



THOMAS AND TERRY Siderius, shown at left on their wedding day July 14, 1962, celebrated their 50th anniversary with their children and grandchildren.

## Family gathers to celebrate couple's golden anniversary

Thomas and Terry Siderius celebrated their 50th anniversary on July 14, surrounded by their friends and family. The highlight of their celebration was having all of their children and grandchildren together.

The couple were married on July 14, 1962, in Kalispell.

They have four children,

Lisa Christensen and Chris of Vacaville, Calif., Jody Crabb and Peter of Vancouver, Wash., Jill Hirschi and Marty of Billings, and Mark Siderius and Heather of Kalispell; and 11 grandchildren.

Tom and Terry continue to farm in the county, and Terry recently retired from her career in the optical industry.

## ■ 60th ANNIVERSARY



EDGAR AND CAROLA Sirucek were married June 9, 1952, in Bismarck, N.D. The couple celebrated their 60th anniversary this summer with family in Bigfork.

## Family celebrated this summer in Bigfork

Edgar and Carola Sirucek celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in June, surrounded by family and friends at their daughter Rebecca Hughes' house in Bigfork.

They were married June 9, 1952, in Bismarck, N.D., where Carola was born and raised. Edgar is a native Montanan, born in Danvers.

After a honeymoon in Yellowstone National Park, they settled in the St. Ignatius Valley on a dairy farm. They moved to the Swan River commu-

nity north of Bigfork in the fall of 1959 where they started and operated the Green Valley Dairy in the '60s, then the Green Valley Tree Farm in the '70s, and eventually helped their daughter Rebecca start the Green Valley Sod Farm in the '80s, all on the original land.

They were an active part of the Swan River community for 52 years, working and raising their family there, before moving to Kalispell in the fall of 2011, where they reside now.

They have four chil-

dren, son Dean Sirucek, wife Lois and granddaughter Maggie of Lakeside; and daughters, Diane Johnson and husband Eric of Bigfork, Rebecca Hughes and husband Bret and granddaughters Breanna and Bailey, still living on the family farm, and Rene Sock and husband Tom of Creston, with granddaughter Stephanie living in Bigfork.

Family traveled from North Dakota, Wyoming, Utah and Montana to help them celebrate.

### □ 60th anniversary



MYRON AND MARILYN Strand, shown at left on their wedding day, July 6, 1952, in Hardin, celebrated their 60th anniversary this year.

## Strands have spent 6 decades together

Myron and Marilyn Strand celebrated their 60th anniversary this summer.

They met while attending Montana State University. Following graduation, they married July

6, 1952, in Hardin. They spent the next 12 years stationed in various locations with the U.S. Army.

In 1965 they settled in Kalispell, and together owned and operated

Strand Aviation at Kalispell City Airport.

After 35 years in the general aviation industry, they retired to spend more time traveling and enjoying their children and grandchildren.

# Taylors celebrate 65 years together

Don and Leoma Taylor celebrated their 65th anniversary at Bethany Lutheran Church in Bigfork June 17 at a cake reception in the church's social hall.

The couple met in Mount Spokane in the 1940s when Leoma accidentally tripped over Don while he was sleeping on her aunt's floor. They were formally introduced the next morning.

Don served in the Navy during World War II. They both then attended Washington State College and were married on June 22, 1947, at Central Christian Church in Walla Walla, Wash. The couple kept their original receipt from their wedding night, and on June 22, 2007, they spent the night at The Davenport Hotel in Spokane for the



DON AND LEOMA Taylor, shown at left on their wedding day, June 22, 1947, in Walla Walla, Wash., recently celebrated their 65th anniversary.

same price they paid in 1947 — \$8.

The Taylors had Lazy N. Ranch Inc., and Don worked at Equity Supply. Leoma was the office manager for School District No. 5 for 26 years and only recently retired.

They have lived in Bigfork for 50 years and have three children, Marsha

and her husband John Voekler, grandson Jason and his wife Melissa, and great-grandchildren Kinsey and Keenan of Bigfork and Ryan Voekler of Whitefish; daughter, Merridy Taylor, of Butte; and son Kirt and his wife Lynn of Bigfork and grandchildren, Jenna, Jessica and Scott.

## Marion couple plans 50th anniversary celebration at resort

Lou and Jean Wacker of Marion will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary at an event hosted by their family from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9, at McGregor Lake Resort. Everyone is welcome to attend.



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JIM AND GLORIA Whittekiend, who were married Dec. 2, 1961, recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with family in Maui, Hawaii.

## Kalispell couple celebrates 50 years

Jim and Gloria Whittekiend of Kalispell celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary recently with a trip to Maui, Hawaii, to visit with their family.

They were married in Spokane on Dec. 2, 1961.

Jim was in the Coast Guard, so the couple moved often. They have lived in Seattle, Portland and Norwich, Conn. When

Jim retired from the Coast Guard, they moved back to the Northwest to be closer to family.

Jim and Gloria have worked several different jobs over the years. In 1984, they fulfilled their dream of moving to Montana where they have lived in the same home for more than 15 years.

They have two sons,

four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Their eldest son Dennis is deceased. Their son Dan, and his wife, Yuko, have their children, James (deceased 2007), Tony, Erica and Nicholas, and grandson, Bo'li Wheeler, of Maui. They also have their granddaughter, Jaime Wheeler, in Chardon, Ohio.



EARL AND Louise Woodring were married Feb. 14, 1947, and celebrate 65 years of marriage Tuesday.

## Couple celebrates 65 years of marriage on Tuesday

Earl and Louise Woodring of Kalispell will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary on Tuesday, Feb. 14.

Earl and Louise were married in 1947 on Valentine's Day in Liberal, Kan. Earl made two promises to his mother, Mary Woodring, before he left to serve in the Navy in World War II (1943-1946): that he wouldn't get married until he was 21, and that he wouldn't get a tattoo. He married Louise one month after he turned 21. He honored his mother and kept both promises.

Earl and Louise resided in Liberal until 1954 and then moved to Denver. They stayed in Denver for 10 years and decided it was becoming too crowded. Earl took an interest in Montana when he traveled through the state on a

troop train in 1943 on his way to Navy boot camp in Farragut, Idaho. He and Louise moved to Kalispell in 1964 and have made the Flathead their home since.

Earl and Louise have been the hub of many gatherings at their home and lake properties.

The Woodrings have five children, nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, Trace and his wife Kristina and their children, Hayden and Grace; Kim and his children, Heather, Mathew and Stephanie; Eric and his stepdaughter Dana and her mother Penny; and Sue and Jim Cameron and their children, Parker, Story and Cable, all of whom reside in Kalispell, except Dana who resides in Great Falls. Their son Mike is deceased.