

## Marcia Lorraine Mansfield Aaberg, 74

Marcia Lorraine Mansfield Aaberg, 74, died peacefully Dec. 11, 2010, at the Ocotillo House Adult Care Home in Tucson, Ariz., after an extended illness. Marcia loved her family, toile painting, sewing and RV traveling. She was an active church member, den mother and enjoyed being a "Red Hat." She was a proud Montana



resident, born and raised in the Flathead Valley.

Marcia is survived by sons, Rick and Dulane; daughter, Alicia, and Don McDonald; and grandchildren Derrick, Benjamin, Melissa and Luuk.

She was preceded in death by her son, Darryl; and husband, Orville.

Cremation has taken place under the direction of Hudgel Swan Funeral Home. At her request, services will take place this summer in Columbia Falls

## Velma Aasheim, 85

Velma Aasheim, formerly of Antelope and Plentywood, passed away at Immanuel Lutheran Home on Aug. 6, 2010, at age 95.

She was educated in the Antelope public school and received a degree in home economics from Montana State University-Missoula in 1936.

She married Magnus "Mags" Aasheim that year and they lived in Belfrey for a year where he taught school. From there they moved to Outlook, then to Froid. In 1945 they returned to Velma's parents' farm in Antelope to take over the farming operation that her

father had homesteaded. Velma and Mags were married for 72 years.

Mags preceded her in death in 2008. Her parents, Jesse and Pearl Clark, and sister, Lois Clark, also preceded her in death.

Survivors include sons, Gary and Peggy of Billings, and Glen of Lakeside; six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, Kalispell, and Fulkerson Funeral Home, Plentywood, are assisting with arrangements. To send condolences to the family please go to [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com)

## Ben Leroy Adams, 81

Retired U.S. Navy Lieutenant Commander Ben Leroy Adams, 81, passed away on Sept. 25, 2010.



He is survived by his loving wife, Monique, and son, Frank, of Virginia Beach, Va., and his daughter and son-in-law, Anne and Kirk Hubbard, of Polson.

A Montana native, he was born on April 12, 1929, the seventh of eight children to Frank and Fannie Judkins Adams in Havre, and grew up and graduated from high school in Whitefish. He joined the U.S. Navy in 1948.

Commander Adams served with distinction for over 30 years, and was a veteran of Korea where he was awarded a Presidential Unit Citation. He also served in Vietnam in 1968-1969, where he earned the Bronze Star, and both a Presidential and a Naval Unit Citation. A "Mustang," he retired in 1977 with, among other honors, a Joint Service Commendation Medal.

During his naval career, Cmdr. Adams served aboard the following ships: Leary, Juneau, St. Paul, Wrangell and Wilkinson. In Vietnam he served in Saigon and Danang, and as officer in charge in Cua Viet. He retired in Naples, Italy, after serving there in three consecutive NATO commands.

Pen pals for five years, Ben and Monique were then married for 56 years and made a home for their family in Italy, England and France, in addition to the United States. They shared a love of nature and animals and enjoyed hiking and camping.

The family thanks the staff of Sentara Bayside Hospital for their compassionate care.

Cremation and Funeral Services of Tidewater is now assisting the family. A local service is not planned, as interment will take place at a later time in France.

Memorial donations may be made to the Plaza Volunteer Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 2128, Virginia Beach, VA 23450-2128; or to the North West Montana Veterans Food Pantry, 1349 Hwy. 2 East, Kalispell, MT 59901 ([veteransfoodpantry.org](http://veteransfoodpantry.org)).

## Charlotte Mae Adams, 74

Charlotte Mae Adams, 74, died Thursday, Nov. 4, 2010, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

Arrangements are pending with Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory.

## LaVonne Marie (Bucher) Aikin, 79

A memorial service for LaVonne Aikin who died June 15, 2010, of lung cancer, at Providence Portland Medical Center, is scheduled for 10 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 2, at Christ Church Episcopal in Kalispell, with refreshments following.

LaVonne was born Sept. 8, 1930, in Butte to Dr. Charles N. and Marie Bucher, joining her brother Charles W. Reed. She spent most of her growing-up years in Hamilton, graduating from Hamilton High School in 1947.

She went to college in Bozeman and graduated in 1951 from the school of nursing as a registered nurse.

She married Wilbur O. Aikin in January 1952, the couple having met via introduction from their grandmothers, who were close friends. Will died in 2001, just six months before they would have celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

After spending about five years moving around frequently due to Will's military service, they started their family in Butte with the birth of daughters Maria and Rebecca. Will's career as a geological engineer kept them on the move and the family spent three years in Port Arthur, Ontario, were back in Hamilton for five years, and then followed almost 40 years in Kalispell. In 2008 she moved to Milwaukie, Ore., (a Portland suburb) to enjoy the more temperate climate, particularly in the winter.

Professionally, LaVonne spent most of her work years in nursing, with an occasional detour into teaching.

Along with supporting and participating in the many and varied activities of family life, she and Will were deeply committed to their church work, were active in various Masonic orders, and both enjoyed home-improvement activities, particularly gardening. She was an exceptional cook and loved to entertain and share the fruits of her kitchen and garden.

LaVonne was preceded in death by her parents, C.N. and Marie Bucher; grandson, Jason; and husband, Will.

She is survived by daughter, Maria, of Milwaukie, Ore.; daughter, Rebecca, and beloved granddaughter, Jessica, in Kalispell; brother, Charles Reed, and wife, Sue Johnson, of Hamilton; niece, Kathy Reed, and husband, Charlie Dustin, and their family of Portland; niece, Marge Reed, and husband, Doug Derryberry, of Philomath, Ore.; and nephew Don Reed, and wife, Shana Greendlinger, and their family of Boston. Also surviving are numerous cousins and a lifetime of friends who were part of the family of her heart.

Memorial contributions to Christ Church Episcopal or a favorite charity or organization of personal preference would be appreciated. One of the things LaVonne did best was to keep in touch with people, so sending a note or making a phone call just to say hello and let someone know you're thinking of them would be the perfect way to remember her. And please, if you're a smoker, try until you're successful, at stopping.

## Russan (Samm) Elizabeth Adams, 48

Russan (Samm) Elizabeth Adams left this world on Friday, April 16, 2010, in Denver, while traveling home to Billings where she had resided for many years. She was 48.

