

Lena May Naethe, 77

Lena May Naethe, 77, "went to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" on Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2011, at Health Center Northwest in Kalispell.

She was born in Bridgeport, Conn., on April 27, 1934, to Frederick and Violet (Cavanaugh) Slade.

At the age of 2, Lena moved with her family to Boston, where she received her early education. It was here she met Gary Charles Naethe, while he was on shore leave. After a very quick courtship, three weeks, they were married on April 6, 1953, in Boston. Lena worked various jobs in textile mills and other factories during Gary's absence. Upon his return, the couple moved to Kalispell, Gary's home town. In 1957, they returned to Boston, where Lena busied herself with raising a family. In 1970 the family moved back to the Flathead Valley, settling in Whitefish until their final move in 1986 out

to Kila, where they remained.

Lena spent many hours with her artwork, drawing, painting and with beadwork. Many of these treasures adorn the homes of family and friends.

Lena was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; her brother, Frederick "Sonny" Slade; and her sister, Ruth Fitzgerald.

She is survived by her daughter, Violet Rhodes of Kila; three sons, Gary Charles Naethe Jr., and wife, Teri, of Kila; David Naethe and wife, Julie, of Smith Valley; and Josh Naethe and Shawna Lord of Kila; 10 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

"God bless you mom, you will be forever missed."

Memorial services for Lena will be held at a later date.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Lena's family. You are invited to go to www.jgfuneralhome.com to view Lena's Tribute wall, offer condolences and share memories.

Lillian Isabel Nelson, 2 weeks

Lillian Isabel Nelson, 2 weeks old, died Oct. 31, 2011, in Whitefish.

She is survived by her father, Leif Nelson, and mother, Gloria Nelson.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 6, at Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish. Arrangements are entrusted to Austin Funeral

Lorna C. Nelson, 97

Lorna C. Nelson, 97, of Eureka, died Sunday, Jan. 23, 2011, at Mountain View Manor from natural causes.

Survivors include her children, Donna Jean Unrue and James Nelson, both of Seattle, and Jack Nelson of Eureka.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, at the First Baptist Church in Eureka. Visitation will be from noon to 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the Church.

Local arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Eureka.

Beverly Joan Negri, 78

Beverly Joan Negri, 78, of Somers, died Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2011, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

Beverly was born Nov. 13, 1932, to Tyra and Julia Blackwell in Seattle. There she attended and graduated high school.

She married Donald W. Negri on July 14, 1951. They lived in Seattle and Bellevue, Wash. She had a career working in the banking industry and became a bank executive. She worked at several banks throughout the surrounding area.

Together they retired in 1987 and moved to Whitefish, and then on to their home in Somers.

In her younger years, Beverly enjoyed ice skating and skiing. Her pride and

joy was a beautiful collection of seraphim angels and cherished teddies. She loved taking leisurely naps.

She was preceded in death by her parents; several siblings; and her daughters, Teresa (1956), and Nancy Campbell (1991).

She is survived by her husband; sons, James and Carol of Sacramento, Calif., Howard of Kalispell, and Donald O. and Kristy of Whitefish; daughter, Joan, and Dennis Barrow, of Columbia Falls; 13 grandchildren; and a sister, Grace Swegel, of Bellevue.

Cremation has taken place through Buffalo Hill Funeral Home

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 14, at Pope John Paul II in Bigfork.

John Douglas Nelson, 76

John Douglas Nelson, 76, died Tuesday, July 12, 2011, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

A graveside service will be held at noon Saturday,

July 16, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be from noon to 5 p.m. Friday, July 15, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home.

John Nelson, 74 Jackie Nelson, 72

Their love story began on July 7, 1957, when Johnny Nelson married his high school sweetheart, Jackie Boyce, in Missoula. They were married for 53 years when they passed away together on Jan. 12, 2011, in a fire that destroyed their family home.

John Nelson was born on March 10, 1936, in Polson. He attended high school at Missoula County High School and graduated in 1954.

John was a logging contractor from the time he graduated high school until 2002. Soon after retirement, John went to work for Medical Messengers and developed many caring relationships with the hundreds of people working at Kalispell Regional Medical Center and affiliate locations.

John was very involved in Faith Lutheran Church serving in many different capacities. John volunteered his time teaching cribbage to area schools, mentoring children as they refined their math skills. He was our self-appointed world champion crib master!

