

## Seumas V. Gallagher, 85

Beloved husband and father Seumas Vickie "Jim" Gallagher, 85, of Missoula, died of natural causes early Friday morning, Sept. 30, 2011. He crossed over at home, among his family.

Seumas was born June 21, 1926, at home on Edwards Street in Butte, to Irish immigrant Frank Gallagher and Montana pioneer Mabel Ziegler Haxby Gallagher. He was the oldest son and second of 13 children. The family moved to the Mission Valley in 1927, where he grew up.

He was a hardworking Charlo farm boy, a respected history teacher, a fine Irishman and a great human. He loved the land he farmed near Ridgeway, loved his family and loved this life.

Seumas' youth was shaped by the D'Aste and Ridgeway communities near Charlo and the resident Irish there. Living on the farm during the Depression years, he became a willing worker and dependable help to his dad. He attended the one-room school at Ridgeway and graduated from Charlo High School in 1943.

As a teen, he worked at a creamery and as a ranch hand for several summers in Helmville. He was a good boxer and a distance runner in college.

Seumas' immigrant father told him America's freedom was worth every drop of his blood. Seumas served in the U.S. Navy on Guam in 1946 to 1947, service that gave him great pride.

With his Navy pay, he bought 40 acres near his boyhood home and built a small house there. He farmed there until recent years and called it his Shangri-La.

Seumas attended college in Dillon, where he met Darlene Alice Castle Carkeet of Butte. Both took teaching jobs in Bridger, and they were married there Dec. 27, 1950. They raised 11 children and helped raise one grandson.

Seumas often said that teaching was a most honorable profession. He completed his bachelor's degree at the University of Montana in Missoula, taught junior high and high school in St. Ignatius, Whitefish and Ronan, and finished his 30-year teaching career at Sentinel High School in Missoula, retiring in 1981.

While teaching full time, he also earned his master's degree in history from UM. After retirement, he supervised student teachers for the university's education department.



local shelter. He had a great affinity for poetry and music. He was a fine harmonica player, and he wrote some fine poems. His wife Darlene wrote melodies for two of his Montana poems.

Seumas and Darlene were longtime members of John XXIII Catholic Parish (Blessed Trinity).

The family is grateful to Cec Gallagher and Crit Held, with whom Seumas lived for the last years and who served as his caregivers. Special gratitude to his buddy Crit for his superb and selfless caregiving and to Seumas' sister, Ethel McCready, a faithful caregiver and friend.

Seumas was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Darlene; infant grandson, Colton Gallagher; sisters, Betty Ann Gallagher, Genie Gallagher and Mabel "Doll" Felton; and brother, George.

He is survived by his 11 children; sons, Frank and Connie of Hamilton, Jamie of Seattle, Sean, Conal, and Lisa of Missoula; daughters, Cec Gallagher and Crit Held, and Kathleen Gallagher of Missoula, Eileen Gallagher and Roger Semler of Great Falls, Mary Gallagher and Eric Barsness of Helena, Tara Gallagher and Chris Clancy of Hamilton, Margaret Gallagher of Billings, and Moria Gallagher of Lolo; 12 grandchildren, Jeremy, Patrick, Elle, Keon, Niall, Libbey, Tess, Brennan, Delaney, Keegan, Brenden and Esabeau; siblings, Fran Keith and Patricia "Tish," and Ken Ague of Great Falls. John and Carol of Havre, Colleen Paul of Butte, Rita Runkel of Pablo, Ed and Sharon Alberton, Ethel McCready, and Dan, of Missoula; brother-in-law, Edward Felton of Boise,

He showed his own children by example the value of hard work, honesty, good moral character, a good sense of humor, making a positive difference in this world and

caring for one another.

Seumas also learned to barber in the service and later attended barber college.

He loved to garden, growing produce for his family and donating to the

Idaho; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Seumas left this world in true Celtic fashion, at home among family, a gift he had extended to Darlene.

Visitation will take place from 5 to 7 p.m. today, Oct. 2, at Garden City Funeral Home, 1705 W. Broadway in Missoula. Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Oct. 3, at Blessed Trinity Catholic Church, 1475 Eaton in Missoula, the Rev. Ed Hyslop, officiant. Burial with military honors will be at St. Mary's Cemetery Annex, followed by a reception back at

the church.

Pallbearers are Sean, Jamie, Frank, Conal and Jeremy Gallagher, Patrick McConaughy, Eric Barsness and Chris Clancy. Honorary pallbearers are Crit Held, Bill and Newt Roberts, Dale Howell, Roger Semler, and John, Ed and Dan Gallagher.

Memorials in Seumas' name may be made to the Montana Food Bank Network, 562 S. Expressway, Missoula, MT 59808 or the Missoula Food Bank, 219 S. Third W., Missoula, MT 59801 or Blessed Trinity Catholic Church.



## Louise Barbara Craft Gaffney, 88

Louise Barbara Craft Gaffney, 88, passed away peacefully at the Brendan House on Jan. 17, 2011.



Louise was born to Ulysses and Theresa Craft in Box Elder on Aug. 25, 1922. She had 10 "Crafty" brothers and sisters. The Craft family moved to Columbia Falls where they bought land, which became known as "Craft's Corner."

Louise was a well-known cook and worked in several cafes in Kalispell and Washington.

She married John Schutt and had a son, John Schutt, and a daughter, Barbara Schutt Stevenson (Benzien), then divorced. Later, she

married Johan Berg and gave birth to son, Ricky D. Berg, and divorced.

Louise later moved to Washington, where she met and married Robert Gaffney of Sprague, Wash. They were happily married until Robert passed away.

Louise is survived by her three children; brother, Lawrence Craft; and sister, Dorothy Nelson. She has many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild; also many nieces and nephews.

Louise was a very hard-working woman and wonderful mother. She is very much loved and will be missed.

There will be no interment. A family lunch will be held at 1 p.m. Jan. 29 at the home of Connie Kenfield, in remembrance of Louise.

## Angie Maria 'Marie' Galloway, 74

Angie Maria "Marie" Galloway, 74, died Monday, Dec. 20, 2010, at Health Center Northwest in Kalispell.

Funeral services will be

at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 28, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. Visitation will be from noon to 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 27, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home.

## Ruby Arthella Gardner, 88

Ruby Arthella Gardner, 88, passed away at her home in Hamilton on Monday, Aug. 15, 2011, with her children at her side.



Arthella was born on July 12, 1923, in Milo, Idaho, the second of six children born to Jesse and Ruby Ferguson.

Arthella grew up on the family farm in Milo, where she learned early in life the value of working hard. She attended high school in Ucon, Idaho, and during her senior year she met her future husband Morris Gardner. They were married on Dec. 19, 1942, "and were later sealed for time and all eternity" in the Idaho Falls Temple on Nov. 10, 1948.

In 1950 she and husband Morris moved to the Bit-terroot Valley where they purchased a farm just north of Woodside. Arthella was mother to four children, Davar, Valene, Kevin and Vickie. She and Morris started Gardner's Auction Service in 1960. She is remembered most for sitting next to Morris, clerking the many auctions which they conducted for over 40 years.

She had a love for sewing

and quilting, gardening, raising berries and making jam. She was a loving and dedicated wife and mother.

She was a lifetime member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and enjoyed serving in the many callings that she held.

She was preceded in death by her father and mother; one brother; one sister; and husband, Morris.

Survivors include a sister, Arla; two brothers, Dearold and Veron; a son, Davar, and Vicky; daughter, Valene Osburn, and Rod; son, Kevin, and Lynda; and daughter, Vickie Kearns, and Randy; plus 14 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 19, at the Hamilton Chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 401 North 8th Street. Visitation will begin at 10 a.m. Friday in the Church Relief Society Room.

The family request that memorials be made to Aspen Hospice, 107 Bell Crossing W., Stevensville, who cared for Arthella the last few months of her life.

Arrangements are under the care of the Daly-Leach Chapel in Hamilton. Condolences may be left for the family at [www.dalyleachchapel.com](http://www.dalyleachchapel.com).

## Vaughn Norman Gaschet de l'Isle, 65

Vaughn Norman Gaschet de l'Isle, 65, passed away peacefully on Oct. 23, 2011.

Vaughn was born in Spokane on March 10, 1946, to Stanley and Rosa Gaschet de l'Isle.

He served in the U.S. Army and was a Viet Nam veteran. He graduated from Washington State University with a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering. In 1974 he moved to Kalispell, working for Flathead Electric Cooperative as manager, engineering, retiring after 32 years of service.

On July 18, 2009 Vaughn married Eleanor Permites Partusa with the support of members of the local Harley



Davidson organization.

In addition to Eleanor, he is survived by his three daughters and their husbands, Maria and Bart Dobbs, Joni and Wilson Foster, and Sandra and Greg Hendricks; two brothers, Scott Cross and Ted Cross; and his first cousin, Violet Avery. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Tyler, Nick and Cody Dobbs; Jamil and Jordyn Foster; Ashley and Amy Hendricks; and Anabella Hernandez.

Vaughn loved outdoor activities, including camping, hunting and motorcycling. He also enjoyed music, mastering the fiddle, guitar, banjo and piano. He was an active member of Flathead Valley Muzzleloaders with his wife.

Vaughn enjoyed life to the fullest. He was a loving and kind husband, father, brother, grandfather and friend.

No services are planned at this time.



## Orvin Gale 'Pat' Gasser, 57

Orvin Gale "Pat" Gasser, 57, died Monday at his home in Pablo.

Arrangements are pending with Foster Funeral Home in St. Ignatius.

## Louis Byron Gates, 88

Louis Byron Gates, 88, passed away on Wednesday, April 13, 2011, at Brendan House in Kalispell.



He was born Sept. 25, 1922, in Arco, Idaho, to George and Evangeline (Harkness) Gates.

