

Harold Dwight Bostic, 76

Harold Dwight Bostic, 76, passed away Tuesday, April 13, 2010.

He was born in Rollins on Nov. 7, 1933, and lived the majority of his life in the Flathead Valley.

He graduated from Flathead County High School in 1951 and continued to educate himself until his retirement in 1999.

Harold married Charlotte F. Goldhammer on Aug. 4, 1956; and together they raised their three boys, Randy, Ron and Carey.

Harold was a career truck driver most of his life. He drove a variety of trucks including tanker, long haul, and owned and operated his own logging truck.

Harold was an avid and skilled modeler, building cars, boats and airplanes. Throughout his life he enjoyed motorcycling and snowmobiling with his family and friends. For Harold, the faster the machine, the better he enjoyed it! He enjoyed waterskiing, boating and camping.

He was involved with his sons throughout their years in youth baseball, coaching

at times, and always their number one supporter.

Harold is survived by his wife of 53 years, Charlotte; sister, Phyllis Arnst, and husband, Fred; son, Randy, and his wife, Dawn; son, Ron, and his wife, Linda; son, Carey, and his wife, Heather; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Friends and family are invited to a memorial service at 1 p.m. on April 26 at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, followed by a graveside service at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Friends are also invited to fellowship with the family following the graveside service at the Church of the Nazarene, 1295 Whitefish Stage Road.

The family suggests memorial contributions in Harold's name to the Church of the Nazarene, 172 Pine St., P.O. Box 2622, Columbia Falls, MT 59912, or to the Hand of Help, P.O. Box 496719, Garland, TX 75049.

Friends are encouraged to visit the Website at www.buffalohillfh.com to post notes of condolence for the family.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Adrian L. Boswell, 70

Adrian L. Boswell, 70, died Friday, June 11, 2010, at his home in Libby.

He was a retired electrician for the Corps of Engineers.

Survivors include his wife, Myrna Boswell, of Libby; and children, Kelly Scow, Keith Boswell and Kevin Boswell, all of Spring Creek, Nev.; Paul

Coon of Troy and Steven Coon of Missoula.

Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 16, at the Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Libby. Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, June 17, at the Church of God in Troy, with a potluck following graveside services.

Faye L. Boughton, 93

Faye L. Boughton, 93, died Sunday, Jan. 17, 2010, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

Services and burial will take place at Westminster

Memorial Park in Westminster, Calif.

Local arrangements for her family were by Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

Everett C. Bowker, 87

Everett C. Bowker, 87, died Wednesday, May 26, 2010, at Libby Care Center.

He worked for Pacific Power and Light for 30 years.

Survivors include his wife, Frances, of

Libby; and sons, Arnold of Libby, and Larry of Kalispell.

No services are planned.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Homes and Crematory in Libby.

Naoma Lavern Bowser, 83

Naoma Lavern Bowser, died Saturday, March 6, 2010, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Betty June (Peterson) Boyd, 81

Betty June (Peterson) Boyd passed away Thursday, Jan. 28, 2010, at the age of 81. She was born on Feb. 23, 1928, in Woodbine, Iowa, to Willie and Edna Peterson.

In 1945 she married John Wesley Boyd in Hiawatha, Kan., and in 1946 moved to Somers. In 1948 they moved to Libby where they lived for 47 years. In 1995, Betty moved to Columbia Falls where she immediately became involved with the United Methodist Church, the North Valley Senior Citizen Center and the Klothes Kloset.

The loves of her life were her family, her church, her friends, her flower garden, collecting hummingbirds and playing pinochle.

Betty is survived by her sons, Larry Boyd of Eureka, and Johnny Boyd and wife, Michelle, of Livingston; and her daughter, Barbara Bocksnick, and her husband, Randy, of Columbia Falls.

She is also survived by five grandchildren, Kari Peak and husband Jared, Jim Boyd and wife Jacque, Herb Bocksnick and wife Lisa, Mark Albert and wife Carla, and Eliza Boyd; and 10

great-grandchildren, Ashley, Kaurie, Jaylee and Easton Albert, Michael, Colter and Avery Bocksnick, and Dalton, Aspyn and Joseph Peak. Betty also leaves behind numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and her many, many devoted and cherished friends.

Betty was preceded in death by her husband, John; her parents; brothers, Wayne and Charles Peterson; and a sister, Arlene Clark.

A visitation will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. today, Jan. 30, at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 31, at the Columbia Falls United Methodist Church, with Pastors David Merkel and Ray Davis officiating.

A graveside service and burial will be held at the Libby City Cemetery in Libby at 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 1.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorials can be made to the Columbia Falls United Methodist Church at P.O. Box 27, Columbia Falls, MT 59912; or the North Valley Senior Citizen Center at P.O. Box 676, Columbia Falls, MT 59912.

Rose Boyd, 89

Our mom, Rose Boyd, left this world on March 25, 2010, "and went to be with her loving husband Neil." Rose was born in Chelsea, England, on Aug. 19, 1920.



She met the man of her dreams while he was serving in England during the Second World War and she was serving in the Women's Land Army of England. They married in 1944, and she traveled all the way to America on a ship coming through Ellis Island. She then rode a train across the United States to Neil's family in eastern Montana, where she waited for him to join her.

From this union there were four children — Rosemary, Carol Ann "Candy," Sherry Lynn and Danny. They lived in several places around Montana before settling in Hungry Horse in 1952.

Rose was very active in the lives of her children and their activities, as well as in the community they chose for their home. She belonged to many of the local organizations including the VFW Auxiliary, Fireman's Auxiliary, local Scouting troops, PTA, and was a member of the local Civil Air Patrol when it was active in the '50s.

Rose came to the United States in 1945 as a war bride, and one of her proudest achievements was becoming an American citizen in March 1958.

Known as "Granny" to all of her grandchildren, great-grandchildren and their friends, Rose was an integral part of their lives. She often accompanied each family on vacations and many wonderful memories were created. Returning to England several times for visits and being able to have one of her children accompany her each visit

and see her homeland was a dream come true for her.

Rose was also an avid Atlanta Braves baseball fan, and one of her biggest thrills was attending a Braves game in Atlanta! She loved gardening and in addition to her outdoor flowers she had a jungle of houseplants — and the green thumb to keep them thriving. Other interests included crafts, knitting, crocheting and ceramics, providing many beautiful keepsakes for her family and friends. She was always available to accompany a grandchild on a field trip and also did slide presentations of England for several classes of schoolchildren.

Rose was preceded in death by her husband, Neil; daughter, Candy; mother and father, Alice and Charles Allbrook; and two sisters.

She is survived by her two daughters, Rosemary and Butch Brestler of Kalispell, and Sherry Lynn and Dan Martin of Burbank, Wash.; her son, Dan Boyd, of Missoula; as well as nine grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren, two nephews in England, and many nieces and nephews scattered around the states.

Though she was short in stature she was great in spirit and an integral part of her family's lives. Her struggles with Alzheimer's stole her from us first and a long journey it was.

"Mom, you have fought the good fight, you have finished the race, may you rest in peace until we meet you again!"

A visitation will be held from 1 to 8 p.m. today, March 30, at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 31, at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. Burial will follow the services at St. Richard's Catholic Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

Ann L. Boyle, 63

Ann L. Boyle, 63, of Troy died Sunday, Nov. 28, 2010, at her home near the state line.

Survivors include her children, Monty J. Boyle of Bellingham, Wash., Brenda A. Boyle of Oregon, and

Angie Roeder of Troy.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, at the Troy Baptist Church in Troy. Local arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Libby.

John James 'Diamond Jim' Brady, 91

John James Brady, "Diamond Jim", passed away on Tuesday, March 30, 2010, at his home in Kalispell, surrounded



by his family. John was born on Nov. 7, 1918, in Butte, the third of five children, to Marie and John Brady.

After his father passed away in Butte when John was six years old, he came to live with his grandparents, Pete and Margaret Byrne, at the home in Kalispell and the farm in Creston. He attended Cayuse Prairie School, often by horseback, or by skiing over the "top wire" of the snow-covered fences in winter. After school, he would ride the horse, Lou Dillon, over to the steps of the school and pick up his cousin, Mickie, who would climb on behind him for the ride home to the farm. As a young boy and throughout his school-age years, John worked the farm with his aunt and uncle. At cutting time, he would start in the morning with a team of horses until lunchtime, when his aunt would deliver him lunch and a fresh team of horses to continue the work until dark.

