

## Louise Smith Wellington La Brie, 95

Louise Smith Wellington La Brie, 95, of Whitefish, passed away on Mother's Day, May 12, 2013, at Whitefish Care & Rehabilitation Center.

Louise was born on Dec. 18, 1917, to Pearl Geeslin Smith and Roger Smith in Whitefish at the Karrow Avenue family residence. Louise, along with her younger sisters, Lucille and Jane, and brothers, Bob and Harry, were raised on the Karrow Avenue family farm.

Louise often shared many stories of the walks from the family farm to school during her youth. She graduated from Whitefish High School.

She married Marion "Duke" Wellington in 1935. Louise's son Gerald "Jerry" was born in 1936, and her youngest son Gary "Buddy" was born in 1937. In 1951, Buddy was diagnosed with leukemia and within weeks passed away, at 14 years of age. Louise also had a daughter, Wellington, who passed away shortly after birth.

In 1940, Louise and Duke went to work for Art and Evelyn La Brie at Art's Cafe in Whitefish. Louise was hired as a waitress, while Duke was Art's butcher. She also worked for Dr. Leon Reed, O.D., who owned and operated Reed's Jewelry Store. Shortly after this time, Louise and Duke briefly moved to Florida so Duke could complete his refrigeration and air conditioning education.

Louise and Duke operated Glacier Refrigeration and Air Conditioning, servicing Greater Northwest Montana for many years until Duke's death in 1980, at which time Jerry took over ownership until his passing. During these years, Louise was offered a bookkeeping position at Haines Drug by Bob Haines and Frank Lindlief. She accepted the job on a temporary basis and then stayed there for over 50 years, retiring as Haines Drug's longest active employee.



She was a lifetime member of the Soroptimists, being elected and serving as their

president and serving for over 30 years as their treasurer. She enjoyed her involvement with the Soroptimists, and strongly believed in empowering and helping women and girls live their dreams. She developed many lifelong friendships during her membership. She was also treasurer for the North Valley Food Bank. She was a member of the Ladies of the Moose, and was elected in 1994 by the Beta Sigma Phi as the First Lady of Whitefish.

Louise's most treasured and cherished possessions were her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She is survived by grandchildren Kevin, Jane Ann, Curt, Ramona, Ryan and Cory, and great-grandchildren Ali, Jordan, Shelby, Zachery, Aden and Ethan on the Wellington side; and grandchildren Michelle and Brian, and great-grandchildren Cameron and Jacob on the La Brie side. She always eagerly waited for their visits to Whitefish every year.

Her final visit was that of her newest great-grandson Ethan, and was probably her most cherished. She continued to battle her declining health to await his arrival.

Three weeks before Louise left us, Alice La Brie went to Whitefish Care facility to visit Louise. She was stopped at the nurses' station and was told jokingly by the nurse that there was a man in bed with Louise. Alice walked into the room, and lying in bed with Louise was her 2-month-old great-grandson Ethan Wellington, who made a surprise visit from Oregon. He was cradled in Louise's arms as she was beaming with a smile from ear to ear.

## Louise E. Wellington-Labrie, 95

Louise E. Wellington-Labrie, 95, died May 12, 2013, at Whitefish Care and Rehabilitation Center.

She is survived by her stepsons, Bill Labrie of Whitefish and Len Labrie of Phoenix.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 15, at the Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish.

Arrangements are entrusted to Austin Funeral Home.

Following the deaths of Duke, and later Evelyn La Brie in 1983, Louise and Art were married in 1984. Louise and Art had a wonderful 20 years together before Art's passing. Louise often described her time with Art as the "Golden Years." They purchased a Class A motor home and made two trips to the East Coast, one trip to Alaska, and many hunting trips to Eastern Montana. They enjoyed trips to Glendale, Calif., to visit Bill's family and to attend the Rose Bowl Parades, and trips to Phoenix to visit Len La Brie. Many of their trips included the company of close friends Ted and Connie Lund, whose adventures would rival any "buddy or road trip" movie made.

During these years with Art, Louise served thousands of gallons of coffee during the morning "coffee klatch" as Louise and Art used this time to catch up with family and friends — old and new. It was always noisy and entertaining. Many new and lasting friendships were initiated and developed over the years in the La Brie home over coffee. Complete strangers soon became lasting friends.

Louise was involved in numerous civic organizations over the years.

Louise was beloved by all and had a unique relationship with each family member. Her love, generosity and genuine sense of humor will be dearly missed.

Louise was preceded in death by her first husband, Duke Wellington; sons, Gerald and Gary; daughter, Wellington; brothers, Bob and Harry; sister, Lucille; and her second husband, Art La Brie.

Louise is survived by her younger sister, Jane Barnes, of Columbia Falls; her stepsons, Bill and Alice La Brie of Whitefish, and Len and Patty La Brie of Phoenix; daughter-in-law, Roberta Wellington, and her husband, Mike Spint, of Whitefish; her grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will take place at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 15, at Christ Lutheran Church, 5150 River Lakes Parkway, Whitefish. Interment will follow immediately after at Glacier Memorial Gardens, 2659 Highway 93 North, Kalispell.

Arrangements are entrusted to Austin Funeral Home.

You are invited to go to [www.austinfh.com](http://www.austinfh.com) to offer condolences, share memories and view Louise's tribute wall.

## André Marie (Flemming) Laird, 88

"A bright light in the lives of many was dimmed" on Saturday, June 22, 2013, "when Jesus called home his good and faithful servant" André Marie (Flemming) Laird. With her children at her side, in love and peace, André's death was as graceful and spirit-filled, as was her life.

André was born to William and Margaret (McCarthy) Flemming on June 19, 1925, in Butte, and died in Minneapolis while visiting family. She graduated from Girls' Central High School and attended St. Mary's College in Kansas before being employed as a social worker in Kalispell.

After marrying the love of her life, Frank "Joe" Laird, André devoted her life and many special gifts to God, the Blessed Mother, family, church and community, and did it all with a zest for life, a quick wit and an irrepressible sense of humor.

She loved music and dancing, was an avid bridge player, and traveled frequently right up to the end of her life in order to spend time with her children and grandchildren. Wherever she lived, she volunteered tirelessly and with a deep and compassionate commitment to the needs of others. But most significant of all, André's life was a living template for continuous and humble engagement in daily acts of kindness to others. It is no wonder that she touched so many people in her life.

André was preceded in death by her beloved spouse of 51 years, Frank "Joe" Laird Jr.; her son, Dr. Frank J. Laird III; her parents; her brother, Father William Flemming; her sister, Carol Vogel-sang; her brother-in-law, Edward "Ned" Laird; and her sister-in-law, Mary Frances (Laird) Jeske.

She is survived by three generations of family who have been fortunate enough to receive endless love and countless blessings from her



through-out her life. Her children are Laurie Averill and Dan of Bigfork, Margot Laird

of Minneapolis, Maureen Laird-Hayes and Steve of Minneapolis, Sean Fleming Laird of New York City, and daughter-in-law Julie Laird of San Diego. Her grandchildren are Sean Averill of Whitefish, Brian Averill and Fabienne of Whitefish, Adam Tubbs and Kelsey of Seattle, Gareth Tubbs of Fort Collins, Colo., Allana, Brett and Tess Hayes of Minneapolis, and Frank "Joseph" and Carly Laird of San Diego. Her great-grandson is Laird Averill of Whitefish.

André is also survived by her brother, John D. Flemming, and Mary Ellen, of Stoneridge, N.Y.; brother-in-law, Jack Laird, and Kay, of Pocasset, Mass.; sister-in-law, Sister Eileen Laird, of Monroe, N.Y.; and sister-in-law, Mary Laird, of Billings.

André's remarkable life will be remembered and celebrated during a special rosary at 7 p.m. on Sunday, June 30, and a funeral Mass at 11 a.m. on Monday, July 1. Both services will be held at Blessed John Paul II Catholic Church in Bigfork. A reception immediately following the funeral Mass will also be held at the church.

In addition, a permanent guest book has been established at Legacy.com where memories and tributes to André can be recorded and shared by the many whose lives she has irrevocably touched.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests mass memorials or donations to the Council of Catholic Women (CCW) at Blessed John Paul II Catholic Church, P.O. Box 277, Bigfork, MT 59911; or to the Parish Visitors of Mary Immaculate, Marycrest Convent, P.O. Box 658, Monroe, NY 10949.

## A. Wayne Laisy, 97

A. Wayne Laisy passed away at Kalispell Regional Medical Center surrounded by his family on Tuesday, July 2, 2013, of natural causes. He celebrated his 97th birthday on Jan. 8.

He was born to Edward and Mae Laisy on the Laisy family homestead (ranch), in the Slim Buttes of South Dakota, near Buffalo, in 1916. His parents were also postmasters for the area, which the U.S. Post Office named Gill, S.D. He was the youngest of three siblings and was always in trouble, finding interest in everything. His mother taught him to play the piano at a very young age, which led him to a life filled with music.

After graduating from Buffalo High School, he moved to Long Beach, Calif., to study civil engineering. While there, he built himself a Model T Roadster from scrap parts, modifying the engine to have two transmissions; a two-speed rear end with 16 forward gears and two in reverse. The roadster would cruise at 80 miles per hour all day across the desert to visit home.

During his studies, his classes were in tents at the junior college, and he helped build the USC campus.

After the death of his father, he returned to manage the family ranch. He met and married Lavone Anderson in 1941. The ranch sold and he moved his family to Buffalo, S.D., and then on to Glendive in 1946. He became the shop foreman for R.L. Robins International Harvester Co., and later owned his own truck stop and repair service.

While in Glendive he completely restored several antique automobiles, including a 1907 International. He also designed and built original farm machinery, often manufacturing parts for them and constructed the first new



home for his family.

Being famously mischievous at times, Wayne loved a good laugh. Some Glendive residents might remember the Moko-shika

Monster that would come down out of the Badlands in the winter and leave tracks around people's homes.

In 1963 the family moved to Missoula and later settled in Florence, where Wayne built the second family home. He worked as a mechanic for M&S Ready Mix, and later retired as a mechanic from the Montana Department of Transportation.