Lou attended elementary school in Butte and Glasgow, and high school in Bigfork and Fort Peck, graduating from Fort Peck in 1940, when he enlisted in Company G, 163rd Infantry Regiment, 41st Division, Montana National Guard. The guard was inducted into national service Sept. 16, 1940, in response to the threat of war in Europe. Lou was stationed at Fort Lewis, Wash., for training and spent the next 39 months in the Southwest Pacific Theater of Operations.

After his discharge from the Army on June 24, 1945, he returned to Washington and married his fiancée, Maxine Love, on June 30, 1945. They moved to Bozeman, where Lou enrolled in Montana State College to study civil engineering, and where their daughter Pamela was born.

After college he went to work for the Bureau of Reclamation at Hungry Horse Dam, where their second daughter, Gretchen, was born. Upon completion of the dam, he transferred to the U.S. Forest Service, where he served in Kalispell; Butte; Placerville, Calif.; San Francisco and Saint Maries, Idaho. He retired on June 30, 1973.

Lou and Maxine moved to Bigfork to join his mother's business, Eva Gates Homemade Preserves. Lou and Maxine divorced in 1977.

He joined A.A. in 1977 and was very proud that he

conquered his addiction. He met Clarice Maas Ost and they married on May 5, 1979, in Kalispell, where they had lived happily until his death.

Lou transcribed journals that his father, George, wrote while being held prisoner of war in a Japanese prison camp. This sparked an interest in both Lou and Clarice, who worked as a team compiling family trees for both sides of their families. Relatives and friends helped identify family photos, and photo books were made for Lou's side of the family. As a research team, Lou and Clarice helped compile information about students from two rural schools in the Flathead Valley.

Lou loved working in his shop, building items for the house and gifts for family and friends. He was also known for his letters to the editor of the Daily Inter Lake.

Lou was preceded in death by his brother, George Warren Gates; his parents, George and Eva Gates; his sister, Naomi Knieval; and daughter, Pamela Gates Siess.

Lou is survived by his wife, Clarice Gates; daughter, Gretchen Gates; grandchildren, Job Sun, Kristan Siess, Curtis Siess and Cary Siess; and three great-grandchildren; as well as his stepdaughter, Brenda Ost; stepgrandchildren, Jeremy Turner and Jennifer Williams; and six stepgreat-grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place and at Lou's request, there will be no service.

Memorials can be made to Home Options Hospice, 430 Windward Way, Suite 101, Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

## Antoinette Josephine Giaccone, 71

Antoinette Josephine Giaccone, 71, died of natural causes at her Kalispell residence on July 12, 2011.

She is survived by her mother, Mary Giaccone; and daughters, Rita Lopez,

Renee Radson and Tina Duskin.

A celebration of Life service will be held at a later date. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

## Gordon Melville Genge, 85

After an exceptional life, Gordon passed peacefully, while surrounded by family in his home on Monday, Dec. 6, 2010, at the age of 85.



As a graduate and athlete of the University of British Columbia, Gordon's dedication and hard work led to a successful engineering career and corporation creation. Generous to a fault, a brilliant mind, impeccable organization and fun-loving character helped him earn and share his successes throughout his life with those around him.

He leaves behind his loving companion, Ida Mae; as well as his three loving sons and spouses, Jeffrey and

Leticia, Christopher and Christine, and Paul and Maureen. He will also always be remembered as a wonderful grandfather by Gordon, Baily and Scott, and Jeffrey. Father is remembered fondly by Ida's family of Stephanie and Eric, and John and Kim, and celebrated in the growth of their children, Candice and Chris, Amanda and Chris, and Katie and Shane.

An intimate celebration of Dad's spirit and life will be planned for family and close friends, details to follow.

Dad would say "This is not goodbye, we'll see you down the road".

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the charity of your choice in Gordon's name.

## Allen Gentry, 67

Allen L. Gentry, 67, died Saturday, Oct. 29, 2011, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He is survived by a daughter, Mary Dorton; and a son, Jacob Gentry.

Memorial services are pending.

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

## Robert D. Germann, 85

Robert D. Germann, 85, passed away April 24, 2011, in Kalispell.

Robert was born Oct. 11, 1925, in Philadelphia, to George and Katherine (Horan) Germann. He was raised and graduated from high school in Philadelphia.

In 1949 he married Elizabeth Germann. They were divorced in 1974 after 24 years of marriage. He then married Rose Germann in 1976. Rose passed in 1998 after 22 years.

Robert was a World War II veteran and served from April 15, 1943, to March 7, 1946. He received the American Service Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Service Medal and the WWII Victory Medal. He was a navigator on the B-29 bombers.

Robert had worked for several insurance agencies throughout his working career.

He was active in the Kalispell Senior Center and

enjoyed woodworking, hiking, mountain climbing, cross country skiing, crossword puzzles and dancing.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents, George and Katherine Germann; and a son, Edward Germann.

He is survived by his loving companion, Arlene Kjos; children, Dave Germann and wife Denise of Kalispell, and Carol Matarese and husband Tony of Old Saybrook, Conn.; sister, Marge Simone, of Lafayette Hill, Pa.; grandchildren, Wyatt and Grant Germann of Kalispell, Jesse Germann of Los Angeles, and McCain Germann of Seattle. A memorial Mass will be said at 12:10 p.m. on Thursday, April 28, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church.

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 and Crematory is caring for the family.



## Thomas Richard 'Tom' Gibbons, 68

Thomas Richard "Tom" Gibbons, 68, passed away at Kalispell Regional Medical Center on Friday, March 18, 2011, following a brief illness.



Tom was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., on March 2, 1943, and was raised in Brooklyn and on Long Island. He enlisted in the Air Force in 1960 and was honorably discharged in 1964 with the rank of A2C. His service years were very important to him and he reminisced often about them.

Following the Air Force, Tom worked at various jobs until finally deciding on a career with U.S. West Communications. After relocating from New York, to Phoenix and then to Seattle, he met Margaret. They were married in 1993, had a wonderful 18-year marriage and were devoted to one another.

Tom retired in 1999 and, following Margaret's retirement in 2000, they moved to Kalispell, built their dream home and enjoyed many happy years of retirement and living in the woods.

Tom will be remembered for his wonderful sense of humor, his generosity and

his devotion to his animals. His love of woodworking and creating beautiful things was a joy to Tom, and he enjoyed sharing these with others. His humor and kind heart will be missed by all of his family and friends.

Tom is survived by his wife, Margaret, of Kalispell; his mother, Helen Gibbons, of Huntington, N.Y.; his sister and brother-in-law, Barbara and Jack Denis, of Commack, N.Y.; and his brother, Ross Gibbons, of Levittown, N.Y.; also in-laws, Mary Ida Jeffers of Seattle, Dianne Fix of Truckee, Calif., Mary and Bob Jeffers Schroder of Seattle, Alice Jeffers and partner Diane St. Claire of Tacoma, Wash., and David Jeffers of Renton, Wash; and many nieces, nephews and great-nieces and -nephews.

An open house to remember Tom is planned for 3 to 7 p.m. Friday, March 25. Please call 261-9692 for information.

Memorial contributions can be made to the veterans organization or children's charity of your choice.

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

## Roscoe Ray Giesey, 92

Roscoe Ray Giesey, 92, passed away on Sunday, Oct. 2, 2011, at Health Center Northwest in Kalispell.



He was born on Sept. 4, 1919, in Roscoe, S.D., to William B. and Bertha (Robertson) Giesey. Roscoe spent his infancy in Wisconsin and early childhood in Hobson, Mont. He arrived with his parents and family in Kalispell on June 6, 1926. He received his education in Kalispell schools and following, was a woods worker for years with his dad and brother.

On Aug. 8, 1942, he was inducted into the U.S. Army in Butte, and served in the military for three and a half years during World War II. He received basic training at Camp Berkeley, Texas, and attended and graduated from medical department special schools and training at Brook General Hospital in Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Advanced training followed at McCloskey General Hospital in Temple, Texas, as a medical and surgical technician. He served with and went overseas with the 94th General Hospital and was operational in two locations — Tortworth Court, Falfield, England (near Bristol) and Mourmelon Le Petit, France (near Rheims). Roscoe was discharged on Jan. 31, 1946, at Camp McCoy, Wis., having obtained the rank of technician 3rd grade.

On March 18, 1951, he was married to his loving and faithful wife, June E. Greenland. To this union were born two daughters, Ruth and Mary. They recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary, in March 2011.

Previous to, and following the marriage, Roscoe was employed by Mills Lumber Co. of Kalispell for five years. This was followed by 27 years with the City of Kalispell Water Department, serving as assistant superintendent.

Roscoe loved the Lord and was very active in various churches. He served as elder, clerk of session, chairman of ushering, offering and hospitality in First Presbyterian Church of Kalispell; Sunday School superintendent and teacher in the First Bible Presbyterian Church of Kalispell; and a deacon and teacher in both the First Baptist Church of Whitefish and Bethel Baptist Church of Kalispell.

Roscoe was preceded in death by his parents; and three sisters, Edith M. Mapes, Alice F. Wiedman and Wilma R. Krauss; a brother, Clifford C. Giesey; also twin granddaughters, Andrea Grace and Nicole June Falk.

He is survived by his wife, June Giesey, at the family home in Kalispell; two daughters, Ruth Falk and husband Leonard of Kalispell, and Mary Goemaat and husband Marvin of Belmond, Iowa; grandsons, Justin D. and Daniel C. Goemaat of Belmond, and William R. Falk of Kalispell; also nieces, Majorie McCulley of Paso Robles, Calif., Alice Gleason of Ronan, and Gerri Savory of Kalispell; and nephews, Elmer Giesey of Rapid City, S.D., Ted Giesey of Marion, and Roger Krauss of Kalispell.

Funeral services for Roscoe will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 7, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home with Pastor David Pestel officiating. Burial will follow services at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery, with military honors.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Roscoe's family.





## Dale E. Gifford Jr., 71

Recently, Kalispell lost a beloved citizen and devoted community servant.

Dale E. Gifford Jr., passed away peacefully on Sept. 13 at the age of 71.

