

Erolyn Francis Blair, 84

Erolyn Francis Blair passed away peacefully on July 10, 2012, at Northwest Health Care in Kalispell.



She was born on Sept. 19, 1927, to Charles and Marie Bushong in San Francisco.

Erolyn and her husband Bob moved to Somers permanently in 1987 from southern California. Erolyn and Bob were married in 1948 in Los Angeles. After many years of working with Bob in the motorcycle business, she retired to stay at home caring for their three sons.

Erolyn loved gardening and quilting. She made many friends while quilting at the Quilt Gallery in Kalispell. For the past several years she spent her winters in Palm Desert, Calif., and summers at her home in Somers.

Erolyn was preceded in death by her husband Bob, in 1996.

She is survived by sons, Mike and his wife

Susan of Kalispell, their daughters Shannon Blair and Chris Parrott, and Katie Lanners and Jeff; Joe and his wife Kelli of Bigfork, their son Ricardo; and Steve and his wife Christine of Rancho Mirage, Calif., their daughter Kelly Gehrt and Matt, and son Robert and Courtney; along with five great-grandchildren; sister, Muriel Risdon; four nieces and one nephew; and longtime best friend, Dottie Sprotte.

Erolyn will be greatly missed by all who knew her. She was the best wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend anyone could have asked for. She was generous, gracious, kind, lived quietly with class "and now resides in Heaven."

No services are planned. Donations in her name can be made to the Somers/Lakeside QRU or the American Cancer Society.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family. To send condolences to the family, please go to www.buffalo-hillfh.com

Grace Louise Blanchet, 85

Grace Louise Blanchet, 85, passed away Sunday, March 18, 2012, from a heart condition.



Grace was born on the farm in Fairview School District on Sept. 7, 1926, to Louis J. and Annie L. (Clarke) Blanchet.

Dr. Ross delivered her and helped her dad set up the heating stove to keep the house warm.

Grace attended school at Fairview for seven years and one year at Deer Park. She graduated from Flathead County High School in 1944, at age 17. She went to work for Equity Supply Company in the office as a bookkeeper,

for 46 years. She was well liked by the farmers doing their business with her. She was a good and honest worker.

Grace stayed single and never married.

She is survived by one brother, Richard Blanchet; good friend, Pauline Sjordal; and several cousins.

Funeral services for Grace will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 27, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Visitation will be held from noon to 5 p.m. Monday, March 26 at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home.

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

Merrill Don Blair, 69

Merrill Don Blair, 69, died Sunday, Aug. 19, 2012, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

Mass of Christian Buri-

al will be celebrated in Denver.

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

Robert Hovey 'Bob' Blake, 89

Robert Hovey "Bob" Blake, 89, died Monday, April 23, 2012, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

He is survived by a son, Robert G. Blake, and daughter, Sandy Weeks, both of Kalispell.

A celebration of life service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 28, at Stillwater Free Lutheran Church.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Robert H. Blake, 89

Robert H. Blake, 89, passed away Monday, April 23, 2012, in Kalispell.

Bob was born Oct. 4, 1922, in Detroit to Sherman Ulysses and Ida May (Hovey) Blake.

He moved to Spokane with his mother and two brothers as a young child, after his father passed away in 1926.

In Bob's words, "The Blake boys, being so close in age, were quite 'active' and perhaps a little 'mischievous,' shall we say."

He attended Hawthorne Grade School and graduated from Rogers High School in 1940.

On Jan 23, 1941, he joined the U.S. Army Air Corps Division as an Army private. He worked in the Weather Squadron servicing teletype machines, starting at Hamilton Field in California and then onto North Africa. After the war he joined Burroughs Corp. as a service technician.

On his first service call to the Conrad National Bank in Kalispell he met his future wife, Delores Gilbertson. They were married Sept. 7, 1946, at Stillwater Lutheran Church.

In 1959, Bob and a fellow service technician, Marlin Holmes, started Bomar Office Supply (later, Blake Office Supply) in Kalispell. In 1963, Bob bought out the partnership. Over the 36 years the business grew to five locations, and was recognized nationally in the Office Products Magazine in 1977 for Outstanding Remodeling for their location at 700 Sunset Blvd. He owned Blake Office Supply until the age of 73, selling it in 1995 to enjoy his retirement.

His community services included Kalispell Jaycees, Kalispell Chamber Aviation Committee chairman,



president of Montana Office Products Association, Montana Office Machine Dealer Association, board of directors for Western Office Machines Dealer Association and National Office Machine Dealers Association.

Bob had many passions, starting with his wife, Delores "Dode," children, grandchildren; and in the last few years his great-grandchildren would light up his world, with him sharing candy and ice cream with them. Lifetime hobbies included golf, airplanes and boats. He owned four boats and made a two-month trip on the ocean to Alaska with his wife, at the age of 70. He owned six airplanes and enjoyed giving "memorable rides" to his family and friends.

Bob was preceded in death by his wife, Delores "Dode"; his parents, Sherman and Ida Blake; brother, Ulysses Sherman "Sherm" Blake; son-in-law, Arthur B. Weeks; and grandson, Blake Aaron Weeks.

Bob is survived by his son, Robert G., and wife, Vickie Blake, of Kalispell; daughter, Sandra K. Weeks, of Kalispell; brother, James John "Jack" Blake, of Spokane; grandchildren, Randy Blake and wife Nickole, Rachele Berg and husband Sam, Rory Blake and wife Katie, Ralyssa Blake and husband Shean, and Trey Weeks and Cassandra Neils; 12 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

A military honors burial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 28, at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery; with a celebration of Bob's life following at 2 p.m. at the Stillwater Free Lutheran Church with Pastor Tim Bartholomew officiating.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Stillwater Free Lutheran Church.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family. To send condolences to the family, go to www.buffalohillfh.com.

Harley Blankenship

A memorial service for Harley Blankenship, 74, who died Dec. 13, will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, June 25, at St. Patrick's

Episcopal Church in Bigfork, at the corner of Montana 200 and South Ferndale Drive, across from the Ferndale Fire Department.

Christopher Bogardus, 43

Christopher Bogardus, 43, died in Kalispell on Aug. 31, 2012. There will be no ser-

vices.

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

Margaret Boharski, 79

Margaret Boharski, 79, died Wednesday, Sept. 19, 2012, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She is survived by her husband, George; and seven children, Eileen Slynn, Mike Boharski, Jennifer Boharski, Lorrie Bohar-

ski, Steve Boharski, William Boharski and David Boharski.

Mass of Christian Burial at St. Matthew's Catholic Church is pending.

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

Mollie P. Hulit Boisen, 87

Mollie P. Hulit Boisen, 87, a lifetime valley resident, passed away of natural causes Jan. 7, 2012, at the Montana Veterans Home, "joining the love of her life, Irvin."



Mollie was born Dec. 13, 1924, in Meeker, Colo., and moved to Montana as an infant with her parents, Phil and Merle (Darner) Hulit.

Following her high school graduation, Mollie started her teaching career, married Irvin and was blessed with three children.

The love of horses and riding prompted her to join the Back Country Horsemen, where she enjoyed helping cook while out in camp and caring for her dog and horse.

Prior to a major stroke in 2007, she was dog sitter and ranch assistant for her eldest granddaughter, Tammy Stringfellow, with whom she lived beside in her own apartment.

Mollie was preceded in death by her parents; her

husband; and two brothers, Jack and Jimmie.

She is survived by two daughters, Carol and Dick Brownell of Pendroy, and Rose and Tony Beranek of Columbia Falls; and one son, Lyle, and Lori Boisen, of Portland; her seven grandchildren, Justin, Rachel, Tammy, Angie, Brenda, Devon and Amber, will miss her wisdom and advice. Great-grandchildren, Anthony, Cameron, Derek, Tessa and Addison, and great-great-granddaughter, Avalyn, were the light of their Nanny's life. She is also survived by two sisters, Vera and Forrest Prichard, and Dixie and Tom LaValley; one brother, Lee, and Peg Hulit; and many nieces and nephews.

Family burial at Fairview Cemetery in Columbia Falls will be held at a future date.

Memorials may be made to the Montana Veterans Home. The family so appreciates the love and care Mollie received from everyone there.

Arrangements are entrusted to Columbia Mortuary.

You are invited to go to www.columbiamortuary.com to offer condolences and view Mollie's tribute wall.

William Edward Boharski, 51

William Edward Boharski, 51, passed away as the result of an accident on Thursday, Oct. 11, 2012, in Kalispell.

William was the sixth of seven children born to George and Margaret Boharski in Chicago, on Sept. 8, 1961.

The Boharskis moved to Kalispell in 1966. William attended Russell School, Linderman, Kalispell Junior High School, and graduated from Flathead High School in 1979.

During his senior year at Montana State University, he was involved in a car accident that rendered him quadriplegic for the remainder of his life.

Following surgery in Billings and rehabilitation at Craig Hospital in Denver, William returned to MSU and graduated in 1985.

William held his first position as a mechanical engineer at Rockwell International in California. After returning to Kalispell in 1986, William co-owned and operated a



small business in downtown Kalispell, worked as an engineer at Semitool, represented the Flat-

head Valley for five terms in the Montana State Legislature and served as mayor of Kalispell.

