

## Robert 'Bob' Leland

"Our Superman," Robert "Bob" Leland was born in 1948 in Kalispell, to Robert and G.R. Leland. He lived in the Flathead Valley most of his life and held many positions.

Often known as "Odd Job Bob," he could fix or build anything. Anyone who knew Bob was surely helped by him in one way or another.

Bob passed away on June 19, 2003, of multiple myeloma cancer, apparently caused by Agent Orange which Bob was exposed to in Vietnam. Bob served his country well, and we all thank him and love him.

Bob is survived by his best friend, soulmate, and wife, Annie; sons, Scott and Shane; grandsons Carter, Zachary, and Spencer; close brothers and sisters, including Patti Koski, James Willmore, and many more family members and friends too numerous to list.

A private memorial will be held at Flathead Lake on Thursday, June 26.

A get together will follow at James' house, at 1142 Lost Creek Drive in the West Valley. The V.A. Honor Guard will do a rifle salute and flag presentation. Plan on arriving at approximately 4 p.m. Anyone who knew Bob is welcome to attend. It will be a potluck so bring your favorite dish. Guests are asked to not send flowers, but donations to help with expenses incurred during and after Bob's sickness would be greatly appreciated.

## Bernice Alvida Lenoir, 77

Bernice Alvida Lenoir, 77, passed away on Monday, Nov. 3, 2003, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She was born on Sept. 27, 1926, in White Earth, N.D., to John and Matilda (Goldstad) Engebretson. As a child she moved to the Flathead Valley with her family where she grew up.

During the war she became a welder and was employed at the shipyards in Vancouver, Wash. While there she met and married Calvin Lenoir. They were the proud parents of four boys and twin girls. They lived in Idaho for many years until returning to Kalispell in 1967.

Bernice was a very loving and caring person who always worried about her friends and families well-being. She was a devoted mother, grandmother and great-



grandmother. "She will be forever missed, but will always be in our memory and hearts."

Bernice was preceded in death by her husband on May 9, 1987; two sons, Steven and Ronald; and an infant daughter, Caroline; also five brothers and five sisters.

Bernice is survived by two sons, Wayne Lenoir and his wife, Beth, of Miami, and Rod Lenoir of Kalispell; one daughter, Christine Marsh and her husband, Randy, of British Columbia; one sister, Clarice Rayburn; and one brother, Aril Engebretson and his wife, May, all of Kalispell; eight grandsons, three granddaughters; and many great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Pastor Glenn Burfeind officiating. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## June S. Lenon, 82

June S. Lenon, 82, formerly of Kalispell, died Dec. 4, 2003, in Apache Junction, Ariz., of natural causes.

She is survived locally by her son, Bert Lenon, of

Kalispell.

Services have been held in Arizona.

A service is planned for August in Kalispell.

## Laura Kirstine (Egstad) Lentzner

Laura Kirstine (Egstad) Lentzner died Nov. 12, 2003, at the Libby Care Center in Libby. Laura was born Dec. 10, 1921, in Nashua, to Norwegian immigrants, Hans and Magdalene Egstad, who lived in the grain community north of Nashua. They moved to Glasgow in 1926 but also farmed the farm north of Nashua. The family returned to Norway for nine months in 1925 and lived in Grand Forks, N.D., for a brief time before returning to Glasgow.

Laura graduated from Glasgow High School in 1939 and attended Northern Montana College in Havre for one semester; then she returned to Glasgow where she worked for Dr. Stephenson as a dental assistant. She married Eddie Lentzner on Sept. 22, 1941. They immediately moved to Los Angeles, where they lived until 1943. After returning to Montana, they moved to Eddie's farm in Larshan where she resided until 1968. Eddie Lentzner died on Oct. 9, 1965.

Laura moved back to Glasgow in 1968. She moved to Libby in 1986, Vancouver, Wash., in 1994 and back to Libby in 2000, when she moved into the Libby Care Center where she resided until her death.

Laura was a lifelong member of the Lutheran Church and through the years was very active in the church and women's church activities both at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Larshan and the First Lutheran Church in Glasgow. She spent many years quilting with the ladies of the First Lutheran Church in Glasgow and also quilted at the Christ Lutheran Church in Libby. She was involved in bowling and square dancing in Glasgow for many years and she served as an election judge for

many years in Valley County.

Laura visited Norway in 1969 and 1983 where she visited several aunts and uncles and many cousins. At her first visit, there was a family reunion in Norway attended by over 200 relatives. While she was in Norway she also regained her use of the Norwegian language that she learned when she visited there as a child. She liked to travel, and late in life traveled to Hawaii, the holy land, Europe and many places within the U.S.

Laura was preceded in death by her husband, Eddie Lentzner; parents, Hans and Magdalene Egstad, sister, Olga Bailey; and two brothers, and one sister who died at birth; as well as her in-laws, Gust and Sarah Lentzner; and brothers-in-law, P.W. "Bill" Bailey, Joseph Novak, Abe Towes and Dave Unruh.

Laura is survived by her son, Ron "Vici" Lentzner, of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; daughters, Beverly and Chuck Lynch of Yacolt, Wash., Shirley and Arnie Lehnert of Libby, and Janet Lentzner of Denver; nine grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by daughter-in-law, Vera Sims, of Denver; and her sister, Helen Novak, of Glasgow; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Kathryn and Lee Torres of Fresno, Calif., and sister-in-law, Luella Unruh of Reedley, Calif.; along with several nieces and nephews and cousins.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 21, at the First Lutheran Church in Glasgow with Rev. Martin Mock officiating. Interment will follow at Highland Cemetery in Glasgow. Visitation will be Thursday at the Bell Mortuary.

Local arrangements by Nelson & Vial Funeral Home.

