

David John Safford, 34

David John Safford, 34, formerly of Kalispell, died in Phoenix on March 22, 2011, where he had resided for the last 16 years.

David is survived by his father Bob Safford, and stepmother Lori Bell Safford. Cremation has taken place.

Ingvald A. 'Wally' Sagen, 78

Ingvald A. "Wally" Sagen, 78, passed away of natural causes at his home on Nov. 30, 2011, in Kalispell.



Wally loved when anyone called him grandpa. He worked in the timber industry and retired in 1995 after 20 years with Western Building Center. Wally loved to work in his wood shop making Toys for Tots and other requested projects from friends.

The family would like to give a special thanks to the Brendan House for the opportunity for Wally to visit and volunteer his time. His time spent there was a joy to him.

Wally was preceded in death by his wife, Patsy

Sagen; mother, Mabel Mohn; father, Arvid Sagen; a brother, Ellis Sagen; son, Gary Sagen; son, Richard Sagen; and stepdaughter, Wanda Ferguson Hansen.

He is survived by his brother, Bruce Sagen; his sister, Arlyne Beito; sons, Roger Sagen and Rodney Sagen; stepsons, Matthew and Wendell Hansen; grandkids, Amanda, Dominic, Kevin, Kristen, Rachel, Sarah, Spencer, Tony, Corey and Jake; and several great-grandkids.

Memorial services for Wally will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 5, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home.

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

Douglas Sameit, 61

Capt. Douglas Sameit USN (Ret.) departed us on Friday, July 8, 2011, doing what he loved in the place that he loved; soaring through the air in a glider over the Flathead Valley.



Flying was in Doug's blood. He was born in Berkeley, Calif., on Sept. 18, 1949, to George and Isabelle Sameit. He has two younger siblings, Paul Sameit and Laura Kemp. At the age of 12, Doug began flying gliders and he had his pilot's license by the age of 16, flying gliders and Learjets around the Bay area. He decided to pursue his passion for flying and attended the United States Naval Academy with the single goal of becoming a fighter pilot, which he did, flying both F-4s and A-4s for the next 29 years. Doug lived for those quiet moments soaring through the clouds and the excitement of dog fighting fighter jets over the skies of San Diego and Virginia Beach.

After his time in the Navy, Doug continued to pursue his love of flying with Northwest Airlines where he flew DC-9s, 757s, and A320s around every corner of the United States for over 31 years.

Besides flying, Doug shared the enjoyment of any sport or hobby that would allow him to connect with friends outdoors. Since he retired his fighter wings, Doug had been an avid golfer, where he made some of his best friends here in Montana and Virginia Beach. It was the thought of golfing in the summer with his friends

in Lakeside that carried him through the colder winter days in Virginia. His final flight on Friday was preceded by an amazing round of golf with his good friends. He was also working on his fishing, skiing and scuba diving when he found himself in warmer waters.

In addition to his passions for all things outdoors, Doug was a devoted husband to Mary, his wife of 40 years, a devoted father to his three sons, Dan, Paul and Mark, and a caring grandfather to Breanna, Blythe and Patrick, with a fourth grandson on the way. He reveled in the summers that he and Mary got to spend in Montana, and loved to share that time with his sons and their families, as well as his friends from around the country.

In his home in Cherry Hill, Doug was known as the "Dock Master" as he sat on his back porch looking out at the lake and mountains, sipping a scotch and always ready to help anyone in need. Despite Doug leaving us earlier than we wanted, he lived several lifetimes in his time with us. Words cannot express how much he is loved and how sorely he will be missed.

Memorial contributions can be made in Doug's name to the Quick Response Unit, P.O. Box 911, Lakeside, MT 59922.

Mass of Christian Burial for Doug will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Thursday, July 14, at Pope John Paul Catholic Church in Bigfork. Monsignor Donald Shea will celebrate.

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

Robert Thomas 'Tommy' Sagen, 57

Robert Thomas "Tommy" Sagen, 57, a longtime Whitefish resident, passed away on Sunday, March 27, 2011, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.



He was born on Sept. 28, 1953, in Whitefish to Robert I and Bonnie Sagen. He attended Whitefish schools, graduating in 1972.

He retired after 30 years of service with the railroad as an engineer. He spent his life as an avid hunter and fisherman. One of his great thrills in life was teaching his children, nieces and nephews those skills. He had a great time doing it. One of his biggest accomplishments was seeing his family and friends tag their first buck or catch their first fish.

We could always count on Tom to bring his guitar, and he would entertain at any occasion. He resided and raised his family at Skyles Lake, where that became home to the entire family. He

will be missed for his great sense of humor, loving heart and his unselfish ways. He is loved and missed by many; he had a "live forever" attitude and was one of a kind.

Tommy was preceded in death by his father, Robert I. Sagen; and his brother, Bennie Jo Sagen.

He is survived by his mother, Bonnie Schlegel Winters, of Whitefish; three adult children, Chrissy Sagen and husband Matt of Florida, Janice Sagen of Hamilton, and Claire Sagen of Kalispell; his two sisters, Cathy (Sagen) and husband Chris Finberg of Columbia Falls, and Connie (Sagen) and husband Mark Warner of Fort Collins, Colo.; five grandchildren; longtime friend and brother, Dan "Magoo" McGarry, of Las Vegas; and his friend, Laura Newman, and her son, Michael, of Whitefish.

The family invites you to join them in remembering Tommy's life. Services will be held at 4 p.m. Friday, April 1, at Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish. A reception will follow at the VFW in Whitefish.

Arrangements are entrusted to Austin Funeral Home.

Fred Sanders, 95

Fred Sanders, 95, a Tucson, Ariz., resident, died Nov. 17, 2011, at Healthcenter Northwest in Kalispell.

He was born June 22, 1916, in Albany, N.Y., to Abigail and Fred Sanders. He graduated in 1934 from Mont Pleasant High School in Schenectady, N.Y.

After graduation, he started a machinist apprenticeship with GE, which continued for four years, moving into tool making halfway through. He was in one of the first apprenticeships started up again after the Depression. Twenty were selected to go on to college, and he received his bachelor's degree in 1942 after four years at Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, N.Y.

In 1942, Fred taught a training program at Pratt for a military ASTP/Army specialist training program. With the war starting, he sent his students off, and his

job came to a halt.

He then went on to work on the Manhattan Project in New Jersey in an experimental lab developing and refining uranium to use in the bomb. After a year it closed and moved south. He chose not to move with it; Western Electric became his new employer and he worked there until the war was over in 1945.

On Jan. 30, 1943, he married Louise Walizer. They resided in Brooklyn, and in 1945 he went back to Pratt and taught mechanical engineering for a couple of years.

In 1947, he moved his family to Binghamton, N.Y., where he became head of the Department of Mechanical Engineering at Broome Technical Community College. He made a career change in 1962 and moved to Seattle, to become a 28-year employee of Boeing Company as a manufacturing research engineer.

Over his career with Boeing he worked on the 727, 737, 747 and 767.

Upon retirement, he spent more time working in the machine shop he had started up back in 1964. It was a small prototype and tooling shop.

Over his lifetime he pursued many other interests. He received his pilot's license while he was in college. Sailing was a pastime he enjoyed while living in the Northwest.

After the death of his wife, Louise, in 1976, he married Gene Cooper on July 16, 1977. They eventually left the Northwest area and resided in the retirement community of Saddlebrook in the Tucson area. There he spent more than 18 years as a member of the Silversmith Club and adorned many with some of his exceptional jewelry pieces. He also spent several years as a guide at the near-

by Biosphere in the Tucson area.

Fred was a very pleasant person to be around, always patient, never complaining, always up for a challenge, more interested in you and your life.

He is survived by his spouse, Gene Sanders, of Tucson; daughter, Susan Herron, and husband, Dallas, of Kalispell; grandson, Chris Herron, of Spokane; granddaughter, Julie Gendler, and husband, Andrew, of Boise, Idaho; and six great-grandchildren.

The family will gather for memorial services at 3 p.m. Dec. 26 at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

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

Horace D. Sanders, 79

Horace D. Sanders, 79, died Monday, May 30, 2011, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Horace was born in Helena Jan. 8, 1932, to Iva (Johnston) Sanders and William John Sanders.

The family moved to a farm in the Flathead Valley when Horace was 12 years old. He attended rural Brocken School, Demersville School, and graduated from Flathead County High School in 1950. He was active in 4-H and FFA, and received many awards and made many 4-H and FFA trips during his school years. He was actively engaged in farming with his father until 1956.

Horace enlisted in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Bordeaux, France. After his discharge he enrolled in Montana State College, Bozeman, and graduated with a degree in range management, School of Agriculture, in 1962. He spent 30 years employed as a resource manager with the Bureau of Land Management. He spent 10 years in the Billings district and 20 years in the Alaska Region.



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Horace was an avid member of the Great Northern Historical Trail and helped to bring to fruition many sections of the paved trail. He was passionate about getting the trail completed from Somers to Kalispell to Kila. Horace was a member of Glacier National Park Associates and worked on a number of projects, upgrading trails, painting and repairing park buildings.

He was a member of Glacier Wood Turners where he made many friends with like interests and they turned wood into many beautiful bowls, jewelry holders, boxes, etc.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Alice Funk; and brother, Robert J. Sanders.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Pat; and children, Greg and Nancy Sanders of Yokosuka, Japan, Dr. Connie Sanders and husband Robert Loeffler, of Anchorage, Alaska, and Heidi Foster and husband Ken of Hemet, Calif.; five grandchildren, Mikala Foster Lasley and Daniel Lasley, Jon and David Foster, and Henry and Rebekah Loeffler; one great-grandson, Grant Lasley; brothers, Ray Sanders of Kalispell, and William Sanders of Whidbey Island, Wash.; and several nieces and nephews. He will be missed by his family that meant so much to him and friends and neighbors.

