

Dr. Theodore F. 'Ted' Pacheco, 74

Dr. Theodore F. "Ted" Pacheco, 74, a longtime Libby dentist, died Sunday, April 27, 2008, in Mesa, Ariz.

Survivors include his wife, Joan, of Libby; and his children, Juanita Bonner of Billings, Kathy Pietz of Phoenix, Bobbie Marken of Troy, Cindy Steward of Tulsa, Okla., Mike Pacheco of Jackson Hole, Wyo., and Pat

Pacheco of Gooding, Idaho.

Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Joseph Catholic Church; rite of interment with military honors will be afterward at the City of Libby Cemetery. Rosary and parish vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Friday at the Nelson and Vial Funeral Home.

Kenneth L. Packwood, 75

Kenneth L. "Kenny" Packwood, 75, passed away Wednesday, Oct. 29, 2008, at his home near Columbia Falls. He was born July 7, 1933, in Lewiston, Idaho, to Basil T. and Grace M. Packwood. He was raised and educated in Idaho.



Kenny made his living playing country and western music. He was an accomplished lead guitar player. He also worked in landscaping, mechanics and logging. He was a good handyman. He built house signs and chimes to give to family and friends.

For two years, he helped care for his stepmother until she entered a nursing home.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a stepbrother, Richard Marshall.

Kenny is survived by his

son, James Beale Packwood, and daughter, Susan Lougee; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; his brothers and sisters, Carl "Buster" Packwood, Laurel Lynch, Edna Ragsdale, Robert Packwood and Lewis Packwood; his stepmom, Norma Choate; stepsisters, Madeline Umphenour and Penny Coon; and a stepbrother, Floyd Marshall.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7, at the Fellowship Hall in Coram on Coram School Lane. A potluck reception will follow the service.

There will be a wake held May 23 and May 24, at the Wilderness Gateway Campground in Idaho at MMP 122 Highway. Inurnment of the cremains will be in Normal Hill Cemetery in Lewiston, Idaho.

Arrangements are with Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

Fairelyn Joy Padgett, 73

Fairelyn Joy Padgett, 73, peacefully passed away Monday, March 31, 2008, from an extended illness at Kalispell Regional Medical Center, surrounded by her family.



She was born in North Dakota on May 21, 1934, to Clarence and Elnora Staaleson. Fairelyn's family migrated west from North Dakota to Montana in 1949. She graduated from Columbia Falls High School in 1952.

She married Perry W. Padgett Jr. in 1952 in Columbia Falls on her parents' property, where they raised their family and have since remained.

Fairelyn was well known as a loving caretaker of others; from her family to the patients she

attended to at the Montana Veterans Home. She enjoyed family functions, playing cards with friends, reading, traveling and spending time in the outdoors. Her talents were shared with others through her knitted socks and warm apple pie.

She is survived by her loving husband of 55 years, Perry; a sister, Evonne Eby, of North Dakota; her children, Perry III (Sam) and Ida Padgett of Georgia; and a daughter-in-law, Valerie Padgett, of Columbia Falls; Shannon Padgett of California; DeWayne and Vicki Padgett of Columbia Falls; and Wiletta and Devin Harris of Oregon. Fairelyn is also survived by her grandchildren, Bettie Jane and Dan Maggard, Michael Padgett, Richard and Val Butts, Tim Padgett, Julie and Nick King, Robert Butts, Lacey and Adrian Gunder, Rory Butts, Chelsey Padgett, Sandie, Samuel and

Jeremy Padgett, and Benjamin, Sarianne and Alleya Harris; and great-grandchildren, including Kyler and Kaylee King, Tyler, Abigail and Emma Maggard. Fairelyn is further survived by numerous nieces, nephews, and other relatives; and many devoted friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her sister, Clarine Sorensen; and her son, Jeffrey Padgett.

Fairelyn will be sorely missed by all who knew her. A memorial service followed by a reception is scheduled for 11 a.m. Saturday, April 5, at the United Methodist Church in Columbia Falls.

The family would like to thank all of the staff at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center, Columbia Falls Clinic and the Kalispell Diagnostic Services for their care and support during Fairelyn's illness.

Lyla M. Page, 29

Lyla M. Page, 29, passed away on Friday, Oct. 10, 2008, as the result of an automobile accident near Bigfork. Lyla was born on April 16, 1979, in Scarsdale, N.Y.

She had worked for the past four years for the U.S. Forest Service.

One of her favorite things to do was to take pictures, and she had become very good at it. She also loved hanging out with her

friends.

Lyla is survived by her son, Jonathan; her parents, Sigmund and Mary Lynn Mayer; a sister, Victoria; a brother, Arriel, and a boyfriend, Justin.

A celebration of Lyla's life will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 17, at Bethany Lutheran Church in Bigfork.

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

Miley LaRae Pallares

Miley LaRae Pallares died Wednesday, July 23, 2008, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

She is survived by her parents, Savannah Barbour and Micah Pallares, of Columbia Falls.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 29, at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Evelyn Elizabeth Forgione Palmieri, 90

Evelyn "Evelina" Elizabeth Forgione Palmieri, 90, of Polson died suddenly because of pneumonia Sunday, Sept. 21, 2008, at St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula.

