

## Harvey N. Kaber, 88

Harvey N. Kaber, 88, passed away on Dec. 13, 2010, in Anaconda.

Harvey was born in 1922 in Everland, S.D., to Walter and Ellen Kaber.

The family moved to Whitefish in 1935. From 1938 to 1946 he served in the Army and was in the Hel's Angels 303rd Bomb Group in World War II.

He married Esther Fern Brown on Jan. 6, 1950. Harvey retired from BN Railroad in 1984. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, cooking and having beers with his friends.

He was preceded in death



by his wife, "Fern," and son, Larry.

He is survived by his daughters, Bette Bear and husband, Ray of Kalispell, Rita Holcomb and husband, Robert of Bigfork; sons, Bruce and wife, Debbie of Anaconda, Claude and wife, Debbie of Whitefish; daughter, Karen Benda and husband, Jeff of Whitefish; brother, Larry Kaber and wife, Charlotte of Kalispell; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren who loved and will miss him very much.

We will be having a celebration of life for Harvey at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 27 at the VFW in Whitefish. The public is invited.

## John Richard Kacirek, 90

John Richard Kacirek, 90, of Elmo, died on Monday, April 5, 2010, in Summerlin Hospital in Las Vegas, with his family



at his side. John was born in Omaha, Neb., on July 18, 1919, to Joseph and Marie (Slavik) Kacirek. The youngest of three children, he spent his early childhood in Touhy, Neb., before moving to Omaha in 1931. He graduated from Omaha Technical High School and attended one year of college at Creighton University.

In 1941, John began working for Nebraska Power which later became the Omaha Public Power District. After serving in the Navy during the war, he returned to the Power Company where he worked as a journeyman electrician. John spent his entire career working at the Jones Street Power Station where his final job was helping with the dismantling of the plant. He was a member of the IBEW union. After 38 years of service, he retired in 1979.

On Aug. 12, 1940, he eloped with Mae Gustafson and secretly married in Papillion, Neb. They were married for 58 years before Mae's death in 1998.

In 1979 he and Mae moved to Elmo. They had first vis-

ited relatives on Flathead Lake in 1954, and subsequent yearly vacations to the lake convinced them that this would be their retirement home. In the early 1960s they purchased a lot on Flathead Lake and built their retirement home on the lot in 1979.

Over the years, John and Mae enjoyed traveling, dancing, making new friends, and spending a few months each year farther south.

John was an avid fisherman who enjoyed a fish dinner of fresh silver salmon he had just caught from Flathead Lake. He was especially proud of his garden which supplied him any many others with fresh vegetables for the summer. For many years he also enjoyed a round of golf with good friends.

But most of all he will be remembered for his warm smile and sense of humor. He always seemed to be at the center of activity in any group, helping plan the course of action. He was a teller of great stories which always had a light side and were often at his own expense. In later years he enjoyed his friends at the Polson Senior Citizen Center, and spending his winters in Las Vegas, playing bingo and eating at the buffet. He was also a longtime member of Lakeside Community Chapel. He will be sorely missed by all.

He is survived by his son, Kenneth, and wife, Deborah, of Elmo; a sister, Jovce,

and Lorvey Schwinck, of Papillion; grandchildren, Stephen Kacirek of Everett, Wash., and Phillip Kacirek of Duchesne, Utah; a niece, Nancy, and Michael Feldman, of Portland; sister-in-law, Mildred Henderson, of Las Vegas; brother-in-law, Richard, and Suzie Gustafson, of Paso Robles, Calif.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Mae; his brother, George; and sister, Blanch.

A memorial service will be held at 11 am. Saturday, May 15, at the Lakeside Community Chapel, Lakeside. Memorials may be sent to Lakeside Community Chapel or Polson Senior Citizens Center.

## George M. 'Sonny' Kahn, 76

George M. "Sonny" Kahn, 76, passed away on Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2010, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Carla; daughter, Kelly, and husband, Doug Grant, of Idaho; and two grandchildren, Logan and Lorna Grant.

Viewing will be from 10 a.m. to noon, today, Feb. 4, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, with a celebration of Sonny's life held at 1 p.m. today, Feb. 4, at the Christian Center Assembly of God Church.

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

## John Kalien, 89

A wonderful man, John Kalien, 89, was "called home to Our Lord" on Oct. 5, 2010.



He will be missed by his wife of 41 years, Yvonne; his son, John, and Doreen; daughter, Candy Harrell, and Bill of Montana; daughter, Karen, and Ted Neufeld of Washington; daughter, Glenda Gilkey, and Boyd of Arizona; and son, Lee Tresler, and Pam of Montana. He is also survived by his sisters, Louise Pickthorn of Odessa, Texas,

and Erma Jacobs of Wolf Point; 11 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by both parents; stepfather; and a brother, Willie.

Memorial services will be held at 9 a.m. today at the First Baptist Church of Sun City, 11019 W. Peoria Ave., Sun City, Ariz.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch Foundation, P.O. Box 80807, Billings, MT 59108; or Hospice of the Valley, Fund Development, 1510 E. Flower St., Phoenix AZ 85014.

## Donald William Kaltschmidt Sr., 80

Donald William Kaltschmidt Sr., 80, died at home on Thursday, June 10, 2010, in Kalispell from cancer.



He was welcomed into the world as the only child of William and Bertha Kaltschmidt on June 8, 1930, in Queens, New York. At the age of two, the family moved to Carlstadt, N.J., where he spent his growing years in the company of his aunts, uncles and cousins. In 1947, he graduated from East Rutherford High School and later spent a year and a half at Syracuse University on a Football scholarship. He became a patrolman with the Carlstadt police force, and at 22 years of age entered training to become a New Jersey State Trooper and was later stationed on the Turnpike. On July 25, 1955, he married Birthe Jorgensen from Copenhagen, Denmark, and together they had three children, Donald Jr., Karole and Kenneth. In 1968, the family went on an extensive vacation touring across the United States looking for a better place to live and move. Kalispell was the ideal choice and the family packed up and came west, where Don spent his remaining years.

Don's gratification and fulfillment came from time spent in the water, swimming or paddling a canoe. He loved dogs and always had

a faithful canine companion at his side. He and his wife, Birthe, of 54 years, enjoyed a portion of their retirement as "snowbirds," traveling with a camper across the border into Mexico. Don was happy to launch a canoe each morning to go fishing and share the fresh catch. He invested a great deal of his time and energy toward his passion to support and help those in need, and shared a fellowship with all in Alcoholics Anonymous.

He is survived by his wife, Birthe Kaltschmidt; two sons, Donald Kaltschmidt Jr. and his wife, Debbie, of Whitefish, and Kenneth Kaltschmidt and his wife, Marcy, of Auburn, Wash.; one daughter, Karole Sommerfield and her husband, Dale, of Kalispell; eight grandchildren, Don Jr.'s sons, Erik, Jason, and Kevin, Ken's daughters, Cali, Sierra, and Shelby, and Karole's daughter and son, Stacey and Scott.

A memorial service and celebration will be held in honor of Don's life at 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 16, in the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Chapel, with Chaplain Bob Thornton of Home Options Hospice officiating. The family suggests memorial donations can be made to Home Options Hospice, 430 Windward Way, Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

## Eileen Anne Kane, 81

Eileen Anne Kane, 81, a resident of Whitefish for the past 37 years, died Wednesday, April 7, 2010, at North Valley Hospital.



Eileen was born in New York City on Dec. 17, 1928, the daughter of James and Ellen McNamara and was raised and educated there.

She later married James Thomas Kane.

In the 1960s, she and her husband owned and operated a Shell gas station in the Bronx. In 1972, after 11 years, the family moved to Montana, coming first to Bozeman. They came to Whitefish in May of 1973 where they purchased Frenchy's Chinese Gardens which they operated until it burned to the ground in 1974.

In 1975, they built the Shangri-La Supper Club, and in 1989 started and operated the Par 3 on 93. They continued to operate the golf course

aspect of that business until retiring in 2005. Eileen's husband preceded her in death, in 2006.

She had been a member of St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Whitefish and enjoyed participating in various church activities. Eileen was also noted as an excellent cook and found great enjoyment in handcrafts, most especially crocheting.

Eileen is survived by her children, Brian Kane of Whitefish, Deirdre Kane of Kalispell, and James Kane of South Bridge, Mass.; her sister, Theresa Schneider, of San Diego; and her grandchildren, Maureen, Sean, Thomas, James, Austin and Kayden.

Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Monday, April 12, at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Whitefish. Parish vigil and rosary services will be at 7 p.m. this evening, April 11, at the Austin Funeral Home. Interment services will be later next week at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Hawthorne, N.Y.

## Benjamin Kampf, 87

Ben Kampf of Kalispell passed away peacefully with a smile on his face, with his loving family by his side, Nov. 22, 2010, at the Kalispell Health Center, as the result of an accident.



Ben was born Aug. 25, 1923, in a sod house on the family homestead near Laredo, Mont. He was the 10th of 13 children born to German-Russian immigrant parents, Samuel and Christina Boschee Kampf. He attended country elementary school in Laredo and Havre High School. He was an all-state running back as a member of the Havre Blue Ponies who won the 1941 Class A State championship.

During World War II, he enlisted in the Navy and was a pharmacist mate on board the LST 486, seeing duty in the Aleutian Islands. After the war ended he enrolled at Montana State College (now Montana State University) on the GI Bill and a football scholarship. Ben was inducted into Montana State University Athletic Hall of Fame, along with other members of the 1946 Bobcat football team that won the Rocky Mountain conference Championship. The 1946 Football squad was the first ever to play in a Bowl game. Montana State played the University of New Mexico in the Harbor Bowl on New Year's Day 1947 in San Diego. The two teams battled to a 13-13 tie.

On July 15, 1951, he married Jean Lorene Hallam, in Bozeman.

Ben worked as an engineer on the Burlington Northern Railroad for 35 years, retiring in 1986, and enjoying what

he called, "the life of Riley," golfing, hunting, playing billiards, skiing and watching his grandchildren participate in sports. He was an all-around athlete and enjoyed many sports, including boxing in his younger years, water and snow skiing, horseback riding, also played cowboy polo and basketball on an independent team well into his 70th year of life.

He was preceded in death by his parents, five brothers, and four sisters.

