

Waltraud 'Wally' Margarete Caffrey, 83

Waltraud "Wally" Margarete Caffrey passed away Nov. 20, 2009. She was born on Feb. 22, 1926, in Buchen, Germany, to



Karl and Kaethe (Frey) Oefftering. Not long afterward, the family moved to the historic city of Heidelberg, Germany, where Wally spent her childhood with two brothers, Helmut and Richard, and two sisters, Gisela and Ingeborg.

Shortly after World War II ended, Wally met her husband-to-be, George Caffrey, who was a soldier in the American army. After several years of dating and courtship, George and Wally were married on Feb. 1, 1950, in Heidelberg. Then they moved to Denver, where George's family of origin was living. Wally became a U.S. citizen on Aug. 31, 1954.

After George re-enlisted in the military (Air Force), George and Wally, now accompanied by two young sons, lived in a variety of locations around the world including Nagoya, Japan; Okinawa, Japan; Rapid City, S.D.; Madrid, Spain; Glasgow; and Sacramento, Calif.

Although she worked for a few years in secretarial jobs, Wally mostly devoted herself to homemaking. Her cooking and baking skills in particular were legendary.

Following George's retirement from the Air Force in 1972, George and Wally moved to Western Montana and within a year had purchased a home in the Mission

Valley. This gave Wally the perfect opportunity to indulge her love of flowers and plants. For many years her gardens and greenhouse were the floral showcase of the Mission Valley.

Wally also had a great love of animals. She always had a dog or two and donated generously to animal welfare and wildlife charities.

When her health declined in 2003, Wally moved to the Flathead Valley, first to an assisted living facility and then joining her husband at the Montana Veterans Home, where she charmed the staff until her death on Nov. 20.

Wally was a devoted wife and mother, a loving grandmother and a generous neighbor and friend. She will be loved, remembered and missed.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents and both brothers.

She is survived by sisters, Gisela von Bluecher of Heiligenhafen, Germany, and Ingeborg Oefftering, also of Germany; sons, Patrick and Jeannie Caffrey of Seeley Lake, and Gregory Caffrey of Helena; sister-in-law, Mary Stephens, of Clearwater, Fla.; granddaughters, Marlayna Caffrey of Helena, Krista Caffrey and Sarah Caffrey, both of Missoula, and Janah Caffrey of Los Angeles; grandson, Daniel Caffrey, of Missoula; great-grandson, Bryan Caffrey, of Helena; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Cremation has taken place under the direction of Helena Funeral Chapel, with burial to follow at a later date in her beloved Mission Valley.

Richard Alan 'Dick' Cain, 79

On Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2009, Livingston lost one of its finest citizens, Richard Alan "Dick" Cain. Dick, 79, passed away Tuesday morning at St. Peter's Hospital in Helena, following a short illness from heart and kidney failure.

Cremation has taken place and memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 20, at Holbrook United Methodist Church, at the corner of Fifth and Lewis streets in Livingston. The Rev. David Gunderson and the Rev. Glen Gleaves of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church will officiate. Graveside committal with masonic and military honors will follow in Mountain View Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Franzen-Davis Funeral Home in Livingston.

Dick was born July 30, 1930, in Livingston, the third of three sons of Oliver M. and Estelle (Venable) Cain. He attended Livingston schools, graduating from Park County High School in 1948. In August of 1945, he began work as a crew caller for Northern Pacific Railroad.

In October of 1950, he entered the U.S. Navy and served in Guam, Japan, Okinawa and at Whidbey Island, Wash. Dick married Marielyn Currier on Oct. 26, 1952, in Livingston and they lived in Anacortes, Wash., while he was stationed at Whidbey Island. Following his honor-

able discharge in July of 1954, the couple returned to Livingston and Dick resumed his work with the railroad, serving in numerous clerical positions. He retired as the chief clerk in July 1992 after 47 years of service. Mariellyn died in December of 2007.

Dick was an active member of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church; Livingston Lodge No. 32, A.F. & A.M.; Livingston Scottish Rite Bodies; Al Bedoo Shrine Temple; and was a past exalted ruler and district deputy of Livingston Elks Lodge No. 246. Dick also enjoyed acting and was in several plays at the Blue Slipper Theatre in Livingston.

Survivors include his daughter, Candace A. Cain, of Helena; son, James A. and Sandy Cain, and their children, Katie, Ian, Brennen, and Lauren, all of Whitefish; his brother, Robert M. "Bud" and Doreen Cain, of Spokane and their children, Donald, Kathleen, and Curtis; and several cousins.

In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Donald Cain; and a niece, Cheryl.

If so desired, memorials may be directed to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 835, Livingston, MT 59047; or to Shriner's Hospital for Children, P.O. Box 2472, Attn: Memorial Department, Spokane, WA 99210-2472.

JoAnn Calbick, 55

JoAnn Calbick, 55, passed away on Friday, Aug. 7, 2009, at her residence in Creston. She was born on



Oct. 6, 1953, in Kalispell, to Richard and Josephine (Sundt) Hanson.

JoAnn received her GED in 1971. She worked various jobs in the valley. She met Don in 1974 and they were married May 20, 1977, in Kalispell.

JoAnn enjoyed gardening, fishing, hunting, canning and all sorts of crafts.

JoAnn was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Joyce Heindel; and two brothers, Calvin Hanson and Lawrence Hanson.

JoAnn is survived by her

husband, Don Calbick, of Creston; two sons, Stacey Calbick, and Justin Calbick and wife, Sarah, all of Kalispell; two stepsons, Ronald Calbick of Minnesota, and Brett Calbick of Phoenix; two sisters, Jan Hanson of Libby, and Carol Slaybaugh of LaPine, Ore.; two brothers, Allen Hanson and wife, Sherian, of Marion, and Richard Hanson of Kalispell; nine grandchildren; and other assorted relatives.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 11, at the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home Chapel in Kalispell.

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

Mary L. Call, 74

Mary L. Call passed away Sunday, March 1, 2009, at Presbyterian Hospital in Albuquerque, N.M., due to complications of pancreatitis.



Mary was born in Albany, Minn., Aug. 16, 1934, the youngest of seven children (as her twin brother never let her forget). She grew up in Albany and later attended college at St. Catherine's University in Minneapolis, graduating with a degree in sociology.

She met Richard "Dick" Call, and they were married at St. Kevin's Catholic Church in Minneapolis in 1959. They moved to northern Idaho, where Dick began his career with the U.S. Forest Service. They lived in Orofino, Bonners Ferry, and other small towns in northern Idaho where their five children were born.

In 1978, Dick's career took them to Columbia Falls for seven years, then to Helena until retirement. Mary and Dick then lived in Twin Lakes, Idaho, before moving back to Columbia Falls in 2003. For most of their retirement, they have been snowbirds, living six months a year in the Phoenix area, and six months in Columbia Falls.

Mary enjoyed life to the fullest. She loved hiking and drives in Glacier Park, picking huckleberries and swimming. Her greatest joy, however, was the times spent with her children and grandchildren. She enjoyed family gatherings and preparing large family meals. She loved playing games with her grandkids.

