

Michael Sachkowsky Sr., 93

Michael Sachkowsky Sr., 93, passed away Sunday, Nov. 6, 2005, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

Mike was born Oct. 8, 1912, in Columbia Falls, to John and Katherine Sachkowsky. He moved to the United States in 1926. He lived in South River, N.J., where he attended high school.

Mike married Mary Sernicky on Nov. 22, 1941, in Elizabeth, N.J.

Mike worked his whole life as a machinist. Mike and his wife, Mary, moved to Montana in October 2005.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge in New Jersey. He loved fishing, and especially traveling with his wife, Mary.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Sachkowsky, of Whitefish; sons, Michael Sachkowsky of Columbia Falls, and Peter Sachkowsky of Howard, Pa.; one daughter, Cathy Sachkowsky, of Ringwood, N.J.; and two grandsons, Michael and Jay Sachkowsky, both of New Jersey.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 11, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, with Deacon Fred Topp officiating. Burial will be afterward the services at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

James Vincent Sands, 72

James Vincent Sands, 72, died on Saturday, Sept. 17, 2005, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

He is survived by his wife, Mary of Columbia Falls; two sons, Tim and Tom; and six daughters, Kathleen, Mary, Susan, Jennifer, Caroline and

Erin.

Memorial Services will be held today, Monday, Sept. 19, 2005, at 3 p.m. in St. Richard's Catholic Church with Deacon Robert Pearce officiating.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for the family.

Paul Wayne Sanders, 33

Paul Wayne Sanders, 33, died on Thursday, May 12, 2005, at his home in Columbia Falls.

He is survived by his wife, Avangala, and four children, Autry, Kali, Malachi and Levi, all of Columbia Falls.

Memorial services are pending at this time.

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

Lynn Bush Sather, 58

Lynn Bush Sather, 58, a former resident of Libby, died Sunday, Sept. 4, 2005, in Spokane.

She had owned and operated Lynn's Reflections salon in Spokane.

She is survived by her husband, Marv Sather, of Spokane; children, Jeffrey Rodack of Houston, Megan Mann

of Spokane, Kelli Sather of Missoula, and Joel Sather of Trout Creek; and mother, Margaret Bush of Spokane.

Services will be at 1 p.m. today, Sept. 10, at Ball & Dodd Funeral Home, 5100 W. Wellesley, Spokane.

Private interment will be in the City of Libby Cemetery.

Robert Walter Sanderson, 57

Robert Walter Sanderson, 57, died on Thursday, Oct. 13, 2005, at his residence in Columbia Falls. He was born on May 18, 1948, in Reno, Nev., to Donald and Rosemary (Staszkiwicz) Sanderson.

Robert received his early education in Reno and graduated from the University of Nevada in the mid-'70s and became a CPA.

He married Janet Marie Anderson March 30, 1968, in Fallon, Nev.

From 1977 to 1980 he held the position of resort controller at Squaw Valley Ski Resort; and in 1978-1980, he was with the CPA firm of Kerry S. David & Co. in Lake Tahoe, Nev. In 1980, he moved to Ely, Nev., and managed the Hotel Nevada.

He moved to the Bigfork/Fern-



dale area in 1984 to buy and operate the Junction Bar in Ferridale and purchase land to raise his family. In 1985 he was disabled.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing and Fantasy Football.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and two children, Robert Walter Jr. and Tracey Dawn.

He is survived by his wife, Janet Sanderson, of Columbia Falls; three daughters, Kacey Kraus and husband, Ryan, and Brandi Simpson and husband, Robert, all of Evergreen, also Lisa Buhman and husband, Ernest "J.R." Buhman of Sutton, W. Va.; two half brothers, Richard and Frank Sobchinsky.

Graveside services for Robert Walter Sanderson will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 20, at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell. There will be no visitation.

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

Janet Mary 'Jan' Sarasua, 50

Janet Mary "Jan" (Stockinger) Sarasua, 50, passed away Dec. 13, 2005, at Healthcenter Northwest in Kalispell.

She was born Jan. 11, 1955, in Burlingame, Calif., and raised in San Bruno, Calif. Jan received her bachelor's degree in education from the University of Great Falls.

She was formerly employed by The Nurturing Center in Kalispell. Jan was beloved as a school teacher, and at the time of her death she was teaching at Cayuse Prairie School.

Jan was also a talented artist

and an outdoors enthusiast.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Jennifer Sarasua; father, William Stockinger; and sisters, Karthryn Pine and Denise Roddy.

Jan is survived by her mother, Helene Stockinger, of San Bruno, Calif.; son, Joseph Sarasua II, of Kalispell; brother, William Stockinger; and sisters, Helene Emerson and Debbi Murphy.

Cremation has taken place. Services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, at St. Matthew's Church in Kalispell.

George St. Sauver Jr., 84

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He was an avid hunter and fisherman. He will be missed by all his family and friends.

He was preceded in death by son, Bruce "Horn."

George is survived by wife, Irene, of White Bear Township, Minn.; children, Gail and husband

Chuck Gregory, Dennis and wife Micki St. Sauver, Debbie and Greg Roy, Mark and Rachel St. Sauver, and Mary Kay Grant; grandchildren, Dawn, Chris, Jennifer, Amy, Jerry, Nick, Angie, Kriston, Malory, Katrina, Jake, Joe and Brooke; great-grandchildren, Markeena, Wyatt and Noah; and brother, Stan.

A very special thanks to the Maplewood Care Center.

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Memorials are preferred to the Maplewood Care Center, 1900 Sherron Ave., Maplewood, MN 55109.

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Ellen Merle Schend, 86, passed away Saturday, July 16, 2005, at Benefis hospital in Great Falls of natural causes. A viewing for family and friends will be from 2 to 8



p.m. Wednesday at the Holland & Bonine Funeral Home in Havre. Her funeral mass will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the St. Jude Catholic Church in Havre. Burial will be afterward at the Highland Cemetery. A fellowship luncheon will be held at the St. Jude Parish Center immediately after the graveside services.

Memorials in Merle's honor may be made to the St. Jude Catholic Church or to a memorial of one's choice. Arrangements have been entrusted to Holland & Bonine Funeral Home in Havre. Merle was born March 15, 1919, in Kalispell to Emil and Mamie (Pearson) Krantz. She was raised and educated in the Kalispell area and attended Boorman country school. Her mother died at a very young age and Merle helped to raise her brother.

She met Jack H. Bullman and the couple married in 1939. They had two children. He passed away in 1942.

Merle then moved with her two children and her father to Bremerton, Wash., to work in the Naval ship yards during World War II. In 1946, after the war, they

moved to Fresno, Mont. She then met Charles Schend, and the couple married in April 1947. She worked on the family farm with Charles until they retired and sold the farm in 1960 and moved to Whitefish. The couple managed a Town Pump Service Station from 1970 to 1980 in Whitefish. Charles passed away in 1981 in Helena.

Merle then moved back to Kremlin to be close to her friends and family. Merle was a very kind person who never spoke ill of anyone or interfered in people's business. She was a member of a pinochle card club and enjoyed her friends at the Gildford Senior Center. She liked to shop, watch TV and game shows, especially "Jeopardy!" She enjoyed playing cards and visiting with her best friends. She was a very intellectual person and took it as a challenge to complete even the most difficult crossword puzzles.

Her parents; one sister, Marie Krantz, in 1933; her first husband, Jack Bullman, in 1942; her son, Fred Bullman, in 1980; and her second husband, Charles Schend, in 1981, preceded her in death.

Merle is survived by her two children, daughter, Jackie Donovan, of Havre, and son, Terry, and wife, Cindy, Schend of Kalispell; one brother, Alvin Krantz of Kalispell; 10 grandchildren; four stepgrandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; eight stepgreat-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

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Dr. Evan W. Schear, 82

Brigadier General USAF, retired Evan W. Schear, 82, of Kalispell, passed away on March 9, 2005, at Immanuel Lutheran Home. He was born March 18, 1922, in Columbus, Ohio, and was raised in Westerville, Ohio. After graduating from Otterbein College, he attended medical school at Duke University.

He married Ann McGuire of Columbus, Ohio, on June 27, 1945. He became a board certified general surgeon and spent over 30 years in the military. He served in Korea, Japan, Vietnam, Germany and at several stateside bases. His last assignment was as commander of David Grant Medical Center at Travis AFB in California.

After retiring, Ann and Evan moved to Helotes, Texas, in 1975. They enjoyed retirement there until moving to Kalispell in February 2004 to be near their daughter, Judy and her husband, Herb Anderson.

Evan was preceded in death by his parents, Edward Waldo Emer-

Schear, a brother and sister, and his daughter, Diane.

He is survived by his wife, Ann Schear; daughter, Judith Ann Anderson, and her husband, Herb; four grandchildren, Victoria Jones of Powell, Ohio, Christine Anderson of Fort Collins, Colo., Kathryn Jones and husband, Brian, of Nampa, Idaho, and Dr. Herbert E.S. Anderson of Frenchtown; and two great-granddaughters, Megan and Allison Jones, of Powell, Ohio.

Evan was a born leader, but more importantly he was a good, honest person who always wanted to do the right thing. He always said a job worth doing was worth doing well. If someone needed help, Evan was always ready to lend a hand or provide some direction.

He was a loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He will be greatly missed.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is handling the cremation and a small family service took place on March 11.

Gerald Dale 'Jerry' Schilling, 53

Gerald Dale "Jerry" Schilling, 53, of Somers, passed away on Sept. 7, 2005, at his home.



Jerry was born on Jan. 20, 1952, in Havre, to Ervin and Helen Schilling. He was raised on the family farm and attended schools in Harlem, graduating from Harlem High School in 1970.

Jerry married Sherry Norheim, and they had three children, Stephanie, Charles and Dustin. Jerry and Sherry later divorced.

Jerry graduated from Northern Montana College, with a degree in English. He taught school at Shelby High School for one year, then decided to further his education at Ole Miss, where he worked with the theater department which lead him to a job at Wichita State.