Dale was born on June 29, 1940, to Dale and Ida Gifford in Elkhorn, Wis. His family then moved to Hudson, Wis. in 1944, where he soon discovered a passion for hunting and fishing. It would be a passion that lasted for a lifetime. He attended and graduated from Hudson High School in 1958. Upon graduation, Dale served in active duty in the National Guard. After his service in the military, Dale worked briefly for the Hudson Police Department before relocating to the Flathead Valley in 1967, first to Whitefish, then to Kalispell in 1968. In Kalispell, he honorably served the community for 18 years as a patrolman, shift sergeant and detective sergeant with the Kalispell Police Department. Among his numerous accolades, he was bestowed the distinction of Law Enforcement Officer of the Year for the State of Montana. Dale's commitment to the community continued with serving six years as a Justice of the Peace for Flathead County. He then worked in juvenile detention for both Flathead and Missoula Counties.

After retirement he resided for a period of time in Page, Ariz., then in Dewey, Ariz. His true character showed as he continued to develop many lifelong friendships through his love of golf.

So many people in Kalispell have been touched



by Dale and his involvement in the area. He was a member in good standing with the Eagles. As an avid golfer, Dale was a member with the KGA at Buffalo Hill, where he carded two holes-in-one during his playing career. You could always find him on the first tee box at the crack of noon, with all of his favorite golfing buddies. Dale continued to enjoy all of the outdoor activities that made Montana special in his heart. Hunting and fishing trips filled his calendar, with a special pleasure for his time in the Swan and the Thompson.

Anyone who had the pleasure of knowing Dale knew what a tremendously caring individual he was. He was a man of God, often heard saying, "He was headed up the hill to the big House to see the big Guy," on Sunday mornings.

He is survived by his loving wife of 20 years, Debbie; his son, Mark of Everett, Wash.; his brother, David and wife, Mari, of Hudson, Wis., and their two children, Jamee of Woodbury, Minn., and Michael of San Diego, Calif.; sister, Kay Couch and husband, Wayne, and their two children, Michael and Jennifer Couch, and Kari and Scott Benoy, all of Baldwin, Wis.; and his stepdaughter, Melanie Reiner and husband, Nathan, of Kalispell, and three grandchildren, Brock, Amber, and Elizabeth; and many grandnieces and grandnephews.

Dale was preceded in death by his parents, Dale Sr., and Ida.

Private services were held on Saturday morning.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the family.

To send condolences to the family please go to [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com).

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Lois Gile, 83

Lois Gile, 83, died Saturday, March 19, 2011, at Heritage Place in Kalispell, Montana.

She is survived by her children, Wayne "Corky" Doss, Candace Anderson, Danny Gile, Greg Gile and Randy Gile.

There will be a graveside service at 2 p.m. Wednesday March 23, at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Visitation for Lois will be from noon to 5 p.m. today, March 22, at the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Chapel.

## Doris D. Gilbertson, 94

Doris D. Gilbertson, 94, passed away on Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2011, in Kalispell.

She was born on Feb. 7, 1917, in Pennington, S.D., to Ward T. and Emma Balding. She was one of five children.

Doris married Felix Tuschler in 1936. They had three children. He preceded her in death in 1943, after which Doris moved to Kalispell.

In 1952, Doris married Arthur Gilbertson, who had two children. She worked at Kelly Main Street Furniture as a bookkeeper for 30 years. She also worked for the election committee on election days.

Doris was a member of the Soroptimist Club and was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church Bible Study Group. She loved gardening, her flowers, knitting, sewing and crocheting.

Doris was preceded in death by her brothers, Don



and Dick Balding; sisters, Esther Balding and Opal Tuscher; son, Gary Gilbertson; and her husband, Arthur Gilbertson.

She is survived by her children, Calvin Tuscher and wife of Kalispell, daughters, Darlene Ramsey of Vancouver, Phyllis Ross of Phoenix, and son, Douglas Gilbertson and wife of Whitefish; grandchildren, Diana Larson, Kevin and Danielle Ramsey, Jason and Laura Pruitt, Alan and Beth Gilbertson, and Mike and Lesley Gilbertson; 11 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for Doris will be held at 2 p.m. today, Nov. 12, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Burial will follow services at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association or the American Cancer Society.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for Doris' family. You are invited to [www.jgfuneral-home.com](http://www.jgfuneral-home.com) to view Doris' tribute wall, offer condolences or share memories.

## Margaret Jane 'Peggy' Gilbertson Burgess, 72

Peggy Burgess passed away Sept. 10, 2011, after an extended illness, in Tacoma, Wash.

Peggy was born Dec. 23, 1938, in Kalispell, to Clarence and Mary Gilbertson, the sixth of nine children. She grew up with her family in Kalispell and attended grade school and Flathead County High School.

In 1970 Peggy married Jess Burgess. They had a daughter in 1976 whom they named after each of their mothers, Mary Alice Burgess.

Peggy was preceded in death by her parents and husband, Jess Burgess.

She is survived by her daughter and husband, Mary Alice and Chris Richards, of Tacoma; and her granddaughter Lindsey Burgess,



and grandson Anthony Richards. They were the lights of her life. She is also survived by her siblings, Mae Tilton of Helena, Mary Lou and Jack Basham of Thompson Falls, Harold and Virginia Gilbertson of Pine, Ariz., Jim and LoAnna Gilbertson of Des Moines, Wash., LeRoy and Regina Gilbertson of Alexandria, Va., Ted and Donna Gilbertson of Kalispell, Larry and Marie Gilbertson of Chapin, S.C., and Janice and Larry McMillan of Chandler, Ariz.; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. Oct. 22 at Kalispell Central Christian Church, 248 Second Ave. E., Kalispell.

Peggy's wishes were to be cremated with her ashes scattered on her brother Ted's property in Kalispell.

Please visit [www.edwards-memorial.com](http://www.edwards-memorial.com) and click on Peggy Burgess.



## Eugene L. Gochnauer, 100

Eugene L. Gochnauer, 100, of Lewiston, N.Y., died Thursday, March 10, 2011, at Mount St. Mary's Hospital in Lewiston.



He was born Nov. 17, 1910, in Colorado Springs, Colo., to William and Ina (Hart) Gochnauer.

He attended Washington State College (now Washington State University) in Pullman, Wash. He graduated in 1934 with a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering.

In 1936, he took a job as a striker electric engine man at Fort Peck Dam, and by 1938 had been promoted to the position of electrical engineer at the site.

The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation hired Mr. Gochnauer in 1939. During two decades with the Bureau of Reclamation, Mr. Gochnauer supervised the erection, testing and initial operation of electrical, mechanical and transmission equipment at Anderson Ranch Dam, Idaho, and Hungry Horse Dam, where he eventually became the project superintendent.

In June 1959, he left the Bureau of Reclamation to work for the New York State Power Authority, playing a major role in the construc-

tion and energization of the Robert Moses Niagara Power Project. Just prior to energization of the plant, Mr. Gochnauer was appointed superintendent of power, and in 1972 he assumed the title of resident manager. He held that position until he retired from the New York State Power Authority July 1, 1979.

Mr. Gochnauer was a registered professional engineer in Montana and continued to be a member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers and the National Society of Professional Engineers.

He was married to Annie Frances (Pessein) Gochnauer, who died in 1985. He has a daughter, Lois A. Gochnauer, of Lewiston, N.Y.; and a son, Myron Gochnauer, and Anne Crocker, of Fredericton, New Brunswick.

He was predeceased by his parents; and two sisters, Helen Burns-Mael and Dorothy Atkins.

Friends may call at Hardison Funeral Home, N. Fourth and Ridge Streets, Lewiston, from 10 a.m. to noon today, March 12. Services and interment will be private. Flowers are gratefully declined.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association, WNY Chapter, 315 Alberta Drive, Amherst, NY 14226.

Please visit [www.hardisonfuneralhomes.com](http://www.hardisonfuneralhomes.com) for an online registry.

## Robert Westerfield Goerz, 86

Robert Westerfield Goerz, 86, died Saturday, Feb. 5, 2011, at The Springs in Whitefish.

He is survived by two daughters, Janice Beazely of Portland, and Ardith Ruckel of Ridgewood, N.J.; and one

son, Kenneth Goerz of Kalispell.

Graveside services are pending at Finley Sunset Hills in Portland.

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

## Otto Frederick Goers, 96

Otto Frederick Goers, 96, a former longtime resident of Dundee, Ill., and then of Sun City West, Ariz., died Dec. 1, 2011, in a Phoenix hospice center. He had suffered a severe stroke nine days earlier.

Born April 27, 1915, in Dundee, to first generation German immigrant parents, "Otch" learned at a young age the value of hard physical work and a strong faith in God. Graduating high school during the darkest days of the Great Depression, it wouldn't be until after World War II that he found steady, full-time employment. He often reminded his sons, however, that those lean times were also a time of close and loving family companionship — where the practical joke was the communal currency.

During those years Otto became a watchmaker at the Elgin Watch Company in Elgin, Ill., and later established a home-based watch and clock repair business. Much later in his working life, his mechanical problem-solving skills led him to become a self-taught tool and die maker. He loved that work.

Otto married Carol Austin, a native of Woodstock, Ill., in 1942. They raised five sons in the same Dundee house

where he himself grew up. He and Carol retired to Sun City West in 1980, where they formed lasting friendships in the bowling league, he in tennis and SCW Prides. They worshipped at Crown of Life Lutheran Church, as charter members.

Though a widower for 16 years, Otto lived in his own home until this July, when he moved to McDowell Village in Scottsdale, Ariz. He spent his final four months enjoying the company of new friends and a faith community there.

Otto was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Emily Goers; his eight siblings; and his wife, Carol.

He is survived by sons, Richard and Eleanor of Hinsdale, Ill., Gary and Alana of Kalispell, Robert of Elgin, Mark of Palatine, Ill., and Michael and Connie of Scottsdale; 10 grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren.

