

Hannah Raaum, 98

Hannah Raaum, 98, of Columbia Falls, died Tuesday, June 14, 2011, at Bee Hive Assisted Living.

Services will be at 10 a.m. at Immanuel Lutheran

Church in Westby. Arrangements are entrusted to Columbia Mortuary of Columbia Falls and Fulkerson Funeral Home of Plentywood.

Martin Allen Radabah, 78

Martin Allen Radabah, 78, formerly of the Flathead Valley, died April 8, 2011, at his home in Emmett, Idaho, from complications of Parkinson's disease.

He is survived by his wife, Vi Radabah, of

Emmett; and sons, Richard Radabah of Graham, Wash., John Radabah of Bremerton, Wash., and Gary Radabah of Parma, Idaho.

Cremation has taken place. Services are pending.

Scott Sydney Ramsey, 47

Scott Sydney Ramsey, 47, passed away suddenly on Sunday afternoon, July 10, 2011.

He was born Jan. 24, 1964, in Minnesota.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Lesley; his father, Sydney; and stepson, Scott.

He is survived by sons, David and Bob; his daughters,



Jenny, Chrystal, Amber, and stepdaughter, Beth; and his two brothers, Tyler and Dean.

Scott worked at Glacier Lanes bowling alley for about 12-plus years. He loved his community and working with the public.

Scott will be missed by his family and friends.

"We love you, Scott Ramsey."

There will be a potluck in Scott's honor at 6 p.m. on Friday at Glacier Lanes of Columbia Falls. All are welcome.

Everett M. Rankin, 84

Everett M. Rankin, 84, died Monday, Sept. 26, 2011, at his residence in Bigfork.

He is survived by his children, Kelly Rankin, Dianne Braun, Donald

Rankin and Paula Bishop. Services will be held at a later date.

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

Anthony John Rasmussen, 5

Anthony John Rasmussen, 5, died Friday, Nov. 25, 2011, at St. John's Lutheran Hospital in Libby.

He was born Nov. 29, 2005, in Twin Falls, Idaho, to Donald E. and Kristina Fay (Silvey) Rasmussen.

Services will be Friday, Dec. 2 at noon at Schnack-

enberg and Nelson Funeral Home Chapel, 422 W. Second St. in Libby. Interment will follow at the City of Libby Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to St. John's Lutheran Hospital building fund in memory of Anthony John Rasmussen.

W.R. 'Russ' Ramlow, 88

Willard Russell Ramlow died at his home on Feb. 6, 2011.

Russ was born in Socorro, N.M., on July 2, 1922, to William and Pearl Ramlow. Because his mother died shortly after Russ' birth, Russ and his sister Audrey went to live with their uncle and aunt, Chuck and Carrie Cutting, in Aberdeen, S.D.

Russ developed a lifelong love of the outdoors while growing up in South Dakota, and became an avid pheasant and waterfowl hunter. When Russ was in his teens, his father remarried and he went to live with his father and stepmother in St. Paul, Minn. He graduated from Monroe High School in St. Paul in 1940, then returned to Aberdeen to study wildlife biology at South Dakota State Teachers' College.

Russ spent the summer of 1942 in the Umpqua National Forest of Oregon on a fire suppression crew and learned the fine art of back-country cooking. He enlisted in the United States Navy that fall, earned a rating as a torpedoman's mate in San Diego, and sailed from Boston into the Pacific war on a newly-commissioned Fletcher-class destroyer, the USS Cogswell.

Russ' ship provided anti-submarine escort to the USS Enterprise and other aircraft carriers under Adm. Halsey. It fought in numerous battles, including the Marianas Islands, the Philippine landings, Saipan, Guam and Okinawa. It was the first U.S. Navy ship to sail into Tokyo Harbor on the day of Japan's surrender. Russ spent the rest of 1945 ashore at Yokosuka, helping to destroy Japanese naval ammunition.

At war's end Russ resumed his study of wildlife biology at Colorado A & M, but soon agreed to work with his uncle Chuck at the Coast-to-Coast hardware store in Whitefish. He liked the hunting and fishing prospects in the mountains of Montana.

He met a high school teacher, Mary Ellen, when his car skidded on some ice and ran into her parked car on Columbia Avenue. On Oct. 16, 1949, they began a nearly 62-year marriage.

Over the next 30 years Russ built the Whitefish Coast-to-Coast into a local institution where customers



could find anything from chain saw oil, snow-blowers, and radios to fishing licenses, shotgun shells and toasters. He was always willing to give advice on where to find fish and how to catch them. He treated everyone — railroaders, loggers, bankers, moms and school-kids — with warm and friendly service.

Russ was a model of community involvement as well. He served in numerous civic organizations, including Rotary where he led singing, Chamber of Commerce, the Rod and Gun Club, and Gideons International, and was a certified hunter safety instructor. He chaired the Whitefish School board and served on the Whitefish City Council. In 1976 the Chamber of Commerce named him Citizen of the Year. Russ served for many years as a Bible teacher and church trustee, first for the Whitefish Presbyterian Church, and later for the Whitefish Church of the Nazarene.

Russ and Mary Ellen also devoted themselves to their family, raising three children, Joan, Judy and Jim, in a loving and active home, but got stuck on the "J"s. Even their Labrador hunting dogs got names like Jack, Jay, Jem and Joy.

Russ loved to hike the trails of Glacier Park, and to hunt and fish and pick huckleberries with his kids and grandkids and with anyone else who shared his deep appreciation and respect for nature.

Mary Ellen lives at the family home in Whitefish. Their daughter Joan Pemble and her husband, Ed, live in Caldwell, Idaho; and their son Jim Ramlow and his wife, Alma, live in Whitefish. Their son-in-law Greg Neer and his wife, Helen, live in Pella, Iowa. Their grandchildren are Mark and Scott Pemble, Janelle Reinbold, Jeff Neer, Gina Ehrlin, Bruce Ramlow and Hugh Ramlow. Their great-grandchildren are Olivia and Ava Reinbold, Elisa Neer and Christian Ehrlin.

Russ and Mary Ellen's daughter Judy Neer, and their grandsons, David and John Pemble, died before Russ.

Funeral services for Russ will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 11, at the Whitefish Nazarene Church, 1125 E. Seventh Street. Nursery will be provided.

The family suggests memorials to the Salvation Army or Boy Scout Troop 17 of Whitefish.

Bernice Elizabeth 'Bea' (Bern) Rasmussen, 94

Bernice Elizabeth "Bea" (Bern) Rasmussen, 94, passed away on Tuesday, July 26, 2011, at the Immanuel



Lutheran Home in Kalispell, where she had resided for 4 1/2 years.

Bea was born in Sinai, S.D., to Chris and Emma Bern.

She was baptized and confirmed in Sinai Lutheran Church and lived there until August 1936, when the family moved to Kalispell. This has been her home for 75 years. On April 10, 1937, Bea married Art Rasmussen, her sweetheart from Bruce, S.D., in the basement of their beloved church, Bethlehem Lutheran. This union thrived for 72 years.

