

John Wesley 'Jack' Rambo, 85

John Wesley "Jack" Rambo was born March 7, 1920, in Wilford, W.D., to Russell and Sally Rambo. He "entered into eternal rest" Aug. 29, 2005,



at his home in Kalispell. Jack grew up on the Hi-line area near Gilford and Hingman.

Jack was a veteran and was medically discharged in 1941.

He married Doris Jean Christofferson on Nov. 2, 1942, in Sand Point, Idaho.

Jack worked at the Big West Oil Refinery in Kevin for 28 years. Had a son, Allen S. Rambo, and daughter, Wanda M. Rambo. He later worked for the Cascade Custodial Supply, from which he retired in 1982 to Kingman, Ariz., and summered in Coram.

He returned to the Flathead Valley in 2000, where he lived the remainder of his life.

Jack is survived by his wife, Doris; two sisters, Faye Swanson of Great Falls, and Gwenn Lee of Kalispell; son, Allen S. Rambo, of Spokane; and daughter, Wanda Rambo Zell, of Shelby; Carol of Laurel, Linda of Glasgow, John of Great Falls, Diane of Billings, and James Lewis of Great Falls. Grandchildren include Jay Rambo, Jill (Rambo) Lindquist, Shannon (Zell) Bogner, John Zell and 11 great-grandchildren; as well as numerous nephews, nieces, friends and neighbors.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Earl and Pat, and sisters Bessie and Ad.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 1, at the Buffalo Hills Funeral Home in Kalispell.

In lieu of flowers, please make contributions to: Kalispell Hospice; First Baptist Church in Shelby; and/or Mount Spokane Church of Spokane.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Carl Edward Rauthe, 75

Carl Edward Rauthe, 75, passed away Monday Nov. 28, 2005, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

Carl was born Jan. 15, 1930, in Somers, to Frank and Leone Linger Rauthe. He attended schools in the Flathead Valley.

In April 1948, Carl enlisted in the U.S. Navy, where he served as a Gunners Mate Third Class aboard the USS Leonard F. Mason. He received the Occupations Service Medal for serving during the Korean War, the Korean Service Medal and Ribbon, and the United Nations Medal. He was discharged from the Navy in March 1952.

He started driving trucks when he was 14 years of age. He was mentored by Mark Meyers, who taught him how to run every piece of equipment that has to do with logging. Carl truly loved to get his hands dirty doing all the jobs related to logging. Whether it was sawing, jamming, doing deck work, or driving trucks, he could do it all and loved every minute of doing it. He drove just about every type of truck known to man at one time or the other.

He married Lillian Olson, who passed away in 1992. He met Darlene Jump, and they dated and were married Oct. 17, 1998. Seeing them together, you could really see the twinkle in their eyes. They enjoyed and did everything together as a pair.

Carl was past president of the Log Hauler Association, and was a member of the Eagles and the Moose lodges.

He loved golfing, hunting, taking drives in the country, looking for wildlife, and he loved his family. Carl was a very special father and grandfather who truly loved being with his family.

He was preceded in death by his father, Frank John Henry Rauthe; his mother, Leone Aurand; stepdad, Oliver Aurand; sisters, Agnes Newell and Elsie Sundberg; brothers, Frank and Hank Rauthe; and stepbrother, Butch Aurand.

Carl is survived by his wife, Darlene Rauthe, of Kalispell; children, Brad Rauthe and his wife, Susan, Carla Clark and her husband, Mike, stepson, Kevin Jump and his wife, Carol, Kelly Jump, Kristi Personett and her husband, Brian, and Kim Burnside and her husband, Glen; sister, Genevieve Meyers, of Kalispell; grandchildren, Jason Rauthe and his wife, Trina, Chad Rauthe and his wife, Sandra, Wade Clarke, Michelle Clarke, and

12 stepgrandchildren; and 14 step-great-grandchildren.

Public visitation for Carl will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church with Pastor Mark Cutler officiating. Burial will be afterward at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

The family suggests memorials to Human Therapy on Horseback, P.O. Box 1514, Whitefish, MT. 59937; or to Immanuel Lutheran Home, 185 Crestline Ave., Kalispell, MT 59901.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.



Frances L. 'Sally' Ramel, 73,

Frances L. "Sally" Ramel, 73, died Friday, March 4, 2005, at the Libby Care Center.

She was a longtime employee of Lincoln County working in the human services department.

She is survived by her children, Mona Crismore of Libby, Sandi Widie of Elko, Nev., and

David Ramel of Franklin, Mass.

Services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home Chapel. Interment services will follow at the City of Libby Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home from 3-8 p.m. Monday.

Ronald R. Rayome, 66

Ronald R. Rayome, 66, a lifelong resident of the Kootenai Valley, died Friday, June 4, 2005, in Libby.

He was born July 6, 1938, and graduated from Libby High School in 1957.

He married Judy Riley on June 19, 1959. She survives. Also surviving are children Ken Rayome, Teri Kelly, and

Cindy Brothers, all of Libby, and Jenny Ward of Garner, N.C.

Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. today at Nelson & Vial Funeral Home.

Mass of the Resurrection will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, the Rev. Ray Hanningan, celebrant.

Edward James Reeves, 53

Edward James "Ed" Reeves of Eugene, Ore., died Sept. 1, 2005.

He was born Jan. 1, 1952, in Polson, to Cleo and Phyllis Reeves.

Ed married Cindy Post on Aug. 25, 1973. The couple divorced in 1999. He later married Brenda Kegler in 2002.

Ed grew up in Kalispell. He graduated from the University of Oregon with a bachelor's degree in biology in 1975. He received his medical degree from Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1979, completed his internship/residency in Denver, and began practice in Springfield, Ore., in 1980. He had a family medical practice in Springfield for the past 25 years.

He enjoyed golfing, basketball, coaching, the ocean, University of Oregon Duck football, music, his family, his AA friends and his patients.

He was loved by many and will be missed by all.

Survivors include his wife, Brenda, and her children of Eugene, Ore.; his daughters, Kristina Reeves Rust and son-in-law, Eric Rust, of Springfield, and Katie Reeves of Eugene; and former wife, Cindy (Post) Reeves, formerly of Kalispell; one sister, Barbara Coppedge and husband, Mike, of Vancouver, Wash.; one



nephew, Michael Coppedge and niece, Michelle Coppedge, both of Vancouver; and mother, Phyllis Reeves of Kalispell.

He was preceded in death by his father, C.E. Reeves.

Services will be held today, Sept. 8, in Eugene, Ore.

Melvin 'Mel' Redlin, 87

Aug. 16, 2005, in "Mel" Redlin passed on "to be with our Lord for all eternity."

Mel was born on July 19, 1918, in South Shore, S.D., to Arthur and Mae Breitzman Redlin. In his early years, he lived on the family farm in South Dakota until joining the Army in 1942. On May 20, 1942, he married his sweetheart, Audrey Lobben, in Ortonville, Minn. They had five children — Sharon, Roger, Linda, Denise and Norma.

After his honorable discharge in 1946, they moved back to South Dakota where Mel had his own farm. In addition to farming he did electrical and mechanical work and was also a crop inspector for an insurance company.

In 1953, the family moved to Helena, where Mel was employed as an electrician. For the next 30 years, he did electrical work and was also a state electrical inspector for the State of Montana. He retired from the state in 1983.

From the time of his retirement until 1986, Mel and Audrey traveled around the country with the Mobile Home Assisted Living Program (MHALP) helping to build churches.

In 1986 they moved to Tacoma where Mel was employed as an apartment manager, until their move to Bigfork in 1993, where they lived until moving to Fort Benton in 1998.

Mel had a deep love for the Lord and he very much enjoyed reading and studying his Bible and sharing the gospel with others. He was a member of the Gideons, the Full Gospel Businessmen Association and attended many Christian conferences



and crusades.

He loved music of all kinds, especially Christian music, and loved to have his children and grandchildren sing and play for him. He especially liked to travel, go camping, boating, and, most of all, he had a great love for flying. The experiences he had of flying with his friends was something he always talked about, even in the final days of his life.

Mel was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Alfred and Roy; a sister, Eleanor Hafner; and one niece.

He is survived by Audrey, his loving wife of 63 years; his five children, Sharon and Gordon Stockstad of Helena, Roger and Cathy Redlin of Thornton, Colo., Linda and Myron McDonald of Fairfield, Wash., Denise and Frank Shaw of Great Falls, and Norma and Dean Rueb of Buffalo, Wyo.; 12 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandsons; three nieces and two nephews.

"Mel, you were a wonderful husband of 63 years, and I look forward to spending eternity with you where there will be no more tears, no more pain and we will never be apart."

"Dad we will all greatly miss your harmonica playing, your gentleness, your teasing sense of humor and want to thank you for all the hard work you did to raise all of us and for just being our wonderful Dad."

Memorial and celebration of life services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 23, at Community Bible Church, 1600 Main, in Fort Benton.

The family requests memorials in Mel's name be sent to World Vision P.O. Box 70200, Tacoma, WA 98481-0200; or to CBN Virginia Beach, VA 23463.