After his marriage ended, he moved to the Flathead Valley, eventually building a third home near Woods Bay and growing Flathead cherries. He became involved with the Bigfork Senior Center and volunteered to deliver Meals on Wheels to many of his younger contemporaries. He delivered for many years; in fact he was still delivering in May of this year.

Wayne moved to Kalispell a few years ago but continued to be involved with the Bigfork Senior Center and the many friends he loved in the area. Before his passing, he enjoyed the company and companionship of Willetta "Willy" Boehm. Eating breakfast or dinner together with a piece of cherry pie at Sykes' Restaurant became a regular thing to do. Wayne loved to play the piano, loved to play cards and loved his many friends.

To send condolences to the family, please go to [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com). Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.



## Joyce Harris Lake, 92

Joyce Lake passed away Jan. 9, 2013, from natural causes, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home.

Joyce was born Aug. 5, 1920, in Campsey, a suburb of Sydney, Australia. Her parents were Thomas and Edith Mae Harris.

After graduation she apprenticed as a seamstress in one of the big apparel/dress stores in Sydney. When World War II broke out, she went to work as an administrative specialist for the U.S. Army at their Sydney headquarters. It was not long after she met David Lake, who was on convalescent leave from New Guinea.

They were married November of 1943 in Sydney. In late 1944, she boarded ship with other war brides bound for the United States. In the states, she met David's sister Ione, who was stationed at Fort Hauchucha, Ariz. Then she traveled to Harlowton, Mont., where her father-in-law David Lake Sr., lived. This was a big step for a girl from Sydney with a population of 3.2 million to a town that was several thousand at the time.

In 1947, she and David moved to the Flathead, where they first lived in Columbia Falls, then to Kalispell. She loved Australia and never gave up her citizenship there. But she also loved the Flat-



head and cherished all of the friends she met in the Overseas Wives Club.

She kept up her sewing and knitting and also was an avid gardener. Through the years she accumulated blue ribbons for her canning, knitting and sewing at fair time. She was noted for her sewing prowess and was employed by two different women's shops in Kalispell. David often joked about the time she made skirts for five elephants at the Shriners' Circus.

She was a member of the Rose Society and several years had achievement roses. She also served for 20 years as a volunteer at the Immanuel Lutheran Home.

She was preceded in death by her husband David, and brother Harold.

She is survived by her sons, David and Shawn; four grandchildren, Matthew, Andrew, Craig and Christopher; and four great-grandchildren, Tucker, Kyle, Hunter and Ryder.

To honor her wishes, there will be no service and her ashes will be scattered in her beloved mountains later this spring.

## Russell Oren 'Rusty' Lammert, 60

Russell Oren "Rusty" Lammert, 60, passed away on Monday, June 3, 2013, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

Rusty was born on July 12, 1952, in Bowman, N.D., to Vernon and Ruth (Tweet) Lammert.

He was raised in Montana, where he attended schools, graduating from high school. After high school, Rusty served in the U.S. Marines from 1970 to 1976. Rusty worked for the federal government for many years, retiring in 2010. He was a member of the Eagles Club and the American Legion in Kalispell.

He was a wonderful guitarist who loved to entertain people with his music.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by four children, Amanda, Sandra, Andrew and Amy; siblings, Jody Lammert



of Baldwin City, Kan., Jackie Sweat of Lacygne, Kan., Exa Gates of Neosho, Mo., Dixie Yates of Girard, Kan., Bonnie Luttrell of Kansas

City, Mo., and Dallas Lammert of Shawnee, Kan.

Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. on Monday, June 10 at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, and funeral services held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, June 11 at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, with the Rev. Tim Bartholomew officiating. Interment will follow the service at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family invites you to go to [www.buffalo-hillfh.com](http://www.buffalo-hillfh.com) to leave messages for the family.

## Walter James 'Jim' Lane, 83

Walter James "Jim" Lane, 83, passed away on Dec. 4, 2013, in Kalispell.

Jim was born on Sept. 18, 1930, in Oil City, Pa., to Edward and Anna Lane. He moved with his parents at an early age to El Paso, Texas. Jim was educated in El Paso, graduating from Austin High School.

He served in the Korean War from 1951 to 1953, and returned to El Paso. He attended Texas Western College, now UTEP, graduating in 1959 with a degree in business administration. After graduation he took over a furniture and carpet business from his father.

Jim retired at the age of 50 from his successful Lane Carpet Company. He and Cathy moved to Kalispell in 1984.

In 1980, they began serving as volunteers in the Church of the Nazarene. Over the next 29 years, they worked in Costa Rica, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Colombia, Venezuela, Ecuador, Peru, Uruguay, Paraguay, Argentina and Mexico, as well as on the Border Initiative in El Paso. During these trips, he helped build many churches, parsonages and missionary homes.

He and Cathy have also been very active in the Jesus Film/Harvest Partners ministry, Holiness



Legacy and the Joshua/Caleb project. They are members of the Kalispell Church of the Nazarene.

Jim was preceded in death by

his parents; three brothers, Richard, Larry and John; son, Gary; and first wife, Nadine.

He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Catherine; children, Walter "Dub" and Diane Lane, Frances Martin, Chris and Andy Ponder, Mark and Gail Lane, and Gary's wife, Star; grandchildren, Jamie, Erin and Richard, Joshua, Jesse, Benjamin, Sarah, Levi and Adam, Sarah, Drew and Paul, Katy and Michael; great-grandchildren, Parker, Ozzie, Harley, Lianna and Elly; and his brothers, Charles and Norma, Robert, and Phil and FloyAna; and sister-in-law, Linda.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 9, at Kalispell Church of the Nazarene on Whitefish Stage Road.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Jesus Film/Harvest Partners through Kalispell Church of the Nazarene.

## Vicki Jean (Orndorff) Lamoreaux, 61

Vicki Jean (Orndorff) Lamoreaux, 61, of Echo Lake, "went to heaven" July 7, 2013, surrounded by her loving family and friends.

Vicki was born Sept. 7, 1951, in Billings to LaMar and Cora Orndorff.

She met Ron Lamoreaux in high school, and they were married in Columbia Falls Sept. 19, 1970. They also resided in Bozeman and Kalispell before making Echo Lake their permanent home.

She received an associate's degree at Flathead Valley Community College and a bachelor's degree in elementary education at Montana State University in 1989, and taught special education at Head Start, Discovery Developmental Center and Cayuse Prairie School. Her greatest joy in life was working with children, especially the ones who needed a little extra help.

She and Ron retired early and traveled around the United States, visiting most of the western states and a few east of the Mississippi. She would go south for the better part of the winter, until her latest granddaughter was born. She then could not leave for more than four or five weeks at a time. She also made multiple trips to Canada and Mexico, and went on a few cruises to the Caribbean and the Pacific Ocean.

Her favorite experience was swimming with the dolphins. She enjoyed traveling and camping (as long as it wasn't roughing it too much) in her fifth wheel.

Mostly she enjoyed time spent with family and friends, especially at the lake. She always said, "If you can retire early, do it and enjoy life." She had a good 10 years to do that.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Alan and Paul.



She is survived by her husband, Ron, at the family home on Echo Lake; her son, Jeff

of Kalispell, now serving in Afghanistan, and his girlfriend Aimee and her children, and his son Shawn and fiancée Mileah of Kalispell and daughter Seonna of Kalispell; her daughter, Tamara Larsen, and her daughter Samantha; and her very special friend, Karen Kessinger, and daughter Wendy, whom she considered family.

There are no words that can express how much she loved and enjoyed spending time with her children, Jeff and Tamara, and her grandchildren, Shawn, Seonna and Samantha.

She is also survived by her brothers, Gary of Missoula, Brian and his wife Darlene of Kalispell, and Jan and his wife Janet of Polson; her brother-in-law, Bud Lamoreaux, and wife, Elaine, of San Angelo, Texas, sister-in-law, Jolayne Tuttle, and husband, Graham, of High River, Alberta; and sister-in-law, Mickey Perry, and husband, John, of Columbia Falls; also numerous nieces and nephews, and their children.

Visitation will be from 9 to 11 a.m. Friday, July 12, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Funeral services are at 1 p.m. Friday at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls, with burial to follow at St. Richard's Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, a contribution can be made in her name to any charity of your choice that benefits children.

To send condolences to the family, please go to [www.buffalohillfuneralhome.com](http://www.buffalohillfuneralhome.com). Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Don M. Langohr Jr., 89

Former mayor and lifelong Bozeman resident Don M. Langohr Jr., died peacefully of natural causes Oct. 29, 2013, in Billings. He was 89.

Don was born in Bozeman July 26, 1924, to Don M. Langohr Sr. and Florence Myers Langohr. He graduated from Gallatin County High in 1942.

During college he met his future wife, Patricia Davidson, at the 1946 Bobcat-Grizzly football game in Butte. Don and Patty were married July 10, 1949, in Rosebud. They celebrated their 64th anniversary this summer.

In his youth, during an age when young people were fascinated by the advent of the airplane, Don built and flew free flight model airplanes as a member of the Rocky Mountain Gas Model Club. One such flight, launched in Bozeman, caught a thermal and found ground over the hill near Livingston. The creativity and industry of the club members would carry over to their service in World War II. All 27 members of the club served — five of the boys would lose their lives.

From 1943 to 1946, Don served in the U.S. Navy as an aviation electronics technician. He installed top-secret radar, identification and jamming equipment on Navy Liberators. In 1949, he set aside his career when he was recalled to active duty for the Korean War where he completed a 10-month combat zone deployment, serving with VF 712 aboard the aircraft carrier USS Antietam (CV-36). He would later earn his private pilot and HAM radio license.

His formative experiences would lead him to a degree in electrical engineering from Montana State College in 1949. He made many long-lasting friendships as a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity. As summer employment he drove the iconic yellow touring buses in Yellowstone Park.



years, speaking fondly of the early ski history of Story Hills, Bear Canyon and Bridger Bowl. In his later years his young live-

ly grand-daughter, Kara, kept him entertained.

He was known by many for his dry wit, subtle sense of humor, clear values and unassuming nature. He was especially proud of the Bozeman area community, his military service, his family and his heritage in the Gallatin Valley.

