

## Dean Gordon 'Red' McManus, 87

Dean Gordon "Red" McManus, 87, passed away on Sunday, May 12, 2013, at his home in Kalispell.

He was born Dec. 16, 1925, in Great Falls to Nathan and Gertrude McManus.

Red was the third of seven children. He spent all of his school years in Great Falls. He worked odd jobs when he was a teenager, one being growing corn on two vacant lots in Great Falls for a couple of years with his brother Hugh. He sold the corn out of an old baby buggy for \$1.00 a dozen, making enough money for the family to visit an Uncle Thurman in Idaho.

In August of 1943, he married Francis Meirs and they had a daughter, Sherlee Ann, born Sept. 7, 1944. That year they were divorced, and Red joined the Navy on Feb. 14, 1944. He spent his time on the USS Homney Bay. Red was discharged on Feb. 27, 1946. Red returned to Great Falls and found his passion in driving truck.

Red married his wife of 58 years, Billie Jean Foster, on May 15, 1948. They had two boys, Gordon Dean and Gary Gene. Red spent time in Great Falls driving for several companies ending with Consolidated Freightways, where he won many driving awards. Red also drove for North American Van Lines to Alaska. He worked for some time in Alaska at a truck stop in Tok.



kept his sense of humor, his gift of gab and love for everyone he came in contact with, especially his grandkids and great-grandkids. Red hoped his great-grandkids would fill up the "piggy banks" he got them for Christmas.

Red was preceded in death by his parents; his brothers, Harold, Hugh, Dell and Glen; and a sister, Shirley.

He is survived by his wife, Helen, and a sister, Carol Warnes, both of Kalispell; daughter, Sherlee Polglase and husband, Dennis, and their children, Rent and wife, Rosie, and children, Cassandra and Joshua, daughter Kiska her husband, Charlie Gifford, and their children, Ryan and Jordon, and daughter, LaVerna and her husband, David Lee; Red's son, Gordon D. and his wife, Kris, and children, Erin and husband, Tim O'Donovan, and their children, Declan, Ryan and Flynn, Molly and her husband, Rafe Hanahan and daughter, Caris; and a grandson, Drew McManus; Red's son, Gary and wife, Barb, and grandson, Nathan; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

vens. They married in October of 2007, bringing Helen's son Chuck into the fold.

Red had numerous medical problems but he always

Red and Billie moved to Boulder, Mont., where they bought a Hotel and Bar, the Windsor, in Boulder which he and Billie ran from 1972 until about 2000. He sold it and then went south to Wellton, Ariz., for the winters. Billie passed away in 2002.

Red decided he hadn't had enough driving, so he worked for a mining company hauling dirt around. He was teased by his brothers, "Red, are you back in your childhood again hauling dirt around in a dump truck?" They'd all laugh then. He was at least 80 years old by then.

After the loss of Billie, he went back and forth to Wellton in the winters, back to Boulder until his bypass surgery in 2005. From there he stayed with his sister Carol in Kalispell for four months, where he met Helen Ste-

A memorial service will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, May 31 at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. Urn burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens, with a reception at the Eagles Lodge after burial.

The family suggests contributions go to Friendship House or School of the Deaf and Blind in Great Falls, or you can mail them to Helen McManus at 2018 Green Cove, Kalispell, MT 59901, and she will send them on to the proper address.

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

## Hugh Dennis McManus, 89

Hugh Dennis McManus "passed from life" on Jan. 24, 2013, at the age of 89.

He was born in Great Falls on Nov. 7, 1923, to Nathan and Gertrude McManus. Hugh was the second son of seven children.

He is survived by his wife, Norma, of 57 years; and four sons, Dick, Dennis, Jack and Allen.

Hugh's younger years were spent in Great Falls and Coram, where he helped his family working with his Dad with lodge pole logging in the Coram area. He moved back to Great Falls, and in April of 1943 he joined the Army. Hugh served with the 110th Graves Registration Platoon and was shipped to New Caledonia, New Guinea, then to Cebu and Leyte in the Philippines. He was discharged in January of 1946, as a Tec 5. He went home to his parents' place in Rollins.

Hugh met and married Francis Pritchett from Lakeside in 1948. They had one son, Dennis.

Later in 1955, he met and married his cute little blonde, Norma. They raised four boys, Dick, Dennis, Jack and Allen. Hugh and Norma have been married just shy of 58 years.

Hugh worked at Bell Manufacturing, building campers, then he went to work for Anaconda Aluminum in Columbia Falls. He retired from there and continued welding at his shop in Evergreen. Hugh spent many hours welding bicycles for kids or boat propellers for boats, always a rush job because somebody always needed it in a hurry.

Hugh spent a lot of time teaching his kids, grand-



kids and anybody else who wanted to go fishing with him. He hunted a lot, here and east of the mountains. What a guy. Most memories have been

attached to fishing and hunting by kids, grandkids, nieces and nephews.

Hugh was preceded in death by his Mom and Dad; brothers, Harold, Dell and Glen; and his sister, Shirley.

Hugh is survived by his wife, Norma; sons, Dick, Dennis, Jack and Allen, and their wives; 12 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his brother Dean "Red" McManus of Kalispell and Welton, Ariz.; and sister, Carol Warnes of Kalispell.

In lieu of flowers the family has asked that any donations be made to The New Covenant Church or the Veterans Pantry. Please mail your donations in care of Norma McManus at Wel-Life, 156 Three Mile Drive, No. 118, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Visitation will be held from 3 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 29 at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Celebration of life services will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 30 at The New Covenant Church, 436 Birch Grove in Kalispell. A reception will follow. Friends are encouraged to visit [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com) to leave notes of condolence for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

## Rae Karolyn McMaster, 65

Rae Karolyn McMaster, 65, of Kalispell, passed away peacefully at her home on March 12, 2013, after a long battle with cardiovascular disease.

Rae was born in Valley City, N.D., on Nov. 13, 1948. She graduated from Columbia Falls High School and continued on to receive a two-year Associate of Arts degree from Flathead Valley Community College.

She worked for over 20 years as a 911 dispatcher for the city of Columbia Falls and the Flathead County Sheriff's Department.

Her grandchildren were her passion and delight. Rae will be remembered by her family for her little acts of kindness and love, which are the best parts of a person's life.

Rae is survived by her son, Kevin McMaster, his wife Heather, their daughter Tasja and son Adrian; her three siblings, Tom



Carlson of Tampa, Fla., Vernon Carlson of Williston, N.D., and

Paula Robinson of Columbia Falls; and many more beloved family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank McMaster; their two sons, Carey and Ian; her father, James Carlson; and mother, Violet Carlson.

Cremation has taken place and there will be a private memorial service for family members in June.

Memorials may be given to the Flathead County Animal Shelter.

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

## Monna Lou (Miller) McQuirk, 88

Monna Lou (Miller) McQuirk, passed away on Saturday, June 15, 2013, surrounded by her family and dedicated caregivers.

Monna Lou was born on Aug. 8, 1924, in Willard, Ohio, to Theodore and Thelma Miller, joining two brothers.

After high school she and a friend ventured to Hollywood to become a "Rosie the Riveter" for the war effort. Ever fashion conscious, one evening she noticed her favorite shoes missing from their apartment. She went looking for her roommate to see if she had "borrowed" them. She found her shoes that evening, as well as her future husband, John McQuirk Jr., who was stationed there in the Air Force.

Monna Lou and John married Oct. 2, 1943, returning to his home in the Flathead Valley, where they raised their four daughters.

