

Frankie Bales Griffing Hiatt, 99

Frankie Bales Griffing Hiatt, 99, passed away on Wednesday, July 15, 2009, at her residence in Kalispell. She was born on Jan. 1, 1910, to Luther Delbert and Nancy Noticia (Holman) Bales.



Frankie received her early education in Missouri before marrying Ralph Philo Troutman in Springfield on June 23, 1923. To this union two children were born, George Luther Troutman and Betty Jean Scoggin. Frankie later married Charles Joseph Griffing on Sept. 6, 1941, in Missoula.

In the early 1960s she attended the Missoula Business College, receiving her N.S.D.A.; she became a securities dealer and worked for Waddell and Reed for a couple of years.

Frankie enjoyed crocheting and sewing when she

was able. She also started the Missoula Kennel Club and showed her Pomeranians.

Following Charles' death in 1977, Frankie married Lon L. Hiatt in Missoula. He passed away on Aug. 6, 2002.

Frankie was preceded in death by her husband, Charles, in 1977; Lon on Aug. 6, 2002; son, George Luther, in 2009; and one grandson.

She is survived by her daughter, Betty Jean Scoggin; five grandsons; three great-grandsons; three great-granddaughters; and one great-great-granddaughter.

Funeral services for Frankie Bales Griffing Hiatt will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 18, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home, with Pastor Dick Bishop officiating. Visitation will be from 1 to 5 p.m. Friday, July 17, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. Burial will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday, July 20, at the Victor Cemetery in Victor.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Frankie's family. You are invited to go to www.jgfuneralhome.com

Donald Lee Hightower, 79

Donald Lee Hightower, 79, of Eureka died Thursday, Feb. 12, 2009, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

He is survived by three sons, Michael, Paul and

Nathan Hightower.

Private family services will be held at a later date.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

John Brown Hightower III, 62

John Brown Hightower III, 62, died Sept. 1, 2009, at home of natural causes.

He had owned and operated Hightower Electric.

He is survived by his wife, Linda; and children, Bob Martens and Sandy Langley of Vancouver, Wash., Corey Hightower

of Libby, and Nicole Carratt of Portland.

Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 6, at the Schnackenberg and Nelson Funeral Home in Libby. Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Sept. 7, at Libby Christian Church

John Hilfiker, 73

John Hilfiker, 73, died Saturday, Feb. 21, 2009, at his residence in Kalispell.

Cremation has taken place. A service will be held

in Michigan.

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

Stacy (Wettach) Hilton, 38

Stacy (Wettach) Hilton, 38, died Jan. 16, 2009, in Mesa, Ariz.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 23, in Mesa.

Survivors include her husband, Scott Hilton, and children, Tyler, Taylor and Jacob, all of Mesa; and par-

ents, Jo and Ed Wettach, of Kalispell.

A memorial service in Kalispell is pending.

Ellen Janssen Hodgskiss, 73

Ellen Janssen Hodgskiss, 73, of Powell, Wyo., formerly of Bigfork, died April 6, 2009, at Westpark Hospital in

Cody, Wyo., from colon cancer.

She was a school librarian at Somers School from 1979 to 1991.

Richard C. Hoefle, 85

Richard C. Hoefle "Dick, Hef," beloved husband, father, father-in-law, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother and uncle, "gave



up his race through life" on Nov. 10, 2009, surrounded by family. Dick lived each day of his life fully and "ran his race hard until the finish line." A veteran of World War II, he was "welcomed into the arms of his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ," fittingly on Veterans Day. He celebrated his 85th birthday in September, at the family cabin on Whitefish Lake, where he toured the valley in a helicopter, a surprise gift from his sons, which has now become one that every-one cherishes.

Dick was born on Sept. 12, 1924, in Seattle, the eldest son of Clarence and Anne Hoefle. He grew up in Highland, Ill., and San Diego.

He enrolled in the Navy and served as a naval officer on the ship LST 1129 by the time he was 20. He loved his Navy experience, made life-long friends and claimed that he'd return in a heartbeat if ever given the opportunity.

After his Navy years, Dick worked in several different national parks including Glacier, Yosemite and Yellowstone, working as a waiter in hotels, rewiring lookout tours and later as a ranger. He and his brother learned the art of tray spinning and spent many hours entertaining customers, and later friends and family with this talent!

Dick graduated from the University of Colorado at Boulder with a degree in chemistry. After graduation, he and lifelong friend, Bob Scott, went to Snider, Texas, to make their "fortune" in the oil business. They roughnecked for three months, decided they'd had enough and settled in Casper, Wyo., working for Shell Oil. There he began his 60-year career in the oil industry and found the love of his life, Jan Osborne.

They were married in Billings on Oct. 10, 1953, and made Billings their home for the remainder of their lives. To this union were born four sons, Steven, Stuart, Charlie and Dick. Some of Dick's most favorite memories were

of the oil business, putting yellow on the map, drilling wells, waiting on logs and unfortunately, sometimes plugging them. He was proud of the fact that both Stu and Charlie and two grandsons also pursued careers in the oil and gas industry.

Hef was a stern father, who believed in discipline, "family comes first" and "you need to work hard to play hard." He was his sons', and later his grandchildren's champion and always encouraged each of them to "be whatever they wanted to be," "that setbacks are things to adjust to," and "quitting is for quitters!"

Nothing pleased Dick more than time at the cabin and time spent with family. He cherished the summers spent there with Jan and looked forward to visits from the kids and grandkids.

For years, spring and fall days found Hef with a fishing pole in hand, floating either the Big Horn or Yellowstone River with one or more of his sons. He loved to hunt elk, deer, ducks, geese and pheasants and taught his sons and grandsons to love the sport as well. With both Stu and Charlie's families in Billings, Dick took an active role in their lives and relished time spent in their homes, especially holidays.

In his later years, Hef wintered in Carlsbad Calif., with Jan, to be near son, Dick, where they took a special interest in the kids that Dick coaches. He continued the tradition of summering in Whitefish, leaning more heavily on Steve, with each passing year, for support and companionship. He loved his wife and each of his sons and their families with all his heart.

Dick is survived by his wife of 56 years, Jan; and his sons, Steve and Betty, Stu and Cyd, Charlie and Kristi, and Dick and Kim; five grandsons, six granddaughters, and nine great-grandchildren; his sister, Carol Collins; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Stuart; and grandson, Brady.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, at Faith Chapel, where Dick worshiped, followed by a luncheon.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Montana Rescue Mission.

the vacations he took with his wife and boys, skiing and boating at the Big Lake and around the Big Horn

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Marlene Susan 'Sue' Dale Hoffman, 57

Marlene Susan Hoffman, 57, passed away suddenly Jan. 22, 2009, of a massive heart attack. Sue, as everyone called her, "went to be with the Lord where she is celebrating free of pain and able to walk, run, sing and dance with joy."

Sue was born June 16, 1951, in Yakima, Wash., to Lionel and Fern Dale. She was raised in Selah, Wash. She was the youngest of three children, raised as an only child as she lost her sister and brother at a young age.