## Scott Christian Levengood, 41

"It's not what you take when you leave; it's what you leave behind when you go."

Scott Christian Levengood, passed away on Aug. 13, 2003, at his home in Lower Valley with his family at his side. He was 41-years-old, but lived a life full enough to fill 80 years.

Scott was born in Butte, on July 30, 1962, to Chris and Arlene Levengood. He attended grade school at Somers and barely graduated from Flathead High School in 1980. He married Karla Rose of Columbia Falls in 1985.

Scott worked various jobs for a few years but his real career began on his 21st birthday. With his dad, they purchased the old Hacienda and turned it into Scotty's Bar.

Scott was a bartender, sometimes a cook, mostly a gambler, but always a friend. Family and friendships were his finest treasures, but trap shooting was his life.

Scott was the finest trap shooter to come from the state of Montana. In the years from 1988 to 2002, even while battling cancer, Scott became the most prolific winner of Montana titles in Montana history. In 1999 Scott had the high handicap average for the nation.

Enjoying a successful trap shooting career prompted Scott to share his passion with others. He followed his dreams and built Scot-



ty's Shooting Ranch. At his ranch he taught people the art of shooting, playing cards and living life to the fullest.

His two sons, Chris, 16, and Zane, 14, were his constant companions and well on their way to following in their dad's footsteps.

Scott leaves a large loving family all living in the Flathead. He is survived by his wife Karla; three wonderful children, Amanda, Chris, and Zane; his parents, Chris and Arlene Levengood; four sisters, Sandy and Randy O'Connell, Christine and Steve Blair, Debbie and Joe Sidor, and Laurie and Lowell Panasuk. He is also survived by the best little brother in the world, Abe Levengood and his wife, Heather; mother-in-law, Lois Rose; brothers-in-law, Dave and Rodger Rose and their special friend Maura O'Halloran; nieces, nephews and aunts and uncles.

A Rosary service will be held at 7 p.m. today at St. Matthew's Catholic Church. Mass of the Resurrection will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 16, at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls with Father Vic Langhans as celebrant. Burial will follow at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell. Memories and a lunch will be shared at Scotty's Shooting Ranch immediately following the interment.

The family suggests memorial gifts be given to the Scott Levengood Memorial Fund: Box 2334, Kalispell, MT 59903.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Graydon Leslie 'Les' Curry, 74

Graydon Leslie "Les" Curry passed away on July 28, 2003, at the age of 74. Les was born in Missoula on July 26, 1929. His parents, Graydon E. Curry and Ethel B. Doney Curry raised Les in the Montana community of Arlee.

Les graduated from Arlee High School and then attended Montana State University in Bozeman on a basketball scholarship where he received both his bachelor's and master's degrees. While attending Montana State, he met his future wife, Ramona B. Nelson, and they married on June 4, 1955, in Bainville.

Les held several teaching, coaching and administrative positions during his four-decade career in high school education. Les' career touched the lives of students and community members in the Montana towns of Manhattan, Fort Benton, Bozeman and Kalispell,

and the California communities of Chico and Davis.

Les is survived by his wife, Ramona, of Yuba City, Calif.; his daughter, LeAnn, and her husband, Robert, of Laguna Niguel, Calif.; his son, Michael, and his wife, Janice, of Gillette, Wyo.; his daughter, Denise, of Aliso Viejo, Calif.; his son, Ryan, and his wife, Kari, of Aliso Viejo; his grandchildren, Graydon, Marissa, Nicholas, Larson and Samuel; and numerous relatives.

Les will be greatly missed by his family, friends, students, players and the many people who were blessed to have been a part of his life.

A private, family graveside service is planned in Davis, Calif., with a public memorial service to be held in Davis at a later date. In lieu of flowers, a donation fund will also be established at a later date.

Dorothy E. Linhart, 82, of Danvers, died Friday, Dec. 12, 2003, at Valle Vista Manor after many years of battling cancer.



She was born March 31, 1921, at the family homestead west of Christina on Box Elder Creek to William and Harriet (Kennedy) Turner. Her grade school years were spent at the box Elder School and then Highland Park School in Lewistown. In 1936, the family moved to Hobson and she graduated from high school in 1940.

After high school, Dorothy attended Young's Beauty School in Billings. Upon her graduation, she returned to work in Lewistown at the Beauty Spot until she married. Throughout her life Dorothy cut hair and gave "perms" to many family members and friends.

Dorothy met Leon "Zip" Linhart while roller-skating at the Murray Hall in Hobson. They were married April 27, 1942, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Hobson.

Dorothy and Zip lived all of their 31 years of married life at the Linhart homestead, six miles west of Danvers. After Zip's death in 1973, she continued to manage the family farm with her sons, Ray and Rod.

She enjoyed gardening, baking and playing cards. When Zip was alive, they loved to dance, attending many community square dances. She always had a batch of cinnamon rolls, spudnut doughnuts or kolache ready for friends, relatives or anyone that might stop by.

After Leon's death she enjoyed

bus trips, traveling to all parts of the U.S. with many of her friends.

Dorothy was an active member of the Danvers St. Wenceslaus Church, a charter member of Danvers Extension Homemaker's Club, a member of the Hobson Pinochle Club and a 4-H leader.

She is survived by her four children, Doug and Penny Linhart of Utica, Donna and Daniel Danz of Columbia Falls, Ray and Kathy Linhart of Ware, and Rod and Lorrie Linhart of Danvers. Also surviving are grandchildren, Rusty Linhart of York, Neb., Brandi Goodman of Fort Morgan, Colo., Mardi Linhart of Lewistown, Kevin Danz of Helena, Jason Danz of Grand Forks, N.D., Justin Danz of Cleveland, Krystal Linhart of Laramie, Wyo., Ryan Linhart of Laramie, and Christopher, Allison and Quincy Linhart of Danvers; and great-grandchildren, Leon and Kirby Linhart, Lane and Montana Goodman, and Alexis and Hunter Danz. She is also survived by three sisters, Joyce Miller of Lewistown, Lois Burton of Forest Grove, Ore., and Nancy and Gary Larsen of Great Falls; and brothers, Kenneth and Anne Turner of Moore, and James and Joyce Turner of Hobson.