He is survived by his wife, Jean, of Kalispell; sons, Gary Kampf and Lil of Whitefish, and Jim Kampf and Tami of Kalispell; daughters, Jerriene Gangas and Chuck of Mendon, Mass., Marianne Kampf of Issaquah, Wash., and Dianne Scotten and Dave of Lewistown; grandchildren, Christa Kampf Hall, Richie and Jessica Kampf, Beny Kampf, Chris and Dustin Scotten, KayCee Kampf Bryer and Justin, Jessi and Jolee Kampf, Maria and Juliana Kampf and Skylar Lystne; great-grandchildren, Taylor and Ashley Kampf and Jack Beny Frank; along with his brother, Ted, and Emil Kampf; sister, Millie Bailey; and many nieces and nephews.

Burial services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 27, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery with military honors. A Celebration of life service will follow at noon at the Calvary Lutheran Church.

Memorial donations in his memory may be made to the Flathead Food Bank or the Veterans Food Bank.

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

## Rollan Samuel Kauffman, 89

Rollan Samuel Kauffman, 89, passed away on Monday, July 19, 2010, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell. He was born on Dec. 4, 1920, in Kansas City, Mo., to Daniel S. and Bessie (Hook) Kauffman.

Rollan moved with his family to the Flathead Valley at an early age and received his early education here. He graduated from Flathead County High School.

Two years later Rollan married Jane Adair Rowell on Feb. 3, 1940, in Polson. He was drafted into the Army and served during World War II.

Back in the valley after the war, Rollan worked as a manager for Economy Foods in Kalispell and as a manager in Stevensville, until 1951. He then worked for Kalispell Pole and Timber until 1954, until beginning his career at the Ford garage, where he trained as a mechanic. By the time Rollan retired in 1985, the Ford dealership was Rygg Ford.

Rollan and Jane loved the outdoors and spent nearly every weekend with the family at one lake or another. Fishing, camping and hunt-



ing were favorite pastimes.

Rollan also had a great affinity for the Mennonite faith as he grew up.

In retirement, he took art classes and enjoyed painting and spending time with his garden and greenhouse.

Rollan was preceded in death by his three brothers and three sisters.

He is survived by his wife, Jane; son, Dennis, and wife, Irene; daughters, Phyllis Swallow and husband, Wesley, and Cheryl Hammond and husband, Buddy, all of Kalispell; as well as several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for Rollan will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, July 23, at Central Bible Church with Pastor Ron Youde officiating.

Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery, with military honors.

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



## Jeannett 'Jean' C. Keever, 73

Jeannett "Jean" C. Keever, 73, of Eureka died Thursday, May 6, 2010, at Mountain View Manor in Eureka from natural causes.

Private family services will be held. Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Libby is caring for the family and coordinating local arrangements.

## Elizabeth 'Libby' Visocan Keith, 66

Elizabeth "Libby" Visocan Keith, 66, died unexpectedly at her home on Thursday, June 24, 2010. Libby was born



Aug. 7, 1943, in Great Falls, to Andy H. and Constance M. (Holtzfaster) Visocan.

Libby began grade school in Great Falls at the St. Thomas Orphan's Home and finished in a two-room school in Raynesford. She attended high school in Great Falls, graduating from Great Falls Central Catholic High School in 1961. As a junior, she won the Betty Crocker cooking award.

After high school, she worked as a cashier at the Montana Power Company in Great Falls, working there until moving to Long Beach, Calif. for a few years. She later returned to Great Falls, where she worked as a cashier for the Coast to Coast Hardware store at both their downtown and Tenth Ave. So. locations.

In the early 1980s, Libby moved to Kalispell. She worked at Sykes for a few years prior to moving to Northwest Bank (now Wells Fargo) in January of 1989, where she worked as a teller until her retirement in 2006. After retirement, she did occasional pet-sitting, which she considered her "fun" job, as she had a great love for animals. Libby also enjoyed spending time with family and friends, was an avid reader and liked listening to jazz. She also enjoyed visiting with her many friends.

Her family and friends will miss Libby immensely. Libby had faced cancer head-on and was in the process of beating it when she died unexpectedly, shocking everyone. She was a joy to be with. Libby never met anyone she didn't like and couldn't talk to. She loved people and made everyone's day more sunny just by having encountered her. She will live in our memories

forever.

Libby is survived by her siblings, Barbara A. Culliton (John) of Great Falls, Andy E. "Ed" Visocan (Dorothy) of Ontario, Ore., John P. Visocan (Linda) of Raynesford and Lawrence "Larry" Visocan (Betty) of Kalispell.

She was preceded in death by her parents and an infant brother, Michael.

"Auntie Libby" was very close to her many nephews and nieces. She loved them like her own children and they, in turn, held a deep love for her. They are Michael Culliton (Bruce) of Minneapolis and Washington, D.C., Les Culliton (Lori) of Centennial, Colo., Steve Culliton (Connie Rae) of Bozeman, Colleen Culliton (Pat Crew) of Billings, Douglas Culliton of Great Falls, Connie Lomas (Scott) of Great Falls, Jeff Visocan (Carrie) of Raynesford, Jodi Gutzwiler of Great Falls, Jami Stahl (Steve) of Geysler, John Visocan of Plainfield, Vt., Joe Visocan (Jennifer) of Belt, Justin Visocan of Geysler and Andrew Visocan (Jamie) of Raleigh, N.C. She also had many grand-nephews and nieces. She also leaves behind her two beloved Russian Blue cats, Ivan and Tsar.

There will be a viewing at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, June 28, followed by a rosary at 7 p.m. A funeral mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Risen Christ Catholic Church in Evergreen, followed by a luncheon in the church hall. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Libby's name to the Flathead Food Bank. She believed in the food bank's work and never missed the annual soup supper or getting a new bowl.

"We all know Libby is on her journey to be with her heavenly Father. We are sure she is visiting with everyone on the way."

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

## Mary Elizabeth 'Bette' Boyd Kelley, 91

At age 31, Mary Elizabeth "Bette" Boyd Kelley "went home to be with the Lord" on Friday, Dec. 10, 2010.



Bette was born Aug. 28, 1919, outside Williston, N.D., to George and Teresa (Conlin) Boyd. Bette joined older brothers Hugh and Mark and sister Dora. The family was completed with the addition of Neil a couple of years later.

The Boyd children were mostly raised in Flaxville. Bette graduated from Flaxville High School in 1937 and attended Northern Montana College in Havre the following year.

In the meantime, George and Teresa moved to Valier, where George managed a Greeley grain elevator. On one of her trips home to Valier, Bette met Pat Kelley. As the story goes, he saw her walking and offered her a ride. Pat's reputation having preceded him, Bette said, "No thanks." Pat then pulled his car across the sidewalk and said, "Hop in." The rest, as they say, is history.

Pat and Bette were married June 1, 1939. They had five children together and after several Border Patrol-related moves, settled in Sunburst, where they raised their family and eventually retired from government service in 1973.

Bette and Pat moved to Lakeside in 1976, and Pat passed away in 1978. They were very involved in the American Legion, and Bette

was the Montana Department Auxiliary President in 1964. Following Pat's death, Bette took a job as Department Secretary for the American Legion Auxiliary for the next decade. She retired in 1989 and moved to Spokane.

Over the years Bette enjoyed gardening, playing cards, bowling, golf and especially traveling. She traveled to Europe and Ireland several times, often with her sister, Dora, and other close friends. Bette and Dora spent about 10 winters together in Arizona basking in the sunshine.

In the last decade Bette kept her mind sharp as a voracious reader, playing bridge with friends and working on the daily crossword puzzle in the newspaper.

Bette had a life-long devotion to the Lord Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church. Bette was loved and appreciated by friends and family and will be deeply missed.

Bette was preceded in death by her husband, Pat, and her oldest daughter, Randa.

She is survived by her sons, Bob and Jan Kelley of Thompson Falls, Doug and Cathy Kelley of Los Angeles, and Don and Beverly Kelley of Missoula; and daughter Diane and Janie Kelley of Everett, Wash. Bette is also survived by 10 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at St. Aloysius Catholic Church in Spokane on Saturday, Dec. 18. A celebration of Bette's life will be scheduled in the Flathead Valley next summer.

## Bobbie Gene Kelly, 51

After a courageous battle with cancer, Bobbie Gene Kelly passed away on Saturday, Oct. 23, 2010.



Bobbie was born Jan. 20, 1959, to Lila Rae and Bobby Willson in Blyth, Calif. At the age of 9, Bobbie's family moved to Midland, Texas, where she spent the remainder of her childhood.

On Aug. 17, 1996, Bobbie married the love of her life, Thomas Leroy Kelly. The day after they were wed, Bobbie and Tom moved to the Flathead Valley to begin their life together.

At the time of her diagnosis, Bobbie worked as the director for the Retired Senior Volunteer Program, RSVP. She continued to work from home until earlier this year when her illness forced her to retire.

Bobbie's free time was most often spent cooking and entertaining numerous friends and family, learning to play the piano, restoring antique furniture, gardening and always "poking" her head into quaint little thrift shops and second-hand stores.

Bobbie was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Thomas Kelly; and her parents, Lila Rae and Bobby Willson.

Bobbie is survived by her two sons, Mike and John, of Creston; and daughter, Jodi, of Eatonville, Wash.; her brother, Terry Wilson, of Springerville, Ariz.; and sister, Patsy Lu Wilson, of Saint Angelo, Calif.; as well as many "adopted" children, aunts, uncles and countless friends.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 30, at Landmark Worship Center, located at 1765 Highway 35 East, Kalispell.

Condolences may be sent to 500 O'Bryan Lane, Kalispell.

## Beverly Ann Kemano-Cusick, 63

Beverly Ann Kemano-Cusick, 63, formerly of Kalispell, died March 7, 2010, in Absarokee, from cancer.

She is survived by her son, Danny Kemano, of

Spokane.

Cremation has taken place under the direction of Smith Funeral Chapel in Columbus.

No services are planned.

## Christine Lydia Kennedy, 45

Christine Lydia Kennedy, 45, died suddenly Monday, Sept. 13, 2010, while living in Dunedin, Fla.



She was born in Missoula on Nov. 19, 1964. Christy attended schools in Bozeman, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and Wenatchee, Wash.

