

Bernard Leon Babcock

After 87 years and 56 days of gracing this earth with his presence, Bernard Leon Babcock, of Kalispell, departed



peacefully July 9, 2009, from Kalispell Regional Medical Center "to grace a better place for eternity." As in life, Bernard, in his final moments, was a big draw; it was standing room only at his bedside. Supporting Della Mae, his bride of nearly 68 years, were their three children and their spouses, nine grandchildren and their spouses and a gaggle of great-grandkids. Bernard's surviving sons are Howard and Dede of Monroe, Wash., Bruce and Trisha of Kalispell, and Lynn and Wayne Jacobsmeyer of Columbia Falls.

Bernard was born in Harlowtown to Howard and Gladys Babcock. He eventually became a brother to Patricia Cantrell, now from Swan Lake, and Delores Cox, now from Dillon. He graduated from Twin Bridges High School, served in the U.S. Army and lived in Montana until 1956, where he worked many years for the Northern

Pacific Railroad as a telegrapher, until launching into a lifelong career of mink farming in 1947.

The family relocated to Snohomish, Wash., in 1956, where Bernard continued his mink raising operation in both the Snohomish and Granite Falls areas.

True to his personal drive, engineering instincts and entrepreneurial inclinations, he "survived" about six months of retirement in 1985 at which time he "went to college" at Edmonds Community College, took two courses in irrigation design and construction and then launched The Rainmaker — a landscape irrigation firm which he operated until 1998.

In 2002, Bernard finally retired and he and Della returned to their Montana roots, moving to Kalispell where they have since resided.

Bernard will be remembered as a true gentleman, a committed husband and family man never to be forgotten.

A family graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, July 13, at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls, followed by a memorial celebration picnic at Marantette Park, also in Columbia Falls.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests a donation to the American Cancer Society.

Judith E. Bacon, 68

Judith E. Bacon "was taken to be with the Lord" on Monday, Aug. 3, 2009. Judy was born in Harlem on Nov.



4, 1940, one of eight children to Robert and Esther Wilson.

Her childhood years were spent in Harlem and Roundup. She eventually moved to Chinook where she lived with her sister, Lois Butcher. In 1956, Judy moved to Deer Lodge where she graduated from Powell County High School in 1958.

She was united in marriage to Gayland Jones and had three daughters, Kasie, Kellie and Kathie. Gayland and Judy spent the next 18 years ranching in the Deer Lodge Valley. During this time, Judy worked at Galen State Hospital and Shaw Insurance Agency.

While busy raising her three daughters, Judy assisted with the Valley 4-H club and was active in the Deer Lodge Valley Community.

Judy loved to camp, fish,

snowmobile, and spend time with her expansive family. She was a patriotic member of the Republican Party and loved to discuss political issues of the day. She had a special interest in nephews and nieces and opened her home and heart to many family members over the years.

In 1980, Judy relocated to Bigfork where she met and married Sam Bacon. Judy was partner to Sam in life and business for 20 years.

Judy relished in the lives of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Friday, Aug. 7, at the United Methodist Church in Bigfork.

Should friends and family so desire, memorials may be sent to Hospice of Kalispell, 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell, MT 59901; or United Methodist Church, 750 Electric Ave., Bigfork, MT 59911.

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

Christine 'Tena' Rose Baggett, 67

Christine "Tena" Rose Baggett, 67, passed away Nov. 11, 2008, in Spokane.

She was born April 6, 1941, to Chris and Ruth Nelson and grew up in the Flathead Valley in Montana, south of Kalispell. Tena was the eldest of five girls. She was always proud to call herself a Montana girl.

She married Lawrence Brunner in 1957, and they had three children. They divorced in 1970. Tena then moved to Walla Walla, Wash., where she remarried and had two more children. That marriage ended a few years later. She eventually moved back to Spokane to be near her parents and other family members. She met William "Bill" Baggett, and they were married in 1991 and he was the love of her life. He passed away in 2003.

She came from a musical family and was a very talented musician, especially known for her yodeling. Music was the highlight of her life, and she was happiest when she was playing and singing those old country tunes or jamming with family and dear friends. Tena started out playing around



Columbia Falls and Kalispell, then moved to Washington and continued playing there for many years. She loved adventure and traveled around for a period of time, playing many little towns all across the West. In more recent years she lived in Spokane and was a member of the Cotton Jenneys and was also a member of the VFW and Old Time Fiddlers. She was a very caring person and a gracious lady and will be missed by many.

Tena is survived by her sons, Lawrence Brunner of Spokane, Shawn and Lynn Moller of Lake Stevens, Wash., and Peter and Amy Moller of Dayton, Ohio; daughter, Roseanne and Lee Selders, of Columbia Falls; sisters, Marie and Dennis Hamil of Enid, Okla., Cheri and Chris Bailey of Spokane, and Dawn and Mel Freeman of Malden, Wash.; nine grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William; her parents; infant son, Joseph "Joey" Dean Brunner; and her sister, Linda Tredor.

Inurnment was held at Fairmount Memorial Park in Spokane. No formal services were held.

Arrangements were entrusted to Hennessey Smith Funeral Home in Spokane.

Ena Louise Keating Baldwin, 74

Our mother, sister, grandmother and our friend, Ena Louise Keating Baldwin, "sailed away to her new life" on Oct. 28, 2009.

Ena was born in Ontario to Fred and Lulu Keating. She was welcomed to her farm home by sisters, Ellen, Ruby, Beatrice, Norma and Elva, and brothers, Ralph and Lawrence. Before long, brothers Orland and Vernon were born, making the number of children 10! What a family!

Ena's first job was with the Bell Telephone Co. After several years she left her home country and moved to Houston, where she became a ballroom dancing teacher with Fred Astaire Studios. She even danced with the man himself! There she met and married her husband, Harold Baldwin. Her daughter Leisa was born in Houston.

Ena and Harold left the dance business after Leisa was born and they traveled extensively with Harold's new company. At one of their stops along the way, a second daughter, Leslie, was born.

Ena's next career was at Topeka Medical Center in the pediatric department. Ena enjoyed many varied careers throughout her life. She became a furniture salesman and interior

designer in Denver and then went on to open three women's consignment clothing stores; the first one in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and then the last, and her favorite, Ena's Reflection, in Kalispell. She never really retired until she sold the business in 2003.

Finding retirement difficult, she found she needed a new challenge, so she joined the Foster Grandparent Program and was "Grandma Ena" at Elrod School for several years.

Ena loved life. She loved her children and grandchildren and her brothers and sisters. Her physical presence will be sorely missed, but her spirit and wisdom will remain. She will continue to teach, inspire, motivate and amuse every person who remembers this most remarkable woman.

She is survived by her daughters, Leisa and Leslie; grandchildren, Desiree, Eli and Clayton; great-grandchildren, Tristan, Vanessa and Christopher; brothers, Orland and Vernon; sisters, Norma and Beatrice; and oodles of wonderful nieces and nephews.

A private family celebration will be held.

Cards and remembrances can be sent to P.O. Box 1262 Kalispell, MT 59903.

Vernon Dewey Bailey, 56

Vernon Dewey Bailey passed away at home on Monday, May 11, 2009, after a courageous battle with bone cancer.

Vern was born on July 14, 1952, in Polson, the son of Dean and Lovie Bailey. He attended Polson schools, graduating in 1971. While in school, he was an active member of 4-H and Future Farmers of America, and was an accomplished wrestler.

On June 4, 1977, he married the love of his life, Christine Andersen, and to this union, two sons were born, Andy and Greg. He felt his boys were his greatest accomplishment and was very proud of them.

Vern worked on the Bailey farm, at Marvin's Mobil, was manager at Polson Stove Shop building Earth Stoves, Castlio Well Drilling, and finally at Beacon Tire Center for 18 years. He was an avid welder and built many decks, ramps and awnings for many people around Polson.

He loved the outdoors, fishing and hunting with his sons, brothers Howard and Mark, and his friends. He lived his whole life in Montana and enjoyed all it has to offer. He was just where he wanted to be.

Vern cherished his large family and their many get-togethers, which are always full of fun and good food. He was always available to help his family and friends when needed. In return, his family has pitched in to help Vern and Chris in any way they could since Vern's illness.

Vern lived a life that was truly an inspiration. His kind and thoughtful ways, his great sense of humor and his never-ending positive attitude have left a lasting impression on all who were blessed to know him. Chris said no matter what kind of



day Vern had, he always came to the door whistling. Vern's pockets may not have been lined with gold, but the love of family and

friends certainly made him a rich man.

He was preceded in death by his father, Dean; his little sister, Doral; a nephew, Jamie; and grandparents, Homer and Flora Bailey, and George and Nora Kelly.

Survivors include his mother, Lovie Bailey; his loving wife, Christine; sons, Andy and Greg; nine brothers and sisters, Jan and Duane Olsen, Jaquy and Kai Christensen, Jim and Bev Bailey, Donna and Jerry Benson, Walt and Kelly Bailey, Carolyn Bailey, Russell and Aileen Bailey, Todd and Helen Bailey, and Randi Bailey and Don Garcia; Chris's parents, Howard and Joan Anderson; brother-in-law, Mark Anderson; sister-in-law, Audrey Anderson; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, and many friends, all whom loved him dearly.

A visitation will be held from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, May 15, at the Grogan Funeral Home, Polson. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 16, at the Linderman Gym in Polson. A reception will follow at the Valley View Clubhouse.

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate a donation in Vern's name to Camp Mak-A-Dream, c/o Children's Oncology Camp Foundation, P.O. Box 1450, Missoula, MT 59806; or to a children's charity of one's choice.