Bea worked in the community volunteering for many civic and charitable organizations: the Red Cross, American Home Department of the Century Club, Sons of Norway and the L.D.R.

Her greatest energy and passion was working at the church, especially with the children, teaching Sunday school, playing the piano and singing in the choir. Music was her passion, with young children coming in a close second. Bea was a happy person with a joy for life and a love for Jesus that knew no bounds.

She loved people, and

cherished her family and her role as a wife, mother and grandmother. Gardening and entertaining were her hobbies, but her true gift was bringing sunshine and joy to everyone she met. As a good friend said, "She sure knew how to turn on a light bulb when she entered a room."

She was preceded in death by her husband, Art; her daughter, Marlene Siblerud; her grandson, Patrick Siblerud; her parents, Chris and Emma Bern; a brother, Lloyd Bern; and a sister, Ruby Loy.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Margie and Jim LaRue of Seneca, S.C.; son-in-law, Roger Siblerud of Somers; grandchildren, Kelly Nelson and husband, Ken Degitz, Dan and Kelly Siblerud of Somers, Brad and Leslie LaRue of Greenville, S.C., and Todd and Jennifer LaRue of Austin, Texas; and great-grandchildren, Andy Siblerud, Nicole and Haley Nelson, Logan and Sierra Siblerud, Van and Lander LaRue, and Harrison and Emme LaRue.

Memorial services for Bea will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 3, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

Memorials may be made to Immanuel Lutheran Home, 185 Crestline Ave., Kalispell, MT 59901.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Bea's family. You are invited to go to www.jgfuneralhome.com to offer condolences and sign Bea's guest book.

Hal 'Doc' Wayne Reading, 59

Hal "Doc" Wayne Reading, 59, passed away peacefully at home on Sunday Aug. 21, 2011, surrounded by close friends, family and his beloved golden retrievers after a brief, but courageous battle with cancer.



He was born in Idaho Falls, Idaho, on Aug. 18, 1952, to John Reading and Georgia Christensen Reading. He graduated from Flathead High School in 1970, attended Kinman Business College in Spokane and the University of Montana, and then served in the U.S. Army.

Doc met and married Lini Hilbun in 1987 in Punta Chivato on the Baja Peninsula where they shared many wonderful adventurous vacations.

Doc was devoted to his work in the concrete business all his life, specializing in creating beautiful designs with exposed aggregate, colored stamped or simple brushed finishes. His handiwork can be seen in many locations around the entire valley.

He enjoyed whitewater rafting and kayaking, skiing, taking care of many home beautifying projects, was an avid golfer and an absolutely die-hard Montana Grizzly fan.

The lives of all those who knew or encountered him were blessed by his kind and gentle ways, including any animal which crossed his path or entered his life. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Doc is survived by the love and joys of his life, his two girls — his wife, Lini, and his beautiful daughter, Halle, both of Whitefish, with their golden retrievers, Alix and Dia. He is also survived by three loving sisters, Martha Reading of Kalispell, Julie Parmenter of Phoenix, Ariz., and Sally Forman of Salt Lake City; one brother, Ken Reading, of Houston, Texas; in-laws, Rob Hilbun of Paia, Hawaii, Richard and Yoyo Hilbun of Charlo, and Kelly and Terri Hilbun of Whitefish; as well as numerous nieces and nephews who meant so very much to him.

A special "thank you" goes out to all who gave lovingly, generously and unselfishly of their time and talents to help ease our burden through this difficult time. Our family will be eternally grateful.

Funeral services will be held at 4:30 p.m. Sept. 2, 2011, at Christ Lutheran Church of Whitefish, with a celebration of life to follow on Sept. 24 at Whitefish Golf Course. Contributions can be made to the Halle Reading college fund at Glacier Bank.

Arrangements are entrusted to Austin Funeral Home. You are invited to go to www.austinflh.com to offer condolences and view "Doc's" tribute wall.

Robert Lee Reddish, 63

Robert Lee Reddish, loving father and grandfather, passed away on June 11, 2011, at the age of 63.



He was born in Alliance, Neb., to Vernon and Betty. Bob grew up playing baseball and dreamed of playing professionally. A shoulder injury during a game changed his path toward the military and he ultimately served two tours in the Vietnam War.

After the war Bob married Debra Conrad, settled down in Kinnear, Wyo., and in 1977 their first and only child, Ben, was born. Fly fishing, camping and hunting were a large part of their lives, and Bob relished the time spent teaching his son about the wonders of nature.

In 1996 Bob moved to Missoula and was later joined by Ben. Over the years, they

continued to spend many hours together on Rock Creek, the Bitterroot and Blackfoot rivers, and more recently, Flathead Lake, chasing elusive trout. Bob had a great appreciation for the outdoors and was often content just sitting quietly on the porch watching the wildlife passing by. He said many times that he learned something everyday by just observing.

Bob was also a gifted carpenter and enjoyed building furniture for himself and his family which will be cherished for generations. Above all else, his greatest pleasure was the time spent with Ben, his daughter-in-law Heather, and his two grandsons, Gabriel and Jacob. Bob was blessed with compassionate and true friends and will be missed tremendously by those who had the pleasure of knowing him.

Services will be private.

Arrangements are entrusted to Columbia Mortuary.

Charles Leonard Reeves, 63

Chuck "went to be with his Savior" Nov. 16, 2011.



Chuck L. Reeves was born Dec. 23, 1947, in Whitefish, to Leonard and Faye (Warner) Reeves. Chuck attended Columbia Falls High School.

In 1964, Chuck chose to leave the area he loved so much and enlisted in the U.S. Army (with the help of his father who had to sign due to Chuck's young age). After serving his country for three years, Chuck returned to Montana. Shortly after, Search and Rescue was organized, and he became a member and remained a loyal supporter.

Chuck chose working in areas that brought enjoyment to his life, leading him to the logging industry and many friends all over the state.

"Don't worry, for the folks down Lewistown-Winnett way — there may be a night you will still hear his voice over the C.B., warning you of the Smokey at the bottom of the hill."

In 1988 Chuck met his "angel," Gayle Barnhart. As his love for his "angel" grew, so did his faith, and on Nov. 25, 1994, they were united in holy matrimony at the Columbia Falls Assembly of God Church.

Chuck was a quick-tempered, stubborn fella, and you may have found yourself losing many arguments, but those qualities, the love he had for the Lord and his faith also have had some form of a lesson for those with whom he shared his time. His perseverance in wanting to bring others to Christ led to many

changed lives.

Chuck's seven grandchildren were the sparkle in his eyes, the laughter in his heart and the light of his life. "Grandpa-Papa" Chuck's passion for horses, hunting and fishing ran through the family, and there was rarely a time you wouldn't see "Grandpa-Papa" Chuck and at least one of the grandkids out with the horses in his truck headed to the backwoods for some fishing, their faces and fingers purple from huckleberry picking, or just driving around. The only time none of the granddaughters complained about not being able to go with Grandpa was when he would take the boys to Randy the Barber for haircuts!

