

Edith C. Kair, 94

Edith C. Kair, 94, of Libby, passed away Saturday, Aug. 25, 2012, at Libby Care Center.



She was born Nov. 12, 1917, near Kalispell, to A.C. and Edith Nickolson. She was the youngest of nine children. She attended rural schools in Flathead and Lake Counties for her elementary education. She graduated from Flathead County High School in 1936.

Edith attended the University of Montana in Dillon where she received her teacher's certificate in 1938. She taught in many rural schools, until she met and married Morris H. Kair in 1940, in Libby. They moved to Portland where Morris worked in shipyards during World War II. During this time, she taught school at Washington State School for the Blind.

Shortly before the war was over they had a son, and after moving back to Kalispell they had a daughter.

Edith again began teaching in rural schools until 1953, when she accepted a position in the Libby Public Schools as a fifth grade teacher and a reading supervisor for 27 years. During this

time she also received her Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degrees from the University of Montana in Missoula.

After retiring in 1980, she served on the Libby School board for many years. She was a member of the United Methodist Church where she taught Sunday School and Bible studies as well. She had many more accomplishments during her time that are too numerous to list. Edith loved music and gardening.

She was preceded in death by all eight of her brothers and sisters; her parents; her husband, Morris Kair; and one great-grandson.

Survivors include her son, Mickael, and wife, Ronda; her daughter, Sheila, and husband, David; four grandsons, David, Brian, Scott and Kelly; one granddaughter, Kimberly; 11 great-grandsons and two great-granddaughters; numerous great-great-grandchildren; and many, many special friends.

Funeral services for Edith will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 31, at the United Methodist Church, 713 Main Ave., in Libby. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. today, Aug. 30, at Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home, 422 W. Second St., in Libby. Interment will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell.

Alvin Kalvig, 80

Alvin Kalvig, 80, of Blackduck, Minn., died



Aug. 6, 2012, in Winsted, Minn.

Al was born in Iowa and graduated from high school in 1950 in Kanawha, Iowa. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1951 and served during the Korean conflict.

Al began an accounting and tax practice in Blackduck, operating under the name Kalvig & Associates. Al retired in 1998 and was diagnosed with dementia in 2005.

Al enjoyed the game of baseball and was active in coaching Little League. He enjoyed golfing, loved

spending time with his family and was proud of his children.

Al is survived by children, Dwight and Sandy Kalvig of Blackduck, Dawn Kalvig of Winsted, Elizabeth Carol of Virginia, Minn., and Kenneth and Rhonda Kalvig of Kalispell; grandchildren, Kathryn Kalvig, Emilie Kalvig, April Thompson, Ashtyn Thompson, Allison Kalvig, Olivia Kalvig and Erik Kalvig; and two sisters.

Services will be held Saturday, Aug. 11, in Blackduck, with military honors. Interment will be in Kanawha.

Condolences may be sent to ceasefuneralhome.com.

Nancy Kamerick, 59

Nancy Kamerick, 59, wife and best friend, ended her battle with pancreatic cancer Tuesday, April 17, 2012, and "went home to be with her Lord Jesus."

The life, love, and generosity of Nancy would be difficult to capture in words alone. She was born in Mason City, Iowa on Nov. 7, 1952, to Bob and Rita Speakar along with two brothers, Jerry and Chris, and sister Lisa.

Nancy attended high school and then flight attendant school in Mason City but after a skiing trip to Montana, decided this was where she wanted to be. She worked for UPS for many years, and was an inspiration to customers and fellow employees alike.

Nancy married Steve Kamerick in Las Vegas in 1991 after a very long relationship, and they made their home on Flathead Lake in Woods Bay. Nancy was mother to three children, Patti, Kenny and Matthew, and grandmother to Britney, Krista and Creag.

There were no strangers to Nancy; everyone was a friend who met her. Life was not complicated for her, since anyone's needs or desires came before her own. The compassion and care Nancy showed to everyone was incomparable and heartfelt. Her favorite home thing was her flowers and planters when weather was good but all year long, Nancy would knit blankets for the veterans, 40 or 50 a year for the last eight years and finished the last one two days before her death.

Holidays were a time to

invite people to her home for a nice dinner, who did not have family or perhaps were needy.

The joy of coming to know our Lord Jesus and anticipation of meeting Him in heaven one day was the highlight of her deepest thoughts. She read and studied the Bible and attended church until she was too ill. There was an unusual and addicting generosity of love that emanated from Nancy constantly and everyone was the beneficiary, not the least of which was her husband.