When John was younger, he organized games with the neighbor kids, keeping the kids active acting as the neighborhood coach. John was very supportive of his kids and grandkids in every athletic event from soccer, football, wrestling, basketball, baseball and track.

He was compassionate and a friend to all. John always saw the best and brought out the best in everybody. John enjoyed fishing, hunting and all aspects of the outdoors and felt most at home "in the woods." He was an amazing father and grandfather and will be sorely missed.

Jackie Boyce was born on Nov. 24, 1938, in Missoula. Jackie attended Missoula County High School and graduated in 1957.

Jackie was the impetus behind Medical Messengers Courier, and also developed



wonderful relationships in the medical industry. She provided services to the medical community from 1988 to 1995.

Jackie was also involved in many capacities at Faith Lutheran Church. She was an advocate for children and families.

Jackie was a nurturing mother to all and adored her husband. She created a warm and happy home for everyone. The kids who entered her home adopted her as their Grandma Jackie. She was artistic, creative, and loved to cook. Jackie's specialty was the Sunshine Cake that she made for all the birthdays.

Jackie was a loving wife, devoted mother, grandmother and friend. Life will not be the same for all of us that loved Jackie. We'll miss her love and support, and the wonderful hugs that she gave to all.

John and Jackie are survived by their children, Joleen and Clifford McCarley, Kelly and Mikal Thompson, Don Nelson, and Justin and Betsy Nelson. Grandchildren are Clifford McCarley, Jacob and Tiffany Thompson, Luke and Stephanie Thompson, Jonathan, Josiah and Jordan Nelson, and Julia and Isaiah Nelson. Their four great-grandchildren are, Korbyn, Hannah, Keigan and Selah.

A celebration of John and Jackie's life will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 17, at Easthaven Baptist Church.

Family condolences can be sent to P.O. Box 10394, Kalispell, MT 59904.

Susan Mary Nelson, 69

Susan Mary Nelson, 69, passed away Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2011, at the Glendive Medical Center Extended Care Unit, with complications from pneumonia and cancer.



Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 21, at the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 22, at the Zion Lutheran Church in Glendive with Pastor Avis Anderson officiating. Also, a graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 24, in the Crown Hill Cemetery in Cut Bank with Pastor Jessica Munoz-Crane of the First Presbyterian Church of Cut Bank officiating. Silvernale-Silha

Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Susan was born on May 29, 1942, in Conrad, a daughter of Harold Carl and Olivian Augusta Mae (Amundson) Nelson, residing in the Bynum/Dupuyer area and then Choteau. After the early death of her beloved mother, her father remarried Lois Thompson Wilkins and the family moved to Cut Bank, where she was raised and educated, graduating from Cut Bank High School with the class of 1960. After graduation, Susan attended Western Montana College in Dillon, graduating in 1964.

Susan started her teaching career in Great Falls and then in a rural school outside of Wolf Point. In 1967 she moved to Glendive where she had resided since. She taught elementary school in Glendive for 23 years until she retired in 1990. After Susan

retired, she kept herself busy working at Judy's Daycare; she was an active member of the Zion Lutheran Church; a member of the Glendive Medical Auxiliary; volunteered at the nursing home; and once a week Susan would visit Carolyn's Care Center.

She was a member of the Eastern Star in the Shelby Chapter No. 113.

Susan loved to play the piano and guitar and also sang in the church choir for several years. Her family remembers how kind and generous she was on her visits during holidays and summers. She especially enjoyed family reunions and keeping in touch with her many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Harold and Olivian Nelson and Lois (Wilkins) Nelson; also a sister, Virginia (Nelson) Oursland.

Survivors include broth-

ers, John Wilkins of Kansas, David Oursland of Kalispell, and Bud Britton of Cascade; sister, Sharon Britton, of Cascade; nieces, Genevieve Gordon and family of Helena, Cara Britton and family of Bigfork, Deana Doyle and family of Spearfish, S.D., Jolene Britton of Missoula, and Marcia Snyder and family of Somers; and nephews, Jimm Gordon and family of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, Mark Oursland and family of Ellensburg, Wash., Scott Wilkins and family of Havre, and Steven Wilkins and family of Billings.

The family wishes any gifts to be sent to Zion Lutheran Church, 401 River-view Ave., Glendive, MT 59330, in memory of Susan Nelson.

Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at: www.silvernale-silhafuneralhome.com

Maxine Alida Ness, 89

Maxine Alida Ness, 89, died Saturday, the 16th of July 2011, just two months shy of her 90th birthday. She had been in failing health, memory, vision and attitude for some time and finally just gave up the fight. She died quietly at her home in the Vivian Findley Friendship House in Kalispell, where she had lived under their loving care for the past three years.

Maxine was the daughter of Alida and Jim Ring, born in Helena, Sept. 16, 1921. She attended grade school in Helmville and graduated high school in Deer Lodge.

She married Forrest A. "Bus" Wright in 1938. They had one child, Alida. They lived in the Blackfoot area, northern California, Los Angeles, Missoula and, finally, Swan Lake where they operated a packing and guide service until his death in 1952. Maxine moved back to Missoula where she met and married Burdette Lowe. They were divorced in 1965. She married Randy Ness in 1966; he died in 2007.

Maxine became a very good fiddler in later life. She won or placed well in a number of contests around the state. She was inducted into the state Fiddlers Hall of Fame in 1989, an honor of which she was very proud. She competed in her last contest July of 2008, taking the third place trophy in the senior division and the "oldest fiddler" trophy. When presented with that trophy she was asked if she'd share her

age. She quipped, "Age is just a number and mine's unlisted" and, no, she didn't tell. She played the piano from the age of 12, accompanying her dad at dances and continued to play up until about two weeks before her death, entertaining guests and residents at her home.

She has been preceded in death by her parents; her brother, Stanley; all three husbands; her stepson, Norman; and a number of younger and older in-laws, cousins and nieces and nephews.

She is survived by her daughter, Alida Wright; stepchildren, Tickie Davis, Karen and Jere Branstetter, and Troy and Dolly Ness; Ring family nieces, Linda and Tim Wolfe, Judy and Ken Hotchkiss, Julie and Scott Thompson and Debbie and Tex Kubes; 16 Wright family nieces and nephews; and a number of step and foster grandchildren, as well as Ring, Harvey and Higgins family cousins.

She was well loved and will be sorely missed by many friends and family members.

Cremation has taken place in Kalispell and a memorial picnic will be held in her honor in Missoula from 2 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 17, her birthday weekend, at 1801 Ernest Ave.

Any donations or memorials should be directed to the Friendship House in Kalispell at 606 Second Ave.

Her ashes will be interred next to Randy's in the Lone Pine Cemetery in Darby.

Thelma (Burch) (Shay) Ness, 71

Thelma Ness died at the home of her oldest daughter, Monica LeSoine, after a short battle with cancer, on Jan. 24, 2011, with her loving family around her.



Thelma was born Jan. 26, 1939, in Eureka to Tom and Lucille Burch. She was next to the youngest of nine children. Thelma attended all 12 years of school in Eureka.

In 1958 Thelma married her first husband, James Shay. To this union they had two beautiful daughters, Monica and Danita. Thelma also owned and operated Eureka Insurance Agency. They divorced in 1986.

In 1986 Thelma began her life with Dennis Ness. October 1986, they moved to Bowbells, N.D. Thelma took a job at the Farm Service Agency (FSA Office) where she was employed for about nine years. Dennis Ness passed away in January of 2005.

In 2008, Thelma never dreamed she could or would love again, but in July of that year she met and became

engaged to Charles Lotvedt of Williston, N.D.

On Nov. 3, 2010, Thelma was diagnosed with aggressive and terminal lung and bone cancer.

Thelma is survived by her fiancé, Charles Lotvedt, in Williston; her daughter, Monica, and David LeSoine, and their sons, Cahill and Rees LeSoine, of Florence; daughter, Danita Shay, and her son, Kevyn Fitzpatrick, of Kalispell; son-in-law, Tom Fitzpatrick, of Kalispell; stepsons, Travis Ness, of Puyallup, Wash., and Trevor Ness and sons, Jesse and Jacob; brothers-in-law, Wayne Ness of Bowbells, N.D., and Ed Lockwood and son, Shane, of Fargo, N.D.; sisters, Rosella, Beatrice, Patricia and Carol; and numerous nieces, nephews, and tons of loving friends.

Thelma was preceded in death by her husband, Dennis Ness; her parents, Tom and Lucille Burch; her brothers, Thomas and Jerry; her sisters, Jean and Helen; and several nieces and nephews.

At Thelma's request, there will be no funeral service. She asked to be cremated and her ashes will be scattered by her children at a later date.

James Swaney Newell, 83

James Swaney Newell, loving husband, father and grandfather, "left this world" on March 6, 2011.



