

## Margaret A. Nash, 89

Margaret A. Nash, 89, died Saturday, April 6, 2013, at her Kalispell residence.

She is survived by her sons, Gary and Rodney Nash; and daughters, Ruth Burtsfield-Daugherty, Donna Morken and Leona Kost.

Visitation will be 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, April 12, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

A celebration of life will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 13, at the Christian Center-Assembly of God Church. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

## Michael Lee Nashton Jr., 22

Michael Lee Nashton Jr., 22, was taken far too soon on Nov. 23, 2013.

He was born on July 10, 1991, in Whitefish to Michael Lee Nashton Sr. of Rome, N.Y., and Tamie Marie Marsh of Columbia Falls. Michael grew up in Evergreen and attended college at Universal Technical Institute in Phoenix, graduating with his associate's degree in diesel mechanics.

He then moved home to start his career as a diesel mechanic with aspirations of starting his own business like his father.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing and the outdoors. He especially loved his girlfriend, Katie, and being with her and his family.

Mikey J. was so fun-loving and free-spirited. His smile was so infectious — he comforted everyone he knew. In the last few months he accomplished so many of his dreams. He took a road trip with his mom to get the truck he always dreamed of and drove that on the hunting trip of his life with his



dad where he finally got his first bull elk.

He is survived by his grandmothers, Angela

Nashton and Ginger Owens; his parents, Mike and Tamie Nashton; girlfriend, Katie Anderson; brother and sisters, Brian DuRain, Tara Marsengill, Tarissa Marsengill and Jenell Palmar; as well as many, many uncles, aunts, cousins and too many friends to name.

He was preceded in death by his grandfathers, Alex Nashton and Dennis Marsh; and his uncle, James Huffman.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 30, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home at 525 Main St., in Kalispell.

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

## Pamela Joyce Nadvornick, 62

Pamela Joyce Nadvornick, 62, passed away on Thursday, July 4, 2013, at her home in Kalispell.

She was born on Jan. 11, 1951, in Kalispell to Monte and Blanche (Blumer) Garrett.

Pam graduated from Flathead High School in 1969, and went on to study at the Professional Business Institute in Minneapolis.

She married Robert "Nad" Nadvornick in Kalispell on May 27, 1972.

Pam owned and operated the Country Cupboard Kitchen Shop for many years. She also worked as a Certified Medical Assistant for several local doctors.

Pam loved her pets, decorating her home and to vacation with friends. Her children were the joy of her life and she was always proud and supportive of them. She loved being involved in their activities and to plan family parties for holidays and special events. Pam also loved her granddaughter Abby and spending time with her. She was also very fond of reading her Kindle and listening to music. Pam was actively engaged in supporting ALERT and the Glacier



Orchestra & Chorale.

Pam was preceded in death by her father.

She is survived by her husband, Robert

"Nad" Nadvornick; a daughter, Andrea Samuel and husband, Tom, and their daughter, Abigail; a son, Cory Nadvornick; mother, Blanche Garrett; and two sisters, Geri McElroy and husband Jim, and Kitty Young.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, July 10 at St. Matthew's Catholic Church with Father Rod Ermatinger as celebrant. A reception will follow immediately in the fellowship hall. Burial will be at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family suggests memorial gifts be given to the Stillwater Christian School, 255 FFA Drive, Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

## Julia Rozena Nahring, 92

Julia Rozena Nahring, 92, longtime Kalispell resident, died peacefully on Tuesday, May 7, 2013.

Born in Kansas City, Mo., on Sept. 9, 1920, she came to California at age 2 with her parents, Herman and Winnie Theroff and two brothers, Herman and Bud. As a child, Julia spent many carefree summers at their beach house in Malibu. She graduated from Beverly Hills High School in 1937, and attended Sawyer Business School. She worked in the office of Beechnut Gum Co. during the years of World War II. She met the love of her life, Jerry Nahring, when they were both teenagers. After World War II, they married in Santa Barbara and began life together.

At age 31 she was struck with polio, just before the vaccine became available. Her physical therapist Joyce McGinnis, whom she has remained friends with for 61 years, taught and inspired her how to live a self-reliant life, as opposed to an easier, more dependent one. Julia went on to raise three children, Cathy, Tom and Pat, not as a handicapped person but as a paraplegic who just did things differently. Her family of three generations lived happily in Whittier, Calif., for many years. Many beautiful family memories involved vacations to Morro Bay, a small fishing town that the family enjoyed each summer.



grew everything from prize-winning roses to corn nine feet tall

on her back deck, and also cared for Meyer lemon trees in her living room. She amazed everyone. Her gardening skills and unique talents are documented in the book "Grace from the Garden" by Debra Engle. She found comfort, joy and God in the gardens she created. She had big plans for her "blue and white" themed garden this year.

Julia is most known for her constant interest in helping people. As her disabilities grew greater, she constantly worked at adapting how she could be of service to others. She was a woman whose life was based in her strong Catholic faith. She had been a longtime parishioner of St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Kalispell.

Her family never wants her to be remembered for her struggles but instead remembered for her grace, wisdom, strength, humor and unfailing perseverance in adapting to her changing world. Some people tell others how to live. Julia inspired others by living her life in gratefulness and courage. She impacted all who met her in a profound way. "Your mother is amazing" is all her kids ever heard. We were all blessed to have known her.

