

Thomas James Paap, 48

Thomas James Paap, 48, died Friday, July 12, 2013, as a result of a motorcycle accident. He was hit by a deer and was not wearing a helmet. Speed and alcohol were not a factor.

Thomas was born Nov. 10, 1964, in Neenah, Wis., to parents Jean and Edward Paap. Known affectionately by his siblings as Tommy, and his friends as Tom, he was a very active child. Growing up in Arizona, he ran track in high school and loved to stay in constant motion.

Tom was a tremendously hard worker, consistently holding a job from the age of 14 until the day he died. Tom worked for LHC for nine years. He loved his job, and he loved his fellow co-workers.

Tom was involved with Special Olympics; his daughter Andrea was a part of the Kalispell Crushers. He was an avid motorcyclist; he loved Harley-Davidsons. Tom had a strong connection to music. He was a devoted classic rock fan. He used to play the radio in the car and ask, "Who is it?" and give hints as to who the artist was.

Tom spent the better part of the last 17 years with his partner, Amiee Palmatier.

Tom's most important job of all was being a



father to his three daughters, Andrea Joy Paap, 24, Franteesa Marie Palmatier, 17, and Sarilee

Elisabeth Palmatier Paap, 15. He loved his daughters greatly, and his memory will live on through them.

Tom was the type of man who would give a stranger the shirt off his back. He would always go out of his way to help a friend in need. And he believed in good old-fashioned manners. In this same ideal of generosity, Tom will be donating all of his organs. The last gift he gave was the gift of life.

Tom was preceded in death by his son, James Thomas Paap; his father, Edward Paap; and his mother, Jean Paap.

Tom is survived by his daughters, Andrea Paap, Franteesa Palmatier and Sarilee Palmatier Paap; brothers, Michael Paap, Larry Paap and David Paap; sisters, Debbie Gullickson and Barbara Flynn; and many more extended family.

A celebration of life was held July 15 at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home in Kalispell.

Tom's ashes will be spread in Arizona to be with his son, James.

John Thomas Paine, 29

John Thomas Paine, 29, of Kalispell, passed away on March 2, 2013, from injuries sustained from a car accident outside of Kalispell.

He was born on Jan. 19, 1984, in Nashville, Tenn. John grew up in Redmond, Wash., and graduated from Redmond High School in 2002. He was an avid sports fan and played sports competitively in his youth. John was also an excellent snow skier and later became an accomplished extreme in-line skater. He also loved golf as an adult.

John served his country as a combat soldier in the Army Infantry, proudly serving in Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom. He spent his last two years in Kalispell, where he made many great friends and enjoyed the outdoors. Most of all, John was a kind, generous and compassionate man who deeply loved his family, friends and country.

He is lovingly survived by his mother, Penny Jacobson-Everhart, and her husband, Tom, of Grapeview, Wash.; his father, Tom Paine, and his wife, Terrie, of Seattle; his sister, Alison Paoli, and her husband, Travis, of Seattle, and their daughter Stella (who John referred to as his "princess"); and his grandfa-



ther, Chet Paine, of Wenatchee, Wash. He is also survived by grandparents, John and Marion Galletti of Hollywood, Fla., and Allan and Rita

Lawson of Seattle; step-brothers, Brandon O'Quin of Redmond and Kyle O'Quin of Portland; and stepsister, Laura O'Quin, of Seattle. In addition, John is survived by numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and many loyal friends.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Monday, March 11, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church at 1001 N. J St., Tacoma, Wash. It will be followed by a reception and a funeral procession to Calvary Cemetery in Tacoma.

In remembrance of John, contributions may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, www.woundedwarriorproject.org, DESC, a charity aiding the homeless, at www.desc.org, or your charity of choice.

Please leave online condolences at www.gaffneycares.com. Arrangements are by Gaffney Funeral Home, (253) 572-6003.

Agnes M. Palmer, 81

Last Tuesday, November 5, 2013, Agnes M. Palmer suddenly and unexpectedly "took her leave of our beautiful but often troublesome world."

She had celebrated her 81st birthday just 11 days before.

She was known as "Aggie" by most who knew her. Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren might refer to her as "little grandma Aggie" or "G.G. Aggie" for great-grandmother.

She was born to James and Della (Manary) Doyle in 1932, in Dodson, Mont. She was the second youngest of 14 children in this large, Irish-Catholic family and grew up on a farm outside of Whitefish; green, fertile, well-watered country where the family earned its subsistence keeping milk cows and chickens, raising strawberries, raspberries and a large vegetable garden.

As a high school student she excelled at playing the clarinet which afforded her a chance to tour the state of Montana with her high school band. She also had a beautiful singing voice that we did not hear nearly often enough. What struck people most when they met Agnes was her warmth, her hominess and smiling sense of humor. One had to know her better to discern her fine intelligence, however, and she was accomplished at nearly anything she put her mind to. Puzzles, crosswords and Crypto Quips were daily entertainments.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 13 at St. Mary's Catholic Church, with a vigil service the evening before at 6 p.m. at the church, where participants will be welcomed to share their memories.

Graduating from high school and trained as a stenographer/typist, she moved to Helena to take a job with the state government. It was here she met and married, at age 19 in 1952, a lanky young cowboy named Alvin R. Palmer whom everyone called "Pal." It was a stormy relationship for Pal and Aggie. Their union brought five children into the world but ended in 1975. Understandably perhaps, out of a parentage of such contrasts, these five were interesting and colorful in their own right.



So much so and each going in such different directions, it was many times challenging for Agnes to keep hold of the reins. This she managed with her customary patience,

understanding, loyalty and an occasional flash of the Irish temper.

Agnes did not marry a second time which gave her the opportunity to share herself with many different friends and organizations over the years, even up to the very end. She was active in the Eagles, bowling leagues, card-playing clubs, the Democratic Action Club, The Red Hats and as a volunteer for St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Beloved mother, sister and friend, our dear Aggie may not have been perfect but for the virtues she displayed in plenty she will be deeply missed, long remembered and forever an example.

She was preceded in death by brothers, David, Jimmy and Bill Doyle; sisters, Mary Mecci and Betty Ahrens; and grandson, Tommy Plovovich.

She is survived by sisters, Stella Holyk of Hot Springs, Theresa Gano of Polson, Francis Byrne of Lake Blaine, and Patricia Chamberlain of Great Falls; brother, Leonard Doyle of Whitefish; children, Susan Plovovich of Helena, Steve Palmer of Helena, Harry Palmer of Salt Lake City, Shawn Palmer of Billings, and Jennifer Palmer of Seattle; nine grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Gerald S. 'Jerry' Park, 76

Gerald S. "Jerry" Park, 76, passed away peacefully at his Kalispell home on Aug. 12, 2013.

Jerry was born in Dallas, the son of Sidney And Erin (Cook) Park. He grew up in Dallas and graduated from Sunset High School. Jerry then attended Texas Christian University, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1961.

Jerry served honorably in the U.S. Army from 1961 to 1962, when he then became an armored officer in the Texas National Guard until 1969.

In the late 1950s and early 1960s, Jerry was involved in radio broadcasting. Susie used to dance in the headlights at the TCU parking lot during "Jerry's Night Show" before she met him. In 1963, Jerry switched to television and worked for ABC Television as a newsman and anchor. He retired in 1969 in Oklahoma City, Okla., and was inducted in the Broadcasters Hall of Fame in 2008, for his many years of service.

Jerry was actively involved with United Cerebral Palsy, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and a member of the Southern Hills Christian Church. He enjoyed reading and traveling.



He was preceded in death by his parents, Sidney and

Erin Park.

Jerry is survived by his wife of 49 years, Sharon "Susie" Park, of Kalispell; sons, Rusty Park of Kalispell, and Randy and Anne Park of Plainfield, Ill.; daughter, ShyAnn, and Grant Milner, of Edmond, Okla.; sisters, Kay Fikes, Nancy Malik and Betsy Hayes; brother-in-law, Larry Webb; five grandchildren Lauren, Ryan and Maggie Park, and Mason and Jacob Milner; and aunt, Jean Patton, of Dallas.

A celebration of life for Jerry will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 15, at the Easthaven Baptist Church Foyer (near the fireside).

Friends are encouraged to visit the website, www.buffalohillfh.com, to leave notes of condolence for the family.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Easthaven Baptist Church Missionary Services; or the the Cross and Crown Ministries, 10th and McKinley, Oklahoma City, OK 73131.

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

Darla Goe Parker, 52

Darla Goe Parker was born Oct. 10, 1961, and passed away peacefully June 8, 2013, at her home in Columbia Falls.

Darla graduated in 1980 from Columbia Falls High School.

She is survived by her devoted husband, Shawn; daughter, Jessica; son, Joshua; and grandson, Tyrell; her mother, Patricia May Goe; and stepfather, Byron Goe; as well as three brothers, Jeff, Kevin and Todd; all of



her beloved nieces and nephews; caring in-laws and countless friends and family who were blessed to know her.

Friends and family are invited to attend a celebration of life from 1 to 5 p.m. on Thursday, June 13, at 1295 Berne Road in Columbia Falls.

"TaTa 4 Now..."

Jerry D. Paro, 68

Jerry D. Paro, 68, passed away on May 20, 2013, in Kalispell.

He was born April 10, 1945, in Luke Field, Ariz., He moved to San Bernardino, Calif., then to Dayton. He graduated from Polson High School and attended the University of Montana-Missoula.

Jerry served in Vietnam and was honorably discharged from the Army.

He worked for the National Park Service in Glacier, North Cascades, Yellowstone, Big Bend (Texas) and Olympic National Parks, ending up again in Glacier. His duty stations included trails, law enforcement, computer operations, maintenance and campgrounds.