She is survived by her two sons, Steven W. Palmieri, and Patrick J. Palmieri.

Cremation was at Garden City Funeral Home and Crematory in Missoula. A wake on Sept. 28, and funeral

services Sept. 29, were held at Ippolito's Funeral Home in Orange, N.J. A Mass was held at Mount Carmel Church, with burial at Rose-dale Cemetery with her husband, Patsy.

An open house memorial hosted by Steven and Dolores Palmieri and family will be held from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, at 16 A Ave., Evelyn's home in Polson.

Lyman 'Lee' R. Parish, 76

After a long, courageous battle with cancer, Lyman "Lee" R. Parish passed away peacefully at his home Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2008.



Lee was born July 9, 1931, in Fond du Lac, Wis., to Frank and Catherine (Kohlman) Parish, and attended high school there. At age 17, Lee joined the U.S. Air Force and retired after 20 years. During his Air Force years, Lee was stationed in Lakeside.

Upon retirement, Lee moved to Littleton, Colo., and subsequently moved to Harrison, Mo., Fond du Lac and Parachute, Colo. He never lost his love of Montana and, in 1993, Lee and his wife, Dagmar, returned to live in Evergreen. He remained there until his death.

Lee was a master sergeant in the Air Force and, upon retirement, used his fix-it skills as an appliance specialist with Sears.

A lifelong learner, Lee loved the art of debate, and discovering and using new technology.

He also relished spoiling whatever beloved dog was part of the household.

While living in Fond du Lac, Lee took tremendous pleasure and pride in caring for his grand-niece, Lisa Hjelle, and particularly enjoyed watching her grow into a young woman.

He is survived by his wife, Dagmar Parish; sons, Bruce Parish of Kalispell, and Glen Parish of Fond du Lac; daughters, Jean Edmondson of Kalispell, and Carolyn Parish of Fond du Lac; special nephew, Marvin Brittenham, of Parker, Colo.; 12 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Family services will be held at a later time.

Orville 'Pappy' Parker, 100

Orville "Pappy" Parker, 100, passed away Wednesday, April 30, 2008, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.



He was born March 31, 1908, in Knowles, Okla., to James and Delphia (Erhard) Parker. He was one of eight children.

Orville married Florence Withrow on Aug. 4, 1928. He worked on ranches in Oklahoma and Kansas until 1936, when they moved to Montana. They settled in the Mountain Brook area, and Orville went to work falling timber with a crosscut saw. In 1941, the couple moved to Vancouver, Wash., where he had his own crew of men while working in the shipyards. In 1945, the family moved back to the Flathead, where Orville operated his own concrete business. He started O.N. Parker and Son Lumber Co. in 1951 and moved the family to Fortine. Orville was known as "Pappy Parker" to his crew. In 1970, they moved to Browning to log until selling his business and retiring in 1974.

Orville still worked in the woods part-time for many years and enjoyed spending many

hours in his 1-acre garden. It was a garden that provided an abundance of produce that was sold or given to many friends, neighbors or those in need.

Orville was preceded in death by his loving wife of 76 years, Florence, in 2004; his parents; five brothers; two sisters; and one son, Roger.

He is survived by three daughters, Billie Nelson and Earl, and Betty Wise, both of Kalispell, and Chrystal Schonrock of Alaska; one son, Bobby Parker, and Phyllis, of Kalispell; 15 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

Orville spent his long life sharing his love with his family and many friends.

Funeral services for Orville will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, May 5, in the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home chapel, with Paul Arends of the Cowboy Church officiating. Burial will be a private service in the Wise Family Cemetery.

Memorial gifts may be given to the Shriner's Hospital for Crippled Children, P.O. Box 2472, Spokane, WA 99210.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for Orville's family. You are invited to go to www.jgfuneral-home.com to offer condolences and sign Orville's guest book.

Alvina T. Parsons, 76

Alvina T. Parsons, 76, "went peacefully with her Savior" on Sept. 18, 2008, in Rifle, Colo.

Alvina was born Nov. 1, 1931, in Metaline Falls, Wash., to John and Viola (Parent) Freeman. She moved to western Montana with her family in the early 1950s.

She was the mother of seven children and spent her time raising them. Alvina lived in Gypsum, Colo., before settling in Kalispell in 1984. It was here that she worked as a cook for the B&B Restaurant and Kalispell Regional Medical Center. After retiring, she moved to Haugan and volunteered at the Savenac Nursery.

She enjoyed gardening, reading, listening to music, crocheting and spending time with her cats.

Alvina's greatest joy in life was caring for and loving her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She will

be deeply missed by her family and those who knew her.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Ed Freeman; and son, Larry Parsons.

She is survived by her brother, Ralph, and Mary Freeman, of Kalispell; sons, Mike and Darlene Parsons of Grand Junction, Colo., and Roscoe Parsons of Kalispell; daughters, Marilyn and David Robinson of Columbia Falls, Donna Parsons of Missoula, Karen and Stan Knupp of Parachute, Colo., and Diane Parsons of Kalispell; 25 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren, nephews and nieces.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Oct. 1, at the Superior Methodist Church, Superior, Idaho.

Alvina's family asks that, in lieu of flowers, donations in her name be made to the American Stroke Foundation.