After graduating high school, she went to college a short time and was a certified nursing assistant. She worked most of her life in nursing homes, and she worked at home health care in Kalispell.

Sue married the love of her life, Benjamin Franklin Hoffman III, in 1972; he passed away in 1990. They had three children. Sue raised her kids and stayed in Yakima, until she moved to Bigfork with her kids in 1999, where she lived until her death.

Sue enjoyed going to church most of her entire life and,



most of all, she enjoyed her three grandchildren. She was very close and involved in all their activities and never missed an opportunity to be with them.

Sue is survived by daughters, Tina Batin, of Bigfork, and Tonya Hoffman of Casper Wyo.; son, Benjamin Franklin Hoffman IV of Kalispell; and three grandchildren, Tanner Batin, Amanda Batin and Kelsey Batin, all of Bigfork.

"She joins in heaven" her mom, her dad, a sister and a brother, her grandparents on both sides and several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews and cousins.

In lieu of flowers, the family is asking donations be made to Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, in care of Tina Batin.

Viewing will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

Danny Joe Holling, 52

Danny Joe Holling, 52, of Eureka, died Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2009, at his home in Eureka.

Survivors include his sons, Levi Tatafu of Wolf Point, and Jason Tatafu of

Glasgow; and father, Tom Holling, of Eureka.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20, at the Schnackenberg and Nelson Funeral Home in Eureka.

Marcella E. 'Sally' Holman, 84

Sally passed away peacefully on June 12, 2009, in Kalispell, at the age of 84. It was a beautiful day.



She leaves behind her husband of 48 years, Don Holman; two sons, John Agnew and Ted Agnew; three grandchildren, Keo Ross Slemberger, Daniel John Agnew and Montana James Agnew; daughter-in-law, Roz Agnew; and her two sisters, Margaret Howarth and Joanne Harrington.

Sally was born and raised in Napoleon, N.D. She was one of 11 siblings of the Leo and Stefina Hunkele family. Many fond memories were spawned in the kitchen of the Hunkele home after Sunday Mass, as all eight of the sisters crowded the family kitchen to compete and help contribute to the preparation of Sunday dinner.

On the day after graduation from Napoleon High School, Sally moved from Napoleon to seek a warmer life away from the harsh North Dakota winters. After two years working at a military arms factory during World War II in Detroit, she found her way to southern California where she started her lifelong career in bookkeeping, working for the Bank of America in Los Angeles. Sally's approach to any of life's challenges was always met with a smile. Her professionalism and dedication to "balance to the penny" was reflected in how she liked to organize her household — to the penny!

In 1961, she married Donald R. Holman at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit in Bismarck, N.D. The family moved to Billings, where they resided full time until Sally retired in 1978. In retirement, Don and Sally traveled between their summer home in Billings, and their winter home in Mesa, Ariz., seeing most of the USA during their "North-South sojourns."

Sally was a member of the Red Hat Society, and was

very dedicated to her prayer group. She enjoyed bowling, golfing, and playing cards with her husband Don and friends. Sally was also a very cute and energetic cheerleader for Don's softball team in Mesa! She loved her plantings (her roses even won first place at the fair), and a good conversation, but most of all she loved her three grandchildren, Keo, Dan and Montana James. Her family was always her priority and never a birthday or holiday was forgotten. Her famous phrase in every card was, "Sorry you have to do your own shopping!"

It was her wish to be laid to rest near her good friend of many years, Dolores M. Young. This past Memorial Day, Sally hand-delivered a sealed envelope to Dolores' grave. It was found by family the day Sally died. It read: "To let you know I'm thinking of you. 'Dear Dolores, pansies always stand for thoughts — at least that's what folks say, so this just comes to show my thoughts are there with you today. Love you, Don and Sally.'"

She will be remembered by everyone she met for her sense of humor and her beautiful smile. She truly touched us all and inspired all she knew and loved to make the most of life.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Leo and Stefina Hunkele; sisters and brothers, Rose Wald, Joseph Hunkele, Katherine Hunkele, Maryhelen DeBeauclair, Regina Muller, Elizabeth McLean, John Hunkele and Benedict Hunkele.

There will be a rosary and visitation at 7 p.m. today, June 16, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Mass of The Resurrection will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 17, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Kalispell, with graveside services at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. A reception at the church sponsored by Sally's prayer group and the St. Matthew's Altar Society will follow the graveside service.

Memorials may be made to the St. Matthew's Building Fund.

Edith Marie 'Edie' Juarez Holmes, 51

Edith Marie "Edie" Juarez Holmes, 51, passed away peacefully Aug. 7, 2009, surrounded by her family at St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula.



Edie was born May 19, 1958, to Angelo and Melba (Azure) Juarez in Butte.

Edie graduated from Butte High School in 1976; shortly after, she married her best friend and lifelong partner, Joe Holmes. Over the years they were blessed with three children.

Edie owned and operated several beauty shops and worked her way to becoming a nurse at Saint James Hospital.

She enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren, spending time outdoors, gardening, playing nickels, drinking a mojito, and spending time with her family and friends.

Edie and her family moved to Kalispell in December of 1996 where she worked at Mulligan's gas station and Smith's grocery store until moving back to Butte last year. She was employed at Wal-Mart at the time of her death.

Edie was preceded in death by her son, Jim Holmes; father, Angelo Juarez; and numerous grandparents.

She is survived by her husband, Joe Holmes; daughters, Bluetta and Rocky, and Melba; her daughter-in-law, Angie Holmes; her mother, Melba Juarez; grandchildren, Michael and Sharayha

Holmes, and Elizabeth and Victoria Lewis; brothers, Frank and Cindy Juarez, Fred and Monica Juarez, Angelo Junior and Romana, and Joey Juarez; soul sister, Lisa, and Mike Mantz; lifelong friend, Kathy Sims; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

"You can shed tears that she is gone, or you can smile because she has lived. You can close your eyes and pray that she'll come back, or you can open your eyes and see all she has left. Your heart can be empty because you can't see her, or you can be full of the love you shared. You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday, or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday. You can remember her only that she is gone, or you can cherish her memory and let it live on. You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back or you can do what she would want: smile, open your eyes, love and go on."

Friends are asked to join the family between the hours of 3 to 5 p.m. today, Aug. 9, in the Duggan Dolan Mortuary Chapel. Cremation will follow, with funeral services to be conducted at 1 p.m. Monday, Aug. 10, in the mortuary chapel. There will be a further celebration of Edie's life at the McQueen Club immediately following services.

In lieu of flowers, donations to assist with final expenses are greatly appreciated and may be sent to Joe Holmes, 1241 Farrell St., Butte, MT 59701.

Maynard D. 'Dan' Holmes, 53

Maynard D. "Dan" Holmes, 53, passed away on Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2009, at his home in Kalispell. Dan was born on July 16, 1956, in California to John and Marva Bolster Holmes. He moved to Kalispell, where he was raised, and attended school.

Dan attended Flathead Valley Community College where he took surveying and engineering. He also attended Swift Transportation Driver training.