There really are no adequate words to express the depth or breadth of love between Nancy and Steve. Nancy added so much to the meaning of life to her husband that "will last unequaled until they hold each other once again for eternity."

Nancy is survived by her husband, Steve; and children, Patti Ellis of Kansas City, Kan., and Kenny Kamerick and Matthew Kamerick, both of Wichita, Kan.

Memorial Services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 28 at Crossroads Christian Fellowship, Montana 35 and Montana 82 in Bigfork.

Memorial donations may be made in Nancy Kamerick's name to the Cancer Center at KRMC, Sunnyview Lane, Kalispell MT 59901.

"Your gift in Nancy's name might just help save the life of your loved one."

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

Wilma V. Kaski, 91

Wilma V. Kaski, 91, passed away Saturday, May 26, 2012, in Kalispell.

Wilma was born Feb. 24, 1921, in South Range, Mich., to Emil and Tyyne (Holme) Pekkala.

Wilma was preceded in death by three brothers, four sisters, four grandchildren, one great-grandchild and a son-in-law, Paul.

She is survived by her nine children, Yvonne Heidegger of Lonepine, Ron and Judi Kaski of Willow Lake, S.D., Merry Kaski and Bill Joy of Lincoln City, Ore., Sonner and Marge Kaski of Battle Ground, Wash., Cheryl and Terry Hilliard of Lake Norden, S.D., Patsy and Don Homola of Battle Ground,

DeDe and Aaron Jolma of Hot Springs, John and Janice Kaski of Battle Ground, and Becky and Pete Uskoski of Battle Ground; brother, Karl Pekkala, of Grass Range; sister, Ruth Kaski, of Kalispell; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Visitation for Wilma will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. today, May 30, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, May 31, at the Old Apostolic Lutheran Church in Lakeside. Burial will follow at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

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

Bill Kamps

A celebration of life, and barbecue and potluck for Bill Kamps, 62, who died Dec. 18, will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Monday, Aug. 20, at Wayfarers State

Park (Harry Horn area) in Bigfork. Bring a salad or dessert. Soda and water will be provided. For more information, call 406-890-4865.

Jane Adair Rowell Kauffman, 92

Jane Adair Rowell Kauffman, 92, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2012, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.



She was born on July 22, 1920, in Deer Lodge to Fred P. and Martha C. M. Rowell.

She graduated from Flathead County High School in 1939 and married Rollan Samuel Kauffman on Feb. 3, 1940, in Polson. Shortly after, her husband was drafted into the Army, serving in World War II. Jane went to stay with her parents near Klamath Falls, Ore., and became a telegrapher for the Southern Pacific Railroad. After the war, the family moved back to the Flathead Valley where they raised their children and Rollan worked locally. Later, Jane worked for a period of time at the Flathead County Nursing Home, then served until her retirement in 1981 as a deputy city treasurer for then-Treasurer Gail Bruch.

Jane and Rollan loved the outdoors and spent many happy hours gardening and enjoying their beautiful yard, along with other outdoor pursuits that included hiking, camping, fishing, cross-country skiing and generally enjoying Western Montana's many lakes and streams. Travel was a fun activity for them and twice they traveled to Alaska by motor home. They also took art classes together and enjoyed oil painting. Being an accom-

plished seamstress, Jane sewed clothes for her family, did needlework, quilted, and completed many craft projects for the enjoyment of others. She was involved in humanitarian work, often working with other church ladies providing supplies for missionaries. Her faith in God was very important to her, with her family a close second. She prayed and read the Bible daily. She was active in her church, and for a number of years, played the accordion for various Bible Clubs around the valley.

Jane was preceded in death by three grandsons; her brother, Fred Rowell; and just two years ago, her husband, to whom she was married for 70 years.

She is survived by her children, daughter Phyllis Swallow and husband Wesley of Kalispell, son Dennis and wife Irene, also of Kalispell, and Cheryl Hammond and husband Buddy, of Depoe Bay, Ore.; as well as six grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-granddaughter.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 2 at Central Bible Church with Pastor Ron Youde officiating. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 1 at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Chapel.

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

Harry 'Mike' Clifford Keith, 80

Harry "Mike" Clifford Keith "passed on to peace with his Lord" in his wife Jeanne's arms, on April 3, 2012, after several years of illness.