Jerry was a man of many interests and talents, including leather tooling, stained glass, building anything, sewing and gardening/canning. He was an extraordinary cook.

Jerry loved what life had to offer and made the



most of the time he had with us.

He will be sorely missed by the many whose lives he touched.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents, Clyde

and Pat Paro; and his sister, Judith Paro.

He leaves behind his wife of 38 years, Nora Paro; his brother, John, and wife, Cleora; and stepbrother, Clyde and wife, Karen; plus relatives in the Flathead Valley, Michigan, California and Alaska.

Jerry requested that there be no services. In fact, he was adamant. So think of him with your next beer or St. Brendan's or keno bet.

Buffalo Hills Mortuary is caring for the family. To send condolences to the family please go to www.buffalohillfh.com

Sandra Katherine Parod, 71

Sandra Katherine (Rodler) Parod, 71, passed away Nov. 22, 2013, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center, due to a heart attack.

Sandy was born July 7, 1942, in Butte. She was raised in Bigfork. She graduated from Bigfork High School in 1959, and with honors from Northern Montana College in Havre in 1961, with an associate's degree for medical secretary.

She married Ted W. Parod on Aug. 30, 1964. They later divorced, in January of 1981.

From 1970 to 1991, Sandy worked for J. Austin Miller, Dan Eigeman and Jerry Hanson. She retired in 1991, from JCCS in Kalispell.

Sandy had been an active member of Al-Anon since May of 1981.

She enjoyed fishing, hiking, camping and anything outdoors. In 1973, she became the first woman to have a Montana state commercial pilot license for hot air balloon operations.

She was preceded in



death by her parents, Ted and LaVerne (Bellmore) Rodler; and her brother, Ken Rodler.

Sandy is survived by her brothers, James and Jeanette Bray of Kalispell, and Robert Bray of Kalispell; nieces and nephews, Krista Rodler of Kalispell, Starling Rodler of Kalispell, Nicole Anton and Savannah Anton, Vicki and Haakon Bray Walhus, Michael and Terri Bray, Tim and Aysem Bray of South Korea, and Jennifer, Katie, Daniel Shandy and Bobby Lee Parod — her "children by choice." She is also survived by her special friends, Terry Youtt, and Agie and Don Petersen.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 3, at the First Church of the Nazarene in Kalispell.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Flathead Shelter Friends, P.O. Box 1035, Kalispell, MT 59903.

Michael Dee Patton, 64

Michael Dee Patton, 64, passed away peacefully after a brief illness, on Aug. 7, 2013, at the Atlanta Northside Hospital in Georgia.

He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Margaret E. Patton; brother, James L. Patton, of Garland, Texas; sister, Peggy A. and Leo Drumm of Reno, Nev.; father-in-law, J. Parke Mellinger; brothers-in-law, H. Charles and Madeline Mellinger, and Robert Curtis; and sisters-in-law, Marianne Mellinger and Kenneth Hull, and Ruth and Wayne Martin.

Michael was preceded in death by his parents, Charles M. and Myra L. Patton; mother-in-law,

Ruth Mellinger; and sister-in-law, Joan Curtis.

There will be a celebration of Michael's life at a later time in Pennsylvania.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory may be made to The Atlanta Botanical Garden, <https://give.atlantabotanicalgarden.org/tributes-memorial-giving>; or The Gibbs Gardens, 6816 Yellow Creek Road, Ball Ground, GA 30107.

Messages of condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.hmpattersonoglethorpe.com. H.M. Patterson & Son Oglethorpe Hill in Atlanta is serving the family.

John A. Parodi, 94

John A. Parodi, 94, died Sunday, Aug. 4, 2013, at his home in Whitefish.

John was born June 3, 1919, in Haverhill, Mass., the second son of Natale L. and Lucie Hill Parodi.

John graduated from the University of New Hampshire with a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry, then earned his Ph.D. in physical chemistry from Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill. While there, he met Janet Hudson, and they were married in 1948. He went to work for the General Electric Co., and they eventually settled in Cleveland, where they raised three daughters.

After nearly 35 years with GE, John retired, and Janet and he moved to Missoula to be closer to family. In retirement, he enjoyed gardening, bread making, walking, bird-

watching and programming his computers.

After Janet passed away in 2008, he relocated to Great Falls, where he especially enjoyed walking to Schulte's for morning coffee with the regulars and weekly dinners with his extended family.

John is survived by his daughters, Jean Parodi of Spokane, Margaret Parodi of Bigfork and Elizabeth Van Koten and Darrel of Whitefish; grandchildren, Brian Van Koten and Jill DeCoursey of Santa Monica, Calif., and Kimberly Van Koten of Portland; and niece, Lauren Valyou, and Bob of Haverhill.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Janet; and his brother, Nat Parodi.

No services are planned at this time. If desired, memorials may be sent to North Valley Food Bank, 311 E. First St., Whitefish, MT 59937.

Patricia Dawn Patton, 70

Patty Patton passed away peacefully on Tuesday, April 2, 2013, surrounded by family and friends at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Patty was born in Spokane on Sept. 26, 1942.

She graduated from Whitefish High School in 1960 and spent the next 25 years there raising her children. Patty then spent several years using her many talents in different jobs in Nevada, California and Washington before settling back in Montana to be close to her family. She was an extremely productive worker, pursuing several different vocations in her lifetime. Her organizational skills and personality made her especially good at sales and secretarial positions. Her proudest accomplishments, by far, were her kids, grandkids and great-grandson.

Patty had many hobbies. She loved her pets, taking care of her flowers and doing genealogy research. She was an avid reader and enjoyed watching movies — those who know her can list the many TV programs that she never missed. Most of all, she treasured spending time with family and friends.

Patty's diagnosis of ALS in 2008 confirmed her optimistic and brave spirit. She continuously modeled to friends and family that personal strength and a positive attitude can rise above circumstances. When she moved to Brendan House in 2011 she settled right in, creating new friendships and continuing her hobbies — all the while inspiring those who knew her with her upbeat and caring nature, putting others' needs before her own. She



will forever be our hero.

She was a true and loyal friend, and a loving and devoted

mother and grandmother. Patty's sense of humor, willingness to listen and rare ability to make each person feel uniquely important and special were appreciated by everyone whose lives she touched. Her laugh, the sparkle in her eyes and her amazing ability to see the positive in any situation will be so missed by her family and close friends.

Patty was preceded in death by her parents, Don W. Porter and Beth Barton, her sister and best friend, Sharon Lewis, and Sharon's husband, John.

She is survived by her children, daughter Cathy Deschamps of Missoula, son Earl Patton and Kelsey of Kalispell, and daughter and son-in-law Tresa and Rick DeLaughder of Marion; four grandchildren, Kyle and Kierstin Patton, and Cole and Jesse DeLaughder; and one great-grandson, Israel Patton.

The family want to express our sincere gratitude to the staff at Brendan House for the personal, loving care Patty received.

At Patty's request, there will be no funeral services. A private memorial will be held at a later date.

Donations in Patty's honor can be made to Brendan House, 350 Conway Dr. Kalispell, MT 59901 or The ALS Association, Evergreen Chapter, 19115 68th Ave. S., Suite H-105, Kent, WA 98032.

Len Eldon Patterson, 54

Len Eldon Patterson, 54, died Friday, Jan. 27, 2012, in Missoula.

He is survived by his wife, Cindy Patterson; and son,

Clayton Patterson.

Funeral services are pending.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for the family.

Meryl Dorothy Cook Patterson, 89

Meryl Dorothy Cook Patterson died Sept. 14, 2013, in Butte, while surrounded by family members after a short illness.

She was born April 26, 1924, in San Diego to Walter Vernon Cook and Lillie Johanna Hall Cook.

She attended San Diego High School, graduating in 1942. She was very active in sports, where she played hardball baseball and nearly pursued a career in professional baseball! She also excelled in tennis and badminton.

She attended San Diego State College for two years where she was a song leader and a member of Phi Sigma Nu sorority. After her father's death, she left college to work for the U.S. Weather Bureau in San Diego, transferring to the 10th Naval District in San Francisco until the end of World War II. Meryl went on to attend the University of California, Berkeley and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in social work in 1947.

While working as a medical social worker in San Diego, she met and married her soul mate, Dr. James L. Patterson. As an army physician, Jim was deployed to Tokyo with Meryl at his side in 1949.

While in Japan, she acquired a love of oriental culture and received a degree in Japanese flower arranging. She also volunteered for the American Red Cross and when Jim was sent to Korea, she remained in Tokyo and assisted arriving, wounded UN troops, and the families of departed soldiers.

In 1951, they returned home to Los Angeles where daughter Leslie and son Jim were born. In 1958, they moved to Butte where they established their lifetime home. In Butte, Meryl was an active member of the community. She was a founding board member for the Art Chateau, membership chairman for the Community Concert Association for 16



years and served on its board, as well as serving on the Community Hospital Advisory Board.

She was an active member of St. John's Episcopal

Church and the Silver Bow Medical Auxiliary.

In 1965, Meryl and Jim purchased property on Flathead Lake. Every summer since, they enjoyed spending time at their cabin with family, friends and neighbors.

Meryl enjoyed hobbies of downhill skiing, hiking, traveling, Japanese landscape gardening and decorating her home with oriental accents.

Meryl was preceded in death by her mother and father; son, James Patterson III; and brother, Walter Vernon Cook; also by brother-in-law, Johnny Laborde; and nephew, Albert Schoenberger.