Dorothy Bain, 97

Dorothy Bain, 97, passed away on Sunday, May 17, 2009, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell. She was born Oct.



22, 1911, in a log house at Proctor, the oldest of four children of John and Ruth (Radel) Riebe.

The family homesteaded in the Niarada area of Montana, and she spent her childhood largely at her grandparents', attending school in a one-room school at Hog Heaven District. She graduated from Flathead County High School in 1930. She taught school for two years near Cut Bank, at a one-room rural school.

On April 18, 1934, she married Arthur Bain in Kalispell, where they always lived. Their home became home for their brothers and sisters and other relatives. They raised three sons, Addison, Stan and Daryl.

Dorothy maintained a monogramming service for 25 years, lettering bowling shirts, uniforms and baseball suits. She made some 30 banners for Whitefish High School and many for the Presbyterian Church, along with other special displays for businesses and various clubs.

She was baptized and joined the First Presbyterian Church in 1930, where she served as a Sunday school teacher and a deacon. She was active in the PTA, several community projects, and was a member of the Century Club for many years.

Needing transportation, Dorothy took adult drivers education and got her driver's license on her 70th birthday.

Her biggest joy was preparing dinners for the family.

Hobbies were crocheting, sewing, crafts and enjoying her flowers. She monogrammed towels for all the families, made everyone crocheted afghans and quilts and enjoyed writing poems about the family.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Art; two brothers, Martin Riebe and Charles Riebe; a sister-in-law, Joyce Reynolds; and three brothers-in-law, Louie Bain, Richard Bain and Neal Bain.

She leaves three sons and their wives, Addison and Sharon Bain of Melbourne, Fla., Stan and Sharon Bain of Elmo, and Daryl and Brenda Bain of Kalispell; five grandchildren, Kristie, Dennis and Randy of Kalispell, Debra of Washington, and Scott; three great-grandchildren; seven stepgrandchildren; and four stepgreat-grandchildren; a brother, Francis Riebe, and wife, Rosemary, of Polson; four sisters-in-law, Helen Riebe and Evelyn Shephard of Kalispell, Alvina Cyr of Missoula, and Annette Wilson Bain of Marion; a brother-in-law, Oakford Bain, and wife, Jackie, of New Jersey; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends.

Memorial services for Dorothy will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 30, at First Presbyterian Church, with Pastor Glenn Burfeind officiating. A reception will follow services, and an urn burial will follow the reception at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

The family requests memorial contributions be sent to Home Options Hospice, 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell, MT 59901; or to Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

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

Betty Lou (Hooper) Baker, 70

Betty Lou (Hooper) Baker passed away peacefully at the Immanuel Lutheran Home on Wednesday, April 8, 2009, in Kalispell, at the age of 70.



Betty was born Jan. 18, 1939, in North Dakota, and later moved to the Flathead Valley shortly after World War II with her mother and stepfather. She spent most of her life on a farm, and she treasured the simple, uncomplicated lifestyle the country offered her. She found great pleasure and satisfaction in growing her own food, harvesting it from her garden and cooking and baking for her family. The Baker household was a popular after-school stop on the days when the aroma of the freshly baked cinnamon rolls worked its way through the neighborhood.

She had a great appreciation for the outdoors and was an avid fisherwoman who fished many of Montana's waters. Another favorite outdoor activity was picking huckleberries high in the Montana mountains.

Betty loved animals, and that was demonstrated by the variety of animals she owned for at least a short period of time. The pets included cats, dogs, horses, cows, chickens, pigs, birds, rabbits and sheep, and she even allowed Japanese hooded rats for a short

period of time as pets for her children. She was especially fond of her household cats and dogs and loved horses.

Betty was a country music fan whose favorite artists included Merle Haggard and George Strait. She was especially close to her family and appreciated family gatherings, where it was common for challenging card or board games to last into the wee morning hours. Even though life handed Betty many challenges, her beautiful smile shined through it all and to the end.

Betty is survived by her mother, Hazel Stensland; three daughters, Cindy Slade and husband, Tony, of Laughlin, Nev., Peggy Terry and husband, Robert, of Kalispell, and Jerri Dillon and husband, Shawn, of Tacoma, Wash.; her brothers, Daniel Stensland and wife, Margie, and Sherman Hooper, both of Kalispell; two uncles, Oscar Anderson of Ross, N.D., and Arvid Anderson of Stanley, N.D.; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; along with many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Betty will be held at 2 p.m., Monday, April 13, in the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral chapel. Burial will be afterward in the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

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

Earl William Baker, 84

Earl William Baker, 84, died in his sleep on Sunday, May 31, 2009.

A rosary service will be said at 7 p.m. Friday, June 5, at the Clayton Stevenson Wolf Point Chapel in Wolf Point. Funeral Services will be

held at 9 a.m. Saturday June 6, At Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Poplar. Burial will follow at Poplar City Cemetery.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family locally.

Eugene Louis Baker, 59

Eugene Louis Baker, son of Victor and Madelaine Baker of Kalispell, died unexpectedly of natural causes at



his home in Breckenridge, Colo., on April 9, 2009. Born Oct. 28, 1949, Gene attended Kalispell schools, graduating from Flathead High School in 1967. He was baptized and confirmed in the Christian faith at Trinity Lutheran Church in Kalispell.

Gene was a 1972 graduate of the Montana State University School of Architecture in Bozeman. He founded Baker, Hogan and Houx Architecture Planning, now known as BHH Partners, in 1976. He and his partners crafted one of the pre-eminent architectural firms in Summit County, Colo., designing 2,020 projects in the past 33 years. Gene's passion for architecture played an important role in forming the entire Summit County area, with contributions ranging from structures on Main Street to the Breckenridge Ski Resort, including the first detachable chairlift in 1981. He was the lead architect for the Breckenridge Sanitation District's \$15 million Water Reclamation Facility, which has won numerous national design

awards.

Baker cared deeply about his community and gave generously of his time to make it a better place for all to enjoy. He served on the Breckenridge Economic Development Advisory Committee and the Neighborhood Preservation Task Force.

Gene's love for his wife and his children was an inspiration for all who knew him. A wonderful husband and fantastic father, his family always came first, and he enjoyed sharing their accomplishments with pride. He never forgot to have fun — sharing his zest for skiing, hiking, travel and sports with family and friends.

A memorial service celebrating Gene's life was held April 15 in Breckenridge.

Surviving him are his wife, Missy, and children, Emily, John and Kimi, all of the family home; his parents, Victor and Madelaine Baker, of Kalispell; his sister, Annick, and Wayne Berkoben, of Oklahoma City; his niece, Juliette, and Brent Newcomb, of Stillwater, Okla.; as well as numerous aunts, uncles and cousins both in the United States and France.

Donations in memory of Gene may be made to: The Gene Baker Architectural Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o The Summit Foundation, P.O. Box 4000, Breckenridge, CO 80424.

Marcella (Mathiason) Bartley, 74

Marcella (Mathiason) Bartley, 74, of Mossyrock, Wash., and formerly of Kalispell, died Thursday, Dec. 24, 2009, at her home. A graveside funeral will

be held at noon Saturday at Swofford Cemetery, Mossyrock. Arrangements are under the care of Newell-Hoerling's Mortuary, Centralia, Wash.

Patrick Kenneth Barron

Patrick Kenneth Barron passed on peacefully at home Tuesday, March 24, 2009, surrounded by his family after a courageous battle with Lou Gehrig's disease.



Patrick was born in San Diego and moved to Whitefish in 1991 to be closer to his family. His first love was always his son, Kyle. He also enjoyed being in nature and was an avid snowboarder. He and Kyle spent time camping, hiking and fishing. Patrick played softball for many years and all who played with him knew his enthusiasm for the sport.

Most of Patrick's career was spent as a cook, having attended culinary school in San Diego. His family and friends always appreciated his delicious meals as well as his intensity in the kitchen. No one ever want-

ed to play rock and roll music trivia with Patrick because he always won. Not only did he like listening to music, but also he enjoyed burning special CDs for friends and family. He was known for his deeply felt passions including, first and foremost, his son, Kyle, cooking, recycling and sports.

Patrick leaves behind the following family members: his son, Kyle Barron; his mom and dad, Marlyn and Chuck James, and Ron and Sally Barron; his brothers, Scott Barron, Kevin Barron, and Ken Riley; cousin Kim Roman; uncle and aunt, Fred and Dana Bunge; many nieces and nephews; as well as countless friends from over the years.

A celebration of Patrick's life will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 4, at Grouse Mountain Lodge.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Kyle Barron's trust account at the Whitefish Credit Union.

Nathan Longeway Barbour IV, 71

Nathan Longeway Barbour IV, 71, died Monday, Dec. 7, 2009, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

He is survived by his two daughters, Shelley Ann Buck of Lodi, Calif., and Lynne E. McDonald of Federal Way, Wash.; and a son, Nathan C. Bar-

bour, of Columbia Falls.

A graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, at the Harmony Grove Cemetery in Lockeford, Calif., with a reception to follow at the Harmony Grove Cemetery Chapel. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Brenda Kay Roy Baumgardner, 48

Brenda Kay Roy Baumgardner, 48, died Thursday, Sept. 24, 2009, at her home in Whitefish.

She is survived by her husband, Lewis Baumgardner, of Whitefish; and three daughters, Amanda Roy of Columbia

Falls, Brenda L. Roy of Kalispell, and Marie Paccey of Lethbridge, Alberta.

Memorial services are pending.