Mike was born in Kalispell, to Harry C. and Catherine (Lacher) Keith on April 22, 1931. He was raised in Kalispell, graduating from Flathead County High School in 1949.

He attended the University of Montana and then enlisted in the U.S. Navy. He was honorably discharged as an active veteran of the Korean War.

He married Marge Kok, who is the mother of his three children, and received his Bachelor of Science degree at

Montana State College in Bozeman. They moved to Great Falls where he was active in the insurance business for approximately 20 years in the Great Falls area.

Upon retiring, Mike relocated to Kalispell. He married his wife, Jeanne, in 1990.

Mike's brother, Robert, preceded him in death.

He is survived by his wife, Jeanne; his daughter, Teresa Zoulek and family, in Pines, Ariz.; his sons, Harry "Butch" Keith and family, and Robert "Bob" Keith and family, both of Kalispell; a step-daughter, Lisa S. Jones and family, of Kalispell; a sister, Mary Cornelison of San Diego; and a brother, John "Jack" of Kalispell; along with numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

His family and friends plan a celebration of life for July 7.

Wayne James 'Jim' Kelch, 69

Wayne James "Jim" Kelch, formerly of Whitefish, passed away Dec. 14, 2012, in Topock, Ariz., due to cancer, at the age of 69.



At the time of his death, Jim is survived by his children,

Jim was born in St. Maries, Idaho, Sept. 12, 1943.

He served two years in the Navy, from 1960 to 1962.

He married Thelma Managhan and during this union they had two children, Wade and Jennifer.

Jim worked for the railroad, retiring after 20 years due to health. He later moved to Arizona.

Wade Kelch of Libby, and Jennifer Kelch of Kalispell; brothers, Gene Kelch of Kalispell, and Casey Kelch and Nancy of Whitefish; three grandchildren; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents, Bill and Beatrice Kelch; and his oldest daughter, Angie Kelch.

Per his request, there will be no services.

Charles Edward Keller, 85

Charles Edward Keller, a lifetime resident of the Flathead Valley, passed away



peacefully in his home in Evergreen on Oct. 29, 2012, surrounded by his family. "He is now with his Lord, free from pain, as warm as he wants to be and walking again."

Charles was born July 22, 1927, at the family homestead on McMannamy Draw to Edward and Mirilla Keller. He walked to Prospect Park School, where West Valley School is today. Although Charles didn't finish high school, his life story is the epitome of success built with hard work and determination, with a strong foundation of love for family and friends. Charles would emphatically say he did it without government help.

In the fall of 1946, Charles went to Alaska to find work, borrowing \$75 from Viola Blasdel from the Lower Valley in order to get there. On April 23, 1947, Viola, the love of his life, boarded a train and plane to Anchorage, and they were married on April 29, 1947. Their son, Joe, was born there. The family soon returned to the Flathead in 1949, and four more children, Mary, Bonnie, Terry and Lonnie, were born.

Charles had been involved in logging for more than 60 years, with Viola his loving partner in business and home. Charles bought his first flatbed truck in 1948, and later hauled his first logs with a new 1951 Ford.

recently spent winters. For many years they spent their winters on the island of Hawaii, and their home there was always open to many visitors. In later years, Charles and Viola enjoyed the winter warmth of Apache Junction. Getting together with family and friends at their lake place on Angel Point was always special. He and Viola enjoyed traveling in their motor home throughout the United States, with Alaska via the Alaska-Canada Highway among his favorites. They also enjoyed cruising.

Charles was preceded in death by his parents, Edward and Mirilla Keller; and brothers, Floyd and Harold Keller.

Charles is survived by Viola, his loving wife of 65 years; his beloved sister, Betty McDowell, and husband, Harold, of Whitefish; sons, Joe Keller and wife Sheila, Lonnie Keller and wife Debbie, and Terry Keller, all of Kalispell; his daughters, Mary Cabbage and husband Frank, and Bonnie Schuman and husband Laurie, of Kalispell; daughter-in-law, Louise Keller; grandchildren, Charles Keller; Angie Olsen and husband Russell, Tony Keller and wife Sarah, Sgt. Joshua Keller and wife Amy, Dustin Sturgis and wife Jessica, Lynette Ovniczek and husband Chad, Lisa Keller, Leslie Keller, Brian Lockhart and wife Kaija, Kevin Lockhart, Robin Grainger and husband Kurt, Kristin Denning, Kimberly Huhn and husband Jeff, Michael Schuman and wife Jesi, and Jeffrey Schuman; 32 great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Over his many years in business, Charles owned them all — Ford, Diamond T, Kenworth, Peterbilt, Internationals and Macks. At one time, he ran nine trucks for various loggers, all over Northwest Montana. In 1998, he visited the Mack plant in Allentown, Pa., to watch two 1999 Mack trucks he had ordered go through the assembly line. Charles frequently still drove trucks into his early 70s, and enjoyed going to equipment auctions.