He married Patricia Siderius Nov. 29, 1958. Three children were born to them in Bozeman.

Horace was a talented wood worker, designing and making wooden toys for his grandchildren. He made many lovely lathe pieces, candle sticks and bowls. He was a carver and birds were his models. His family are recipients of his many pieces of artful wood works. He built two houses; he was a plumber, electrician, carpenter and landscaper. He knew about grasses, plants, trees and soil and he gardened with a passion. His gardens were always abundant and shared with many. He enjoyed the hunting and fishing, and the many outdoor adventures on sea and land in Montana and Alaska.

He and Pat were world travelers in their retirement, setting foot on all seven con-

A private family interment will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 4, at First Presbyterian Church, 540 South Main, Kalispell, with Pastor Glen Burfeind officiating.

Memorials may be sent to Glacier Camp and Conference Center, P.O. Box 384, Lakeside, MT 59922; Rails to Trails of Northwest Montana, P.O. Box 1103, Kalispell, MT 59903-1103; Glacier Wood Turners, c/o Jim Bridger, 205 E. Nicklaus, Kalispell, MT 59901; or Glacier National Park Associates, P.O. Box 91, Kalispell, MT 59903-0091.

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

Patsy L. Sanford, 74

Patsy L. Sanford, 74, died on Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2011, at her residence in Columbia Falls.

She is survived by her children, Lary Morton Sanford, Lorna Bibey, Laurel Mavis Sanford, Lucinda Mary Schultz, Leslie Mark Sanford, Lonny Matthew Sanford, Lanny Paul Sanford, Jonathan Luke Sanford, Duane Earl Sanford, Sarah Louise Sargent, David

Jessie Sanford, Wanda Kay Kruckenbug, Daniel James Sanford and Ruth Rae Sanford.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Oct. 17 at the Columbia Falls Church of the Nazarene, 172 Pine St., with the Rev. Liz Young officiating.

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

Robert R. Sauer, 72

Robert R. Sauer, 72, died at Kalispell Regional Medical Center on Satur-

day, Dec. 31, 2011.

Services are pending.

Mary Julia Sauerbier, 92

Mary Julia Sauerbier, 92, passed away on Tuesday, July 19, 2011, in Kalispell after living a full and adventurous life.



She was born in Butte on Dec. 21, 1918, to Addison and Molly Tate and grew up in the Upper Ruby Valley in southwestern Montana. Mary received her K-12 education in Virginia City and Deer Lodge. She attended the Kinman Business College in Spokane.

On Dec. 27, 1937, she married Neil Sauerbier in Laurin. They were married for 66 years, until Neil passed away in 2004.

Mary worked for the Inter-mountain Transportation Company in Kalispell for 25 years as a ticket agent before retiring. Neil and Mary bred Appaloosa horses and taught their five grandchildren how to be accomplished riders.

Mary enjoyed horseback riding, camping, fishing and spending time in the great outdoors. She was an active member in Back Country Horseman, high school rodeo, the Big Sky Appaloosa Club, 4-H and anything else horse-related that she could participate in.

She loved spending time with her friends and taking care of her family. She was so proud of her grandchildren and her great-grandchildren. We will miss her strawberry/huckleberry jam, fudge, divinity and the peanut butter cookies "with the

mess in the middle."

Mary is survived by her sons, K. David and Richard Tate; and one daughter, Mary Patricia. Grandchildren include Christi Scott, Carin Orr, Daniel Sauerbier, Diana Sauerbier-Whaley and Carolyn Bush. Great-grandchildren include Kaimana Bush, Braydon Sauerbier, J.D. Orr, Jake Sauerbier, Tyler Sauerbier, Meg Whaley and Knox Whaley.

Mary was one of the most kind and generous people this world will ever know. Our lives will not be the same without her. Her absence will be deeply felt by all.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be sent to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

A memorial gathering of friends and family is pending.

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

Delois 'Dee' Savage-McCann, 89

Delois "Dee" Savage-McCann, 89, died Saturday, May 21, in Troy.

She is survived by her brother, Alton "Ott" Johnson of Kalispell and her son, Dan Savage of Troy.

Cremation was her wish and services will be scheduled at a later time.

Local arrangements are by Schnackenberg and Nelson Funeral Home and Crematory in Libby.

Patrick W. 'Pat' Savage, 84

Patrick W. "Pat" Savage, 84, of Troy, died at the Libby Care Center on Sunday, Feb. 13, 2011.

He had worked for J. Neil's Lumber Company, and later Asarco Mining

Co.

Services will be held at a later date.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Libby.

Earle William Schafer, 88

Earle William Schafer died days short of his 89th birthday on Dec. 6, 2010, in The Dalles, Ore.



He was the second of four children born to John and Arabella (Moore) Schafer near Calvin, N.D. on Dec. 23, 1921.

He graduated salutatorian from Calvin High in 1939. He was attending Dickinson Teachers College in North Dakota until he enlisted in the Army Air Corps.

He became engaged to Wanelda Crockett of Wales, N.D., and transferred to Hamline College in St. Paul, Minn., where they both attended college until World War II interrupted his studies. "Winnie" traveled to Twentynine Palms Air Force Base in California to marry him on Nov. 27, 1943. They traveled across the U.S. for his training until he shipped out for England.

First Lt. Schafer was the pilot of a B-17 and flew 35 missions in three months; all of his crew came back alive. He flew with the 306th Bomb Group out of Thurleigh, England, and was there during

the Battle of the Bulge.

Earle returned to Dickinson Teachers College to finish his Bachelor of Arts degree. He received his Masters of Education from the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks. Mr. Schafer was a teacher, coach and school administrator for 45 years in four states, North Dakota, Montana, Idaho and Oregon.

After retiring they moved to Big Arm, where they finally built their own house. Twenty plus years in one place! Flathead Lake provided awesome scenery, wonderful people and proximity to "Winnie's" relatives.

Earle was an active member of the Polson Presbyterian church where he was an ordained elder and served on several committees. He served as the treasurer for the Big Arm Association after "Winnie" nominated him. They really got involved and made many dear friends.

Due to declining health they moved to The Dalles to be nearer family in 2008.

He is survived by his daughter, Dawn McClure, of The Dalles; sons, Lynn Schafer of Seaside, Ore., and Kim and Linda Schafer of The Dalles; six grandchildren, Shawn and Deny Schafer,

Corey and Jake Sexton, Logan and Adrienne Schafer, Chelsea Shaw, and Karlee and Zackery Schafer; three great-grandchildren; and a sister, Zeldia, and Irvin Rinas of Egeland, N.D.

He was preceded in death

by his wife, Wanelda, of 65 years; parents; and brothers, Edwin and Jack Schafer.

A memorial will be held in The Dalles on Feb. 5.

Memorials at Big Arm and Polson Presbyterian Church will be held in the spring.

Karen M. Schaeffer, 42

Karen M. Schaeffer, 42, a resident of Columbia Falls, "entered into rest" on the evening of Feb. 26, 2011, after a long, courageous battle with cancer.



She worked as a school custodian in Columbia Falls for the last 19 years. She was also certified in massage and reflexology. Karen enjoyed softball, hiking, boating and spending time with family and friends.

She was born May 29, 1968, in Kalispell, to Glenna and Vincent Schaeffer.

She is survived by her mother, Glenna Schaeffer, of Columbia Falls; her son, Steven Goe, of Columbia Falls; her two daughters, Jana Goe of Columbia Falls, and Malory Schaeffer-

Leighty of Columbia Falls; her brothers, Gary Schaeffer of Casa Grande, Ariz., David Schaeffer of Columbia Falls, Russell Schaeffer of Kalispell, Mark Schaeffer of Port Angeles, Wash., and Robert Schaeffer of Columbia Falls; and her sisters, Jeanette Kosnoff of Martin City, Paulette Schaeffer of Billings, Diana Schaeffer of Kalispell, Dorothea Schaeffer of Kalispell, Teresa Schaeffer of Columbia Falls, Betty Schaeffer of Coram and Helen Samples of Kalispell.

A memorial service for Karen will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, March 12, at Christ Lutheran Church, 515 River Lakes Parkway, Whitefish. A light luncheon will follow.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is assisting the family.

Glenna Grace Schaeffer, 83

Glenna Grace Schaeffer, 83, of Columbia Falls, died Sunday, Dec. 25, 2011.

She is survived by 12 children, Jeanette Kosnoff, Gary Schaeffer, David Schaeffer, Russell Schaeffer, Paulette Schaeffer, Diana Schaeffer,

Mark Schaeffer, Dorothea Schaeffer, Robert Schaeffer, Teresa Schaeffer, Betty Schaeffer and Helen Samples.

Services will be held at a later date. Arrangements are entrusted to Columbia Mortuary.

Samantha Wing Schaff, 27

Samantha Wing Schaff, 27, of Columbia Falls, and formerly of Polson, passed away on Monday, Jan. 24, 2011, as a result of an automobile accident.

A gathering of friends and family will take place on Friday, Jan. 28, at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Polson, beginning at 4 p.m. until 7 p.m., at which time a vigil service will start.

Samantha's memorial Mass will follow at 10:30 a.m.

on Saturday morning, Jan. 29, at the church.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy are encouraged to either the Mission Valley Animal Shelter in Polson, or to Life Savers Animal Rescue also in Polson.

Messages of condolence may be sent to the family online at www.groganfuneralhome.com. The staff of Grogan Funeral Home and Crematory, Polson, considers it a privilege to care for Samantha's family.

Kim Elaine Scheer, 51

Kim Elaine Scheer, 51, died March 6, 2011.

She was employed at Libby Care Center as payroll and human resources manager.

She is survived by her husband, O.D., their children, Samuel Scheer and Steven Scheer, both of Hood River, Ore., Marcie Scheer Hornsby of Johnstown, Pa., Mitchell Scheer, stationed in Groton, Conn., and Derek

Scheer of Libby; and her mother, Esther Evans, of Kalispell.