Benton Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Charles D. Rippey, 67

Charles D. Rippey, 67, of Bigfork, passed away Dec. 31, 2005, at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

He was born May 19, 1938, in Peoria, Ill., to Fred V. and Elsa I. (Orr) Rippey.

He received a bachelor's degree from Knox College in Galesburg, Ill., a master's at Purdue University in Lafayette, Ind., and a doctorate in anthropology at the University of Arizona in Tucson. He spent four years in the United States Army, achieving the rank of first lieutenant.

He married Pat Wittekiend in 1962. They remained united for 21 years. In 1985, he married Jan Strong with whom he shared life

until her passing in July 2004.

He taught high school and college in the Kalispell area for more than 20 years.

Surviving is a brother, Kermit, and Wanda, of East Peoria, Ill.; one niece, Angela, and nephew, Curtis, of East Peoria; three stepchildren, Cheryl and Dan Hanson, Jeanie and Andy Sappington of Kalispell, Scott and Shelly Woessner of Columbia Falls; and 10 step-grandchildren.

There will be no visitation. Cremation rites have been accorded and services will be held at a later date.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Rosella Reeves, 92

Rosella Reeves, 92, of Wolf Point, formerly of the Kalispell-Whitefish area, died Monday, Dec. 19, 2005, at Trinity Hospital in Wolf Point.

Her funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 22, at Clayton Stevenson Memo-

rial Chapel.

Interment will be afterward at the Bethel Wolf Point Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 21, at Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel.

George C. Reich, 82

George C. Reich, 82, died Oct. 14, 2005, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

No services are scheduled at this time.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Alvin W. 'Al' Reid, 86

Alvin W. "Al" Reid, 86, a lifetime resident of Columbia Falls, died away at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls on Feb. 9, 2006, after a long and courageous battle with Alzheimer's disease. He was surrounded by family at the time of his passing.



He was born Aug. 15, 1919, in Columbia Falls, where he graduated from high school and remained until the time of his death.

In Al's youth, he played basketball, baseball, football, and fishing. As he matured, his interests included snowmobiling, volleyball, hunting, and more and more fishing.

Al married his high school sweetheart, Dorothy LaVoy, on Aug. 22, 1939. Together, they raised four children.

Alvin's family moved into the Headhead Valley in the 1960s. The North Fork was the playground for Al and his three brothers. From the time he was a small boy until the time that he was unable to hike the back hills, Al enjoyed the familiarity of the North Fork's splendor.

In 1980, Alvin and Dorothy built a cabin on Spoon Lake that was his pride and joy. He and his family spent countless hours enjoying the cabin, and he spent much of his free time preparing for the many friends and family that he welcomed there.

Alvin started piling lumber at Stolze Land and Lumber as a manager. He fell trees with a crosscut saw with his partner, Lou Kolbenen.

He served as a Marine during World War II. Upon his return from the military, he began a lifelong career in the lumber industry, which included 35 years as the general manager of Rocky Mountain Lumber.

Al was an active member of the Columbia Falls Volunteer Fire Department. He retired in 1981, enjoying more than 29 years at his home and cabin that he treasured.

He was preceded in death by his father, mother, three brothers, Ray, Jim, and Bob, two sisters, Min and Hope, his beloved wife, Dorothy, and two sons, Alvin "Danny," and infant son, Leroy.

He is survived by daughters, Peggy Driscoll, and husband, Mike, Karla Armstrong and husband, Brad, of Columbia Falls, and Lorrie Larson of Phoenix. He is also survived by nine grandchildren, Mike Driscoll, Michelle Whitaker, Lisa DeWaters, Stephanie Henjum, Jon Reid, Gabriel and Sarah Armstrong, and Kate and Kalen Larson; nine great grandchildren; and many, many nieces and nephews.

A visitation will be held from 1 to 8 p.m. today, Feb. 9, at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 10, at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls, with the Rev. David Jones officiating. Interment will follow at the Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia

Falls. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that donations be given to the Columbia Falls Fire Department, or the Wildcat Endowment Fund.

Christopher Paul Resh, 22

Christopher Paul Resh, 22, died Sunday, Nov. 6, 2005, as a result of his Jeep sliding off the road and rolling into Frank Lake.

Survivors include his parents, Butch and Charlotte (Brenneman) Resh, of Eureka.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 11, at the Fortine Community Church. Visitation will be from 3 to 8 p.m. Burial will be at the Fortine Cemetery. Arrangements are by the Nelson and Vial Funeral Home in Eureka.

Frank Lee Renfro, 88

Frank Lee Renfro, 88, passed away at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 9, 2006, at the Columbia Falls Veterans Home. He was born in Columbia Falls, Mont., on July 17, 1917, to a coal miner and his wife. He was a member of the Columbia Falls Veterans Home.

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of endeavor sharing his bounty with neighbors, friends and relatives. He fished each day in any weather and he and his sons enjoyed cutting firewood for their winter heating needs.

Frank and Melly were active members of the Kalspell Christian Church and attended regularly. They created a whole new and cherished community of friends. Frank was a quiet, honorable, caring man who always had sympathy for others' needs. He loved his family and friends.

Frank was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Mildred Louise "Milly", and son, Donald Eugene.

Frank is survived by two sons, Jerry Lee Renfro of Kila, and John Franklin and wife, Jessa, of Sedro-Walkley, Wash.; grandsons, Jeremiah and Jeremiah, sister, Mary Elizabeth Ingram of Kansas City, Mo., brother-in-law, Frank and wife, Jenny, of Olympia, Wash., and numerous loved nieces and nephews.

Memorial services for Frank Lee Renfro will be held 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10, at Kalspell Christian Church, 1075 Foy's Lake Road, Kalspell. There will be no visitation. Interment will be held at Englewood Cemetery in Clifton, Mo., at a later date.

The family suggests that any remittances be sent to the Kalspell Christian Church Building Fund, 1075 Foy's Lake Road, Kalspell, MT 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Raymond H. 'Ray' Remp, 73

Raymond H. "Ray" Remp, 73, a native and resident of the Kootenai Valley, died Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2006, at Pahrump, Nev.

A longtime Libby area business operator for over 33 years, he had operated Remp Sand & Gravel until his retirement in 1968.

He was born in Libby to H.C. Remp and Bonnie Danwoody Remp on April 21, 1933.

Survivors include his wife, Iris (née Joly), his children, Ron Remp and wife Susan, Randy Remp and wife Libby, and Russell Remp and wife Kathy, all of Libby; Roxanne McCaskey and husband John of Clifton; and Melba Renee Schlad

and husband Al of Libby, and Rob Remp and wife Darla of Kent, Wash.; a sister, Ramona Thornton of Vineta, Okla., and 15 grandchildren.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the Libby Memorial Center. Interment with military honors will be in the City of Libby Cemetery.

A public reception will follow at the VFW banquet facility. Friends may call at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday. Memorials may be made to the Raymond Remp Memorial Fund, in care of Glacier Bank of Libby.

ALVIN W. "AL" REID, 86

February 09, 2005 at 5:00 am |

Alvin W. "Al" Reid, 86, a lifetime resident of Columbia Falls, passed away at the Montana Veteran's Home in Columbia Falls on Feb. 6, 2005, after a long and courageous battle with Alzheimer's disease. He was surrounded by family at the time of his passing.

He was born Aug. 15, 1918, in Columbia Falls, where he graduated from high school and remained until the time of his death.

In Al's youth, he played basketball, baseball, hunted, and fished. As he matured, his interests included snowmobiling, volleyball, hunting, and more and more fishing.

Al married his high school sweetheart, Dorothy LaVoy, on Aug. 12, 1939. Together, they raised four children.

Alvin's family moved into the Flathead Valley in the 1800s. The North Fork was the playground for Al and his three brothers. From the time he was a small boy until the time that he was unable to hike the back hills, Al enjoyed the familiarity of the North Fork's splendor.

In 1968, Alvin and Dorothy built a cabin on Spoon Lake that was his pride and joy. He and his family spent countless hours enjoying the cabin, and he spent much of his free time preparing for the many friends and family that he welcomed there.

Alvin started piling lumber at F.H. Stoltze Land and Lumber as a teenager. He fell trees with a crosscut saw with his partner, Lou Kollenborn.

He served as a Marine during World War II. Upon his return from the military, he began a lifelong career in the lumber industry, which included 35 years as the general manager of Rocky Mountain Lumber.

Al was an active member of the Columbia Falls Volunteer Fire Department. He retired in 1981, enjoying more than 20 years at his home and cabin that he treasured.

He was preceded in death by his father, mother, three brothers, Ray, Jim, and Bob; two sisters, Min and Hope; his beloved wife, Dorothy; and two sons, Alvin "Danny," and infant son, Leroy.

He is survived by daughters, Peggy Driscoll, and husband, Mike, Karla Armstrong and husband, Brad, of Columbia Falls, and Lorrie Larson of Phoenix. He is also survived by nine grandchildren, Mike Driscoll, Michelle Whitaker, Lisa DeWaters, Stephanie Henjum, Jon Reid, Gabriel and Sarah Armstrong, and Kate and Kalen Larson; nine great-grandchildren; and many, many nieces and nephews.