In June 2003, an accident while working on a piece of logging equipment left Charles confined to a wheelchair. But he did not give up on his ties to logging and purchased his last Mack in 2008.

He was a longtime member of the Montana Logging Association and the Intermountain Logging Conference, and supported Montana Women in Timber. In 1996, Charles Keller Trucking was featured in the Log Trucker Magazine.

Charles left his fingerprint on Evergreen's landscape, buying, selling and developing land, including East Evergreen Mobile Manor and Storage. He was a member of Evergreen Business and Property Owners Association.

Charles was also a member of Kalispell Eagles, holding many offices, including aerie president in 1990-91. He loved dancing, listening to accordion music and going to jam sessions at the Eagles, Sykes' and around Apache Junction, Ariz., where they most

The family wants to express its sincerest appreciation to the two caregivers who made Charles' quality of life so much better and went beyond our expectations. Trevor Blomquist cared for Dad and Mom since his accident with loyalty, compassion, concern and sacrifice. Patrick Lucas came aboard a couple of years ago when needs increased with the same sense of caring for them.

The family would like to extend special thanks to Dr. Loren Vranish, Pastor Ron Pierce and hospice nurses Carol and Sue.

Thank you to a very special friend, Ray Collins, who was always there for Dad.

Visitation for Charles will be from 2 to 6 p.m. today, Nov. 2, at the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home in Kalispell. Services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 3, at Easthaven Baptist Church, with interment to follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

The family suggests donations in lieu of flowers be made in Charles' name to Hospice Home Options, 275 Corporate Drive, Kalispell, MT 59901.

"Good bye, Husband, Dad, Grandpa, Brother, Friend. Keep on truckin'."

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

Dona Fay Keller, 72

Dona Fay Keller "was torn from us" at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 2, 2012, at Rapid City Regional Hospital, in Rapid City, S.D.



She was born July 19, 1939, in Kalispell, to Dallas and Margaret Fay (Steckman) Eklund.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and sister, Martha K. Elletson.

Dona is survived by her husband of too-few years, Charlie Keller, of Rapid City; her son, Ted Jacobson, of Rapid City; son, Mark Wise, of Houston; and daughter, Carrie Wise, of Kalispell; her sister, Rita, and Bill Ullmann, of Pocomoke City, Md., and brother, Brian Eklund, of Kalispell; stepson, Fred, and Shannan Keller, of Georgetown, Idaho, stepdaughter, Dorothy, and Ken Tolman of Eagle Mountain, Utah; three nieces, four nephews; nine great-nieces and four great-nephews; 15 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Dona enjoyed starting her morning with a coffee and the crossword puzzle, which she tag-teamed with Charlie. Add a chocolate truffle, and the morning couldn't be much better. She was an avid reader, of any genre, was quite successful in out-guessing the writers on TV crime shows, did some serious pinochle at the Senior Center in Rapid City and was a long time bowler, harking back to team bowling with her mother and sisters in Las Vegas.

"Cutting the rug" was a favorite for Dona and Charlie. She appreciated art in its many forms — from hand-painted farmers' market animals to photo art to the great masters. Embracing technology, she had a great time chatting with friends and family online, and with computer gaming, "Pogo anyone?" From Hank Williams to Elvis to Enya, toe-tapping tunes to romantic melodies, music struck a special note.

While traveling with Charlie prior to retirement, Dona became well versed in practical storage for fifth wheel living. Since retiring, leisurely car trips, accompanied by the well-placed hotel, were enjoyed while visiting friends and family in Montana, Idaho, Arizona, Wyoming, Utah, Nevada and Missouri. (There's a song about that.)

She was a member of Aca-cia Chapter No. 12, Order of the Eastern Star, Grand Forks, N.D., and Adah Chapter No. 17, Kalispell.