Visitation will be from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 13, at the Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Libby, and from 10:30 a.m. to noon Monday at the Libby Christian Church. Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday, March 14, at Libby Christian Church.

Ordean 'O.D.' Scheer, 62

Ordean "O.D." Scheer, 62, died at home May 19, 2011, in Libby, of an apparent heart attack.

He was retired from the Montana Highway Patrol.

He is survived by his children, Samuel and Steven Scheer, both of Hood River, Ore., Marcie Hornsby of Johnstown, Pa., Mitchell Scheer with the U.S. Navy in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, and Derek Scheer of Libby; and his mother, Cloey Scheer, of

Circle.

Visitations will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 26, at the Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home; and 8:30 to 11 a.m. Friday, May 27, at the Libby Christian Church. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Friday, May 27, in the Libby Christian Church, officiated by the Revs. Phil Aspaw and Bob Thornton. A reception will follow at the VFW Hall.

Arnold Raymond Scheeler, 71

Arnold Raymond Scheeler, 71, died Aug. 25, 2011, at Deaconess Medical Center in Spokane.

He is survived by his wife, Joan, of Priest

River, Idaho; daughters, Natalie Nelson of Somers, and Nicole Hanson Bunker of Columbia Falls; and son, Shane Scheeler of Washington.

Theodore O. Schilman, 74

Theodore O. Schilman, 74, passed away Dec. 18, 2011, in Kalispell.

Theodore was born Dec. 24, 1937, in St. Paul, Minn.

He was a retired plugger for Plum Creek.

Theodore is survived by his children, Amanda Knox, Rose Schilman and George Schilman; and brothers and sisters, Orval, Ottis, Marga-

ret, Ida and Elizabeth.

A celebration of Theodore's life will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday Jan. 11, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

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.

Raymond Carl Schletz, 92

Raymond Carl Schletz, 92, died peacefully in his sleep at his home in Bigfork, on Thursday, Jan. 6, 2011.



He was born on Nov. 4, 1918, at his uncle's ranch halfway between Bozeman and Livingston, although he always called Vaders, Mont., his home. He was the son of Fred and Kate (Martinz) Schletz.

Ray attended school in Vaders and Butte. He left school early to become a miner at Jardine. He joined the Army on Aug. 6, 1941, and received an honorable discharge on Sept. 27, 1945. He was a Staff Sergeant in the 507th Parachute Infantry Regiment. His regiment jumped behind German lines into Normandy on D-Day and later was involved in the Battle of the Bulge, as well as many other campaigns. He received the Bronze Star Medal and the Purple Heart, as well as many other distinguished decorations and citations.

After his discharge from the Army he moved to Firebaugh, Calif., and worked for Union Ice Company as an operating engineer for four years. Bill, his brother, and Ray decided to go into cotton harvesting. He remained in this business until his retirement.

Ray met his true love, Gertrude, in September of 1946. On Jan. 25, 1947, they were married in Reno, Nev. Four months later they renewed their vows in St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Firebaugh, Calif., a marriage that lasted almost 64 years.

Ray and Gertrude "officially" moved to Bigfork Jan. 9, 1986, after their son Joe had constructed their home. It was always with much pride that they told everyone that Joe had built their home.

Ray was always active in his community. While living in Firebaugh, he was the Assistant Fire Chief of

the Fire Dept. After moving to Bigfork, he became the "Chief Bulb Turner" for the Bigfork Elves. His garage had a special area in which he replaced the burnt-out bulbs used to decorate the village during the holidays.

Ray was also a member of the Flathead Valley Jazz Society, loved to hunt and fish, and was an active member of his beloved parish, Pope John Paul II Catholic Church.

But perhaps many people will remember Ray for his dancing. For over 25 years, Ray and Gertie went to the Bigfork Inn on Friday and Saturday nights and joined their friends for an evening of dancing. Even after Ray's ankles became weak, he would tape them and put on his favorite pair of shoes and off they would go to the inn.

Ray was preceded in death by his parents; and his brother, William.

He is survived by his wife, Gertrude; and his son, Joe of Kalispell; grandchildren, Phillip Schletz of Missoula, Katie Saili and her husband, of Corvallis, Ore., Dan Schletz of Alaska, and Annie Schletz of Couperville, Wash.

A rosary for Ray will be at 9:30 a.m., with Mass of Christian Burial to follow on Tuesday, Jan. 11, at Pope John Paul II Catholic Church in Bigfork. Visitation will be held from noon to 6 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 10, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. Burial will follow services at Lone Pine Cemetery in Bigfork, with full Military Honors conducted by the United Veterans of the Flathead Valley.

The family suggests that any memorial contributions be sent to the Samaritan House, 124 Ninth Ave. W., Kalispell, MT 59901 or to the charity of the donor's choice.

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

Larry Schlund, 63

Larry Schlund, 63, of Libby, died Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2011, at Health Care Northwest in Kalispell, from natural causes.

Survivors include his children, Tina Bacon of Tukwila, Wash., and Gary

Schlund of Libby.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 11, at the City of Libby Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Monday at Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Libby.

Raymond Schmidt

A celebration of life and Funeral Mass for Raymond Schmidt, 76, who died March 12 will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 2, at St. Charles Borromeo Church in Whitefish. A reception will follow from noon to 5 p.m. at the home of George and Sue Schmidt, 1600 Hodgson Road.

Elliott C. Schnee, 52

Elliott Clinton Schnee, 52, of Great Falls, died of natural causes and "went to be with the Lord" on Thursday, March 24, 2011, at Treasure State Group Home in Great Falls.

Smokey, as he was affectionately called by his grandfather Ted, was born July 5, 1958, in Cut Bank, where he was raised. His desire to thrive had helped him live far beyond all expectations for his medical condition.

He enjoyed listening to music and was involved with Easter Seals.

He is survived by his mother, Mary Schnee,

of Great Falls; a sister, Lisa, and Steve DeMars of Kalispell; and brothers, Mike and Lenette Schnee of Whitefish, Mark and Katie Schnee of Kalispell, John and Sarah Schnee of Boise, Idaho, and Tom Schnee of Great Falls.

He was preceded in death by his father, Clinton Schnee.

Cremation took place under the direction of Schnider Funeral Home, with burial of ashes to be held at a later date.

Condolences may be posted online at www.schnider-funeralhome.com.

Jim 'Jimmy' Schulz, 51

Jim "Jimmy" Schulz, 51, "passed to his well-earned reward" on April 7, 2011, after a short battle with cancer.

He survived after diagnosis long enough to see the birth of his first granddaughter, Kloey, and to celebrate her first birthday with her. He also participated in his elder daughter's wedding and saw her enrolled in college.

Jim was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba, on Aug. 3, 1959, to Walter and Helga Schulz. He was raised there and points west in Canada, until he emigrated to the United States, chasing his love of sky-diving.

He met and fell in love with Carol Boulwere during 1983. They became husband and wife in 1985. Carol brought with her a son, Jeremy. They were blessed with two daughters, Samantha and Serena. Carol and Jim divorced in 1996, but they remained united as parents to the children.

Jim and his longtime friend, Linda Hand, were housemates and devoted companions since 2005. She brought two sons, Cory and David, and one daughter, Bonnie, to the family, as well as six grandchildren. Five more were added in the ensuing six years.

Jim was known as Mr. Fix-it, a master "jimmy-rigger" to nearly everyone he met, and there are few older structures in Marion that don't have his handiwork somewhere in them. He was an elegant electrician, fearless framer, capable carpenter, pleasant plumber and mindful mechanic. He also worked as a bartender, a tow-truck operator, and an autobody repair technician.

Jim is survived by his parents, Walter and Helga; a sister, Monika; two brothers, John and David; his companion, Linda; daughter, Samantha, and her husband, Michael; daughter, Serena, and her partner, Kendrick; stepsons, Jeremy, Cory and David; stepdaughter, Bonnie; granddaughter, Kloey; chosen grandchildren, Christopher, Kymber, Layne, Daniel, Henry, Simon, Olive, Raelyn, Daymen and Jazmyn; plus many aunts, uncles and cousins.

He will be sorely missed by his many friends in the Flathead, especially in Marion.

There will be a celebration of his love of life at the Rail Line Tavern in Marion later this spring.

Memorials may be sent to the Flathead Food Bank, the American Cancer Society, or the Flathead Chapter of Wings.

Robert Edward Schumacher, 92

Robert Edward Schumacher was born Oct. 14, 1918, at Heron Lake, Minn., on the family farm



to Edward and Josephine Schumacher. He died Jan. 30, 2011, in Kalispell, at 92 years of age.

Robert, "Bob," was raised on the Schumacher farm, living a wholesome life through the Depression. Farming with his father, mother and older brother Russ, the family was successful in raising crops and livestock. Russ and Bob starting one of the first large production turkey farms in the U.S. Bob loved being raised on a farm. Heron Lake was known for its duck and geese hunting which was a great opportunity for Bob to hunt and fish daily. He attended Heron Lake public schools and graduated in 1936. He farmed until 1940 when he enlisted in the Army.

Bob joined the U.S. Army Air Corps on Oct. 16, 1940. He trained in photo mapping and reconnaissance geodetic work at St. Louis, Lowry Field, Colo., March Field, Calif., Laredo, Texas, and Washington, D.C. Technical Sgt. Robert served nearly 30 months overseas in Brazil, Liberia, Nigeria, French Cameroon, Algeria, and Chile with the Geodetic Unit, mapping South America and Africa. In Chile, Robert worked for Santiago offices of Land National Geographic Department. He continued working there until the war was over in October of 1945.

Robert met Patricia Minor in 1941, while serving in Denver. They corresponded during the following four years, courting through daily letters. They were married on Feb. 6, 1945, at Bradley Field, in Denver. Bob was then shipped out to Chile until the end of the war.