Mary is survived by her husband, Dick; as well as her children and their families, Celie and Ray Aylesworth and sons, Mack, Josh and Daniel, of Ronan; Rich and Ana Call and their children, Michael, Mathew and Alex, of Albuquerque; Chuck and Tina Call and their sons, Jon, Nic and Evan, of Albuquerque; Dave and Beth Call and their daughters, Abby and Katie, of Scottsdale, Ariz.; and Pat and Tanya Call and their son, Luke, of Helena. She also leaves behind her twin brother, Fr. Paul Mahowald; her sister, Dorothy Quirk; and brothers, Ted, Mark and Tony Mahowald, and their families; as well as numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

Mary was predeceased by her sister, Margaret Dunbar.

A vigil service will be held at 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 6, at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. The Mass of Christian burial will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 7, at St. Richard's Catholic Church.

Duncan R. "Scotty" Campbell, 91

Duncan R. "Scotty" Campbell, 91, passed away on Friday, Nov. 27, 2009, at his residence in Bigfork. He was born on



Oct. 6, 1918, in Butte, the oldest of four sons of Duncan R. and Martha (Trenerry) Campbell.

He graduated from Butte High and then the University of Montana in 1941, just in time to join the Army. He was a staff sergeant, serving as editor of an Army newspaper in Kauai, and was later transferred to Honolulu, on the staff of Stars and Stripes. He served from 1941 until 1945.

After the war, Scotty worked in Chicago, where he met his wife, Barbara "Bobbi" Dobbin. In May 1947, they married and he accepted a job with the Montana Standard in Butte. He served in various positions with the paper until he was named publisher in 1967. He retired in 1979.

Scotty was active in many Butte organizations. He was president of Active Club, Rotary Club, YMCA, and vice president of the Country Club, was on the St. James Hospital advisory board, Chamber of Commerce, vestryman for St. John's Episcopal Church, served on the Board of Governors for Pacific Northwest Newspaper Executives, director of the Model Cities board, served on the Montana Council of Boy Scouts of America, and was an honorary life member of the Montana Press Association; and when he moved to Eagle Bend, he was on the E.B. Homeowners

Association Board, joined the Christmas Elves, and became a member of the Dirt Bags (a Bible Study Group).

Scotty is the author of a book titled, "Perhaps It's God's Plan," privately published. He enjoyed singing, and sang with groups at Butte High School, Montana Tech (then School of Mines) and the University of Montana. He also enjoyed oil painting, primarily doing landscapes of places he and his wife visited. He participated in sports including golf, fishing, bird hunting, cross country skiing and hiking.

With his wife Bobbi, Scotty spent many winters in the sun, mainly in Arizona and Hawaii, until they settled close to Flathead Lake, first with a small orchard, then a condo in Bigfork, then a home in Eagle Bend.

Scotty is survived by his wife, Bobbi Campbell, of Bigfork; daughter, Rae Renne, and husband, Mike, of Great Falls; son, Duncan Campbell, and wife, Michelle, of San Antonio, Texas; a sister-in-law, Olga Campbell, of Bozeman; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial services for Scotty will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 7, at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church in Ferndale.

The family suggests that any memorial contributions be sent to St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 105 S. Crane Mountain Road, Bigfork, MT 59911; or to the charity of your choice.

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

Ed Candelaria, 82

Ed Candelaria of Kalispell, peacefully and gracefully passed away Saturday, Jan. 10, 2009, at home, surrounded by his family.



He was born Aug. 24, 1926, in Gilroy, Calif., the son of Arturo and Atanasia (Sanchez) Candelaria.

Ed was a native of Hollister, Calif., and was a longtime resident of Lakeside and Kalispell.

He was a proud U.S. Marine Corps veteran who enjoyed volunteering for United Veterans of Flathead Valley. For 15 years, he worked for the Park Service at Whitefish and Wayfarer Park, where he was friendly to all who passed his entrance booth, even those not so willing to pay. He was married to his wife, Mercy, for 60 years.

He is also survived by his children, Edgar of Las Vegas, Richard and his wife, Maria, of Seattle, and Joan and Marvin of Kalispell; his brother, Alfred Candelaria, and his wife, Fidensia, of Gladstone, Mo.; his sister, Vera Martin, of Hollister; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to a bookkeeping

career, Ed had experience working for Paul Masson and Almaden wineries. He came from a long line of musicians, who enriched and enhanced his experience of playing the tenor saxophone for many years.

Ed was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer four months ago, but remained positive and vital, enjoying visits with his family and friends, playing dominoes and cards, as well as continuing to read and enjoy old movies. Home Options Hospice of Kalispell was most supportive and comforting in his care and helped him meet his goal to remain at home.

There will be a gathering from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home, with a brief service at 2 p.m. A Mass of Christian burial for Ed will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 14, at St. Matthews Catholic Church, with Father Vic Langhans as celebrant. 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 assisting for Ed's family. You are invited to go to www.jgfuneralhome.com and offer a condolence and sign Ed's guest book.

David Cano, 69

Dave Cano, 69, passed away July 20, 2009, at Brendan House in Kalispell. He was born Nov. 4, 1939. He died with a deep, burning love for the mother of his three children.

Dave loved old cars, cold beer and playing pool with his buddies.

He had many talents and was the best auto body man on the planet. He could fix anything, but his broken heart.

Later in life, Dave learned



to draw, paint and carve. He loved art and had a love for animals, especially his dog Coon, whom he built a special trailer to pull behind his beamer and painted it to match.

He was preceded in death by his favorite dog, Coon.

Dave is survived by his children, Gina, Little David and Lisa; several grandchildren; and his close friend, Lance Gowan, who asks for some kind of sign.

He will be sorely missed.

"Dave, your house is getting new plumbing and the squirrel is gone. Please rest in warm, loving peace."

Albert LeRoy Carda, 81

Albert LeRoy Carda, 81, passed away on Thursday, June 25, 2009, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell. He was born on April 18, 1928, in Sidney, the son of George J. and Fancheon (Goodwin) Carda.



Albert lived on a dryland farm located 47 miles west of Sidney in the Elmdale community. Life during the "hard '30s" was very sparse at times. Grasshoppers, terrible hail storms and harsh winters were more hardships which made a very hard-working man of Albert as he grew up. He finished eighth grade and was determined to go to high school. He had to pay for his room and board while going to school. He went to school mornings and worked several jobs afternoons and evenings to pay his way. He graduated from Sidney High School in May of 1946 and then returned to the farm for a few years.

He married Phyllis Anderson on Aug. 27, 1955, at the Pella Lutheran Church in Sidney.

He was a very ambitious "fix it" fellow; he could figure a way to fix most anything. He worked at many things starting with working on his folks' farm, and working at Kewit Construction. When he moved to Kalispell he started working for C & C Plywood plant and later began working at School District No. 5, retiring at age 62 after 25 years of service. Retirement allowed him and Phyllis to take many tours including Hawaii and spent most of one summer in Alaska.

Being a "dryland kid" Albert never had the opportunity to be a swimmer, but at age 42 and with the purchase of a boat, his wife and kids insisted he get into the water. He learned to water ski and really enjoyed the sport. He also enjoyed fishing, camping, boating, dancing and snowmobiling.