Bronson D. Parsons, 25

Bronson D. Parsons, 25, of Missoula, died Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2008, at St. Patrick's Hospital in Missoula, from injuries sustained in a pedestrian accident involving a motor vehicle.

Survivors include his parents, Paul and Carol Parsons, of Troy.

Services will be at 2 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 7, at Immaculate Conception Church in Troy. Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. today with a rosary being said at 7 p.m., and from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday at Immaculate Conception Church.

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

Walter T. Patterson, 79

"The Lord called Walter T. Patterson home to his heavenly reward" on May 26, 2008.

"After 79 years of being a fisher of men, the Lord said, 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant.'" Walt was born Oct. 28, 1928, to Karl and Elsie Patterson.

While growing up in Kalispell, he met the woman of his dreams and his loving wife of 57 years, Barbara (Van Alstine) Patterson. Together they lived in Whitefish and Eureka, and eventually found a permanent home as ranchers in Polson.

Walt had an engaging smile, and a way of winding up to a handshake and shaking with gusto, letting you know he was always glad to see you and you were a member of his family. He never met a stranger.

He was a lifelong member of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and enjoyed many hours serving alongside his Christian brothers and sisters at Mount



Calvary Lutheran Church. He was always the first one there if you needed help and the last one to leave; he would give you the shirt off his back and let you know he was happy to do it. He served the community in too many different ways to mention them all, but always with dignity, compassion and a sense of humor.

He was loved, respected and will be missed by many, but none so much as his wife and five children, Bruce and Jane Patterson, Joyce and Mike Shima, and Gary and Patti Patterson, all of Polson, Ruth Patterson of Seattle, and Teresa and Scott Frazier of Olympia, Wash.; 16 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; his three sisters, Agnes Gustafson, Betty and Glenn Van Alstine, and Anna and Bob Jones; and a multitude of extended family and friends.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 31, at Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, with the Rev. Aaron Stinnett officiating. Inurnment will be after the services at Lakeview Cemetery. Memorials can be made to Mount Calvary Lutheran Church.

William H. 'Bill' Patterson, 85

William H. "Bill" Patterson, 85, formerly of Kalispell, died July 24, 2008, in Port Angeles, Wash.

He was a Flathead businessman for more than 35 years, having co-founded Radio KOFI.

He is survived by his wife, Lois, of Port Angeles; daughter, Jeannie Robinson, of Texas; and son, Bruce Patterson, of Bozeman.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services are pending.

Charles M. Patton, 86

Former Columbia Falls resident Charles M. Patton, 86, died Nov. 17, 2008, at the Heritage Manor nursing home in Bloomington, Ill.

He had operated various gas stations and automotive garages locally.

He is survived by his children, James Patton of

Rowlett, Texas, Michael Patton of Atlanta, and Peggy Drumm of Reno, Nev.

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

Arrangements are under the care of Calvert and Froelich Memorial Homes of El Paso, Ill.

Gloria Jean Hamption Patton, 59

Gloria Jean Hamption Patton, 59, passed away on Jan. 28, 2008, in Kalispell, which was her home.

She was born, Dec. 2, 1948, to the late Sam and Maria Hamption in Tallulah, La., the oldest of five children. Gloria grew up in Kansas City, Mo., and Omaha, Neb., where she graduated from North High School, and the University of Nebraska. There she met and married Jerry A. Patton (deceased) and had one daughter, Blythe Rachel.

Gloria was an accomplished writer and painter, living in Montreal, Quebec for a time. She enjoyed black and white classic movies, arts and crafts, quilting, sewing and had a passion for painting.



She was employed at Flathead Electric Cooperative.

Gloria is survived by her daughter, Blythe, of Laurel, Md.; sisters, Earnestine Hamption Lathan and Brenda Gayle of Atlanta, and Kai Lynn Hamption Poole and husband, Roland, of Florence, S.C.; brother, Sam D. Hamption, of Minneapolis; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Gloria will be missed by her family and friends and those who knew her along the way. Her spirit will continue to live on with us as we celebrate her life.

In honoring her requests, a memorial service will not be held, but her family would like to express a sincere thank you to her friends, co-workers and acquaintances that knew her and have expressed their words of comfort and support.

Expressions of condolences can be sent to: P.O. Box 2616, Laurel, MD 20708.

Lorraine A. Patton, 74

Born Sept. 14, 1933, near Flaxville, Mont., to Lawrence and Adelaide Paradis, Lorraine A. Patton of Ocean Shores, Wash., "was accepted by the Lord" on Sept. 3, 2008.

"She now gazes down on her husband of 56 years, Donald R. Patton, and their five children, Mike, Dirk, Tina, Donn Bradley and Lisa."

Lorraine spent her adolescent years with her parents, Lawrence and Adelaide, in Whitefish, along with her siblings, Emil, Leonard, Lawrence "Red," Willie, Della, Mina, and her surviving sisters, Rosanne Howell and Delaine Sutton.

At Whitefish High School Lorraine met and was won over by Don. After her graduation in 1952 they married and moved to Seattle where Don was working for Boeing. Don's Boeing job resulted in moving around the Midwest for most of the 40 years of his employment. In spite of the many relocations, this was a



wonderful time for Lorraine and family with many life-long memories and friendships formed. After Don's retirement, they made one last relocation to

Ocean Shores.

