

E. Virginia 'Virgie' Ramsfield, 88

E. Virginia "Virgie" Ramsfield passed away at Brendan House on Aug. 1, 2013, after a short battle with cancer.

Virginia was born on May 17, 1925, in Great Falls to Phillip and Vivian Wicklund. She was raised in eastern Montana north of Joplin. While attending Joplin High School, she lived in a dormitory.

Virginia married Wesley Hodges in 1946.

After they divorced, the family moved around, living in Chester, Great Falls and Havre. While living in Havre, Virginia worked at the Farmer's Union. The family eventually moved to Bigfork where she managed Our Point of View cabins for her parents for several years.

Virginia married Orville Ramsfield in 1956, and moved to Ferndale where they lived until Orville's death in 1986. Over the years, Virginia worked for the Flathead County Assessor's Office, the Lake Cafe, and the Evergreen Water Department. She also worked as a typesetter for the original Bigfork newspaper and as a driver for Kari Dodge, Enterprise Cars and Eisinger Motors.

Virginia was a long-standing member of the Bigfork TOPS Club where she served as leader for a number of years. She was a Cub/Boy Scout leader and very active in the Bigfork Lutheran Church. She had many hobbies — gardening, baking, sewing and crafts of all kinds.

Virginia loved people.



She enjoyed singing, and on Saturday nights she frequently went to the Eagles

so she could participate in one of her favorite activities, dancing. She also went to Sykes to eat and chat with anyone who wanted to "shoot the breeze." She greatly enjoyed old time fiddle music.

Virginia was preceded in death by her husband, Orville Ramsfield; parents, Phillip and Vivian Wicklund; son, Terry Hodges; daughter, Bonnie Sebastian; grandson, Kevin Sebastian; and brother, Marvin Wicklund.

Virginia is survived by her son, Dale and Faith Hodges; daughter, Noella and Bruce Brooks; brother, Glen Wicklund; daughter-in-law, Emma Hodges; and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home with Pastor Ron Pierce officiating. Visitation will begin at 1 p.m. prior to the service. Interment will follow at Lone Pine Cemetery in Bigfork.

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

Sadie P. Ravan, 89

Sadie P. Ravan, 89, died Friday, March 29, 2013, in Kalispell.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 2 at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. A

celebration of life service will be held at 1 p.m. on April 3 at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Duward 'Dewey' Arthur Reber, 89

Duward "Dewey" Arthur Reber, 89, passed away peacefully at home from cancer while surrounded by his loving family, on Monday, Jan. 21, 2013.

He was born in Amiret, Minn., on May 11, 1923, to Arthur and Mabel Reber and was the eldest of five children.

He grew up in Crookston, Minn., and after graduating from high school he enlisted in the U.S. Army. He proudly served in World War II in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater, where he was based in India, Burma and China.

After the military, he moved to Missoula, where he began his career as a logging contractor. In 1954, he married Virginia "Jean" Thomas and they raised a family of three children. After Dewey's retirement, he and Jean moved to Polson.

He was a 32nd degree Mason and Shriner, and a member of the Polson Elks Lodge.

Dewey was an avid woodsman, fisherman and hunter. He loved outdoor recreation on Flathead Lake, gardening, travel and stone masonry. He was a prankster with a twinkle in his eye and a loving husband, father and grandfather. Dewey was an honorable man and possessed a quiet



strength of character. His door was always open and he was always ready to help others.

Dewey is survived by his wife, Vir-

ginia Reber, of Polson; daughter, Marilee Wood, of Kalispell; son, Curtis Reber, of Proctor; grandchildren, Jeff Server of Columbia, Md., Sara Friar of Yuma, Ariz., Kristina Server of Washington, D.C., and Marisa Reber of Columbia Falls. He is also survived by his sister, Donna Beierle, of Missoula; and his brother, Duane Reber, of Phoenix, Ariz. He had four great-grandchildren and an extended family of nieces, nephews, and friends.

The family extends its special thanks to the staff of the Lake County Hospice for their care and support.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, a charitable contribution may be made to a charity of your choice.

Messages of condolence may be shared with the family online at www.gro-ganfuneralhome.com.

Stephanie (May) Raney, 49

Stephanie (May) Raney, 49, formerly of Kalispell, died at home in Billings, on April 25, 2013, due to complications from diabetes.

She is survived by a son, John Phillip May, of San Diego; daughter,

Ashley Michelle Nichols, of Tacoma, Wash.; and ex-husband, William Raney, of Kalispell.

Dahl Funeral Chapel of Billings is handling arrangements for cremation.

Jody Scott Reedy, 49

Jody was born in Omaha, Neb., on Jan. 1, 1964, and died in Marietta, Ga., on April 16, 2013.

Jody graduated from Flathead High School in 1983 and joined the Navy shortly thereafter. He was very proud of being a medical corpsman and his time spent serving his country. The knowledge he gained during that time served him well through the rest of his life.

After the Navy, he worked at Buffalo Hill Golf Course and then various golf courses in Florida. After a move to Georgia, he entered the construction business and continued with that until his passing.

His pastimes included golf, billiards, chess, Jeopardy and playing the guitar.

Jody never met a stranger and established



friendships wherever he went. His loyalty was never in question.

He is survived by parents, Jim and Laurie Reedy of Kalispell,



and Sharon L. Kay of Omaha, Neb.; and sisters, Breana Zechin of Kalispell and Trisha and Mark Windell of Tucson, Ariz. He will be missed by family and friends throughout the United States.

