of many people.

She is survived by her husband, Marvin, at the family home in Whitefish; children, daughter, Karrin; son, John and wife, Nancy; son, Michael; sister, Dolores; brother, Michael; nieces and nephews; and a granddaughter, Claire.

A Christian wake service will be 7 p.m. Sunday at the St. Charles Catholic Church. A memorial Mass of the Christian Burial will be 10 a.m. Monday, Sept. 12, at the St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Whitefish with Rev. Pat Patton, celebrant.

The family has suggested that memorials be made in her name to Wings, P.O. Box 7852, Kalispell, MT 59904.



## Gayla Parkhill, 76

Gayla Parkhill "went to be with the Lord" Friday, April 1, 2005, at age 76.

Gayla was born July 10, 1929, to Wesley and Edith Puckett in Onawa, Wash. She lived in St Leon, Grand Coulee, and Colville, Wash.

Gayla married Tommy Parkhill on Jan. 31, 1948. They moved to Hungry Horse, in 1951, where they raised their four children. She resided in Hungry Horse until moving to Kalispell to be closer to her daughters.

Gayla was a lifetime member of the Ladies VFW Auxiliary and active in the Hungry Horse community. She was an avid Cubby's fan and enjoyed playing bingo with the Bingo Babes. She was a loving mother and dearly loved spending time with her grandchildren.

She is survived by her daughters, Linda and Chuck Sieler, Mary Parkhill of Kalispell, and sons, Gary and Sharon of Columbia Falls, and Leslie and Dena Parkhill of Billings. Other survivors include sister, Sherry Nerger, and niece and nephew, Stacey and Scott of Spokane.

She enjoyed her six grandchildren, Nicole, Kimberly, Rebecca, Thomas, Hazel and Paul and five great grandchildren, Natasha, Francine, Skyler, Cody, Heath

and number six to be born soon.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband, Tommy.

Funeral services for Gayla will be held 1 p.m. at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls on Monday, April 4, with graveside services to follow immediately after the services. Pastor Nathan Bemis of Bible Baptist Church will be officiating.

In lieu of flowers the family is requesting memorials to the Charity Fund at the Kalispell Dialysis Center or the charity of the donor's choice.

## Alma O. Parkinson, 100

Alma O. Parkinson, 100, of Libby, passed away on Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2005, at the Libby Care Center.

She was born on Aug. 29, 1905, in Dwight, N.D., the daughter of Albert E. and Oloplene (Nelson) Runsvold. She attended schools and graduated from Flathead County High School.

She was married to Robert J. Parkinson. She worked for several years for the Neil's family in Libby as housekeeper and nanny. She later worked as housemother at Twin Bridges Orphanage before moving to Medical Lake, Wash., to be housemother at Lakeland Village. She retired in 1965 and moved to Seattle. She later relocated to Tacoma and returned to Libby, in 1991, to live with her son and daughter-in-law. She became a resident of Libby Care Center in 1998.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Donna Parkinson Madison; two granddaughters,

Joanne Parkinson and Carla Madison; a sister, Clara Runsvold Howell; and three brothers, Henry Runsvold, Norman Runsvold and Donald Runsvold.

She is survived by a daughter, Dolores Parkinson Young, of Seattle; a son, Richard Parkinson, and wife, Mitzi, of Libby; a sister, Evelyn Runsvold Sullivan, of Kalispell; seven grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews and an abundance of friends.

Funeral services for Alma will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 3, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Visitation will be held from 9 a.m. until service time. Burial will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

The family suggests that any memorial contributions be sent to David Thompson Search and Rescue, 512 California, Libby, MT 59923.

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

## Donna C. Parrot, 82

Donna C. Parrot, widow and beloved mother of five children, died Saturday, Jan. 15, 2005, in Walnut Creek, Calif., after a short bout with cancer. Mrs. Parrot, a six-year resident of the Russian Community in Collierville, was 82 years old. She was born and raised in Grand Junction, Colo.

Following her marriage to Douglas B. Parrot she moved to Billings, then later to Glasgow. In the mid-1960s they settled in Kalispell, where she and Douglas retired in the late 1980s. She moved to the Russian Community a few years after her husband's death in 1993. She and Douglas had been married for over 40 years at the time of his death.

A lifelong homemaker, Mrs. Parrot was an avid reader, gardener, sketch artist and bird watcher.

She leaves behind her children, Larry D. Parrot, his wife, Carol, and their children, of Coeur d'Alene; Brian; Carl Stevens, her husband, Edward, and their two children, of Rainey Lake, Wash.; Carol E. Johnson and her husband, A.J., of Newport, Ore.; Gregory C. Parrot and his wife, Okana, of Fairfield, Calif.; and Kenneth W. Parrot and his wife, Susan, of Kalispell. She is also survived by five great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Parrot's ashes will be delivered to the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell for interment with Douglas. A private graveside service is planned for the spring.

A obituary was published in the Libby Daily News on Jan. 16, 2005.

## Edith I. Patrick, 74

Edith I. Patrick, 74, of Eureka, died Saturday, Sept. 17, 2005, at Health Center Northwest from cancer.

Survivors include her husband, Robert "Red" Patrick of Eureka; two sons, Gale Patrick of Kalispell, and Wayne Patrick of Irvine, Calif.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 21, at The Church of God in Eureka. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday.

Local arrangements are by the Nelson and Vial Funeral Home in Eureka.

## Francis J. 'Fran' Parker,

Francis J. "Fran" Parker, 82, died Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2005, in Libby.

He had been a 40-year employee of the Great Northern Railroad, for which he had been a section worker in

the Libby district until his retirement.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, at the city of Libby Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 to 5 p.m. today and until 1 p.m. Friday.

## Helen E. Parrish, 81

Helen E. Parrish, 81, died on Saturday, May 28, 2005, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She survived by her children, Paul Parrish, Lisa Parrish and Pennie Parrish, all of

Whitefish.

Services for Helen Parrish are pending.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for the family.

# GAYLA PARKHILL, 76

*April 03, 2005 at 5:00 am |*

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Gayla was born July 10, 1928, to Wesley and Edith Puckett in Onalaska, Wash. She lived in St Louis, Grand Coulee, and Colville, Wash.

Gayla married Tommy Parkhill on Jan. 31, 1948. They moved to Hungry Horse, in 1951, where they raised their four children. She resided in Hungry Horse until moving to Kalispell to be closer to her daughters.

Gayla was a lifetime member of the Ladies VFW Auxiliary and active in the Hungry Horse community. She was an avid Cubby's fan and enjoyed playing bingo with the Bingo Babes.

She was a loving mother and dearly loved spending time with her grandchildren.

She is survived by her daughters, Linda and Chuck Sieler, Mary Parkhill of Kalispell; and sons, Gary and Sharon of Columbia Falls, and Leslie and Dena Parkhill of Billings. Other survivors include sister, Sherry Neger, and niece and nephew, Stacey and Scott of Spokane.

She enjoyed her six grandchildren, Nicole, Kimberly, Rebecca, Thomas, Hazel and Paul and five great-grandchildren, Natasha, Francine, Skyler, Cody, Heath and number six to be born soon.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband, Tommy.

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In lieu of flowers the family is requesting memorials to the Charity Fund at the Kalispell Dialysis Center or the charity of the donor's choice.

# DONNA C. PARROT, 82

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

Donna C. Parrot, widow and beloved mother of five children, died Saturday, Jan. 15, 2005, in Walnut Creek, Calif., after a short bout with cancer. Mrs. Parrott, a six-year resident of the Rossmoor Community in California, was 82 years old. She was born and raised in Grand Junction, Colo.

Following her marriage to Douglas B. Parrott she moved to Billings, then later to Glasgow. In the mid-1960s they settled in Kalispell, where she and Douglas retired in the late 1980s. She moved to the Rossmoor Community a few years after her husband's death in 1995. She and Douglas had been married for over 50 years at the time of his death.

A lifelong homemaker, Mrs. Parrott was an avid reader, gardener, sketch artist and bird watcher.

She leaves behind her children, Larry D. Parrott, his wife, Carol, and their children, of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; Gail Stevens, her husband, Edward, and their two children, of Bonney Lake, Wash.; Carol F. Johnson and her husband, A.J., of Newport, Ore.; Gregory G. Parrott and his wife, Oksun, of Fairfield, Calif.; and Kenneth W. Parrott and his wife, Susan, of Kalispell. She is also survived by five great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Parrott's ashes will be delivered to the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell for interment with Douglas. A private graveside service is planned for the spring.



## Henry E. Patterson, 79

Henry E. Patterson, 79, of Whitefish, died Sunday, Dec. 12, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.



