

## George E. Earle Jr., 81

George E. Earle Jr., 81, a longtime Libby resident, died of natural causes Friday, March 6, 2009, at St. John's Lutheran Hospital in Libby.

He had worked at J. Neil's Lumber Company, St. Regis Paper Company, and Champion International.

Survivors include his wife, Elizabeth Anne Earle, of Libby; and children, Jen-

nifer Seifert of Troy, Stephen Earle of Missoula, Barbara Montgomery of St. Marys, Idaho, Alison Earle of Seattle, and George Earle of Bonners Ferry, Idaho.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday, March 9, at St. Luke's Episcopal Church.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg and Nelson Funeral Home in Libby.

## Sheryl E. Eberly, 61

Sheryl E. Eberly, 61, of Libby, died June 28, 2009, at St. John Lutheran Hospital.

Survivors include her children, Easter Eberly of Hayden, Idaho, Paula Paasch of Troy, and

Lance Eberly of Libby.

Visitation will be from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday, July 2, at the Schnackenberg and Nelson Funeral Home in Libby. Services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, July 3, at the City of Libby Cemetery.

## John Morley 'Zeke' Edgerton, 80

John Morley "Zeke" Edgerton, 80, passed away suddenly on Friday, May 15, 2009, at his residence in Bigfork. He was born on Sept. 3, 1928, at the American Swedish Hospital in Rockford, Ill.; at 2 years old he became the son of Harold and Beatrice Edgerton.

He attended schools in Connecticut and Vermont; graduating from the Hartford Trade School as a machinist.

In 1949, John drove out to Montana from Connecticut to visit his aunt and uncle, Shorty and Ruth Withrow. In 1951 he was drafted into the Army during the Korean Conflict. He was stationed on the Aleutian Islands digging up large oil drums buried on the islands during World War II. He worked for the Air Force wearing their insignia on his sleeve. After his Army service he made his home in Ferndale (Bigfork).

On July, 1959, he married Coby Ferguson of Bigfork, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

He worked for Royal Logging as a cat skinner for many years, and also Neil Meyer Logging.

John loved his old Ford antique cars, and he belonged to three National Ford Clubs and the Flathead



Pioneer Auto Club. In later years he became interested in old engines and belonged to the Flathead Tractor and

Engine Association.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and one sister, Dr. Jean Edgerton, who had live in Bonn, Germany.

He is survived by his wife, Coby Edgerton, of Bigfork; two sons, Earl Edgerton of Santa Rosa, Calif., and Christopher Edgerton and wife Shelley of Bigfork; and four grandchildren, Sarah, Chase, Ashton and Ansleigh.

A memorial service for John will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, May 20, at the United Methodist Church in Bigfork, with Pastors Kathy Young and Ron Pierce officiating. There is no viewing.

The family request memorials be given to the Ferndale Volunteer Fire Department, 100 N. Ferndale Drive, Bigfork, MT 59911.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for John's family. You are invited to go to [www.jgfuneralhome.com](http://www.jgfuneralhome.com) to offer condolences and sign John's guest book.

## Verna L. Edwards, 97

Verna L. Edwards, 97, of Libby, died of natural causes Sunday, July 5, 2009, in Libby.

Survivors include her daughters, Minnie Boothman and Joyce Goss, both of Libby.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 11, at the First Baptist Church in Libby. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. on Friday at the Schnackenberg and Nelson Funeral Home in Libby.

## Francis "Frank" Eugene Egan, 72

Francis "Frank" Eugene Egan, 72, passed away on Friday, Oct. 2, 2009, at the Brendan House in Kalispell. He was born March 23, 1937, in Kalispell, to Elbert E. and Sophia J (Kluk) Egan.



Frank was born and raised in the Flathead Valley. At the age of 12, he had a hunting accident and lost a leg, but that didn't stop him from becoming an avid swimmer and spending time with friends hunting and fishing. He was married at a young age and had two daughters.

He spent his young adulthood as a logger in the Flathead Valley and, after his divorce, moved to Seattle in the mid-'60s. While living in Seattle he drove a taxi for awhile, and then worked for Boeing Company in the metal heat treating facility, from the late '60s to 1975. He liked to tell his family how his heat treated metal landed on the moon. During his time in Seattle he was also a mechanic.