Russan was born in Havre to Yvonne Cottrell and Darrell Cady on June 6, 1961, making her the oldest of four siblings.

Russan married Roger Adams III on May 3, 1986, in Milford, N.H., and had three children, Roger IV, Nikia and Johnna.

In 1994 she found her partner Brent Sterrett with whom she shared the remainder of her life.

Russan lived her life from coast to coast, living in Montana, New Hampshire, Colorado and California, to name a few. As long as she had sunshine she was happy.

As a stay-at-home mom she enjoyed camping, shopping, lying in the sun, friends and even home schooled her children for a short while during the elementary years.

Russan was a wise woman who was not afraid to tell you how she felt. She was strong, fearless, generous and loving, and had endured much during her 48 years.

She is survived by Brent Sterrett of Billings; her children, Roger Adams IV of Billings, and Nikia Adams of Billings; her mother, Yvonne Cottrell, of Kalispell; siblings, Rose Christianson of Havre, Charles Christianson of Havre, and Jennifer Rutherford of Kalispell; her grandmother, Georgia Frigon, of Havre; grandfather, Bim Cottrell, of Great Falls; and many aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her daughters, Melissa May and Johnna Elizabeth; her uncle, Vern Cottrell; and her father, Darrell Cady.

A celebration of her amazing life and the gifts she gave all who encountered her will be held at 2 p.m., Friday, April 23, at Smith's Funeral Chapel in Billings, with a reception to follow.

## Jeff Alexander, 57



Our beloved friend, Jeff Alexander, (Nupa Wiya-ka Wanbil), "followed the path from this earth to walk with his creator"

Nov. 16, 2010. He passed peacefully at his home after a long and brave battle against cancer.

Jeff was born to his mother, Mable, at St. Luke's hospital in Cleveland, Ohio, April 13, 1953.

Jeff was diversified in his careers. He worked as labor contractor, ski patrol, security consultant and many other jobs before and after a long and prevalent career in law enforcement. Jeff never tired of learning and continually sought educational opportunities. He loved to share bits of his vast amounts of knowledge with his friends.

Jeff was a very energetic man that loved being in the outdoors. He was a wild animal lover and also enjoyed the company of his feline companions through the years.

He was a very loyal friend, with a wicked and fun sense of humor. Jeff was a very empathetic listener, show-

ing extensive compassion and heart. He was always willing to help his friends in any way he could. Jeff had sophisticated tastes and thoroughly enjoyed life. We will greatly miss going on rides and sharing his company.

Jeff was as diverse in his interests as he was in his careers. He was very enthusiastic about the Old West, guns, different cultures, including the Native American cultures and beliefs, as well as his motorcycles and the accompanying lifestyle.

Jeff was a good man and will be fondly remembered and greatly missed. Jeff considered his friends to be his family and he will never be forgotten.

Jeff's last wish was to be cremated and he had left instructions on where his remains are to be scattered. Any donations will be accepted in his name and will be used to assist us in honoring his last wishes.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 20, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. A reception will follow the service at 110 South Hilltop in Columbia Falls.

You are invited to go to [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com) to leave messages or sign Jeff's book.

## Max F. Allen, 72

"The Angels took Max F. Allen home to the Lord" on March 18, 2010, after suffering a long, faithful battle with severe COPD. He was born March 25, 1937, in Kalispell.

He served his country in the U.S. Army, worked as operating engineer in southern California for 18 years, and three years on the Alaskan Pipeline. Even though Max had to move away from his beloved Montana for work, his heart always stayed here. He enjoyed the great outdoors, fishing and hunting, and loved living at Middle Thompson Lake.

Max and Isabelle Marty were married Aug. 19, 1965. They were blessed with two children, Marty Ann and Max Wayne. They were again blessed with granddaughter Natasha Ann, who was adopted into the family as their daughter.

He was known for his loving nature and compas-

sion for his great Lord and devotion to Jesus Christ. Max was a kind person who sacrificed his own personal well-being for others and never asked for anything in return. He had a quiet, witty way with humor which he used to pull tricks on all with much enjoyment.

Max was preceded in death by his daughter, Marty Ann, and his parents, Frank and Nettie Allen.

He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Isabelle; son, Max Wayne, and wife, Tammy, and their son, Rance Vaughan; daughter, Natasha Ann; brothers, Gary and wife Angie, Ron and wife Marilyn, and Dennis; also, several nieces and nephews, whom Max loved and prayed for.

A rosary will be said for Max at 7 p.m. Friday, May 21, and funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 22, at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls.

## Myrna M. Allers, 76

Myrna M. Allers, 76, passed away at her Kalispell residence on Friday, Nov. 5, 2010, after a lengthy battle with cancer.



Myrna was born Oct. 15, 1934, to Leona M. (Knapp) Minthorn and Eber J. Minthorn in Columbia Falls. She spent her early years in Columbia Falls, Kansas, Colorado, Oklahoma and Arizona, graduating from high school in Prescott, Ariz., in 1953. She attended beauty school in Independence, Mo.

She returned to Columbia Falls and met Elmer D. Allers and married him in Coeur d'Alene in 1960. They were married for 49 years until Elmer passed away in 2008.

Myrna worked for Flathead County in the Appraisal Office and then later in the Surveyor's Office from 1975 until her retirement in 1997. She was a graceful, kind and trusted friend and associate to many people. Her children, grandchildren and great-

grandchildren were the joy of her life and she was loving and proud of them all.

Myrna was preceded in death by her parents; her brothers, Ray and Ivan; her husband, Elmer; and a son, Roger Allers.

She is survived by her son, Ward Allers, of Kalispell; daughter, Beverly Miller and Royce of Fairbanks, Alaska; grandchildren, Alicia Miller, Hannah Miller and Justin Unger, and Lacey Lilley and Jon, all of North Pole, Alaska; great-grandchildren, Mikila and Carlel Miller, Austin and Ethan Unger, Jonathan, Hank, Hailey and Riley Lilley; brothers, George, John and Mel; and sister, Alice; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Myrna made the world a finer place with her tender loving care.

Memorial services will be held at 3 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 11, at Northridge Lutheran Church, 323 Northridge Drive in Kalispell.

The family suggests memorials be made to Home Options Hospice.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Donna Fyrne Alton, 78

Donna Fyrne Alton, 78, a lifelong Flathead Valley resident, passed away on Monday, Feb. 8,



2010, at her residence in Kalispell. She was born on June 9, 1931, in Bigfork, the daughter of Jack and Marvle (Croskrey) Richey.

