

Richard A. Habeger, 57

Rich Habeger "went to meet his Lord and Savior" after losing his battle with ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease) April 29, 2013.

Rich was born to Richard D. and Maryhelen C. Habeger on Sept. 10, 1955, in Havre. He attended schools in Havre, graduating in 1974.

He worked for the Burlington Northern in varying capacities, ultimately becoming an engineer and working turns between Havre and Whitefish.

He married Carol Parsons in 1977, they were blessed with son Ryan Allen; they later separated. Rich met Theresa Bilger in 1996 and they confirmed their commitment to each other in a formal wedded ceremony June 8, 2002.

Rich played a major role in being a father to Theresa's two sons, Decker Konya and Robert "Bobby" Konya III. They relocated their family to the Flathead Valley which was Richard's lifelong dream.

Rich retired from the BNSF in 2003 and then he focused his energies on his home and love of fast cars. Rich enjoyed spending his time rebuilding hot rods in his shop in Columbia Falls. His baby was his 1969 Camaro and he prided himself on showing it at car shows near and far. His most recent project was his 1967 Chevy Chevelle, which he worked on closely with his good



buddy Gary Lombardo.

Ryan returned home to help care for his father this past year

during his battle with ALS. Rich will be deeply missed by all those who loved and knew him.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Maryhelen; mother-in-law, Audrey "Jean"; and grandson, Devin Habeger.

Rich is survived by his loving wife, Theresa, and sons, Ryan and Bobby, of Columbia Falls, and Decker of Killeen, Texas; father, Richard "Dick" Habeger; sister, Sue Habeger, of Great Falls; brother, Jim, and Lisa Habeger, of Havre; sister, Jeanette, and Ken Kranz, of Great Falls; brother, John Habeger, of Butte; father-in-law, Willard Bilger; brother-in-law, Robert, and Christine Bilger; and sister-in-law, Donna, and Jeff Snare; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Richard's life will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 4, at the Veterans Chapel, 400 Veterans Dr., in Columbia Falls. A reception will follow at the same location.

To send condolences to the family, please go to www.buffalohillfh.com. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Michael Patrick Haines, 62

Michael Patrick Haines, 62, of Bigfork, passed away peacefully May 24, 2013, on his way back to the valley after spending time with his son in Eugene, Ore.

He was born to Dale and Betty Haines in Akron, Ohio, on March 1, 1951. Briefly thereafter, the Haines family migrated cross country via car until they found a new home in Whittier, Calif. Growing up close to the beach, Mike found his first love in surfing. An active athlete in his youth, he lead his team to a CIF championship in football his junior year. He graduated from La Serna High in Whittier and continued his education while playing football at Rio Hondo College.

His next adventure took him to San Luis Obispo, Calif. There he was a concrete contractor, as well as the general manager of the largest patio furniture store west of the Mississippi. As a side job, he also delivered sailboats for people who didn't want to navigate the conditions of Point Conception.

Mike met Janelle Gentry at the boat docks in San Luis Obispo, and they were eventually married in 1990 in San Luis Obispo. On their honeymoon they made the trip up north to the beautiful Glacier Park where they fell in love with "God's country" and decided to



stay, in 1990. That same year Mike's son, Dustin Lee, was born in Kalispell.

Mike and Janelle

opened and ran the Cherry Way Inn Bed & Breakfast in Bigfork for three years until they chose to sell the business. Thereafter, Mike obtained his Realtors license and ran a convenience store in Kalispell with Janelle until they later divorced. After his divorce, he moved to Eugene where he raised his son and allowed him to have the best opportunity to succeed academically and athletically. After Dustin graduated high school in Eugene and was accepted at the University of Oregon to play football, Mike made the move back home to Bigfork where he had resided for the past four years while serving on the water and sewer board.

A loving proud father, coach and friend to all, Mike will be dearly missed by all who were fortunate to meet him.

He is survived by his son, Dustin Lee Haines, who resides in Eugene; and his sister, Patricia Cassidy, of La Mirada, Calif.

A celebration of his life will be held at 4 p.m. on June 29 at 118 S. Crestview Terrace in Bigfork.

Sharon Haigh, 78

Sharon Haigh, 78, died at St. Joseph Medical Center in Polson Thursday Feb. 7, 2013.

Services are planned for

later this summer.

Grogan Funeral Home of Polson has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Lodema Haley, 91

Lodema Haley passed away July 20, 2013, in Kalispell.

Lodema was born May 23, 1922, in eastern Oklahoma (Seminole County) where her parents were farmers. She was the seventh of eight children born to Thomas Dixon Hooley and Mollie Shields Hooley.

She fondly recalled growing up on the farm and enjoyed the hard work of baling hay and stretching fence with her dad. Lodema played piano, rode horses and played basketball in her youth. As an adult she loved spending time outdoors, camping, and hiking.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George Haley; her son,



Benson Netherton; her grandson, Dran Haley; and great-grandson, Connor Stevens; and

all her siblings.

She is survived by her children, Paula McLellan and Dave of Polson, Gale Stevens and Craig of Kalispell, Ted Haley of Kalispell, and Michael Haley and Bonnie of Palmer, Alaska; nine grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She will be sorely missed by her family.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Christopher James Hall, 41

Chris "returned to his Heavenly Father" on March 19, 2013.

Chris was born Dec. 13, 1971, to Boyd and Jackie Hall in College Station, Texas. He was raised in Texas, Montana and Utah.

At age 17, Chris earned his Eagle Scout Award. He was an avid Scouter who loved Scouting and the values and principles it instilled in today's young Scouts. Chris served as Scoutmaster, encouraging many scouts to achieve their Eagle Scout rank. Chris was extremely proud when his two sons received their Eagle Scout rank at age 13.

He served as a commissioner on Melita Island the BSA summer camp, was trainer for the Northwest District, and sat on the local Eagle board. Chris was Wood Badge trained and loved to help others "catch the vision of Scouting."

Chris was an advocate of all religious faiths working harmoniously together to successfully achieve the best possible Scouting program for each and every boy. He always said, "every boy deserves a well-trained leader."

Chris served an honorable mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Fortaleza, Brazil, Mission. He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and served in many different positions.

On June 11, 1993 Chris married Julie Butters in the LDS Salt Lake Temple.

Chris was a millwright for F.H. Stoltze Land and Lumber and enjoyed the friendships he made over the years with coworkers and associates throughout the valley.

From a young age Chris enjoyed stamp collecting and learning about other countries and their postal histories. He was currently president of the Glacier



Stamp Club.

Chris is survived by his wife, Julie, and three children, Austin,

Stratton and Kennedy. Chris is also survived by his mother; and siblings Frank and Cindy Hall, Kathy and Mark Noland, Susan and Scott Sayre, Dave Hall, Jon and Shana Hall, Mike and Amanda Hall, and Justin and Holly Hall; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held Friday, March 29, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints building, 1380 Whitefish Stage Road, Kalispell. There will be a viewing from 10 to 11:45 a.m., with funeral services to follow at noon. Burial will follow services in C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. All Scouters are invited to wear their BSA uniform to the funeral in tribute.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

As a family, we express our gratitude and appreciation to the doctors and nurses in the ER and ICU at Kalispell Regional Medical Center for their outstanding professional care.

Shannon Paige Hallas, 37

Shannon Paige Hallas left her loved ones on April 9, 2013, "to find a better challenge."

She was born June 18, 1975, to Gene and Debbie Hallas at North Valley Hospital. She joined older sister, Joli, who dearly loved her. Raised in the Flathead Valley, she graduated from Columbia Falls High School in 1994.

Always a hard worker, she worked at the Fred Meyer (Smith's) after school and after graduation. She also helped raise her brother, Chance, and kept him the "best-dressed baby in the valley," always buying clothes and shoes with her earnings.

Shannon joined the U.S. Marine Corps in March 1995, did her basic training at Parris Island, S.C., and her MOS at Camp Lejeune, N.C., where she had training in HAZMAT and explosives, and became a logistics vehicle systems operator. Her permanent station was Camp Pendleton, San Diego. She was deployed to the Middle East at Qatar, Kuwait and Dubai. Shannon served her country for four years and was honorably discharged in 1999, as a lance corporal with many decorations. She was most proud of her sharpshooter badge. "Two points, Mom, and I'd get my Expert ... shoot."