She is survived by her husband, James Patterson; daughter, Leslie Selin and husband, Lonny, of Salt Lake City; daughter-in-law, Michelle Patterson of Bigfork; grandchildren, Kari Selin, Kelsey Selin and Samuel Patterson, sister, Elizabeth Laborde, sister-in-law, Shirley Cook, niece, Barbara Schoenberger, and nephew, John Laborde and wife Kathy, all of San Diego.

In accordance with her requests, cremation has taken place at Butte Crematories.

Church services for Meryl will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 27 at St. John's Episcopal Church in Butte.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the following charities: Highlands Hospice, United Way, Flathead Lakers, Episcopal Relief & Development or a charity of one's choice.

Axelton Alternative Cremation is privileged to serve the Patterson family.

Robert I. Paul Sr., 88

Our father, Robert I. Paul Sr., 88, of Kalispell, formerly of Eddyville, Ky., "passed on to be with the saints" on Oct. 23, 2013.

Known as "RIP" to his friends, Dad is preceded in death by his parents, Asa Irving and Grace (Angel) Paul of Evansville, Ind.; brother, Lloyd Paul; sisters, Leona and Margaret; and his bride, Mona Lee "Honey" Paul, of 48 years.

He is survived by his sister, Donna Sue Waymire; four sons, Robert I. Paul Jr. and wife Linda, Edward, Frederick and Joseph; three grandchildren, Robert III and wife Erin, Angela and Brittani; and three great-grandchildren, Elizabeth, Colby and Aubrey Paul.

A World War II and Korean veteran, Dad retired from the Navy after 22 years and worked as an industrial electrician until his retirement. He was a volunteer for the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars driving the DAV van all over western Kentucky, as well as a member of the Masons (Scottish



Rite). Dad loved sports, outdoor activities and his beloved

mountains in Montana. His neighbors in Montana remember him as a horseman, and "the nice old man on the corner who gave away eggs" from the chickens he tended up to the day of his passing. He was very generous to worthy charities. He loved to travel and between his U.S. Navy travels and retirement, saw virtually every state, every continent and all the oceans.

Our family will remember him as a devoted husband, father and patriot.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 30, at Lakeland Funeral Home in Eddyville, with interment next to his wife Mona Lee following the service.

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

Gerald Lee Payne, 53

Gerald Lee Payne, 53, died Sunday June 2, 2013, in Kalispell. Services are pending.

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

Florence Marie Paulson, 91

Florence Marie Paulson, 91, of Bigfork, passed away Christmas Eve 2013.

Florence and her twin brother Eugene were born on April 23, 1922, in Kalispell to Mildred and Dan Sullivan. She attended the old Echo School for her early school years. She then graduated from Bigfork High School.

On Sept. 19, 1941, she married Glen Paulson in Bigfork.

Florence spent most of her life living in Bigfork, except for a brief stint in Bremerton, Wash., during the World War II years working at the naval yards. Back in Bigfork, Florence was a mail carrier and then eventually worked in the Bigfork Post Office as a clerk.

After many years of valued work for the post office, Florence took her full retirement. She loved to travel and see new parts of the country. She also loved Bigfork High School basketball. She was a regular attendee from the time she was in high school until she could no longer physically attend.

Florence was preceded



in death by her parents, Mildred and Dan Sullivan; her husband, Glen Paulson; and

her brothers, Eugene and Cecil Sullivan.

Florence is survived by her son, Gary Paulson, and his wife, Linda, of Creston; her grandson, Greg Paulson, and his wife, Deborah, of Deer Park, Wash.; her grandson, Griff Paulson, and his wife, Karen, of Bigfork; and her granddaughter, Kerry Greenwood, and husband, Jason, of Havre; as well as eight great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her sister, Lois Sudan, of Bigfork; as well as several nieces and nephews.

A private family burial will be held per her request.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Florence's family. You are invited to go to www.jgfuneralhome.com to offer a condolence and sign Florence's guest book.

Michael Alton Pearce, 86

Michael Alton Pearce died peacefully and with loved ones by his side, on July 23, 2013, after a short battle with cancer.

He is survived by his wife Hazel, son Ken and Robin Pearce, son Todd and Dawn Engels, daughter Leah and Chris Kemple, daughter Kathryn Pearce, sister Nancy and Chuck Manning, and nine grandchildren.

Mike was born in Kalispell on Aug. 21, 1936, where his parents, Jean and Alton Pearce, owned and operated the Alton Pearce Drug Company for over 47 years. He graduated from Flathead County High School in 1954, and was awarded a full Navy scholarship at the University of Washington where he graduated and was commissioned as an ensign, U.S. Navy, in 1958.

His Naval service spanned 34 years in which he served aboard every type of surface ship and submarines. He attended Naval Aviation Training and received his pilots wings in 1959. Mike flew as pilot in command of 18 different types of military aircraft. Primarily based in the Pacific Theater, he served one Atlantic tour.

Mike attended post-graduate education at George Washington University, the Naval War College and the Defense Systems Management University where he earned master's degrees.

His Command at Sea tours included Patrol Squadron 48 at Moffett Field, Calif., and Commander Task Group 72.3 at Misawa, Japan. His Command Ashore tours were at the Defense Systems Management University as Dean of the School of Systems Acquisition Management, and as professor of Naval science at Iowa State University. He retired with rank of captain, USN.



promoted supervisors of the Washington Department of Personnel, the Washington State Patrol and the Washington State Ferry System.

Mike and Hazel continued to fly general aviation, owning a 1945 Cessna 170, later a 1947 Navion-A, a Lancair Columbia 300, and finally a Lightning LS-1 Light Sport. Mike flew as a pilot for the Thirteenth District Coast Guard in the four-state area of Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana. As a Coast Guard Air Auxiliary pilot for 16 years, he flew in the Puget Sound and Columbia River Areas of Operation, watching for drug trafficking, shipping traffic violations and maritime safety. As a lifelong pilot he accumulated over 12,000 pilot hours, starting as a 9-year-old flying from Kalispell City Airport.

During his early years Mike also followed the Montana boat racing circuit, putting on water ski shows for Montana state regattas. He was a life member of the American Water Ski Association, Kalispell Masonic Lodge No. 42 AF&AM, and a member and trustee of the First Methodist Church of Belmont, N.C.

Mike and Hazel moved to Belmont, N.C. in 2009 to be closer to three married children and nine grandchildren. May through September were spent on Flathead Lake where Mike grew up and had such fond memories.

Victor Daniel 'Vic' Pearson, 89

Victor Daniel "Vic" Pearson, 44-year resident of Boise, Idaho, passed away Sept. 23, 2013, at the age of 89.

He was known as "Dan" in his younger years, and to his nieces and nephews. Per his request, his remains have been cremated and no public service will be held. His immediate family bid him a last farewell on Sept. 24, with plans to scatter his ashes at some of his favorite fishing holes in Montana and Idaho.

He was born May 27, 1924, in Barber, Mont., to Ernst Erick Pearson and Johanna Amelia Swanson Pearson. When he was a youngster, his family moved to the Jocko Valley near Arlee. He declined a football scholarship to the University of Montana to study pre-med at the University of Wisconsin at Madison. His higher education was interrupted when he received his draft notice. He served in the Army Air Corps as a cryptographer and later attended the Judge Advocate General's course at the University of Virginia. He eventually received his Juris Doctor from the University of Montana.

His post-military professional life began in Missoula, where he soon joined the Farmers Insurance Group as an adjuster. Promotions led him to move his family to Helena, then Kalispell, and finally to Boise, where he retired after more than 30 years with the company. He spent many years as a respected member of the



Board of Arbitration, where he was known for his

thoughtful and well-reasoned facilitation of negotiations.

In Boise he met Ruth M. McCoy and they were married in January of 1974. They enjoyed traveling, but in recent years, they spent their time at home, reading voraciously, enjoying their grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and providing love and support for each other.

A music lover and fine baritone singer, his voice was in demand while in the Army, and he often entertained family with his accordion, piano, organ, guitar and harmonica. He also entertained his children and grandchildren with ingenious homemade toys and puppets.

He was preceded in death by his parents; first wife, Edna Marie Olsen Pearson, infant son, Eric William; brothers, William and Robert; and sisters, June, Mary and Virginia.

He will be forever loved by his surviving family, his wife of 39 years, Ruth M. McCoy Pearson; sister, Donna Jones; daughters, Janis Pearson Lance and husband Gordy of Grangeville, Idaho, and Judith Pearson Seyfert and husband Steve of Eagle, Idaho; his three stepchildren, 10 grandchildren, numerous great-grandchildren; and 10 nieces and nephews and their children.

If you would like to honor Mike with a memorial, his family suggests donations to the Lakeside Community Chapel, P.O. Box 162, Lakeside, MT 59922.

A memorial service will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Friday July 26, at the Lakeside Community Chapel.

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

After making 19 military moves, Mike and Hazel settled in Silverdale, Wash. There he owned and operated Pearce Services for 22 years, contracting with industry and the state of Washington to present management training seminars for newly

George Monford Peebles, 81

George Monford Peebles, 81, passed away peacefully on Saturday, Jan. 12, 2013, at Buffalo Hills Retreat in Kalispell.

He was born on Feb. 22, 1931, in Vender, Ark., to Mitchell and Dorothy (Collins) Peebles.

The family moved to McFarland, Calif., in the 1940s. As a teenager, he was a member of the Future Farmers of America and had a knack for raising championship swine and won several state awards. He graduated from McFarland High School in 1951.

George served in the U.S. Air Force as an aircraft mechanic during the Korean War. After being honorably discharged in 1955, he returned to McFarland and began farming.

He married Carmen Greene in February 1964 and settled in Bakersfield, Calif., where he worked in construction.