Chuck was preceded in death by his father, Leonard Reeves.

Chuck is survived by his wife, Gayle Barnhart Reeves; his mother, Faye Warner Reeves; sisters, Carol Ost, Debra Reeves and Lenny Eaton, of Columbia Falls; and daughter, Angela Hopkins, and son and daughter-in-law, Chuck and Leslie Reeves, of Kalispell; grandchildren, Breann and Joshua Moon, Skilur Dilley, Conar Dilley and Riley Reeves of Kalispell, and Dezahrae Dilley, Kiara Reeves and Dakota Reeves of Columbia Falls; and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be from noon until 1 p.m. until time of services Tuesday, Nov. 22, at Journey Church, 54 Western Village Lane, off U.S. 2 in Columbia Falls. Interment will be at Woodlawn Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Journey Church.

Arrangements are entrusted to Columbia Mortuary. You are invited to go to www.columbiamortuary.com to offer condolences and view Chuck's tribute wall.

Harold Big Beaver Francis Reed Sr., 66

Harold Big Beaver Francis Reed Sr., 66, passed away Thursday, Jan. 5, 2012.



He was born on Dec. 18, 1945, in Browning to George Big Beaver Sr., and Ruth Walter, and was later adopted by William Paul Reed Sr.

He was raised in Browning, served in the Army during the Vietnam War and returned to the Blackfeet Reservation, where he worked as a park ranger, police officer, ranch hand, firefighter, and as a mechanic in numerous service stations, eventually owning Big Sky Standard.

He liked hunting, fishing, stock car races and restoring cars.

He was preceded in death by his birth father; his parents; three brothers, William P. Reed, Aaron T. Reed and George Big Beaver Jr.; and a niece, Mandy.

He married twice, first to

Linda Johnson, and then to Bonnie Bongey.

He had three children, Harold F. and Sherri Reed, Jr., Lynn L. and Jason Stott, and Kaitlin R. Reed. He is also survived by his siblings, Minnie and William Elmose of Georgia, Volley Reed and Opal Boggs of Babb, and Lawrence and Yvette Reed, Nellie Whitford, Llona and Verlin Wippert, and Lillian Reed, all of Browning, and Willow and Richard Ell of Conrad; and five grandchildren, Taylor, Marc, Taryn, Thomas and Madeline; as well as numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

A wake began Saturday in Browning. A rosary will be recited Tuesday at 7 p.m. in Starr School. Funeral Services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Starr School, with burial following in the Willow Creek Cemetery with military honors to be presented.

Memorials may be made to the Vietnam Veteran Treatment Facilities in Walla Walla, Wash., or the Wounded Warriors Fund.

Condolences may be sent to fosterfhanderematory.com

Claudia Coleman Reeves, 73

Claudia Coleman Reeves, 73, formerly of Bigfork, died Aug. 24, 2011, after complications from a medical procedure, at St. Patrick's Hospital in Missoula.

A celebration of life will

be held at 2 p.m. today, Aug. 31, at the Lonestone Hall in Lonestone, with a graveside service at Murray Memorial Cemetery. A potluck dinner will follow at the Lonestone Hall.

Cyril 'Cy' Rehberger, 92

Cyril "Cy" Rehberger passed away at Prestige Assisted Living on Sunday, Aug. 14, 2011, surrounded by his daughter and granddaughters.



Cy was born in St. Paul, Minn., on Dec. 25, 1918. He was one of 12 children born to Stephen and Anna Rehberger. He met and married Ethel DeMars in 1943 and they moved to New Brighton, Minn., where they had their only child, JoAnn. Cy lived in New Brighton for 55 years where he was a paint contractor.

He was a faithful usher and volunteer at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church for years. Cy loved camping, dancing, his CB radio, and tinkering in his workshop. He loved to find someone else's junk and make it into something usable and special. He could sniff out a bargain and always shared his "deals" with others.

Ethel passed away in 1989.

He then married Cleo Padden in 1995. They enjoyed traveling and had a winter home in Ajo, Ariz. Cleo passed away in 2008, and Cy moved to Kalispell to be with his daughter and family in Kalispell. He loved his new friends at Prestige where he was known as a prankster and all-around fun guy.

Survivors include his daughter, JoAnn Strait, and son-in-law, Ken Strait; granddaughter, Jennifer (Strait) Goins, and her husband, Brian; granddaughter, Kimberly (Strait) vonOlhausen, and her husband, Adam; and his great-grandchildren Brantley, Palmer and Gibson Goins and Gunnar vonOlhausen.

The family is having a private ceremony at their home to honor Cy and his legacy.

Memorials are suggested to the Prestige Assisted Living, 125 Glenwood Dr., Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

Katherine 'Katie' Elizabeth Reilley, 43

Katherine "Katie" Elizabeth Reilley, 43, of Polson, died Saturday, Jan. 22, 2011, at her home.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 27, at the Immacu-

late Conception Catholic Church, Polson. A full obituary will follow.

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

Marilyn Marie Ludwig Reinke, 76

Marilyn Marie Ludwig Reinke "was called home to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" on Sunday, Feb.



20, 2011, at Elim Nursing Home in Fargo, N.D.

Marilyn Marie Knocke was born to Edward and Hilda (Kruckenberg) Knocke on March 2, 1934, at Pawnee Rock, Kan.

After completing high school in Great Bend, Kan., she attended and graduated from St. John's College in Winfield, Kan.

On June 18, 1955, she was united in marriage to William E. Ludwig at Trinity Lutheran Church in Great Bend. This union was blessed with three sons and a daughter.

Marilyn taught at Trinity Lutheran School in Pueblo, Colo., Redeemer Lutheran School, Denver, and 34 years as kindergarten teacher at Trinity Lutheran School in Kalispell. She also led the music program at the school. She served many years as church organist and after retirement in 1999, she returned and served for eight years as a first grade teacher's aide.

She found much joy working with children of all ages and she and her husband Bill managed Trinity's Lutheran Campground on Flathead Lake every summer for 45 years. They also served many years as tour hosts to Israel, Greece, Egypt, Germany and Alaska.

Bill passed away after an extended illness in early 2009. On Aug. 29, 2009, "with God's Divine intervention," she was united in marriage to Gary C. Reinke at Trinity Lutheran Church in Kalispell. They made their home in Fargo and were members of Immanuel Lutheran Church. Through her marriage to Gary, she was blessed with an extended family, a stepdaughter, Dr.

Karen Garnaas and husband, Don, and five children, Kate, Noah, Will, Eden and Isaiah; a stepson, Dr. Mark Reinke and wife, Kathy, and five children, Rhiannon, Robin, Rebecca, Rochelle and Ryan; she also had a deceased stepson, Troy Reinke, and wife Susan, and daughters, Jessica, Anne and Elizabeth.