He enlisted in the U.S. Army where he worked as a mechanic, serving in Germany and Vietnam.

Dan married Terrie DiTolla on Sept. 30, 1978, in Kalispell. They were married for over 31 years.

He worked cutting and thinning Christmas trees for



the family business, Zigglers. He also worked for the Forest Service as an engineer, drove truck, was a taxi driver and drove a tow truck.

Dan loved playing softball, camping, fishing, his children and grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, Vernon Schmid; and two sisters, Karen and Mary.

He is survived by his wife, Terrie Holmes; his mother, Marva Schmid; children, Chris, Angela, Pamela and Ashley; siblings, Shawn Schmid, Sharon Hagel, Fred and Jack Holmes; and grandchildren, Te'Jay, Monica, Makayla and Ethan.

"Our hero has fallen, but an Angel got his wings."

"Our family wishes to thank all that have supported us through these tough times."

Memorials should be made to Terrie Holmes.

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

Patricia Ann Holmquist, 84

Patricia Ann Holmquist, 84 this Oct. 23, "went home to be with her Savior" on Oct. 2, 2009, from natural causes.



She spent her life in the Flathead Valley enjoying her family, rock hunting, crafts, fishing, and church activities. She and her husband, Ted, raised nine children.

Pat was preceded in death by her husband; a daughter, Diane Murphy DuMontier; and a great-grandson, Thaddeus Seeberger.

She is survived by her

daughters, Bonnie Hanson and Wendy Holmquist, of Kalispell; and her sons, Don Holmquist of Richmond, Texas, Ted Holmquist of Columbia Falls, Jim and Joe Holmquist of Kalispell, Robin Holmquist of Grandview, Idaho, and Dave Holmquist of Cheyenne, Wyo. She had many loving grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was loved by them all.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 6, at the Kalispell Church of the Nazarene.

In lieu of flowers, any gifts may be directed to: Kalispell Church of the Nazarene, Compassionate Ministries, 1295 Whitefish Stage Road, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Anna Holstein, 89

Anna Holstein, 89, of Bigfork, died on April 5, 2009, in Yuma, Ariz.

Survivors include a daughter, Mary Anne Ullom, of Polson; and a

son, Tony Holstein, of Glasgow.

Cremation has taken place. A private family gathering will be held midsummer.

David Curtis Holt, 34

David Curtis Holt, 34, died May 14, 2009 at Harbor View Medical Center in Seattle.

Survivors include his wife, Jessica Holt; son, Ethan Holt; and two

daughters, Mya Holt and Averie Holt.

Services will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 24, at The Chapel of Praise in Eureka.

Delmer A. Horner, 87

Delmer A. Horner, 87, of Polson, passed away on Monday, Sept. 8, 2009, at the Montana Veteran's Home in Columbia Falls. Del was born on March 25, 1922, in Beresford, S.D., a son of the late Harry and Rebecca Smith Horner.



He graduated from Ronan High School, and in 1944 married Lillian Marie Meirers who died in 2006.

Del was a U.S. Army veteran, having dutifully served in the U.S. Army Air Corps for four years during World War II. Del flew a P-47 Thunderbolt during the war and was shot down in the Saipan area. He received many medals during his years of service, including the Silver Star and the Purple Heart.

Upon his discharge from the military, Del went to work for the U.S. Post Office in Polson. He started as a mail clerk and then later became postmaster, in 1977. Del served the Polson community for 38 years in the post office.

Among some of his interests, Del was a former com-

mander for the Polson VFW; he sat on the Polson Country Club board; and enjoyed hunting, fishing and golf.

His parents; wife, Lillian; sisters, Hazel and Marilyn; and a granddaughter, Saundra, preceded him in death.

Survivors include his daughters, Francie and Robert Dailey, and Julie and Lonnie Hankinson; a son, Randy, and Dee Horner; a brother, Marvin Horner; seven grandchildren, Shawn, Bo, Lena, Rial, Tucker, Randy and Jeff; and six great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. today, Sept. 11, at Grogan Funeral Home, 101 Sixth Ave. E., Polson. Funeral services are scheduled for 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Polson with Rev. Paul Rowold officiating. Burial with military honors will follow at Lakeview Cemetery, Polson.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that a donation be considered to either the Polson VFW, or to the Polson Loaves & Fish Food Bank.

Messages of condolence may be sent to the family online at www.groganfuneralhome.com. Grogan Funeral Home and Crematory, Polson, is assisting the family.

Theresia Houchin, 77

Theresia Houchin, 77, died Friday, Nov. 20, 2009, from an extended illness, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She is survived by her

daughter, Truday, of Kalispell.

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

James Bowen How, 24

James Bowen How was born Sept. 17, 1984, in Hyannis, Mass. "He left this world" from Somers on May 3, 2009, at the age of 24.



Though our beloved James is gone from here and will be forever missed, reverberations of his kindness and care for others will continue to be felt in our hearts and in this world.

James graduated from Flathead High School in Kalispell in 2003 and attended the University of Montana in Missoula and Spokane Valley Community College, studying psychology and carpentry.

While his last days were spent in a quiet cabin on Flathead Lake, James' life stretched almost coast to coast — Massachusetts as a baby, Pennsylvania as a child, Montana and Washington as a boy who became a young man.

James' passions for mountain biking, woodworking, music and the outdoors were marked, as were the people in his life, by his talent, courage, determination, honesty and strength. His sweet nature drew many

to him, and illuminated his relationships. James responded to the challenges he faced with a deep well of fortitude and perseverance. Ultimately, darkness overcame him, but though the tragedy is unspeakable, it is a solace for us to know James is now in a place of infallible peace. He deserves no less.

He is survived by his father, James, of Kalispell; mother, Susan, of Walla Walla, Wash.; sister, Linden, of Missoula; grandmother, Pauline Torgerson, of Aurora, Neb.; and many other family members and friends.

He was preceded in death by his grandfathers, Jared How and Oscar Torgerson; and grandmother, Katherine How.

"James, know as we know that we will always be with you, and you with us."

A memorial service for James will be held at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 16, at Bar W Ranch, 2875 U.S. 93 W., next to Spencer Mountain west of Whitefish. Everyone is welcome to join in remembering James and celebrating his life. For details and directions, please email linden.how@gmail.com.

Memorial donations in his name can be made to Trail Runs Through It, P.O. Box 4485, Whitefish, MT 59937.

Loretta J. Howe, 73

Loretta J. Howe, 73, Columbia Falls, died Friday, May 15, 2009, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Survivors include her husband, Marion of Columbia Falls and their children, Jim Howe, Lorne Howe, Steve Howe, Roland Howe, Jeannie Griffen, and Diana Hilton.

A funeral service will

be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 20, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Columbia Falls. Burial will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 20, 2009, at the church's Relief Society room.

Arrangements are with the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

Candace Marie (Garlitz) Howell, 44

Candace Howell, 44, died peacefully Nov. 12, 2009, after a determined and courageous battle with breast cancer. A



third generation Whitefish native, Candace was born July 21, 1965, the eldest daughter of John "Jack" and Phyllis Garlitz.