In 1982 they moved to Kalispell. George worked at Glacier National Park as a campground foreman until he retired in 1996.

George had a generous and fun-loving spirit and strong work ethic. He loved the outdoors and especially enjoyed fishing and camping in the high country. He was a member of the Flathead Free Trappers, a group of local enthusiasts who recreate the lifestyle of pre-1840s era mountain men through wilderness camps.

He and Carmen enjoyed



traveling to gun and antique shows to sell and trade various collectibles, including his exquisite hand-crafted beadwork. Playing the

mandolin was another source of joy for him. Bluegrass jam sessions with friends were once a common event in his home.

George is survived by his son and daughter in-law, Mark and Marcy Ladd, of Bakersfield; daughters, Leslie Peebles Greene of Mount Vernon, Wash., and Veronica Brandewie of Sequim, Wash.; grandchildren, Stuart Brandewie, Kelsey Brandewie, Mason Ladd and Matthew Ladd; sister, Golden Simpson; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Carmen; brothers, Boyd, Doyle, JD and Gufford; and sister, Jewel.

Memorial services for George will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 18, at Flathead Valley Cowboy Church with Pastor Don Robinson officiating.

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

Joshua James Perry, 24

Joshua James Perry, 24, "passed on to perfect peace with his heavenly Father" on March 6, 2013.

He was born November 23, 1988 in Whitefish to David and Katryn Perry. He grew up in Whitefish where he loved being on the shores of any mountain lake or wandering through the forests with his family and dog.

Josh was interested in many things; he was an artist at heart. He always had a creative project in process; be it artisan bread or a woodworking idea. He had a passion for graphic design, especially designing logos. He joined his mother in the kitchen with passion, ultimately surpassing her with his ability to produce what brings joy to all — the best thing you ever tasted. He brought love and laughter around the table.

He was a generous man, a patient teacher and willing to help anyone who needed a hand. When a job needed to be done, he gave it all his attention. To the best of his ability, he looked after the interests of others.

Josh is preceded in death by his grandparents, Leo and Lona Lee Evans, Uncle Paul Perry, and cousin Andrea Perry.

He is survived by his parents, David and Katryn Perry, his sister Ruth, his brother Joseph,



his grandparents Paul and Carolyn Perry, Aunt Lexie Evans, Uncle Troy (Heather)

Evans, Uncle Cly (Charlotte) and cousins Grace and Emma, Aunt Jill (John) and cousins Jennifer and Dan, Jessica and Dax, Uncle Jay Evans, Uncle Todd (Kanako) Evans and cousin Shingo, Uncle Bruce (Dawn) and cousin Jay, Auntie Anne (Dave) and cousins Daniel, Anna (Rob) and Rachael, Auntie Marilyn and cousins Nicholas and Jennifer, Auntie Carla and cousins Jeff and Mark, Auntie Susan (Greg) and cousins Rachael and Lena, as well as many extended family members.

A celebration of life will be held on Wednesday, March 13, at 11 a.m. at the Whitefish Assembly of God Church, 1549 Karrow Ave.

In lieu of flowers the family requests sending memorials to Glacier Bank, 319 E. 2nd Street, Whitefish, MT 59937 to establish the Josh Perry Memorial Art Scholarship Fund.

Please watch for Joshua's Facebook page to be reactivated to leave remembrances.

Pauline C. Perry, 87

Pauline C. Perry, 87, died Wednesday, May 29, 2013, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

No services are

planned at this time. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Carol Jeanne Peiffer, 73

Carol Jeanne Peiffer, 73, died Monday, July 15, 2013, at her home in Lakeside.

She is survived by her husband of 56 years, Lloyd Peiffer; and four children, William Peiffer, Pamela Wendt, Kenneth Peiffer and Dale Peiffer.

Funeral services will be

held at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 20, at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, with the Rev. Mark Cutler officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery following a reception at the church.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

James A. Peltier, 82

James A. Peltier, 82, died Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2013, after a short illness.

He is survived by his children, Wendy Eaton, Wade Peltier, Marcy Goheen and David "Bodie" Bodendick, all of Eureka, and Mike Peltier of Anchor Point, Alaska.

Services were held Nov. 9 at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church, followed by interment with military rights at the Tobacco Valley Cemetery.

Arrangements were under the direction of Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Eureka.

Anthony 'Tony' Pepe, 83

Anthony "Tony" Pepe, 83, peacefully passed away on Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2013, at Health Center Northwest in Kalispell.

Tony was born in Anaconda on Dec. 29, 1929, to Louis and Carmela.

His first language was Italian, and he always had a deep respect and appreciation for his Italian roots. He was the oldest of three children, a brother Albert and a sister Genevieve.

He attended Anaconda schools and took education seriously, played all sports and still found plenty of time for his share of "high jinks" Anaconda style. Upon graduation he received a journalism scholarship to the University of Montana but decided to "make his way in the world," and started a career with the Woolworth Company.

He quickly advanced to assistant manager position and in 1949, moved to Kalispell where during a bowling tournament he met a spunky young lady named Colleen Olson. They soon married and "bowled together" for 61 years until Colleen's death in 2011. They raised three children,



Valli, Melanie and Ralph.

After managing Woolworth stores for a number of years,

in order to permanently reside in the Flathead, Tony became manager for Adkins Lakewood Center, then owned and operated Eagle Shoe Co. until 1980, when he founded Pepe Insurance Agency. Working with his clients was his passion and he took their concerns and needs to heart.

Tony loved to fly fish and watching him cast a fly was as beautiful as in "A River Runs Through It." He would hike anywhere and everywhere to catch a trout. Tony was a hunter, even though he used a lot more shells than Colleen, with those "running head shots," and would have greatly benefited from GPS technology.

Tony was such an amazing baseball player he had the opportunity to join the farm team for the Brooklyn Dodgers in the early 1950'. While he always said

he didn't head out for Spring Training because it wasn't the New York Yankees who called him, he chose to stay close to his young, growing family. Tony continued his love of sports by coaching pee wee baseball, church basketball league, and coached girls' basketball for Trinity Lutheran School when granddaughters Megan and Melissa were players. He was an avid fan of the Anaconda Copperheads, Flathead Braves, Carroll College Saints, University of Montana Grizzlies, The New York Yankees and Boise State and Notre Dame football.

Tony exemplified community service through many years of belonging to the local Elks Club, and Evergreen and Sunrivers Lions clubs. He held many offices with the Lions and served as Evergreen Lions Club president and deputy district governor, which was an international district including areas of Alberta, Canada. Tony made many lifelong Canadian friends, and always took his family to the many conferences and conventions. He was actively involved with his church

community and enjoyed serving on Calvary Lutheran Church's Council.

Tony was preceded in death by his parents, brother and loving wife.

He is survived by his sister, Genevieve and Richard Barge of Georgetown, Texas; his children, Valli and Richard Ostrem of Kalispell, Melanie and Alex Parkhurst of Columbia Falls, and Ralph and Holly Pepe of Boise, Idaho; grandchildren, Megan Pepe and Joel Welle of Kalispell, Melissa and Shay Evanoff of Kalispell, Lindsay and David Baird of Boise, Chris and Natasha Ostrem of Kalispell, and Harry Ostrem of Los Angeles; and great-grandchildren, Ward and Walker Evanoff, Luca Welle, and Coleman and Caden Baird.

A memorial service will be celebrated at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28 at Calvary Lutheran Church in Evergreen.

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

Jack D. Peters, 90

Jack D. Peters, 90, a longtime resident of Trego, died Saturday June 29, 2013, at HealthCenter Northwest in Kalispell, from natural causes.

He was born April 28, 1923, in Ontario, Ore., to Albert and Mary Anna (Bennage) Peters. Jack grew up and attended school in Ontario and graduated from Ontario High School with the class of 1941.

Jack served in the United States Marine Corps during World War II and was stationed on Midway Island.

After returning from the service, Jack married Mary Louise Wise on Oct. 18, 1945, in Ontario. The family moved to Trego in 1955 where they bought a ranch. Over the years Jack proved to be a good steward of the land. He turned his ranch into a park. He made a living by raising cattle, pigs and Christmas trees, and logging.

Jack was named Tree Farmer of the Year twice; once in 1983 and the second time in 2003. He



enjoyed hunting and fishing.

A sister and a brother preceded him in death.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Louise Peters, of Trego;



children, Susan Utter and Terry of Eureka, Kenneth Peters and Deb of Kalispell, and Leslie Peters and Alan of Maine; grandchildren, Mark Utter and Marla, Chad Utter and Stephanie, Amy Pacella and John, Trevor Utter and Amber, Jayson Peters and Mary, Chris Peters and Reisa, and Stephanie Boon and Adam; great-grandchildren include Charlaire, Terrin, Ashlen, Rachael, Elizabeth, A.J., Sienna, Alyssa, Caleb, Natalia, Andi, Urijah and Issac.

Private family services will be held.

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

Burton John 'BJ' Peterman, 86

Burton John "BJ" Peterman passed away on May 23, 2013, under care of Hospice Family Care in Gilbert, Ariz. He was able to stay in his own home up until a week before his death.

BJ was born on Feb. 9, 1927, at the family home at the head of Whitefish Lake.

He joined the Navy as soon as he turned 17 and served on the USS Hyman DD-732 in 1945 and 1946 when they assisted in the surrender and occupation of the Japanese Islands.

After discharge, he returned to the Flathead Valley and married Marceen (Houston) Guay in March of 1948.

He worked for the Great Northern and the Burlington Northern Railroads, retiring after 44 years of service.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William Henry and Bessie Peterman; sister, Belle



Westwong; and son, Dennis Peterman.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Marceen; daughters, Sharon Howell of Montana, and



Darcy and Russ Trostad of Arizona; son, David, and Dana, of Arizona; 13 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

BJ helped coach sons David and Dennis in Little League and was responsible for taking the team to Canada where they brought home the first International team trophy for baseball for Whitefish.