A visitation will be held from 1 to 8 p.m. today, Feb. 9, at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 10, at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls, with the Rev. David Jones officiating. Interment will follow at the Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

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In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that donations be given to the Columbia Falls Fire Department; or the Wildcat Endowment Fund.

FRANK LEE RENFRO, 88

February 17, 2005 at 5:00 am |

Frank Lee Renfro, 88, passed away on Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2005, at Brendan House in Kalispell, of complications of a hip fracture and a previous stroke.

He was born on July 17, 1916, in Deepwater, Mo., the son of Hallah Ernst and Mary Elizabeth (Grossheider) Renfro. He attended schools in Deepwater, Brownington and Clinton, graduating from Clinton High School in 1933.

He entered the U.S. Navy on April 13, 1943, and served in North Africa and the Azores as a radio technician until Nov. 29, 1945.

He married Mildred Louise Ward in Clinton, Mo., on March 1, 1941, at the Methodist Church. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a trip to Hawaii visiting their youngest son, John, and family stationed at Pearl Harbor Sub-Base. This was a trip that they had long anticipated and was one of the highlights of their life together.

Frank worked as a heating-air conditioning installation and serviceman for McDowell & Johns Electric Company in Clinton, for most of his working life. He and Milly retired to Kila, where he designed and built their retirement log home.

In Missouri, he was an avid trout fisherman and the family took numerous camping trips to the Ozarks. In his early years and in his retirement he was a dedicated gardener sharing his bounty with neighbors, friends and relatives. He hiked each day in any weather and he and his sons enjoyed cutting firewood for their winter heating needs.

Frank and Milly were early members of the Kalispell Christian Church and attended regularly. This created a whole new and cherished community of friends.

Frank was a quiet, honorable, caring man who always had empathy for others' needs. He loved his family and friends.

Frank was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Mildred Louise "Milly"; and son, Donald Eugene.

Frank is survived by two sons, Jerry Lee Renfro of Kila, and John Franklin and wife, Lesa, of Silverdale, Wash.; grandsons, Johnathon and Jeremiah; sister, Mary Elizabeth Ingram of Kansas City, Mo.; brother-in-law, Frank and wife, Jenny, of Olympia, Wash.; and numerous loved nieces and nephews.

Memorial services for Frank Lee Renfro will be held 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18, at Kalispell Christian Church, 1075 Foy's Lake Road, Kalispell. There will be no visitation. Inurnment will be held at Englewood Cemetery in Clinton, Mo. at a later date.

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The family suggests that any memorials be sent to the Kalispell Christian Church Building Fund, 1075 Foy's Lake Road, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

RAYMOND H. "RAY" REMP, 73

January 31, 2005 at 5:00 am | Daily Inter Lake

Raymond H. "Ray" Remp, 73, a native and resident of the Kootenai Valley, died Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2005, at Pahrump, Nev.

A longtime Libby area business operator for over 33 years, he had operated Remp Sand & Gravel until his retirement in 1998.

He was born in Libby to H.C. "Pete" Remp and Bonnie Dunwoody Remp on April 21, 1931.

Survivors include his wife, Iris, of Libby; his children, Ron Remp and wife Susan, Randy Remp and wife Linda, and Russell Remp and wife Kathy, all of Libby; Roxanne McCallum and husband John of Commerce, Mich.; Renee Schad and husband Al of Libby; and Robbie Remp and wife Darla of Kent, Wash.; a sister, Ramona Thornton of Vineta, Okla.; and 15 grandchildren.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the Libby Memorial Center. Interment with military honors will be in the City of Libby Cemetery.

A public reception will follow at the VFW banquet facility. Friends may call at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday. Memorials may be made to the Raymond Remp Memorial Fund, in care of Glacier Bank of Libby.

RONALD R. 'RON' REMP, 52

July 03, 2007 at 5:00 am |

Ronald R. "Ron" Remp, 52, a longtime resident of Libby, died Friday, June 29, 2007, at his home after a long battle with cancer. He was born Dec. 29, 1954, at Fort Lewis, Wash., to Raymond and Iris Biggers Remp. At an early age, his family moved back to Libby where Ron grew up and attended school.

When he was in high school Ron bought a 1955 Chevy that was being used for a chicken coup, for \$50 and completely restored it. He graduated from Libby High School in 1973. Ron then moved to Laramie, Wyo., where he attended school for two years.

He then returned to Libby where he met and married the love of his life, Susan Blake, on Nov. 26, 1977, at the Church of The Nazarene in Libby.

Ron worked with Remp's Sand and Gravel until his dad retired. At that time Ron and his brother Rusty bought the family business. Ron loved running heavy equipment and fixing it as well.

He loved a practical joke and kept life very interesting for those who were around him. Ron loved his family and friends. His hobbies included his wife Susan, working on cars, racing, bowling, hunting with his buddies, camping and fishing.

His father, Ray, preceded him in death.

Survivors include his wife, Susan, of Libby; three daughters, Nicole Krause and husband Joshua of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, Kristin Remp of Libby, and Kerri Remp of Kalispell; mother, Iris Remp, of Libby; three brothers, Randy Remp and wife Linda, and Rusty Remp and wife Kathy, all of Libby, and Rob Remp and wife Darla of Seattle; two sisters, Roxanne McCallum and husband John of Detroit, and Renee Schad and husband Al of Libby; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday July 4, at the Libby Christian Church in Libby. Interment will follow at the City of Libby Cemetery. Visitation will be from 3 to 8 p.m. today, July 3.

Local arrangements are by the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

Olga Braaten Rhoads, 93

Olga Braaten Rhoads, 93, of Kalispell, passed away on April 19, 2005, at the Heritage Place III, Kalispell.

Olga was born Aug. 23, 1911, in a log house south of Wolf Point, to Markus and Berghild Braaten on their homestead. Olga attended school at Sunnyside until eighth grade.

Olga married Linder Rhoads in Wolf Point on Oct. 25, 1930. They had two sons, Ezra and Lawrence.

Olga lived most of her life in the Wolf Point area before moving to Kalispell in 1966 with her parents. She helped raise many children, cleaned many houses and ironed many shirts in her lifetime.

She enjoyed reading her Bible, going to meetings and being with her extended family.

Olga entered Heritage Place in 1992, being one of their first residents when they opened, and considered it and the staff her "home" and family. She was also their oldest resident at the time of her death.

Olga was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Howard, Arnold and Henry Braaten; sisters, Sylvia Bauer, Gladys Baker



and Alice Christensen, and a son, Fred "Loker" who died in April, 1987.

Survivors include her son, Lawrence "Larry" and wife, Irma, from Billings; daughter-in-law, Darlene Rhoads of Laurel; sisters, Helen Bates of Somers, and Mary "Joe" Schrock of Seattle; brother, Murrel "Bud" Braaten of Wolf Point; sisters-in-law, Norma Braaten of Everett, Wash., and Irene Braaten of Kalispell; and brother-in-law, John Christensen of Kalispell. She is also survived by seven grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and several great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at Buffalo Hills Mortuary at 3 p.m. Friday, April 22. Visitation will be from noon to 7 p.m. Thursday, April 21. Burial will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Pallbearers will be nephews, Ed, Hardy, Jim and Duane Braaten, Red Bates and David Christensen.

Music will be provided by her nieces and nephew, David and Mary Ann Christensen, Judy Quigley and Marcia Hagbom, with Keith Benjamin at the piano.

Officiating at the service will be Vernon Joyce, Justin Reynolds and Julia Brist.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Alfred C. Rierson, 86

Alfred C. Rierson, 86, passed away Thursday, Oct. 13, 2005, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

He was born Oct. 24, 1918, in Rhame, N.D., to Nels and Anna Rierson.

Al was inducted in the U.S. Army on April 26, 1942, and separated Dec. 19, 1944. After returning from the service, he farmed for a short time in Sheridan County, Montana.

On June 24, 1947, Al married Jacqueline K. Radons in Plentywood.

Al went to work in Columbia Falls as a highway patrolman in January 1949 and continued for 25 and a half years. He then worked for the Flathead County Sheriff's Department for eight years, retiring in 1983 to enjoy 17 years as a snowbird. Al and Jackie also enjoyed the beautiful Flathead Valley. This past June, they celebrated 58 years together, at their daughter's home.

Al was always very active in the community and was a long-



time member of the Kalispell Lions Club.

Al was preceded in death by his parents, five brothers, and one sister.

He is survived by his wife at the family home; two daughters, Janis Conner and husband, Dennis, of Great Falls, and Barbara Pascoe and husband, Tim, of Kalispell; one son, Ron Rierson and wife, Kirby, of Kalispell; a sister, Gladys Benedict of Great Falls; seven grandchildren, Heather Wiensch and husband, Brett, of Helena, Karrie Sherman and husband, Mark, of Kalispell, Jennifer, Mike and James Conner, all of Great Falls, and Chad and Corey Campbell of Kalispell; and three great grandchildren, Danielle Wiensch and Ashley Wiensch, both of Helena, and Becca Sherman of Kalispell.

Visitation for Al will be from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m., today, Saturday, Oct. 15, in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Private family services will be held.

Memorials are suggested for the Kalispell Lions, Eyesight and Hearing, P.O. Box 321, Kalispell, MT 59903.