Donations in honor of Otto may be made to Crown of Life Church, 13131 W. Spanish Garden Dr., Sun City West, AZ 85375, for its Braille ministry; Trinity Lutheran Elementary School, 495 Fifth Ave. WN, Kalispell, MT 59901; or The Church at Creston Lutheran, 5447 Montana Hwy. 35, Kalispell, MT 59901, for its building fund.

## Clayton Carl Goodsell, 3 weeks old

Our precious "Baby Clay" was born into his parents' arms and his families' hearts on Dec. 31, 2010. The instant love



everyone had for him was shown through laughter and tears as we all fought for who would get to hold him next.

He was momma's little man, daddy's big boy, and grandma and grandpa's pride and joy. He was loved by our church and our friends and always put a smile on our face.

"We have been told God needed him in heaven, but me and momma still need him here with us. We love you Clay, and will always hold you close to our hearts. You will live on forever through your pictures and our memories and will never be forgotten. The 22 days you were here with us was

a blessing and we all truly hope to see you again. With all the love in the world, momma, daddy and big brother."

He is survived by his parents, Ron Goodsell and Amber Henderson, of Missoula; brother, Josiah, of Missoula; grandparents, Wade and Ronette Goodsell of Columbia Falls, and Les and Kathie Henderson of Missoula; great-grandparents, Rodney Wellen of Columbia Falls, and Velma Henry of Frenchtown; aunts and uncles, Kyle and Rolanda Goodsell of Columbia Falls, and Jeremy, Justin and Summer of Missoula; and cousins, Caleb and Autumn, of Columbia Falls.

Services will be at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 30, at Fruit of the Spirit Church, 2626 W. Central Ave., Missoula, with Pastor Tim Taunt officiating. A reception will follow.

The family suggests memorials to Fruit of the Spirit Church, 2626 W. Central Ave., Missoula, MT 59801.



## John Roy Gordon, 68

John Roy Gordon, 68, passed away from lung cancer complications on Feb. 9, 2011, at St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula. His immediate family was able to arrive, and he was comforted by their love at his bedside.



John was born on Sept. 8, 1942, in Denver. He moved to Boise, Idaho, at an early age, and subsequently moved to Chicago at age 10 where his father attended seminary. The family then moved to Piler, Idaho, where he lived until moving to Kalispell; he completed his senior year at Flathead County High School.

He attended the University of Montana and School of Law and received his Juris Doctor, with honors, in 1967. He was a member of Phi Delta Phi and an associate editor of the Montana Law Review.

In 1967-1968, he clerked for Judge Walter Pope of the United States Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit in San Francisco. John was very proud of that experience. In 1968, John became an associate with the law firm of Bjella & Jestrab in Williston, N.D.

In 1976, John then became a partner in Murray, Kaufman, Vidal and Gordon, PC, in Kalispell. He practiced in all levels of Montana courts including the Federal District Court and the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals.

John married Carol Wandesforde Lattin in 1991. Everyone who knew them saw they had an exceptional marriage. They moved to Missoula where he was a partner of Reep, Spoon and Gordon PC. In 2003, he became a partner of Spoon Gordon PC where he worked until he became ill in 2009.

John began working at a very early age and bought his first motor scooter to ride to his night job in a restaurant at age 13. John always put his whole self in whatever he pursued including his fascination with technology and computers. He worked several jobs while going through college to help support his family, and still graduated at the top of his law school class due to his efforts.

They had great adventures and always returned with many humorous stories to tell. Watching John learn to drive on the left side of the road would raise an exclamation of "Craggy Moses! You're going to kill me, sonny boy!" from Carol's octogenarian Scottish aunt.

John was involved in many organizations over the years. He was a member of the State Bar Association of North Dakota and was the secretary-treasurer and chair of Young Lawyers Section. He was a member of the State Bar of Montana where he was on the board of trustees, and chair of the CLE Institute from 1989 to 1992, and on the CLE board. John was a member of the Montana Defense Trial Lawyers, the American Bar Association, the United States Court of International Trade, a commissioner of the Missoula County Airport Authority and a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates.

His partner and friend, Dan Spoon, summed up John thus: "He was an old-school trial lawyer who loved trying cases, and he was exceptional at his trade: the Quintessential Trial Lawyer. In his work he was very firm, but always fair to his adversary, the Ultimate Professional. And when life came down to brass tacks, it was John Gordon that I absolutely knew I could always count on: the Ultimate Friend."

Preceding John in death were his parents, Doris and John Gordon; and his brother, Don Gordon.

He is survived by his wife of 19 years, Carol; his sister, Charlotte, and Dan Stone; his daughters, Cheryl and Mark Burnham from Salem, Ore., Jacquie and Tim Finholm from Denver, and Tiffany and Randy Lewis from Billings; stepsons, Brandon and Courtney Hayes-Lattin from Portland, and Brent and Nicole Lattin from Washington, D.C.; sister-in-law, Lou Gordon; niece, Jill Gordon; nephew, Jeff Gordon; and ex-wife, Bev Gordon.

## David Aaron Gordon, 68

David Aaron Gordon, 68, of Kalispell, died Sunday, Jan. 1, 2012, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He is survived by his mother, Clarice Hewitt, of Palm Springs, Calif.; daughters, Corinna Banderas of Missoula, and Serene Kirvn of Seattle;

## Floyd Virgil Gordon, 75

Floyd Virgil Gordon, 75, died Aug. 18, 2011, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell from natural causes.



Floyd was born in Summerfield, Ohio, on June 28, 1936, one of nine children of the late Fred and Clara King Gordon.

Floyd attended schools in Summerfield and joined the Navy in 1954. He saw service in Vietnam and was serving duty as a submarine ordnance officer when he retired in 1974.

After continuing as a civilian defense employee at McClellan Air Force Base, he retired again in 1991. Floyd and M. Carole then moved to Fortine, where they built their ranch.

He was a skilled craftsman and was employed by many Tobacco Valley residents on various building projects.

and sons, Richard Gordon of Kalispell, and Ron Gordon of Columbia Falls.

A visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 7, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 9, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Floyd was a gun collector, reloader and avid hunter. He was a member of the NRA. He will be missed.

Floyd was preceded in death by a brother, Charles Gordon; and four sisters, Lucy Gordon Bates, Marcella Gordon Parsons, Wilda Gordon Hughes and Thelma Gordon Lee.

Survivors include his wife, M. Carole Gordon of Fortine; a son, Daniel Gordon of California; two daughters, Gaylene Kindt of Kahului, Hawaii, and Darlene Watson of Sacramento, Calif.; a granddaughter, Heidie Lish of Columbia Falls; and three sisters, Ruth Ann Gordon Fogle of Caldwell, Ohio, and Sula Gordon Johnson and Lola Gordon Kelsey of Forth Worth, Texas.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 23, at the Chapel of Praise in Eureka. Visitation will be from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at the Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Eureka.

He had 11 grandchildren, Christina and Brittany Gordon, Grace, Anne and Gordon Burnham, Olivia and Alden Finholm, Mikayla and Makenzie Lewis, and Madison and Bridger Hayes-Lattin. John had one great-grandchild, Madison Gordon.

The family would like to extend sincere thanks to John's doctors and the caring nurses at St. Patrick Hospital, especially Dr. Richard Sellman, Dr. Philip Roper, Dr. Michael Snyder, Dr. Michael Caldwell, Dr. Nancy Eyster, Dr. Beth Thompson and John's stepson, Dr. Brandon Hayes-Lattin. John was able to donate his cornea tissue to Sight Life.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests considering a donation to the Lance Armstrong Foundation, National Mail Processing Center, P.O. Box 6002, Albert Lea, MN 56007-6002.

Per John's wishes, no formal services are being held. He has been cremated at Garden City Funeral Home. A celebration of his life will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 14, at the Garden City Funeral Home.

John and his previous wife, Bev Evans, had three daughters. He supported them in a variety of activities, from swimming to motor bike racing to riding horses, and they lovingly relived their memories.

John's many other passions sustained his need to speed. He loved riding mountain trial bikes and a variety of motorcycles during his lifetime. Later in life, one of his favorite pastimes was traveling to NASCAR races with Carol and friends. John was also a big Grizzly football supporter and enjoyed the games and atmosphere.

He and Carol traveled on several occasions to Scotland and England where Carol had family. They went to Hawaii numerous times, Turks and Caicos, and Italy



## John Frederick 'Jack' Gorton, 92

John Frederick "Jack" Gorton, 92, passed away peacefully on June 27, 2011, with his family by his side.



Jack was born Jan. 5, 1919, in Portland, the son of Harry D. and Ora Irene Butterfield Gorton.

He attended primary grade in Kalispell, and graduated from Flathead County High School in 1937. Jack was a member of the Civilian Conservation Corps from 1938 to 1939, and employed as an aircraft electrician for Boeing Airplane in Seattle from 1939 to 1942.

In 1942, Jack enlisted in the U.S. Navy in Seattle, completed Civilian Pilot Training in Kalispell, and was later graduated from the U.S. Naval Flight Training Center in Corpus Christi, Texas. He was commissioned ensign and Naval aviator in March 1944, became carrier qualified and designated "dive bomber pilot." During his two-year tour of duty in the Pacific Theatre during World War II, Jack became a member of the "Sea Squatters' Club" when he ditched an airplane in the Pacific Ocean and was lost at sea. He was released from active duty in February 1946, but continued to proudly serve his country in the Naval Reserve, during which time he was a member of Fighter Squadron V.F. 901 Flying F4U Corsairs (1953-1958) at Geiger Field in Spokane. Jack was honorably discharged from Naval Service with the rank of lieutenant senior grade on June 30, 1961.

On Feb. 23, 1946, Jack married the love of his life, Mary Theresa Gasperino, at St. Francis Xavier Church in Missoula. They moved to Milwaukee, where Jack attended the Milwaukee School of Engineering as a refrigeration technician. While attending school, Jack also obtained his commercial pilot's license.