After the war, the newlyweds moved to Minneapolis. Bob attended the University of Minnesota, receiving a bachelor's degree as a fish and wildlife biologist. In December of 1949 he attended graduate school.

He began work at the Minnesota Department of Conservation Fisheries Research Unit. He worked in Minnesota Game and Fish for 14 years.

and raise a family. With his family, he was active in St. Matthew's Church and school. He was a lector and ran the St. Matthew's fair buffet with Smitty for a few years.

At the age of 47, Bob and Pat discovered their passion for snow skiing at Big Mountain and he continued to ski until age 85. It was a favorite event for Bob, Pat and family. After retiring, Bob founded the Ski Host Program with Howard Whitney on the Big Mountain Ski Resort. It gave Bob and Pat a chance to ski five days a week, he as a volunteer. He said it was the best job he ever had. He was healthy enough to ski in New Zealand with the 70-Plus Club at age 80.

Along the way, Robert became an avid stoneware potter. He studied under Flaherty and Markle in the 1970s at Flathead Valley Community College. He became a well-known local artist, selling pottery for many years in the Flathead. He also enjoyed photography, hunting and fishing. Bob and Pat traveled often with trips to Hawaii and Europe.

After Pat's death in 1992, he was fortunate to share a home life with his daughter Lynn, and her family Jay and Jordan Engel. He had the pleasure of watching his only grandchild, Jordan, grow each day for 14 years. Bob looked forward to yearly summer vacation traveling with daughter Judy; they had many great adventures, especially in England. Son Greg visited yearly to swap hunting and fishing stories. Bob was also able to travel Europe with son Terry and wife To-Chau. He was a true lover of good food and he could tell you where he was and what he ate for every meal in his travels throughout his entire life.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents, brother, and wife Patricia.

He is survived by his children, Dr. Terry Schumacher and his wife, To-Chau Tran, of Indiana; Greg Schumacher and his wife, Kim Voss, of Denver, Judy Schumacher of Tucson, and Lynn Schumacher Engel, and her husband, Jay, and his grandson, Jordan, of Kalispell; nephews, Dean and wife Judy Schumacher, and Lee and wife Muff; and many great-nieces and -nephews.

Bob and Pat had four children while living in White Bear Lake, Minn. He earned his private pilot's license and loved flying his own plane locally.

In the fall of 1965, he was offered a position and moved to Kalispell, and worked for 17 years as a supervisor of fisheries of Region One for the Montana Department of Fish and Game, with Laney Hazel and Bob Domrose. Robert retired in 1983.

Moving to Montana was the best thing that happened to Bob and his family. He always said it was the best place in the world to live

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 5, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church, with luncheon following at 12:30 p.m. There will be a visitation on Friday at the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Chapel from noon to 5 p.m., with a rosary at 3 p.m. Interment will be at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, you may make a donation to Robert Schumacher Fund at St. Matthew's in Kalispell.

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

Val Rueben Schweigert, 55

Val Rueben Schweigert, 55, died Friday, Sept. 30, 2011, unexpectedly at home, with his loving wife of 34 years at his side.



Val was born March 19, 1956, to Fred and Flo Schweigert of Kalispell. He graduated from Flathead High School in 1975 and started college at Eastern Montana College that fall.

Val returned to the Flathead Valley in 1976 where he met his wife, Cheryl Kay Trinastich of Columbia

Falls. They married April 23, 1977. Their daughter Kari was born on June 15, 1984; and a second daughter Katie was born on Sept. 7, 1991.

Val worked his younger years at CFAC and left in 1985 to operate his own business, Second Time Around Roller Rink. They closed the rink in 1992 to start their own snow plow, landscape, and maintenance business, STARR Incorporated.

Val was an avid fisherman, hunter, and all around sportsman. He enjoyed a variety of things like gardening with his family, and making homemade sausage.

He was active in his church and will be missed by many.

Val is survived by his wife, Cheryl; daughter, Kari, and son-in-law, Tyler Peters; daughter, Katie Schweigert; sister, Billie Wray, of Billings; brother, Brian Wray, of Kalispell; brother, Bob Schweigert, of Kalispell; brother, Ken Schweigert, of Columbia Falls; and sister, Tana Greene, of Kalispell.

Please join the family of Val in a celebration of life memorial at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 8, in the Evergreen Junior High Gymnasium, 20 W. Evergreen Dr., Kalispell. A potluck will follow. Please feel free to stay for fellowship.

Luella Iona Schwenke, 90

Luella passed away on Aug. 11, 2011, at the nursing home in Superior. She will be missed by her family and friends.

Luella was born Nov. 30, 1920, to Florence and Andy Dunbar in Whitefish. She attended school in Chester, graduating in 1940.

She married John Chapman in 1941, and married Herb Schwenke in 1961.

Luella was no stranger to hard work. She worked side by side with both husbands in the woods, in the laundry department at Kalispell General Hospital, and washed dishes at the Big Sky Cafe, which is now Durango's in Superior, for two years.

She enjoyed quilting, embroidering, and scrapbooking of places she had been and of family articles in newspapers.

Luella was a loving person, giving of herself to anyone who needed help or just needed a friend. She had

many friends in Chester, Kalispell and Superior.

She was preceded in death by her parents; stepfather, Sam Heimbigner; husbands, John Chapman and Herb Schwenke; sons, Russell Chapman, Ronald Chapman and Rex Chapman; sister, Laura McGillivray; brothers, John Dunbar and Charles Dunbar; and grandson, Randy Mejia.

Survivors include her son, Roger Chapman, and wife, Ko, of Tacoma, Wash.; daughter, Rosalie Mejia, of Kalispell; sisters Stella Beck and Ruthie Warnken, and brother Delbert Heimbigner, all in Superior; six grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m. Aug. 17, at the Lonestone Cemetery in Bigfork.

Arrangements are with Livingston, Malletta & Geraghty Funeral Home in Missoula.

Carolyn Louise Anderson Scott, 90

Carolyn Louise Anderson Scott passed away on March 13, 2011, while in residence at Expressions Memory Care Home, in Columbia Falls.



She was born Sept. 9, 1920, to Charles and Lillian Grubbs, and raised in the Oakland, Calif., area.

In 1940 she met and married Jack Anderson, and together they dedicated their lives to the Lord. As a minister's wife, she was able to help and guide so many people.

In 1975, after raising her children, Carolyn returned to college to obtain a degree in psychology. It was one of the highlights of her life, and she used her degree to counsel people in career changes.

After retirement, she and her husband traveled the U.S. in interim pastoral work for the Minister at Large program. She was able to see many different places

and touch many lives across the country.

She lost her husband Jack in 1999, but was fortunate to find love a second time in life when she met Everett Scott, of Eureka. She and Everett were married in November of 2007. The enjoyed attending church, playing cards, singing, laughing, and spending time with family.

Carolyn was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Irving Grubbs; a sister, Arda Thomas; and husband, Jack Anderson.

She leaves behind her husband, Everett Scott, of Kalispell; her children, Nina Robart, and David and Suzie Anderson of Kalispell, and Skip and Mary Lynn Anderson of Billings; grandchildren, Shauna and Richard Cannady of Kalispell, Deanna Gibson of Sandy, Ore., Gary and Stephanie Anderson of Billings, Lisa and Bill Corrigan of Bend, Ore., and Jacob Anderson of Anchorage, Alaska; many great-grandchildren, and one new great-great-grandchild.

A memorial service for family and friends is being planned for later this spring.

Arnold Dare Scott, 89

Arnold Dare Scott, 89, died Thursday, Sept. 29, 2011, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

He is survived by two sons and two daughters.

Memorial services will be held in October in Plains.

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

Luella B. Scott, 94

Luella B. Scott was born Sept. 5, 1917, in Fielding, Mont., the fourth daughter of Samuel and Anna Rickard. When she was a young child, she lived near Essex and attended school there. She attended schools in the Flathead Valley.

On Nov. 17, 1934, she married Gary Scott in Kalispell. They had one son, and three babies that were stillborn. Her husband worked for the Great Northern Railway. They lived in Kalispell and later Whitefish. She moved to Superior, Wis., in 1963 when her husband was transferred. They moved back to Kalispell in 1974 after he retired from the railroad. After he died in 1998, Luella moved to Kansas to be near her son and grandchildren. She moved back to her home town of Kalispell in 2003.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one brother; four sisters; her husband in 1998; and her son in 2008.

She worked at the Canteen in Whitefish serving the servicemen lunches when the train came through carrying the troops during World War II. She was a den mother for the Cub Scouts, packed cherries in the Kalispell warehouse, worked at Whitefish Hospital, and was a 50-year member of Eastern Star O.E.S. of Whitefish and active in the Episcopalian

church in Whitefish. She helped her husband teach square dance and round dancing for over 30 years in various places in the Flathead Valley, in Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota and Canada. Besides teaching, they were also guest callers at various places in those areas.

She loved to read, crochet, put together puzzles, fish, camp and hike.

She walked a lot and loved to play bingo. She loved to play cards and games of any kind. She especially enjoyed playing in the casinos, especially on the big boats in the Mississippi River while she was in Kansas.

She is survived by three grandchildren, Karin Weiss, Gary Scott and Brian Scott; three great-grandchildren; one great-great-granddaughter; one great-great-grandson; a special niece, Lois Randall, of Kalispell; and various other nieces and nephews of Montana, Colorado and Texas.

Cremation has taken place and there will be no services at her request. Private burial will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens at a later date.

Donations may be sent to the ALERT at Kalispell Regional Medical Center. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for Luella's family.

Thomas Bader Scroggs, 87

Thomas Bader Scroggs, 87, died Wednesday morning, June 15, 2011, at his home, with his family, after a long battle with Parkinson's disease.

He was born June 1, 1924, in Los Angeles, to Laura Bader Scroggs and Thomas Scroggs.