John later attended St. Matthew's School and Flathead High School. He would race from St. Matthew's to buy copies of the Daily Inter Lake to sell on the street and at local businesses for a nickel a piece. At Flathead High School, he was on the football team. After practice, he would run downtown to turn on the street lights on Main Street and First Avenue in Kalispell for the Mountain States Power Company. He worked with Mountain States Power on and off from 1934 through 1938, when he graduated from Flathead High School. It was the beginning of what would become a 45-year career with the power company, later known as the Pacific Power and Light Company.

John proudly served during World War II with the U. S. Army Medical Corps in the South Pacific from 1942 through 1946. A Staff Sergeant, John received numerous honors for his service, including the Philippine Liberation Medal with a Bronze Star, Good Conduct Medal with Clasp, Victory Medal, American Theater Service Medal, and the Asiatic Pacific Service Medal. He returned to the United States on the S.S. Yorktown through San Francisco, which welcomed the soldiers with a banner that read, "Through these portals pass the best damn fighting men in the world."

Upon returning to Kalispell, John married his sweetheart, Clarann Todd Brady, on Oct. 16, 1948. Together they raised five children, Dick Brady, Cathy Brady-Sorenson and Mell Brady, all of Kalispell; and Mary Brady and Celeste Brady, who reside in Washington.

John's greatest source of joy and pride was his family. He was devoted to his work, his friends, and he loved the outdoors. John spent all of his vacations from the Power Company with his family, taking them camping or renting a cabin at Elks Rest, so the "kids" could play there all day, but we think he liked his wall tent better. In his 45 years with the Power Company, he never turned down a trouble call, working in all kinds of weather; thunder storms, lightning strikes, snowstorms and blizzards, to restore power due to outages. He loved climbing the poles and he didn't like bucket trucks when they finally came into existence.

John was devoted to his church and his faith, and was a 50-year member of the Knights of Columbus. He was also a member of the I.B.E.W. Local 768, the P.P.&L. Bowling League, and the American Legion.

An expert outdoorsman, Diamond spent years fishing the North Fork, catching little brookies out of Yakinkak and Tuckuck, and hunting the South Fork, chasing elk on Battery Mountain and up Upper and Lower Twin Creeks, and he was even successful some of the time, packing his 300 H. & H. that his father-in-law bought him at Jack's Tavern. He always said his arm was about three inches longer after packing the H. & H. all day.

In his retirement, he bought land at Lost Prairie at the Osprey Sport Parachute Club Drop Zone. He loved the Lost Prairie air; he knew that it was good for him. It was where he liked to spend as much time as possible. The jumpers were all his friends. They helped him and he helped them. The view out of his camper trailer was Meadow Peak to the west and parachutes and airplanes all around. He fed the wildlife out of his garden that he planted up there. To this day, his camper still sits on his five-acre spot at Lost Prairie, where it will remain.

John J. Brady is survived by his wife of 61 years, Clarann Todd Brady; his children, Dick Brady and wife Marilyn of Kalispell, Marie Celeste Brady of Washington, Mary Theresa Brady of Washington, Catherine Ann Brady-Sorenson of Kalispell, Marilyn Eileen Brady and husband Geoff of Kalispell; and his grandchildren, Anna Marie Brady, Andrea Kathleen Brady, Michael John Brady, Candace Jean Sorenson, and Alexandria Sue Sorenson.

The rosary will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, April 5, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Kalispell. Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 6, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church, with Father Vic Langhans as Celebrant. Rite of Interment will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Memorials may be given in John's memory to St. Matthew's Catholic Parish, 602 S. Main St., Kalispell, MT 59901.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for John's family. You are invited to go to www.jgfuneralhome.com to offer condolences and view John's tribute wall.

Nola Brown Bradley, 73

Nola Brown Bradley of Kalispell, formerly Asheville, N.C., passed away on October 4, 2010 of natural causes "and is now home with the Lord."



Nola was born on Jan. 30, 1937, in Spring Creek, N.C., to Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Z. Brown, now deceased.

She was a very devoted mother of three children. Mom was our hero; she was always encouraging us to do more, learn more and give openly to God and community. Mom loved to garden, travel, camp and hike, and

shared her love for Jesus Christ.

Mom's love extended to all those around her. She sacrificed many years of her life giving up all she had to raise her children with precious love and devotion. She was a beautiful, perfect example of what a true, loving mother is in all she did.

The family of Nola will plan a celebration of her life at a later date in North Carolina.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests any memorial may be made to the Nola Bradley Memorial Fund, made payable to Zack Bradley, at 141 Splendid View Drive, Kalispell, MT, to assist the family with funeral expenses.

Judith Joy Brady-Ewert, 68

Judith Joy Brady-Ewert, 68, passed away on Wednesday, Aug. 11, 2010, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.



She was born on Oct. 31, 1941, in Staples, Minn., to Albert M. Brady and his wife, Vera, "both now in heaven, embracing Judy, who joined them, and her three other sisters, Bonnie Jean, Dixie Lou, and Peggy."

Most of the Brady family moved to Spokane when Judy was just a wee one, where she grew up. She married and had her first son, Joseph Walker, born at Fairchild Air Force Base in Spokane. About the same time that she became pregnant with her second son, Eugene Scott, born in Winstead, Conn., her husband was diagnosed with a severe illness and not long after, passed away. Sometime after, there came baby Kathy, the precious girl Judy had prayed for! Judy never released her grasp of hope, and was always moving toward making a good life for her children, so when widowed Robert Ewert and his two children, Margret Anne and Robert Ewert, Jr. crossed her path, she believed that they could have a good life together, and when he asked her "that question," she most certainly agreed to begin again on the quest for success and happiness, and they married Oct. 2, 1976, at the Calvary Lutheran Church.

Judy was an extremely strong woman, made that way by adversity in her childhood and God had gifted her with a talent and a deep love for cooking and baking, which she did with such passion! It was nothing for her to throw together a very extravagant seven-course meal for 10 people, setting her table with a flair that made everyone feel very special! And, in serving her guests, she made them believe they were indeed V.I.P.s!

One of her displays of strength came when their

son Bobby died last November. She cried for weeks, but was determined to be strong for everyone else.

Over the 35 years of their marriage, they enjoyed camping, boating, and serving many guests in their home, and had become very active in serving their community through the Moose Lodge. Judy really enjoyed the writing of their little "newspaper" for a few years!

In her strength, she was always there for anyone who needed help, no matter how "busy" she was, and she was always encouraging the younger family members to "follow their dream." She knew they could finish what ever they had begun! And proud of her grandchildren, yes she was! And she made sure everyone knew it!

Judith is survived by her husband, Robert of Kalispell; sons, Joseph Dunigan of Denver, and Scott Dunigan of Seattle; daughters, Margret Anne and Kathy Strand, of Kalispell; grandchildren, Tasha Strand, Todd Betrone, Heather and Duffy Ewert, Nicole Dunigan, Jennifer Hernandez, and Joe, Ashley and Elysia Dunigan; her one and only brother, Albert Brady of Spokane; sisters, Sandra Brady of Spokane, and Gwendolyn Brady-Lebahn of Chattaroy, Wash.; nieces and nephews, David and James Bollman of California, Teresa Hall, Ross Hoyle, Cheryl, Kelly, Nancy, Carrie Bowman, and Jacqueline Cepeda, all of Spokane, DeAnne Hatfield of California, Jami Hatfield of Spokane, Launie Johnston of Idaho, and Rob, Jody, and Phil Johnston of Spokane.

Visitation for Judith will be from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 17, in the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. A memorial service will be held at the Moose Lodge in Evergreen at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 18, with Pastor Tim Bartholomew of Stillwater Free Lutheran Church officiating.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Judith's family. You are invited to go to www.jgfuneralhome.com to view Judith's tribute wall and offer condolences.

Elizabeth Faye Brammer, 97

Elizabeth Faye Brammer, 97, died Friday, Nov. 5, 2010, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She will be cremated

and her cremains interred in Sumner Cemetery in Sumner, Wash.