He was born Sept. 10, 1926, in Kalispell, the son of Carl W. and Elsie (Wachsmuth) Patterson. He grew up in the Flathead Valley on the family farm on U.S. 93, which is now the location of the Majestic Valley Arena. He attended rural schools and graduated from Flathead County High School in 1944. He was active in 4-H and FFA while in high school.

He delivered mail on the East Shore of Flathead Lake for several years. On Jan. 14, 1949, he was united in marriage to Carol Fredenberg in Kalispell.

In August 1952, he began a career with the Great Northern Railway and worked until his retirement in December 1988 with Burlington Northern.

He enjoyed fishing and spending time at the Patterson cabin on Ashley Lake. When his children were small, the family did a lot of camping.

Henry was always there to lend a helping hand to a neighbor or friend. He was an active member

of St. Peter Lutheran Church in Whitefish as well as the men's Bible study.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and two brothers, Robert and Earl Patterson.

He is survived by his wife, Carol Patterson, of Columbia Falls; his daughters, Wendy Howard and husband, Darrell, of Whitefish, Linda Howard and husband, Bob, of Kalispell, Nancy Turner and husband, Mike, of Junction City, Kan., Meredith Beckedahl and husband, Mark, of Shelby, and Karen Kade and husband, Jay, of Parker, Colo.; 11 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; one brother, Walter Patterson, of Polson; three sisters, Agnes Gustafson of Kalispell, Betty Van Alstine of Whitefish, and Anna Jones of Missoula; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Henry will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 15, at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Whitefish, with Pastor Marty Kaarre officiating. Visitation will be held from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at the church. Urn burial will be private by the family.

The family suggests that memorial contributions be made to St. Peter Lutheran Church, 201 Wisconsin Ave., Whitefish, MT 59937.

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

## Kermit Clark 'Kerm' Pearson, 79

Kermit Clark 'Kerm' Pearson, 79, of Whitefish, died Monday, Dec. 12, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.



He was born Sept. 10, 1926, in Kalispell, the son of Carl W. and Elsie (Wachsmuth) Patterson. He grew up in the Flathead Valley on the family farm on U.S. 93, which is now the location of the Majestic Valley Arena.

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Yacht Club and spent many years helping with races and other activities.

He held several positions, including Commodore. Of his three boats, he liked his Thistle the best. He campaigned it in class racing all over the Northwest. He traveled to Florida and convinced the Thistle class to hold their national championship on Flathead Lake in 1981. It was such a success they returned in 1982.

Kerm was involved in training dogs most of his life. In the last several years Kerm has enjoyed training his Chesapeake, Mangle and three for land tests and ball bird training. Kerm especially enjoyed September along the Hi-Line with his dogs and hunting buddies, chasing turkeys and pheasants. His other passion has been fishing or hunting with his grandchildren and their parents.

In September he completed construction of a beautiful 47 foot hunt and fishing riverboat. He needed a bigger boat to hold a couple grandkids, some hunting or fishing gear, two poodles, brown dogs, and himself.

Kerm's family and friends honor his convictions, his enthusiasm for life, his energy and determination in the face of adversity, his quiet warmth and dry sense of humor. He has been a mentor for many and a role model for all that know him.

His son, Randolph P. Pearson, preceded him in death.

He is survived by his wife for 32 years, Lalla Pearson, of Samers, two children, David P. Pearson, and wife, Leslie, of Inlet, Alaska, and wife, Leslie, of Inlet, Alaska, and husband, Willy, of Hennessey, Fla.; Jennifer Fisher and husband, Jeff, Timothy R. Pearson and wife, Barbara, and Benjamin W. Pearson, all of the Flathead Valley.

Also surviving are three sisters, Bobby Welter and Marge Lindstrom of Washington, and Lucy Steing of California, with numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren.

A memorial reception for Kermit "Kerm" Clark Pearson will be held on Monday, Jan. 10, starting at 5 p.m. in the Winchester Room at the Outlaw Inn in Kalispell.

The family suggests memorials may be made in Kerm's name to the Glacier Gun Club, P.O. Box 10462, Kalispell, MT 59903, or Hospice Home Health Options, 175 Commons Loop, Ste. 100, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Vera C. Peacock, 94

Vera C. Peacock, 94, passed away Monday, Dec. 12, 2005, at Prestige Assisted Living in Kalispell.

Vera was born on a farm in Sheridan County, Mont., near the town of Raymond on Dec. 14, 1910. Vera was the daughter of Oscar and Vera Collins. She attended school in Plentywood and graduated from St. John Hospital School of Nursing in Fargo, N.D., in 1932, and worked in the nursing field until her retirement.

After her husband's retirement from the U.S. Army in the early 1960s, they moved to Whitefish. She was a resident of Whitefish until 1995, when she moved to Kalispell, where she resided at Buffalo Hill Terrace Apartments, and from 1998 at Prestige Assisted Living.

She was a member of the O.E.S. No. 66, Daughter of the Nile Tirzal Temple No. 3, North Valley Hospi-

tal Auxiliary and the Soroptimist Club.

Vera was preceded in death by her husband, Cortez A. "Cort" Peacock; two brothers, Joseph J. and Dr. Griffith G. Collins; four sisters, Helen Rosmussen, Ruth O'Malley, Kathryn Smith, and Nettie Collins; and her son, Roger Allan Peacock.

Vera is survived by her daughter-in-law, Marie Peacock; three granddaughters, nine great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

The family requests memorial contributions be made to North Valley Hospital Auxiliary, 6575 U.S. 93 S., Whitefish, MT 59937; or to the Soroptimist Club, P.O. Box 1843, Whitefish, MT 59937.

Memorial services for Vera will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 16, at Prestige Assisted Living, with Jerry Schreck officiating.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

# KERMIT CLARK 'KERM' PEARSON, 79

*January 08, 2005 at 5:00 am |*

Kermit Clark "Kerm" Pearson, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, passed away from cancer at 79 years, Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2005, at the family home in Somers.

He was born on June 23, 1925, in Spokane, to Elza and Pearl (Kreiling) Pearson, the only boy in a family of five.

An avid outdoorsman, he spent his youth duck hunting with his dad, a passion he enjoyed to the end of his life. He was educated in the Spokane schools and graduated from Washington State University in 1949. In high school he attained the rank of Eagle Scout. He continued his involvement in scouting when he moved to Butte where he established a veterinary practice.

In Butte, he met and married the love of his life, Laila Stranahan, and together they raised six kids. While attending college in Pullman, Wash., he joined the ski team, a sport then in its infancy, and later made it a family sport, teaching the whole family how to ski.

During the first half of his veterinary career Kerm practiced large animal medicine. He enjoyed being in the country helping ranchers and farmers - people he really admired. Veterinarians were not numerous in those years and Kerm's territory included a big chunk of the state surrounding Butte.

In 1964, he moved the family to Whitehall, and went to work as a state veterinarian traveling the state to inspect the large sheep ranches. In 1966, he became one of them when he bought a band of sheep for the ranch near Whitehall.

He returned to veterinary medicine with a partner in Missoula from 1968 to 1970. Then he moved to Kalispell and established the Flathead Animal Clinic, a small animal practice. In 2001, he sold the practice to his associate, Kelly Rankin. His many clients miss his great technical skill, love of animals and gentle bedside manner. Kerm selflessly worked long hours for many years to provide his family with a nice life.

Going camping near a good spot of water, with a few trout for Kerm to catch provided the family with budget-conscious vacations around Butte and Whitehall.

Moving to the Flathead allowed him to enjoy one of his favorite activities - sailing. He was a charter member of the North Flathead Yacht Club and spent many years helping with races and other activities.

He held several positions, including commodore. Of his three boats, he liked his Thistle the best. He campaigned it in class racing all over the Northwest. He traveled to Florida and convinced the Thistle class to hold their national championship on Flathead Lake in 1983. It was such a success they returned in 1987.

Kerm was involved in training dogs most of his life. In the last several years Kerm has enjoyed training his Chesapeakes, Maggie and Jiggs, for hunt tests and fall bird hunting. Kerm especially enjoyed September along the Hi-line with his dogs and hunting buddies, chasing huns and pheasants. His other passion has been fishing or hunting with his grandchildren and their parents.



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Daily Inter Lake - Obituaries, Kermit Clark 'Kerm' Pearson, 79

In September he completed construction of a beautiful 17-foot hunting/fishing riverboat. He needed a bigger boat to haul a couple grandkids, some hunting or fishing gear, two goony brown dogs, and himself.

Kerm's family and friends honor his convictions, his enthusiasm for life, his energy and determination in the face of adversity, his quiet warmth and dry sense of humor. He has been a mentor for many and a role model for all that knew him.

One son, Randolph C. Pearson, preceded him in death.