A Vigil Service for Dorothy Linhart will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19, at St. Leo's Catholic Church. Funeral Liturgy will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 20, at St. Leo's Catholic Church. Interment will be at Mount Calvary Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to the Gift of Life House in Great Falls; or to the Central Montana Foundation.

Creel Funeral Home in Lewistown is in charge of arrangements.

Omer Lininger of Billings died on Feb. 23, 2003, in Aurora, Colo., at the age of 87. Born May 26, 1915, in Somers to George W. and Starlen E. (Williams) Lininger, Omer went to school in Proctor and spent his youth near the west shore of Flathead Lake. As a young man, he worked in logging and lumber.

On March 27, 1935, Omer and Lorraine H. Sipes were married. Their son, Neal, was born in 1939.

In the early 1950s, Omer became a field representative for Douglas Guardian Warehouse Corp. During this time, the family moved to Billings, and Omer and Lorraine traveled a five-state area regularly until he retired in 1971. For several years, Omer worked for the Billings school district. He received his license as a boiler operator, and served as head custodian at Bitterroot and Ponderosa schools. After another retirement in 1977, he continued to work as a painter for Pierce Trailer Sales.

Omer was a proud member of Mayflower Congregational Church, the Rimrock Masonic

Lodge, and the Scottish Rite. For more than 25 years and continuing until one month ago, Omer enjoyed offering his volunteer services throughout the community. As a dedicated member of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program, he served more than 40 non-profit organizations, including most recently the HOST program with elementary students.

Surviving family members include his son Neal, daughter-in-law Sharon, two sisters-in-law, and several nieces and nephews.

Omer was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Lorraine, and his two brothers, Everett and Wilton.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the Mayflower Congregational Church, 2940 Poly Drive, Billings. Interment will be at Sunset Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Mayflower Congregational Church, or to the Billings Masonic Center, 1101 Broadwater Ave., Billings, MT 59101. Arrangements were by Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

### **William W. Little, 68**

William W. Little, 68, of Libby died Nov. 20, 2003, as a result of a brain hemorrhage. Survivors include a son, Bruce Little, and a daughter,

Rita Orr, both of Libby. Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 5, at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

### **Ruth A. Iliff, 75**

Ruth A. Iliff, 75, a longtime Libby teacher, died Wednesday, Nov. 19, 2003, at St. John Lutheran Hospital in Libby. Services will be at 3:30 p.m.

today at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Les Nelson officiating. Visitation will be from noon to service time.

### **Patricia Loban, 69**

Patricia Loban, 69, died Thursday, Nov. 6, 2003, at St. John Lutheran Hospital in Libby.

Surviving are her husband, John Loban, of Libby; and daughters, Donna Nadelman of Boston, Cheryl Bocchino of

Northport, Fla., Karen Meyerhoff of Kalispell, and Susan Abern of Chicago; and stepdaughter, Kathleen Loban, of Chicago.

Services were held Monday, Nov. 10, at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home Chapel in Libby.

### **Helen Lobell, 83**

Helen Lobell, 83, died Saturday, Sept. 20, 2003, at her home in Kalispell.

Visitation will be Sept. 23 from 1-6 p.m. with funeral services on Sept. 24 at 1 p.m. at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

### **Bessie Loewen, 86**

Bessie Loewen, 86, died Sept. 5, 2003, in Vancouver, Wash., of natural causes.

She was a school teacher in the Lower Valley area of Kalispell for several years.

She is survived by her son, Bruce Loewen, of Vancouver; and her daughter, Barbara Nordtome, of Kalispell.

Services have been held.

### **Rev. Clarence Loewen, 88**

Rev. Clarence Loewen, 88, died on Monday, June 23, 2003, in Vancouver, Wash.

He was a pastor at Central Bible Church in Kalispell for 12 years.

Survivors include his wife, Bessie Loewen of Vancouver; son, Bruce Loewen of Vancouver; and daughter, Barbara Nordtome of Kalispell.

Services have been held.

## Arthur E. 'Art' Loff, 81

Arthur E. "Art" Loff, 81, of Hungry Horse passed away Sunday morning, Feb. 16, 2003, at the North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

He was born Sept. 7, 1921, in Crookston, Minn., the son of Herman and Inger (Kingsland) Loff. At the age of 6, he and his parents and other siblings, sisters Inez and Ila, moved to Nekoma, N.D. At the age of 15, Art went to Cucamonga, Calif., where he worked on a soil erosion detail for the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC).

Art graduated from Nekoma High School in 1939 and then worked again for the CCC but this time at Bowbells, S.D. He met and later married Lillian Mary Mann on April 11, 1942, in Nekoma, and the same year was drafted into the Army. After his discharge in 1944, he and the family returned to Nekoma where they ran the local cafe, later selling the business in 1949.

Art enlisted in the Reserve Corps and was subsequently selected to serve as a military escort, returning the remains of soldiers to their families in the Midwest. Shortly after his release from his escort duties in 1949, he moved his family to Montana, where Art went to telegraphy school. He worked in this capacity for the Great Northern Railway at

the west entrance of Glacier National Park.

During his railroad years, both Art and Lillian were engaged in running bars, cafes, grocery stores and filling stations, sometimes simultaneously. Some of Art's other sidelines were: theater owner; insurance salesman; used car salesman; real estate; auctioneer and collector, just to name a few.