A memorial service will be announced at a later date with interment at Glacier Memorial Gardens, Kalispell.

Hazel Peterson

A memorial service for Hazel Peterson, 98, who died Jan. 9, will be

at 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 9, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Kalispell.

Mercy Sebastian Lee Peterson (Armstrong), 18

Mercy was born on Aug. 26, 1994, at 7:15 a.m. in Daytona Beach, Fla., was raised in the Flathead Valley, and died in a car accident on Friday, June 7, 2013, at 10:15 a.m. in Kalispell.

He attended Glacier Gateway, Columbia Falls Junior High, Columbia Falls High, Glacier High and Flathead High schools, and was a current student at Columbia Falls High School Learning Center. He was working hard to finish school and earn his diploma.

He had a special love for music and many interests and passions that kept him busy. He enjoyed listening to music; playing guitar; creating art; enjoying nature; taking time to love his friends and family; befriending people and animals; being physically active in sports; riding longboards, skateboards, snowboards, wakeboards and bikes; making people laugh and smile; and having a smile on his face.

He was, and will always be, remembered as a truly unique person who was skilled in all of his interests.

Mercy has warmed many hearts in his life. He was a good person who was doing his best.

There are a vast number of people who miss



Mercy tremendously. His death has left many loving friends and family members heavy-hearted. Although he is gone, he will not be forgotten; he will forever live on in our



hearts and memories.

A service for Mercy will be held at 4 p.m. June 21. The service will take place at the Columbia Mountain Cabins, located at 980 Jensen Road in Columbia Falls.

Mercy was preceded in death by his dad, Michael Jason Peterson, 34, on Jan. 28, 2007; and his mom, Shannon Marie Armstrong, 37, on Aug. 15, 2009.

Mercy is survived by his sister and brother-in-law, Leisa and Wesley Jackson; half-sister, Juliet Peterson; grandma, Carol Peterson; grandpa, Pete McIntyre; stepfather, Joshua Armstrong; step-grandmother, Patricia Sincavage; many aunts, uncles, and cousins in the Armstrong and Peterson families; and even more friends who are considered family.

Richard 'Rick' Arnold Peterson Jr., 58

Richard "Rick" Arnold Peterson Jr., 58, of Gardendale, Texas, formerly of Kalispell, died Monday, May 20, 2013, at Medical Center Hospital.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Arrangements are by Acres West Funeral Chapel in Odessa, Texas.

Roger Peterson, 94

Roger "Pete" Peterson, 94, of Polson, died at Polson Health & Rehab on Saturday, Sept. 13, 2013.

Grogan Funeral Home & Crematory is assisting the family with arrangements.

Rocky Jay Peterson, 41

Rocky Jay Peterson, born Aug. 21, 1972, "rose to heaven" on Sept. 1, 2013, at the age of 41.

He was born and raised in Eureka, graduating from Lincoln County High School in 1991. He enlisted in the United States Navy and was stationed on the USS Constellation.

Rocky spent four years at an apprentice school for lineman. After graduating, Rocky traveled the country as a contracted journeyman/lineman, and loved chasing storms. Most recently he worked for Lincoln Electric Co-op.

Rocky loved the outdoors; his passions included fishing, hunting and playing golf. Rocky was a big Bobcats fan and was a longtime fan of the Dallas Cowboys. Rocky's deepest passion was motocross, where he was an active rider and competitor.

Rocky was a surprise to his mother and father — he came 10 years after their third son Ricky was born. His mom dedicated Rocky to the Lord when he was born. Ricky was so proud to have him; he was the only one his mom would trust to baby-sit him.

"The hardest thing in life is to lose someone you love. To lose a son, a brother, a father, and someone you want to spend the rest of your life with, too young, too soon, is a tremendous loss for this family. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers."

Rocky is survived by



his two sons, Michael and Brynt, and the love of his life, Trish DeVall, and her daughter Laura Williams. He is also survived by

his parents, Kenneth and Sharron Peterson; brothers and sisters-in-law, Raymond and Debra Peterson, Randy and Valorie Peterson, and Ricky and Lisa Peterson; nephews and nieces, Jason and wife, Cecelia, their children, Savanna and Nathan; Alicia and Travis, and their child, Ryan; Darren, Miranda and her children, Landen and Paxten; Jeremey, and Chastyn; Tanner and his wife Mandi; Dillon and Jordan; and many uncles, aunts and cousins.

There will be a viewing for all loved ones, family and friends from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 6, at the Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home, near the Creative Arts Center in Eureka.

Rocky's funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 7, at the Church of God, 1205 Second Ave. E., Eureka. A reception will follow.

In lieu of flowers, donations in the memory of Rocky J. Peterson can be made to the Eureka Lion's Den Booster Club, P.O. Box 761, Eureka, MT 59917.

Velma Marie Peterson, 88

Velma Marie Peterson, 88, formerly of Kalispell and Somers, died Jan. 11, 2013, in Lebanon, Ore.

She is survived by three children, Peggy and Vern Wittenberg of Springfield, Ore., Steve and Jane

Peterson of Marcola, Ore., and Stephanie Maki of Lebanon, Ore.

Private graveside services will be held.

Musgrove Family Mortuary in Eugene, Ore., is assisting with arrangements.

Mary M. Pewonka, 84

Mary M. Pewonka, 84, died peacefully Nov. 25, 2013, in Kalispell with loved ones by her side.

She was one of six children born to Ed and Flora Christensen on Dec. 11, 1928, in Plentywood. She attended grade school in Reserve and high school in Medicine Lake.

Mary moved to Kalispell in 1947, and married Marvin Eayrs and had two children, Don Eayrs and Linda Hadley. Marvin died in 1972.

She married Jim Pewonka in 1975, and he preceded her in death in 2003.

Mary worked for the Council on Aging for 11 years, and Jim and Mary managed the Glacier Manor for 13 years. She was a charter member of the Moose and a 42-year member of the Eagles.

She was preceded in death by her parents, brother and two sisters.

She is survived by her son, Don Eayrs; daughter, Linda Hadley; two grand-



daughters, Amy Marsh and husband Kurt, and their two children, Gunnar and Grant, and

Heather Hadley Schiele and husband Robin, and their children, Tashea and Gavin; sisters, Sheri Andrews and husband, Don, of Ronan, and Kaaren Arnoux and husband, Dan, of Kalispell; and many nieces and nephews. She leaves behind many close friends, including the "special" Frost family.

Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren were the most important people in her life. Her words of advice to them were "Always smile and give a kind word."

At her request there will be no funeral services. Cremation has taken place and a celebration of life will be held at time of burial.

Erdwin Henry 'Bud' Pfuhl Jr., 85

Erdwin Henry "Bud" Pfuhl Jr., of Kalispell, passed away March 14, 2013, due to brain cancer.

Bud was born on March 8, 1928, in Hartford, Conn., the son of Erdwin Henry Pfuhl Sr., and Anastasia Hussey Pfuhl.

After his mother died when he was only three, he and his father moved to Brooklyn, N.Y., to live with family. As a teenager, he attended and graduated from Tobyhanna Township High School in Pocono Pines, Pa.

In 1946, he enlisted and served two years in the U.S. Navy. In 1948, Bud moved out to San Francisco. He worked two years for the Southern Pacific Railroad and during that time his interest in sociology was sparked. He attended two years at San Mateo Junior College and then went on to Whitman College in Walla Walla, Wash., where he continued his study of sociology, graduating in 1952. It was also at Whitman that Bud met his future wife, Joan Haselton. They were married in 1953.

After Whitman, the couple moved to Idaho where Bud enrolled in the masters program at the University of Idaho in Moscow. A masters of sociology was achieved in 1954. His thirst still unquenched, it was then on to a doctorate degree from Washington State University in Pullman, Wash. He was awarded his Ph.D. in sociology in 1961. While completing his requirements for the Ph.D., Bud and Joan relocated back to Walla Walla where he worked as an assistant professor at Whitman. It was there they had their three children, Christopher John in 1957, Stacey Ann in 1959, and Lisa Amanda in 1961.



er Station. A major accomplishment and source of pride for him was in 1987, getting the Logging Creek Ranger Station placed on the National List of Historic Places.

Upon retirement, Bud and Joan

moved to Swan Lake, into a home he helped to build. Here he stayed very active with interests in woodworking, carving, furniture making, cross country skiing, hiking, golfing and spending much-loved time with his many friends. Their Swan Lake home was and continues to be a favorite venue for family activities, holding many cherished memories.

Bud was a good man and will be missed by all who knew him.

Bud leaves his wife, Joan, of 59 years; son, Christopher of Minneapolis; daughter, Stacey Neary-Gould and husband, Dan, of Kalispell; daughter, Lisa Mills and husband, Bill, of Denver; and brother, Jan Pfuhl and wife, Diane, of San Francisco. He also leaves six grandchildren, Katri Pfuhl, Robert and Elizabeth Neary, and Amy, Lauren and Andrew Mills. Bud always felt his children and grandchildren were his greatest legacy.

A celebration of life is planned this summer at the family's home on Swan Lake.

Donald "Don" William Phillips, 69, passed away Jan. 12, 2013, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center, after a courageous battle with cancer.

He was born March 13, 1943, in Whitefish. Don graduated from Whitefish High School in 1961.

After high school he went to work for the Montana Department of Transportation as a surveyor. After that he was hired on the Great Northern/BNSF railroad where he worked for 39 years as a conductor. He belonged to the UTU and retired from rail service in 2003.

