

Albrights mark 50th anniversary

Herb and Bette Albright recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They were high school sweethearts and were married July 7, 1958, at the Trinity Methodist Church in Butte.

They moved to the Flathead in 1966 where Herb and Dale Howell established Valley Glass. In later years, Herb also opened stores in Polson and Helena.

Bette was a teacher at Evergreen School for 25 years. They both retired in 1994.

They enjoy golfing, traveling to Grizzly games, volunteering for Meals on Wheels and attending their grandchildren's sports activities.

Bette is a newly elected trustee for the Kalispell



HERB AND Bette Albright were married July 17, 1958.



AN OUTDOOR garden party was held in honor of the Albright's 50th anniversary.

School District.

They have three children, Keith and Marci, Neil, and Cindy and Nick Jones; and five grandchildren, Beau and Taylor Albright, Knute Albright, and Emily and

Austin Jones.

They were honored by their children and grandchildren with an outdoor garden party.

Bitneys celebrate 60 years of marriage



DUANE AND Betty Bitney were married on June 6, 1948.



THE BITNEYS celebrated their 60th anniversary with family.

Duane and Betty (Widowson) Bitney celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary June 6. To honor the occasion an intimate gathering of family and relatives was hosted by their five children, Rod, Sid, Sandy Heuscher, Cindy and Bye Bitney.

Both natives of the Flathead Valley, they were married after high school on June 6, 1948, on the Widowson farm in Creston.

By the mid-1950s, Duane and Betty had started Bitney's Furniture and Appliance. Over the years they began several housing developments in northeast

Kalispell including Mission Village, Country Village, Fairway Boulevard and Village Greens.

In the early 1970s, Duane and Betty began the health club on West Reserve which has become the Kalispell Athletic Club.

A portion of the Bruyer farm was purchased by the Bitneys and donated to the city of Kalispell for the Buffalo Hills Golf Club championship back 18 holes.

The couple raised their family in the Flathead and have enjoyed watching their grandchildren and great-grandchildren grow up.

Branscomes married for 50 years

David Branscome and Georgia Wagner were married Aug. 23, 1958, in the home of the bride's grandparents located in the Lower Valley.

David was born in Eureka and Georgia in Kalispell. Georgia graduated from Flathead County High School in 1957.

The couple have three children, David Branscome and wife Donna, Penny Bravo and husband Gary, and Teri White and husband Rob; and seven grandchildren, Garrison Bravo, Nichole Bravo, Troy White, Brandon White, Angela Branscome, Ashley Branscome and Amber Branscome.



DAVID AND Georgia Wagner were married Aug. 23, 1958.



A CELEBRATIOn will be held in Washington to mark the Branscomes' anniversary.

A celebration will be held in Washington to honor the

couple. The couple reside in the Lower Valley.

Clarks celebrate golden anniversary

Clifton "Tip" Clark and Diane Almini were married in the Kalispell Presbyterian Church on Aug. 2, 1958.

Tip and Diane attended Flathead High School, graduating in 1956 and 1957 respectively.

After graduating from the University of Montana in 1960, Tip entered the U.S. Air Force as a second lieutenant and attended pilot training at Williams Air Force Base, Arizona.

The couple traveled the world together and Tip retired as a brigadier general, after nearly 30 years of service.

They moved back to the Flathead in 1996 and now reside in Lakeside.

The couple have a daughter, Marjean, and a granddaughter, Whitney, who live in Phoenix; a son,



'TIP' AND Diane Clark were married on Aug. 2, 1958.



THE CLARKS recently marked their 50th anniversary.

Bruce, and daughter-in-law, Renee, two granddaughters,

Lindsay and Lydia Danielle, and a grandson, Noah, who reside in Kalispell.

Elams celebrate golden anniversary

Vernon and Joan Elam celebrated their 50th anniversary with family this week. They were married Aug. 19, 1958, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

Vern worked for the railroad out of Whitefish for his entire career. Joan was a full-time housewife and mother of their four children, Jay, Mike, Tracy and Merritt. They have nine grandchildren, Jason, Eric, Kris, Melissa, Devon, Kiera, Dane, Caleb and Hannah.

The Whitefish couple enjoy camping and fishing in their beloved Northwest Montana, and travel between Montana and Arizona each year to be with family and friends.



VERNON AND JOAN Elam were married Aug. 19, 1958.



THE ELAMS recently celebrated 50 years of marriage.