Don gave his time freely to civic affairs. He was elected mayor of Bozeman in 1970. He served as president of the Chamber of Commerce, Noon Optimists (a member for 65 years), American Legion (commander), Gallatin County Pioneer Museum, SCORE and the QK Club. He was co-founder of the Chamber of Commerce Green Coats. He served on the MSC President's Advisory board, the MSU Alumni board, the Bozeman Deaconess Hospital board, and the Museum of the Rockies board. He also served on the St. James Episcopal Church vestry and as a Bridger Bowl ambassador. His service was recognized by the Bozeman High School Alumni Association with his induction into the Bozeman School District Hall of Honor for Lifetime Achievement. He was grand marshal of the 1998 Sweet Pea Parade.

In March of this year, he and Patty moved to the St. John's campus in Billings.

After graduation he was offered a job with two regional power companies. Instead, Don decided to partner with his father in the greenhouse business, Langohr's Flowerland. The greenhouses, at one time a mile from town, would provide for three generations of the family over an 80-year span. He served as president of the Montana and Northwest Florist Associations. Don was honored as the MSU Alumni Foundation/Chamber Businessman of the Year and was a recipient of the Chamber's Guy Sperry Award. After his retirement in 1979 he assisted with the management of family ranching interests in eastern Montana. He served on the board of Montana Bank.

Don spent countless hours playing the piano to the enjoyment of his family and friends. He chronicled his wartime experience with his photography, a hobby he carried on for years. He was a student of Montana history, amassing a large library. He skied the local hills of Bozeman for many

In addition to his wife, Patricia, he is survived by his sister, Margaret Jeanne Shively; son Mike, and Callie, of Kalispell; son, Doug, and Marilee, of Bozeman; daughter, Janis Johnson, and Kevin, of Billings; granddaughter, Kara Johnson, and sister-in-law, Betty and Ray Clark of Forsyth. He had six nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and infant daughter.

Thank you to the staff of St. John's Langemo Cottage for the kind, considerate and professional care Don received in his final year.

Memorials in Don's name can be made to the Bozeman Pioneer Museum.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Nov. 5 at St. James Episcopal Church in Bozeman. A reception will follow at the First Presbyterian Church.



## Eleanor Landsberger, 91

Eleanor (Stramer, Shea) Landsberger passed away peacefully at the home of her son Bernie Shea in Polson, April 12, 2013.

She was born Nov. 2, 1921. She was the oldest child of Matt and Clara Stramer of Hazelton, N.D.

Eleanor graduated from Hazelton High School in 1939. She attended Valley City State College and taught in a one-room country school near Hazelton.

In 1947 she married James Shea; together they raised eight children, and farmed on the Shea family homestead until Jim's death in 1963.

Eleanor continued to farm with the help of her eight children and their uncle, Melvin Shea.

In 1975 she married Francis Landsberger and moved to his orchard on Finley Point north of Polson, where she lived until the time of her death.

Eleanor was preceded in death by her husbands, James Shea and Francis Landsberger; brother, Neal Stramer; sister, Miriam Hawken; and grandson, Mathew Shea.

She is survived by her brother, Bill Stramer; and sisters, Bertha Lunzer, Lucille Hogan and Lola

Karls. Surviving children and their spouses are Joe and Pat Shea of Hazelton, Pete Shea of East Glacier, Virgil and Teresa Johnson of Great Falls, Denis and Connie Shea of Post Falls, Idaho, Nick and Barb Shea of Saint Maries, Idaho, Jack and Mary Burgess of Columbia Falls, Eric and Ann Creighton of Kalispell, and Bernie and Tina Shea of Polson; along with 39 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren.

Eleanor was a lifelong Catholic and was very devoted to her faith. It guided her daily living and was an example to all.

Above all, she was a loving and devoted mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

Viewing and rosary will take place at 5 p.m. on April 19 at the Immaculate Conception Church in Post Falls. Funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 20, at Immaculate Conception Church.

A rosary will be said at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 23, at Saint Paul's Catholic Church in Hazelton. The final procession will follow and interment will take place at 10 a.m. at Saint Paul's Catholic Cemetery.

## Dorothy Van Driest Lansberry, 84

Dorothy passed away at home on Oct. 22, 2013, less than two weeks before her 85th birthday.

She is remembered as a wonderful, generous person who enjoyed hugs, dogs, family and friends.

Dorothy, and identical twin sister Doris, were born in Roundup on Nov. 3, 1928, to parents Lena and Frank Van Driest. Both were schooled in Klein, Mont., and later Humboldt, Iowa, after which they attended Montana State University, earning degrees in nursing.

While at MSU, Dorothy met her future husband, Frank A. Lansberry, who helped her get through some troublesome math classes. They were married in February 1951.

Frank earned his degree in civil engineering and found work with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation at the Canyon Ferry Dam. This employment resulted in the family moving from Montana to North Dakota to Virginia for a stint in Washington, D.C., and finally to the Glen Canyon Dam site at Page, Ariz. During these years, they were blessed with five children, Connie, Allen, Evie, Barbara and John.

Dorothy worked as a nurse at the new Page Hospital where she spearheaded the effort to procure an incubator for the maternity ward.

In Dorothy's later years she moved to Kalispell, where she found a warm community centered around Sykes' Restaurant and general store. Sykes' welcomed locals, especially seniors, with 10-cent



coffee, local musicians and free Thanksgiving dinners for all. Her good friend, Golda, and she were

regular customers.

Dorothy eventually moved to Green Valley, Ariz., to be closer to family. There she met Ramona, her part-time caregiver, who became a dear friend. Ultimately, as hearing and sight failed, Dorothy moved in with her daughter Connie in Rio Rico, Ariz. It was there, in nearby Nogales, that Dorothy met with yet a new group at TOPS, women supporting each other with weight loss. These women were to become especially cherished friends.

Dorothy is survived by her children, Connie Williams of Rio Rico, Evie Lansberry of Santa Monica, Calif., Barbara Gaston of Austin, Texas, and John Lansberry of Pleasant Hill, Calif.; and her grandchildren, Mary Lansberry and Luc Gaston. She also leaves behind the little Yorkshire terrier, Sheba, she called her "God moment."

A birthday party and celebration of life was held for Dorothy on Oct. 13 in Rio Rico, where her family and friends joined together to wish her peace.

Dorothy didn't like anyone to be hungry. Donations may be made in Dorothy's name to the Nogales Community Food Bank, P.O. Box 3201, Nogales, AZ 85628.

## Donna Ann Larson, 81

Donna Ann Larson, 81, of Lewistown, passed away after a long illness on Aug. 18, 2013, at the Central Montana Skilled Nursing Center.

Donna was born Dec. 28, 1932, in Winona, Minn., to Henry and Gertrude Mahlke. She grew up there, working in the family-owned wholesale/retail bakery, learning about the baking business. She graduated from Winona Senior High School in 1950.

After graduating from Medical Secretarial School in Winona in 1951, she worked as a medical secretary in the surgery department of the University of Minnesota Medical School.

It was at the Lutheran Student House at the University of Minnesota where she met Bill who was going to school there. They were married Aug. 9, 1952. They moved to Lanesboro, Minn., in 1953, where Bill taught high school agriculture for one year before being called up by the U.S. Army Reserve in 1954. They lived near Alexandria, Va., and Fort Riley, Kan., while Bill served in the Army Corps of Engineers.

After leaving the military in 1956, they moved to Tracy, Minn., where Bill taught until 1960, when he left teaching and began working for the Production Credit Association in Crookston and Fosston, Minn. In 1962 they moved to Dell Rapids, S.D., where Bill was employed at the Northwestern Bank until 1966, when they moved to the Northwestern Bank in Huron, S.D.



was not just a job for Donna, but the love of her life right up to the end.

Donna retired

in 1998 after 20 years as Lewistown's school food service director, also known as "the Lunch Lady" by radio school menu announcers. This gave her even more time to spend on golf and her flower gardens.

Golfing with many friends including Jo Vranish, Anita Johnson, Mary White and others sometimes took her to Northwestern Montana and even Canada. Donna and her grandson Scott are the only ones in the family to get holes in one.

Donna also loved the outdoors and to camp with the family. They started with borrowed tents in the mid-'60s and evolved into fifth wheel camping. Donna was really irritated when the floods of 2011 washed out roads to camping areas.

During their many moves, Donna worked hard to get the kids involved and doing OK in each new school. She participated in PTA groups and was a Cub Scout leader for many years.

Donna had been involved in many organizations in church and the community, including being a Luther League advisor, singing in the choir, creating "Christmas" Christmas tree decorations, the local PEO organization, golf teams and bridge clubs

In Huron, with all of the children in school, Donna began working for the Huron Senior Center as nutrition director and planned meals for the Senior Center and Meals on Wheels. In 1975, the family moved to Fargo, N.D., and in 1977 to Lewistown, with Northwestern Bank.

The Lewistown School System was in the process of changing from cooking at all the schools to building a central kitchen at Lincoln School. With Donna's background in baking and providing meals to large groups of people, she was hired as director of nutrition for the entire Lewistown School District. She supervised the construction and outfitting of a kitchen in the Lincoln School and a distribution system to all the district lunch rooms.

Donna became involved in the Office of Public Instruction sponsored Montana Food Service Association. She was elected state president of the MFSA and worked hard to certify school food service employees in Lewistown and all over the state. She was also a member of the NFSA Western U.S. Regional board and participated in many National NFSA meetings. Preparing food

Donna was a legendary fan of her kids in sports, all local sports teams, the Montana Grizzlies, Minnesota Twins, Vikings and Gopher teams.

Donna was always positive and upbeat in everything she did right up to her last days.

Donna is survived by her husband of 61 years, William T. Larson, of Lewistown; three sons and one daughter, Kim and Judy Larson of Kalispell, Bruce Larson of Bozeman, Beth Larson Coverdell of Kalispell and Jon and Shanna Larson of Lewistown; and grandchildren, Scott Larson of Kalispell and Drew Larson of Lewistown.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and a son, Scott.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 24, at Zion Lutheran Church in Lewistown. A reception will follow.

Memorials are suggested to Central Montana Medical Center Emergency Room, Hospice of Central Montana, or the charity of one's choice.