She graduated from Flathead County High School. Over 60 years ago, Donna met John Alton in the halls of Flathead County High School. At that time she worked as a waitress at the Bi-Rite Cafe in Kalispell and it is rumored that John was one of their best customers. Holding hands, they were married on April 17, 1949. Sixty-one years later they were still holding hands "as she slipped peacefully from this earth into the loving arms of our Lord."

Donna was an accomplished woman, excelling at all she set her mind to. Her family will forever cherish her paintings which grace the walls of her homes. Donna created works of art with a crochet hook or a ball of yarn. Donna was most at home in her kitchen and worked miracles welcoming, feeding and entertaining friends and family, no matter what time of day. She always had the coffee on.

Donna was a longtime member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Her last years were difficult due to ill health and the loss of her eyesight, yet she always approached each challenge with determination, optimism and dignity, never

wavering in the faith she held so dear.

She is now "lovingly reunited" with her mother, Marvle Croskrey; beloved sister, Betty Day; father, Jack Richey; stepfathers, John Croskrey and Jack Passey; mother-in-law, Marie Alton; and father-in-law, Fred Alton.

Donna is survived by her husband, John; her two children, son, Don Alton, and daughter, Marlene Alton-Horsfall, and her husband, Allen; four grandchildren, Crystal Thompson Allison and her husband, Andy, Jack Alton and his wife, Kirsten, Tom Alton, and Farah Perry; four great-grandchildren, Shea Lynn Allison, Jack Alton Jr., Emalee and Austin; and one brother, Jack Passey. Donna also leaves behind her lifelong friend and sister-in-law, Marge Miciewicz; sister-in-law, Joyce White; brother-in-law, Les Day; 10 nieces and four nephews.

The family wishes to thank all the "angel care givers" at both the Brendan House and Agape Home Care for their loving care over the last several months. "Crystal, Jeri and Diana — we are forever grateful."

Donna was very proud of her Irish heritage — "so here's an Irish Blessing for you, Mom — until we meet again."

Memorial services for Donna will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, with Pastor Larry Stappler officiating.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Donna's family. You are invited to go to [www.jgfuneralhome.com](http://www.jgfuneralhome.com) to offer condolences and view Donna's tribute wall.

## William 'Bill' F. Ambrose, 84

After a long and full life, William "Bill" F. Ambrose, 84, died at his home on the original Ambrose



homestead in Creston on June 12, 2010, with family at his side. He died of natural causes, after a yearlong struggle with the effects of a stroke and Parkinson's disease.

Bill was born in Kalispell on Oct. 9, 1925, the second of three children born to Thomas Henry and Elizabeth "Lizzie" (Sullivan) Ambrose. Bill grew up on his dad's farm, a scant mile south of the Ambrose homestead where his grandparents lived. He was a true farm boy, through and through. Freckle-faced and mischievous, he worked the farm as a youngster and to well into his 70s. He walked to Echo School, a one-room school where his father, and later his own children, were educated.

He graduated from Bigfork High School in 1943. Unlike many of his generation, he could not enter the military but stayed on the home place helping his father and brother farm both the "Grant place" and the Ambrose farm. He tried his hand at stone masonry with Anderson Masonry but ultimately returned to farming, a way of life he embraced and loved. He could work a team of horses and was one of the last in the area to feed with a team and sled in winter. He literally went from a Model T to riding in the cockpit of the Concorde, twice, to and from London.

As a young man, Bill met Louise while he was on a date with her older sister. Louise, smitten, told her brother, "I'm going to marry that man." On July 28, 1951, Bill married Louise Bartlett at St. Anne's Church in Somers. He and Louise soon moved to the Ambrose homestead, where he lived for the remainder of his life. Theirs was a devoted partnership that lasted throughout all their years.

Bill and Louise were blessed with daughters, four of them, but together they raised independent women. He continued to farm in the Creston area until his retirement only a few years ago, brought on by ill health.

Bill was very involved with the community in which he lived. He was a charter member of the Creston Volunteer Fire Department, where he remained active for 53 years, continuing to work on the board of trustees until this year. He was also a member of the Eastside Grange, ASCS/Farm Services, and Cenex Farmer's Union. Bill was active in the Catholic community of St. Catherine's Parish in Bigfork, where he remained a member when the parish combined with St. Anne's to become Pope John Paul II.

Bill was fortunate to travel to Europe, England, Africa and Ireland, as well as many places in the United States, but he always kept his watch set to "Montana time." Bill was not much of a gypsy, and he always thought Montana, particularly Creston, was the best place to be. He enjoyed his regular meetings with his "coffee bunch" and loved to visit with old and new neighbors and friends all his life.

He loved history, always reading about World War II, the Civil War and Montana history, and was a great resource about the history of the Flathead Valley. But what he cherished most was his wife, his family, the farm, three meals a day (on time), coffee and gossip with friends and five evening news broadcasts. You couldn't speak to Bill or interrupt him during the noontime farm report without being shushed, even as grown women.

Still, Dad was our anchor, the only male in a household of women. No wonder he liked the solitude of tractor and field.

"We will miss you, Dad. Good night, sleep tight and don't let the bed bugs bite."

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, his brother, Jimmy, and his sister, Mary Ruschman.

Dad is survived by his wife of 58 years, Louise, at the family home, his daughters, Colleen Ambrose and husband, Earl, of Garrison, Kelly Ambrose Kelsey and husband, Kim, of Gallatin Gateway, Kathleen Ambrose, and Patricia Ambrose, six grandchildren, Carrie and Raney Frick, Konnor, Kameron and Kyleen Kelsey, and Madison Ambrose Hall, as well as two great-grandchildren, Brook and Jackson. He is also survived by his brother-in-law, Elmer Ruschman, of Kentucky, and his niece, Beth Finn, and nephew, Tom Ruschman, and numerous cousins. On Louise's side, he is survived by his sister-in-law, Marlene Bartlett, of Seeley Lake; and Mickey and Bonnie Bartlett of Vancouver, Wash.

We'd like to thank the Creston Fire Department for continuing to include Dad, especially this last year, and for making him feel so appreciated and respected. Special thanks to Lynn Kehoe and Heather Sullivan of Agape Home Services for their loving care of Bill and to the many friends who visited him at home over the past year.