Lorraine's passions were family reunions, travel, gardening, antiques, decorating, jigsaw puzzles and her favorite soap opera always in the mix.

She will be remembered by all for her quick smile and selfless heart. While missing her greatly, we celebrate her life and know she is now at peace.

There will not be a formal service locally, so in remembrance, the family asks that donations be made to the Alzheimer's association or your favorite charity.

Floyd Ambrose Pauli, 84

Floyd Ambrose Pauli, 84, of Kalispell passed away at his home on Feb. 6, 2008. He was born on Aug. 20, 1923, in Conrad, the son of Harry and Gladys (Miller) Pauli.



Floyd married the love of his life, Lola (Rietz), with whom he shared 64 years. Together they had three sons, Terry, Steve and Neil.

During World War II, Floyd served as an Army nurse from 1944 to 1946 and was honorably discharged.

Floyd worked for the Montana State Highway Department for 32 years and then worked on the Smalls Farm east of Kalispell. He volunteered as a school board member and on the PTA in Eureka and he was a member of the Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse.

He enjoyed flying his private plane, fishing, hunting, gold panning and camping. Lola and Floyd spent some of their most special times traveling to

Alaska and the Southwest after Floyd's retirement.

He is survived by his wife, Lola; their sons, Terry, and Steve and wife, Christy, grandchildren, Edward, Tim, Jennifer, Sharon, Angela and Josh; great-grandson, Jonathan; and his parents, Dan and Amy Jacobs; and great-granddaughter, Alaina Pauli.

Floyd has been blessed with friends of all ages who have surrounded him with love and support. His extended family has brought joy and fulfillment to his life. Bobbi Jo, Sam, Erin, Alexa and Brooklyn were his "Kalispell grandkids" who brightened his life.

He was preceded in death by his son, Neil; his parents; brother, Cyril; and sisters, Claudia, Verna and Donna.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be sent to ALERT Air Ambulance Fund, c/o Northwest Healthcare Foundation, 310 Sunnyview Lane, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Graveside services will be held at a later date. Please join the family at their home, 404 Sylvan Drive, from noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 10, for a potluck get together.

Edithe Brown Paullin, 92

Edithe Brown Paullin, 92, of Kalispell passed away Thursday, Jan. 1, 2008, at Quality of Life in Kalispell. She was born June 2, 1916, in Whitefish, the fifth child of eight to Charles and Lydia (Conrad) Brown.



She was raised in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and moved back to Kalispell at age 25, where she met and married Theodore "Toad" Paullin on Nov. 8, 1941.

Edithe was a loving and caring mother to William Charles Paul-

lin and Kay Anne Johnson, both of Kalispell, and stepmother to Walter and Arthur Paullin, both of California.

She will be remembered as a sweet, kind and loving person, and as a talented artist, seamstress and cook. She acquired many friends and recipes during her years as a hairdresser at Edithe's Beauty Salon in her home.

Toad and Edithe spent many a mile riding the trails in the Bob Marshall Wilderness during his career with the Forest Service, particularly at Big Prairie and at Spotted Bear, where the family spent their summers.

Edithe was preceded in death

by her parents; her husband, Theodore; and her siblings.

Edithe is survived by her son, William Paullin, and wife, Carol, of Kalispell; and their children, Kim Ettinger and husband, Sid, and her children, Jacob, Ashley and Ariel Reynolds, of Newnan Lake, Wash., and Angela Paullin of Phoenix; Kim and Angela's mother, JoAnn Paullin, of Kalispell; daughter, Kay Ann Johnson, and husband, Gordon, and their children, Curran and Whitney Johnson, all of Kalispell; Theodore's niece, Joyce Ivey; and her dear friends and neighbors, Bess Lynch and Orene Harris; and several nieces and cousins.

The family would like to thank

Laura and her staff at Quality of Life for their exceptional care and kindness to Edithe. We are forever grateful. Until we meet again ...

A private family interment and celebration of Edithe's life is planned for summer 2009.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Flathead Food Bank, 105 Sixth Ave. W., Kalispell, MT 59901; or to the charity of your choice or any random act of kindness.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for Edithe's family. You are invited to go to www.jgfuneralhome.com to offer condolences and sign Edithe's guest book.

Percy W. 'Don' Paulson, 83

Percy W. "Don" Paulson, 83, passed away on Thursday, April 10, 2008, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls. Don was born on Aug. 15, 1924, in Tuttle, N.D., to John and Clara Paulson. He was raised in Fessenden, N.D.

Don enlisted in the U.S. Army.

He married Patricia Brown on Nov. 1, 1947.

He moved to Glasgow, where he owned and operated Don's Furniture store. He also worked as an agent for the New York Life Insurance Company.

Don was a member of the Kiwanis Club, Lions Club, Rotary, Toastmaster, Lutheran Church, the Valley County Democratic Party, a barbershop quartet and various other com-



munity activities.

He was a devoted family man, who liked everyone he knew and was loved by everyone who knew him. Percy was genuinely a kind person, who said the thing he was most proud of in life was having never intentionally hurt or harmed any other person.

Don was preceded in death by his parents, Clara and John Paulson; and two brothers, Glenn and Morris Paulson.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia R. Paulson, of Kalispell, sons, John Paulson and his wife Donna of Missoula, and Jim Paulson and his wife Sunnie of Kalispell; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be announced at a future date.