Art was preceded in death by his wife of 58 years, Lillian Loff; his parents; and his brother Bob Loff.

He is survived by his daughter, Janet Deseth of Hungry Horse; his sons, Kenny Loff of Fredericksburg, Va., Hal Loff of Martin City, and Randy Loff of Hungry Horse; grandchildren Cindy Olson, Bobby Loff, T.J. Loff and Victor Loff; great-grandchildren Cody, Riley and Kaley; and sisters Inez Cowan of Port Angeles, Wash., and Ila Wilhelm of Apache Junction, Ariz.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. on Wednesday at the Columbia Mortuary of Columbia Falls. Friends may pay their respects beginning at 1 p.m. on Wednesday until service time at the mortuary. Private graveside committal services will be at a later time at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Services are in the care of the Columbia Mortuary of Columbia Falls.

## Zachary 'Zac' David Logan, 20

Zachary "Zac" David Logan, 20, passed away resting peacefully in his mother's arms on July 2, 2003, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Zac was born April 18, 1983, in Lebanon, Tenn., peacefully resting in his mother's arms. He was the son of David and Johnnie (Bailey) Logan.

Zac loved music, playing drums, watching Monty Python movies with his friends, spending time with his family and driving his car. "He mostly loved making us laugh, and saw humor in everything." He was affectionate, loving and generous with his heart. He always wore a wonderful smile.

Zac was preceded in death by his great-grandparents, Luther and Myrlie Bailey, Clyde and Louise Haynes and Goldie Logan.

He leaves behind his loving family and friends, his sister and best friend, Blair Logan; mother,



Johnnie Logan and Keith Lara; father, David Logan and wife, Beth; a brother yet to be born; his soul mate, Tonya Mayfield; grandparents, Bobby and Donna Bailey, Bob and Margie Logan; aunts and uncles, Joyce and Ronnie Ellington, Lisa and Tom Shelton, Beverly and Danny Stewart, Molly and Chad Hood, and Grady Logan; cousins, Ashley, Lance, Branden, Chase, Madison, Corey and Sarah. Zac will also be remembered and missed by Paul and Millie Mayfield, Momma San, and all his friends and extended family in Tennessee, North Carolina and Montana. Zac will be missed by all the lives his smile touched. "What the heart once owned ... it shall never lose."

Memorial services for Zachary David Logan will be held 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 2, at the First Nazarene Church in Kalispell. Services will also be held in Tennessee on Sunday, Aug. 10, at 2 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Jackson, Tenn.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Janet Crumly Loomer, 56

Janet Crumly Loomer, 56, passed away on Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2003, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

Janet was born on Jan. 6, 1947, in Dekalb County Ala., to Noah E. and Joyce Smith Crumly. She was raised in Oxford, Ala., where she attended school.

Janet received a three-year nursing degree at Anniston Memorial School of Nursing. She also received her BSN from Oakland University in Michigan in 1980.

Janet married Douglas Loomer on Sept. 26, 1968, in Oxford. She worked for 35 years as a registered nurse in Alabama, Montana, New Jersey, Michigan and Virginia.

She was active in the Lakeside

Elementary School Reading Program. Her hobbies included quilting, weaving and sewing.

Janet was preceded in death by her father, Noah E. Crumly.

She is survived by her husband, Doug, of Lakeside; her mother, Joyce Crumly of Oxford; and two brothers, Lamar Crumly and Conner Crumley.

Visitation will be from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 15, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, with the Rev. Tim Bartholomew officiating. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Jay Loveless, 53

Jay Loveless, 53, died Monday, Sept. 1, 2003, of injuries received in a vehicle accident near Libby.

He was born in Kalispell, on May 23, 1950, to Howard and Irene Loveless. He came to Libby as a child with his family where he was raised and educated, graduating from Libby High School in 1968. He later had attended college at Flathead Valley Community College, Western Montana College and the University of Montana.

He served in the United States Navy from 1973 until being honorably discharged in 1979, serving aboard the USS Enterprise in air traffic control. He resided briefly in Texas before returning to Montana. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in education from the University of Montana in 1986. He taught and coached in Florence and later at Hellgate High School in Missoula, returning to Libby in 1996.

Jay had operated D.J.'s Market at Crystal Lake near Libby for a period of time and had currently worked in computer systems installation for fast food restaurants.

He was preceded in death by his father in 1982.

Jay enjoyed sports, especially coaching, as well as hunting and fishing. Known to all who were close to him as a gentle joker and tease, Jay's greatest love was his family. He had been a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Survivors include his wife, Debbie, of Libby; his children, Rich Hoffnan of Missoula, Trey Hoffnan of Kalispell, Jill Loveless of Hamilton, and Lisa Quisenberry of Helena; six stepchildren, Jamie Spalding of Columbia Falls, Kimberlee Flanigan of Kalispell, Sean Pearson of Snoqualmie, Wash., Todd Pearson of South Lake Tahoe, Calif., Jeff Pearson of Issaquah, Wash., and Heather Pearson of Bellingham, Wash.; his mother, Irene Loveless, of Libby; a brother, Dennis Loveless, of Helena; and 14 grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to service time at the church relief society room. Interment with military honors will follow at the City of Libby Cemetery.

Arrangements are by Nelson & Vial Funeral Home.

## William V. 'Bill' Loveless, 88

William V. "Bill" Loveless, of Polson, was born Feb. 25, 1915, in Kila, to Albert and Iola (Chapman) Loveless and a family of two sisters and three brothers, and "joined them" in death on Oct. 7, 1996, at the age of 88.



Bill received his schooling at Kila and served in the Navy Seabees from 1942 to 1945 during World War II. He married Leona Hahn Hawkins in July, 1957, gained a stepson, Gary Hawkins, and lived at Dayton.