Visitation will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, June 18, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home in Kalispell. A rosary will be said at 7 p.m. Friday at Pope John Paul II Catholic Church. A Mass of Christian Burial will take place at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 19, at Pope John Paul II in Bigfork. Please join us in celebrating Dad's life. Interment will take place at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, Bill's family suggests memorials to the Creston Fire Department, 4498 Montana 35, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Bill's family. You are invited to go to [www.jgfuneralhome.com](http://www.jgfuneralhome.com) to view Bill's tribute wall and share condolences.

## David Jonathan Butcher Ampudia, 24,

David Jonathan Butcher Ampudia, 24, passed away Sunday morning, July 25, 2010, near Kalispell, as the result of a vehicle accident. He was born June 1, 1986, to Peter and Claudia (Butcher) Ampudia in Loma Linda, Calif., while his father was finishing his last year of duty at March Air Force Base.



The family moved to Apple Valley, Calif., where David began his education. He continued his schooling in Bigfork, when the couple moved in May of 1993. While attending school in Bigfork, David began competing in Little Guy Wrestling, taking the state championship in his fifth grade year. In 1997 the family moved to Columbia Falls, where David continued his love of sports and especially wrestling. He won many wrestling matches, and his senior year his brother Ryan was at every match, coaching and cheering his brother to victory. He was ranked No. 1 in state his senior year, graduating in 2004.

In 2003, Shayla Dunlap joined the Ampudia family, and shortly after was diagnosed with leukemia. David and Shayla were inseparable and he attended to her care while she recovered. He went on to attend the University of Great Falls on a wrestling scholarship for two years and was ranked 12th in the nation before returning to the valley to attend Flathead Valley Community College. While attending FVCC, David started Advanced Plastering, a drywall business, with a friend and they were very

successful. During this time, David also left his studies at FVCC to assist his parents during a difficult time, and Shayla's leukemia returned.

David and Shayla were together for over seven years and she was the biggest thing in his life. Among other things, David loved mountain biking, rafting, snowboarding and hanging with his many friends. It was said that his friends always felt safer when David was around.

David "knew the Lord and has joined in heaven," his "Nana," Margaret Butcher; aunt, Bonnie Butcher; uncle, Harold Wayne; and brother, Eric Jonathan, in 1985.

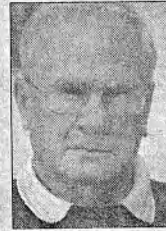
He is survived by his parents, Peter and Claudia Ampudia, of Whitefish; two big (little brothers) Peter Christopher, and Ryan Anthony and fiancée, Kimberly Heger; maternal grandfather, Harold Butcher; great-uncle, Harold Huff; aunts, Diane, Lesia and Tresha; paternal grandparents, Robert and Betty Ampudia; uncles, Robby and Rudy; and aunt, Tish. David doted over his nephew Travys and niece Gabriella Neva; and loved his dog, Sadie.

A joint celebration of life will be held for David and Shayla at 11 a.m. Friday, July 30, at New Covenant Church on Birch Grove Road. Burial will follow at the Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls. A potluck reception will be held immediately following at the Babe Ruth baseball fields on Talbot Road.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for David's family. You are invited to go to [www.jgfuneralhome.com](http://www.jgfuneralhome.com) to view David's tribute wall and offer condolences.

## Daniel W. Anderson, 75

Daniel W. Anderson, 75, of Columbia Falls, died Saturday, Jan. 2,



2010, at the Montana Veterans Home. Born in Whitefish on March 20, 1934, to Walter and Evelyn Anderson, he was raised and educated in the Columbia Falls and Lake Blaine area.

He later served in the United States Navy, serving aboard the aircraft carrier the USS Shangri-La.

Following his honorable discharge, he returned to the Flathead Valley, working on the Hungry Horse Dam project. He worked for an extended period of time at Plum Creek and later at the Columbia Falls Aluminum

Plant until his retirement. For a period of four years, he also delivered the Missoulian in the local area.

Dan had been an excellent baseball player, playing both hardball and softball on local teams. While still physically able, he also enjoyed the outdoors, most especially hunting and fishing.

Preceding him in death were his former wife, Pat; an infant daughter, Tammy Jo; his brother, Don; and his parents.

He is survived by a son, Tim, of Kalispell; a daughter, Geri Lynn, of Ohio; a sister, Donna Christofferson, of Polson; and a granddaughter, Chelsea, of Kalispell.

Military graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, at Fairview Cemetery. Arrangements are under the care of Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

## James M. Anderson, 79

James M. Anderson, 79, died peacefully at North Valley hospital in Whitefish on Feb. 23, 2010, with complications of emphysema.



He was born May 5, 1930, in Seattle. He had been a longtime employee of the BN Railroad, retiring as assistant superintendent of transportation in Spokane in 1985.

He had been a third generation railroader, beginning his career in Seattle in 1953 and furthering his work in Shelby, Vancouver, British Columbia, Klamath Falls, Ore., Whitefish, Minneapolis, Minot, N.D., and Spokane, before returning to Whitefish at his retirement.

Surviving him are his wife of 57 years, Carol; sons, Scott, Mark and Tom and ex-

wife Suzanne; grandchildren, Nick, Jessica and Aaron of Spokane; and Kelley and wife Dayna of Atlanta; and grandchildren Ryan and Hayley. He also leaves behind his beloved cats, Diesel and Elizabeth.

His legacy is his wood carvings of a life-size cross and crucifix and Madonna in the church of St. Thomas Moore in Spokane. He enjoyed his many friends, neighbors, breakfast group and family. Prior to his illness, he was an avid hunter, short time skier, fisherman and camper.

Private services will be held at a later date.

Memorials may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, c/o 10 G. Street NE, Suite 580, Washington D.C., 20002, or online at [www.wounded-warriorproject.org](http://www.wounded-warriorproject.org).

Arrangements under the care of Austin Funeral Home.

## Kathleen 'Kathy' Kay Anderson, 49

Kathleen "Kathy" Kay Anderson, 49, of Florence, died at her home on Monday, March 1, 2010. She was born on Dec. 9, 1960



in West Union, Iowa, the daughter of Harlen and Sharon Kay (Hilgersen) Anderson. She graduated from North Fayette High School in West Union in 1979.

Kathy married Mark Sauerbrei in 1981; The couple later divorced. While in high school, Kathy was in FFA and drill team.