Marilyn was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and one sister, Leola Miller, of Colorado Springs, Colo.

She is survived by her husband, Gary C. Reinke, of Fargo; children, Douglas Ludwig of Vienna, Austria, Scott and Carol Ludwig of Marysville, Wash., Brent Ludwig of Kalispell, and Brenda and Gregory Bradford of Colorado Springs; four grandchildren, Nathaniel and Hannah Ludwig, and Shayla and Laynie Bradford; five brothers, Norman and Shirley Knocke of McPherson, Kan., Walter and Betty Knocke of Bella Vista, Ark., Erwin and Fern Knocke of Arkansas City, Kan., Maurice and Liz Knocke of Champaign, Ill., and Ron and Patricia Knocke of Hot Springs Village, Ark.

Together, Gary and Marilyn shared 17 grandchildren. Her faith in her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ was evident to all, and her ready smile and pleasant demeanor made those around her feel comfortable and loved.

"To God be the glory!"

Memorial services for Marilyn will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, March 7, at Trinity Lutheran Church with the Rev. Mark Cutler officiating. Burial will be private by the family.

Memorials may be made to the Bill Ludwig Scholarship Fund at Trinity Lutheran School, Trinity Lutheran Camp or Trinity Lutheran Church, 400 W. California St. Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

Robert 'Bob' Charles Rice, 73

Robert "Bob" Charles Rice, 73, passed away suddenly on Friday, Jan. 28, 2011, at his home in Somers.

Bob was born on Aug. 19, 1937, in Oklahoma City to Paul and Erma Rice.

He was raised in Pampa, Texas, and graduated from Pampa High School.

After high school, he attended the University of Montana. Bob married Avis M. Oien in Missoula in 1957, and they were together for 53 years.

Bob began his career with Phillips Petroleum in 1957 and retired in 1996, after 39 years of dedicated service. He and Avis moved 31 times in his career, including time spent in Alaska and Norway.

After he retired, Bob went to work as a sales associate at Home Depot in Kalispell, where he worked in the Tools and Hardware Department.

He was the treasurer of the Kalispell Lions Club from 1999 to present, Rookie of the Year in 1997-1998, was Lion of the Year twice, and was the recipient of the Melvin Jones Fellow Award, the Lions Club's highest honor.

He also was a hunter-education instructor for several years. He enjoyed woodworking, hunting, personal computing, Western art, mint coins and vintage guns.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, Paul and Erma Rice; and a brother, Kenneth Rice.

He is survived by his wife, Avis, of Somers; children, Brent Rice and wife, Rita, of Evergreen, Colo., Cathy Earles of Billings, and Glenn Rice and wife, Kelly, of Albuquerque, N.M.; a brother, Bill Rice and wife, Velda, of San Antonio; grandchildren, Taylor and Hanna Earles of Billings, and Paul Rice of Evergreen, Colo.; step-grandchildren, Rod Jr., Renee and Ryan Earles; and step-great-grandchildren, Elizabetha, Draven and Emyli Earles, and Shelbie Smith.

Other relatives include Iva Mae, Cheryl, and Brian Johnson and family of Duncan, Okla., Katherine (Rice) Bullock of Pennsylvania, and Judy (Rice) Henderson of Saskatchewan, Canada.

A celebration of Bob's life will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

The family requests that memorial donations be made in Bob's name to the Kalispell Lions Club, Robert Rice Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 321 Kalispell, MT 59903-0321.

The public is invited to go to www.buffalohillfh.com to leave messages or sign Bob's book.

Jacob Matthew Rigby, 27

Jacob Matthew Rigby, 27, of Johnsbury, Ill., was found deceased Sept. 2, 2011, while hiking in Glacier National Park.

He is survived by his parents, David and Kath-

leen Rigby.

A memorial service will be held at a later date in Illinois.

Arrangements are entrusted to Columbia Mortuary.

Donald A. Riley, 78

Donald A. Riley, 78, died Sunday, March 20, 2011, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls due to complications of Lewy body dementia and cancer.

He was born July 2, 1932, in Bemidji, Minn.

He moved to Columbia Falls in 1973 after retiring from the U.S. Air Force. He joined the Air Force in 1952 at the age of 20, embarking on a life of world travel and adventure taking him to Korea, Taiwan, the Middle East and Europe.

In March 1956 he married Anna Strowbridge. They had two children, Robert, who preceded him in death in 1991, and Cynthia.

After retiring from the military, Donald worked at Plum Creek and later as a carpenter and electrician. As an avid outdoorsman, he found his greatest joy hunting and especially fishing, and generously sharing his catch with friends and family.

Robert 'Gordon' Riley, 77

Robert "Gordon" Riley, age 77, passed away Tuesday, January 11, 2011.

Born in Pennsylvania, Gordon moved to Montana in the '50s for a forestry internship while attending Penn State University. He later returned to Montana, where he married his wife of 47 years, Ava Lynn Voorhees.

An Army veteran, Gordon spent his adult life in the forestry industry and later land surveying for Marquardt Engineering in Kalispell. After living in many of the western states, Gordon and Ava Lynn chose to return to Eureka to raise their family on the property at Glen Lake.

He greatly enjoyed the outdoors and wildlife, particularly hunting and shooting, which he passed on to his sons and grandchildren. He also especially enjoyed his

trips to the Pacific Coast to visit nephew Mac McCrory and his family.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ava Lynn.

He is survived by six sons, Rob and Kris, Russ and Barb, Tom and Julie, Jon and Lynn, Scott and Sheila, and Steve and Gillian; 18 grandchildren and a great-grandchild; and extended family members.

A memorial will be held at a later date.

Memorial donations may be made to the Home Options Hospice of Northwest Healthcare, 430 Windward Way, Suite 101; Kalispell, MT 59901; 751-4200.

His love for Glen Lake was embraced and shared by his children and grandchildren and will continue to be enjoyed for many years to come.

Darleen Rae 'Deana' Ridgway, 48

Deana passed away unexpectedly in Spokane on Nov. 7, 2011, at the age of 48.

She was born on Aug. 6, 1963, to Robert L. and Erma Mae (Thompson) Ridgway, in Helena. She was the youngest of 12 children. She attended school in Helena and graduated from Helena High School.

Deana was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Tracy and Floyd "Pete"; her sister, Wanda Pierson; and a daughter, Bonnie.

Deana blessed four families with her children, Kelly, Allison, Theresa, Jacob, Molly and Brian.



Deana is survived by her sisters, Carol Jeffries of Kalispell, Bobbie Smith and husband Brian of Lewiston, Patty Brewer and husband Charles of Helena, Nancy Swanson and husband Lance of Kalispell, Terry Hamper and husband Pat of Helena, and Glenda Dupuis and husband Robert of Toole, Utah; brothers, Robert Ridgway and wife Donna of Vaughn, and Kevin Gaab and wife Theresa of Lolo; numerous aunts and uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews; and her special friend, Roy Haegy, of Spokane.

Cremation has taken place in Spokane, and private family services are pending.