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

Paul Charles Brash, 49

Paul Charles Brash, 49, passed away Dec. 11, 2010, at his home in Columbia Falls after a long battle with diabetes.



Paul was born Oct. 1, 1961, to Darrel Gene Brash and Jean Dewey Brash in Britton, S.D.

At the age of 5, Paul moved with his family to Whitefish. He attended schools in Whitefish, graduating from high school in 1979. He attended University of Montana Technical School and became a certified surgical technologist.

Paul married Penny Flanagan in 1981.

In 2000, he married Linda Williams and is survived by her at their home in Columbia Falls.

Paul was an avid fisherman and spent many hours on the rivers and lakes of Montana, especially Lake Frances near Valier. Paul was employed by Shane Hatfield at Glacier Clean Car Wash in Columbia Falls.

Paul was active in youth baseball activities and spent many hours coaching, umpiring and working on the ball fields. He was a member of the North Valley Search and Rescue in Columbia Falls and worked with the Montana Eye Bank through the Lions organization. Paul was a huge fan of Wildcat sports,

especially basketball, and followed the team's season with zeal.

Paul fought a long battle with diabetes with courage, grace and determination, without complaint through his many physical difficulties.

He is survived by his wife, Linda of Columbia Falls; children, Calvin Williams and wife, Wendy of Kalispell; grandchildren, Caleb and Chloe, Samantha and Keith Butler of Columbia Falls, and Kyla Williams of Columbia Falls; his parents, Joe and Jean Voermans of Columbia Falls; brothers, Vanece Brash of Columbia Falls, and Jake Voermans of Whitefish; sisters, Judy and husband, Dru Willey of Mesquite, Nev., and Jennifer and husband, Clark Wheeler of Whitefish; grandmother, Doris Voermans; nephews, Brandon Brash, Jeffery and Timothy Willey, and Harry and Joe Wheeler; niece, Andrea and Waylon Zuther and family; and his mother-in-law, Jimmie Sue Coulter.

Paul was preceded in death by his father, Darrel Brash; grandparents, Charles and Vivian Dewey, Gladys Brash and Joe Voermans Sr.

Memorial contributions may be made to North Valley Search and Rescue, P.O. Box 2041, Columbia Falls, MT 59912.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, Dec. 27, at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

Lillian A. Bras, 86

Our beloved mother passed away at North Valley Hospital March 31, 2010.

A family celebration of her life will be held later this summer.

She was born in San Jose, Calif., Oct. 27, 1923, to Stillman and Lorraine Pfeffer. Mom grew up and attended school in Gilroy, Calif.

She met John H. Bras and they married May 31, 1947. After John's service in World War II they moved to Coram, leaving briefly to complete enlistment in the Korean War.

Together they raised the five luckiest children in the Flathead Valley. Lillian was an avid sports fan and played softball well into her 60s until she suffered a knee injury and couldn't play any more. She never missed a World Series and attended all her children and grandchildren's sports events.

Mom loved family, the outdoors and animals; especially her horse Bud and dog Jessie.

Among her hobbies was embroidery of perfection. Every child and grandchild

has been given her art to enjoy for years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John; sister, Verda; brother, Albert; and daughter, Marilynn Kenfield.

Lillian is survived by her children, Kathy Livingston, John Bras and Lori King, all in the Flathead, and Brian Bras of Coos Bay, Ore.; 11 grandchildren, Sej, Michael and Autumn Kenfield, Jared and Staey Livingston, Orion Bras, Darcy and Dylan King, and Dirk, Serena and Alyssa Bras; and six great-grandchildren. She is also survived by two sisters, Adele Tustin and Louise Carlton.

Mom will be remembered in so many ways, and one of our fondest was how we all know it was never allowed to leave each visit with her without honking goodbye first.

"We hear that horn load and clear from you, Mom!"

We would like to thank the Professional Center and North Valley Hospital for the excellent care.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for the family.

Margaret Brass, 84

Margaret Brass, 84, passed away at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center on Nov. 11, 2010.



Her pleasant smile, happy nature and friendly way will be missed by those that knew and loved her.

Margaret was born in Philipsburg to Margaret Traynor Dwyer and William R. Dwyer on July 19, 1926. Margaret was the second of five children.

Margaret spent most of her life in Helena. She attended school in Helena. The family moved to Vancouver, Wash., her senior year and she graduated from high school there. After graduation the family moved back to Helena and she worked as a manager at F.W. Woolworth.

She married Joe W. Downs Jr. in 1943. They were married for 42 years and were blessed with two children, Dennis in 1946 and Peggy Jo in 1947. They moved to California in 1964. While raising her family she worked with Cub Scouts, Brownies, taught Sunday school and Bible school at the Baptist Church in Helena.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joe, in 1986; and her son, Dennis Downs, in 1978.

Returning to Helena in 1990, she established contact with Bill Brass, her high school sweetheart, and they were married in 1994. They resided at their Lakeside residence near Glacier Park for 16 years.

Her husband survives Margaret at the family home in Lakeside.

She is also preceded in death by her parents, William and Margaret Dwyer; and a brother, Billy Dwyer.

She loved paintings and

enjoyed creating art on her own. She was a master at crocheting beautiful heirloom dolls and handiwork, was an avid reader, and watched several sports on TV. She never missed a tennis match or figure skating. She tried several craft projects, such as needlework and ribbon embroidery. She was an ardent fan of the San Francisco 49ers. She loved spending time with her family and spoiling her dog, Shadow.

In her working career she was a supervisor at Woolworth's, and executive secretary at the Girl Scout office in Helena. She worked at the assessor's office prior to moving to California in 1964. She retired in 1990 from FMC, after working there for 10 years.

Margaret is survived by her husband, Bill, of Lakeside; daughter, Peggy Jo Downs of San Jose, Calif.; stepchildren, Mary Granger and Bill Brass Jr. of Lakeside; and daughter-in-law, Sandy Parkerson of Texas. Margaret is also survived by five grandchildren, Jeremy Ströhmeier-Downs, Danielle Wycough, Danny Downs, Billy and Andrea Brass, and five great-grandchildren. She is survived by two sisters, Shirley Fischer and Eugene, and Mary Warren and Bernard, and brother, Jack Dwyer and Betty, all of Helena. She has numerous nephews and nieces.

Cremation has taken place and memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 17, at the Lakeside Community Chapel, in Lakeside, with a reception following. Pastor Dennis Reese will be officiating.

Memorial donations can be made to Kalispell Regional Medical Center and the Brendan House or an organization of the donor's choice.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Alvin Leon 'Lee' Bridges, 72

Alvin Leon "Lee" Bridges, 72, died in Eureka on Sunday, Feb. 7, 2010.

Survivors include his wife, Sharon Bridges; and six children, Jodi King, Lisa Gerega, Lauri Chambers, Michael Lee Bridges, Gina Clark, and Michelle Ream.

Services will be at 11

a.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church in Eureka. Parish vigil and rosary will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12, at the church, with rosary starting at 7 p.m.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg and Nelson Funeral Home in Eureka.

Ronald James Bridges, 58

Ronald James Bridges, 58, died Thursday, Aug. 26, at his home in Kalispell.

Services are pending.

Survivors include his mother, Betty Bridges.

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

Sherry Bridges, 65

Sherry Bridges, 65, died Aug. 24, 2010, at her home in Kalispell, due to cancer.

She was a retired electrical assembler.

Survivors include her

husband, Ronald Bridges, of Kalispell; and mother, Lyla Morris, of Kalispell. Cremation has taken place.

No services are planned.

Edward Roy Brigham, 59

Edward Roy Brigham, 59, died at his Kalispell residence on Wednesday Aug. 4, 2010.

He was a painter.

He is survived by his mother, Eluned Brigham, of Lakewood, Wash.

and daughters, Shauna Brigham and Corrie Snell, both of Kalispell.

A celebration of life will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

William 'Bill' James Broad, 89

William "Bill" James Broad was born to James and Ella (Berryman) Broad in Butte on Aug. 19, 1920. He passed away suddenly on June 20, 2010. Bill loved "his Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ," his family and his country. Each of these he served to his full ability. He enjoyed photography, music, traveling and good milkshakes. We miss him, but "rejoice that he is with the Lord."