He enjoyed buying worthless non-running cars and getting them so the engines purred like a kitten, which he would then resell for a huge profit. Frank spent weekends on his boat in the Puget Sound/San Juan area. He enjoyed taking tourists out on fishing expeditions and being a judge for sailboat

races.

He moved back to the Flathead Valley in 1976. For the next several years he took several trips to eastern Montana to buy farm equipment and he fulfilled his life-long dream of becoming a farmer and working the family land. For many years he snow-plowed for the Kalispell School District and was always ready to help a neighbor plow out their driveway.

Frank was very patriotic and spent the later part of his life studying the Constitution. His hobbies included firearms and visiting with friends.

He was preceded in death by his baby daughter, Alice Lynn Egan, and is now survived by his daughter, Julia Ann Talarico, of Kalispell; three grandchildren, SPC Joseph Matthew Talarico, Amanda Rae Talarico Schei and Andrew James Talarico; one great-grandson, Torren Alexander James Schei; one sister, Genie Zorb; nephew, Terry Zorb; and cousin, Steve Funke; with many more cousins and relatives.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8, at Johnson - Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory. Graveside services for Frank will be held at 3 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9, C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Johnson - Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for Frank's family. You are invited to go to [www.jgfuneralhome.com](http://www.jgfuneralhome.com) to offer condolences and sign Frank's guest book.

## Donald J. Eisenman, 65

Donald J. Eisenman, 65, of Eureka, died Saturday, Oct. 17, 2009, at Mountain View Manor in Eureka.

He had worked in the logging industry all of his life.

Survivors include his

sons, Pat Eisenman, Brad Eisenman, Donnie Eisenman and Irvin Williamson Jr.

Services will be held at a later date.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Eureka.

## Mary Lou Eisenman, 66

Mary Lou Eisenman, 66, died Thursday, Sept. 3, 2009, at the Missoula Rehabilitation and Care Center in Missoula.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 9, at C.E. Conrad Memo-

rial Cemetery, with the Rev. Glenn Burfeind of the First Presbyterian Church of Kalispell officiating.

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

## Victor De Vere Eklund, 82

Victor De Vere Eklund, 82, passed away on Saturday, Sept. 19, 2009, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in



Kalispell. He was born on Dec. 14, 1926, in Baylor, to Victor and Grace (Waggoner) Eklund.

Victor spent his early years in Baylor and Glasgow. At age 17 he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps. His tour of duty included action against the Japanese on Saipan, Tinian, Okinawa, and in the occupation of Japan. He was also recalled during the Korean War, but did not see active duty.

He met his future wife, Orlene Granger, in Seattle, between tours of duty. They were married in Kalispell on May 31, 1948. They returned to the Seattle area, where Victor continued his education at the University of Washington.

In 1950 he was recalled to the service and spent time in the Camp Pendleton area of California. He was discharged from the service in 1951 and they returned to Bigfork.

After working at various trucking jobs in the Kalispell area, Victor moved with his family to southern California in 1959. There he worked for the U.S. Postal Service until his retirement in 1979. They returned to Lakeside, where he resided until his death.

Victor's interests included 4-by-4 off-roading, racing, and mud bogging in his Ford Bronco, working in his garage, and spending time with family. One of his great-

est pleasures was being on Blacktail Mountain behind his home, finding and cutting his firewood.

Victor was preceded in death by his wife, Orlene; youngest son, Mark; parents, Victor and Grace; and seven sisters.

He is survived by four children, Orlene L. Schroeder and husband, Paul, of Mohall, N.D.; Susan Davis of Kingman, Ariz.; Matt Eklund and wife, Cindy, of Kalispell, and David Eklund and wife, Debbie, of Alta Loma, Calif.; nine grandchildren, Julie, Allen and Lindsay, and Tracie Schroeder; Dustin, David and Stephanie, and Lacey Eklund; and Mark and Alexis, and Marie and Mike Eklund; and great-granddaughter, Audrey Corinne Eklund, daughter of Mark and Alexis. He is also survived by his sister, Francis, and Oscar Nygard, of Lake Forest, Wash.; cousin-in-law, Mary Ann Moen, of Glasgow; and various nieces and nephews.