Engles mark 50th anniversary

Bill and Irene Engle of Kalispell are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary with family and friends July 12 at Rocky Mountain Baptist Church on Montana 35. The occasion is being hosted by their children.

The Engles met in Glendive. They were married in Glendive on May 13, 1958, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Bill worked in the oil fields. Three of their children were born in Glendive. In 1967, they moved to Belle Creek oil field, southeast of Broadus. Bill worked for George Rakes Construction, buying out the business in 1974. Together he and Irene started E & E Oil Field Construction and added two more children to their family. Irene was a stay-at-home mom.

The family moved to Kalispell in 1988, and Bill and son Jeff started and operated Glacier Forest Products, selling the business in 2007.



BILL AND IRENE Engle were married on May 13, 1958.



THE ENGLES celebrate their golden anniversary on July 12.

Irene worked as a personal care attendant, retiring in 2004. She currently works part-time at the Quilt Gallery. Bill is semi-retired and the couple enjoy traveling in their motorhome.

Their children are Jeffrey and fiancée Kim Gilmore of Columbia Falls; Lisa and special friend Chuck Knuffel of Columbia Falls; Theresa

and husband Mitch Burley of Gillette, Wyo.; Melissa and husband Paul Lewis of Kalispell; and Vanessa and husband Kurtis Smitko of Grand Rapids, Mich. They have 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Hadwins mark 50th anniversary

Jim and Kathy Hadwin of Bigfork celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary yesterday, Aug. 9. The couple were married in Pasadena, Calif., on Aug. 9, 1958.

Monsignor Don Shea celebrated Mass at Pope John Paul II Catholic Church and recognized the couple. Mass was followed by a dinner reception at Eagle Bend Country Club.

Jim and Kathy's two sons, Matthew Hadwin of Vancouver, Wash., and Scott Hadwin of Kalispell, along with their wives, and children planned the celebration to honor the couple.



JIM AND Kathy Hadwin were married on Aug. 9, 1958.



A DINNER reception was held to honor the Hadwins for their golden anniversary.

Hamanns mark golden anniversary

Eugene and Beverly Hamann, longtime Kalispell residents, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, June 22, with family and friends at Trinity Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall. They were married on June 22, 1958, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Libby. The Rev. Arthur O. Werfelmann performed the ceremony.

Duwayne Hamann was best man for his brother, and Marjorie Johnson was maid of honor for her sister.

Gene and Beverly are graduates of Libby High School and Montana State University at Bozeman.

Gene served four years in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War and is a decorated combat veteran. Nearly all of his working years were spent in the lumber industry, especially the manufacture of plywood products. He was employed by several Montana mills.

Beverly taught at several Montana and Oregon schools.



EUGENE AND Beverly Hamann were married on June 22, 1958.

and worked as a substitute teacher for 10 years in the Kalispell school system.

Their children are David and Rosemary Hamann of Pasco, Wash., Diane and Roy Standley of Billings, and James and Lori Hamann of Kalispell.

The couple have six grand-



THE HAMANNS celebrated 50 years of marriage with an open house.

children, Patty Hamann Schauer and Jacob of Kalispell, Andrew Hamann of Alberton, Travis and Tyler Hansen of Seattle, and Alex and Ashley Hamann of Kalispell. Their only great-grandchild, Jacob James Schauer, also lives in Kalispell.

Retirement has given Gene and Beverly ample time to travel extensively and to enjoy their grandchildren.

Holms celebrate 50th anniversary

Grace and Don Holm of Kalispell are celebrating their 50th anniversary on June 22. They were married June 22, 1958, at Zion Lutheran Church in Minot, N.D.

They lived and farmed at Stanley, N.D., from 1958 until 1986 when they moved to Kalispell. They owned and operated Kalispell Bus Depot and Evergreen Health Spa.

Grace was employed by the Kalispell Chamber of Commerce for 19 years. Both are now retired.

Their children are Cindy Holm of Kalispell, Jim Holm of Kalispell and Nancy and Scott Livingstone and granddaughter Shannon of New Hampshire.



GRACE AND DON Holm were married on June 22, 1958.



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Iveys mark golden anniversary

David and Betty Jo Ivey of Kalispell celebrated their golden anniversary on June 7. They were married on June 7, 1958, at the Methodist church in Havre.

The couple lived in Billings before moving to Kalispell in 1972. Dave worked for the Anaconda Aluminum Plant until retiring in 1990. Betty Jo taught school for Kalispell School District 5. She retired in 1997.