A memorial will be held on Saturday, June 15, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Floyd 'Skip' Reisinger, 67

Floyd "Skip" Reisinger, 67, was born April 16, 1946, and passed away on Dec. 4, 2013.

Although a resident of Kalispell, Skip's time on earth ended in Colorado where he had been flown for surgery after a lengthy illness. He fought for life until his strength and courage could no longer sustain him. He died with a son by his side and the love of family and friends in his heart.

Skip grew up in Bellflower, Calif., and lived in Yucca Valley with his wife and sons for many years before moving to Montana.

He was a Vietnam War veteran. Injuries he suffered in Vietnam plagued him throughout the remainder of his life.



Skip met life with determination and a wry sense of humor.

He had the ability to listen quietly, assess a situation then, in a few words, offer a logical solution.

His wife, Lana, preceded him in death in August 2013. "He is together again with his one true love."

Skip and Lana left a cherished legacy of love and laughter.

He is survived by sons, Brad and wife Brittany, and Todd and wife Keri; grandchildren, Payton, Hunter, Dayton, Sydney, Weston, Cameron and Dawson; and a brother and sister and their families.

Gerald 'Jerry' Reetz, 81

Gerald "Jerry" Reetz, 81, passed away on Monday, Nov. 4, 2013, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

He was born in Langdon, N.D., on Oct. 9, 1932, to Herbert and Mary (Borusky) Reetz.

Jerry received his early education in Langdon, graduating from Langdon High School and continuing on to the University of North Dakota. After a year of school Jerry enlisted in the U.S. Navy, serving from 1952 until 1956. He then returned to school and graduated with his Bachelor of Arts degree in business.

Jerry moved to Seattle where he began work with the Patterson Dental Company in 1960. It was here he met Sharon Miller, and the two were married on Oct. 7, 1988, in Seattle.

Jerry retired from Patterson and the couple moved to the Flathead Valley and settled in Kila. They enjoyed the next three years exploring Montana and getting used to their new surroundings. In 1993 Jerry started work for School District



5 with the custodial staff and remained until 2001.

Jerry enjoyed hunting deer and birds throughout his life, but mostly he loved



spending time with family and friends. He was also a member of the American Legion.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Janet.

He is survived by his wife, Sharon; four children, Doug and Nanette Reetz of Seattle, Christopher Reetz of Seattle, David and Jocelyn Reetz of Phoenix, and Paula and Roman Suter of Poulsbo, Wash.; two stepchildren, Ken and Ruth Miller of Libby, and Christina and James Duncan of Kemp, Texas; and sister, Mary Ellen and Harold Pegues.

No service will be held. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for Jerry's family.

Lana Jean Reisinger, 65

Lana Jean Reisinger passed away at home on Aug. 10, 2013, with her loving husband Skip and precious family by her side. She had fought valiantly against multiple illnesses with unfailing humor and uncompromising strength.

Lana was born in Oklahoma on Nov. 15, 1947, but she grew up in the Southern California city of Bellflower. After graduating from school, she met Skip and he quickly became the love of her life.

Beginning married life in Cerritos, Calif., they then moved to Yucca Valley, Calif., where they raised their boys surrounded by dear friends. Lana enjoyed riding dirt bikes, camping and was involved with their sons' Little League baseball teams. Lana loved a good adventure and oftentimes led the way.

She loved decorating her home for the changing seasons but, at Christmastime, her home became a Christmas wonderland. Always the gracious hostess, their holiday dinners and annual Christmas parties were legendary. She made it look so effortless somehow.

They left the Yucca Valley years later, after the big Landers earthquake, heading for the green mountains and cool weather of Whitefish. They hoped to stay in Montana; however, circumstances changed their plans. They moved to join friends in Cottonwood, Ariz., for a time. Lana

worked at various car dealerships throughout her career, her friendly personality always an asset.

Health issues began to plague them both. They returned to family in Montana, this time settling in Kalispell. Lana looked forward to winter's sparkling snow with joyful anticipation. She shared treasured holiday traditions with her grandchildren, baking Christmas cookies and candies with them each year.

Summers brought squirt guns and water fights. To the children's glee, Lana could slick the surface of a slide like magic with a quick rub of waxed paper.

She and her husband taught their sons to be independent and resilient. She loved them dearly and completely. Her precious grandchildren were her treasures — their hugs and kisses, her best medicine.

Lana and Skip — always a team.

Lana faced increasing health issues with grace and dignity. She had a zest for life that enchanted all who knew her. She is loved and will be missed. Her memory lives on.

Lana is survived by her husband, Skip; sons, Brad and wife Brittany, and Todd and wife Keri; grandchildren, Payton, Hunter, Dayton, Sydney, Weston, Cameron and Dawson; sister, Mary, and her family; family in Oklahoma, including her cherished aunt; as well as many dear friends.

Jeffrey Ridley, 47

Jeffrey Ridley, 47, of Big Arm, died Sunday, July 21, 2013, at his home.

Arrangements are under the care of Grogan Funeral Home & Crematory.

Karen F. Ridnour, 66

Karen F. Ridnour, 66, died at her home with her family by her side Monday, Oct. 14, 2013.

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

George Harvey Riley, 53

George Harvey Riley, 53, of Columbia Falls "went to be with his Lord and Savior" on Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2013.

He was preceded in death by his father, Dale Riley Sr.; his mother, Mary Riley; his sister, Pamela Preston; and two sons, Matthew and Mark.

George was born on July 21, 1960, in Kalispell. He graduated from Columbia Falls High School in 1978. He lived in Arizona for several years before returning home to the Flathead Valley.