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

Palmira 'Polly' Lou Cigiana Baumberger, 76

Palmira "Polly" Lou Cigiana Baumberger, 76, of Florence, "won her battle with diabetes and went to her eternal home" on Sunday, Jan. 4, 2009.



Polly fought a 49-year battle with diabetes, defying death over and over. With each of her health complications, she would grieve and then accept her fate, trust in her doctors and dare death to take her. She laughed in death's face more times than any of us could believe. She was truly a saint in the making, never giving up her faith in God.

We spoke with her on several occasions about dying, and she said she felt peace with whatever the Lord had in mind for her. She would tell us, "I know things look pretty bleak, but I just don't think it is my time yet, but whatever, I am not afraid." Then she would crack a joke and we'd share a good laugh. Her faith is a witness to all who knew her.

Polly's dearest passion was her daughters, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She also loved watching football, Wheel of Fortune and she could quote lines from every "MASH" episode ever aired!

She loved animals, especially her dogs. Pixie was her very special four-legged friend who will miss taking her morning naps on Polly's lap. Polly loved

bird watching, planting flowers, reading, knitting, shopping and playing cards.

More than anything we will miss her sense of humor and her corny jokes, "but we know she is safe now, out of pain and with the Lord."

Polly is survived by her husband, Allen, of 29 years; her daughters and their husbands, Linda and Howard Nash, and Judy and Gordy Wyman; three stepsons and their wives, Gaylen and Kelly Baumberger, Tracy and Teresa Baumberger, and Reid and Tammy Baumberger; four grandchildren, Jennifer and Anthony Lapke, Brian Nash, Danielle Nash, and Scott and Janna Wyman; and three great-grandchildren, Taylor, Zachary and Carter. Polly also has 11 step-grandchildren.

Rosary will be said at 6:30 p.m. today, Jan. 7, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Florence. A vigil service will follow at 7 p.m. at St. Joseph's.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 8, at St. Joseph's. A reception will follow. Mass. Burial will be at 3 p.m. at Western Montana State Veterans Cemetery in Missoula.

Directions to St. Joseph's Church, Florence: Hwy. 93 at stop light, go south; turn right (west) on Linder Street and go one block.

The Whitesitt Funeral Home in Stevensville is in charge of arrangements.

Olga Julia (Neuhausen) Baylor, 93

Olga Julia Neuhausen Baylor of Kalispell "took advantage of a peaceful sleep to turn the final corner of her journey among us" early Thursday morning, Feb. 12, 2009. The daughter of Oscar E.W. Neuhausen and Clara E. Smith, she was born Aug. 18, 1915, in Allegheny County, Penn. She continued to identify with her Pennsylvania origin and her beloved hometown of Zelienople well into her 90s.

A resident of Buffalo Hill Terrace and Immanuel Lutheran Home since 2002, she moved to Kalispell in the mid-1980s with her husband, Bill, after more than 20 years in Grand Prairie, Texas, where both worked in the aerospace industry. Bill later passed away.

Always an independent individual, she was ever ready to explore a new opportunity or adventure, moving from Pennsylvania to San Diego to work in an aircraft plant during World War II, then shifting north to Washington state to work at the Hanford Project, and later still moving from Washington to Fort Worth, Texas, where she finally settled down after marrying Bill in the late 1950s. They traveled from Texas to Kalispell almost every summer for more than two decades, finally relocating per-

manently to the Flathead Valley after Bill's retirement.

Olga is survived by sister and brother-in-law, Alma (Neuhausen) and Jack Laney, of San Diego; nephew, Chris Neuhausen and wife, Virginia, of Kalispell; her three stepsons and their wives, David and Marge of Seattle, Dennis and Dani of Wimberley, Texas, and Randall and Debbie of Austin, Texas; five grandchildren, Derek, Julie, Josh, Michael and Adam; and three great-grandchildren. Her passing is mourned by former neighbor and dear friend, Polly Nikolaisen, of Kalispell; and many others who enjoyed her outgoing attitude and her unquenchable sense of adventure.

She will take her final rest next to her beloved Bill at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. N services are planned at present but her family hopes to gather in celebration of her life and spirit later in the spring or summer.

The family greatly appreciates the loving care she received from the staff of Immanuel Lutheran and Grace Hospice.

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

Hampton 'Hamp' Baxter, 56

Hampton "Hamp" Baxter, 56, of Madison, Ind., and formerly of Kalispell, died Thursday, Dec. 3, 2009, at the King's Daughters' Hospital in Madison.

He was a professional cowboy and wrangler and worked on a ranch in Montana for many years.

Local survivors include a son, Zachery John Bax-

ter of Montana, and a brother, Andy Baxter of Bigfork.

A celebration of his life will be held at the Strawball House at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8. Graveside services are at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9, at the farm.

Lytle Funeral Chapel of Madison is in charge of arrangements.

Esther Marie (Johnson) Beaulieu, 95

Esther Marie (Johnson) Beaulieu, 95, of Great Falls, died of natural causes Sunday at her son's home in Seattle.

She is survived by her sons, William, Donald and Edward Jr., all of Seattle, Larry of Scottsdale, Ariz., and David of

Great Falls; and daughters, Marilyn Hensley and Carole Roosendahl, both of Whitefish.

Services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, at Faith Lutheran Church in Great Falls, followed by a reception in the church basement.

Corinne (Barnard) Bronson, 85

Corinne (Barnard) Bronson, 85, passed away Friday, Nov. 6, 2009, at the Marias Medical Center in Shelby. Corinne was born April 9, 1924, to Raymond and Florence Barnard in Kevin. When she was 2 years old, the family moved to Kalispell, where she graduated from Flathead County High School in 1941.

Corinne then moved to Seattle where she was employed at Boeing as a "Rosie the Riveter" during World War II. She returned to the Flathead Valley in 1943.

Corinne had a great love of animals, especially horses. She spent many years working on ranches and traveling the backcountry of Montana. Ranching was her passion.

Corinne was preceded in death by her parents; her brothers, Harry, Hal and



Ben; and husbands, Fred Rowell, Fred Grob and Art Nutting. She was also preceded by her beloved Tennessee Walker

horse, Tamarlane D.

Corinne is survived by her daughters, Jami Nutting Hart, Jo Ann Grob Adams and Betty Grob Turner; and also two nieces, Janet and husband Ed Lasater, and Patti and husband Glen Harvey.

Graveside services for Corinne will be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 12, at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Friends are encouraged to visit the Web site, www.buffalohillfh.com, to leave condolences for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Carol Beausoliel, 79

Carol Beausoliel, 79, a long-time Whitefish resident, died peacefully Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2009, at her home. Carol was born in



Marcelin, Saskatchewan, on April 26, 1930, the daughter of Ernest Boucher and Grace (Berube) Boucher, and was raised educated in Marcelin. She married John E. Beausoliel on July 9, 1952, in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, and came to Montana with him, living first in Havre and Libby before coming to Whitefish in 1954.

A devoted wife and mother, Carol had been active in her community as well as her church. She served on the board of the Burlington Northern Credit Union (now Parkside Credit Union) for 15 years and worked with the children in the reading program at Whitefish Elementary School, as well as a den mother for Cub Scouts. She was a long-term member of St. Charles Borromeo Parish and the Altar Society, in addition to serving as the church organist for over 25 years.

A woman of many gifts and interests, Carol had been a talented musician and seamstress, an avid reader, gardener, and excellent cook, baker and hostess. She had been a member of the Lady Conductors, Women of the Moose, the Calamity Singers, Fortnightly Book Club and the last surviving member of "Whitefish Sewing Club."

She was preceded in death by her parents; her sister, Kathleen; and her husband, John.

Surviving Carol are her children she so loved, Sharon Beausoleil of Watertown, N.Y., Robert "Bob" Beausoliel of Portland, and Colette "Kitsie" Beausoliel of Guam; a sister, Norma Fowler, of Edmonton, Alberta; a beloved grandson, Michael Beausoliel, of Portland; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 17, at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, with Rev. Charles Roman as celebrant; rite on interment will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Visitation will begin Sunday at 1 p.m. at Austin Funeral Home, followed by the rosary and parish vigil at 7 p.m.

Jean Beccari, 72

Jean Beccari, 72, of Bonner, passed away on Sunday, Aug. 16, 2009, at the family home on Norman Creek Road.

She was born on Sept. 3, 1936, in Lovell, Wyo., to Loren Hansen and Vera Asay Hansen. She was raised in Lovell and graduated from Lovell High School. After high school, she attended the University of Utah before transferring to the University of Montana, where she met her husband, Paul. They were married in Missoula on Nov. 10, 1956, and lived in Missoula, Libby and Spokane before returning to Missoula in 1969.

The family moved to a home they built on Norman Creek Road, between Bonner and Potomac, in 1972. Jean raised her family there and in later years tended her gardens and flower gardens, spent lots of time with her grandchildren and took drives all over the valley with her husband.

She was preceded in death by her mother and father.

Survivors include her husband, Paul Beccari, at the family home; her son, Dirk, his wife, Kathleen, and grandchildren Dominic, Sarah and Jimmy of Missoula; her daughter, Sue, her husband, Jay Erickson, and grandchildren John, Jeff and Julie of Missoula; her daughter, Paula, her husband, Dan Bock, and grandchild, Nathan of Simi Valley, Calif.; her son, Chris, his wife, Shana, and grandchildren Kylee and Tommy of Kalispell; her son, Nic, of St. Paul, Minn.; one sister, Allene Morris and her husband, Lew, of Billings; one brother, Ron and his wife, Lee, of Bellevue, Wash.; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 1, at St. Anthony Church, with a reception to follow in the Parish Center.