William was a member of the Flathead Valleyaires chorus for many years, was an active member of St. Matthew's Parish, served on the parish council and taught at Flathead Valley Community College.

William recently spent three years in recovery and rehabilitation in the state of Washington from complications of severe pneumonia. He returned to his home in Kalispell earlier this year.

William overcame tremendous physical limitations to achieve extraordinary accomplishments.

He was blessed by innumerable caring people who made his journey possible, including his many caregivers, friends and medical personnel on whom he depended, and without whom he would have been unable to achieve so much and inspire so many. Among those deserving special thanks are Dan, Aaron, Harry, Tansy and Steve. A special thanks to Ray Thompson for his exceptional generosity.

William was preceded in death by his mother, Margaret.

He is survived by his father, George; siblings, Eileen, Michael, Jennifer, Lorrie, Steve and his wife April, and David; and by his loving girlfriend, Ione Alcantar. His many nieces and nephews, Chris, Meagan and husband Aaron, Joshua, Molly, Jacob, Ryan, Morgan, Katie, Julia, Andrew, Jared, Makenzie, Emma, Dani, Asher and Brooks, have fond memories of the joy

Uncle Bill had when they were riding on the back of his wheelchair as children.

Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 21; please bring your memories and stories to share from 6 to 7 p.m. The rosary will begin at 7 p.m. All will take place at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home.

A Funeral Mass will be offered at 10 a.m. Monday, Oct. 22, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church. Interment will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens immediately following.

For those who wish to make a donation, please consider Craig Hospital Foundation, 3425 S. Clarkson Street, Englewood, CO 80113.

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

Donald D. Bolog, 87

Donald D. Bolog, long-time Flathead Valley pharmacist, "went peacefully to Heaven" on Nov.



13, 2012. A much-loved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, Don will be sorely missed.



Cremation has taken place, and a memorial service for family will be held at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell in late June.

Donald was born to Ruth (Warthen) and Mike Bolog on his mother's family homestead in Round Butte on April 11, 1925. In 1941 the Bologs moved to Deer Lodge where Don completed high school.

Always ready to serve, Don enlisted in the Army and served with the 66th Division of the Black Panthers. His company was on board the SS Leopoldville when it was hit by a German torpedo on Christmas Eve of 1944. Seven hundred sixty-three soldiers perished that night in the frigid waters of the English Channel. Don was among the 1,437 men who survived.

From France, his company made their way to Salzburg, Austria, where Don met and married Charlotte (Gyorffy) in 1945. Together they raised four children, Donn, Wes, Leonard and Sue. (They were later divorced.)

He sold the drug store to Rosauer's and joined their pharmacy department where he served customers for another 10 years. Besides being a full-time pharmacist, Don also ran a small cattle ranch west of Kalispell.

In 1978, Don was awarded the prestigious A.H. Robins Bowl of Hygeia for outstanding community service in pharmacy. Don's community service involved his church, the Kalispell Lions Club, Masons and the Kalispell Police Department, just to name a few. He gave his time and resources to many causes and individuals every year.

In 1984, Donald married Patricia Bolton Sanders in Libby. Three years later, Don retired and the two of them spent many happy years enjoying family, camping, fishing and hunting together. In 1989 they made a move to Alaska and lived in Palmer, raising a beautiful garden and exploring their new frontier. In 1994 another move took the Bologs to Buffalo, Wyo., where they enjoyed another five years of camping and fishing with grandchildren.

They returned to the Flathead Valley and made their home in Bigfork until 2011. Most recently a final move took Don and Patti to Port Angeles, Wash., to spend more time with family.

Don was preceded in death by his parents, and sister Gloria.

Lola Mardell (Strauss) Booi, 84

Lola Mardell (Strauss) Booi, 84, formerly of Whitefish and Kalispell, died May 2, 2012, in Ilwaco, Wash.

She is survived by her five children, Lynn Cook,

Jim Booi, Mardell Bullis, Myrna Lentz and Herbert Booi.

Funeral arrangements were made by Penttila's Chapel by the Sea in Long Beach, Wash.

After returning to the United States, Don graduated with a degree in pharmacy from the University of Montana in Missoula. Soon after graduation, Don was called once more to serve his country in Japan during the Korean War. He served as a medic to wives and children of military men, directed the motor pool, and served on the adjutant general's court martial board.

In 1955, Donald moved his family to Kalispell and ran his own drug store, the Kalispell Rexall Drug Company on Main Street and was also a consultant to the Flathead County Nursing Home. After 22 years in business, Don

He is survived by his wife, Patti; sister, Velma; and brother, Mike Jr. He also leaves his sons, Donn, Wes and Leonard; and daughter, Sue. Also surviving are his step-children, Terri, Todd and Tricia, and their spouses. Grandpa Don loved and guided 12 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Don was always busy doing some type of work as he believed that the key to health was keeping busy.

"As he makes his journey to Heaven and meets his Heavenly Father, something he said a short while ago seems very fitting, 'There's so much to do. It feels like opening the Montgomery-Ward's catalog, and there's just so much there!'"

Joyce E. Boon, 82

Joyce E. Boon passed away peacefully the evening of Wednesday, April 11, 2012, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.



will be told.

Joyce's children are Tom and Debbie of Dallas, Sonja Waddell and Doug of Locust Grove, Ga., Dan and Jan of Somers; Tina and Larry of Spokane, Jack and Dee of Kalispell, Rich and Bonnie of Ferndale, Fred of Thompson Falls, and Beth and Brent of Polson. Joyce has 15 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Joyce will be remembered for her love of flowers, quilting, sewing and music. She spent many hours in her yard with her flowers. She was a fabulous cook and homemaker. Her children recall that they never missed a meal, were never hungry and always had nice clothes to wear, many of which were handmade by Joyce.

Joyce had several health issues in her later years; thus it is a blessing that she is now in a place where "God will wipe away every tear from her eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."

A memorial service was held Monday, April 16, at Polson Community Church. Grogan Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that people make a donation to their favorite charity.

Joyce was born Nov. 25, 1929, in Libby. She grew up in the Libby area but in her adolescent years went to live with her Aunt Helen in Polson. Joyce graduated from Polson High School as valedictorian.

It was in Polson that she met Edwin "Sonny" Boon. Joyce and Sonny married in 1949 in Polson, which is where they started their family and where the first four of their eight children were born. The family moved to Somers in 1958 where four more children were born.

Joyce moved back to Polson in 1977 where she held jobs at the Driftwood, Shaffer's Department Store, Pauline's Dress Shop and finally Cherry Valley School.

Joyce had a special place in her heart for children, especially those who seemed less fortunate or deprived. Every now and then, one of Joyce's kids will run into one of those children from Cherry Valley and a memorable story of "Mrs. Boon"

Marjorie (Moos) Bolstad, 91 Sandy (Bolstad) Walker, 72

A joint memorial service for Marjorie (Moos) Bolstad, 91, who died Dec. 24, and her daughter, Sandy (Bolstad) Walker,

72, who died March 21, will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 28, at Bethany Lutheran Church, 8559 Montana 35, in Bigfork.

Catherine Bonham, 87

Catherine Bonham, 87, of Kalispell, "passed into the arms of Jesus" on Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2012, at 2:45 p.m. She was surrounded by her family as they sang the music that she loved.



Catherine Louise Keathley was born in Friendship, Tenn., on Nov. 27, 1924, to W.H. and Bertha Harwell Keathley. She grew up in the small town of Dyer, Tenn., where she made lifelong friendships and cultivated her love of music.

After graduating from Peabody College in Nashville, Tenn., with a degree in music education, Catherine sang professionally in Nashville before going to work for the airlines, where she met Bob Bonham. They married in August 1951 in Memphis, Tenn.

Bob and Catherine lived in Warren, Ind.; Hernando, Miss.; Hamilton, Ala.; Memphis; and Galveston, Texas, owning and operating small-town newspapers. Catherine did everything from set type to answer phones during this busy time in their lives when Rusty and Cathy were born.

They settled in Levittown, Pa., where her third child, Tom, was born, and Catherine set herself to her first passion and most important career — being a loving and nurturing wife and mother. During the 1970s and 1980s, the family lived in Holland, Pa., where Catherine was loved and appreciated as a church organist, pianist and piano teacher.

In 1989, Catherine and Bob moved to Kalispell to be among family, and at that time she began a more than 20-year career as a volunteer at Kalispell Regional Medical Center, something she loved and did with such pride and delight. In 2008, she was designated Volunteer of the Year at KRMC, making all of her family even more proud of her generous spirit. She especially loved her work in the hospital gift shop. When her sight and health began to

ing the baby grand piano in the hospital lobby.

Catherine was a member of Mountain View Mennonite Church in Kalispell and served as the pianist for many years. Her circle of friends from the hospital, the church and the neighborhood was loved and enjoyed, whether at lunch together, playing Skip-Bo or sitting out on the front porch. The kindness and love her friends returned to Catherine were always treasured by her.