Deana will be missed and never forgotten by all those she has touched with her free spirit, smile and laugh.



His loving and caring nature made him beloved, respected and thought of as a father figure by many who had the honor of knowing him.

He is survived by his wife, Anna, of 55 years, his daughter, Cynthia Riley Augé, of Whitefish; two grandsons, Peter Newbury and Riley Andrew Workman; a granddaughter in law, Bobbie Newbury; and two great-granddaughters, Isabeau and Alora Newbury, all of Whitefish; five brothers and two sisters; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and one brother.

Visitation will be from 2 to 5 p.m., Friday, March 25, at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 26, at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. Burial with military honors will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery. A reception for family and friends will follow at North Valley Senior Center on Nucleus Avenue in Columbia Falls.

Charles "Chuck" Franklin Roach, 86, of Kalispell, died on Friday, Oct. 28, 2011, at his home.

Born July 7, 1925, in Fort Wayne, Ind., he was the son of Theopolis and Clara (Hamilton) Roach. He lived and was educated in Fort Wayne until his call to duty in World War II. He proudly served in the U.S. Navy on the USS Saratoga.

He married F. Nadine Parker on April 2, 1948, in Fort Wayne, and was proud of making 63 years of marriage and raising five children.

Chuck worked at Magnavox and private security prior to his retirement at age 51, due to health.

In 1984, he and his wife moved to Columbia Falls, and then to Kalispell in 1986. He became an active member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles No. 234 and the American Legion Post No. 137. He loved bowling and was a member



Surviving are his wife, Nadine Roach, of Kalispell; son, Barry, and Ann Roach, of Fort Wayne; son, Kerry Patrick Roach, of Fort Wayne; son, Charles F. Roach Jr., of Kalispell; daughter, Trina, and Michael Caldwell, of Fairbanks, Alaska; and daughter, Rita Roach, of Kalispell; seven grandchildren, Brian and Karen Roach of Angola, Ind., Erik and Jody of Fort Wayne, Christopher and Kristi of Angola, Valerie and Russell

of the senior bowling league.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Theopolis and Clara Roach; and brothers, Otto Roach and Joseph Roach.

McGregor of Fort Wayne, Emily and Jason Zigler of Fort Wayne, Hayley and Dan Storie of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Corrie Lanier of Fairbanks; 15 great-grandchildren; and sisters, Margaret and Don Shipman of Delta, Ohio, Margie and Ken Mohler of Talladega, Ala., and Irene and Ed Weaver of Menominee, Mich.

The family wishes to thank the nursing and aid staff at Kalispell Regional Medical Center and Frontier Hospice for the wonderful care Charles received.

Cremation has taken place, and a memorial service and celebration of life will be held 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 4, at the Eagles Lodge in Kalispell. A memorial service and burial will also take place at a later date in Fort Wayne, to grant his wish for his final resting place, and when more family members and friends will be able to attend.

Mabel Imogene Robert, 82

Mabel Imogene Robert, 82, of Columbia Falls, died Thursday, Dec. 15, 2011, at The Springs in Whitefish.

She is survived by her husband, Wilbur Gulbranson; and her daughters,

Robin Milne, Linda Taffs and Patricia Boydston.

Visitation will be from noon until the service begins at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 20, at the Columbia Mortuary Chapel in Columbia Falls.

Paul Allen Roberts, 53

Paul Allen Roberts died Feb. 2, 2011, at his home in Kalispell.

He was born in Kalispell on Dec. 27, 1957, to Henry and Bonnie Roberts.

Paul loved the mountains and beauty of the Flathead Valley, living here for almost his entire life. His family and friends knew him as Paul, Pauly or Paulywog. He was known to be witty and always had a smile on his face. He loved to reminisce about family, friends and days gone by.



Paul worked as a logger for many years and was highly respected as a skilled timber faller.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Bonnie Roberts, and one brother, John Roberts.

He is survived by two children, a daughter, Melissa Roberts of Kalispell, and a son, John Roberts of Reno, Nev.; a sister, Christine, and her husband, Gary Simonson, of Chinook; and his brother, Duane Roberts, of Polson; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

There will be a graveside service in the spring at Lone Pine Cemetery and the time will be announced at a later date.

Aaron Scott Robinson, 24

Aaron Scott Robinson, "A-Rob," "was called home by the Lord" on July 19, 2011, "to shred with the angels in heaven." He was killed in a snowboarding accident in El Colorado, Chile, at the young age of 24.

He was born on Nov. 5, 1986, in Norwalk, Conn., and moved to Whitefish with his family when he was 2. Aaron attended Whitefish schools and received his associate's degree from Seattle Central Community College.

Aaron was not only an amazing snowboarder, he was a very accomplished musician, and his love for the mountains led him to snowboard some of the most incredible locations around the world. He spent his summers in Chile, filming, coaching and shredding.

Aaron won the North Face Masters in 2010 and 2011, the only rider to win this title



two years consecutively.

He enjoyed his winters at Alpentel and Mount Baker in Washington, and competed in the Banked Slalom for many years. Another not-to-miss event was the Nate Chute Hawaiian Classic on Big Mountain.

Aaron spent two weeks during the spring at Tailgate, Alaska, snowboarding, filming, and was the head chef for all competitors.

A celebration of Aaron's life will be held at noon Saturday, Sept. 24, at the Robinsons'.

His family and friends have started a foundation in his name to achieve his dream of providing underprivileged children the opportunity to experience the passion and love for snowboarding. Donations can be made to the "A-Rob Plant a Seed Foundation" at Freedom Bank in Columbia Falls.

Aaron was all about love, laughter and living life to the fullest. He will be greatly missed by everyone who had the pleasure of meeting him. "Smash Life!"

Bernard Anthony Robinson, 91

Bernard Anthony Robinson, 91, died Monday, Sept. 12, 2011, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He was born on Leap Day, Feb. 29, 1920, in Terre Haute, Ind., the fifth son of Robert and Elizabeth Robinson, and spent his childhood in Indiana, Florida and Illinois, graduating from Parker High School, Chicago, in 1938.

As a child, he liked to make and fly kites — a hobby he also enjoyed with his grandchildren. While in grade school he had his photo with his kites in the Chicago Tribune.

Bernie participated in civilian pilot training in Chicago where he received his private pilot license in 1942. He then joined the U.S. Army Air Corps and flew gliders before being transferred to Aviation Cadets, graduating in the Class of 43-J at Lubbock, Texas. After advanced pilot training, Bernie went on to teach instrument flying during World War II. He often remarked that he was lucky to fly the largest plane in existence at the time — the B-29. He was the commander of the Air Force Reserve unit in Kalispell, obtaining the rank of major.

On Nov. 8, 1943, he married Dorothy Black. They were married nearly 68 years at the time of his death. After the war, they settled in the Chicago suburb of Melrose Park. Vacationing in 1948 to visit Air Force friends in the Flathead Valley, they decided to leave the Windy City, moving to Lakeside in 1949. He worked for StanCraft Boats in Somers for three years.