Jim was born Nov. 7, 1927, to Austin Williams Newell and Jessee Louise MacDonald Newell in Kalispell. He had one brother, Bill, and two sisters, Janet and Mary Lynn. Jim grew up in Kalispell, attending school and enjoying summer vacations in Glacier National Park, where his father worked as a forest ranger. Always ambitious in his youth, Jim worked part-time jobs whenever possible after school.

In 1945 Jim graduated and promptly enlisted in the Navy, eager to serve his country in World War II. Following the war, Jim returned home to Kalispell with an honorable discharge.

While working in Kalispell, he met "the cutest girl he had ever seen," Opal Marian Daley. They were married Sept. 11, 1948, and had four wonderful children, James, Thomas, Janice and Rebecca. In 1959, Jim moved his young

family to Billings. Shortly thereafter, Jim became a broker and with partner, Mike Nardi, started up Newell-Nardi Real Estate Co. Eventually, Jim established Jim Newell Co., and over the next four decades sold commercial real estate throughout Montana.

As lifetime members of the Elks Club, Jim and Opal actively supported their community.

Jim is survived by his wife, Opal, of Billings; four children, James Newell of Billings, Thomas and Debra Newell of Glendive, Janice and Jim Harris of Billings, and Rebecca Newell and Rod Horst of Laurel; as well as 13 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents; his brother; his two sisters; and his daughter-in-law, Cindy Newell.

Funeral services will be held at Smith West Chapel, located at 304 34 Street West, Billings MT, 59101. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens. The casket is closed. A luncheon will follow interment.

Memorials in Jim's name may be given to Rocky Mountain Hospice, or charity of one's choice.

Laura Jean Newman, 32

Laura Jean Newman, 32, died in Kalispell Sunday, Dec. 11, 2011. Services will be held

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

Raymond Marshall Niehuus, 60

Raymond Marshall Niehuus died Jan. 24, 2011, in Houston.

He was born on April 13, 1950, in Lewistown, to Marshall and Pauline Niehuus.

Ray grew up playing pranks on his mom, his brother and the local mortician. As a teenager, Ray remodeled two Model As, waited tables at his parents' restaurant, and repossessed tires off parked cars with his father. Ray graduated from Flathead High School in Kalispell with the class of 1968 and matriculated at Montana State University the same year.

In his first year of college, Ray lost his younger brother, Danny, in a tragic car accident. In his second year, Ray broke his leg during a spontaneous ski race and wore a thigh-high cast for nine months afterward. During his third and fourth years, he paid for his education "working" as a pool shark with a convincing poker face. On school vacations, he worked on oil rigs in the Gulf. In 1972, Ray graduated from MSU with a degree in chemical engineering.

1973 meant his first full-time job for Dresser Industries as a sales and service rep.

On Oct. 7, 1978, Ray took Linda Marhofer to be his wife in Houston. After a short honeymoon in Scotland, the couple headed for the world-renowned desert hot spot of Dubai, where they stayed for nine years. As PADI instructors, Ray and Linda scuba-dove from the Red Sea to the Great Barrier Reef. Ray took pictures and Linda wrote in travel journals.

Feb. 3, 1984, saw the birth of Ray and Linda's first wonderful child, Nathan. Rachel "Sweet Pea," followed shortly thereafter on Aug. 22, 1985. Finally, Michael came along on March 21, 1987. Ray made the delivery by seconds; despite poor grades in university, he had bargained his way into Purdue University's Krannert School of Management and was in the middle of final exams when Linda went into labor with Michael. In 1989 school was out and Ray walked with an MBA from Purdue.

In New Orleans for three years, Ray complained about the bad service and bought his first BMW motorcycle. Paris, France, was the next stop. After the teeny downtown apartment came the

house in the suburbs and a lot of walking, but life in Paris was short-lived. Nigeria was calling. While Linda and the kids roughed it in Houston with a mutt named Mittens, Ray pursued African grey parrots in the West African jungle. After all, he needed a present to bring back to the kids after a year's absence. When he finally returned to his family and Texas (parrot-less), Ray decided to pursue his dream as a cattle rancher.