They have two children, their daughter, Dara, and their son, Steve Ivey, and his wife, Karri, of Chino, Calif.; four grandchildren, Jolene Nordgulen and Noah VanQuekelberg, and Hayden



DAVID AND Betty Jo Ivey were married on June 7, 1958.



THE IVEYS recently celebrated 50 years of marriage.

and Jordan Ivey.

The Iveys enjoy life in Kalispell where they are members of the Methodist church and are active in

The Summit health club. Summers are spent in Bigfork taking in the sun and enjoying family time on the water. Their winters are spent in Palm Springs.

Jarretts mark 60th anniversary

Jack and Vera Jarrett will celebrate their 60th anniversary on April 17. The couple were married in Great Falls on April 17, 1948, and have resided in Columbia Falls for 60 years.

Along with Vera's parents, Lee and Della Smith, they owned the taxi business during the building of Hungry Horse Dam and the aluminum plant. It was operated out of the Columbia Falls City Hall and in those years they were responsible for all police, ambulance and fire calls.

Jack followed the lineman business, which took him from New York to Alaska. When Vera was not following him she worked at a number of locations in Columbia Falls, including



JACK AND VERA Jarrett were married on April 17, 1948.

Mitton's Cafe and B&B Bakery, and she retired from the Veterans Home.

They have one daughter, Judydel Perry, and husband Jim, their five children and five grand-

children; along with a very special friend, they call daughter No. 2, Martha Kassel (Leubner).

The Jarretts will celebrate their anniversary on June 29 at Woodland Park.

Kennedys mark 60th anniversary

R. Glenn and Betty Kennedy of Columbia Falls celebrated their 60th anniversary on June 13 at a family reunion, hosted by their sons, Terry and Dan Kennedy.

The couple were married June 13, 1948, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Missoula.

They met at a Sigma Alpha Epsilon/Delta Gamma Sorority dinner exchange in 1946 in Missoula when Betty was attending the University of Montana and R. Glenn was attending Montana State College in Bozeman, before serving in the Army with the 7th Cavalry Regiment of the First Cavalry Division.

The couple moved to Wilsall where R. Glenn was a teacher, then to Fort Benton, before moving to Columbia Falls in 1954 where R. Glenn began working for Anaconda Aluminum Co., retiring as the superintendent of the service department in 1983.

Betty was secretary of the Columbia Falls Chamber of Commerce in the 1980s. She has played clarinet with the Flathead Valley Community Band and the Alumni Band of the UM.

The Kennedys are members of Our Savior's Luther-



R. GLENN and Betty Kennedy were married on June 13, 1948.

an Church, where Betty has been active in the choir and women's groups. She also enjoys gardening.

R. Glenn is now a resident of the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls where Betty visits with him nearly every day.

Their children are daughter, Merry Kay Kennedy of Fallon, Nev.; and sons, Terry Kennedy and wife Diane of Livingston; and Dan Kennedy and wife Janet of Wasilla, Alaska, and their children, David, Rachel and Teresa.



A FAMILY reunion was held to celebrate the Kennedys' 60th anniversary.

Klempels married for 65 years

Joseph Jr., "Joie" and Annie Almond Klempel celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on April 25, in thanksgiving with their children, grandchildren, family and friends.

Joie was born near Lambert and Annie near Savage. Both of their families moved into the Yellowstone Valley in the Midway community north of Savage, where the couple met at the Yellowstone Community Church.

They were married April 25, 1943, at the First Baptist Church in Sidney, and began farming near Crane.

In August 1947 the couple moved to the Flathead Valley where they bought a Christmas tree and timber acreage, and harvested trees for more than 40 years. In later years, Joie also did a good deal of horse logging west of Kalispell.

In the spring of 1958, they bought a farm on Coverdell Road north of Bigfork, where they raised Black



JOSEPH AND Annie Klempel were married on April 25, 1943.



THE KLEMPELS celebrated their 65th anniversary with family and friends.

Angus cattle and also ran a small Holstein dairy for a number of years. Their family spent most evenings at the nearby Little Brown Church, often walking, taking the horse or sledding across the field. They still live in a small house on the farm.

The Klempels have nine children. Their youngest

daughter died in 1974. Their other children are Pat and Wes Burnham of Columbia Falls, Doris and Jon Rost of Whitefish, Naomi and Bob Oldfield of Chandler, Ariz., Joe III and Gina Klempel of Kalispell, and Edith and Duane Benson, Cathy and Jerry Benson, Ron and Lisa Klempel, and Richard and Rachel Klempel, all of Bigfork. They have 18 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Krauses mark 50 years together

Wilbert Kraus and Vivian Noltz were married on July 26, 1958, in Iowa. They were attended by Robert Ethridge and Vivian Schwartz.