Bernie and Dorothy moved to Kalispell in 1952 and have resided here since. Bernie was a meat cutter at B&B (now Smith's), Sykes' and Safeway before deciding to become a journeyman carpenter. Local projects he worked on included Hun-



gry Horse Dam, the Polson Bridge and St. Matthew's Catholic School. He said he was the last carpenter on the job when the school was completed. He became the business agent for the Carpenters Union Local 911, serving in that capacity for 13 years until his retirement.

After retirement, he enjoyed his extensive wood-working shop, making many craft items he enjoyed displaying and selling at the Kalispell Farmers Market for many years.

Mr. Robinson was a member of St. Matthew's Catholic Church.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy, at the family home; three daughters, Peggy Morrison and John of Lakewood, Colo., Barbara Lohn and Jim of Renton, Wash., and Toni Powell and Gordon of Kalispell; one son, Chuck Robinson, of Nashville, Tenn.; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; three sisters-in-law, and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister; six brothers; and daughter-in-law, Jane Robinson.

Visitation will be from 3 to 7 p.m. today, Sept. 16, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Rosary for Mr. Robinson will be recited there at 7 p.m. Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 17, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church, with the Rev. Rod Ermatinger as celebrant. Burial will be in C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family would like to thank the staff of Greenwood Village, the Kalispell Dialysis Clinic and the physicians with the Veterans Administration for their care of Mr. Robinson. Thanks also to the cooks at Greenwood Village for arriving early to fix Bernie's breakfast before dialysis.

The family requests memorials be made to St. Matthew's Catholic School or the charity of your choice. To send condolences to the family, please go to www.buffalohillfh.com. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

June L. (Hickenbotham) Roby, 57

June L. (Hickenbotham) Roby, 57, of Meridian, Idaho, died Sunday, Nov. 6, 2011, at her home.

June Loa Williams was born Feb.

23, 1954, in Kadoka, S.D., the daughter of Virgil and Donna (Crowser) Williams. She grew up in Philip, and later graduated from Faith High School in 1972.

June married Craig Hickenbotham in 1972 in Philip. They moved to Hardin, Mont., to fulfill Craig's lifelong dream of being a cowboy. While there, she attended beauty school and received her cosmetology license. After moving multiple times for Craig's ranching career, the family moved to the Flathead Valley in the mid-1980s. June absolutely fell in love with the mountains and decided this is where she ultimately belonged. She continued to work as a hairdresser until starting her in-home daycare, which allowed her to be more available for her children.

In 1998, she moved to Nampa, Idaho to be nearer to her children, Jennifer and Cody. June then began her career with the Nampa Police Department as a community service officer. Her generosity and compassion served her well in her work with first-time offender kids and student mentoring, a favorite part of her work at the police department.

June always had a passion for music and learned to play several instruments, including clarinet and saxophone. During her time in



Montana, she performed with the Flathead Valley Community Band and Bavarian Echoes. When she moved to Nampa, she joined the Caldwell Community Band and then the Treasure Valley Concert Band at BSU. June met fellow TVCB trombone player (and future husband) Lee Roby when both attended the same Tommy Dorsey Band concert, and in 2004 they were married. The couple played in many Boise area groups, including the HP Jazz Band, the American Saxophone Jazz Quartet, a German Octoberfest band, and a summer NNU jazz band. When she began playing with the Music Theater of Idaho in musical productions, June really fell in love with the pit orchestra and show music.

June will be deeply missed by her family and friends, who loved her dearly. She is survived by her husband, Lee Roby; and her children, Jennifer Roberts of Meridian, Carmen Hickenbotham of Kalispell, and Cody Hickenbotham of Boise, as well as four grandchildren, Riley Roberts, Connor Roberts, Timbre-Lynn Fillingim and Sheyenne Fillingim. June is also survived by her brothers, Roger Williams and Ron Williams, and her sister, Judy Heinrich, all from Philip.

She was preceded in death by her mother and father.

A memorial service for June was held Saturday, Nov. 12 at the Holy Apostles Catholic Church in Meridian. A second memorial service will be held in early summer of 2012 in Bigfork. Her ashes will be scattered in the mountain lakes of the Flathead Valley near Bigfork.

Stephen Rogers, 63

Stephen Rogers, 63, died at his Kalispell residence on Saturday, Oct. 29, 2011.

He is survived by his wife, Ann, of Kalispell.

At his request, there will be no services.

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

Katelyn Mackenzie Roker, 6

Katelyn Mackenzie Roker, 6, died Saturday, Oct. 22, 2011, at her home in Kalispell.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m.

Saturday, Oct. 29, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Kalispell. Visitation will be from noon to 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 28, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home.

Ronald B. Romera, 78

Ronald B. Romera, 78, passed away peacefully with his treasured family by his side on Monday, Oct. 3, 2011, in Kalispell.

He was born May 30, 1933, in San Mateo, Calif., to Joseph and Sally Romera.

He leaves behind his loving wife of 56 years, Ann Romera, of Bigfork; one son, Michael R. Romera, and his significant other, Valerie Torres, from Las Vegas; daughters, Michele Romera Sather and hus-

band Greg Sather of Bigfork, and Marjorie Romera Guest and husband Brian Guest of Kalispell. He also leaves behind four loving grandchildren, Jeremy and wife Noriko Sather, Matthew, Jennifer and Joshua Sather.

"You are forever in our hearts."

To sign Ronald's guest book, please go to www.buffalohillfh.com. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Richard J. Romano, 80

Richard J. Romano, 80, of Columbia Falls, died peacefully Feb. 28, 2011.

Richard served in the Navy during the Korean War, was wounded and honorably discharged.

Prior to his residency at the Montana Veterans Home in August 2007, Richard was known as a defender and supporter of all veterans, frequently writing letters to local newspapers and state representatives, even giving up his own membership card at a Legion post that refused Vietnam veterans. His worst physical afflictions never affected his mind or ability to communicate. As a result, he was proud to have served the country he loved and his voice was always for his fellow residents and veterans.

Richard's sense of humor and candor will be remembered by everyone he

touched; his penchant for nicknames, hats and slapstick humor, dessert before dinner, model airplanes, his family, friends and his country.

He is survived by his former wife and partner of the heart for 57 years, Monica; his children, Mark, Mary, Eric, Loretta and Dawn, Carol, and Paulette and Joe; 13 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren; and his sister Dolores Farenga.

A service will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 3, at the Montana Veterans Home.

Memorial donations may be sent to the Montana Veterans Home, P.O. Box 250, Columbia Falls, MT 59912. Condolences may be sent to P.O. Box 404, Whitefish, MT 59937.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is assisting the family.

Carol S. Rose, 65

Carol S. Rose passed away Sunday near Melrose.

She graced the world when she was born in Anaconda to Mike and Rose Sisich on Feb. 23, 1946.