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

Elsie V. Rhodes, 80

Elsie V. Rhodes, 80, died Monday, Feb. 28, 2005, at the Emmanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She is survived by her two sons of Kalispell, Gary and Dale Rhodes.

Visitation will be held from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, March

1, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 5, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Peter Ramseth officiating. Burial will follow at the Spring Creek Cemetery west of Kalispell.

John E. 'Murf' Richmond, 76

John E. "Murf" Richmond, 76, formerly of Kalispell, died on Jan. 20, 2005, in Raton, N.M.

He was born on Aug. 8, 1928, in Tokio, N.D., to Fred J. and Helen Richmond.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Wesley Richmond; and two brothers, Harold and Marshall Richmond.

He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

He was a log skidder, truck driver and glass blower.

Murf was also a World War II man, a loving husband, grandfather and great-grandfather, and will be greatly missed.

He married Hazel Young on April 18, 1953, and they were married 51 years.

He is survived by his wife, Hazel Richmond, at the family home in Raton; daughters, Gwendolyn Liles and husband, Kent, of Gig Harbor, Wash., and Michelle Serna and husband, Thomas, of Springer, N.M.; sons, John Richmond Jr. of Tsali, Ariz., Gregory Richmond and wife, Peggy, of Flower Mound, Texas, Scott Richmond of Gig Harbor, and Charlie Richmond of Las Vegas, N.M.; sisters, Clydetta Hunter and Lila Smith of Arlington, Wash.; brothers, James Richmond of Spokane, Walter Richmond of New Mexico, and Fred Richmond of Gilford; 20 grandchildren, and 18 great-grandchildren.

Services were held Feb. 2 in Albuquerque, N.M., under the direction of Alderette-Pomeroy Funeral Home of Raton.

Florence Lucille DiGiovanni Ring, 71

Florence Lucille DiGiovanni Ring, 71, passed away on March 19, 2005, in Spokane, surrounded by her family.

She was born on Sept. 24, 1933, in Aitkin, Minn., to John and Louise DiGiovanni. Florence moved to Montana and received her education in Kalispell, graduating from Flathead County High School in 1951.

She married Lawrence J. Ring on Nov. 12, 1955, in Kalispell.

She, as a homemaker, enjoyed playing the organ, crocheting, spending time with her family and her little dog, Peppy.

She moved to Spokane and lived there until the time of her death.

She was a member of the St. John Viannoy Catholic Church in Spokane. She was loved and will be missed by all who know her.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Florence is survived by her loving husband of 49 years, Lawrence "Bud" Ring of Spokane; four sons, Jay Ring, Thomas Ring, and Donald Ring, all of Spokane, and James Ring of Dayton, Ore.; one daughter, Susan Ring, of Spokane; brother, Jerry DiGiovanni, and wife, Charlotte, of Spokane; 10 grandchildren, five nieces and nephews; and her favorite cousin, Viola Kinniburgh.

Graveside services for Florence will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 26, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Father Vic Langhans officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. today, at Johnson Mortuary.

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

Charles D. Rippey, 67

Charles D. Rippey, 67, passed away Saturday, Dec. 31, 2005, at Health Center Northwest in Kalispell. He was born May 19, 1938, in

Preoria, Ill.

Arrangements are pending with Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory.

OLGA BRAATEN RHOADS, 93

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

Olga Braaten Rhoads, 93, of Kalispell, passed away on April 19, 2005, at the Heritage Place in Kalispell.

Olga was born Aug. 23, 1911, in a log house south of Wolf Point, to Markus and Borghild Braaten on their homestead. Olga attended school at Sunnyside until eighth grade.

Olga married Linder Rhoads in Wolf Point on Oct. 25,

1930. They had two sons, Ezra and Lawrence.

Olga lived most of her life in the Wolf Point area before moving to Kalispell in 1956 with her parents. She helped raise many children, cleaned many houses and ironed many shirts in her lifetime.

She enjoyed reading her Bible, going to meetings and being with her extended family.

Olga entered Heritage Place in 1992, being one of their first residents when they opened, and considered it and the staff her "home" and family. She was also their oldest resident at the time of her death.

Olga was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Howard, Arnold and Henry Braaten; sisters, Sylvia Bauer, Gladys Baker and Alice Christensen; and a son, Ezra "Zeke" who died in April, 1987.

Survivors include her son, Lawrence "Larry" and wife, Irma, from

Billings; daughter-in-law, Darlene Rhoads of Laurel; sisters, Helen Bates of Somers, and Mary "Joe" Schrock of Seattle; brother, Murrel "Bud" Braaten of Wolf Point; sisters-in-law, Norma Braaten of Everett, Wash., and Irene Braaten of Kalispell; and brother-in-law, John Christensen of Kalispell. She is also survived by seven grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and several great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at Buffalo Hills Mortuary at 3 p.m. Friday, April 22. Visitation will be from noon to 7 p.m. Thursday, April 21. Burial will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Pallbearers will be nephews, Ed, Hardy, Jim and Duane Braaten, Rod Bates and David Christensen.

Music will be provided by her nieces and nephew, David and Mary Ann Christensen, Judy Quigley and Marcia Hagbom, with Keith Benjamin at the piano.

Officiating at the service will be Vernon Joyce, Justin Reynolds and Julia Brist,

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

JOHN E. 'MURPH' RICHMOND, 76

February 11, 2005 at 5:00 am |

John E. "Murph" Richmond, 76, formerly of Kalispell, died on Jan. 28, 2005, in Raton, N.M.

He was born on Aug. 8, 1928, in Tokio, N.D., to Fred J. and Helen Richmond.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Wesley Richmond; and two brothers, Harold and Marshall Richmond.

He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

He was a log skidder, truck driver and glass blower.

Murph was also a World War II veteran, a loving husband, grandfather and great-grandfather, and will be greatly missed.

He married Hazel Young on April 18, 1953, and they were married 51 years.

He is survived by his wife, Hazel Richmond, at the family home in Raton; daughters, Gwendolyn Liles and husband, Kent, of Gig Harbor, Wash., and Michelle Serna and husband, Thomas, of Springer, N.M.; sons, John Richmond Jr. of Tsaili, Ariz., Gregory Richmond and wife, Peggy, of Flower Mound, Texas, Scott Richmond of Gig Harbor, and Charlie Richmond of Las Vegas, N.M.; sisters, Clydetta Hunter and Lila Smith of Arlington, Wash.; brothers, James Richmond of Spokane, Walter Richmond of New Mexico, and Fred Richmond of Gilford; 20 grandchildren, and 18 great-grandchildren.

Services were held Feb. 2 in Albuquerque, N.M., under the direction of Alderette-Pomeroy Funeral Home of Raton.

FLORENCE LUCILLE DIGIOVANNI RING, 71

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

Florence Lucille DiGiovanni Ring, 71, passed away on March 19, 2005, surrounded by her family after a short illness.

She was born on Sept. 24, 1933, in Aitkin, Minn. She graduated from high school in Kalispell in 1951.

She was married Nov. 12, 1955, in Kalispell, to Lawrence J. Ring.

Her parents, John and Louise DiGiovanni, preceded her in death.

Florence is survived by her loving husband of 49 years, Lawrence "Bud;" her brother, Jerry, and his wife, Charlotte; sons, Jay and his wife, Grady, Thomas and his wife, Terri, Donald and his wife, Debbie, and James and his wife, Sherry; her daughter, Susan; 10 grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; and her best friend, Viola Kenniburg.

Florence, as a homemaker, enjoyed playing the organ, crocheting, spending time with her family and her little dog, Peppy. She was a member of St. John Vianney Catholic Church.

"We love her and she will be missed."

Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, March 25, and services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 26, at Johnson Mortuary. Interment will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Johnson Funeral Home has been entrusted with the local arrangements

D. Sharon (Britt) Rios, 65

D. Sharon (P) Rios, 65, of Roundup died of cancer Saturday, Aug. 13, 2005. Sharon was born Sept. 23, 1939, in Billings and raised in Roundup.



After having her children, Sharon decided to go back to school and become a nurse. She took her training in Billings. After completing her training, she moved to Broadus to work in the nursing home.

In 1987, she moved to Kalispell where she retired.

Sharon was a kind and caring person who was always there to help out. As a mother, she was the greatest; as a sister, always loving, even though we had faults. Sharon will be greatly missed. She left a lasting impression on all those she met.

"Be at peace now, Sharon." She was preceded in death by

her father, John R. Britt; and brothers, Ricky Britt and Ross Britt.

Sharon is survived by her mother, Evelyn Kile, of Kalispell; two sons, Joe Watkins and Trevor Elmore, both of Kalispell; three daughters, Mary Lou Olszewski of Reno, Nev., Danielle Haverman of Fortine, and Dusty Elmore of Bigfork; three sisters, Judy Mayson of Boulder City, Nev., and Pat Mezmarich and Pamela Britt, both of Kalispell; four brothers, Randy Britt of Washington, Rian Britt of Kalispell, Curtis Kile of Spokane, and Wayne Britt of Kalispell; five grandchildren of Kalispell; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Viewing will be today, Aug. 16, from 5 to 7 p.m., with rosary at 7 p.m. at Buffalo Hill Mortuary. Services will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 17, at Risen Christ Parish, 65 West Evergreen Drive.