Service and cremation arrangements are under the care of Creel Funeral Home in Lewistown. Condolences for the family may be posted at [www.creelfuneralhome.com](http://www.creelfuneralhome.com)

## Evelyn D. Larson, 83

Evelyn D. Larson, 83, of Eureka, died Wednesday, May 1, 2013, in Columbia Falls of natural causes.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday, May 4, at

the Tobacco Valley Cemetery in Eureka.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Eureka.

## Florence Marie (Coffman) Larson, 94

Florence Marie (Coffman) Larson, 94, of Troy, died April 8, 2013, at the Libby Care Center of natural causes.

Survivors include her husband, Ove, of Troy; and daughter, Barb Bain, of Turner, Ore.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 13, at Troy United Methodist Church in Troy. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Friday, April 12, at Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Libby.

## Gerald K. Larsen, 47

Gerald K. Larsen, 47, of Ferndale, Mich., died Monday, Feb. 4, 2013, at his home, after an extended battle with melanoma cancer.

He was born Feb. 19, 1965, in Gettysburg, S.D., to Otto and Rayna Larsen. He was the first born of two children.

His father preceded him in death in July of 2008.

Gerald graduated from Ferndale High School in 1983. He briefly attended the University of Michigan. During his freshman year, he met and married his wife Sharon in June of 1985.

His education was temporarily put on hold when he joined the Marine Corps where he graduated No. 1 in his class, earning a promotion. During the six years he was in the Marine Corps, they traveled to California. They returned to Michigan where Gerald did a stint in the Navy ROTC. During this time, Gerald was providing a home for his dying mother-in-law. Afterward, Gerald rejoined the Marine Corps and he and the family moved to Quantico, Va.

He completed his Bachelor of Science degree in 1991. He furthered his education in later years, going to Wayne State University where he was pursuing a Ph.D. in the field of artificial intelligence.

Gerald was a Boy Scout in his youth and attained the rank of Eagle Scout. He carried this into his adulthood when he participated with his sons, Robert and Joshua, as a Cub Scout master. When viewing his daughter Amber in cheerleading or the Color Guard, he often said how beautiful she was.

Gerald enjoyed so many different things, and he had a passion for computers that would be a constant throughout his life. Gerald started businesses such as "The Mythical Realm" Bulletin Board System and building networks from the ground up, as well as various



other titles for such companies as Becton Dickinson (Maryland) BBDO Detroit, HAP, Sprint and Three Rivers Communication

in Fairfield, Mont.

He was a competitive board game player for years and then decided that playing for fun was much better. This carried over to his online gaming as well.

On a quieter note, Gerald liked to mountain bike. He also loved to hike and visit the national parks like Yellowstone, Glacier and Shenandoah with his wife. Just recently, they were able to see Mount Rainier, Olympia and the North Cascades parks in Washington state.

He leaves behind to cherish his memories, his wife Sharon, and his sons, Robert and Joshua, all of Michigan; his daughter, Amber, of Columbia Falls; his mother Rayna, his brother Matthew, and a niece Samantha, all of Columbia Falls. He leaves a host of other relatives and friends. Gerald had special relationships with fellow students, colleagues, many family friends and he will surely be missed.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Melanoma Research Foundation, P.O. Box 759329, Baltimore, MD 21275-9329.

A funeral service took place on Feb. 8 at Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home in Royal Oak, Mich.

A gathering and visitation will take place from noon to 2:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 15, at his brother's home, 114 Box Elder Lane, Columbia Falls, followed by a graveside service with military honors at 3 p.m. at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls, with the Rev. Debbi Wacker officiating.



## Jerri Lee Hoyem Larson, 65

Jerri Lee Hoyem Larson peacefully "slipped into her next life" while being held in the arms of her loving husband on Friday, March 29, 2013, at Brendan House in Kalispell, at the age of 65. She died of natural causes.

She graced the Flathead Valley on Dec. 21, 1947. She was born at Kalispell General Hospital, the second child of Elaine (Dorrah) and Randal E. Hoyem.

Jerri lived in Kalispell for most of her life. She attended Peterson and Elrod grade schools, and seventh and eighth grade at Linderman and Central schools. She graduated from Flathead County High School in 1966.

A tall and beautiful Jerri modeled for Kalispell Mercantile, Montgomery Ward and Buttrey's Department Stores, as well as many others. She participated in the Kalispell Junior Miss Program, sharing her vocal talents. Throughout her life she exemplified elegance, grace and beauty. She loved to laugh and brightened others with her sense of humor.

During her sophomore year in high school she met the love of her life, Tom Larson. Dating throughout high school, Tom and Jerri married on Feb. 11, 1967, in Fort Erwin, Calif., while Tom was serving in the United States Army. Tom and Jerri were each other's best friend, confidant and lifelong partner. They were married for 46 years. Tom "was her everything." Theirs was a true love story.

She worked for First State Bank in Whitefish. Her love of children encouraged her to serve as a 4-H Leader, touching the lives of many youth in our community.

Tom and Jerri have one son, Eric Larson, who is an executive chef working in the San Francisco Bay area. One of Jerri's great accomplishments was being a mother. She shared her love of cooking



exceptional meals, gardening and the ocean with her son. She was very proud of his accomplishments and was in close contact with him throughout her life.

Some of the joys of Jerri's life included animals, cooking, gardening, music, fishing and snowshoeing. She enjoyed Ashley Lake and spending time in nature. Fond memories include the many trips that Tom and Jerri made to the Oregon Coast.

Creativity abounded in Jerri's life. She shared her artistic gifts with friends and family and studied art throughout her life. Her art mediums focused on photography, stained glass, pottery, painting, abstract and modern art, while bringing nature into many of her pieces.

Jerri was preceded in death by her parents.

She is survived by her husband, Tom Larson; son, Eric Larson; brothers, Denny and Ron Hoyem and their spouses; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and their families.

A celebration of Jerri Larson's life will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 10, at First Presbyterian Church in Kalispell. A reception will follow the service.

Memorials may be sent to Brendan House, 350

Conway Drive, Kalispell, MT 59901.

A private burial service for family members will be held prior to the celebration at Spring Creek Cemetery, which had special meaning to Jerri, as the property was partly owned by a great-grand-

father prior to it being donated to the Spring Creek Cemetery site.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Jerri's family. You are invited to go to [www.jgfuneralhome.com](http://www.jgfuneralhome.com) to offer condolences and view Jerri's tribute wall.

## Maria Sinharinha Tome' da Silva Lawver, 86

Tome', 86, passed away on Jan. 11, 2013, at Lake View Care Center, surrounded by her loving family.

She was born June 11, 1926, to Maria Grangeiro Tome' and Jose' Tome' da Silva near Fortaleza, Brazil. Her brothers and sisters were Lica, Francesa, Elsa, Manuelito, Joao and Luis.

She came to the United States to attend college at Florida Southern in Lakeland, Fla. There she met and married her soul mate, James Everett Lawver. Jim and "Tome'" lived in Lakeland for several years before moving to Edina, Minn., in 1963, at which time she earned her master's degree at the University of Minnesota while teaching Portuguese to undergraduates.

In 1974, she and her husband moved back to Lakeland, eventually to retire there. In 2011, Tome' moved to Bigfork to be close to her daughter, Joyce.

Tome' was preceded in her death by her parents, all her siblings, and her dear husband of 49 years, James Everett Lawver.

She is survived by her daughter, Joyce Lawver Mitchell and her husband Dan Mitchell of Bigfork; her son, Joseph West Lawver and his wife Sylvia, and daughter Georgia of Edina; and her nieces, Lorraine Smith of West Palm Beach, Fla., and Virginia Lovisolo of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Among her many passions, Tome' was an avid tennis player, both



cunning and adept at bridge and chess, and a self-taught and skillful investor.

Rhythm was in her bones as she and her husband delighted in ballroom dancing and Latin American dances on the many cruises they took. Her outlook was always globally oriented as she and Jim traveled to all ends of the earth, including Spain, Portugal, France, Italy, Switzerland, Germany, Denmark, Holland, South Africa, Egypt, India, China, Australia, New Zealand, Peru, Chile, Argentina, Venezuela, the Caribbean, Mexico, Canada and many more.

Tome' was an accomplished poet with several published poems. She was fluent in all romance languages, especially Portuguese, Spanish, French and Latin, and served briefly as a translator when in Florida.

She was a loving and devoted wife, a caring mother and grandmother, a dear friend, a constant source of inspiration and will be forever missed.

The family of Tome' wishes to thank the Lake View Care Center for such tender and loving attention paid to her.

There will be a private family ceremony and scattering of ashes in August. Any condolences or shared memories may be sent to Joyce Mitchell, P.O. Box 526, Bigfork, MT 59911.

*See Tome' da Silva*



## MaryLynn Larson, 81

MaryLynn Larson, 81, of Libby passed away on Thursday, Oct. 10, 2013, at Kalispell Regional Hospital of natural causes.

MaryLynn was born Sept. 10, 1932, the oldest of six children, in Poplar to Albert and Mildred (Hanson) Urdahl. At a young age she moved to Libby where she grew up and attended the Libby schools.

MaryLynn married Charles Larson in 1949. They had four children. She loved life and all of her family. She was an avid reader and her passion was mysteries. MaryLynn loved family gatherings and always made the



and his band whenever she could. She was their biggest fan. She was said to be one of Libby's best jitterbug dancers. She was a warm and friendly person and would befriend everyone she met. She had many dear friends with whom she would partake in a glass of beer and a good conversation. MaryLynn will be greatly missed by her family and

"best" potato salad. She loved to dance to Western music and would follow her son Steve

and many wonderful friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 44 years, Chuck Larson; her son, Gary Larson; and siblings, Shirley Urdahl, Billy Urdahl and Johnny Urdahl.

Survivors include her sons Mark and Kim Larson, and Steve and Georgia Larson, and daughter, Cindy and Dan Whetstone, all of Libby; 15 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; brothers, Larry and Kay Urdahl, and Butch and Marlys Urdahl, both of Libby; and all of her beloved nieces, nephews and cousins.

The family would like to thank all the caregivers during her short illness.

Services for MaryLynn will be at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 16 at the Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home Chapel, 422 W. Second St., in Libby. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 15 and up to one hour prior to the service on Wednesday. A potluck luncheon/reception will be held directly after the service.