Carol grew up in Anaconda, where she also attended high school and met her first husband, with whom she would have her two children, Cynthia and Craig. They would grow to be the pride of her life and what she liked to boast about to her friends. She would later remarry and adopt Rob and Cheryl, who lit up her life.

She was a business woman willing to try any venture. She owned and operated, with the help of her son, both Grizzly Go Kart and Montana Magic Casino. She would invest in real estate, taking pride in giving people a place to live.

She was a world traveler, having circled the globe; she drank fine wine in Paris, hiked the Himalayas in India, drank margaritas in Mazatlan, fanned on a beach in Costa Rica and went on a safari in Africa. She was also a local traveler, where she



liked to drive about in her tiny camper enjoying all the grandeur nature could offer and the splendid company of others sharing her dream.

Her greatest passion would be the pursuit of the spiritual path, where she would spend the later part of her life immersing herself in various beliefs in her search for enlightenment, with the goal of teaching others to better their lives.

Her smile was captivating, her laugh contagious and her zest for life insatiable.

She is survived by her sister, Diane, and Bill Fowler, of Reno, Nev.; her children, Craig Sundberg of Anaconda and Cynthia Moore of Las Vegas; stepchildren, including Cheryl Burgess and Rob Windorski, both of Kalispell; her aunts, Natalie Fitzpatrick of Anaconda, and Velma Batten of Butte; and her niece, Addy Fowler, of Reno. She also leaves behind her little traveling companion, Alfe.

She was predeceased by her parents and her son-in-law, Jeff Moore.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday held at the Shining Mountains for Spiritual Living, 475 Eighth Ave. E.N. in Kalispell.

"Birds fly high, flowers bloom, smile when you think of me for eternity."

Nils Rosok, 91

Nils was born on the island of Haroy, Norway, to Lars and Johanne Rosok on Dec. 4, 1919.

Nils grew up working as a fisherman and farmer until he emigrated to the United States in 1947 to take over his uncle's farm near Dutton.

In 1950 Nils married Evelyn Kestner, and they raised their family in Dutton until they sold the farm and moved to Kalispell in 1972. Nils was a skilled, self-taught carpenter, and in Kalispell he built homes and did general carpentry work.

After he retired, Nils and Evelyn moved to Washington, where most of their children now live, and settled in Port Townsend. Nils liked living there near the Sound and enjoyed going fishing, as it reminded him of his native Norway.

Evelyn passed away in January 1998, and Nils missed her every day for the



rest of his life.

After several more years in Port Townsend, he moved to Edmonds to be closer to his children. They will miss his meatballs, his pot roast and his cookies. They will miss his passion for discussing politics and his skill at Scrabble. They will simply miss him and will always love him.

True to his independent nature, Nils passed away on Independence Day, July 4, 2011, peacefully in his own bed, following a weekend visiting with all of his children and many of his grandchildren.

He is survived by his sister, Gunvar Solheim of Volva, Norway; daughters, Mae Joanne Rosok of Kenmore, Wash., Karen Becker of St. Paul, Minn., and Lisa Kerns of Seattle; and sons, Larry Rosok of Shoreline, Wash., and George Rosok of Renton, Wash.; as well as nine grandchildren and many beloved in-laws, nieces and nephews.

A private memorial service is planned for a later date. Please share memories with family at www.becksfuneralhome.com.

Howard Ralph Rundell, 73

Howard Ralph Rundell, 73, formerly of Kalispell, died April 12, 2011, in Santaquin, Utah.

He is survived by his wife, Joyce Littleford; and

daughter, Wendy Howard, of Boise, Idaho.

Services were held April 15 in Lehi, Utah. Burial took places at Lehi City Cemetery.

Mel Runnells, 80

Mel Runnells of Polson died Jan. 21, 2011.

"Mel is back playing golf with a cigar in his mouth and a smile on his face. We love ya, 'Old Crow.' Semper Fi, Waldo."

No services are planned per Mel's wishes, but there will be a get-together at the Sportspace in Polson at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 29, for all of his friends. Please come join us.

Christine Ann Rupp, 59

Christine Ann Rupp, 59, died Tuesday, Dec. 21, 2010, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

She is survived by her husband, Robert Rupp;

two sons, Rich and Mike Torgison; and a daughter, Lindsay Boyles.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Austin Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Cynthia 'Cindy' Vey Pearce Russell, 56

Cynthia "Cindy" Vey Pearce Russell, 56, passed away on Sunday, Dec. 19, 2010, surrounded by her family at her home in Kalispell.

She was born on March 10, 1954, to James and Bernice Pearce.

Cindy met her life partner, Scott Russell, in 1973. They were married in Heron, Mont., on July 10, 1976. From this union were born a daughter, Scarla and son, Ronnie.

Cindy never gave up on anyone or turned anyone away. Her life was a true testament that hope, love and faith can truly move mountains. She was an amazing mom, wife, granny and friend. Anyone whose path crossed Cindy's was truly blessed. She, by her example, made us all better people.



Cindy took much pride in being a granny. All the fun times and wisdom that she shared with them will be a part of who they are forever. We know that Cindy will be our guardian angel and watch down on us all.

Cindy is survived by her husband, Scott; her daughter, Scarla, and husband, Shannon, and their children, Taryn, Maggie and Sierra; and son, Ron, and wife, Jen, and their children, Jayden and Tanner; her siblings, Bonnie and Bill, Larry, Judy, Keith and Marilyn, Jim Pearce and Janet Edwards; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Cindy's life will be held at a later date.

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

Philip Joseph Ryan, 54

Philip Joseph Ryan, 54, passed away Saturday, Oct. 8, 2011, at St. Patrick Hospital after a short but courageous battle with cancer, surrounded by his loving family.

Born in Butte on May 12, 1957, to John and Loretta Ryan, Phil was raised in Townsend, along with his three sisters Peggy (John) Vogt of Los Angeles, Kathleen Ryan of Kalispell, Susie Ryan of Kalispell, and brother John (Tina) Ryan of Seattle. After high school graduation in 1975, he attended Carroll College in Helena on a football scholarship.

For 10 years Phil enjoyed his time as a logger in the Flathead area of Montana while working for Canyon Logging. He later continued his education at the University of Montana where he received a degree in athletic training.

In 1990 he found his niche as a strength, and offensive and defensive line coach for the University of Montana Grizzlies. It was here that his influence reached many members of the Grizzly family and will continue to do so for years to come. Phil had an innate ability to help people. His healing hands touched many people who will be forever grateful.

Phil loved the outdoors, to say the least, and if he was not going for a "little sashay" to the top of Mount Sentinel every morning, he could be found in the woods calling



in the year's first elk, on the closest river "catchin' a fish," or pursuing his true passion of mentoring athletes.

Phil's was most proud of his four amazing daughters. It gave him such great joy to see Shannon and Brenna grow up and have beautiful families of their own. Watching Quinn and Hannah grow and mature into "stunning" young ladies warmed his heart and soul.