Other hobbies included a large garden and lots of flowers in the yard, but he dearly loved his wood shop. He was a self-taught wood craftsman. Many homes in the Flathead Valley boast his cabinets and other beautiful pieces of furniture. Family members have beautiful clocks, desk, wall shelves, candle holders, etc., that they will always cherish.

He joined the Fraternal Order of Eagles in May of 1968, always a very active member, fixing things, helping with banquets, funeral luncheons, fair and parade floats. He served on the board of trustees for several years. Over the years he was presented with many Eagle honors, the greatest being the "Hall of Fame." He was a longtime volunteer at the Friendship House and served on the board of directors.

Albert's health decline came rather quickly and he had to enter Friendship House Assisted Living four years ago. He entered Immanuel Lutheran Home on Father's Day of this year and was there at the time of his passing.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Agnes Gonzales, and her husband, Henry.

He is survived by his wife, Phyllis Carda, of Kalispell; a son, Keith Carda, and wife, Debbie, of Portland; and a daughter, Renal Lind, and husband, David, of Kalispell; five grandchildren, Jeffery, Megan, and Blaine Carda, and Brian and Miranda Lind; two great-grandchildren; and a brother, Charles Carda.

Funeral services for Albert will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 2, in the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Chapel, with an urn burial to follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens. There will be a reception following the urn burial at the Eagles in Kalispell.

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

Wanda Lea Cardin, 77

Wanda Cardin passed away June 30, 2009, at the Heritage Place. She was born Oct. 15, 1931, in Ray, N.D. She loved to play bingo, crochet and go huckleberry picking with her family.

She was married to her husband William "Bill" Cardin for 49 years, until his passing in 1998.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William "Bill" Cardin; parents, Ray and Viola Malone; and sister, Patsy Caudill.

She is survived by one brother, Richard "Dick" Malone, and wife, Marie, of Goose Creek, S.C.; five children, Connie Downing

and husband Wally, Douglas Cardin, Donald Cardin and wife Suezette, and Sheryl Westphal and husband Robert, all of Kalispell, and Carol Cardin and partner, Paul, of Fairbanks, Alaska; 10 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Graveside services for Wanda will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, July 3, at Fairview Cemetery. Viewing will be from 10 a.m. to noon Friday. There will be a potluck reception following graveside services from 3 to 6 p.m. Friday at the Kalispell VFW Post No. 2252 banquet room.

Althea Geraldine Hemmer Carlie, 52

Althea Geraldine Hemmer Carlie "went to be with her mother and father" on April 24, 2009. She expired in Providence Holy Family Hospital in Spokane, from natural causes. She was born June 3, 1956, at Kalispell General Hospital to Geneva and Henry "Al" Hemmer. She was the second child to this union. Her sister, Melvina, passed away as an infant before Althea's birth.

Althea attended school in the West Valley area of Kalispell. She spent most of her adult life in the Kalispell area.

On Jan. 5, 2004, she married Moroni "Joe" Carlie in Spokane. He survives her at the family home in Spokane.

She is also survived by half sisters, Ileia Watkins of Hayden, Idaho, Florence and Ed Wells of Kalispell, Marles and Jesse Reynolds of Columbia Falls, and Merrietta and Ervin "Butch" Roberts of Charlo; also numerous nieces and nephews.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. on May 9 at the Bible Baptist Church on Dove Lane in Evergreen, with burial to take place in C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery where her ashes will be placed on her mother's grave. A potluck and family gathering will follow back at the church.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to help defray funeral costs.

Donald D. Carlson, 92

Donald David Carlson, 92, of Missoula, passed away on Saturday, Jan. 3, 2009, of natural causes.

He was born on Oct. 5, 1916, in Coleharbor, N.D., to Carl and Christine Carlson. He grew up on a farm in North Dakota with his brother Carl, and his twin sisters, Bev and Betty. He graduated from Minot State University in 1939 and was later inducted into their Basketball Hall of Fame.

On Aug. 24, 1940, he married his college sweetheart, Tommy "Marion" Arndt. They had three children, David, Susan and James, and were happily married for 68 years.

Don enjoyed teaching and coaching. He opened the University of Montana University Center as building engineer, and he was an avid Griz fan. He loved golf, bridge and spending time with his family. He was a life-long Elks member, a Mu Sigma fraternity member, and a member of Atonement Lutheran Church.

He is survived by his wife, Tommy; his daughter, Susan;



his son, James, and wife, Marilyn; and his grandchildren, Jacque Harris, Heidi Hanks and husband Aaron, Lisa Jahraus and husband Steve, Amy Peterson

and husband Eric, Megan Carlson, and Kim Nelson and husband Nick, and his great-grandchildren, Ryan, Katelyn and Sarah Hanks; also by his siblings, Betty Nelson, and Beverly Lindbloom and husband Warren.

Don was preceded in death by his parents, Carl and Christine; his brother, Carl; and his son, David.

Don's greatest love was his family, and he prayed for his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren nightly.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 7, at Atonement Lutheran Church.

The family suggests memorials to Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp, 603 Main Street, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Lynn Carlson, 52

We celebrate the life and mourn the untimely loss of our beloved Lynn Carlson, 52, who died



Aug. 26, 2009, at her home in Whitefish. She will be sorely missed.

She was the youngest daughter of Grace and Joseph Carlson.

Lynn grew up in Glen Ellyn, Ill., and graduated from Glenbard West High School. She went to Stephens College in Columbia, Mo., and graduated with a bachelor of science degree in psychology. She then attended the University of Missouri in Columbia, where she received a master of social work degree. Lynn then returned to Stephens, where she was a professor.

While in her first years of college, Lynn made several trips to Montana with a close college friend. She stayed on Flathead Lake and at a large cattle ranch in Choteau, where she ran a swather and baled hay, rode the horses and hung out with real cowboys at the bunkhouse.

She came to love Montana and wanted to find a way to work and live here. She found work in the Flathead Valley, first running a counseling clinic for Glacier View Hospital, in Kalispell, and later in private practice in Whitefish.

Lynn married Rick Bauer in the mid-1990s, and they made their home in Whitefish. They were married about 10 years.

Lynn was a well-known member of the Whitefish community, where she was often called "Lilly." She loved to putt-putt around Whitefish Lake on her pontoon boat, the Lilly Pad.

She recently returned from

a trip to Africa, where she volunteered her time, energy and money helping an orphanage in a small village.

Lynn was preceded in death by her father, Joseph Carlson; her niece, Sarah McCullagh; her grandniece, Brooklyn Bolwahn; and close friend, Charles Carlson.

She is survived by her mother, Grace Carlson, of Wheaton, Ill.; sister, Joan Bolwahn, and husband, Louis, of Plymouth, Minn.; brother, James Carlson, and wife, Dea, of Kearney, Mo.; sister, Bette Chwalisz, and husband, David, of Woodstock, Ill.; nephews, Bryan Bolwahn and wife, Shelia, and Brad Carlson, of Kearney, Mo.; nieces, Karin Bolwahn Mascaro and husband, Sam, of Minneapolis, Amy Beach and husband, Zach, of Grain Valley, Mo., and Chellie Carlson of Chicago; grandniece, Grace Lyn Bolwahn; grandnephew, Pietro Mascaro; aunts, Berniece Martin, Hazel Wimmer and Billie Nolan, of Dixon, Ill., and Florence Carlson, of Wheeling, Ill.; many loving cousins; close friend, Richard Hanners, of Whitefish; and many numerous friends in Whitefish and across the U.S. She also leaves behind her beloved dog, Gracie, and cat, Lulu.