Raised in Los Angeles, he joined the U.S. Navy in 1942 during World War II, was a signalman in the South Pacific, and then became a hard hat diver, clearing landing areas underwater on Japanese-held islands so the landing barges could bring in the troops, and also salvaging from sunken U.S. ships.

He joined the Los Angeles Police Department in 1947, working as a motor cop for 24 of his 25 years on the force.

He married his childhood sweetheart, Phyllis Galia, and they had two children, Thomas Paul Scroggs and Susan Scroggs. Phyllis died of cancer, and Tom carried on raising his children, working jobs doing plumbing to help financially.

He loved playing golf, and that was his "out" from job stress, playing some of the finest courses in Southern California. Being a crack golfer, he played in many tournaments and had a room full of trophies he had won.

In 1969 he met, courted and married another Los Angeles police officer, named Patricia. They shared the love of the job, worked the same shifts, even the same division in the police department, and each understood why sometimes one could get a holiday off and the other had to work. Tom was, of course, on his motorcycle, and his wife assigned to patrol and other jobs that called for a female officer.

On their days off they would work on their search for the perfect place to retire, looking in Wyoming, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Colorado and Montana. Tom's only request was that, wherever, he would be within 30 miles of a golf course — and they found the Flathead Valley and bought 40 acres. The search for the "right" place to build their home for the rest of their lives ended.

In 1972, Tom retired from the L.A.P.D. They packed up and moved to the Creston Pothole area. They and son



Tom built their first home themselves. Young Tom went to Bigfork High, and then he joined the Navy.

Tom belonged to the Buffalo Hill Golf Course and any sunny day (and sometimes days not so sunny) you would find him up at the golf course, happy, doing what he liked best. He loved the Buffalo Hill Golf Course. (That became his second home.) Sometimes he would leave home with his clubs and it would be snowing hard, and his comment was, "God loves us golfers; it won't be snowing up at Buffalo Hill," and frequently he was right.

Son Tom and the grandkids tried to make it over from their home in Washington state three to four times a year, and tried their best to help in any way they could, cuffing firewood, fixing things that needed fixing, and spending holidays at the home.

Tom and Pat's first home burned down in 2001, and they moved to the Echo Lake Marina while the new house was being built at the same location as their first. Tom was so happy to be back at his home, and off to the golf course he went again.

He is survived by his wife, Pat, of 42 years, who adored him and is devastated by the loss of her love, buddy, best friend, back-up partner and companion. His wife Pat, of course, son Tom, and grandchildren, Maria, Cassandra and Thomas were with him at his time of death. He rallied enough to recognize all of them when son Tom and the grandkids (all adults now) arrived from Washington to be with him, and then was unresponsive the last few days of his life.

"Out of pain, but in another place. Just tired of the old body and ready to move on, hopefully to be with his old buddies Gene, Brownie and Eddie who have gone on before him and are waiting for him, tee time, all set to play again." He died in his own home, surrounded by those who loved him.

There never was a person who met Tom who did not like him. He was just that kind of man: He will be forever missed for his quick wit, heart of warmth and love, his quiet, easygoing way of doing and handling things, and the love of a challenge.

By his own wishes he will be cremated and his ashes scattered in a certain place on his land. A celebration of his life will be held privately by his family at the home.

Fay Eleanor Robinson Searle, 90

Fay Eleanor Robinson Searle passed away peacefully on March 17, 2011, at her daughter's home in Seattle, surrounded by family and loved ones. She was 90 years old.



She had been living in Seattle for the past two years following the death of her husband, Elmer A. Searle.

Fay was born in Kalispell on Jan. 23, 1921, to Lillian and Stanley Robinson.

As a youth, Fay attended Flathead County High School and was a singer in a vocal group that performed in numerous locations throughout the Kalispell area. Throughout her life Fay developed her talents as an artist, painting numerous still works and landscapes that are enjoyed by her family.

Fay was active in her local congregation with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She worked diligently on family history and genealogy, com-

pling thousands of names of ancestors over many decades of work.

She is revered as a mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Fay and Elmer were the parents of four children, Galen, Carol, Janet and Jared. Her son Galen died as an infant, less than 1 week old. Her other children all reached maturity and have families of their own.

Fay was preceded in death by her parents, Lillian and Stanley; her husband, Elmer; and son, Galen.

She leaves behind Carol and Russ Johnson of Seattle, Janet and John Sharp of Mililani, Hawaii, and Jared and Diana Searle of Everett, Wash. She is survived also by 11 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. All of her loved ones will miss her sweetness and the vibrant love she had for her family.

A memorial service for Fay will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, March 24, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at 1380 Whitefish Stage Road in Kalispell.

Cards can be sent to 5635 NE 202nd St., Kenmore, WA 98028.

Mary Elaine Seelinger, 90

Mary Elaine Seelinger was born in St. Cloud, Minn., on Sept. 24, 1920. In the 90 years that followed, she built a life rich with family, friends and professional accolades.



Mary Elaine graduated from St. Mary of the Woods College in Indiana in 1942, sparking a passion for education, which would include positions at Browning High School, Montana State College, the College of Great Falls and Northern Montana College.

She met Bud Seelinger of Great Falls (deceased in 1999), and they married in 1944.

From 1963 to 1982 Mary Elaine taught English, speech and newspaper at Havre High School. In 1968 she was recognized as a Speech Coach of the Year in the state of Montana.

Mary Elaine was president of the Catholic Women in the Eastern Montana Diocese in 1960. She served for 12 years on the Havre Hospital Board and was the first president of the foundation board for the Flathead County Library. In 1987 she was the first person ever inducted into the Montana Forensic Educators

Association Hall of Fame.

Mary Elaine and Bud retired to Whitefish in 1986, where they enjoyed golf, gourmet cooking and growing roses and were active at St. Charles Catholic Church. A debilitating stroke ended her retirement in Whitefish, and the last seven years of her life were spent at the Lourdes-Noreen McKeen facility in West Palm Beach, Fla.

She is survived by her son, James and wife, Jean, of North Palm Beach, Fla.; grandchildren, Jill and husband, Jamie Cobb of Cary, N.C., Michael Seelinger of South Bend, Ind., and Jody and husband, Matthew Foye of Austin, Texas; and great-grandchildren, Carter and Ella Cobb, and Daphne Foye.

Mary Elaine's funeral Mass was celebrated March 5 at St. Clare Catholic Church in North Palm Beach, Fla. She will be buried at 10 a.m. March 14 in the Whitefish Cemetery. A memorial Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. March 15 at St. Charles Catholic Church in Whitefish.

Contributions can be made in memory of Mary Elaine Seelinger to the Lourdes-Noreen McKeen Residence, 315 S. Flagler Drive, West Palm Beach, FL 33401.

Arrangements entrusted to Austin Funeral Home,

Robert Wayne 'Bob' Sellers, 66

Robert Wayne Sellers, 66, of Missoula, passed away on Friday, Sept. 9, 2011, of natural causes.



He was born July 5, 1945, in Centerville, Iowa, to George and Catherine Sellers and grew up on a farm with his family in Bagley, Iowa. Growing up, he loved sports and being in the outdoors. He graduated from YJB High school in 1963.

In 1965 he joined the Air Force and was later transferred to Malstrom Air Force Base in Great Falls. There he met the love of his life and married Sheryl Diane Sellers



on June 17, 1967. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather who thoroughly loved hunting, fishing and spending time with his grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife, Sherry, of Missoula; two sons and their families, Bill and Kim of Kalispell, and Wade and Jackie of Missoula; brother, Larry, of Scranton, Iowa; four sisters, Margaret of Davenport, Iowa, Mary of Yale, Iowa, Jane of Farmersberg, Iowa, and Ruth of Bagley. There are numerous other friends and relatives that were dear to his heart.

There will be a reception in his honor from 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17, at the Wingate Inn of Missoula.

Cremation & Burial Society of the Rockies assisted the family with arrangements.

Joseph 'Joe' Seery, 94

Joseph "Joe" Seery, 94, of Bigfork, died of natural causes, Sunday, July 24, 2011, in Reno, Nev. Cremation has taken place. No services will be held.

Jacqueline B. 'Jacky' Severson, 83

The amazing life of Jacqueline B. "Jacky" Severson began March 14, 1928.

She passed away with her family by her side at North Valley Hospital Thursday, Dec. 8, 2011, in Whitefish.

She was born the daughter of Milt and Anna (Yunker) Jones in Cut Bank.

Jacky and Jim lived much of their lives in Shelby, spending a few years traveling south during the winter, but Whitefish became their home. Jacky spent hours in the bleachers going to football and basketball games, track meets and any other event she could watch and cheer for her "boys" (Matt, Cody and Taylor). She was "Gram" to all their friends, and they all knew where to come for snacks and TLC.

She recently got to spend Thanksgiving with Christina and Loren, and was so grateful to listen to Christina sing and play the guitar and piano, and to spend time with Loren and enjoy her fun personality and sense of humor, and play a few games of cards. All of her family had the chance to be with her one last time to tell her they loved her and how special she was in their lives.

Jacky was a friend of Bill W. for more than 40 years; she began a career in chemical dependency counseling, serving the Cut Bank/Shelby/Conrad/Chester area. There were many nights her "office" was the couch at her home, and she never turned away those who needed her. She was employed by Flathead Valley Chemical Dependency Clinic at the time of her retirement.



Jacky was fortunate to be able to travel the world on several occasions to visit her older brother who lived in Singapore; she seemed fearless in her ability to go wherever and whenever she could, and loved seeing places in the world most of us can only dream of.

At the young age of 81, she had her first hole-in-one at the Whitefish Golf Club; what a day that was! It cost her \$20 to buy a round, but it was "the best money she ever spent." She had so many wonderful days on the course, going another nine holes when the rest of us were too hot or too tired to hit another ball.

She was blessed with wonderful friends she considered family, including her dear friends in Shelby and Cut Bank, her golfing buddies, her church family, her AA family and all the "kids" she met along the way.