She lived many years in Wenatchee where she married Chris Crimins and was blessed with her only child Tiffany. Christine and Chris later divorced, at which time Christine and Tiffany moved to Kalispell and subsequently Whitefish.

She was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents, Herb and Lydia Kenne-

dy; and her maternal grandparents, Dora and Lawrence (Brownie) Bronson.

Christy is survived by her daughter, Tiffany Crimins, of Brewster, Wash.; father, Curtis Kennedy, of Kalispell; stepmother, Pamela Kennedy Carbonari, of Kalispell; mother, Cherlyn Petersen, of Glendive; sisters, Kathy Haas and Caryn Kennedy; brother, Kevin Entze; her partner, Vincent Bila; nephew, Wesley; nieces, Carissa, Melissa, Cherlyn and Aleisha; numerous aunts, uncles, and many other relatives and friends.

Her life, too short, touched many lives and we have fond memories of her childhood and adolescence.

A time of remembrance and sharing will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 25, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

## Keith Patrick Kennedy, 74

Keith Patrick Kennedy, 74, passed away on Wednesday, Oct. 13, 2010, at the Brendan House in Kalispell.



He was born on July 25, 1936, in Belfield, N.D., the son of Woodrow and Frances Louise (Severance) Kennedy. He grew up in Longview, Wash.

He worked for many years for telephone companies in Montana and Washington as a lineman until an injury left him disabled.

He was united in marriage to Joan Grainger on Sept. 6, 1976, in Kalispell.

He was an avid fisherman, and loved spending time on the water and camping with his friends and family.

He looked forward every year for his son Mitch to come and spend his vacations in Montana.

He was truly loved and

will be greatly missed.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife, Joan Kennedy, of the family home in Kalispell; sons, Mitch Kennedy of Phoenix, and Jeff Kennedy of Kalso, Wash.; daughter, Jill Corral, of Phoenix; stepdaughters, Kari Mackin, Connie Kvaalen and Lillian Jenkins, and stepson, Mark Kvaalen, all of Kalispell, and Gregg Mosley of Minneapolis; and numerous grandchildren.

Memorial graveside services for Keith will be held at 1 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 18, at Glacier Memorial Gardens with Pastor Charles Shannon officiating. There will be a reception following the service.

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

## Jim Keyes, 62

Jim Keyes, 62, died Thursday, March 25, 2010, at his residence in Somers.



He was born Oct. 12, 1947, in Indianapolis to Bink and Laura Keyes Flora.

He had lived his Montana dream for several years, and shared his love of nature

with Linda Kelly, his partner and soul mate, of Indiana and Montana.

Also surviving are two sons, Jason Keyes of Indiana, and Alexander Jeremiah Lowe of Eureka; daughter, Crisi Keyes, of Indiana; sister, Joanna, and husband, John Cutler; and granddaughter, Makayla Keyes, of Indiana.

A celebration of his life will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. April 17 at Vista Linda Restaurant in Somers.

## Larry August Kickbusch, 60

Larry August Kickbusch "headed for the barn and greener pastures to be with our Lord and Savior" on May 18, 2010 at LSU Medical Center in Shreveport, La. Larry was born Oct. 11, 1949, in Havre to Roy and Lucille Kickbusch.



He spent his childhood years in Coram and completed schooling through his second year of college.

He later married Jeanne Amos and they had a daughter, Augusta, in 1975. He was employed by Anaconda Aluminum Co., Burlington Northern and Plum Creek.

Throughout his years, Larry loved his pack trips at Spotted Bear with Russ Baeth, logging, fishing, hunting, camping and stock car racing. He was a lot like his father, Roy, when it came to tinkering with "fixable" stuff.

He was always in touch with family and friends.

He is survived by Augusta of Coram, Jeanne of Coram; Judy and Jeff Halsey of Whitefish; Doug Kickbusch of Great Falls; Pauline Kickbusch and Leland of Columbia Falls; Phillip and Tammy

Kickbusch and family of Coram; Nathan and Shaylyn Dorlarque of Salt Lake City; Sheila and Colby Miller and family of Columbia Falls; Shelley Wick and Brad Kuzmic of Coram; Brittney and Eric Holden of Kalispell; Irene and Steve Garvin and family of Bigfork; Kela Bergren, Willard Kickbusch and family, and Martin and Greg Kardell and family, all of Havre, Wilma Berg and Chuck Tadewalt, both from Great Falls, Jean Kato and family of California; his friends, Karen Tolar, Vernon Tolbert, Noah Peppers, Skip and Marie Hanson, Steve and Dee Brown, Russ Walters, Dave Nedved, Ed Mundell, and numerous others. He also leaves behind his special four-legged friend, Jake.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father; sister, Jola; and numerous other relatives and furry friends.

There will be a celebration of Larry's life and a potluck at Hungry Horse Reservoir at a future date.

Larry will be remembered for being very generous and having never asked for anything in return. He had a silly sense of humor and a "ruff and gruff" look, but had a heart of gold.

"Happy Trails!"

## Donna Marie Brown Kidwell, 73

Donna Marie Brown Kidwell, "went to the Lord" on July 15, 2010, at home in Kalispell,



with all her children at her side, after a short battle with cancer. Donna Kidwell was born Nov. 15, 1936, to parents, Buster Raymond Brown and Lorraine Marie Barrows in Kalispell, and spent her entire life in the Flathead Valley.

Donna was married to Richard Lessor and had two children, Larry and Dixeen. She later married Kenneth Galloway and had four children, Raymond, Dale, Valorie and Cheryl. In 1979, Donna married Richard Kidwell, the love of her life.

Donna worked in several restaurants in the valley as a cook and waitress, and in the Christmas tree business making wreaths, grave blankets and other decorative items using tree boughs. She also worked at Walmart and was the first greeter at the opening of the Evergreen store.

She loved quilting, crocheting, gardening, baking, and being in the outdoors.

Donna cherished her family and loved spending time with them.

Donna is survived by her husband, Richard Kidwell; brothers, Dave Brown and Kerry Croskrey; sister, Lucille Parpart; sons, Larry Lessor, Raymond Galloway and Jackie, and Dale Galloway and wife, Joy; daughters, Dixeen Cornell, Valorie Galloway, and Cheryl Birch Morran and husband, Dan. Her grandchildren include Andrea Lessor Wood, Travis Galloway, Daniel, Anthony, Tony and Amy Birch, Christopher Galloway, Alex and Sarita Lessor, and Cody Jackson. Her great-grandchildren include Bristol, Mickel, Kurt, Kayci, Bruce, Cameron, Byron, Cassandra and Shelby.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Tim and Ross; and sisters, Leila and Loretta.

No services will be held. A memorial to celebrate her life will be held Aug. 21 at the Kidwell home.

## Laurence G. Kiefer, 40

Laurence G. Kiefer, 40, died Nov. 9, 2010, at his Bigfork residence.

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

## Alice Jane Kimes, 67

Alice Jane Kimes peacefully passed away on Monday, June 7, 2010, at her home in Camas, Wash. Born on April 17, 1943 to



Lloyd and Jane Woodworth in Great Falls, Alice was 67 years old.

A Camas resident since 1976, Alice was formerly of Montana. She was raised in the Flathead Valley, and attended Flathead County High School. She later went on to work for K-Mart as a retail associate and in the shipping/receiving department. Outside of work, Alice enjoyed reading, crossword puzzles and attending numerous performing arts events such as the opera, ballet and symphonies.

Alice is survived by her mother, Jane Woodworth of Camas; daughter, Lynn Kimes of Colorado; sons, Mark Kimes of New York, Brett Kimes of Vancouver, and Kevin Kimes of Idaho; brother, Roy Woodworth of Athena, Ore.; 13 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas "Tom" Blackwell; father, Lloyd Woodworth; and son, Fred Kimes.

There will be a celebration of Alice's life at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 12, at Brown's Funeral Home in Camas, with a reception to follow. Brown's Funeral Home and Cremation Services in Camas has been entrusted with arrangements. To send condolences or to sign the online guestbook, please visit [www.brownsfh.com](http://www.brownsfh.com).



## Ernest John Kind, 94

Ernest John Kind, 94, of Fairfield, died Thursday, Nov. 25, 2010, at the Teton Medical Center Extended Care Unit.

He was a rancher. He is survived by his children, Larry E. Kind, Sylvia I. Waters and Margaret A. Kind, all of Fairfield.

Graveside funeral ser-

vices will be held at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1, at the Sunset Hills Cemetery in Fairfield. A Memorial Celebration/Reception will be at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1 at the Fairfield Community Hall

Arrangements are under the direction of Gorder-Jensen Funeral Home of Choteau.

## Evelyn LaRene Mayer King, 89

Evelyn LaRene Mayer King was born Feb. 24, 1921, in Round Butte and died Tuesday, May 18, 2010, in Missoula.



Evelyn lived in Montana her entire life. Montana was part of who she was. Raised in Pablo, she went to the local elementary school and to Ronan High School. She moved to Missoula in 1939, to attend the University of Montana (then known as Montana State University), graduating with a degree in journalism in 1943.

She married Colie King, an Army Air Force cadet from Seattle, in 1944. After Colie's death in 1975, she remained single until meeting and marrying Dick Moore in 1991.

Evelyn was preceded in death by her father, Frank Mayer; mother, Ethel Hiltbruner Mayer Harley; brother, Wallace Mayer; stepfather, Earl Harley; her husband of 31 years, Coleman E. King; and her granddaughter, Larissa Coleen Haarr.

She is survived by her husband of nearly 19 years, Richard T. Moore; her children, Karen Haarr and Loren, of Kalispell, Sally King and Alan Westhagen, of Seattle, Patrick King, of Missoula, Colette King, of Missoula, and Tony King and Tricia, of Kalispell; Dick's children, Richard and Ruth, and Kenneth; her grandchildren, Lar's Haarr, Jennifer King Westhagen and Andrew Ernst, Coley King and Davonna, Kaycee King, Amy King Westhagen, Steven King, Tessa King, Lindsey Moore, Devin Moore, Stacey Marie Amrine and Mark, Peter Westhagen and Suzanna, and Jon Westhagen; and a multitude of Missoulian associates, neighbors and friends.