A memorial service for Victor will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4, at the Lakeside Community Chapel, with the Rev. John Ulrich officiating.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Home Options Hospice, 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell, MT 59901; or the American Cancer Society, 3550 Mullan Road, Suite 105, Missoula, MT 59808 for renal cancer research; or to a charity of your choice.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for Victor's family. You are invited to go to [www.jgfuneralhome.com](http://www.jgfuneralhome.com) to view Victor's guest book, offer condolences and share memories.

## Christine Ruth Elias, 56

Christine Ruth Elias, 56, surrounded by her loving family, "was freed from her battle with cancer as her Savior called her home" on March 17, 2009.



The sudden onset and rapid progression of the disease has sent shock waves throughout the families who loved Christine, and all whose lives she touched.

Christine was born Dec. 20, 1952, to Chuck and Ruth Weaver in Baton Rouge, La. The arrival of their child was second only to the immaculate conception; for the love and adoration showered upon that child was momentous. Christine's dear daddy died when she was 10, and her mother, Ruth, with the aid of loving, nurturing sisters, raised her with inexhaustible effort and devotion.

Ruth wisely recognized Christine's gift of artistic ability and creativity, and encouraged her to pursue and develop her God-given talents. Christine became an accomplished photographer, excelled in drawing and painting, and became a master calligrapher. Sewing and the fiber arts ultimately became the medium in which she excelled, and countless individuals either wear or display Christine's remarkable creations.

While living in the San Francisco Bay area, Christine met and married Bob Elias. Their honeymoon began Oct. 4, 1980, and literally never ended. Their

marriage was known for its spontaneous displays of joy, affection and devotion to each other. They were fly-fishing buddies forever. Life's journey led Christine and Bob from the Bay area to Oregon, Montana, Wisconsin, Palm Desert, and ultimately back to Orange County, Calif., to be close to family.

Christine fell into what was ultimately her greatest joy, being surrounded by her stepchildren and their children. As "Grandma Christine," she lost herself in the love of helping nurture and care for "her grandkids."

Christine's infectious laughter was like music to the ear. Her selfless spirit and genuine interest in each and every person she encountered left an indelible impression. Her smile lit up the room.

Surviving her are Bob, her loving husband of 28 years, and his sister, Barbara; stepchildren, Noah Elias, and wife, Chantel; children, Griffin and Noah, and Amy McGeo, and her husband, Bryan, and their children, Dylan, Miranda and Ivan; also missing the joy of Christine's presence are her aunt, Ethel Jobe; cousins, Michael, Kathleen, and daughter, Jennifer; aunt, Helen Perkins, and husband, Tom, and cousins, Shelley, Pamela and Leslie, along with their spouses.

Additional family and friends will gather for a celebration of Christine's life.

Although she has left our presence, the memory of Christine's laughter, smile, and joy of living will remain in our hearts and minds.

## Gregory John Ellman, 51

Gregory John Ellman "reached the end of his journey on Earth" on Jan. 28, 2009. He was born March 27, 1957, the youngest child of Margaret and James Ellman.



Greg graduated from Columbia Falls High School and went on to work in a variety of different fields. He was a guide at Uncle Bud and Aunt Marylou's horse concession in Glacier National Park. He fought forest fires in California and Montana. At one time he cared for "Chief," the horse mascot of the Kansas City Chiefs. He worked in Oklahoma for Don Thornton Ford and on tree farms here in the Flathead.

Greg was afflicted with muscular dystrophy and while it did disable him, it did not define him. Greg was an example of

courage and dignity. He never complained of his illness or the hardships he endured.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Dug; and his father.

He is survived by his mother; his brother, Dennis; his sister, Connie, and husband, Rocky Ramey; nieces, Mandy and husband, Jesse Einarson, Jessica and husband, Brandon Rice, and Amy Ellman; nephews, Josh Ramey, and Matt and Ryan Ellman; one grandniece, Cassandra Herman; and one grandnephew, Trey Rice. He also leaves behind many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. He will remain forever in our hearts and will be missed dearly.

The Mass of the Resurrection will be held for Greg at 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 2, at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Grace Hospice or the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

## Mildred Hardie Emerson, 84

Mildred Hardie Emerson, 84, passed away July 10, 2009. She was born in the first hospital in Kalispell to Ivy Green Hardie and Richard Hardie on Sept. 22, 1924.