Memorials are suggested to the Hospice Care in Kalispell.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Phyllis Jean Robinson, 71

Phyllis Jean Robinson, 71, a local Whitefish resident, passed away of natural causes at the University of Washington Medical Center in Seattle on July 20, 2005.

She was born April 8, 1934, in Portland, Ore., the daughter of Leo and Flora Gunnels.

She married John L. Robinson in 1963 in Everett, Wash. John passed away in 1978.

Phyllis worked over 20 years as a social worker with the Montana State Department of Family Services and retired in 1995.

She was a member of the Whitefish Golden Agers, where she was president for two years, Stumptown Historical Society and T.O.P.S.

She enjoyed painting, traveling, swimming, walking and square dancing.

She was preceded by her husband, John L. Robinson, in 1978.

Phyllis is survived by her daughters, Pamela Kohl and Deborah Willis of Whitefish, and Jackie Berger of Olympia, Wash.; son, Roy Robinson of Kalispell; sister, Norma McQueen of Washington; and brother, Ronald Gunnels of Columbia Falls; two grandsons, five granddaughters, two great-grandsons, and one great-granddaughter.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 27, at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, July 28, at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. The Rev. David V. Kauffman will officiate. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

Roy C. Rodeghiero, 69

Roy C. Rodeghiero, 69, died at his daughter's home in Whitefish on Oct. 2, 2005 because of ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease).

He was the state district judge of the 14th Judicial District, where he served three terms (18 years) before retiring in 2001.

He is survived by his wife, Janet; son, Paul Rodeghiero, of Eagle, Idaho; daughter, Sara LaVoie, of Boise, Idaho;

Erik Paul Rocksund (P) of Roundup was born April 20, 1950, just north of Columbia Falls, after a heroic battle with cancer.



He was born in a small suburban town of Columbia Falls on March 21, 1950, to William (Bill) and Erin (Mary) (Ness) Rocksund. Erik's family moved to Whitefish when he was 7 years old where he attended elementary school and high school. He learned to hunt, fish, and trap and to love the outdoors on his family's farm in Whitefish. He played football on the high school level and was a center for the rockers with the Whitefish football team. He was also a member of the Whitefish Sea Team and represented Whitefish in the Junior Olympics. He graduated from Whitefish High School in 1969.

Erik graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree with high honors from the University of Montana in Missoula in 1973 with an emphasis in psychology and social work. He took a break during this college year to fish communally on the Pacific Coast and worked two winter and one college year on his family's 170-acre north of Columbia Falls, where he had made his home.

Erik met Jill Beaumont while playing cribbage at the "Old" Place for Steaks in Whitefish in 1973. They married on Dec. 20, 1975, and moved to Columbia Falls. Erik worked as a probation and parole officer with the Missouri Department of Corrections for several years, then decided to attend law school. He graduated with a law degree from the University of Missouri in Columbia in 1987. He and Jill moved back to the Flathead Valley in 1988, where they raised their family and later divorced.

Gunnar was born Feb. 3, 1964 following his father on Jan. 11, 1990. Erik was a wonderful father who shared his love of hunting, fishing and riding freestyle with his sons. As often as he could make it,

he and his family packed up the Middle Fork to their hunting camp to hunt for a steady stream of many species. So, it was a passion for Erik and he especially loved watching his boys play. The boys became skilled season players through his encouragement and coaching. Erik volunteered for 12 years as a youth coach with the Columbia Falls Youth Soccer Association.

Erik was an active community leader. He was a member of the Kwanan Club for many years, putting up flags, selling Christmas trees, and helping to organize the annual Margaret's Reyes Gunnar and Tim could often be seen helping their dad.

Erik was a respected attorney practicing in Columbia Falls in the "old block" building for most of his career. Recently, he made a law office in Kalispell, practicing in all areas - Glen Noyer and Missoula. True to his nature, he was always ready for a "good legal fight" and was passionate about bringing justice to those who had been wronged.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Erin, and an infant brother, William.

He is survived by his two sons, Gunnar Rocksund and Tim Rocksund, both of Kalispell; his father, William Rocksund and his wife, Maria, of Columbia Falls; three sisters, Crystaline Rupp and husband, Bob, of Home Sigler and husband, Kurt, and Carrie Stringer and husband, Shannon; also one brother, Nathan Rocksund and wife, Debra; three nieces, Haley Sigler, Serena Rocksund, and Breanna Rocksund; and four nephews, Talen Stringer, Nathan Sigler, Rich Tompison and Mike Tompison.

Memorial services for Erik Rocksund will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, April 25, at Lawrence Park in Kalispell.

The family suggests memorials be made to Hospice Home Health Options, 135 Commons Loop, Ste. 100, Kalispell, MT or the American Cancer Society, 430 Mullan Rd., Ste. 100, Missoula, MT.

John and Martha F. and Crema F. are caring for Erik's family.

daughter, Diana Frampton, of Whitefish; daughter, Lisa Speare, of Billings; son, Mark Rodeghiero, of Star, Idaho; and daughter, Rita Bartlett, of Kalispell.

A funeral Mass will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 7, at St. Benedict's Catholic Church in Roundup.

Funeral arrangements are being handled locally by Johnson Mortuary, and in Roundup by Wier Funeral Home.

PHYLLIS JEAN ROBINSON, 71

July 26, 2005 at 5:00 am |

Phyllis Jean Robinson, 71, a longtime Whitefish resident, passed away of natural causes at the University of Washington Medical Center in Seattle on July 20, 2005.

She was born April 8, 1934, in Portland, Ore., the daughter of Leo and Flora Gunnels.

She married John L. Robinson in 1963 in Everett, Wash. John passed away in 1978.

Phyllis worked over 20 years as a social worker with the Montana State Department of Family Services and retired in 1995.

She was a member of the Whitefish Golden Agers, where she was president for two years, Stumptown Historical Society and T.O.P.S.

She enjoyed painting, traveling, swimming, walking and square dancing.

She was preceded by her husband, John L. Robinson, in 1978.

Phyllis is survived by her daughters, Pamela Kohl and Deborah Willis of Whitefish, and Jackie Berger of Olympia, Wash.; son, Roy Robinson of Kalispell; sister, Norma McQueen of Washington; and brother, Ronald Gunnels of Columbia Falls; two grandsons, five granddaughters, two great-grandsons, and one great-granddaughter.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 27, at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, July 28, at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. The Rev. David V. Kauffman will officiate. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

ERIK PAUL ROCKSUND, 55

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

Erik Paul Rocksund, 55, died on Wednesday, April 20, 2005; peacefully at his home north of Columbia Falls, after a heroic battle with cancer.

He was born in Oak Park, Ill., a small suburb outside of Chicago, on March 27, 1950, to William "Bill" and Erma Mary (Nuss) Rocksund. Erik's family moved to Whitefish when he was 5 years old where he attended elementary school and high school. He learned to hunt, fish, and farm and to love the outdoors on his family's farm in Whitefish. He played the tuba in the high school band and was a center to be reckoned with on the varsity football team. He was also a member of the Whitefish Ski Team and represented Whitefish in the Junior Nationals. He graduated from Whitefish High School in 1968.

Erik graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree with high honors from the University of Montana in Missoula, in 1975, with majors in psychology and social work. He took a break during his college years to fish commercially on the Pacific Coast and worked his way through college logging on his family's 170 acres north of Columbia Falls, where he later made his home.

Eric met Jill Beaumont while playing cribbage at the "old" Place for Steaks in Whitefish, in 1974. They married on Dec. 20, 1975, and moved to Columbia, Mo. Erik worked as probation and parole officer with the Missouri Department of Corrections for several years, then decided to attend law school. He graduated with a law degree from the University of Missouri in Columbia, in 1982. He and Jill moved back to the Flathead Valley in 1983 where they raised their family and later divorced.

Gunnar was born Feb. 5, 1984, following by Tait on Jan. 13, 1986. Erik was a wonderful father who shared his love of hunting, fishing, and cutting firewood with his sons. As often as he could make it, he and his family packed up the Middle Fork to their hunting camp to hunt elk, a source of many stories. Soccer was a passion for Erik and he especially loved watching his boys play. The boys became skilled soccer players through his encouragement and coaching. Erik volunteered for 12 years as a youth coach with the Columbia Falls Youth Soccer Association.

Eric was an active community leader. He was a member of the Kiwanis club for many years, putting up flags, selling Christmas trees, and helping to organize the annual Motocross Races. Gunnar and Tait could often be seen helping their dad.

Erik was a respected attorney practicing in Columbia Falls in the "old Bank" building for most of his career. Recently, he made his law office in Kalispell, practicing alongside Glen Neier and Mies Faerber. True to his nature, he was always ready for a "good legal fight" and was passionate about bringing justice to those who had been wronged.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Erma; and an infant brother, William.

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He is survived by his two sons, Gunnar Rocksund and Tait Rocksund, both of Kalispell; his father, William Rocksund and his wife, Marcia, of Columbia Falls; three sisters, Christine Rupp and husband, Bob, Jillene Sigler and husband, Kurt, and Carrie Stringer and husband, Shannon; also one brother, Norman Rocksund and wife, Debbie; three nieces, Haley Sigler, Serena Rocksund, and Breanna Rocksund; and four nephews, Talen Stringer, Nathan Sigler, Rich Torgison, and Mike Torgison.