For more than 20 years, George worked at Checker/O Reilly's as an assistant manager. He was always so proud when someone came into the store and specifically asked for his help.

George was an avid hunter and fisherman. He had a passionate love of reading, and he passed that love to his daughter at a young age. He also loved to collect coins and spent much of his time trying to acquire rare currency.

Those who have met

George know that he was always up for a joke or two. His biggest joy came from being able to make people smile.

George is survived by his daughter, Amanda Terrell and her husband Tim Terrell; his wife of 24 years, Cindy Schmidt; his stepdaughter, Shawn VanQuekelberg; two granddaughters, Josephine Terrell and Brittany Stevenson; one great-grandson, Simon Knapton; two older siblings, Cindy Hollis and her husband Butch Hollis, and Dale Riley; and his sister-in-law, Phyllis Riley, all of the Flathead Valley. George had many beloved nieces and nephews, aunts and uncles, cousins and friends. He is also survived by his faithful companion, Elijah.

A memorial service will be held at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 20, at the Journey Church (formerly the Assembly of God building) in Columbia Falls. A potluck gathering will follow at the North Valley Community Center on Nucleus Avenue.

Paul Ray Reynolds, 43

Paul Ray Reynolds, 43, died Monday, Aug. 12, 2013, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

He is survived by his parents, Jesse and Marles

Reynolds.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 16, at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for the family.

Juanita 'Nita' Riley, 87

Juanita "Nita" Riley, 87, died Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2013.

She is survived by her children, Renee Byrd and

Randy Riley.

Services will be held at a later date in Idaho.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for the family.

Helen Hattie Riska, 91

Helen Hattie Riska, 91, died Thursday, June 27, 2013, at her home in Kalispell.

Helen was born in Johnstown, N.Y., Aug. 14, 1921 to Henry and Pauline (Masarik) Billa. She completed eighth grade then started working to help support her family. She worked as a glove maker at the glove factory in Johnstown.

On Oct. 14, 1939, Helen married Joseph Florian Riska. They were blessed with three children. She was very proud of the fact that she had 12 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren and 6 great-great-grandchildren.

After retiring from more than 30 years as an employee of Kirsch Manufacturing Company in Sturgis, Mich., Helen enjoyed traveling, making peanut brittle, crocheting, playing cards and dominoes. She was a volunteer with Meals on Wheels, the hospital auxiliary, a member of the Altar Society and president of the PTA for St. Patrick's Catholic School.

Helen enjoyed swimming, gymnastics, bowling and singing in minstrel shows, and loved to tell the story of winning a first-place trophy at a pool tournament. She hosted exchange guests from Germany and Japan.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband Joseph, brothers Edward and Robert Billa, sisters Betty Hall, Louise



Pavlik, Dolores Miller, and Hattie Billa (who died as an infant), and son-in-law O.J. Sova.

Helen is survived by her siblings Henry "Hank" Billa and Judy Voorhees, sister-in-law Irene Colton, brother-in-law Bill Riska, her children Jack Riska (Barb) of Missoula, Sally Sova of Kalispell, Joe Riska (Angelita) of Kalispell, and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Viewing will be at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home on Monday, July 1, from 4 to 7 p.m. with a Rosary at 7 p.m. Funeral Mass will be on Tuesday, July 2, at Risen Christ Church in Evergreen at 10 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Monday, July 8, at 10 a.m. at Holy Trinity Church in Johnstown, with interment following at St. Anthony's cemetery.

Suggested memorials are for Risen Christ Parish in Evergreen; Holy Trinity Church in Johnstown; Auriesville Shrine or St. Kateri Tekakwitha Shrine in New York. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Helen's family. You are invited to go to www.jgfuneralhome.com to offer condolences and share memories.

Daniel Curtis Rhodes, 25

Daniel Curtis Rhodes, 25, of Coram, died Dec. 19, 2013, at his sister's home in Kila.

He was a welder and firefighter. Survivors include his

parents, Debby Rhodes and Wesley Rhodes, of Coram.

A memorial service and scattering of ashes will take place in July at the family home in Coram.

Robin (Villaran) Rice, 51



Destiny, Sage and numerous foster children; sisters, Cheryl and Lisa Marie; and countless

extended family.

Robin enjoyed life to its fullest and lived many places; in each place she landed she found a way to become a part of the community and leave her mark of everlasting smiles and laughter.

Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 21, at St. Peter Lutheran Church, 201 Wisconsin Ave. in Whitefish.

A celebration of life will be held immediately following the service at the Moose Lodge, 230 10th St. W., Whitefish. This will be potluck, so please bring food and non-

alcoholic drinks to share if you can. There will be music, dancing, a no-host bar ... lots of reminiscing and laughter ... the only way to honor such an amazing personality!

Robin's Facebook page will remain active for a while, so please feel free to leave messages and comments there for the family — <https://www.facebook.com/robin.rice.12>

In lieu of flowers, the Robin Rice Memorial Fund has been set up on behalf of the Rice children and to assist the family

with final expenses and bills. To contribute: in person/fund transfers, you can visit any Wells Fargo Branch and deposit directly; or to transfer/wire a contribution, just provide the following account information: Account No. 9922623385, Routing No. 508200506. By mail, send your check payable to the Robin Rice Memorial Fund, c/o Wells Fargo, 2350 U.S. Hwy. 93 North, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

George Edward Robbins, 80

George Edward Robbins, 80, died Sept. 22, 2013, at St. Luke Extended Care in Ronan.

He is survived by his wife, Imelda. A memorial service will

be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 1, at First Baptist Church in Polson.