On Nov. 18, 1992, the Hay-Wire Ranch was purchased. Twelve Santa Gertrudis heifers were thrown into the deal and became an integral part of the kids' college fund. Beach vacations in Fort Lauderdale became contingent on success at the cow show, and Ray learned how to artificially inseminate a cow. Hay Ink, a hay-baling company that Ray began with his close friend Ed, is a testament to Ray's devotion to his tractor. When he wasn't on his tractor or at work, Ray was running from the law on his motorcycle, "Presence," through the Texas backcountry. From his motorcycle "spacesuit" to the outfits he wore when picking his children up from school, Ray always seemed to make a lasting impression. Russia, China, Japan, Korea, Angola, Ray's resume covers seven pages; still, his biggest accomplishment has been his role as a father.

Ray is survived by his three children. The memories that he has made and the lessons that he has taught will last for the years that his body couldn't.

A memorial service was held at 3 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27, at Concordia Hall in Bellville, Texas, where memories were shared by Bobby Ables, Nathan Niehuus, Rachel Niehuus, Michael Niehuus, Tom Yochim, Ed Barker and other friends. A gathering followed at the HayWire Ranch in New Ulm, Texas.

Friends who wish to make memorial gifts may do so to the Office of Development, Krannert School of Management, Purdue University, 403 West State St., Room 160, West Lafayette, IN 47907; make checks payable to the Purdue Foundation, memo: Scholarship fund in memory of Ray Niehuus.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of the Schmidt Funeral Home in Bellville, Texas.

Donald Lavern Nielsen, 83

The Rev. Donald Lavern Nielsen died of natural causes at Immanuel Lutheran Home on July 30, 2011, at the age of 83.



He was born in Watertown, S.D., to Matthew and Gerda Nielsen on July 21, 1928.

Growing up in Brookings, S.D., Don quit school at the age of 16 to help support the family, working as a welder.

He moved to Nebraska to attend Gordon Bible College where he met and fell in love with Mae Quilling. They were married Dec. 24, 1949. In 1953 they moved to Portland for Don to attend Warner Pacific Bible College, working in a fabrication shop at night.

Don was a minister and pastored in the states of Nebraska, Oregon, South Dakota and Montana. In addition to being an ordained minister, he was a "Jack-of-all-trades" ... certified plumber, certified welder, certified electrician, master carpenter, finish carpenter, cabinet maker, millwright, mechanic and inventor!

Don enjoyed hunting, fishing, hiking and camping. He loved being in the outdoors, marveling at the beauty God had created. Always active in sharing the love of God with everyone he met, he especially enjoyed teaching and mentoring junior age kids. For many years he taught the Junior Sunday School class and had various activities for them. Don delighted in his

family ... spending time with them, helping with repairs and building projects, attending school and sports events, and camping. Don and Mae loved the Montana church and had a heart for establishing a Montana State COG Campground.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Matthew and Gerda Nielsen; his wife, Mae Janette Quilling Nielsen; and grandson, Kristopher Sperry.

He is survived by his four children, Donna and Bob Conrad of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, Eldon and Ellen Nielsen of Kalispell, Marilyn and Dennis Dierman of Kalispell, and Melvin and Connie Nielsen of Whitefish; his grandchildren, Don Conrad, Joe and Heidi Conrad, David and Charity Nielsen, Carolyn Nielsen, Kayleen Sperry, Jason Sperry, Brad Nielsen, Jeremy Nielsen and Megan Nielsen; 11 great-grandchildren, Sarah, Cody and Kyle Conrad, Micah and Levi Nielsen, Kylee Nielsen, Gwen and Willow Salyer, Rileigh Sperry, Anthony and Landon Sperry; and sister, Levone Jerred.

Don ... Father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother and friend. He is already missed and leaves a hole in our lives.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 8, at the Tobacco Valley Cemetery in Eureka. Visitation will be Monday from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at the Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Eureka. There will be a celebration of life at 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 8, at the Cornerstone Community Church in Kalispell.

Lyson James Nimmick, 30

Tyson James Nimmick, 30, of Great Falls, died Saturday, Dec. 31, 2011, at his parents' home.

He is survived by his parents, Brad and Peg Nimmick of Great Falls; and his sisters, Jennifer

Nimmick and Britne Stimmack, both of Kalispell. A memorial service will be held at Hillcrest Lawn Memorial Chapel at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 6. Schnider Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Josephine Nitopi, 91

Josephine Nitopi, 91, died Dec. 9, 2011, at Whitefish Care and Rehabilitation in Whitefish.

She is survived by her daughter, Carol Beverly; and her son, Tom Nitopi. Services will be private.