Jerry came back to Montana

in the spring of 2004 to help take care of his mother and father in Somers.

He was preceded in death by his father, Ervin; and one brother Wayne.

He is survived by his daughter, Stephanie Motherway of Fort Collins, Colo., two sons, Charles Schilling of Somers, and Dustin Schilling of Memphis, Tenn.; two grandchildren, Nathan and Madelynn Motherway of Fort Collins; his mother, Helen Schilling, of Kalispell; one sister, Sharon Bruyer of Kalispell; brothers, Charles of Harlem, Mark and William, both of Havre. For his many friends and family who loved him so very much, he will truly be missed.

Graveside memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Sept. 12, at the Harlem Cemetery in Harlem.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home in Kalispell, and Edwards Funeral Home in Chinook, are caring for the family.

JOHN MERLEN SAVERUD, 65

July 10, 2005 at 5:00 am | Daily Inter Lake

John Merlen Saverud, 65, of Bothell, Wash., passed away peacefully at the Lakevue Gardens Convalescent Center in Kirkland, Wash., on June 17, 2005, after a brief battle with cancer.

John was born in Kalispell, on Oct. 15, 1939, to Berger and Myrtle Johnson Saverud. After graduating from Flathead County High School in 1958, John enlisted in the Navy where he served in the United States and Guam.

John worked for the Army Corps of Engineers as a construction inspector prior to his retirement. Locally, he worked on the construction of Libby Dam.

John was an avid fisherman and hunter. As a young man he spent many happy hours with his cousin, Harold, at the Braaten family ranch in the Swan Valley. He shot a world record Mouflon-type sheep while on a vacation in Hawaii in 1999.

John is survived by his children, Wayne, Brian and Robyn, Anita and Allen; four granddaughters; brothers, Wayne and Sheryl, and Dale and Georgia, of Kalispell; three nieces, a nephew and numerous cousins. He is also survived by his loving companion, Bonnie Greenland, and the extended members of the Eveland family.

Memorial services will be held 11 a.m. on Friday, July 15, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 603 S. Main Street, Kalispell.

Memorial gifts may be sent to Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks Foundation Endowment Fund, P. O. Box 200701, Helena, MT 59620-0701.

RICHARD F. "DICK" SCHALLER, 57

January 29, 2005 at 5:00 am |

Richard F. "Dick" Schaller, 57, of Polson "went to be with his Savior" on Thursday morning, Jan. 27, 1947. He leaves behind his wife and son, Damon.

Dick was born on July 28, 2005, to Leo and Lois (Elsner) Schaller in Madison, Wis. He grew up and attended school and graduated from high school in Belleville, Wis.

He married Jane Hanold on April 3, 1971, in Belleville. They moved to Denver, and Dick attended Colorado School of Trades where he studied gunsmithing. They moved to Texarkana, Texas, where he practiced gunsmithing. Their son, Damon, was born while they were living in Texas.

They moved back to Wisconsin and lived there for eight years before moving to Polson in 1985.

Dick worked for Lake County as a rock crusher operator.

Dick enjoyed spending time with his family. They enjoyed numerous outdoor activities together, including hunting, fishing, camping and horseback riding. He was very involved in Pathways/Tresdias and was a member of the Faith Community Church in Polson.

Dick will be remembered for his love for his family, his fellow brothers and sisters in Christ and all of his many dogs, cats and horses.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the Lake County Hospice.

Dick was preceded in death by his father, Leo; and his stepfather, Paul Schanke.

He is survived by his wife, Jane, of Polson; his son, Damon, of Helena; his mother, Lois Schanke, of Belleville; a sister, Janice, Lubcke, and her husband, Terry, of Oregon, Wis.; and nieces, Erica and Betsy, of Madison, Wis.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 30, at the Heritage of Faith Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), 101 Seventh Ave. W., Polson.

Memorials may be made to either the Tresdias Montana or Big Sky Tresdias.

Arrangements and cremation are by Grogan Funeral Home & Crematory of Polson.

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March 15, 2005 at 5:00 am |

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Ellen Schlegel, 95



Ellen Schlegel "to be with her family and her Lord" on Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2005, after her death at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She was born March 26, 1910, on a farm near Minot, N.D., the daughter of Axel and Martha (Swenson) Bergholm.

At the age of 20, she fell in love and married Bernard "Benny" Schlegel. They had one daughter, Laverna "Bernie" Schlegel. Shortly after her husband's passing in 1977, Ellen became the manager of the Fernwell Apartments.

As a mother, Ellen enjoyed her close relationship with her daughter. She and "Bernie" enjoyed working as a team to make sure the Fernwell Apartments were enjoyable for all the tenants. She had an open door to all who lived in the apartments, and always had a warm smile, cup of coffee and cookies ready. Ellen enjoyed

going to luncheons and shopping with her daughter and granddaughter. She liked cooking and baking, and was a woman who was very devout in her beliefs. Her great-grandchildren were the loves of her life. Her longevity took her beyond her expectations, and she will be greatly missed by her family and all those who knew and loved her.

Ellen was preceded in death by her husband, Bernard "Benny"; her daughter, Laverna "Bernie"; her son-in-law, Pat Gyrion; her brother, Gus; and two sisters, Hilda and Evelyn.

She is survived by a granddaughter, Debby Hacker of Venice, Fla.; two grandsons, Bruce and Ric Ellingson, both of Kalispell; and a granddaughter, Cherise Knopp and husband, Jim, of Kalispell, and their children, Amanda Fenger, and Bryttani and Christian Knopp.

There are no services planned at this time for Ellen Schlegel. There will be no visitation.

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

Richard 'Dick' McCoy Sherrill, 71



Richard "Dick" McCoy Sherrill, 71, "joined our Lord" on Saturday, Dec. 31, 2005, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He was born in Chattanooga, Tenn., on Aug. 8, 1934, to George and Cecil Sherrill. He was raised in Chattanooga, where he attended public schools through the eighth grade. He attended a technical school in Miami, and during his time in the Air Force received his General Equivalency Diploma (GED).

He married Peregrina "Perry" Fisher on Oct. 22, 1955, in Havre. This last October they celebrated their 50-year anniversary.

Dick served in the Air Force from January 1952 through 1956 with his most significant duty assignment in Havre. Following his time in the Air Force, he was employed by the U.S. Postal Service from 1961 through disability retirement in 1985. In 1989, Dick started a video production business and worked with that until 1991.

Dick spent many years dedicated to playing and supporting softball. He played fast-pitch softball with the 40 Acre Truck Stop in Lakeland, Fla., and also with Cypress Gardens in Winter Haven, Fla. He moved back to Havre in 1961. Dick co-founded the Havre Softball Association in 1962 along with six other softball enthusiasts in the City of Havre. He played fast-pitch softball in Havre from 1962 until his retirement from the game in 1979.

In total, he played in 23 Montana State Softball Tournaments and played on three Montana State Championship softball teams, in 1958-59 with the Havre Highlanders and in 1975 with the Master Sports softball team. He played two regional softball tournaments in 1958 and 1975.

Dick was co-founder of the Havre

International Softball Tournament in 1965. He played in 11 international softball tournaments, and was named to the International All-Star team four times. The Havre International Softball Committee dedicated the 16th annual Havre International Tournament to Dick Sherrill and Bob Evans, another co-founder. In 1988 Dick was selected to the Montana State Softball Hall of Fame in Lewistown. He served on the Havre Softball Association board of directors from 1962 through 1970, as well as the Havre International board of directors from 1965 to 1975.

Dick coached Little League Baseball, Babe Ruth Baseball, and also served on the Babe Ruth Board of Directors.

Dick is survived by his wife, Perry Sherrill, of Kalispell; one brother, Gene Sherrill, of Chattanooga; his children, Mike Sherrill and wife, Becky, of Havre, Eva Dorcheus and husband, Richard, of Havre, and Jeff Sherrill and wife, Sandy, of Kalispell; his grandchildren, Nathan Dorcheus and wife, Kristi, of Kalispell, Julie Garza and husband, Skip, of Great Falls, Chris Dorcheus and wife, Carrie, of Meldonnhall, England, Teri Sherrill and fiancé, Jordan Anderson, of Helena, Holly Dorcheus and Joe Saddler of Havre, Hannah Sherrill of Kalispell, and Cody Sherrill of Kalispell; his great-grandchildren, Masie Dorcheus and Taylor Dorcheus of Meldonnhall, England, and Javien Dorcheus-Saddler of Havre. He also leaves behind Dixie, his beloved dachshund.

Dick was preceded in death by his parents, George E. and Cecil Sherrill; sister, Louise Byrd; and brothers, Billy Sherrill and Bob Sherrill.

At Dick's request, a private family service will be held in Havre.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent in the name of Richard "Dick" Sherrill to Gift of Life, c/o Mike Sherrill, 1620 Juniper, Havre, MT 59501.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Larry L. Schmautz, 62



Larry L. Schmautz, 62, passed away suddenly at his home in Columbia Falls on June 18. Larry left his life too early, but he touched so many lives. Larry will be remembered as a gentle-hearted father, husband, grandfather, coach, teacher, friend and mentor.

Larry was born Jan. 2, 1943, in Missoula, to Rudolph "Rudy" and Lydia Schmautz. He was the youngest child and only son in a family with three sisters, Marie (Roberts), Glenda (Armstrong) and Marlene (Davis).

Growing up on South Fifth West Street, Larry attended Willard School. He then went on to Missoula County High School and played basketball. There he continued his lifelong friendships with Pokey Allen, Tom Stage, Phil Johnson, Phil Benson and John Oblizalo.

Larry's basketball team went on to win state AA championships in 1959 and 1961, led by legendary coach Lou Rochleau.

After high school, Larry earned a full-ride basketball scholarship to Western Montana College in Dillon.

He married Margaret Bue of Missoula in 1964, and daughter Patti was born in 1965.

After graduating in 1966, the family moved to Gildford where Larry taught and coached for two years.

In the summer of 1968, son Todd was born.