Memorials may be made in Lynn's name to the Humane Society of Northwest Montana, 3499 U.S. Highway 93 North, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Remembrances of Lynn may be sent to the family c/o Joan Bolwahn, 2910 Jewel Lane North, Plymouth, MN 55447.

An informal gathering of friends and family will take place at the Great Northern Bar's outdoor deck on Monday, Sept. 7, Labor Day, beginning at 6 p.m. A formal memorial service with family and friends will take place later in October.

Yvonne Evelyn "Eva" Carpenter, 68

Yvonne Evelyn "Eva" Carpenter, 68, died Oct. 27, 2009 in Portland.

She is survived locally by a daughter, Cindy Delay, of Hungry Horse; mother, Evelyn M. Forbes; sons, Vince Winkowski and John

Carpenter; and daughters, Cheryl Becker and Evelyn Carpenter.

Funeral services were held Nov. 2 at Lincoln Memorial Park in Portland, with burial to follow at Willamette National Cemetery.

Myrl J. Carr, 72

Myrl J. Carr, 72, of Libby, died Friday, April 10, 2009, at St. John's Lutheran Hospital, from natural causes.

Survivors include her children, Mark Carr and Theresa Cubberly, both of Libby, Ashley Carr of Columbia Falls, and Delores Stratton of Huson.

Services will be at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, April 18, at the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Libby. A potluck dinner will follow at the church.

Arrangements are by the Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Libby.

Patricia 'Trish' Ann Carter, 64

Patricia "Trish" Ann Carter, 64, passed away on Monday, June 8, 2009, at her adopted home of Bigfork after a long and courageous battle with Multiple Sclerosis. She was born Aug. 20, 1944, in Upland, Calif., to Herb and Velma (Wright) Trosin.

A longtime Flathead Valley resident, she raised her two boys in Los Olivos, Calif. Trish was a leader in her community as past president of the Episcopal Women's Club in Los Olivos, board member of the Carriage Museum in Santa Ynez, Calif., and chairperson of the Women's Auxiliary Christmas Ball, just to name a few.

She is survived by her husband, Richard "Dick" Carter, of Bigfork; two sons, Eric Coon and wife, Lea, of San Francisco, and Brian Coon and wife, Sofie, of San Diego;

parents, Herb and Velma Trosin, of Sequim, Wash.; two brothers, Tim Trosin and wife, Claire, of Sequim, and Butch Trosin and wife, Kathy, of Sandpoint, Idaho; a sister, Aileen Albrigo, of Pleasanton, Calif.; three stepdaughters, Christina Liebman and husband, Rob, of Berthoud, Colo., Jennifer Hoyle and husband, Jeff, of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Courtney Crowe and husband, Damon, of Monrovia, Calif.; and nine grandchildren.

A memorial service for Trish will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 13, at Bethany Lutheran Church in Bigfork.

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

Jack Edward Casey, 12

Jack Edward Casey, 12, of Kansas City, Kan., passed away Sunday, Oct. 25, 2009, at Children's Mercy Hospital. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 30, at the Church of the Harvest, in Olathe, Kan. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery, Kansas City. Friends may call from noon to 1 p.m. Friday at the church.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggest contributions to the funeral home to help defray expenses. Online condolences may be expressed at www.Highlandparkfh.com.

Jack was born Aug. 29, 1997, in Tulsa, Okla., and had lived in Kansas City for the past three years. He was in the seventh grade at Rosedale Middle School where he was on the football and track team. He attended the

Church of the Harvest in Olathe.

He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Clara Covey.

He is survived by his parents, Tad Casey of Kansas City, Jennifer Casey of Kalispell, and Juanita Covey of Kansas City; brothers, Matthew Casey, Scott Casey, Austin Wilkenson and Ethan Wilkenson, all of Kansas City; sister, Shelby Casey, of Kansas City; grandparents, Ron Covey of Kansas City, Duane Hull of Bell, Tenn., Lory Casey of Poway, Calif., and Anthony and Cheryl Gamble of Fort Collins, Colo.; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Arrangements are with Highland Park Funeral Home and Crematory in Kansas City, (913) 371-0699.

Osborne "Casey" E. Casey

Osborne "Casey" E. Casey, 78, passed away Aug. 27, 2009, surrounded by his family. Casey was born in Boise, Idaho, on Dec. 19, 1930, to Osborne and Helen Little Casey. He grew up in Mountain Home, Idaho, and graduated from Mountain Home High School in 1949.



Casey married Jean McGrath in Mountain Home on Aug. 12, 1953.

He attended the University of Idaho, was a member of Delta Chi and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in 1954.

Casey began working for the Idaho Fish and Game. He and Jean lived and worked for two years at Henry's Lake during the summers, and Hagerman Fish Hatchery during the winters. During this time he also worked on a water project for Fish and Game in Boise.

In 1956, Casey and Jean returned to the U of I for a Master of Science (Fisheries) degree. He worked for Idaho Fish and Game for 16 years,

finishing in Pocatello as area fisheries biologist.

Casey transferred to the U.S. Forest Service and the family lived in Kalispell from 1970 to 1974. In 1974, the family moved to Reno, Nev., and he worked for the Bureau of Land Management, until retirement in 1992. With the BLM he earned a Masters in Wildlife Biology degree.

In retirement Casey and Jean spent summers at Ashley Lake near Kalispell and winters in Meridian, Idaho. Casey was a tremendous outdoorsman his entire life.

He is survived by his wife, Jean; daughter, Stephanie, and Jeff Hammett, of Kalispell; son, Clint, and Carolyn Casey, of Boise; granddaughters, Sammie and Danylle Hammett and Ellia Casey; sister, Carol, and Robert Cox, of Seattle; and nephews, Ken and Kathe Cox, and children.

At Casey's request there will be no funeral. The family will greet friends at Clint and Carolyn's home, from 4 to 7 p.m. today, Sept. 1.

Those interested may make memorials to Elmore County Historical Society or The Nature Conservancy.

Charlotte 'Louise' (Robinson) Cassan, 88

Charlotte "Louise" (Robinson) Cassan, 88, died Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2009, at the Brendan House. She was born June 3, 1921, at the family farm south of Columbia Falls to Lewis and Henrietta (Scott) Robinson. She attended the Bad Rock School and graduated from Flathead County High School in 1940.



ents, Lewis in 1964, and Henrietta in 1984; and two of her sisters, Margaret Nichols in 2002, and Marie Burtsfield in 2004.

Louise married Victor John Cassan on Sept. 13, 1941, at the family farm and to this union was born four sons, Tony, Allan, Dave and Sundi.

Louise was active in PTA and in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints where she served willingly in many positions over the years. She loved her family and after she took care of their busy lives, she enjoyed making scrapbooks and writing in her journal. She loved to iron and did that for many people in Kalispell for years. After her husband died she worked at Sutherland's Dry Cleaners.