Shannon is survived by



her father, Gene Hallas and his wife, Juanita; mother, Debbie Hallas; sisters, Joli Hallas and Rich Maloon of Sparks, Nev., and Gen and Jeff Moore

of Columbia Falls; brothers, Chance Wheatley and Matt Hallas of Columbia Falls; stepbrothers, Steve DeSersa of Hot Springs, S.D., and Michael Ince of Columbia Falls; and step-sister, Traci DeSersa and Austin Eaton of Mitchell, S.D.; and also many aunts, uncles, nephews, nieces, cousins and extended family.

Shannon was preceded in death by grandparents, George and Linda Hallas, and Will and Betty Ren; and niece, Lacey Hallas.

Shannon requested cremation and will be buried at a later date in a private military ceremony. A celebration of life is planned for June 15 at the Hallas Ranch, the place she grew up on and loved. A notice will be placed with further details.

Memorial donations in Shannon's name can be made to the Veterans Food Pantry, Wounded Warriors or the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

Shannon Hallas



Family and friends are invited to a celebration of life for **Shannon Hallas** on **June 15th** starting at 1 p.m. Memories, food and fellowship will follow. Come join her family at 4350 Trumble Creek Road in Columbia Falls, rain or shine. Look for the signs. If it storms, it will be held at the Eagles Club in Columbia Falls in the

basement. Donations of food will be welcome. Anyone with questions may call Gene and Juanita at 892-3646 or Debbie Hallas at 260-3672.

John Edward 'Jack' Hamilton, 92

John Edward "Jack" Hamilton, 92, of Thompson Falls, passed away from natural causes May 23, 2013.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 1, at the Thompson Falls Christian Church, with a luncheon served afterward.

Jack was born March 11, 1921, in Drummond to John and Mary Hamilton. He was the second of seven children, and they grew up in nearby Helmville.

He met June Jones at a local dance, and they married on Dec. 12, 1953. His brother Vern married June's sister, Ida. They made their home in the Ovando/Helmville area for 10 years.

Jack and June had four children, Janiece, John, Joy and Jeanette. The Hamiltons moved to Thompson Falls in 1963 to work for Rossignol Logging with a group of other logging families.

He spent most of his life working outdoors and always believed in working hard. He was a trail guide and outfitter



in the Bob Marshall Wilderness for many years, and wanted that to be his final resting

place looking at the China Wall. He was also a ranch hand and a sawyer. After retirement, he was contracted for work through the Postal Service, and he greatly enjoyed spending time at the post office.

Jack was preceded in death by all of his six siblings, Vern, Bob, Melvin, Margie, Grant and Spike. His sister Margie passed away earlier this month.

He is survived by his wife, four children, six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. June resides in Thompson Falls, as does son, John. Janiece lives in Kalispell, Joy in Deer Lodge, and Jeanette and husband Pat live in Pasco, Wash. Grandchildren are Stephanie, Stuart, Johnathon, Scott, Jacki and Keaton. Great-grandchildren are Otto, Oscar, Alex, Emily and Jason.

Edward L. Hamm, 83

Edward L. Hamm, 83, died Sunday, Feb. 10, 2013, at St. Joseph's Hospital in Polson.

Grogan Funeral Home of Polson is assisting the family with arrangements.

Elaine Winifred (Stickney) Hammer, 91

Elaine Winifred (Stickney) Hammer, treasured wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, "joyfully went dancing into the arms of our Lord" on Feb. 5, 2013. Elaine, age 91, of Kalispell, formerly of Holstein and Sioux City, Iowa, passed away in Kalispell.

Our mother was born Dec. 13, 1921, west of Anthon, Iowa, near the west fork. Her parents were Frank and Ida (Gothier) Stickney. Her dad called her "Sal" and her Mom called her "Annie." She insisted on going to country school at the age of 4, as long as her big brother was with her. That began her interest in teaching.

She graduated from Smithland High School in 1938, at the age of 16. Due to her young age, her parents had her stay at home before going on to college. She would say it was "God's gift" to her to spend that time with her beloved mother. They worked and played the time away. In 1940, she enrolled at Wayne State Teachers College where she would say it was the "best time ever" as she made many lifelong friendships. She received her teaching certificate and taught in one-room country schools near Cherokee and Deloit. One of her fondest memories is teaching at Town School for Boys in San Francisco during World War II. Her next adventure took her to Denver where she studied comptometer at the business college there. She



returned to Sioux City where she was employed with Wagner, Garrison and Abbott at the Sioux City Stockyards.

At the Woodbury County Fair, when Mom was just 12 years old, her older brother Norman introduced her to a handsome friend of his, whom "in time" would become her lifelong devoted husband. It took 17 years for their paths to cross again and on Feb. 18, 1950, she married Earl Thomas Hammer at Grace United Methodist Church in Sioux City. Their first home was on a farm near Cushing, Iowa, where they began to raise their four children. Mom was very proud to be a homemaker. In 1960, the family moved to a farm northwest of Holstein and stayed in this area until they retired.

Mom enjoyed being involved in many areas including United Methodist Church, Women's Circle, Order of the Eastern Star, Ida County 4-H committees, Monday Club and Homemaker Club. Dad and Mom couldn't pass up any opportunity to go dancing, whether it was square dancing or ballroom dancing. They would travel as far as 50 miles for the chance to dance. Mom was well known for baking bread. Just as the kids got off the school bus, she'd be pulling out her wonderful bread. She raised the most

beautiful flower and vegetable gardens and canned most of her produce. Her other passions included her needlework, entertaining, traveling, music and reading the book of Psalms. She loved to write, as she completed 50 years of diaries as proof.

In their golden years, Dad and Mom traveled to every state in the nation, except Alaska. They made many a trip to Montana and Texas to visit their grandchildren. They also enjoyed going to Navy reunions across the country to be with their very dear friends. Mom was Dad's best co-pilot on each trip. Together they enjoyed each adventure. It was easy for Mom to meet a stranger that would soon become her friend. She was a joy to everyone who met her. Mom was a woman filled with love for God, her family and friends. She had vitality for life that was contagious. She was extraordinary! Mom loved and adored each and every one of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She never stopped "teaching," even up to her last breath.

Mom, we will miss your beautiful smile, your laughter, your wit-tiness, your feisty spirit, your purses, your classy red hats and your love for Iowa. We know you are dancing in heaven with the love of your life. Mom, you will remain in our hearts forever.

Elaine was preceded in death by her loving husband, Earl; her parents,

Frank and Ida Stickney; brother, Norman; and son-in-law, Dallas Gronley.

She is survived by her daughter, Dianne Gronley and her sons, Nate and wife Jen, and Adam; son, Daryl and wife Maggie; son, Randall and wife Amy, with their daughters, Katie and husband Chad, and Mollie; daughter, Lynne and husband, Jamie Gronley and their children, Jacob and wife Becky, Emily and husband Jason, and Jeff and wife Mary; as well as 13 great-grandchildren, Zoe, Justin, Chad, Chase, Aidan, Gracie, Bailey, Addison, Triston, Benjamin, Jackson, Chloe and Colton; her "baby" brother, Leo and wife Phyllis, of Smithland; brothers-in-law, Donald, Alvin and Dean; sisters-in-law, Lois Stickney of Wichita, Kan., Wilma, Phyllis and Karen; plus numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

The family would like to thank the "caring hands" from Buffalo Hill Terrace and the Bratsberg Wing at the Immanuel Lutheran Home. Mom was particularly grateful for her true friend and sister-in-law, Karen Hammer, for sending a weekly letter and a picture over the past seven years. Mom was tremendously blessed by so many.

Funeral services will be held at the Grace United Methodist Church of Sioux City, with burial in the Memorial Park Cemetery of Sioux City.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring locally for Elaine's family.

James Arthur Hammer, 89

James Arthur Hammer passed away on Sunday, Feb. 3, 2013, while living at the Columbia Falls Veterans Home in Columbia Falls, with the many tender hands of those who cared for him.

He came to call it "home" and loved the beauty of the mountains, tall trees and green meadows as he walked the grounds. His sense of humor was accepted by everyone and he truly felt love by the caring staff.

He was born Sept. 27, 1923, in New Rockford, N.D.

He was preceded in death by his parents, G. Peter and Rose Mary; brothers, Joseph, George, Thomas, Leslie and Peter; sisters, Evelyn Veen, Doris Jakylovich and Rose Newman; as well as three siblings who died in infancy, Marian, Walter and Charles.