That fall, Larry began his teaching career at Columbia Falls High School. He taught American history and government at CFHS for 26 years, as well as coaching basketball and track.

Larry spent summers as a ranger in Glacier National Park and later took over his in-laws' cherry orchard on Flathead Lake. His business card read "Larry's Cherries," and he sold them to local grocers for ".50 cents/lb. orchard run."

His coaching career in Columbia Falls began as an assistant boys basketball coach under Ralph Johnson. He coached the boys until 1976, when he took over the fledgling girls basketball program. It was during his tenure as WildKat coach that Larry became a coaching legend himself.

"Highly respected," "teacher of the game," "admired as a friend and coach," "a real gentleman" are just a whispering of the comments regarding Coach Schmautz.

During 20 years as the coach of the Kats, Larry was the third-winningest coach in Montana

girls high school basketball history with a 322-116 record, which included winning eight divisional tournaments.

Highlighting this record was winning the 1983 State Championship.

Always humble, Larry was adamant that the success of his program was due to the girls he coached, his assistant coaches, and mostly the overwhelming support the Columbia Falls community gave to the school.

Larry believed that to be successful — you had to be competitive and by bringing out the best in yourself — you would be a winner.

He hoped by teaching these philosophies and ethics that the students would not only use them on the court (track) but throughout their lives.

In June 1993, Larry married his best friend, Dorothy Chatlain. Dorothy noted that Larry was not one to want to wear jewelry, thus no wedding band.

He also vowed never to take up golf, her longtime sport. So, as a wedding gift, Dorothy bought Larry a set of golf clubs. The rest is history.

After retiring from teaching in 1994 and from coaching in 1996, Larry played as many rounds as often as he could.

Being retired also left him plenty of time to visit his grandchildren, Nicholas, Rose and Anna. Many hours were spent playing Barbie dolls, fixing up go carts, telling "whoppers" about grizzly bears, and giving shoulder-rides.

Larry's friendships were not short-term.

He was enriched daily with his breakfast club, his golf buddies and all the people in this community he loved so much.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents; his brother-in-law, Delbert Roberts; and nephew, Dobbie Roberts.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy; his daughter, Patti, and husband, Bob Kaufmann; son, Todd, and wife, Kristin; his sisters, Marie Roberts, Glenda Armstrong and husband Gerry, and Marlene Davis and husband Glenn; grandchildren, Nicholas and Rose Kaufmann, and Anna Schmautz; Dorothy's sister, Carol, and husband Joe Blades, sister, Kathy, and husband Don Hewitt, sister, Myrna, and husband Scott Wright, and brother, Denny, and wife Jane Chatlain; as well as numerous beloved nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Larry's life will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, June 22, at the Columbia Falls High School Gym.

The family suggests that in lieu of flowers, memorials be made to the CFHS Athletic Endowment Fund.

Armin Albert Schmidt, 82

Armin Albert Schmidt, 82, passed away Thursday, Dec. 1, 2005, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

He was born Dec. 13, 1922, in Mehurin Township, Marietta, Minnesota, to John and Theresa (Kregel) Schmidt.

He grew up on the family farm with his parents and 11 other brothers and sisters. During the Depression, he and his brothers bought the first family car with money they had saved from trapping. Hunting, fishing, trapping and camping always were important parts of his life. He graduated from Marietta High School in 1941. He and his brothers took over the family farm after his dad passed away in 1939.

He married Alvera Mae Hillman on April 2, 1944. He worked as a farmer and in local agricultural businesses in Minnesota and South Dakota. He owned and operated his own school bus for 20 years. He was disabled in an industrial accident in 1964. The family moved to Kalispell in 1968, when Alvera received a teaching position with the Kalispell Public Schools. Armin worked many jobs after the move to Montana — salesman and maintenance at Montgomery Ward, in a car body shop, cooking in a restaurant, Mild Fence Co., and selling kitchenware and glassware to local restaurants.

He retired in 1987 and took on the full-time position as Grandpa. Armin and Alvera loved camping with their friends and the Moose Camp Club, and hunting at Grass Range was always priority ONE in the fall.

Armin was a founding member of the MinnKota Sportsman's



Club in Marietta, Minn. He was involved with the Minnesota Masons for many years. Locally, he was involved in the Lions Club, Kalispell Eagles Lodge and the Kalispell Moose Lodge, for which he was an officer for many years.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 60 years, Alvera, on April 17, 2004; his parents; brothers Dietrich Schmidt, Henry Schmidt, Lester Schmidt and Ray Schmidt; and sisters Irene Christensen and Louise Hacker.

He is survived by three daughters; Rhonda Farmer and husband, Don, of Revillo, S.D., Becky Schmidt of Kalispell, and Ranell Schlatter and husband, Phil, of Centerville, Va.; one son, Rodney Schmidt, and wife, Debbie, of Whitefish; eight grandchildren, Jason, Janessa, Josh, Kristy, Kali, Jessica, Peter and Stasia; one great-grand daughter, Alexia; three brothers, Winfred Schmidt and wife, Lyla, Victor Schmidt and wife, Ruth, and Eldon Schmidt and wife, Barb; two sisters, Ruth Ross and husband Bob, and Rhoda Wittnebel and husband, Jerry; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2005, at 11 a.m. at Calvary Lutheran Church, with Pastor Kurk Rau officiating. Burial will be after the service at Glacier Memorial Gardens. A luncheon will be after the burial at the Moose Lodge. Visitation will be held from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2005, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel.

The family suggests that donations go to the Evergreen Fire Department, Attn. Craig, P.O. Box 5008, Kalispell, MT 59903, or Calvary Lutheran Church, attn. Pastor Rau, 2200 U.S. 2 E., Kalispell, MT 59901 or charity of donor's choice.

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

Mary G. Schmidt, 69

Mary G. Schmidt, 69, passed away Thursday, Jan. 20, 2006, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

She was born July 31, 1936, in Trenton, Tenn., to Ed "Bud" and Francis (Kuntz) Ed.

On Nov. 19, 1957, she married Bill Schmidt in Missouri. Mary spent 30 years in the insurance business. She worked for Hull & Company, and a service office in Montana as a commercial lines underwriter. She loved her work and developed many close relationships with her colleagues, company underwriters and agents. Mary also had many close friendships with her friends. Each friendship was special to her. She will be missed by many.

She was preceded in death by



her parents, her brother, Jerry, Ed, and her son, Bill (Duncely).

She was preceded by her husband, Bill Schmidt of Kalispell, three daughters, Pat Ross (Duncely) and her son, Bob, of Missoula, Mary Ann Phelan and her husband, Mike, and Carol Johnson of Kalispell (deceased).

Bill Schmidt was a 1966 graduate of Forks, W.V. (graduated by Brandon Phelan, his son), University and (deceased) Charles and Sheryl (Bill) of Kalispell, Brandon Cassell, and Tracie Schmidt, both of Kalispell.

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 23, at Northridge Lutheran Church. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at the church.

The family suggests memorials may be made to Mary's family or Northridge Lutheran Church, 333 Northridge Dr., Kalispell, MT 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

MARY G. SCHMIDT, 69

January 22, 2005 at 5:00 am | Daily Inter Lake

Mary G. Schmidt, 69, passed away Thursday, Jan. 20, 2005, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

She was born July 31, 1935, in Trenton, Tenn., to E.G. "Bud" and Francis (King) Lett.

On Nov. 19, 1977, she married Bill Schmidt in Missoula. Mary spent 40 years in the insurance business. She worked for Hull & Company, and a service office of Montana as a commercial lines underwriter. She loved her work and developed many close relationships with her co-workers, company underwriters, and agents. Mary also had many close friends outside of work. Each friendship was special to her. She will be missed by many.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her brother, Jerry Lett; and her son, Bill Donnelly.

She is survived by her husband, Bill Schmidt of Kalispell; three stepdaughters, Pat Ross and husband, Butch of Missoula, Marilyn Theis and husband, Mike, and Carla Kiral, all of Kalispell; one stepson, Dale Schmidt and wife, Carrie, of Eureka; five grandchildren, Branden Theis, Kacie Elizagaray and husband, Chris, and Shae Buggs, all of Kalispell, Branden Caswell, and Travis Schmidt, both Eureka.

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 24, at Northridge Lutheran Church. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at the church.

The family suggests memorials may be made in Mary's name to Northridge Lutheran Church, 323 Northridge Dr., Kalispell, MT 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Dorothy Swensen Schock, 85

Montana lost one of its most colorful, versatile, and vivacious cowgirls when Dorothy Swensen Schock passed away on July 12, 2005, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.



Dorothy was born on Aug. 25, 1919, at her parents' home west of Sweet Grass. She was the eighth and last child of Kirsten Marie Christensen Swensen and Bert J. Swensen — emigrants from the southern region of Jutland, Denmark.

She lived and worked on her parents' farm until her elopement with Toralf Bernard "Bernie" Rismon in January, 1941.

The marriage produced three children, Stewart, Peggy Jean and Ronald and ended in January, 1953 with Bernie's untimely passing.

Following the death of her first husband, Dorothy moved her family to Billings in order that her youngest son, Stewart, might take advantage of services offered for persons with developmental disabilities.

In June of 1956, Dorothy married Robert H. Schock and the family moved to his ranch near Billings.

Dorothy and Robert made their home and life on that ranch (the 2/S) for the next 48 and one half years).

At the time of her death, Dorothy (and Robert) were living in Kalispell, in order to be nearer their daughter, Peggy Jean "P.J." Rismon-Beckley and son-in-law, Paul Beckley.

Dorothy was an energetic woman who, in addition to her responsibilities as a rancher,

wife and mother, found time to actively participate in the Yellowstone County and Montana Cattlewomen's Associations, Billings Women's Club, Yellowstone Association for Retarded Citizens, Regional Council for Developmentally Disabled, AAUW, 4-H, and the Billings Bench Women's Club. She was also a correspondent for the Yellowstone County News and a racewalker.

Due to family circumstances, Dorothy was unable to attend high school when she graduated from the eighth grade, but held fast to her dream of continuing her formal education.