In 1973, she lost her beloved husband. Julia moved to Kalispell in 1981, where she built a lovely home on the Stillwater River. There she enjoyed growing flowers and gardening on her large deck and watching the wildlife right outside her back door. She adapted well to her new life and loved being near her children and grandchildren. Whether chopping wood for her stove from her wheelchair or sewing and selling "Grandma Julie's Collectables" through local stores and craft fairs, her talents and bright spirit were in everything she did.

She loved animals, especially Minkis the cat, whom she tempted in from a feral life outdoors to become her constant companion. Her legendary, elaborately themed Easter parties will long be remembered by friends and family. Her home was known as "party central" and she was at the helm of all celebrations, meticulously planned and enjoyed by all.

Anyone who knows Julia knows of her love and skill at gardening. She loved starting plants from seed indoors. She

Julia and her family have been so grateful for her many beloved caregivers and the wonderful friends she met through Kalispell's Meals on Wheels program. So many people helped Julia live as independent as possible in her own home. Plant a special flower in honor of Julia and remember her each time it blooms.

She is survived by her three children, daughter Cathy Czajkowski and husband John, and son Tom Nahring and wife Brenda, all of Kalispell, and daughter Pat Williams and husband Fred of Yorba Linda, Calif. She had four grandchildren, Amy Angelo, Carrie Coker, Jerry Nahring and Lindsay Williams; and three great-grandchildren, Tanner Coker, and Vincent and Dominic Angelo.

The family is grateful for the loving compassion she received from the staff at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at noon on Wednesday, May 15 at St. Matthew's Catholic Church. There will be a reception following the service.

## Dorothy Nagy, 72

Dorothy Nagy, 72, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2012, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center due to complications related to a kidney transplant.



Dorothy was born Dec. 9, 1939, in Conrad to John and Louise Wolanski. She grew up on the family farm near Sweet Grass and graduated from North Toole County High School in Sunburst.

She attended Northern Montana College for a short time in Havre but the lure of a handsome Canadian farmhand proved too strong. She married Mervin Nagy on Aug. 2, 1958, and five children quickly followed. Always leading by example, she instilled the importance of compassion, love and fun in her children and grandchildren.

At times, her energy seemed boundless, whether leading a sing-along around her beloved player piano, cooking a delectable large meal for family and friends or dancing until the band went home, she did it with gusto. She found the joy in almost every moment of her

life and that spirit was infectious to nearly everyone she met.

Survivors include her daughter, Janice and Myron Heitzman of Missoula; sons, Don and Page Nagy of Sunburst, Jim and Jeanne Nagy of Sweet Grass, Bob and Dianne Nagy of Billings, and Greg and John Oss of Spokane; grandchildren, Jennifer and Brennan Dawson, Morgan Halvorson, Amanda and Alex Yudell, Jessica and Justin Nagy, Jackson Nagy, Nicole and Chris Ramstead, and Brent and Callan Nagy; and great-grandchildren, Torvie Dawson and Noah Nagy.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to the Help Hope Live foundation for kidney transplant patients in need ([www.helpohelive.org](http://www.helpohelive.org)) or the Toole County Education Foundation.

Visitation will be after 1 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 13 at the Whitted Funeral Chapel in Shelby, where a vigil will be held at 7 p.m. Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 14 at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church in Sunburst, with burial to follow in the Sunburst Cemetery.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.whittedfuneralchapel.com](http://www.whittedfuneralchapel.com).

## Harvey Naslund, 98

Harvey Naslund passed away Feb. 26, 2013.

He was born Nov. 22, 1914. He was raised in the Chinook area and graduated from high school there in 1928. Harvey began a family there on a small 40-acre farm, eventually expanding into hundreds of acres.

At the end of the years in Chinook, he went into cattle ranching. He sold out in 1974 and moved to Flathead Lake, where he went into land development.

Harvey finally fully retired in 1989 and spent the winters at his Yuma, Ariz., home, and the summer months at his home

on Flathead Lake.

Harvey was always active in community doings, having belonged to numerous organizations.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Lester, in 1952; his loving wife, Thelma; and his eldest son, Harvey Jr.

He leaves behind five sons, James in Missouri, Robert in California, Larry in Colorado, Dr. Alan Naslund in Kentucky and Curtis in Washington; plus many grand- and great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. March 9 at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home in Kalispell.

## Margaret Ann (Sereday) Nash, 89

Margaret Ann (Sereday) Nash, 89, died at her home in Kalispell on April 6, 2013.

She was born Aug. 19, 1923, in Wayne, Mont., between Great Falls and Belt, at her grandparents' home, to John Sereday and Suzie (Mital) Sereday. She was raised in Lehigh, and near Schilztown, a coal mining town. She grew up on a dry land farm. She had three brothers, Henry, Johnnie and Albert. She walked three and a half or four miles to grade school in Lehigh, and attended for two years at Windham High School.

She got her first job at the age of 14 on a turkey farm at Belt for the sheriff and his family, then worked at Star Dairy in Great Falls until she married Alvin E. Nash, May 22, 1940, at the Assembly of God Church in Great Falls by Pastor Homer Rugwell. Margaret was married to Alvin over 57 years.

She lived in Great Falls six years, then the family moved to Hungry Horse in 1946. She and her husband built the Crooked Tree Motel and swimming pool in Hungry Horse and operated and managed the business until it sold in 1976. They lived for two years in one of the apartments they purchased in Columbia Falls while building their home in Kalispell at 2575 Mission Village. They raised five children who all graduated from Columbia Falls High School.