Lalonie L. Beck, 67

Lalonie L. Beck, 67, "went to be with her Lord and Savior" on March 16, 2009.

She is survived by her loving husband of 45 years, Arden Beck, of Post Falls, Idaho; her children, Ronald Beck, Rodney Beck, Roxanne Beck, Jay Beck, Christy Reardon, and Laurel Kenerson; her sister, Linda Grilley; 13 grandchildren; and three great-granddaughters.

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

Lalonie was born and raised in Kalispell, and served two years in the United States Air Force.

She married Arden in 1963. They farmed and ranched until 1991, at which time they moved to Spokane. She then began



working for Safeco Insurance in 1992, and retired from there after 16 years of service.

A memorial service will be held for Lalonie at 11 a.m. Monday, March 23, at Christ Lutheran Church, 13009 E. Broadway, Spokane Valley, WA.

Memorial contributions may be made in her memory to the American Cancer Society, 920 N. Washington, Suite 200, Spokane, WA 99201.

You may visit www.mem.com.

Alene 'Pinky' Begg, 84

Alene "Pinky" Begg, 84, died March 21, 2009, at her daughter's home in Avery, Calif., surrounded by her loved ones. She suffered from Alzheimer's disease for many years. She was born May 22, 1924, in Rimbey, Alberta.

She had completed nursing training in Bozeman.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Ronald V. Begg.

She is survived by two sons and one daughter, Dennis Begg of Pleasant Hill, Calif., Keith Begg of Pollock Pines, Calif., and Terry West of Avery; seven

grandchildren, Kris Fichtner, Kelly Darby, Aaron Begg, Ian Begg, Brandi Brace, Sean Begg and Wesley Begg; and four great-grandchildren, Maddie Fichtner, Ethan Fichtner, Oscar Schaa-Fichtner, and Nina Fichtner.

She was a longtime resident of Kalispell before moving to California with her family in 1963, where she resided in San Anselmo, Modesto, and finally in Avery with her daughter.

A graveside service was held March 26 where she was buried with her husband at Mount Tamalpais Cemetery in San Rafael, Calif.

Memorial services

Olga Julia Baylor

Graveside memorial services for Olga Julia Baylor, who died in 2009, will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cem-

etry, for all her family and friends.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

James 'Jim' Allen Bell, 70

James "Jim" Allen Bell "was called to heaven" on May 6, 2009. He enjoyed his final days peacefully at his summer



home in Bigfork, overlooking the Flathead Lake surrounded by his wife, daughter, son and their spouses along with his most treasured five grandchildren who affectionately referred to him as "Poppa."

Jim was born in Shelby on Aug. 8, 1938. His family moved to Great Falls, where he enjoyed his high school days as a running back for the Great Falls Bison. After high school graduation he left for Minneapolis to attend Humboldt Business Institute.

He then went to Chicago to work for the Burlington Railroad. He was president of their Booster Club. During the evenings he worked at the Phillips 66 service station. Jim met Carole Klatt while working for the Burlington Railroad and then married. They moved to Red Cloud, Neb., in 1962 where he owned and operated a Texaco service station for four years. They had their first child.

He moved to Nevada in 1967 when his Uncle Vic Whittlesea asked him for his assistance in running Whittlesea's Taxi Service in Reno and Las Vegas. In 1968, his second child was born in Las Vegas. Jim learned the business from the ground up and ran the day-to-day operations with his uncle until Vic's passing in 1972.

Jim has been retired for the past 11 years, the former chairman and president of Whittlesea Bell Transportation-Taxicab, Limousine and Bus services in Las Vegas. He founded the first two limousine companies in Las Vegas called Whittlesea VIP Limousine and Silver State Limousine and later found Las Vegas Minibus and Las Vegas Strip Trolley, now known as Bell Trans. Bell Trans became the largest limousine company in the nation.

Jim was a born leader whose vision, determination and fortitude not only built a strong family business, but set the standard in the industry. His kind, generous nature combined with his fiercely competitive spirit served him well in all aspects of his incredible life. Jim always put the industry's needs before his own. His philosophy of industry first was truly admired by his family, colleagues, friends and most of all, the thousands of people who had the pleasure to work for him.

Jim was a former stock car and off-road racer. He introduced auto racing to his brothers and children and made it a family affair. He has hundreds of victories to his credit, as a driver, car owner and sponsor. He was also an accomplished water skier from a young age and continued to ski every summer up to his 70th birthday. During the last several summers he took great pride in driving the boat and teaching all five grandchildren how to water ski.

His favorite hobby was watching his grandchildren perform and compete in dance, plays and basketball. When the grandchildren weren't competing, he was following his favorite drivers watching NASCAR and his other favorite sports, UNLV basketball and Montana Griz football.

Jim was always a leader, from a small boy until the end of his days. Jim's kindness and generosity brought many people together and his smile was contagious. He taught his children and grandchildren humility and kindness. Jim's devotion to his wife, children, grandchildren and his endless number of friends will be missed dearly, but his memory will be cherished with pride.

He provided leadership on this earth for the very last time to his brothers and sisters, Nadyne Bell Ritter, Gary Bell, Larry Bell, Sharlene Bell Dugas, Jerry Bell, Terry Bell and Timothy Bell.

Jim was preceded in death by his mother, Effie Mckechnie; father, Horace D. Bell; and stepmother, Paula J. Bell.

Jim is survived by his wife, Michelle Compton Bell; daughter, Paula Bell-Saxton; son, Brent Bell; son-in-law, David Saxton; daughter-in-law, Suzanne Bell; and grandchildren, Kinsey Netzorg, Blake Bell, Peyton Saxton, Lily Saxton and Lauren Bell.

The family wishes to express its appreciation to the many loving and supportive friends.

A committal service will be held at 1 p.m. Sunday, May 10, at Swan View Memorial Gardens. A memorial service will be held at 5 p.m. Monday, May 18, at Faith Lutheran Junior/Senior High School Chapel in Las Vegas.

Memorials in Jim's name can be donated to the Bigfork Playhouse.

"Thank you Dad, for being the man who always had the biggest heart, but who also taught us life's greatest lessons!"

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family. Please go to www.buffalohillfh.com to send condolences to the family.

Gary D. Bell Sr., 72

Gary D. Bell Sr., 72, passed away at his Kalispell residence on Saturday, Oct. 24, 2009. He was born Feb. 11, 1937, in Shelby, to Horace and Effie (McKechnie) Bell. Gary was raised in the Great Falls area and graduated from Great Falls High School.



He enlisted in the U.S. Army and after his duty period was up, he joined the Air Force Reserves for two more years. Gary held various jobs, from working with his dad, owner of the Hee Haw Club, truck driving, caterer, and finally, working for Bell Transportation before retiring.

Gary loved to take his limo driver and friends to play

golf. He bought land in Montana and built a farm there where he loved running equipment. He was very fond of his golden retriever dogs.

In April 2004, he married Sandra Fugate.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents, Horace and Effie Bell; stepmother, Paula; and brother, Jim Bell.

He is survived by his wife, Sandra Bell, of Kalispell; four children, Tony Anthony, Gary Jr., Penny and Pam; six stepchildren; six siblings, Nadyne Ritter and husband Frank of Great Falls, Sharlene Dugas and husband Bill of Washington, Larry and wife Garnett Bell of Palm Desert, Calif., Jerry and wife Ann Bell of Bigfork, Terry and wife Lynn Bell of Whitefish, and Tim and wife Linda Bell of Sparks, Nev.; and numerous loving grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Graveside services for Gary will be held at 2 p.m.

on Sunday, Nov. 1, at the Swan View Memorial Gardens in Bigfork, with military honors provided by the United Veterans of the Flathead Valley. A reception will follow at the Elks Lodge.

Friends are encouraged to visit the Web site at www.buffalohillfh.com to leave condolences for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Bertha R. 'Bertie' Belville, 96

Bertha R. "Bertie" Belville, 96, died Thursday, April 30, 2009, in Spokane.

She is survived locally by her granddaughter, Dorothy, and husband, Robert Glencross.

Graveside services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, May 9, at Thomas Cemetery in Moreland, Idaho.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Kurt Berdimurat, 89

Kurt Berdimurat, 89, died Thursday, Oct. 22, 2009, at the Brendan House in Kalispell.

He is survived by his wife, Waltraud Berdimurat, and one son, Artik

Berdimurat, both of Kalispell.

Private family memorial services will be held.

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

Francis A. 'Fab' Bennett, 83

Francis A. "Fab" Bennett, 83, died Sunday, Dec. 13, 2009, at his Kalispell residence.

Memorial services will

be held in Kennewick, Wash., at a later date.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Edward B. Benoit, 86

Longtime Libby resident Ed Benoit, 86, died at home on Jan. 18, 2009, due to respiratory infection and failure from severe asbestosis.

He was retired from W.R. Grace & Co.

Survivors include his daughter, Holly Benoit McKenzie, and stepdaughter, Bonnie Graham, both of Libby; and stepson, Ronald

H. Philbrick.

At his request, there will be no public services. Cremation and interment at Libby Cemetery will be handled by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home.

The family plans to host a picnic gathering and celebration of life in late spring early summer.

Eloise S. Berg, 78

Eloise S. Hanson Berg, 78, died on Oct. 13, 2009, from complications of Alzheimer's disease.

Survivors include her daughter, Laurie Berg-Shaner of Polson; her

son Gary of Brier, Wash.; and her son Michael of Seattle.

A graveside service was held on Saturday, Oct. 17, at Bethany Lutheran Cemetery in Bigfork.