Catherine had a vivacity, love of life and positive spirit which was infectious and reached out to so many. She had an incredible gift of hospitality and warmth, making friends wherever she went and cherishing them all. Catherine personified "grace" in everything she did.

Catherine will be sorely missed for her love, her generous spirit and her hospitality — she was truly a Southern belle! She leaves behind a legacy of service, love and encouragement.

She is survived by her husband of 60 years, Robert Bonham; children, Rusty Bonham and wife Mary Lou of Portland, Cathy Brenneman of Kalispell, and Thomas Bonham and wife Cindy of Peculiar, Mo.; grandchildren, Leah and John Eads, Hannah Bonham, Luke and Kat Bonham, Jesse Brenneman, Erin Brenneman, Nathan and Rute Bonham, Emily Bush, Hannah Bonham and Josh Bonham. She leaves behind five great-grandchildren and many special friends who were like family to her.

Memorial gifts may be given in Catherine's name to the ministry work of her son and grandson through Foolishness International, P.O. Box 132, Peculiar, MO 64078, for the Nakonde Orphanage.

A service to celebrate the life of Catherine will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 4, at Mountain View Mennonite Church, Creston. Cremation has taken place. She will be buried at a later date at the family cemetery in Warren.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Catherine's family. You are invited to go to www.jgfuneralhome.com.

Esther Marie Boreson, 91

Esther Marie Boreson was born March 20, 1921, in Watford City, N.D., to Norwegian immigrants



Odin and Bertha Berntson. She was the youngest of eight children who were all raised on the family potato farm.

She passed away at home Dec. 21, 2012.

Esther's family was very musical and her love for music started in her youth, singing with her brothers and sisters in their church choir. This love for music grew and she became an accomplished musician. She could play many instruments — the guitar, accordion, piano, drums and tambourine, all by ear. Her ability to sing and play delighted family and friends throughout her long life. A family favorite was listening to her perform the song, "I Overlooked an Orchid While Looking for a Rose."

Esther met and married Bud Sax and resided in Williston, N.D. They had four children, Jerry, Linda, Leon and Cindy. Later she moved to Whitefish where she met and married her husband Vernon Boreson. They had three children, Vernell, Alden and Susan.

Esther had many jobs throughout her life, but she really enjoyed being an Avon representative. Her most memorable position was the one that God gave her being a mother. Esther's first love was always family, never failing to lavish them with great meals, laughter, music and wise guidance that only a loving mother

could give. One of her favorite gathering places was "The Cabin" she had built in the beautiful Montana mountains for her family. And what a wonderful family she had.

She was not only the mother of seven children; she was also the grandmother of 21 and the great-grandmother of 46, with one more on the way, and the great-great-grandmother of six. She had such great love for them all. All these beautiful babies started with one beautiful, twinkling, smiling Esther.

Esther was one of Jehovah's Witnesses. And she loved Him.

Esther was preceded in death by her husband, Vernon Boreson; her parents, Odin and Bertha Berntson; siblings, Margaret, Bernice, Leif, Lekne, Hans, Marion and Ida; and her beloved grandson Leon Sax.

Esther is survived by two brothers, Robert Berntson and Allen Berntson and sister, Karen; her children, Jerry Sax and wife Debbie of Hanover, Pa., Linda Puryer and husband Bucky of Eureka Leon Sax and wife Nancy of Columbia Falls, Cindy Prescott and husband Robert "Bob" of Kalispell Vernell Drollinger and husband Randy of Kalispell, Alden Boreson of Kalispell, and Susan Kelly and husband Curt of Kalispell; numerous nephews and nieces; and all her wonderful grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

A celebration of life will be at 11 a.m., Dec. 29, at Johnson-Gloschet Funeral Home with a reception following. The location will be announced after the service.

Olaf G. Borge, 92

Pastor Olaf G. Borge, 92, of Great Falls, a retired Lutheran pastor, died on Thursday, Dec. 20, 2012, of natural causes at a care facility in Great Falls.



Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 26 at O'Connor Funeral Home in Great Falls. Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 27 at Redeemer Lutheran Church, following a grave-

side service at 9:30 a.m. at Highland Cemetery.

Olaf is survived by his sister, Margarethe Larson of Menno, S.D.; sons, Kurt Borge of Bozeman, Paul Borge of Victor, and Michael and Dorothy Borge of Missoula; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp, 603 Main St., Kalispell, MT 59901 or Redeemer Lutheran Church, 332 Riverview 3W, Great Falls, MT 59404.

Condolences may be left online at www.oconnorfuneralhome.com.

Florence B. Borgen, 92

Florence B. Borgen, 92, died Sunday, Feb. 19, 2012, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She is survived by her children, Dennis Borgen, Vicky Brookman, Thea Borgen and Wendy McCaffree.

Burial will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 24, at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Memorial services will be

held at 12:30 p.m. Friday at the Christian Center in Kalispell, with the Rev. Ron Pierce officiating.

There will be a luncheon following services until 5 p.m. at the Old Cenex North Building, 4947 U.S. 2 South in Columbia Falls.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Richard Thomas Bosckis, 85

Richard Thomas Bosckis, 85, died Thursday, Oct. 18, 2012, at Lakeview Care Center in Bigfork.

At his request, there will be no services.

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

Philip H. Brader, 94

Philip H. Brader, 94, formerly of Great Falls, died from natural causes Dec. 4, 2011, following hip surgery at the North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

He is survived by his adopted daughter, Mary Stibel of Great Falls.

Graveside services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, at the Superior Cemetery in Superior.

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

Evelyn Boyd, 95

Evelyn Boyd died May 17, 2012, at Expressions Memory Care Home, after a long and wonderful life. She was 95 years old.



Evelyn was born on Aug. 6, 1916, in Collingdale, Pa., to Jennie and Curtis Roberts. She graduated from Collingdale High School and attended school to become a dental hygienist.

Before pursuing a career, she married the love of her life, Bill Boyd, in 1936. They eloped from Pennsylvania to New York to be married. They were married for 55 years when he passed away in 1990.

She spent her early married life in Pennsylvania, and when Bill was transferred to Baltimore for his job, they moved with their first child, Sandra, who was only weeks old. Bill was drafted into World War II, and Evelyn and Sandra returned to Pennsylvania. When the war was over, Bill was transferred yet again by his job to Staten Island, N.Y., where the family spent the next 45 years, and their daughter, Kristine, was born.

Evelyn was known for her talent as an artist. She worked in almost every medium. When she lived in New York, she was a member of South Shore Artists, a group who met to paint and to exhibit their art at different shows around the city. She served as every officer for the group including president, vice president and historian. She was well known for her animal portraits. She had a thriving business being commissioned to do portraits of people's pets.

After Bill's passing, Evelyn decided to be adventurous and move to Montana with her daughter, Kris and Kris' husband Tom. They all settled in Whitefish almost 19 years ago.

Evelyn suffered a little culture shock initially, but then decided that she wanted to make friends, and she certainly did. She decided that

the best way to do that was to volunteer. Her volunteer career spanned almost 15 years. She volunteered at North Valley Hospital in the gift shop and knitted all the baby hats for the newborns. She was a member of the auxiliary and was active in the Trash and Treasure sales and other fundraising efforts.

She soon found that the senior centers had a need for an art teacher and started teaching weekly classes at both the North Valley Senior Center in Columbia Falls and the Golden Agers in Whitefish. She loved art, and it gave her great pleasure to help others enjoy her love. She also exhibited her art work at the Northwest Montana Fair and was never more proud than when she was awarded the Best in Show for a portrait of her aged dog, Jessie. She also served on the board of directors of both senior centers.

She took classes with the Senior Fridays at Flathead Valley Community College and was an avid bridge player, playing with different card clubs. Her crowning achievement was when she was presented with an award from President George W. Bush for 5,000 hours of volunteer work.

She was predeceased by her parents, Jennie I. Roberts and William Curtis Roberts, and her beloved husband, William Boyd.

Evelyn is survived by her daughters, Sandra O'Connor of Edison, N.J., and Kristine and Thomas Mann of Whitefish; three grandchildren, Kathleen Manning of Edison, Lynn O'Connor of North Brunswick, N.J., and Dr. Daniel O'Connor, who is stationed in Panama as a diplomat for the Department of State. She has two great-grandchildren, U.S.M.C. Lance Cpl. Jamie Manning Jr., stationed in New Bern, N.C., and Devin O'Connor of Panama.

A service celebrating her life is planned at Expressions Memory Care Home at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, please make a memorial donation to the Whitefish Golden Agers, or the charity of your choice.

Effie Marie Bradford, 83

Effie Marie Bradford, 83, passed away Aug. 3, 2012, in Missoula.



She was born on Oct. 2, 1928, to Evert and Mildred Hartman in Somers.

Effie attended Flathead County High School and graduated in 1946. After high school Effie attended beauty school at Modern Cosmetology School.

Effie met Ken Bradford and they were married on June 1, 1949, in Kalispell. They spent 36 wonderful years together. Barbie Ann was born in 1955. Barbie later learned she had a half brother, Ken Bradford Jr.

Ken and Effie opened Bradford Jewelers in 1960 in the Holiday Village. They also owned Bradford Floral and Gem Shop where Effie ran the floral business.