They have three children between them, Gwyn Ann and Mark Peterson, Mary Ann and Daniel Moderie, and Kenneth Wilbert Kraus.

Vivian has three children from a previous marriage, Lorraine Fay Thomas (deceased) Evelyn Mae and Tom Seefeldt and Keith Monte.

Wilbert also has three children from previous marriages, Larry and Alan, and Wilbert, (deceased).

The couple reside in Kalispell.



WILBERT AND Vivian Kraus were married on July 25, 1958.



THE KRAUSES have been married for 50 years.

Lakes mark 50th anniversary

Gerald "Jerry" and Delores Urschel Lakes of Coram were married at Emmanuel's Lutheran Church in Germantown, Ohio, on July 25, 1958. They relocated to Montana in 1970 and built their own home.

Before retiring in 1995, Delores taught primary grades in Ohio and at Hungry Horse and Martin City for 35 years.

Jerry built and finished log homes for Glacier Log Homes of Whitefish and had his own business, Buckeye Builders.

They have one son, Mike; three grandchildren, Gerard, Molly and Mark; and two great-grandsons, Jude Lakes and Kaeden Childers.



GERALD AND Delores Lakes were married on July 25, 1958.



THE LAKES are celebrating 50 years of marriage.

Lavins celebrate 70th anniversary

Jim and Mary Lavin celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary with family and friends at their home in Kalispell. They were married Sept. 17, 1938, in Kalispell.

They have two children, Michael and Linda, five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

They were members of the Somers community for many years until recently when they moved into Kalispell. Jim is retired from the Kalispell Post Office.

They enjoy each day by spending time with their great-grandchildren and great-nieces and nephews.



JIM AND Mary Lavin were married Sept. 18, 1938.



THE LAVINS celebrated their anniversary with friends and family.

McClarens celebrate their 60th anniversary

Bill and Lois McClaren celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with a reception at the Hampton Inn on Aug. 10. They were married Sept. 15, 1948, in Hot Springs, S.D. The McClarens have resided in Kalispell since 1955.

The reception was hosted by their children, Steve, Marla and husband, Barry, Mary and husband, Mike, and Marjory and husband, Marc. Also in attendance were the couple's grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A special surprise guest was Rhicky Speckels from Summerville, S.C. The beautiful dahlias were provided by Lani Etter.



A RECEPTION was held to honor Bill and Lois McClaren on their 60th anniversary.

Mitchells celebrate their 65th

Earl and Kathryn Mitchell were married on May 1, 1943, in Great Falls.

They have lived in Cheyenne, Wyo., Denver and Los Angeles. After 42 years, Earl retired from Western Airlines and the couple moved to Whitefish. They currently reside in Kalispell.

They celebrated their 65th anniversary May 17 at a gathering of friends and family.

The Mitchells have a daughter, Judy, and John Thorsen; three granddaughters, Janel Sharpe, Kelly Heintz and Laure Mitchell; and two great-grandchildren.



EARL AND KATHRYN Mitchell were married on May 1, 1943.



THE MITCHELLS celebrated their anniversary on Saturday.

Mumms celebrate 50th anniversary

George and Theora (Svalstad) Mumm are celebrating 50 years of marriage. They were married Aug. 30, 1958, at Grace Lutheran Church in Sisseton, S.D. The following July they moved to Great Falls, and have lived in Billings and Missoula, as well as Alaska for 10 years. They returned to Montana and settled in the Flathead in 1982.

After serving in the U.S. Army, George attended North Dakota State University in Fargo, N.D., graduating with a degree in engineering. He worked for the Forest Service, the U.S. Public Health Service and the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Theora graduated from the Swedish Hospital School of Nursing in Minneapolis, and worked as a



GEORGE AND Theora Mumm were married Aug. 30, 1958.



THE MUMMS were honored on their anniversary with a July celebration in Somers.

registered nurse at various hospitals and clinics, retiring from the Flathead Outpatient Surgery Center in Kalispell.

The Mumms have two children, Torri Kay of Washington, D.C., and Tyone of

Anchorage, Alaska, who planned a celebration honoring their parents in July at the Vista Linda in Somers. Approximately 200 relatives and friends attended.