A 1983 graduate of Whitefish High School, she went on to graduate from the University of Montana where she met her best friend and future husband, Stuart Howell, originally from Houston.

In March of 1991, two beautiful premature babies were born into their family: Alec W. and Devon J. There were so many reasons their babies should not survive, but together Candace and Stuart made a formidable team and their boys came home in August of that year.

Sadly, Devon Jon preceded Candace in death just before his 4th birthday. Candace was also preceded in death by grandparents, Louise and Leroy Strunk, and Alta Thompson; uncle, James Garlitz; and brother-in-law, Richard Dean.

Once she knew the battle she faced she stated, "I have cancer but it doesn't have me! If the doctors have something to report, I'll be out riding my bike!" Up until recently, she lived each day to the fullest.

She was determined to see Alec graduate from high school in 2010, but her body betrayed her. She believed she was a spiritual being, having a human existence;

difficult as it was, she knew her life consisted of so many more blessings than trials. Throughout her treatment she met so many people who inspired her and took inspiration from her. More than once people approached her mother and said, "I don't know your daughter well but I love and admire her positive attitude and great spirit."

Candace is survived by her husband, Stuart; son, Alec; parents, Jack and Phyllis Garlitz; and sister, Capt. Cindy Dean (U.S. Army); uncles, Charles, and Robin, Strunk of St. Helens, Ore., and Rodney, and Candace, Strunk of Columbia Falls; aunt, Hazel Van Dessel, and Robert, of Joplin; Stuart's parents and siblings, William and Patricia Howell of Gold Canyon, Ariz., sisters, Karen Toomey, and Ray, of Colorado Springs, Colo., Carol Sevier, and William, of The Hague, Netherlands, and brother, Steven Howell, and Toni, of Washington, D.C. Candace also leaves special friends, Jennifer Havens, Zana Faulkner, Sandy Schott, Darrell Johnson, and numerous other family members and friends.

A celebration of her life will be held 5 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 21, at the Whitefish Moose Home, 230 W. 10th St.

Those wishing to remember Candace may send memorials to Alec's college account at the Whitefish Credit Union or to Hospice of Kalispell.

The family wishes to thank the many "special angels" who have stood with them throughout Candace's illness and are eternally grateful.

Austin Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

V. Ruby (Howell) Ray Howard, 96

V. Ruby Howard, 96, "returned to God" Feb. 10, 2009, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell. She was born June 5, 1912, in the Deer Park District of Flathead County, to Elmer C. and Minnie (Johnston) Howell.



She married W. Clarence Ray on March 15, 1930. They had three children before divorcing.

On Feb. 1, 1957, she married Milo J. Howard.

She had many jobs throughout her life: homemaker, pet shop manager, fruit harvester, nurse's aide at the Veterans Home in Columbia Falls, childcare provider, Kalispell Hospital kitchen and laundry staff, and farmer.

Having been widowed for many years, she kept busy with her family, friends, and spending time with her beloved Bible Presbyterian Church family, besides traveling, reading, and making her famous angel food

cakes.

Ruby was preceded in death by both husbands; her son, William "Bill" Ray; her parents; her brothers, Mern, Ross, Leonard and Walter Howell; sisters, Della Stalcup, Shirley Howell, and Jean Johns; son-in-law, Robert "Bob" Joy; granddaughters, Patti Miller and Debbie Kauffman; and great-granddaughter, Stormy Ann Boyle.

She is survived by her daughters, Merdith D. Joy, of Universal City, Texas, and Lynne and Myron Boyle of Kalispell; nine grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great grandchildren; her sisters, Blanche Hoyt, Iva Mae Stryker and Jessie Wunderlich; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held at 1:30 p.m., Feb. 28, at the Bible Presbyterian Church, with a reception afterward. Private family interment rites will be held at a later date.

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

Dickie Lee Howell, 68

Dickie Lee Howell, 68, passed on peacefully, in the company of his family, on May 19, 2009, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center due to advanced heart disease. Dick was born on Sept. 19, 1940, in Whitefish, to Harry and Ruth Howell. He grew up in Whitefish, graduating from Whitefish High School in 1958.

He spent time in the Army Reserve and attended the University of Montana. In the summer of 1969, in Spokane, he met his future wife, Judith Louise Andersen, and they were married on Dec. 31, 1969.

Dick was a man who wore many hats throughout his lifetime. He worked for the railroad, as a beekeeper in Hall, Mont., and as a sawyer felling trees throughout western Montana.

In 1975, he returned to the University of Montana and completed his Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology, and then worked for a brief time at the Trapper Creek Job Corps Center in Darby.

He and his family then moved to the Flathead Valley and he obtained a broker's license and owned Montana Earth Realty. In the early 1980s he joined his wife's pursuit of a pottery production business and together they operated Montana Earth Pottery.

In 1997, Dick returned to school at Walla Walla College, earning a master's in social work in 1999.



Dick enjoyed bowling with his league buddies at Glacier Lanes, rock-hounding, fishing, hunting,

gardening, feeding the birds, enjoying the company of their Monterra Airedales and keeping in touch with his high school friends, the "Great 58!"

One of Dick's greatest joys and most meaningful pursuits was his 30-year association with fellow "Friends of Bill W."

Dick was preceded in death by his parents; and brothers, Art and Ron Howell.

He is survived by his wife of 39 years, Judy, of Columbia Falls; their sons, Agni Howell of Kalispell, and Jasper Howell of Libby; as well as grandchildren, Forest Jasper and Boston Abigail Howell, of Libby; and his nephew, Tom Blakney, of Phoenix.

Cremation will take place and a service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, May 25, at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls, followed by a potluck gathering in celebration of his life, at noon at Marentette Park on Highway 2 in Columbia Falls.

The family suggests donations in his memory may be made to the Flathead Food Bank; or to Teens in Crisis, 752-3703.

Lois Loretta Davidson Howell, 89

Lois Loretta Davidson Howell, 89, of Whitefish, died Aug. 17, 2009, after a long illness with dementia and Parkinson's disease.

Lois was born July 7, 1920, to Mildred and Harry Davidson in Minneapolis. Living in her era, she grew up and survived the Depression which necessitated frequent family moves, eventually to New York City, where she was educated at Hunter College. She was a young married mother during the Second World War which also shaped much of the rest of her life.

She, and the love of her life, Morton Smith Howell, had two sons, Andrew and Judd, who have given her extraordinary pride as they are wonderful men, and they have given her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

After Mort's death, she returned to college at New York University to finish her bachelor's and master's degrees to teach high school English and psychology.

She moved her children to Montana, where she taught in Kalispell, Hardin, and Lewistown, and where she remained for 47 years. Lois' intellect, passion, and facility for language and teaching touched many lives and she shepherded high school stu-

dents to become literate writers, speakers and readers.

She approached her hobby of weaving with the same zeal and became a master weaver while always sharing and teaching others.

On her 80th birthday, Lois was selected as a Montana Living Treasure by the Montana Weavers Guild. She was an active member of the Alpine Weavers and Spinners Guild.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, a brother, and two sisters.