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

Thelma 'Maxine' (Haight) Paulson, 84

Great Falls native Thelma "Maxine" (Haight) Paulson, 84, of Spokane, and formerly of Kalispell, who farmed with her husband for many years on Bootlegger Trail north of Great Falls, died of natural causes Saturday, Oct. 4, 2008, at a Spokane care facility.



Cremation has taken place under the direction of Thornhill Valley Funeral Home in Spokane. Inurnment will take place at a later date in Hillcrest Lawn Mausoleum in Great Falls. Schnider Funeral Home of Great Falls is in charge of local arrangements.

Survivors include daughters, Bonnie and Carl Smith of Salt Lake City, Connie and Lynn Whiteman

of Spokane, and Donna Paulson of Great Falls; grandchildren, Kim Whiteman, Bill and Mary Smith, Robert Whiteman Jr., and Mar-rakesh and Patrick Nicklay; five great-grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Thelma was born Jan. 6, 1924, in Great Falls to Bonnie and Howard H. Haight. She was raised on the family farm and attended Pleasant View School before graduating from Great Falls High.

She married Alfred "Toddy" Paulson on June 11, 1941, in Great Falls. They moved to her father's farm on Bootlegger Trail, where they lived and worked until they retired. They sold the farm in 1979 and moved to Flathead Lake, where they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at their home with family and friends. Toddy passed away in November 1999, and Thelma moved to Spokane.

Maxine cherished her bowling league and tournaments, Elks trips and activities with Toddy. She was the family "peacekeeper" and matri-arch, always cooking and caring for anyone who crossed her threshold anytime.

She was a member of Eastern Star, a mother adviser for Rainbow Girls, and was active in Elks Lodge

No. 214 DOES.

In addition to her husband, Thelma was preceded in death by a grandson, David Whiteman, in 2006.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in Thelma's name may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent online to www.schniderfuneralhome.com.

Thirl R. Payton, 86

Thirl R. Payton, 86, of Troy, died Sunday, March 30, 2008, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center from natural causes.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Jo Payton, and daughter, Sandi Sullivan,

both of Troy.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, April 3, at the City of Libby Cemetery in Libby.

Arrangements are by Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

Mary Ellen Kennedy Pearson, 85

Mary Ellen Kennedy Pearson, 85, passed away Dec. 21, 2007, at Colonial Manor in Whitefish. She was born in Brockton on Jan. 1, 1922, to Thomas and Nellie Kennedy, and moved with her family to the Flathead Valley when she was very small. She continued to live in the Flathead Valley all of her life, except for the short time she spent working in the shipyard in Seattle during World War II.



She married Robert C. Pearson and had four children. Mary was a homemaker at heart, but she did work in the laundry at the old Kalispell General Hospital for several years.

She loved going camping with her family, and she enjoyed gardening with her husband, Bob. She was a loving grandmother to all of her grandchildren, and only became

interested in pro football in her later years because her grandson would come to watch it on TV with her.

She spent the last few years of her life at Colonial Manor, where she was cared for with grace and dignity.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Joseph Kennedy; and sister, Margaret VanLeuven.

She is survived by her children, Don Pearson and Sharon of Whitefish, Barbara McMahon and Jim of Boulder, Tom Pearson and Barbara of Milwaukie, Ore., and Kathy Walker and Kelly of Dothan, Ala. She left seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren to continue her legacy.

"She is in a far better place with her family and friends in heaven with our Lord."

Cremation has taken place, and a Memorial Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. April 19, at St. Matthew's Parish, with inurnment afterward at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Charles F. Peca, 80

Charles F. Peca, 80, of Columbia Falls and Apache Junction, Ariz., died on Friday, April 4, 2008, in Mesa, Ariz.

He is survived by his wife,

Alice.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Apache Junction Mortuary, 398 Old West Highway, Apache Junction, AZ 85219; 480-982-7721.

Antonio R. Pena, 75

Antonio R. Pena, 75, died Sunday, June 8, 2008, at his Lakeside residence. Burial will take place in Visalia

District Cemetery, Visalia, Calif., at a later date.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Timothy Harold Peltier, 75

Timothy Harold Peltier, 75, died July 2, 2008, in Albuquerque, N.M. He was born Nov. 20, 1932, in Whitefish. Tim grew up in Eureka, and attended both grade school and high school in Eureka. As a child and young man he spent many happy summers at the Shea ranch, north of Eureka, with his grandparents George and Mabel Shea.

After leaving Eureka, he traveled and worked numerous places in the Southwest. He eventually married and settled in Albuquerque.

He worked in various lumber mills in the Albuquerque area. After retirement he made many trips back to the Tobacco Valley to spend time with old friends and family. He especially enjoyed visiting family and going to Therriault lakes and attending the fair and Bull Thing.

Tim was preceded in death by his wife, Alberta; and his parents, Victor H. and M. Marie

Peltier.