There will be a celebration of Evelyn's life at 4 p.m. Saturday, June 26, at the Missoula Senior Center, 705 S. Higgins Ave.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to an organization dear to Evelyn's heart, Nine Pipes Museum of Early Montana, 69316 U.S. Highway 93, Charlo, MT 59824.

## James F. King, 72

James F. King, 72, died Tuesday, July 13, 2010, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

He has been cremated

at his request. Private family services will be held at a later date.

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



## Richard K. 'Dick' King, 85

Our uncle and friend, Richard K. "Dick" King of Columbia Falls, died of natural causes Saturday, Feb. 27, 2010, at Kalispell



Regional Medical Center, after a short illness. Dick was born Nov. 21, 1924, in Whitefish, the third son of Edgar H. King and Margaret M. Taber King.

Dick was raised in the Flathead Valley, Great Falls and the Roseburg, Ore., area. He graduated from Whitefish High School in 1942.

Dick hired out on the railroad in 1943. Soon after that he enlisted in the Army, being discharged in 1946. He returned to Whitefish and continued his railroad career, retiring in 1984 with 41 years of service.

Dick enjoyed the outdoors and spent many days hiking, camping and fishing, mainly in Glacier National Park. In 1970 Mel Ruder crowned Dick "King of Glacier" for having hiked the entire perimeter of Glacier Park, as well as most developed and undeveloped trails throughout the park. Dick completed that goal in the summer of 1969. Dick spent many summer days enjoying the beauty and serenity of Oly Lake, his favorite fishing hole.

Dick was a lifelong Yankees fan and would take every opportunity to rub it in if the Yanks beat your team! He traveled to many

professional games over the years and had enjoyed spring training a few years ago. He also enjoyed NASCAR and Wildcat sports.

Dick had many hobbies that he enjoyed over the years, and he had been an avid collector of model trains.

Dick was preceded in death by his parents, Ed and Margaret; brothers, Eddie, Don and Jim; sister, Joan King Drager, niece, Peggy King, great-nephew, Lyle Seward; and sisters-in-law, Ruth King, Barbara King and Thelma Blake.

Dick is survived by many loving and caring friends in the Flathead Valley, and best pals, Mike Scott and "Chewy." Also surviving Dick, our favorite uncle, are nieces, Robbie King, Janice Rhodes, Michelle McDowell and Kami Anderson; nephews, Ed, Kelly and Cary King, Bret and Brad Drager, and Scott and Don King. Dick also is survived by numerous great- and great-great-nieces and nephews.

Dick will be greatly missed by the many people whose lives were touched by his kindness and gentle manner and his quick sense of humor. "Go hike that next mountain Dick; save some fish for us!"

A memorial wake will be held for "Pooh" at 2 p.m., March 21, at "The Office" (the Columbia Bar) in Columbia Falls. Please join us for this special time of sharing memories of Dick. Memorials can be sent to the charity of the donor's choice in Dick's name.

## Kyle E. Kingren, 39

Kyle Edward Kingren, 39, died Sunday, Sept. 26, 2010, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

He is survived by his father, Bruce Kingren of

Edding, Calif.

Cremation and arrangements are pending.

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

## Ronnie Thomas Kinman, 69

Ronnie Thomas Kinman passed away Sunday evening, Sept. 5, 2010, in a hospital in Butte.



He was born in Butte on April 24, 1941, to Thomas and Valerie (Reed) Kinman. Ronnie attended Butte schools and graduated from Whitehall High School in 1959. He served in the United States Air Force and upon his discharge went to work for the Anaconda Company for eight years.

Ronnie joined the Butte-Silver Bow Law Enforcement Agency and retired as sergeant in 1992 after 20 years of service. For the past 12 years, he has worked security at the Federal Building in Butte.

He was a member of the National Rifle Association, was an avid Green Bay Packers fan, and enjoyed fishing, hunting, camping, black powder shooting, motorcycles and riding snowmobiles.

He and Teri Richards were married July 13, 1974, in Butte and she survives. Also surviving are his sons and daughters-in-law, Tom and Hannah Kinman of Butte,

and John and Julie Kinman of California; daughters, Tammi McDaniel of Bigfork and Terri Bender of Butte; grandchildren, Valerie, Ashley, Nicole and Mark Kinman, J.T. and Brittney Bender and Amber McDaniel; his father, Thomas Kinman; brother, Don Kinman; sister and brother-in-law, Valerie and Dan Lloyd, all of Butte; mother-in-law, Joan Richards of Butte; brothers- and sisters-in-law, Paul and Sue Richards, Jeff and Kim Richards, Michelle and Lance Hicks, Jodi and Frank Toews, and Dori and Butch Harrington; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Ronnie is preceded in death by his mother, Valerie Kinman; father-in-law, Ed Richards; and brother-in-law, Ed Richards.

Mr. Kinman's remains are in Wayrynen-Richards Funeral Home, where friends may call beginning Friday morning, Sept. 10. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Friday in the funeral home. Cremation will follow.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to a memorial fund in Ronnie's memory for Amber McDaniel at Heritage Federal Credit Union, P.O. Box 3958, Butte, MT 59702.

## Theresa Jean Barron Kinniburgh, 42

Theresa Jean Barron Kinniburgh, 42, of Havre, died Oct. 21, 2010, as a result of injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident some years ago. She was born Sept. 21, 1968, in Kalispell, the daughter of Richard L. and Nancy (Poston) Barron. She attended Helena Flats Elementary School and graduated from Flathead High School in 1986.

Shortly after her graduation, Theresa was involved in a major automobile accident involving a reckless driver. Theresa nearly lost her life that day in 1987; however, her extreme determination and faith allowed her to overcome the odds. She spent nearly an entire year in the hospital, but she never fully recovered from the extensive injuries she sustained. Unfortunately, these injuries plagued her for the remainder of her life, and ultimately led to her death.

Despite her many health battles and the fact that she was going blind, Theresa never once complained. Her positive attitude, compassion and exuberance for life were inspirational to all who knew her.

In her own words, Theresa said, "I figure every day that I am still alive is a bonus."

Theresa married her high school sweetheart, Dennis Kinniburgh, in 1992, and went on to have three children. Dennis and her children were a constant source of pride and joy for Theresa.

Besides walking many miles a day, Theresa enjoyed baking, fishing and camp-

ing, but most of all enjoyed spending time with her family and friends.

In February 2010, Theresa completed a one-month program in Portland at Guide Dogs for the Blind, where she was paired with her loyal guide dog, Dusky.

Theresa leaves behind her beloved husband, Dennis, and their three children, Patrick, Paul and Peter Kinniburgh, all of Havre; her parents, Richard and Nancy Barron, of Kalispell; her sister, Paula, and Kelly Standon, of Columbia Falls; her brother, Bruce, and Cindy Barron, of Palmdale, Calif.; her twin brother, Mark, and Cammi Barron, of Kalispell; and sister, Andrea, and Ron Barron, of Bangkok, Thailand. Also surviving is her mother-in-law, Juanita Kinniburgh, of Havre; sister-in-law, Juanetta, and Matt Schrepfer, of Eureka, and brothers-in-law, Dale and Cathy of Libby, David and Muffie of Minnesota, and Dan Kinniburgh of Louisiana. Theresa also leaves behind many nieces and nephews, and her devoted guide dog Dusky.

A memorial service for Theresa is being planned for July 2011.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider donations to the Portland, Ore., Guide Dogs for the Blind at Donations Department, Guide Dogs for the Blind, P.O. Box 3950, San Rafael, CA 94912-3950; or charity of choice.

Theresa will forever be loved and missed.

## Leslie Richard Kinsey, 70

Leslie Richard Kinsey, 70, died Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2010, at the Renaissance Assisted Living Home in Kalispell.

He is survived by his wife; Yvonne Kinsey of Kalispell; two sons, Deano Kinsey of Napa, Calif., and Travis Kinsey of Cameron Park, Calif.;

and three daughters, Dawn Kinsey of Seattle, Dee Kinsey of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Debie Montana of Danville, Calif.

Memorial services are pending.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Randy M. Kirkedahl, 20

Randy M. Kirkedahl, 20, of Trego, died on May 19, 2010, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center due to injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident.

He had worked at Big Sky Tire and Auto.

Survivors include his

parents, Scott and Melani Kirkedahl, of Trego.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 27, at the Chapel of Praise in Eureka. Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Homes and Crematory.

## Richard Cory Kiser, 91

Richard Cory Kiser, 91, passed away on Nov. 27, 2010, at the Montana State Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

Richard was born in Coalwood on July 3, 1919, to Elmer and Ruth (Warkins) Kiser, the oldest of twin boys. The family of five boys and one girl, attended the Bobcat Grade School about a mile from their home, then moved to Miles City to attend high school.

In 1936, they moved to Kalispell, where he met and married Dorothy Nelson and the couple had one daughter.

Richard joined the Coast Guard and then was inducted into the Navy during World War II. After his service in the Navy, he and his wife moved to the Seattle area, where he worked for Arden Farms in a milk processing plant.

Richard's wife, Dorothy, preceded him in death in 1981. He moved back to Kalispell in 1984 where he married his high school sweetheart, Audrey Fenske.

Richard was preceded in

death by his parents, Elmer and Ruth Kiser; wife, Dorothy; sister, Alma; and brothers, Erwin and Lowell.

He is survived by his daughter, Teri Day; two granddaughters, Sherri Maloney and Amber Loiler; and four great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his wife, Audrey Kiser, and her children, JoAnne Greig, John Fenske and Mary Bolin; grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Also surviving him are his twin brother, Robert Kiser; brother, Philip, and wife, Louise Kiser; sister-in-law, Betty Kiser; and numerous nieces and nephews and others in a large extended family.