Don served as a volunteer fireman in Whitefish for 20 years.

Don loved woodworking, his lawn and flowers, as well as attending the Whitefish High School sporting events. Don was an active member of the booster club where he made wooden bulldogs for families and athletes.

He was a wonderful father who always could be seen watching his children coach and play sports after high school, as well as attending many events to watch his friends' children and grandchildren.

Don and Jeanie were very active in the Community Center shoveling snow and delivering Meals On Wheels. Don also kept several of his neighbors' driveways and walkways shoveled out for many

Over the years, his teaching career also took him to the University of Vermont in Burlington, and Arizona State University in Tempe, Ariz. Bud was also credited with writing achievements — articles in sociological journals as well as three textbooks. Beginning in 1972, the family's summers were spent at Glacier National Park where Bud worked as a seasonal ranger. A total of 16 years were spent there, which Bud described as his "best time," eight years at Lake McDonald and eight years as the back country ranger at Logging Creek Rang-



years. It wasn't unusual to see Don and his snowblower going around the neighborhood helping others.

Don was preceded in death by his parents, Bill and Pat Phillips; his sister JoEllen Cookson, and her husband, Hank; his nephew, Kenny Kasselder; and his mother- and father-in-law, Marie and Hank Scheafer.

He is survived by his loving wife, Jeanie (Scheafer) Phillips, son Aaron and daughter Aarica. He is also survived by his brother, Lyle Phillips, and Judy; sister, Debbie Phillips; many nieces and nephews; as well as good friends, Jim Pettis and Tom Barringer, and many more.

Don was a lifelong resident of Whitefish.

A memorial service to celebrate and honor Don's life will be held at 11 a.m. Jan. 18 at Christ Lutheran Church, 5150 River Lakes Parkway in Whitefish.

Cremation has taken place, and Don's ashes will be interred in the Whitefish Cemetery at a later time.

You are invited to go to www.austinhf.com to offer condolences, share memories and view Don's tribute wall. Arrangements are entrusted to Austin Funeral Home.

made to the Glacier Symphony and Chorale, 720 S. Main St., Kalispell, MT 59901, an organization Bud strongly supported and enjoyed during his life.

The family also wishes to gratefully acknowledge Immanuel Lutheran Home for the care given to Bud during his final days.

"Do not cry because it's over, smile because it happened at all."

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

Wanda Gilson Phillips, 79

Wanda Gilson Phillips, 79, died at St. Luke Hospital in Ronan Thursday, April 4, 2013.

A rosary will be said at 7 p.m. today, April 5, at the Longhouse. A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 6, at St. Ignatius Catholic Mission,

with burial immediately following at Lake View Cemetery in Polson. A dinner will follow at Flathead Lake Senior Citizens Center.

Grogan Funeral Home has been entrusted to handle the arrangements.

Phyllis Elaine Pigman, 84

Phyllis Elaine Pigman, 84, of Crystal Lake, Iowa, died April 21, 2013, in Kalispell.

She is survived by her

daughters, Diane Taylor of Kalispell, and Donna Pigman of Des Moines, Iowa.

Funeral services and burial took place in Iowa.

Carol Pinson, 72

Carol Kathleen Burch Pinson, 72, passed away July 2, 2013, at her home in Eureka, attended by her sisters Beatrice and Patricia.

Carol was born Aug. 15, 1940, in Eureka to Tom and Lucille (Holder) Burch. Carol was the ninth child to join the happy household.

She spent the majority of her life in Eureka, where she completed school and used her expertise in her business of real estate. She was known throughout the community as one who was industrious and who could be counted on in business dealings.

Carol was also instrumental in developing land. Some of the sidelines that Carol enjoyed and excelled in were horsemanship and rodeo. Horses were her great love, and she took great pride in the care of her animals.

Carol was preceded in death by her father, Tom,



and mother, Lucille; two brothers, Tommy and Jerry Burch; four sisters, Jean Lambert, Helen

Knight, Rosella Roberts Bond, Thelma Ness; and Joe Pinson.

Survivors include her sisters, Beatrice Helton of Lenoir, N.C., and Patricia Chalcraft of Albany, Ore.; and her children Jada, Judd and Floyd Pinson.

Carol was loved and cared for by many family members and friends and will always be a part of their lives.

The family would like to thank all who loved and cared for Carol throughout this challenging time.

Graveside services for Carol were held July 5 at the Tobacco Valley Cemetery in Eureka.

Arrangements were by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home of Eureka.

Ella Mae Pisk, 85

Ella Mae Pisk, beloved wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, passed away on Feb. 2, 2013.

She was born on May 20, 1927, to Ammon and Anna Chupp in Bloomfield, Mont. She spent her girlhood on a farm and attended school in Bloomfield and graduated from Dawson County High School in Glendive. She played piano in a band with the brothers of Peter Pisk. She was an eager dancer and was always ready for a pinochle game.

She married Peter Pisk on April 11, 1946, and they shared 67 wonderful years. After the wedding they lived at the pumping station plant on the Yellowstone River near Fallon for two years, then they moved to Portland, where Pete attended chiropractic college and, after graduation, they settled in Kalispell in October 1953.

Summers she loved to sit on the deck of the Bitterroot cabin and watch her children and their friends play on the beach and in the water. Later, came the delight of grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Evenings included a wonderful meal with homemade ice cream followed by a campfire and a rambunctious card game which she always managed to win. Holiday dinners, for any number of people, meant homemade rolls, pies (especially apple), and all the fixins'. She took great pride in knowing that everyone was well fed and ate more than a full share of her famous cinnamon rolls.

She loved working in her yard and was particularly proud of her carnations, roses and peonies and that they attracted visiting hummingbirds.



She enjoyed visits to the families in Eastern Montana to see all the nieces and nephews.

It was good to be back on the plains of home, but she had come to love the mountains and was eager to get back to Kalispell.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her sisters, Francine and Audrey; and a brother, Gene.

She is survived by her husband, Peter; her sister, Melva Mika; sister-in-law, Darlane Pisk; numerous nieces and nephews; and her children, Peggy Lake and Dave, and children, Matthew and Janice, Andrew and Craig; Pam Warburton and Rick, and children, Lynsey and Tyler and Kayla; Chuck and Jeannette, and children, Mallory Levensgood and Christopher, Jackson and Paige, Truman and Kordell; Greg and Julie, and children, Adam, Bailey, Riley and Spencer; and Kelly Nesten and Rob, and children, Calen and Kelsey; and seven great-grandchildren, Madison, Dawson, Tucker, Carter, Scotta, Xander and Kyle.

The family of Ella Mae would like to thank the amazing staff of the Bratsberg Wing at Immanuel Lutheran. We would also like to thank hospice; we were so blessed to have you.

The family of Ella Mae Pisk invites you to join them on Thursday, Feb. 7, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home for public viewing from 3 to 5 p.m. The rosary will follow at 5 p.m. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 8, at St. Matthew's Church.

Norman Clare Placer, 82

Norman Clare Placer, 82, of Kila, died Sunday, Feb. 3, 2013, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center, due to complications following a fall down the stairs.

He is survived by his wife, Wanda Placer; and

four daughters, Loveda Englishbee, Lynada Zimmerli, Darda Anderson and Erin Placer.

Funeral services will be at 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

Patrick Plaiss, 43

Patrick Plaiss, 43, died Monday, Sept. 16, 2013, in Polson.

He is survived by his wife Tracy, and daughters Elise and Caitlyn, all of Polson; and parents, Nel-

son and Monika Plaiss of Arkansas.

A memorial Mass will be at 1 p.m. today, Sept. 20, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Polson.

Lolita 'Lita' (Bratton) Plenger, 65

Lolita "Lita" (Bratton) Plenger, 65, a native Montanan, passed away on Thursday, Feb. 28, 2013, at her home in Bigfork, after a long illness.

She was born on Jan. 5, 1947, in Missoula, to Arthur E. and Alice S. (Stephens) Ringstead. In 1949, her mother married Neil A. Bratton Jr., who adopted Lolita and her older sister, Lorie, and became the only father they ever knew.

Lita grew up in both Ennis and Missoula. She loved the outdoors and enjoyed swimming, camping and vacationing with her siblings and cousins at Lake Mary Ronan. What mischievous shenanigans they all got into! She was a past Worthy Advisor of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls and graduated from Sentinel High School in 1965.

She married Roger B. Plenger in 1965; they had two daughters and were married for 37 years. She loved to have a good time and was most definitely a spunky little lady, who had a wonderful sense of humor and a stubborn streak that endeared her to all who knew her.

Her daughters will miss her desperately.

"We will love you forever, Mom. Thanks to both you and our dad for teaching us to be so self-sufficient and for instilling in us such a strong work ethic. Also, Mom, thanks for trying to teach us to cook from scratch and to care for plants like you did. We are still trying."



loved king crab, and her brothers and sisters now regret, but not really, the many times they

tormented her with them.

"It was all in fun, sweet Lita. We will smile when we remember you, and we savor every memory and know that we have been blessed to call you our sister. You were a beauty."

Her parents, a brother, Douglas Bratton, and a stillborn sister preceded her in death.

Survivors include her devoted husband, John Krenn, of Bigfork; two daughters, Traci Walker and Jeff, and Wendi Crigger and Justin, of Spokane; four grandchildren, Kelsi and Derek Walker, and Mitchell and Lindsey Armitage; two sisters, Lorie Parke and John of Phoenix, and Terri Holt and Hans of Minneapolis; two brothers, Neil Bratton and Deborah of Red Lodge, and Richard Bratton and Song Yon of Billings; former husband, Roger Plenger, of Missoula; several cherished cousins, nieces, nephews, and other family and dear, faithful friends.