She attended Cornelius Hedges School for six years and Central Junior High School for two years. She graduated from Flathead County High School in 1942 with honors, then attended Eastern Washington College at Cheney and graduated in 1946 with honors, having been inducted into "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities."

She taught at Linderman in Kalispell for five years and then in the Columbia Falls school system for 12 years.

In 1963 she married Robert E. Emerson, whose two daughters, both of whom were her students, joined her own two sons to make a happy family.

She enjoyed outdoor sports, especially hiking and swimming in Glacier Park, skating at Woodland Park, and skiing on Big Mountain. For many years she taught swimming and acted as life-

guard at Brookhouser Pool and Methodist Camp on Flathead Lake.

In 1966 she retired from teaching, and she and Bob bought 30 acres of timber at the foot of Columbia Mountain and built their mountain house. She spent the last 27 winters at their place on the beach near Santa Barbara, Calif., and died after a long illness at her beloved mountain house, surrounded by her loving family.

She was preceded in death by her son, Dick; her parents; and a special aunt, Flossie Green.

She is survived by her husband, Bob; son, Jim, and wife, Barbara, of Helena; Judy and David Aldrich of Columbia Falls; Claudia Ketrick of Vancouver Wash.; and her special friend, Marilyn Brady, of Kalispell; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place and at her request, there will be no public services.

Friends are encouraged to visit the Web site at [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com) to leave condolences for the family.

## John Encoe, 47

"The Lord took our favorite angel John Encoe home on Dec. 16, 2009, to finally dance among the stars" after 30 years of battling his life in a wheelchair. He was born Sept. 9, 1962.



John was a beautiful man with an infectious smile, warm heart, and an outstretched hand; and positive words to anyone who knew him or met him.

He was loved by his family, friends and co-workers, and will be deeply missed.

John is survived by his

mother, Diana K. Clarke, and husband, Robert, of Kalispell; father, William, and Joanne Wall, of St. George, Utah; daughter, Alexandria, and Devon Morkin, of Kalispell; grandsons, Aydan and Dawson, and his favorite cousin, Heather Fletcher, of Kalispell; brother, Troy Wall, and wife, Tonya, of St. George; sister, Scarlett, and husband, Rick Miller, of Gilbert, Ariz.; brother, Shane Encoe, and wife, Sherry, of Kalispell; and uncle, Donald Bouge, of Bountiful, Utah; among many friends, cousins, nieces and nephews.

• Come help us celebrate his life at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19, at the Whitefish Church of God, 5685 U.S. 93, S., Whitefish.

## William Charles Endicott, 62

William Charles Endicott, 62, died Tuesday, June 9, 2009, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell. He is survived by two

brothers, Ernest Endicott and Mike Endicott, of Kalispell.

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

## Albert W. Entzel, 78

Albert W. Entzel, 78, of Great Falls, formerly of Columbia Falls, died of natural causes Sunday at a Great Falls nursing home.

He was a retired maintenance foreman.

Survivors include his wife, Betty L. Entzel, of Great Falls; and his daughters, Susan Holden of London, Ky., Daphne

Tillman of Belt, and Chris Towne of Richmond, Va.

Visitation is 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, followed by the funeral at 1 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 4601 Third Ave. S., Great Falls, with burial in Belt Cemetery.

Chapel of Chimes Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

## Ryke Erekson, 56

Ryke Erekson, 56, passed away suddenly at home in Kalispell on Saturday, Oct. 17, 2009, from complications



of renal disease. Ryke was born Jan. 14, 1953, to Charles and Allana Erekson in Sacramento, Calif. The family moved to Wyoming and then to Whitefish when Ryke was 10 years old. He attended Whitefish schools and graduated high school in 1971.

He spent a few years driving truck with his father and working oil rigs in Wyoming. In 1979 he went to work in Olney at American Timber and continued until the business closed in 2000. Ryke took the opportunity to fulfill a dream of a college education and went on to receive an Associate of Applied Sciences degree in Web and technology design from Flathead Valley Community College in 2004. He was working as a forklift operator when he suffered kidney failure in 2006.