She was a dedicated homemaker and excellent cook, always willing to teach others her homemaking skills, had a passion for reading and was avid bridge player in local clubs. She was an amazing seamstress and passed many Montana winter months knitting and crocheting.

Mom loved the summers at the family cabin on Echo Lake, including many swimming and gatherings with family, cousins and friends. She enjoyed snowmobiling, traveled to the Oregon and Washington coasts to camp and fish and a trip to Ohio, where she visited her many nieces and nephews.

We will miss her dearly, as will the many



friends she made through her lifetime, who would seek her out for her wisdom, companionship and sense of humor.

Monna Lou was preceded in death by her

husband of 55 years, John McQuirk Jr.; her daughter, Colleen Smith; and her brothers, Bill and Wayne Miller, of Ohio.

She is survived by three daughters, Sandi McQuirk-Linus and husband Mike of Seattle, and Mary Beth Pollock and Leslie McQuirk of Kalispell; eight grandchildren, Dave and Dean Gunderson of Los Angeles, Matt Smith and Lisa Smith-McKenzie of Vancouver, Wash., John Pollock and wife Janet of Boise, Idaho, Alicia Kasberg and husband Chris Prettyboy of Kalispell, Justin Kasberg and wife Tamar of Lolo, and Thomas Mann of Great Falls; numerous nieces and nephews in Ohio and nine great grandchildren.

Her daughters will host a graveside memorial service for family and friends 11 a.m. Thursday, June 20, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery, with a reception to follow at the family home of Monna and John.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to a charity of your choice or to Flathead County Animal Shelter or Animal Adoption Center.

## Melvin McPheeters, 57

Melvin McPheeters, 57, died unexpectedly on Sunday, July 28, 2013.

Memorial service will be at 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 3, at Graves Creek on the Hungry Horse Res-

ervoir. It will be a combined service for his late brother Don McPheeters as well.

Arrangements are entrusted to Austin Funeral Home.

## Mary J. McVay, 75

Mary J. McVay, 75, died on Saturday, Jan. 26, 2013, at her home in Kalispell.

No services for Mary

are planned at this time. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for Mary's family.

## Marilyn Simis McQuiston, 78

Marilyn Simis McQuiston, a former resident of Bigfork, died July 28, 2013, in Phoenix, following a battle with pancreatic cancer.

She is survived by her

husband, Don McQuiston; and children, Cindy Anderson, Vicky Simis, Richard Simis, Mimi Hill, Allan Simis and Philip Simis.

Funeral services were held Aug. 2.

## Winifred Amelia (Yandell) Meiwald, 100

Winifred Amelia (Yandell) Meiwald died of natural causes in Kalispell, at 100 years of age, on Oct. 28, 2013.

She was born Aug. 22, 1913, in Cascade, Mont., to Frederick John and Emily Jane (Hoidge) Yandell. Her parents emigrated from Plymouth, England. Winifred was the second of three children — older sister Hilda and younger brother Ronald.

After graduating from Cascade High School, Winifred attended Inter-mountain Union College, the predecessor of Rocky Mountain College. She attended two years, majoring in education. She then taught in Stanford, Fairfield Bench, Heart Butte and Babb.

It was there that Winifred met an area rancher, Ernest LeRoy "Roy" Meiwald and his two young sons, Donald and Irvin, at a school dance. The school teacher and rancher were married three months later. They moved to the Havre area to work on ranches. The family moved to Berkeley, Calif., with a new son, Frank, in 1940, to work in the Oakland shipyards building Liberty ships. Another son, Fred, was born there in 1942. The family then moved to Whitefish in 1944, and then to Havre in 1954.

Winifred and Roy were in the livestock business

in the Havre area until his passing in 1974.

Winifred was very active in Eastern Star and became Worthy Matron while in Havre. She moved to Great Falls in 1979 to be near her brother and his wife, then to Kalispell due to health problems to be near her son Frank and his wife Audrey. She became very knowledgeable in Montana history and had read most authors' books about Montana. Winifred was also an excellent seamstress and made many of her granddaughters' grade school clothes.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, both stepsons, and youngest son.

Winifred is survived by one son, Frank, and his wife Audrey, and their daughter, Debra Meiwald Peterson and husband Lon. She is also survived by Fred's wife, Bonnie Dunstan Meiwald, and their daughter, Susan Skaggs and husband Michael. Other survivors include nieces and nephews, and their families. Friends Sally and Pete deserve special thank yous for time and consideration spent with Winifred.

At her request, there were no services. Cremation has taken place and ashes will be buried at a future date near her parents in Great Falls.

## Alan D. Melby, 56

Alan D. Melby, 56, formerly of Kalispell, died Sept. 27, 2013, at his home in Eugene, Ore.

He had been a department manager for Fred Meyer.

Survivors include his

mother, Margory Melby, of Conrad; and children, Michael, Mark, Maggie and Matthew.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Oct. 12 at the Lutheran church in Conrad.

## Edward Louis Mercaldo, 72

Edward Louis Mercaldo passed away peacefully, surrounded by his wife and children, on Nov. 19, 2013, at his home in Del Mar, Calif.

He was a loving and loyal son, husband, father, grandfather, uncle, cousin and friend. Ed will be dearly missed and cherished in the memories of the many he loved and who loved him.

He was born Aug. 19, 1941, in Baltimore, the third of four sons of Dorothy Marie Mercaldo of Burlington, Vt., and John Joseph Mercaldo of Baltimore. He graduated from Rich Memorial High School in Burlington in June 1959, and Georgetown University School of Foreign Services in June 1963. Ed was active in university life and participated in Student Council and the Georgetown Glee Club while employed part time.

Wachovia Bank named him first international trainee, and he spent two years as export development coordinator for North Carolina, during which he led several overseas trade missions and shows to introduce the state to the world. Several international companies located plants and factories in the state because of special incentives designed during that period. Shortly after returning to Wachovia, Mr. Mercaldo was promoted to vice president, and in the mid-1970s became head of International Banking, then executive vice president.

In 1977, Mr. Mercaldo was hired by Bank of Montreal to run its worldwide capital markets



business, located in London. The team ranked high in the financing league tables.

Through much of the 1980s, Mr. Mercaldo was involved at domestic banking and finally realized his true calling as an investment banker before joining Diamond Fields Resources as EVP, CFO and director. He also served as corporate director for several startup companies and joined his wife Karen in her philanthropic works around the world.

Mr. Mercaldo is survived by his wife, Karen; children, Edward, Karen, Michelle, Dominic and Laura, and Gianna; grandchildren, Dean and Isabella; brother, Ron; sisters-in-law, Dawn, Kris and Sharon; cousin, John Perrotta; brother-in-law, Nels; and parents-in-law, Bob and Shirley Anderson; as well as many loving nieces and nephews, grandnieces and grand-nephews.

Mercaldos purchased their home in Kalispell in 1995, spending much time with friends and family hiking Glacier Park, and enjoying the many amenities of the Flathead Valley.

On Dec. 6th, a celebration of Ed's life was held at the Mercaldo home in Del Mar. A memorial will also be held in Glacier this summer. Gifts may be made to the Ed Mercaldo Memorial Fund for UCSD Health Sciences (<http://giving.ucsd.edu/>, page 16)

## Howard Metcalf, 90

Howard Metcalf, 90, formerly of Libby, died Dec. 23, 2013, in Lakeside, Ariz.

He is survived by his wife, Trudy, of Lakeside; and children, Muriel

Metcalf of Lakeside and Chuck Metcalf of Libby.

A celebration of life will be held in the summer in the Thompson Lakes area.