Richard will be buried at Glacier Memorial Gardens with a graveside service at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 1. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Friends are encouraged to visit the website, [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com), to leave notes of condolences for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

# DAVID S. KLEHM

David S. Klehm, 81, passed away at home on April 1, 2010. He was born June 8, 1928, in Libby, to Karl A. and Mary Klehm. He was the youngest of three children. In 1949, he met and married Nan Garnett in Couer d' Alene, Idaho. They then moved to Moscow, Idaho, so he could attend Forestry School at the University of Idaho. Upon graduation from the university, Nan and Dave moved to Kalispell for a brief time before Dave enlisted in the U.S. Army, and attended Officer's Candidate School in Ft. Belvoir, Va. He graduated as a 2nd Lt. and was sent to Korea to engineer roads that were crucial to keeping American casualties as low as possible. For his service in Korea he was awarded the Bronze Star. After the Korean War, he and Nan returned to Kalispell for good. They started their family with Kari Jo in 1954, followed by Kris in 1957. Through the course of life, Dave was a member of the Montana National Guard and the U.S. Army Reserve. He attained the rank of Major and retired from military service after 26 years. His primary career, however, was in forestry. Upon his return from Korea, he worked for Kalispell Lumber Company, Somers Lumber Company, Burlington Northern and finally retired as a land manager for Plum Creek Timber Company in 1984. His love of the woods was deep-seated, as his father had been Forest Supervisor for the Kootenai National Forest when he was young. David manned the Meadow Peak Lookout his 16th summer. He logged in Korea (during a war!) to acquire materials to build roads, make shelters, and maintain M.A.S.H. units. For Dave, wood truly was good. After his retirement, he and Nan traveled the western United States, and later he took up woodworking and made thousands of old-fashioned wooden toys that he took to the Farmer's Market and also donated extensively to charity. Dave had been a trombone player since fifth grade and was a member of the Flathead Community Band for 29 years, and also played in the Shriner's El Katif and German Bands for almost 20 years. Last year he donated his trombone to the Evergreen Junior High School band. He had been active in the early years of the Evergreen Lions, a member of the Masonic Lodge and Shriners, and active in the Society of American Foresters. Dave was an avid collector of any- and everything. He was always delighted to have just the right thing for the right use. Dave was preceded in death by his parents Karl A. and Mary; his brother, Karl; sister, Patricia; and his dear son, Kris, in 1982. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Nan, at the family home; his daughter, Kari Klehm and husband, Mike Collins; and beloved grandson, Zachri Klehm, all of Kalispell; and many nieces and nephews, whom he cherished. The time for a memorial reception will be announced soon. Contributions in Dave's name may be made to: Shriners Hospitals for Children, P.O. Box 2472, Spokane, WA 99210-2472; or Home Options Hospice, 430 Windward Way, #101, Kalispell, MT 59901. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Dave's family. You are invited to go to [www.jgfuneralhome.com](http://www.jgfuneralhome.com) to offer condolences and view Dave's tribute wall.



## Joseph Carl Klempel Jr., 90

Joseph Carl Klempel Jr., 90, of Bigfork, "heard the trumpet call to his eternal home up yonder, where there is no pain, only peace," on June 23, 2010.



Joey was born in a log-sod house on his parents' homestead out in the hills southwest of Lambert. He began his education in the Round Butte School where he walked or rode a horse six miles one way. He later attended Sidney Elementary School.

At age 14 he moved with his parents to a farm in the Yellowstone Valley, north of Savage. There as a teenager he sang in a family trio at church and on the radio. He especially enjoyed singing bass in the song "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder."

In 1943 at the First Baptist Church in Sidney, he married his sweetheart and lifetime partner, Annie Almond, his wife of 67 years. They farmed near Crane, raising sugar beets, corn, chickens, milk and beef cows, and a garden. During this time Joey also helped feed out feeder lambs for his parents and helped with lambing for different sheep ranchers.

He was a good neighbor to many, especially in time of need. A man of few words, but in that few he said much.

He loved riding and working with horses even as a young child. He was a cowboy and rancher at heart. He owned two outstanding saddle horses, Pepper and Midnight, and often rode 30 miles from the valley farm to the "homestead" to herd cattle or sheep.

During the 1950s he horse logged in the Flathead Valley west of Kalispell. Prior to his retirement, he would rather rake a field of hay with a team of mules than do the job with a tractor.

In August 1947 he moved

his wife and family to the Flathead Valley and bought property. They harvested and sold wild trees in the fall for many years to various tree yards in Kalispell, Phoenix and Utah. In 1958 he bought a farm in Bigfork, where he raised Black Angus cattle and had a dairy for a number of years.

He gave his nine children spiritual values and a strong work ethic.

He was preceded in death by parents, Joseph Sr. and Martha Nollmeyer Klempel; three brothers; two sisters; and one daughter, Delia May Klempel.

He is survived by his wife, Annie Klempel, at the family home in Bigfork; his children, Pat Burnham and Wes of Columbia Falls; Doris Rost and Jon of Whitefish, Edith Benson and Duane of Bigfork, Naoimi Oldfield and Bob of Chandler, Ariz., Joe Klempel III and Gina of Kalispell, Cathy Benson and Jerry, Ron Klempel and Lisa, and Richard Klempel and Rachel of Bigfork; sisters-in-law, Harriet, Ethel and Lois Klempel; grandchildren, Denise Oldfield, Nicole (Klempel) Shoshenskiy, Collin Klempel, Jay Dee Rost, Heidi Oldfield Obey, Kim Rost, Gregory Oldfield, Martin Burnham, Violet Benson, Stephanie Benson Lepinski, Justin Benson, Daryn Benson, Crystal Burnham, Daryl Benson, Candy Burnham, James Barnhart, Brenda Benson Olson, Jenny Klempel Miner, Jessie Klempel, Rainey Klempel and Levi Klempel; and 12 great-grandchildren.

A celebration of life service will be held at 2 p.m. today, Monday, June 28, at the Little Brown Church with the Rev. Pat Pierce officiating. Interment will follow at Lone Pine Cemetery, next to his daughter Delia May.

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

## Sonny J. Kless, 25

On Sunday, June 27, 2010, Sonny J. Kless "flew out of the lives of his friends and family and into the arms of the God he knew."



Sonny was born to Jeff Kless and Janelle Gentry on Aug. 13, 1984, in Whangarei, New Zealand. Sonny, true to his nature, always disputed this date and preferred the U.S. date of the 12th. This would be one of the few times he would arrive early. This may also have been a thinly disguised excuse to reap a few extra presents.

Sonny spent his early years on board the sailboat, Dark Star, in the Pacific and then in Vancouver, British Columbia. He then spent his time growing up in Colorado, California and Montana.

He attended school first in Bigfork and then Kalispell, where he was also active in speech, drama, football and basketball. Sonny was blessed with exceptional intelligence and quick wit.

Typically, this comes with mixed blessings. As most parents of young adults know, teenagers can "act out." Sonny was no exception. With his typical intensity, and penchant for social economy, a one-hour crime spree brought Sonny an extended two-year stay in Wyoming. This became a blessing in disguise. The desolate countryside and the Spartan living conditions gave Sonny the time to use his intelligence for introspection, and his life took a new direction.

Returning to Montana, Sonny attended the University of Montana in Missoula, graduating in May of this year with a double degree in environmental science and communications.

While at the U of M, Sonny developed a fund for sustainable education programs to borrow money from, then repay, thus giving sustainable environmental causes sustainable financing. During this time Sonny earned his private pilot's license, a dream he had since childhood. Sonny's goal was to become a commercial pilot.

Sonny searched for his path with unrivaled sincerity and curiosity, and in that pursuit accidental heartbreaks would sometimes come to those who loved him. This may be the final heartbreak, but Sonny will continue on his path.

Sonny is survived by his mother, Janelle Gentry; and father, Jeff Kless; brother, Dustin Haines, of Eugene, Ore.; and sister, Sydney Kless, of Boulder, Colo. Survivors also include his grandmother, Anne Gentry, of Whitefish; grandfather, J. Gentry of Rifle, Colo.;

uncle, Kirk Gentry, and aunt, Michelle Gentry, of Kalispell; aunt, Barbara Kless, and uncle, Jim Kless, of Palm Springs, Calif.

The family has requested that in lieu of flowers donations be sent to Lake County or Sanders County search and rescue; or the Student Pilots Scholarship Fund, Glacier Bank, Kalispell.

A gathering to remember Sonny will be held at 2 p.m. today, July 3, at Best View Storage, on Columbia Falls Stage Road



## Donna Sibley Sandholm Knadle, 72

Donna "went to her Lord" on Aug. 30, 2010, after a brief illness.

Donna was born on Oct. 31, 1937, in Kalispell to Harold and Hazel Sibley. She graduated from Flathead County High School in 1955.

She moved to Tacoma, Wash., to attend Pacific Lutheran University, where she met and married James Sandholm. Jim and Donna raised four sons.

Donna was a devoted mother, wife and friend. She was very active in church and school activities and maintained a large circle of friends, both in the Puget Sound region and the Flathead Valley.

In 1992, Donna married David Knadle and moved to their farm in Maple Val-



ley. Dave and Donna traveled extensively throughout their marriage. They had just returned from Donna's annual family reunion on Flathead Lake when she became ill.

Donna is survived by her husband, Dave Knadle; brother, Roger Sibley; her four sons, Kenneth, Steven, David and Micheal; her three stepdaughters; and four grandchildren.

For those of us who were so truly blessed to have been a part of her life, her beloved memory will remain for the remainder of our time in a world that will be less one wonderful woman.

We invited all to join us at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 3, at the home of Roger Sibley, at 383 N. Juniper Bay in Somers, for a celebration of Donna's life "and her departure to be with the Lord" she served so faithfully during her too-brief time in this world.

## David Knapton, 33

David Knapton, 33, passed away on Friday, March 19, 2010, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center, as the result of a motorcycle accident on March 16. He was born March 21, 1976, in Missoula, to Mark and Carmen Knapton.

He lived most of his life in the Flathead Valley. He graduated from Flathead High School and took auto repair courses at MSU-Northern. He, like his father, wrenched both for income and enjoyment, along with fishing and hunting. He was a gentle giant, living his life on his own terms. It was a wild ride that ended too soon.

David was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his

daughter, Elizabeth "Lizzi" Knapton, of Kalispell; two brothers, Jacob and wife, Toni, Knapton and family, and Brian and wife, Jessica, Knapton and family; grandparents, Bruce and Bitsey Avery, of Libby; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Memorial services for David will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 27, at the Faith Alliance Church in Kalispell.

The family suggest donations be made to the Elizabeth Knapton Trust Fund.

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

## Harvey Leroy Knebel, 92

Harvey Leroy Knebel passed away on Friday, June 4, 2010, at the age of 92. He had pneumonia, congestive heart failure, and other related complications. He was born Nov. 25, 1917, in a two-room house on a wheat farm in Retah, Mont., to Leroy and Retta Knebel. He grew up near the town of Glendive where he went to school.