Memorials may be sent to the Libby Care Center. Arrangements are under the care of Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home of Libby.

## LeeAnne 'Missy' Lauderbaugh, 48

LeeAnne Lauderbaugh, also known as "Missy," 48, passed away Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 15, 2013, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

She was born March 15, 1965, in Kokomo, Ind., to Nathaniel and Barbara (Ellabarger) Lauderbaugh.

She attended and later obtained her GED. LeeAnne also received an associate's degree from Ivy Tech State College.

She had traveled extensively across the United States, settling in Montana, which she said was "always cold and snowy but very beautiful."

She is survived by her son, Jason Blackwell, of Austin, Texas. Also surviving are her brothers, Tom Lauderbaugh and Dave and Judy Lauderbaugh of Kokomo; nieces and nephews, Nikki and Russell Parkhurst, Nathan and Ashley Lauderbaugh, Aaron Lauderbaugh, and Kira and Shane Lowe, all of Kokomo, and Jennifer and Josh Gray of Centerville, Va.; and great-nieces and great-nephews, Kynzie Shane, Jackson

and Chase Lauderbaugh, Elijah Lowe, and Kendall and Owen Gray.

LeeAnne was preceded in death by a husband, Larry Blackwell; her parents; and an infant son, Joshua.

The family wishes to thank everyone, particularly Dr. Losey and the nursing staff, at North Valley Hospital for their love and caring support during LeeAnne's illness. Also, many thanks to Patrick and Erin Rose and special friend, Lorenzo Segovia, for their kindness, understanding and assistance they provided LeeAnne.

Her wishes were for no public visitation and to be cremated. An open house to celebrate LeeAnne's life will be from 2 to 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 25, at Austin Funeral Home on U.S. 93 in Whitefish.

Arrangements are entrusted to Austin Funeral Home. You are invited to go to [www.austinfh.com](http://www.austinfh.com) to offer condolences, share memories and view LeeAnne's tribute wall.

## Toni Lee Laurendeau, 76

Toni Lee Laurendeau, 76, passed away on June 16, 2013, in Bigfork, due to complications from mesothelioma. She was born June 13, 1937, in Dallas, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her husband Guy Laurendeau, her mother Sadie Long, her beloved stepfather Robert Schuman, and her father John Venturine.

She is survived by her twin sons, Vincent, and Michael Bologna and Donna Wright; her heart son, Perry Harding; stepchildren, Renee Coursey and her son Guy Coursey and family, and John Laurendeau; and grandchildren, Christian Bologna, Ryan and Sydney Harding. She was so proud of them all.

She lived her early years in San Pedro, Calif., graduating from high school at San Pedro High. She then lived in the South Bay area of Southern California working in the insurance and real estate business for numerous years while raising her sons. She retired from work when she married the love of her life, Guy Laurendeau, in September of 1985. They moved to Bigfork October 1991. She lost Guy May 9, 2006.

She dedicated the last 11 years of her life to helping children in need by volunteering and participating as a member of the President's Council at Intermountain and was helpful in initiating both the GALA and Summer Roundup fundraisers. She received their Summit Award and the distinguished Joanne Reynolds award for her outstanding service. She joined Toastmasters in order to become a better speaker and advocate for Intermountain.



and knew how to leave this realm in class. Forty-eight hours before departing,

she asked for a lemon drop martini! She loved the Lord and knew he would appreciate the gesture. She was an active and important part of the Bigfork Women's Bible Study group.

She liked to call herself Phluf, but those of us who knew her depended upon her intelligence and wisdom. Two important sayings to Toni were: "Always hold firmly to the thought that each of us can do something to bring some portion of misery to an end" and "Old age comes when memories weigh more than hope. For those who believe, no proof is necessary; for those who do not believe, no proof is possible."

"Dearest Toni, as you shared with those you love: 'Your dwelling place is secure, your nest is set in a rock' — Numbers 24:21 — We, your friends and loved ones know where you are going and who you are with. You wrote in your loving, living will: 'I, Toni Laurendeau, being of sound mind and body, do not wish to be kept alive indefinitely by artificial means. If a reasonable amount of time passes and I fail to ask for at least one of the following: glass of wine, vodka, chocolate, fried chicken, ice cream, Mexican food, chocolate, French fries, malts, chocolate, something crunchy and salty, chocolate, vodka it should be presumed that I won't ever get better. When such a determination is reached, I hereby instruct my appointed person and physicians to pull the plug, reel in the tubes, let the fat lady sing ... and call it a day. See you on the other side.'"

Toni was an artist and explored garage sales relentlessly for the perfect piece of furniture to paint; her excellent writing skills were often used to send the perfect letter to the person who needed it most; as a decorator she had a unique sense of style; and as a hostess she entertained and made everyone feel as if they were the guest of honor, often having to ask people to leave as she had a unique knack at making each feel as if they were her closest friend.

She had a quick wit, great sense of humor,

A celebration of her life will be held at 4 p.m. July 2 at Flathead Lake Lodge.

Cremation will take place at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home.

Memorials can be sent to Intermountain, 500 S. Lamborn, Helena, MT 59601; [www.intermountain.org](http://www.intermountain.org)

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



## Rachael 'Ann' Lawrence, 79

Rachael "Ann" Lawrence unexpectedly passed away at the age of 79 on the morning of Oct. 5, 2013.

Born in St. Maries, Idaho, on April 17, 1934, to Harold and Betty Gray, Ann married Samuel Lawrence in 1962.

She devoted her life to researching genealogy for not only her family, but for other families through her volunteered time with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Family History Centers in Yakima, Wash., Palm Desert, Calif., Palm Springs, Calif., and Cathedral City, Calif. Her research on German and French emigration into the United States and Canada has been used as reference by both the Canadian Broadcasting Company, as well as the LDS Church, with the tracing of her own family lineage back to Charlemagne.

As a mother of two sons and one stepson, she had been a Cub Scout den mother, as well as being active in the Granger, Wash., PTA.

She has lived in many locations over her lifetime throughout Idaho, Washington, Oregon, California and Montana.

Ann was preceded in death by her husband, Sam, in 2001; and stepson, Greg, in 2010.

She is survived by her

two sons, David of Lake Stevens, Wash., and Joe of Polson; and daughter-in-law, Tracy, also of Lake Stevens. She is also survived by her three grandchildren, Chris, Michael and Samantha; as well as by her sister, Joyce, of Hemet, Calif.; and her brother, George, of Minneola, Fla.; as well as numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews, and other "family" members and friends.

"Although she may have left us physically, she will remain in spirit with all who knew and cared about her. Ann is now home with her family. She will be missed, but not forgotten, and not completely absent in presence."

A private celebration of life will be held at a later date, with private cremation services being arranged by Grogan's Funeral Home and Crematory in Polson. She will eventually be returned to the California Desert as a final resting place, where she can finally be warm again.

As she believed that charity started at home, in lieu of flowers or other considerations, donate to a favorite charity, or just give to someone who needs help, as this was her way, and the way she taught her children to be and do.

## Henry David Lawshe, 10 months

Henry David Lawshe was born on Aug. 13, 2012, and passed away June 20, 2013.

His impact on this world was immediate, his presence bringing joy to all who had the privilege of meeting him. And in his short time with us, he provided a lifetime of courage and an unending legacy of love.

Adversity was a constant in Henry's life. And yet, trial by trial, he continually reminded us of life's simplest and most precious moments — holding on tight to his binky, an afternoon in the sunshine at the family cabin in West Glacier, the gentle timelessness of Papa's whistling, Nana smiling down at him, and the unspoken beauty that only exists between a parent and a child.

Kick Buttowski and sister Tylar were always there to comfort him. Through



it all, Henry continued to smile, laugh and bring happiness to everyone around him. Henry was born

in love, lived in love, and his memory will be one of eternal love, every hour of every day.

Henry is survived by parents, Hawke Lawshe and Amanda Burt; his sister, Tylar Lawshe; paternal grandparents, Ron Peters and Pat Lawshe; maternal grandparents, David and Terry Burt; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

The service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, June 28, at the Christian Center, located at 255 Summit Ridge Drive in Kalispell.

A memorial fund has been set up with Wells Fargo Bank in the name of Henry David Lawshe.

## Conrad S. Laverty, 71

Conrad S. Laverty, 71, died April 23, 2013, in Whitefish.

He is survived by his wife, Eva.

A celebration of life will be held at 6 p.m. today, May 4, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

## John Joseph Lavin, 84

John Joseph Lavin, 84, died Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2013, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

He is survived by five children, John "Jack" Lavin, Matthew T. Lavin, Antonia Hedrick, Patricia

Sherman and Mark J. Lavin.

Memorial services will be held at a later date in Boise, Idaho.

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

## Donald Arthur Leach, 92

Donald Arthur Leach "went to be with the Lord" on April 30, 2013, following a courageous 13-year battle with Parkinson's disease.

Donald passed away peacefully at home surrounded by family. He was born on October 28, 1920 at home in Detroit, Mich., to the Rev. Arthur and Marie Leach. The family moved several times during his childhood and teenage years following church assignments, until settling in Pontiac, Mich. where the 17-year-old Donald met his future wife, Doris, at the church at which his father served as pastor.

Donald graduated from Pontiac Central High School and later attended Lawrence Institute of Technology. He married Doris on January 1, 1942. At that time Donald was working in a chemical laboratory at Pontiac Motors. He entered the U. S. Army in March 1944 and served in the 5th Army in the European Theater of Operations in World War II. He loved to tell stories about crossing the Atlantic in storms in troop transport ships.

Following WWII and discharge from the Army, Donald tried his hand at several different occupations before settling into a career that lasted over 25 years in the fast-paced business of the American automobile industry in Detroit during its heyday in the 1960s and 1970s. Donald worked in the financial and management side of several large Ford dealerships until his retirement in 1986,



when he and Doris moved to Bigfork.

The church was a focus of Donald's life. He

enjoyed teaching adult Sunday School, singing in the choir and serving on boards. He was an active member at Pontiac First Church of the Nazarene, then Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, followed by more than 26 years at the Community United Methodist Church of Bigfork. During their retirement, Donald and Doris celebrated three milestone wedding anniversaries — 50th, 60th and 70th. Donald was also involved in the Lions Club in Kalispell, serving as president for one year.