She is survived by her sons, Andrew and Sharon, and Judd and Nancy; Debra Howell and granddaughters, Betsy and Fred, Kate and Jessica; grandsons, Craig and Laurie, and Derek and Tammy; and great-grandchildren, Ashley, Jarrod, Natalie, Chloe and Patrick. She and her dear friend, Bobbie, shared companionship, travel, music, flowers and the lake place.

A family and friend gathering and remembrance celebration will be held on July 7, 2010, her 90th birthday.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family. You are invited to go to www.buffalohillfh.com to sign Lois' book or leave a message for her family.

Janice E. Erne Howell, 77

Janice E. Erne Howell passed away at her home in Whitefish on March 1, 2009, from complications of COPD.

Jan was born Dec. 10, 1931, in Port Clinton, Ohio, to Carl and Elizabeth Erne. She was raised on Kelly's Island, Ohio.

Jan came to Montana in 1964 and moved to the Flathead in 1967. She was a hard worker and worked at several places in the county.

Jan was well known for her china painting and gem collecting.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sisters, Amanda and Betty; brothers, Charlie and Joe;



and granddaughters, Angel and Bambi.

Jan is survived by her husband, Topper, at the family home; daughter, Gloria, of Ohio; son, Dale Edward, of Georgia; stepsons, JC Plummer of Whitefish, Tony Howell of Columbia Falls, Carl Howell of Kalispell, and Robert Howell of Oregon; and stepdaughter, Robin Hintz, of Missoula. Also surviving Jan is her favorite niece, Marie Smoot and family, of Ohio; best friend, Judy Halsey, of Whitefish; numerous grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

There will be a potluck to celebrate Jan's life at 4 p.m. on Friday, March 6, at the Golden Agers Community Center in Whitefish.

Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish is in charge of the arrangements.

Mary Sarah Austin Hubbard, 87

Mary Sarah Austin Hubbard suddenly passed Saturday, July 4, 2009, with family beside her, at the age of 87, after enjoying one of her favorite pastimes, watching her family together on Lake Blaine. "She joins her husband George in heaven, free from the pains of this world and with all the joy of the next."



and enjoying the lake with their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mary was an avid skier, swimmer and fisherman. She taught her children and grandchildren, even spending her last day watching one of her great-grandchildren dive into the lake for the first time. Her family remembers her hard work, stoic spirit, and as the wind beneath their wings, carrying them forward in all their aspirations. She also served others and was a member of the Eastern Star. She will be dearly missed.

Those who will "greet her at the veil" include her husband, George Hubbard; sister, Alberta Kizer; brothers, Albert and George; and granddaughter, Tiffany Snell.

Those who survive her are her children, Jerry Hubbard, Sharon K. Snell, Robert and Christine Hubbard, and Rose Larson; her grandchildren, Lynnette Cattron, David Hubbard, Jacob Snell, Josh Hubbard and Ashley Hubbard; her great-grandchildren, Kyle, Caleb, Cassandra, Xene and Gwynnovere; and many whose lives she touched and blessed.

"We love and miss you, Mary."

Mary was born to Ona Mae Milhouse and Forest Lee Austin of Ericson, Neb., on Jan. 11, 1922. She was raised in Ericson along with her two sisters, Alberta and Gladys, and two brothers, Albert "Heine" and George, before she left for Tacoma, Wash.

There she met and married her lifelong companion, George Hubbard, in 1945. Mary and George settled on a farm near Conrad, until moving to Creston with their infant son, Jerry, in 1948. It was in Creston that they made their home, raising their four children, Jerry, Sharon, Robert and Rose. They filled their lives with hunting, fishing, traveling to the coast to go clamming with the Austins,

Sally Lou Hoye, 67

Sally Lou Hoye, 67, "received her angel wings" on Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2009, after passing away at Health Center Northwest



in Kalispell. She was born on Oct. 11, 1942, in Williston, N.D., to Alfred M. and Vivian J. (Moothart) Hoye.

Sally was 4 when her family moved to the Flathead Valley where she lived until she graduated from high school. She continued her education at Dillon, and received her teaching degree.

Sally's career started in Great Falls, and after a couple years she started teaching at schools on military bases around the world. Her first year was spent in Okinawa, then on to the Philippines, Japan, Germany, England, Iceland and New Finland. Although she spent most summers home she spent other vacations around the world in Africa, China, Russia, India and many other places of interest, meeting and making many life-long friends.

After retiring, Sally returned to Kalispell where she spent the remainder of her life doing volunteer work at Kalispell Regional Medical Center and the Lutheran Home, as well as caring for her mother. She loved doing crafts of all kinds and

became rather famous for her card making ability. She was generous to a fault and enjoyed spoiling her many nieces and nephews.

Sally was preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Mort; and a nephew, Henry.

She is survived by her brothers, Ron Hoye and Anita of Kalispell, Art Hoye and Lue of Columbia Falls, and Adrian Hoye and Nancy of Missoula; her sister, Susan West, and Bob, of Columbia Falls; and a sister-in-law, Sandra Hoye, of Oregon. She is also survived by many nieces, nephews and friends from around the world.

There will be a graveside urn burial at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 24, at Glacier Memorial Gardens, followed by memorial services at 10 a.m. at Calvary Lutheran Church, with Pastor Kurt Rau officiating.

The family suggests memorial gifts be given to the Flathead Food Bank, 1203 Hwy. 2 W., Suite No. 2, Kalispell, MT 59901; Home Options Hospice, 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell, MT 59901; or Calvary Lutheran Mission Endowment Fund, 2200 Hwy. 2 E., Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

Christopher Lee Hoyt, 41

Christopher Lee Hoyt, 41, of Polson, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, Aug. 23, 2009, in Polson.



Chris was born on Oct. 30, 1967, in Polson, the son of Ross and Darline Hoyt of Big Arm. He graduated from Polson High School and lived and worked construction in the Big Arm-Polson areas. He also spent five years as a welder in Casper, Wyo.

Chris went to work as a Montana Highway Patrolman after completing his training in 2002. He went to work on Jan. 2, 2003, where he was stationed in St. Ignatius for a year. Chris transferred to Polson where he had currently been stationed. He thoroughly enjoyed his job and tried very hard to educate and help the people he came in contact with.

He is survived by his life partner, Tammy McGill, of Polson; his three sons, Traven, Kellen and Morgen, and their mother, Eileen Glanville, all of Polson; his parents, Ross and Darline Hoyt; his brother, Tom Hoyt, of Pablo; paternal grandmother, Blanche Hoyt, of Kalispell, and maternal grandmother, Josephine

Joyce, of Tooele, Utah; his aunts, Patricia and Paul Dittion of Tooele, and Debbie Medalen of Portland; an uncle, David Joyce, of Missoula; a great-aunt, Bonnie Kirsch, of Ronan; and numerous cousins, friends and acquaintances.