Jacky is survived by her husband, Jim; son, Bruce and Mary; and daughter, Jayne and Jim Martinson. She was further blessed with her grandchildren Rebecca and Todd, Jennifer, Matt, and Cody and Karie. Her great-grandchildren, Christina, Loren and Taylor completed her world. Her "adopted son," Pete Jansen from Shelby, made her laugh and see the humor in everything.

She was preceded in death by older brother, Lloyd; and her younger brother, Bill.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 12, at Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. A memorial service will follow in Shelby at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13, at Whitted Funeral Chapel.

You are welcome to go to www.austinfl.com to offer condolences, share memories and view Jacky's tribute wall.

Herbert Eugene 'Gene' Sevier Jr., 95

Herbert Eugene "Gene" Sevier Jr., 95, of Polson, passed away Thursday, Feb. 3, 2011, at his home.



Gene was born Oct. 2, 1915, to Herb and Grace Sevier in Chester. Gene grew up helping his father farm and ranch in various places across eastern Montana and developed his own passion for the outdoors by ranching and tending to the cows and horses. Gene attended schools in Windham and Hobson.

The family relocated to Kalispell where Gene met and fell in love with his true love, Helen Shoemaker. They were married on Dec. 3, 1939, and together raised two daughters. Gene and Helen moved to Dayton in 1948, where they leased a large ranch working side by side putting up hay and taking care of cows. Later they acquired their own cows, and branding soon became the annual get-together for both family and friends alike.

In 1958, Gene and Helen bought a farm in Round Butte where he continued to raise cattle until his retirement to the Eagle Nest Resort in Polson.

Gene and Helen enjoyed many years of square dancing, making many friends all over western Montana

and traveling, having been to most of the U.S. Hunting and fishing trips in the Bob Marshall were especially fun with family and friends, and yearly trips were made to the homestead in eastern Montana.

Gene was preceded in death by his parents; his dear wife, Helen; three brothers and two sisters; his granddaughter, Crystal; and two sons-in-law, LeRoy Lafrinire and Dan McAllister.

He is survived by his daughters, Janet Lafrinire of Polson, and Margaret and Charlie Bauer of Ronan; a sister, Mary Mints, of San Jose, Calif.; a brother, Bill Sevier, of Lewiston, Idaho; two sisters-in-law, Pat and Parker Sevier and Wanda and Bob Sevier, both of Kalispell; three grandchildren, Leslie Muth, Rayne Lafrinire, and Kelly and Tanya McAllister; nine great-grandchildren, Reese Williams, Letitia Starkel, Ryan Williams, Jona Lafrinire, Mateel Muth, Trevar, Kane, Trapper and Koy McAllister; and many nieces and nephews.

Cremation has taken place and a graveside service for both Gene and Helen will take place in Kalispell this spring.

Messages of condolence may be sent to the family online at www.groganfuneralhome.com. The staff of Grogan Funeral Home and Crematory, Polson, considers it a privilege to care for Mr. Sevier's family.

Margaret 'Peggy' Ann Shaw, 77

Margaret "Peggy" Ann Shaw, 77, passed away peacefully at her home in Kila Sunday morning, Dec. 25, 2011.



She was born in Kalispell Sept. 14, 1934, to Loren Everett and Isabelle (Singleton) Everett of Kila.

She married Dwight Shaw Dec. 30, 1949. They had six children together and raised their family in Kalispell.

She worked for the city of Kalispell for 14 years assisting residents with special needs, and retired to her home in Kila.

Peggy was a Sabbath-keeping Christian who surrounded herself with books, music and television about her Lord and Savior, and lived to pray for her children. "She will open her eyes to see him at last!"

She loved gardening, read-

ing and spending time with her family. She will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her youngest son, Bruce Shaw.

Peggy is survived by her husband of 60 years, Dwight Shaw; their children, Yvonne Maeda, Dwight Shaw Jr., Laura Gettig, Lewis Shaw and Myra Birky; 12 grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; her siblings, Lorena Wilson, Rena Hagen, Nancy Garry and George Everett Jr.; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 31, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. until time of service Saturday.

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

Olga Shadler, 91

Olga Shadler, 91, passed away May 24, 2011, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

Olga was born July 15, 1919, in Chicago. She grew up in Chicago and graduated from Harrison High School in 1937.

Olga was primarily a homemaker and enjoyed gardening and collecting antiques.

She married Wilbur Shadler in Colorado Springs, Colo., in 1949. They were married for 57 years before Wilbur passed away.

Olga was preceded in death by her parents, Anton and Christie Bazata; sister, Lydia Svetlik; brother, Ervin Bazata; husband, Wilbur Shadler; son, Bruce Shadler; son-in-law, Randy Clements;

three nephews; and three brothers-in-law.

Olga is survived by her daughter, Andrea Clements, of Kalispell; sisters, Mildred Verchota of Countryside, Ill., and Helen Nemecek of Bettendorf, Iowa; grandchildren, Eric and Megan Miletich and Rebecca Clements of Kalispell; great-granddaughter, Katie Miletich of Kalispell; 13 nieces and two nephews.

Services for Olga will be held in Illinois at a later date.

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.

Thomas 'Tom' Lawrence Sheridan, 82

Thomas "Tom" Lawrence Sheridan died peacefully Feb. 7, 2011, in Spokane, after an 18-year battle with leukemia.



He was born Feb. 26, 1928, in Oakes, N.D., and lived in Cut Bank for over 60 years.

Tom was a loud, boisterous, passionate Irishman who loved good stories and loved telling them. He viewed St. Patrick's Day as a national holiday.

He loved sports and followed the Cut Bank Wolves, the Fighting Irish of Notre Dame, the Boston Red Sox, the Atlanta Braves and any other team that beat the Yankees. He enjoyed a game of golf in the summer and a game of pitch in the winter at the Pioneer Bar.

He often held court for family, visitors or friends on his front porch where there was always a cold beer, a bump of booze and food for any that dropped by. He had tremendous compassion, was bluntly honest and was always ready for a good laugh.

He was a man of great faith and was a member of St. Margaret's Catholic Church for over 60 years. He was also an active com-

munity member and coached numerous baseball teams, from Little League to Babe Ruth to American Legion where his teams won two state championships. He was an active member of the Cut Bank Golf Course and the Cut Bank Elks Club. He so enjoyed socializing at these two places.

Tom is survived by his wife of 62 years, Alora; five children, son, Greg and Pam; daughters, Marcy Tomsheck and Cal, Leslie Nermyr and Jerry, Jean Brakovec and Kevin, and Mary Gunlikson and Reed; 17 grandchildren, and 18 great-grandchildren (none of whom are "duds" according to Tom); sister, Rosemary Money; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, James, Ray and Robert Sheridan.

A memorial Mass will be said at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 19, at St. Margaret's Parish. There will be a celebration of Tom's life at 6 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 18, at the Elks Club.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Cut Bank Youth Baseball Program (c/o Treasure Berkham, 326 7th Ave. SE, Cut Bank, MT 59427); or The Gift of Life in Great Falls (2906 10th Ave. South, Great Falls, MT 59405); or the charity of your choice.

Charles Harwell Sheffield, 71

Charles Harwell Sheffield died Aug. 15, 2011, in Columbia Falls, of Lewy body dementia.

He was born Jan. 3, 1940, in Baton Rouge, La., and grew up in Kentwood, La. He graduated from Louisiana State University, and then joined the U.S. Navy.

After service, Charles was a Merrill Lynch stockbroker in New Orleans, then lived in the U.S. Virgin Islands for two years; and moved to Kentwood to run Sheffield Insurance Agency and Sheffield Real Estate Agency for some 20 years.

Charlie was a longtime volunteer with the Kentwood Volunteer Fire Department and served as president of the Kentwood Rotary Club. He retired and lived in Slidell, Ponchatoula, and Covington, La., and in Kalispell.

He was a member of Sigma Chi Fraternity and a charter member of the Harrell Plantation Hunting Club in Kentwood. Deer hunting was his



great passion.

Charlie remained in the Navy Reserves, and retired with the rank of captain.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Fred and Ollie Sheffield; and a niece, Michele Garon.

Charlie is survived by his wife of 48 years, Gail Kemp Sheffield, of Kalispell; brother, Henry Sheffield, and wife, Kathleen, of Baton Rouge; sister, Sally Garon, and husband, Claude, of Hamilton; nephew, Jason Sheffield, and wife, Jeanne, of Charlotte, N.C.; four nieces, Abigail Sheffield of Gretna, La., Molly Sheffield of New Orleans, Anne Gannon and husband Brian of Lakeview, and Julie Garon of Hamilton. He is also survived by a grandnephew and grandniece, Jack Gannon and Ivy Gannon, and grandniece Josephine Sheffield.

No services will be held in Montana. Interment will be in Louisiana.

Thanks beyond counting to the loving caregivers at Expressions Memory Care Assisted Living Facility in Columbia Falls.

Donations may be made to the Lewy Body Dementia Association (lbda.org) or the Flathead Spay and Neuter Task Force will be appreciated.

Alicia 'Lisa' Anne Sherman, 46

Alicia "Lisa" Anne Sherman passed away Dec. 19, 2011, due to domestic violence.

She was born April 5, 1965.

She is survived by her mother, Roxanne, and stepfather, Jay Wadman, of Lakeside; sister, Laura, and Bill Malloy, of Casper, Wyo.; brother, Jason, and Melissa Sherman, of Rock Springs, Wyo.; brother, Bryan Korogi, and fiancée, Laura Zebroski, of Gillette, Wyo.; aunt, Sharon Telck, of Mesa, Ariz.; uncle, Tom, and Carol Mon-



ington, of Anchorage, Alaska; grandparents, Jean and Ward Sherman, of Parker, Ariz., and Geri Judd of Mesa, Ariz.; and several nieces and nephews, cousins, and many friends.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Jan. 20 at The Woods on Ninth, located at 6775 S. 900 E., in Murray, Utah.