Ryke loved anything that flies, especially birds of prey and World War II military aircraft. He loved photography and was rarely without his cameras and tripod. He was fortunate to go to the 24 Hours at Le Mans race in France to photograph another love, Porsche racing cars. In 1980, he even traveled to his "mecca" and toured the Porsche factory in Stuttgart, Germany. He was sorely disappointed to find that "free samples" were not part of the admission price. He was a dedicated San Francisco 49ers fan. He claimed it was genetic! He claimed they would be back; it's just a rebuilding year. One of his favorite and most memorable gifts was the surprise rental of a Porsche from his "brother of the heart," Bob Lanktree, in Phoenix. The following need-for-speed run through the Arizona night was unforgettable! He was an avid collector and builder of the Porsche car, and aircraft models, and all things 49er.

In 1981 he met Maria Tapia through a fix-up by their mutual friend and Ryke's other "heart brother," Klaus

Gilchrist. He had seen her in numerous plays but had been too shy to make a move. They were married four and a half years later on Aug. 17, 1985. Son Liam arrived July 4, 1986, and daughter, Porsche, on April 15, 1988. Since he never remembered dates, he was always grateful his kids were so accommodating in their choice of birthdates. He claimed once, he was saved from a long life of hermitage by Maria, but struggled mightily with a thespian and teenage drivers. Because of his health issues he and Maria decided to leave his beloved Whitefish and move closer to health care in Kalispell in 2007.

He was preceded in death by his father, Charles; and grandparents.

Ryke is survived at home by his wife, Maria, son, Liam, of Kalispell, and daughter, Porsche, a senior in the nursing program at Carroll College in Helena. Also surviving in Whitefish is Ryke's mother, Allana Erekson, sister, Kris Erekson, and niece, Kenzie Erekson; sister, Kori Erekson; brother, Dirk Erekson; sister, Kim Erekson, of the Netherlands; and nephew, Tyler, in Connecticut. He is also survived by numerous in-laws and friends who will miss his graphic storytelling opinionated and vocal discussions, and strategic game playing at family reunions.

Cremation has taken place and no formal services are planned as per his wishes. A celebration of his life will be planned for next summer with a joyful "need-for-speed" run, where his ashes will join his father's and grandparents in Glacier Park.

Ryke's last three years were a struggle with declining health, and he considered the "angels on earth" at the Kalispell Dialysis Clinic dear friends.

The family suggests memorials to the National Kidney Foundation, [www.kidney.com](http://www.kidney.com), which focuses on education and prevention of renal disease.

Friends are encouraged to visit the Web site at [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com) to leave condolences for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Ruth Lona Lee Jackson Hoyem Evans, 85

Ruth Lona Lee Jackson Hoyem Evans passed away at 2:55 a.m. on Dec. 5, 2009, in Kalispell. She was a beloved daughter, sister, wife, mother, grand- and great-grandmother, aunt, cousin, friend and mentor.



Lona Lee was born in a tent, Dec. 1, 1924, in Lavoye, Wyo., to Ralph and Maudie Mae (Stuart) Jackson. Ralph adored his "wee Lona Lee" and doted on her. His shockingly unexpected death two years later — three days after Lona Lee's sister Lexie was born, resulted in an epic, forced winter road trip to Maudie's mother's home in Butte.

Lona Lee was raised in Butte with her sister Lexie by Maudie and their loving stepfather "Red" Hoyem.

She frequently told stories of grinding poverty, hardship and also lots of fun, parties and dancing to the traveling "Big Bands" at Columbia Gardens, wearing beautiful dresses her mother made. Her most cherished relationships were with her five cousins — "those Jackson boys" and Grandma Tabor. These experiences and challenges resulted in lifelong friendships and the steel core strength to deal with anything life offered her, no matter how difficult.

She frequently recounted her teenage story of driving back from Anaconda after getting an ice cream cone with her childhood friend, Leo Evans, on Dec. 7, 1941. Upon hearing that the Japanese had bombed Pearl Harbor, she said, "We looked at each other and knew that our lives would never be the same."

She graduated from Butte Public High School May 28, 1943. Her first job was sewing garments for Japanese people in internment camps; her second and favorite, was working at the Metals Bank. She also volunteered at the local USO and met troop trains every Sunday during the war.