Louise loved to have family over for dinners and it wasn't uncommon to have a large crowd around her dining room table. She also had the singles from her church over on Monday nights for potlucks around that same dining room table.

Louise was preceded in death by her husband, Victor, in 1979; her youngest son, Sundi, in 1995; her par-

She is survived by her sons, Tony and his wife, Owenna, of Kalispell, Allan of Yuma, Ariz., and Dave and his wife, Lois, of Havre; 10 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; sister, Irene Klingler, of Clinton, Utah; cousin, Fay Searle, of Seattle; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Louise will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Nov. 30, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at 1380 Whitefish Stage Road. Visitation will be for one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will be at 12:30 p.m. at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Flathead County Food Bank or the Humane Society of Northwest Montana.

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

Rhonda Kay Catlett, 50

Rhonda Kay Catlett "passed into eternity" in the early morning hours of Dec. 26, 2009, after a brief and brave battle with a rare bone marrow disease. Her 50 years on this Earth were spent in devotion to God, family and friends, and everyone she came in contact with instantly fell in love with her caring and generous heart.

Rhonda was born Rhonda Kay Burkey on March 24, 1959, in Sacramento, Calif., the eldest child of Wally and Betty Burkey. She spent her childhood in the suburb of Orangevale, Calif., in a little house on Pershing Avenue. She grew up with two brothers and a sister, and from an early age learned to show a strong commitment to God and family. Growing up she became active in her local church and, wherever she went in life, she would always be active in church. She also had a great love of music and had a beautiful alto voice.

In 1977 she graduated from Bella Vista High in Orangevale and moved to Shingle Springs, Calif. Also during this time she met Ron Catlett at a youth group function at her church. For Ron it was "love at first kiss," and they were married on Nov. 10, 1979.

For the next 16 years they lived in the Placerville, Calif., area, while Ron ran a construction business. Rhonda worked as a secretary at J&J Glass in Placerville until the kids came. They had two children. A son, Ronald Marcus, was born in 1987, and a daughter, Rebecca Ann, was

born in 1992.

In 1995 the family moved to Kalispell, where Rhonda would live the rest of her days. During the time when her kids were growing up, she was a devoted mother and homemaker. She loved decorating, and she always said that her favorite "sport" was shopping. She had such a giving heart that she would often buy a present and a card without knowing to whom she was going to give it. She and Ron also loved to travel, with London, New York, Chicago, San Francisco, and Disneyland being her favorite locations.

Rhonda was preceded in death by a sister, Brenda Florence; a grandfather, Kenneth Burkey; and a grandmother, Mary Bearden.

She is survived by her husband of 30 years, Ron Catlett; her son, Ronnie Catlett; and her daughter, Rebecca Catlett. She is also survived by her parents, Wally and Betty Burkey, of El Dorado, Calif.; her brothers, Ken Burkey of Placerville, and Rob Burkey of Pittsburgh; a grandmother, Norma Burkey, of Seaside, Ore.; and numerous other nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

Two memorial services will be held for Rhonda. The first will be held today, Dec. 30, at Green Valley Community Church in Placerville, Calif. The second will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 5, at Fresh Life Church in Kalispell.

Arrangements are entrusted to Chapel of the Pines in Placerville, Calif.

Garner M. Cavender, 77

Garner M. Cavender "joined the Heavenly Host" on Sunday, Sept. 27, 2009. She died peacefully at home in Encore/Sunshine RV Park in Harlingen, Texas, while holding hands with her husband, Jim, and son, Daniel. She was born March 19, 1932. "Garner came into this world with God holding her hand and neither ever let go."

She was preceded in death by her mother, Ruth Garner McKinney; her father, Percy P. McKinney; her brother, John Preston McKinney; and her sister, Mary McKinney Harris.

She is survived by her husband of 57 years, Jim; three sons, James L. and Betty Cavender of Colorado Springs, Colo., John J. Cavender of Kalispell, and Daniel P. Cavender of Guerneville, Calif.; a sister, Louise McKinney Stough, of Corsicana, Texas; eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; nephews, nieces, and a host of friends.

Garner had many highlights in her life. After being a stay-at-home mom and raising her family, she completed her education and was awarded a degree from the University of Wyoming.

She was a member of the staff of Advocate Safe House in Laramie, Wyo., in its inception and when she found there was a dearth of material available, she wrote a book outlining philosophy, methods and resources. The

Rocky Mountain United Methodist Conference had it printed and distributed to every United minister and church in Colorado, Wyoming and Utah. It served as the major — often only — resource for years.

She and Jim served joyfully and thankfully as the clergy couple on United Methodist Marriage Encounter weekends for 20 years.

Garner especially enjoyed being a part of the Wednesday Wanders hiking club in Glenwood Springs, Colo. She loved to travel, and she and Jim were full-time RVers for 11 years.

Garner was a wonderful wife, a devoted mother, and a compassionate and supportive friend. This world is a better place as a result of her sojourn here and "heaven is a happier place since her arrival."

A memorial service will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 4, at First United Methodist Church in Glenwood Springs. Interment will be at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 11, at Hamilton Beamon Cemetery, Corsicana.

In gratitude for outstanding care given Garner, the family invites those who wish to make a contribution to CIMA Hospice, 5003 N. McColl, McAllen, TX 78504.

Arrangements are under the direction of Heavenly Grace Funeral Home, (956)797-5500.

Russell Chapman, 67

Russell Chapman, 67, passed away peacefully Dec. 23, 2009, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center. He was born Dec. 3, 1942, in Chester. He moved to Bigfork and went to school at Swan River when it was just a one-room cabin, graduating in 1960. Russ worked on the family ranch and logging.

He met his wife Sandi and they were married in 1966; for 27 years. They lived at 1377 Swan Highway, where Russ resided up until his death. They had two children, daughter, Jennifer Graham, the oldest, in 1973; three years later, in 1976, they had a son, Stuart Chapman, who has lived with Dad. They took care of each other. Russ and Sandi were divorced in 1997. They remained friends through the years.

Russ has two beautiful granddaughters that he loved and cherished very much, Leesa Benner, age 16, and her sister, Lakayla Benner, age 15. There were the brightness in his life. He enjoyed spending time with them.

Russ was a life member of VFW Post 4042 where he was very active and received many awards for his achievements; and also a member of the American Legion and Cooties, with whom he was also active.

Russell enjoyed the outdoors and the activities that it offered. He also enjoyed a good Western novel. He enjoyed reading, crosswords, drawing and woodcarving.

When he came back from the war in 1969, Russ worked at the post office for three years. But what he loved to do was log; he came from a logging family. They logged anything from logs to fence posts to rails. He also sold firewood for many, many years. His children can both remember being very young and out there helping him, and as they grew up they still helped. You could say they followed in his steps for they both have gotten and sold firewood in their adult



years.

Russell also showed both his kids how to mechanic in their early teenage years, which they still use until this day.

As a member of the VFW, he sold and ran the fireworks stand every year. Everyone that knew him would come and buy their fireworks from him and nowhere else. His granddaughters really enjoyed that also, because Grandpa made sure they had all the cool fireworks for the Fourth of July.