He is survived by his wife for 52 years, Laila Pearson, of Somers; five children, David F. Pearson, and wife, Leslie, of Indian, Alaska, Darrielle Wyatt, and husband, Wally, of Homosassa, Fla., Jennifer Fisher and husband, Jeff, Timothy K. Pearson and wife, Barbara, and Benjamin W. Pearson, all of the Flathead Valley.

Also surviving are three sisters, Bobby Wylder and Margie Lindstrom of Washington, and Loey Siering of California; with numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A memorial reception for Kermit "Kerm" Clark Pearson will be held on Monday, Jan. 10, starting at 5 p.m. in the Winchester Room at the Outlaw Inn in Kalispell.

The family suggests memorials may be made in Kerm's name to the Glacier Gun Club, P.O. Box 10382, Kalispell, MT 59904; or Hospice Home Health Options, 175 Commons Loop, Ste. 100, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## William C. Perry Jr., 61

William C. Perry Jr., 61, passed away on Wednesday, May 11, 2005, at his home in Kalispell.



He was born on April 28, 1944, at Parks, Neb., the son of William Charles and Rose Bernice (Pugh) Perry. He attended schools in Nebraska and enlisted into the U.S. Navy in 1965 and was stationed in San Diego, Calif.

Upon his return he married the love of his life, Judy Roberts, on May 23, 1968. Of this union two children were born, Jason and Toni.

Bill enjoyed working with his hands all of his life, creating beautiful objects out of wood and metal. Most of these were shared with family and friends. He enjoyed spending time with his wife working in the yard, planting flowers and building her a deck she could sit on and enjoy.

Bill worked various jobs in his life, but it was here in the valley that he found his job and the people he worked with the most rewarding; Kurt and Kent Reimer of MIDWAY Rental gave tremendous support to Bill and his family during this fight. It was because of them that Bill found his way to walk with the Lord and accept his fate. Bill was not a man of many words — the appreciation he felt for the WAY family could never be fully expressed to the feelings he felt inside.

Bill and his family were given support from family friend, Art Veatch, who came and stayed with Bill and Judy whenever needed, usually for weeks at a time. Bill smiled and laughed when Art shaved his head for support when Bill had brain surgery.

Bill loved spending time with his grandchildren, one of his last requests was to watch his oldest granddaughter, 'Taja' play at a state hockey tournament in North

Dakota. Despite the fight with cancer, chemo and radiation, he drove with his wife, and his son, Jason, and daughters' families, to Bismarck to watch her play. Taja's love for her "Papa" was shown the first game when she unveiled a new goalie's helmet that she designed and personalized to him. Airbrushed on it was a courageous bull with a brand of 'Papa 2005 and the eternity sign. The Lady Generals made Bill their official mascot and all wore LIVESTRONG bracelets in support of him. The team placed second in the tournament and Bill turned to his wife and said "I guess I might have brought them some luck."

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, and brothers, Leslie, Bob, Art, Elton, Evert and Carl Perry.

He is survived by his wife, Judy Perry of Kalispell; son, Jason Perry and his wife, Rebekah, of Kalispell; a daughter, Toni Strouf and her husband, Jason, of Miles City; his grandchildren, Nichole, Rebecca and Makenzie Perry of Kalispell, Taja, Haylee and Jacob Strouf of Miles City; sisters, Phyllis Harmon and her husband Paul of Yelm, Wash., Betty Knapp and husband, Tommy, of Imperial, Neb., May Sterry and husband, Ivan, of Presho, S.D.; brothers, Dale Perry of Billings, and Dena Perry and wife, Betty, of Ray, Colo.; his very special friend, Art Veatch of Billings; and his extended family he cared very much for, the owners and crew at MIDWAY Rental, Kurt and Kent, Moe, Dave, Mike, Ken, Terry, Dan, Rod, Pat and the rest of the bunch.

Memorial services will be held for William 2 p.m. on Tuesday, May 17, in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Rev. Cliff Purcell officiating. There is no visitation.

The family suggests that any memorial contributions be sent to Home Options Hospice, 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

## Janet Anita Pearson, 69

Janet Anita Pearson of Troy died July 9, 2005, her 69th birthday, of a sudden, short illness at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

She was retired from the Troy School District where she had worked as a custodian and cafeteria assistant.

Survivors include her husband, Sonny, of Troy; and children, Anita Thompson Woodburn, Ore., Debra Blystone of Troy, Tim Pearson of Hampton Roads, Va.,

Ken Pearson of Knappa, Ore., Mike Pearson of Battle Ground, Wash., Ray Pearson of Whitefish, and Perry Pearson of Alameda, Calif.

Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. today, July 15, at Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

Graveside services and burial will take place at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 16, at Troy Cemetery, with a reception afterward at the Troy Senior Citizen Center.

## Rev. Carl F. Pershall, 89

The Rev. Carl F. Pershall, 89, a longtime Eureka pastor, died Tuesday evening, Nov. 15, 2005, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.



The Rev. Pershall came to the Tobacco Valley in 1958 where he had been pastor of the First Baptist Church for many years, until his retirement in 1982. Since that time, he had served as interim pastor at several places in the American Baptist Church, including a return interim engagement at his former church in Eureka.

Always active in community affairs, the Rev. Pershall was honored with the Citizen of the Year award by the Tobacco Valley Improvement Association. During an interview for a recent article about him in The Tobacco Valley News, he said, "Maybe my gift has been to treat people like people and not as prospects for the church," he had said.

He was born in Arco, Idaho, on Dec. 11, 1915, to Avery Pershall and Bertha Faye Hohn Pershall. He was raised and educated at Arco.

Carl married Mary Lafferty on Nov. 9, 1938, in Arco. He attended Northwest Nazarene College and later, Linfield College in McMinnville, Ore., and the Berkeley Baptist School where he was among the first students in a program for

ministerial training for small, rural churches.

He had served American Baptist churches at Riddle, Ore., and in the small Idaho communities of Mud Lake, Dubois and Roberts, before coming to Eureka. He also had served as president of the Northwest region of American Baptist Churches and as area minister for southern Idaho, Utah and Nevada. Carl also had served as director of the Montana Junior Citizens Camp, a local Boy Scout leader and on the board of Mountain View Manor.

Carl enjoyed ranching and had been an expert horseman for most of his life. An avid outdoorsman and hunter, he is remembered by many for hunting trips deep into the mountains by horseback.

He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Mary, at the family home in Eureka; his sons, Carl Dean Pershall and Glenn Pershall, both of Eureka, and Allen Pershall of Kalispell; nine grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Kenneth Pershall, in 1986.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the First Baptist Church with interment services afterward at Tobacco Valley Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 to 7 p.m. today at the church.

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

Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church or to a charity of the donor's choice.

## Douglas G. 'Doug' Peterson, 83

Douglas G. "Doug" Peterson, 83, passed away Sept. 24, 2005, at Brendan House.

Doug was born Nov. 11, 1921, to Peter and Amanda Peterson, in Somers. He spent his early years swimming, fishing and attending the Somers school. He attended Flathead County High School.

In 1942, he entered the U.S. Army, was trained as a medic, and was stationed in the Aleutian Islands in Alaska. Upon his honorable discharge in 1946, he returned to Somers and worked for the Somers Lumber Company.

On March 15, 1952, he married Wilma Swenson. Throughout these years, he worked for various lumber companies in the Flathead Valley.

Doug is survived by his son,



Dwight Shurtleff, and wife, Kathy, granddaughter, Andrea, and her husband, Mark Bell, all of Kalispell. He is also survived by his special nephew, Jim, and his wife, Ruth Hellen, of Somers; his sister Evaline Connolly of Billings; plus many nieces and nephews.

Doug was preceded in death by parents; his wife, Wilma; son, Stephen Holmes; sister, Ruth Hellen; and brother, Edgar Peterson.

Graveside urn burial will be at 3 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 29, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery, with the Rev. Tim Bartholomew officiating. Military honors will be conducted by the United Veterans of the Flathead Valley.

Memorials may be made in Doug's name to the American Lung Association of Montana, 825 Helena Ave., Helena, MT 59601.

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



## Monica L. Peterson, 81

Monica L. Peterson, 81, passed away on Thursday, April 19, 2006, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.



She was born on June 19, 1925, in Poplar to Clem and Agnes Lockman. Monica received her early education in Poplar, graduating from the Poplar High School.

On July 11, 1942, she married Melvin Peterson, her sweetheart from Poplar, in Santa Anna, Calif. In 1946 the couple moved to Kalispell where they made their permanent home.

Monica was very active as a volunteer at St. Matthew's School and Church. She worked as a cook at the school until 1969. She then worked as a clerk at the Montana State Liquor Store until 1970.

She was a member of the Daughters of Isabella, the Altar Society and the Flathead Democratic Women's Club.