Survivors are his brother, Edward and wife, Sandra, of Nashville, Tenn.; sisters, Alice Veen of Norfolk, Va., Mabel Walsh of Bothell, Wash., Helen Allen of Kalispell, and



Marjorie Arnold of St. Petersburg, Fla. He leaves behind

many nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews and special "extended family." We will miss his tender heart and sense of humor.

His military career included the Army from 1943 to 1947, and the Navy from 1950 to 1966, which led him to serve in the African Middle Eastern Theatre as well as France, Italy, Antarctica and aboard the USS General Anderson, USS Karin (Antarctica — Operation Deep Freeze), USS Atka and the USS Franklin D. Roosevelt.

His favorite duty was time at Little America in the winter of 1958. His many honors included the Korean Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, three Good Conduct Medals, Antarctica Service Medal "Wintering Over Clasp," American Theater Ribbon, Victory

Medal World War II, Silver Battle Star, and four Overseas Service Bars. Over the years he enjoyed home ports at Seattle, Davisville, R.I., Perth Amboy, N.J., Mayport, Fla., and Bainbridge, Md. The Navy, with his storekeeper's duties, was a good fit for him. He received commendations on the pride he took in his work and how he represented the Navy.

He was a life honorary member of the Knights of Columbus and an American Legion member. He took pride in having his covered wagon and team part of the trail ride in 1989 celebrating the Montana Centennial Cattle Drive.

After leaving the Navy he spent four years farming near Sioux Falls, S.D., with his brother Leslie, and also was employed as a prison guard during those years. In 1969, he came to live in Havre, where he purchased a small farm near the Canadian border where he enjoyed the animals he raised, especially his horses. During his years in Havre he worked at Petrolane Gas Co., Han-

sen Sheet Metal, Richard Larson's farm periodically, and held many other jobs as he became a "jack-of-all-trades." He loved his independence and helping others brought joy into his life.

Private graveside services will be held in New Rockford next summer, per his request. He will be laid to rest next to his brother, Leslie, and his parents, G. Peter and Rose, and other siblings, Marion and Walter.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Jim's family. You are invited to go to www.jgfuneralhome.com to offer condolences and visit Jim's tribute wall.

Marla Marie Handford, 51



Marla Marie Handford, 51, "peacefully stepped over to heaven" on Oct. 15, 2013, in Kalispell.

Marla was born in Libby on Sept. 22, 1962. She attended Plummer Grade School until her family moved to Kalispell during her fourth-grade year. In Kalispell, she graduated from Flathead High School with the class of 1980.

Marla held various jobs in the Flathead Valley, her favorite being a bartender. She was quick-witted, could tell a great joke and had a brilliant smile. Marla always made friends wherever she worked or lived. She was an avid animal lover, especially of her cats.

Her two sons, Chance and Levi, were her world. She loved them deeply.

In Marla's last few years, she fought diabetes and rheumatoid arthritis, but she was a trooper and hung on to her great sense of humor through it all.

Marla was preceded in

death by her mother, Sharon Burton.

Marla is survived by her sons, Chance

Handford, and Levi Handford and his girlfriend, Alana, and their son, Cayo; sister, Barbara Hayek and husband, Rusty, of Kalispell; brother, Dan Saggmiller and wife, Traci, of Piedmont, S.D.; stepfather, Don Burton of Kalispell; nephews, Chris Handford, Nick Handford and Austin Csikasz; and a niece, Amber Thompson, all of Kalispell. Marla is also survived by two aunts and numerous cousins.

A memorial service for Marla will be announced at a later date.

Friends are encouraged to visit www.buffalohillfh.com to leave notes of condolence for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Deanna Lee Hanks, 51

Deanna Lee Hanks, 51, passed away Monday, April 8, 2013, in Kalispell.

She was born Jan. 7, 1962, in Salt Lake City to Edward D. and Edith E. Hanks.

Deanna was known for her free spirit, extraordinary intelligence and loving personality. She was always the one to tell you how wonderful you were looking that day. She made friends with everyone, especially those who were in need of a friend. She was an avid book reader whose dream was to one day own a bookstore, and her dream was fulfilled in 2006 when she opened Heretic Books in Kalispell.

The majority of Deanna's early years were spent in Salt Lake City, up until 1998, when she moved to Kalispell. Deanna carried on the family trade of wallpaper hanging and painting, following in the footsteps of her much-loved father. She was highly talented and used her skills to open her own business, Hanks Wall-covering, remaining self-employed for many years.

Deanna was a member of the Masonic Lodge and was an active Master Mason. She also spent many years working and volunteering for the Violence Free Crisis Line, advocating her innate calling to help others. Shortly after moving to Kalispell, Deanna was a key team player in the development and founding of the local Alano Club, and used her beautiful and endearing nature to sponsor others and support them on their path to recovery.

Deanna's greatest love in life was her family, which took highest precedence in her life. Family barbecues and camping trips were her all-time favorite things to do, and some of the most treasured memories took place at her favorite place, Granite Hot Springs in Wyoming, the



location of many family reunions. She was extremely proud of her children,

which she frequently voiced. Her family was the beat to her drum, the music to her life.

She is survived by her six children, Christopher R. and Samantha Breeden, Gordon N. and Megan Breeden, Edward C. and Courtney Breeden, Danielle N. Breeden, Alexander D. Albrethsen, and Corey D. Albrethsen; and two brothers, Gordon Hanks, and Robert and Maxeen Hanks of Salt Lake City. She is also survived by her closest nephew, Dustin A. and Sheri Hanks; closest friends, Robin and Cindy Breeden; her nine beautiful grandchildren; numerous cousins, nephews and nieces; and a multitude of friends.

She was preceded in death by her father, Edward Hanks; mother, Edith Hanks; and brothers, Baby Hanks, John D. Hanks and Donald R. Hanks.

Deanna always lived life to the fullest, which will forever be her legacy. Everything about the amazing person Deanna was will be eternally missed, but the love and energy she blessed us with will forever remain imbedded in our hearts.

"She will remain the light in our life, now blazing gallantly through the stars at night, the sunshine during the day, and her laughter will be heard in the music of the wind."

A celebration of life will be held at 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 20, at the Eastside Grange Hall in Creston. The hall is located across from Creston School.

"If love could have saved you, you would have lived forever."

John 'Jack' Hanson, 85

John "Jack" Hanson, 85, passed away peacefully at his home in Stevensville from complications due to prostate cancer.

He was born in Havre to Sylvia and Jack Hanson on Nov. 4, 1927.

Upon graduation from Havre High School in 1945, he enlisted in the U.S. Army. After receiving his honorable discharge he attended Northern Montana College for two years, then went on to earn a Bachelor of Science-Bachelor of Arts degree at Denver University.

On July 21, 1951, Jack was married to Marjorie Johnson at St. Matthew's Church in Kalispell.

They resided in Havre where he had a 45-year career as a New York Life Insurance agent, being elected to the Montana New York Life Insurance Hall of Fame in 2005.

In 1988, the couple moved to Lakeside, and subsequently to Polson, where he enjoyed life on the golf course, and then on to Kalispell in 2000, to be near his aging mother-in-law. In 2004 they settled in Stevensville.

Jack enjoyed hunting and fishing, but his greatest love and devotion was for his family.



He is survived by his wife, Marjorie of the family home in Stevensville; sons, Jeffrey of Helena and Matthew of Great Falls; daughters, Kristy of

Kalispell, Kari and Robert Lewis of Los Altos, Calif., and Jennifer and Brent Cotton of Stevensville; 11 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; sister-in-law, Jane Johnson of Las Vegas; three nieces; and four nephews.

He was a member of St. Mary's Mission Parish in Stevensville where a private family funeral Mass was celebrated by Father Huber on June 12. Burial will take place at a later date.

The family suggests memorial donations may be made in Jack's name to either Aspen Hospice, 107 Bell Crossing West, Stevensville, MT 59870 or a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences and memories may be left for the family at www.whitesittfuneralhome.com.

Blanche Estell Hanson, 90

Blanche Estell Hanson, 90, formerly of Kalispell, passed away Dec. 27, 2013.

Blanche was married to Ray W. Hanson, who preceded her in death.

She is survived by three children, Jerry Hanson, Karen Sims and Kay Glad-den; nine grandchildren;

24 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

A memorial service for Blanche will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 21, at Diamond B Ranch. Contact Aileen Hanson Brosten at (406) 253-1736 or Rae Hanson Herman at (406) 849-5752.