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

William James 'Bill' Robbins, 70

William James "Bill" Robbins, 70, passed away at his Lakeside residence on June 8, 2013.

Bill had worked in the sporting goods industry as an owner and operator.

He is survived by his wife, Julianna Robbins,

of Lakeside; daughter, Kim Roth, of Denver; and son, Todd Robbins, of Denver.

Memorial services are pending.

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

Shirley Mae Robinson, 75

Shirley Mae Robinson, 75, died Friday, Feb. 8, 2013, at her home in Kalispell.

She is survived by her daughter, Susan Ruiz, of Marion.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. today, Feb. 13, at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Mason Raymond Robison, 38

Mason Raymond Robison "made his final ascent" on May 19, 2013, on the mountain of El Capitan in Yosemite Park.

He was born to Ron and Nancy Robison on Dec. 27, 1974, in Whitefish.

He is survived by his parents, Ron and Nancy, his former wife, Lynn, his brother, Michael and Keni and their children, Mason and Danicah, grandfather, Ray Bergstrom, and grandmother, Dorothy Robison, all of Columbia Falls. Also surviving are aunts and uncles Linda and Ron Olson, Bruce Bergstrom, Ryan and Bev Robison, Richard and Charlie Robison, and Lila Bye; as well as many cousins and extended family.

He was preceded in



death by his brother, Mark; grandfather, Glen Robison; grandmother, Joyce Bergstrom;

uncle, Gary Robison; and cousin, Morgan Seymour.

Mason was an avid and master climber, as well as an accomplished mason and musician. His talents were vast, and he gave everything he had in pursuit of his dreams.

A gathering will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 25, at the Columbia Falls Junior High.

Mason's website is climb4lyfe on YouTube. You are invited to visit and view his photo gallery.

Mayme Robischon, 83

Mayme Robischon's three sons sadly report their beloved mother's passing peacefully Sunday, June 2, 2013, in Kalispell, after a long illness.

Amaryllis Ione Jacobson was born in the family farmhouse in Pleasant Prairie District, Daniels County, in November 1929; her mother was assisted by kerosene lanterns and a patient midwife. Nicknamed Mayme, she was the middle daughter of Hans and Beulah Jacobson.

She was raised on this small farm near Flaxville during the most difficult part of the Depression and the Dust Bowl drought, reared in 19th century conditions in a homesteader's house lacking any modern conveniences, but in the home of a hard-working and very close-knit family.

Mayme ("Mamie" not "Mame," as she would often pointedly remind others) and her family left the farm, and came to Kalispell just before the war began. She attended local schools, the family settling on First Avenue East, and graduated from Flathead County High School in 1947.

It was there she met and in 1949 married local boy Jim Robischon, and to whom she remained married for the next 63-plus years. Jim became an attorney, and after short stints in Kalispell and Helena, in 1960 he and Mayme settled in Butte, where she then devoted herself to raising her sons.

When we had grown and left home, she and Jim returned to Kalispell in 1987; but, down deep, Mayme considered Butte her true home because that was where she had so enjoyed ensuring her



sons all matured and grew up to be the best men they could be.

We now realize we

were the pride of her life — something none of us will ever forget, and always appreciate. She steadfastly raised the three of us, and in great part because of her we have each gone on to earn graduate professional degrees and enjoy very successful lives and careers of our own.

Greg is a career prosecutor in Orange County, Calif.; Steve is a former mechanical engineer, currently teaching at the University of Idaho in Moscow; and Pete is a longtime educator and coach in Townsend.

Mayme was also specially devoted to her four grandchildren, Patrick and Kate in California, and Alexa and Madison in Townsend, three of whom are in college, and the other soon to be.

Our dear old dad, Jim, also survives Mayme. And locally, Mayme leaves behind her three sisters, Evelyn Lohn, Florence Jacobson and Beverly Watts, as well as her brother Howard Jacobson, all of Kalispell.

At her request, Mayme has been cremated and no services will be held.

Those wishing to celebrate her memory are encouraged to make a donation to the Wings Regional Cancer Support program.

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

August Duane 'Gus' Roberts, 69

August Duane "Gus" Roberts, 69, died peacefully on Saturday, Sept. 7, 2013, at St. Joseph's Hospital in Phoenix, following a brief illness. He was a loving husband and father, and was surrounded by his family at the time of his death.

He leaves his wife of 48 years, Linda (O'Brien) Roberts; his daughter, Michelle (Roberts) Tschanz, and her husband, Joe Tschanz; his brother, Gary Roberts; his sister, Diane Groh; his sister, Leigh Kubik; his grandson, Paul Tschanz; and many nieces, nephews and close friends.

Gus was born on April 5, 1944, in Kalispell to Billie Roberts and Elaine (Viano) Roberts.

After graduating from Flathead County High School in 1962, he attended Eastern Washington University, graduating with a bachelor's degree in English and history. He met his wife, Linda O'Brien, in Kalispell, and they were married in 1965.

After graduating from Eastern Washington University, he attended the



University of Oregon and pursued his master's degree in education. He worked at the

Madras, Ore., School District for 30 years before retiring in 1998. He was an English teacher, librarian and information technology manager. He was instrumental in bringing Internet services to the community during the 1990s, and ensured that the students had the best possible computer equipment to meet their educational needs.

Gus had many interests. He painted many wildlife pictures, as well as designed and made jewelry. He was a licensed ham radio operator and enjoyed talking to his friends on the radio. He loved landscaping his property and tending his garden.