Dona had a great love of life, an analytical yet reflective, problem-solving nature, found as much enjoyment in a corn dog as a dinner in a fine restaurant, (although her thrifty Swede-side tended to the corn dog). While she found great delight in flowers and animals, her sneezes did not. She made friends wherever she journeyed. Mistress of a fading art, she crocheted blankets for many a new grandchild, niece and nephew. Each Christmas she gifted her three kids with an ornament she had hand-crafted or painted.

Family interment, and a memorial, will be held in July in Kalispell, at a date to be announced.

Ardis Kelley, 69

Ardis Kelley, 69, died Sept. 27, 2012, at her home in Kalispell.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Kalispell. A

celebration of life barbecue will follow at the Trinity Lutheran Fellowship Hall.

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

Mary J. Kennedy, 70

Mary J. Kennedy, 70, passed away Sept. 23, 2012, in Kalispell, of natural causes.



She was born Dec. 5, 1941, in Michigan.

She had worked as a nurse's aide.

Mary had enjoyed photography, oil painting and the outdoors.

She was preceded in

death by her husband, August Warpup; daughter, Julene Warpup; son, James Porter; and granddaughter, Tana Rose.

Mary is survived by her children, John and Austin Warpup of Michigan, LaRie Chambers of Oklahoma, Dawn Paul of Texas, and Laurence Porter of Kalispell; and by her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held on Oct. 11 at 30 Sunset Drive in Kalispell.

June C. Keller, 86

June C. Keller, 86, of Libby "entered into peace with her Savior" on Aug. 31, 2012, after a very short stay at the Libby Care Center.

She was born on June 10, 1926, in Kalispell to immigrant parents Carl Eliasson from Lesvik, Norway and Magdalena Grosen from Copenhagen, Denmark.

June attended school and grew up in Somers as the fourth of five girls. She married her husband Gerald A. Keller on March 25, 1944, in Somers. They spent most of their 51 years of marriage in Libby.

June enjoyed spending

time with friends and family. She had a strong spirit and a very loving heart. She enjoyed having the ladies over for card games and many pot-lucks were enjoyed at her home. June loved making afghans for her grandchildren and friends until her failing eyesight would no longer allow it.

June was employed most of her adult life, working as a cook on a large wheat ranch, as a waitress, even starting a business in Libby with a friend — J & J Womens' Apparel, as a study hall teacher at Libby High School, and as a clerk for 15 years for the Montana

Department of Revenue.

June was preceded in death by her parents; husband; and three older sisters, Alice Nelson, Lillian Hager and Mary Stout.

Survivors include her son, Michael and his wife, Nancy, of Libby; sister, Inga Holmquist of Kalispell; grandchildren, Jerrod Keller of Olympia, Wash., John Keller of Portland, Christopher Keller of Chapel Hill, N.C., Michelle Lowe of Valparaiso, Ind., and Jennifer Weaver of Springfield, Ore.; six great-grandchildren, Ryann Keller, Colby Keller and Caden Keller of Olympia, Kanasha Lowe and Thom-

as Lowe of Valparaiso, and Emma Weaver of Springfield. Surviving nieces are Paulette Bolla of Brownsville, Ore., Joan Duffy of Gowanda, N.Y., Wanda Byers of Kalispell and Carol Harvey of Promise City, Iowa; and one surviving nephew, Jerry Hager of Collins, N.Y.

Services will be at 11 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 7 at St. John Lutheran Church in Libby, with interment at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 6 at Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Libby.

Leonard R. Kent, 75

Leonard R. Kent, 75, of Victor, "stepped into eternity" on April 7, 2012, leaving behind the pain and devastation of lymphoma. Leonard's journey was aided by the compassionate hospice workers from Marcus Daly Hospice Center, as his family kept constant vigil.

Leonard was born to Raymond and Eleanor Kent on Oct. 15, 1936, in Kalispell. He grew up in the Flathead Valley, attending grade school and graduating from Flathead County High School in 1954.

After graduation, Leonard held various jobs, working as a heavy-duty mechanic and a heel boom operator for different logging companies in the Flathead Valley.

In 1967, Leonard met and married his wife of 45 years, Shirley. Together they blend-

ed families and raised their five children in Kalispell. During this time, Leonard enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping, water skiing and any outdoor adventure. He shared these with his family, teaching his children the skills of each sport. He continued to enjoy these sports with friends and his grown children and grandchildren after moving to the Bitterroot Valley.