Her love of learning and Scandinavian perseverance carried her to the completion of her bachelor's degree (with high honors) from Eastern Montana College-Billings in 1977.

Dorothy loved to sew and her skills as a seamstress resulted in her selection as head costumer for the professional dance company "Ballet of the Prairie" as well as several theatrical productions at EMC.

Her Danish ancestry (and its seemingly requisite love of horses) was a powerful force in her life and some of her happiest moments were spent riding the prairie with The Little Black Mare, Babe, Polly, Sugar Sal or Agnes Sweet Pea as her equine companion.

Family members speculated that her flight into heaven might have been on her father's Belgian stud horse, Delbek.

A private burial has taken place. For those wishing to make a memorial tribute, the family suggests donations to the Flathead Spay and Neuter Task Force at P.O. Box 2095, Whitefish, MT 59937.

Janice H. Schnell, 81

Janice H. Schnell, 81, peacefully "left God's earthly kingdom" on Monday, March 21, 2005, with her family at her side, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.



She was born on Sept. 1, 1923, the only child of Leslie F. and Myrtle (Swink) Horton. Janice was raised in Sisseton, S.D., in large measure by her great-aunt, Prudence Rath and husband, WGs.

She graduated from high school and went on to attend Macalester College in St. Paul, Minn.; graduating in 1945. Janice was brought to Kalispell by her mentor, Ed Beckstrand, to teach choral music and English at Flathead County High School.

She married Jerry Schnell in 1949.

She was a choir director at the First Presbyterian Church and a private voice instructor for more than 50 years. Hundreds of students learned to sing with Janice.

She was a member and significant contributor to the First Presbyterian Church, the Glacier Chorale, Chapter C PEO, and Community Concerts.

Janice enjoyed music and the fine arts, women's groups, playing bridge, and walking in the outdoors.

Janice was preceded in death by her husband, Jerry, in 2000.

She is survived by her son, Marty Schnell, and wife, Christina, and grandsons, Andrew and Eric Schnell, all of Los Gatos, Calif.

Memorial services for Janice H. Schnell will be held 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 2, at the First Presbyterian Church with Pastor Glenn Burfeind officiating. Urn burial will follow at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family suggests memorial gifts be given to the First Presbyterian Church of Kalispell, 540 S. Main, Kalispell, MT 59901; Hospice, 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell, MT 59901; or to Macalester College, St. Paul, Minn.

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

JANICE H. SCHNELL, 81

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

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

Mark Julius Schoknecht, 95

Mark Julius Schoknecht, 95, died June 16, 2005, at St. John Lutheran Hospital in Libby.

He was born April 20, 1910, to parents Henry and Julia Neils Schoknecht at Sauk Rapids, Minn.

The family moved to Kalispell in 1912, when Mark was 2. He was the third of four children.

He grew up in a German Lutheran family and was active in the church all of his life.

He sang in the choir, played the organ, taught Sunday school and served as church president.

He graduated from Flathead County High School in 1928 and attended Valparaiso University and the University of Washington.

In 1951, he married Faye Matthews. They had two children, Paula (Schoknecht) Sandman and Joel Schoknecht.

Mark worked 44 years for J. Neils Lumber Company, starting as time clerk and retiring as plant manager in 1974.

He was active in the Western Pine Association, National Lumberman's and was past president of the Intermountain Logging Congress and the State Board of Forestry.

Mark always enjoyed planting; he had a wonderful garden and spent time during the summer at his cherry orchard at Flathead Lake.

He planted many trees there and on the local Cabinet View golf course.

Mark was very community minded, serving on the St. John Lutheran Hospital board for more than 30 years, as a bank director for First National more than 20 years, also on the golf board and past Royalty of Nordicfest (1991).

He was very interested in the arts and culture for the community and was honored to be named for the new Memorial Center Performance Hall.

He was active in the Lutheran Laymans League, Church Extension and National Lutheran Church Foundation.

He enjoyed playing bridge and golf, traveling and spending time at his cabin on Crystal Lake.

He will be greatly missed by his family and friends and for his visibility in the community.

Survivors include his wife, Faye, of Libby; sister, Dorothy Schoknecht, of Kalispell; daughter, Paula and her husband, Bob, of Whitefish; son, Joel, and his wife, Shauna, of Kalispell; and five grandchildren, Stacia, Brandann and Ashley Rohrer, Logan Sandman, and Ryenne Schoknecht.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, June 20, at St. John Lutheran Church in Libby. Visitation will be from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 19, at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

Memorials may be made to the Heritage Memorial Center or St. John's Hospital.

Anna Mildred Scholz, 79

Anna Mildred Scholz, 79, died Feb. 3, 2005, at Colonial Manor in Whitefish of complications from diabetes.

She was born Dec. 12, 1925, in Fairfield, Conn., to Albert and Anna Edgeworth Peterson.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold Scholz, and son, Albert.

She is survived by four children, son, Chip and his wife, Betty, of Kalispell, daughters, Sharon Scholz, and Cindy Johnson and husband, Ralph, and son, Frank Scholz, and wife, Karina, all of Whitefish;

three sisters, Mary and Marion, both of Stratford, Conn., and Barbara Scholz of Whitefish; one brother, Frank Peterson, of Port Angeles, Wash.; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

There will be a graveside service at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, at Glacier Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

"Then the dust shall return to earth as it was - And the spirit shall return unto God who gave it." - Ecclesiastes 12:7

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

Harry Schott, 65

Harry Schott, 65, died on Tuesday, May 24, 2005, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

Graveside services will be held 11 a.m. on Thursday, June 2, at the Veterans Cemetery at the Montana

Veterans Home in Columbia Falls. Capt. Daniel Freeman of the Salvation Army will be officiating. There will be no visitation.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for the family.

Helen F. Schreck, 89

Helen F. Schreck, 89, passed away on Friday, Feb. 4, 2005, at the Intermountain Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She was born on Feb. 24, 1915, in Rockford, Wash., to Jacob P. and Helen (Helen) Kinselin.

Helen received her education in Galata and it was there she met Carl Akkestad. The couple was married in Conrad, in 1934. They farmed in Galata until Carl's death in 1962.

Helen moved to Kalispell, in 1964, to care for her ailing parents and it was here she met Jerry Schreck. They were married on Jan. 4, 1967, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

Helen was very active in the Trinity Lutheran Church and with the church circles. She enjoyed the Tumble Club and loved to embroider. She had a beautiful garden and loved her flowers and collecting knick knacks.

Helen was preceded in death by her husband, Carl, in 1962, her parents, one brother in infancy, and

one grandson, Michael John Akkestad in 1967.

She is survived by her husband, Jerry, of Lakeside, three sons, Gary, and wife, Beth, of Shelby, Lyle and wife, Loretta, of Bigfork, and Doug and wife, Cheryl, of Shelby; a daughter, Elaine Keister, and husband, Bob, of Sumner, Wash.; 11 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for Helen will be held at 11 a.m. today, Feb. 9, at Trinity Lutheran Church with Pastors Dan Wurster and Darold Reiner officiating. A service will also be held at the Whitted Chapel in Shelby at 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, with Pastor Dan Wurster officiating. Visitation will be from 12:30 until 1 p.m. Burial will follow at the Mountain View Cemetery in Shelby.

The family suggests memorial gifts be given to Trinity Lutheran Church Mission Memorial Fund, 400 W. California, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

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

Mary Harriet (Grant) Schrock, 89

Mary Harriet (Grant) Schrock, 89, passed away June 11, 2005, at a Great Falls nursing home of natural causes.

She was born Feb. 7, 1916, in Terry.

In 1934, Mary married Lawrence Schrock in Terry. He died in 1992.

She worked as a surgical nurse at the Columbus Hospital in Great Falls.

Mary was the church pianist at the Swan Chapel in Swan Lake, as well as in her church in Cottonwood, Ariz.

She was a gardener, big-game hunter and a seamstress.



Mary enjoyed spending time with her family and friends, fishing, riding horses, traveling and reading.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lawrence Schrock; and a son, Gerald Schrock.

She is survived by her daughter, Lu Converse, of Cottonwood; son, Larry Schrock, of Great Falls; a brother, Grover Grant, of Farmington, Minn.; nine grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, June 17, in the Croxford Rose Room of Croxford Funeral Home, Great Falls. Burial will be at Valley View Cemetery in Clarksdale, Ariz., at a later date.

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

HELEN F. SCHRECK, 89

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

Helen F. Schreck, 89, passed away Friday, Feb. 4, 2005 at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell. She was born Oct. 30, 1915, in Rockford, Wash., to Jacob P. and Helen (Hagen) Engeln.

Helen received her education in Galata and it was there she met Carl Aklestad. The couple married in Conrad in 1934. They farmed in Galata until Carl's death in 1962. Helen moved to Kalispell in 1964 to care for her ailing parents and it was there she met Jerry Schreck. They married Jan. 9, 1967, in Coeur d' Alene, Idaho.

Helen was very active in the Trinity Lutheran Church and with the church circles. She enjoyed the Thimble Club and loved to embroider. She had a beautiful garden and loved her flowers and collecting knick knacks.

Helen was preceded in death by her husband Carl in 1962; her parents; one brother in infancy; and one grandson, Michael John Aklestad in 1967. She is survived by her husband, Jerry of Lakeside; three sons and daughters-in-law, Gary and wife Beth of Shelby, Lyle and wife Loretta of Bigfork, and Doug and wife Cheryl of Shelby; a daughter and son-in-law, Elaine Keister and husband Bob of Sumner, Wash.; 11 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for Helen will be at 11 am on Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2005, at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church with Pastors Dan Wurster and Darold Reiner officiating. Visitation will be at Johnson Mortuary on Tuesday from 3-6 p.m. A service will also be held at the Whitted Chapel in Shelby on Thursday, Feb. 10, 2005, at 1 p.m. with Pastor Dan Wurster officiating. Visitation will be from 12:30-1 p.m. Burial will follow at the Mountain View Cemetery in Shelby.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

ANNA M. SCHOLZ, 79

February 11, 2005 at 5:00 am |

Anna Mildred Scholz, 79, died Feb. 8, 2005, at Colonial Manor in Whitefish of complications from diabetes.