The family moved from Dayton to Polson in 1962. During these years they attended the Presbyterian Church in Dayton. In December 1977, Bill became a widower but continued to live in Polson until moving to the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell, on

Nov. 26, 1996.

Bill's early fascination with motors and things that "run" turned into his life's work as an auto mechanic and millwright which earned the respect of friends, family and co-workers.

Bill was preceded in death by his wife, Leona; his parents; and brothers, Firman, Howard "Happy" and Lawrence, "Larry"; and sisters, Alberta Freeman and Gail Bruch.

He is survived by stepson, Gary Hawkins of Billings; and several nieces and nephews; as well as a sister-in-law, Opal Loveless of Polson.

Visitation will be from 1 to 6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 12, at the Grogan Funeral Home. A funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Oct. 13, at the Grogan Funeral Home with Pastor Peter Ramseth officiating. Interment with military honors will be held at Lakeview Cemetery in Polson. A reception will follow at the funeral home.

## Esther Geneva Luckey, 89

Esther Geneva Luckey, 89, took her last breath on Oct. 6, 2003.

She was born in Williston, N.D., on Feb. 24, 1914, to John and Cecilia Heinrichson, and moved to

Kalispell with her husband Fred Luckey in 1948 where she had resided ever since.

Esther was loved by everyone who knew her and when she walked into a room it always seemed as though the lights got brighter. She could tell a joke better than anyone, and always had a way of putting a smile in the hearts of everyone she touched. She had a passion for life and was such a free spirit with the most infectious laugh you've ever heard.

Esther worked as hard as she played, including dedicating 30 years to the Flathead County Fair-



grounds, and helped anyone who needed it along the way. She was a member of the Moose Lodge, Eagles and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; five brothers and sisters, Charles and Leroy Heinrichson, Madeline Kostman, Lillian Poore and Beatrice Leistiko.

Survivors include her son, Lyle Luckey and wife, Nola, of Somers; her daughter, Melody Ross and husband, Pete, of Seattle; grandsons, Travis Luckey of Portland, and Tabor Luckey of Providence, R.I.; granddaughter, Janae Ross of Seattle; and many nieces and nephews.

At her insistence, no funeral arrangements are planned. A memorial service will be held in her honor at a future date.

"Mom, grandma, friend, you will be sorely missed by all of us; you were truly ONE OF A KIND."



## Floyd E. Luke, 87

Floyd E. Luke, 87, passed away Tuesday, Aug. 12, 2003, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

Floyd was born March 6, 1916, on the family homestead northwest of Kalispell, to Fred and Nora Luke. He attended Sparks School near Kalispell, completing the eighth grade. He helped his parents on their homestead and was part owner with his brothers in a sawmill from 1940 to 1952.

He served in the Army from 1941 to 1945. His platoon was one of the first units to arrive in Hiroshima after the bomb was dropped. He worked most of his life in the timber industry and on his ranch near Kila. He owned and operated the store and gas station at Batavia for a period of time.

He married Ruth Kelso in 1945 and from that union he had a son, Donald and a daughter, Neila. He

also raised a stepson, Bill McIntyre.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth; three brothers, Tom, Harold, and his twin, Lloyd; and his sister, Goldie.

Floyd is survived by his daughter, Neila and her husband, Mick Chase; son, Donald Luke; stepson, Bill McIntyre and his wife, Ann; a brother, Carl Luke; several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

He greatly loved his family, ranch, friends and horses. He will be missed by all who knew him.

A graveside service will be held 2 p.m. Monday, Aug. 18, at the C. E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell with military graveside honors.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is in charge of arrangements.

## Patricia Ann 'Pat' Lundgren, 77

Patricia Ann "Pat" Lundgren, 77, passed away at home Dec. 8, 2003 of natural causes.

She was born in Regan, Neb., on Jan. 16, 1926, to Anny and Alonzo Comstock. As a child she moved with her family to Denver.

She was a talented artist and would send her sketches to the famous people she drew. They would autograph them and return them to her. She treasured those autographed sketches and handwritten letters from Clark Gable, Gene Reynolds, Robert Taylor, Ray Milland and Charles Boyer.

After graduation, she went to work for the Boeing Corporation where she met Vincent Andrew Lundgren. They were married Jan. 16, 1944. After the war, Vince began working for International Harvester while she stayed home to raise her son and daughter.

Because of her husband's work, the family was transferred to Seattle where they spent five years before moving to Spokane. In 1960, they moved to Kalispell and vowed never to leave this beautiful Flathead Valley.

While Vince held the position of service manager for Manion's Pontiac, Pat worked in the parts department. After her retirement, she and Vince both worked part-time at Skyline Bowl until Vince's death in 1991. Pat retired for the second time, maintaining her

home in Evergreen and enjoying her family.

She and Vince loved Montana almost as much as they did each other, their children and grandchildren. Camping on the Swan or Koozanusa began Memorial Day and ended at first snow in the fall. Vacations were spent camping and touring Montana's historical sites.

They loved to work in their yard and Pat continued to care for and nurture her backyard bird sanctuary until her death. She had a passion for football, especially the Green Bay Packers and was known to bet 50 cents on every game Sunday and Monday night.

Pat was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; one brother; and one sister.

She is survived by her son, Jerry Lundgren of Kalispell; her daughter, Joey Kositzky of Whitefish; her granddaughter, Bree Kositzky of Whitefish and her fiancé, Dan James; and her grandson, Anders Lundgren of Kalispell; two sisters, Shirley Lamb of Denver, and Donna Crouse of Aurora, Colo. She is also survived by her two dear friends, Cheri Cave and Linda Greenland.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 12, at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish.

## Phyllis Riley Lupo, 79

Phyllis Riley Lupo, 79, passed away Aug. 12, 2003, at Big Sky Care Center in Helena.