Ostroms mark their golden anniversary

The children, spouses and grandchildren of Iris and George Ostrom honored the couple on their 50th wedding anniversary on April 12.

Attending a festive dinner were Shannon Ostrom, Heidi Ostrom Duncan and husband, Scott, Wendy Ostrom Price and husband, Shawn, and Clark Ostrom and wife, Shauna.

Grandchildren present were Parker Duncan, Wyatt Price and Terry Shreck. Granddaughter Tana Duncan resides in California and was unable to attend.

George and Iris were married April 12, 1958, at the Whitefish Methodist Church, and have resided for most of their wedded life in Kalispell.



GEORGE AND Iris Ostrom were married on April 12, 1958.



THE OSTROMS recently celebrated their 50th anniversary.

Sanders mark 50th anniversary

The children of Horace and Pat Sanders honored their 50th wedding anniversary with a lawn party in August at the couple's Lower Valley home. Friends and relatives of the couple celebrated the afternoon with music by the Grin and Bear It String Clan and a barbecue dinner.

Patricia Siderius and Horace Sanders were married Nov. 29, 1958, at First Presbyterian Church in Kalispell. They are both graduates of Flathead High School and Montana State University, Bozeman. Pat is also a graduate of Sacred Heart School of Nursing.

They lived three years in Bozeman, and then moved to Billings where Horace was employed by BLM as a natural resource manager.

They moved to Anchorage, Alaska, in 1971, where Horace continued his career with BLM and Pat worked at the Alaska Native Hospital and then with FAA as an occupa-



HORACE AND Pat Sanders were married Nov. 29, 1958, at First Presbyterian Church in Kalispell.

tional health nurse.

After retiring in 1990, they returned to the Flathead Valley and built their home. They are active with Rails to Trails projects, woodworkers and the Presbyterian Church, and pursue hobbies of gardening, biking and traveling.



FRIENDS AND family honored the Sanders on their 50th anniversary with a gathering at their home.

Their children are Greg and wife, Nancy Sanders, of Yokosuka City, Japan; Connie Sanders and husband, Robert Loeffler, and children, Rebekah and Henry Loeffler of Anchorage; and Heidi and Ken Foster, and their children, Mikala, Jon and David Foster, of Hemet, Calif.

Couple marks 50th anniversary

Sharon (Slethaug) Schlitz and Don Schlitz are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary today, Aug. 3, at a family barbecue in their hometown of Bigfork.

The couple met in the summer of 1957 when Sharon was working at a motel in Apgar and Don was in town with a crew of the Bureau of Public Roads. Both returned to begin their sophomore year at college — the University of Eastern Washington for Don and Pacific Lutheran University for Sharon.

They became engaged during Christmas break that same year and were married on June 14, 1958, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Kalispell.

As a result of Don's career as an Army officer, they traveled the world for 20-plus years, but maintained close ties and deep affection for Montana and the Flathead Valley. They returned here to stay in 1982 when Don began a second career as



Sharon and Don Schlitz married in 1958 and today are celebrating their golden anniversary.

grandchildren, Holly, Daniel, Jacob, Forrest, Ahna, Taylor, Olivia, Luke, Ethan, Heidi and Gretta.

a Christmas tree farmer on Echo Lake Road and Sharon continued hers by joining the teaching staff at Bigfork Elementary school.

Eventually three of their four children followed them to Montana: Heather Fern of Whitefish, Mark Schlitz of Bigfork, and Cori Wellenstein of Helena. Their fourth child, Heidi Westmoreland, lives in Mountain View, Calif.

The Schlitzes also have 11

**Happy 60th
Wedding
Anniversary**

Don & Jo Siblerud
were married in
Anchorage, Alaska on
January 17, 1948

Family and friends are invited to attend a party to celebrate this milestone.
January 19, 2008 1:30 - 3:30pm
at Buffalo Hill Terrace
40 Claremont St., Kalispell
Entertainment by "Just Us Girls".

Slacks mark 50th anniversary

Jim and Patti (Lyona) Slack of Kalispell will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, July 13, at the Vista Linda Outdoor Pavilion in Somers. The reception is being hosted by their children.

The couple were married April 12, 1958, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Kalispell. The family also celebrated their 50th anniversary on April 13 with a Mass and special blessing by the Rev. Rudy Bullmann at Risen Christ Catholic Church, followed by a private dinner.