She loved to garden and taking care of her yard and flowers, and in particular, loved pump to the family cabin at Butterfoot Lake.

She spent many days there with her children and grandchildren. Monica was preceded in death by her husband in 2000, and in brothers and sisters.

She is survived by two sons, Richard Peterson and wife, Yvonne, and Donald Peterson and wife, Janet, all of Kalispell; two daughters, Rene Paugh and husband, Harvey, of Kalispell, and Dody Chassen and husband, LeRoy, of Great Falls; three grandchildren, Travis Peterson and wife, Melissa, and Justin Paugh, all of Kalispell, and Gail Peterson Frey and husband, Karl, of Hillsboro, Ore.; four great-grandchildren, Chloe Peterson and Ava Peterson of Kalispell, and Zachary and Grace Frey of Hillsboro; one brother, Curly Lockman of Poplar; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Vital services for Monica Peterson will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, April 21, in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 22, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church with Father Vic Langhans as celebrant. Burial will follow in the Glacier Memorial Gardens.

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

## Evelyn A. Pitcher, 79

Evelyn A. Pitcher, 79, passed away on Thursday, May 5, 2005, at the Deaconess Medical Center in Spokane. She was born in Olga, N.D., on Aug. 18, 1926, to Henry and Veronica Denault.



Evelyn came from a family of 10 children, seven older brothers and two younger sisters. Evelyn grew up and received her education there in Olga.

Evelyn was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother who loved her family and friends, and enjoyed taking extended nature hikes, going on bird hunting trips in an old Toyota pickup truck, family camping trips to Middle Thompson Lake, baking for guests, quilting and sewing blankets, traveling to see family, and touring the country side on the back of a Harley.

She was also an accomplished archer and quilter, winning numerous medals in both areas.

Evelyn was a proud member of Risen Christ Parish, ladies Bible study, home Bible study groups, and Risen Christ Quilters for more than 25 years. Evelyn always had freshly made tea and toast or her namon rolls ready for her

guests, was a "best friend to everyone," and always made everyone feel welcome at her kitchen table.

Evelyn was preceded in death by her husband, Clarence; two infant daughters, her parents, and five older brothers.

She is survived by her five children, Clarence Ross and her husband, Stan, of Kalispell, John Pitcher and his wife, Kay, of Kalispell, Joann Brockman and her husband, Daryl, of Kalispell, Sandra Barnett and her husband, Ronald, of Marion, and Linda Dearing and her husband, Robert, of Walhalla, N.D. Evelyn is survived by a multitude of grandchildren and great-grandchildren; brothers, Julius Denault of Mesa, Ariz.; George Denault of Park River, N.D.; and sisters, Gloria Zueger of Seattle; and Veronica Pitcher of Park River, N.D.

Mass of Christian Burial for Evelyn will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 22, at Risen Christ Catholic Church. Burial will be after services at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday at Johnson Mortuary, with a celebration of life after visitation from 6 to 8 p.m.

The family suggests memorial contributions to the Ray of Hope, 2680 U.S. 2 E., Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

## Lorraine E. Petrusha, 79

Lorraine E. Petrusha, 79, a longtime Libby resident, died Friday, Feb. 11, 2006, in Kalispell.

She was a registered nurse for 49 years, including many years at St. John's Lutheran Hospital in Libby.

She is survived by her husband, Robert "Bob" Petrusha; children, Marilyn Jones of Rapid City, S.D., Jeanette McElroy of Guadalajara, Mexi-

co, Tony Petrusha of Kennewick, Wash., and Frank Petrusha of Helena.

Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Joseph Catholic Church, with interment services following at the City of Libby Cemetery. Visitation begins at 3 p.m. Tuesday at Nelson & Vial Funeral Home with a parish visit and rosary following at 7 p.m.

## Tim D. Piland Sr., 56

Tim D. Piland Sr., 56, of Evergreen, passed away May 30, 2005, in Empire, Colo., of natural causes. He was born Sept. 9, 1948, in Pueblo, Colo., to Joseph Leonard Piland and Clara Lou Emond, and raised in Fort Collins, Colo.

He obtained his GED while serving in the U.S. Army and later attended Flathead Valley Community College.

Tim was a disabled Vietnam veteran and an expert rifleman with the M-14 and the APC 45.

He moved to Coram in 1976 and then moved to Kalispell in December 1992, when he met Alfreda M. Hamilton. They were married Dec. 21, 1998, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

Tim was a member of Valley Victory Church. He did light maintenance work for the church, and was also their security man as well as for Head Start.

He enjoyed fishing and bird-

watching. He and Alfreda kept four cockatiels which Tim dearly loved.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, the Curtises; his father, Joseph Leonard; and brother, Steve; and a granddaughter, Daneya.

Tim is survived by his wife, Alfreda, M. Hamilton-Piland, of Kalispell; his four sons, Dale, Timothy, Cliff and Dwayne; his two daughters, Delane and Heather; his mother, Clara Lou Emond; his twin brother, Jim B. Piland of Wichita, Kan., and brothers, Max G. Piland of Aurora, Colo., and Randy Piland of Empire; and 15 grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, June 9, at Valley Victory Church, 335 E. Evergreen Dr. in Kalispell, with Pastor William Lewis officiating. Interment will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

## Jean Montana Harlow Petersen, 65

Jean Montana Harlow Petersen, 65, of Whitefish, passed away after a long hard fought struggle with cancer at her home on Thursday, May 19, 2005.



Jeannie was born on Oct. 4, 1939, in Glasgow, to Arthur and Ester Harlow. She graduated from Whitefish High School and attended Montana State University in Bozeman. Jean retired from a much loved and successful career in real estate where she was repeatedly in the multi-million dollar club.

She is survived by her three children, Randy, Ryan, and Jamie, as well as seven grandchildren Derek, Jennifer, Trevor, Lauren, Wolfgang, Conrad, and Natasha.

She was laid to rest on May 21 in the Woodland Cemetery in Columbia Falls beside her father and mother.

Many thanks to her friends for their love and prayers, her caregivers, as well as Bob and Bee DePratu and David Whitehead who were with Jeannie during her final moments.

Contributions may be made to Shepard's Hand Clinic of Whitefish, Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish is in charge of the arrangements.

## Patricia A. 'Pat' Peterson, 52

Patricia A. 'Pat' Peterson, 52, of Libby, died Tuesday at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

She had been a long-time employee of the First American Title Company in Libby, working for over 20 years as an underwriter.

Services will be held at 11 a.m.

Monday at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home Chapel. Friends may call at the funeral home from 1 to 7 p.m. Sunday.

She is survived by her husband, Hans, of Libby; a son, Ryan M. Peterson of Reno, Nev.; and her parents, Don and Lois Sheay, of Libby.



# MONICA L. PETERSON, 81

*April 21, 2005 at 5:00 am | Daily Inter Lake*

Monica L. Peterson, 81, passed away on Tuesday, April 19, 2005, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

She was born on June 19, 1923, in Poplar to Clem and Agnes Lockman. Monica received her early education in Poplar, graduating from the Poplar High School.

On July 11, 1942, she married Melvin Peterson, her sweetheart from Poplar, in Santa Anna, Calif. In 1945 the couple moved to Kalispell where they made their permanent home.

Monica was very active as a volunteer at St. Matthew's School and Church. She worked as a cook at the school until 1969. She then worked as a clerk at the Montana State Liquor Store until 1979.

She was a member of the Daughters of Isabelle, the Altar Society and the Flathead Democratic Women's Club.

She loved to garden and taking care of her yard and flowers, and in particular, loved going to the family cabin at Bitterroot Lake. She spent many days there with her children and grandchildren.

Monica was preceded in death by her husband in 2000; and 10 brothers and sisters.

She is survived by two sons, Richard Peterson and wife, Yasuko, and Donald Peterson and wife, Janet, all of Kalispell; two daughters, Rene Paugh and husband, Harvey, of Kalispell, and Dody Claassen and husband, LeRoy, of Great Falls; three grandchildren, Travis Peterson and wife, Melissa, and Justin Paugh, all of Kalispell, and Gail Peterson Frey and husband, Karl, of Hillsboro, Ore.; four great-grandchildren, Chloe Peterson and Ava Peterson of Kalispell, and Zachary and Grace Frey of Hillsboro; one brother, Curly Lockman of Poplar; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Vigil services for Monica Peterson will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, April 22, in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 23, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church with Father Vic Langhans as celebrant. Burial will follow in the Glacier Memorial Gardens.

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

## Jacqueline M. Plympton, 85

Jacqueline M. Plympton, 85, passed away on Saturday, Oct. 15, 2005, at Kalispell Memorial Medical Center. She was born on July 3, 1920, in Sheridan, Wyo., to Fred and Hazel Wagner Young.