He is survived by five sisters, Faye, and husband, Ed Stoken, and Dorothy, and husband, Charles Newton, all of Eureka; Carol and husband, Joe Robbins, of Conrad; Mary Peltier of Columbia Falls; and Rita and husband, Henry Frank, of Dallas, Ore.; three brothers, Victor D. and wife, Betty, Peltier of Redmond, Ore.; Joe and wife, Teresa, Peltier of Eureka; and John Peltier of Kalispell; one aunt, Ruth Anderson, of Kalispell; a step-granddaughter, Sheryl Schlect, and husband, Doug, of Albuquerque; a companion of many years, Della Fisk; and many nieces and nephews and cousins. Tim will be missed by many.

Cremation has taken place and there will be a memorial in Eureka, at a later date.

Local arrangements are by the Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Eureka.

Wayne C. Pennecard, 84

Wayne C. Pennecard, 84, "left this world for a new adventure" on Wednesday, Aug. 27, 2008. Wayne passed at his home in Whitefish with his son and daughter at his side.

Wayne was born in Belt on Feb. 28, 1924, to Florence Wellington Pennecard and Albion (Jack) Pennecard. The family moved to the Flathead Valley in 1934.

He spent two and a half years in the Army Infantry during World War II and was awarded the Bronze Star on March 22, 1991, by mail. Upon his return from the war in 1945, Wayne started a 43-year career on the Great Northern Railroad as a car man. Wayne also spent 20 years as a volunteer fireman for the city of Whitefish, an experience he cherished and was most proud of.

On Nov. 3, 1946, he married Minnie Bremer, the love of his life, and built a wonderful life with her in Whitefish.

Wayne was active in the VFW Post 276 since his return from the war and was an active member of the Honor Guard for 59 years. Wayne was a Mason and belonged to the Moose and Eagles organizations.

He was instrumental in starting the Little League baseball program in Whitefish and coached for many years. He and Minnie were avid Bulldog fans until they physically couldn't do

it anymore. He had a great love of fishing and camping.

Wayne was preceded in death by his parents; his wife of nearly 50 years; and his best friend and companion for seven years, Carolyn McConville.

Wayne will be deeply missed but greatly remembered by his son, Dale, and wife, Sandy Pennecard, of Boise, Idaho; his daughter, Gale Munski, of Whitefish; grandchildren, Jeff Pennecard, Angie Morrison, and Michelle and Jesse Munski; nine great-grandkids; sisters, Elaine Thoring and Phyllis Lewis; a wonderful extended family, and great friends.

Visitation will be from 1 to 5 p.m. today, Aug. 29, at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish.

A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 30, at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. Burial will be afterward in Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery, with military graveside honors by the United Veterans of the Flathead and the Montana National Guard.

The family has established a memorial fund in Wayne Pennecard's name and has requested that, in lieu of flowers, memorials be made to the United Veterans of the Flathead (Color Guard), c/o Jim Hiebert, 620 E. Eighth St., Whitefish, MT 59937; or the Lion Mountain VFW Post 276, Whitefish, MT 59937.

Dorothy E. 'Dottie' Pennoyer, 79

Dorothy E. "Dottie" Pennoyer, 79, passed away April 1, 2008, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

She was born May 5, 1928, in Libby to James Owens and Rachel (Williams) Owens, the oldest of five children. Her father, James, died when she was young, and she was raised by her mother, Rachel, and stepfather, Orville Hoover.

She loved the outdoors. It could be fishing, camping, hunting, or just being out in the woods. She especially enjoyed her time at her favorite place, McGregor Lake.

She was always up for a game of cards, or almost any other kind of game that was fun and noisy and that she could really get into. She was a member of the Eagles and played cards there regularly.

She was a professional seamstress and could sew any kind of material and make anything out of it. She said it was her God-given talent and used it proudly. She had the biggest

material stash in the state of Montana and it kept growing.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her father, James; mother, Rachel; stepfather, Orville; brother, Patrick; nephew, Brandon; and best friend, Elaine.

She is survived by her children, Nancy Hulce and husband, Rick, of Hot Springs, Karen Anderson and husband, Brian, of Havre, and Karla Lippy and husband, George, of Columbia Falls; seven grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; sister, Shirley, and Charles Druedow; brothers, Denny and Arlene, Gaylon Lum and Maurine, and Mike and Cindy; several special nieces and nephews; and many other relatives and special friends.

Cremation has taken place, and a memorial service will be held later in the spring.

Memorials can be made to the Heritage Prize fund or the charity of your choice in memory of Dottie.

Gilbert B. Peppin, 81

Gilbert B. Peppin, 81, died at his residence in Rexford on Monday, Aug. 25, 2008.

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

Paul J. Perry, 62

Paul J. Perry, 62, of Bigfork, died from natural causes Friday, May 2, 2008, at his home.

A memorial service will

be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 17, at the Hillcrest Lawn Chapel in Great Falls, with the Rev. Dwight Engel officiating.

Thomas Clarence Perry, 90

Thomas Clarence Perry, 90, of Kalispell, passed away Sunday, May 25, 2008, at his residence in Kalispell. He was born May 30, 1918, in Kalispell to Thomas Samuel and Vesta Avis (Haines) Perry.

Tom graduated from Flathead County High School in 1936, after which he attended Montana State University for one year, then attended Brigham Young University (BYU), where he completed his degree in business marketing in 1941.

During World War II, Tom enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps as a cadet and completed flight training at Luke Field, Ariz., where he was commissioned as a second lieutenant. He was assigned to the New-castle Army Airbase in Wilmington, Del.