With the wishes of Gus, there will be no funeral services at this time. A private memorial will be scheduled for a later date.

Dorothy Jean 'Dottie' Rodaway, 74

Dorothy Jean "Dottie" Rodaway, 74, passed away on Friday, Sept. 6, 2013, at the Brendan House in Kalispell, after a brief illness.

She was born in Los Angeles, Calif., on March 28, 1939, to Thomas and Rose (Rein) Hamilton.

She is survived by her twin sons, Ric and Ron Wilson, and one brother, Dr. Phillip Hamilton, all in California; and stepdaughters, Kathy Johnson and Shirley Rodaway.

Dottie was preceded in death by her husband, Keith, in 2007.

Rescue dogs, Zena and



Boo Boo, were Dottie's constant companions.

Memorials may be directed to the

Flathead Valley Animal Shelter.

No services are planned at this time.

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

Jane Ellen (Erickson) Roeske, 53

Jane Ellen (Erickson) Roeske passed away on June 21, 2013.

She was born in Kalispell on Oct. 28, 1959, to Leta and Kenneth Erickson. Jane attended Sentinel High School and the University of Montana in Missoula.

Jane married John D. Roeske in September, 1986.

She worked for the Compleat Gourmet in Littleton, Colo. She was a gourmet cook and an talented pianist.

Jane was loved by many for her kind heart,



warm smile and genteel manner.

Jane is survived by her husband, John; brothers, James

Erickson and Michael Erickson; sisters, Julie Butler and Beth Botkin; as well as her three children, Christopher, Nichole and Sasha, and five grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Pulmonary Hypertension Association.

Ray Robert Rohrer, 84

After a long life of love and service, Ray Robert Rohrer died on Dec. 12, 2013, at the age of 84.

He was born June 22, 1929, to Clarence and Edna Rohrer.

After growing up in Lititz, Pa., Ray served his country as a medic in the U.S. Air Force, acquiring skills which he used later in life to care for his first wife, Elsie, to whom he was married for 52 years. Together they had three children, Kenneth, Dann and Janice.

Ray enjoyed a career as a pioneer in the cable TV industry spanning more than 35 years.

After his wife Elsie passed away in 2003, he married his current wife, Karen, in 2004. Together they traveled in their motor home and served with Laborers for Christ to build churches.

Ray is survived by his wife, Karen; children, Ken Rohrer, Dann Rohrer, and Jan Mauk; foster daughter, Darlene Haslage; six siblings; and 17 grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Ray Rohrer will be missed by family and



friends who will remember his quiet dignity, wisdom and expressions of faith through his love of his savior and family, as well as his



service to his community and his country.

A memorial service is planned for 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 4, at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Tacoma, Wash.

The family asks that those so inclined make a gift of time or money in his honor to Our Savior Lutheran Church, Tacoma, "Faith In Action Fund."

Of special note to friends in the Flathead Valley, although Ray and family have been away from the Kalispell area for many years, Ray was well known and loved here. His family wishes to include them in this obituary notice of Ray's passing.

Benjamin A. Rogers, 87

Benjamin A. Rogers, 87, passed away Monday, March 18, 2013, at Health-Center Northwest in Kalispell.

He was born Feb. 1, 1926, in Pasadena Calif., to Dr. Ralph M. Rogers and Myra Shaw Rogers.

In 1943, he joined the Navy and served aboard the Robert F. Keller DE 419 in the Pacific. He returned home January 1946 and was discharged in April.

Before going overseas, he became engaged to Virginia Schmitt, whom he had met in high school. They were married March



4, 1946, and just celebrated their 67th anniversary. They had five children. He went back to school and worked part time, ending up with a college degree. In 1954, he joined the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, and retired from there after 30 years. For a few years he worked as a bailiff for the court.

He really enjoyed Montana, lunch at Scotty's, fishing, trapshooting and hunting, especially when accompanied by one young Colton O'Connell.

He was preceded in death by his son, Donald H. Rogers; daughter, Katherine Mary Rogers; also his parents; and his sister, Marianne Miller.

Ben is survived by his wife of 67 years, Virginia Rogers of Lakeside; his three children, Rita Rogers of Newport Beach, Calif., Carol and Pat Corbett of Ellensburg, Wash., and James Rogers of Lakeside; daughter-in-law, Mary Ellen Rogers of Portland; also 15 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren; a brother, Dan Rogers and wife, Betty Lou, of Laguna Woods, Calif.; and brother-

in-law, Jack Miller of Virginia; with many nieces and nephews.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, March 22, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church with Father Rod Ermatinger as celebrant. Urn burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. There will also be a reception following at the Winchester Steak House, 2205 U.S. 93 South.

The family suggests memorials be given to the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

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

Louis 'Lou' Leon Rogers, 71

"Our world bade a sad farewell to the finest musician any of us has ever had the great fortune to enjoy. Lou was an entertainer for the ages."

He passed away at his home Friday, Sept. 6, 2013, at the age of 71.

Louis "Lou" Leon Rogers was born in Kalispell on May 21, 1942, to Louis Russell and Iva (Mikesell) Rogers.

The Rogers family split up in 1956, and the three kids were left with their mother in Kalispell. Money was short in those days, and the two boys soon discovered they could make a buck or two playing a couple of beat-up old guitars around town. It wasn't long until they were in demand all over the Flathead Valley.

They formed a band that was known simply as



The Rogers Brothers. Lou was only 14, and Bud was 13 at the time, so their mother would

have to accompany them to the bars and nightspots so they could demonstrate their magic.