In loving memory. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to South Valley Sanctuary, a domestic violence shelter, P.O. Box 1028, West Jordan, UT 84084.

To send condolences, please visit SereniCare.com.

Eunice Louise Shevenko, 99

Eunice Louise Shevenko, 99, passed away on Friday, Sept. 23, 2011, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.



Eunice was born in Whitefish on Jan. 13, 1912, to Calvin M. and Louise (Lano) Bonner. She attended Whitefish public schools, graduating with the Class of 1930.

She entered into service with the Great Northern Railroad at Whitefish on July 4, 1930, retiring from the Burlington Northern in August of 1974.

Eunice was a former member of St. Charles Catholic Church in Whitefish and St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Kalispell. She joined Chief Ignace Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, Kalispell, on Dec. 7, 1937;

National No. 304879.

Eunice married Sam Shevenko in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, on Aug. 20, 1956. They resided in Whitefish until April 1973 when a move was made to Kalispell.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her sisters, Madeline (Bonner) Waters and Lucille (Bonner) Beck; a brother, S.T. Bonner; two nephews; and one niece.

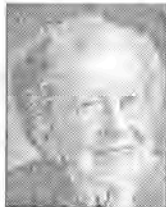
Eunice is survived by three nieces; one nephew; and other relatives.

Funeral services for Eunice will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 29, at the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. Burial will take place following services, at Whitefish Cemetery.

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

Nellie Shiflett, 87

Nellie Shiflett, 87, "went to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ," Wednesday, March 30, 2011. She was at the home of her daughter in Rock Springs, Wyo., where she had been residing for the past five years. Nellie was a former resident of Kalispell.



Church. While in Kalispell, she attended Bethel Baptist Church. Her interests included her family, church and crocheting.

Survivors include her son, Keith E. Shiflett, of Spokane; daughter, Beverly Megahey of Rock Springs; grandchildren, Kevin Wayne Megahey and Scott Alan Shiflett; and great-grandchildren, Matthew and Keith O'Brien and Amanda and Aleisha Smith.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; brothers, Bert, Cecil Rex, Theron "Pete" and Joseph; sisters, Wilma and Alma; and one granddaughter, Shelly Smith.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 13, at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

She was born Feb. 27, 1924, in Haxby, Mont., the daughter of Joseph and Anna Hall.

She married Keith L. Shiflett in November 1941 in Kalispell. She worked as a homemaker, caretaker and housekeeper for many years. She was a member of the Rock Springs Evangelical Free

Jo Ruth B. Shirkey, 75

Jo Ruth B. Shirkey, 75, died Sept. 19, 2011, at The Springs in Whitefish.

She is survived by her daughter, Jodi Shirkey, of Whitefish; and stepchildren, Wade Shirkey of Honolulu and Kathryn

Leithead of Lake Charles, La.

Services will be held at a later date.

Arrangements are entrusted to Austin Funeral Home.

Denise J. Shirley, 54

Denise J. Shirley, 54, died Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2011, in Kalispell.

She had worked as an emergency services dispatcher for many years.

She is survived locally

by her husband, Paul E. Shirley, of Kalispell; and daughter, Sierra Lind.

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

Gloria L. Shrewsberry, 87

Gloria L. Shrewsberry, 87, of Libby, died Tuesday, July 26, 2011, at Healthcare Northwest in Kalispell.

She had worked for Drs. Seifert and Mathews for many years.

Survivors include her children, David Shrews-

berry of Libby, and Teresa King of Everett, Wash.

A service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, July 29, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Libby. Visitation will be from 8:30 to noon at Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Libby.

Edna Mae (Woods) Sias, 94

Beloved wife, mother, and grandmother Edna Mae Sias passed away at her home in Kalispell on Nov. 17, 2011.



of Kalispell, and Betty Jo Phelps, of Aurora, Colo.; eleven grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; all seven of her siblings; and two precious granddaughters.

Edna's funeral will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 23 at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, with interment at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

To send condolences to the family, please go to www.buffalohillfh.com.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Edna was born on Aug. 31, 1917, in Barber, Ark.

She was the beloved wife for 73 years of Joe Sias, whom she married in Thompson Falls on Oct. 13, 1938. They were blessed with three children, Russell and wife Susan (Stagg) Sias of Quartzsite, Ariz., Barbara and husband Daryl Levitt

Joseph Sias, 94

Joseph Sias, 94, died at his Kalispell residence Thursday, Dec. 8, 2011.

He had been a machinist for the aluminum plant for many years.

He is survived by his children, Russell Sias of

Arizona, Barbara Levitt of Kalispell and Betty Phelps of Colorado.

Visitation will be from noon to 1:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 12, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Private family burial will follow.

Donald R. Sibley, 88

Donald R. Sibley, 88, died Saturday, July 16, 2011, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

He is survived by his wife, Violet "Jo" Sibley; one daughter, Marcia Sibley; and a son, Paul Sibley.

Funeral services for Don will be held at 11

a.m. Wednesday, July 20, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, with the Rev. Mark Gravrock officiating.

Visitation will be from noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday, July 19, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. Burial will be in the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Paul Wilfred Sibley, 62

Paul Wilfred Sibley was born in Kalispell on Sept. 24, 1948, and in August 2011 "crossed to the other side, continuing his journey on the Red Road."



He was a "gentle giant" of a man who loved animals, reading, mushroom and huckleberry picking, telling "tall tales," and secret fishing spots. He was a talented artist, working mostly in pen and ink, as well as oils and scratchboard. He also carved Native American flutes, walking sticks and other ceremonial objects.

Paul spent the majority of his life as a "seeker," pursuing serenity and personal growth through nature, art, literature, his AA family, and his personal relationship with his "Higher Power." Paul will be best remembered by his lumbering laughter, the thump of his carved walking stick, his quirky "wit," and the plethora of pen and ink drawings of majestic mountains, gnarly trees, rustic homesteads, animated grizzly bears, local haunts and, of course, outhouses and mushrooms!

He was preceded "in his journey onward" by his parents, Bill and Mary (Smithson) Sibley; his first wife, Sherry (Carter) Kline; his daughter, Tina Rae Sibley;

his aunt, Rose (Sibley) Rafferty; his uncles, Earl Smithson and Ralph Mason; nieces, Eileen (Conachen) Hayduke and Lisa (Conachen) Woolsey; and cousin, Barbara Smithson.

He is survived in this life by his daughter, Shellie (Sibley-Polensky) Simpson, and husband, Doug; sister, Marilyn (Sibley) Conachen, and husband, Ed; brother, Calvin Sibley, and wife,

Ginni; and brother, Roger Sibley and wife, Larisa; grandchildren, Justin, Kasimir and Amaia Spilis; and great-grandson, Karson Spilis; as well as many other family members.

A memorial celebration will be held at a future time.

"Travel well, Paul, and save some fish for us. We'll see you again one fine day, on the other side of the river."

Phillip A. Sieler Sr., 62

On Aug. 22, 2011, Phillip A. Sieler Sr., "went home to be with his Savior." At the age of 10, Phil placed his faith in the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. From that time on he knew his home was heaven.

Phil was born Nov. 18, 1948, in Carter County, Mont. He received his elementary schooling in Montana. He graduated from Flathead High School in 1967, Navy Boot Camp in 1969, received a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Montana in 1974, and an associate's degree in Biblical studies from IBC in Arizona in 1986.

Phil served on the board at Flathead Christian School in its early years. When the school lost its facility in Evergreen he brought together a group to buy the current campus. He served as principal at Yuma Christian School and as trustee at different churches he attended. He was currently on the board of his homeowners association.

He got his start in the RV business with his brothers and later managed several RV parts stores. He also spent several years working with troubled youth in different capacities.

Phil's greatest love in life was his family. He



showed us all what a godly husband and father was.

He married Lori on June 26, 1972, and remained hers always. He had many hobbies and interests and always enjoyed learning the next new thing. He loved teaching us what he'd learned. Among them were stone faceting, bow making, astronomy, and riding his 1967 Honda 450. He loved spending time with his grandkids who knew him simply as "Papa." He was cherished and will be missed each and every day.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Elmer Sieler and Ellena Nasset-Sieler; and brothers, Dave Sieler and Joe Sieler.

He is survived by his wife of 39 years, Lori Sieler, of Kalispell; son, Phillip Sieler Jr., and wife, Rocio; daughter, Yvonne Schultz, and husband, Todd; grandchildren, Jamie, Jeff, Treven, Tiffany, Tyler, Ellena, Phillip and Cassia; brothers, Elmer "Mic" Sieler and wife Ginger, and Allen "Chuck" Sieler and wife Linda; as well as many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 27, at Bible Baptist Church in Evergreen. Lunch will be served following the service.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Bible Baptist Missions Fund, 64 Dove Lane, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Wilma Elaine Siemens, 62

Wilma Elaine Siemens "was welcomed home to her loving Father and restored to her youthful self" on April 19, 2011.



Wilma was born on Feb. 22, 1949, to John and Mae Sudan in Kalispell. She obtained her teacher's diploma from Prairie Bible Institute in Canada and a business degree from Bozeman Votesh School.

On Aug. 26, 1972, she married Patrick Siemens in Bigfork, where they later raised their four daughters.

Wilma enjoyed quilting, hiking, being an AWANA leader and an active member of 4-H. But for Wilma, family and church always came first. For many years, she was a stay-at-home mom, dedicating much of her time to caring for her family.

Once her youngest daughter was in school, Wilma became a business partner with Pat at Glacier Pre-Cast Concrete, where she was the boss behind the scenes. Whether it be in family, church or work, Wilma was always passionate about what she did.