Jim and Patti both grew up in the Flathead Valley and met while attending Flathead High School. They were high school sweethearts and graduated from Flathead High School in 1956.

Together they established and owned a successful logging and heavy hauling



JIM AND Patti Slack of Kalispell were married April 12, 1958.



THE SLACKS will celebrate their golden anniversary on July 13.

business.

They are very involved in church and community organizations and activities. Since retiring, they keep busy and enjoy spending time with their family and seven grandchildren.

Their children are Jamie Slack of Kalispell; Dave Slack and his wife, Deneen

Slack, of Kalispell, and their children, David and his wife, Laci Slack, and Dustin Slack; Laurie (Slack) Putnam and her husband, Paul Putnam, of Kalispell, and their children, Cecilia Putnam, Robert Putnam, John Putnam, Aggie Putnam and Thomas Putnam; and Debbie (Slack) Miller and her husband, Rob Miller, of Columbia Falls.

Wachholzes celebrate golden anniversary

Luther Wachholz and Geraldine "Gerry" Van Dyke were married on Sept. 20, 1948, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Omaha, Neb., by Arthur Wachholz, Luther's father.

Luther graduated from Immanuel School of Nursing in Omaha, in 1957.

Geraldine graduated from Chicago Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa, in 1957.

Luther served parishes in Kansas, Enid, Okla., Cicello and Cedar Falls, and Blue Island, Ill. Gerry continued her nursing mission part time.

In 1975, Luther decided to change his vocation and moved to Kalispell, and Gerry moved to Many Lakes.



LUTHER AND Geraldine Wachholz were married Sept. 20, 1948.

Luther was employed for 15 years at Pacific Telcom and retired in 1991.

Gerry worked as a reg-



A DINNER was held to honor the Wachholzes for their 50th anniversary.

Luther was a registered nurse at Kalispell Regional Medical Center and several nursing homes, and retired from Brendan House in 1989.

Together they run a maintenance business, maintaining the offices of Coldwell Banker Wachholz & Co. and several vacation homes in Many Lakes. They officially retired in 2001 and moved to Kalispell in 2002.

They have two children, Timothy, a teacher of English in Thailand, and Barbara Nason, who lives in Whitefish and is employed at the Village Shop. They have three grandchildren, Elle, Brett and Jordan Nason, residing in New York.

Relatives and a few family friends celebrated with them on Sept. 6 with a dinner at the Monterra Club House in Whitefish.



Charles and Marie Williams are pictured in 1943, above, and in 2008, below.



Couple marks 65th year

Charles and Marie Williams will celebrate their 65th wedding this year.

They were married on Aug. 8, 1943, in Los Angeles.

Chuck, 89, is a retired furniture worker and Marie, 83, is retired from Sears.

They have three children: Ron, Rod and Judy. Ron and his wife, Peggy, and Judy live in Kalispell. Rod and his wife, Paula, live in Long Beach, Calif.

They also have six grandchildren, Steve, Tamara, Christopher, Michael, James and Ronda, and 10 great-grandchildren, with another due in January.

Chuck and Marie relocated to Montana three years ago to be closer to their family.

They both enjoy gardening and sightseeing, along with going for drives around the lake. Chuck also makes birdhouses and is an avid reader, while Marie does knitting and paints ceramics.

Woodwards mark golden anniversary

Myron A. "Woody" and Betty Louise (Reed) Woodward of Kalispell will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary at an open house hosted by their children, from 2 to 4 p.m., June 21, at Headwaters Church, 5600 U.S. 93 S., in Whitefish.

The couple were married June 21, 1958, in Havre.

Woody was born in Harlem and graduated from Havre High in 1954. He was employed by Buttrey Foods for over 30 years.

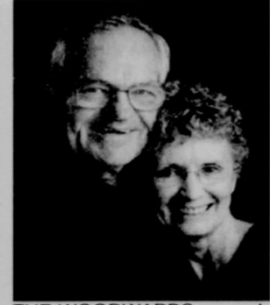
Betty was born in Fresno, Calif., and graduated from Bigfork High School in 1957.

The Woodwards have lived in the Flathead Valley for the last 20 years. They have four children, Rick and Beth Woodward of Casa Grande, Ariz.,



WOODY AND Betty Woodward were married June 21, 1958.

Anita and Dan Shipley of Boise, Idaho, Michael and Paula Woodward of Meridian, Idaho, and Kelly and



THE WOODWARDS are celebrating their 50th anniversary with an open house.

David Kiehn of Kalispell. They also have 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.