She was born Dec. 12, 1925, in Fairfield, Conn., to Albert and Anna Edgeworth Peterson.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold Scholz; and son, Albert.

She is survived by four children, son, Chip and his wife, Betty, of Kalispell, daughters, Sharon Scholz, and Cindy Johnson and husband, Ralph, and son, Frank Scholz, and wife, Karina, all of Whitefish; three sisters, Mary and Marion, both of Stratford, Conn., and Barbara Scholz of Whitefish; one brother, Frank Peterson, of Port Angeles, Wash.; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

There will be a graveside service at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, at Glacier Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

"Then the dust shall return to earth as it was - And the spirit shall return unto God who gave it." - Ecclesiastes 12:7

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

Beverly (Lehman) Schritz, 58

Beverly (Lehman) Schritz, 58, died Monday May 2, 2005, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center, Kalispell, after her battle with cancer.

She was born Nov. 21, 1946, in Oregon City, Ore., to Jack and Eleanor (Oliver) Lehman.

Beverly graduated from Weber High School in Ogden, Utah, and attended some college classes in Ohio and Montana.

She lived in Ogden about one year after her marriage to Frank Schritz on Nov. 7, 1964.

They moved to Ohio and then to the Flathead, in 1988, where she has lived ever since.

She and her husband Frank were active members of the First Baptist Church in Columbia Falls. If Beverly were asked what was the most important event in her life she would probably give an answer something like this, "In about 1973, I heard the Gospel of Jesus Christ preached from God's Word, the Bible, and responded to it by admitting it was true that I was a sinner for whom Christ shed his precious blood, and by asking Him alone to be my Savior. I have since then had the privilege and blessing of serving the wonderful Creator of the universe in many ways, especially in teaching young people about the Word and testifying of His love and mercy to all who would listen." She would also acknowledge as true for her, the Apostle Paul's

statement that when the time came she would be "...willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord." And that is where she is today.

Beverly enjoyed working in stained glass (both new projects and repairing old work, especially stained glass windows and lamp shades), hiking, cross country skiing, gardening, sewing, cooking and other crafts, and serving the Lord in Sunday school and church.

Beverly was preceded in death by one grandson, Cass Butcher.

She is survived by her husband, Frank Schritz of Kila; two sons, Bryan Schritz of Spencer, Ohio, and Stephen Schritz of Kalispell (Evergreen); three daughters, Jennifer Butcher of Grafton, Ohio, Sarah Hales of Elyria, Ohio, and Cynthia Schritz of Kila; seven grandchildren, and one on its way.

There will be a private graveside service for family only on Monday, May 9.

Memorials may be given to the Cass Butcher Memorial Trust Fund, c/o Abbe Road Baptist Church, 670 North Abbe Road, Elyria, OH 44035, or Youth Facility (Multi-Purpose Building Project), c/o First Baptist Church of Columbia Falls, 827 9th Street West, Columbia Falls, MT 59912.

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

Mary Schuck, 88

Mary Schuck, 88, died Thursday, April 21, at Mountain View Manor in Eureka.

She is survived by several nieces and nephews.

Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Friday, April 29, at Our Lady of Mercy

Catholic Church. Interment services will follow at Tobacco Valley Cemetery. A rosary and vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday at the church.

Arrangements are by Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Eureka.

Edward G. Schultz, 84

Edward G. Schultz, 84, a Flathead Valley resident and retired saw filer in the logging industry, died of natural causes Feb. 12, 2005. He had been a resident at the Montana Veteran's Home in Columbia Falls since 2003, after suffering a debilitating brain hemorrhage.

Edward was born on March 8, 1920, in Kalispell to Gustav and Natalia (Kienas) Schultz. He grew up on the family farm in Smith Valley and attended Boorman School.

In April of 1942 he joined the U.S. Army, served in the Pacific Theater during World War II, and was honorably discharged in October of 1945. He married Edith Lien on Nov. 4, 1945, in Kalispell; they had two children, Janice and Gary. The family resided in Smith Valley until 1964 when they moved

to Columbia Falls.

Edward worked for the Somers Mill, Rex Brown's mill in Coram during the construction of Hungry Horse Dam, Kalispell Lumber Company, Rocky Mountain Timber Company and retired from Louisiana-Pacific in 1985.

Edward was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Herman and Otto; and sister, Adeline.

He is survived by his wife and children, all of Columbia Falls; his sister, Margaret Howard, and her husband, Donald; and several nieces and nephews.

He is much loved and fondly remembered.

At his request, no services are planned.

Memorials may be made to the Montana State Veteran's Home Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 250, Columbia Falls, MT 59912.

Robert Leonard 'Bob' Schumann, 71

Robert Leonard "Bob" Schumann, 71, of Bigfork, passed away on Thursday, July 21, 2005, at HealthCenter Northwest in Kalispell.

He was born on July 26, 1933, in Washington, N.J., the son of Leonard and Madeleine (Sharpe) Schumann.

Bob was a graduate of Gettysburg College and a magna cum laude graduate of Dickinson School of Law. Prior to his college years, he served in the U.S. Army, First Infantry Division, Artillery in Germany from 1953-1955.

After many years of a successful career practicing law in New Jersey, Bob was able to live his dream of retiring to Bigfork.

Bob was an avid hunter and fisherman. He enjoyed great camaraderie within the Bigfork golf community as a member of the Merryman and the Roosters.

A trustee of the Bigfork Com-

munity Development Foundation Trust and a former president of the Bigfork Center for the Performing Arts Foundation, Bob was also on the board of directors of Crane Mountain Estates.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his loving wife, Joni; son, Christopher; daughter, Jennifer; stepdaughter, Jennifer; sister, Gail Cornish; brothers, Mark and David; and grandchildren, David, Sarah, Hannah, Lydia, Hunter and Annie Rose.

A memorial service will be held 11 a.m. July 26, at Bethany Lutheran Church in Bigfork.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial gifts be sent to Home Options Hospice, 175 Commons Loop, No. 100, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Johnson Mortuary is caring for Bob's family.

Alfred Bernard 'Al' Schwab, 80

Alfred Bernard "Al" Schwab, 80, passed on "to be with his maker and to be reunited with his beloved wife of 56 years, Stefanie," who died in 2003.



He had many interests but particularly enjoyed furniture making, needlepoint, taking pictures, and taking care of his home in the Bitterroot Valley.

He and Steffi loved to travel and made many trips back to Vietnam to be with family. He loved the Austrian culture and never tired of listening to his waltzes and polkas. His parents, one brother, Clarence Schwab, and one sister, Lorraine Mitchell, preceded him in death. His daughter, Linda Robinson of Kalispell, one sister, Bernice Johnson of Missoula, and one brother, Nels Schwab, of Hemet, Calif., survive him. He was blessed with three wonderful grandchildren and five great grandchildren, Kimberly Kitchin and her husband, Andrew, of Point Pleasant, N.J., along with their children, Spencer and Nathaniel, Ryan Robinson and his wife, Sarah, of Seattle, and Kelly Robinson and his wife, Mandy, of Kalispell, along with their children, Grace, Guaner and Grafton. They will greatly miss "Opa's" happy and sweet spirit. He always had a smile on his face and cherished his time with family and friends.

Visitation will be held from 3 to 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18, at Garden City Funeral Home in Missoula. Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, in the chapel of Garden City Funeral with burial to follow at Missoula City Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Quark Response Unit of Florence, the Missoula County Cancer Association, 300 J Queen Street, Missoula, MT or a favorite charity of your choice.

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March 08, 2005 at 5:00 am | Daily Inter Lake

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ALFRED BERNARD "AL" SCHWAB, 80

February 17, 2005 at 5:00 am |

Alfred Bernard "Al" Schwab, 80, passed on "to be with his maker and to be reunited with his beloved wife of 56 years, Stefanie," who died in 2003. Al was born on July 1, 1924, in Hebron, N.D., to Nels Schwab and Annastacia K. Schatz whose families were originally from Muinhuin, Russia. The family moved to Missoula when he was 5.

Al worked alongside of his father at Fort Farragut Naval Base in Idaho building barracks.

In June 1943, at the age of 18, he was drafted into the Army where he served for 3 and a half years with the Black Panthers of the 66th Division, 262 Infantry. He served in Marseille, France, and Germany, and was aboard the Leopoldville, which was sunk in the English Channel, claiming over 800 lives.

He was later stationed in Vienna, Austria, during the occupation. It was during this period that he met the love of his life, Stefanie Lehner. Upon returning home to Missoula, he sent for his fiancée and they were married in the First United Methodist Church on March 29, 1947.

Al worked for the Northern Pacific Railroad in Missoula and Laurel in the car shops and retired after 20 years. He worked briefly for Mission Homes and later became a building contractor. He constructed one of the first homes in what is now called the South Hills of Missoula. He had many interests but particularly enjoyed furniture making, needlepoint, taking pictures, and taking care of his home in the Bitterroot Valley.

He and Steffi loved to travel and made many trips back to Vienna to be with family. He loved the Austrian culture and never tired of listening to his waltzes and polkas. His parents, one brother, Clarence Schwab, and one sister, Lorraine Mitchell, preceded him in death. His daughter, Linda Robinson, of Kalispell; one sister, Bernice Johnson, of Missoula; and one brother, Nels Schwab, of Hemet, Calif., survive him. He was blessed with three wonderful grandchildren and five great-grandchildren, Kimberly Kitchen and her husband, Andrew, of Point Pleasant, N.J., along with their children, Spencer and Nathaniel; Ryan Robinson and his wife, Sarah, of Seattle; and Kelly Robinson and his wife, Mandy, of Kalispell, along with their children, Graciee, Gunner and Grafton. They will greatly miss "Opa's" happy and sweet spirit. He always had a smile on his face and cherished his time with family and friends.