Terry Ray Hansen, 68

Terry Ray Hansen died of injuries suffered in a plane crash on Nov. 29, 2013, near St. Mary's, Alaska.

He was born in Mason City, Iowa, on Aug. 3, 1945, to Ray and Irene (Olsen) Hansen of Clear Lake, Iowa. Terry grew up in Clear Lake and attended school there through high school. During his senior year he enlisted in the U.S. Navy with the understanding that he would not be called up until after graduation. He served four tours of duty in Vietnam. His destroyer was bumped once by a Russian vessel which stirred up an exciting incident with planes from both sides circling overhead, but ended peaceably.

After his discharge, he returned to Clear Lake and attended Northern Iowa Community College in Mason City and then went on to the University of Northern Iowa for accounting. He later worked for Erv Senesky, CPA, in Mason City.

In 1977 he moved to Montana. He and Joe Basirico co-owned a white-water rafting company at West Glacier. He also joined the maintenance staff at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish and worked there for several years until he completed flying lessons in Kalispell.

After that he was off and flying, doing what he really enjoyed. He took parachutists up at Lost Prairie, rafters into Schaffer Meadows and led retardant bombers into wildfires. In 1995, he took a job with Hageland Aviation of ERA Alaska



as a bush pilot out of St. Mary's. He also flew out of Bethel,

Alaska for a few years but transferred back to St. Mary's so he could be home nights.

Terry was a quiet man with the unique ability of being able to retain information for years at a time. He was blessed with a photographic memory. Because of that, he seldom had to do homework as a youngster. He loved to tease and was generous to his family and friends. He loved and was loved.

He was preceded in death by both sets of grandparents; his father, Ray Hansen; uncle, Biff (Clifford) and aunt, Lindy (Lois) Hansen; and cousins, Kathy Marnet Hansen and Kevin Hansen.

His father Ray and Uncle Biff were brothers and his mother Irene and Aunt Lindy were sisters, so all the children of both families were "double cousins."

Survivors include his longtime partner, Joanne Long, of St. Mary's; his mother, Irene Hansen, of Whitefish; brother, Tom Hansen, and Carol, of Kalispell; sister, Christie, and Mark Grattidge, of Clear Lake; aunt, Janice, and Keith Bowman, of Des Moines, Iowa; cousins, Vance and David Hansen of Clear Lake, Susan DeVary of Des Moines, and Scott Bowman and Tracy of Johnston, Iowa; and numerous second cousins.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, at the Whitefish VFW.

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Pilot killed in crash had Whitefish ties

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By LYNNETTE HINTZE
The Daily Inter Lake

The pilot of a plane that crashed Friday on frozen tundra in southwestern Alaska lived in Whitefish for 18 years and learned how to fly at Kalispell City Airport.

Terry Hansen, 68, was piloting the small Cessna 208 that went down in foggy, frigid weather near the village of St. Marys, killing Hansen and three other people on board.

Six people survived the crash, which made national headlines. A 5-month-old baby was among those who perished.



HANSEN

toward lights in the nearest village to lead a rescue team to the crash site.

Hansen, a native of Clear Lake, Iowa, moved to Whitefish in 1977, drawn to the Flathead Valley by his love of the outdoors.

He hadn't been here long

before he went to work as a guide for Joe Basirico's white-water rafting company, Rocky Mountain Rafting. Hansen became a partner in the business in 1979; they sold the business in 1982. Today the company is known as Montana Raft Co./Glacier Wilderness Guides.

"He was a thoughtful, enthusiastic outdoorsman who was always wanting to find out something new," Basirico said Monday.

Basirico said Hansen immediately was hooked on river rafting and the two of them took



AUTHORITIES SAY the pilot, Terry Hansen, formerly of Whitefish, and three passengers died in the Friday crash of this single-engine turboprop Cessna 208 near St. Marys, Alaska. (The Associated Press/Alaska State Troopers)

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out of Bethel but had just transferred back to the St. Marys airport, his mother said. He lived in St. Marys with his longtime partner, Joanne Long.

During his time in Whitefish, Hansen worked for several years in the maintenance department at North Valley Hospital.

He was a Navy veteran who served four tours in Vietnam. One of his fellow combat soldiers, Reg Peratrovich, who's also a pilot, was quoted in the Anchorage newspaper, saying, "Terry was definitely loved on all levels, personally and professionally."

After his military service, Hansen got a degree in accounting and worked as an accountant for a couple of years in Mason City, Iowa, before heading to the Flathead Valley.

His last trip home to

private groups on rivers all over the United States.

"I can remember the exact minute he had an epiphany he was going to be a pilot," Basirico recalled. "It was on the Middle Fork of the Salmon River. We were taking a group down the river. We landed on this short grass airstrip.

"I remember like it was yesterday. He got out of the plane with a big grin and said, 'That's what I'm going to do next — fly planes.' And he did."

Hansen earned his private pilot's license at Kalispell City Airport and worked as a charter pilot in Montana until he moved to western Alaska in 1995. He became a commercial pilot in Alaska and was flying for Hage-land Aviation, owned by Era Alaska, at the time of his death.

"I'd see him every now

and then and we'd catch up," Basirico said. "He was happy up there."

Hansen's parents, Irene and the late Ray Hansen, moved to Whitefish in 1979. His mother, 90, said the news of her son's death was a terrible shock. Hansen's brother, Tommy, lives in Kalispell.

"He was very quiet and very smart," Irene said about Terry. "He didn't have to study and that always made Tommy mad because he did have to study."

She remembered a special time at Christmas a couple of years ago when Tommy coerced Terry into wearing a comical stovepipe hat with a Santa wedged into one end. It was one of the rare occasions when Terry let loose and goofed around.

"I'll treasure that," she said.

Hansen had been flying

Whitefish was in August 2012 to celebrate his 67th birthday.

"After he turned 65 I kept asking him if he was going to retire," he mother recalled. "He said he'd keep flying as long as they would let him.

"They've all praised him," she said about his co-workers. "They said he was an excellent pilot."

Investigators are examining the wreckage of the downed plane to determine what caused the crash, and also are checking maintenance records for the aircraft.

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Charles 'Charlie' Harber, 81

Charles "Charlie" Harber passed away Monday, July 8, 2013, in Kalispell, due to complications from Alzheimer's disease.

Charlie was born in Abilene, Texas, on Sept. 25, 1931, to Marvin and Vera Mae (McCurley) Harber. His parents were sharecroppers, and his early years were spent in a dirt-floored shack without indoor plumbing.

Years later he and his mother and brothers moved to San Angelo, Texas, where he graduated from San Angelo High School in 1950. While in high school, he was an avid tennis player and was chosen to be a member of the Junior Davis Cup Team.

Unfortunately, the Korean War changed his plans. He considered volunteering in the Texas National Guard, but he heard that the National Guard would likely be called to active duty, so he enlisted in the Air Force. However, as luck would have it, the National Guard never left Texas but his air wing did. He proudly served one year in Korea and was then honorably discharged after four total years of service with the rank of staff sergeant.

While in training at Hill Air Force Base in Ogden, Utah, he met Gloria Diane Wheeler, who became his wife in 1957. From this union two children were born, Julia Ann and Charles Dirk.

Following his release from the Air Force, he utilized the GI Bill to attend California State Polytechnic College in San Luis Obispo. He graduated in 1958 with a degree in electronic engineering, the only one in his family to graduate from college.



many desert rides in California and Mexico, he was the campfire entertainer, strumming his guitar and singing folk songs. Music was another

lifelong passion

In 1977, he and Diane divorced. In 1979, he met Cheryl Harris at the Balboa Bay Club during the California State International Chili Cook-off, where his team took first place. Following this win, the world of chili became a driving force in their lives. With a small group of friends, he formed his own chili team "Ring of Fire Chili Company," competing and often winning chili cook-offs throughout Southern California. He and Cheryl produced an annual chili cook-off and fundraiser for Loehman-Miller School for handicapped children in Van Nuys. During their years of involvement, this event generated almost \$100,000 for the children.

Charlie and Cheryl were married in 1984, and he formed close bonds with Cheryl's children and became actively involved in their lives. After he retired from OTI, the couple moved to Bigfork in 1990. He absolutely loved golf and played as often as he could. He was hired by Eagle Bend as a teaching pro and worked there until he had to have emergency heart valve surgery.