## Thomas O. Metzger, 73

Thomas O. Metzger died peacefully at the home of his eldest son Christopher on Feb. 7, 2012, after battling cancer.

He was born in Gardena, Calif., on July 24,

1938, to Thomas L. Metzger and Gertrude E. Happe where he was raised, until enlisting in the United States Army after graduating high school. He spent four years as an Army linguist, translating Russian and German.

He married Janet R. Gervais in the summer of 1962, and moved to Bigfork in 1967, where they raised five children. They were divorced in 1986 and remained friends until his death.



Tom was the hospital administrator at Kalispell Regional Medical Center from 1967 until his retirement in 1988. He was instrumental in the development and building of Kalispell Regional Medical Center and Brendan House.

Tom was preceded in death by both of his loving parents.

Survivors include his wife of 15 years, Doris Metzger, of Las Vegas; and his five children, Christopher Metzger and his wife Sue of Bay Point, Calif., Mary Fisher and her husband Jed of Kalispell, Michael Metzger and his wife Kathy of Tunnel Hill, Ga., Matthew Metzger and his wife Jennifer of Culpepper, Va., and Theresa Mickelson of Whitefish.

Tom has 13 grandchildren, one great-grandchild, four stepgrandchildren, and four stepgreat-grandchildren; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

## Shirley Lenore Mikita, 90

Shirley Lenore Mikita, 90, died Aug. 9, 2013, after a long battle with Alzheimer's disease.

She is survived by her children, Bonnie Kathleen Bressmer of Littleton, Colo., Debra Davidow of Spokane, Holly Mikita of Stryker, Kimberly Jones and Tony Allan Mikita of Kalispell, Ted Mikita Jr. and Richard Mikita of Fortine, Terry Loving of

Mancos, Colo., and Timothy Mikita of Eureka.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 15, at Fortine Alliance Church. Graveside military honors will follow at Fortine Cemetery, concluding with a luncheon at Fortine Alliance Church.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Eureka.

## Gilberta Michaels, 91

Gilberta Michaels, 91, "went to be with the Lord" on Dec. 23, 2013, at the Immanuel Lutheran Skilled Care Center, Kalispell, after a battle with Alzheimer's disease.

She was the third daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Gilbert Lininger of Denver. She was born Dec. 18, 1922. She graduated from South High School and earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in dietetics at the University of Colorado, Fort Collins. As a member of the Kappa Delta Sorority, she was proud of her membership and the work they did.

Gilberta married Harry Tracy in 1946 and they raised four children, Linda, Lois, Richard and Larry. She was very community-minded and was instrumental in opening a youth center and arranging for the public use of the school's swimming pool.

She went to work for the state of Oregon as a social worker. She very much loved working with and helping people. During this time she started a detox center and worked with the mentally challenged.

Meeting Gilberta, one quickly observed her lov-

ing, witty and Christian ways. She was always quick with a kind word and a giving heart. She was well-loved by her church family and many friends. Gilberta never passed up a chance to enjoy nature or visit the ocean.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Virginia; father, Gilbert; sisters, Virginia and Barbara; and grandson, Jason Tracy.

She is survived by her sisters, Audrey Hagler of Tonasket, Wash., and Emily Mooers of Redmond, Wash.; her four children, Linda Yeo of Kalispell, Lois Michaels of Bly, Ore., Richard Tracy of Dundee, Ore., and Larry Tracy of Olney; 12 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Dec. 30 at Easthaven Baptist Church, 2010 Whitefish Stage, Kalispell. A reception at the church will follow the graveside services at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is handling arrangements. To send condolences to the family, please go to [www.buffalo-hillfh.com](http://www.buffalo-hillfh.com).

## James 'Jim' H. Mielke Sr., 74

James "Jim" H. Mielke Sr., 74, died Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2013, at his home in Kalispell.

He is survived by his wife, Juanita; sons, Jeff, John and James Jr.; and

daughter, Jenn.

No services will be held. Cremation has taken place.

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

## Donald B. Milam, 86

Donald B. Milam passed away Friday, May 3, 2013, following an extended illness.

His memorial service will be at 3 p.m. Friday, June 14, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Kalispell. A private burial will precede the service.

Donald was born April 21, 1927, in Stockham, Neb., to Glover and Alberta Milam. He grew up in Nebraska and attended school there.

After high school he served in the military and was a proud Marine. He returned to Bozeman and attended Montana State University.

He met his wife Joan while living at her mother's boarding house. They were married in 1951, and enjoyed 61 years together.

His more than 40-year career as a florist began as a partner with his father in Milam Floral in Bozeman; then they moved to Kalispell, where they operated Milam Floral for eight years. During this time, three children were born, David, Barbara and Nancy.

In 1959, they moved to Havre and started their own business, Milam Floral, which they operated for 32 years. Two more children, Julie and Jeff, joined the family. During his Havre days, Donald was an active member of the Lions, Shriners, Masons and Messiah Lutheran Church.

In 1992, Don and Joan retired and moved to Kalispell. They were the first of five Havre family friends to build homes at Glacier Village Greens. They spent the next 20 years retired and enjoying their beautiful new home, golf and the social camaraderie of the Village Greens community.



talents. He loved golf and his golf friends, he was masterful at tying flies, he was a winemaker, he loved to fish, he was a wood craftsman, his

begonias and geraniums were the pride of Village Greens, and he cut evergreen bows and collected pine cones for his Christmas centerpieces, which adorned many households in Village Greens.

He loved sports, and played basketball and baseball when he was young, and followed them on TV during his lifetime. He did sudoku and jigsaw puzzles, which he shared with his friends daily as they came to see him.

Donald was an honorable man. He set an example through the life he led; deeply held values, unswervingly loyal, forever kind, warm and accepting, other-oriented, loving, cleverly humorous, compassionate, empathetic and gracious. Unknown to him, he was a model for others as they patterned their life after his.

Sunny and optimistic, he never undertook a day without anticipation of its potential, for accomplishment, for joy, for discovery, for interaction, for lifting the spirit and hope of others. He knew beauty and spread it through every walk of his life.

Once he was reestablished in Kalispell, Donald was active in the community. He planted flowers at the pro shop and helped organize and build the Village Greens Community Center. He served on the Home Owners Architect Committee for 18 years. He and Joan delivered Meals on Wheels for 16 years. He served on SCORE, helping new business entrepreneurs. He was a lifetime member of the Montana Florist Association.

Donald was a person of many interests and

Donald is survived by his children, David and Carla of Havre, Barbara and Gwyn of Bloomington, Ind., Nancy of Aurora, Colo., Julie and Tom of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Jeff and Char of Loveland, Ohio. He is also survived by nine grandchildren, Daniel, Cari, Benjamin, Megan, Jillian, Brianna, Torianne, Adam and Natalie; and three great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his brother, Paul; and sister, Eileen.

Donald was preceded in death by his parents; nephew, Wayne Peterson; brother-in-law, Donald H. Peterson; and his beloved wife, Joan.

Memorials may be made to Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Kalispell, and Home Options Hospice.

## MEMORIAL SERVICE

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at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Kalispell. A private burial will precede the service.

## Donald Albert Salo Miller, 51

Donald Albert Salo Miller, 51, died April 21, 2013.

Donald was born in Kalispell Jan. 9, 1962, to Betty Lou Bonnett and Don Salo. He was later adopted by Martin Roscoe Miller.

Donald moved to Kansas in 1986, where he married Penny Renee Kennard on Feb. 14, 1988, in Pomona, Kan.

Donald's passion was the family he loved deeply. He had many brothers and sisters, but he lit up when he talked about his daughters and granddaughters. He was very proud of each and every one of them.