Memorial services for Erik Rocksund will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, April 25, at Lawrence Park in Kalispell.

The family suggests memorials be made to Hospice, Home Health Options, 175 Commons Loop, Ste. 100, Kalispell, MT or the American Cancer Society, 3550 Mullan Rd, Ste. 105, Missoula, MT 59808.

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

Leland 'Lee' Lester Roehl, 70

Leland "Lee" Lester Roehl, 70, passed away on Wednesday, Aug. 31, 2005, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.



He was born on May 27, 1935, to John and Helen (Wagner) Roehl in New Leipzig, N.D., where he grew up with his brother and two sisters.

Lee loved people, sports, and to cause "mischief" having fun. No one was a stranger to him. Family, close and extended, was very dear to him, but closest was the Lord Jesus Christ. A note left in his Bible stated, "When I die - I know where I am. Do you know where you would go if you were lying here dead? Seek Jesus."

Lee started school in a one-room schoolhouse in Grant County, N.D. and graduated from New Leipzig High School on May 4, 1956.

Working in Anaconda at the copper smelter, he fell in love and married Judy Mostad, on July 1, 1959. They had three beautiful children.

Lee is probably best known as a fearless ironworker, working out of Kalispell Local #14. He helped build missile silos, the Libby and Alaskan Pipeline, and various other projects locally and nationwide. He started his work history working on a farm and

was involved in trucking throughout his lifetime. Lee enjoyed riding his Harley through Glacier Park; good conversations with family and friends; and he could be seen at any sporting event throughout the Flathead. He was also a member of the Christian Center for over 25 years. His strong faith in the Lord inspired his children and strangers alike.

Lee was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by one son, John Roehl and wife, Karen, of Kalispell; two daughters, Rhonda Marcus and husband, Greg, of Portland, and Robin Main and husband, John, of Fort Collins, Colo.; six grandchildren, LeAnn, Jesse, Hunter, Austin, Jessica and Cody; his two sisters, Laverne Roberts and Ramona Galarita; as well as his brother, Floyd Roehl.

Visitation for Leland will be held from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 6, in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 7 at the Christian Center/Assembly of God with Pastor John Gregg officiating. Burial will follow at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family suggests memorial gifts be given in Lee's name to the University of Washington Medicine Development office, Department of Cardiology, 1325 4th Ave., Suite 2000, Seattle, WA 98101-2506.

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

Charles B. 'Chuck' Rogers, 89

Charles B. "Chuck" Rogers, 89, passed away on Friday, May 27, 2005, at his home in Rollins.

He was born on July 5, 1915, at Groton, S.D., the son of William J. and Cecilia (Freiley) Rogers.



Chuck was a logger, school bus driver and a store owner. He was also a 50-year member of the Eagles Lodge. He enjoyed horses, gardening, ice-fishing, and playing cribbage.

He was raised in Rapid City, South Dakota and moved to Montana in 1934, and resided in Kalispell and Rollins. He was united in marriage to Mamie on Nov. 17, 1966, at Lakeside.

He was a self-employed logger for 23 years, a school bus driver for 10 years and owned and operated the Rollins store and Post Office. He retired in 1982.

Chuck helped organize and served as fire chief for several years, after which he remained a very active member of the Rollins Volunteer Fire Department. During his logging days, he helped organize the first Loggers Association. Chuck enjoyed camping and belonging to the Flathead Good Sam's Club, where he served as president. In his last years, he espe-

cially loved teaching cribbage to the fourth graders of Lakeside.

Chuck was preceded in death by his parents; sons, Anthony and James Rogers; and six brothers and sisters, Louise Rahder, Joseph Rogers, Agnes Rogers, Frank Rogers, Bill Rogers, and a brother who passed away at birth.

He is survived by his wife, Mamie, of Rollins; sons, Patrick and Dalice Rogers of Deer Lodge, Brian Rogers of Kalispell, Loren Nelson of Kalispell and Marvin Nelson of Rollins; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Chuck is also survived by six brothers and sisters, Clem Rogers of Hawaii, Margaret Fuhrman of Arizona, Art Rogers of California, Monica Bosch and Josephine Kirchgesler, both of South Dakota, and Pat Evans of California; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial services for Charles Rogers will be held 11 a.m. on Wednesday, June 1, at Lakeside Chapel with Pastor John Ulrich officiating. Urn burial will follow at 2 p.m. at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell. There will be no visitation at the family's request.

The family suggests that memorials be sent to Rollins Volunteer Fire Department, Lakeside Building Fund, or Quick Response Unit (QRU) of Lakeside.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for Charles' family.

Edith B. Emmert Rohde, 79

Edith B. Emmert Rohde, 79, of Pendleton, Ore., formerly of Kalispell, passed away on Saturday, April 16, 2005, at St. Mary's hospital in Walla Walla, Wash.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, April 21, at Peace Lutheran Church in Pendleton.

Edith was born April 8, 1926, in Kalispell to Michael Edward Emmert and Edna Mabel Weaver Emmert. She was raised on a farm in lower Flathead Valley and graduated from Flathead County High School. She attended one year at Montana State college.

She met the love of her life, Charles R. Rohde of Halper, They were later married in Kalispell. Edith and Charles raised their children with "Dad" in Minneapolis and La Grange, Wis., where they owned a business and raised their children. They later settled in Pendleton in 1977 where they lived a part of the Pendleton Experience.

Edith was a loving mother and a devoted homemaker and

an active volunteer for both the Red Cross and Peace Lutheran Church.

Edith frequently vacationed in the Flathead where she would take wheel home from the family farm and attend her own flock. Her hobbies included sewing, baking, knitting and quilting for her friends and family.

Edith was preceded in death by her parents, and two brothers, Michael Emmert and Leonard Emmert.

Survivors include her husband of 39 years, Charles R. Rohde; sons, Jim Rohde of Adams, Oregon and Rick and David Rohde of Pendleton; daughters, Linda Crocker of Camden, N.C., and Beth Neughton of Bend, Ore.; 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Peace Lutheran Church Scholarship Fund.

Johnson Mortuary of Pendleton is in charge of arrangements.

Arlene Rogofski, 72

Arlene Rogofski, 72, died Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2005, at her home in Troy.

Survivors include her husband, Nori Rogofski of Prince George, British Columbia; her children, Kathy Bente of Okla. home, Ronald Herrington of

North Dakota, Bobby Alyea of Washington, and Sherry Penneck and Kevin Alyea, both of Troy.

Services will be at 4 p.m. Saturday at Troy Cemetery under the direction of Nelson & Vial Funeral Home.

Dorothy Rohrman, 83

Dorothy Rohrman, 83, formerly of Kalispell, died Dec. 20, 2004, in Spokane.

Survivors include her three sons, Terry Rohrman of

Spokane, and Chuck Rohrman and Bill Rohrman, both of Kalispell.

Burial took place Dec. 31 in Shelley, Idaho.

EDITH B. (EMMERT) ROHDE, 79

April 20, 2005 at 5:00 am | Daily Inter Lake

Edith B. (Emmert) Rohde, 79, of Pendleton, Ore., formerly of Kalispell passed away on Saturday, April 16, 2005, at St. Mary's hospital in Walla Walla, Wash.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, April 21, at Peace Lutheran Church in Pendleton.

Edith was born April 8, 1926, in Kalispell, to Michael Edward Emmert and Elva Mabel Weaver Emmert. She was raised on a farm in lower Flathead Valley and graduated from Flathead County High School. She attended one year at Montana State College.

She met the love of her life, Charles R. Rohde of Bigfork. They were later married in Kalispell. Edith and Charles raised three children while living in Minneapolis and Laramie, Wyo., during which time Charles finished his schooling. They later settled in Pendleton, in 1952, where Charles took a job at the Pendleton Experiment Station.

Edith was a loving mother and wife, a longtime homemaker and an active volunteer for both the Red Cross and Peace Lutheran Church.

Edith frequently vacationed in the Flathead where she would take wheat home from the family farm and grind her own flour. Her hobbies included sewing, baking, knitting and quilting for her friends and family.

Edith was preceded in death by her parents; and two brothers, Michael Emmert and Leonard Emmert.

Survivors include her husband of 59 years, Charles R. Rohde; sons, Jim Rohde of Adams, Ore., and Rick and David Rohde of Pendleton; daughters, Linda Crocker of Camden, N.C., and Beth Naughton of Bend, Ore.; 11 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Peace Lutheran Church Scholarship

Fund.

Burns Mortuary of Pendleton is in charge of arrangements.

RICHARD WILLIAM ROLE, 65

May 06, 2005 at 5:00 am |

Richard William "Dick" Role, 65, a longtime Columbia Falls resident, passed away on May 1, 2005, at home surrounded by his loving family.

Richard was born on Feb. 23, 1940, in Kalispell, to Howard and Ethel Role. He attended school in Canyon View and then graduated from Columbia Falls High School in 1959. He was in the U.S. Army from 1961 to 1963.