Rosalie K. Berg, 70

Rosalie K. Berg, 70, a longtime resident of Whitefish, died Thursday, Sept. 17, 2009, at her home. Born July 10, 1939, at Great Falls to Leonard and Josephine Shortell, she came to Whitefish in 1945 with her family, where she attended grade school and high school.

She traveled throughout the United States with her husband Jim Berg while he worked in mining and construction. They resided in Alaska for eight years where her husband preceded her in death in 1990. In October of that year, she returned

to Whitefish where she had resided at the family home until the time of her death.

She will be remembered for her kindness and generosity towards all who knew her.

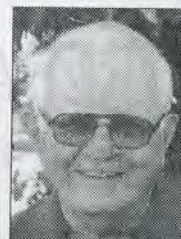
She was also preceded in death by her parents; and a brother, Donald.

She is survived by her brother, Donald Shortell, of Columbia Falls.

Private family graveside services will be held at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Austin Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

Orvid Karsten Berg, 79, died March 11, 2009, at his home in Whitefish. Karsten was born July 29, 1929, to Olaf and Naime (Nansen) Berg. He was raised and schooled in the Winger/McIntosh, Minn., area. Karsten served in the 2nd Division of the U.S. Army in the Korean War. He owned and operated Berge Store in Winger, Minn., for many years.



Orvid Karsten Berge, 79

In 1969, the Berges moved to Whitefish where he owned several businesses, including Sandra's Clothing and Babe's.

Karsten is survived by his wife, Arlene "Babe," of 56 years; and four children, Sandra Berge and husband, Kelly Conrad, of Bend, Ore., Erik Berge of Whitefish, Jon Berge of Columbus, Ohio, and Naime Berge of Minnetonka, Minn. He also had five grandchildren, AK, Caitlin and Naime Conrad, and Max and Grace Stillman.

Per his wishes, there will be no funeral service. A private family memorial will be held this summer in Whitefish.

Annette 'Netty' Israel Berryman, 49

Annette "Netty" Israel Berryman passed away Saturday, May 2, 2009, at her home in Columbia Falls. She was born Aug. 19, 1959, in Lemmon, S.D., to Harold Israel and Vivian Engebritson Israel.

She spent her younger years on her grandparents' farm in Kalispell. She attended Flathead High. Annette was married to Jack Williams and to that marriage, Christina Williams and Jenny Williams were born.

In 1991 Annette married Lee Berryman and to that marriage, Brandon Berryman and Nathan Berryman were born. Annette lived most of her adult life in Virginia, when in 2007 she moved back to the Flathead Valley.

She loved to camp and fish, especially in the Pacific Ocean. On special days she enjoyed singing karaoke.

Annette was preceded in death by her daughter, Jen-

ny; and her grandfather, Aril Engebritson.

She is survived by her mother, Vivian Engebritson, of Tucson, Ariz.; father, Harold Israel, and wife, Roberta, of Porterville, Calif.; sister, Terry Caudill, and husband, Mike, of Kalispell; two half brothers, Jon and James, in California; half sister, Cindy, in Pennsylvania; grandmother, Mae Engebritson; two sons, Brandon and Nathan Berryman, of Virginia; daughter, Christina Vansant, of Kalispell; and a very special friend, Ken Morrison, of Columbia Falls.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 9, at Calvary Lutheran Church in Evergreen. Interment will be in Glacier Memorial Gardens.

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

Nellie Hislop Bertrand, 96

Nellie Hislop Bertrand, 96, passed away May 6, 2009, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

In the early 1900s, Andrew and Anette Hislop moved from Scotland to Canada with their three oldest children. On June 5, 1912, their fourth child, Nellie, was born. The family moved by wagon to the town of Hinsdale in the upper regions of Montana. The children attended grade school there before the family moved again to Butte. Nellie remembers her four brothers riding horses to school.

Her father worked in the mines of Butte.

When she was a teenager, Nellie met Henry Bertrand, who was dating her sister at the time. Nellie and Henry began dating and were married Nov. 28, 1930. They had two boys, Henry "Jerry" and

Bobbie. Jerry now lives in Bigfork.

The family spent many summers at their cabin in West Yellowstone and the Elm Resort in Bigfork, which was owned by her younger brother. They enjoyed hunting and fishing in Wisdom and visiting relatives in Reno, Nev.

Later, while living in San Jose, Calif., Nellie owned and operated a motel. She loved her home in California. Her favorite hobbies include knitting, sewing, cooking and gardening. She was very social.

During her retirement years she traveled to the Caribbean on a cruise. She also went on a tour of China.

Nellie is survived by her son, Henry "Jerry," and his wife, Linda; her brother, Robert Hislop; her granddaughter, Jennifer Nellie Bertrand Montoya; and her great-grandson, Marcus Montoya.

A special thanks to Lindy Benson McGill for being there twenty-four/seven.



Jocita 'Jessie' Maria Cappiletti Berube, 88

Jocita "Jessie" Maria Cappiletti Berube died peacefully in Kalispell on March 31, 2009. She was born in Chicago on July 15, 1920.

She was preceded in death by her infant son, Wade; father-in-law, Joseph Berube; loving husband, Andrew Berube; and daughter, Andriea Berube.

Jessie is survived by her daughters, Rita Can-

nell, and Robert, of Vashon, Wash.; Jodee Berube, and Dennis McVeigh, of Vashon, Wash.; and Jennifer Berube of Lynnwood, Wash.; nine grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at St. Thomas More Church in Lynnwood.

"May she rest in eternal life in the arms of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Michael Perry Bills, 67

Michael Perry Bills, 67, a longtime Libby resident, died Sept. 16, 2009.

He had worked as a contracting officer with the U.S. Forest Service.

He is survived by his sons, Michael Perry Bills Jr., Philip Andrew Bills, and Alma Alexander

Bills; and daughters, Peggy Jean Halsey and Lorie Ann Short.

Memorial services will be held at noon, Tuesday, Sept. 22, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, with interment following at the Libby Cemetery.

Glen A. Bestul, 70

Glen A. Bestul, 70, passed away on Thursday, Dec. 31, 2009, at the Heritage Place in Kalispell. He was born on May 5, 1939, in Arvilla, N.D., to Adolph and Ida Bestul.

Glen attended schools in North Dakota and was a longtime carpenter contractor.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Bernice, in Feb-

ruary 2008; his son, Glen Bestul Jr., in June 1993; and his parents.

There are no services planned at this time for Glen.

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

Alfred Edward Binnie, 89

Dearly loved Alfred E. Binnie "Alf" passed away at Brendan House with Joan at his side on July 17, 2009.



Born Jan. 6, 1920, in Montreal, Quebec, Alf completed school and joined the Royal Air Force Bomber Command in England to become a pilot during World War II. Surviving an air attack behind enemy lines in 1942, he became a POW for four years in Germany.

Upon return to Canada, Alf purchased Mountain View Bungalow Resort and during the winter was director of the ski school at Jasper in Quebec at St. Donat, a well-known area in the Laurentians. Alf was always an avid skier and relished entertaining his guests at the resort. His love for music and playing the guitar continued throughout his life.

Alf and Joan were married in 1950 and to this day she remains the love of his life.

Alf and Joan moved to Long Beach, Calif., in 1959 when Alf joined California Federal Bank. Later, Alf became a certified appraiser with MAI designation. They enjoyed their life in California, with camping, skiing and gardening the focus of their spare time.

Alf was very interested in classic cars and until recently made the annual trip to Carmel, Calif., for the car show. After almost 30 years in California, Alf retired and they chose to move north so that he could pursue his love of skiing.

They settled in Whitefish after building their home together and have maintained it with meticulous attention. Alf and Joan have lived in Whitefish for almost 20 years. Alf was a dear and gentle man and will be missed.

The family has chosen no service at this time. "To friends old and new, thank you for your friendship."

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family. To send condolences, please visit www.buffalohillfh.com.

Arthur G. Birkhimer Jr., 43

Arthur G. Birkhimer Jr., 43, passed away on Monday, Jan. 5, 2009, in Kalispell, of natural causes. He was born on June 18, 1965, in Newport Beach, Calif.,



at Hoag Memorial Hospital, the son of Arthur G. Birkhimer Sr. and Diane L. Thompson.

Art was delivered by his stepfather, Dr. Art Thompson. He spent his early years in Huntington Beach and Palo Alto, Calif. In 1978-1979 he lived in Helena, before moving to Kalispell where he graduated from Flathead High School.

After graduation he served for several years in the Navy on the aircraft carrier USS Lexington. He was always proud of his service, and especially of "his ship."

He then worked in Virginia and Florida for several years. He returned to Montana in 1991. In 1995 he graduated from the University of Montana, School of Technology, with an associate's degree in automotive technology. In June of 1997, he started working for Automotion in Kalispell, and worked there until his death.

Art's passions were fixing cars, and creating his tin men out of funnels and cans for family and friends. He loved the outdoors — hunting, fishing, and especially watching the bald eagles on Flathead Lake. He loved collecting eagle art and stuffed bears. He was also passionate about the Chicago

Bears football team.

He will be missed especially by his best friends in life, Jay and Dawndi Cameron, and their three daughters, Tamierra, Merissa, and Darrissa, who thought of him as an uncle.

He was preceded in death by both sets of grandparents, Charles and Marie Birkhimer, and Matthew and Zora Krasovic.