During his long career, Jack was employed by Kalispell Sheet Metal, Thibert Appliance of Polson, Manion's of Kalispell and Equity Supply Company. He retired from Equity Supply in 1983 after 23 years, having served in a multitude of capacities, including refrigeration and water pump serviceman, partsman, store clerk, farm store manager, and irrigation and pump engineer. Jack designed and installed many irrigation and water systems

throughout the Flathead Valley, and continued to maintain the irrigation system for the Sam Bibler Gardens and Homeowners' Association well after retirement. He held a master electrician and electrical contractor license.

For a number of years, Jack was a member of St. Matthew's Church. He was instrumental in planning the Risen Christ Catholic community in Evergreen, was on the Building Committee, and later served as vice president of their first Parish Council. Jack provided church maintenance whenever necessary and was an active member of his parish until he and Mary moved to Buffalo Hill Terrace in 2009.

Jack is survived by Mary, his loving wife of 65 years, and their three children, John Gregory and daughter-in-law, Paula, of Otis Orchards, Wash.; Patrick Joseph and daughter-in-law, Reba, of Clifton Park, N.Y.; and Lisa Ann (Mrs. James B. Stack) and son-in-law, Jim, of Whitefish. Jack is also survived by four beautiful grandsons, Michael and his wife, Kelly, of Walla Walla, Wash.; and Alexander, Nicholas and Joshua Gorton, of Clifton Park, N.Y.; plus great-grandson, Ryan Gorton, of Walla Walla.

Jack is also survived by his brother, Sidney Gorton, of Gresham, Ore., and several nieces, nephews and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, James Gorton; and sister, Marjorie (Mrs. Earl A. Mills). Jack loved piloting an aircraft, and was truly a "Jack of all trades" — he was generous and unselfish with his time and God-given talents. He was proud of his heritage and of his three children earning their college degrees — they all played an important part in his life and will miss him dearly. A man of great humility with a dry sense of humor, Jack was a faithful and loving husband, and a gentle and kind father and grandfather. Jack spent his life devoted to his family, his church, and his friends.

Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Friday, July 1, at Risen Christ Catholic Church in Evergreen, with the Rev. Rudy Bullman and the Rev. Gary Reller officiating.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be sent to Risen Christ Church Building Fund or Buffalo Hill Terrace in Kalispell. The family is being cared for by Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home.

## Sidney 'Si' Gorton, 90

Sidney "Si" Gorton passed away Nov. 17, 2011, in Portland.

Sidney was born Oct. 16, 1921, in Kalispell to Harrison and Ora (Butterfield) Gorton.

Si, a Portland resident since 1946, moved to Gresham, Ore., five years ago. He graduated in 1939 from Flathead County High School in Kalispell. He went to business school in Portland.

Sidney served his country in the U.S. Army during World War II in the South Pacific and was a member of the 41st Division Band.

Sidney married Monty Gunderson on Jan. 13, 1946, in Camas, Wash. He worked in the heating and refrigeration



supply business for most of his working life.

His hobbies included gardening, hunting, fishing, golfing (after retirement), RV-ing in his motor home, and music, where he played trumpet in dance bands.

Survivors include his wife, Monty, of Gresham; two daughters, Charmalee and Craig Drew of Kalispell, and Karen and Robin Lapeyre of Gresham; and two grandchildren, Jocelynn and Brianna Brown.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Jim and Jack; and his sister, Marge.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 22 at Bateman Carroll Funeral Home in Gresham.

Donations may be given to the Army 41st Division Museum fund at Camp Withcombe, 15300 S.E. Industrial Way, Clackamas, OR 97105.

Bateman Carroll is handling arrangements.

## Bertha Jean Gostnell, 69

Bertha Jean Gostnell, 69, of Columbia Falls died Aug. 29, 2011, at Health Center Northwest in Kalispell.

She is survived by her husband, Richard A. Gostnell; their children, Lisa Gostnell and Julie Clay, both of Columbia Falls, Eric Gostnell of Dallas, and Joe Gostnell of Missoula.

Visitation will be from 2 to 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 2, at Columbia Mortuary. A rosary will be said at 5:30 p.m. A Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 3, at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls, with interment at St. Richard's Cemetery.

Arrangements are entrusted to Columbia Mortuary.



## Roberta E. Gould, 74

Roberta "Bobbie" Gould, a longtime Kalispell resident, passed away on Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2011, in Casa Grande, Ariz.



She was born in Glasgow to Robert C. and Helen E. (Nauman) Weller on May 10, 1937. During her early years, the family lived at Lake McGregor, moving to Kalispell in 1944. She graduated from Flathead County High School in 1955 and married Dale Gilbertson.

Her working career included several terms as Flathead County treasurer and some years as a Realtor. Prior to retirement, she was a real estate appraiser.

She was very active in the Democratic Party, and was also a member of the Jayceens, Beta Sigma Phi and served several terms as president of the League of Women Voters. She also volunteered for the Glacier Symphony and Chorale. She was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church for more than 50 years.

She married William Gould in 1983. After being "snowbirds" for more than a decade, the couple had just recently become year-round residents of Casa Grande.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her first husband.

She is survived by her husband, Bill Gould, in Casa Grande; her three children, David Gilbertson of Bellingham Wash., Danna Zahller and her husband Noel Bornmann of Spokane, and Bryan Gilbertson and his wife Anita of Kalispell; three stepchildren, Mark Gould and his wife Wendy of Anchorage, Alaska, Lynn McGuigan and her husband John of Arroyo Grande, Calif., and Lisa Cliff and her husband Warren, also of Arroyo Grande. She is also survived by 12 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The family suggests donations to the Glacier Symphony, P.O. Box 2491, Kalispell, MT 59903; or to Casa Grande Hospice Family Care, 950 N. Arizola Road, Casa Grande, AZ 85222.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service is planned for 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Kalispell.

## Michael W. Grachek Sr., 71

Michael W. Grachek Sr., 71, of Kalispell, passed away on Sunday, Feb. 13, 2011, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.



Mike was born June 5, 1939, in Peoria, Ill., to Joe and Mary Grachek. He was the third of five children and spent his childhood in Illinois. Just before his freshman year of high school, Mike's family moved to North Platte, Neb.

He met his beloved wife, Connie Tatman, his sophomore year of high school. Mike graduated from high school in 1957 and then attended the University of Nebraska, graduating with a degree in sociology in 1962.

Mike was a huge Cornhusker fan and rarely missed a Nebraska football game. "Go Big Red."

On June 11, 1961, Mike married Connie in North Platte. They lived in North Platte until 1962 when he enlisted in the Marine Corps. After serving a tour in Vietnam, Mike left the Marine Corps at the rank of captain and returned to North Platte to pursue a career in real estate with Connie's parents.

In January 1971 he got his insurance license and went to work as a field agent for Federated Insurance in North Platte. In 1976, he moved his family to Missoula where he went to work at Larry Larson Insurance, and in 1977 they moved to Kalispell where Mike opened a new branch. Mike and Connie started Mike Grachek Insurance in 1986, and he worked in the agency until his open heart surgery in January 2011.

Mike was a Shriner, a member of the Elks, and a member of Buffalo Hill Golf Course. He loved to golf with his son, his brother-in-law and his many golfing buddies. He had a "putting green" in his office where he practiced his putting skills and challenged his customers to putting contests. He was an avid outdoorsman and addition to golf loved to bike ride, boat, fish and hunt.

He was happiest when he got to spend time play-

ing with his grandchildren. "Papa" was the biggest kid of them all and shared many summer days at the river and evenings taking bike rides with them. He was a huge part of their lives and spent as much time as he could with them.

Mike is survived by his wife, of 49 1/2 years, Connie; his daughter, Cindy Ames, and Don, of Spokane; his son, Mike Grachek Jr., and Darlene, of Kalispell; and daughter, Mary Hartsoch, and Jeff, of Kalispell; his brother, Joe Grachek, and Dottie, of North Platte; his brother, Wayne Grachek, and Carolyn, of Grand Island, Neb.; his sister, Phyllis Strosahl, and Jim, of Polson; sister, Dorothy Yelton, and Jodie, of Idaho Falls, Idaho; his father-in-law, Vic Tatman, of Auburn, Wash.; his sister-in-law, Mary Ann Hopkins, and Phil, of Auburn, Wash.; his stepsister-in-law, Pam Chandler, and Doug, of Albuquerque, N.M.; and step-brother-in-law, Jack Nelson, of Denver.

Mike's pride and joy were his grandchildren, Rebecca and Katie Ames of Spokane. Emily, Laura and Jonathan Grachek of Kalispell, and Cody and Cassidy Hartsoch of Kalispell. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews, aunts and uncles and cousins.

Mike was preceded in death by his parents; his mother-in-law, Lorine Tatman; his stepmother-in-law, Marj Tatman; and his great-nieces, Christy Cassidy and Danielle Sale.

A funeral service for Mike will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 18, at Epworth United Methodist Church in Kalispell, with the Pastor Steve Hermes officiating. Interment will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell. Visitation will be held from 3 to 6 p.m. today, Feb. 17, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home.

The family suggests donations to Epworth United Methodist Church in Kalispell, the Special Olympics or the Shriners.

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

## Shirley Ann Gove, 74

Shirley Ann Gove, 74, passed away on Tuesday, March 8, 2011, at the home of her son in Columbia Falls.



She was born on Jan. 14, 1937, in Kalispell to William and Ruth (Eastlick) Buck.

Shirley married Richard F. Gove on Sept. 16, 1956, in Stevensville. She was a very devoted wife and mother of seven children. Her family was her career.

Shirley had a love of the outdoors and spent many summers camping with her kids and her siblings and their children. She loved to grow gardens every summer, and flower gardens as well, mainly roses. She also loved sewing, making quilts and toys for her children and grandchildren.

Richard passed away in 2007.

Shirley was preceded in death by her parents, William and Ruth Buck; husband, Richard Gove; daugh-

ter, Connie Gove Brown; brother, William Buck Jr.; brother, Kenneth Wayne Buck; and sister, Verna Mae McCartney.