She enjoyed camping, fishing, gardening and landscaping. Her greatest love was in the summer sun on the water.

Kathy had an outgoing personality and loved and cared for everyone. She loved life and lived it to the fullest. She loved Montana and everything about it.

Kathy was a highly successful radio advertising sales executive who enjoyed a 15-year career in the Missoula radio market. She was incredibly organized and truly cared about her clients. She had won numer-

ous sales awards and accomplished great things in the radio and broadcast industry over the past 20 years.

Kathy will be missed by many Missoula, Bitterroot and Flathead clients. She will always be thought of as a responsible, kind, incredible person and will be missed by all who knew her and worked with her.

She is survived by her daughter, Mandy Kay Fadely, of Fort Campbell, Ky.; JayMe Nordahl, her life partner, of Florence; mother, Sharon Kay Anderson, father and stepmother, Harlen and Margaret Anderson, a brother, Keith Anderson, and sister, Kelli Lauer, all of West Union; as well as many aunts, uncles and cousins.

A celebration of Kathy's life will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 7, at the Lumber Jack, 16 miles up Highway 12 west of Eolo, with Pastor Keith Virga officiating.

In lieu of flowers a memorial has been set up in Kathy's name at any of the Farmer's State Banks.

The Whitesitt Funeral Home in Stevensville is in charge of cremation. Condolences to wfh@bridgeband.com.

## Leota Marie Anderson, 83

On April 1, 2010, Leota Marie Anderson passed away "into the arms of the Lord." She was born on Oct. 27, 1926, in Burling-



ton, Iowa, to Albert and Verna Sherer. She was later adopted by Bob and Verna Croskrey.

She lived in various towns in Iowa as a young child, and then moved to Kalispell, where she finished through the eighth grade. Her high school years were spent in Washington, where she graduated from Leavenworth in 1946. She then worked at Puget Sound Power and Light and 1st National Bank in Wenatchee, Wash.

Leota met her husband, Leonard, while vacationing in Kalispell. "She dropped her hanky and he picked it up." They were married on Aug. 29, 1948, in Leavenworth, Wash. They moved to Kalispell in 1949. While in Kalispell, she worked for Consolidated Freightways. Shortly thereafter, they started their family with three daughters, Rita, Carol and Linda, and a son, Lenny.

She was a homemaker for many years until going into the second-hand trade. She opened the Next to New Shop around 1974, continuing until 1987. She had a love for rummage sales and thrift stores, but her greatest passion was her family.

She always said her children and grandchildren were her life and was thrilled to host many Sunday dinners, holidays, birthdays, anything

that would bring everyone all together. She was truly the glue that kept our family close. This has left us with many shoe boxes of pictures and fabulous memories to cherish.

As much as she cared and gave to her family, her heart also expanded to many others. She would give what she had to help others, be it a friend or a stranger, and loved giving to children.

Leota was preceded in death by her parents; and adoptive parents; sisters, Opal and Betty; and a brother, Orville.

She is survived by her husband, Leonard, of Kalispell; three daughters, Rita Bishop and husband, Bob, of Whitefish, Carol Frehse of Kalispell, and Linda Miller and husband, Fred, of Kalispell; a son, Lenny, and his wife, Shauna, of Lakeside; a sister, Shirley Mishler, of Iowa; grandchildren, Leslie (Bishop) Franco, Allyson (Bishop) Crawford, Justin Frehse, Brittney (Frehse) Townsend, Melissa and Jake Miller, Jarrett Sunde, and Cody and Tehya Anderson; and five great-grandchildren.

Per her request, a private family graveside service will be held.

Please join us in remembering our dear wife, mother, grandmother and friend with a celebration of her life to take place from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 10, at the Elks Lodge, located at 1820 U.S. 93 South in Kalispell.

The family suggests that any memorial contributions be made to the Salvation Army, 110 Bountiful Drive, Kalispell, MT 59901.

## Ronald Eldon Anderson, 77

Ronald Eldon Anderson, 77, passed away on Thursday, March 25, 2010, at his residence in Kalispell.



He was born on April 15, 1932, in Flasher, N.D., to Elmer and Myrtle (Schoening) Anderson.

The family moved to Somers in 1936. Ron and his younger brother Gene grew up on a working farm in Somers. It was the beginning of a life-long obsession for pork rinds, pickled pigs feet and limburger cheese.

In 1953, Ron married Joan Scammahorn, and they settled in Kalispell, where they raised two sons. The family enjoyed the simple things in life and took hunting and fishing seriously. Ron mastered the art of shooting and was an avid fisherman.

Ron worked several jobs before landing a position with the City of Kalispell. He hired on with the garbage crew and eventually settled with the sewer department. During his time with the sewer department, Ron found and made a necklace from lost dentures that included a gold tooth. He wore it proudly and liked telling stories of his days with the department. Ron retired from the City of Kalispell in 1990, having worked there for 26 years.

Joan passed away in 2001 and Ron moved in with his son John. He didn't stray far from home until he bought a 1992 Buick Park Avenue in 2008. He loved his blue car and kept it shining. He drove

everywhere and had a ball installed to pull a boat trailer. He had a renewed interest in fishing and started going to Smith Lake to fish off the dock. Here he met Dawn Hashley and they became the best of fishing partners. Just as Ron taught his sons to fish, he taught Dawn a trick or two as well, and they were looking forward to another successful year.

After his retirement Ron took his game of cribbage to a whole new level. He would challenge anyone who wanted to play him and on March 15, 2010, he finally had a 29 hand.

Throughout the years, Ron amassed a variety of colorful friends and stories to match.

He is preceded in death by his parents; his wife; an infant great-granddaughter, Angelica Boyes-Anderson; and an infant step-great-granddaughter, Cloe Baldwin.

He is survived by brother Gene Anderson of Edinburg, Texas; his sons, Roger Anderson and his wife Kathleen, and John Anderson and his wife Jana; two grandsons, Ivan and Erik Anderson; four step-grandchildren, Shelley Baldwin, Vanessa Holycross, Erin Carrell and Molly Doxater; as well as one great-grandson Wyatt Anderson; and several step-great-grandchildren.

Graveside services for Ron will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, March 29, at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Johnson-Gleschat Funeral Home is caring for Ron's family. You are invited to go to [www.jgfuneralhome.com](http://www.jgfuneralhome.com) to offer condolences and view Ron's tribute wall.