He was a World War II veteran and served on Saipan. He was instrumental in the surrender of the last group of Japanese on the island and his unit received a commendation for this. He also served as a replacement secretary to his commanding general.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Clair; and his son, Bruce.

He is survived by Irene, his beloved wife of 63 years; his daughter, Naomi (Dave) Manuwal of Washington; grandchildren, John (Liz) Manuwal, and Joy (Shawn) Burke; and his great-granddaughter, Sarah Manuwal, all of Washington. He is also survived by his son, Ron (Sherry) Matkin of Michigan; his grandchildren, Traci (Craig) Rozelle of Mich., Vicki (Jim) Hollinger of

Tennessee; and by his great-grandchildren Alyssa and Alex Rozelle, and Emily Hollinger; four nephews, Ed, Harold, Don and Bob Broad; and four nieces, Jean, Ella, Betty and Ruth; and their respective families, including numerous great and great-great nephews and nieces. Bill is also survived by three brothers-in-law, Earl (Mary) Leighty, Andy (Una) Leighty, and Jim (Ann) Leighty, five sisters-in-law, Thelma Carter, Esther Ingram, Violet (Lewis) Lundy, Laura (Gerry) Fuller, and Ardith (Gary) Wolfe; and numerous nieces and nephews and their families.

Memorial services for Bill will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 29, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Family and friends are invited to a potluck following the service at the Birch Grove School Community Center. The family requests memorial contributions be sent to Evergreen Fire and Rescue, 2236 U.S. 2 E., Kalispell, MT 59901. Their quick response and hard work during this emergency were deeply appreciated. Friends are encouraged to visit our website at www.buffalohillfh.com, where you can leave notes of condolences for the family.

Chuck F. Brooks, 72

Chuck F. Brooks, 72, a longtime Libby resident, died Tuesday, July 6, 2010, at the Libby Care Center from natural causes.

Survivors include his wife, Peggy Brooks, of Libby; children, Karen

Horn of Choteau, Don Brooks of Victoria, Minn., and Bridget Beck of Billings.

No public services will be held. Local arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Libby.

Douglas B. Brooks, 47

Douglas B. Brooks, 47, of Kentwood, Mich., passed away suddenly, Oct. 23, 2010.

Doug attended school in Kalispell and graduated from Flathead High School in 1981. He attended the University of Montana, North Idaho College, and then graduated from the University of San Diego.

He was a salesman in the forest products industry.

Doug was a devoted husband, father and son. He was loved by all and will be greatly missed.



by his wife, Cyndi; three sons, Blake, Zachary and Sawyer; parents, Bob and Elaine Brooks; two brothers, Rob and Linda Brooks, and Bruce and Noella Brooks; grandmother, Frances Schneider; and many other extended family and friends.

A memorial service was held Oct. 29 in Kentwood.

Memorials may be sent to the American Diabetes Association, or to a scholarship fund that has been set up for Doug's three sons. Your gift would be deeply appreciated. Checks may be made out to Cyndi Brooks, Brooks Family Scholarship Fund, 5297 Brookwood, Kentwood, MI 49508.

Billie J. (Jackson) Brown, 87

Billie J. Brown, a longtime resident of Kalispell, "was taken home" Sunday, Feb. 7, 2010, at the Immanuel Lutheran



Home, surrounded by her family, after a long battle with cancer.

She was born April 4, 1922, in Pauls Valley, Okla., to Vester and Rose Jackson.

Billie received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Oklahoma where she majored in piano, minored in percussion, and performed in the UO marching band. As a UO junior, she scored first in a nationwide English exam.

In 1945, she met and married Vernon Brown in Oklahoma City. The couple relocated to Burbank, Calif., where she worked for the aerospace industry firm McDonald-Douglas, and later in a photo studio doing photo retouching and serving as a model.

The couple moved to Kalispell in 1949, where she worked as a private music teacher for over four decades, instructing hundreds of local music students in piano and percussion. Always an advocate for continuing education, in 1977 Billie helped start the Kalispell Area Music Teachers Association; she was certified by the Montana State

Music Teachers Association the same year. She was also a founding member of the local community symphony orchestra that predated by two decades the current symphony, and performed in a variety of jazz and popular music groups.

She will be remembered for her strong independent streak, affection for animals, love of music, and her optimistic spirit.

Billie was preceded in death by her parents; and two brothers, Vester Jackson Jr. and Ed Jackson.

She leaves behind two daughters, Diane Hansen and her husband, Nick, of Dayton, and Marcy Holston and her husband, Mark, of Kalispell; a son, Gary Brown, of South Carolina, grandchildren, Darren Hall and his wife, Carly, of Somers, Chris Hall of Kalispell, Kari Braeley and her husband, Sean, of Kalispell, Ben Brown, Jessica Brown and Levi Brown; several great-grandchildren, and many friends.

A visitation will take place from 1 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, at the Johnson-Gloshat Funeral Home. A memorial service, officiated by Pastor Kathie Larson Phillips, is planned for 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Humane Society of Northwest Montana, P.O. Box 221, Kalispell, MT 59903.

Johnson-Gloshat Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Louis E. Brown Jr., 75

Louis E. Brown Jr., 75, of Bigfork, lost his battle with cancer at Brendan House on Sunday, March 28, 2010. He was born March 28, 1935, in Parma, Idaho, to Louis and Velma Brown. He was raised in Rexford, attended school in Rexford and graduated from Lincoln County High School in Eureka. He served in the United States Navy from 1954 to 1957 and, following his honorable discharge, worked as an electrician in California.

He worked as a maintenance man at Ptarmigan Village for 17 years and later worked at Western Building Center for several years as well. He loved the Montana outdoors and greatly enjoyed woodworking and spending time with his family, who will miss him very much. Preceding him in death

were his parents; brothers, Steve and Dan Brown; sister Nancy Thumma; sons, Ken and John Brown; and daughter, Jeanne Frank.

He is survived by his wife, Nora Brown; children, Rick Hamilton and wife Debra, and Dan Hamilton; sisters, Susan Reed and husband Mike, and Patricia Stevens; brother, Jim Brown, and wife, Peggy; six grandchildren, Jimmy and Chris Franks, Matthew and Kenny Brown, and Teah and Jim Hamilton; seven great-grandchildren, Katie, Jessica, Tommie, Dominique, Destinie, Landen and Jordan; as well as several nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 3, at the First Baptist Church in Eureka with a luncheon to follow. Austin Funeral Home is assisting the family.

Odessa Anna Brown, 89

Odessa Anna Brown, 89, of Bigfork, and formerly of New Orleans, died Monday, May 17, 2010, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She is survived by daughters, Bonnie Mont-

gomery, Cindy B. Boothe, Pat Jensek and Odessa Anna Brown.

A memorial service will be held in New Orleans. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Shirley Rundell Brown, 93

Shirley Rundell Brown, 93, died Wednesday, Sept. 15, 2010, at home in Kalispell.

She was born Feb. 7, 1917, in Ambrose, N.D., to Elmer John and Clara Brooks. Shirley attended school in Kalispell, graduating from Flathead County High School in 1935.

On Aug. 29, 1936, she married Donald Rundell. On Nov. 5, 1977, she married Clinton W. Brown.

Shirley was preceded in death by husband, Donald Rundell; infant daughter, Beverly; husband, Clinton Brown; parents, Elmer and Clara Brooks; sisters, Sylvia Sustello and Vera Brandewie; brother, George Brooks; grandson, Dennis Rundell; niece, Georgene Brooks; and nephew, Robert Brandewie.

She is survived by son, Howard, and Joyce Rundell; daughter, Donna, and Ralph



Tice; stepdaughter, Mary, and Don Patterson; grandchildren, Wendy Howard, Kirt Harbin, Steven Harbin, Leslie Harbin, Bradley Harbin, Stacy Tice, Tami Tice and Shannon Tice; and many grandchildren, great- and great-great-grandchildren. She loved them all!

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 18, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 603 S. Main Street, Kalispell. Pastor Debra Abbott is officiating. Private family inurnment will take place at a later date at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made in Shirley's behalf to Bethlehem Lutheran Church; Samaritan House, 124 W. 9th Avenue, Kalispell; or Abbie Shelter, P.O. Box 1401, Kalispell, MT 59903.