The family extends heartfelt thanks to Home Options Hospice/Brendan House of Kalispell and to all who cared for her over the last six months of her life, especially her hospice nurse, Ronda Adams. The gentle care they provided permitted Lita to experience a beautiful passage filled with compassion and dignity.

Lita adored animals, especially her dogs, and even named the hummingbirds that dined at the feeders in her yard. She had a green thumb, like her mother before her, and was an artist in her own right, showcasing her work by decorating and landscaping her beautiful homes. She collected Precious Moments figurines, and ceramic and pewter pigs.

It must be said here that she loved to fish and to eat Alaskan king crab; even better, she loved to cook the fish she caught and to entertain. It must also be said that she hated spiders more than she

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home of Kalispell handled the arrangements.

Friends and neighbors attended a wake for her on March 3 at the family home. Her family will host a celebration of life at her home on the Swan River this summer, complete with a barbecue and big bonfire. King crab will be on the menu.

Contributions may be made to Home Options Hospice, 275 Corporate Drive, Suite 600, Kalispell, MT 59901; and the Humane Society of Northwest Montana, P.O. Box 221, Kalispell, MT 59903

Theodore Francis Pomeroy, 82

Theodore Francis Pomeroy, 82, born Jan. 25, 1931, in Fortine, passed quietly at home on March 20, 2013.

Ted served in the Air Force between 1952 and 1956. He completed an associate's degree in land surveying and a master's in civil engineering. He retired in 1983 from the Montana Highway Department.

Ted enjoyed woodworking, fishing, hunting, puzzles and a good book. He loved spending time with family, and you could always find a child sitting on his lap.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Betty Pomeroy; brother, Kaleb Pomeroy; children, Candy Pomeroy, Penny Ramone, Kenneth Pomeroy and Kelly Pomeroy; and several grandchildren



and great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; five brothers; two sisters; one grandson; and one great-granddaughter.



Visitation will be from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 24, at Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Eureka. Services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, March 25, at the First Church of God in Eureka. A military service will follow at the Fortine Cemetery, followed by a reception at the church for friends and family to celebrate his life.

Harry Ellis Potts, 82

Harry Ellis Potts, 82, died Wednesday, May 22, 2013, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

He is survived by his wife, Marianna; four sons, Kenneth, Fredrick, Stanley and Ronald; and three daughters, Juliana, Susan

and Ruth.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, May 31 at the Little Brown Church in Bigfork, with burial at Lone Pine Cemetery.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Eric Dean Powell, 38

Eric Dean Powell, 38, died Monday, March 25, 2013, at HealthCenter Northwest in Kalispell.

He is survived by his children, Eric Powell and

Jacob Powell.

A private family service will be held.

Arrangements are entrusted to Columbia Mortuary.

Harry Ellis Potts, 82

Harry Ellis Potts was born to Stanley and Lula Potts on July 6, 1930, in Glasgow.

The Potts family moved to Bigfork in 1936.

Harry graduated from Bigfork High School in 1948. He then served in the United States Air Force from 1949 to 1952.

On March 3, 1954, he married Marianna Siegel. They raised their eight children on their dairy farm near Bigfork.

In 1975, Harry, Marianna and four of their children moved to a farm in Vilna, Alberta, Canada.

In 2000, Harry and Marianna returned to Montana to their present home in the Swan River Community. Harry enjoyed his life farming and he liked taking his children swimming, fishing in the creeks, and on camping trips. He loved having his grandchildren and great-grandchildren around. He always wanted to do what work needed to be done until he got his final rest.

Harry was a member of the Little Brown Church and the American Legion, and he had been a member of the Swan River School Board.

He was preceded in death by a son, Dallas Potts; his brother, Douglas Potts; and a sister,



Julia Wise.

Harry is survived by his wife, Marianna Potts at their home in Bigfork; and seven children, Julie and Mike Jorgenson of Bigfork,

Susan and Ray Marxer of Sheridan, Mont., Ken Potts of Powers Lake, N.D., Ron and Yvette Potts of Bigfork, Fred and Cindy Potts of Myrnum, Alberta, Canada, Ruth and Lee Prince of Olney, and Stan and Dolores Potts of Caronport, Saskatchewan, Canada. There are 30 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren, with more to follow.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, May 31, at the Little Brown Church, with burial in the Lone Pine Cemetery. A lunch will be served after the service.

Memorials may be given to the American Heart Association at heart.org or mailed to P.O. Box 742030, Los Angeles, CA 90074, or the Alzheimer's Foundation of America at alzfdn.org or mailed to 3328th Ave., 7th Floor, New York, NY 10001.

Joseph Potoczny, 86

Beloved husband, father and grandfather Joseph Potoczny, 86, passed away peacefully at his home on Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2013, of natural causes.

Joe was born on Feb. 4, 1927, in Aliquippa, Penn., to Ignatz and Frances (Dydek) Potoczny. Joe spoke only Polish until he started elementary school and continued to attend Polish school on Saturdays in addition to his traditional schooling during the week.

In 1944, Joe began his service in the U.S. Navy. He was a veteran of World War II and was honorably discharged in 1946. He joined the U.S. Navy Reserve, serving until 1954.

Joe was a well-educated man and attended college on the G.I. Bill. He received his Bachelor of Science degree from Shippensburg University and later a Master of Arts in geography from Ohio State University. He later did advance graduate work in school administration at the University of Montana. While in college, Joe spent his summers working at the Jones and Laughlin Steel Mill in Pennsylvania and hitchhiking and working across the United States. Having fallen in love with Montana at a young age, he decided when he was in the sixth grade that he would someday live in the Flathead Valley.

Joe taught and coached in Pennsylvania, Idaho and Washington before settling in Montana. Joe was a teacher and administrator for the Bigfork School District for the last 20 years of his teaching career as well as being the head football coach at Bigfork High School. He also started the track program in Bigfork. He will always be known for being tough but also honest, fair and caring.



member of this organization and continued working with conservation projects and activities throughout his life.

Joe was instrumental in starting the Ferndale Fire Department and worked with the department

for many years. He was a charter member of the Flathead chapter of Trout Unlimited and taught fly fishing and fly tying to hundreds of students of all ages. An avid fly fisherman, Joe knew the streams, rivers and lakes of the Northwest well. He loved fishing, camping and hiking and especially loved spending time in Glacier National Park and Jewel Basin. Additionally, he loved documenting his trips through his enjoyment of photography and the many sketches he created.

Joe was a founder and charter member of Saint Patrick's Episcopal Church in Ferndale.

Joe's love of nature, family, sports, cribbage, his dogs and Polish music made him the man he was.

Verda May Prangley, 77

Verda May Prangley, 77, passed away on Tuesday, March 12, 2013, at her home with her family at her side.

Verda worked for McConkey and Company as a labeler, and was a full-time mother.

Verda is survived by her children, Scott and Michelle, Bob, Rick and Connie, Terry, Gary and Dawn; grandchildren, Brandon, Alissa, Madison, Ricky, Dustin, Tori, Chris, Julie, Amy, Lorin,



Robin and Vanessa; and 10 great-grandchildren.

At her request, Verda has

been cremated. A celebration of her life will be held at her home on March 23.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for Verda's family.

Joe is survived by his wife Nancy, children Zoe (Kenneth) Timmons of Raleigh, N.C., Carolyn (Scott Clark) Peters of Billings, Molly (Keith) Johnson of Billings, Joseph (Lea) Potoczny of Great Falls and Sarah Potoczny of San Francisco, as well as nine grandchildren, who will all dearly miss their "Papa Joe." He is also survived by his sister Josephine (Clarence) Kuzma and brother Martin "Turk" Potoczny, all of Aliquippa, Penn., sisters-in-law Patty Nagel and Mary Janet (Garth) Skaar and numerous nieces and nephews.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents, one sister-in-law and one brother-in-law.

Joe's funeral service with Requiem Eucharist will be held on Thursday, Oct. 3, at 2 p.m. at Christ Church Episcopal in Kalispell. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is assisting the family with the arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Saint Patrick's Episcopal Church in Ferndale, the Ferndale Fire Department, or the Bigfork Fire Department and QRU.

For 16 summers, Joe headed the trail crews on the Swan District of the Flathead Forest while working for the U.S. Forest Service. He also fought many forest fires during those years.

Joe married Nancy Hughes in 1967 in Kalispell. They were married for 46 years and raised their family in Bigfork. Both being educators, their home was always filled with books and their children all still love the joy of reading.

While in junior high school in Aliquippa, Joe was one of six boys who, with their teacher, started the first school conservation hunting and fishing club in the United States. He was a charter mem-

Pershing 'Perch' Presnell, 95

Pershing "Perch" Presnell, 95, passed away Friday, Dec. 20, 2013. Perch was born on Oct. 10, 1918, in Scobey, Mont. He was a World War II veteran. Perch married Violet Channel on June 28, 1947. They had three sons: Robert, Larry and Charles, who died at birth.

Perch is survived by his wife, Violet, and sons Bob and his wife Priscilla of Havre, Larry and his wife Jeanie of Kalispell, grandchildren Gil

Presnell, Melissa Presnell, Kevin Presnell, Amy Clark, Jonathan Presnell, Nathan Presnell and three step-grandchildren, Tim Engebretson, Amy Kaldor, Wendi Hulett, 13 great-grandchildren, 13 step-great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Cremation has taken place. No service is planned. A private family memorial will be held.

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

Michele M. Price, 58

Our hearts are saddened by the loss of Michele M. Price "who went to her rest" on May 24, 2013. Her heart was always in the right place as she struggled and fought for many years to conquer her illness, bipolar disorder.