Effie was widowed in 1985. Effie rekindled a friendship with Jack Roberts and in 1992 moved to Lincoln, where she lived for the next 17 years.

Upon Effie's diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease in 2006, she moved back to Missoula. Effie maintained her joyful and bright personality, sense of humor and deep love of family and friends.

Effie was preceded in

death by her parents, Evert and Mildred Hartman; her brother, Brownie Hartman; husband, Ken Bradford; and stepson, Ken Bradford Jr.

She is survived by her brother, Boyd Hartman; sister, Hazel Halsey; daughter, Barbara Bradford; daughter-in-law, Norma Bradford; grandchildren, Kori, Cameron and Amy, and Colton Deniger, and Scott, Jeremy and Natalie Bradford; great-grandchildren, Kaaden, Kash, Ariana, Brynna, Keeli, Link, Neo, Maya and Julian; as well as many beloved cousins, nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Effie's life will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 11, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home in Kalispell.

A second memorial will be held at the Kings Christian Church in Lolo the following week for those unable to attend in Kalispell. Contact the Kings Christian Church at 406-273-0682 for details.

Gifts of remembrance can be made in honor of Effie to Hospice of Missoula or the Alzheimer's Foundation of America.

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

Kim Bradstreet 51

Kim Bradstreet 51, of Kalispell, died Friday, Jan. 20, 2012, at Community Medical Center in Missoula.

She is survived by her children Nathan, Shane and Kristen; and father, Bernie Kushner.

A memorial graveside service will be at 12:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 3, at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls. There will be a potluck after the service at North Valley Baptist Church 1750 Talbot Road, Columbia Falls

Berdett Isaac Branscome, 73

Berdett Isaac Branscome, 73, of Eureka, died Friday, Jan. 13, 2012, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He was born Oct. 22, 1938, in Eureka to Isaac and Martha (Mason) Branscome.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2012, at the Tobacco Valley Cemetery in Eureka. Visitation is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 17 at the Schnackenberg and Nelson Funeral Home, 222 First Ave. W. in Eureka.

George Edgar Bramlet, 85

George Edgar Bramlet, 85, passed away on Thursday, Feb. 16, 2012 at Kalispell Regional Medical Center, as a result of a stroke.



He was born on Feb. 13, 1927, in Lacombe, Alberta, to Minnie and Nathan Bramlet. The family moved to the Wallowa Valley area in Oregon when he was a young child and this is where he grew up.

He was drafted into the Army in 1945, serving until 1948; his primary duty station was in Anchorage, Alaska. After leaving the Army, he moved to the Spokane area.

In 1957 he was united in marriage to Kathrynne Ileana Leonard in Airway Heights, Wash., whom he was married to for over 40 years, until her death in August 2001.

After working 35 years at Spokane Seed Company in Spokane, George retired and spent time traveling with his wife Kathy. They spent their winters in California where they met wonderful people of whom they often spoke kindly. They would return to a favorite fishing lake in Washington to spend their summers. Later they moved to Whitefish to be closer to their son, daughter-in-law and grandkids. George, at the age of 70, spent a year helping his son and daughter-in-law build their home in Somers.

George will be remembered as an exceedingly kind, patient and loving man. He had a wonderful sense of humor. He loved to laugh, fish, hunt, play cards and be with his family. He was a quiet man but when he had something to say people would stop to listen. He was a great provider and loving husband, father and grandfather. His family was his pride and joy.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his beloved wife, Kathy; sisters, Ellen and Martha; and his brother,

Bud.

George leaves behind his son, Robert D. Bramlet, daughter-in-law Julie A. Bramlet, and his grandchildren, William, age 12, Alison, age 11, and John, age 7, who live in Somers. His daughter, Susan K. Bramlet, now resides in Gettysburg, Pa. George also leaves behind his brother-in-law, Ron Leonard, and his wife, Dorothy, who reside in Somers; and his youngest brother, Johnny.

No official service will be held at this time. The family will make arrangements to distribute his ashes at a later date in Washington state where his wife's ashes were laid.

A memorial food donation has been established by the wishes of his son and daughter through friends of the U.S. Coast Guard in Arlington, Va., for homeless veterans. Growing up in the early 1900s, times were hard, and during his childhood, food was scarce. George worked very hard to provide for his family and ensured that there was never a lack of food in the house, something he took great pride in. He made sure that there was never a hungry belly in the house. If you would like to donate anything to the homeless vet's fund in his name, please contact his daughter Susan Bramlet at (571) 643-4776.

The family would like to thank Officer John Underwood and the medical staff at Kalispell Regional Medical Center, and especially three special nurses in the ICU. Your care and kindness to George and his family meant so much.

"Dad, we will miss you immensely. There are not enough words to encompass 85 years of your life, but you will be remembered by all who have had the honor to have met you. There are so many wonderful stories and a lot of smiles to be remembered because of you.

Dearest Dad, devoted husband, kind friend and man of quiet strength — you will be missed. May you rest in peace knowing that you gave everything that you never had to your children. We love you."



Robert 'Bob' James Breck, 65

Robert "Bob" James Breck, 65, passed away peacefully on Thursday, July 5,



2012, at his home, in the loving care of his youngest daughter, Barb Cislo, who had cared for him during his struggle with lung cancer.

Bob was born in Kalispell on June 2, 1947, to George and Dorothy Breck. He attended Kalispell schools, graduating from Flathead County High School in 1965. He attended the University of Montana-Western at Dillon, where he met his future wife, Sheila Crothers. During their years together, they were blessed with three children, their son Cory and daughters Jody and Barb.

In 1968 he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force, where he trained and served as a medic, attaining the rank of master sergeant. He served one tour in Thailand during the Vietnam conflict and retired in 1988.

Bob and Sheila had since divorced, and Bob and his daughter Barb moved back to his hometown of Kalispell where he worked for Kalispell School District No. 5 in transportation and maintenance. As a driver, he frequently transported students in special education for various events, including the Special Olympics. He particularly enjoyed this aspect of his work, making wonderful connections with the students with his big smile and ready laugh.

In 1996, Bob moved to Wichita, Kan., to be near his son Cory and young grandchildren. After a couple years in Wichita, he went on to Denver, home of his daughter Jody and her family. During his years there, he

worked as custodian at Peck Elementary, taking delight in the children who nicknamed him "Bob the Builder."

A health condition occasioned his return to Kalispell in 2008 where he has enjoyed the companionship of his youngest daughter Barb Cislo and her family.

An outdoor enthusiast, Bob returned over and over to his favorite haunts around the Flathead and beyond — the Flathead River (big "fish stories"), Red Gate Road (big "buck stories"), Great Falls (big "elk stories"), Alaska (big "halibut stories") — you get the idea! His knack for hunting and fishing were eagerly passed along to his children and grandchildren, who will remember and thank him for sharing his passion for the outdoors.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, George and Dorothy Breck.

He is survived by his children, Cory of Denver, Jody Templeton and husband, Lonnie, of Denver, and Barbara Cislo and husband, Mike, of Kalispell. His grandchildren include Larissa and Brandon Breck, Teara, Anthony and Lindsey Templeton, and Michael and Maverick Cislo. He is also survived by his brother, Steve Breck and Karen of Kalispell; nephews, Justin and Tyler Breck; and nieces, Jessica Breck and Emily Myers.

A small gathering of friends and family was held at the VFW on July 11, where Bob's military service was recognized with full military honors.

The family would like to recognize the compassionate, loving care extended to Bob by Home Options Hospice. "Thanks for the cookies, Susan!" With that in mind, the family requests that Home Options Hospice be the recipient of any donations made in his memory.

Robert Dewayne Brien, 72

Robert Dewayne Brien, 72, formerly of Marion, died March 3, 2012, in Trenton, N.D.

He had worked as a logger in western Montana.

He is survived by seven children.

Cremation has taken place. A private family reunion will take place in Marion at a later date.

Fulkerson Funeral Home in Williston, N.D., assisted the family with arrangements.

Cassandra 'Sandy' Bright, 68

Cassandra "Sandy" Bright, 68, passed away on Sunday, April 1, 2012, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.



Sandy was born on March 24, 1944, to Olious and Lillian (Crane) Hubbert.

Sandy was very devoted to her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Olious and Lillian Hubbert; and her brother, Butch Hubbert.

Sandy is survived by her sister, Judy Sheets, of Ione, Calif.; daughter, Sherrie Evans, of Colorado Springs,

Colo.; son, Keith Krein, of Colorado Springs; daughter, Melissa O'Grady, of Kalispell; grandson, Jimmy Evans, of Colorado Springs; grandson, Joseph Ackley, of Fort Hood, Texas; grandson, Cameron Ackley, of Kalispell and granddaughter, Ashley O'Grady, of Kalispell; and three great-grandsons.

A memorial service for Sandy will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 7, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. A luncheon will follow services at the Moose Lodge in Evergreen.

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

Margaret M. Bright, 82

Margaret M. Bright, 82, passed away on Sunday, July 22, 2012, at her home in Kalispell, with her family by her side.