Margaret was friendly and outgoing, had many friends, and loved every one ... especially getting a "hug" with everyone she met! Her favorite hobby was taking pictures and sharing them with those she photographed.

She attended the Assembly of God Churches in Great Falls, Hungry Horse, Columbia Falls and Kalispell Christian Center. She also taught Sunday School in Great Falls and Hungry Horse. She was a member of Hungry Horse Homemakers, Stillwater Homemakers and was treasurer for



children, 27 great-grandchildren and 15 great-great-grandchildren; many nieces, neph-

ews, other relatives and friends.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 13, at the Kalispell Christian Center (Assembly of God), with the Rev. Bob Ross officiating. Interment will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to Agency On Aging, 160 Kelly Road, Ste. A, Kalispell, MT 59901; Hospice, 275 Commons Loop Corporate Dr., Ste. 600, Kalispell, MT 59901; or the Christian Center (Assembly of God), 255 Summit Ridge Drive, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Arrangements are by the Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory.

AARP four years. She was a member of the Senior Citizens Center for many years and was a member of RSVP.

She enjoyed traveling with her husband to Hawaii, the Holy Land, a New England tour and Niagara trip, a 14-day mission trip to Oaxaca, Mexico, plus visits to see her children.

Margaret was preceded in death by her father and mother, John and Suzie (Mital) Sereday; stepmother, Mary Kasarda-Sereday; three brothers; and granddaughter, Rena Burtsfield; as well as her husband, Alvin, on Aug. 15, 1997.

She is survived by her children, two sons, Gary Nash and wife Brenda of Blue Springs, Mo., and Rodney Nash and wife Lori of Kalispell; three daughters, Ruth Burtsfield-Daughtery and husband Len of Kennewick, Wash., Donna Morken and husband Phil of Bigfork, and Leona Kost of Livingston; 12 grand-

## Virgil O. Naumann, 86

Virgil O. Naumann, 86, of Valparaiso, Ind., formerly of Kalispell, died Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2013.

He is survived by his wife, Bonnie Naumann, of Valparaiso; and stepson, Mark Brault, of

Valparaiso.

Funeral services were held Monday, Sept. 16, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Valparaiso. Burial will take place at Ashkum Cemetery in Ashkum, Ill.

## MEMORIALS

### Virgil O. Naumann

A memorial service for Virgil O. Naumann, who died Sept. 11, will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 26, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 400 W. California St., Kalispell, with a reception to follow at the church.

## Dustin 'Dusty' Gene Nelson, 37

On Dec. 21, 2013, Dustin "Dusty" Gene Nelson unexpectedly "went to be with the Lord."

Dusty was born March 16, 1976, in Billings, to Terry and Terrie (Anderson) Nelson. Dusty lived his early years in the Billings area with his parents and older brother Shane. He also had many aunts, uncles and cousins close by. The family moved to Columbia Falls in 1982 where Dusty graduated high school in 1994. In August 1986, Dusty's father passed away.

Growing up, Dusty loved to ride his ATV with Shane and friends. He also worked at The Old River Bridge Inn where he started learning to cook like a chef. As a kid, Dusty spent many summers with his extended family in Laurel where he attended summer Bible school and accepted the Lord as his personal savior. He loved attending family reunions and travel with his mom and stepfather. Dusty's first car was a 1962 Corvair that almost took off his little finger in the fan belt.

As a young adult, Dusty moved to Laurel working many odd jobs, making lots of great friends and eventually becoming an accomplished concrete finisher. Dusty found his true calling as a hard rock miner. He mined for Stillwater Mining Company for over a decade. Dusty then took his skill and knowledge to aid in the development of a mine in Guatemala for a few months. The last couple of years he worked in Elko, Nev., for JS Red Path Mining Company.

After an 11-year marriage with Teresa Trevino, raising their daughter Brianna, he filled his days surrounding himself with several loves in his life. The first and foremost was the love for his family and friends whom he



considered family. Dusty always had a special heart for kids, especially his daughter,

grandson Karuz, and nieces Nakayla, Alyssa and Zoey.

The first thing on meeting Dusty you would notice was his infectious smile and the brilliant blue eyes that even the guys would comment on. Dusty loved fishing and shared that love with friends Charlie White, Travis Harr, Uncle Gary Anderson, nieces Alyssa and anyone else who wanted to go along. Dusty was well loved and highly respected by his friends and fellow hard rock miners.

Dusty was preceded in death by his father, Terry Nelson; grandmothers, Phyllis Taylor Darling and Lillian Nelson; grandfather, Jesse Nelson; and cousins, Misty Anderson and Jake Burgener.

Dusty is "now forever watching over" his mother and stepfather, Terrie and Dan Blomquist; brother, Shane Nelson; nieces, Nakayla Kline, Alyssa Nelson and Zoey Harr; daughter, Brianna Bonilla; and grandson, Karoz Thongsavath; plus numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, dear friends and mine brothers, all of whom had a special place in Dusty's heart.

In lieu of flowers there has been a college fund established for Dusty's nieces at Stockman Bank. Please send contributions to Stockman Bank Attn: Dustin Nelson Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 80850, Billings, MT 59108.

A celebration of Dusty's life will be held at 2 p.m. Jan. 18 at Deer Park School on Middle Road in Columbia Falls. A reception will follow.

## Donald Neu, 83

Donald Neu, 83, peacefully passed away Nov. 6, 2013, in his home surrounded by a loving family. His courage and strength during a 13-year battle with multiple myeloma cancer made him a model for survival and quality of life.