In 1975, Leonard stopped working in the logging industry to trek north to Alaska; working on and off in the oil field of Prudhoe Bay for 25 years, first as a mechanic and later, shop foreman and supervisor.

After the first two years of his Alaska adventure, in 1977, Leonard and Shirley moved from Kalispell to Victor to take over operation of

his father-in-law's service station. Together, Leonard and Shirley ran the L&S "C" Store for 12 years, before selling the business and returning to work in Alaska.

While in Victor, Leonard joined the Masonic Lodge and became a lifetime member. He was an active member of the Victor Volunteer Fire Department, and he also served as an EMT for the Victor Ambulance.

Leonard was preceded in death by his parents, Raymond and Eleanor Kent; his in-laws, Ernie and Elsie Buker; daughter, Audrey Schaff; grandson, Timothy Schaff; and niece, Danielle Rapp.

Leonard is survived by his wife of 45 years, Shirley Buker Kent, of Victor; sons, Michael Kent and Lorrie of Helena, Patrick Kent and

Marge of Spokane, and Mark Kent and April of Brown Deer, Wis.; daughter, Pam DePuydt, and Tim of Florence; sister, Dolores Rapp, and Art of Missoula; two aunts; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. April 12, at Whitesitt Funeral Home in Stevensville. Masonic graveside services and interment will be at the Victor Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations in Leonard's name be made to the Marcus Daly Hospice Center, 1200 Westwood Drive, Hamilton.

Condolences and memories for the family may be made at www.whitesittfuneral-home.com.

Eldon James Kerney, 31

Eldon James Kerney "left us for a better place and a new adventure" on Dec. 1, 2011. He was ready for that.



He was born Sept. 7, 1980, in Whitefish. Eldon was a fun loving, outgoing, compassionate man. His wit and humor will be sorely missed by his many friends and family.

Eldon came into the world hard and fast, and that is the metaphor for his life. He enjoyed it to the fullest.

He also worked hard climbing the ladder at Plum Creek Lumber Mill to operator supervisor and with forklift certifications. He also worked for his brother, Jarod, who owns All Bright Window Cleaning. Together,

"the brothers" cherished their little sister Angela.

Eldon had a gusto for life that few could rival. From motorcycles and fancy cars, to concerts, theme parks and even Las Vegas, he played his way through the lives of his friends while coaching them with his unique insight, wisdom and deep concern.

"He loved you, each and every one."

He is survived by his son, Benjamin James; father, Jim Kerney; mother, Laurie Kerney; brother and sister, Jarod Kerney and Angela Russell, and their families; his grandparents of Yakima, Wash.; and many more too numerous to mention.

"We thank you for loving him and we love you right back."

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

Jason Keyes, 40

Jason Keyes, 40, died at his Kalispell residence on Dec. 18, 2012.

Celebration of life services will be held in Indiana

at a later date.

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

Floyd Harvey Kile, 83

Floyd Harvey Kile passed on Jan. 23, 2012, of natural causes, at his home in Columbia Falls, where he resided with his constant and faithful companion, Freckles.



He was the eldest son of Elmer Floyd Kile and Beulah Alwilda (Boggs) Kile. Floyd attended schools in Idaho, Montana and Maryland.

He was also schooled in watch repair. His love for watches and clocks carried with him through life. From that passion emerged many grandfather clocks.

He was a veteran of the Korean War where he served with patriotic pride in 1951 and '52. His decorations include expert rifleman, Korean service medal, and three battle stars.

He was honorably discharged August 1956.

He worked a short time at Stoltz Lumber and a period of time on the Hungry Horse Dam. He labored 33 years at Anaconda Aluminum Company as a well-liked and respected supervisor.

Floyd married Orvalyn Jeanne (Lynn) Jensen Feb. 5, 1953, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Their marriage blessed them with four children, Marsha Mae, Edwin Eugene, Phyllis Ann and Carol Fay. They were divorced in 1962. In 1969 he married Gladys Virginia Carter in Columbia Falls. Gladys passed away on July 14, 1985. On Nov. 1, 1986, he married Gladys Marie "Marie" Hill in Coeur d'Alene. Marie passed away at their home in Columbia Falls on April 14, 1999.

Floyd was known to most for his intense love for "our Father in Heaven," his fierce and protecting love for his children and grandchildren, his woodworking, extensive genealogy, and his yard work and gardening. He so enjoyed his horses and was looking forward to a new colt this summer. His beloved Freckles put a smile on his face that blessed Floyd's children. Floyd and Freckles were inseparable.