Lou had a natural gift as a musician. He could play any instrument with strings. His two favorites were the lead guitar and the pedal steel guitar. But he could play the fiddle, bass guitar, banjo and the mandolin with the best of them.

Lou and Bud together were professional musicians, and they performed all over western Montana. In 1963, Babe and the two boys decided to pay a visit

to their long-departed dad in California. The Rogers Brothers got a job playing at the Corral Club in Seaside, where they were the featured band for three years. While there they played backup to visiting musicians, including George Jones, Merle Haggard and Freddie Hart, just to name a few. The boys were damn good! They also had a weekly radio show over KRSA in Salinas, Calif.

Lou played in many states for many years but always ended up back in Montana. Lou had many, many friends scattered across the country, and he always had a kind word for all. He always saw the good in everybody.

Lou is survived by his sister, Iva "Babe" Mather, and by his favorite nephew, Tony Mather,

in Lakeside.

"Rest in peace, dear Lou. They are dancing in heaven tonight!"

There will be a visitation for Lou from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 13, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. A graveside service will follow at 2 p.m. at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. There will also be a reception following the services at the Moose Lodge in Evergreen.

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

Steven Rongyocsik

On Dec. 14, 2013, our patriarch, our rock, our beloved grumpy old man, Steven Rongyocsik, passed away and "went on to be with our heavenly father" after a short battle with cancer. Even though he left Vietnam over 40 years ago, he ultimately died from his service to his country, succumbing to the effects of Agent Orange.

Steve's life was a study in how to overcome and succeed. Early family life was difficult for him to speak of but he forged a bond with his two beloved sisters.

In 1969, he married his beloved, Dolores Jean. Through poverty, through riches, through tragedy and sadness, and through the happiness they forged ahead, each time strengthening their love, their respect, and their admiration. Theirs was an example of true, unconditional love.

Professionally he was a man of some prestige, known for his work ethic, ambition, and success. He was not always easy, but he was always fair and he earned the respect of all he encountered.

Personally, he lived for the love of his wife, his daughter and his grandchildren. The bond he held with his grandson Jason is one of unbelievable love. His greatest gift was his heart, his unusual sense of humor,



and his love. He lived to help those he loved and will be missed greatly.



Steve was preceded in death by his son, Jason, in 1988; and many treasured family members.

He said he couldn't wait to see his son again, as he had missed him every day.

He is survived by his wife, Dolores; daughter, Stacie Dehart; grandchildren, Jason Rongyocsik and Rhiannon DeHart; sisters, Roxanne Sullivan and Lois Ballinger; niece, LaNita Fitzpatrick; nephews, Grady Sullivan and Alan Booth; sister-in-law, Barbara Basulto; and many more family members whom he loved and cherished.

Steve was a ferocious advocate for veterans and an active member of the VFW.

In lieu of flowers, Steve would be honored if a donation was made in his memory to assist a veteran in need. He would be most touched by this.

Services are to be held at 2:30 p.m. on Dec. 27 at Grogan Funeral Home.

Messages of condolence may be shared with the family online at www.groganfuneralhome.com.

Georgia J. Rosler, 89

Georgia J. Rosler, 89, passed away on Thursday, Feb. 21, 2013, in Kalispell.

Georgia was born May 10, 1923, in Mohall, N.D., to Roy Wunder and Esther Wunder. She was raised by her stepfather, August Knopfle.

Georgia married Hans G. Rosler on June 2, 1942. They were married for 49 years before he passed away in April of 1991.

Georgia is survived by her daughters, Marlene and Ron Edwards, Donna and Kent Holst, and Brenda Hanson, grandchildren, Matthew Holst, Amanda Holst Harmon and Will, Christian and



Kimberly Glassey, Corey Glassey and T.J. Hanson; and great-granddaughter,

Josephine Sarah Glassey. Funeral services for Georgia were held Feb. 27 at Epworth United Methodist Church. Burial has taken place at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

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

Randy Rossberg, 58

Randy Rossberg passed away on Feb. 19, 2013 at his winter residence in Yuma, Ariz. He had been suffering from ALS.

Randy was born in Great Falls on Aug. 6, 1954, to Fred "Fritz" and Aune Rossberg. He attended local schools and graduated from CMR High School in 1972. He attended DeVry Technical Institute.

At 18, he became employed at Mountain Bell. He started as one of the first male operators, then transferring to Central Office equipment installation, finishing his career splicing cable.

He retired in 2002 and enjoyed spending time fish-

ing and woodworking at Flathead Lake and Yuma.

He is survived by his wife, Kathleen (Kinnick), formerly of Livingston, his mother, Aune Rossberg, of Butte; his twin brother, Gerry, and sister-in-law, Laurie Rossberg, of Butte; daughter, Casey St. Laurent, of Tacoma, Wash.; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father Fred, brother James, and former wife Bonnie Rossberg.

Memorials can be made to the ALS Association, 4643 E. Thomas Road, Suite No. 1 Phoenix, AZ 85018.

Georgiana May Powers Ross, 89

Georgiana May Powers Ross passed away on Jan. 18, 2013, in Kalispell.

She was born on Feb. 26, 1923. Her father was Secretary of State for Montana for three years beginning in 1927, and then he went into cattle raising, as well as being president of many banks and being in road construction. At the time of his death in 1935, the family was living in Spokane, but moved back to Helena.

Georgie graduated from Cathedral High School in Helena in 1941 and worked at the First National Bank and Trust for several years. She enjoyed saving money, buying gifts for her mother, and having fun with her friends at the Parrot, a local confectionery. Her sweet tooth was well known. She always loved cherry cokes and homemade candy.