Russell was a man that would help anyone who asked or even if not, if he could help he would. He was a great man, father, husband and friend, and will be extremely missed.

Russell would want us to remember all the good things and times we all shared with him. He would not want us to be sad. He would want to celebrate life and to celebrate him, and to live life to the most extent that life could give us. Please remember him and remember he loved all of us very much.

He was preceded in death by his father, John Chapman; and brothers, Rex Chapman and Ronald Chapman.

Russell leaves behind his mother, Louella Schwenke, of Superior; daughter, Jennifer, and husband, Adam Graham, of Alexander, N.D.; son, Stuart Chapman, of Bigfork; granddaughters, Leesa and Lakayla; brother, Roger Chapman, of Steilacoom, Wash.; sister, Rosalie Schwenke, of Kalispell; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles and friends.

Funeral services with military honors will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 28, at the Little Brown Church in Bigfork. Viewing will be from 1 p.m. until the time of service. Burial will follow the funeral at Lone Pine Cemetery right behind the Little Brown Church. A potluck dinner will immediately follow at the Swan River Hall in Bigfork. A gathering will be held later at the VFW in Bigfork. Thank you all for coming.

Donations can be sent to the family home at 1377 Swan Highway, Bigfork, MT 59911.

Myron Philip Chase, 75

Myron Philip Chase, 75, of Great Falls, died on Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2009, at a local hospital, due to natural causes.



Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 13, at Schnider Funeral Home in Great Falls. His graveside service will take place at 2 p.m. Monday, Sept. 14, at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell. Schnider Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Myron was born Sept. 5, 1934, in Kalispell, to Myron and Dora (Scholle) Chase. His early years were spent in Glacier Park (now East Glacier) and Kalispell. He graduated from Flathead County High School in 1952, and attended Montana State College (now Montana State University). Drafted in 1956, he spent two years in the U.S. Army, attending the Radio and Communications School at Fort Knox, Ky., and served with the 14th Armored Cavalry Regiment in Germany.

Myron was an electrician by trade and a 50-year member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 768 of Kalispell, and a licensed master electrician. He worked for the Chase Electric Co., and the Glacier Park Hotel Co., in the 1950s and early '60s, and then spent four years with Ets Hokin and Galvin in quality

control on the Montana and Wyoming Minuteman Missile cable installations. He retired as a civilian electrician in 1993 with Malmstrom Air Force Base.

Myron was a longtime member of the Great Northern Railway Historical Society. His other principal interests were fishing, especially on the South Fork of the Two Medicine, watching trains at Glacier Park and spending many hours there serving as a volunteer at the Amtrak station. He took a great interest in voicing his support for passenger rail and Amtrak in particular.

He played a great part in seeing that the family forest land in Flathead County was protected with a conservation easement to the Montana Land Reliance, as well as donating an easement for a public-use trail to the Foys-to-Blacktail Trail group in Kalispell.

He is survived by his wife, May (Bowman) Chase; brother, John Chase, of Great Falls; cousin, Doris (Grover) Bowen, of Tulelake, Calif.; godchildren, Diane Carlton, Janet "J. Jay" Carlton and Mark Carlton; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials to The Animal Foundation, P.O. Box 3426, Great Falls, MT 59403, Great Northern Railway Historical Society, 193 Pennsylvania Ave. E., St. Paul, MN 55130-4319; or Foys to Blacktail Trails, P.O. Box 81, Kalispell, MT 59903.

Roy Allen 'Buzz' Chatten, 79

Roy Allen "Buzz" Chatten, 79, passed away on June 23, 2009, at his home, surrounded by his loving wife, daughters, sons-in-law and grandchildren, after a seven-month battle with cancer. Buzz was born in Merrill, Wis., on March 26, 1930, to Earl and Jennie Chatten.



He grew up in Merrill, graduating from Merrill High School in 1948, and immediately enlisted in the Marine Corps. He served in Korea from 1952-53.

On July 8, 1953, Buzz married his childhood sweetheart, Vida Munderloh. In 1955, daughter Ann was born at Camp LeJeune, N.C. Daughter Jeanne was born in 1956, weeks after a move to Great Lakes Naval Base, near Chicago. In 1959, Buzz was transferred to Twentynine Palms, Calif., and daughter Kate was born in 1960.

After several years in the southern California desert, including a 13-month assignment in Okinawa for Buzz, the family moved to San Bruno, Calif. In 1968, after three years there, Buzz finished a 20-year career serving his country as a Marine.

When Buzz retired from the Marine Corps, he moved his family to Redding, Calif. There he pursued his love of the outdoors and raised his family. He loved to fish for steelhead, hunt, garden, and always improved his surroundings with his vision and resourcefulness. After 24 years with the Food & Nutrition Service, Buzz retired from his second career, and responded to the pull he felt to get back to his roots in Montana.

Since moving to Kalispell in 1993, Buzz enjoyed 16 years of retirement and celebrated almost 56 years of marriage with his beloved wife, Vida. He filled his life with volunteer activities

in his community and at his church, Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church of Kalispell. He devoured books by the hundreds, continued to hunt, fish, cross-country ski, golf and spend time with his family.

Nothing was more important to Buzz than God, family and his many friends. All who knew him loved him and laughed with him.

"Good night, Dad, God bless you, we love you 'something fierce' and we'll see you in the morning."

"Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven." Matthew 5:12

Buzz was preceded in death by his parents; and brother, William Earl "Bill" Chatten.

He is survived by his wife, Vida; daughters, Ann Guerri, Jeannie Gandler and Kate Meredith; sons-in-law, Franco Guerri and Scott Gandler; and grandchildren, Alex and Melissa Guerri, Joe Guerri, Becca Gandler, Matthew Gandler and Gabriel Meredith who love him dearly and will miss him terribly. He is also survived by his sister, Etta, and several brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews, all of whom adored "Uncle Buzz."

Funeral services for Buzz will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 27, at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 400 W. California St., Kalispell, with Pastor Greg DeMuth officiating. A reception and celebration of Buzz's life will follow in the fellowship hall. The interment will take place after the reception at Trinity Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Trinity Lutheran Camp, 450 Pierce Lane, Bigfork, MT 59911; or dropped off at the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church office, attention Brian Schwartz.

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

Jewell Marie Chrisinger, 97

Jewell Marie Chrisinger, 97, passed away on Monday, Jan. 12, 2009, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell. Jewell was born on Aug. 14, 1911, in Cedar Vale, Kan., to Stanley and Bertha (Call) Harns.

After high school, she attended Central Commercial College in Wichita, Kan. She worked as a secretary for Sid Ludwig Agency, Conrad Casualty and Flathead Travel Service.

Jewell married Chet Chrisinger on July 8, 1933, in Arkansas City, Kan. They attended the grand opening of the Going-to-the-Sun highway on their honeymoon in 1933. They moved to Kalispell in 1946, where Chet had been raised.

She was a member of the Eastern Star and loved duplicate bridge. Jewell's family and friends thought she was the best cook in Kalispell. She was famous for her beef pasties and gravy, and her chicken and homemade noodles, as well as her desserts.

Jewell and Chet lived in their home on the east side of Kalispell for 53 years, until moving to Buffalo Hill Terrace in 2003.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Chet, on Oct. 12, 2003; two sisters and two brothers.