## Veronta Lynn 'Roni' Anderson, 50

Veronta Lynn "Roni" Anderson, 50, passed away at her daughter's home in the early morning hours of Jan. 17, 2010. Roni was



born May 15, 1959, in Miles City, the eldest child of F.I. "Ivan" and Betty Jean "B.J." Korneychuk.

Roni lived in Billings until 1975, then moved with her family to Kalispell. She graduated from Flathead High School and met the love of her life Robert "Bob" Anderson; they married on Jan. 21, 1977.

She and Bob owned their landscaping business of 25 years and Roni still managed to be a devoted wife, mother and homemaker, spending her last years at their beauti-

ful Ashley Lake home.

Roni was preceded in death by her grandmother, Rose Griffith; and close family friend, Jacob Sutton.

Roni is survived by her husband of 33 years, Bob Anderson; son, Nathan Anderson; and daughter, Nichole Anderson; and grandchildren, Karsyn and Kylie Anderson. She is also survived by her parents, Ivan and B.J. Korneychuk; her sister, Kristi Schweigert; nephews, Kyle and Tyler Schweigert; and other family members.

A memorial service will be held for Roni at 4 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 22, at New Covenant Fellowship Church in Kalispell.

In lieu of flowers, donations to Hospice of Kalispell, 175 Commons Loop, Kalispell, MT 59901, would be appreciated.

## Rodney F. Arden, 90

Rodney F. Arden, 90, of Polson, died Thursday, Dec. 9, 2010, at the Polson Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Cremation will take

place and no services are scheduled at this time.

Grogan Funeral Home and Crematory, Polson, is assisting the family.



## Norman 'Norm' Armour, 90

Norman "Norm" Armour, a longtime resident of the Flathead Valley, died at age 90, peacefully surrounded by his family in Vero Beach, Fla., on Monday, March 29, 2010.



Norm spent the last three months of his life living with his daughter, Laurie Armour, and dear friend/caretaker, Lynda Hall, also both former residents of the Flathead Valley.

Norman was a decorated Army captain during World War II and survived the first wave of the Omaha Beach Invasion in Normandy, France.

He successfully founded and owned Armour Exterminating Co., in Palm Beach, Fla.

He was an avid fisherman and held several world records in Bill Fish Tournaments. Norm was an avid sportsman/outdoors man. He especially enjoyed hunting, fishing, and polo.

Upon retirement, he moved to Whitefish.

He was loved by his family and will be missed by all of us. He truly exemplified leaders from "The Greatest Gen-

eration" and had a passion for living life to the fullest.

Norm is survived by one brother, Alan Armour, and his wife, Barbara, of Delray Beach, Fla; one sister, Edna Warren, of Las Cruces, N.M.; two daughters, Laurie and Vicki Armour; two sons, Scot and Norm Armour Jr., and his wife, Salita; five grandchildren, Mark Delorme Jr., and his fiancée, Stacy Gruber, of Kalispell, Adam Armour Delorme of Breckenridge Colo., Elizabeth Delorme Vandeventer and husband, Christopher, of Charleston, S.C., and their infant son, Dax Delorme Vandeventer (Norm's one great grandchild), Tiana Armour of Chicago, and Shane Armour, who attends college in Scotland at the University of Saint Andrews.

Norm will be honored with a "Full Honors Ceremony" at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va., in June.

In lieu of flowers any remembrance could be made to The Boy Scouts of America at [scouting.org](http://scouting.org). Norman attained Eagle Scout Level with troop 577 of Bryn Community Church, Chicago.

A guestbook may be signed at [www.strunkfuneralhome.com](http://www.strunkfuneralhome.com). Arrangements are under direction of Strunk Funeral Home in Vero Beach.

## Violet Arneson, 96

Violet Arneson, 96, died of natural causes on Sept. 19, 2010, at the Aphrodite Assisted Living Home in Anchorage, Alaska, where she received six years of excellent and loving care.



A service was held on Sept. 25 at the Alaskan Heritage Memorial Chapel on Klatt Road, Anchorage. Violet will be buried next to her husband, Lawrence, and her daughter, Lynette, in Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell, where a graveside service will be held at 3:30 p.m. on Oct. 7, for family and friends in Montana.

Violet was born in Stady, N.D., on July 12, 1914, to Henry and Johanna Marie Halverson. In 1926, Violet's family moved to the Daniels County area of northeastern Montana where members of her extended family still live.

She attended a one-room grade school. She loved learning and finally became a teacher. Violet taught in that same one-room school.

Violet married her husband in 1934. Early on, they lived a nomadic life style. Lawrence worked heavy construction jobs during World

War II — Fort Peck Dam, military air bases and other war effort projects. Mom wouldn't live in a trailer, so Lawrence went on to the jobs and Violet followed behind with the kids, driving an old Ford, pulling a trailer loaded with all their worldly possessions. They later settled and lived in Havre for 25 years. They retired to live at Columbia Falls near Glacier Park. Violet lived there for 28 years until she moved to Anchorage in 2004. Violet, with Lawrence, spent many periods of time living and working in Alaska.

Violet loved working outside the home but did not stint on the care of her family. No one ever went to her house without going away stuffed full of great food.

She is survived by one daughter, Larean Pierce; and two sons and their wives, Arlen and Charlene Arneson and Merwin and Nanette Arneson; plus many grand- and great-grandchildren.

Violet was also preceded in death by three grandsons and one granddaughter.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Providence Hospice, 3435 E. Tudor Road, Anchorage, AK 99507-1282.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is assisting the family.

## Richard Dale Arquette, 77

Richard Dale Arquette, 77, died Sunday, Oct. 31, 2010, at his son's home in Sanger, Calif.

He is survived by his wife, Bess Arquette; sons, Jeff and Tim Arquette; and daughter, Patti Collins.

Graveside service will

be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, at the Bigfork Community Cemetery. Funeral services will follow at 3 p.m. at the Bigfork Chapel, 290 Montana 83.

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

## Beverly Lee Smith Arriaga, 60

Beverly Lee Smith Arriaga "went on to meet her Heavenly Father" on Sept. 4, 2010, near Paradise, at age 60.

She was born Nov. 3, 1949, to Marvin and Clara Brittenham in Kalispell. She grew up in Columbia Falls and, after graduating from Columbia Falls High School, she graduated from Montana State College in Billings with a Bachelor of Arts degree in teaching. She went on to teach in Idaho.