She is survived by her children, Bruce Gove, Rick Gove, Don Gove, Gary Gove, Linda Gove and Tammy Gove Munroe; her siblings, Vera Fuller of Washington, Wilma Galloway, Laura Jean Wilkes, David Buck, Jack Buck, Terry Buck, Jerry Buck and Linda Buck, all of the Flathead Valley; and numerous grandchildren and other family members.

Funeral services for Shirley will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 15, at Central Bible Church, with the Rev. Ron Youde officiating. Burial will be in the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. There will also be a potluck gathering at Central Bible Church following the services.

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



## Margaret E. Graff, 93

Margaret E. Graff, 93, died Monday, Nov. 14, 2011, at a nursing home in Chester.

She is survived locally by her daughter, Betty Mace, of Kalispell.

A Funeral Mass was said Nov. 21 at St. Mary's Church in Chester. Burial was at Chester Cemetery.

Arrangements are by Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester.

## Cathy Jean Personett Graham, 59

Cathy Jean Personett Graham, 59, formerly of Columbia Falls died at home in Flagstaff, Ariz., Feb. 22, 2011.

She is survived by her

daughter, Tammy.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Feb. 28, at Norvel Owens Mortuary, 914 E. Route 66, in Flagstaff.

## Keith David 'Diz' Graham, 79

This is farewell to our kind and gentle giant, our "Honest Abe," a man of few words but many examples of what a good man should be. That was Keith David "Diz" Graham.



He was born May 22, 1931, in Great Falls, the son of Lloyd Lavern and Louella Marie (Heathco) Graham.

After many moves and many towns in Montana, Keith grew up in Kalispell, graduated from Flathead County High School, played football and married Lucille "PeeWee" Burnell.

While raising a family of six, he worked for Coca Cola and then Anaconda Aluminum, where he became an electrician. Family vacations were always in the woods, camping, hiking, huckleberry picking, hunting and fishing.

After retirement at 62, he and PeeWee lived at Lake

Blaine and traveled many states, including Alaska, in their motor home. He was a longtime active member of the Evergreen Lions and earned a private pilot's license.

Keith passed away Monday, Jan. 17, 2011, at age 79.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his sister; his wife of 58 years, and his son, David.

He is survived by his children, Maurcena Watkins, Nora and Charles Thorne, Marcie and Louie Krutch, Steve and Barb Graham, and Margie and Richard Strack. Keith was known as "Papa" to 24 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Services for Keith will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 22, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

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.

## Jack E. Grant

Jack E. Grant, born Aug. 13, 1924, died July 27, 2011. He passed quietly in his sleep.

He is survived by his daughters, Kimberly and Doug Jackson of



Utah, and Christy and Scott Snedeker of California; and granddaughter, Christina and Rob Hunter of Arizona.

Jack was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Lucy Grant; and his wife, Patsy Lindsey Grant, in 2005.

Email condolences to the family at [www.gilliesfuneralchapel.com](http://www.gilliesfuneralchapel.com).

## Jack Duane Graves, 71

Jack Duane Graves of Polson passed away Dec. 25, 2011, in Whitefish, surrounded by his loving family. He was 71 years old.



Jack loved the holidays and sharing the traditions with his wife, children and grandchildren. He was born Oct. 31, 1940, in Kalispell. A holiday blessing he was and his memories will last forever.

Jack wore many hats. He was a teacher, logger, real estate broker, log home builder, and professional mover for his children. But most importantly, he was a husband, father and grandfather.

His pride in his children and grandchildren was tremendous. He often stated they were his greatest achievement. He was a true Irishman; when he talked about his grandkids a tear would always manage to

escape.

Jack is survived by his wife of 47 years, Gail; his children and their families, AnnMarie and Ed Newell of Eureka, RaeCille and Keith Chambers of Stevensville, Frank and Sarah Graves of Colorado Springs, Colo., Joel and Leslie Graves of Eureka, Marcie and Trevor Motichka of Polson, and a special gift son, Patrick and Kari Triplett of Columbia Falls; grandchildren, Tanner, Mariah, Theresa, Bridger, Boone, Lauren, Kayla, Ashley, Jordyn, Garrett, Maggie, Tel, Josie, Quinn, Matt and Katy; and sisters, Carol and Jack Workman, and Jan and Roy Corneliuson, of Eureka.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Clara Graves.

"Whenever we see Ford trucks, eat vanilla ice cream covered with chocolate syrup, drink buttermilk, eat apple pie and Life Savers we will think of him!"

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 30, at the First Baptist Church in Eureka.

## Mary Jo Grayson, 72

Mary Jo Grayson died at home on Thursday, Jan. 6, 2011.



Mary Jo was born on July 18, 1938, to Roy and Valentine (Augustyn) Harming in Hammond, Ind., where she lived and worked for most of her life. She attended school there at St. Casimir and George Rogers Clark.

Mary Jo moved to Montana in 2003 to be near family and to enjoy the beauty of the Bigfork and Eureka areas.

Being an excellent artist, Mary Jo had sketched and painted many enjoyable pieces of work that were enjoyed and cherished by her friends and family. She also enjoyed cooking and crocheting.

In the Hammond area, Mary Jo worked at a variety of jobs. The last several years she worked at the Frontier Bar in Rexford, where she found many new friends and will be missed by her co-workers and special customers.

Mary Jo had a special

place in her heart for her pets. She was a supporter of Chicago sports teams and liked rock and roll music. Her Red Hat group was one of the activities Mary Jo enjoyed, and she looked forward to each of the Red Hat gatherings.

Mary Jo is survived by aunts, Margie Harming of Eureka, Maryann Harming of Shereville, Ind., and Alfreda Mills of Highland, Ind.; children, Rochelle Stanford and husband Mike, and grandchildren, Jonathon, Eric, Mike and Sean, in the Hammond area; Terry Grayson and wife Gwen of Rexford, and grandchildren, Dawn Fornall, Jonni Paulk, Grady Grayson and Jayci Grayson of Rexford, and Stephanie Utter and Charli Chapman of Moses Lake, Wash.; and Michelle Toth and husband Rodney, and grandson Kyle, of the Hammond area; and many great-grandchildren and cousins in Indiana, Washington and Montana.

Mary Jo requested no services.

Memorials may be made to the Wings Inc., Cancer Patient Support Fund, P.O. Box 7852, Kalispell, MT 59904.



## Kelly Greenfield, 24

Kelly Greenfield, 24, died Sunday, Sept. 25, 2011, in Columbia Falls. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until the time of

services at noon, Saturday, Oct. 1, at Columbia Mortuary, 1010 Fourth Ave. W., in Columbia Falls.

## Dorothy Johnson Gregor, 90

Dorothy Johnson Gregor of Kalispell passed away March 21, 2011, in Kalispell.

Her life will be celebrated at 10 a.m. June 11, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home in Kalispell. Dorothy's final resting place will be at the Tobacco Valley Cemetery near Eureka.

Dorothy Ann Voorhees was born near Eureka on May 3, 1920, to Mary Millegan Voorhees and Lloyd Voorhees.

She spent much of her childhood in Eureka and Helena. She was especially proud of her Montana pioneer heritage: Millegan, Mont., was founded by and named for her maternal grandfather who had lived in Eureka, the late J.W. Millegan.

As a young woman, she joined her father in his golf business in Chicago. She had a natural talent for the game and within a short time was entering and winning tournaments throughout the Chicago area. One of her proudest achievements was winning the Chicago Ladies Golf Championship. She also worked during the Second World War as a telegrapher for AT&T.

On a visit to Montana, cousins introduced her to Adolph Johnson, who worked at the Sieben Livestock Co. at Adel. Dorothy and Adolph married in 1949. They ranched initially in the Florence area, and later outside of Arlee.

In 1964, she and Adolph moved their family to Holmes City, Minn., where they took up dairy farming. In 1969, she began another career as an executive housekeeper for a large hotel in Alexandria, Minn. She earned local and

national recognition in that position.

Dorothy was blessed with five daughters and a son, Marsha Bush of Yellow Springs, Ohio, Esther and Claude Piantadosi of Durham, N.C., Robert and Virginia Johnson of Cadillac, Mich., Mary and Brian Cunningham of Brooksville, Fla., Barbara and Michael Sheridan of Helena, and Theresa Flack of St. Charles, Mo. These children blessed her life with 11 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

In 1986, while attending a high school reunion in Eureka, she was reintroduced to Joe Gregor, a former classmate. They married in 1987 and moved to Kalispell.

Dorothy and Joe enjoyed their years together, renewing friendships with old friends from school, and particularly enjoying the fishing around Eureka and Kalispell. Dorothy had a number of top secret, guaranteed fishing spots. Joe was the only one with whom she would share the locations.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her husband, Adolph Johnson; her parents; her brothers, Bob Voorhees and Harlow Voorhees; and her husband Joe's son, Larry Gregor.

She is survived by her husband, Joe Gregor, of Kalispell; all of her children, her grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and Joe's son, Gary, and Judith Gregor, of New Mexico, Joe's daughter Sharon Gregor, of Butte, and Joe's grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Dorothy will be greatly missed, but not by the trout.

## Terrance Frank Grilley, 74

Terrance Frank Grilley, 74, of Kalispell, died Sunday, Nov. 20, 2011, in Lewistown.

He is survived by his children, Lester Grilley and Bill Grilley, both of Columbia Falls, Paul

Grilley of Ashland, Ore., and Michael Grilley of Spokane.

Services will be at a later date.

Arrangements are entrusted to Columbia Mortuary.

## John Robert 'Bob' Grinde, 89

John Robert "Bob" Grinde, 89, of Polson, died Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2011, at his home.

Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced by Grogan Funeral Home in Polson.

## Arnold Melvin 'Arnie' Grob, 92

Arnold Melvin "Arnie" Grob passed away on Feb. 8, 2011, in Yuma, Ariz., surrounded by all seven of his loving children.