She was born on June 2, 1930, in South Charleston, W.Va., to Ernest M. and Margaret Ruth (Kolwick) Grover.

Margaret received her early education in South Charleston and as a teenager began working as a nanny for a local doctor.

She met and married Thomas Bright in 1951. For the next 30-plus years, Margaret traveled the world as a military wife. Some of their destinations included Texas, China, Taiwan, Iceland and Pakistan. After Tom's retirement, the couple settled in the Flathead Valley for all of its beauty and outdoor living.

Even though Margaret loved to keep a clean house, she was also a reluctant hunting and fishing companion to Tom. Margaret spent many hours volunteering at church and with local women's groups and at a local nursing home.

Margaret was preceded in death by her husband,

Tom; her son, John; three brothers, Robert L., Ernest M. "Buck," and Frank E. Grover; and a nephew, Bobby Smith.

She is survived by two sisters, Mary Damron of St. Albans, W.Va., and Dorothy "Tootsie" Fulks of South Charleston; one brother, Edward R. Grover of Indianapolis; her niece and caregiver, Tammy Wing of Kalispell; Holly and Sabrina of Indianapolis; nephews, Chuck Fulks from South Charleston, and Mark Fulks of Floyd Knobs, Ind.; great-nephews, Ray Castle of Kalispell and Jerry Smith of South Charleston, and Rob Fulks, Josh Fulks, Ryan Fulks and Cody Morrison of Indianapolis; great-niece, Calie; two great-granddaughters; as well as numerous other relatives in Indiana and West Virginia.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m. today, July 24, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church, with burial at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

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

Pearl 'Irene' Leighty Broad, 84

Pearl "Irene" Leighty Broad, 84, passed away on Dec. 27, 2012, after a valiant battle with cancer.



Irene was born on her parents' farm south of Columbia Falls on Sept. 5, 1928. She was the thirteenth of 20 children born to Pearl and Bradford Leighty. She grew up in the Flathead Valley and graduated from Flathead County High School in 1947.

She married William J. Broad in July 1947 and was married to him for almost 63 years, until June 2010, when he passed away. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was the mother of a daughter, Naomi; and a son, Bruce, who passed away in 1966.

All through her life children were attracted to her and she enjoyed interacting with them. Her hobbies included sewing, embroidery, gardening, baking and photography. She enjoyed sharing these talents with others. Her love of the Lord Jesus was the mainstay of her life.

She is survived by her daughter, Naomi and Dave Manuwal of Woodinville, Wash.; grandson, John and Liz Manuwal of Woodinville; granddaughter, Joy A. and Shawn Burke of Lake Stevens, Wash.; great-granddaughter, Sarah Manuwal; and great-grandson, Andrew "A.J." Manuwal. She is also survived by a stepson, Ronald and Sherry Matkin of Brighton, Mich., and their daughters, Traci Rozelle and

Vicki Hollinger, and their children, Alysia and Alex Rozelle and Emily Hollinger. She is survived by sisters, Thelma Carter of Columbia Falls, Laura Fuller of Kettle Falls, Wash., Esther Ingraham of Kalispell, Violet and Louis Lundy of Aloha, Ore., Ardith and Gary Wolfe of Spanaway, Wash.; and brothers, Andy and Una Leighty of Columbia Falls, and James and Ann Leighty of Tacoma, Wash.; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

She was deeply grateful to the doctors, nurses, family and friends that reached out to her during her battle with cancer.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. on Jan. 3 at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Burial will take place afterwards at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions be sent to Home Options Hospice, 275 Corporate Drive, Suite 600, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Eleanor Brock, 75

Eleanor Brock, 75, died in Kalispell Aug. 30, 2012.

She is survived by her husband, "Bill," of Brown- ing.

At her request, there will be no services.

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

Vickie Kay Brockel, 60

Vickie Kay Brockel, 60, passed away Wednesday, Oct. 24, 2012, peacefully at home in Kalispell.

She was born April 15, 1952, in Tacoma, Wash. Soon after, her mother moved home to Whitefish, where Vickie grew up and lived most of her life.

Vickie graduated from Whitefish High School and went on to spend her life touching the lives of people in multiple roles. She was a master hair stylist, caregiver, seamstress, customer care representative, superstar crocheter and loved to cook.

The light of Vickie's life was her sweet dog, Tequila. For many years, Tequila was always at her side and putting a smile on her face. She was also very proud of her two nephews, Joel and Kellen.

Health issues limited Vickie's reach in life for

the past several years, but she never gave up fighting a valiant fight.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Jolene Brockel; and baby brother, John.

Vickie is survived by her father, Lee Brockel, of Whitefish; her sister, Teri Sunell, and husband, Conway, of Madison, Wis.; two nephews, Joel Barranger and Kellen Barranger, both of Portland; and numerous other relatives. She also leaves behind her puppy dog, Tequila.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

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

Ruth Broeder, 87

Ruth Broeder, 87, who believed that "love is caring for other people"



died Saturday, July 7, 2012, at Brendan House.

She was born Aug. 28, 1924, in Malta, the second daughter of Lloyd and Bertha Crail. By age 5, she had moved to Kalispell where she spent her life, except for a few short years in Columbia Falls. Her parents both died young, and Ruth was the anchor for her birth family all of her life.

She married Fred Broeder Jr. Feb. 11, 1952, and became the mother of his three young daughters, who were joined by a sister and brother to complete their busy, noisy family home in Creston.

She was an active member of any community in which she lived. Ruth enjoyed a joyful, rich life with Fred, their children, all their relations and many friends. A lover of bright colors and beautiful things, Ruth said she wanted her obituary to say, "She was festive!" Ruth was preceded in

death by her beloved husband, Fred; her parents; and brother, Timothy Crail.

She is survived by her five children, Joyce Admire of Lake Oswego, Ore., Judith and Elwin Allen, Linda and Gary Paulson, Deborah and Art Holguin, all of the Kalispell area, and Fred and Fran Broeder of Midlothian, Va.; her sister, Peggy Byrne, and brother, Ted Crail, of Kalispell; brother, Donn Crail, and wife, Helen, of Claremont, Calif.; two sisters-in-law, Fern Metcalf and Hazel Broeder of Kalispell; 12 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren; and her loving companion, Linda Willson.

Memorials are suggested to a charity of the donor's choice.

Funeral services are scheduled for 10 a.m. Thursday at Epworth Methodist Church in Kalispell, under the direction of Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family. To send condolences to the family, please go to www.buffalohillfh.com.

Hazel Jane Broeder, 96

Hazel Jane Broeder, 96, passed away on Thursday, Nov. 15, 2012, in Kalispell.



Hazel was born Jan. 17, 1916, in Barton, N.D., to Hans and Petra (Ness) Jensen. She was raised in Chester, where she attended elementary and high school.

Hazel received her teaching degree from Northern Montana College in Havre. She taught at various elementary schools in Eastern Montana and in the Flathead Valley.

Throughout the rest of her life, she was a loving mother, wife, grandmother and homemaker.

In 1941, Hazel married Gordon Broeder in Kalispell. They were married for 63 years.

Hazel was a member of Bethany Lutheran Church in Bigfork, where she taught Sunday school. She was a member of the Creston School PTA, Creston Grange, and a member of the Elks, the Eagles and Twins Club.

Hazel loved family camping trips, gardening, playing cards, reading, dancing and wintering in Arizona with Gordon. She loved spending time with family and friends. Hazel enjoyed old TV Westerns and plain old movies. She was an avid sports fan, most recently the 2012 World Series.

She was preceded in

death by her husband, Gordon; parents, Hans and Bertha Jensen; brothers, Harold, Ole and Leo Jensen; and a son-in-law, Richard Seddon.

Hazel is survived by her children, Carol Seddon of St. Augustine, Fla., Gary and Karen Broeder of Billings, Barbara and Nathan Byrd of Kalispell, Sandra and Bill Hall of Bozeman, twins, Diane and Chip Todd, and Dale and Janis Broeder of Kalispell, and David and Jude Broeder of Kalispell; one sister, Alice Polk, of Cut Bank; 19 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law, Fern Metcalf and Sylvia Jensen; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Hazel was a kind, loving and gentle person with a great sense of humor. She was a loving and devoted wife, mother and grandmother. We will miss you so much. Your spirit will live on in all of us.

A visitation will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 18, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, Nov. 19, at Bethany Lutheran Church in Bigfork. Interment will take place next to her husband Gordon at Bethany Lutheran Cemetery.

The family requests memorials be donated to Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell, Bethany Lutheran Church in Bigfork, or a charity of choice. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Fred Austin Brown, 82

Fred Austin Brown, 82, longtime Libby educator and former mayor, died June 3, 2012, at Libby Care Center.

Parish vigil and rosary will be Thursday, June 7, with viewing from 1 to 7

p.m., and rosary at 7 p.m. Mass of the Resurrection will be at 11 a.m. Friday, June 8, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Libby.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Libby.

Harlen H. Brown, 79

Harlen H. Brown, 79, passed away Friday, Sept. 21, 2012, at North Valley Hospital, surrounded by his wife and children.