Don was born Aug. 12, 1930, in Stearns County, Minn. He was the eldest of Aloys and Loretta Neu's 15 children.

Don served in the U.S. Navy for four years, half of which was in submarine service on the USS Tirante. A handsome man in a uniform! He married the love of his life, Janette Terwey, on June 10, 1953, and always referred to her as "my bride."

He received a bachelor of science degree from St. Cloud Teachers College and a masters of natural sciences from the University of South Dakota. He began a teaching career in Bovey, Minn. A phone interview landed him a job at Flathead High School, primarily teaching biology, and serving terms as chair of the science department. During his 25 years of teaching, Don was a valued instructor, consistently sought out as a mentor and twice recognized as State Teacher of the Year.

Looking to build a family farm and teach his children a strong work ethic, in 1965, Don and Janette purchased 60 acres north of Kalispell and established LaSalle Nursery. The nursery flourished to include landscaping, Christmas tree farming, and experimental tree grafting. Don taught his children many skills working in that business, and tending livestock and hay fields. He retired at 55 to pursue his passions of hunting, fishing, skiing and traveling.

Don was very active in



his religious faith, serving in many positions at St. Matthew's and Risen Christ Catholic Churches, including as a Grand Knight in the Knights

of Columbus. Don was loved and respected by all, and will be fondly remembered for his ready smile and warm "bear" hugs.

Don was preceded in death by his parents and six brothers.

He is survived by his wife, Janette Terwey Neu; siblings, Corrine and Roger Wicker, Elmer and Carolyn Neu, Kenneth Neu, Laura and David Stanger, Al and Mary Neu, Duane and Ruth Neu, Bernard and Helen Neu, and Sandra and Keith Deidrick; his children, Gary and Sally Neu, Diane Brien, Barb and Tim Dopp, Brad and Christine Neu, Bob and Susan Neu, Mary and Wolfgang Runde, Lee Ann Neu, and Paula and Todd Witt; 16 grandchildren; and five great-grandsons.

Memorials can be made to Flathead Industries, P.O. Box 1916, Kalispell MT 59903, Knights of Columbus, c/o Ron Bauer, 2403 Mission Trail, Kalispell MT 59901, or the charity of your choice.

Prayer services for Donald will be held at 7 p.m. today, Nov. 10 at Risen Christ Catholic Church. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 11 with the Rev. Stan Rog as celebrant. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for Donald's family.

## Mike Q. Newberry, 63

Mike Q. Newberry died on Wednesday, July 24, 2013, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center, from complications following sudden cardiac arrest.

Mike was born on Dec. 27, 1949, the son of HWC "Doc" and Neidra Newberry in Arkansas City, Kan. He moved with his family to Montana at the age of 5 and forever considered Kalispell his home. Mike attended Evergreen School, and graduated from Flathead High School in 1968, Flathead Valley Community College in 1970 and the University of Montana in 1972.

Hard work was a hallmark of Mike's life. He always had chores at home in his father's veterinary clinic, but started working as a freshman in high school at Thriftway Drug and then Coca-Cola Bottling. He continued to work for Coca-Cola after moving to Libby following college. He later helped manage Libby Sports Center, a milk distributorship and the Libby newspaper.

Mike married Ginny Karst in 1980 and loved her two daughters, Krista and Kerry, as his own. Mike loved woodworking and not only remodeled the home he and Ginny bought in Libby, but also did much of the work on the family cabin at Bitterroot Lake.

Mike returned to school at Abbott Northwest Hospital in Minneapolis and trained to become an X-ray technician. After finishing his training, he continued to live in the Minneapolis area, working first for Abbott Northwest Hospital and later for a mobile X-ray company until moving to Nashville, Tenn., in 2007 to escape the cold Minnesota winters, where he continued to work as an X-ray tech.

Family was of prime importance to Mike, and he always made a point of staying in touch. He was traveling home for his niece's wedding when he collapsed after exiting

the plane in Kalispell and never regained consciousness in spite of immediate CPR being administered by airport employees. His whole family is comforted that God brought Mike back to Montana and his last thought would have been happiness at being home.

Mike loved to fish and he loved going fast in his boat — and he especially loved doing both of those things at the family cabin on Bitterroot Lake. He loved the homemade banana ice cream his mom made for special family occasions. He loved to hunt with his dad. He loved to travel with Ginni — especially to Mexico. He was a student of history. He loved to read. He loved to argue politics. (And he is certainly relieved that he won't have to deal with Obamacare!)

Mike was proud to be an Eagle Scout and a past member of Boy Scout Troop 48. He spent many enjoyable hours attending and working at the Boy Scout camp on Melita Island in Flathead Lake.

Mike was preceded in death by his parents, and his wife Ginny.

He leaves daughter Krista Hansen and Rich, daughter Kerry Karst and granddaughter Taylor Ethen of Minnesota, sister Sally Newberry and sister Susan Hanson and Marlin of Kalispell, and nieces Whitley and Natalie Newberry of Kalispell, Hillary Hanson and Dave of Billings and nephew Brandon Hanson and Jen, and children Gabriel and Lillian, of Hobbs, N.M. He is also survived by many good friends, including Scott Amendola of Nashville.

Mike's life will be celebrated at a private family service at Bitterroot Lake.

Anyone wishing to honor Mike may make a contribution designated to Melita Island Boy Scout Camp and sent to Boy Scouts of America, ATTN: Jory, 110 E. Broadway, fourth floor, Missoula, MT 59801.