Jewell is survived by her children, Shirley and husband, Frank Bowie, of Spokane, Pat Hayenga of Oregon, Ill., Carol and husband, Owen Olson, of Columbia Falls, and Ken and wife, Sharon Chrisinger, of Kalispell; one brother, Joe Harns, of Colorado Springs, Colo.; eight grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

The family requests donations be made in Jewell's name to the Humane Society.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family. Please go to www.buffalohillfh.com to sign her book or leave personal messages for her family.

Patricia Ann Christensen, 74

Patricia Ann Christensen, 74, passed away on Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2009, at the Brendan House in Kalispell. She was born Sept. 12, 1935, to Henry Polk and Grace (Rhine) Elam.

Pat was a Whitefish native, from birth through high school.

On Oct. 2, 1953, Pat married Frank E. Christensen.

She joined Conrad National Bank in 1957. Pat worked in bookkeeping, the teller line, escrow department and then in the Trust Department. When the Conrad National Bank became the First Interstate Bank, Pat continued to work in the Trust Department. She worked for First Interstate until 1993. She then began working for Escrow Services of Kalispell until her passing.

Pat had a lot of interests to keep her busy, including bowling, traveling, cooking and major power shopping. She enjoyed helping others and meeting new people.

Since 1996, Pat was a loyal supporter of the Veterans of the Foreign Wars. She was also a member of the Kalispell Soroptimist Club and the Women of the Moose. Pat was a very giving person, both financially and personally.

Pat was preceded in death



by her husband, Frank Christensen.

She is survived by her daughter, Julie Jensen, and husband, Doug, of Eugene,

Ore.; two sons, Greg Christensen and wife, Teresa, of Salt Lake City, and Chris Christensen of Sheridan; a sister, Judy Beecher, of Whitefish; a brother, Vernon Elam, and wife, Joan, of Kalispell; 10 grandchildren, Megan, Tiffany, Sean, Jana, Joseph, Eric, Kyle, Johnny, Garrett and Jackelyn; and two great-grandchildren, Jonathan and Joseph.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 23, at the Calvary Lutheran Church, with Pastor Kurt Rau officiating.

The family suggest memorial donations be made to Brendan House, 350 Conway Dr., Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

Rose M. Christenson, 65

Rose M. Christenson, 65, died Sunday, July 19, 2009, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

Private family services will be held. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Susan Utzinger Christofferson

Susan Utzinger Christofferson, 59, died peacefully at home Wednesday evening, Feb. 25, 2009, while surrounded by family and friends.



Susan was born Oct. 19, 1949, in Peoria, Ill., to Bob and Lois Utzinger. Her childhood was filled with adventure, as the family spent time in New Mexico, Vietnam and Salt Lake City.

Susan married Wayne Christofferson in 1970 and had two children, Megan and Conor. After more than 10 years of marriage, the couple separated but remained lifelong friends.

Susan's love of children was instilled in her through her mother's work as a child advocate. This legacy is now being passed on to her daughter, Megan, who runs a Montessori school in Seattle.

Susan's career started at Smith Memorial Day Care, where she worked when her children were young. It was during this time she saw a great local need for quality child care and parental resources. She envisioned developing an organization to advocate for parents and their children, which became The Nurturing Center. As executive director and founder of the center, Susan worked tirelessly on behalf of families at a local and statewide level.

More than 30 years later, her passion for strengthening families is visible in the lives of the countless people she touched.

She created a number of heralded programs, such as ParentShare, Gemini, The Nurtury and Safe Havens, all of which elevated the level of resources available to local families. ParentShare offers parenting assistance, divorce education and a resource library. The Gemini program works to empower young women through local mentorship. The Nurtury was a comprehensive teen parenting and childcare program. She founded Safe Havens, which provides a safe and sup-

portive environment for parents and children to reunite.

She was also a consultant for Montana State University's Early Childhood Project and Montana's Department of Family Services.

Susan was often recognized for her commitment to the community and served as a board member on numerous state and local organizations.

Susan believed that "when people are treated with dignity, they pay it forward — to their children and to their family. It's the beginning of a culture where we teach tolerance and respect."

Above all else, Susan was a giver. She gave her time, her love, her understanding and her endless well of empathy to anyone in need. She will be remembered as a loving mother, sweet sister, devoted friend and tireless advocate.

Days before her death, she asked not to be canonized, but for those she has touched, this is an impossible request.

She is survived by her children, daughter, Megan Menis, and her husband, Dino, and grandson, Pete, of Seattle; son, Conor Christofferson, of Sandpoint, Idaho; brother, Charles Utzinger, and his wife, Paz, of the Philippines; and brother, Jim Utzinger, and his wife, Michele, of Spokane, and their three children, Zachary, Hailey and Laurel; sister, Ann Goldthwait, and husband, Glenn, of Sheridan, and nieces, Heidi and Kelly; surrogate daughter, Hanah Gharst, and her son, Izaak, and her brother, Brandon Vance; and former husband, Wayne Christofferson, and wife, Barbara.

Susan was preceded in death by her parents, Bob and Lois.

Per her request, a celebration of her life will be held in the spring.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in her name to The Nurturing Center's Safe Havens program, 146 Third Ave. W., Kalispell, MT 59901; (406) 756-1414.

Susan had said, "Obstacles are what you see when you take your eyes off the goal." Here's to a woman who never took her eyes off the goal.

Elizabeth 'Liz' Ann (Ugrin) Ciba, 91

Elizabeth "Liz" Ann (Ugrin) Ciba, 91, formerly of Black Eagle, died on Saturday, Nov. 7, 2009, at a Kalispell nursing home of natural causes. Liz was a homemaker and waitress.

Vigil services are planned for 5 p.m. Friday at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Black Eagle. The Funeral Mass will be at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, also at Blessed Sacrament Church; a burial service will follow at the Mount Olivet Cemetery in Great Falls. A luncheon will follow at the Blessed Sacrament Church Fellowship Hall immediately after the burial service. The O'Connor Funeral Home in Great Falls is handling arrangements.

Liz was born on April 5, 1918, on a farm in Winifred, where her immigrant Yugoslavian parents, George and Katarina Ugrin, had a homestead. Her family moved back to Black Eagle when she was 2 years old.

She attended Catholic schools and graduated from St. Mary's High School in Great Falls in 1936. She was the high school class secretary and was known by friends and family her entire life as an ambitious person, committed to her faith, and always ready for fun and pranks.

Liz married Julian "Zip" Ciba on Oct. 2, 1940, in Blessed Sacrament Church in Black Eagle.

After high school, Liz worked for Woolworth's and later worked for many years as a waitress in Black Eagle at the 3D Supper Club, and then for Borries. Liz catered for weddings, making everything from wedding and attendant gowns to decorations and mints.

Liz and Zip bowled on city teams for years. She also helped organize the Black



Eagle bicentennial celebration.

In her earlier years, Liz played softball, playing on the state championship team

in 1937 that went on to the national tournament in Chicago.

Liz was a longtime member of the Blessed Sacrament Altar Society. She was a member of the Black Eagle Sewing Club for over 60 years, meeting to sew and mend, and in later years to have lunch and play cards with her friends. Liz enjoyed sewing, any and all crafts, gardening and canning food for her family.