He is survived by his father, Arthur Birkhimer Sr., of Ocala, Fla.; his mother, Diane, and stepfather, Dr. Arthur Thompson, of Lakeside; two brothers, Matthew Thompson of Fullerton, Calif., and Brad Thompson and his wife, Kayla, of Kalispell; also his nephew, Conner Thompson; and his two nieces, Alexandra and Madeline Thompson; one aunt, Sandra Johnson, and cousin, Christi Russell, both of Fullerton; three uncles, Chuck and Marlin of Ocala, and Roger of Johnstown, Pa.; one aunt, Marion, of Ocala; four cousins, Lisa, Cheryl, Gordon and Roger D.; also four stepsisters and three stepbrothers, Peggy, Janet, Sharon, Christine, David, Donald and Leonard, of California, Arizona and New Mexico.

Memorial services for Art will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, at Lakeside Chapel, with Pastor Dennis Reese officiating.

The family suggests that any memorial contributions be sent to your favorite charity.

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

William Salisbury Bissell, 82

William Salisbury Bissell, 82, "danced into the arms of Jesus" at 11 minutes to 11 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 11, 2009, at the Edgewood Vista Senior Living in Kalispell. He was born on April 8, 1926, in Thomasville, Ga., to Theodore and Isabel (Veitch) Bissell. Bill grew up in Griffin, Ga., with his brother, Bob, and sister, Sally.



He joined the Army Air Corps in 1944, being honorably discharged in 1946. He then attended the University of Maryland and graduated with a degree in aeronautical engineering in 1952.

Bill married his college sweetheart, Mary, on Aug. 25, 1951, in Hyattsville, Md.

Bill turned his love of building model airplanes into a career when he joined Lockheed Aircraft Company in Burbank, Calif., working in the Advanced Development Project ("Skunkworks") section. He helped design the U2, SR71 and the F-117A, among several others. Bill retired after 40 "fun-tastic" years!

Bill loved Jesus very much. He sang in church choirs, taught Bible classes and was a leading Elder. He was a scoutmaster in the Boy Scouts program for 20 years. He loved traveling, the outdoors and played chess by mail for 40 years.

Bill and Mary moved to Bigfork in 1991 to be closer to their family and good friends, Marv and Pat Bennett, where he enjoyed gardening, playing pool with friends and many church activities.

Bill is survived by his wife of 57 years, Mary Bissell, of Bigfork; three sons, Steve and wife, Bonny, of Oregon, Eric and wife, Karen, of Oregon, and Don and wife, Cindy, of Bigfork; and a daughter, Debbie Fulford, and husband, Kirk, of Bigfork; a brother, Bob; one sister, Sally; seven grandchildren, Michael, Daniel, Sheila, Ben, Israel, Shaunna and Hannah; three great-grandchildren, Alena, Kylie and Elliot; as well as many other relatives and friends.

"The wing designer has been given his own wings!"

Memorial services for Bill will be held at noon on Friday, Jan. 16, in the Bigfork Chapel, with Pastor Richard Stewart officiating.

The family suggests memorial gifts be given to the Edgewood Vista Senior Living, c/o Bill Bissell Memorial Bus Fund, 141 Interstate Lane, Kalispell, MT 59901. These funds will be used for much needed transportation to enrich the lives of Bill's fellow residents.

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

Albert Eugene Bjornrud, 47



Albert Eugene Bjornrud, 47, died Wednesday, April 22, 2009, from complications resulting from a sudden heart attack, on the same day his

father died exactly 40 years ago. He was born Sept. 26, 1961, to Sue Rankin Bjornrud and (the late) Roy "Sonny" Bjornrud.

Al was just 7 years old when he lost his father, Sonny, to a mill accident. Within a short time he gained a stepfather, Joe VanBemmel, and a new brother and sisters. He grew up and attended schools in Fortine and Eureka. After moving to Kalispell in 1979, he met and later married his sweetheart, Teri Furrow.

Always mechanically inclined, Al found his calling in 1984 when he went to work at Ron's Alignment, where he was still employed at the time of his death, arriving early every morning to get the coffee on and greet the customers with a smile. Al gave more than 25 years of excellent service not only to the public, but to his fellow co-workers.

His passions included racing, jeeping, snowmobiling, camping, fishing, hunting both big game and birds, gardening and cooking. He treasured his "snow-cations" to Cooke City and elsewhere, weekends at the cabin, Jeep trips, competing in racing events, and his annual steelhead fishing trips. Most of all, Al loved being surrounded by family and friends, both old and new.

Highlights of his life were meeting and hanging out with Dale Eamhardt Sr. at the Phoenix racetrack years ago. He was proud of his time spent at Raceway Park in Kalispell and for the family.

recently, he had a dream come true: He was accepted to drag race on the television series "Pinks All Out" that is to be filmed in Kent, Wash., later this summer.

Al was a member of Ducks Unlimited, as well as Flathead and Ten Lakes snowmobile clubs.

Albert is survived by his beloved wife, Teri; and three children, Amanda, Brandon and Dane; and beautiful new granddaughter, Teagan, his pride and joy. He also is survived by his parents, Joe and Sue VanBemmel, of Kalispell; his seven brothers and sisters, Dorothy Bates of Anchorage, Alaska, Roy Bjornrud of Kalispell, Rick and Carol VanBemmel of Iowa, Barb and Kurt Penney of Kalispell, Deb and Ray Peterson of Eureka, Kathy VanBemmel and her fiancée, Reid McFarland, of Kalispell, and Bobbie and Todd Conrad of Kalispell; brothers-in-law, Doug Furrow of Kalispell, and Ken Furrow of Missoula; sister-in-law, Becky and Tim Casey, of Casper, Wyo.; and many cherished aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and special friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Roy "Sonny" Bjornrud; and his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Allen and Dorothy Furrow.

A memorial service will be held at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, April 25, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, with a reception afterward at the family residence.

A memorial fund has been established in his name for donations to outdoor recreation and rescue programs and can be sent in care of Ron's Alignment, 1271 N. Meridian Road, Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

Cordie Black, 97

Cordie Black of Kalispell passed away Sept. 11, 2009. She was born in Gordo, Ala., on Sept. 18, 1911, to



(the now late) Sarah Estes and Thomas Andy Green Dillard. Cordie moved to the Kalispell area in 2006 with her family.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Walter T. Black; and son, Tom Black.

Survivors include a daughter, Sarah Glascock, and grandson, Drew Glascock and Diane, of Whitefish; granddaughter, Dawn Glascock, of Opelika, Ala.; grandsons, Thomas Black Jr., and Michael Black, and granddaughters, Sharon Black Dicken and Sara Black Arsola, all of Maryland. Cordie also had several great-grandchildren and beloved nieces and nephews.

Cordie was a loving mother, grandmother and faithful friend. She was an active member of South Highland Baptist Church of Bessemer, Ala., for over 50 years where she worked with the youth, was a longtime member of WMU and a special book club, The Mission Round Table.

She was an accomplished cook, known for her cakes, pastries and rolls. She often contributed recipes to the local newspapers. It was in

this capacity that she was employed by The Bessemer Alabama Girls Club for 20 years. Affectionately known as "Mama Black," she taught cooking but also mentored young girls in grooming, table manners and proper etiquette. In 1984 she was honored by the state of Alabama with a Leadership Award for Outstanding Contributions in Education Programs.

Cordie was an outstanding citizen and was honored as "Club Woman of the Year" in Bessemer. She served on the Board of Directors of the Bessemer Salvation Army for a number of years. She was on the Board of Directors of the Women's Club House, Bessemer, where she held the offices of president, secretary and project chairman. She was an active member of the Hueytown Alabama Hobby Club for over 40 years and held a district office in the Alabama Federation of Womens Clubs. She remained on the membership roll of the Hueytown Hobby Club as a lifetime member.

An avid bridge player, she was a charter member of the Tuesday Bridge Club.

Visitation will be held from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. today, Sept. 13, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home in Kalispell. Burial will be in Birmingham, Ala.

You are invited to send condolences and sign Cordie's guest book at www.buffalohillfh.com. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

David Black, 62

David Black, 62, was found deceased on Monday, Feb. 23, 2009, at his home in Kalispell.

Arrangements are pending with Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory.

Phyllis 'Peggy' Blass, 87

Phyllis "Peggy" Blass, 87, died Sunday, July 26, 2009, at Community Medical Center in Missoula, surrounded by her loving family.



Fraker; and nieces and nephews.

She was a loving mother, grandma, friend and neighbor, and will be missed by all who knew her.

In lieu of flowers, please make a contribution in memory of Peggy to Hilda's Room at Community Medical Center, Missoula.

A memorial service for Peggy will be held 2 p.m. Thursday, July 30, at First Presbyterian Church in Polson. Burial with military honors will follow in Lakeview Cemetery, Polson.

Messages of condolence may be sent to the family online at www.groganfuneralhome.com.

She was born Sept. 16, 1921, in Kalispell, a daughter of the late Finley and Wila MacDonald Null. She and her twin sister Patty and older sister Dorothy attended Flathead County High School.

When World War II started, Peggy enlisted in the WAVES and contributed her patriotism as a Yeoman until the war ended. She met her husband, Bill Blass, during that time; they were married for 43 years until Bill's passing in 1987. Peggy and Bill made homes in Illinois, Washington state, Guam and finally settled back in Montana at Flathead Lake in 1974.

Peggy was a fifth-generation Montanan. She shared a strong love of Flathead Lake with her longtime companion and friend, Jim Doerfler.

She is survived by her son, Buz; daughter-in-law, Elaina; daughter, Pam; son-in-law, Fred; granddaughters, Lindsey and Madison; grandson, Brandon; sister, Dorothy

Dixie Lee Juelfs Black

Dixie Lee Black of Manson, Wash., passed away on April 7, 2009, in Wenatchee, Wash.