She eventually went on a blind date and met the love of her life, but she said it wasn't love at first date. However, the joke was on her as the bug caught her. Chet quickly got her heart and she married Herman Chester Ross on March 22, 1947.

They left Chet's dog, Sparky, with Georgie's mother when they moved to Fort Collins, Colo., where Chet was a student at Colorado A&M State University. He earned his veterinarian degree, while Georgie worked in a bank. They bought a duplex while they lived there and had many, very comical times with their next door tenants. Yet, Georgie said she would never give one day away. They were all good memories, even the hard times on just 25 cents of meat and a bit of rice, so the heat could be kept on.

When Chet graduated in 1950, they moved to Kalispell and operated



Kalispell Animal Hospital for 50 some years. They both loved animals and had cats,

dogs and sheep at various times. Georgie and Chet felt blessed by the addition of two adopted daughters, Corinne, "Carie," and Mary, to their family.

Georgie was a gourmet cook, a tailor who made her own clothes, and an accomplished quilter and knitter. She was proud of her Irish-French heritage. She took up flying and, in 1967, was one of the first women to be instrument-rated in Montana. She belonged to the Ninety-Nines, the International Organization of Women Pilots. Georgie was generous and took pleasure when children of her friends had successes. In her later years, many people recognized her as she walked all over Kalispell.

Georgie is survived by her children, Carie Ross and Mary Ross Good-nough, husband Norm; granddaughters Jill and Katie; and sister, Patricia Huber.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Corinne Powers; her husband, Chet Ross; sisters, Mary Meeks and Margaret Murray; and brother, James Powers.

There will be a rosary at 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 25, at the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home, 525 S. Main, Kalispell. The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 26, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Kalispell.

Donations can be made to the Flathead County Animal Shelter, 225 Cemetery Road, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Phyllis Jeane (Tuscher) Ross, 72

Phyllis Jeane Ross, 72, formerly of Kalispell, was born on April 20, 1941, to Doris and Felix Tuscher in Rapid City, S.D., and passed away in Scottsdale, Ariz., on Dec. 7, 2013. She was one of four children.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her stepfather, Arthur Gilbertson.

She is survived by her children, Debora Ross and Carrie Ross of Phoenix; sister, Darlene Ramsey, of Vancouver, Wash.; brothers, Calvin Tuscher and Dorothy of Kalispell, and Douglas Gilbertson and

Pat of Whitefish; and her ex-husband, Dean Ross, of Scottsdale.

Phyllis loved sewing, cooking, devotional reading and board and card games.

There will be a private family service 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 11001 N. 40th St., Phoenix, followed by burial at Holy Redeemer Cemetery, 23015 N. Cave Creek Road, Phoenix.

Please send condolences and comments to www.shadowmountainmortuary.com.

Richard 'Boyd' Roth, 75

Richard "Boyd" Roth, 75, passed away on Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2013, at St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula.

He was born with twin Amelia Sue Stenslie on May 8, 1938, at St. Patrick Hospital to Richard Roth and Dorothy Archibald Roth.

He attended schools in Clinton and Deer Lodge, and Missoula County High School. He graduated from Walla Walla High School and entered the Navy Reserve.

In 1961, Boyd graduated from the University of Montana. While in college he joined Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. He received his teaching credentials from the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma and taught school in Lacey, Wash.

He worked for Boeing and Weyerhaeuser in Washington, for the Northern Pacific Railroad, sold real estate in Missoula, and sold AAA insurance in Missoula and Kalispell. He received the "Hall of Fame" spot with the Montana Center on Disabilities at Montana State University at Billings. He was recognized by the Mental Health Oversight and Advisory Council. Boyd was an active mental-health advocate, heading both NAMI Flathead and the Northwest Citizens Advisory Council for mental health issues.

Boyd felt a great debt of gratitude to Miss Clark and Miss Simonton for bringing him to a great love for Jesus Christ in his early years. The twins have wonderful memories of going to Bible camp — in the back of a cattle truck loaded with hay, suitcases and sleeping bags — singing all the way! The twins greatly loved dancing the jitterbug together.

Boyd married Linda Dillard in 2001, and she brought great joy into his life. He was greatly involved with the National Day of Prayer. Boyd was area governor of



Toastmasters for the state of Washington, which inspired him later in life to start a house in Kalispell called "Helping People."

where he housed homeless men and helped them find jobs. Boyd's pre-recorded answering machine leaves a message of hope for all who call, ending with "May God bless you and keep you happy!"

Boyd was preceded in death by his parents, Dick and Dorothy Roth.

He is survived by his wife, Linda Roth; his twin, Sue Stenslie and her husband Burt; his aunt, Peg Ranta (late husband Arne); his niece, Koena (Eric) Schiedermayer; nephews, Mark (Angela) and Joel (Kathy) Stenslie; many dear cousins; and 18 great-nieces and -nephews.

"We thank Linda Mesha and Sonya Millheim, Dick Dasen, Cal Scott, the Kalispell Dialysis Center, NAMI, Sykes and Montana Club in Kalispell, St. Patrick Hospital, and all who cared for and were a special part of Boyd's life, we thank you for your great love and service! Thank you also to Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Garden City Floral."

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 1 at the Salvation Army in Kalispell, followed by a luncheon.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests you make a memorial donation to NAMI, P.O. Box 1021, Helena, MT 59824 or at <http://www.namimt.org/donate.html>.

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

Barry Lee Rowsey, 57

Longtime Palmer, Alaska, resident Barry Lee Rowsey passed away suddenly of natural causes at work on Dec. 9, 2013. He was 57.