## Patricia Carol (Kinder) Thornton Newcomb, 71

Patricia Carol (Kinder) Thornton Newcomb, 71, "entered into eternal life" on April 27, 2013, in Carson City, Nev. "She is with her parents and sister, at peace, and no longer in pain."

She was born on July 17, 1941, in Townsend to Murvel and Ellen (Een) Kinder, and was raised on the "Hi-Line" in north central Montana.

She is survived by her sons, Murvel Thornton of Carson City, Danny Thornton and Joni Morelli of Kalispell, and Rodney Thornton and Nancy of Chesapeake, Va., former husband, James Newcomb, of Spokane; brothers, Ronald Kinder of Great Falls, and Wayne and Cheryl Kinder of Carson City; sister-in-law, Julie Watt, and Jim, of Carson City; nine grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; and many special friends, includ-



ing Jeanne Williams and "The Board of Directors," Chris Berg of Salem, Ore., and Renee Ber-

ner and Sharon Pitsch, both of Kalispell. Last, but, not least, she also leaves behind her beloved dachshund, Schotzie.

Pati suffered from juvenile rheumatoid arthritis from the age of 18 months. In her adult life she had all of her major joints replaced and was comically known as the "Bionic Woman." But it was pulmonary fibrosis caused by the JRA that ended her battle. There wasn't much that she wasn't willing to try, and she loved to travel every chance she got with her faithful dog, Schotzie.

She attended Havre Public Schools through

the fourth grade, moving to Rudyard in 1951, and graduating from Rudyard High School with the Class of '59, 30 years to the day after her mother graduated from the same school.

She married Robert Thornton July 24, 1959. From this union came her pride and joys, "My Three Sons." This marriage ended in divorce in September 1966. Several years later, after moving to Kalispell, she met and married her best friend, James Newcomb. This marriage brought three "special" children into her life, Kari, Doug and Paul Newcomb, of Phoenix.

With six children to help support, she went to work for Plum Creek Timber. After short stints in Arizona and southern

Nevada, Pati moved to Carson City to be close to her brother and to enjoy a more moderate climate. She worked several years for Sterling Air in Carson City. No matter where she was living, Montana was always home.

Pati was preceded in death by her beloved parents, and her sister, Jennett "Jackie" Brubaker.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. July 6 at the Rudyard Cemetery, with a reception following at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard.

Memorials in Pat's name may be sent to St. Paul's Lutheran Family, 1201 N. Saliman Road, Carson City, NV 89701; the Coalition for Pulmonary Fibrosis; or to the ASPCA or animal shelter of your choice.

## Pie Netherly, 61

Pie Netherly, 61 years young, of Kalispell, passed away on Sunday, June 9, 2013, after a courageous and graceful fight with cancer. She was surrounded by her loving husband, family and friends.

Pie was born Helene Jo on Feb. 29, 1952, in Rapid City, S.D., to parents Beryl and Joseph Lintz. She was married to Michael Netherly for more than 40 years.

Pie was a woman of many talents. She worked at the Pony Express Restaurant for 30 years. She raised rabbits, chickens and peacocks. Pie loved children, animals and flowers. She was the go-to person if you had a question about anything,



it was just a minute, "I will call Pie." She was the last child to participate in the

Over the Range cattle drive in South Dakota. She was an excellent equestrian and fish-finder. Many fish will breathe a sigh of relief.

Pie is survived by her husband and her son, Jake; her mother; her sister, Vicki; in-laws; friends Bob and Connie, and too many others to list. A special thanks to James and Brenda Netherly and Mariah Vance. Thanks to hospice.

A memorial celebration is planned.

## Helene Jo Netherly, 61

Helene Jo Netherly, 61, died at her Kalispell residence Sunday, June 9, 2013.

She had been a professional pie baker for many years.

She is survived by her

husband, Mike Netherly; mother, Beryl Lintz; and son, Jake Netherly.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

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

## Geraldine 'Geri' Kay Neas, 67

Geraldine "Geri" Kay Neas, 67, passed away peacefully in her home surrounded by family on Jan. 24, 2013, following a courageous 18-month battle with cancer.

Geri was born March 4, 1945, in Kalispell, to Frank and Rosetta Carpenter. She attended Flathead High School and graduated from C&C Beauty College in 1962.

At 17, she married Larry Neas and started their family with two children, Tina and Pete. In 1972, they moved to Anchorage, Alaska, and were blessed with their third child, Lee, in 1979.

In the early 1980s, Geri opened her own business, Geri's Beauty Salon. With her keen sense of style, talent, sweet disposition and social nature, her reputation earned her a broad and loyal client base; her clients were much like family, many of whom relied on her expertise from the dawn of her business until just weeks before she passed away.

The adventures did not stop there. Geri was an avid hunter, enjoyed berry-picking and nurtured a garden to be jealous of. She hosted annual Easter egg hunts, Christmas celebrations, birthdays and countless fishing excursions with her children, grandchildren, and great-



grandchildren at her home of nearly 34 years. She can even be found in the "Guinness

Book of World Records," as she was one of 64 family members in Ferndale participating in a floating line of inner tubes, at the age of 63.

Geri was preceded in death by her father, Frank Carpenter; and son, Lee Neas.

She is survived by her mother, Rosetta Carpenter; sisters, Frances Bruch, Helen Netzel and Cindy Eklund, of Montana; brother, Larry Carpenter, of Anchorage; daughter, Tina, of Sutton; son, Pete, of Anchorage; eight grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and a large extended family.