She was born Nov. 10, 1949, in Hot Springs, S.D., to Bernard and Evelyn Juelfs. She was raised in Montana and spent summers with her grandparents in the Black Hills.

Adventure called and she moved to Alaska in 1975. During her time in Alaska she became an Alaska State trooper, along with other jobs and adventures.

She met Rodger Black and they were married on Sept. 3, 1989, in Coldfoot, Alaska. They moved to Manson in 1992 where she resided until her death.

She was a member of the Lake Chelan Boating Club and cherished her time spent

at the cabin in Lucerne.

She is survived by her husband, Rodger; sisters, Judy Williams, Janet Juelfs and Nancy Burtsfield, all of Kalispell; one brother, Bernie Juelfs, of Buffalo, Wyo.; and one sister-in-law, Patti Mackey, of Alaska; numerous nieces, nephews and many, many friends.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents; parents; one brother, Richard Juelfs; and one sister, Susan Juelfs.

A memorial service was held on April 11 at The Lake Chelan Boating Club.

Donations may be made in her honor to Lake Chelan Boat Club, P.O. Box 325, Chelan, WA 98816; or a charity of the donor's choice.

Orin Ferris Bleken, 67

Orin Ferris Bleken passed away on Dec. 13, 2009, following a courageous bout with lung cancer; leaving behind many friends and family who will miss him every day. The son of Oscar and Fern Bleken, he was born June 22, 1942, in Williston, N.D. He was raised in Appam, N.D., and graduated from Alamo High School in 1960.

Orin spent the next three years farming and ranching in North Dakota and California before enlisting in the U.S. Army in 1963. After completing the Infantry School Airborne Course in Fort Benning, Ga., he served a 13-month tour of duty in Vietnam in 1964, before completing his active duty in Fort Bragg, N.C., in 1966.

He returned to North Dakota and attended the North Dakota School of Broadcasting in Bismarck. Upon graduation, he worked the news desk at KUMV-TV in Williston.

In 1968 he relocated to Kalispell and presided at the news desk of KCFW-TV, and then later worked as a news announcer at AM Radio KOFI. He was noted for his infectious sign-off, "From the desk of KOFI News, this is Orin Bleken."

His broadcasting career highlights included interviews with both President Nixon and President Ford. In 1978 he departed the broadcasting field and spent over 20 years as a foreman at the Columbia Falls Aluminum Company before retiring in 2001.

Orin was an avid horse back rider, which led him to spending the next three



seasons as operations manager at the Laughing Water Guest Ranch and Tuckers Inn Guest Ranch in Lincoln County, sharing his love of the outdoors and horses with everyone he came across. His horses, Junior and Cheyenne, were his constant companions.

Orin relocated to Fargo, N.D., in 2007 and enjoyed spending time at the North Dakota Horse Park, where he also served on the board of directors. He relished time riding horses in the Sand Hills south of Leonard.

Orin lived his life in true cowboy style. His devotion to God, his family, and horses brought many years of happiness and fulfillment.

Orin is survived by his daughter, Rae, and Sherman Baker, of Kalispell; son, Ryan, and Tina Bleken of Westminster, Md.; daughter, Amy, and Armando Ygbu-hay, of Chantilly, Va.; son, Mick, and Toni Bleken, of Kalispell; daughter, Kari, and Tim Barnes, of Fargo; and daughter, Molly, and Lee Hepburn of Denver; grandchildren, Arielle and Elliott Potter, Colby Baker, Gianna and Nico Bleken, and Olivia Barnes; mother, Fern Bleken of Appam, N.D.; brother, Emil, and Valerie Bleken, of Alamo, N.D.; sister, Carol, and Wally Blomberg, of Fargo; and brother, Virgil, and Paulette Bleken, of Spokane.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to St. Joseph's Indian School, P.O. Box 100, Chamberlain, S.D. 57325.

Visitation will be from 3 to 4 p.m. today, Dec. 16, at Boulger Funeral Home in Fargo. Funeral services will be at 4 p.m. today at Boulger Funeral Home.

Arrangements are entrusted to Boulger Funeral Home, Fargo. An online guestbook is available at www.boulgerfuneralhome.com

Mary Jane Blinco, 84

Mary Jane Blinco, 84, a former Libby resident, died June 5, 2009, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell from natural causes.

She moved with her family to Libby in 1952. Services will be at

11 a.m. Friday at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Libby. Visitation will be from 1-7 p.m. on Thursday with the Rosary at 7 p.m. Local arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Libby.

Elaine Marie (Manning) Blotkamp, 73

Elaine Manning Blotkamp, 73, passed away Tuesday, June 23, 2009, at St. Vincent's Hospital in Billings. She was born in Minneapolis on March 15, 1936, to Melvin and Rose Weaver Manning.

Elaine attended grade schools in Minneapolis, and Forest Park School and St. Matthew's grade school in Kalispell. She had a beautiful voice and sang on amateur talent radio while still a young teenager. In high school she was an avid skier and in her junior and senior years at Flathead was a cheerleader.

Following graduation, she attended nursing school at Carroll College where she met her future husband, Richard "Dick" Blotkamp. Elaine was a dedicated mother and raised four children. She and her husband Dick worked together for years, she as a secretary and Dick as a broker for their All State Insurance Company in Billings. Elaine was also a

sales associate for the European Health Spa in Billings.

Elaine was preceded in death by her parents, Rose and Melvin Manning; her husband, Richard Blotkamp; and daughter, GERALYN Deibele.

She is survived by her daughter, Rose Thomas, of Billings; sons, Richard Blotkamp of Billings, and Mark Blotkamp of Missoula; brothers, Ken and Don Manning of Kalispell, and Virgil Manning of Spokane; and sisters, Marlene Garrison of Missoula, Maryann Manning and Jeannie Nelson of Kalispell, and Kathy Nockleby of Roseville, Minn.

Elaine's funeral was held June 29 at St. Pius X Catholic Church, with burial at Holy Cross Cemetery in Billings. A memorial for Elaine will be held at 1 p.m. Aug. 2, at the home of Don and Jeannie Nelson at 2221 Montana 35. Friends and family are invited.

Benjamin R. Blumer, 85

Benjamin R. Blumer, 85, formerly of Kalispell, passed away peacefully at his Coupeville, Wash., home, surrounded by loved ones and friends, on Tuesday, Dec. 15, 2009.

Mr. Blumer was born in Terry on June 2, 1924, to John and Frances (Sterr) Blumer. His family moved to northeastern Montana when Ben was a small child, and farmed there for several years, before relocating to Kalispell.

Ben became employed at the shipyards in Portland, and later became a heavy-duty equipment mechanic, a career which he pursued for many years.

Ben was married on March 24, 1948, to Peggy Jean Bryan of Kalispell. The couple moved with Ben's work in Montana and Oregon, before coming to Hanford, Wash., where he retired in 1986.

Coming to Whidbey Island, Wash., in that same year, Ben was able to pursue such interests as gardening and fishing. He and Peggy also enjoyed traveling, wintering regularly in Yuma, Ariz. They also traveled to

Alaska and Mexico. Ben and Peggy had been active members of the Lutheran Church in Kennewick, Wash., for many years.

Ben is survived by his wife, Peggy, at home in Coupeville; daughter, Lori Vail and Loren, of Bonney Lake, Wash.; two granddaughters, Shannon and Katie Vail, both of Bonney Lake; sister, Blanche Garrett, of Kalispell; four brothers, Harold Blumer of Kalispell, Larry Blumer and Rose of Columbia Falls, Eldon Blumer and Ellen of Lindsay, Calif., and Richard Blumer and Nanette of Visalia, Calif.; also, numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Ben was preceded in death by a daughter, Doris; and a son, Glen; as well as by two brothers, Jonathan and Clayton.

Plans are under way for a memorial service, which will be held in Coupeville, Wash. Inurnment will take place later in Kalispell.

Memorials are suggested to Home Health Care and Hospice of Whidbey General Hospital, 101 N. Main St., Coupeville, WA 98239.

Claudia Mary Blumer, 75

Claudia Mary Blumer, 75, passed away with loving family and friends at her side on May 1, 2009, at HealthCenter Northwest in Kalispell. Claudia was born Oct. 15, 1933, in Buckman, Minn., to Anthony and Dorothea (Strack) Sand.

The family moved to Montana in 1937. Claudia attended schools in the Kalispell area and graduated from Flathead High School in 1951. During high school, she started a long career working for F.W. Woolworth Co., lasting until her retirement in 1993.

In 1955, she met and fell in love with Harold Blumer. On June 30, 1956, they wed in Kalispell and have enjoyed 52 years of married life together.

Claudia enjoyed traveling, including spending the last several winters in Arizona; as well as trips to Europe, Alaska, and the East Coast. She also enjoyed home craft projects, bowling, digging in her flowerbeds, and feeding the numerous wild birds that visited her yard.

She was a member of the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, the Evergreen Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary, and Rocky Mountain Rollers - Good Sam Club.

She was a member of Risen Christ Catholic Church, where she assisted in numerous activities to support the congregation.

Claudia was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Bernard; sister-in-law, Paula; two broth-



ers-in-law, Jonathan and Clayton; and parents-in-law, John and Frances Blumer.