After high school, he attended Montana State University and earned a degree in mechanical engineering.

On Jan. 7, 1945, Harvey married Ella Mae Hewitson at the First Presbyterian Church in Kalispell. He moved to California where he worked as a flight engineer for Pan American Airways, flying sea planes called China Clippers. He later flew for the Naval Reserves during World War II, flying reconnaissance and troop transport missions, among other things. He traveled throughout the Orient, the South Pacific and India.

In 1949, Harvey returned to Montana with his wife and daughter, Kathy, who was born on Sept. 16, 1947. He began working for the family business Sunset Carburetor and Electric in Kalispell, of which he was part owner. A second daughter, Janet, arrived on April 4, 1951, and son Joe on Aug. 31, 1962.

He became the city engineer of Kalispell in 1974, then went to work for Anaconda Aluminum in 1978 as a project engineer until his retirement at the age of 66, in 1983. He continued working on various engineering projects and fixing airplanes at local airports and also attended courses at Flathead Valley Community College, covering a variety of topics, including computer programming.

Harvey was an active member of the First Presby-



terian Church where he held several positions, including ordained elder. He was also an active member of Masonic Lodge No. 42, AF and AM, of which he was past master, and was a past Worthy Patron of Adah Chapter No. 17 of Eastern Star. He belonged to other ancillary organizations (the Shriners and the Scottish Right) and the Elks.

Harvey enjoyed taking walks, spending time with his family, flying his private, single-engine airplane, and working on computers. He always remained curious and was a lifelong learner. He was patient, thoughtful and optimistic, and was always content with what he had. He was a great husband, father, and grandfather and he will be greatly missed.

Harvey was preceded in death by his parents, and one brother, Earl (wife, Dottie) of College Station, Texas.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Ella May; brother, Bill, and Corky, of Billings, sister, May Yonce, and Lloyd, of Chapel Hill, N.C.; daughters, Kathy Knebel and John Pedone of Novato, Calif., and Janet Kosior and John of Calgary; and son, Joe, of Missoula; as well as his two grandchildren, Jeremy and Jayme Kosior, both of Calgary.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, June 10, at the First Presbyterian Church of Kalispell, followed immediately by a reception at the church, then interment at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in Harvey's name to the First Presbyterian Church, 540 Main Street, Kalispell, MT 59901-4851; or the Wings Cancer Foundation, P.O. Box 7852, Kalispell, MT 59904.

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

## Bobby Ray Knight, 61

Bobby Ray Knight was born Jan. 7, 1949, in Bradleyville, Mo., to Herman and Mary Jane Knight.

He served in the U.S. Navy from 1969 to 1972.

Bob married the love of his life, Shirley, after 40 years.

Bob loved hunting, fishing, good ole' country music and a cold beer by the fire. He loved spending time with his grandchildren and making sure they had good grades, and became responsible adults. Bob loved and was loved by everyone who met him — his door was open to all. Most of all, Bob dreamed of catching that big trout, pike or catfish and the mighty majestic bull elk and bear. During the winter Dad bought a 7-mm rifle and hunting knife in the hopes of changing his luck; unfortunately luck would have it we lost our beloved father Jan. 19, 2010, at 9:11 p.m.

Bob was preceded in death by his father, Herman Knight; mother, Mary Jane Knight; brother, Melvin; best friend of 50 years, Dennis Young; uncle, John; aunt, Kathryn; and nephews, Everett and Russell.

Bob is survived by his wife of 40 years, Shirley; son, Nicholas, and wife, Tasha, and grandchildren, Nicholas, Hunter and Trenton; daughter, Cindy, and husband, Roddy, and grandchildren, Clay, Roddy Ray and Wyatt; son, Ryan, and wife, Shiree, and grandchild, Mariah; daughter, Regina, and husband, Derek, and grandchildren, Bobbie and Terance, and



great-grandchildren, Isaac and Blake; daughter, Tiffany, and unborn grandson; daughter, Jolean, and husband, Josh, and grandchildren, Bryan, Kalynn, Cheyenne and Derek; son, Bobby, and wife, Leane, and grandchildren, Kayla, Collin and Kyle; son, Billy Jack, and wife, Mandy, and grandson, Harley; daughter, Kathy, and grandchildren, Kelsey, Nathan, Mariah and Theron; daughter, JoAnn, and grandchildren, Michael, Chris and Eric; Bob's brother and best friend always and forever, Don, and Darlene, and nephews, Donny and wife, Christy, Jeremiah and wife, Jessica, Lucas and Joseph, and niece, Sarah; and numerous great-nieces and nephews; brother, James, and wife, Maryellen, nephew, Greg, and nieces, Melissa and Sandra; brother, Wayne; sister, Evelyn; Bob's best friend of 16 years; Dan, and Chris Catron (whenever there was a need he could count on his buddy Dan); Dan's son, Nolan, and wife, Echo, and grandchildren, Justin, Tekka and Megan.

"In loving memory of the 'Wild Man' now headed to meet the Great Lord. We love you, Daddy, it was a great ride, 'Strong Stinkin', Pumpin' in the wind.'"

A visitation will be held from 1 to 8 p.m. today, Jan. 22, at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 23, at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. Burial will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls, with graveside military honors by the United Veterans of the Flathead and the U.S. Navy.

## Ford Wesley Knight, 80

Ford "went to be with our Lord Jesus Christ" on Saturday, Jan. 16, 2010, in Kalispell. Ford was born Sept. 18, 1929, in



Butte, to Jack and Blanche (Dickson) Knight. He was followed by brother, Rutherford, and sister, Geraldine.

He went to grade school in Bannack and graduated from Beaverhead High School where he played in the East-West Shrine Football game. During the summer he spent time in the "Big Hole," haying on the Jardine ranch.

He received his Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in metallurgical engineering and graduate fellowship from the Montana School of Mines while working in several of the Butte mines. Over his extensive international career, Ford performed duties as manager and project engineer for the Anaconda Copper Mining Co. in Anaconda; E.I. Dupont, Savannah River Plant, Aiken, S.C.; Los Alamos Scientific Lab, K Division, Los Alamos, N.M.; Atomic Power Development Association (Detroit Edison) and FERMI lab, Detroit; United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority, Dounreay Fast Reactor Facility, Thurso, Scotland; Westinghouse Electric, France; General Electric in Richland, Wash., San Jose and Vallejos, Calif., and Tokyo, Japan; Westinghouse Nuclear Fuel Division, Pittsburgh; Westinghouse Electric, Advanced Energy Systems/Waste Management/Environmental Remediation Divisions, Pittsburgh; and Westinghouse Hanford Co., Richland, Wash.

Ford's professional affiliations included: Westinghouse Electric's representative on and charter member of the committee on Nuclear Quality Assurance, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, and an early and catalyzing member of the ASQC working group on ASQC E-4, Environmental Quality Assurance. Ford was pub-

lished many times in major publications between 1960 and 1991. One of these publications titled, Acubic Expansion of PU and PU-FE Eutectic Between Room Temperature and 700 to 800 degrees Celsius, was presented at the Second International Conference on Plutonium Metallurgy, Grenoble, France.

While in Pittsburgh, Ford met and married his wife, Nancy Fried Knight. They together raised sons, John and Matthew, on a farm in Saxonburg, Pa. Ford was a well-respected farmer, raising corn and soybeans along with hogs and black angus cattle. All of this was to "show my sons good work ethic."

Ford and his family returned to his beloved Montana in 1991. He and his family have enjoyed many years in the Flathead Valley where both sons have met and married their wives, Carrie Griffin Knight and daughter, Tia, and Heather Broeder Knight and daughter, Tiffany, and son, Cody.

Ford is survived by his loving wife, Nancy; his sons, John and Matthew; daughter, Leslie Smail, and husband, Eric Hunley; nephew and niece, Jarrod and Atari Faust; and countless friends.

Ford was a patriot and loved the free United States of America. The most important thing in Ford's life was his relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. "Throughout his entire life he credited and honored our Heavenly Father. This was his most cherished legacy. Amen."

The celebration of Ford's life will be held at 4 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 30, at Cornerstone Community Church, 1970 U.S. 93 N., in Kalispell. "Now go straight home and no bar hopping."

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

Memorials are suggested to Cornerstone Community Church; the Veterans Food Pantry; or a charity of the donor's choice.

## Virgie Lorraine King Knoll, 76

Virgie Lorraine King Knoll, 76, "went to be with her Lord and Savior" on Sept. 17, 2010. She slipped peacefully



away at the home of her daughter in Columbia Falls, surrounded by her devoted family, after a long and brave battle with leukemia.

Virgie was born on Jan. 10, 1934, in Pikeville, Ky., to Aaron and Allean (Meade) King.

As a young girl her family moved to Western Washington where on June 21, 1948, she married her beloved husband, James Michael Knoll. They would spend the next 58 years together.

He preceded her in death on March 18, 2007.

Virgie is survived by five sons and five daughters who loved and adored her. They are her son, Michael and wife, Gail of Whitefish; daughter, Inis Baker and husband, Tom of Lafayette, Tenn.; son, Lawrence and wife, Dana of Centralia, Wash.; son, Pastor Tim and wife, Kay of Great Falls; daughter, Joan Pedersen and husband, Wayne of Lewistown; son, Christopher and wife, Clariiece of Centralia; daughter, Mary Husted and husband, Paul of Columbia Falls; son, Nathan and wife, Brenda of Marion; daughter, Mamie Goodwin and husband, Dennis of Columbia Falls; and daughter, Judy Rose of Whitefish. She was the proud grandmother of 33 grandchildren and 58 great-grandchildren. Also surviving are her two brothers, Gene King of Onalaska, Wash., and Aaron King of Yreka, Calif.; and one sister, Iris Hanson of Winlock, Wash.; along with numerous nieces and nephews, whom she dearly loved.

Virgie was preceded in death by her husband; parents; 11 brothers and sisters; and two grandsons, Caleb Husted and Matthew Goodwin.

Virgie loved her chickens, wild birds and flower gardening. She loved being outside and would go for walks until her health began to fail. She had the gift of hospitality. Her open-handed generosity was witnessed by all who knew her, from feeding hoboes in the 60's to helping a needy neighbor. Virgie was known to say, "I'll never have so little that I can't share. Besides, you never know but that you are entertaining angels unaware."