Visitation will be held from 3 to 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18, at Garden City Funeral Home in Missoula. Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, in the chapel of Garden City Funeral with burial to follow at Missoula City Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Quick Response Unit of Florence, the Missoula County Cancer Association, 300 J Queen Street, Missoula, MT or a favorite charity of your choice.

Melvin Edward Schwede, 69

With family by his side, Melvin Edward Schwede, beloved husband, father, son, brother, grandfather and friend passed away of cancer Thursday, March 10, 2005, at Brendan House in Kalispell, Mont.



Mel, the eldest son of Floyd and Valda (Hansen) Schwede, was born on Sept. 9, 1935, in Hartland, N.D., and graduated from nearby Berthold High School in 1953. Following graduation, Mel held several farming and other jobs, and in 1955 he started a 45-year career with Great Northern Railroad (currently known as Burlington Northern Santa Fe). Additionally, Mel served as a radar specialist in the U.S. Army from 1958-1960.

In 1972, while working in Essex, Mel met Marge (Kosse), a railroad operator at the depot. The couple married July 21, 1973, at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls. Three beautiful daughters followed. In 1983, the family moved to West Glacier, where Mel held the position of CTC signal maintainer until retirement in 2000.

An avid fisherman, Mel enjoyed fishing trips with good friends and family. He also loved keeping track of his many sports teams. If

he couldn't find a game to watch, his other passions were watching westerns and collecting genealogical information.

Mel was preceded in death by his father, Floyd; his aunt, Lulu Sloan; two uncles, Raymond and DeForest; one brother-in-law, Gary Deaver; and two nephews, Randy Deaver and Ben Kosse.

He is survived by his wife, Marge, of West Glacier; his mother, Valda Schwede of Minot, N.D.; three daughters, Shelley Torgersen and Carrie Schwede, both of Spokane, Wash., and Jennifer and her husband Eric Paull of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; his sister, Judy Deaver, and his brother, Gerald Schwede, both of Berthold, N.D.; four grandchildren, Tresa and Devin Torgersen and Keera and Kadi Paull, and 13 nieces and nephews.

A rosary and wake will be held at 7 p.m. today, at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls.

A funeral Mass of the Resurrection will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, March 15, at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls, the Rev. Joe Pat Moran officiating. Burial will follow at St. Richard's Catholic Cemetery in Columbia Falls. Memorials may be made to Brendan House in Kalispell.

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

Alan Schwinck, 58

Alan Schwinck, 58, died at his Whitefish home on Sunday, June 5, 2005.

Private family services will be held. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Alice Yvonne Seager, 56

Alice Yvonne Seager, 56, passed away Saturday, Oct. 1, 2005, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center after a long battle with diabetes.

Alice was born May 14, 1949, in Weed, Calif. She was raised in Orland, Calif.

As a native of California, she lived in Stockton and Redding, Calif., before she finally settled in beautiful Columbia Falls.

She was very friendly, fun-loving and enjoyed life.

Alice is survived by her mother, Doris Roehrick; her life companion and love, Robert Melendrez; her brother, Gordon Pickering; her five children, Crystal Guardado, Nolda Short, Katherine Eleanor Trout, James Rowton, and Julia Vargas-Henson; 13 grandchildren, and one more on the way. She also leaves many more family and friends behind.

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

Michael Thomas Sebens, 43

Michael Thomas Sebens, 43, died at his residence in Kalispell, on Tuesday, March 29, 2005.

Cremation has taken place

and his ashes will be buried in Washington.

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

Trevor Jesse Seaman, 28

Trevor Jesse Seaman, 28, formerly of Columbia Falls, died Sept. 28, 2005, in Westchester, Pa., of leukemia.

He is survived by his parents, Ed and Judy Seaman, of Columbia Falls, and his wife, Karen.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Oct. 10, at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

Friends are welcome to come to the home of his parents, Ed and Judy Seaman, after the service.

Marion Sebrowsky, 88

Marion Sebrowsky, 88, an Army veteran, died of natural causes Sunday, Aug. 7, 2005, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

Marion was born June 23, 1917, in Detroit to Polish immigrants.

He attended school and college in Detroit when he entered the Army at the outbreak of World War II. He served for four years in the Pacific campaign, where he attained the rank of First Sergeant. He was awarded the Bronze Star for valor and various other unit citations.

After the war, he owned and operated a grocery store for 11 years when he sold the business and became employed at General Motors as an accountant.

After 23 years, he retired and moved with his wife to Montana in 1985 to be near his sons in White-

fish.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 50 years, Julia.

Marion is survived by his two sons, Ken and his wife Peggy, and Greg, both of Whitefish; step-granddaughters, Cheryl of Gulfport, Miss., and Stephanie of Bellingham, Wash.

Cremation has taken place. At his request, no services are planned.

Arrangements are with the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

Vincent Thomas Sedivy, 72

Vincent Thomas Sedivy, 72, of Hingham, died from complications of C.O.P.D. at the Colonial Manor Nursing Home in Whitefish on Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2005.

He had worked in the logging industry throughout Montana, Washington and Alaska during his later years.

Survivors include his daughters, Peggy Nielsen

of Trego, Marie Lewis of Kalispell, Jean Miller of Gillette, Wyo., Gwen Newman of Everett, Wash., and Jill Joy of Whitefish.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 22, at the Hingham Cemetery in Hingham. Visitation will be Friday afternoon at the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester.

MELVIN EDWARD SCHWEDE, 69

March 14, 2005 at 5:00 am | Daily Inter Lake

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Barbara Kay Seelye, 49

Barbara Kay Seelye, 49, "went to heaven" with the Lord after a long, courageous battle with multiple sclerosis (MS) on Tuesday, May 10, 2005, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.



June Seelye, of Kalispell; brother, Dan Seelye and wife, Ann, of Riverton, Wyo.; and two sisters, Susan Rankin and husband, Gary, of Larimore, N.D., and Janice Seelye-Mothershead and husband, Jerry, of Covington, Wash., and their families; also many nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles.

She was born on June 22, 1955, in Kalispell, to Jack and June (Harris) Seelye. She attended grade school in Evergreen and graduated from Flathead High School in 1973. She attended college in Montana and Oregon before MS forced her to leave school.

She loved children and liked to see them learn and worked with Head Start and other school programs. The 4-H club, Church Youth League and high school choir, along with camping, singing and family gatherings were her favorite activities.

Barbara was a kind, loving and caring Christian and loved the Lord. She had a cheery, positive disposition in the face of many challenges. She lived at Immanuel Lutheran Home for more than 11 years and appreciated the outstanding staff and their exceptional loving care.

She was preceded in death by her father, Jack; uncle, Dale; aunt, Betty; and her grandparents.

She is survived by her mother,

Funeral services for Barbara will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Monday, May 16, at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church with Pastor Lindean Barnett and Pastor Peter Ramseth officiating. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 14 and from 9 a.m. to noon on Monday, May 16, all at Johnson Mortuary. Burial will be at C. E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family suggests memorial gifts be given to the Immanuel Lutheran Home Recreation and Chapel fund, 185 Crestline Ave., Kalispell, MT 59901; Hospice, 175 Commons Loop, Suite #11, Kalispell, MT 59901 or to the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 603 S. Main, Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

Lois Shaurette, 90

Lois Shaurette, 90, died Wednesday, Aug. 17, 2005, at the Libby Care Center.

She taught in Libby public schools until her retirement.

Survivors include her husband, Dexter.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Nelson and Vial Funeral Home chapel.

Jewell Brooner Shannon, 85

Jewell Brooner Shannon, 85, daughter of the late Ernest D. and Mabel Brooner, died on Sunday, June 5, 2005, in Mankato, Minn., after a 16-year encounter with Parkinson's.



She was born on Oct. 6, 1919, in Kalispell. During her growing-up years here, she was known for her many friends, church activities, writing skills, and academic achievements. She skipped four grades, graduating from Flathead County High School in 1934, with high honors, at the age of 14. She attended Canton College in Northfield, Minn., graduating in 1941, magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa. Jewell returned to Kalispell and for two years (1941-1943) supervised the curriculum and taught music in Kalispell public schools.

In 1942, Jewell married Edward F. Shannon, a marriage that lasted over 54 years until his death in 1997. As wife of a Minnesota Methodist pastor, and a mother of six, Jewell's life was one of serving others, teaching, and music. For many years she was choir director, and for over 30 years taught private piano lessons, organizing recitals, and yearly regional piano competitions. She was a public school volunteer teacher for gifted children. She established a school and staffed it with volunteers who would teach English to Cambodian and Vietnamese refugees. She was very active in further refugee resettlement work.

Jewell is survived by a brother, Ernest G. and Carlene Brooner in Lakeside; a sister, Jean Tyler, in Salt Lake City; her six gifted children and their families, eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Vera E. Seliger, 97

Vera E. Seliger, 97, of Sidney, died Wednesday, Aug. 24, 2005, at the Sidney Health Center Extended Care Facility.

Survivors include two sons, Jerry Seliger of Columbia Falls, and Robert L. Seliger of Hungry Horse; and four

daughters, Doris Halvorson of Culbertson, Rose Erickson of Columbia Falls, Linda Carey of Missoula, and Judy Pierce of Sidney.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Aug. 29, at the Pella Lutheran Church in Sidney.

Eugene Carlos Sempf, 73

Eugene Carlos Sempf, 73, a former resident of Kalispell, died Sept. 20, 2004, at his residence in Anchorage, Alaska.

Eugene was born Sept. 28, 1930, in Kalispell. He graduated from Flathead High School.

He served in the U.S. Navy from 1950 to 1953.

Eugene became a resident of Alaska in the late 1960s and worked in the trans-Alaska oil pipeline and as a commercial fisherman.

He loved football and baseball. He also enjoyed fishing and was an avid reader.

He was a member of VFW Post 10252 and was retired from the Laborers Union.

Eugene is survived by his nieces, Denise Miller of Virginia Beach, Va., and Deborah Starin of Las Vegas; and his nephew, Daryl Sempf, of Kila.