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

Beaneita 'Neita' Violet Brusell

Beaneita "Neita" Violet Brusell died June 22, 2010, after a short battle with pancreatic cancer.



Neita was born Oct. 25, 1937, in Kalispell, to Selmer and Gladys Meuli.

She dedicated her life to Jehovah God and her family. Her favorite things to do were make Jehovah's name known, help her family, and share the good news of the kingdom with all those she came in contact with.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Roy E. "Bud" Brusell, father, Selmer Meuli, and stepfather, Richard "Dick" Gray.

Survivors include her mother, Gladys Gray; children, James and Kila Brusell, Irene and Tony Serio, Robin Brusell, Todd and Deborah Brusell, Jamie and Stefanie Brusell, and Spencer and Mandy Brusell; siblings, Irene and Craig Dahl, Raymond Brown, Edwin and Debbie Meuli, Gene and Lori Meuli, Marvin and Debbie Meuli, and Rachel Hoisington; and stepmother, Evelyn Meuli. Neita had 11 grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren.

She will be missed by all.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 26, at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, located at 1414 Woodland Ave., Kalispell. Please join us for a get-together at Smith Valley Grange Hall following the memorial.

Virgil Bryant, 93

Virgil Bryant passed away on Sunday, Sept. 26, 2010, at Brendan House.



He was born in Garden City, S.D., on April 20, 1917, to Ray and Karrie (Bass) Bryant.

After serving in the Navy, he relocated to Conrad with his wife Clarinda and three children, Richard, Kenneth and Linda. Virgil and Clarinda were later divorced.

On March 14, 1969, Virgil married Juanita Hembd.

He worked construction throughout the state of Montana.

Virgil was a member of Eagles Aerie 234, Montana, Old-Time Fiddlers and Northwest Montana Accordion Association. He was well known for playing the banjo

at the Eagles and Sykes'.

He was preceded in death by four sisters; his son, Richard; and son-in-law, Gene Tredway.

Virgil is survived by his wife, Juanita; son, Kenneth, and wife, Harriet; daughter, Linda Tredway; and daughter-in-law, Jean Bryant; sister, Alverta; and brother, Fred, and wife, Betty Bryant; along with five stepsons, Richard, Dan, Gary and wife Shelly, and Steve and Dennis Hembd; two grandsons, Jim and Steve Bryant; and two great-granddaughters, Tara and Laura Bryant; also numerous stepgrandchildren, step-great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Virgil will be missed by his family and many friends.

Visitation will be from 2 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 29, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Burial will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 30, at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Kenneth Bucchi, 71

Kenneth Bucchi, 71, died at his Bigfork residence on Wednesday, Oct. 6, 2010.

Services are pending. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Sheila Couper Buck, 86.

Sheila Couper Buck, 86, passed away Saturday, Dec. 11, 2010, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.



She was born near Glasgow, Scotland, on Feb. 25, 1924, to James and Margaret Couper. On Oct. 2, 1945, she was married in Bath, England, to Staff Sgt. Russell Buck of Creston.

She taught at Whitefish High School and spent her retirement years with her husband traveling to England, Scotland and New Zealand. They wintered in Overton, Nev., for many years.

She volunteered at the Kalispell Chamber of Commerce, Heritage Place and for the literacy group.

Sheila was preceded

in death by her husband, Russell Buck, in 1994; two brothers; one sister; and her grandson, Peter Van Aken, in 2001.

She is survived by two daughters, Della Van Aken and Margaret Borden; special niece, Sheila Knostman; four grandchildren, Kris Fouts, Kim Cummins, Ed Knapton and Michelle Van Aken; three great-grandchildren; brother, Alistair Couper; and many nieces and nephews in Canada, the U.K. and the U.S.A.

Memorial contributions may be made in Sheila's behalf to the Flathead County Library.

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

Joanna M. Bull, 56

Joanna M. Bull, 56, died Monday, Dec. 13, 2010, at her home in Woods Bay.

Private family ser-

vices will be held by her family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Larry C. Bump, 67

Larry C. Bump "went home" on Dec. 29, 2010. He passed away from complications of asbestosis, which he had been fighting for the past 10 years.

Larry was born in Eureka on Feb. 12, 1943, to Charles and Helen Bump. He was the oldest of three children. Sister Joan S. Inman of Spokane and brother Leonard G. Bump are deceased.

Larry was raised around Trego. In 1949 the family moved to Kila, west of Kalispell, where he went to grade school. He then graduated from Flathead High School in 1962.

On May 20, 1966, Larry married Sharron Geis of Kalispell. They had three children, Michael, Kimberly and Shell. Their marriage ended in 1977. Late in that same year, Larry entered an alcohol treatment center. He then got involved in AA as well, and lived a sober life after that.

In 1981 he met Kathryn "Kitty" Dragonfly-Ivers and they married on April 27, 1985. He then acquired four stepchildren, Frances Ivers, Rhonda Miller, Brenda Owens and Malcolm Ivers.

His first job was for Guys Auto Repair, then Superior Building of Columbia Falls, and Bell Manufacturing. In 1967 Larry went to work at Anaconda Aluminum Plant in Columbia Falls and

worked there until retirement. He also received an honorable discharge from the Montana Army National Guard.

Larry got asbestosis from being exposed to asbestos for over 40 years working as a laborer iron worker and pipefitter. He was very proud when he received his First Class Boiler license at work.

Larry liked to fish and hunt, and especially liked his long drives with the love of his life, Kitty. He also loved playing Santa Claus for better than 20 years for his grandchildren, for children around the community, for the church, and for seniors at nursing homes.

Larry has 14 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. He had a great life from start to finish. He enjoyed 32 years of sobriety. Larry met a God of his own understanding, for himself.

He wrote, "Don't cry for me. I had a hell'va good life. I've enjoyed everybody I've met through my life. Love you all and I look forward to meeting everyone again."

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 6, at Saint Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls. A luncheon downstairs will follow the service.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is assisting the family.

Woodrow W. Bunyak, 89

Woodrow W. Bunyak, 89, passed away on Monday, June 7, 2010, of natural causes at the Immanuel Lutheran Home.



"Woody" was born May 6, 1921, on the family homestead located southwest of Sweet Grass. He was the oldest child of Steven and Katherine (Lozing) Bunyak. He graduated the eighth grade from Itherbide School (west of Sunburst) and went to work for the Itherbide Sheep Ranch for three years.

He bought his first parcel of farm land at the age of 16. He farmed in North Toole County and North Glacier County for 48 years, retiring in 1983.

He married Mary Angyal of Milk River, Alberta, on Jan. 28, 1946, in Sunburst. They raised their three daughters in the Cut Bank area.

In 1988, Woody and Mary moved full time to their dream home on Echo Lake (near Bigfork) to be closer to their grandchildren.

Woody was a family man first and foremost. He was a lifetime member of the Lutheran Church in Sunburst, Cut Bank and Bigfork. He bowled in several leagues in both Cut Bank and Bigfork. He was also a member of the Moose Lodge and the Eagles.

He was a Montanan, born and raised, and Montana was his favorite state. A man with a strong work ethic, he encouraged his daughters

to do the same. He could fix most anything, and if he couldn't he would know the best and cheapest place to take it. He loved to visit and could find humor in the most ordinary part of this life we are all living.

He is survived by his daughters, Sandra and Ted Harke of Columbia Falls; Marlene and Bill Doyle of Great Falls, and Rita Graham of Kalispell; granddaughters, Tawnia and Barry Harke Ramstad of Columbia Falls, Sonja and Shane Harke Steele of Spokane, Lisa Graham of Seattle, and Jill Graham of Spokane; and great-grandchildren, Ariel, Olivia, Kaitlyn and Taylor Ramstad, and Shelby and Zach Steele. He is also survived by his brother, Stan, and Gladys Bunyak, of Sunburst; sister, Delia Atkinson, of Sweet Grass; brothers-in-law, Steve and Helen Angyal, and Mike and Marion Angyal, all of Milk River; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife of nearly 53 years, Mary; his parents; Mary's parents; sister, Vera Dye, and her husband, Virgil; brother-in-law, Leonard Atkinson; and nephew, Greg Angyal.

Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, June 14, at the Bethany Lutheran Church in Bigfork.

Donations may be sent in Woody's name to the Kidney Cancer Association, P.O. Box 3516, Oak Brook, IL 60522, or your local Humane Society.

Friends are encouraged to visit the website www.buffalohillfh.com to leave notes of condolence for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Vernon W. Bunyea, 78

Vernon W. Bunyea, 78, "went to be with his Lord Jesus Christ" on Feb. 1, 2010, after spending his last seven



months at the Hospice Care Program at the Spokane VA Medical Center. Vern was born on Aug. 1, 1931, and graduated from Flathead High School in 1949. While in high school he played for the Braves and was picked to play in the East-West Shriner game in Great Falls, where he was First Team, All State.

Vern joined the U.S. Army in 1951 and served in Korea. While serving, he received two Bronze Stars, the United Nations Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Combat Infantry Badge and Good Conduct Medal. He returned home in 1953 as sergeant first class.

In 1956, he met and married Sharon Lou Parkison and together they raised their four children. The family moved to Omak, Wash., in 1960, where he owned Vern's McCulloch Shop for many years. The family has many happy memories of Omak, including time spent at horse shows, fairs and rodeos.

He brought his family back to Kalispell in 1973 to be under the Big Sky and beautiful mountains where he loved to fish and hunt with his family and friends. After moving to Kalispell, Vern worked for Columbia

Falls Aluminum Company, in the logging industry, and Pioneer Northwest.

One of the greatest joys in Vern and Sharon's life was their family at Bible Baptist Church. They were one of the first families to help establish the church and their love for Pastor and Lou

ise Bemis was tremendous. Vern was preceded in death by his wife, Sharon; his father, Vernon C. Bunyea; mother, Grace G. Bunyea; and brother, Leroy Bunyea.

He is survived by his two sons, Steve and his wife, Jolene Raybourn, of Kalispell, and Rick Raybourn of Vicksburg, Miss.; and daughters, Joni Bunyea, Patty (Bunyea) Foster and husband, Todd Foster, of Kalispell, and Shauna Hill of Missoula; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. Also surviving are Vern's brothers, Gene Bunyea and wife, Barbara, of Bigfork, and Melvin Bunyea of Santa Maria, Calif.; sister, Nancy Fryer, of Kalispell; brother-in-law, Larry Parkison and his wife, Shelley; sister-in-law, Jean Halverson, and husband, Ron; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Vern is also survived by his loving companion of the last eight years, Geraldine Wagner, who took such good care of him.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Hazen & Jaeger Funeral Home in Spokane.

Memorial services are at 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4, at Bible Baptist Church, 64 Dove Lane, in Evergreen.

Alyssa Lorraine Burkett, 15

Alyssa Lorraine Burkett, 15, passed away Dec. 25, 2010, in Kalispell.

She was born June 16, 1995, in Las Vegas, and moved to Montana when she was only 6 months old. Alyssa was born a comedian and entertainer, always standing and giving the family speech before the holiday meals.

Alyssa had an enormous circle of friends, some since kindergarten and some new, whom she deeply cherished. Her passions in life included playing guitar, longboarding and above all riding and caring for her grandfather's horses.

Alyssa was joined in death by her mother, Jaimi Hurl-



bert.

She is survived by her grandfather, Butch Hurlbert; grandmother, Dawn Hurlbert; brother, Damian Hurlbert; sister, Haley Miller; favorite aunt, Jennifer Hurlbert; and extensive-extended family.

A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 6, at the Christian Center, Kalispell. Interment will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens, Kalispell.

Memorial contributions may be made on Alyssa's behalf to the Jaimi Hurlbert and Alyssa Burkett Memorial Fund at Three Rivers Bank.

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

Gary Charles Burnham, 50

Gary Charles Burnham, 50, died Wednesday, Sept. 22, 2010, in Kalispell.

A private family service is being planned for a

later date.

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

Gerald Burbank, 66

Gerald Burbank, 66, died on Friday, Feb. 26, 2010, at his Bigfork residence.

Services are pending. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Bobbie L. Burleson, 76

Bobbie L. Burleson, 76, died Wednesday, May 19, 2010, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She is survived by her daughter, Louann Reid, of

Circle.

No services are planned at this time.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

William Bud Burleson, 82

William Bud Burleson, 82, died Wednesday, May 5, 2010, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

He is survived by his wife, Bobbie Burleson, of

Kalispell; and one daughter, Louann Reid, of Circle.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, May 10, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. There will be no visitation.

Robert 'Bob' E. Burns, 90

Robert "Bob" E. Burns, 90, passed away November 8, 2010. He was a resident of the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.



Bob was born Sept. 4, 1920, in Power, to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Burns. A railroad steamfitter, he lived most of his life in locations close to the Burlington Northern Railroad (Great Northern Railroad) like Spokane and Newport, Wash., where he met Jeanne Eleanor McIntosh, the love of his life, and later in Troy and Whitefish.

Bob served in the U.S. Coast Guard during World War II on the East Coast, West Coast, and the Arctic Ocean in the North Atlantic. After an honorable discharge at the end of the war, Bob joined the U.S. Naval Reserves and was activated for the Korean conflict, where he served nine months in the Korean theater onboard a supply ship.

Bob began a career in railroad-related industries for the Great Northern Railroad immediately after graduating from high school in Troy. Bob continued to work for

the railroad until he retired in 1982. Bob worked as track maintainer, fireman, switchman, brakeman and yardmaster. Bob always spoke highly of and enjoyed his coworkers on the railroad.

After retiring Bob pursued his favorite activities, like hunting, fishing and home projects, with a little bit of travel thrown in. Bob was a devoted and loving father and husband.

Bob was preceded in death by his wife, Jeanne Eleanor McIntosh; an infant son, Robert E. Burns Jr.; and all of his siblings, one brother, John, and four sisters, Ada, Pearl, Myrtle and Florence.

Bob is survived by a daughter, Roberta J. King, of Creston, British Columbia; and three sons, Ronald E. Burns of Helena, William C. Burns of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Jeffrey D. Burns of Whitefish; six grandchildren, Teri (mother, Roberta King), Amelia, Christopher and Alicia (father, William Burns), and Jeremy and Josh (father, Jeffrey Burns); and 10 great-grandchildren.

Bob is also survived by Winona Burns (Eckelberry) of Columbia Falls.

No services are scheduled at this time.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is assisting the family.

Sheila Leslie Burton, 65

Sheila Leslie Burton, loving wife, mother and grandmother, passed away peacefully at home with loved ones at her side after a long battle with ovarian cancer on Dec. 13, 2010.



Sheila was born on July 18, 1945, in Winnipeg, Manitoba, to Margaret Engel and George Grace.

She is preceded in death by both parents. Sheila is survived by three brothers, Barry and Cyndie Grace of Kalispell, Greg and JeNeil Grace of Kalispell, and Brian Kasstle of Long Beach, Calif.

She attended elementary and high school in Kalispell and the Kinman Business School in Spokane.

In 1965, Sheila married Bob Daniels and had two beautiful daughters, Lisa and Pat Kruger of Boise, and Kelly and Mike Janssen of Stanwood, Wash.

Sheila moved to Montana in 1999, when she married Larry Burton. With this marriage came three more daughters, Sheri and Mark

Trevenna of Littleton, Colo., Lisa and Troy Valdez of Highlands Ranch, Colo., and Stacey and Nathan Taylor of Highlands Ranch, Colo. Her 10 grandchildren meant the world to her, Sloan and Brooklynn Kruger, Eric and Evan Trevenna, Hailey Valdez, Alex, Kyle and Rilynn Taylor, and Holden and Jacob Janssen.

Sheila loved flowers! She was an active member of the Butte Garden Study Group and spent countless hours in her beautiful yard on George Street. Sheila loved the outdoors. She enjoyed hunting, fishing and camping in the mountains with Larry. Sheila found much enjoyment in entertaining friends and was a gourmet cook. She was very passionate in her Christian faith and touched the heart of everyone she met.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 20, at the Butte Evangelical Free Church at 2210 Florence Avenue. A reception will follow at the church.

Memorials may be made to Highlands Hospice at 3703 Harrison Avenue, and the Shrine Transportation Fund.