Virgie enjoyed berry picking and all-day excursions with her sisters and large family gatherings, from jam sessions to birthdays and Sunday dinners with whoever just happened to show up after church. She baked cookies by the bags-full for her children, young and old. She loved to surprise her sons with a freshly baked pie, just because she loved them. Her goodies were legendary.

She taught her children through example the importance of God, country and family. "We will cherish her and hold her in our hearts forever because we know our mother is waiting for us in heaven."

Virgie's life will be celebrated at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 22, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery with graveside services, followed by a memorial service at 2 p.m. at Cornerstone Community Church, with Pastor Mark Foreman of the Whitefish Community Church of God.

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



## Arlene Mae (Kinshella) Knutson, 75

Arlene Mae (Kinshella) Knutson, 75, passed away on Monday, Jan. 12, 2010, at Health Center Northwest in Kalispell. She was born on May 19, 1934, in Kalispell, to Ernest B. and Ida M. (Becker) Kinshella.

Arlene lived most of her life in the Flathead. When she was a child her father was in the logging industry so she and her three sisters spent a lot of time in the logging camps near Olney, Ashley Lake, Marion and the Swan. She attended Flathead County High School.

On May 17, 1952, she married Lawrence N. "Buster" Knutson in Kalispell. They spent most of their life in Kalispell and Columbia Falls, except for about 10 years when they moved to Las Vegas.

Arlene loved to cook big dinners for family gatherings. She was a fabulous candy maker and especially loved making Christmas goodies to share with the family and friends. She loved to crochet and spent much of her time making baby outfits and blankets for others. Many of her creations have been donated to the Hope Pregnancy Center. She always would say, "I want that new mother and baby to know how precious

and special they are." She put her whole heart into each stitch, many times ripping out an outfit and starting it again because it wasn't "just right."

She was preceded in death by her husband, Buster; both parents; and a sister, JoAnn Hall.

Arlene is survived by a daughter, Connie Fischer, and husband, Dan, of Kalispell; a son, Larry Knutson, and wife, Diane, of Kalispell; 10 grandchildren, Andrea Anderson, Brittney Salmi, Mackenzie Knutson, Brianna Wiley, Luke Fischer, Lane Knutson, R.J. Beach, Justin Beach, Jeff Beach and Bridger Beach; four great-grandchildren; two sisters, Norma and husband, John McGregor, of Spokane, and Joyce Vlasak of Kalispell; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral services for Arlene will be held at 1 p.m. today, Jan. 15, at the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home Chapel, with Pastor Jim Holman officiating. Interment will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

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

## Christine Koch, 96

Christine Koch, 96, died April 12, 2010, at her home in Belfield, N.D.

She is survived by sons, Thomas Koch of Kalispell, and Andrew Koch Jr., of Columbia Falls; and daughter, Faye Turner, of Columbia Falls.

Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Friday, April 16, at St. Bernard's Cath-

olic Church in Belfield with the Rev. Shannon Lucht celebrating. Visitation will be from noon to 3 p.m. today, April 15, at Stevenson Funeral Home in Dickinson, N.D., and from 4 to 9 p.m. at St. Bernard's Catholic Church, with rosary and prayer service at 7 p.m.

Vicky A. Koch passed away on Oct. 12, 2010, after a lengthy battle with pancreatic cancer.

She was born Oct. 28, 1944, to Pierre Peres and Dawn Gallagher (Peres) Callison in Fort Benton. Vicky graduated from Fort Benton High School in 1962 and Kinman Business University in 1964.

Thirty seven years of Vicky's career was spent at the Montana Department of Transportation where she was known for her philosophy of: "She thought she could, so she did." During the last six years of her employment at MDT, she was the bureau chief of the Civil Rights Bureau, and served a brief stint as acting human



resources administrator. As the bureau chief, she supervised programs designed to assure women, disabled workers and minorities were free from discrimination.

Vicky received several State and National Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) awards which included: Outstanding Federal Trainer, FHWA Outstanding DBE Mentor, and two outstanding Governor's State Employee awards.

Vicky enjoyed gardening, reading, sewing, and walking her many beloved dogs in the great outdoors.

When Vicky was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, her can-do philosophy stayed with her, and she spent many hours dedicated to helping others who were also struggling with cancer.

Survivors include her husband, Eugene Koch, whom she married in February

1981; her two stepdaughters, Pamela Christensen and Eric of Seattle, and Michele Blair and Scott of Talent, Ore.; three grandsons, Michael, Jamie and Alex; her mother, Dawn Callison; brothers, Rusty Peres and Teresa of Great Falls, Kelly Peres and Vicki of Juneau, Alaska, and Wayne Callison of Great Falls; along with several nieces and nephews and her special private nurse, Minnie Pearl.

She was preceded in death by her father, Pierre Peres; and stepfather, Tom Callison.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 16, at the Evangelical Covenant Church, 800 N. Hoback, Helena, with a reception to follow at the church; and also at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 19, at the Fort Benton First Christian Church, 1201 Main

Street, Fort Benton.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to St. Peter's Cancer Treatment Center, c/o St. Peter's Hospital Foundation, 2475 E. Broadway Street Helena, MT 59601; Hospice of St. Peter's 2475 Broadway Street, Helena, MT 59601; or the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, 2141 Rosecrans Avenue Suite 7000, El Segundo, CA 90245.

Condolences may be given to the family by visiting [www.aswfuneralhome.com](http://www.aswfuneralhome.com).

## Vicky A. Koch, 65



## Anastasia Koestner, 88

Anastasia Koestner, 88, died Tuesday, March 16, 2010, at home in Kalispell.

She is survived locally by her son, Rudy Koestner; and a daughter, Trudy Charrier, of Suffolk, N.Y.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, March

20, in the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Chapel with the Rev. John Weaver of the Christian Center officiating. Burial will follow in the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## D. Franklin Kohl, 94

D. Franklin Kohl of Arlee died at St. Peter's Hospital in Helena on July 6, 2010, following a short illness.



Franklin was born to William F. and Edith Ann (Garst) Kohl in Yates Center, Kan., on April 13, 1916, and lived in various parsonages throughout Kansas before the family relocated to Aberdeen, S.D., in the early 1930s.

Franklin enjoyed a youth filled with hiking, bird hunting and taxidermy, and helped extend the family's resources by working as a newspaper carrier.

After two years of college in Aberdeen, Franklin transferred to Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa, where he earned Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Divinity degrees.

At Drake, Franklin met LaVern DeLong who would become his dearest companion for 75 years.

Franklin loved to travel and spent the summer of 1937 touring England by bicycle. He preached in various communities in Iowa and Nebraska while completing seminary and accepted his first calling as the minister of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Grand Island, Neb., in 1939.

Franklin and LaVern were wed on Aug. 7, 1940, in Lake City, Iowa, beginning their married life and partnership in Christian ministry. From 1945-1955, Franklin served as the enthusiastic and popular pastor of a large congregation in Maryville, Mo. Throughout his career, he always undertook at least one major project in each church he served — in Maryville it was securing a new pipe organ, an endeavor which took several years to complete.

In 1949 he completed additional schooling at Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, Calif.

In 1955 Franklin and LaVern answered the call of the mountains, which had always been a lure to them, when he assumed the position of minister at the Central Christian Church in Great Falls. He served there until 1966, leading the congregation in the construction of a new education building.

Franklin continued his passions for traveling and the great outdoors as he took family and friends on journeys throughout the world, and enjoyed countless hunting, fishing and camping trips in the Bob Marshall Wilderness and Glacier National Park. He was also an avid amateur photographer.

Christianity, world peace and reconciliation were con-

stant themes in Franklin's life. He completed his ministerial career as the Disciples of Christ regional minister for Montana, from 1967-1981. He spent countless hours driving the highways and byways of Montana, helping to coordinate the state's Christian fellowships.

Franklin was also active in the Montana Association of Churches and the Great Falls Ministerial Association; was on the Northwest Christian University Board of Trustees in Eugene, Ore., and the Disciples of Christ Church Extension board of directors; and traveled with the Witness for Peace program to Nicaragua and Guatemala.

Following retirement in 1981, Franklin and LaVern spent the next 25 years as members of the American Tree Farm Association, managing their Two Rivers Tree Farm in the Jocko Canyon of western Montana. They were also ardent supporters of the Society of Friends (Quaker) communities in Missoula and St. Ignatius.

Growing a garden, raising llamas and dogs, working in the woods, hiking in the summer, and cross-country skiing in the winter brought pleasure and satisfaction to Franklin during his "retirement" years. Following an illness in 2005, Franklin and LaVern joined the Waterford community in Helena, where they have enjoyed the kind and devoted staff, and long walks in the surrounding neighborhoods.

Franklin was preceded in death by his parents; half sister, Neoma Kohl Beale; brothers, Leon, Robert Homer and Herbert Kohl; and grandson, Benjamin Kohl.

He is survived by his wife of 70 years, LaVern DeLong Kohl; sons, David of Cincinnati, and Stephen and wife, Katie, of Sweet Home, Ore.; daughters, Ruth Solie of Detroit Lakes, Minn., and Rebecca Kohl and husband, Kirby, Lambert of Helena; grandchildren, David W. Kohl and JoAnn of Portland, Nathaniel Kohl and Becky of Westport, Conn., Mary Solie and Jiancarlo of Costa Rica; Paul Solie and Jessica of Minneapolis, and Jane Solie of Missoula; great-granddaughter, Claire Solie, of Minneapolis; numerous nieces and nephews; and special neighbors, Hank and Carol Adams and family.

Cremation has taken place. A private memorial service is planned for later this summer.

The family requests that memorials be sent to a hospice of the donor's choice; or the Disciples Peace Fellowship, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), P.O. Box 1986, Indianapolis, IN 46208-1986, or <http://dpfweb.org/donate/>.

Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting: [www.stevensonandsons.com](http://www.stevensonandsons.com)

## Helen Otten Konshur, 74

Helen Otten Konshur, 74, passed away on Saturday, Feb. 20, 2010, at the Lake View Care Center in Bigfork, after suc-



cumbing to Alzheimer's disease. She was born on Oct. 9, 1935, in Plentywood, the youngest of 12 children to Otto B. and Minnie (Bohlken) Otten.