Leo and Lona Lee were married in Butte on Oct. 14, 1945, upon his return from military service in the Army Air Corps as a P51 Mustang fighter pilot based on Iwo Jima.

They had nine children and lost one, Lona Lee, in infancy. Nothing was more important to them than their children — those "Evans Kids" who they successfully guided into adulthood and their own stories. Their move to Kalispell in 1956 began a 50-year legacy of contribution and service to the Flathead Valley.

Lona Lee considered herself to be a simple person and never understood the overwhelmingly positive impact of her efforts in the world. She was a master gardener, filling up her friends and children's lives with flowers, creativity and imagination. She was a gifted seamstress who made many of her children's clothes, Halloween and parade costumes and embroidered works of art.

Her volunteer efforts included countless years with the PTA, National Women's Federation, Cub and Boy Scouts, Jayceens, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, and Hospice of the Flathead Valley. It was in Hospice that her talent for making Butte pasties created many years of successful fundraisers.

At great personal cost she and Leo were the founding members of a nonprofit organization called the "Flathead Lake Protection Association" that continues its work to protect the quality of the water basin. This is how she earned the title, "Lady of the Lake."

In addition to raising eight children, Lona Lee managed their food drive-in business, "Leos Lazy Lion" for over 20 years, mentoring countless young women, empowering them with life skills which helped ensure their success in whatever endeavor they chose. Some were "at risk" since she proudly worked with the Flathead County Detention office to help give girls in trouble a chance. Many women still proudly pronounce that they were once, a "Leo's Girl" and always, respectfully call them, Mr. and Mrs. Evans.

Lona Lee loved life and was insatiably curious about everything and everyone around her — even in her final days her caregivers loved her and she them. Her command of the English language enabled her to be a fascinating storyteller and she instilled in her children a love of learning and a respect for others. There was always room for another chair at the table, food, clothes or bed for the less fortunate. Many kids knew they were always welcome to "crash" and be safe at the Evans' house. She was a friend and "second mother" to many and will be missed beyond all measure by the countless lives her love and generosity touched.

Lona Lee is survived by her beloved husband of 65 years, Leo B. Evans; their children, grand- and great-grandchildren, Lexie Mae Evans; Troy Evans, and his wife, Heather McLarty; Cly F. Evans, his wife Charlotte Streit, and daughters, Grace and Emma; Jill Evans, and her husband, John Owen, their children, Jennifer, Jessica and James, his wife Michele, and daughters, Emily and Ashley; Jay T. Evans; Todd D. Evans, and his wife, Kanako Matsumoto, and son, Shingo Evamoto; Katryn, and her husband, David Perry, and their children, Joshua, Ruth and Joseph; and Leo Bruce Evans Jr., and his wife, Dawn, and their son, Jay; and her precious sister, Lexie Nordquist, and cousins, Hazel, Ralph and Duane Jackson.

Cremation has occurred; a celebration of the life of Lona Lee "Lady of the Lake" will be held on a sunny spring day on Flathead Lake.

Please send memorials to Flathead Lake Protection Association at P.O. Box 679, Lakeside, MT 59929, to help continue her legacy.

You are invited to go to [www.jgfuneralhome.com](http://www.jgfuneralhome.com) to view Lona Lee's guest book to offer condolences and share memories.

## Michael John Eve, 49

Michael John Eve, 49, passed away Monday, Jan. 12, 2009, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

Michael was born Aug. 13, 1959, in Great Falls, to Jean F. and Mary Ellen (Conover) Eve. Michael was a graduate of the University of Montana.

He married Valarie Peres at Ryan Dam in 1997.

Michael had currently worked as the chief financial director and assistant city manager for the city of Whitefish. He was president of the Montana Institute of Municipal Clerks, and served on the board of directors for the Flathead County Solid Waste District. He was the 2008 Government Worker of the Year also.

Michael was a member of the Rotary Club, and was active with his son in hockey, baseball and soccer.

He enjoyed skiing and snowboarding with our son Dylan, spending time at the cabin, and living life to its fullest with our family and friends.