Billie A. Bush, 79

Billie A. Bush, 79, passed away Aug. 7, 2010, in Kalispell from a stroke.



A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14. The service will be held at Smith Valley Grange Hall at Batavia, five miles west of Kalispell towards Kila.

Billie is survived by her husband, Thomas Bush; sons, Robert and Lonna White of Las Vegas, Thomas White of Whitefish, and Douglas and Darlene White of Seattle; grandchildren, Jennifer and Kristine White of Las Vegas, Michele and Kate of Whitefish, and Matthew and Staci of Seattle; great-grandchildren, Elizabeth and Aiden of Las Vegas, Alexandra and Morgan of Whitefish, and Wyatt, Elias, Sydney, Julian

and Jacob of Seattle; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Billie was born in Denham Springs, La., and raised in Las Vegas. She married Thomas in Las Vegas on Dec. 31, 1955. They were a military family and stationed in Nevada, California, New Mexico, France and Florida. They retired and resided in Montana for almost 30 years. She loved Montana!

As a homemaker she excelled at a myriad of creative hobbies such as quilting, crocheting, knitting and needlepoint, and was a master seamstress. She loved to cook and traded recipes often with many family members and friends.

Some of her loves were watching the Mariners play ball, Tom's beautiful flower garden, and talking about her great-grandchildren.

She was loved and will be missed by many.

Stephen T. Bush, 63

Stephen T. Bush, 63, died Friday, April 30, 2010, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

He is survived by his two children, Deidre Bush

of Kailua, Hawaii, and Dillon Bush of Aniak, Alaska.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

George V. Buss, 55

George V. Buss, 55, was born on Nov. 29, 1954, in Kansas and passed away in Anchor Point, Alaska, on Oct. 3, 2010.

George will be dearly missed by his mother, Victoria Buss Casebolt, and grandmother, Betty Ertz, both of The Dalles, Ore.; his sister, Lyn Van Winkle, of Sacramento, Calif.; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and close friends from around the country.

George was preceded in death by his father, George Roland Buss.

George attended schools in Libby, Whitefish and Eureka, and was a member of the 1973 graduating class of Flathead High School in Kalispell.

George lived and worked in the Flathead Valley for many years before moving to Alaska about 15 years ago. He was a charter member and very active in the Men's Auxiliary of the VFW Post 10221 in Anchor Point, Alaska.

His VFW family celebrated George's life at a memorial service on Oct. 9 in Anchor Point.

Kenneth Elwood Byers, 66

Kenneth Elwood Byers, ready to join his Lord and Savior, passed away in his home, Oct. 19, 2010, surrounded by his family. He was born May 28, 1944, in Medaryville, Ind., to Ennis and Vivian Byers.



Growing up on a farm, he had a great love and appreciation for country living. In school he was a proud member of the Future Farmers of America and he graduated from Medaryville High School in 1962.

After high school Ken drove semi-trucks across the country. During this time, he pursued his dream to be a pilot and earned his license. He was a pilot in Indiana, Texas and Alaska, before moving to and settling in the Flathead Valley.

Ken fulfilled the role of loving husband when he married Jacqueline Dias-da-Cruz on Oct. 28, 1978, in Spokane. Jaqueline moved to Kalispell where Ken was already residing. Shortly after they started their family, first with the birth of their daughter, Nathalie, in 1979 and then a son, Nathan, in 1987. Ken was a man devoted to his family and always put their needs above his own.

For a number of years, Ken taught aviation classes at Flathead Valley Community College. He was a wonderful teacher with high expectations of all of his students. During this time, he also worked at Strand Aviation and was a chief flight instructor. In 1975, Ken was awarded Flight Instructor of the Year in his district.

In the 1980s, Ken operated his own business from his home repairing photography equipment. His follow-up business venture was custom gun-smithing and reloading, which he continued to operate into this year.

In 1991, Ken went to work as a rural mail carrier for the United States Postal Service in Kalispell. It was from there that he retired in 2008. Ken had a very strong work ethic and worked hard to provide for his family.

Following retirement, Ken was able to pursue the many

activities that he enjoyed over the course of his life. Ken loved spending time with his family and he had a passion for the great outdoors. His favorite outdoor adventures revolved around hunting, fishing and camping. He was a great gunsmith and enjoyed reloading with his son and best friend, Tim.

Other hobbies he enjoyed were photography, vegetable gardening with his daughter and leatherwork. Ken loved to cook and barbecue for his family and friends. Perhaps his greatest passion was for aviation. Ken preferred to be busy and he always had a desire to learn new things.

Ken was a man of integrity and morals and he was strong in his faith. He and his family attended Central Christian Church for many years where he served the Lord in a multitude of ways. Later on, Family Life Christian Church would be the place of worship for them. Ken read his Bible on a regular basis.

He also held a very strong belief in the Constitution and the principles of the Founding Fathers, and in particular the Second Amendment. His love for his country was profound.

Ken was preceded in death by his parents, Ennis and Vivian Byers.

Ken is survived by his wife, Jaqueline; daughter, Nathalie, and her fiancé Jeremiah Maynard; son, Nathan, and grandson Tyron; brother, Phil, and Febe Byers of Waatah, Ind.; brother, Paul, and Gloria Byers of Medaryville, Ind.; and a number of nieces and nephews.

The family would like to express their gratitude to Frontier Hospice. Their assistance enabled them to honor Ken's wishes to be home during his final days.

Funeral services for Ken will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30, at Family Life Christian Church on Foys Lake Road. Interment will follow at C.E. Conrad Cemetery, Kalispell. Visitation will be held from noon to 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 29, at Johnson - Gloschat Funeral Home

The family suggests that any memorial contributions be sent to Frontier Hospice, 1111 S. Main Street, Kalispell MT 59901.

Johnson - Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for Ken's family.

Joedy Byrd, 83

Joedy Byrd, 83, "left the bounds of this life to touch the hand of God."

Joedy was born on Jan. 24, 1927, and "went to be with the Lord" on Dec. 10, 2010.

She is greatly missed by her four daughters, Vicki Estrella, Trudy Blaylock, Cheyrl Byrd Herman and Susan Burns; her son, Gary Byrd; and leaves behind her kitty, Zora. She is also deeply missed by her grandchildren, great-grandchildren, sons-in-law, friends and church family.

"She will be joining her daughter, Diana; her son, Danny; and her beloved husband, Lloyd Byrd; brothers, mother and father at the gates of Heaven."

She married her husband, Lloyd Byrd, on Nov. 24, 1950.



They lived in Orange County, Calif., for 30 years and raised their children there as well.

After her children were grown and starting their own families, Joedy and Lloyd moved to Saudi Arabia for Lloyd's job as a wire cable production manager. They lived there for the next five years and came to Kalispell to live and be with her children and their new families. They enjoyed their lives together until Lloyd passed away on June 12, 1994.

Even through the trials in her life, Joedy always put the Lord first. Her relationship with him is what kept her alive and happy until her last breath. She passed away with a smile on her face knowing she was headed to God and her loved ones who were already awaiting her.

Services will be announced at a later date. Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for Joedy's family.

Kerrie Byrne, 58

Kerrie Byrne, Whitefish teacher and community activist, inspired countless friends, family,



students and acquaintances with her passion, grace, tenacity and wisdom.

Her peaceful death at home on Oct. 18, 2010, tears a hole in the fabric of the numerous communities that nourished her. Yet, because she helped weave that cloth, her impact will outlast all of us.

Kerrie was born May 9, 1952, in Redondo Beach, Calif., and grew up in southern California. Early in life she developed a deep love for nature and animals wild and domestic.

She moved briefly to Lake Tahoe and Idaho's Stanley Basin before landing in Whitefish in 1974, where she initially worked as a waitress. While preparing to enter the University of Montana School of Journalism, Kerrie learned she had Hodgkin's lymphoma. She went on to be one of the early survivors of that disease, thanks to advancements in radiation therapy, coupled with her sheer determination.

Stopping the cancer bought her another 34 years of life, which she lived to the fullest. She received a degree in education at Montana State University and spent most of her career teaching fourth- and fifth-graders in Whitefish. She was deeply devoted to her students, as well as family, friends, garden, animals and Montana wilderness. She also enjoyed reading and cooking.