He is greatly missed by everyone who loves him.



Donald is survived by his mother, Betty Lou Hill; wife, Penny Miller; daughters, Crystal Sonsolla,

Desirae Davis, Cheyenne Miller and Shantel Miller; sisters, Deborah Hark, Joletha Jeude, Lanita Bondell, Leida Swarts, Susan Daniel, Tena Racks and Brenda Hueckhang; brothers, Rick Miller, Randy Miller, Ben Salo and Frank Salo; granddaughters, Bailly and Mikaylea Davis, Harmony, and Morgan and Emily Sonsolla; and numerous nieces and nephews.

## Eric James Miller, 41

Eric James Miller, 41, of Kalispell died on Feb. 25, 2013, after complications of a surgery.

He was a heavy equipment operator.

He is survived by his companion, Micky McLain; and his mother, Sharon Ann Miller.

A memorial service has been held.

## Sadie Ravan Miller, 89

Sadie Ravan Miller, 89, passed away on Friday, March 29, 2013, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center. She was born on June 8, 1923, in Braggs, Okla., to M.C. and Alpha (Smithson) Smith. She was raised in Fort Gibson, Okla.

Sadie worked for most of her life as a very good waitress at numerous restaurants in the valley and made many, many friends in doing so. She loved working in her flower garden, spending time at their cabin in Swan Lake and truly loved spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, three sisters and a son.

Sadie is survived by her husband Jake Miller; son Gil Ravan; daughter Jan Tetzl; step-daughters Pam



Holstrom, Marcey Seymour and Karen Landis; step-sons Eric Miller and Fred Miller; 15

grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, April 2, from 4-7 p.m. at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. A celebration of life service will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, April 3, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home with the Rev. Tim Bartholomew officiating. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. You are invited to visit [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com) to leave messages and sign Sadie's book. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Edna F. Minehan, 83

Edna F. Minehan, 83, of Columbia Falls, died of natural causes, Friday, April 9, 2013, at her home in Columbia Falls.

She is survived by her children, Kathy Wright, David Minehan, Ellen Speranza and Kiernan Minehan.

A rosary will be said at 6:30 p.m. Friday, April 12 at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls. Mass of the Resurrection will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 13 at St. Richard's Church. Arrangements are entrusted to Columbia Mortuary.

## Mary Mings, 57

Mary Mings, 57, died Friday, Nov. 1, 2013 in Kalispell.

A memorial service will be held Wednesday, Nov. 6 at Johnson-Gloschat

Funeral Home. The time of service is pending.

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

## Gerald L. Mitchell, 79

Gerald L. Mitchell, 79, of Eureka, died Friday, Jan. 27, 2013, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Survivors include his wife, Debra Mitchell, of Eureka; and children, Jim Mitchell and Syierria Mitchell, both of Eureka,

Alecia Davis of Fortine, Sandra Nelson of Centralia, Wash., and Kyie Mitchell.

Services will take place in July.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Libby.

## Charles P. 'Chuck' Moad, 69

Charles P. "Chuck" Moad, 69, passed away July 8, 2013, in Kalispell.

Chuck was born June 19, 1944, in Portland to Charles W. and Iva (Stryker) Moad.

Chuck worked in a pole mill and retired as supervisor. He enjoyed etching glass, fishing and helping other people.

Chuck is survived by his wife, Pat, of Kalispell; chil-

dren, Teresa Bruce, Becky Fewless and David Webb; 27 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Private family services will be held.

Friends are encouraged to visit the website, [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com), to leave notes of condolence for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

## Eunice T. Moen, 97

Eunice T. Moen, 97, died from cancer Sept. 20, 2013, in Kalispell.

She was a retired school district clerk.

She is survived by her daughter, Phyllis San-

guine, of Kalispell.

Services will be held in Glasgow.

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

## Helen Gertrude Moen, 92

Helen Gertrude Moen, 92, died Tuesday, Aug. 6, 2013, in Missoula.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday,

Aug. 9, at the Outlaw Inn in Kalispell.

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

## Linda Lee (Friedrich-Nordtome) Molina, 65

Linda Lee Molina, 65, passed away on April 30, 2013, at her home in Bigfork.

She was born on Feb. 10, 1948, as baby girl Stephens in Helena. She was adopted by Joan and William Friedrich of Bigfork.

She grew up on the family's Rocky-Bar-O Ranch, attending Bigfork Schools, and later went to high school at Holy Names Academy in Spokane.

After high school she started her own family. Liana (Friedrich) Rowe was the first child and love of her life. Soon after, her marriage to Joseph Nordtome brought three more children, Jolene (Nordtome) Bucher, Josef Nordtome, and Laura (Nordtome) Eslick. She resided in Kalispell,



and later moved back to Bigfork, where she raised her children.

Of all the things she did in her

life she was always most proud of her children and their accomplishments. She is survived by her four children; and eight grandchildren, Crystal, Cheyenne, Wyatt, Olivia, Kaylee, Sophie, Jayda and Evelyn.

She will be laid to rest at 2 p.m. today, May 7 at Fairview Cemetery in Kalispell, next to her mother Joan.

In lieu of flowers, please send memorials to the American Diabetes Association.

## Shirley Ann Shepard Morigeau, 78

Shirley Ann Shepard Morigeau, 78, of Polson, died Friday, Feb. 8, 2013, at St. Patrick Hospital in

Missoula.

Grogan Funeral Home is assisting the family with the arrangements.

## Stella Mae Moon, 88

Stella Mae Moon, 88, passed away on Friday, Aug. 23, 2013, at her home in Kalispell.

Stella was born Sept. 4, 1925, in Princeton, Mo., to Michael and Serefina (Domico) De Angelo. She was raised in Des Moines, Iowa, where she attended schools.

Stella knew a friend from the second grade; his name was Robert Moon Sr. They were married in Princeton in 1942 — a union of 70 years.

Stella worked at two different defense plants. She also worked as a nurse in the late 1940s and early '50s.

Stella was president of the Republican Party in Iowa. She was a



member of the Red Hat Society, loved bowling and was a proud member of the NRA.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and a daughter, Sharon Miller.

Stella is survived by her husband, Robert E. Moon, of Kalispell; children, Robert and Gary Moon; and siblings, Lucille, Marie, Sara and Tony.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Buffalo Hill Funeral and Crematory is caring for the family.



## Cody William Moore, 32

Cody William Moore passed away in his home on Friday, March 22, 2013, at the age of 32. He was a lifelong resident of Kalispell, proud of his Montana roots and Montana's history.

Cody was born on July 28, 1980, first child of Dan and Melanie Moore. He went to school in Evergreen through eighth grade and Columbia Falls High School, graduating in 1999. He enjoyed history in school and sports every other hour. He collected baseball cards to amazing levels, became a lifetime Cubs fan and played baseball himself from Peewees through Legion ball.

Cody also loved bow hunting, particularly with his dad and friends. He hunted Sitka blacktail deer and black bears in Alaska, feral hogs in Texas and deer and elk in Montana. His last hunt was his best, harvesting a record-book 7-by-7 bull elk last fall.

Cody tried several career choices — masonry, landscape design and forest fire fighting — before finding the most satisfaction as an engineering technician. This job took him all over Northwest Montana and into national parks such as Glacier and Yellowstone. He enjoyed many of the staff and clients he got to work with.

Although he had no kids of his own, not a Sunday went by where he didn't see his nieces and nephew. Even after an all-day wrestle match with three year old Maddox he still made time to play game after game with 10-year old



Brooklyn. She won't forget that her Uncle Cody would always be one of the faces in the

crowd of all her sporting events. And Cody was one of the first to announce the birth of his new niece, Payton, on Facebook, Dec. 11, 2012.