A small gathering was held at Geri's Beauty Salon on Feb. 4. A memorial service will be held in May in Anchorage, officiated at her request by her grandson, Pastor Raymond Lowdermilk, of Wasilla, Alaska.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made at Cancer.org, in Geraldine Neas's honor.

Arrangements were by Cremation Society of Alaska [www.alaskacremation.com](http://www.alaskacremation.com)

## Noel Nedved, 74

Noel Nedved, 74, died Wednesday, Aug. 28, 2013, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

Arrangements are pending with Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory.

## Jillian Marie Westbrook-Nemeth, 20

Jillian Marie Westbrook-Nemeth, 20, passed away June 11, 2011, due to an automobile accident.



She was born May 8, 1991, in Kalispell, and raised both in Kalispell and Riverside, Calif. She attended Kila Elementary and graduated from Romona High School in Riverside. She also attended Riverside Community College.

She was employed at Jurupa Stadium 14 Theaters.

Jillian enjoyed going to church, and singing and dancing — she loved performing. Her favorite band was the Beatles. She love riding on her dad's Harley. She loved cats and horses;

and hated salads.

Her favorite quotation was by Beethoven, "Music is a higher revelation than all wisdom and philosophy."

Jillian's philosophy was "Chocolate, spaghetti and coffee can solve anything."

She was preceded in death by Boompa, Grandpa Ray and Grandpa Doug.

Jillian is survived by her parents, Michael Westbrook of Columbia Falls, and Margie Nemeth of Riverside; stepparents, Shana Westbrook of Columbia Falls and Andrew Nemeth of Riverside; sisters, Jordan and Katie, of Riverside; and Grandma Dottie and Grandma Bonnie.

"We love and miss you."

Jillian was laid to rest June 17 at Evergreen Memorial Park in Riverside, where she was buried as per her wishes.

## Judith Netza, 79

Judith Netza, 79, passed away peacefully with her daughter at her side on Saturday, March 2, 2013, at HealthCenter Northwest Hospice in Kalispell.

She was born Judith Charlott Smith on Dec. 18, 1933, in Burlington, Iowa, to Frederick "FJ" and Ruth Smith. Judy was an only child but spent many summers with her cousin Dick in Iowa whom she considered a brother.

Judy's family moved to California where she met the love of her life, Louis Netza. They were married on Dec. 17, 1950, and were never apart in their 63 years together. They had two daughters.

Judy fought a long battle with CREST Syndrome, an auto-immune disorder. She fought the hard fight and endured much, never complaining. Her greatest desire was to spend as much time as possible with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



Judy was preceded in death by her parents.

She is survived by her husband,

Louis Netza; her daughter, Stephanie Allen, and husband David; her grandchildren, Kelly Cuffe and husband Matt, Amanda Keeland and husband Eddy, Kirk Wilcox, and Jennifer Wilcox and partner Sarah; also great-grandchildren, Alana Keeland, Dawson Cuffe and Ramsey Cuffe.

Donations in her memory can be made to The Health Center Hospice at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

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.

## Howard A. 'Joe' Newcomb, 68

Howard A. "Joe" Newcomb, 68, died at his home in Eureka Monday, Nov. 4, 2013.

He is survived by his wife, Sherry; daughters, Shawn and Joanna; and sons, Charles, Brent and

Joseph.

A celebration of life will be at noon Sunday, Nov. 10, at his home.

Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home is handling the arrangements for the family.

## Bradley Newgard

Bradley Newgard passed away April 18, 2013, at Bellevue Hospital in New York from cardiac arrest.

Bradley was preceded in death by his parents, Ron and Suz Newgard.

He is survived by his grandmothers, Pearl Huso



and Millie Newgard.

He will be missed by many friends and relatives.

"We wish you

peace, Bradley."

## Judith Lee Newton, 55

Judith Lee Newton, 55, died May 2, 2013, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

She is survived by her children, Christopher Newton and Myrriah

Stonehocker.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 18, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Kalispell, with a luncheon to follow.



## Leo Simon Nigg, 85

Leo Simon Nigg passed "into the loving arms of Jesus" on Nov. 1, 2013.

Leo was born March 14, 1928, in Conrad to William Frederick and Minerva Kohl Nigg.

Three things were dear to Leo's heart: his family, music and the mountains. Never was one very far away from his thoughts. Farming the soil of eastern Montana gave him his start. His family moved to Oroville, Wash., when he was in grade school, a move Leo didn't like, for his home was always in Montana.

Leo's love of music was fostered by a family of musicians who played together in many venues in both Montana and Washington. He played the banjo, guitar, piano and mandolin. This craft he shared and passed down to those he loved.

He left school early to work and find his place in life. That path eventually drew him to the Flathead Valley where he went to work in construction, alongside his father and brother, on the Hungry Horse Dam. Being so close to the mountains gave Leo an appreciation that only a flatlander could have.

After the dam's completion, he went to work packing for an outfitter in the Bob Marshall Wilderness. His favorite mode of transportation throughout his life was being on the back of a horse. He was a true cowboy.

He met Jessie Jean Wheeler during the winter of 1965, and they married April 1, 1966, in Bonners Ferry, Idaho. For Leo it was the beginning of many wonderful years together.



Not only did he gain a partner in life who was his rock, he gained an immediate family of

nine children, all of whom he loved and accepted as his own. This union gave birth to their son, Ricky Leo, on June 28, 1967.