Michael is survived by his wife of 11 1/2 years, Valarie Eve,



of Whitefish; parents, Jean and Mary Ellen Eve, of Great Falls; sons, Dylan Eve of Whitefish, and Brandon and wife, Rhonda Jaraczski, of Great Falls; parents-in-law, Fred and Jean Peres, of Tucson, Ariz.; brothers, Joe, Jon and Tim Eve; and sisters, Cindy and Sue Eve; two grandchildren, Rylee and Jersey Jaraczski; nine nephews, Grant, Jacques, Dustin, Kris, Bridger, Dustin, Drake, Hunter and Josh; 10 nieces, Teresa, Katie, Josi, Miranda, Lacy, Shea, Shelby, Kalee, Spencer and Amy; goddaughters, Shea and Little Lorena; and literally hundreds of cousins, aunts and uncles. He loved you all!

A rosary service will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 20, at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Whitefish, with a wake afterward at Sherwoods Bar and Grille in Whitefish. A memorial Mass will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21, at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church.

The family has requested memorial contributions be made to Park Side Federal Credit Union towards Dylan Eve's college educational fund.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family. Friends may leave condolences on the Web site at [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com).

## Adeline Everin, 84

Adeline Everin, a longtime resident of Columbia Falls, passed away on July 3, 2009, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish. She is survived by her husband, Basil; daughters, Diane Allen and Vickye Fisher; and grandsons, Brett Fischer and Clayton and Tyler Allen.

She was born in Lethbridge, Alberta, on Oct. 27, 1924, to Sara Blanche Routledge and John Beattie Murray. She attended school through grade 12 in Lethbridge, and was employed as a secretary to the manager of the local John Deere dealership.

Basil and Adeline were married in St. Augustine's Anglican Church in Lethbridge on Jan. 5, 1946.

Adeline was a loving mother and wife. She was socially

active most of her life. She enjoyed camping, boating, fishing, hiking and traveling, but especially, a good laugh.

She and Basil enjoyed many local and overseas trips. She was an avid watcher of the news and especially liked to argue politics.

Adeline received her naturalization papers on Oct. 5, 1949. As long as she lived in the U.S. she wanted to be a citizen; a good piece of her heart didn't leave Canada, of course.

Adeline was bedridden the last few months of her life. Because of this, she requested that the family hold a private memorial for her. She will be missed by her family and friends, but the memories of the many good times in the past will never be forgotten.

## Robert W. Ewert Jr., 48

Robert W. Ewert Jr., 48, passed away on Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2009, at the Whitefish Care and Rehabilitation Center in Whitefish.

He was born on July 13, 1961, in Kalispell, to Robert W. Sr. and Maxine (Madsen) Ewert.

Bob received his early education in Kalispell and immediately after graduation joined the Navy. He served from 1978 to 1983 on the USS Jouett out of San Diego.

Bob met Callie Hawkins and they were married in Kalispell on April 18, 1980.

After separating from active duty, Bob returned to Kalispell where he worked as an independent logger until taking a job at Superior Lumber, where he learned the trade of log scaler. After the closing of Superior Lumber, Bob worked for an independent contractor as a scaler throughout Northwest Montana until 1996. It was at this time he went to work for Plum Creek. Medical reasons caused him to retire in 2005.

Bob loved all outdoor activities and was a terrific woodworker. He was also a member of the Moose Lodge.

Bob was preceded in death



by his mother.

He is survived by his father, Robert Ewert Sr., and wife, Judith, of Kalispell; son, Duffy Ewert, and wife, Jennifer, and their daughter, Madison, of Fort Drum, N.Y.; a daughter, Heather Ewert, of Columbia Falls; sisters, Margaret Moen and husband, Steve, of Kalispell, and Kathy Strand and husband, Richard, of Columbia Falls; brothers, Scott Dunigan and wife, Sharon, of Seattle, and Joe Dunigan of Denver; also his ex-wife, Callie Ewert, of Columbia Falls; along with numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Bob will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 2, in the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Chapel, with Pastor Tim Bartholomew of Stillwater Free Lutheran Church officiating. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery with military honors.

The family suggests memorial gifts to the Kalispell Moose Lodge, P.O. Box 5286, Kalispell, MT 59903; or the Disabled American Veterans, Box 2314, Kalispell, MT 59903.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for Bob's family. You are invited to go to [www.jgfuneral-home.com](http://www.jgfuneral-home.com) to view Bob's guest book, offer condolences and share memories.