Michele was born in Kalispell to John and Jean Price on March 10, 1955.

Michele married Ben Cluka, her lifelong supporter and soul mate, and together they raised their daughter, Danielle Cluka, at their home by Lake Blaine.

Michele's last Mother's Day was full of love. Danielle flew home to share the weekend with her mother and, together as a family, Ben, Michele, Danielle and Jean spent some much needed time together.

Michele had such a passion for life and gave of herself to all unselfishly.

She loved her family, her home, horseback riding, planning vacations, boating, camping and spending time at the property off of Flathead Lake. Michele was a very large part of our lives. Everyone already misses her immensely, however, we are thankful she is no longer suffering and is "now finding comfort with God."

Preceding her in death was her father, "Jack" Price, and her twin brother Mike Price.

Michele is survived by her mother, Jean Price; brother, John Price; and sisters, Toby Elliot and Trudy Sifkie; and her aunt, Mary Ellen, and uncle, Art Diercks. Also surviving Michele is the entire Cluka family, including Yvonne, Carol, Don and Donna and all their families.

No services are planned at this time.

Muriel Pridgeon, 90

Muriel Pridgeon, 90, passed away peacefully on Saturday, Dec. 28, 2013, at Buffalo Hill Terrace in Kalispell, with family at her side.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 3, at the American Lutheran Church in Chinook, with burial at Kuper Memorial Cemetery. Holland & Bonine Funeral Home has been entrusted with services and arrangements, and you can leave your memories and/or condolences for the family at www.hollandbonine.com.

Muriel Fern Klotzbuecher was born on April 9, 1923, to Leonard and Hazel Klotzbuecher on the family homestead, 25 miles north of Chinook with neighbor, Mrs. Pankratz attending the birth. She attended Norheim School for grades one to eight, and graduated from Chinook High School in 1941.

Muriel worked at Buttre's Foods and the Dime Store in Chinook, and taught one year at the New Hope School.

On April 15, 1944, she married Clifford Pridgeon and they farmed northwest of Chinook and raised their seven daughters. Muriel loved her family, spending many hours cooking, baking, gardening and canning, always making sure her girls were able to participate in church, music, 4-H, Scouts and school activities. She enjoyed her neighbors and friends and was active in the Lohman Loyalites Club, American Lutheran Church Women, Frantic Yantic Garden Club, Birthday Club, Senior Center Kitchen Band and was a 4-H leader for over 50 years, attending many State and Western Regional 4-H Leader Forums. Her passion for helping youth kept her active in 4-H long after her own



daughters were raised.

She was superintendent of the open exhibits at the Blaine

County Fair and enjoyed entering exhibits herself in the Blaine and Hill County Fairs, the Harlem Seed Show and the Northwest Montana Fair. Her hobbies included counted cross stitch, embroidery, needlepoint, dancing (especially the polka), playing cards, learning to play the piano and violin and having fun dressing up for all holiday celebrations.

Preceding her in death was her husband, Clifford Pridgeon, in November 1991; parents, Leonard and Hazel Klotzbuecher; and sisters, Norma Brovold and Gladys Swenson.

Muriel is survived by daughters, Margaret and Richard Geffrey of Kent, Wash., Dotty and Steve Denney of Gold Beach, Ore., Peggy Pridgeon of Honolulu, Marcy and Ike Flaten of Moorhead, Minn., Viola and Alan Haverfield of Kalispell, Twila and Mike Pyette of Cut Bank, and Vivian and Jeff Wright of Springfield, Ore.; 10 grandchildren, Craig Geffrey, Nicole Geffrey, Mark Denney, Karen and Larry Christensen, Michael and Sarah Flaten, Michelle Flaten, Josh and Jenn Pyette, Cody Pyette, Emma Pyette and Amy Haverfield; two great-grandchildren, Jade Billey Denney and Dylan Christensen; sister, Donna Dobson; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials to the American Lutheran Church; Blaine County 4-H; Chinook Senior Center; Hospice; Immanuel Lutheran Communities, 185 Crestline Ave., Kalispell, MT 59901; or to a memorial of your choice.

Berenice (Naomi) Proud, 100

Berenice (Naomi) Proud passed away on Dec. 12, 2013, at the home of her granddaughter, Naomi Proud, in Kalispell. Berenice had been with Naomi for three weeks. She was 100 years and 8 months old.

Berenice was born in Proctor on April 11, 1913, to Jane and Jerome Thomas, one of five children. The surviving sister is Lois Birky of Kalispell.

Berenice was raised in the Proctor/Dayton valley and that is where she met her husband, Daryl Proud (now deceased). They were married on Dec. 30, 1933.

Of that union two sons were born, Jimmy and Billy. They lived in different areas, but came back to the valley in 1943, when they moved to the Proud Ranch, one mile out of Dayton. They worked hard for their living and lived a full, happy life.

They always found time and energy for golfing, water skiing, sightseeing, cards and great times with friends, nieces, nephews, lots of family gatherings and the grandchildren they treasured.

A favorite story of Berenice's was of her driving the feed truck, with the dog Shekel always riding on the roof and Daryl standing on the back. One time Berenice hit the brakes and saw Shekel begin to slide down the windshield, so she hit the gas and saved Shekel,



but Daryl flipped off the end of the truck and landed in the fresh cow pies!

The poem "Walk-

ing with Grandma" describes her love for her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. The kids all have such wonderful memories of Berenice, Daryl and the ranch.

Jimmy's daughter, Naomi Proud, lives in Kalispell, where she helped with her grandmother. Her extended family is in Oregon. Billy's kids Brenda and Dave Korzun with Pamela Jane "P.J." and Tony live in Edmond, Okla. Brian, Carla and Mariah live in Missoula, Brad and Misty live in San Antonio, Texas.

Berenice's wish was to be cremated; her ashes were put next to Daryl's under the old pine tree on the ranch. She said she didn't want her ashes scattered there, though, because she didn't want Jack's cows to poop on her. Her humor, laughter and silliness will always be with those that new and loved her.

There are no services planned for Berenice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Grogan Funeral Home and Crematory. Message of condolence may be shared online at groganfuneralhome.com

Max Eugene Pugh, 87

Max Eugene Pugh, 87, beloved husband, father, grandfather and friend of many, passed away July 17, 2013, at the Brendan House from congestive heart failure.

He was born in Fort Pierre, S.D., on March 29, 1926, to Alma and Ray Pugh and was raised on his parents ranch in Sansarc, S.D. He was the second child and had two brothers and two younger sisters.

He graduated from Pierre High School and served one year as a Navy seaman, second class, just as World War II was ending. He returned to Pierre, S.D., and married the love of his life, Beulah Griggs, on May 9, 1947. From that union they were blessed with five children.

Joining the National Guard in 1950 proved to be a way to travel when his Guard Unit was activated during the Korean conflict. He trained in Colorado Springs, Colo., before his Service Company 196th Infantry Regiment was assigned to duty at Fort Richardson in Alaska. He served four years in the National Guard as an ammo supply sergeant and was a warrant officer when honorably discharged in 1954.

Having lived near the mountains for several years, he and Beulah grew to love the mountains' beauty and majesty. When visiting his uncle, Earl Pugh, in Kalispell during a vacation, Max and Beulah decided to move from the prairie to the mountains and have lived in the Flathead Valley since 1954.

Max played football in high school and as a young man he was an outstanding baseball player, traveling throughout South Dakota for games and tournaments. Later in life he took up bowling and golf and was excited when he achieved a hole in one on No. 9 at Buffalo Hill Golf Course in 1998.



in Kalispell and Columbia Falls. Max also worked at Westmont Tractor and finally retired from Long Machinery.

Max was a resident of Ever-

green and served on the Evergreen District School board, even awarding his youngest daughters, Becky and Nancy, their graduation certificates. He was a longtime member of the Eagles and the Moose Lodge. Max and Beulah loved to go dancing on Saturday nights with their best friends and neighbors, Mabel and Leonard Johnson.

Max was preceded in death by his parents, Alma and Ray Pugh; his brother, Lloyd Pugh; his sister, Maxine Norman; and his favorite uncle, Earl Pugh.

Max is survived by his wife of 66 years, Beulah; his older brother, Merlyn Pugh; and his youngest sister, Patty Fluharty. He is also survived by his five children, Connie Brownell and husband Ralph, Rhonda Butcher, Monty Pugh, Nancy Fordham, and Rebecca Spencer and her husband Dale; and 12 grandchildren, Wendy Wiggin Borak, Jill Brownell Matthews, Lisa Brownell Kendra, Trina Shelt, Stacie Shelt Erickson, Amanda Spencer Aleman, Katie Brownell Amondson, Jamie Pugh Miller, Kacie Spencer Davidson, Greg Fordham, Matt Pugh and Lesley Fordham; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Through Max's modeling of honesty, integrity and hard work, his legacy will live on through his children and grandchildren and all those friends who were touched by his life.

Many family memories were made while taking his family camping and hiking in Glacier Park, at Flathead Lake and around Montana. Annual vacations back to see his family in South Dakota meant packing five kids into a nonair-conditioned station wagon in the middle of summer and having a good time despite the heat and close conditions.

Coming to Montana, Max first worked at Meadow Gold Dairy, delivering supplies to resorts in Glacier Park, his favorite place in Montana. He spent many years working at the B&B Grocery and Variety, both

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, July 22, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home, with burial following the service at the Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery. A reception after the burial will be held at Village Greens Community Center at 195 West Nicklaus Ave.

Memorials can be made to the Flathead Meals on Wheels program at 160 Kelly Road, Kalispell, MT 59901.

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