A graveside service with military honors was held at Fort Richardson National Cemetery in Anchorage.

No local services are planned. Arrangements were with Witzleben Family Funeral Homes in Anchorage.

Edward 'Eddy' Shea, 90

Edward "Eddy" Shea, 90, passed away on Monday, Feb. 7, 2005, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

Eddy was born on Aug. 30, 1914, in Lima, Ohio. He was a World War II veteran who was wounded at the Invasion of Normandy. He worked as an entertainer for most of his life, then as a bartender for several years, not retiring until he was in his '70s.

He married Grace Larsen in 1967. She passed away in 1980. They moved to the Flathead Valley in 1989.

Eddy enjoyed being with his friends, loved golfing, and will always be remembered for his hand-made personalized cards that he sent out to over 700 people throughout the valley for every holiday, birthday or anything he felt that was important. Numerous households, and many offices in



this valley have his wonderful hand-drawn and colored cards hanging in them.

Eddy was a member of the United Veterans of the Flathead Valley, member of the Moose Lodge in Whitefish, and was very proud to have been sober for the past 20 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and his wife of 37 years, Grace.

He is survived by his six children, Nancy Homer, Susan Nickell, Tom Nickell, Cathy Conant, John Davis and Murray Galdano; 10 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, at Buda's Hill Funeral Home with the Rev. Tim Bartholomew officiating. Visitation services will be conducted by the United Veterans of the Flathead Valley following the services at the funeral home parking lot.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial be made to Budo Options Hospice of Kalispell.

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Eddy was a member of the United Veterans of the Flathead Valley, member of the Moose Lodge in Whitefish, and was very proud to have been sober for the past 20 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and his wife of 47 years, Gracie.

He is survived by his six children, Nancy Heiner, Susan Nickell, Tom Nickell, Cathi Corgiat, Terri Davis and Muirya Galduroz; 16 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home with the Rev. Tim Bartholomew officiating. Veterans honors will be conducted by the United Veterans of the Flathead Valley following the services in the funeral home parking lot.

In lieu of flowers, the family request memorial be made to Home Options Hospice of Kalispell.

Buffato Hill Funeral Home and Crematory caring for the family.

Robert Edward Shenefelt, 70

Robert Edward Shenefelt, 70, of Eureka, died Nov. 6, 2005, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

Survivors include his wife, Arlene; and six sons, Darrel, Steve and Dale Shenefelt, all of Kalispell, Robbie Shenefelt of Seattle, Bill Lewis of Eureka, and John Lewis of Kalispell; and one daughter, Dee-Dee Voyles, of Eureka.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 12, at the Eureka Cemetery. The Rev. Jesse Waters will officiate. The Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion will provide military honors.

Arrangements are by the Nelson and Vial Funeral Home in Eureka.

Richard M. Sherrill, 71

Richard M. Sherrill, 71, passed away Saturday, Dec. 31, 2005, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Arrangements are pending with Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory.

Dorothy Baker Sherman, 104

Dorothy Baker Sherman, 104, passed away on Monday, Feb. 7, 2006, at Lake View Care Center in Bigfork.

She was born on Oct. 8, 1900, at Eagle Grove, Iowa, the daughter of Fred and Carrie (Wilson) Baker. Dorothy was raised in Cooperstown, N.D., graduating from high school at the age of 16 and from the University of North Dakota at the age of 19.

She taught school and was the first lady high school principal in North Dakota. Being a firm believer in education, she saw to it that her four children were college graduates.

Dorothy married Waldo Sherman in 1921, and resided in Minot, N.D., until moving to Shelby, in 1939, where they purchased the Ford auto dealership. They moved to Whitefish, in 1981, and her husband, Waldo, passed away there in 1988. She then moved to the Friendship House in Kalispell and



then to the Lake View Care Center in Bigfork where she spent her last seven years enjoying the exceptional care given to her there.

Dorothy was active in many organizations including P.E.O., Daughters of the American Revolution, and served in many positions in the Methodist churches she attended.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Waldo; son, Bill Sherman; and grandson, David Sherman.

Survivors include two sons, Robert Sherman of Walla Walla, Wash., and Richard Sherman of Bigfork; a daughter, Patricia Green of Yuma City, Calif.; 14 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren.

Services for Dorothy Sherman will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 17, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Visitation will be Wednesday from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Robert H. 'Bob' Shennum, 82

Robert H. "Bob" Shennum, 82, died on Monday, Jan. 17, 2006, in Bigfork.

He was born near Seebow on a farm on April 12, 1922, to Joseph M. and Nellie Mae (Robinson) Shennum. He moved to Roman with his family during his high school years.

He and his wife, Doris L. Shennum, returned to the Flathead Valley upon retirement in 1985, after a 34-year career as a director and research scientist with the Bell System.

During the past 20 years in Bigfork, Bob enjoyed Bible study with the United Methodist Church of Bigfork, building and fixing just about anything, reading "Master and Commander" novels, driving around Flathead Lake, playing with his children and grandchildren, and watching TV.

During his career, he led the design and launch of the first experimental communications satellites, Telstar I and II. During his retirement, he enjoyed watching TV beamed from these same two satellites, which are still a commercial success and in service today.

In 1944, Bob received a Bachelor of Science in electrical engineering from Montana State University in Bozeman, then, like many of his age, served our country in World War II. Bob received a U.S. Army citation for management of the Bremen radio teletype station in 1946 as a 1st lieutenant in the Army Signal Corp. After the war, he returned to civilian life and married his college sweet-



heart, Doris L. Postlewall, on March 16, 1947, in Kevin.

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With his new degree and their first daughter only days old, Bob and Doris drove across the United States to his new position at Bell Labs in New Jersey, where Bob directed research labs for the next 31 years.

In 1963, after the successful launch of the two Telstar satellites, Bob was recognized as a celebrity in Montana and across the country. He was awarded a doctorate in engineering from Montana State University-Bozeman and appeared as a guest on the popular quiz show, "What's My Line?"

During the 1960s and 1970s Bob was tapped to lead Bell Labs research units for microwave radio design, mathematical analysis and digital systems design. He managed development of SAFEGUARD missile systems and a lab to research and develop new sources of power. In 1974, he was again recognized for service to the United States and received the U.S. Army Citation for Patriotic Civilian Service for his contribution to the SAFEGUARD ABM missile systems.

During his career, Bob published many articles on power and space communications and received a patent for his work during this period. Bob was an IEEE Fellow and served in many distinguished roles with this organiza-

tion. He was a member of the National Executive Committee, chairman of the NC Section, member Inteltec Advisory Committee and session chairman for Inteltec in Washington, D.C., for several years. He was a member of the research society, Sigma Xi, and honor societies, Tau Beta Pi and Phi Kappa Phi.

Bob was predeceased by his father, Joseph M. Shennum; his mother, Nellie Mae Robinson Shennum; and most recently by his brother, John L. Shennum.

He is survived by his wife, Doris L. Shennum, of Bigfork; his sister, Norma Davenport, who lives in Helena with her husband, Robert, and family. Bob and Doris have three children, a daughter, Sharon Vonk, who lives in Carlsbad, Calif., with her husband, Harry Vonk, and daughter, Elaine Garvey; a son, Keith Shennum, who lives in Columbia Falls with his wife, Judy Shennum; and a second daughter, Marsha Burns, who lives in Salem, N.H., with her husband, David, and children, Courtney, Brittany and Colby.

Funeral services for Robert Herman Shennum will be 1:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 21, at the United Methodist Church of Bigfork with Pastor Jan Witman officiating. Burial will be in the Swan View Memorial Gardens Bigfork Community Cemetery in Bigfork. Visitation will be from 3 to 5 p.m. today at Johnson Mortuary Chapel in Kalispell.

Please contribute to a charity of your choice in memory of Robert H. Shennum.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

ROBERT H. 'BOB' SHENNUM, 82

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Bob was predeceased by his father, Joseph M. Shennum; his mother, Nellie Mae Robinson Shennum; and most recently by his brother, John L. Shennum.

He is survived by his wife, Doris L. Shennum, of Bigfork; his sister, Norma Davenport, who lives in Helena with her husband, Robert, and family. Bob and Doris have three children, a daughter, Sharon Vonk, who lives in Carlsbad, Calif., with her husband, Harry Vonk, and daughter, Elaine Garvey; a son, Keith Shennum, who lives in Columbia Falls with his wife, Judy Shennum; and a second daughter, Marsha Burns, who lives in Salem, N.H., with her husband, David, and children, Courtney, Brittany and Colby.

Funeral services for Robert Herman Shennum will be 1:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 21, at the United Methodist Church of Bigfork with Pastor Jan Witman officiating. Burial will be in the Swan View Memorial Gardens Bigfork Community Cemetery in Bigfork. Visitation will be from 3 to 5 p.m. today at Johnson Mortuary Chapel in Kalispell.

Please contribute to a charity of your choice in memory of Robert H. Shennum.

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DOROTHY BAKER SHERMAN, 104

February 13, 2005 at 5:00 am |

Dorothy Baker Sherman, 104, passed away on Monday, Feb. 7, 2005, at Lake View Care Center in Bigfork.

She was born on Oct. 8, 1900, at Eagle Grove, Iowa, the daughter of Fred and Carrie (Wilson) Baker. Dorothy was raised in Cooperstown, N.D., graduating from high school at the age of 16 and from the University of North Dakota at the age of 19.

She taught school and was the first lady high school principal in North Dakota. Being a firm believer in education, she saw to it that her four children were college graduates.

Dorothy married Waldo Sherman in 1923, and resided in Minot, N.D., until moving to Shelby, in 1949, where they purchased the Ford auto dealership. They moved to Whitefish, in 1984, and her husband, Waldo, passed away there in 1988. She then moved to the Friendship House in Kalispell and then to the Lake View Care Center in Bigfork where she spent her last seven years enjoying the exceptional care given to her there.