She is survived by her children, Warren and wife, Marlene, Weldon and wife, Kay, and Steve and wife, Gay, all of Kalispell, and Vance and wife, Helga, of Billings; brothers and sisters Madeline Coleman, Joe Young, Gary Young and Wes Young, all of Kalispell, and Fred Young of Oregon; grandchildren Jeff, Paul, Paula, Warren, Cheryl, Laressa, Stacia and Courtney; great-grandchildren Bryant, Bailey, Anthony, Audrey, Tadhg, Maggie, Ethan, Ian, Evan and Finian.

Visitation will be from noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 19, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 20, at Easthaven Baptist Church on Whitefish Stage Road with the Rev. Daniel Lambert officiating. Cremation will follow the services.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory caring for the family.

Jacqueline was raised in and around Lodge Grass, where she attended schools, graduating from Lodge Grass High School.

She worked as a nurse's aide at the Lutheran Home and the Flathead County Nursing Home. She also did barbering at both nursing homes.

She married Warren B. Plympton in 1938 in Hardin.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Warren; infant daughter Jane; and a grandson Matt.

## Matthew Morgan 'Matt' Plympton, 20

Matthew Morgan "Matt" Plympton, 20, died early in the morning, Saturday, Feb. 26, 2005, due to a tragic unfortunate incident in Darby.



Matthew was born May 5, 1984, to Vance V. and Helga Jean (Pollock) Plympton in Kalispell. He attended schools in Kalispell. Matt was a wonderful boy and the kindest person one could ever know. He had a gentleness and kindness that few people could ever hope to obtain. Matt had a gift of humor and wit that made everyone around him laugh. Matt loved the outdoors. Fishing was his passion. He also enjoyed camping, snowboarding and hunting.

Matthew came from a large extended family and was deeply loved by all. The babies and the children were always attracted to him because of his gentle manner and the kindness and patience he possessed.

Matt had previous brushes with death, the most recent being his heart failure. Through prayers and love, his heart was healed. He was looking forward to going to college starting this fall and spending his life with Tuome Balk, his fiancée.

Matt was a young adult not yet a man, we will never know the man he was to become because his life was taken in a senseless tragic

manner. The one thing we are sure of is that he never had to knock at heaven's door — the door was wide open and waiting for him to come in. He had a deep faith in the Lord and that faith is what sustains the remaining family members.

He was preceded in death by his grandfathers, Buster Pollock and Warren Plympton I, and a grandmother, Esther Pollock.

Survivors include his father and mother, Vance and Helga Plympton; sister and brother-in-law, Laressa and Mark Brushia; two nephews, Anthony and Ethan Brushia; his love and fiancée, Tuome Balk; a grandmother, Jacqueline Plympton; 10 uncles, 11 aunts and numerous cousins.

A wake service will be held until 1 p.m. today, March 3, at the Grantsdale Community Center. The Mass of Christian burial will be held at 2 p.m. today, at the St. Francis Catholic Church in Hamilton. The Rev. Father John Barragh will be the celebrant. A reception will follow at the Grantsdale Community Center.

Letters of remembrances may be sent to Mrs. Plympton, 2691 Phyllis Lane, Billings, MT 59102 or e-mail to brotherse@msn.com.

A private family dispersion of the cremated remains will take place in Flathead County. Services are entrusted to the care and direction of Ronald Brothers with Dowlung Funeral Home & Crematory, 415 S. Second St., Hamilton, 393-1111.

## Jean Heinecke Poitras, 80

Jean Heinecke Poitras, 80, died Nov. 8, 2005, in Whitefish after a long struggle with an atypical form of Parkinson's disease.

She was born Sept. 11, 1925, in Helena to Reta and Fred Heinecke. Jean attended Principia College and the University of Montana, majoring in sociology.

Jean and Richard Poitras were married in 1948 in Helena. They have three children and three grandchildren.

Jean led an active life and loved

meeting people. She loved to ski, play tennis, golf, swimming, reading, playing bridge and Parrot candy!

While living in Arizona, she became a travel agent and traveled the world.

She was preceded in death by her husband and parents.

She is survived by her sister, her children, and grandchildren.

Memorial services celebrating her life will be held next summer at Whitefish Lake.

## Maxine V. Porter, 88

Maxine V. Porter, 88, died Sunday, Jan. 30, 2005, at Billings. She was born in Helena.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Fred Porter, and her son, Fred Porter.

## Nicholas Sean 'Nick' Porter, 23

Nicholas Sean "Nick" Porter, 23, of Missoula, a student at the University of Montana, died Monday from injuries suffered in a fall on the university campus.



A memorial service is planned for 2 p.m. Saturday at the First Lutheran Church in Havre, with Pastors Brad Thomas and Catherine Carl officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Havre Community Foundation, Havre High School Band, University of Montana, Department of Missoula, MT 59717-0000.

Services and a funeral are under the direction of Hoff and a Bonnie Funeral Home of Havre.

Nick is survived by his parents, Gary and Sally Porter of Havre, brother Chris, and sister Gwen, both of New York City, and sister Maureen who is currently serving as part of the 8th Fleet of the Marine Corps, aboard the Bonhomme Richard deployed on the Northern Arabian Sea. Also surviving are grandparents, Ed and Mavis Porter, of Whitefish, as well as numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Nick was born in Missoula, on Nov. 8, 1981. He attended school in Missoula and Klamath before coming to Havre in the third grade.

He graduated from Havre High in 2000. Nick went on to study music at the University of Mon-

tana in Missoula. He was due to complete his bachelor's degree in percussion performance in May of this year.

Nick was a talented musician in percussion and piano. At Havre High he participated in virtually every ensemble possible. He was given the John Phillip Sousa Award and the Music Department Award his senior year.

At the U of M he continued to study percussion and piano. He participated in symphonic winds, marching band, pep band, orchestra, percussion ensemble, jazz band, and the Montana Symphonic Orchestra. This fall he won the University of Montana Concerto Competition. He also performed frequently and solo and with his trio at the U of M. He will be buried in Havre. His name will be preserved.

Nick worked at the Havre Community pool as a lifeguard and taught swim lessons during his summers in Havre. Nick was an avid skier and swimmer. He pursued his interests with vigor and determination while always holding himself to a very high standard. His honesty and vivaciousness made him fun to be with. He always led, supported, and taught those around him.

His energy and spirit were infectious and inspiring. Nick lived life and worked hard at it.

Nick was preceded in death by his maternal grandmother, Constance Matthew.

Nick's family and friends will remember the unique place he held in all of their hearts.

## Lois A. Poepping, 80

Lois A. Poepping of East Helena, died Sept. 7, 2005, at home. She is survived locally by her daughter, Lori Alsbury, of Kalispell.

Memorial services were held Sept. 13 in Helena.

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Letters of remembrances may be sent to Mrs. Plympton, 2691 Phyllis Lane, Billings, MT 59102 or e-mail to [brothersr@msn.com](mailto:brothersr@msn.com) (<mailto:brothersr@msn.com>).

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# NICHOLAS SEAN "NICK" PORTER, 23

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Nicholas Sean "Nick" Porter, 23, of Missoula, a student at the University of Montana, died Monday from injuries suffered in a fall on the university campus.

A memorial service is planned for 2 p.m. Saturday at the First Lutheran Church in Havre, with Pastors Brad Ulgenes and Catherine Card officiating.

Memorials in Nick's honor may be made to the Havre Lions Swim Team; Havre High School Band; University of Montana Music Department Missoula, MT 59812-7992.

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

Nick is survived by his parents, Gary and Sally Porter of Havre; brother Chris, and sister Gwen, both of New York City, and sister, Maureen who is currently serving as part of the 15th MEU of the Marine Corps aboard the Bonhomme Richard deployed in the Northern Arabian Sea. Also surviving are grandparents, Ed and Maisie Porter, of Whitefish; as well as numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Nick was born in Missoula, on Nov. 8, 1981. He attended school in Missoula and Kremlin before coming to Havre in the third grade.

He graduated from Havre High in 2000. Nick went on to study music at the University of Montana in Missoula. He was due to complete his bachelor's degree in percussion performance in May of this year.

Nick was a talented musician in percussion and piano. At Havre High he participated in virtually every ensemble possible. He was given the John Phillip Sousa Award and the Music Departmental Award his senior year.

At the U of M he continued to study percussion and piano. He participated in symphonic winds, marching band, pep band, orchestra, percussion ensemble, jazz band, and the Missoula Symphony Orchestra. This fall he won the University of Montana concerto competition. He also performed frequently and assisted with the music at the First Lutheran Church in Havre. His music will be missed.