Cody was very intelligent, hard-working, funny and thoughtful. He had a wicked temper, legs like tree trunks and a caring heart. He will be unforgettable.

Cody was preceded in death by his grandfathers, Robert Moore and Marvin Bennett.

He is survived by his parents, Dan and Melanie Moore; his sister, April and husband Michael Edwards, their three children, Brooklyn, Maddox and Payton, all of Kalispell; grandmothers, Vonda Moore of Kalispell and Patricia Bennett of Bigfork; and as well as many other relatives and friends.

There will be a viewing for family and friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, March 28, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. Cody's memorial service will be at noon on Friday, March 29, at The River on 859 W. Reserve Dr., Kalispell. He will be buried on family private property at a later date.

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

## Phillis L. Moore, 82

Phillis L. Moore, born Dec. 8, 1930, passed away Monday, July 1, 2013, at home, surrounded by family.

Phillis was a fun and loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend.

She enjoyed a wonderful career as the manager of the Flathead Valley Community College bookstore. She loved politics and served as the president of the Montana State Democratic Women's Club. She loved the Moose and the VFW. She held firm to loving your family and to helping your neighbor.

She is survived by daughters, Minde Connelly, Heidi Brady and Holly Moore; sons-in-law, Jan Connelly and John Brady; grandchildren, Lara Connelly, Jeff Connelly, Karmen Knievel-Guilfoyle,



Josh Brady and Rachelle Brady-Quinette; great-grandchildren, Analise Moore-

Shields, Ila Stecher, Wyatt Stecher, Tanner Brady-Quinette, Kane Guilfoyle and Charlee Brady-Quinette; sister, Dee Sloan; and many friends across the world.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John T. Moore; sons, John E. Moore and Ralph A. Moore; sister, Edwina Donahue; and her companion, Chuck Cogburn.

One of her greatest pleasures was to read to her great-grandchildren. Donations to your local library are suggested if you wish to honor her memory.

"Two and only two."

## Phillis Lucile Moore, 82

Phillis Lucile Moore, 82, died Monday, July 1, 2013, at the home of her daughter in Kalispell.

She is survived by three daughters, Holly Moore, Minde Connelly

and Heidi Brady.

Private family services are planned for a later date.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Raymond Moorehead, 95

Raymond Moorehead, 95, died Monday, Oct. 21, 2013, at his home in Columbia Falls.

He is survived by his wife, Ruby; and daughters, Debbie Gloor and

Stephaney Sandow.

No services are planned at this time.

Arrangements are entrusted to Columbia Mortuary.

## Dan H. Montpetit, 98

Dan H. Montpetit passed away on Dec. 16, 2013, after a long life and a short illness, in Kalispell.

Dan was born Aug. 13, 1915, in Kalispell to Joseph H. and Elizabeth D. (Meyers) Montpetit. Dan lost his mother at a young age and was raised by his father for a few years. Then, the motherly duties were taken over when his father married his stepmother, Margaret E. Bowdish, on Dec. 31, 1926.

Dan attended area schools and enlisted in the U.S. Army in January 1942, after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. He was a member of the 3rd Infantry Division, serving in North Africa and Europe until the war with Germany was over. He returned to Montana after being honorably discharged from the Army in September 1945.

Dan married Helen Katherine Beller Sykes and they enjoyed an active life together until her death. After a few years, he married Ella Mae McKeen Lee and they also enjoyed a good life together for many years.

Dan worked for Great Northern Railroad until his retirement.

He loved hunting, fishing and camping and was at home anytime he could be out with nature. He also loved to tell stories of his many experiences from the time he was a small boy when people used a horse and wagon



Perina; and a stepson, John Lee.

He is survived by two stepdaughters, Charolette Wolfe and husband Bob, and Sue Lee Schmied and husband Bill; two stepsons, William Lee and wife Sherry, and Robert Lee and wife Marie; a daughter-in-law, Karen Lee, wife of stepson, John Lee; and a son-in-law, Ray Perina, husband of stepdaughter, Sharon Perina.

Graveside services for Dan will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 20, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery with Pastor Tim Bartholomew of the Stillwater Free Lutheran Church officiating. Visitation will be from noon until 5 p.m. today, Dec. 19, in the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. Military honors will be offered by the United Veterans of the Flathead.

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

more than they used a car.

Dan was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Helen; his wife, Ella Mae; a stepdaughter, Sharon

## Joyce (Jones) Montgomery, 86

Joyce (Jones) Montgomery, 86, "went to join her Heavenly Father" after suffering a heart attack brought on by a lengthy battle with COPD, on Sunday, Feb. 17, 2013, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

Joyce was born on Sept. 21, 1926, in Voltage, Ore., near Portland, to Calvin Louis and Bertha Anna (Slayton) Jones.

She led an amazing life, purchasing a gray thoroughbred mare at age 17, which she trained and raced, earning her a write-up in the New York Times as the youngest woman trainer in the U.S.

Joyce moved to Lost Prairie near Kalispell with her first husband Sid Steel in 1946, where she farmed and raised her four children.

In 1963 she married Ray Montgomery in Plains, and returned to her Lost Prairie home.

Joyce was an avid gardener and enjoyed raising chickens, ducks, turkeys and livestock. She continued child rearing when she took her infant grandson Michael Orr to raise in 1967, and also raised her granddaughter Charmaine Getchell for several years.

Joyce loved her gardening and enjoyed her active membership in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-



day Saints where she became very involved in compiling her genealogy and in various

church endeavors.

Joyce was a loving and wise soul who touched the lives of those she met. She will be forever loved and sorely missed.

She was preceded in death by her eldest daughter, Joyce Steel Getchell in 1979, and then lost her love, Raymond Montgomery in 2010, after a joyous 45-year marriage.

Joyce is survived by her three children, Michael Steele of Monrovia, Calif., Emma Krause of Juneau, Alaska, and Terry Steele of Kalispell; nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for Joyce will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Chapel on Whitefish Stage Road in Kalispell. Interment will be at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

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

## Penny Lee Montgomery, 64

Penny Lee Montgomery, nee McCoy, born Oct. 8, 1948, "crossed the divide" this Friday past, Feb. 22, 2013. She was 64 years of age.

Born in Arizona, Penny grew up in California and followed her heart to Montana in 1993.

Although she earned a degree in psychology at University of California-Santa Barbara, she largely sustained herself over the years as a bookkeeper, and there are plenty who will attest that she was a capable one.

She was an amateur playwright, having written and directed several plays while living in Santa Barbara and later San Francisco.

Upon moving to Montana, her interests shifted to gardening, hiking and involving herself in the well-being of animals. Penny, to a fault, was compassionate, forthright and dependable.

Penny McCoy and Gary Montgomery spent 14 years committed to one another and were officially married in January 2005. With that marriage she acquired three children, Tara Slocum of Orlando, Fla., Matt Montgomery of Kalispell and Katie Parson of Arlee. She also gained six grandchildren, with four more having been added in the succeeding years. She could never quite get her head around being "grandma," but they all would tell you that she was a good one. Gary and all the children survive her.

She is also survived by three nephews, Michael Linquist of Tampa, Fla., Eric Linquist of Orlando and Mark Linquist of



New York City.

Penny was preceded in death by her father, Col. Michael McCoy; her

mother, Alyce McCoy; and her sole sibling, Pamela Linquist.