Following graduation he moved to Southern California, where he went to work for Bendix Oceanics Division in Sylmar, as a program manager/systems engineer for the AN/AQS-18 helicopter dipping sonar for the Federal Republic of Germany, and the Indian and Italian governments. These tasks were just a small example of his engineering achievements.

He took early retirement in 1985 but wasn't content to just play golf all the time. He went to work for EST Associates in North Hollywood for two years and then was recruited by Ocean Technology Inc. in Burbank, Calif., during which time he served as an uncredited sonar adviser on the film "The Hunt for Red October." He retired from OTI in 1989.

During the years while his children were young, he was actively involved with 4-H activities while living in Shadow Hills, Calif. He was a brilliant carpenter and built an entire kitchen from scratch as well as co-inventing a water-operated gate-opening system called Water-Gate.

During the '70s he was a proud dirt biker and was a happy member of the D.O.M. — Dirty Old Men (Beer Drinking, Bench Racing, Dirt Bike Riding Association). On

Once recovered, he continued to play golf as well as poker, bridge and tennis, and his beloved guitar. He was also an avid crossword addict and bragged that he could do the Sunday New York Times crossword puzzle in ink. He was a dedicated helpmate to Cheryl with all of her volunteering events throughout Bigfork. He was a master of the barbecue as well as the chili pot. He could build, repair, reconstruct and "MacGyver" just about any project under the sun.

Charlie was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Tommy Joe and Raymond Lloyd; stepfather, Roy Swafford; step-sister, Roylene Swafford; stepbrothers, Freddy and Sherman Swafford; and his beloved son, Dirk.

He is survived by his loving wife, Cheryl; daughter, Julie (PRC [AW], U.S. Navy, Ret.) and son-in-law, Jim Kuhns, of Ivins, Utah; grandson, Dirk Harber (PFC, U.S. Army) of Fort Riley, Kan.; stepson, Steven Harris, of Elko, Nev.; stepdaughter, Jennifer Harris, of Bigfork; half-brother, Dean Coyle and wife Sharon, and sister-in-law, Jane Harber, all of San Angelo, Texas; plus many nieces and nephews.

There will be a small private celebration of his life at the family home.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association (alz.org), Bigfork QRU, Wounded Warrior Project or Home Options.

Carol Diane Harriman, 66

Carol Diane Harriman, 66, formerly of Kalispell, died June 16, 2013.

She is survived by her son, Tony.

No services are planned at this time.

Arrangements are by Sunset Hills Funeral Home in Plains.

Gene Stanton Harriman, 65

Gene Stanton Harriman, 65, of Thompson Falls, died of natural causes June 12, 2013.

He is survived by his wife, Carol.

Per his request, no services will be held.

Ethel M. Harding, 83

Ethel M. Harding, 83, died at St. Joseph Medical Center in Polson on Feb. 1, 2013.

She was a former senator from Senate District 25.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. today, Feb. 3, at Pablo Church of the Nazarene in Pablo.

Grogan Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Patsy Evelyn Harmon, 71

Patsy Evelyn Harmon, 71, died Monday, June 17, 2013, at HealthCenter Northwest in Kalispell.

She is survived by her husband, Ted J. Harmon; her son, James A. Har-

mon; and daughter, Edralyn M. Cassel.

No services are planned at this time.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Richard Lee Harmon, 76

Richard Lee Harmon, 76, died Sept. 17, 2013, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

He was born on Aug. 23, 1937, to Thomas Wilbur and Myrtle Blanche (Fox) Harmon in Ashland, Kan. He attended all his years of school in Ashland.

After high school he joined the Air Force, serving in North Africa and Opheim, Mont., for four years and nine months.

He met his wife, Janet Paulson, while serving in Opheim. They were married Aug. 21, 1960. They celebrated 53 years of marriage. To this union, two sons were born, Randall Eugene and David Allen.

He worked for Grimes Homegas, which was later purchased by Joe Stevens, for 19 years. He then worked for the Ashland District Hospital for 15 years, retiring because of health issues. After retirement they moved to Kalispell. Richard loved the mountains.



He is survived by his wife, Janet; son, Randy, and wife, Evelyn, of Ashland; and son, David, and wife, Jennifer, of Dodge City, Kan.; one grandson,

Matt Harmon, of Ashland; two granddaughters, Alexxa and Samantha Harmon of Dodge City; one brother, Bob, and wife, Kay Harmon, of Ashland; a sister, Luann Stoecker, of Moberly, S.D.; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, sisters- and brothers-in-law, and friends.

At his request, no services will be held.

Memorials may be sent to Ashland Health Center at P.O. Box 188, Ashland, KS 67831; or to the American Heart Association at 7272 Greenville Ave., Dallas, TX 75231.

Michael S. Harris, 70

Michael S. Harris, 70, of Kalispell, passed away suddenly in his home on Oct. 1, 2013, due to complications of recent cancer surgery. He fought a valiant fight against cancer over the past 20 months, but his quality of life had deteriorated to the point where he became tired of fighting, and his heart just couldn't take the strain any longer.

Mike, or Mickey, as he was known as a youngster, was born in Glendale, Calif., in May 1943 and grew up in Burbank. He graduated from Burbank High School in 1961 and continued on to earn a degree in aerospace technology from Glendale City College in 1967.

Mike was always fascinated by airplanes and flying while growing up. He earned his private pilot's license in 1962 and continued flying privately well into the 1980s.

He met his first wife and the mother of his children, Cheryl Moore, in 1962 while both were members of the flight club at Glendale City College, and they married in April 1963. First a son, Steven, was born and then a daughter, Jennifer, but their union wasn't meant to endure and sadly ended in divorce after 12 years. The couple maintained a sometimes strained, but mostly amicable relationship while their kids were growing up, and they were able to become much better friends during these last years of his life.



North Valley Sportman's Club in Columbia Falls. He also loved building model cars and airplanes, but was sadly unable to complete any models recently due to chemotherapy-

induced peripheral neuropathy in his fingertips.

The "Old West," World War II and tough-guy actors and great Americans John Wayne and Clint Eastwood were also Mike's passions. He was an avid historian, especially concerning the history of the war and the Oregon and California trails. He was able to visit Pearl Harbor many years ago as one of his dream vacations. However, his ultimate dream vacation was to trace the Oregon Trail from its start in Missouri all the way to its end, but with the previous cancer treatments and now his sudden passing, that dream will regrettably remain unfulfilled.

Mike is survived by his children, son Steven Harris of Elko, Nev., and daughter Jennifer Harris of Bigfork; sister and brother-in-law, MaryKay and Don Stroum, of Tigard, Ore.; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Diana and John Fregeau, of Montague, Calif.; ex-wife, Cheryl Harber, of Bigfork; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews. He also leaves behind his beloved dog and faithful companion, Chucky.

William W. Harris, 86

William W. Harris, 86, of Spokane, died Nov. 3, 2013, at Rockwood Retirement Community.

He was born in Aberdeen, Wash., July 11, 1927, the son of William W. Harris and Helen Brown Harris of Esparto, Calif.

He married Olga H. Meyer who preceded him in death.

He is survived by his son, Craig Harris, of Cotati Calif.; daughter and son-in-law, Rebecca and Eric Texier, of New York City; son and daughter-in-law, William and Izumi Harris, of Spokane; and three grandchildren.

In honor of his wishes, there will be no funeral service.

Mike later met Laura (Stump) Wakelin while both were working at Lockheed. They married in June 1977 and were together until her death in January 1996.

In keeping with his love of airplanes and flying, Mike worked for Lockheed Martin Corporation for over 37 years, first in their Burbank facilities and then at their Skunk Works operations in Palmdale, Calif. He began his career fresh out of high school and worked his way up to become a design specialist/aerospace engineer with a top secret security clearance. He was involved in notable aircraft projects such as the L-1011, SR-71 Blackbird, F-117A stealth fighter, and most recently acted as the lead designer on the YF-22 advanced tactical fighter. He was happily able to retire at the age of 55 in 1998, and he left California for good in 1999 for the much cleaner big skies of Montana.

Throughout his life and especially during his retirement years, Mike was an enthusiastic marksman and collector of guns, both antique and new, and was also a skilled ammunition reloader. He was a lifetime member of the National Rifle Association, in addition to being an active member of the

Mike was preceded in death by his parents, Roland "RW" and Mary-Anna (Harvey) Harris; and his wife, Laura.