Nick worked at the Havre community pool as a lifeguard and taught swim lessons during his summers in Havre. Nick was an avid skier and swimmer. He pursued his interests with vigor and determination while always holding himself to a very high standard. His honesty and vivaciousness made him fun to be with. He always led, supported, and taught those around him.

His energy and spirit were infectious and inspiring. Nick loved life and worked hard at it.

Nick was preceded in death by his maternal grandmother, Constance Matthew.

Nick's family and friends will remember the unique place he held in all of our hearts.

## Theresa Marie Pouncy, 53

Theresa Marie Pouncy, 53, passed away of complications of cancer in Reno, Nev., on Sept. 16, 2004.

She was born Sept. 10, 1951, in Kalispell, to Charles and Elaine Miller.

In her younger years, Theresa loved to bowl and make ceramics. She was always very supportive of her children, June's and Philip's Native American heritage. Theresa cherished time spent with her children, grandchildren and family, as well as friends and her beloved animals. Before her health failed her, she loved to hike, camp and fish and was always taking pictures of places she described as "WOW!"

Theresa loved the big-city lights, and this small-town girl traveled from California to New Hampshire, residing in Reno the last few years where she learned to be a card dealer, often meeting



celebrities who passed through.

Through life's struggles, she always maintained the strength to be courageous and move forward and she tried to do whatever she could to help others. Theresa's sense of humor and boisterous laugh always will be remembered.

Theresa was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Elaine Miller; her son, Philip Marceau; her grandparents; and a little niece, Stephanie Bradley.

She is survived by her long-time partner, Edward "Sonny" Bongarts of Reno; her daughters, June Marceau of Kalispell, and Michelle (Cusick) Motichka and her husband, Mike, of Columbia Falls; her sisters, Vinicia Johnson of Kalispell, and Sue Bradley and her husband, Butch, of Kalispell; eight grandchildren, many aunts, uncles and cousins, two nephews and a niece.

Interment at Fairview Cemetery will be at a later date at the family's discretion.

There will be a barbecue at 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17, at Lawrence Park to celebrate her life.

## Kathy Lee Prescott, 48

Kathy Lee Prescott, 48, passed away Aug. 1, 2005, at her home in Kalispell.

Kathy's greatest joy was spending time with her grandchildren and fishing. She has many friends across Montana, as she has lived in Havre, Red Lodge, Nashua, Cut Bank, Valier, Great Falls and Helena.

Kathy was born Oct. 1, 1956 in Redding, Calif., and lived in Kansas before moving home to Poplar. She was a member of the Assiniboin tribe. She married Johnnie Martinez in 1983, and they divorced in 1992.

Kathy was a fun-loving person who loved to laugh. She will be greatly missed by her many friends and family.

Kathy is survived by her three children, Carrie Anderson of Kalispell, Terrie Holland of Palmer, Alaska, and Matt Martinez of Great Falls; four grandchildren, Alexis, Dalton, and Kaymee of Kalispell, and Kaleb of Palmer; her father, James Meredith of Glasgow; two brothers, Mike of Nashua and Sonny of Fletcher, N.C.; and one sister, Alice, of Nebraska.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. today, Aug. 5, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Interment will take place at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery at a later date.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home caring for the family.

## Catherine Sophia Stedje Prestbye, 87

Catherine Sophia Stedje Prestbye, 87, died on Monday, Aug. 22, 2005, at Tacoma Lutheran Home in Tacoma, Wash.

She was born on Sept. 4, 1917, in rural Hettinger, N.D., the daughter of Erick and Karen (Hjelle) Stedje the youngest of eight children, four sisters and three brothers. She was baptized and confirmed at Richland Lutheran Church in rural Hettinger. Catherine attended school in rural Hettinger and Lutheran Bible Institute in Minneapolis.

She moved to Kalispell with her mother to live closer to two of her brothers. Here she met Norman R. Prestbye and they were united in marriage at Bethlehem Lutheran Church on Feb. 15, 1945. They moved to their first home in Polson, while her husband served as pastor of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Polson and Faith Lutheran in Ronan 1945-1950. They also lived in Culbertson, 1950-1956; Clarkston, Wash., 1956-1964; Canby, Ore., 1964-1981. Following retirement



they lived at Lakeside; Beaverton, Ore.; Woodburn, Ore.; Kalispell; Mukilteo, Wash., and Tacoma.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Norman, on Nov. 24, 2004; her parents and six siblings.

She is survived by a son, Ferguson N. Prestbye and wife, Jane, of Kent, Wash.; and a daughter, Arletta Anderson and husband, Roger, of Mukilteo; three granddaughters, Dayna Steringer of Portland, Amanda Brunaugh of Puyallup, Wash., and Brita Anderson of Naperville, Ill.; great-grandsons, Erik and Kyle; and one brother, Norman Stedje of Kalispell.

Funeral services for Catherine Prestbye will be held 11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 1, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Kalispell with Rev. Larry Stappler officiating. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until service time at the church. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family suggests that any memorial contributions be sent to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 603 S. Main, Kalispell, MT 59901 or Richland Lutheran Church, Route 1, Box 225, Hettinger, ND 58639.

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

## Ava-Rei Madison Powell, 24 days

Ava-Rei Madison Powell, 24 days old, died on Friday, April 8, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

She is survived by her parents, Russell and Nikole Beach Powell, of Hicksville, Ohio; her sister, Morgan Taylor Powell, of Goodland, Kansas; and maternal grand-

parents, Alan Beach of Martin City and Patti Dougherty of Columbia Falls.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, April 12, at 11 a.m. at St. John Lutheran Church in Sherwood, Ohio.

Burr Funeral Home and Crematory in Sherwood will be caring for the family.



## Alice E. Beutel Price, 100

Alice E. Beutel Price, 100, died Dec. 19, 2005. She was the oldest native-born resident of the Tobacco Valley.

She was born Nov. 22, 1905, in Eureka. She had three siblings, a brother, Lorence Beutel; a sister, Ella J. McNaughten; and half-sister, Martha Mason. Her mother's second marriage to her stepfather, Mr. Voem, meant living in the logging camps, and her chores would be in the cookhouse. On occasion, she got treated to a ride on the engine taking logs from the camp to the sawmill.

In September 1924, she married Thomas E. Price, who had been a classmate. They had three children, Thomas H. Price, Claudia Higson, and Phyllis Nelson, all of Eureka. Her husband died in 1966. Summers were spent camping for a couple of weeks, or weekends, on the Price property along Glen Lake, which ran from the headgate to the old sawmill. Mr. Price would drive to work from there daily.

During her years in Eureka she was a member of the Episcopal Church, the Royal Neighbors and Eastern Star lodges, and served as an election judge for many years. She had flower beds, both at her Eureka home and Glen Lake, and enjoyed crocheting and playing pinochle. Piano music was a favorite, as well as the song "Tennessee Waltz."

She has special memories of two trips to Hawaii, visiting five different islands. She found the accommodations luxurious and the scenery beautiful, especially the flowers.

Her grandchildren are Leonard, Walter and Vicky Nelson, Tanya Wiens, Gail Mee, Florie Benner, Tom DeLong, T.H. and B.J. Price and Willie Stevens of Riverside, Calif. There are 14 great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 23, at the Eureka Cemetery. Local arrangements are by the Nelson and Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

## Helen E. Prince, 89

Helen E. Prince, 89 died Thursday, May 12, 2005, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

She was born Oct. 19, 1915, at Reserve, the daughter of Halvor and Anna (Brue) Everson. Helen was a graduate of Plentywood High School and she attended the Kinman Business College of Washington as well as graduating from MSU in Bozeman.

She moved to the Flathead in 1945 and worked as a home demonstration agent throughout the Flathead and also worked for the County Extension Service of Blaine County.

Helen married her husband, Henry Prince, at the First Presbyterian Church in Kalispell, on Dec. 12, 1948, having their son Don join their family in 1950. Helen and her husband owned and operated the Braunberger Jewelry Store here in Kalispell, retiring

in 1979. From retirement until the passing of her husband, Henry, in 1997, the two enjoyed the beauty of the Flathead Valley.

She was preceded in death by her husband; three brothers, Don, Kenneth, and Harold Everson; and two sisters, Viola Bennett and Lillian Ferguson.

She is survived by her son, Don Prince, of Kalispell, and many nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held 10 a.m. in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel on Tuesday, May 17, with Pastor Glenn Burfeind of the First Presbyterian Church officiating. Urn burial will follow at C. E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. There will be no visitation.

The family suggests that any memorial contributions be sent to the American Cancer Society, 3550 Mullan Road, Suite 105, Missoula, MT 59808 or to the Alzheimer's Association, 201 S. Last Chance Gulch, P.O. Box 721, Helena, MT 59624-0721.