She returned to Montana and raised her son in Columbia Falls. She worked in the dietary department at Kalispell Regional Medical Center for over 15 years.

Beverly married Rudy Arriaga on April 23, 2010.

She will always be remembered as a selfless and loving mother, a caring wife and a joyful grandmother, as well as a giving friend to all she knew.

"We know she will be looking down from her mansion

of gold onto her son and his wife, her grandson, her two brothers and one sister, and their families. We know two things: God has a perfect plan, and we will see her again."

"We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." — Romans 8:28.

Beverly is survived by her son, Marvin Smith, his wife, Erin, and her grandson, Gesse, all of Beaverton, Ore.; her two brothers, Bill and Jim Brittenham; and her sister, Celie Erickson.

Memorial services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 11, at the First Baptist Church of Whitefish. Services by Austin Funeral Home.

Contributions may be made to the American Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

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

## Rudy Arriaga, 78

Rudy Arriaga died Saturday, Sept. 4, 2010, near Paradise, at the age of 78.

He was born June 14, 1932, in Wichita, Kan., to Lorenzo and Leonora (Granados) Arriaga. He grew up in California, and he married Gloria Dawn House on Aug. 27, 1954, and together they raised four children.

He worked in San Jose as a brake specialist for Sears for over 30 years. After retirement, he and Gloria moved to Montana in 1992 to be near their daughter and grandchildren.

Gloria preceded him in death on May 9, 2008.

Rudy married Beverly Lee Smith on April 23, 2010.

Rudy enjoyed camping, fishing, time with his grandchildren, attending their

school and sporting activities. He served as a deacon at the First Baptist Church of Whitefish for many years.

Rudy is survived by his children, Rudolph "Rudy" and his wife, Angela, of Columbia Falls; Dan of San Jose, Calif.; Dennis and his wife, Karen, of San Jose; and Trish and her husband, Jarrod O'Dell, of Whitefish; 13 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; three brothers, Ernesto, Alvaro and Armando; and one sister, Leonora.

Memorial services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, at the First Baptist Church of Whitefish. Services by Austin Funeral Home.

Contributions may be given to the church general fund.

## Sanford M. Arrowsmith, 83

Sanford M. Arrowsmith, 83, died Jan. 22, 2010, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

He was born in Superior, Ariz., and spent most of his life in Arizona. He worked several jobs, including miner, roofing contractor and cobbler.

He was a Flathead Valley resident from 2000

until the time of his death.

He is survived by his daughter, Darla Hill, a former Whitefish resident now living in Clinton, Tenn.

Services are tonight at 6 p.m. at the Church of Christ in Kalispell. Austin Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

## Hale Ashcraft, 89



Hale Ashcraft "slipped the surly bonds of earth" as a result of natural causes at his Lakeside home on Sunday, March 14, 2010. Hale was two weeks shy of his 90th birthday and he was vibrantly active up until the day of his departure. He was born on March 28, 1920, in Portland, Ind., to Wheeler and Mary Nell Ashcraft.

Always the consummate go-getter with his passion for life beginning at an early age, Hale operated his first commercial enterprise when he was only 16. As the proprietor of a full service gas station in the mid-1930s, he learned the value of good communication and solid customer service.

Pearl Harbor resounded across America and duty called. Hale served his country honorably in the Army Air Corps during World War II. Hale and the veterans of his day made an invaluable contribution to the lifestyle that America still enjoys.

After the war, his enthusiasm, ingenuity and entrepreneurial spirit forged a purpose that would remain throughout his life. He advanced his knowledge by owning and operating a profitable Ford-Lincoln-Mercury dealership. It was during that period he gained a taste for politics that would eventually lead him to California in 1955.

In 1962, Hale was elected to the California State Assembly. Upon expiration of his term, Gov. Ronald Reagan appointed Hale to the Worker's Compensation Appeals board in 1966, a post he held for 10 years. In 1972, Hale was selected as the delegate to the National Republican Convention in San Francisco. Ever the capable campaigner, Hale aided and successfully achieved the road for many in their bid for public office. His ability to comprehend and understand the periphery of the political stage made him a very savvy consultant. In some camps he was actually considered a "kingmaker" because of his uncanny ability to skillfully manage election campaigns. Hale continued an active participation in local politics to the day of his passing.

Hale's talents went far beyond the political arena as he was incredibly apt in

his charming ability to make friends, and with no guile he would just as easily win their confidence. Hale had the innate quality of connecting with people in a natural way. His genuine personality, coupled with a relaxed and casual style, made him a coveted friend and endeared him to many, many folks.

He was a patriot, believed in the Republican Party ideals, a successful businessman, husband and father. To say he will be missed is a vast understatement. He was larger than life and filled the shoes of someone who impacted and enriched the lives of everyone who knew him personally.

Hale married Jean Beach in 1942 and had seven children, Jim and Alyce Ashcraft of Rancho Santa Fe, Calif., Phil Ashcraft of San Diego, Mark and Coleen Ashcraft of Sacramento, Calif., Camille Ashcraft of Solana Beach, Calif., Jess and Jan of Post Falls, Idaho, Nick Ashcraft of Vista, Calif., and Ann Ashcraft of Cardiff-by-the-Sea, Calif.

In 1970, Hale married Nita Wentner Ashcraft, the former assistant secretary of the Air Force under Gerald Ford.

Hale retired to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, in 1976 and was a co-founder of the Spokane River Association.

Hale later married Jeannine Ashcraft in 1988. After Jeanine retired as the Kootenai County treasurer in 2001, they moved to Flathead Lake at Lakeside. There, they enjoyed 21 years of marital bliss.

Hale had a keen affection for his pets and could be seen regularly doting over his "furry children."

Hale was preceded in death by his son, Phil, in 2009; and his beloved wife, Jeannine, in 2008.

Hale leaves behind six children; 16 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and scores of exceptional friendships. To know him was a delight, to grieve for him ... a privilege.

Please, no flowers. Contributions can be made to the West Shore Community Library in Lakeside or the Flathead Animal Shelter. Johnson-Glosehat Funeral Home has been entrusted with the care of the final arrangements. At his request, cremation and no public services will be held.

Johnson-Glosehat Funeral Home is caring for Hale's family. You are invited to go to [www.jgfuneralhome.com](http://www.jgfuneralhome.com) to offer condolences and view Hale's tribute wall.