The family is planning a memorial service and ash-scattering ceremony to be held in late spring or early summer of 2014.

"We will truly miss Mike's laughter and sense of humor, his knowledge and wisdom on so many topics, the way he barbequed tri-tip and burgers until they were like charcoal, his love of dogs, his appreciation of camping and relaxing under the stars in the shadow of Mount Shasta, and just being able to call him every evening to say hello and hear him end the call with, 'I love you, sweetie.' He left us too soon, but his spirit lives on in us forever."

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to the Humane Society of Northwest Montana or the American Cancer Society.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for Mike's family. You are invited to go to www.jgfuneralhome.com to view Mike's guest book, offer condolences and share memories.

Richard Lee 'Dick' Harmon, 76

Richard Lee "Dick" Harmon, 76, died at Kalispell Regional Medical Center, Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2013.

He is survived by his wife, Janet (Paulson) Harmon; and his two sons,

David and Randy Harmon.

At his request, no services will be held.

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

E. Boyd Hartman, 89

E. Boyd Hartman, 89, died March 27, 2013, in Stayton, Ore.

He was born June 17, 1923, in Somers, where he grew up.

Boyd lived in Montana until 1969 when he moved to Alaska. He moved to Oregon in 1978, living in Oregon City and moving to Dallas five years ago.

He was a member of the Teamsters Union and Calvary Chapel in Dallas. Boyd worked as a hunting guide in the Bob Marshall Wilderness in Montana, on the pipeline in Alaska for many years, even running Cat convoys to the North Slope, and later driving truck.

He enjoyed hunting and fishing, but most important to him was family.

Boyd married Carol (Johnson) Pierce on April 15, 1964, in Coeur

d'Alene, Idaho.

He is survived by his wife, Carol; sons, Gary Pierce of Dallas, Pete Pierce of Stayton, Bob Hartman of Moses Lake, Wash., and Tom Hartman of Chugiak, Alaska; daughters, Lori Brekhuis of The Woodlands, Texas, and Kathy Schlotfeut of Napa Valley, Calif.; sister, Hazel Halsey, of Libby; sister-in-law, Marie Hartman, of Kalispell; 20 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren.

Boyd was preceded in death by a brother, Glen Hartman; sister, Effie Bradford; and grandson, Eric Pierce.

A memorial service will be at 4 p.m. April 4 at Mehama Community Church in Mehama.

North Santiam Funeral Service, Stayton, is serving the family.

Rick 'Gramps' Hartman, 81

Rick "Gramps" Hartman, 81, of Hungry Horse passed away on Tuesday, April 30, 2013.

Rick is survived by his wife, Karie Hartman; and children, Mike, Dianne, Roberta, Stacy, Sandra, Donna, Rhonda and David.

Rick served over 22 years in the Army, achieving the rank of master sergeant. He received many medals, and survived the Korean and Vietnam wars.

A funeral service will be held for Rick at 2 p.m. on Monday, May 6 at the



Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 1780 Talbott Road, in Columbia Falls. There will be a visitation one hour prior to services.



Burial will follow services at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

Arrangements are entrusted to Columbia Mortuary.

Marie H. (Todd) Hartman, 94

Marie H. (Todd) Hartman, 94, passed away peacefully Oct. 4, 2013, in Kalispell, surrounded by her family. "She is now in the loving arms of our Lord." She will be greatly missed, but her loving spirit will always remain with us.

Marie Henrietta Theresa Todd was born May 10, 1919, in Missoula, to parents Harry E. and Mary Theresa (Morris) Todd. The family moved to Kalispell in 1923. She attended St. Matthew's grade and high school from 1925 to 1937.

From 1937 to 1942, she worked as a bookkeeper for her parents at Todd's Bakery.

In 1945, she graduated from Columbus School of Nursing in Great Falls as a registered nurse. In June of 1945, she enlisted in the U.S. Army as a second lieutenant and served until 1946. She was awarded the Victory Medal. After returning home, she worked as a nurse at Kalispell General Hospital from 1946 to 1949.

She met and married the love of her life, E. Glen "Brownie" Hartman on Sept. 10, 1949, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church. They raised three children together. She remained his bride for 51 years.

From 1959 to 1980, she worked alongside her husband Brownie at their family business, Skyline Dairy. She then retired to enjoy her home, family and hobbies. Her hobbies included reading, music, sewing and knitting.

Her passion for knitting was apparent. She was an artisan and created many beautiful things that she happily gifted to her family and friends. She was an excellent cook and immaculate housekeeper. She loved to decorate for the holidays and rejoiced in having her family close to her.

She was a devout Catholic and member of St. Matthew's parish. She



served as the treasurer of the Parent Teacher's Association from 1955 to 1968. She prayed her rosary daily which gave her spiritual comfort

and peace, and she was always aware of her guardian angel.

Marie was funny, fun loving and loved to laugh. She was witty and spunky. She was the epitome of politeness; she never failed to say "yes, please" and "thank you" for even the smallest gesture.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Harry and Mary Todd; her husband, Brownie; son, Timothy; her brother, Jim Todd; and sister, Clarann Todd Brady.

She is survived by her children, son Todd Hartman and wife Sumiko, and daughter Jean Marie Hartman and Jo Ann "Jody" Schweigert; her grandchildren, Glen Hartman, Amy Hartman and Lisa Hartman; her sisters-in-law, Virginia Todd of Kalispell, and Hazel Halsey of Libby; 16 nieces and nephews, along with her many "adopted" daughters.

The rosary will be said at 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 10, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. The requiem Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 11, at St. Matthew's Church, with the Rev. Rod Ermatinger as celebrant. Interment to follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery with veteran honors.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for Marie's family. You are invited to go to www.jgfuneralhome.com to view Marie's guest book, offer condolences and share memories.

Magdalene Finneman Harvey, 93,

Magdalene Finneman Harvey, 93, died Monday, July 15, 2013.

She is survived by her daughters, Sharon White and Juanita Bays.

A memorial graveside

service will be at 11 a.m. Friday, July 19, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

MAGGIE FINNEMAN HARVEY

was born January 5, 1920, and passed away July 15, 2013,
at Heritage Place in Kalispell



*Our mother and grandmother is with us.
She's the whisper of the leaves as you walk
across the yard.*

*She's the smell of certain foods you remember,
and flowers you pick.*

The fragrance of life itself.

*She was the cool hand on your brow when you
weren't feeling well.*

She is the breath in the air on a cold winter day.

*She is the sound of the rain that lulls you to
sleep, the colors of the rainbow.*

She is Christmas morning.

Our mother lives inside our laughter.

She's the place we first came, our first home and the map we follow.

She was our first love, our first friend, even our first enemy.

But nothing on this earth can separate us.

Not time, not space, not even death.

*We love you mom, you were the best mom, grandma, great grandma
and friend.*

Mom's graveside service will be on Friday, July 19th, 2013 at
11 a.m. at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery, Kalispell, MT.

William 'Bill' Roger Hatton, 85

William "Bill" Roger Hatton, 85, passed away peacefully on Friday, March 15, 2013, in Kalispell, surrounded by his family.

Bill was born on Feb. 29, 1928, in Hinsdale, to Thoralf and Hazel Hatton.

Bill lived in Hinsdale, Wheeler and Glasgow in his growing up years. He graduated from Glasgow High School in 1946.

After high school, he joined the Army and served 16 months as a truck master during the Korean War. Upon returning home from the war, he attended college in Dillon for three and a half years. During the summers, he worked as a smokejumper in the Missoula area. He enjoyed working as a logger in the woods, both in Montana and Alaska.

In March of 1967, he married JoAnn Ryder Jones and took on the role of father to her three children, Mike, Dave and Pam, whom he loved as his own. Over the next 12 years, Bill and JoAnn had three more daughters of their own, Diane, Julie and Vicky.

In 1971, with a growing family to support, Bill made the decision to move to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, to start a Roto-Rooter drain cleaning franchise. He grew his business into a very successful enterprise through his hard work, integrity and keen business smarts. In 1986, with just two little girls still at home, he sold the business and moved back to Kalispell. He bought the Roto-Rooter business here and ran it for a few years before selling it and retiring. Over the next several years Bill and JoAnn made their home in Valier and Conrad, finally settling back in the Kalispell area.



make the most of whatever life brought their way. He loved

his family deeply, and especially had a way with the grandchildren whether it be working in the garden together, sharing chocolate chips, making popcorn together, newspaper fights or his comforting back rubs. "Pa" was famous for his pancakes. They were always a treat that was looked forward to when the kids, big and small, came to visit.