Leo worked several odd jobs in and around the Flathead but was always drawn back to road construction. He signed up with the Local 400 and worked on many projects throughout Montana, including a year on the Alaskan Pipeline. There wasn't a piece of equipment he could not operate, and it was something he truly loved. He always worked long, hard hours for his family whom he was grateful to come back to.

Leo was a tinkerer and had a natural ability to fix anything, even those which needed no fixing. Whether he took on the role of a mechanic, barber or farrier, Leo was adept to do most anything. He was a kind man with a big heart who touched so many.

Leo had a story for any occasion, and a lesson for all. He was a man who lived his life with no regret or worry. Leo, at the age of 73, along with his wife professed their faith as Christians and together on Nov. 22, 2001, were baptized. Even after suffering so much, his infectious smile radiated out to those around him.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers Elmer, William

and Edward; sisters, Jean and Betty; and son, Carson.

He is survived by his wife, Jessie, of 47 years; and children, Ricky, Daniel, Dawna, Kevin, Lyle, Katie, Carol, Karen and Marilyn; and a compliment of sons- and daughters-in-law. He

also leaves behind many precious grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren whom he loved dearly — a love well reciprocated.

"Daddy, Papa, we miss you."

Graveside services will be planned at a later date.

## Marshall Nichols, 93

On the evening of Sept. 19, 2013, Marshall Nichols passed away at St. Peter's Hospital, Helena, surrounded by his children. Marshall was 93 years old.

Marshall was born in Atlanta Township, Becker County, Minn., on March 20, 1920, to Harley and Julia (Ellingson) Nichols, the youngest of five.

Marshall married Betty Faus Sept. 11, 1940, and they traveled from Minnesota to Sidney by way of California. After working on farms around the Sidney area they answered an ad, accepting a job at Spring Coulee Ranch, Highwood, Mont., where they spent the remainder of their working years.

They raised a son, Curtis Nichols (Kathy) and two daughters, Jeanie Doyle Singler (Richard) and Sharon Wichman (John).

In retirement they moved to Lakeside on Flathead Lake. After encountering health challenges, they moved to Helena to be near their son. There, Betty passed away.

When not working as a farmer, Marshall spent his time hunting, fishing and rebuilding old tractors. He also played cribbage with family and friends, considering himself the champion among them. They may argue that point. His faithful companion in his later



years was his black Labrador, Casey.

He was also active in his church and community

in all the locations where they lived, and supported the National Rifle Association.

Marshall was preceded into death by his wife, Betty; parents, Harley and Julia Nichols; sisters, Lyla Bartlett and Genevieve Tennison; and brothers, Lowell and Wallace Nichols.

In addition to his son, daughters and their spouses, Marshall is survived by nine grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-granddaughter. He is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

A private graveside service was held for the family Sept. 23 at Forestvale Cemetery, Helena, with a memorial service to be held at a later date.

Special thanks are offered to Country Life Assisted Living, Montana City, for making his home with them comfortable and happy.

Please visit [www.stevensonwilke.com](http://www.stevensonwilke.com) to offer the family a condolence or to share a memory of Marshall.

## MEMORIAL SERVICE

### W. Marshall Nichols

A memorial service for W. Marshall Nichols, 93, who died Sept. 19 will be held at 2 p.m. on Nov. 2

at First Lutheran Church, 2231 E. Broadway in Helena, with a reception to follow at the church.

## Charlee Elizabeth Suhr-Nichols, newborn

"Heaven gained another angel" on Nov. 16, 2013, at 1:12 p.m. Charlee Elizabeth was so perfect in her 10 1/2-inch-long body, weighing only 13 ounces.

"If we could have a lifetime wish, we'd pray to God with all our hearts to have you back. You have left behind our broken hearts, but happy memories too."

She is survived by her parents, Sari L. Suhr and Kenny L. Nichols; her

maternal grandparents, Steve and Teresa Suhr; paternal grandmother, Jeannette Wickizer; aunts, uncles and many cousins. She also leaves behind puppy "brother" Bubba.

A memorial will be held at 1:12 p.m. this Saturday at 59 Silver Leaf Dr., in Kalispell.

"Mommy and Daddy and your whole family love you Charlee, forever and always."

## Martha Nicholson, 93

On Oct. 17, 2013, at 9:45 p.m., our beloved mother Martha Nicholson "went to her heavenly home," completing a well-lived journey of 93 years on this earthly soil. She was the last of her generation, as all of her siblings and her beloved husband of 52 years predeceased her.

She was born on Aug. 22, 1920 in Odessa, Wash., the third daughter of Andrew Geisler and Emma Schimke Geisler.

It was her delight to wed Dwight M. Nicholson on Aug. 31, 1938. To this devoted union were born four surviving children, Martha Ann and George Spear of Graham, Wash., Keran Marie and Dick Moderie of Polson, Dwight Del and Pauline Nicholson of Deer Lodge, Mollyo Nicholson of Kalispell; and one son, Chappie Nicholson, who died shortly after birth. These children have provided the legacy of the family, 15 grandchildren, 67 great-grandchildren and 27 great-great-grandchildren.

It was Martha's joy to have dedicated her life to her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and along with



Dwight, became an active member of the Christian Missionary Alliance Church.

They faithfully performed and acted upon their beliefs, having no guile or hypocrisies. Even though Martha was quiet and had difficulty sharing her feelings, when so moved by her love for the Lord and her family, she would speak out her opinions or concern. She had an urgent desire to share the good news of Jesus that "the gift of salvation was for all and forgiveness can be experienced by all who will accept it."