An interesting footnote to Penny's life is her father, Col. Mike McCoy. Working as a flying instructor when World War II broke out, he joined the Canadian Air Force. When America entered the war he transferred in. By the end of the war he was a commissioned officer and became involved with building the Strategic Air Command. He helped pioneer in-flight refueling. He eventually commanded the 321st Bomb Wing at Pinecastle Air Force Base in Orlando.

Col. McCoy was killed during a training exercise on Oct. 7, 1957, one day before Penny's 9th birthday. Pinecastle AFB was renamed McCoy AFB in honor of her father. McCoy Field is designated on aviation maps as MCO. Although it was later named Orlando International Airport, the FAA name did not change. And so, the next time you fly into Orlando and see that MCO on your luggage tag, think of Penny.

Those who loved or cared for her are invited to attend a memorial service and potluck at 5 p.m., Saturday, March 2, at the Trego Community Hall.

Please send any memorial contributions to Friends of the Shelter, P.O. Box 1815, Eureka, MT 59917.

## Betty Jo Morgan, 85

Betty Jo Morgan, 85, of Las Vegas, died of natural causes at Mountain View Hospital Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2013. She passed with her loving family at her bedside.

It was her wish that there be no service.

Betty was born Jan. 27, 1929, in Boise, Idaho, to Kenneth and Martha Swan. She married Grover B. Morgan in 1947 and, shortly after, moved to Kalispell, where they lived and raised four children Josephine "Jody," Kenneth Levi, Douglas Wayne and Tony Lee.

Grover passed away in 1977. Betty continued to live on their land where

she finished raising her youngest son, Tony.

Betty worked at County Nursing Home in Kalispell for many years until she retired. She enjoyed her work and told endless stories about the elderly she helped take care of each day.

Betty will be remembered always for her love of life. She enjoyed story telling, whether it be about her childhood and her three sisters, early married life, raising her children or family history. Betty loved animals and had many beloved pets over the years. She also enjoyed gardening and working in her yard

while she was able. She loved to read, as well as draw, paint and sew.

Most of all, Betty loved her family. She had many grandchildren and always found time to make each of them feel loved and special. It was not uncommon to find her playing a game of "army men" with one of her grandsons or painting Easter eggs with her many granddaughters. She was wonderful at teaching children to cook, draw and paint. Betty had an absolutely huge personality and a contagious laugh that you heard often. She will be missed dearly by the

people and children who knew her and were close to her.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents, Kenneth and Martha Swan; her husband, Grover B. Morgan; son, Kenneth L. Morgan; and her sisters, Lydia "Fern" Raycraft and Ema Jean Major.

She is survived by her sister, Hazel Madarieta, of Pasa Grarde, Ariz.; daughter, Jody Ladasar, of Minneapolis; and sons, Douglas W. Morgan of Knoxville, Tenn., and Tony L. Morgan, of Las Vegas. She is also survived by countless grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

## Bernard Joseph 'Bernie' Morin, 77

Bernard Joseph "Bernie" Morin, 77, passed away at his Elmer City, Wash., home early in the morning of Saturday, Sept. 21, 2013.

Born during the spring at the southern edge of the Fort Peck Reservation in Poplar on May 3, 1936, to Joseph and Isabele Morin, Bernie left high school during his junior year to join the U.S. Navy. He served his country as an aviation boatswain's mate on seaplanes from 1954 to 1957, moving to Coulee Dam, Wash., upon his separation from the Navy.

On May 15, 1965, he married Gail Overbey in Saint Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Ephrata, Wash., which was followed by a real "whoop-



de-do" party at the Grand Coulee, Wash., Moose Club.

A lifelong member of the Roman Catholic Church, Bernie had also belonged to

both the Moose and Eagle clubs, was active with 4-H and served with the Elmer City Volunteer Fire Department for 22 years.

Bernie retired as a warehouseman with the U.S.B.R., and enjoyed hunting, fishing and the annual Morin family reunions. Bernie was known throughout the Grand Coulee area for his

dahlias and tomatoes, but his greatest enjoyment was spending time with his family and being with children, having coached many in Little League, including his own two sons.

Predeceased by his siblings, Willard "Boodgie" Morin, Doris Turcotte, "Peg" Marguerite Hope and Willis "Sonny" Morin, Bernie's legacy lives on through Gail, his beloved bride of 48 years; sons, Michael Morin, and Robert Morin and Tammy Mann; grandchildren, Amy Morin, Christian Mann and Cassidy Trapani; sister, Eleanore Wilhelm; and brother-in-law, Don Hope. He also leaves behind his constant canine companion and buddy, Cissy.

The Rev. Robert Himes led a recitation of the rosary for Bernie Sept. 25 at Strate Funeral Chapel in Grand Coulee. A graveside service took place Sept. 26 at Grand Coulee's Spring Canyon Cemetery.

Bernie's family requests any donations be made in his name to provide fishing poles for children at Cast for Kids, 297 S.W. 41st St., Renton, WA 98507; (425) 251-3202, or via the website [www.castforkids.org/get-involved/donate/](http://www.castforkids.org/get-involved/donate/); and/or volunteer their time at any endeavor to benefit children.

Friends are invited to sign Bernie's online register book at [www.stratefuneralhome.com](http://www.stratefuneralhome.com). Strate Funeral Chapel of Grand Coulee is honored to be serving Bernie's family.

## Harriett Kathryn Morris, 96

Harriett Kathryn Morris, 96, died Wednesday, Nov. 27, 2013, at the Brendan House in Kalispell.

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

## Marlene M. Morris, 78

Marlene M. Morris, 78, passed away on Saturday, June 22, 2013, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Marlene was born on June 10, 1935, in Kalispell to Cliff and Marriam McDonald.

Marlene graduated from Flathead High School in 1953. She married Isaac Morris on Dec. 24, 1956. She lived most of her life in the Flathead Valley.

Marlene was preceded in death by her parents, Cliff McDonald, and Chuck and Marriam Willey; and a 4-year-old sister, Iva Rae Willey.

She is survived by her stepsons, Louie Morris, and Bob and Donna Morris, all of Helena, and Melvin and Glenn Morris of Pennsylvania; grand-

children, Terri, Tracie, Robbie and Amy, and their children; siblings, Ginger Guy, Mary Sandra and husband, Dale Peterson, all of Kalispell, brother, Fred and wife, Judy, McDonald of Lompac, Calif.; daughters-in-law, Veda and Gary Whitman, and Linda Morris; several nieces, nephews and cousins; and an aunt, Lorraine and husband, Don Schultz, of Kalispell.

Memorial services for Marlene will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, July 8 at the Church of Christ, 241 Stillwater Road, in Kalispell.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family. Visit [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com) to send notes of condolence.

## Susan Ann Morris, 62

Susan Ann Morris, 62, of Kalispell, passed away early Sunday morning, June 9, 2013.

She was born in Havre on Jan. 3, 1951, to the late Frank and Dorthe May. She went through the public school system, and graduated from Havre High School in 1969. During her high school years, she was active in most of the sports offered to girls, and excelled in track and field. Susan enjoyed her high school years with many, many friends, creating entertaining stories that will be told for years to come.

Susan graduated from Northern Montana College in 1975 with a Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education and a minor in English. She was married in 1969, and had three daughters: Karen, Kori and Katie. In 1985, she married her best friend and high school sweetheart, Jack Morris. They had met in eighth grade, and she knew this was the man she wanted to share her life with. She was so thankful to be able to spend almost 28 years with him.