A lifelong resident of the Flathead Valley, Arnie had been living in Yuma for the past several years. Burial with military honors was held on Feb. 10 at Sunset Vista Cemetery.

Arnie was born at the Grob homestead in Creston, on Nov. 17, 1918. At that time, the Grob family ranch served as a winter range for the Cambell family's herd of bison. A cherished childhood memory of Arnie's was staying at the Conrad Mansion while his older brothers and the remainder of the family were tending to the bison herd.

In January 1943, Arnie married Jeanette Knoll, and together they raised seven children. They spent their lives and raised the children on the family farm in Cres-

ton. He proudly served with the Army Air Corps during World War II. Arnie was on the ground crew and flew as a crew member on B-17s in the Pacific area, serving in New Guinea and the Philippine Islands.

An avid elk hunter, Arnie enjoyed nothing more than packing into the Bob Marshall Wilderness on horseback and having his burros pack the game out.

Arnie is survived, in Yuma, by his wife, Albina. In addition, Arnie is survived by his son, Steven Grob, of Longview, Wash.; his daughters, Daisha Bass, Kathy Azzinaro, Carol Dunn, Darlene Hill and Pamela Seim, all of Spokane, and his daughter Arlene Hundahl of Richland, Wash. Also, Arnie was the proud grandfather to 20 grandchildren and 33 great-grandchildren.

Arnie was preceded in death by his parents, Louis and Elizabeth Grob; brothers, Fred, Rufus, Stanley and Chris; also, two sisters, Mary Montana and Jillian, all of whom had lived in Kalispell.

## Jasmyn Starr Grilley-Hanson

A graveside service for Jasmyn Starr Grilley-Hanson, 30, who died Dec. 7, will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 16, at the Tobacco Valley Cemetery

in Eureka. A celebration of life potluck will follow at 12:30 p.m. at Woodland Park Pavilion No. 2, in Kalispell. (Meat and utensils will be provided.)



## Duane Merle Grob, 83

Duane Merle Grob, 83, passed away Feb. 16, 2011, at St. Vincent Hospital, in the company of his loving family.



He was born in Kalispell on Jan. 12, 1928. After graduation from Flathead High School, Duane served in the United States Army, an endeavor in which he took great pride. Following his three-year Army service, Duane attended college at Montana State University, graduating in 1954 with a bachelor's degree in commercial science. He also played football and baseball for MSU.

In 1963, Duane married Mary Roll. Duane was a man who truly loved his family and spending time with them. His love for family spilled over into his work as a businessman when he opened Wong Village, The Tap Inn and The Little Nevada Casino with his wife and children.

Second only to his family was his love of the outdoors. As a young man, Duane enjoyed spending time on the river seeking the perfect catch.

When he was 40 years of age, Duane discovered that a Sunday afternoon spent on the golf course was about as close to heaven as he could get here on earth. In particular, he enjoyed watching his son Mike on the course as he worked to make a career out of the sport they both loved. Duane had his first hole in one at age 78 on the No. 5 hole at Yellowstone Country Club, a day to be remembered. A perfectionist on the course, Duane desired nothing more than to win the Rocky Mountain Left Hander's Tournament, but had to be satisfied with placing

second at least three times. Duane was also known for his bowling ability, placing second in the national bowling tournament.

The joy Duane received from the long days he spent on the golf course was second only to his unending love for his family. In his last days, Duane was often heard proclaiming how beautiful his family was.

Duane was preceded in death by his mother, Violet (Hall) Grob; father, Fred Grob; and brother-in-law, John Roll.

He is survived by his loving wife, Mary (Roll) Grob; two sisters, Joanne Adams, and Betty Turner and Bill; his brother, Rufus Grob; his brothers-in-law, Art Roll and Angie, Marvin Roll and June, and Joe Roll and June; his sister-in-law, Valerie Roll; and his children, Terri Vrendberg, Monte Grob, Vickie Larson, Rick Larson and Diana, Terry Larson and Sherri, and Mike Grob and Kristi. He also leaves behind 12 grandchildren whom he adored, Darcy, Trini, Ashley, Holly, Dana, Taylor, Raini, Mariah, Tessa, Tommy, Elizabeth and Michael.

Memorial services will be held at 4 p.m. today, Feb. 21, at King of Glory Lutheran Church, 4125 Grand Ave., Billings, with reception following.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Duane's memory to the First Tee of Montana, an organization dedicated to building character and enhancing the lives of young people through the game of golf.

The family would like to extend their gratitude to the doctors and nursing staff at St. Vincent who have been so wonderful through these hard times. Your kindness will not soon be forgotten.

"Grandpa, we love you and miss you."

## Evelyn Faye Grob, 57

Evelyn Faye Grob, 57, passed away on Saturday, Jan. 29, 2011, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.



She was born on Dec. 3, 1953, in Kalispell to Chris and Helen (Benton) Grob. A special needs child, Evelyn grew up on the family farm in Creston and later moved into Kalispell, where she graduated from Flathead High School.

In June 1979, Evelyn was able to move out of the family home and live on her own with the help of Flathead Industries. Evelyn worked at the Flathead Industries Thrift Store until ill health forced her to retire. Evelyn then moved into the Heritage Place, where she had lived and enjoyed life until the time of her death.

Evelyn had a wonderful spirit that shined into the hearts of all who met her. She had an infectious smile that she was never without. Evelyn loved music; she loved to sing and dance and was very artistic. She loved to color and would share her work with anyone.

Evelyn lived life with an enviable happiness that most of us can only pray for. She loved spending time with her family and friends. Evelyn will be deeply missed and always cherished.

Evelyn is survived by her mother, Helen Grob, of Evergreen; four sisters, Sherry Grob of Hammill Valley, Calif., Sheila Grob and her companion, Mike Raymond, of Kalispell, Patty Galloway of Kalispell, and Michelle Daniels and her husband, Scott, of Frenchtown; two brothers, Lewis Grob and Douglas Grob, both of Kalispell; special cousins, Phylliss Leonard and David "Bill" Grob, both of Kalispell; and many nieces and nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews, and special friends.

She was preceded in death by her father, Chris Grob; one brother, Richard Grob; and one sister, Christine Grob.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home, Kalispell. Interment will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. A reception will follow interment. A visitation for Evelyn will be held from noon to 3 p.m. today, Feb. 1, at the funeral home.

Donations in Evelyn's memory may be made to the St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital at P.O. Box 50, Memphis, TN 38101-9929.

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



## Sidney L. 'Sid' Groff, 91

Dr. Sidney L. "Sid" Groff, of Butte, died Jan. 17, 2011, in Butte after an extended illness.

Born to Forest and Laura (Warren) Groff April 7, 1919, on a ranch near Victor, Sid graduated from Victor High School in 1937.

Sid was predeceased by his wife, U.S. Marine Corps Master Sgt. Billie Groff in 1971, his parents, and brother Gene.

Survivors include wife, Shirley Groff, of Butte; brother, Fuzzy Groff, of Victor; son, Jon Groff, of Missoula; daughter Billie and Tom Oliver, grandsons Tim Miller, and Steve and Debbie Miller, and great-grandchildren Kelsey and Jacob Miller, all of Columbia Falls; stepchildren, Delbert and Mary Jo Hunt of East Helena, Marvin Hunt and Stacy of Helena, and Dr. Michelle Hunt Olsen and Phil of Bismarck, N.D.; and stepgrandchildren, Clari Olsen of Kansas City, Nathan Hunt of Dillon, and Kayla Hunt of Missoula.

The family was cared for by Wayrynen-Richards Funeral Home. Funeral services were conducted Jan. 24 at the First Baptist Church in Butte. Burial was in the Victor Cemetery.

Following graduation from high school, Sid attended the University of Montana, Missoula, earned a private pilot's license and a bachelor's degree in geology, graduating in May 1941. Sid was selected for the U.S. Naval Aviation flight training program, earned fighter pilot certification in April 1942, and was transferred to the U.S. Marine Corps. Wanting to put his flying skills to use in the war effort as quickly as possible, Sid completed additional training at Quantico, Va., before being transferred to the VMD 154 photo reconnaissance squadron at a forward base supporting the heroic combat operations

on the island of Guadalcanal. Sid was involved in administration and maintenance, in addition to flying dual-mission B-24 bombers.

As a Marine captain, Sid was rotated to Cherry Point, N.C., to participate in training new combat aviators. Sid married Billie Lockridge of Honey Grove, Texas, also on active duty as a Marine and was promoted to the rank of major as executive officer of a twin-engine attack bomber squadron, before being transferred with his unit back to combat operations in the Philippines. Sid served at a Marine air base in California until 1949 when he retired from military duty.

Sid earned a master's degree at the University of Montana in geology in 1954, and his Ph.D. at the University of Utah in 1959. He returned to Montana for the position of chief, Groundwater and Mineral Fuels Division, Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology.

Dr. Groff was the early visionary who recognized the possibility and potential of vast coal deposits in the Fort Union Formation of eastern Montana, western North Dakota, and northeast Wyoming. Dr. Groff was appointed to the newly formed General Coal Technical Advisory Committee of the Montana state Department of Interior. Dr. Groff played a key role in obtaining research funds and became the Montana state geologist in 1971.

In March of 1979 Sid married Shirley Hand Hunt of Butte where he and Shirley resided, sharing in a rich life of community service.

Memorials may be sent to the Victor School Foundation, Geological department of the University of Utah, or the Geology department at Montana Tech.

## M. Imogene Robert Gulbranson, 82

Mrs. M. Imogene "Jean" Robert Gulbranson, 82, died at the Springs in Whitefish on Thursday, Dec. 15, 2011.



Born Dec. 2, 1929, in Maud, Okla., the daughter of Benjamin and Opal (Shelton) Carroll. She lived in Columbia Falls and Sacramento, Calif. She was a wonderful wife, mother and grandmother.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Bernard Edward Robert, and her second husband Mac Perrine.