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



## Gary Price, 64

Local news articles for a half-century or more listed Gary Price as a resident of the Tobacco Valley. He was born in Chicago, Ill., on Jan. 2, 1941, to Dale Price, Peter and Peter Joan Price. His death occurred in a hospital in Northwood, Texas, and was the result of a heart attack.



employees awarded him numerous safe driving awards.

In 1968, Gary came to the Flathead Valley to live in Kalispell. With the exception of his time on the road as a long-haul trucker, he continued to reside here until his death. When he was home from the road and after his retirement, he enjoyed family camping trips and the beautiful mountain panoramas.

Gary Price is survived by his wife of 21 years, DeLayne Williamson, and his sons, Gary David Price and Louie Darin Price, stepchildren, Darin and Jason Williamson, Rebecca, Madeline, and Susan Wordham, sisters, Judy and Doris Price, and brothers, Ray, Dave and Leon Price, and their families.

Services will be private. In lieu of flowers you may make a donation in the name of Gary Price to the Wings Charity for Regional Cancer Support, located at P.O. Box 7362, Kalispell, MT 59901, or a charity of your choice.

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

## Richard D. Price, 76

Richard D. Price, 76, passed away on Friday, April 15, 2005, at his home in Kalispell.

Richard was born on Nov. 4, 1928, in Aberdeen, Wash., to Charles and John Howard Price. He was the third of six children.

Richard joined the U.S. Army at the age of 17 where he served with the 102nd and the 82nd Airborne divisions in Germany and Japan.

He married Kathleen Eyrum on Sept. 29, 1964.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife, Kathy, of Kalispell; two brothers and three sisters, Rev. Lamar Price of Glendale, Calif., Dr. Kenneth Price of St. Louis, Mo., Edith Spurgeon of Seattle, Janette Stuber of Walla Walla, Wash.; Eunice Szymanski of Spokane; three daughters, Janyne and her husband, Gary Ball, Stephanie and her husband, Clay Turner, Wendie and her husband, Joe Purdy; five grandchildren, Matt Ball, Becky Ball-Nelson, Zach Purdy, Brittney Turner, Janyne Rose Turner, and three great grandchildren, Eli and Ella Nelson and Judah Ball.

Visitation will be from 3 to 7 p.m. Monday, April 18, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 19, at the Christian Center



Assembly of God Church with the Rev. John Weaver officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Richard D. Price, 76

Richard D. Price, 76, died on Friday, April 15, 2005, at his home in Kalispell.

Visitation will be from 3 to 7 p.m. Monday, April 18, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Funeral

services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 19, at the Christian Center Assembly of God Church with the Rev. John Weaver officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.



# GARY PRICE, 64

*February 09, 2005 at 5:00 am |*

Gary Price, a retired long-haul truck driver, died after a long illness, on his 64th birthday, Feb. 2, 2005, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Born at home in Chestnut, La., on Feb. 2, 1941, to Odie Page Price and Peter Benjamin Price (both deceased), Gary was raised in Northwest Louisiana and Northeastern Texas.

In the 1960s Gary took to the highway as an over-the-road truck driver after a short stint working in the Texas/Louisiana oil fields. In over 30 years of driving, Gary hauled almost everything that could be carried in or on a trailer to every state (except Hawaii), Canada and Mexico. His favorite loads were the most difficult - high/wide/heavy.

Extremely proud of his job and responsibilities on the road, Gary was accident free during all those years and hundreds of thousands of miles. Over the years, acknowledging that accomplishment, his employers awarded him numerous safe driving awards.

In 1989, Gary came to the Flathead Valley to live in Kalispell. With the exception of his time on the road as a long-haul trucker, he continued to reside here until his death. When he was home from the road and after his retirement, he enjoyed family camping trips and the beautiful mountain panoramas.

Gary Price is survived by his wife of 21 years, LeFaivre Williamson; and his sons, Gary David Price and Lonnie Darin Price; stepchildren, Daron and Jason Williamson, Rebecca, Medora, and Susan Worsham; sisters, Judy and Doris Price; and brothers, Ray, Dave and Leon Price, and their families.

Services will be private.

In lieu of flowers you may make a donation in the name of Gary Price to the Wings Charity for Regional Cancer Support, located at P.O. Box 7852, Kalispell, MT 59904; or a charity of your choice.

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

# RICHARD D. PRICE, 76

*April 17, 2005 at 5:00 am |*

Richard D. Price, 76, passed away on Friday, April 15, 2005, at his home in Kalispell.

Richard was born on Aug. 4, 1928, in Aberdeen, Wash., to Charles and Jenny Hoiland Price. He was the third of six children.

Richard joined the U.S. Army at the age of 17 where he served with the 152nd and the 82nd Airborne divisions in Germany and Japan.

He married Kathleen Eayrs on Sept. 20, 1953.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife, Kathy, of Kalispell; two brothers and three sisters, Rev. Lamar Price of Glendale, Calif., Dr. Kenneth Price of St. Louis, Mo., Edith Spurgeon of Seattle, Jannette Studer of Walla Walla, Wash., Eunice Szymanouski of Spokane; three daughters, Jayne and her husband, Gary Hall, Vickie and her husband, Clay Turner, Brenda and her husband, Joe Purdy; five grandchildren, Matt Hall, Becky Hall Neilson, Zach Purdy, Brittney Turner, Jenny Rose Turner; and three great-grandchildren, Eli and Ella Neilson and Judah Hall.

Visitation will be from 3 to 7 p.m. Monday, April 18, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 19, at the Christian Center Assembly of God Church with the Rev. John Weaver officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.



## Catherine C. 'Kit' Prosser, 73

Beloved wife, mother, sister and friend, Catherine Convery Prosser, died Sept. 1, 2005, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Kit was born to William and Ann Muir in Stirling, Scotland, on Oct. 8, 1931.

She was married to Robert Prosser on July 26, 1955, in Cayuga, Ontario.

Kit is survived by her husband, Robert Prosser; and children, Will Prosser of Ventura, Calif., Barney Prosser of Pioneer, Calif., Jeannie Abidi of San Jose, Calif., Annie

Prosser of Kalispell, and Eleanor Smith of Gardnersville, Nev.; and sisters, Anna Orr of Stoney Creek, Ontario, and Monica Muir of Dunneville, Ontario. Kit also leaves six grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

She was a member of Risen Christ Parish.

Cremation has occurred at Buffalo Hill Mortuary in Kalispell. Interment location and time have not been determined.

The family requests memorial gifts be given to Hospice, 175 Commons Loop, Kalispell, MT

## Pamela J. Phillips-Johnson, 53

Pamela J. Phillips-Johnson, 53, formerly of Somers, died Dec. 7, 2005, in Stockton, Calif., from cancer.

She is survived by her husband, Richard P. Johnson, of

Stockton.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 14, at the Missoula Gospel Assembly, 201 South Third St. W., in Missoula.

## Vera C. Peacock, 94

Vera C. Peacock, 94, died Monday, Dec. 12, 2005, at Prestige Assisted Living in Kalispell.

Memorial services are pending.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Lillian Helene Quande, 90

Lillian Helene Quande passed away Oct. 6, 2005, at the Village Health Care Center.

She was born in Britton, S.D., in 1915. Her family came from Norway in 1899. Her mother, Theora Haug was born in Thronheim, Norway, and her father, John Grimsrud was born in Oslo, Norway. Lillian had 11 siblings, Otto, Albert, Marvend, Gladys, Celia, Lloyd, Thelmer, Alma, Cassie, Clara, and her twin, Marian. Lillian taught school in Britton, before moving to Burbank, Calif.

She married Harold Peter Quande in 1932. They shared 56 years together. They lived most of their lives in Kalispell, but during World War II lived in Pensacola, Fla. and St. Louis. Fortunately, they spent a few years in retirement traveling and fishing in Alaska. Harold caught a few, but she caught a few whoppers as well. They always visited their niece and her husband, George and Theora Mumm while they were there.

Lil was a Scandinavian cook, and could make wild meat taste good. She was an expert at making krumkake and lefse. She

also enjoyed horseback riding, hiking, gardening, camping, huckleberry picking, canning, and singing in the choir.

She was a member of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Kalispell, and was very active in Ladies Aid. For years she substitute taught, and worked at Kalispell General Hospital, as well as the Kalispell Mercantile.

Lillian is survived by her sons, Peter and Bruce Quande, and daughter-in-law Susan of Missoula; granddaughter, Kirsten and husband, Christopher Cherubini, of Missoula; twin sister, Marian of Sisseton, S.D., sister, Gladys Wilson of California; sister-in-law, Helen Kreiser of Fergus Falls, Minn.; and niece, Theora and her husband, George Mumm, of Kalispell. There are numerous nieces and nephews in the Midwest.