Bill leaves behind JoAnn, his loving wife of 46 years; children, Mike and Susan Jones of Hawaii, David and Tami Jones of Post Falls, Idaho, Pam and Billy Ridenour of Kalispell, Diane and Mark Nowoj of Coeur d'Alene, Julie and Brett Gibney of Great Falls, and Vicky and Hans Tronstad of Kalispell; several grandchildren, and four great grandchildren; his sisters, Norma Lynch and Marilyn Maxness, both of Glasgow; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Hazel and Thoralf; brother, Bob; sister, Peggy; and four siblings that died in infancy.

A special thank you to Edgewood Care Facility and Hospice for the loving care you showed our dad in his last days.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 23, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, with a pie and ice cream social to follow at Bible Baptist Church in Kalispell.

To send condolences to the family, please go to www.buffalohillfh.com. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

William J. Hathaway, 83

William J. Hathaway, 83, died Monday, May 20, 2013, at his home in Polson.

He was a retired Navy electrician.

A graveside service

with full military honors will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 23, at Lake View Cemetery in Polson.

Grogan Funeral Home is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Through the years Bill found pleasure in camping, hunting and fishing, both with friends and family. He loved being outdoors. Anyone that spent any amount of time with him knew he found great enjoyment in discussing politics, the economy and world affairs.

Bill will be remembered for his friendship, his gentle sense of humor, his vegetable gardens that he took great pride in tending each year, his strong work ethic and his devotion to his family.

He had a strong, yet quiet and gentle way about him. By example, he taught his children to

Margaret 'Peggy' Draper Hash, 93

Margaret "Peggy" Draper Hash, 93, died on May 21, 2013.

She was born Dec. 7, 1919, in Pylesville, Md., a sibling of five to Bessie Alma Draper and Robert Julene Draper. She attended grade school in Delta, Pa., and graduated from Slate Ridge High School in 1937.

After high school she attended Strayer, Bryant and Stratton Business College in Baltimore. She was employed at the Delta National Bank and then worked in personnel at the Edgewood Arsenal in Edgewood, Md.

While there, she met her husband, Charles L. Hash, an Air Force veteran attending undergraduate school at Johns Hopkins University. They were married in Bel Air, Md., in 1946.

It was a westward journey as Charles and Peggy drove their 1936 Ford Phaeton to Missoula where Charles attended law school. While in Missoula, Peggy worked for the U.S. Forest Service. From there, they moved to San Francisco where Charles was a law clerk. In 1952, they returned to Montana and settled in Kalispell. As Charles was starting his law practice, Peggy worked for the Montana State Forest Department.

Home and family were important to Peggy, and so it was in Kalispell that she placed her roots to start a family with Charles. Her love and devotion as a wife and mother were expressed in many ways throughout the rest of her life.

Peggy and Charles enjoyed their many friends in the Flathead community. Her close friends were important to her. Whether hosting a Democratic gathering, playing bridge, fishing and camping or chasing the "elusive morel mushroom," Peggy embraced a

Montana lifestyle.

Motherhood was Peggy's true passion. Her devotion and commitment to her children were expressed throughout her life. Volunteering for school and church activities, baking for ski weekends at Big Mountain, and camping with family and friends at Spotted Bear and Seeley Lake were some of her most memorable times. In summers she often took her children to her childhood home back east to visit her family and relish in the joy of eating Maryland crabs.

During recent years, disabilities prevented her from the travel and family vacations that she once enjoyed. She was still able to watch her grandchildren, Nicholas and Meagan, play sports and perform in school activities. Staying at home, she received assistance from many special caregivers, and another family was formed.

Her heart was in her home and with her family.

She is survived by her son, Mark and his wife, Tere, and their children, Meagan, Nicholas and his wife, Nicole, and great-granddaughter Emery; daughter, Sarah "Sally" and husband, Dan Savage; brothers, Robert Draper and Ralph Draper; and sister, Hazel Thompson.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles L. Hash; and her sister, Edith McLaughlin.

Friends of the family wishing to make gifts in her memory may consider the Hockaday Museum of Art or the Museum at Central School, both in Kalispell.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 30, at Epworth United Methodist Church in Kalispell. A reception will immediately follow at the church.

Barry Patrick Hawbaker, 48

Barry Patrick Hawbaker, 48, "walked into the Lord's loving arms" on Friday, April 5, 2013, while listening to one of his favorite radio stations at his home in Kalispell.

He was born on a warm July day in Havre to parents James and Norma Jean Hawbaker. His mother found radio music would soothe Barry's restless spirit and lull him to sleep. Thus the notes and song of his life and career began. The first five years of his life were spent in Inverness, Mont., and Portland. Sister Natalie joined the family in 1969, and they all moved to Kalispell in 1970, just in time for Barry to begin first grade.

After graduating from Flathead High School in 1982, Barry attended and completed his broadcast training at the Yellowstone School of Broadcasting in Billings. He worked at numerous radio stations including Sidney, Modesto, Calif., Palm Springs, Calif., Eureka, Calif., and Rock 94.5 in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. In between these positions he was employed by Bee Broadcasting on several stations where he was known as "Barry Bennett." No matter where he worked, his main goal was to make the station number 1. He spent hours listening to radio stations, studying DJ styles and developing an amazing talent for picking hit songs, which made him an admired member of his profession. His job gave him the opportunity to attend concerts, mingle with great song artists and listen to top-rated bands.

Barry married Bren-



da Goodwin in 1983, and they had two boys, Brandon and Blake. The couple later divorced. He

then met Becky Austin and they were blessed with a daughter, Jazmyn. Although his time with them was limited by his career, he bragged about their accomplishments regularly and genuinely loved them.

Barry's favorite place to be was on Flathead Lake with his family and friends while boating, taking pictures, kayaking and soaking up all the beauty around him. He especially loved pulling his kids, niece, nephew, sister, or anyone who was brave enough, on the tube behind the boat. All animals, tame or wild, were his friends, especially a Canadian goose named Buddy, his sister's dog Gracie, and friend's dog, Odie. He had a passion for cars, especially the models that were fast, sleek and gave access to the wind in his hair via a sunroof, T-Top, or convertible. He loved attending Montana Griz games with his dad and uncle, Dick.

Barry brightened and energized any occasion with his witty remarks and sharp humor. He

would give a ride, lend money or do a favor for a stranger or a friend. As one person said, "We will miss our spark."

"Thank you, Barry, for letting us join and love you as you walked and wrote the song of your life. Your beat will always remain in our hearts."

Barry is survived by his children, Brandon A. Hawbaker of Houston, Blake P. Hawbaker of Williston, N.D., and Jazmyn Austin of Kalispell; his parents, James and Norma Jean Hawbaker of Yellow Bay; sister, Natalie Felker and husband, Steve; and nephew and niece, Ryan and Analiese of Spokane. He is also survived by his

uncle, Richard, and aunt, Mary Rousselle, of Ronan; and numerous other aunts, uncles and cousins.

A rosary will be said at 7 p.m. on Friday, April 12, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 13, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Kalispell.

The family suggests donations to the charity of your choosing or "pay it forward" like Barry would.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Barry's family. You are invited to www.jgfuneralhome.com to view Barry's tribute wall, offer condolences and share memories.

Janet Hazelbaker Hawley, 73

Janet Hazelbaker Hawley, 73, died Monday, Feb. 20, 2013 at her home in Lakeside.

She is survived by her husband, Allen Hawley.

There will be a family gathering at her home.

Johnson-Gloschat

Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Janet 'Jan' Hawley, 73

Janet "Jan" Hawley, 73, passed away peacefully in her home, surrounded by family, on Feb. 20, 2013, following a long struggle with COPD complications and a recent heart attack.

She was born in Missoula on June 27, 1939, and raised in Polson.

She married Allen L. Hawley in 1962. In December, they celebrated their 50th anniversary. Together they raised three children, Kris, Kevin and Kyle, who also live in the Flathead Valley with their families.