Phyllis was born in Kalispell, on Feb. 13, 1924, to Valjean and Charlotte Riley.

In 1928, the family moved to Libby where Mr. Riley established the Libby Creamery. The family returned to Kalispell, in 1934, where Mr. Riley managed the Glacier Dairy and the Glacier Building in Kalispell for many years. Phyllis attended Cornelius Hedges Elementary School in Kalispell.

Following graduation from Flathead County High School in 1942, she attended Seattle University in Seattle, where she received a bachelor's degree in nursing in 1946. While working at Providence Hospital in Seattle, she met her husband, Anthony Lupo, who was stationed at the Seattle Naval Hospital. The two married in St. Barbara's Catholic Church in Anthony's home of Brooklyn, N.Y., in 1947. They returned to the Flathead Valley in 1950 to raise a family.

Phyllis worked for many years as a registered nurse at the Kalispell General Hospital and the Flathead County Nursing Home. In 1991, she moved with her daughter to Missoula and later to Helena.

After she retired, Phyllis took



up the art of weaving. At various times she was a member of the weavers' guilds in Kalispell, Missoula and Helena. She was also a member of the Daughters of Isabella and the Altar Society at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Kalispell for many years.

Phyllis was preceded in death by her parents; her sister, Laura Endicott; her brother, Joseph Riley, who died in infancy in 1917; and her cousin, Robert Riley.

She is survived by her children, Anthony Lupo of San Antonio, Texas, Patrick Lupo of London, England, Maria Roberts of Helena, and Michael Lupo of Kalispell; her former husband, Anthony "Terry" Lupo of Kalispell; her sister, Elizabeth Stockard of Seattle; her brothers, Donald Riley of Boise, Idaho, and Richard Riley of Kalispell; as well as 10 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Rosary will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 20, at Johnson Mortuary. Mass of the Christian burial will be held 12:10 p.m. at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Kalispell on Thursday, Aug. 21. Internment will be at Conrad Memorial Cemetery immediately following the mass.

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

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Dannie E. Louterback, 78

Dannie E. Louterback, 78, passed away on Tuesday, May 20, 2003, at his home in Kalispell.

He was born on April 7, 1925, in Denver, to Daniel and Marie (Mikesell)



Louterback. Dannie received his early education in Oklahoma before coming to Montana in 1939 with his father and brother. When he was 14 years old, his father died and Dannie went to live with relatives in the Flathead. At the age of 17, he went to live and work on the Small's Ranch. While there, he met and married Shirley Barry and to this union were born four daughters.

After leaving Small's, Dannie was employed by Koenig Logging and Wagner Logging, which were major contractors for the removal of timber in preparation for Hungry Horse Dam. He also worked for Royal Logging Co. Dannie then worked for Plum Creek as a sawyer and woods boss, until his retirement.

Dannie couldn't sit still in his retirement and got involved with the Flathead Valley Community College sawyer's school, where he served as an instructor. He con-

cluded his working years with Valley Transfer.

Dannie and Lois Lundy were married March 23, 1980. He enjoyed his retirement and the many hours spent hunting, fishing, working in his shop, doing puzzles, and reading anything and everything. Dannie was a member of the Elks, Eagles, Moose Lodge and the Hoo-Hoo's.

Dannie was preceded in death by his parents, and one brother, Edward.

He is survived by his wife, Lois, of Kalispell; his four daughters, Sheryl and Dan Getman of Los Angeles, Sharene and Joe Anderer of Lake Mary, Fla., Shelley and Jess Carrillo of Kalispell, and Sharla and Bob Bailey of Portland; six stepchildren, Jack Lundy of Portland, Becky West, Craig Lundy and Gayle Blount, all of Kalispell, Bob Lundy of Troy, and Renee Yarbrough of Nashville.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. on Memorial Day, Monday, May 26, at the Church of the Nazarene with Pastor Ron Pierce officiating.

The family suggests memorial gifts be given to the ALERT, 310 Sunnyview Lane, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Nellie Elizabeth (Flint) Lovell, 84

Nellie Elizabeth (Flint) Lovell, 84, died March 3, 2003 at 2:40 p.m. in Vancouver, Wash.

She was married to Lawrence in Olympia, Wash., in 1941.

She is survived by four remaining children, Diana Hrabik of Amity, Ore., Raymond Lovell of Aloha, Ore., Shirley Benson of Washougal, Wash., and Susan Rivers of Stevenson, Wash.; 10 grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren; and a sister, Elaine Laules

of Kalispell.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Andrew and Avis Flint; and sisters, Evelyn Backen and Gladys Crow.

Funeral services will be held at Austin Funeral Home 11 a.m. Friday in Whitefish. Pastor Brad Brittson will officiate. Burial will be at Whitefish Cemetery, next to beloved husband, Lawrence Lovell, and eldest daughter, Bonnie Persons.

## William 'Bill' Douglas Loy 81

Memorial services for William "Bill" Douglas Loy will be held at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 10, at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 603 S. Main Street in Kalispell.

Bill, a resident of Kalispell, died on Wednesday, April 23, 2003, of natural causes.

He was born in Edmonton, Alberta, to Walter and Lucia Loy. He was a graduate of Flathead County High School.

Bill worked for Superior Buildings, and was the owner and manager of Whitefish Furniture Inc.

He was a Boy Scout leader for several years and a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Ruby; three children, Ginnie Sibley and husband, Lonnie, of Spokane, Julie Grenrod and husband, David, of Fort Collins, Colo., and Douglas Loy and wife, Sandy, of Whitefish; four grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Valerie C. Lozeau

Memorial services for Valerie C. Lozeau, who passed away on Feb. 8, 2003, will be at 1 p.m. on Tuesday at the Salvation Army Church, 110 Bountiful Drive in Kalispell.