Chris' family would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude for everyone's assistance during this most unfortunate time.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 27, at the Linderman Gymnasium, Polson, with the Rev. John Payne and Mike McElderry officiating. Interment will follow at Lakeview Cemetery, Polson.

In lieu of flowers, the family encourages donations to either the Mission Valley Animal Shelter, 36251 N. Reservoir Road, Polson, MT 59860; the Educational Fund that has been established at First Citizens Bank, 213 First St. W., Polson, MT 59860, for his three sons; or to the Chris Hoyt Memorial Fund at First Interstate Bank, 49573 U.S. Hwy. 93, Polson, MT 59860, which was set up by his fellow troopers at the Montana Highway Patrol.

Messages of condolence may be expressed to the family online at www.groganfuneralhome.com. The Grogan Funeral Home of Polson is assisting the family.

Emelia Huber, 83

Emelia Huber, 83, a longtime Libby resident, died from natural causes Thursday, Jan. 29, 2009, in Corvallis, Ore.

Emelia was born Jan. 16, 1926, in Halliday, N.D., to Adolf and Lydia Entzel.

Emelia grew up and attended school in Halliday, graduating with the class of 1944. Emelia taught school immediately upon high-school graduation in a North Dakota country school on a provisional teaching license. She attended college in Dickenson, N.D., working toward a teaching degree. Her dedication to education and hard work were to be admired. She eventually earned bachelor's and master's degrees in education from the University of Montana while raising five children, teaching, and farming.

Emelia married Leo Huber in March 1962. In 1966, the couple moved to Libby. Emelia and Leo purchased the Libby Drive-In and Dome Theater in 1979. They

thoroughly enjoyed working together and servicing the community until 2002. In March 2008, Emelia moved to Corvallis, Ore., to be near her daughter and son. Emelia enjoyed working gardening, and cooking German food for her family.

Survivors include her children, Bonnie Zwang and husband, Bob, of Corvallis, Michael Renner of Corvallis, Margee Wilson and husband, Bert, of Libby, and Shyla Huber of Pasadena, Calif.; 10 grandchildren, Shannon, Tammy, Caitlyn, Kendall, Paige, Corey, Quinn, Mechelle, Tate, and Duncan; and three great-grandchildren, Justin, Keirsten, Kayla.

Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Libby. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5, at the funeral home.

Local arrangements are by Schnackenberg and Nelson Funeral Home in Libby.

Alvah 'Al' F. Hughes Jr., 90

Alvah "Al" F. Hughes Jr., 90, passed away Sunday, Nov. 22, 2009, at Prestige Assisted Living in Kalispell.



Al was born April 16, 1919, in St. Pauls, N.C., to Alvah and Sadie (Johnson) Hughes. He attended school in St. Pauls, graduating from the prep military school near Raleigh, N.C.

He followed by graduating from Officers Candidate School in Richmond, Va. Al began his 25-year military career at Fort Bragg, N.C. in hospital supply. Al served three tours in Korea as the M.A.S.H. administrative officer, including during the Korean Conflict. Other assignments included Fort Lewis, Wash., Prince Rupert, British Columbia, Toul, France, and Fort Riley, Kan.

Al was involved in a variety of businesses following his retirement. Al married Lt. Joan Minette, a staff nurse stationed in Prince Rupert, in Cut Bank, in February 1945. They shared 62 years of marriage and five children together.

Al was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church, serving as an Elder and Deacon. He was also active in the men's group.

He was an avid gardener and enjoyed his men's poker group of 15 years. He loved to travel, and shared his garden produces and fruit. Al loved sweets and never passed up a piece of pie or a bowl of ice cream. He was the happiest sharing time with his chil-

dren and grandchildren. He was a loving, devoted father.

Al was preceded in death by his parents; and wife, Joan.

He is survived by his children, Al and wife, Manon Hughes, of Libby, Tom Hughes of Kalispell, Joe Hughes of Superior, Kathy and husband, Brad Asher, of Twin Falls, Idaho, and Minette and husband, Dan Black, of Iowa City, Iowa; brother, Tom Minette, and wife, Tina, of Kalispell; sister-in-law, Jean Minette, of Big Timber; seven grandchildren, Colleen Asher of Boise, Idaho, Emily and Sarah Asher of Twin Falls, Michelle Owen of Seattle, Becky Nelson and husband, Tony, of Scottsdale, Ariz., Bryan Black of Iowa City, and Chelsea Sanderson and husband, Byron, of Libby; great-grandchildren, Wyatt Annis of Twin Falls, and Olivia Sanderson of Libby; and nieces and nephews, Rita, Bob and Susan Westermarck, and Lori, Tim, Tom, Lena and Dani Minette.

Visitation for Al will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Military services for Al will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Following, there will be a celebration of life service at noon at the First Presbyterian Church.

Those who wish may make memorial contributions to the Kalispell Veterans Food Pantry, 1527 Montana Hwy. 35, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Friends may visit www.buffalohillfh.com to leave notes of condolences for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family

Willa Sandlin Huckins, 105

Willa Sandlin Huckins, 105, died Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2009, at her home in Dayton.

She is survived by two daughters, Barbara Slager

and Patty Crue.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

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

Lawrence F. 'Larry' Hudson, 67

Lawrence F. "Larry" Hudson, 67, of Whitefish, died Wednesday, Aug. 12, 2009, at Whitefish Care and Rehabilitation Center.

He worked for Car Quest and Valley Motors in Whitefish and Kalispell for many years

until his retirement.

Survivors include his wife, Nora; and his children, Lynn, Kim and David.

Private interment will be in Glacier Memorial Gardens under the care of Austin Funeral Home.

Vada E. Hudspeth, 96

Vada E. Hudspeth, 96, died Friday, Nov. 6, 2009, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

Services will be held in Halstead, Kan.

Local arrangements are pending with Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

Elaine Doris Huffman, 84

Elaine Doris Huffman, 84, passed away Saturday, March 14, 2009, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

Elaine is survived by her daughter, Joyce Schutt and husband, Terry, of Kalispell; and two brothers, Virgil and Arvin

Klemme.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 21, at the Zion Church in Hubbard, Iowa. Burial will follow at Hubbard Cemetery.

Local arrangements are by Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

Bette Mahala (Hagerman) Huggins, 77

Bette Mahala (Hagerman) Huggins, 77, passed away of a stroke Saturday, Jan. 3, 2009, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell. She was born March 16, 1931, in Verndale, Minn., to Percy and Marion (McKnight) Hagerman. She was one of six children.

After a short time in Michigan, the family moved to Montana where she met and later married Bill Martin Huggins on Sept. 6, 1952. Tamie, their only child, was born Aug. 27, 1964. They were married for 48 years until his death on Sept. 19, 2000,

because of cancer.

Bette was known for her "Ph. D." in pinocle and was ready to play "anytime, anywhere." She was a good cook, housewife and a great mom and an adored aunt by many nieces and nephews.

She also enjoyed gardening, flowers and shopping, lunches or dinners out. She enjoyed going with her sister Myra to the Seniors Center or to the Eagles Club. She and Bill were members there for more than 20 years. She was loved by all and will be deeply missed by all who

knew her.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bill, in 2000; and her parents.