The celebration and memorial of her life will be held at 11 a.m. on Oct. 30 at the Polson Alliance Church on U.S. 93, north of Polson. A lunch will follow the service, which will then proceed to the graveside service in St. Ignatius at Pleasant View Cemetery.

Messages of condolence can be shared at [www.groganfuneralhome.com](http://www.groganfuneralhome.com).

## Sharon 'Sheri' B. (Blackwell) Nikolaus, 79

Sharon "Sheri" B. (Blackwell) Nikolaus, 79, died Aug. 9, 2013, at Heritage Place in Kalispell, of natural causes.

She is survived by her daughter, Lisa Stevenson,

of Kalispell.

Cremation has taken place.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Linda Nixon, 62

A longtime resident of Kalispell, Linda Nixon, 62, "reunited with her husband Victor in heaven" on Sept. 7, 2013.

They married in 1974 and devoted their lives to each other; "therefore it is only fitting they are now eternally bound."

Linda was born on Sept. 29, 1950, to Robert and Barbara Wharton in Detroit. She devoted her life to her family and prided herself in her home. Linda had a variety of interests and enjoyed giving her time to those in need, from coordinating homelessness awareness activities to volunteering at the food bank. She was a member of various clubs while attending Flathead Valley Community College, where she earned degrees in sociology, human services, computers and business management. She also studied criminal justice and early childhood education.

She is survived by her



parents of Oregon; her daughters, Delana Jones and her husband Curtis of Oregon, Krystal

Nixon, Amber Bonny and her husband Jacob, and Tamara Walter and her partner Heather, all of Kalispell; her grandbabies, Destiny, Damion, Jaymz, William, Alex, Jon, Wyatt, Jazmyn and Michael; her great-grandbabies, Maddox and Connor; her siblings, Louise Glass of Texas, and Lori Wilson and Gary Wharton of Oregon; and other relatives.

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

Linda's wishes were to be laid to rest with her husband at Glacier Memorial Gardens where services will be held at 2 p.m. today, Sept. 12. All who knew her are welcome to join her family to delight in her memory.

## Roy Warren Nordwall, 83

Roy Warren Nordwall passed away June 5, 2013, in Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.

He was born June 27, 1929, in St. Paul, Minn.

After graduation from high school he joined the Army and served in occupied Japan until his honorable discharge in 1949.

Upon his return to the states, he followed his dream and moved to Montana to be close to his love of hunting and fishing. Roy had several small business ventures over the years, with his latest being Thermal Tech Inc., which he started in 1975, until his retirement in 1993, at which time his son Jay took over the family business.

Once retired he took up gardening, where one of his proudest achievements was transforming his yard into a true



gardener's dream. He was preceded in death by his mother, Ellen Nordwall; and his father, Harry Nordwall. He is survived by his loving companion of 24 years, Mary Maude Hatfield; brothers, Thor and Ron Nordwall; sisters, Barrit Campbell and Barbara Wojahn; sons, Mel Nordwall, Brian Scott Nordwall and Jay Nordwall; and daughter, Toni Asher; along with several grandchildren.

A celebration of his life will be held from 2 to 5 p.m. on July 13 at his home. It will be informal. Please come and share your memories.

## Vickie Normile, 55

Vickie A. Normile, 55, died Saturday, March 10, 2013 at her residence in Columbia Falls.

Vickie had been the office manager for the Sportsman Ski Haus for many years.

She is survived by her

husband James, of Columbia Falls, and her sons Aric and Cory Normile, of Bozeman.

Private ceremonies will be held. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

## Raymond Melvin Norris, 90

Raymond Melvin Norris, 90, passed away on Sunday, Dec. 15, 2013, surrounded by his family, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell, of natural causes.

Ray was born on Dec. 28, 1922, at Lake Five to Royal and Effie (Halberg) Norris.

Ray was a World War II veteran with the U.S. Army 390 AAA European Theater from 1943 to 1946.

Ray married Ella May Schroeder; together they had four children, Pamela, Karen, Renae and Randy, and they later divorced.

At a young age Ray worked for the railroad cutting ice blocks from Lake Five and was a heavy equipment operator with the Local Operating Engineers. He also joined the Eagles Aires and was a member for 70 years.

Ray enjoyed his family, playing solitaire, going for Sunday drives and football.

"We love you and you are going to be greatly missed, and as you always said, 'Be good now.'"

Ray was preceded in death by his parents; and brothers, William, Harold, Earl, "Bucky" and Clifford, and his sisters, Mildred Lehr, Dorothy Berky and Verna Landon.

He is survived by his



children and family, Pam and Marvin Maley, Karen Stahlberg, Renae and Shannon Obieglo, and Randy and Tina Norris; and brother,

Alfred; grandchildren, Chandra and Shane Schmetter, Danielle and Luke Zigler, Nichole and Colin Niederstadt, Chad Stahlberg and Jacob Wood; great-grandchildren, Austin and Jacob Schmetter, Payton, Mckenna and Lucey Zigler, and Jack, Cloe and Ella Niederstadt; and many nieces and nephews.

At Ray's request there will be no service. Please join us for a gathering of family and friends that will be held at 4 p.m. on Dec. 20, at the Eagles Main Floor to celebrate Ray's life.

The family suggest memorial donations be given to the Veterans Food Pantry in Ray's honor.

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