He was born Aug. 16, 1934, in Poplar, to William and Magdalena Brown, but lived most of his childhood years on his family's farm near Richie. At a young age, Harlen learned to hunt, and his appreciation for guns and the sport of hunting stayed with him throughout his life.

When he was 31 years old, Harlen moved to the Flathead Valley, where he worked, raised his family and retired from a long career as an ironworker at Columbia Falls Aluminum Company.

Harlen will be lovingly remembered as a strong, steady man who loved his wife, children, grandchildren and friends, and showed that love in quiet but obvious ways.

He was preceded in

death by his parents; two brothers, Bud and Sonny Brown; two sisters, Mildred Hughes and Verna Michelson; one son, Bob; and an infant daughter, LaRena.

He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Frieda; children, Dan and Marsha Brown, Kim Brown, Rita Brown and Jim Hegel, Dean and Chris Prichard, Barb and Dave Speer, and Bettie Lou and Chris DeReu, all of the Flathead Valley; Bonnie and Randy Carter of Deming, N.M.; Beckie and Fred Phillips of Whitehall; and Dan and Gina Prichard of Queen Creek, Ariz.; a sister, Beverly Rowe and family, of Billings; two brothers, Herb Brown and family, and Mitz Brown and family, of Richie; and special family friends, Layton and Debbie Brown and children, of Las Vegas. Harlen also loved and enjoyed each of his 22 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren whenever he had the chance.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home in Kalispell.

Marilyn E. Brown, 76

Marilyn E. Brown passed away after a lengthy illness, at the Brendan House in Kalispell on May 14, 2012.



She was born in Hartford, Conn., on Sept. 8, 1935, to Charles and Edith Allen, the first girl in the Allen family in 62 years. She grew up in Granby, Conn., and graduated from Simsbury High School.

She married Gene Gardiner in 1956 and they had a son and a daughter.

On Dec. 26, 1970, she married John W. Brown and added five more children to the family. John and Marilyn moved to Montana from Clinton Corners, N.Y., in 1998 and made their home at 120 Drake Drive in Kalispell.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Kathy; her parents; her sister-in-law, Roseann Allen, and a step daughter-in-law, Karla Brown.

She is survived by her

husband, John; her son, Mark Gardiner, of California; three brothers, Wolcott and Kathy Allen of Brownington, Vt., David and Ellie Allen of Somers, and Daniel Allen and Shirley of Kalispell. Also surviving are her stepchildren, Margie and Cliff Cochran, Debbie Brown and Steven Brown, all of New York, Michael Brown of Idaho, and Paul Brown and Susan of Massachusetts; as well as a granddaughter and numerous stepgrandchildren and great-grandchildren. Many nieces, nephews, as well as grandnieces and -nephews, who affectionately called her "Aunt Tootie," also survive her.

Visiting hours will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Friday, May 18, at the Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 19, at the Rocky Mountain Baptist Church in Kalispell. Immediately after the service, the ladies in the church will provide lunch. Burial will then follow at 2 p.m. at the Bethel Cemetery in Somers.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Sharon 'Shari' Brown, 39

Sharon "Shari" Brown, 39, died Sunday, April 22, 2012, at Health Center Northwest in Kalispell, after a long illness of multiple sclerosis.



Shari was born Feb. 15, 1973, in Whitefish.

She is survived by her sons, Jordan and Derek Disney of Kalispell; mother, Val Corne and stepfather Ted Corne of Whitefish; and many other relatives.

A special thank you, from the family, to Lake View Care Center and Health Center Northwest for your wonderful care given to Shari.

There will be a viewing for Shari from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, April 26, at Austin Funeral Home. Services will be private at a later date.

Memorials may be sent to the MS foundation in honor of Shari.

Arrangements are entrusted to Austin Funeral Home. You are invited to go to www.austinhf.com to offer condolences, share memories and view Shari's tribute wall.

Vicki Rae Brown, 60

Vicki Rae Brown, 60, of Coram, passed away Sunday, March 25, 2012, at her home. She fought a courageous battle against cancer.



Vicki was born Oct. 30, 1951, in Shelby, and was raised in the Flathead Valley.

She was an artist and homemaker and enjoyed gardening, photography and the outdoors.

She married Harry Wayne Brown on Aug. 31, 1996, in Hungry Horse.

Survivors include her husband, Harry Brown, of Coram; daughter, Beverly Dawn Moses, of Florence, Colo.; stepchildren, Cristi and Frank Wickert of White-

fish, Walter Brown of Coram, Anna Brown of Whitefish, and Vanessa and James Weber of Bremerton, Wash.; 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; mother, Donna Beverly Shortman Matthews, of Coram; siblings, Donna and Jerry Heffner of Dayton, William Matthews of Coram, Juanita and Steve Niswonger of Houston, and Elizabeth and Larry Anderson of Libby.

She was preceded in death by her father, Clifton Lee Matthews.

A reception will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 31, at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

Arrangements are entrusted to Columbia Mortuary.

You are invited to go to www.columbiamortuary.com to offer condolences and view Vicki's tribute wall.

Ralph Stanley 'Stan' Bruner, 90

Ralph Stanley "Stan" Bruner, 90, passed away Saturday, Feb. 11, 2012, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.



Stan was born Oct. 11, 1921, in Rockford, Ill., to Ralph E. and Elsie (Roth) Bruner. In 1923, the family moved to Pomona, Calif., where he grew up and graduated from Pomona High School. He attended one year at Pomona Junior College before starting work for the Pomona Water Department.

Stan entered the military in 1942 and served in Europe until the end of the war. After being discharged from the Army, he returned to the Pomona Water Department.

On Dec. 27, 1947, he married Shirley M. Bell in Ontario, Calif. They had two children before moving to Flathead Valley in 1951.

Stan worked for L.T. Phillips Masonry Construction and was owner of Brick & Builders Supply until 1962, when he purchased the building material side of the business from Phillips. He operated Brick and Builders Supply until 1972. He worked for Buffalo Hill Golf Course through 1979. In 1980, he sold the business property to

Anderson Masonry.

Stan loved hunting and fishing, gardening and raising animals. He was an avid reader and loved music. He played drums in high school, during which time he marched in the Rose Bowl Parade for several years. He continued to play the drums in his younger years, playing with several dance bands in the valley.

He had a wonderful sense of humor and will be missed by all who loved him.

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

Stan is survived by his wife, Shirley, of 64 years; daughter, Nancy Hanchett, and husband, Scott, of Kalispell; son, Stanley Bruner, of Melbourne, Fla.; grandchildren, Christopher Hanchett and fiancée Lindsey Heldstab, and Jonathan Hanchett of Kalispell, Katie Benson and husband Scott, and Nathan Bruner of Sacramento, Calif., and Julie and David Bruner of Melbourne; and great-grandchildren, Mackenzie and Sydney Benson of Sacramento, and Ayden Heldstab of Kalispell.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 17, 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.

Victoria 'Vicki' J. (Lumpry) Brown, 70

Victoria "Vicki" J. (Lumpry) Brown, 70, of Helena, passed away Sept. 1, 2012, in Billings.

Born to Victor and Josephine (Moses) Lumpry on Jan. 12, 1942, in Arlee she was raised in Evaro by her parents Pete and Mary (PokerJim) Lumpry. Educated locally, she married Gerald G. Brown on March 27, 1964, and they made their home in various towns on the reservation until 1976 when they moved to Helena.

A member of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai tribe, she enjoyed beading when she wasn't taking care of her home and family.

She was preceded in death by her parents; daughter, Robin Brown; and sister, Yvonne Fyant. Survivors include

her husband, Gerald, of Helena; children, Suesan Lumpry of Helena, Gerald Brown Jr., of Helena, and Jacki and David Brown of Coram; sisters, Celina Nault, Laura Lumpry, and Jeanie and Fudd Peak, all of Arlee; brothers, Vic Lumpry Jr., of the Coeur d'Alene Reservation, and Dewey Lumpry of Missoula; grandchildren, Brian and Jeni Brown, and Camas Fortin; as well as a large, extended family and numerous friends.

A wake will start at 10 a.m. today in the Longhouse in St. Ignatius with the rosary being said at 8 p.m. Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Friday in the St. Ignatius Catholic Church.

Condolences may be left at fosterhandcrematory.com

Shirley M. Bruner, 82

Shirley M. Bruner, 82, died in Kalispell on Friday, Dec. 28, 2012.

Funeral Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 3 at the First Baptist Church in Columbia

Falls. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 3 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 2 at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

Carole Francis Brummett, 86

Carole Francis Brummett, 86, passed away Jan. 1, 2013, in Kalispell, with her husband by her side.

She is survived by husband, Garrette Arthur Brummett; sister, Marion Kukula; sons, Gary and Douglas Brummett; and

grandchildren, Beach Brummett, Douglas Brummett Jr., and Jodie Ann Brummett.

No services are planned for this time.

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

Douglas Bryan, 70

Douglas Bryan, 70, died Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2012, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Private family services

have been held.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Elaine Malakoski Habeck Brunette, 89

Elaine Leora Malakoski Habeck Brunette, 89, died Friday, June 15, 2012, at Libby Care Center.

She is survived by three sons, Orville Habeck, Ronald Habeck and Gary Habeck.

Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Thursday, June 21, at the Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Libby. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, June 22, at the Church of the Nazarene in Libby.

Betty Jane Bryant, 87

Betty passed away Dec. 23, 2012, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center, of natural causes.

She was born Aug. 5, 1925.

Betty moved to Flathead County in 1964 from San Diego. She helped found the Church of Religious Science, and was a long-time assistant minister and counselor.

She was also a member

of the Artists and Craftsmen of the Flathead, was very active in the Eagles Aerie 234 in Kalispell, the Columbia Falls Aerie 4081, and was a joint member of the Missoula Aerie 32.

Betty will be cremated with a memorial service to follow at a later time.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Lucile Langdoc Bucek, 94

Lucile Langdoc Bucek passed away on Thursday, Jan. 5, 2012, in Kalispell.

Lucile was born on July 17, 1917, to Samuel and Winifred Langdoc in Chicago. Within a few months the family returned to Montana where her father worked for Kalispell Lumber Company. Her mother, an accounting clerk, "worked all but one day of the Depression Era."

An only child, Lucile enjoyed time spent with family, fondly recalling their long walks after church on Sunday to collect buttercups or pussy willows. Lucile attended schools in both the Kalispell and the Chicago area. Science and math classes were her favorites, and she also played the violin for a small orchestra associated with Parker Senior High School.

On June 7, 1942, she married Russell Bucek. Russell was employed by Gustav-Hirsch Corporation as a supervisor for telephone installations. Lucile traveled with her husband to Bangkok, Thailand, where they lived for a year, after which they settled in Columbus, Ohio. Lucile went on to travel throughout Europe and across the United States before moving back to Kalispell.

Lucile was an avid volunteer through the RSVP program where she enjoyed working with the Hockaday Museum and the Kalispell Chamber of Commerce. Her volunteer efforts also included the Century Club, Agency on Aging and Eagle Transit. Playing bridge, reading



and listening to classical music were her favorite hobbies. She loved to watch Ohio State football and she loved every cat and dog she ever met.

Lucile moved to the Immanuel Lutheran Home in July of 2004, and during her residence there became a beloved member of the ILH family. She will be missed.

A "Share and Care" gathering in remembrance of Lucile will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 19, in the family room at Immanuel Lutheran Home.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Flathead County Animal Shelter, Eagle Transit or Immanuel Lutheran Home-Courtyard Flowers are suggested.

Rita Lin Buchanan, 52

Rita "left this world to be with her Lord and Savior" on Jan. 26, 2012, in Kalispell.

She was born to Ron and Pete Buchanan in Ogden, Utah, on July 20, 1959.

She is survived by her daughters, J.C. Donner, Danielle Lee and Lorrie Williams; grandsons, Elijah, Nicade-

mus, Malachi and Kellen; her granddaughter, Bella; and her siblings, Ronda Detmers, R.D. Buchanan and Rayelle Anderson.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 4, at First Baptist Church of Eureka.

Margaret Jane 'Peggy' Gilbertson Burgess

A memorial service for Margaret Jane "Peggy" Gilbertson Burgess, 72, who died Sept. 10, will

be at 4 p.m., Oct. 22, at Kalispell Central Christian Church, 248 Second Ave. E., in Kalispell.

Mary A. Burlingham, 94

Mary A. Burlingham, 94, longtime resident of Eureka, died Thursday, Aug. 30, 2012, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center of natural causes.

Survivors include her children Mary Louise Leishout and husband, Clarence, of Eureka; Margie Johnson of Pacific Beach, Wash.; Martha

Houchin of Eureka; and Florence Pound of Kalispell.

Graveside services will be held Friday, Sept. 7, at 4 p.m. at the Tobacco Valley Cemetery in Eureka. Visitation will be Thursday, Sept. 6, from 1 to 8 p.m. at the Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Eureka.

Dennis J. Burns, 68

Dennis J. Burns, 68, formerly of Kalispell, died Feb. 23, 2012, at his home in Washington.

Services will be held at

2 p.m. on Friday, March 9, at the First Baptist Church, 426 North French Ave., in Arlington, Wash.

Gilbert Burk, 95

Gilbert Burk, 95, died Dec. 14, 2012, at Whitefish Care and Rehabilitation Center in Whitefish.

Services will be held at

a later time.

Arrangements are entrusted to Austin Funeral Home.

Robert D. Burkes, 96

Robert D. Burkes, 96, died Wednesday, Aug. 22, 2012, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Burkes, who was retired from the Air

Force, will be buried next to his wife at Riverside National Cemetery.

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

Michael 'Mike' Buchanan, 60

Michael "Mike" Buchanan, 60, passed away June 19, 2012, in Kalispell.

Mike was a jewelry artisan with Cool MT Jewels. He is survived by his

wife, Janelle, of Kalispell.

"Let's all celebrate Mike."

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

Ray W. Burnside, 74

Ray W. Burnside, 74, passed away at his home in Kalispell on Saturday, July 21, 2012.

He was born on Jan. 27, 1938, in Walkerton, Ind., to Glen R. and Mabel Marie (Murphy) Burnside. Ray moved with his family to the Flathead Valley when he was still a young boy and received his early education. He began working with his father at an early age and helped him guide in the Bob Marshall.

On a trip to Birch Grove to buy hay, he met A. Marie Rodriguez. On Sept. 20, 1958, they were married in Kalispell. As a younger man, Ray was very active in the rodeo circuit, relay races, O-Mok-See.

Ray was a member of the Laborers International Union of North America, Local 1686 since March of 1969 and worked in Montana, Washington, Idaho and Alaska. In

retirement, he enjoyed hunting, fishing, traveling and, most of all, his family.

Ray was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Rex and Jerie; sisters, Fay and Sue; and his grandson, Christopher Schmalz.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Marie; one daughter, Billie; and a son, Glen; sisters, Gay Rose of Bend, Ore., and Hazel Stefanatz of Kalispell; brother, Bill Collier of Post Falls, Idaho; grandchildren, Sadie and Shawn of Kalispell; and numerous loving nieces and nephews.

Memorial services for Ray will be held at 1 p.m. on July 28 at the Moose Lodge in Evergreen.

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

Phyllis Seeley Burroughs, 73

Phyllis Seeley Burroughs, 73, "went home to be with Jesus" on Wednesday, Nov. 21, 2012,



at Health Center Northwest, surrounded by her family.

She was born on March 13, 1939, to Albert and Beatrice Seeley in Glasgow.

She was raised in Fort Peck while her dad was an engineer building the Fort Peck Dam. She moved to Idaho Falls, Idaho in 1950, and graduated from Idaho Falls High School in 1959. She graduated from the University of Utah with a bachelor's degree in theater and traveled with the summer stock theater group performing all across the country. She also was part of the Pink Garter Theater in Jackson Hole, Wyo., where she performed in theater productions and danced the can-can.

She met and married her husband, Tom Burroughs, in Idaho Falls in 1964, and traveled for three years with him while he was a musician. They settled in Idaho Falls in 1967, and then moved to Bigfork in 1990, where she still kept her hand in the arts; performing in plays with the Bigfork Community Players, playing piano for Bigfork Children's Theater and assisting in the box office for summer theater productions. Phyllis also loved playing the piano at Pope John Paul II Catholic Church and taught piano lessons for a couple of years to youth in the valley. She wrote poetry for the Montana

Woman magazine, published a book of poems and a children's book. She volunteered at A Ray of Hope in Kalispell where she donated her time and energies to helping other people less fortunate than herself.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and her aunt and uncle, Ambrose and Laura Jo Measure; Ardis and Leroy Measure, and Luke and Alice Measure.

She is survived by her husband, Tom Burroughs; her daughter, Vicki Burroughs; her son, James Burroughs of South Jordan, Utah; her granddaughter, Kristen Hoffman; her brother, Dr. Jim Seeley and wife, Marsha, of Bellevue, Wash.; Ed Measure of Las Cruces, N.M.; Lorraine Measure; Bruce Measure; Susanne O'Connor of Kalispell; and many nieces and nephews.

We would like to thank Hospice, the caring hospital staff and her physician, Dr. Dana Ducote of Bigfork Medical Clinic. A special thanks is in order for AGAPE home health care and the loving caregivers that attended her needs at home prior to hospitalization.

A celebration of life will be observed at 1 p.m. on her birthday, March 13, at Pope John Paul II Catholic Church in Bigfork. A reception will follow celebration of the Mass.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Cure PSP Foundation.

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

Tom Bush, 81

Uncomplaining and a stoic fighter to the last, Tom's stubborn struggle with cancer ended in the early morning of Sept. 11, 2011.

"He has gone to join Billie, the love of his life and wife of 55 years."

A resident of Whitefish since 1981, his love of flowers, golf and Mariners' baseball was second only to his family.

His brothers Jeff and John, sisters Cora, Janis and Eva Jo, and his sons Bob, Tom and Doug were in his thoughts

to the end. His special love for his niece Debbie kept his light shining. He leaves six grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; and a host of friends who will miss his wit, Texan charm and quiet confidence. He will be missed!