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Valerie Claudia Lozeau, 51, passed away Feb. 9, 2003, in Tigard, Ore., of congestive heart failure.

She was born April 16, 1951, in Missoula, to Howard and Claudia Lozeau. Valerie was raised and attended schools in Kalispell, graduating from Flathead High School in 1969. She also attended Rocky Mountain College in Billings.

In 1980, she moved to Portland and worked as a corporate liaison at Western Industrial Ceramics.

Valerie's favorite hobby was spending time with her grandchildren. She enjoyed traveling and playing pool. She also enjoyed NASCAR racing and was an avid



Dale Earnhardt fan.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Trevor Lozeau, in May of 2000.

She is survived by her parents, Howard and Claudia Lozeau of Kalispell; her sons, Chad, Dale and Jason Duffey, all of Portland; her brother, Randy Lozeau of Kalispell; seven grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Cremation has taken place.

A memorial service will be at 4 p.m. Thursday at Christian Life Center in Beaverton, Ore. For information, call Jason Duffey at (503) 672-9104. A second memorial service will be held in Kalispell at a later date.

The family suggests memorials be sent to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, 733 Third Ave. New York, N.Y. 10017.

## John E. Lucero, 73

John E. Lucero, 73, died Sunday, June 22, 2003, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He is survived by his wife, Norma Lucero of Ferndale.

Private family services will be held at a later date.

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

## Jerry Neal Luckey, 58

Jerry Neal Luckey, 58, of Spokane, formerly of Missoula, passed away Friday, July 25, 2003.

He was born in Cascade County, Montana, on June 27, 1945. He was the son of the late Lawrence and Josephine Florence Luckey.

Jerry is survived by his wife of 20 years, Erma Jean Luckey; his son, Larry Luckey and wife, Nancy, of Post Falls, Idaho; his two brothers, Kenneth Luckey of Kalispell, and Albert Luckey of Stafford, Va.; his sister, Lauretta Simpson and husband, Jack, of Kalispell; granddaughters, Alexis Ford of Kalispell, and Taylor and Teagan Luckey of Post Falls; stepsons, Brett, Garl, and Jason Wiese of Bozeman; many nieces and

nephews; and a host of friends.

Jerry was preceded in death by his brother, Lawrence; son Jerry; and daughter, Tania (Luckey) Ford.

Jerry has a passion for life and a love for his family and friends. He loved motorcycling and volunteering time to the Hope Foundation. He will be missed tremendously by all those who knew him.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 2, at Johnson Funeral Home in Kalispell. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. The family will receive friends immediately following the burial at Woodland Park pavilion in Kalispell.

## Donald B. 'Don' Lunsford, 76

Donald B. "Don" Lunsford, 76, "left us" on Saturday, Feb. 2, 2003, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

He was born on June 6, 1926, in Great Falls, to Burr and Emma Lunsford.

Don served as a battalion sergeant major during World War II. He received numerous medals, including the Philippines Liberation medal with bronze star. He was discharged in 1946.

He moved to Columbia Falls with his parents, where he went to work in home construction with his father until 1953. He then went to work for the city's water and street department. Don became a volunteer firefighter for the city of Columbia Falls in 1955.

In April of 1966, Don married Alvina Lunsford, and was her loving husband until she passed away in 1999. Don retired from the

fire department in 1975, and the city water department in 1976. Then Don and Alvina moved to Condon. They returned to Kalispell in the early 1980s when Don went to work for the Forest Service at Big Creek for several years.

Don was preceded in death by his parents and his wife.

He is survived by his children, Richard and his wife, Suzanne Garlough, of Columbia Falls, Russell and his wife, Orla Garlough, of Seattle, and Sharon Klemann of Idaho; one sister, Alice Hoffman of Idaho; and many nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. on Friday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home with the Rev. Tim Bartholomew officiating.

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

## Dorothy 'Dottie' Alice Lyngard, 77

The daughters of Dorothy "Dottie" Alice Lyngard, 77, said goodbye to their mom on April 20, 2003, at her home in Enumclaw, Wash. "She was "welcomed into Heaven by her husband of 56 years, Daryl," who had preceded her in death a year earlier.

Dottie was born in eastern Montana to Lloyd and Audrey Hale on Jan. 11, 1926. She graduated from Culbertson High School, and married her high school sweetheart, Daryl Lyngard, on Oct. 16, 1945. The couple made their home in Kalispell, and together raised three daughters.

When Dottie retired from the Kalispell City Library, she loved traveling south with Daryl in their RV in the winter, and entertaining family and friends at their cabin home on Echo Lake in the summer.

In 1999, they decided to escape Montana winters, and move to Enumclaw where their youngest daughter and family live.

Dottie was an example of kindness, family devotion, strong

morals, and inner strength to her family.

She will be greatly missed by her daughters, Diane McLaughlin of Kalispell, Jan Weidner of Bozeman, and Joanne Young of Enumclaw; her best friend and sister, Leone Larsen of Aurora, Colo.; her sons-in-law, Scott Weidner and Roger Young; eight grandchildren, Bryan McLaughlin, Jennifer Friar, Elizabeth Rambo, Kim Mitchell, Chad McManus, Allison Gray, Mindy Lobdell and Dusty Lobdell; 10 great-grandchildren, Gabrielle McLaughlin, Breanna and Zayne Friar, Donovan and Madison Mitchell, Colton and Christian McManus, Jeremiah and Hannah Gray, and Alex Weidner; and many nieces and nephews. She will also be missed by her many friends in Montana and Washington.

A graveside memorial will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Robert E. Lynn, 75

Lifelong western Montana resident, Robert E. Lynn, 75, died at home on Saturday, Nov. 8, 2003, surrounded by his family. He passed away peacefully after fighting a lengthy battle with emphysema.