Susan spent most of her life working in partnership with Jack, operating their upholstery business, The Recovery Room. She dabbled in every craft imaginable, from jewelry making to quilting to building prized cowboy boot lamps. There were few things that Susan couldn't do, whether it involved a sewing machine or a power tool. One of her shining accomplishments was a cancer ribbon quilt that she created for the Relay for Life. This sought-after quilt was later featured in a popular publication, and has become a template for others to follow.

Susan loved life, especially her friends and family. She treasured time spent with them, whether it was splashing in a wading pool in the back yard with the grandkids, or relaxing in the peaceful serenity of Lake Pend'Oreille. Susan



also had a soft spot for animals, and was famous for "finding" lost critters and doing her best to rescue them.

Most people will remember Susan as a fighter.

After being

diagnosed with ovarian cancer, Susan defied all odds to live for not two years, but for eight. She inspired others with her strength, kindness, humor and wit. Susan truly made an impression on everyone she met.

Susan is survived by her husband, Jack; her three daughters, Karen and David Barr, Kori and Clarence Knight, and Katie and Blake Wiles; and her eight grandchildren, Trae, Nick, Kaylee, Cameron, Emily, Gracie, Olivia and Breanne; as well as her brother, Bucky May; her sister, Karen, and Dick Wright; her nephews, Bill Wright and Michael Moody, Frank and Pam Wright, Eric and Amy May, and Rob and Kirsten Baker; her niece, Nikki, and Casey Eagleberger; her sister-in-law, Beth, and Dave Rucinsky; and many additional cousins, nieces and nephews.

Susan was preceded in death by her first grandchild, Brooke; and her sister-in-law, Linda May.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting that donations be made to either the Humane Society of the Flathead Valley ([www.humanesocietypets.org](http://www.humanesocietypets.org)), or to K.I.N.D (Kids in Need of Desks) at UNICEF ([www.unicefusa.org/kind](http://www.unicefusa.org/kind)). Both are organizations Susan felt strongly about.

A celebration of life will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 15, at the family residence. Please bring favorite stories to share.

## Jeanette Mary Mortensen, 93

Jeanette Mary (Christensen) Mortensen, 93, passed away peacefully at her home in Whitefish on Aug. 11, 2013.

She was born on May 18, 1920, in Hancock, Wis., to Ira and Esther (Briggs) Christensen.

After moving to Washington as an adult, she attended Whitman Business College. She retired from GTE telephone company in 1988.

She moved to Montana in 1996 with her family.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert; and son, Jerry.

She is survived by her daughter-in-law, Margo; grandson, Lance and wife, Kelly; granddaughter, Marshauna; great-grandchildren, Trent and Hai-



ley; brother, Ben and wife, Roberta Travis; sister, Darlene Larson; many nieces, neph-

ews, and other friends and relatives.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations on her behalf to Friends of Hospice, 29 Second St. E., Kalispell, MT 59901.

The family would like to express their gratitude to the staff of Frontier Hospice for taking such great care of "Granny."

Austin Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Willard B. Morton, 84

Willard B. Morton, 84, died on Wednesday, June 26, 2013, at his home in Kalispell of cancer.

Willard was born on July 20, 1928, to Reuben and Elizabeth Morton in Verndale, Minn.

He married Delores Loween in Verndale on Sept. 13, 1948.

He owned and operated Morton Lumber near Kalispell. He liked hunting, tinkering on old machinery, spending time with his family and eating patty melts.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Sis Hagerman; and great-granddaughter, Jessica Masa.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Delores, and his children, Jeff and

Rena Morton, Kathy and Larry Masa, and Bobbie and Terry Krogstad, all of Kalispell; seven grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren and one on the way; his sisters, June Doran and Mary Ellen Anderson; and many nephews, nieces and cousins.

A visitation will be from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 30, and a memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, July 1, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Burial will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

"Thanks to the wonderful staff at Home Options for their loving care."

In lieu of flowers, please send memorials to Home Options Hospice, 275 Corporate Drive, Suite 600, Kalispell, MT 59901.

## Lawrence P. 'Larry' Moser, 63

On Thursday, Oct. 24, 2013, Lawrence P. "Larry" Moser, 63, of Martin City "began his journey into a new life."

Larry was born in Norristown, Pa., on August 3, 1950, to Cecelia and Jacob D. Moser, Jr.

He grew up fishing, hunting and trapping with his dad and brothers, and close friends David Pudelka and Simon Darche, and welcomed the family's move in 1971 to Montana where he raised his children with his wife Linda, to whom he was married for 16 years.

He spent his lifetime working in the family business, Moser Cabinets, starting with his Dad and all of his brothers, and most recently with his youngest brother Chris and nephew Jed, who will continue the family tradition. Together they created fine custom woodwork and cabinetry and enjoyed each other's company.

Larry enjoyed living life simply and filled his days with gardening both indoors and out, caring for and breeding his birds, fishing with buddy Jeff Armstrong, and hunting with his brothers and friends. One could call him a real "Mountain Man" since he was able to live off the land for the most part, thus receiving the nickname "Laredo." Later in life, he enjoyed an annual visit with his cousin Jim Conlin and his sister Nancy down in the Florida



Keys for some fishing and good times.

Larry's twinkling eyes and contagious laugh will

be dearly remembered by all who knew him.

Larry was preceded in death by his father, Jake; son, 2nd Lt. Travis Moser; brothers, Dan and Bill; sister-in-law, June; and partner, Marge Libby.

He is survived by his mother, Cecelia; son, Jake and wife Kim; daughter, Kelly and husband Damian Tennyson; grandchildren, Hunter, Alexandra, Trinity, Eadric and Caeden; mother of his children, Linda Fleming; sister, Nancy; brother, Chris and wife Pam; sister-in-law, Judy Moser; and many beloved nieces and nephews, cousins and friends including his close friends David Pudelka and Simon Darche.

The family requests memorial contributions in memory of Larry may be made to the Martin City Fire Department.

Arrangements have been made with Columbia Mortuary for visitation from 1 to 6 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 28. Services will be held to celebrate Larry's life at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 29 at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. Interment will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery.

## Christopher Patrick Moulton, 43

Christopher Patrick Moulton, 43, passed away on Oct. 17, 2013, from results of an automobile accident.

Christopher was born March 5, 1970, in Salt Lake City to Linda (Lee) and Dan Moulton. At the age of 12, the family moved to Kalispell where he graduated from high school.

Christopher worked at Sawbucks and for the Bulldog in Kalispell. He spent many hours in the study of his faith and God, as well as St. Matthew's Catholic Church. He loved his friends and enjoyed games, especially electronic games. He also loved to read, pray and watch football.

Christopher was preceded in death by a nephew, Casey Hilliard; and grandfather, James Lee.

He is survived by his parents, Linda Lee and Dan Moulton; siblings, Cassandra Benson, Daniel J. Moulton, Zebulon Moulton, Mandy Moulton, Elijah Moulton, Mark Rizzuto, Chad Moulton, and Tahnya Moulton; 20



nieces and nephews; grandmothers, Lorna Lee and Jean Moulton; aunt, Jean Graham

of Nebraska; and uncles, Wally and Harold Brees, and Gregory Lee.

Visitation for Christopher will be held from 1 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 23, with a rosary service at 6 p.m. at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 12:10 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 24, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery.

The family asks that memorial contributions be made to St. Matthew's Catholic Church, Social Concerns Fund, 602 S. Main St., Kalispell, MT 59901.

Friends are encouraged to visit [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com) to leave notes of condolence for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

## Laurene W. 'Larry' Murphy, 77

Laurene W. "Larry" Murphy of Bigfork passed away peacefully on June 3, 2013, at her home on Flathead Lake, surrounded by her beloved husband and children.