Bette is survived by her daughter, Tamie Schroeder, and husband, Tim, of Kalispell; four brothers, Donald Hagerman, Bill Hagerman and wife, Muriel, and Larry Hagerman and wife, Deanna, all of Kalispell, and Blair Hagerman and wife, Carolyn, of Idaho; one sister, Myra Finck, of Kalispell; two sisters-in-law, Iona Stidolph of Oregon, and Sharon Nyquist of Alaska; a brother-in-law, Don

Huggins, of Polson; and many nieces and nephews and cousins.

Funeral services for Bette will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral chapel, with Pastor Tim Bartholomew officiating. Burial will be afterward at Glacier Memorial Gardens. There is no visitation.

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

Clara (Clarie) Elizabeth Pattie Huisentrut, 73

Clara (Clarie) Elizabeth Pattie Huisentrut died March 26, 2009, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

She was born March 4, 1936, to James Eugene and Anna Marie (Davis) Pattie on their family homestead on Copper Mountain in Troy.

She married Roger Huisentrut on Oct. 9, 1954. He died in September 2004.

She is survived by her children, Rogene, Pamela, Maurice and Andrea and Crystal of Troy, Roger of Elko, Nev., 31 grandchildren; 45 great-grand-

children; one great-great-grandson; one sister, Frances (Franny) Sales, of Sequim, Wash.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 1, at the Troy Community Baptist Church, with graveside services afterward at the Huisentrut Family Cemetery. Family and friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 31, at the Schnackenberg and Nelson Funeral Home in Libby. A potluck dinner will be held at the Troy Senior Citizens Center immediately after the graveside service.

Hazel Geneva (Mondy) Hunt, 92

Hazel Geneva (Mondy) Hunt, 92, passed away Dec. 22, 2009, in Sublimity, Ore. She was born in Galata to James and Jessie Mondy.



Mondy; brother, Albert Mondy; and a granddaughter Katie Hunt.

She is survived by a sister, Iva, and John Sherrard, of Conrad; a son, James, and Karen Hunt, of North Pole, Alaska; daughter, Gayle, and Rick McLain, of Belem, Brazil; and a son, J. Steven Hunt, and Kathy, of Salem, Ore.; six grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held today, Dec. 31, in Salem, and a graveside service for family and friends will be held at 2 p.m. Jan. 4 at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell. A reception will follow at Bethel Baptist Church in Kalispell.

She married Harry S. Hunt of Whitefish on Feb. 2, 1942, in Tacoma, Wash. In 1947 the Hunts returned to Montana where they settled on acreage west of Kalispell.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harry, who died in 1972; sister, Effie Ness; brother, Elmer "Bud"

Sherry Lea (Lanegan) Hulett, 69

Sherry Lea (Lanegan) Hulett, 69, passed away on Sunday, June 14, 2009, at her residence in Bigfork.

She was born on Jan. 9, 1940, in Kalispell, to Albert and Mable Lanegan. She was a lifetime resident of Kalispell and the Swan Valley areas.

She married Thomas Jefferson Hulett on Feb. 14, 1956.

She is survived by her husband; Thomas J. Hulett of Bigfork; four sons, T.J. Hulett of Bigfork, Tim Hulett and wife Patsy of Kalispell, Tony Hulett and wife

Wanemah of Swan Valley, and Tiger Hulett and wife Debbie of Swan Valley; nine grandchildren, Tyrel, Cody, Chance, Sami Jo, Chase, Marrianna, Shane, Kelsie and Kasey; one sister, Dixie Woodard, of Missoula; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial services are pending at this time.

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

Virginia D. Hull, 81

Virginia D. Hull, 81, formerly of Kalispell and Lakeside, died Jan. 19, 2009, in Tulsa, Okla.

Survivors include her daughter, Dr. Connie Hull, of Vernon, British Colum-

bia; and son, Bill Hull, of Tulsa.

A celebration of life service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, at Frieden's Lutheran Church in Lincoln, Neb.

Mary Veronica Hunt, 79

Mary Veronica Hunt, of Helena, a wife, mother, registered nurse and community volunteer, died of natural causes on Tuesday night, Dec. 29, 2009, at St. Peter's Hospital. She was 79.



A vigil will be held at 7 p.m. Sunday at Retz Funeral Home. A funeral Mass is set for 10 a.m. Monday at St. Helena Cathedral. Burial will follow in Resurrection Cemetery.

Mary Hunt was born April 16, 1930, in Dillon, the daughter of Gebhard and Florence Streb Fassler, who had a ranch on Trapper Creek, west of Melrose. She grew up there with her two sisters and four female cousins, who lived on a ranch across the road.

Like her older and younger sister, after attending Melrose Grade School, Mary was sent to Missoula to enroll in the all-girls Catholic Sacred Heart Academy in Missoula. She graduated as class president in 1948 and received a full academic scholarship to attend St. Patrick School of Nursing from 1949 to 1952. She passed her state boards and became a registered nurse in March 1952, graduating later that year.

On Aug. 25, 1952, she married William E. Hunt, a University of Montana law student.

Mary worked as a registered nurse at hospitals in Missoula, Havre, Chester and Helena for nearly 40 years before retiring in 1992. She also worked as secretary in her husband's law office in Chester.

Mary and Bill had five children, Jim, Joe, Kate, Pat and Bill Jr.

She loved her husband, children and grandchildren unconditionally and fully supported them in whatever they took on. She was so proud of each of them and their accomplishments and was always there for them, no matter what.

The family moved to Helena from Chester in 1970 when her husband was appointed to head the state Aeronautics Division. Bill later was appointed the state's first workers' compensation judge and was elected to two terms as a justice on the Montana Supreme Court.

Helena was the Hunts' home for nearly 40 years. Besides raising her family and working at St. Peter's Hospital, Mary loved life and participated in a variety of activities.

Although Mary had friends of all political persuasion she was a Democratic Party stalwart and volunteered on many campaigns.

Mary volunteered for many years at the Montana Historical Society, where she loved taking students on tours of the museum. She was active in Friends of the Montana Historical Society for years, serving as president twice.

She did extensive historical research on her family and gave each of her children many books on her family's history.

As a senior citizen, she audited classes at Carroll College for eight years, especially enjoying history courses. She also took adult education classes in Helena, including auto maintenance and repair.

Mary served as a volunteer for music classes at Smith School when two of her granddaughters were students there.

Her cross-stitching, needlework, quilting and sewing always drew raves.

Mary had a keen interest in the arts. As a senior citizen, she was part of a tap dancing troupe that performed around town. Part of the Hunt tradition was her family singing "Silent Night" on Christmas Eve as she played it on the piano. Her family could always count on answering the phone on their birthday to her and Bill singing "Happy Birthday."

She was an avid reader and a lifelong learner.

Mary loved to garden, travel and tromp around in the outdoors. She loved nothing more than slipping away from town and was a skilled fly fisherwoman.