Helen went to school in Lookout and moved to Plentywood when she married Douglas Konshur on Sept. 28, 1953. The couple moved to Kalispell in 1965 where they built and operated Timberline Lumber for over 25 years, before retiring to Apache Junction, Ariz., in 1992. They

purchased Treasure Chest Granite Pit in Apache Junction, which they operated together until Helen's return to the Flathead Valley in 2001.

She had a warm, loving and generous spirit and will be missed by many.

Helen was preceded in death by Douglas.

She is survived by her daughter, Dixie Sherman, of Bigfork; her son, William Konshur, of Libby; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Graveside services for Helen will be held at 3 p.m. today, Feb. 23, at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

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

## Joan Kowatsch, 78

Joan Kowatsch, 78, died Saturday, April 3, 2010, in Kalispell.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Harry P. Kraft Jr., 61

Harry P. Kraft Jr., 61, of Libby, died Friday, Nov. 12, 2010, at his home in Libby from natural causes.

Survivors include his wife, Sandra Kraft of Libby; children, Angil Kraft and Samuel L. Kraft II, both of Libby;

and mother, Eva J. Kraft, of Cozad, Neb.

Services will be at noon Friday, Nov. 19, at the Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home, 422 W. Second St. in Libby. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. on Thursday.

## Ralph E. Kraft, 82

Ralph E. Kraft, 82, passed away, July 6, 2010, at his home of natural causes. He was born May 24, 1929, in Bozeman and raised in Bozeman. He graduated from Gallatin County High School.

Ralph served in and was honorably discharged from the Army. On April 2, 1954, he married Margaret Zindler.

Ralph was a rancher and had a septic tank and portable toilet service. He was retired.

He was a member of the Eagles and the American Legion.

Ralph enjoyed fishing, camping, boating and hunt-



ing, and especially enjoyed his grandkids and family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Walter and Loretta Kraft; and siblings, Kenneth Kraft, Ray Kraft, Charles Kraft, Richard Kraft and Donna Kraft.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Margaret Kraft, of Kalispell; children, Helen Kraft of Kalispell, Robert Kraft of Kalispell, and Don and Janet Kraft of Bozeman; grandchildren, Tammy, Kari, Krystal, Rhett, Walter and James; 10 great-grandchildren; brothers, Earl Kraft and Glen Kraft, both of Bozeman; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Cremation has taken place. No services are planned. Friends and family will gather on July 10 at Ralph and Margaret's residence.

Memorials are suggested to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

## Frederick Herman Krause, 90

Frederick Herman Krause, 90, "broke camp for one last time" on April 12, 2010, at the Montana Veteran's Home in Columbia Falls.



Fred was born near Polson to Edith (Rein) and Herman Krause on Jan. 20, 1920, and spent his early years there, before moving with the family to the Bad Rock area near Columbia Falls.

He spent time in the Civilian Conservation Corps during the late '30s before moving to the Seattle area.

Fred was Dutch Harbor, Alaska, as a civilian worker and was at sea when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. He was in Dutch Harbor on the two occasions when it was bombed. Returning to Seattle he worked in ship building until he was inducted into the U.S. Navy in 1943. He served with the Navy Construction Battalion "CBs." He saw action in the Gilbert and Marshall island campaigns and on Iwo Jima, where he was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received on May 13, 1945.

Returning to the Flathead after the war, he met and married Minnie Hissong on Sept. 15, 1945, at her parents' home in Somers. They were blessed with five children and over 64 years together.

Fred was a logger without

equal and a road builder. He was always proud of having built the Peter's Ridge Road to the Jewel Basin area. Through the woods weather logging, wood cutting or hunting was his greatest passion. He also farmed for many years west of Whitefish in the Bissell community, one of his special joys was to get the Christmas tree for the Bissell School.

Fred was a man who worked hard but cared deeply for others and will be missed.

Fred was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters; one brother; and one grandson, Craig.

He is survived by his wife, Minnie, at Colonial Manor in Whitefish; one sister, Colleen Schafer, of Bothell, Wash.; daughter, Myrna, and husband, James Dull, of Columbia Falls; sons, Fred Edwin of Columbia Falls, Harold and wife, Caroline, of Whitefish, Mark William of Pablo, and Steven Paul of Homer, Alaska, 13 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A visitation will be held from 1 to 8 p.m. today, April 22, at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, April 23, at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls, with Pastor Darrell Newby officiating. Interment will follow at Fairview Cemetery, with graveside military honors by the United Veterans of the Flathead and the Montana Army National Guard.

## Kenneth H. Krueger, 72

Kenneth H. Krueger, 72, passed away on Saturday, Feb. 27, 2010, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in



Kalispell. Ken was born on July 28, 1937, in New Salem, N.D., to Fred and Wilma (Holle) Krueger. He lived in New Salem until he was 10 years old, then moved to the Stillwater area of the Flathead Valley in 1947. He attended Sparks, Linderman, and then graduated from Flathead County High School.

Kenneth worked for Skyline Dairy for many years as a route driver, then plant supervisor. He left the dairy to become a full-time farmer.

He married Betty E. Mattheisen on Sept. 1, 1957, in Kalispell.

Kenneth was a member of the West Valley School board; was appointed to the Montana Wheat and Barley board by then Governor Swindon; the CFC (Cooperative Finance Corporation); and National Barley board.

He served on a trade mission to Japan and Taiwan, and then hosted a trade contingent from Japan on the family farm. He also served as chairman of the Montana State Electric Cooperative board for 25 plus years. Kenneth conceived and started

the Round-Up for safety program with the Rural Cooperative.

Kenneth served as a Flathead County commissioner for seven years, and as master for the Stillwater Grange for several years.

"Work, work, and more work" was Kenneth's motto through life.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Fred and Wilma Krueger; twin sister, Karol Krueger; daughter-in-law, Julie Krueger; nephew, Rick Shepard; and brother-in-law, Johnny Mattheisen.

Kenneth is survived by his wife, Betty; son, Gary, and wife, Jessica, of West Valley, and their children, Derek and wife Kristen, Trent, Ryan and Carissa; daughter, Kelly, and husband, Jeff, Craig, and their son, Steven, of Henderson, Nev.; and numerous friends.

A celebration of life for Kenneth will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, March 3, at the First Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Glenn Burfeind officiating. A private burial will be held at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Memorial contributions in Kenneth's name may be made to the organization of your choice. Friends are encouraged to visit the Web site, [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com), where this obituary will be maintained at no charge to the family always. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.



## Dr. Loren Kreck, 89

Dr. Loren Kreck, a retired Columbia Falls dentist, passionate defender of wilderness and lifelong outdoor adventurer, died Friday of natural causes. He was 89.

At his request, no funeral service is planned; however, friends are planning a gathering to celebrate his life, the time and date to be announced.

He was born Aug. 29, 1920, in Hollywood, Calif., to Dr. Edwin Kreck, a dentist, and Lydia Reichardt Kreck. He had three older siblings: Cynthia, Dorothy and Edwin.

He appreciated his wonderful teachers in high school and at the University of Southern California. Walt Disney Studios offered him a job as an artist, but he decided to work for Douglas Aircraft building airplanes.

In 1944, he joined the Marines and became a pilot. He flew corsairs off the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Bennington in the war against Japan. In later years, he enjoyed his squadron reunions.

He attended dental school after World War II.

In 1950, he married his wonderful wife, Mary Rose Fea. They moved to Columbia Falls the next year. Six years later, he moved his general

dentistry practice to Kalispell and specialized in orthodontics. He and Mary adopted two sons, David and Michael. Over the years, they also hosted four foreign exchange students. He said they were all wonderful kids and the Krecks enjoyed them all.

Among his many, many friends, Loren is best known for his passion for wilderness. He was perhaps one of the most ardent, dedicated and involved conservationists in Montana history. He was instrumental in helping establish the Jewel Basin hiking area and the Great Bear Wilderness. He continued to enjoy the outdoors — hiking, skiing and floating rivers — throughout his life. He was also a sculptor, painter and model race car maker. He was a wonderful storyteller.

Loren is survived by his sons, his sister-in-law, Bobby Kreck, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Friends are encouraged to visit [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com) where this obituary will be maintained at no charge to the family. Friends may post notes of condolence for the family.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Lucinda Marie Kruse, 56

Lucinda Marie Kruse, 56, of Hemet, Calif., and formerly of Kalispell, died Feb. 10, 2010, at Inland Valley Medical Center of an upper GI aneurysm.

She is survived by her husband, Jim Kruse, of Hemet; mother, Naoma Smith, of Kalispell; daughters, Tina New-

man of Billings, Charnel Woerner of Albuquerque, N.M., and Tandi Vernon of Hemet.

Cremation has taken place at Miller-Jones Mortuary and Cremation in Hemet. A memorial service will take place in Great Falls at a later date.

## Raymond A. Kube Sr., 91

Raymond A. Kube Sr., of Whitefish, passed away peacefully June 8, 2010, in Kalispell at the age of 91. He was born in St. Paul, Minn., on Feb. 5, 1919.

He married Lillian L. Walters in St. Paul on Aug. 26, 1942.

Ray served in the United States Army during World War II, from 1942 until his honorable discharge in 1946.

He and his wife moved to Great Falls in 1946. Ray's career as a sales representative led him to travel extensively in Montana, Idaho and Wyoming.

In 1966, Ray and Lil moved to their home on Whitefish Lake. Ray retired in 1981, at which time they wintered at their second home in Mesa, Ariz.

Throughout his life Ray enjoyed the outdoors. He built his first sailboat as a young man at the family cabin on Bone Lake, Wis.; his interest in boating continued throughout his life. Other interests he enjoyed over the years were skiing, golfing and outdoor photography.

Surviving him are his wife, Lil, of 68 years; his son, Ray Kube Jr., of Seattle; and grandsons, Paul Kube of Wenatchee, Wash., and Scott Kube of Snohomish, Wash.; his daughter, Pam Kube, of Bigfork; and three great-grandchildren.

Private arrangements are by Austin Funeral Home. The family suggests memorials be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

## Charley Eugene Kuder, 71

Charley Eugene Kuder, 71, died Saturday, Sept. 11, 2010, at his residence in Kalispell.

He is survived by his mother, Louise Kuder, of

Kalispell.

No services are planned at this time. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.