A memorial celebration will be at 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, at 475 Bayou Road in Kalispell (at the Presentine Bar access). Call Tom White at 249-7309 for directions.

Joseph Butler, 57

It is with great heartache that we announce the untimely death of our father, Joseph Butler who died at the age of 57, near the date of Dec. 8, 2012, at our home on McGregor Lake.



Joe was born in Fairview Park, Ohio, on Jan. 3, 1955, to Harry and Viola Butler. If you asked him, he was born with a chain saw in one hand and a Rainier beer in the other. Joe and his brother Jamie lost their parents as young teenagers. Soon after, Joe left Ohio behind for Tucson, Ariz., to live with his Uncle Pat and Aunt Rae where he helped in any way he could. However, it was later in Montana that he found his home.

Joe came to Montana to earn a forestry degree at the University of Montana but soon left the university to fight wildfires.

At 19, Joe's logging career began when he and his cousin, Marty Biggins, started a tree thinning business. Neil Linstead took him under his wing and treated him as a son and he soon found a family in Lost Prairie among the Monks, Swartzenberg-

ers, Linsteads and too many others to name. In time he became one of the top sawyers known across the Northwest.

Joe married Brenda Beseler in 1980 and they had two children, Lindsey and Carson. He worked anywhere to make ends meet and eventually started another logging company, H & W M Logging. Around that time, he also began managing Boisvert's Resort on McGregor Lake.

Joe was the driver of the wide load (a 1982 Chevy Luv) and inventor of the flaming snow ball, the earring fishing lure and explosive chocolate chip cookies. Joe was honest, passionate, hardworking, tough and brave. He would give the shirt off his back and had a tremendous capacity for love. In his last years he had significant health problems but that is not how he is remembered. He is remembered as a loving father, grandfather and friend.

Joe is survived by his son Carson, daughter Lindsey, and grandson Noah.

No service will occur, but a wake will be held on April 13 following the spread of his ashes over McGregor Lake.

"You'll always be the kindest man that we ever knew. We love you, Dad."

Lores M. Butler, 93

Lores M. Butler, 93, died Thursday, Jan. 5, 2012, at Wel-Life in Kalispell.

She has been cremated, and her ashes will be buried next to her husband, Arthur, in Grandview

Cemetery, Fort Collins, Colo.

She is survived locally by her son, Alan Butler of Kalispell.

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

Cecil Everett Buttler, 95

Cecil Everett Buttler was born on Sunday, June 12, 1917, to Fredrick and Rosa Buttler of Sherman, Okla. He had four sisters and eight brothers.



"Cecil was the last of them all to enter into heaven."

He moved to Paso Robles, Calif., in the late 1930s where he met and married his wife, Wini, on July 5, 1941. He volunteered for service in the Army in 1940 and fought the Japanese in Alaska and the Pacific. He was wounded and received the Purple Heart, plus a Bronze Star for bravery.

Living in Northern California, Cecil and Wini had two children. Wini died suddenly in 1999. In

2010, his children finally convinced him to join them and their families in Bigfork. He bought a home there and lived in it "until he entered into heaven's gates" on July 7, 2012, just a few weeks past his 95th birthday.

He is survived by his two children and their spouses, Steve and Sandi Buttler, and Nina and Rick Hoskinson, all of Bigfork; plus four grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

A celebration of life will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 14, at Bethany Lutheran Church in Bigfork.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family. To send condolences to the family please go to www.buffalohillfn.com.

Harvey Edward Button, 80

Harvey Edward Button, 80, passed away April 6, 2012, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.



He was born July 17, 1931, in Duvall, Wash., in the Seattle area.

In 1948, Harvey married Irene M. Peterson. They moved to Kalispell that same year.

He was a retired insurance agent with Farmers Insurance. Harvey loved to golf and won the Kalispell City Cham-

ionship Golf Tournament in 1963. He also enjoyed attending Flathead High School home football and basketball games and had a season pass for at least 55 years.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Irene M. "Pete" Button in 2008; and his brother, Fred Button, in 2008.

Harvey is survived by his children, Harvey Earl Button of Kalispell, and Diane Trout of Kalispell; granddaughter, Courtney Trout, of Denver; and great-grandson, Paxton Boren, of Denver.

He will be missed by his family and friends.

No services are planned.

Phyllis Butts, 86

Phyllis Butts, 86, passed away Sunday morning, Nov. 4, 2012, with her loving family at her side.

She is survived by her husband of 66 years, Donald Butts, of Bigfork; daughters, Karen and Jack Eddy, and Leta

and Michael Quinn; five grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

There will be a service at 3:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 16, at the Swan River Community Hall, with a dinner reception following.

Wayne William Butts, 74

We were extremely saddened to learn that Wayne William Butts passed away in St. George, Utah, on Nov. 19, 2012. His wife Shirley was at his side.



Wayne was born Oct. 20, 1938, to Harold and Ena (Ingram) Butts in Eureka. He was raised on his grandparents' homestead on the West Kootenai near the Canadian border. He attended the one-room school house of Tooley Lake, and then his high school years were at Lincoln County High School. He graduated with the class of 1956. During his school years he enjoyed fishing, hunting and trapping various animals for their pelts.

Upon graduation he joined the U.S. Army. His military career held many special adventures, memories and friends.

Upon his discharge he met Trudy Rae Peck and they were married in 1962. From that union two daughters were born of whom he was very proud and loved more than life itself. He always was quick to tell of their accomplishments and adventures.

He was divorced from Trudy in 1983. He went on to marry Helen Watson in 1985 and they later divorced in 2002. He married Shirley Roberts in November 2010.

Wayne worked at various jobs, such as the Eureka Creamery, Gwynn Lumber, Pacific Standard Insurance, and ended his working career by retiring from the Lincoln County Road Department after 31 years. He took great pride in his work and only had his plow truck on its side once! He always enjoyed visiting with people, keeping a meticulous yard and was very involved with the VFW.

Very notably, Wayne was a lifetime member of the VFW in Eureka, Post

No. 6786. He served as the veterans service officer and the post chaplain for many years. Wayne was found serving holiday meals for the veterans for many years wearing his big smile. We're sure he is still serving now. He was also instrumental in making sure the white crosses indicating road deaths were marked for the American Legion.

Wayne was passionate about bird watching, traveling, Montana history and family get-togethers. He was always the first person to a family gathering and the very last to leave! He cherished his family and his heritage of growing up on the West Kootenai. His daughters would state that their dad never knew a stranger and that everyone was a friend. Countless times they would be sitting in the car, waiting to go, and their dad would still be in a restaurant talking to the chef, waitress or hostess.

Wayne was preceded in death by his parents, Harold and Ena Butts.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley; his two daughters, Lori and husband Jim Sherwood, and grandson Andrew of Mulino, Ore., and Lisa and husband Ken Marek of Eureka; grandson Patrick and wife Anna Marek, of Milliken, Colo. granddaughter Jessica and husband Josh Hunt, and great-grandson Jonathan, of Kalispell; brother, Sherman, and wife, Faye, of Eureka; sisters, Judy and husband Stu Cannon, and Lois and husband Charlie Croucher, both of Libby; and many nieces and nephews who will miss the stories he told. All will miss his ready smile and infectious laugh!

No services will be held at this time per Wayne's request. There will be a private family burial to be determined at a later date. Anyone wanting to make a donation in Wayne's name may do so to the VFW of Eureka.

Michael Clifton Byers, 52

It is with truly heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our husband, father, son and brother on March 5, 2012, in Kalispell.



Mike was born on March 3, 1960, in Flagstaff, Ariz. He was raised between Arizona and Montana, moving to Eureka permanently in December 1973.

He worked at the family business, The Feed Store, in Eureka until it sold.

Mike graduated from Lincoln County High School in 1978. He married Ramona Schiele in Eureka and they welcomed two beautiful children into the Byers family. Although the marriage did not last, Mike's children lit up his life. Michael James was born in August 1979 and Elissa Rae in June 1981. He was very proud of the young adults that they both became.

Mike married Wanda Holmquist in 1989, welcoming two more children to the family, Bryan and Rachele.

Mike enjoyed the outdoors

very much, whether it be hunting, boating, fishing, gold panning, working on his vehicles or just being with his family and friends.

Mike will be missed and always loved by his family, Wanda, at the family home; his father, Larry Byers, and Leslie of Vale, Ore.; his sister, Jeri Mitchell, and Rick of Fernie, British Columbia; his brothers, Kenny Byers and Lori of Billings, Bill Piland Jr., and Melissa, and Rick Piland, all of Portsmouth, Va., and Bryan Piland of Glendale, Ariz.; his son, Michael Byers, of Tioga, N.D.; his daughter and granddaughter, Elissa Owen and Reina Owen, of Kalispell; stepson, Bryan Holmquist, of Kalispell; stepdaughter and grandchildren, Rachele Christensen, Tamara and Tyler, of Kalispell; nieces, Lacey, Kayla, Rayel and Megan; nephew who was also his namesake, Cliff; his mother-in-law, Inga; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Mike was pre-deceased by his beloved mother, Joy Byers in 2003; and both his maternal and paternal grandparents; also father-in-law, Harold Holmquist.