Bob was born on Oct. 31, 1928 in Butte, to Elmer and Ethel Dewey Lynn. He was the grandson of William G. Dewey, an early Polson businessman.

He spent his childhood years in Missoula and Polson. He joined the Navy during World War II and saw much of the United States during his two years as a link trainer mechanic.

After discharge he returned to Missoula where he attended the University of Montana. In 1948 he married Harriet Grace Higbie. They moved to Valley View, south of Polson, where they pursued his dream of farming.

He then went on to manage the Dewey Lumber Co. In later years he worked as a sawyer.

He and Harriet had five children. Harriet preceded him in death in 1975.

Bob was very active in Polson Outdoors Inc. and served as a hunter safety instructor for over 25 years. He was a private pilot with hundreds of mountain flying hours. He loved the outdoors and could often be found hunting, fishing, cutting wood and huckleberry picking with his family and friends.

He will always be remembered



for his ability to turn any outing into a picnic. He was willing to drive 100 miles to look at a big tree or watch a water ousel, and could ice skate backwards faster than we could forward.

In 1978 Bob married JoAn Ellenwood. They resided on the west shore of Flathead Lake, where they celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Oct. 28.

He is survived by his wife, JoAn; sister and brother-in-law Pat and John Stokes; son and daughter-in-law Robert and Dianne Lynn, of Kalispell; daughters and sons-in-law Dianne and Pat Swandal, of Old Town, Maine, Donna and Bob Morigeau, Palmer, Alaska, Colleen and Howard Myers, Palmer, Alaska, and Julie Lynn, Polson; his stepdaughter Roxanne Reum and husband Vern, Polson; his grandchildren, Shane and wife Cathy, Chelsea, and Meghan Swandal; Joshua and wife Jeanne, Jason, and Justin Morigeau; Kalea, and Brandon Myers; Aimee Lynn and husband Zack Husted and Angela Lynn and husband Mark Kenney; Shane Reum, Tammy Reum and husband Bryce Powell; his great grandchildren: Jessica Swandal, Hannah Morigeau, Cassidy and Elijah Husted, Codi Lynn Kenney; and Samuel and Brennan Powell; and nephew and nieces Hu Beaver, Kathy Harding, Joanne Emerson and Jeanne Cochran. Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held at a later date.

Arrangements and cremation are by Grogan Funeral Home & Crematory of Polson.

## Burl L. Lyons, 75

Burl L. Lyons, long-time newspaperman and native of Montana, passed away Feb. 1, 2003, at his home in Niceville, Fla. He was surrounded by the love of his devoted wife Ruth, known to him as his "Sunshine," and beloved dog Taffy, who were at his side as he peacefully returned home.

He was born in Missoula on Jan. 9, 1928, to Omer and Angie Lyons.

He was sports editor of the Ronan Pioneer in the 1950s and later joined the Missoulian as state news editor. He served as business manager of the Missoula Timberjacks while the team was in the Class C Pioneer League.

In 1950-60, Lyons was associate editor of the Hungry Horse news in Columbia Falls. In 1961, he joined the Daily Inter Lake in Kalispell as sports editor. He later became managing editor and served as Inter Lake editor and publisher for eight years for the Hagadone Corp.

On Nov. 8, 1971, Hagadone acquired the Manchester (Conn.) Evening Herald. It was the corporation's first venture on the east coast and Lyons served as editor and publisher.

In 1975, Lyons took a leave of absence and served as administrative assistant to Montana attorney general Robert L. Woodahl.

Lyons returned to the Hagadone Corp. in 1976 and served as editor and publisher of the Arizona Daily Sun at Flagstaff until 1987.

Upon retirement from the daily newspaper field, Lyons started a weekly newspaper in the growing area of Green Valley in Henderson, Nev. The paper was owned by Mike O'Callaghan, former Nevada governor. In addition, Lyons was consultant to the Nevada Senior World.

He returned to Kalispell in 1990 and was editor of the Kalispell News. He launched the Senior Go-Getter, a newspaper for Senior Citizens in the Flathead Valley, which was later



expanded to serve all of western Montana.

Lyons served as president of three chambers of commerce, Kalispell in 1965, Manchester, Conn., in 1974 and Flagstaff, Ariz., in 1983.

He was president of the Arizona Newspaper Association in 1983 and 1984, the only president in the association's history to serve two consecutive terms.

He was one of the founders of the Ronan Area Jaycees and received the Distinguished Service Award from the Columbia Falls Jaycees for his efforts in lighting the football field.

He was also instrumental in getting the Flathead County Commissioners to establish the Conrad athletic complex.

Lyons was the first secretary of the Northern Arizona Health Care Foundation, established to benefit Flagstaff Community Hospital, and served three years.

Lyons was a life member of Kalispell Masonic Lodge 42, Missoula Scottish Rite Bodies, Algeria Shrine Temple and a life member of the Elks Lodge in Flagstaff.

Lyons married Anna E. Palmer of Clinton in Missoula on July 2, 1948. She died in 1995.

On April 25, 1998, he married Ruth Collins Mondragon of Niceville, Fla. in Kalispell and they moved to Niceville where he had since resided.

In addition to Ruth, he is survived by two daughters, Marilyn Lyons-Pogue of Phoenix, and Patricia Ann Ordish of Las Vegas; and one son, Steve, of Missoula. He will also be missed by his dog, Taffy.

He is also survived by three stepchildren, Joey and Todd Mondragon and Darrel Hall, all of Niceville; and a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Lyons was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, and one sister.

Services will be held at Montana Cremation and Memorial Society in Missoula, 3035 South Russell Street at 11 a.m. on Monday. Internment will follow at City of Missoula Cemetery. A reception will follow back at the funeral home.