He married Jimme Sue Connole in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, on Aug. 22, 1964.

He worked at Stoltze Land and Lumber and then Plum Creek Manufacturing for 37 years. He retired in April of 2002.

Dick loved all sports and was an avid Washington Redskins fan. He especially loved hunting trips with his sons, Mark and Bill, and his nephew Shawn. He also loved watching his grandchildren in all sports, especially swim team.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ethel and Howard; two sisters, Nancy and Rose; and his grandparents.

He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Jimme Sue; daughter, Pam; sons, Bill and Mark and wife, Kim, all of Columbia Falls; seven grandchildren, Taylor, Hunter, Tianna, Kyler, Kortney, Garrett, and Richard James; one sister, Barbara Ann Hennessey of Whitefish; brothers Ron and wife, Lucille, of Columbia Falls, Howard and wife, Denise, and Jack and wife, Vonzel, of Spokane; and many nieces and nephews.

Dick was known for his annual Easter egg hunts. He loved his family and friends, but wouldn't hesitate to help a stranger off the street. He was very social and loved his "get-to-gethers" at the land.

"Dad, we will always have a special place in our hearts for you and we will cherish all the memories. You are gone, but never forgotten."

A visitation will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. today, May 6, at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 7, at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls with the Rev. Joe Pat Moran officiating. Burial will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

The family suggests that memorial can be made to the Columbia Falls Fire Department.

Dr. Herman 'Chet' Ross, 87

Continued from page 10. Dr. Ross was born in 1924 in the Flathead Valley.



Dr. Ross and his wife, Norma, and a young son, Ross, are shown in a photograph.

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After the war, Chet went back to Montana to finish his education in mining engineering but eventually decided to go into veterinary medicine. He went to Colorado College, then to Colorado State University.

Chet and his former wife Georgiana Powers met and were married in 1947 at Fort Collins, Colo. After his graduation, they moved to the Flathead Valley in 1949 and started one of the first veterinary clinics. He specialized in large and small animal care. He also served as a consultant in the area of wildlife management for the Montana Department of Wildlife.

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His memberships include the American Veterinary Medical Association, Montana Veterinary Medical Association, Flying Veterinarians, advisory board for the National Jogging Association, American Community College Trustees, and advisory board of the School of Veterinary Medicine, University of California, Colorado State University and Washington State University.

His passions besides the college were flying (he owned two airplanes) and golfing with his very close buddies, and he had also taken up oil painting. He especially enjoyed the summer months when his family would come down to the lake and cook him up a special barbecued burger.

He will always be remembered for his ambitions, his great leadership, accomplishments and contributions to the betterment of the Flathead Valley. But most of all, he was a great husband, friend and the best father his two daughters could have had. It will leave a very big void in all of our lives.

Chet was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his brother, Dr. Sid Ross, and his wife in New York; his daughters, Carrie Ross and Mary Ross Goodmough and her husband, Norm, of Kalispell and her two beautiful granddaughters he thought he'd never have, Jill Goodmough and Katie Goodmough, both of Kalispell, and also his former wife, Georgiana Ross, of the family home in Kalispell.

Memorial Services for Chet Ross will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, July 14, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church with the Rev. Matthew Huber, Chet's nephew officiating. A reception will follow at the Elks Lodge in Kalispell. There will be no visitation. Military honors will be conducted by the United Veterans of the Flathead.

The family suggests that any memorials be made in Chet's honor to the Science and Technology Building (the future Ross Hall) at FVCC, 777 Grandview Drive, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

DR. HERMAN "CHET" ROSS, 87

January 11, 2005 at 5:00 am | Daily Inter Lake

Longtime Kalispell veterinarian, Dr. Herman "Chet" Ross, 87, passed away on Sunday, Jan. 2, 2005, at his home in Somers. He was born on Sept. 15, 1918, in Naugatuk, Conn., to Samuel and Gussie (Eisen) Rosenstein. He was the younger of two boys.

After high school, he enrolled at the University of Alaska from 1936-1939, studying geology. In his final year, he enlisted in the service. He became a member of the fabled Devil's Brigade, a Canadian/American Special Forces Unit. In Helena they trained for a daring mission. They were to parachute into German-occupied Norway on Christmas Eve 1942 and blow up three hydroelectric plants. In the long run, the mission was assigned to British troops, which suffered horrendous casualties. He was Company Commander, First Lieutenant (Airborne Infantry) and his unit went on to fight in the Aleutians, in Italy and in the invasion of southern France. Chet was injured in the Italian mountains and his leg became infected, resulting in him spending 10 months in the hospital.

This past summer he returned to Italy for the 60th anniversary of the liberation of Rome on June 4. They were honored by the Italian government and the pope, and were celebrated for never failing any mission and for being instrumental in freeing Rome.

After the war, Chet went back to Alaska to finish his education in mining engineering but eventually decided to go into veterinary medicine. He earned his doctor of veterinary medicine degree in 1950, graduating from Colorado State University.

Chet and his former wife Georgiana Powers met and were married in 1947 at Fort Collins, Colo. After his graduation, they moved to the Flathead Valley in 1950 and started one of the first veterinary clinics. He specialized in large and small animal care. Being such a remote area at the time and with limited veterinarians, his territory took him from the Montana/Idaho border to the Canadian border, Glacier Park and south to Polson. Chet and his very good friend Dr. Phinney helped control the wild horse population on Wild Horse Island.

Chet and Georgiana soon adopted two girls who were the love and joy of their daddy's heart. They could not wait to get home from school and hang around the animal clinic or go on large animal calls with their father.

Kalispell Animal Hospital was operated as a single practice until he took in a partner, Dr. William Noble, for eight years back in the 1960s. Chet was also president of the Montana Veterinary Medical Association from 1964-1965.

It was in those years that Chet became active in what he saw as two basic community needs: transportation and education. He became a member of the Flathead County Airport Authority in 1969, and served in that capacity for 12 years, and was a member of the Kalispell Airport board for seven years. In 1967, he became founder of Flathead Valley Community College and was chairman of the board from 1967 until 1972. He remained an active board member for 34 years. He related to FVCC as "the big thing in my life."

The governor of the state of Montana formally recognized Chet's leadership qualities and commitment to education in 1971 and appointed him as a member of WICHE -- Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education. During his eight-year membership on the board, he was instrumental in developing a system of educational opportunity for students in the field of veterinary medicine. This program of educational opportunity was implemented and has been extremely successful in serving the residents of the 13-state WICHE region.

In 1974, Chet was recognized by the citizens of Flathead County for his leadership in civic affairs by naming him Flathead County's Outstanding Citizen. It was also in that year that he received the Distinguished Alumni Award from Colorado State University.

In 1996, FVCC awarded him the ACCT (Association of Community College Trustees) Regional Trustee Leadership Award. Dr. Larry Blake, the first founding president and Chet were instrumental in beginning the association in the state of Montana and it held annual meetings for the purpose of organizing prior to the state legislative sessions. Under Dr. Blake's leadership and with Chet as chairman, FVCC was presented an award as the second most outstanding rural college in the nation by the U.S. Department of Education.

Chet was then awarded the prestigious Eagle Award at the President's Annual Donor Dinner on May 10, 2001, from FVCC. The award is given annually to honor an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the development of the college.

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The family suggests that any memorials be made in Chet's honor to the Science and Technology Building (the future Ross Hall) at FVCC, 777 Grandview Drive, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Cora Elizabeth Romine, 88

Cora Elizabeth Romine, 88, died Thursday, Jan. 6, 2005, at Health Center Northwest in Kalispell.

She was born Sept. 30, 1916, in Bakersville, Calif., the daughter of Thomas Fountain and Francis (Hunt) Price.

She received her education at Bakersville and graduated from Bakersville High School.

She enjoyed sewing, was an avid reader and also did plastic canvassing. She was married to William Romine. She worked as a



seamstress at Catalina Swim Wear for several years. She and William enjoyed RV travel and were members of RV clubs and she also volunteered at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Cora was preceded in death by her husband, William, in 1980, and her two children, son, Tom Mason and daughter, Winona Holst.

Cora is survived by her grandchildren, Lynn Hall, Julie Meeker, John Holst, all of Kalispell, and Virginia Eacker in California; also great-grandchildren; and a daughter-in-law, Joyce Mason.

There are no services planned for Cora. Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Angela Joy Rose, 28

Angela Joy Rose, 28, passed away Monday, July 4, 2005, as a result of a motorcycle accident.

She was born Nov. 18, 1976, to William J. and Rita Ann (Cameron) Rose. Angela was raised in Florence where she attended Florence Carlton School and graduated in 1995.

Her love of music was only expressed by her passion for motorcycling.

Her angelic voice will be missed by all who ever heard her sing.

Angela was preceded in death by her mother in 2000.

She is survived by her father, William J. Rose, and wife, Carla, of Florence; sister, Ann Marie



Rose, of Missoula; brother, Robert Louis Rose, and fiancée, Gwen Lanfare, of Kalispell; a half-sister, Michele Broughton, of Missoula; and two stepbrothers, Jim and Chris Nesbitt, of Florence. Angela also is survived by her fiancé, Joseph Geiser, of Kalispell; grandparents, William and Elfi Rose, and Bonnie Cameron, all of Florence; multiple aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews, and her new favorite, Kadence Marie.