She was a longtime season ticket holder who rooted for the Montana Grizzlies' football team.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents; her son, Joe; and her sister, Dorothy Byrne.

Survivors include her husband, Bill; and her children, Jim and his wife, Barbara Howe, and children, Hannah and Isabelle Hunt, of Helena; Kate and her husband, Todd Johnson, and children, Arlo and Jane Johnson, of Kalispell; Pat and husband, Chuck Johnson, of Helena; and son, Bill Jr., and companion, Shelly Collier, of Shelby. Other survivors are sister, Helen Coleman, and her husband, Verle, of Richland, Wash.; brother-in-law, Bill Byrne, of Missoula; her cousins; and many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that any memorial gifts be made to a local food bank.

Retz Funeral Home of Helena is handling the arrangements.

Woodrow Garrison "Woody" Hutchens Jr., 63

Woody Hutchens, 63, "went to live with Jesus" on Thursday, Oct. 15, 2009. Woodrow Garrison Hutchens Jr.,



was born Feb. 6, 1946, in Staunton, Va., to Woodrow G. and Glenna M. Wine Hutchens of Greenville, Va. He attended grade school and high school there.

He joined the Air Force after graduation in 1964. He was later stationed in Lakeside, where he met his wife, KC. He was discharged from the Air Force in 1968.

Woodrow and Katherine E. Cullen were married in 1968, and lived in Somers. Woody went to work at Anaconda Aluminum that same year. They moved to Columbia Falls to the family residence in 1978.

Woody was an avid motorcyclist. He loved bow hunting carp, antelope and deer with his "brother" Tim of Gillette,

Wyo. He enjoyed rifle hunting, especially for elk. For years the family enjoyed old car restoration. Woody also enjoyed collecting anything old.

He was preceded in death by their daughter, Dixie Lee; his dad, and his brother, Houston, both of Virginia.

He is survived by his mother, Glenna; sister, Mildred Simmons, and her family of Virginia; his wife, KC, at the family home; his son, Butch, his wife, Nova Lee, and their sons, Daniel and Jacob, and his daughter Katy Jo, and her sweetie, Greg, all of Columbia Falls; and his acquired children, TJ and Carol Toaves, and their son, Tyler, and Chrissy Frerich and her daughters, Brianna and Jayla, of Kalispell; many much loved brothers- and sisters-in-law; and too many good friends to count.

His viewing is from 1 to 8 p.m. today, Sept. 20, at Columbia Mortuary. The service will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 21, at the funeral home, followed by burial in the Woodlawn Cemetery.

Dina Lea Hutchinson, 48, came into this world in Riverside, Calif., on Dec. 28, 1960. She "made her transition into pure spiritual energy" on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 26, 2009.



the inside out, had a zest for life and maintained a sense of humor that kept everyone laughing and happy. She was extremely strong-minded and possessed a powerful determination to overcome obstacles. When life's challenges arose, she drew upon her spirituality, her inner truth and her unflinching honesty to see her through.

Dina was very spiritual, always looked on the bright side and was a loving mentor to those around her. She was one to teach by example, and she touched many people's lives with her knowledge and insights of those deeper spiritual truths she had obtained.

Dina had one foot in the spiritual world and the other foot here on earth. She planted seeds of love in the hearts of those she met and showered her loved ones with her laughter and her compassion. "She was an angel on earth and now her spirit soars high in the Celestial Heavens." She will always be our guardian angel and our greatest inspiration.

She precedes in death her husband, James Hutchinson; mother, Jerry Jarrett; father, Bud Myrick Sr.; brother, Jobe Myrick; stepfather, Bill Jarrett; stepsons, Timothy Hutchinson and Jason Hutchinson; stepdaughter, Carrie Hutchinson; 10 grandchildren; and many family and friends. She will be greatly missed.

As she wished, a ceremony is planned in her garden next year when it is in full bloom. Any donations can be in Dina Hutchinson's name to Frontier Hospice, 29 Second St. E., Kalispell, MT 59901.

"Many blessings on your journey, Sweet Dina; we are not far behind you."

She moved to Kalispell to be with her true soul mate, James Hutchinson, in 1999. Her happiest day on earth was in Fort Benton on May 27, 2006, when she and Jim exchanged their marriage vows.

She fell in love with Montana and began beautifying the plot of land she called "heaven." It was in Kalispell where she earned her certification as a Master Gardener. The gardens that she planned, planted and grew were in bloom all season long, revealing the depth of her creativity, her love of nature and her passion for flowers.

Dina amazed people with her creativity. Her intense interest and study of Native American cultures throughout most of her life led her to be an accomplished beader. Every Native American item that she created had spiritual meaning, and with each bead she used, she added a prayer. The designs that she developed and her application of specific beads brought her works to life.

She had a big heart and most often she was thinking of others. During her journey with cancer, many jewelry items were made for the chemo and radiation staff, as well as family members and friends.

She was beautiful from

Jane Erva Shope Hyatt, 71

Jane Erva Shope Hyatt, 71, died July 3, 2009, at her home on Flathead Lake. She was born June 29, 1938, in Helena to Erva Love Shope and Irvin "Shorty" Shope, a Montana artist.



Jane was raised in Helena where she often rode horseback with her siblings in the mountains outside of town. She graduated from Helena High School in 1956 and attended Montana State University, where she met Harry Hyatt of Havre. They were married in Helena on Sept. 13, 1958, and moved to Tucson, Ariz., in 1959. Jane received a B.S. degree from the University of Arizona in 1960.

They had two children, Karen and Christopher, who were both born in Orange, Texas.

Jane worked as a volunteer in hospitals and in schools. She served on the board of Family Service and sold real estate in Illinois. In 1980, Jane and Harry purchased property on Flathead Lake, where she became a cherry orchard farmer. In 1991, they moved to Johannesburg, South Africa, where they lived for eight years and traveled globally. After having been diagnosed with multiple myeloma in 2004, she and Harry built a lakefront home on their Flathead property. Jane enjoyed this project immensely and had the wonderful opportunity to

spend time viewing this pristine scenery, the birds and wildlife that surrounded it.

Jane and Harry also lived in the Chicago area (Morris and Kildeer), Omaha, Dallas, Houston and Germany.

Jane was preceded in death by her parents; her sister, Joyce Johnson; and a niece, Mary Alice Stevens.

She is survived by her patient, care-giving husband of 50 years, Harry Hyatt; her daughter, Karen Hyatt of Chicago, Ill.; her son and daughter-in-law, Chris and Jennifer Hyatt of Whitefish; three grandchildren, Audrey Rose, William and Charlie Hyatt; her sister and brother-in-law, Judith and Richard Stevens of Great Falls; her brother-in-law, Donald Johnson of Westford, Mass.; her brother, Richard Rhydes of Whidbey Island, Wash.; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on July 8, 2009, at the Community United Methodist Church in Bigfork. Interment at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell will follow.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests you make donations to the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center/Dr. Michael Wang Research, 1515 Holcombe Blvd., Houston, TX 77030-4009 or Home Options Hospice, 711 Main St. SW, Ronan, MT 59864.

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