Donald had a lifelong love of learning. He was a student of history, particularly history of the Civil War. He quoted from memory from his wealth of poetry readings. He also loved to read and study the Bible and theological works. He was an avid sports fan, following favorite college and professional teams, particularly those from his home state of Michigan. He was a devoted family man and will be greatly missed. He was preceded in death by his father Arthur, mother Marie and sister Ruth Leach. He is survived by his wife of 72 years, Doris, his son Collin, his daughter-in-law Cheryl and his son Kevin. He is also survived by brothers David and Jim, and by his sister Jean (Behr).



## Lukas Gilbert Leigh, 18

Lukas Gilbert Leigh, 18, died Tuesday, July 2, 2013.

On June 3, 1995, we were blessed with a beautiful baby boy, Lukas Gilbert Leigh. Born to Gilbert Leigh and Sara Noziska, Lukas started life out very active, learning to walk by the time he was 10 months old.

He loved all sports. He started out wrestling his little brother Dalton, and as we all know, Lukas never let Dalton lose a single match. He wrestled for Evergreen and Kalispell wrestling clubs over a period of nine years, winning titles in the Little Guy tournament, folkstyle at state in Great Falls, and freestyle and Greco-Roman in Butte. He played basketball, soccer and football. Lukas could never get enough time on Big Mountain, and loved snowboarding and skiing, but most of all he loved baseball. Baseball was the love of his life and he looked forward to someday bringing it to a higher level. He made lots of friends playing baseball. In January of this year he went to Phoenix and played in a prospect tournament there that was so exciting for him.

He loved swimming and camping, and started out life being fearless. He jumped off of the old steel bridge with his sister Leslie and brother Joseph at age 7, then he climbed up and did it again. He loved to hike to his favorite spot in Montana, Leigh Lake, discovered by John Leigh, his great-great-grandfather. The first time he visited Leigh Lake he was the only one that would jump into that glacier-fed lake, after stripping down to his birthday suit.



especially one he just downloaded, "A Country Boy Can Survive." He had so much

love for everyone and he always kept a picture of his mom in his wallet. Lukas' family was so important to him that he would do anything for any of them.

Over the last year and a half, he spent the majority of his time with his sweetheart and the love of his life, Jayla Grilley.

Lukas was always eager to go duck hunting with his grandpa, Mike. One time, at age 17, he was supposed to go hunting with Mike but instead went with friends and shot his first elk. Lukas was a go-getter, and if he wanted to do something, he made sure that he found a way to get it done. He was always wanting to get on a motorcycle or on four-wheelers. He had no fear and would go all out with anything he did. He succeeded and was above average in everything he wanted to do. He loved every time his great-grandparents, Ernie and Wanita, went to his baseball game.

Lukas was about accomplishment, hope, possibility and aspiration; not so much in all things but with the talents he was born with, to give him a good future.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Gordon Leigh.

He loved babies, and when his nephew Payden was born he was the only one of Payden's uncles that wasn't scared to hold him. Every time he saw Payden, he said with a big smile on his face, "Hey, buddy" and let Payden crawl all over him. He loved his baby sister Dakota, and was so happy when he bought her her very first pair of shoes. Lukas loved listening to music and had a reason for each song. There were many songs that reminded him of his dad,

## Jenny R. Leineke, 55

Jenny R. Leineke, 55, died Saturday, Nov. 16, 2013, at her home in Rollins.

She is survived by her husband, Steve; and three children, Tanya, Yvonne

and Shane.

No services are planned at this time.

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

## Adam Lennick, 82

Adam Lennick "was called home" on Feb. 9, 2013, in Richland, Wash. He died very peacefully, surrounded by his family.

Adam was born in Hebron, N.D., on March 18, 1930, to Edward and Elizabeth Lennick. His family moved to Billings in the 1930s.

Adam joined the Naval Reserve from 1947 to 1952. He met the love of his life and promised her his next 60 years in 1950; he gave her 62.

Adam and Blythe moved from Billings, and finally settled in Kalispell to raise their family. They moved to Kennewick, Wash., in 1976, where he worked as a general carpenter foreman for Bechtel Inc., until his retirement in 1985. Adam loved being a carpenter and was a good-standing member of the Carpenters Union for 45 years.



Adam was a very compassionate and caring man. There was nothing he would not have done for his family. He will be sorely missed, as we have

lost a husband, father, grandfather and brother.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Blythe Lennick, and family, Dennis and Jamie Lennick, and Linda and John Sheehan, all of Kennewick, and Victoria Webber of Spokane; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; five brothers; and three sisters.

The family invites you to sign the tribute wall at [www.muellersfuneralhomes.com](http://www.muellersfuneralhomes.com).

Lukas is survived by his father, Gilbert Leigh; mother, Sarah Noziska; brothers, Dalton Leigh and Joseph Leigh; sisters, Leslie Leigh, Dakota Leigh and Crystal Chapman; aunts, Carol Leigh and Lisa Miller; cousin, Joshua Leigh; grandparents, Dorene Leigh, Mike Noziska and Shelly Drake; great-grandparents, Ernie and Wanita Drake; and many more extended family.

A celebration of life will be held at 1:30 p.m. Monday, July 8, at Lakers Legion Field in Kalispell.

Lukas' ashes will be spread at a later date at Leigh Lake.

## Corinne A. Lillie, 50

Corinne A. Lillie, 50, formerly of Kalispell, died Monday, Dec. 19, 2011, at her home in Joplin, Mo.

She is survived by her parents, Alfred and Carol

Lillie, of Kalispell; and her three children.

She has been cremated and will be buried in Kalispell in the spring.

## Robert Lee Lindborg, 85

Robert Lee Lindborg, 85, died Friday, Jan. 20, 2012, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

He is survived by his wife, Myra Lindborg of Bigfork; and his son, Lee

Lindborg of Plains.

Memorial services will be announced at a later date.

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

## Daniel R. Little, 57

Daniel R. Little, 57, died Thursday, June 13, 2013, at St. Joseph Medical Center in Polson.

Grogan Funeral Home and Crematory is handling arrangements for the family.

## Christopher Matthew Linden, 45

Christopher Matthew Linden, 45, "went home to be with the Lord" on Dec. 14, 2013.

Chris was born on Aug. 14, 1968, in Vallejo, Ca. to Gail Elizabeth Linden of San Diego.

Chris spent his early childhood enjoying the beautiful beaches of San Diego and moved with his family to Issaquah, Wa. when he was 9 years old. Here Chris graduated from Issaquah High and after several career starts, settled into employment at Lowe's Hardware Store. When Chris' parents moved to the Flathead Valley in Montana, Chris followed, transferring to the Lowe's in Kalispell.

Chris had a smile that would light up the darkest day! He was born with cerebral palsy but never considered himself different from others or

shortchanged in life. He loved music from an early age and could name any song or artist with just a few bars hummed, and he loved old movies, Disney movies, any movie! Chris also loved sports, and was overjoyed that his beloved Seattle Seahawks were having a winning season this year. He was a most gentle kind man, humble and always putting others



needs before his own, soft spoken and kind hearted, with an unconditional love for others. Chris was simple in his desires and needs in life, with a heart filled with gratitude for the blessings he had been given in life. He loved the Lord with a child-like trust and faith, and also loved his family, his church family, and his "Lowe's family." Chris will be so very missed in this life but would want his family and friends rejoicing that "he is in his new eternal and glorious home in Heaven!"

Chris is survived by his mother, Gail Walashek; sisters, Michelle Walashek and Laura Page; brother,

Keith Walashek; as well as many uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

"God's timing was perfect in taking Chris home to be with his Heavenly Father, the Lord Jesus Christ," and his earthly father, Mike, who preceded Chris in death nine months earlier.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 27 at the "Lab," Fresh Life Church, 128 First Ave. E. in Kalispell.

Arrangements are entrusted to Austin Funeral Home. You are invited to go to [www.austinfh.com](http://www.austinfh.com) to offer condolences, share memories and view Chris' tribute wall.

## Velma L. Lipsie, 96

Velma L. Lipsie, 96, died Tuesday, May 7, 2013, at Immanuel Lutheran home in Kalispell.

Private family services

will be held at a later date.

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

## Emmett J. Lisle, 89

Emmett J. Lisle, 89, died Friday, Aug. 23, 2013, at his home in Libby from natural causes.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 27 at the Church of Jesus Christ

of Latter-day Saints in Libby, with burial at the City of Libby Cemetery.

Local arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Libby.

## Lee R. Little, 76

Lee R. Little, 76, died Friday, July 12, 2013, at his home in Libby of natural causes.

Survivors include his wife, Beverly Little of Libby; children, David Little of Bellingham, Wash., and Larry Little and Rusty Little, both of Canton, Kan.; and stepsons, Todd Vandenberg of Superior, Mont., and Darren Michels

of Henderson, Nev.

The family will hold services at 1 p.m. Friday, July 19 at the McNulty residence, 658 W. Second St. Ext., in Libby with a reception to follow at the American Legion. Arrangements are under the care of Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home and Crematory of Libby.

## Leroy Lobdell, 83

Leroy Lobdell, 83, of Polson, died at his home Nov. 11, 2013. Grogan Funeral Home

and Crematory is assisting the family with arrangements.

## Clayton Leonard Long, 59

Clayton Leonard Long of Kalispell died Sunday, Aug. 25, 2013, after a long battle with liver disease.

Clayton graduated from high school in Shelby and served in the U.S. Army.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Richard Long.

He is survived by his son, Richard Long, of Columbia Falls, who was named after his brother; his parents, Leonard and Hilda Long, of Hungry Horse; sisters, Terrie



Sonju and husband Dale Grabofsky of Great Falls, and Ale-

thea and husband Kevin Keegan of Mission Viejo, Calif.; and brother, Ron Long, of Polson.

There will be no services.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Humane Society of Northwest Montana, P.O. Box 221, Kalispell, MT 59903; 406-752-7297.

## James F. Lopez

A celebration of life and light reception for James F. Lopez, 67, who died Oct. 3 will be from 2 to 5

p.m. Sunday, Aug. 4, at Aletheia Christian Fellowship, 330 N. Somers Road, in Kalispell.