Larry was born on Aug. 26, 1935, in Great Falls to Laurence and Margaret Walker. She spent her early years in Dutton, Belgrade and Dillon, where she graduated from Beaverhead County High School. She attended the University of Montana, graduating with a degree in elementary education in 1957. That same year, Larry began her long and successful teaching career as a fifth grade teacher in the Black Eagle School District in Great Falls.

With several college friends, she embarked on a great adventure to Las Vegas, where she was immediately hired as a fifth grade teacher in the Las Vegas school system.



It was in Las Vegas that she met and married her best friend, Leland Murphy, a

fellow teacher and Montana native. Larry and Lee moved to southern California in 1960 to continue their careers in education and start a family. Their children Scott and Beth were both born in Tustin, Calif.

Larry and Lee returned to Montana in 1972 and settled in Ferndale, outside of Bigfork. Larry taught all grade levels at Swan Lake School for three years. In 1975, she assumed the role of head teacher at Swan River School, where she remained until her retirement in 1992. At Swan River, Larry earned the reputation as an extraor-

dinary teacher, administrator and mentor. She was devoted to her students, her staff and the Swan River community.

Larry spent her retirement years at her home on Flathead Lake near Woods Bay, where she was an active member of St. Patrick's Episcopal Church and Chapter BH of PEO, often serving in leadership roles. She loved to be outdoors, and enjoyed hiking with her husband and her friends in her early retirement years. She was ever the devoted wife, mom, grandma and friend, always willing to listen, and dispensing wise and gentle advice when asked.

She is survived by her husband of 53 years, Lee, at the family home; daughter, Beth Schomber, and Paul, of Springfield, Va.; son, Scott Murphy, and Lisa, of East Helena; sister, Patricia Grey, of

Carson City, Nev.; brother, George Walker, and Jeanne, of Lake Oswego, Ore.; and six grandchildren who were her pride and joy, Christopher, Andrew, Lewis and Nina Murphy of Missoula and East Helena, and Kip and Orion Schomber of Springfield. She was preceded in death by her parents.

A Requiem Eucharist service will be held 11 a.m. on July 15 at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church in Ferndale, 30631 Montana Hwy. 209, Bigfork, followed by a reception.

The family respectfully requests no flowers. Memorials in Larry's name are suggested to St. Patrick's Episcopal Church in Ferndale, P.O. Box 431, Bigfork, MT; or in support of scholarships to Chapter BH PEO, P.O. Box 371, Bigfork.

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

## Harold J. Murray, 95

Harold J. Murray, 95, of Kalispell, died Saturday, April 13, 2013, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He is survived by two daughters, Nelda Swope and Jeannette Lindros.

Memorial services will be held at a later date in Lonepine.

Sunset Hills Funeral Home in Plains are entrusted with the arrangements.

## Harold J. Murray, 95

Harold J. Murray passed on April 13, 2013.

He was born on April 11, 1918, in Milwaukee, Wis., to Anna and Lee Hill. They moved to Medford, Wis., for three years, then to Seattle for six years, before moving to Lonepine.

After graduating from high school in Lonepine, Harold went to work for the government at Fort Peck Dam and Great Northern railroad. Harold left the railroad to enter the Army in 1940 where he served five years, three of those in the South Pacific.

In 1945, Harold returned to Lonepine, bought a small farm and married Nellie Sutton. That union lasted 56 years, with two daughters arriving and the farm changing to a cattle ranch. Harold worked in the saw mill in Hot Springs until it burned, then went to work for the Flathead Irrigation Project, and retired in 1988.

In order to get his Social Security he had to change his name to Harold J. Murray. Har-



old sold the cattle ranch in 1973 and moved to Hot Springs, until his wife passed May 22, 2002.

Survivors include

two daughters, Jeannette Lindros and Nelda Swope, both from Astoria, Ore.; one sister, Marjorie York, of Pueblo, Colo.; three granddaughters; five great-grandchildren; and a number of cousins, nephews and nieces.

Harold was a dedicated fisherman and hunter to the very last. He loved to garden and share with friends.

Harold will be missed by his many friends he met along life's journey.

There will be graveside services held at 2 p.m. June 15 at the Lonepine Cemetery, with a potluck luncheon following the service at the Lonepine Hall for all friends and family.

## Robert 'Bob' Murray, 53

Robert "Bob" Murray, 53, of Ronan passed away Thursday, April 11, 2013, at St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula.

He was born April 19, 1959, to Robert and Ann Murray.

Bob was raised in Reading, Pa., where he enjoyed playing basketball and baseball in the neighborhood, and swimming in the neighborhood pools.

He also enjoyed attending many rock concerts and professional sports games. Bob graduated from high school early in order to enlist in the Air Force. After basic training in Texas, Bob was stationed in Minot, N.D., where he met and married his wife, Sandy. Just a couple of months after they were married Bob and Sandy were stationed in Kunsan, Korea for a year. Bob always said if a couple can share a barracks room for a year in a place like Kunsan, they will probably be together for awhile.

Bob loved a good bargain. He was a true buyer/seller at heart and was always looking for the best deal, and the best value. He had many interests and whatever he was currently interested in,



he would spend hours researching it until he knew the subject thoroughly.

Bob had a great sense of humor, a sharp wit and liked

to laugh. He was very intelligent and always thought for himself, especially when it came to politics. He had strong opinions on politics and personal responsibility, and enjoyed animated conversations on those topics.

A truly good person with an exceptionally strong moral compass, Bob will be greatly missed.

Bob is survived by his wife, Sandy; his mother, Ann; and his brother, Alec.

To honor Bob's memory, the family requests donations be made to the Wings Regional Cancer Support.

An informal gathering to honor Bob's life will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 21 at the Round Butte Women's Club House, west of Ronan.



## Emmett Bernard Myhre, 102

Emmett Bernard Myhre, 102, passed away on Tuesday, June 4, 2013, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

He was born Aug. 1, 1910, in Lidgerwood, N.D., to Nels A. and Minda Severson Myhre and moved as an infant with his parents from North Dakota to South Dakota. He attended grade school in Colton, S.D., and later he graduated from high school in 1928 in Colton.

He was employed one year by Epply Hotels Co. in Sioux Falls, before starting college. He attended Augustana College in Sioux Falls, S.D., for two years, then went to South Dakota State University for three years, graduating in 1936 with a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering. Upon graduating, he was employed for five years by Northern States Power Co. in Sioux Falls.

He met Maybelle Evelyn Stivers in Colton, S.D., and they were married Jan. 21, 1940, at Ester-ville, Iowa. In 1941, he accepted a position with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, Boulder City, Nev., and was a member of the Hoover Dam and Power Plant engineering staff. During 1950, he was transferred to the Hungry Horse Project in Hungry Horse, and in 1961 was appointed superintendent of that project, retiring in 1971. Upon retiring he and



his wife moved to Kalispell.

He was a registered professional engineer in the state of Mon-

tana. He was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, a member of the Kalispell Rotary Club, the Elks (BPOE) of Kalispell, and the Sons of Norway. He was also a life member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Maybelle Evelyn; his parents; and four brothers.

He is survived by his three nieces, Jean Sillman of Plymouth, Minn., Nancy Stone of Park Rapids, Minn., and Maureen Kay Cardinale of Edwards, Colo.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, June 7, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church with Pastor Mark Gravrock officiating. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Emmett suggested memorials be sent to the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Kalispell, or the American Heart Association.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Emmett's family. You are invited to go to [www.jgfuneralhome.com](http://www.jgfuneralhome.com) to offer condolences and sign Emmett's guest book.