Jan graduated from St. Patrick's School of Nursing in Missoula in 1963, and later the Montana State University College of Nursing. She enjoyed working as a nurse in a variety of roles, from an aide to registered nurse, to administrator and home care business owner until she retired. She enjoyed mentoring many people in her life.

She most enjoyed family times with her family, three kids, their spouses and her five grandkids — Jasmine, 20, Camas, 16, Rachel, 13, Korbin, 8, and Max, 4. Also, she always found joy in being at the lake, cooking, gardening, sewing and crafts.

Many friends refer to her as Mom and Grand-



ma. She was truly an inspiration to so many. With her leadership style, she was known

as commander in charge. She engaged with everyone by always lending a listening ear.

She lived in Polson, Missoula, Aberdeen Wash., and Billings, before moving to Lakeside. She had a lifetime deep love for Flathead Lake.

Jan was preceded in death by her parents, and her brother, David.

She is survived by her husband, Allen; sister, Arlene Strong, of Seattle; brother, Mike Murphy, of Plymouth, Minn.; three kids, Kristine, Kevin and Kyle; and five grandkids.

A family gathering was held at "The Lakehouse" to share the many memories and celebrate Jan's life. Cards can be sent to 7155 U.S. Hwy. 93 S., Lakeside, MT 59922.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Janet's family.

You are invited to www.jgfuneralhome.com to view Janet's tribute wall, offer condolences and share memories.

Gladys M. Hedlund, 98

Gladys M. Hedlund, 98, died Oct. 23, 2013, at The Springs in Whitefish.

She is survived by her children, Joan Gregory and Carole Erickson.

Per her request, there will be no memorial service held.

Arrangements are entrusted to Austin Funeral Home.

George Lewis Heaton Sr., 97

George Lewis Heaton Sr., 97, passed away on Aug. 6, 2013, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

George was a two-time honorable World War II veteran in the U.S. Air Force.

He retired from Rome Cable/Alco Aluminum, then built and ran his own hardware store in Camino, Calif.

George Sr. was an honest man who believed in his country. He was a loving man who touched many people's lives. He was liked by all.

He outlived his parents, siblings and children. He was a true survivor who never gave up, but always gave. He was a gentleman



who would, and did, give the shirt off his back with no expectation of thanks.

"I can't say enough about the man, but those who knew him



... knew."

He is survived by his great-granddaughters, Stormy J. Heaton and Cassi K. Heaton, and grandson, Mateo Heaton.

"Rest in peace, Grandpa. We will always love, miss and remember you. Love, Tater and girls."

Suzanne 'Sue' (Mestyaneck) Healy, 74

Suzanne "Sue" (Mestyaneck) Healy passed away on Thursday, March 28, 2013.

She was born to Slovak parents Joseph and Susan (Jasco) Mestyaneck and was married to her husband James John Healy for over 50 years.

She is survived by her children, Jane and Bob Brown, and Michael and Nicole Healy; grandsons, Anthony Brown, Tim Brown and Eddie Brown; siblings, Diane Barbaro and Rocky, Larry Mestyaneck and Judy, and Tom Mestyaneck; sister-in-law, Sandra Mestyaneck; and many in-laws, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her son, James J. Healy Jr.; brothers, Joseph Mestyaneck Jr., and Hal Mestyaneck; and sister-in-law, Francis Mestyaneck.

Sue was a pediatric nurse practitioner for over 30 years. She moved to Flathead Lake and ran Flathead Lake Bed and Breakfast with her husband on Yellow Bay for several years. She loved



meeting people from all over the United States and sharing conversations with them. This

was especially true with the International Fellows, who she hosted every year. Sue also enjoyed playing cards with the Yellow Bay ladies, knitting with the Knitting Club of Bigfork in the winter and having four-hour dinners with the neighbors. She also enjoyed sitting on the lawn watching the grandkids learn to water ski, picking cherries, making cherry jam, walking the Wild Mile and hiking in Glacier Park.

A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, April 2 at St. Dominic's Church in Benicia, Calif.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the St. Vincent de Paul Society, St. Dominic's Church, 475 E. I St., Benicia, CA 94510.

James R. Hellen, 77

James R. Hellen, 77, of Somers, a retired salesman, died of pneumonia Sunday, March 24, 2013, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center, surrounded by family.

Jim was born to James E. and Ruth (Peterson) Hellen on Aug. 8, 1935, in Somers.

He spent several years in Alaska as a young child and the rest of his life in Somers. While attending Flathead County High School he worked at Bud's Texaco in Somers. After graduating, he served two years in the Army. He worked for Pacific Fruit & Produce for many years, then worked for Glacier Wholesale in Kalispell, until retiring in 2001.

He married Ruth Ann Resch, the love of his life, on Nov. 5, 1960, in Libby.

A family celebration of their 50 golden years together was held at Upper Thompson Lake in July of 2011.

As they began their family, they purchased the home that Jim always wanted, which happened to be across the street from the house in which he was born. He raised his family and entertained his grandchildren in this home until his passing.

Jim was happiest when he was involved in family functions. He followed his children's sports and academic activities up until they began to have children of their own. At this point, Jim became each of his grandchildren's greatest fan. Distance was not an obstacle for him. He and Ruth would travel many miles to watch a basketball game, see a children's play or attend a First Communion. He was extremely proud of his children and grandchildren.

Jim enjoyed watching all Notre Dame sports and was Dodger blue through and through. He passed on his love of hunting and fishing to his children



and their children. Jim and Ruth traveled to Mexico, Alaska and Hawaii, and visited family all over the Pacific Northwest. Jim loved

westerns; there was not a Louis L'Amour book left unread or a Gunsmoke episode left unwatched. Jim's quiet demeanor belied his dry wit and his snappy one-liners were enjoyed by all.

He is survived by Ruth, his wife of 52 years; sons, Jim Jr. and Joni of Great Falls, Mike and Debbi of Des Moines, Wash., and John Hellen of Somers; daughter, Jackie and Rob Spicher of Hingham; grandchildren, Ben, Chad and Kole Hellen, Jessica and Jacob Hellen, Jordan, Delainey, Sheridan and Colton Spicher, and Emmalee Hellen; and his sister, Shari and Bob Guiles of Billings.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents; and his sister, Patricia Petersen.

Funeral mass will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, April 1, at Blessed John Paul II Catholic Church in Bigfork, followed by a luncheon. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be at the church one hour prior to services.

The family suggests donations may be made to Somers Volunteer Fire Department or to the Somers Company Town Project, c/o Tom Sliter, P.O. Box 130, Somers, MT 59932.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for James' family. You are invited to go to www.jgfuneralhome.com to view James' tribute wall, offer condolences and share memories.

Glen Alan Charles Helms, 81

Glen Alan Charles Helms, 81, of Eureka, died Saturday, Feb. 2, 2013, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He is survived by his companion, Marianna Ward; and his four children, Robert Helms, Kathern Evans, Connie Van

Cleave and Angela Martin. A graveside funeral service and interment will be at 11 a.m., Feb. 12, at Eureka Cemetery, with the Rev. Keith Haas officiating. A celebration of life and luncheon will be afterward at the VFW in Eureka.

Lucille Helton, 98

Lucille Helton, 98, died Sunday, April 13, 2013, in Columbia Falls.

She is survived by her daughter, Linda Olsen.

A memorial service

will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, April 22, at The Assembly of God Church in Scobey.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for the family.

Thomas Eugene Hendershott, 77

Thomas Eugene Hendershott, 77, died in Kalispell of natural causes, Feb. 21, 2013.

At his request, there

will be no services. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Kevin Wayne Hendricks, 59

Kevin Wayne Hendricks passed away Dec. 9, 2013, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He was born Nov. 1, 1954, at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio to Lawrence and Donna Hendricks.

He worked on the railroad for a short time in the Pacific Northwest and still had great interest in the operations of railroad freight traffic through Whitefish. He enjoyed the outdoor activities of biking and camping, and was a frequent visitor at the Whitefish Library.



He is survived by his "family" of neighbors and friends at Mountain View Manor in

Whitefish; his loyal railroad buffs, Scott, Dick and Kyle; and special friend, Sandra, in Snohomish, Wash.

Cremation has taken place. A celebration of his life will be held in early January at Mountain View Manor. Call 862-4100 for information.

Margaret Hernandez, 89

Margaret Hernandez, 89, died Thursday, Feb. 7, 2013, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

She is survived by three sons, Daniel, Phillip and

Robert Hernandez.

No services are planned at this time.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.