On Thanksgiving 1997, she married Steve Thompson, of Whitefish.

Unfortunately, the radiation treatments that saved her life carried very serious side effects. The radiation damaged her internal tissue

and vital organs, steadily eroding her health over the ensuing decades.

After retiring from education in 2004 due to her disability, Kerrie redoubled her efforts as a community volunteer in Whitefish. Most recently, she was active in the new dog park, downtown farmers' market, city weed committee, Farmhands, and numerous groups devoted to protecting wildlife habitat. She rescued and fostered several dogs over the years. Her happiest memories were enjoying nature with Steve and the "pack" on outdoor adventures across Montana and beyond.

Kerrie was in the care of Hospice and a small army of people who loved her, which allowed her to die at home, surrounded by friends and her devoted husband. Dr. Joan Miller, Kerrie's physician for more than 30 years, and the "girls" at the Professional Center in Columbia Falls forever earn our deepest gratitude.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Joe and Velma.

She is survived by husband, Steve Thompson; sister, Kris Holloway, and husband, Greg, of California; brother, Steve Byrne, of California; nieces, Samantha and Olivia Thompson, of Ohio; and her original partner and lifelong friend, Steve McCluskey, of Arlee.

Kerrie was buried on private land in a beautiful ceremony as howling wolves serenaded in nearby Glacier National Park. A public celebration of her life will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 14, at the Whitefish Armory, followed by a potluck dinner.

A memorial account has been set up with the Cinnabar Foundation, Montana's homegrown conservation fund. Donations may be sent to the Kerrie Byrne Permanent Fund for Wildlife Conservation, The Cinnabar Foundation, P.O. Box 5282, Whitefish, MT 59937.

Robert A.C. Bonsor, 47

Robert A.C. Bonsor passed away on Dec. 12, 2010, in Kalispell, at age 47. He was born in London on Feb. 14, 1963, and his formative years were in Berkshire, England.

Robert graduated from Eton College, England, in 1980 and the School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., in 1987. While at Georgetown, he was captain of the Georgetown Ski Team.

As a longtime resident of northern Virginia, including Haymarket, Va., he launched his own business in the ski travel industry and passionately skied throughout his years. His connection to skiing led Robert and his family to Kalispell in September 2009. He was a golf and ski member of Big Mountain Club in Whitefish.

As a loving father, he spent countless hours with his family. He cherished his daughters and received great joy watching them become young ladies. Together, Robert and his wife, Kasandra "Kasey" of 21 years were inseparable and devoted

themselves to the happiness of their children.

He was preceded in death by his father, Michael Cosmo Bonsor.

He is survived by his wife, Kasandra of Kalispell; his daughters, Arabella, Sabrina, Alexandra and Annika, all of Kalispell; his mother, Anne Marie Wallenberg Bonsor of Holbrook, Suffolk, England; his sisters, Celia Pilkington of London, Charlotte Milln of Toulouse, France, and Camilla Bonsor of London; and extended family and friends.

Memorial services for Robert will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 16, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. The family suggests that memorials be directed to the American Brain Tumor Association or livestrong.org.

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

Evelyn E. Boomer, 73

Evelyn E. Boomer passed away on Sunday, Sept. 5, 2010, from complications of diabetes.

She loved working with her flowers and crocheting doll clothes and afghans.

Evelyn E. (Parrish) Boomer was born Dec. 6, 1936, at Ferndale, to Dewey and Florence Parrish. She grew up and went to school in Ferndale, Somers, Columbia Falls, and Charlo, and Washington State. She married Albert A. Boomer on Jan. 22, 1955, and helped him work the ranch on Gird Creek near Hall.

She is survived by her son, Alan and Leslie of Hall; daughters, Jackie Lee and Bob Lingle, of Bourbonnais, Ill., Bobby Lee and Roger Farrier of Dickinson, N.D., and Rose Mary and Sam Brown of Phillipsburg; grandchildren, Ashley and Alex Boomer, Henry, Paul



and Miranda Lingle, Christy Farrier, Laura Brown and Samuel and Crystal Brown; great-grandchildren, Ashley and Jake Popovich, Jamie, Steven and Jessica Brown; sister, Josephine and Dale Brown of Kalispell; brother, Phillip and Debbie Parrish of California; brothers-in-law Fred Benton of Kalispell and George Sirucek of Motley, Minn.; along with numerous nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Albert A. Boomer; parents, Dewey and Florence Parrish; sisters, Beverly Parrish, Alberta (Swede) Sagen, Charlene Benton and Marjorie Sirucek, and brother, Raymond Parrish.

Funeral services will be at the United Methodist Church at Hall at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 11. A potluck reception at the church will follow after services at the cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the American Diabetes Association or a charity of your choice.

Ellen Francis Boorman, 95

Ellen Francis Boorman, 95, died Wednesday, Dec. 22, 2010, in Whitefish Care and Rehabilitation Center in Whitefish.

She is survived by one son, John Boorman, of

Anacortes, Wash.; and one daughter, Marjorie Smith, of Elk City, Okla.

Services are planned for a later date.

Austin Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Billy Bob Boothman, 81

Billy Bob Boothman, 81, died on Saturday, Jan. 16, 2010, at his home in Libby.

He worked as a horse logger for many years, and also on the Libby Dam.

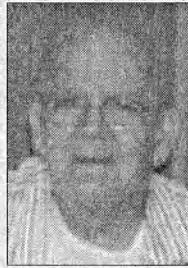
Survivors include his wife, Minnie Boothman, of Libby; sons, William "Timber" Boothman, Timothy Boothman and Terry Boothman, all of Libby;

and daughters, LaVerna Thorgaard of Elmo, Linda Cureau of Roundup, and Laurie Boothman of Post Falls, Idaho.

Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, at the Schnackenberg and Nelson Funeral Home in Libby. Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, at the First Baptist Church in Libby.

Robert Bosley Sr., 76

Robert Bosley Sr., 76, "went to be with the Lord" on March 5, 2010, after many years of illness. Bob was born in Whitefish on Sept. 21, 1933, to Bill and Elizabeth Bosley.



He grew up in the Flathead Valley and, at the age of 14, went to work as a logger on the end of a cross-cut saw. As a young man he was active in the National Guard and spent two years in Idaho working in the gold and silver mines.

Upon returning to Kalispell he worked for many logging companies in the Flathead area, including DeVitt & Lee Logging, Royal Logging, Claridge Logging, Slack Logging, L.H.C., Inc., and Owen's Logging.

In 1966 he formed his own logging company, Bosley Logging, and contracted to American Timber Co. His son, Rob Jr., became a partner in 1972. They worked together side by side until 1986 when he went to work for Wayne Turner Logging, until his health failed in 1989.

Robert loved to stream fish, work in his yard and watch all wildlife; but his number one hobby was spending time with his grandchildren, whom he

treasured.

Robert married Phyllis (Baker) Fredericks on Aug. 14, 1954, and they were married 52 years until her passing in 2006. Together they had one son and he helped raise her three children.

Robert was preceded in death by his wife, Phyllis; parents; and two brothers.

He is survived by step-mother, Lucille Bosley, of Hot Springs; four children, Robert Bosley Jr., and wife, Debbie, of Kalispell, Connie State and husband, Tom, of Visalia, Calif., Jerry Fredericks and wife, Leola, of Kalispell, and Sidney Fredericks and wife, Randi, of The Dalles, Ore.; 10 grandchildren, Cory Fredericks, Robert Bosley III, Lesa (Bosley) Lindahl, Lori (Bosley) Kaufmann, Alicia (Fredericks) Hogue, Amy Fredericks, Georgia May, Michelle Marsh, David May and Charlie May; 15 great-grandchildren, Joey, Brittany, Cody, Kimberly, Izach, Landin, Kaylee, Kathleen, Melissa, Savannah, Ryan, Sierra, Cassidy, Danielle and Brandon; sisters, Arlene Lapp, Betty Norris and Carol Irby; and many nieces and nephews.

Private family service will be held at Spring Creek Cemetery.

Johnson-Gloeschat Funeral Home is caring for Robert's family. You are invited to go to www.jgfuneralhome.com to offer condolences and view Robert's tribute wall.