In 2004, Wilma was diagnosed with primary progressive aphasia, a debilitating form of dementia which left her unable to understand simple communication. Although this disease ultimately took her life, Wilma

continued to be active, constantly walking in Bigfork. The family would like to compliment and extend utmost gratitude to Home Options Hospice for assisting Wilma so she could remain at home.

Wilma is survived by her husband of 39 years, Patrick, of Bigfork; daughter, Misha Siemens, of Bigfork; daughter, Mikel Siemens, and Bryce Edgmon, of Kalispell; daughter, Marcel, and Sean Quinn, of Kalispell; daughter, Marissa Siemens, of Houston; sister, Wanda, and Joe Smith, of Broadus; brother, Marvin, and Kathleen Sudan, of Kila; brother, Stan, and Cindy Sudan, of Boulder, Colo.; brother, Norman, and Michelle Sudan, of Kila; and grandchildren, Clay, Seamus, Shealon, Cyra, Cayja and Adrienne.

A visitation will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. on Sunday April 24, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Monday, April 25, at the Little Brown Church in Bigfork. Burial will follow the service at the Bigfork Community Cemetery. The family encourages friends and family to join them in a potluck barbecue at Swan River Hall after the burial.

The family requests donations for a scholarship to be set up in Wilma's name at the Prairie Bible Institute.

To sign Wilma's guest book or leave a note of condolence please go to www.buffalohillfh.com. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Lenore 'Nonie' Simons, 100

Longtime Whitefish resident Lenore "Nonie" Simons died peacefully at home on Jan. 15, 2011, just a few months after turning 100 years old.



Nonie was born in Villard, Minn., May 18, 1910, on a lovely farm where her father had one of the mechanized farms of the day with gas engines running milking machines, cream separators, corn shuckers and even the washing machine. Nonie's father also owned one of the first John Deere Implement businesses and sold the first Maytag washers.

Nonie remembers riding to school with her brother, Jack, in a two-seat carriage pulled by her white pony, Maud. Nonie finished school at St. Ben's Academy in St. Cloud, Minn. She was the valedictorian of her class.

After graduation, Nonie and three friends went to New York City. Nonie worked for the Irving Trust Company until 1931, when she was hired by the Girl Scouts of America to work as secretary to Tess Carter, head of the organization.

While at the Girl Scouts, she had wonderful adventures and loved the experiences of meeting many famous people of the day, including President Hoover's wife, Lou, who is one of the people credited with starting the Girl Scouts of America. She also met and worked with the wife of President Harding and met Eleanor Roosevelt.

On a summer vacation in Minnesota, Nonie met and married Richard "Dick" Simons. Dick taught and coached in several towns in Minnesota before they relocated to Whitefish.

After having four children, Nonie returned to the working world in 1958. She worked at the John B. Simons Hospital, eventually handling insurance,

billing and then Medicare when it started in 1964. Nonie began typing medical records when doctors began using a Dictaphone to record their medical records in the mid-1960s. When she retired from the hospital, renamed North Valley Hospital, she began working for the Whitefish Clinic. Dr. Ricker has been quoted saying, "Nonie never had a misspelled word, and that was before 'spell check.'" Nonie finally retired from this job, which she loved, in 1985.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dick Simons; her mother and father; two brothers, and one sister.

She is succeeded by Molly Young and Mert, Joanie Sorensen and Scott, Henry and Jackie Simons, and Barbara Simons; eight grandchildren, Scottie and Kaori Sorensen, Shawn and Donna Sorensen, Chris and Todd Anderson, Michael and Kristen Simons, Josh Young and Dallas, Ian Young and Chrissann, Alexandra Appleton and Abraham, and Carl Appleton; and six great-grandchildren, Teresa and Kyle Sorensen, Alliya and Kassydee Anderson, Evelyn and Connor Young, Sam Simons and Naomi Appleton.

She was loved and admired by all, especially her children, Joanie and Scott Sorensen, Molly Young and Mert Little, Henry and Jackie Simons, and Barbara Simons, who invite all friends to the funeral services at 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 20, at St. Charles Catholic Church.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the mission at Los Amigos in Chimbote, Peru, or Soroptimist International of Whitefish.

In her last years, Nonie appreciated the many visits from family and friends, her little dog Mitzi, a Thursday visit from Cy Appel who brought Communion and prayer, and her beloved Connie Kenfield, her joyful friend and helper.

Anne Seery 'Doty' Simonson, 94

Anne Seery "Doty" Simonson, 94, born in Helena on March 22, 1917, died peacefully on July 2, 2011, of pancreatic cancer at her daughter Jackie Noice's home in Kalispell.

Anne was married to Harvey Simonson (now deceased) of Bigfork for 22 years, and together they had four children; they later divorced.

She is survived by her twin brother, Joe Seery of Reno, Nev.; her eldest daughter JoAnn (Simonson) Rens, of Anaheim Hills, Calif.; son, Dana Simonson, of Olympia, Wash.; and daughter, Jackie (Simonson) Noice, and husband, Marshall, of Kalispell.

She was preceded in death by her eldest son, David Jules Simonson; her brothers, Frank Seery, Leo Seery, Jack Seery, Dan Seery and

Tim Seery; and sister Mary Ellen (Seery) Aune.

Her grandchildren include Jessica (Simonson) Adams of Santee, Calif.; Dave Simonson of Bozeman; Tonja (Simonson) Osborne of San Diego; Susan Simonson of Kalispell; Shannon Rens of Anaheim Hills, Calif.; Dana Simonson Jr. of San Diego; John Rens of Yucaipa, Calif.; Jess Simonson of Olympia, Wash.; Autumn (Simonson) O'Brien of Marion; Nicholas Noice of Ocean Beach, Calif.; Carly Noice-Baumgarten of Kalispell; Rachel Noice of Ocean Beach, Calif.; Sarsten



Noice of Kalispell; and Jules Parish of Seattle.

She is also survived by many great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren, loved in-laws, out-laws, nieces, nephews and friends.

During World War II, Anne worked to support the war effort at Convair Aerodynamics in San Diego; at the time she had a husband, five brothers and two brothers-in-law in active military service.

Anne was a founding member of the San Diego Mission Bay Boat and Ski Club of San Diego, where she was a creator of the program teaching the blind to water ski. Anne was an avid sailor and a tireless volunteer for the San Diego hydroplane races and other charities dear to her.

Anne had many adven-

tures in her life. In her 60s she captained a 70-foot sailboat from San Diego to Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, parasailed on the Sea of Cortez, and taught the local children who only spoke Spanish to water ski. Anne's passion was water skiing, which she continued to do into her 80s.

Anne was a proud Montana "snow bird" wintering in San Diego.

Cremation has taken place. Family will scatter her ashes privately at a later date.

"With our heartfelt thanks to the nurses and caregivers at Home Options Hospice at Kalispell Regional Medical Center, your compassion and support made our mother's journey just as she wished. You have our deepest gratitude and appreciation." — The family of Anne Seery

John H. 'Jack' Sims, 74

John H. "Jack" Sims, 74, of Kalispell, died Thursday, July 21, 2011, at Fawn Creek Campground near Libby.

He was born July 12, 1937, in Kansas City, Kan., to John and Irene Chaszar Sims.

Jack married Kay Hansen on Aug. 11, 1957m in Reno, Nev.

His hobbies included shooting black powder rifles, archery and ice fishing. He also enjoyed telling stories, and if someone would say they had heard that story he would tell it anyway. John moved with his family to Kalispell in 1996 but told everyone he had been there all his life.

Survivors include his wife of 53 years, Kay Sims, of Kalispell; children, John Sims and wife Debbie of Bigfork, Toni Sherry and

husband Max of Bigfork, and Doug Sims and wife Kathryn of California; sister, JoAnn Worth, and husband, Richard, of Oregon; brother, Dave Sims, and wife, Dottie, of California; seven grandchildren, Jamie, Angelina, Johnny, Joseph, Katarina, Trinity and Anastacia; and six great-grandchildren.

"This is a terrible loss for all of us but we can be certain that he is doing fine in his new hunting ground."

There will be no funeral, but an event celebrating his life will be held at the home of Jack and Kay at 3 p.m. on Saturday July 30, at 3113 Foothill Road, Kalispell MT 59901; phone: 406-755-0073.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home & Crematory in Libby.

Gladys L. Simpson, 100

Gladys L. Simpson, 100, died Saturday, April 16, 2011, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She had been a book-keeper for plumbing companies.

Gladys is survived by

her daughter, Marian Ax of Kalispell.

Services will be held at a later date.

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

Gregory Siravo, 44

Gregory Siravo, 44, of Columbia Falls, passed away Thursday, Dec. 8, 2011, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He was born May 3, 1967, in Providence, R.I., the son of Joseph and Shirley (Pietzak) Siravo. He graduated from Attleboro High School.

He was an avid outdoorsman who loved fishing, backpacking, boating, snowboarding and motor sports.

Gregory was a professional musician drummer, starting his career in Los Angeles at 21 years of age, and staying 12 years with many famous bands.

He came to Montana and made it his home because of his great love for the outdoors and Glacier National Park. He also loved playing with the bands in the local area like Out on Bail, Good Question, Liquor Down and



his own band Trilogy.

He is survived by his wife, Debbie McCluer Siravo, of Columbia Falls; and his parents of South Attleboro, Mass.; his sister, Debra Roca and brother-in-law, Stephen Roca, nephew Vallon Roca and niece Roxanne Roca, his brother, Kenneth Siravo and sister-in-law, Tracey Siravo, and nieces and nephews, Sarah Benaski, John Benaski and Nico Siravo, all residing in Attleboro. He also leaves behind his dog, Vito.

Visitation was held on Dec. 14, and will also be held one hour prior to the service at Columbia Mortuary.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. today, Dec. 15, at Columbia Mortuary 1010 Fourth Ave. W., Columbia Falls.

You are invited to visit www.columbiamortuary.com to offer condolences, share memories and view Gregory's tribute wall.

Arrangements are entrusted to Columbia Mortuary.