Barry was born May 15, 1956, in Kalispell and raised in Swan Lake with his brother Ron Rowsey, sister Pamela Barrett, and younger brother Curtis Rowsey.

After high school, Barry moved to Alaska to work on the Alaskan Pipeline. Afterwards, he lived in Anchorage and Wasilla, before settling in Palmer, Alaska. He was a dedicated and loved employee of AAA Moving and Storage for over 30 years.

Barry loved spending time with his family and friends. He was the best dad, grandpa, brother, uncle, co-worker and friend anyone could ask for. He was especially fond of his grandkids and always looked forward to visiting them in Georgia and Texas. Barry's kind heart and loving smile helped many and he always took the time to listen when someone was in need. He was the most



gracious, loving man there was and he will be dearly missed.

Barry is survived by his

daughter, Colleen L. Crawford-Williams, and her husband, Ricky, and his grandchildren, Genesis, Lee and Devinn; sister, Pamela Barrett, and her husband, Jason; brothers, Curtis Rowsey, and Ron Rowsey and his wife Anna; and nephew, Shannon Rowsey, and his wife, Nancy.

Barry was preceded in death by his father, Charles Lee Rowsey; mother, June Alice Rowsey, and sister, Penny Jo Rowsey.

A memorial was held in Anchorage on Dec. 14 and was attended by 200 of Barry's friends, family and co-workers. It was a beautiful testament to how many lives he touched and how loved he was.

A celebration of his life is planned for this summer in Swan Lake.

William Earl Roy, 86

William Earl Roy, 86, of Kalispell, passed away Sunday, March 10, 2013.

He was born to Richard and Alma Roy Oct. 20, 1926, in Pittsburgh.

After serving with the U.S. Army in the Pacific during World War II, he received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Westminster College, Pennsylvania, then went on to a career with the U.S. Treasury Department.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by Jeanne, his wife of 48 years; six children; and six grandchildren.

A sailor, a farmer, a cow-



boy and an avid golfer, he never missed an opportunity for adventure. A highlight of his involvement with Frontier Soldiers Re-enactors was a brief

appearance in the movie "Dances With Wolves."

To send condolences to the family, please go to www.buffalohillfh.com.

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

John M. Ruehle, 65

John M. Ruehle, 65, passed away on May 8, 2013, in Kalispell.

John was born June 9, 1947, in Akron, Ohio, the son of John and Norma (Alstott) Ruehle. He attended Bellevue High School in Bellevue, Neb.

John had served in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Vietnam era.

John had worked as a salesman and as a courier in Hollywood, Calif. He loved to travel and drive around, and go to music concerts. He said that making people laugh was his real job.

John was preceded in



death by his parents; and is survived by a sister, Gail

Slinkard, of Arkansas.

A celebration of John's life will be held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, May 21 at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

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

Stanley 'Frank' Rutherford, 83

Stanley "Frank" Rutherford, 83, of Kalispell, died early Saturday morning, Feb. 9, 2013, surrounded by his family.

Born June 15, 1929, in Helena, he was the son of the late Andrew Rutherford and Mary (Herter/Rutherford) Shannon.

Frank was an educator by profession for more than 37 years, teaching high school English was his trade, improving the hearts and minds of everyone he touched was his passion. He taught at Avalon Junior-Senior High School from 1957 to 1969. Frank, and several other Islanders, established the original Catalina Divers Supply, allowing him to follow his love of scuba diving. After retiring from teaching, the Rutherfords moved to Montana, where Frank enjoyed salmon fishing, writing, and cooking for family and friends at their Lake Mary Ronan cabin.

He is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Marlene (Hininger) Rutherford of Kalispell; his sister, Sharon (Shannon)



Smith of El Cajon, Calif.; daughter, Roxanne (Rutherford/Schneider) Stewart

of Kalispell; son, Eric Rutherford of Post Falls, Idaho; six grandchildren, Michael Schneider, Wes Stewart, Allison (Rutherford) Boltz, Jason Rutherford, Kelly Rutherford and Lara Rutherford; three great-grandchildren, Austin, Lydia and Connor; and many other loving relatives and relations.

A celebration Frank's life will be held at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Mar. 9 at Buffalo Hill Terrace, 40 Claremont St., in Kalispell.

"We are thankful for the gift of sharing his life with you, and the blessings of the time which we spent with him."

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

Mary Louise Rygiel, 90

Mary Louise Rygiel, 90, passed away Aug. 25, 2013, in Clearwater, Fla.

She was born Aug. 21, 1923, in Derry, Pa., to Benjamin and Elizabeth Shaffer.

In 1947 she married John Rygiel in Derry, and they lived there until moving to St. Pete, Fla., in 1953. In 1981 they moved to Montana and lived in the North Fork wilderness for 14 years. They moved to Kalispell because of health concerns.

She moved back to Flor-



ida in 2007 and lived at Accordia Woods Assisted Living from 2008 until her passing.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John; her brother, Benjamin C. Shaffer Jr.; her sister, Betty Shaffer; infant daughter, Cheryl Rygiel; and nephew, Benjamin D. Shaffer.

She is survived by one

son, John Rygiel Jr., of St. Petersburg; one daughter, Robin Rygiel, of Clearwater; one grandson, Gabe Rygiel, of Clearwater; niece, Donna Brown of York, Pa.; and nephew, Philip Shaffer, of Hooversville, Pa.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Suncoast Hospice, 5771 Roosevelt Blvd., Clearwater.