Survivors include her husband, Wilbur Gulbranson; her three daughters, Linda and Eric Taffs, Patricia and

Tom Boydston, and Robin and Bo Milne; her grandchildren and their families, Amy and Joe Fabian, Joshua and Stephanie Armstrong, Jessica and Zach Bacon, Casey and Meagan Sincavage, Travis and Kaitlyn Milne, and Joseph and Sara Milne; and her great-grandchildren, Andrew, Caymen, Ava and Jasmine Fabian, Tavin Baco and Carter Milne.

Funeral services for Jean will be held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 20 at Columbia Mortuary. A viewing will be held one hour prior to the service.

Arrangements are entrusted to Columbia Mortuary. You are invited to go to [www.columbiamortuary.com](http://www.columbiamortuary.com) to offer condolences and view Jean's tribute wall.

## Mary Gunderson, 77

Mary Gunderson, 77, of Wahpeton, N.D., passed away Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2011, at St. Francis Healthcare Campus, Wahpeton.



Ariz., for many years. After her husband's death in 1998 she moved to Wahpeton in 1999 to be with family.

Mary is survived by three daughters and a son, Ann and Don Ward, and their two children, Michael and Nichole Butzloff and Amanda Ward, of Kalispell; Debbi and Rich Berg of Wahpeton, and their daughter, Stephanie and fiancé Eric Gilles, of Inver Grove Heights, Minn.; and Barb and Kevin Osborn of Little Canada, Minn., and their children, Sarah Osborn and Chad Raschka, of northeast Minneapolis, Tracy and Eric Garnett of Olathe, Kan., and Lucus Osborn of Little Canada, Minn.; son, Roger, and Kris Tedrow, and their sons, Robin and Kyle, of rural Wahpeton; two great-grandchildren, Chance Butzloff and Zoey Raschka; six brothers, Edward and Norma Kuhn of Minot, N.D., Joe Heit of Detroit Lakes, Minn. (wife Rosemary, deceased), Frank and Judy Heit of Osprey, Fla., Jerry and Dottie Heit of Puyallup, Wash., Kenneth and Joyce Heit of Atlanta, Richard and Wanda Heit of Cape Coral, Fla., and David and Julaine Heit of Minneapolis.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Barbara and Clarence Heit; her husbands, Vern Gunderson and Ralph Tedrow; and her granddaughter, Meagan Nichole Berg.

The funeral memorial service will be at 10:30 a.m. today, Dec. 3, at Vertin-Munson Funeral Home, Wahpeton. There will be a visitation with Mary's family one hour before the service. Interment will be at Calvary Cemetery, Wahpeton.

"Ms. Mary of Family Dollar" enjoyed staying busy by working and never wanting to retire. She enjoyed her family time and multiple craft projects which she shared with family and friends. Her talents ranged from owning her own ceramic gift shop, as well as conducting ceramic classes for many years in Whitefish. She loved to camp with her friends and chose scenic locations to oil paint. She also enjoyed cross stitch, crocheting and quilting.

Mary grew up in Devils Lake, N.D., and after marriage lived in Tioga, N.D., for a time before moving to Whitefish. After selling her ceramic business Vern and Mary moved to Pinetop,



## John Guralchuk Jr., 82

John Guralchuk Jr., 82, died May 4, 2011, at his home in Lakeside, with his wife Judy at his side, after a courageous fight with lung cancer. John had never smoked and lived an exemplary healthy lifestyle.

He loved the outdoors, the environment, hiking, hunting, his organic garden and adventures. He canoed above the Arctic Circle, in the Yukon, Northwest Territories, Queen Charlotte Islands, and several rivers in Montana and Florida.

He worked in Sodus Point, N.Y., as a surveyor and lifeguard. He then moved to Hollywood, Fla., where he



was a lifeguard and marine safety officer for 28 years. He retired and moved to Lakeside with his wife Judy in 1990. He worked at West Shore State Park for 10 summers, where everyone had good things to say about him.

Memorial contributions may be made to Frontier Hospice, 29 E. 2nd St., Kalispell, MT 59901; or Montana Wilderness Society, 30 South Ewing, Helena, MT 59601.

A tribute and celebration of life memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 7, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home, 525 South Main Street, Kalispell.

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

## Stuart Vernon Gustafson, 94

Our beloved husband, father and grandfather, Stuart Vernon Gustafson, 94, passed away peacefully in his sleep on Friday, Aug. 12, 2011, at his home in Kalispell.

He was born on a homestead in Goldstone on Feb. 21, 1917, to Matilda and Nicholas Gustafson.

Stuart received his education in a small country school where he either walked or rode a horse 8 miles round trip daily to get there and back. His home was in the Sweetgrass area about 20 miles from the Canadian border, where neighbors were few and far between.

When Stuart was old enough to work, he moved to Rudyard along the Hi-Line about 40 miles from Havre. In Rudyard, he met and married his wife, Lydia Aevermann Gustafson. Their eldest son Melvin was born in Havre.

The family lived in Rudyard, where Stuart began a lifelong career as a mechanic. The family moved to Great Falls, where three more sons were born, Allen, Arlen and Vernon.

In Great Falls, Stuart continued his career as a mechanic, gaining a reputation as one of the best vehicle mechanics around. People said he could make any kind of motor run like it was brand new.

In 1955 the Gustafsons moved to Bigfork. Stuart opened a garage in Bigfork and continued his well-deserved reputation as being the man to fix any vehicle around. In 1970 he went to work for auto dealers in town fixing cars. He retired after many years of work.

Stuart's interests were varied. He loved to fish and hunt with his family. His hands and mind were always working on inventing and building any type of motor vehicle. He built a small '47



Jeep out of refrigerator doors or any other materials he could find. His sons enjoyed the Jeep, and to this day his grandchildren enjoy it.

Stuart was preceded in death by his parents, Matilda and Nicholas Gustafson; his sister, Alice Wilson; his brother, Friechev Gustafson; and his beloved son, Vernon, at the age of 27.

He is survived by his wife for more than 70 years, Lydia Gustafson; his three sons, Melvin Gustafson and wife Carol, Allen Gustafson and his wife Ilee, and Arlen Gustafson and his wife Sandra; five grandchildren, Steve Gustafson, Danny Gustafson, Jennifer Gustafson, Stacy Lee and Mia Cronk; and five great-grandchildren, Blain Gustafson, Ivy Gustafson, Turner Gustafson, Kaiden Johnson and Tucker Cronk, all of the Flathead area.

Stuart will be missed by family and friends. He had a sweet, gentle nature about him, and those who knew him called him a loved one or a good friend.

"Rest in God's arms, our dear one; your struggle on earth is done. We love you and will miss you."

Funeral services for Stuart will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 16, in the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home with Pastor Tim Bartholomew of the Stillwater Free Lutheran Church officiating. A luncheon of family and friends will be held at the Eagles in Kalispell after the services on Tuesday.

Visitation will be in the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Aug. 15.

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



## Andrew David Guy, 76

Andrew David Guy of Somers heard the words, "Well done, good and faithful servant," and was



welcomed into the arms of his Savior, Jesus Christ" on Sunday, Sept. 25, 2011.

Andy was born to U.S. Army Capt. Alfred E. Guy of Helena and Marguerite Casey Guy on March 27, 1935, in Hollywood, Calif. His family, which included older brother Alfred Eugene "Gene" Guy Jr., later moved to Eagle Rock, Calif., a suburb of Los Angeles.

Andy graduated from Eagle Rock High School in 1953. He often joked that he was "kicked out of some of the best colleges on the West Coast before receiving his Bachelor of Science degree in business management from Los Angeles State College and Master of Science degree in public health from UCLA.

Andy met Janet Kyle in Glendale, Calif., outside their neighboring apartments where they often visited in the fresh air while escaping their roommates' cigarette smoke. These visits resulted in Andy falling in love with Janet 51 years ago. They married in Bel Air, Calif.

God blessed them with four children, Laura Anne Jones, David Andrew Guy, Steven Kyle Guy and Deanna Catherine Madsen.

During the late '60s, Andy was the assistant administrator for the Desert Hospital in Palm Springs, Calif., and associate administrator/CFO for the University of Arizona Medical Center in the early '70s.

Andy played a key role in the development of several Tucson health care organizations. He was a founder of the Dialysis Foundation of Southern Arizona and Southwest Kidney Institute, where he also served as CEO for several years, and was the first non-physician president of the End Stage Renal Disease network in the Western states.

In 1992, Andy retired back to the Montana of his youth. Andy's father had grown up on a ranch in the Helena area, and the family had spent much of his childhood summers on the shores of Flathead Lake. He and Janet have enjoyed the amazing view of his favorite lake from their home in Somers for the past 16 years. They never regretted for one minute leaving the hot desert behind.

Not being a hobby kind of guy, Andy spent his time studying history, politics, theology and economics. He was known to be extremely generous and openly shared his blessings with others even after his diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease in 2010.

Andy was the best of men. He was a godly man, husband, father and grandfather.

He is survived by his loving wife, Janet, of Somers; daughter, Laura Guy Jones, and Brian, and children, Delaina and Jacob, of Tucson, Ariz.; son, David, and wife, Laura Guy, and children, Andrew and Elizabeth, of Tucson; son, Steven, and wife, Mona Guy, and children, Ruby and twins, Eugene Christopher and Violet, of Kalispell; and daughter, Deanna, and husband, Peter Madsen, and children, Mathéa and twins, Sarah and Helena, of Holbaek, Denmark; sister-in-law, Mary Guy; and Victoria and husband David Wojciechowski, and son, Alex, of Kalispell.

He was preceded in death by his father, mother and his beloved brother, Col. Alfred E. Guy Jr.

His memory will be greatly cherished by his wife, children and grandchildren.

Memorial services will be at 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 16, at the Glacier Camp on Flathead Lake, with a reception, dinner and good memories to celebrate his life at the same location. Please RSVP to 257-4759 or [sguy@centurytel.net](mailto:sguy@centurytel.net) by Oct. 11.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Ronald Reagan for President Again Fund.

"Amen!"