"The world has suffered a terrible loss, one that most will never know. Daddy misses you and always will."

Memorial services for Angela will be held at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, July 9, in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Pastor Tim Bartholomew of the Stillwater Free Lutheran Church officiating.

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

Tom E. Rosenberger, 88

Tom E. Rosenberger, 88, formerly of Dayton, died March 7, 2005, at his home in Casper, Wyo.

Survivors include his wife, Ann, of Casper; daughter,

Judith; and three sons, Thomas Jr., Bob and John.

Cremation was under the direction of Newcomer Family Funeral Home and Crematory.

John Rosenquist, 72

John Rosenquist, 72, died at his home in Eureka, Wash., on Monday, Dec. 7, 2005.

Survivors include his wife, Betty, of Eureka; daughter, Julie, of Eureka; and son, John, of Eureka.

Funeral services will be held at 12 p.m. Monday at the Church of God, Eureka.

Interment will be in the Eureka Cemetery.

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Erna Rosinsky, 86

Erna Rosinsky, 86, died on Sunday, Jan. 16, 2005, at her Kalispell home.

Memorial services will be

held at a later date.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Shirley Ruth, 46

Shirley Ruth, 46, died Nov. 15, 2005, in Columbia Falls. Survivors include her mother, Juanita Ruth.

Memorial services will be 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 22, at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls.

Irving L. 'Irv' Roth, 79

Irving L. "Irv" Roth, 79, passed away on Friday, Aug. 12, 2005, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Irv was born on July 28, 1926, in Warren, Ore., to Severin and Olga (Mattson) Roth. He was raised in Oregon, where he attended Scappose High School in Scappose. Irv enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1943 and served with the Sea Bees until honorably discharged in 1946.

He married Vera Adams in 1950 in Port Angeles, Wash. He was a self-employed owner of Adams Sales Inc. in Green River, Wyo., from 1952 until 2005. He was co-owner of Greg's Homes in Kalispell in the late 1970s and early '80s.

He was a very active member of the Chamber of Commerce in Green River, an active member of the Sweetwater County Democrats, state representative from Sweetwater County, Wyo., from 1973 to 1978, past member of the United Church of Christ in Green River, and present member of the Bethany Lutheran Church in Bigfork. He was also a member of the Masons, Shriners, Elks Lodge, American Legion and the VFW. He loved gardening, current events and traveling.

He was preceded in death by a

son, Larry Roth, brother, Arthur Roth, and his wife, Bertha, and his parents, Severin and Olga Roth.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Vera Roth of Bigfork, a daughter Shelley Hilling and her husband George of Bigfork, brothers and sisters, Oscar Roth and his wife, Edith, June and Bob Simpson, Esther Lufkin, all of Warren, Ore., sister Dorothy and husband George Perry of Portland, sister-in-law Donna Collins and friend Gary Herndon of Welton, Ariz., and Carly the Cat. Grandchildren Joshua Hilling, Dillon Hilling, Sam Hilling, all of Bigfork, and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Memorial services will be held at the Union Congregational Church UCC in Green River, Wyo., on Aug. 27. The family requests memorials be sent to the American Cancer Society, American Diabetes Association, American Lung Association, Shriners Hospital, Habitat for Humanity, N and E Heifer Project or the Bigfork Summer Play House.

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

Earl Russell, 55

Earl Russell, 55, died Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2005, at his home in Eureka.

He is survived by his wife, Julie; his children, James Russell of Fargo, N.D., Mary Morgan of Toledo, Wash., Christopher (Pederson) Russell of Columbia Falls, and Ashton Russell of Eureka;

and his parents, William and Betty Jean Ritchey of Centralia, Wash.

Services will be 12 p.m. Monday at the Church of God. Interment with military honors will be in Tobacco Valley Cemetery under the direction of Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Eureka.

Thelma Louise Russell, 80

On May 19, 2005, Thelma Louise Russell finally lost her valiant struggle with scleroderma and left this earthly world for a far better place. Although Thelma was exhausted from this disease, she remained positive and hopeful throughout her illness and approached it like many of the adversities that life had handed her in the previous 80 years — as she often said to family and friends, "This too shall pass."



Thelma Louise Carter (T.L.C.) was born to Roy and Erma Carr of Ainsworth, Neb., on Feb. 9, 1925. Thelma was the second child born to this Nebraska farm family. She completed her high school education in Keya Paha County, Nebraska, then taught at rural schools for several years. Thelma completed studies at the Lincoln School of Commerce in Lincoln, Neb.

Following that and while employed as a secretary, she met Lt. Lloyd G. Russell, then a pilot with the Army Air Corps. They were married on Dec. 19, 1946, and for the next 25 years, Thelma's life revolved around her children and supporting her husband Russ in his continually changing military career. As a pilot with the U.S. Air Force, Russ's stateside assignments included Washington, D.C., Denver, California, Nebraska, and again California, and finally Georgia. In addition, their life together included year-long assignments for Lloyd in Korea and later, Vietnam, and also shorter duration Air Force missions around the world.

Thelma took the many changes of military life in stride, demonstrating her strengths as a wife and mother, taking control and managing whatever needed to be done to resettle or stabilize her family. This was always done with a positive outlook, love, and more than a touch of mid-western stubbornness during this growing family era. She was without question the very backbone of the Russell family.

When Russ retired from the Air Force in 1970, the family moved to Bigfork. For more than 20 years, Thelma and Russ owned and operated Bigfork Realty along with good friends and business partners, Robert C. and Patty Morris. Thelma was first a licensed real estate salesperson and then became a licensed real estate broker well known in the Bigfork real estate community. Thelma

was always capable, hard working, and dependable and her strategy for success was treating people with kindness, fairness and honesty.

In addition to her real estate career, Thelma enjoyed being outside and working in her garden and taking care of the cherry orchard. She was a member of the Beardance Club, Chapter BII, P.L.O. and the Bigfork Community United Methodist Church.

Although Thelma's life in Bigfork was busy with her many friends and fulfilling real estate career, it was not without family adversity. In April of 1990, she lost "Russ," her husband and soul mate of almost 45 years. In addition to her sister Alice's death in 1998, losing her daughter, Kathy Bowling in early spring of 2003 was almost more than she could bear. But with her inner strength, family support, and positive outlook and with Kathy and son-in-law, Gary's growing children, she was almost able to get beyond it, and continue to make the most of the life she was given in her final years.

Thelma is survived by her son, Lloyd O. Russell and his wife, Sue, and children, Tammy, Casey, and Amy of Stevinson, Calif.; her son, Douglas and his wife, Louise, of Dillon, and children, Matthew and Kirk of Bigfork, her son, Bradley and his wife, Peggy, and children, Afton and Max of Bigfork, and Kelly of Dunsmuir, Calif.; and son-in-law, Gary Bowling and children, Davis and Andrew of Eagle, Idaho; her brother, Roger Carr and his wife, Joy, and children, Roy Scott and Bradley Wayne of O'Neill, Neb.; and her niece, Janice Stoorza of Stuart, Fla.

"Thelma will be deeply missed by her family and many friends but because of the combination of her love and support for family, her strength and energy, her thoughtful and cheerful disposition, her utterly positive outlook on life, we will cherish our memories and continue to celebrate her life."

A visitation service will be held for Thelma from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Bigfork Funeral Home on Monday, May 23. A funeral and graveside service with Ron Pierce officiating will be held at the Bigfork Community United Methodist Church in Bigfork, on Tuesday, May 24, beginning at 2 p.m. with a reception at the church to follow the graveside service.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be made to The Scleroderma Foundation, 12 Kent Way, Suite 101, Byfield, MA 01922.

Bigfork Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Helen Louise Ryan, 69

Helen Louise Ryan, 69, of Bigfork, died at 2:45 p.m. Monday, May 22, 2005, at the Bigfork Community United Methodist Church. She was born in Bigfork, Neb.

HELEN LOUISE RYAN, 69

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

Helen was born on Aug. 30, 1935, in Lone, Wash., to John and Opal Norton Beatty. She was raised in Metaline Falls, Wash., where she was the salutatorian of her high school graduating class.

Helen married Royce Ryan on Feb. 28, 1953, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. She worked at the Legion Club in Metaline Falls, then worked in management in the retail business in Libby, for several years.

She enjoyed bowling, playing bingo, camping with her family, and playing cards with the kids, grandkids and her niece. She will always be remembered for her wonderful sense of humor, and her generosity and true caring for everyone she ever met.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her son -in-law, David Gable; and her beloved husband, Royce.

She is survived by her children, Connie Gable and Deborah Ryan, both of Kalispell, Diane Birky of Alaska, Royce Ann Dunkin and Pat Ryan, both also of Kalispell, and Mike Ryan of Washington; a special niece, Helen Marie Reed; 18 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren; and numerous other family members.

Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. Monday, May 2, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, with the Rev. David Pestel officiating.

The family request memorials in Helen's name be made to Home Options Hospice of Kalispell.

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

Helen Louise Ryan, 69, passed away on Thursday, April 28, 2005, in Kalispell.

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