On June 20, 1942, Tom married Naomi Clark in Baltimore.

Tom served as a pilot for about six years during the war and achieved the rank of major. He served mainly in the European Theater, but also flew extensively on missions to South America, Africa, the Middle East and China. He also served in the Army Air Force Reserve for several years after the war.

After military service, Tom flew for Western Airlines for a few years and then moved back to Kalispell, where he went into business with his father, Thomas S. Perry, at Eagle Shoe Company. He participated actively in local service organizations, such as the Jaycees and Kiwanis Club. He managed the store until 1968, when he sold the business.

For the remainder of his professional career, he taught business classes at Flathead Valley Community College. He retired from the college after teaching for more than

20 years. In addition to managing the store and teaching at the college, he continued to fly part time for more than 35 years as a flight instructor and as a commercial pilot for such organizations as the U.S. Forest Service and the University of Washington.

Throughout his life, Tom was very active in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, where he served as branch president, counselor in the bishopric, district presidency, stake presidency and in many other capacities.

Tom is survived by his wife, Naomi Perry, of Kalispell; children, Mary Louise Hartman and husband, Wallace, of Kalispell, Susan Perry of Kalispell, Thomas Clark Perry and wife, Ann, of Richland, Wash., Janice Gifford and husband, Milton, of Cottage Grove, Ore., and Pamela Ann Kron and husband, Gordon, of Alaska; and his sister, Avis Ann Banz, and her daughter, Nancy Fox, and husband John of Kent, Wash. He is also survived by numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

Tom and Naomi have 26 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, an infant son and granddaughter.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 31, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1380 Whitefish Stage Road, in Kalispell. Burial services will be conducted at the Fairview Cemetery immediately following the funeral service. There will not be a viewing.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for Tom's family. You are invited to go to www.jgfuneralhome.com to offer condolences and sign Tom's guest book.

Margret K. Persha, 90

Margret K. Persha, 90, passed away Dec. 9, 2008, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. She was born Feb. 24, 1918, in Kansas City, Mo. She was the daughter of Frank and Emma Walsh.



She attended schools through the 12th grade in Kansas City and subsequently attended and graduated in 1939 from St. Mary of the Woods in Terre Haute, Ind., with a degree in art and an emphasis in fashion design.

She joined her parents, who had moved to Shelby after her graduation. It was there that she met and married her husband, Joseph S. Persha, a teacher, on Aug. 26, 1940. They were the parents of three children, James S. Persha, Brian J. Persha and Jan T. Persha.

During their married life, they lived in Glendive, Shelby, Great Falls and Lakeside.

Margret was actively involved in PTA, church groups, and volunteering as a "Pink Lady" at the Columbus hospital. She was a founding member of the group that established a fundraising antique show and sale for Holy Family Catholic Church in Great Falls, which continues to this day.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Emma; a brother, Jim Walsh; and her husband, Joseph.

She is survived by her three children, Jim and his wife, Ellen, Brian, and Jan and her husband, Eric Jurgensen; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Mass will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Kalispell. Burial will be afterward at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

Arrangements are under the direction of Grogan Funeral Home of Polson. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.groganfuneralhome.com.

Jim Personett, 64

Jim Personett "was swept up and away to his heavenly Father" just before dawn Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2008, at Immanuel Lutheran Home.



His life began in Tacoma, Wash., on July 22, 1944. He was the first son born to Bunny Fifield Goslee and Ernie Goslee. He never met his biological father until he was 19. At the young age of 3, he and his older sister Pat took the adopted name of Personett. Part of his childhood was spent in Victor near his maternal grandparents and then later, in the high mountain hamlet of Cobalt, Idaho, where he attended grade school until 1955. He had many friends there and played with his cousins along the rushing banks of Panther Creek. They caught big Pacific salmon — sometimes there were so many large fish they could catch them with their bare hands. He walked the dusty roads to the small town theater to sell popcorn on Saturday nights. Jim was known for his big wide smile and infectious laugh. He was an early riser and always had an optimistic look on the new day.

The Personett family moved to Half Moon in 1955, where he attended Canyon View School and graduated from eighth grade with a small class of six students. He went on to graduate with the high school class of 1963 at Columbia Falls High School.

Right after high school, Jim enlisted in the Army National Guard and completed basic training at Fort Ord, Calif., and Fort Sill, Okla.

Married life began in July 1965 when, after four years of courtship, he married his high school sweetheart, Betty Goodsell.

He attended the Flathead Valley Community College carpentry apprentice school and also worked as a sawyer for Royal Logging for a number of years, eventually owning his own logging company and log cabin business. He bought part of an old log lathe that had been used to turn the logs for Hungry Horse News, building and perfecting it to turn logs for cabins and homes. He also had his own gaming and amusement business. Jim and Betty ran a teen center in Columbia Falls from 1973 to

1976. Jim was active in helping to form the North Valley Rescue Association in 1970, after the accidental drowning of his brother Robert in the North Fork of the Flathead River. In recent years, he had worked for Glacier Raft Company and was involved with general carpentry and a furniture business, designing many of the furniture decors for area cabins and lodges.