## Hugo Grendahl Aspevig, 93

Hugo Grendahl Aspevig, 93, passed away peacefully on Friday, Jan. 1, 2010, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center. He



was born the oldest of five sons to Herbert and Cora Aspevig on their homestead at Black Coulee, south of Rudyard. He spent his life farming.

Hugo was very innovative and loved to create things out of materials he had on hand. Many of these creations have become useful and treasured by his family. He also loved to talk about how times had changed in farming and along the Hilline. He was proud of his Norwegian heritage and always had a good story to tell. Hugo was active in the community, school and church.

He married Lois Heyden in 1941. Together they had four children, Twila Kjensrud of Portland, Dale and Kathy of Sedona, Ariz., Mark and Gail Matter of Rudyard, and Herbert and Mika of Japan.

Lois died in 1969. In 1974 he married Pauline and they continued farming until he retired in the mid-80s. They moved to Whitefish where he enjoyed his pastimes of golf, projects and travel. In 2007, they moved to Kalispell.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Donald, Leroy and Paul; and his wife, Lois.

He is survived by his wife, Pauline; his four children and spouses; two granddaughters, Kristen and Kasey; great-grandchildren, Iris, Nate, and another great-granddaughter, due any day. He is also survived by stepchildren, Connie VanDeKop, Dorie and Terry Williams, and Greg and Mary Hover; as well as five stepgrandchildren, Tammi, Adam, Tiffani, Pat and Chris. Also surviving are his brother, Roger, of Helena; sisters-in-law, Beaver of Rudyard, and Wilma of Yakima, Wash; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will take place in Rudyard in late June of this year.

To send condolences please visit [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com). Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

## Elaine M. Augspurger, 82

Elaine M. Augspurger, 82, died Friday May 7, 2010, at Lake View Care Center in Bigfork.

Arrangements are pending with Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory.

## Charles Aurand, 85

Charles Aurand, 85, passed away peacefully on April 18, 2010, at the Whitefish Care and Rehabilitation Center, surrounded by family.

Charlie was born June 9, 1924, in Halfmoon, to Parley and Agnes Aurand. He went to school up until the eighth grade, when he had to drop out to help on the family farm.

After a short stint in the military, he went to work for the Burlington Northern Railroad where he worked hard for 58 years.

After marrying lovely young Peggy Heindel, he raised two daughters, Janet and Charlene, and one son, Daniel. The family lived in Essex until the big flood

of '64, when they moved to Lake Five, then to Columbia Heights for 16 years. He and Peggy moved in with their daughter Charlene for a couple of years, and then moved into the Whitefish Care and Rehab Center, where Peggy still resides.

Charlie loved to laugh, sing, go fishing with the kids, and cook. He made the best sauerkraut on the planet! All of which he did very loudly!

He is survived by his wife, Peggy; son, Daniel; and daughter, Charlene.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday, April 22, at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

## Peggy Aurand, 80

Peggy Aurand, 80, passed away peacefully on Oct. 6, 2010, at the Whitefish Care and Rehabilitation Center. Peggy was born on March 8, 1930, in Singleshot, Mont., to Norman and Elma Heindek. The lovely child attended school until the eighth grade. She had to be tough as she had three rowdy brothers — Gordon, Norman and Dale — to contend with. She had dreams of joining the military and being a nurse for the soldiers.

One fateful day when she was 17 years old, she was visiting her cousin when a young gentleman called to visit the household. Upon joining the pinochle game, Charles Aurand was introduced to Peggy and the rest, as they say, is history.

Six weeks later, on March 5, 1949, the two were joined in marriage at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. It is said that two old maids down the street, sure of some impropriety, were hoping to do some finger counting to account for the whirlwind courtship, but were sadly disappointed.

The young couple lived with her parents for a while until they moved to Snowslip and then to Essex. While there, they were blessed with three children, Janet, Daniel and Charlene. After the big flood of 1964, they moved to Nimrod. In 1979 the family then moved to Lake Five where they lived until the children moved out, they then moved to Columbia

Heights. As they got older and needed help with daily things, they moved in with their daughter Charlene, and then eventually to the Colonial Manor.

Peggy was fun-loving and full of life. She enjoyed fly fishing and loved to sing. She was especially good at taking care of people and their needs and would gladly make any sacrifice to help those in need. Always maintaining a sense of humor, she had many an adventure worth repeating, but one stands out as a testament to her good grace. While snow skiing with her husband one day, she hit a bump and fell into a snow bank, headfirst. It took a little while to get her out because Charlie was laughing so hard at the sight of her two legs kicking in the air. She let him live.

Peggy is survived by her son, Daniel; daughter, Charlene; and her brothers, Gordon, Norman and Dale.

She was preceded in death by both her parents; her husband, Charlie; and her daughter, Janet.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 10, at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Please bring your own chairs and umbrellas.

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

## Dorothy Jean Anderson-Peterson, 79

Dorothy Jean Anderson-Peterson, 79, passed away peacefully in her sleep on Sept. 19, 2010.

Dorothy was born on May 7, 1931, in Kalispell, to George and Ella Sunde-Anderson. She was a 1949 Flathead County High School graduate.

On Aug. 3, 1952, she married Harold D. Peterson. They had three children, Kim, Jon and Ruthie.

Dorothy is survived by her son, Kim Peterson, of Kalispell; and daughter, Ruthie Johnson, of Sultan, Wash.; seven

grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; brother, Gary Anderson, of Kalispell; sisters, Carol Cummins of Seattle, and Meridee Anderson of Shelton, Wash.; and numerous relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, George and Ella, and stepfather, Mark Mohn; husband, Harold; and son, Jon.

A memorial dessert potluck will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday Sept. 21, at the South Kalispell Fire Department, located at 1253 Willow Glen Dr., Kalispell.

## Vonnie Austin-Muller, 60

Vonnie Austin-Muller, 60, of Gillette, Wyo., died at her home on Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2010.

She is survived by her husband, Russell Muller, of Gillette; parents, Joe and Carol Beaudion of Kalispell; sons, Mike Austin and Russ Muller, both of Gillette, Vohn Muller of Kemmerer, Wyo., and

Shawn Muller of Stratford, Iowa; and daughter, Monica Wasson of Gillette.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m., Monday, Sept. 13, at Family Life Church with the Rev. Martin Crump officiating. Visitation will be held from 4 to 7 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 12, at Gillette Memorial Chapel.