## Roy Spencer Long, 83

Roy S. Long, 83, passed away on Sunday, Sept. 1, 2013, at the Rowan Regional Medical Center in Salisbury, N.C., following intestinal surgery.

Prior to being admitted into the medical center, he had been residing in the North Carolina State Veterans Home, also located in Salisbury, since June 6, 2011.

He was born in Whitefish on Nov. 7, 1929, to Tom and Marcia Long. He attended Whitefish High School and worked the summers for the U.S. Forest Service fighting fires.

Roy enlisted with the Army Air Corps in December 1946, being stationed in Japan and then the Philippine Islands. Upon being discharged in October 1949, Roy started working for the Great Northern Railway as a brakeman, following in his father's railroad-ing footsteps. He then enlisted into the U.S. Air Force in June 1952. While with the Air Force, he was stationed in London until being discharged in December 1954.

After his discharge, Roy returned to working for the Great Northern Railway along with his two older brothers, Dave and



Jim. He continued working for the Great Northern Railroad

until it merged with the Burlington and Northern Pacific, forming the Burlington Northern Railroad. He retired in 1992 after 38 years of railroading service as a conductor.

Roy always enjoyed most outdoor activities, especially fly fishing, camping and gathering firewood in the fall.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Tom and Marcia Long; brothers, Dave and Jim; and sister, Ann Babcock.

Roy is survived by his wife, Lucille Mero Long; daughter, Rachel F. Wheeler, of Sun Lakes, Ariz.; stepsons, Donald L. Correll Jr., of West End, N.C., and Steven A. Correll of Golden, Colo.; and three grandsons.

Cremation has taken place. Graveside services and rites will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Sept. 9, at the National VA Cemetery located in Salisbury.

Funeral arrangements are by Summersett Funeral Home of Salisbury, along with the VA Administration.



## Juan Carlos Lopez, 26

Juan Carlos Lopez (Foley) (Holden), aka "PeeWee," was born in Kingsville, Texas, Jan. 19, 1987.

He passed away in Billings from an accidental gunshot wound, Dec. 10, 2013, just short of 27.

He and sister Jennifer were adopted by his parents, Marion Foley and Dennis Holden in 1989 at the ages of 2 and 3. They came to Montana in June and joined their sister Erin and brother Sean at the family home south of Martin City. Here, Juanito grew up, playing along South Abbott Creek, catching fish with his bare hands, running in the meadows with his dogs, building forts in the old hay barn, riding his horse and giving rein to his free spirit that touched us all. He attended schools at Canyon Elementary and Columbia Falls.

He was preceded in death by his father, Dennis Holden; his Holden grandparents; and later by his uncles, Murphy and Mike; aunt, Susie; and dear grandma, Jaybird.

He is survived by his sisters, Erin and Jennifer, his brothers, Sean and Robbie; and niece, Autumn and nephew Thomas; his mother, Marion Foley, of Martin City; stepfather, Dana Buckland, Kiowa; and the extended Foley family and Holden cousins.

His grandma Jaybird picked up J.C. each week from school and drove him to the library. He often told me how much he appreciated the gift of reading that she gave him, and how in prison they could not believe his voracious appetite for books. Juan was Latino and tried to figure out who he was in Northwest Montana. Many Native American families in the area reached out to him, helping him stay grounded. He served four years in prison for breaking the window of a convenience store. He found friends of color in the system that



understood him and continued to be his homies, providing support for one another when

others did not understand. He had stayed on in Billings because of these friends and mentors, appreciative of their guidance.

His parents, cousins, aunts and uncles, along with his teachers, counselors and friends, helped Juan negotiate the challenges of growing up. It took a village to raise J.C. and the family sincerely appreciates the effort, caring and love that each extended to him.

"We want everyone to know, he 'was making it'... He liked his job and was giving back to young kids in Billings at his boxing club. As he told me last week, he was talking to friends from the 'other side of the fence now,' helping by sharing his message of hope and strength. He told me he did not care much for material things these days and was so grateful for everything he had in his heart ... In his short time here on earth he had learned so much. A few days before the accident, with a few minutes left on his phone, he called to simply say, "I love you Mom and miss you guys ... I want to come home." May all of you who knew Juan keep his spirit, joy and laughter in your heart. He is free now to 'kick it' in heaven with those who have gone before him."

In honor of his life, give a hug and a little time to a child in need. Let them know the village cares.

A celebration of his life will be held at his school, Canyon Elementary, in Hungry Horse at 2 p.m. Jan. 4. Lunch will follow. Donations can be made to the Glacier Boys and Girls Club, 540 4th Ave. W., Columbia Falls, MT 59912.

## Roman 'R.J.' Losleben, 84

Roman Joseph Losleben "passed peacefully into heaven" on Sunday, Sept. 15, 2013, surrounded by his loving family in Kalispell.

Roman was born Jan. 27, 1929, in Malta to Roman and Dorothy Losleben. The oldest of four children, Roman spent most of his life serving the community of Phillips County. Roman attended schools in Malta and graduated with a degree in pharmacy from the University of Montana.

On October 27, 1950, he married the love of his life, Barbara Louise Harrison. Over the next 50-plus years they raised five children together, Debbie, Jim, Rick, Tom and Joni.

After graduation he went to work for his father, R.J. Losleben Sr., as a pharmacist at the Valley Drug Store in Malta. He bought the store after his father passed. His care and concern for the health of everyone he knew was an example of how he chose to live his life. Romie was so loved by his family and community. Malta missed him dearly when he and Barb moved to the Flathead Valley after retirement.

Roman was active in



Kiwanis, Jaycees, Knights of Columbus, Boy Scouts, and Bucket (the Malta Club) and

he filmed every home sporting event at Malta High School for almost 50 years. After every game he would go to the basement dark room and into the night develop reels and reels of 16 mm film to be reviewed by the coaches on Monday.

Romie and Barb loved to entertain. Whatever the occasion they would cook enough food for an army and invite the gang over.

Roman enjoyed golfing, fishing, hunting, photography, gardening and stamps. Early Sunday mornings during hunting season, dad could be found outfitting his boys and heading to the Breaks, a farm somewhere or to Nelson Reservoir. Later that same day he was dipping ducks, hanging a deer or cleaning walleye for the freezer. After moving to Kalispell, Roman joined Thursday Men's Golf at Village Greens; he loved his weekly breakfast and golf with his buddies. He was a huge University of

Montana Grizzly fan.

Roman was a lucky man who lived a full and wonderful life. He had a strong faith. "He lived a life as God meant for him to live." Family was always a very important part of his life and he enjoyed every moment spent with family and friends.

Roman is preceded in death by his beloved wife, Barbara; grandson, Bradley Losleben; and his parents.

He is survived by his five children, Debra Losleben-Fleming of Seattle, James Losleben of Bigfork, Richard Losleben of Florence, Ariz., Thomas Losleben of Polson, and Joan Losleben-Hall of Bellingham, Wash.; his brothers, Bill Losleben and George Losleben (Connie Johnson); sister, Monica Talbot and brother-in-law, Tom Harrison; as well as lots of wonderful grandchildren and great-grandchildren who will all miss him greatly.

A rosary will be said at 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 4 and a funeral mass in honor of Roman will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 5 at Risen Christ Catholic Church in Kalispell. A luncheon will follow at the church.

Cremation has taken place. Roman and Barbara's remains will be buried together at the Bigfork Community Cemetery overlooking the hills of their Echo Lake Cabin.

To send condolences to the family, please go to [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com).

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Dreema Dawn Lotze, 49

Dreema Dawn Lotze, 49, of Kalispell, died Nov. 18, 2013.

She is survived by her partner, Brian Isley, of

Kalispell; and daughters, Tasha Gray of Lakeside, Shelane Bullock of Vancouver, Wash., and Johni Lotze of Lakeside.

## Clarence E. 'Ed' Low, 86

Clarence E. "Ed" Low, 86, "went home to be with the Lord" on July 29, 2013, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

He was born Feb. 8, 1927, in Los Angeles, and was raised partly in Spokane Valley, Wash.

He served in the U.S. Navy as a radar man on two aircraft carriers; the last one was the USS Leyte.

He married Mary Martin on June 22, 1947, in Washington, D.C.

Ed opened one of the first garage door companies in Kalispell. He also was a home builder in Alaska and Montana.

He loved to fish and hunt. He also loved his dog, Dolly.

Ed will be remembered by his beautiful smile and his kindness of heart.

He was preceded in death by his parents,



Clarence and Peggy Low; and two sisters.

Ed is survived by his loving wife of 66 years, Mary M. Low, of Kalispell; children, Mar-



tin Low and Leslie of Kalispell, Karen Anderson and Steve Anderson of Paris, Tenn., and Valerie Nordtome and Jennifer Low, both of Kalispell; his brother, Richard Symons, of Alaska; and sister, Betty Jones, of Kalispell; 11 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 1, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

## Norma Claire Lowndes, 66

Norma Claire Lowndes, born Sept. 25, 1946, passed away suddenly of cancer on the evening of Jan. 8, 2013. For the few days that she was in the hospital, her family and friends surrounded her. It is thought she must have had cancer for a while, but her strength for carrying burdens and being everyone's rock continued until the week before her death.

Norma "Mom-Mom" is survived by her husband, Bill; son, Bill Lowndes, and his daughters, Allison and Jessica, of Wanaque, N.J.; daughter, Pamela Lowndes, and her daughters, Rachel and Alexandra Collinge, of Vernon, N.J.; son, Michael, and wife, Dusti Lowndes, and



their son, Maverick, of Kalispell, and extended grandchildren Cameron and Emma-lie Gavlak;

siblings near Middletown, N.J., Bruce and wife Judy Phillips, Michael Phillips and wife Sue Brickell, Tommy Phillips, and Patty and husband Dan Colson; along with numerous loving nephews, nieces, cousins and a large extended family and wonderful friends.

"Make 'Mom-Mom' proud by being the best you can be and giving to others. We also invite you to view her full name Facebook site."

## Claudia Lozeau, 88

Claudia passed away peacefully on Saturday, April 27, 2013, of natural causes at Renaissance Assisted Living.