Dorothy was active in many organizations including P.E.O., Daughters of the American Revolution, and served in many positions in the Methodist churches she attended.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Waldo; son, Bill Sherman; and grandson, David Sherman.

Survivors include two sons, Robert Sherman of Walla Walla, Wash., and Richard Sherman of Bigfork; a daughter, Patricia Green of Yuma City, Calif.; 14 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren.

Services for Dorothy Sherman will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 17, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Visitation will be Wednesday from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Samuel Serge 'Sam' Shevenko, 92

Samuel Serge "Sam" Shevenko, 92, died Tuesday, March 15, 2005, at Heritage Place in Kalispell. He was born Oct. 28, 1912, in China to John and Pauline (Apolenarena) Shevenko.



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He and Eunice traveled extensively throughout the world, enjoying their travels. Sam also enjoyed gardening, fishing, and visiting with family and friends.

Sam was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, and one sister.

He is now survived by his wife, Eunice Shevenko, of Kalispell; also nephews in Eureka, Rock Creek, Ohio; and Dearborn, Mich.; with many nieces and a nephew in Germany and the Ukraine.

Funeral services for Samuel Shevenko will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, March 21, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Visitation will be Monday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. prior to the service at Johnson Mortuary.

Johnson Mortuary & Cremation is caring for Samuel's family

Sam moved to the Ukraine as an infant and was raised there until he was 15. At that time his family came to Canada, then to the United States. He attended school in Walhalla, S.D., then moved to Whitefish.

It was in Whitefish that he met Eunice Bonner and they married Aug. 20, 1956, at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

He was a shoe craftsman, repairing and custom-making shoes. He started learning shoe

Perry Franklin Shope, 87

Perry Franklin Shope, 87, died Thursday, March 24, at his home in Bigfork.

He was born March 13, 1918, in Billings, to Irvyn Doyle and Anna (Eckles) Shope. He graduated a Billings High School in 1936.

After graduation, he joined the CCCs and was stationed in various western states. His last assignment with the CCCs was in Bigfork. Sixty-two years later, he returned to spend his last years in the most beautiful place on earth, Bigfork, Montana.

Perry loved flying, aircraft, football, basketball, the rodeo, and the mountains, but most of all he loved to tell stories about his friends in Texas.

In 1939 he enlisted in the Army Air Corps which later became the U.S. Air Force. He became a trainer of aircraft flight engineers on B29s during World War II and the Korean Conflict. He was a flight engineer of record on the Berlin Air Lift.

He retired from the Air Force in 1968 in San Antonio, Texas. He then continued to work in the same position in the Civil Service until his retirement at age 65.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Volva I Shope; sisters, Dorothy Hanson and Virginia Wagner; and brothers, Irvyn Shope Jr., Rodney and Robert.

He is survived by his sister, Deloris and Floyd Hertz; nephews, Allen and Claudia Potts, Mark and Joy Hertz, and Jim and Linda Beaty; nieces, Diane Gerharz, Kari Nelson, Sheri Taurman, Jody Sherwood, Jean Hutchins, Judy Serfazio; and several great- and great-great-nieces and nephews.

Graveside memorial services will be in Sunset Memorial Cemetery, San Antonio. Time and date to be announced.

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

Fernance George Sidener, 56

Fernance George Sidener, age 56, died on Saturday, March 23, 2005, at his home in Kalispell.

Arrangements are pending with Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory.

Eleanor (Littares) 'Terry' Siler, 81

Eleanor (Littares) 'Terry' Siler, 81, passed away on Jan. 26, 2005, in Kalispell, of natural causes. She was born Oct. 21, 1923, in Gradyville, Calif.

Terry, as she was known to her friends, spent her professional career as a registered nurse, following World War II, and earning her license in 1947. Her favorite position was that of school nurse to the children of Lockheed Elementary School on Beale Air Force Base in California.

She was married to Eldon "SI" Siler for 35 years before his passing.

Terry was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother.

In her later years she particularly enjoyed her friends and

church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Eldon "SI" Siler, and her daughter, Carol Siler.

Terry is survived by her son, Phil Siler, of Bigfork, and grand children, Brian Reynolds, of Sierra Vista, Ariz., and Chris and wife Jennifer Siler, and great grand children, Jaden and Jordan Siler, all of Kalispell.

A memorial service for Terry and her daughter, Carol Siler, who passed away on July 7, 2004, will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Central Christian Church, Third Street East in Kalispell. Terry will be interred next to her late husband in California.

Memorial donations are suggested to the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation.

Carl Anton Simon, 59

Carl Anton Simon, 59, passed away Tuesday, May 17, 2005, at Colonial Manor in Whitefish.

He was born June 10, 1945, in Spring Valley, Minn., the 10th child of Hugh

A "Tony" Simon and Ellen Anna (Rafoth) Simon. He was named for his brother, Anton Carl, who was killed in action April 3, 1945. Carl attended local schools in Spring Valley, until 1956, when the family moved to the Dodge Pine Creek, Wis., area. He graduated from Arcadia High School in 1963.

He joined the Navy, the seventh of eight brothers to serve their country and served four years as a hospital corpsman. He ran a business in Dodge, Wis., for four years then re-enlisted in the Navy where he served honorably for 20 years, retiring in 1991. He then moved to Kalispell, where he made his home.

Carl was a life member of Disabled American Veterans where he served as commander of Chapter 4, Kalispell, judge-advocate and second junior vice-commander



of the State of Montana state department of the D.A.V. He was also a member of the American Legion.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and three brothers, James, Anton, and William.

He is mourned by four brothers, Eugene Simon of Spring Valley, Theodore Simon and wife, Meredith, of Menominee, Wis., Jerry Simon and wife, Winifred, of Spring Valley, and brother Clair St. Simon of Red Cloud Indian School in Pine Ridge, S.D.; two sisters, Helen Egger with husband, Weldon, of Cameron, Wis., and Ann Heppelmann and husband, Richard, of Bellechester, Minn.; also a special friend, Valerie J. Millie of Pittsburgh; with nieces, nephews and friends all around the world.

Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Friday, May 20, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with burial in Columbia Falls.

The family suggests memorials be sent to the D.A.V. State of Montana Transportation Fund, toward the purchase of new vans for veteran transportation.

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

SAMUEL SERGE 'SAM' SHEVENKO, 92

March 19, 2005 at 5:00 am /

Samuel Serge "Sam" Shevenko, 92, died Tuesday, March 15, 2005, at Heritage Place in Kalispell. He was born Oct. 28, 1912, in China to John and Pauline (Apolenarea) Shevenko.

Sam moved to the Ukraine as an infant and was raised there until he was 15. At that time his family came to Canada, then to the United States. He attended school in Walhalla, N.D., then moved to Whitefish.

It was in Whitefish that he met Eunice Bonner and they married Aug. 20, 1956, at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

He was a shoe craftsman, repairing and custom-making shoes. He started learning shoe repair while a boy at age 9 in Russia (the Ukraine).

He and Eunice traveled extensively throughout the world, enjoying their travels. Sam also enjoyed gardening, fishing, and visiting with family and friends.

Sam was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, and one sister.

He is now survived by his wife, Eunice Shevenko, of Kalispell; also nephews in Eureka; Rock Creek, Ohio; and Dearborn, Mich.; with many nieces and a nephew in Germany and the Ukraine.

Funeral services for Samuel Shevenko will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, March 21, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Visitation will be Monday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. prior to the service at Johnson Mortuary.

Johnson Mortuary & Cremation is caring for Samuel's family.

PERRY FRANKLIN SHOPE, 87

March 26, 2005 at 5:00 am | Daily Inter Lake

Perry Franklin Shope, 87, died Thursday, March 24, at his home in Bigfork.

He was born March 13, 1918, in Billings, to Irvin Doyle and Anna Ruth (Eckles) Shope. He graduated from Billings High School in 1936.

After graduation, he joined the CCCs and was stationed in various western states. His last assignment with the CCCs was in Bigfork. Sixty-two years later, he returned to spend his last years in the most beautiful place on earth, Bigfork, Montana.

Perry loved flying, aircraft, football, basketball, the rodeo, and the mountains, but most of all he loved to tell stories about his friends in Texas.

In 1939 he enlisted in the Army Air Corps which later became the U.S. Air Force. He became a trainer of aircraft flight engineers on B29s during World War II and the Korean Conflict. He was a flight engineer of record on the Berlin AirLift.

He retired from the Air Force in 1968 in San Antonio, Texas. He then continued to work in the same position in the Civil Service until his retirement at age 65.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Velva I. Shope; sisters, Dorothy Hanson and Virginia Wagner; and brothers, Irvin Shope Jr., Rodney and Robert.

He is survived by his sister, DeLoris and Floyd Hertz; nephews, Allen and Claudia Potts, Mark and Joy Hertz, and Jim and Linda Beaty; nieces, Diane Gerharz, Kari Nelson, Sheri Taurman, Jody Sherwood, Jean Hutchins, Judy Serfazio; and several great- and great-great-nieces and nephews.

Graveside memorial services will be in Sunset Memorial Cemetery, San Antonio. Time and date to be announced.

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

ELEANOR (LITTAIRES) 'TERRY' SILER, 81

January 11, 2005 at 5:00 am |

Eleanor (Littares) "Terry" Siler, 81, passed away on Jan. 8, 2005, in Kalispell, of natural causes. She was born Oct. 21, 1923, in Gridley, Calif.

Terry, as she was known to her friends, spent her professional career as a registered nurse, following World War II, and earning her license in 1947. Her favorite position was that of school nurse to the children of Lockheed Elementary School on Beale Air Force Base in California.

She was married to Eldon "Si" Siler for 35 years before his passing.

Terry was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

In her later years she particularly enjoyed her friends and church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Eldon "Si" Siler; and her daughter, Carol Siler.

Terry is survived by her son, Phil Siler, of Bigfork; and grandchildren, Brian Reynolds of Sierra Vista, Ariz., and Chris and wife Jennifer Siler, and great-grandchildren, Jaden and Jordan Siler, all of Kalispell.

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