A ceremony will be performed 3 p.m. Friday, Oct. 15, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

The family requests donations to the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Kalispell, or the donor's choice.

## Clarence Ernest Putnam, 94

Clarence Ernest Putnam was born on Sept. 13, 1910, to Ernest and Ellen Putnam.

He was born in McKenzie County, N.D. He went to be with Jesus on Friday, April 8, 2005, at the age of 94.

He was six months and 79 days old when he was born. He was a farmer and a teacher by trade. He farmed and drove. He then sold his farms and retired.

Clarence is survived by his wife of more than 70 years, Mabel, daughter, DeAnna and, son in law, Marty Pedrick, three nieces, Phyllis Nichols, Onnie Wolf and Ellen Hart, one nephew, Donald Gene Johnson, and numerous friends in many states.

Clarence was preceded in death by his father, mother, sister, and also his half-sister.



Clarence never met a stranger and had no enemies. He was a beautiful husband, a fantastic father, a special uncle and a wonderful friend to many. May he rest safely in heaven with Jesus, his Lord and Savior, as well as his family and friends.

"Daddy, we all loved you so much and will all miss you, but we all know you are happy to be in the arms of Jesus. We will always be thankful for the influence that you had on so many people. Rest safely forever and enjoy your reward for all the good things you did while you were with us all. We love you and will miss you, but you will never be forgotten."

Visitation will be held on Friday, April 15, from 6 to 9 p.m., at Bunker's Garden Chapel, 33 N. Centennial Way, Mesa, Ariz. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 16, at Bunker's Garden Chapel.

## David 'Davey' Pruter, 62

David 'Davey' Pruter, 62, passed away peacefully on Thursday, April 22, 2005. Davey lived in the Whitfish community.

Davey was born June 8, 1942, in Chicago, to John Desmond and Mary Pruter. He grew up in Chicago where he attended elementary and high school. As a young man he developed a fondness for horses and stables. During his early teen years he could be found most any day at one or another of the many stables on the Northwest side of Chicago.

After a short stint in the Army, Davey returned to Chicago where he learned about the rodeo circuit. After gaining initial skills, Davey traveled to Florida. Davey's competitive spirit and bull riding skills were honed in the Central Florida area and Dave went on to win two Florida State bull riding championships. Unfortunately, the rough and tumble world of rodeos took its toll and Davey retired after several injuries.

Davey returned to Chicago to renew friendships and start his career in the long-haul trucking industry. After a several years, Davey moved to the Oklahoma City area.

Davey's over-the-road hauls took him to the four corners of the United States and during one of those trips he discovered Montana. Davey

liberally fell in love with the beautiful scenery and limitless vistas of Western Montana. He initially settled in the York area where he soon became an avid outdoorsman and big game hunting guide. He never lost his love for the York as he moved and became part of the Whitfish community.

Davey was a kind and unique person. He loved life and helping people. Davey was his own man and always respected the views of others. He will continue to be a special person and watch over each and every person that ever touched his life.


He was preceded in death by his father.

He is survived by his mother, Mary Gabellini Jackson, Tenn.; son, Travis, Jacksonville, Fla.; daughter, Debra Vind and Shayne, and only grandchild, Olivia Kate, Edmond, Okla.; brother, Thomas and Naomi, Pensacola, Fla.; sister, Cathy Jarvis and Chuck, Jackson, Tenn.; nieces, Denise and Lisa (Chicago), Stephanie Delgado and Roger, Jackson, and Katie, Auburn, Ala.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today at Austin Funeral Home, Whitfish. Services are at 3 p.m. Monday, April 25, at Saint Charles Borromeo, Whitfish. A private cremation service will be held at a later date.

# CLARENCE ERNEST PUTNAM, 94

*April 14, 2005 at 5:00 am |*

Clarence Ernest Putnam was born on Sept. 13, 1910, to Ernest and Ellen Putnam in McKenzie County, N.D. He "went to be with Jesus" on Friday, April 8, 2005, at the age of 94 years, six months and 29 days. 

Clarence was a farmer and painter by trade. He farmed until 1989. He then sold his farms and retired.

Clarence is survived by his wife of more than 70 years, Mabel; daughter, DeAnna and, son-in-law, Marty Pedrick; three nieces, Phyllis Nichols, Omae Wolf and Ellen Hart; one nephew, Donald Gene Julian; and numerous friends in many states.

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Visitation will be held on Friday, April 15, from 6 to 9 p.m., at Bunker's Garden Chapel, 33 N. Centennial Way, Mesa, Ariz. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 16, at Bunker's Garden Chapel.

# DAVID "DAVEY" PRUTER, 62

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

David "Davey" Pruter, 62, passed away peacefully on Thursday, April 22, 2005. Dave lived in the Whitefish community.

Dave was born June 8, 1942, in Chicago, to John Desmond and Mary Pruter. He grew up in Chicago where he attended elementary and high school. As a young man he developed a fondness for horses and stables. During his early teen years he could be found most any day at one or another of the many stables on the Northwest side of Chicago.

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He was preceded in death by his father.

He is survived by his mother, Mary Gabellini, Jackson, Tenn.; son, Travis, Jacksonville, Fla.; daughter, Dena Vigil and Shayne, and only grandchild, Olivia Kate, Edmond, Okla.; brother, Thomas and Nanci, Pensacola, Fla.; sister, Cathy Jarvis and Chuck, Jackson, Tenn.; nieces, Denise and Lisa (Chicago), Stephanie Delgado and Roger, Jackson, and Katie, Auburn, Ala.

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## Theo Mae (Adams) Putman, 86

Theo Mae (Adams) Putman, 86, passed away Saturday, Oct. 22, 2005, at her home in Kalispell.

She was born July 21, 1919, in Kalispell to Jess and Ila (LaRue) Adams.

Theo received her education in Kalispell, graduating from Flathead County High School.

On Oct. 6, 1939, Theo married Robert Putman in Kalispell.

Theo was one of the first women to be hired at First Federal and work as a teller before it became Glacier Bank.

She was very active in the First Baptist Church of Kalispell and enjoyed teaching Sunday school, singing in the choir and the women's activities.

Theo loved her raspberries, gardening, crafts, sewing and making things for her grandchildren. She also looked forward to spending summers at the cabin on Ashley Lake. In retirement, she enjoyed traveling with her husband. They were snowbirds for many years and also traveled to Denmark, Australia, New Zealand, Guam and Hawaii.



Theo was preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Donald Putman; and a daughter, Nancy Putman in a car accident in 1967.

She is survived by her husband of 66 years, Robert Putman, and one daughter, Sandra Aderholt, both of Kalispell; one son, Wayne Putman, and wife, Jeannie, of Juneau, Alaska; granddaughters, Jody Moors and husband, Tim, of Missoula, and Nancy Roker-Knight of San Jose, Calif.; great-grandsons, Brian Roker and wife, Jaime, and Christian Moors; great-granddaughter, Jordan Moors; two great-great-grandchildren, Zachary and Katelyn Roker; and several cousins, nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Theo will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 27, in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel, with Pastor Jim Sandholdt of the First Baptist Church of Kalispell officiating. Burial will follow at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. There will be visitation at Johnson Mortuary from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. today.

The family suggests memorial gifts be given to the First Baptist Church of Kalispell, 301 W. Wyoming St., Kalispell, MT 59901.

Johnson Mortuary is caring for Theo's family.

## Letha L. Pusich

Letha L. Pusich passed away Monday, March 14, 2005, at her home in Lakeside, surrounded by her family.

She was born Sept. 24, 1922, to Walter and Letha Kloker in Anaconda, where she grew up. She attended St. Paul's Catholic grade school, graduated from Central High School in 1940, and then attended Western Montana College in Dillon.

Letha married Frank Pusich on Sept. 11, 1961, in San Francisco, where they raised their three children. In 1992 Frank and Letha returned to Montana and resided in



Lakeside. She worked at Herberger's in Kalispell as a clerk for a few years.

Letha liked doing crafts and sewing, as well as fishing with her husband on the lakes in their boat.

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She will be greatly missed by her friends.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. on March 21, at Holy Family Church in Anaconda.

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# LETHA L. PUSICH

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

Letha L. Pusich passed away Monday, March 14, 2005, at her home in Lakeside, surrounded by her family.

She was born Sept. 24, 1942, to Walter and Letha Kloker in Anaconda, where she grew up. She attended St Paul's Catholic grade school, graduated from Central High School in 1960, and then attended Western Montana College in Dillon.

Letha married Frank Pusich on Sept. 11, 1964, in San Francisco, where they raised their three children. In 1992 Frank and Letha returned to Montana and resided in Lakeside. She worked at Herberger's in Kalispell as a clerk for a few years.

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