Surviving are her husband,

Harold; brothers, Jerome and wife Nadine, Robert Sand, and Fred and wife Lanette; sisters, Shirley and husband Gene Lindgren, and Marilyn and husband, Larry Jensen. Also surviving are brothers-in-law, Benjamin and wife Peggy, Eldon and wife Ellen, Larry and wife Rose, and Richard and wife Annette; also by sister-in-law, Blanche Garrett. There are also numerous nephews, nieces and cousins.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, May 6, at Risen Christ Catholic Church in Evergreen, followed by a family and friends reception. Visitation will be from noon to 5 p.m., Tuesday, May 5, at the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Chapel. Burial will be at 1 p.m. at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family suggests that any memorial contributions be sent to Home Options Hospice, 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Johnson - Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Claudia's family. You are invited to go to www.jgfuneralhome.com to offer condolences and sign Claudia's guestbook.

Montana Lee 'Tana' Bockman, 72

On the morning of May 16, 2009, Montana Lee "Tana" Bockman "filleted and released his last fish. No one else will be able to challenge the Master and World Champion of Cribbage. He has packed and moved his final peg."

Tana was born Jan. 23, 1937, in Missoula, to Montana G. and Joy Bockman. He graduated from Missoula County High School in 1955, played Grizzly football and graduated from the University of Montana in 1961. He taught and coached in Hot Springs, Eureka, Chinook and St. Ignatius.

In 1977, he bought and operated two businesses in Ronan — the Training Room Bar and The White Elephant Second Hand Store, and had resided there since. He was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Karen Kennedy; and his niece, Stacey Kennedy.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Carlene; his son, Scott, and Mardie Bockman, of Helena; and two daughters, Becky and Dave Toelke of Kalispell, and Christy Fryberger of Charlo. He is also

survived by three grandsons, Montana S. Bockman, Tucker Lee Toelke and Brady Lee Fryberger; and three granddaughters, Lindsey Ray Bockman, Carlene Elizabeth and Connor Mae Fryberger. He will be missed by his family, fishing buddies, athletes he has coached, cribbage players (whom he has also coached), BSers, hunters and all-around great people and friends.

A potluck celebration of Tana's life will be held at 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 23, at the Ronan Community Center. Bring your "cribbage face" and wear your Griz gear. Bobcat gear will be accepted but carefully screened!

Memorials may be sent to the Ronan Wrestling Club, c/o Ryan Fisher at 421 Andrew St. N.W. in Ronan; VFW Post 5652 at 35981 Round Butte Road in Ronan; the Grizzly Scholarship Association, U of M, Adams Center 139, Missoula, MT 59812; or a charity of your choice.

As Tana would have said, "This is my final classic story, and it's the honest to God truth!"

Marilyn Jean Blumfield, 83

On Saturday, March 28, 2009, Marilyn Jean Blumfield "earned her wings and God took her home."

Born in Spokane, Wash., on Aug. 5, 1925, to Willard and Gertrude Talkington, she lived a good 83 years experiencing the joys and sorrows of life. Joy at the birth of her son Richard, her granddaughter Teri Kaye, her great grandson Christopher and the finding of her husband and lifelong love, Robert D. Blumfield. Sorrow at the passing of her husband, her parents, one of her brothers and so many of the friends that she had made over the course of her life.

She made the most of life on this Earth. Moving to Montana at an early age with her young son, she met and married Bob and remained in Montana, living in Shelby and after the death of her husband, moving to Whitefish. She had a zest for travel and visited four continents, from Kenya, Africa, to Singapore in Asia, as well as the whole of the United States, from Alaska to Mexico and Virginia to California.

She will be missed by all of her friends, family

and those that she took in and considered as family; her son, Rich Walker and Boots Atkinson, who she considered as a daughter-in-law; her stepdaughter Janet Cooper-Whetherly and her husband Ian, who she took in and thought of as her own daughter and son-in-law; and Janet's two boys, Geoff and Greg, who were her grandsons; her granddaughter Teri Kaye Rupp and her husband Larry; her pride and joy, her great-grandson Christopher; her brother Bob Beyers and his wife, Wilma. These are but a few who stay behind and will miss her dearly.

Cremation will be handled by Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Per her wishes, there will be no memorial services. She only asked that all who knew her remember her in their good memories and in their hearts. There will be a private graveside ceremony in Shelby at a later date, so that she can be buried beside her husband, Bob.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family. To send condolences please visit www.buffalohillfh.com.

Kevin Andrew Bolme, 29

Our very special son, grandson, brother, and uncle, Kevin Andrew Bolme, 29, "went to sing and play his drum with Jesus" on Friday, Oct. 16, 2009.



He was born to Craig and Katherine Bolme on Sept. 3, 1980, in Kalispell. In 1999, he proudly graduated from Flathead High School. Thereafter, he began working for Flathead Industries.

Kevin was blessed to have the opportunity and ability to participate and excel in many activities during his short stay with us. He started participating in Special Olympics when he was 8 years old. He did events from swimming to skiing and track to basketball and everything in between. In 1995, he was selected to represent Montana in New Haven, Conn., to compete in the Special Olympic World Games. He brought home one gold and two bronze medals

in gymnastics.

Another love was music. He proudly played the bass drum in the Flathead High School Band, earning a letter for his participation. He proudly displayed his letter on his letterman jacket until the end. There was never a time when you could come into the house and not hear Kevin singing or playing his well-worn drum.

Kevin was an avid sports fanatic, with football at the heart. He was a great Griz fan but the Broncos, Seahawks, Packers, Jets, Cardinals, Cowboys and, most recently, the Vikings, were a few of his favorites. Whenever asked, he could always list off the teams playing and always knew immediately which he was rooting for. He was also a great source for score updates on game days.

Kevin valued his family and friends more than anything. Kevin was deeply blessed to have Granny Carole. From learning how to swim when he was 5, to omelets for breakfast and his "Bankie" and his chair, they were always there for each other. He looked forward

to any and all gatherings of friends and family at the lake, Mexico, or anywhere else family was. He could always be relied upon for the exact days remaining for the next family adventure.

We will always cherish the simplicity of his love. Family, ketchup and M&M Blizzards, pizza and burgers were never too far from his mind. We always knew the right thing to make his day.

He will be missed and remembered by his parents, Craig and Kathy Bolme; Grandma Carole Bolme; sisters, Beth Denton and Megan Montoya; and "Little Bro" Stan Montoya; nephew, Rylyn; and niece, Estrella Montoya; aunts and uncles, Glen and Karen Ridenour, Roger and Linda Yaeger, and Rick and Connie Yeager; cousins, Robin Sorg, and Frank, Brian and Michael Yeager; and step-grandmother, Lois Yaeger.

He "has joined" grandparents, Bernard Bolme, Harold

and Virginia Yaeger; and his cherished friend, Lady dog.

Memorials will be held with interment services at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 22, at Glacier Memorial Gardens; and a memorial service will follow at 2 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church in Kalispell. Visitation for Kevin will be from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. today, Oct. 21, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. A reception with the family will be held in the lower level of the church following the ceremony.

Memorials can be made to Special Olympics Montana, or First Presbyterian Church of Kalispell.

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

This paid obituary is being run again at the request of the family.

Carmella Bolivar, 85

greatly missed.

She is survived by her husband, Lazaro Bolivar, of Kalispell; a son, Henry Tumborello Jr., and his wife, Sandra, of Frankfort, Ill.; a daughter, Donnie Meek, and her husband, Richard, of Bigfork; granddaughters, Billie J. Roberts and her husband, Ryan, of Kalispell, Anne Marie Tumborello of Atlanta, Angela Reitz of Columbia, Md., and Betty Fuller of Milwaukee, Wis.; five great-grandchildren, Carson, Madeline and Parker Roberts of Kalispell and Rachel and Noah Fuller of Milwaukee; two step-granddaughters, Autumn Drey and her husband, Aaron, of Milwaukee, Ore., and Britney Meek of Bigfork; two step-grandchildren, Cohen and Wyatt Drey, of Milwaukee, Ore.; a sister, Marie Owens, and her husband, Kenneth, of Hobart, Ind.; half brother, Joseph Piscopo, and his wife, Karen, of Phoenix; half brother, James Piscopo, of Chicago; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Carmella was preceded in death by her parents, Vincent and Lillian Piscopo; two previous husbands, Henry Tumborello and Donald J. Jensen; a son, Joseph Tumborello; a half sister, Dolly Piscopo; a stepbrother, George Groves; and a stepsister, Lillian Tumborello.

There will be a memorial service at 2 p.m. on March 28, at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, at 1100 W. Reserve Dr., Kalispell.

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

Carmella Bolivar of Kalispell passed away on March 18, 2009, at the age of 85 at Kalispell Regional Medical Center. She was born on Oct. 28, 1923, in Chicago, to her parents, Vincenzo (Vincent) James Piscopo (from Acerra, Naples, Italy) and Lillian (Stidham) Piscopo (from Birmingham, Ala.).

Carmella was educated in the Chicago school system. After a few years of working, she met and married Henry Tumborello. They lived in Chicago where they had two boys, Henry Tumborello Jr., and Joseph Tumborello. They remained married for eight years.

Later Carmella met and married Donald J. Jensen from Chicago, and they lived there for about four years. They had a daughter, Donnie Carmella Jensen. They soon moved northwest to Fox River Grove, Ill. She and Donald were married for 20 years.

Four or so years later, she met and married Lazaro Bolivar from Elgin, Ill. They first lived in the home in Fox River Grove, then moved to Elgin, and then to Genoa City, Wis. After Carmella's daughter Donnie, and granddaughter Billie moved to Montana, Carmella and Lazaro soon followed. Carmella and Lazaro were married for 32 years.

Carmella enjoyed cooking, entertaining, working in the yard and traveling. She loved getting to see her three great-grandchildren laugh, play and entertain her (and that they did) when they would visit her. She especially loved Parker who recently got to spend more time with her. She was a wonderful wife, mother and grandmother. She will be