Phil is survived by his parents, siblings, wife Loren and their daughters, Quinn and Hannah Ryan of Missoula. He is also survived by daughters, Shannon and Mike Marceau of Seattle, and Brenna and Jamie Livingston of Bozeman; and grandchildren, Max and Gus Marceau, and Mason, Maryn and McCall Livingston.

The family would like to thank St. Patrick hospital for the wonderful care given to Phil during his six-week stay. Special thanks to Dr. Lakatua, Dr. Beatty, and all the "hospitalists," nurses and nurses aides (Tessie, you are amazing).

Upon Phil's request, an official funeral will not be held. For those who can attend, a benefit to celebrate Phil's life will be held at 6 p.m. on Nov. 3 at the Press Box in Missoula. All proceeds from this event will go to an educational trust for Quinn and Hannah.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Quinn and Hannah Ryan Educational Account at First Interstate Bank.

Garden City Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

Claudia Potter Rychlik, 64

Claudia Jane "Nubbie" Potter Rychlik, of Marion, peacefully passed away in her home after a short illness, on



Monday, Feb. 21, 2011, at the age of 64. She had many of her family members by her side.

Born in Rapid City, S.D., Oct. 5, 1946, to Clarke C. Potter and Eileen Parkinson Potter, Claudia grew up in Cut Bank. She is a graduate of Cut Bank High School and Rocky Mountain College in Billings. She also attended the University of Guadalajara in Mexico for one semester.

Claudia's career choices were varied, but interesting. She lived for many years in northern Virginia's metro-D.C. area, where she worked as a production manager and saleswoman in the advertising and fine arts reproduction industries. She was once an ad agency executive responsible for keeping her company's client, the Smithsonian Museum, happy. Claudia worked for close to 10 years for Conlin's Furniture in Kalispell. The last job she held was at the Marion Mercantile and Hardware Store.

However, first and foremost, Claudia was an immensely talented artist and writer. She was well known in Marion for the "whimsies" she created and displayed at local craft bazaars. She authored a newsletter column, "Claudia's Meanderings," that regularly appeared in her community's newsletters. Claudia would also interview people she found to be interesting and then would publish their mini-biographies to spotlight their contributions to their communities. Her "spotlights" on community members appeared in Flathead Living Magazine, The Marion Mirror and Our Neighborhood News.

Claudia actively contributed to the communities in which she lived. In years past, she was a member of the Marion Rural Fire Department auxiliary and she would volunteer to run the "Christmas Store" at the Marion School. She also belonged to the Order of the Eastern Star,

and cartwheels for appreciative crowds.

In 2001, she became a skydiver; Claudia was an avid fan of the boogies that take place every summer in Lost Prairie. She enjoyed professing how ardent a fan she was of film actor Tom Berenger. Many in Marion knew Claudia to be a karaoke "phenom"; she often enjoyed emulating singer Judy Collins' performance of "Send in the Clowns."

Claudia was a confirmed Christian with a very spiritual nature who did not want to be pigeon-holed into how she expressed her faith. She was a perpetual optimist. Claudia was often heard saying to despondent family and friends, "It's been bad, but we can see the light at the end of the tunnel." She was also fond of giving the following advice, "Dance as if no one were watching; Sing as if no one were listening; And love as though you have never been hurt."

As her friends would often say, Claudia was a "friend of many highly intelligent women."

Claudia was a devoted wife to Stanley Joseph Rychlik Jr., who passed away in 1993, just short of his 20th wedding anniversary with Claudia. She was also preceded in death by her father, Clarke C. Potter.

Claudia is survived by her mother, Eileen Parkinson Potter; her sons, Aaron Jason "A.J." Rychlik and Ian Justin Rychlik; her twin sister, Claire Henn; her siblings, Pharooby Ripa, Dennis Potter and Lester Potter; her dear cousin, Susan McEwan; her sister-in-law, Barbara Drifmeyer; numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews; and her love, Tom Faulkner. She also leaves behind her precious devil-cat, Mona.

A potluck gathering to celebrate Claudia's life will be held between noon and 3 p.m. today, Feb. 26, at the Marion Fire Department Auxiliary Community Center, 180 Gopher Lane, Marion. All who wish to pay tribute to Claudia and express their condolences to her family are welcome.

Claudia's family reminisces fondly about her generosity ... "Claudia would help out anyone in need — critters or people."

Claudia was very witty. She would often issue the following tongue-in-cheek threat to her sons and their friends: "I might be small, but I have powers you cannot comprehend." She obviously did have special powers, because, at the age of 64, she would often perform stunts

Claudia and her family were very appreciative of the care Claudia received from nurses with Home Options Hospice out of Kalispell Regional Medical Center. They are especially thankful to the following people: Lori Mitchell, Bob Thornton, Kim St. John, Karen Thorley, Karen Hunnicutt and Karen Cochran. Donations made in memory of Claudia to this hospice organization would be greatly appreciated by her family. Please mail them to Home Options Hospice Foundation, 430 Windward Way, Suite 101, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Lawrence Ralph Ryerson, 76

Lawrence Ralph Ryerson, 76, died at his home on Dec. 2, 2011, in Olney.

He is survived by his wife, Alice Ryerson, and his 15 children.

A memorial service

is scheduled for 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7 at the Olney Fire department.

Arrangements are entrusted to Austin Funeral Home.

Larry 'Pops' Ryerson, 76

Larry "Pops" Ryerson, 76, passed away Dec. 2, 2011, at his home in Olney, of natural causes



Larry was born Jan. 18, 1935, to Hartwick William and Alphonsine Vallee Ryerson, and had many brothers and sisters. He was born and grew up in South Paris, Maine.

In his 30s he moved to Montana and worked for many years as a sawyer at Storkson's Mill in Olney, and also was a logger for many years.

On Dec. 11, 1971, he married his loving wife Alice. They got to spend almost 40 wonderful years married to each other.

All together they had 15 beautiful children, Larry Jr., Tim, Becky, Kris, Brenda, Kim, Rae Rae and Bobbie, Teddy, Mike, Phyllis, Ronnie, Joe, Tommy and Tracy. Along with them, Pops had 73 grandchildren and great-grandchildren, whom he loved and adored very much.

In 1992 Pops retired but continued to play outdoors

by cutting down trees for firewood, hunting for bucks, fishing for all types of fish, picking shaggy manes and morel mushrooms, shooting grouse and drinking a Busch beer. When he was indoors Pops loved old Western movies, but mostly enjoyed listening to Merle Haggard music and doing his puzzles.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents and brothers.

Larry is survived by his loving wife, Alice; and all his children and grandchildren. He will be very missed and always thought of.

The family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the staff of Kalispell Regional Medical Center, The Rock and Glacier Medical for showing love and support to Larry and Alice and family during our time of need.

A celebration of life service will be held at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7, at the Olney Fire Department.

You are invited to go to www.austinh.com to offer condolences, share memories and view Larry's tribute wall.

Arrangements entrusted to Austin Funeral Home.