Survivors include daughters, Jan and Tom Mohler of Bigfork, and Patricia and Larry Ingvalson of Kalispell; sons, Gary and Helen Ciba of Phoenix, and Rob Ciba of Olivet, Mich.; 11 grandchildren and four great-grandsons.

She is also survived by a sister, Kay Albright, of Great Falls; and a sister-in-law, Genevieve Gervais of Seattle; as well as numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband Julian "Zip" Ciba in 1988.

Memorials in Liz's honor may be made to the Blessed Sacrament Altar Society at Black Eagle Blessed Sacrament Church, Black Eagle, MT 59414; or to Immanuel Lutheran Home Recreation Fund at Immanuel Lutheran Home, 185 Crestline Avenue, Kalispell, MT 59901.

"As Liz takes her final journey home, she would bid farewell to everyone by saying one last time, 'Boy, Boy!'"

Hanna May Cini, 6

Hanna May Cini "flew to be an angel" Friday, April 17, 2009. In the spirit befitting this angel, Hanna was



an organ donor and will continue to touch and save the lives of many exactly as she touched us already.

Hanna was born May 22, 2002, to Nigel and Robin Cini. Hanna attended preschool and kindergarten at Woodland Montessori School and was currently a first-grader at Fair-Mont-Egan.

Hanna was always full of energy, hugs and love. Her heartfelt compassion for others was far beyond her age. She was always hugging and loving anyone and everyone around her. Hanna truly radiated love and joy and brought it with her into any room she danced into.

She was an aspiring artist and felt that art had the power to make people happy. With her mom's help, she created Hanna's Dream, a nonprofit organization that collects art supplies to deliver to kids in need in Third World countries. Hanna's spirit and compassion will continue to touch people all

around the world. Please see www.hannas-dream.com.

Hanna loved her Mommy, drawing and creating art, dancing, playing with her friends and her brother Bayden, horses, butterflies, lady bugs, the ocean, traveling and living life to its fullest. She brought many, many giggles and much silliness to everyone around her and was an instant friend to anyone she met.

She is survived by her loving parents, Robin and Nigel Cini; and her little brother, Bayden, whom she adored; grandparents, Gary Lyon and Barbara Kraitz, and Tony Cini and Sandra Cornell; great-grandparents, Nick and Sandy Kraitz, and Betty Beaulac; great-great grandpa, Robert DeMorest; and lots of loving aunts and uncles, close family, and many, many friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests people wishing to memorialize Hanna contribute art supplies or money to Hanna's Dream. Cash donations can be made at any First Interstate Bank.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. today, April 23, at the Christian Center in Kalispell, with Pastor Weaver officiating. If you wish to honor Hanna, please bring an art supply to the memorial.

Ada Myrtle Clark, 101

Ada Myrtle Clark, 101, a longtime Libby resident, died Thursday, Nov. 5, 2009, at her daughter's home in Libby.

Survivors include three children, Cal Noble and Florence McElmurry, both of Libby, and Judy Nelson of Deming, N.M.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 10, at the Libby Christian Church. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. on Monday.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg and Nelson Funeral Home in Libby.

Barbara Darlene Matt Clark, 62

Barbara Darlene Matt Clark, 62, passed away on Thursday, Sept. 3, 2009, at her residence in Kalispell.



She was born May 7, 1947, in St. Ignatius, to Joseph Edward and Sophie (Kallowat) Matt. Barbara was an enrolled member of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation.

As a child she resided with her parents in Dayton, Kalispell, Noxon, and Butte. She graduated from Butte High School, Class of 1965. She then returned to Kalispell, where she obtained her first job at the Kalispell Regional Hospital in housekeeping and as a cook at St. Matthew's Parish.

While in Kalispell she met and married Robert Duane Clark on Oct. 30, 1971, and moved to Seattle, Libby and Helena where she gave birth to their only child, Robert Joseph Clark. After Robert's birth they moved back to Kalispell, where her hus-

band died in 1975.

Barbara loved traveling and has visited 48 of the 50 states. She enjoyed playing bingo, doing various arts and crafts, picking huckleberries and baking.

Barbara was preceded in death by her husband, Robert D. Clark Sr.; her father, Joseph Matt; and three brothers, Randall, Dean, and Rick Matt.

She leaves behind her son, Robert Joseph Clark, of Kalispell; her mother, Sophie Matt, of Big Arm; and many relatives and friends.

A graveside service will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 9, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell, with Father Vic Langhans as celebrant. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 8, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home Chapel.

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

Brad A. Clark, 32

Brad A. Clark, 32, died at his Bigfork residence on May 19, 2009.

At the family's request,

there will be no services.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Hazel Clarke, 96

Hazel Clarke, 96, passed away on Saturday, Dec. 26, 2009, at her home in Columbia Falls, surrounded by the family. She was born on April 14, 1913, to Carl and Ingeborg Zakaria-son.



Her parents were Norwegian immigrants who settled near Thief River Falls, Minn. Hazel, who was born at the family home with only her father assisting in the delivery, was the seventh of nine children. The children spoke Norwegian in the home and learned English at school. Hazel continued to speak Norwegian throughout her life, often saying the Lord's Prayer in Norwegian.

When Hazel was 10 years old, the Moose River flooded the family farm. The family moved to Saskatchewan for a short time. Because Hazel's parents treasured their U.S. citizenship, they moved the family back to the U.S., relocating in Chinook. It was there that Hazel completed her elementary and high school education. She took pride in excelling in school. She loved reading and learning and continued her education at Western Montana College in Dillon. She obtained a teacher's certificate and taught for several years in one-room rural schools, teaching grades one through eight.

While teaching at Lake Blaine School in the Flathead Valley, Hazel met her husband, Harold Clarke, at a country dance. Their courtship was prolonged by World War II, as Harold was stationed in Hawaii.

At this time, Hazel went to work in the shipyards at Bellingham, Wash., and San Francisco. After the war,

Hazel and Harold married in Chinook in 1945. The couple settled on a family homestead in east Flathead Valley in the Deer Park community. It was here that Hazel and her husband raised five children; three boys and two girls.

While Harold worked on the farm and in local sawmills, Hazel dedicated her life to being a homemaker and mother. Faith and education were high priorities. Always a devout Christian, Hazel regularly attended Bethlehem Lutheran Church with her children. Besides giving her children a Christian education, she advocated higher education for her children and grandchildren. She always supported the levies of Deer Park Elementary and Flathead High School where her five children and seven grandchildren attended. Hazel took great pleasure in her family. She loved taking care of her grandchildren. Her favorite times were family get-togethers.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold, in 1982; and one son, Philip "Phil" Clarke, in 2006; also two brothers and six sisters.

She is survived by four children; two sons, Harold H. Clarke Jr., and wife Pam of Columbia Falls, and Ernie A. Clarke and wife, Reva, of Eagle, Idaho; two daughters, Mary Ann Lidstrom and husband Greg, and Susan Kitchen and husband Jesse, all of Columbia Falls; eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

A celebration of her life will be held at noon on Saturday, Jan. 2, at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

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