Mary L. Nix, 71

Mary L. Nix, 71, passed away Monday, May 30, 2011, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center. Mary was born Dec. 9, 1939, in Liberal, Kan., to Clarence and Hallie Nix. Mary was a devoted daughter, granddaughter, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

She had worked as a nurse for most of her life. Mary spent the majority of her life in Kansas, moving to Montana in 2007. She stayed in Havre for a short time, then moved to Kalispell in 2008. She lived at Wel-Life with her mother, then they got an apartment where they lived together.

Mary was preceded in death by her mother, Hallie Nix, in March of 2011. She is survived by her daughter, Tammey Blinco and husband, Bruce; three grandchildren, Leslie Driear

(Matt); Carrie Stremel and Joseph Stremel, all of Kalispell; six beautiful great-grandchildren, Cylus and Berlynn Stremel and Hunter, Ayden, Evan, and Luke Direar, all of Kalispell.

Friends may greet the family at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home on Thursday, June 2, from 3 to 4 p.m.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 2411, Great Falls, MT, 59403; American Heart Association, 501 First Ave N., Room 114, Great Falls, MT, 59401, or to the Humane Society, 100 Adopt a Pet Way, Kalispell, MT, 59901. Friends may leave notes of condolence for the family at: www.buffalohillfh.com

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

Hans Leonard Nielsen, 68

Hans Leonard Nielsen, 68, passed away on Sunday, July 17, 2011, at Whitefish Care and Rehabilitation in Whitefish.

Hans was born May 24, 1943, in Havre, to Hendrick and Mildred (Zellmer) Ehlers. He was raised in Hogeland and Columbia Falls and attended schools in Columbia Falls.

Hans enjoyed fishing, hunting and golf.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Willie; and father, Hendrick.

Hans is survived by his mother, Mildred Nielsen; son, Duane Nielsen; daughter, Bobbie Rae Nielsen; siblings, Anna and Lester Black of Federal Way, Wash., Corliss

and Bill Carr of Anderson, Calif., Gloria and Art Schroeder of Kalispell, and John and Diane Nielsen of Columbia Falls; grandchild, Kyle Nielsen; and several cousins, nieces and nephews.

Graveside services for Hans will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday July 22, at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 401 Seventh St. W., Columbia Falls, MT 59912.

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

Anna Eleanor Nolin, 94

Anna Eleanor Nolin, 94, passed away on Jan. 27, 2011, in Kalispell.

Eleanor was born on March 17, 1916, in Williams, Minn., to William And Etta (Carlson) Mason.

Eleanor was raised on the family farm in Northern Minnesota. On June 15, 1935, she married Alfred R. Nolin. During their 46-year marriage, they raised four sons, Rodney, Reginald, Robert and Reed. The family lived in International Falls and Orr, Minn., when not on the West Coast during World War II.

Eleanor had a beauty shop in her home while Al had his barber shop in town, at both locations. She loved teaching Sunday school at the Orr Chapel, attending Bible studies and supporting missionaries with various needed items she could make. She loved all sports and was an avid reader. She touched many lives with her sincerity and love. Eleanor lived in

Kalispell with her son Rod and family after the death of her husband in 1981.

Eleanor was preceded in death by her young son, Reed; her husband, Alfred; and her five brothers.

She is survived by her sons, Rodney Nolin and wife, Connie, of Kalispell, Reginald Nolin and wife, Toni, of Menomonie, Wisc., and Robert Nolin and wife, Monica, of Billings; 10 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for Eleanor will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 31, at the First Baptist Church of Bigfork, 6933 Montana Highway 35.

The family requests donations be made to Gideon's International, or Home Option Hospice, 430 Windward Way, Ste. 100 Kalispell, MT 59901. To send condolences to the family, please go to www.buffalohillfh.com. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Jerold S. Norby, 78

Jerold S. Norby, 78, died Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2011, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

He is survived by two daughters, Sandy Okken and Cindy Slifert; and two

sons, Jerry and Tim Norby.

No ceremonies are planned at this time.

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

Bert William Norquay, 82

Bert William Norquay, 82, of Whitefish, died May 1, 2011, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He had worked for the railroad.

He is survived by one

daughter, Dottie Miller, of Boise, Idaho.

Services will be private.

Arrangements are entrusted to Austin Funeral Home.

June Novak, 79

June Novak, 79, died at her Kalispell residence after a short battle with cancer on Thursday, March 17, 2011.

Cremation has taken

place and at her request; there will be no services.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.