Jim liked spending time with his family and grandkids, shirts with two pockets, medium-rare steak, chocolate, Nascar racing and mowing grass, plowing snow, and landscaping. At apple harvest time, Jim picked apples from most of the 50 trees in the orchard and made apple cider with a big press on his front porch. He liked to invite friends and relatives to join in this festivity. He loved his family and liked to plan picnics and gatherings for special occasions. His barbecue was always hot and ready to go. His grandchildren were a special part of his life — he was interested in their schooling, sports and music. He liked to design new things and make old things new again. He was a thinker. If something looked impossible for him to do, he would think it out and make a way to do it.

He never gave up during his last challenge of beating cancer, and the fight for survival was monumental.

He is survived by many friends; his wife, Betty; sons and their wives, Tom and Debbie of Billings, and Brian and Kristy of Kalispell; grandchildren, Tiffany, Bobby, Zach and Derek; sisters, Peggy Colby of Kalispell, Pat Roberts of Columbia Falls, and Cathy Graham of Flagstaff, Ariz.; brother, Rusty Personett, of Flagstaff; sister-in-law, Margie Stoick, of Worden; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Tom and Ardis Miller; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins far and near; and his faithful companion, Peppy, who has stood by him through many difficult times.

He was preceded in death by his father, Ernie Goslee; stepfather, R.A. Personett; mother, Bunny Personett; and brothers, David and Bob.

A private family gathering will be held at this time, and a celebration of his life is planned for family and friends at apple blossom time in the spring. Notices and reminders will be posted in newspapers prior to this event.

Carol A. Petek, 60

Carol A. Petek, 60, a longtime employee of the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, died Wednesday, April 2, 2008, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

Carol was born in Bonners Ferry, Idaho, to Mr. and Mrs. Leo Pruitt on May 28, 1947. She was raised and educated in Bonners Ferry and Libby, remaining in Libby most of her adult life.

She had been an employee of Lincoln County for more than 30 years, serving many of those years as a dispatcher at the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office until retiring in July 2007.

Carol had been an active member of St. John Lutheran Church for many years. She had been a member of the church bell choir and Altar Guild as well. She also had served as board member and president of the Libby Little League Association. She had a special interest in arts and crafts, and also had been an avid reader. Her

greatest enjoyment was being a grandma to her grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Laverne (Tiny) Petek, in 1994; and her father.

She is survived by her children, Sarah Williams and Becky Petek, both of Libby, and Marie Hoobery, of Caldwell, Idaho; her sisters, Paula Pruitt of San Francisco, Val Pellens of Vancouver, Wash., and Candy Kelly of Bonners Ferry; her brothers, Gary Pruitt of Seattle, Stan Pruitt of Bonners Ferry, and Wayne Pruitt of Hawaii; her mother, Delores Pruitt, of Bonners Ferry; eight grandchildren, Kirsten, McKenzie, Dawson, Leslie, Chanelle, Melanie, Kyira, and Kimberly; and one great-grandchild.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at St. John Lutheran Church, with Pastor Eric Christiansen officiating. Arrangements are under the care of Nelson and Vial Funeral Homes and Crematory.

Norman L. 'Jack' Peters, 75

Norman L. "Jack" Peters, 75, (former Kalispell fire chief) passed away Monday, Sept. 29, 2008, at his home in Kalispell, with his wife of 57



years, Marie, at his side. The seventh of eight children, Jack was born at home on April 26, 1933, in Columbia Falls to Art and Mary (Taddie) Peters.

A lifelong Flathead resident, Jack received his early education at the Bad Rock School and attended Flathead High School. When asked about his education, he used to joke that he didn't go to school for too long, "because he was just too darn smart already."

Jack married Marie Widowson on April 28, 1951, in Kalispell, two days after his 18th birthday.

He worked at the Equity Supply for a time before starting his career with the Kalispell Fire Department in 1956. He became fire chief in 1970 at the age of 37. He retired as fire chief in 1978.

Jack had been a member of St. Matthew's Catholic Church since 1951.

Jack was a character with a loving and generous heart. He enjoyed many good times with his family and friends. He was an outdoorsman and liked hunting, fishing, horseback trips into the Bob Marshall Wilder-

ness and spending time at Wolf Creek.

There were not many days that went by when he did not get in a game or two of pinochle.

Jack was preceded in death by his parents; six brothers, Alfred, Walter, Eugene, Robert, Richard and Jerry; and one sister, Margaret Bleskin.

He is survived by his wife, Marie Peters, of Kalispell; a son Steve Peters, and wife, Susan, of Kalispell; a daughter, Shelley Draper, and Burt Cole, of Kalispell; three grandchildren, Joe Peters, Katie Draper, Joshua; and wife, Sarah Peters, all of Kalispell; five sisters-in-law, Carlene Peters, Betty Bitney, Ruth Poston, Deloras Peters and Cathy Peters; and numerous nephews and nieces.

Mass of Christian burial for Jack will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 4, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church, with Father Vic Langhans as celebrant. Burial will be afterward at Fairview Cemetery. A rosary will be said at 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 3, at Johnson Gloschat Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 1 p.m. to time of rosary at 6 p.m. Friday.

The family suggests that any memorial contributions be sent to the charity of the donor's choice.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for Jack's family. You are invited to go to www.jgfuneralhome.com to offer condolences and sign Jack's guest book.