Claudia was born Sept. 10, 1924, in Olds, Alberta, Canada to Earl and Veronica Dille.

Mom attended the University of Montana where she met her husband Howard. They were married in 1947 in Missoula and had three children, Randy, Trevor and Valerie.

Claudia was a dedicated mother and wife and cherished all the good times

with her family.

Claudia was preceded in death by three brothers and four sisters; her husband, Howard; her son, Trevor; and her daughter, Valerie.

She is survived by her son, Randy; sister, Ramona; brother, Larry; and grandchildren, Chad, Jason and Dale of Portland, and Jeff and Lori of Kalispell.

Claudia's ashes will be spread with those of her husband Howard of 61 years, her son Trevor and her daughter Valerie, at "the ranch" at a later date.

## Mary C. Lucke, 94

Mary C. Lucke passed away, at the age 94, at Expressions in Columbia Falls on April 14, 2013. She was being cared for by her son, Robert Lucke, of Columbia Falls.

She was previously a longtime resident of Aptos, Calif., and wife of Arthur Lucke, who predeceased her in California.

She played a strong game of tennis in her earlier years.

She is survived by four children, William Lucke

of Piedmont, Calif., Ann Downing of Rochester, Minn., Pauline Johnson Brown of New York City and by Robert Lucke of Columbia Falls. There are numerous grandchildren throughout the country.

She was interred with her family at the Holy Sepulcher Cemetery in Hayward, Calif.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Austin Funeral Home for transmittal of the remains.

## Carl Luckow, 85

Carl passed away Aug. 3, 2013, in the hospital at Salmon Arm, British Columbia.

He was born in Hettinger N.D., and moved to the Bigfork area when he was 4. He attended school at Swan River and graduated from Bigfork High School.

He married Della Fenby in 1949. They lived in Swan Lake until moving to British Columbia in 1964. He was an owner-operator of a logging company there for many years.

Carl is survived by his wife, Della; daughter,

Rita, and Bryon Every; daughter, Marla and Warren Drader; two brothers, Fred and Gerald, and families, and sister Betty and Joe Lastufka, all from Washington, sister, Elsie, and Tom Pool and family, of Pueblo, Colo.; sister-in-law, Patricia Luckow, and family in Swan Lake; four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ernest and Myrtle Luckow; and his brother, Swede Luckow.

Services for Carl will be Aug. 17 in Sorrento, British Columbia.



## Dolores Marie Luke, 91

"Heaven's garden holds a new rose."

Dolores Marie Luke passed away Jan. 13, 2013, at Kalispell's Northwest HealthCenter, just a few weeks shy of her 92nd birthday.

Born Dolores Edgerton on Feb. 4, 1921, in Whitefish, where she attended school and lived her whole life, she married her true love, Robert Luke, on May 11, 1940. They were married for 59 years.

She was a member of The Royal Neighbors and the Moose Lodge. She served on the Whitefish Library board and the PTA, and she was always a room mother.

Dolores' career was as a mother. She practiced joyfully on her baby brother, all her nieces, nephews and friends' children, until she was thrilled to finally find herself pregnant with Diane. Then came Jon, and I (Michelle) snuck in late as the caboose. She loved us all with her whole heart.

Dolores was the mother who made sugar Easter eggs with a peephole to



see the tiny toy surprise hidden inside, for the whole of the second-grade class.

She was

the mother who knitted Ken and Barbie matching ski ensembles, with no patterns, and designed my dresses with bunnies peeking up out of pockets; the pregnant mother who lay in bed for months, determined not to lose her son, when the doctors told her she would. How glad she was to be right.

She was the grandmother who had an open-door policy as to drop-offs and was often found on the floor, revving Hot Wheels down a plywood ramp with her grandsons. Her life revolved around all of ours, in giving us the magical childhoods others only dreamed of.

Dolores collected antiques. She painted beautiful watercolor landscapes. She loved to garden and grew gorgeous roses. She believed strongly in tending her com-

munity garden, too. She scanned the local papers daily, and when she found a story of a family in need, she generously sent anonymous gifts.

I have said that my mother and father were like a dock, always there, always waiting for me to sail up in my little boat from wherever I had been. It wasn't just for me. Their arms were open to all of us, wide and strong and loving. What a blessing that was.

"Now Dad has his girlfriend back in his arms. He waited (revving the car's motor on the other side, I'm sure) for a long time."

Mother was also preceded in death by her parents, Jessie and Willard Edgerton; her brother, Fred Edgerton, and his wife, Lois; sister-in-law, Helen Evenson; and brother-in-law, Charles Luke.

She is survived by her brother, Richard Edgerton, and his wife, Col-

leen; brother-in-law, Ed Luke, and his wife Betty; and sister-in-law, Norma Christopherson; as well as her daughters, Diane Luke and Michelle Luke; her son, Jon Luke, and daughter-in-law, Kona Luke; her grandchildren, Mark Bleick, Rick Bleick, James Luke, Josh Luke and his wife Angelina Luke; great-grandchildren, Bob and Jessica Bleick, Mike Bleick and Whitney Chivers, Tim Bleick, Julie Bleick, J.D. Luke, Jonathon Luke and Landyr Luke; great-great-grandchildren, Landen Bleick and Kaeden Bleick; all her many nieces and nephews, their children and many friends.

"Now you can wear your high heels again, Mama."

## Elaine Florence Luke, 89

Elaine Florence Luke, 89, died Friday, Dec. 27, 2013, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

She is survived by her children Janet Motichka,

Gordon Luke and Judith Warner.

Per her request, no services will be held.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for the family.

## Robert S. 'Bob' Lundgren, 67

Robert S. "Bob" Lundgren, 67, of Kalispell, died April 23, 2013, in Roches-

ter, Minn.

A celebration of life will be held in August.

## MEMORIALS

### Robert S. 'Bob' Lundgren, 67

A celebration of life for Robert S. "Bob" Lundgren, 67, who died April 23, will be from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 11, at the

Ridgetop Pavilion at Glacier Outdoor Center, 12950 U.S. 2 E., West Glacier. Sharing of stories will begin at 3 p.m.

## Anthony L. 'Terry' Lupo, 91

Anthony L. "Terry" Lupo, 91, passed away April 29, 2013, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Terry was born on Nov. 15, 1921, in Brooklyn, N.Y., to Rocco Antonio Lupo and Maria Therese Mastrangelo. He attended public grade schools graduating from Public School 139 in 1939. He worked for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company from April 1940, until enlisting in the U.S. Navy in October 1942. During World War II he attained the rank of Pharmacist Mate 2nd Class with assignments at Balboa Naval Center in San Diego and the Naval Hospital in Seattle. In 1944 he was accepted into the Navy V-12 NROTC officer candidate training and was assigned at several colleges including Doane College, Western Michigan College and the University of Notre Dame. He was released from active naval service in January 1946. He was an avid Brooklyn Dodgers fan ... until the team moved to Los Angeles. He would tag along with his brothers Joe and Sam to Dodger games and sit with Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig after the game whenever the Yankees played at Ebbets Field.

In February 1947, he married Phyllis Mary Riley, whose family were longtime Montana pioneers, her father owning the Glacier Dairy in Kalispell. In 1950, they moved from Brooklyn to Kalispell where he worked at the H.E. Richard Accounting firm, which he later purchased. He retired from the Flathead County Appraisal Office where he served as the deputy assessor.

During the years he lived in Kalispell, he was actively engaged in many civic organizations including both Kiwanis and the Elks Clubs. In 1957, he was the president of the Kalispell Kiwanis Club.



He was an active member of both Trout and Ducks Unlimited and enjoyed golf and fishing well into his 80s. He was a member of St. Matthew's

Catholic Church where he could always be found at 8 a.m. Sunday Mass, until recently.

He is survived by his sons Colonel (Ret.) Anthony T. Lupo and his wife Colonel (Ret.) Martha C. Lupo of San Antonio, Texas; L. Patrick Lupo and his wife Judith of London, England; and Michael Joseph Lupo of Kalispell; his daughter Maria Roberts of Helena; as well as eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by both parents; brothers Joseph Lupo and Sam Lupo; sisters Phyllis Gange and Mary Ferro; and his former wife, Phyllis Riley Lupo.

Visitation will be in the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Chapel from 3 p.m. until the start of the Rosary at 7 p.m. on Monday, May 6. Mass of Christian burial will be held at 10 a.m. at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Kalispell on Tuesday, May 7. Interment will be at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery immediately following the mass. A reception will be held in the church basement upon return from the cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to St. Matthew's School or any organization of the donor's choice.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Anthony's family. You are invited to [www.jgfuneralhome.com](http://www.jgfuneralhome.com) to view Anthony's tribute wall, offer condolences and share memories.

## Bill Lynch, 76

Bill Lynch, born July 2, 1937, in Kalispell, and raised in Swan Lake, Condon and Kalispell passed away on Aug. 4, 2013, at his home in Kalispell.

Bill was married to Phyllis Managhan on Oct. 30, 1955, in Kalispell. He spent his early education in Swan Valley, attending Wineglass grade school, and continued in Kalispell and then graduated from Flathead County High School.

Bill was a mechanic, woods worker, farmer and shoe repairman. He was very involved as a devoted member, and at one time governor, of the Moose Lodge.

He was a well-known gunsmith who enjoyed hunting, fishing, bird watching, working with horses, and spending time up at his cabin on Island Lake.

Bill is survived by his wife, Phyllis Lynch; son



Mitch and his wife Brenda; son Jody and his wife Nicole; granddaughter Megan and

her husband Caleb Igo; granddaughter Emily Lynch; granddaughter Jessica Krantz; brother Jack and his wife Beth; sister Pat and her husband Glenn Koski; sister Maxine Domgard; and other extended family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Warren and Mildred, and his son Russell.

Memorials are suggested to the charity of your choice or to the Moose Lodge Firewall.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. today, Aug. 8, at the Moose Lodge at 2158 Highway 2 East to celebrate the life of Bill Lynch.

## Joseph L. Lyon, 74

Joseph L. Lyon, 74, died at Polson Health and Rehabilitation in Polson on Feb. 14, 2013.

No services are planned. Arrangements have been entrusted to Grogan Funeral Home of Polson.