Floyd was a pioneer father who fought for and raised his children as a single parent in an era when that was unheard of. He's viewed by his children as a man of morals, principles, patriotism,

steadfastness, and someone who set the standard high. He was a firm believer in hard work, charity of heart, and standing for your beliefs. His children are grateful for those things. He was blessed with a full quiver (offspring) on both sides who cared for and loved him very much.

"Lo, children are a heritage from the Lord: And the fruit of the womb is his reward." — Psalm 123

He was preceded in death by his father Elmer and mother Beulah; a brother, Benny Roger Kile; two sisters, Hazel Marie Ramsey and Alyce Arlene Wallace; three wives, Orvalynn, Gladys and Marie; grandson, Michael Joseph "Joe" Reid; and great-grandchildren, Conner Michael Roberts and Tucker James Peterson.

Surviving are his children, Marsha Mae Kile and husband Doug Lukenbill of Evergreen, Edwin Eugene Kile and wife Diana of Columbia Falls, Phyllis Ann Rowe and husband Sam of Kalispell, and Carol Fay Nicholson and spouse Allen "Al" of Columbia Falls; grandchildren, Zacariah Reid and wife Kim Ganges of Whitefish, Joe's wife Billy Jean Reid of Aurora, Minn., Trinity Irene Reid of Columbia Falls, Marsha Ranae "Ranae" Peterson and husband Jeff of Columbia Falls, Katie Marie Furlong and Josh Curtain of Kalispell, Josie Deann Peak and husband Jarrell of Forest Falls, Calif., Tara Jean Rieger and husband Vincent of Kalispell, Kayla Kile of Kalispell, Benjamin Floyd "Ben" Kile of Columbia Falls, Ryan Jay Rowe and wife Kara of Medical Lake Wash., Danielle Rodgers and husband Brian of Columbia Falls, Jesse Allen Nicholson and wife Abby of Libby, and Cody Stanton Nicholson and Casey Webb of Columbia Falls; great-grandchildren, Annika, Aidan, Shonn, Emily, Cameron, Hunter, Jeffrey, Kayden, Allen, Maddy, Moses, and Emery, Sydney, Taylor, Kali, Bodie, Taylor Jesse, Eric, Isaac, and Blake; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 28, at the First Baptist Church of Whitefish. Inurnment will take place at 1 p.m. Saturday at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

You are invited to visit www.columbiamortuary.com to offer condolences, share memories and view Floyd's tribute wall. Arrangements are entrusted to Columbia Mortuary.

Harold 'Jay' Kilpatrick, 79

Harold "Jay" Kilpatrick passed away on Dec. 11, 2012.



He is survived by his wife, Marlene M. Kilpatrick; and his daughter, Karlene Ochoa of the Bay Area of California.

"Pops" had three grandchildren, Celeste Carrick, Ryan Carrick and wife Heejung Yoon, and Nicole Plum; four great-grandchildren, Bryce Morra, Drake Morra, Dylan Carrick and Taylor Plum, all of the

Bay Area of California; one brother, Gene Kilpatrick, and wife, Lois, of Skiatook, Okla.; plus many nieces and nephews.

At Jay's request there will be no services held.

In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to Lakeside Quick Response Unit, P.O. Box 911, Lakeside, MT 59922; or online at <http://lakesidegru.org>.

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

Clarice Marlene Kimes, 92

Clarice Marlene Kimes, 92, of Lakeside, slipped quietly away from this earth on April 15, 2012, at St. Patrick Hospital "and now lives on in the glorious presence of God."



Clarice was born in Ida Grove, Iowa, on Jan. 17, 1920, to parents William and Ethel (Drake) Elmore. As a child, her family moved to Missouri and then to Montana, where Clarice attended Central Middle School in Kalispell, Lakeside Grade School, and Flathead County High School.

Clarice married Ben Kimes on June 7, 1940, in Kalispell. They were married for 62 years and together they had three sons and one daughter. She cared deeply for her family and was a wonderful homemaker, baking luscious pies and cinnamon rolls, and participating in school activities. Clarice liked to play bridge and pinochle, enjoyed her Bible studies, worked at a polling location and belonged to Lakeside Chapel.

Together she and Ben were snowbirds and spent many winters in Arizona

and Nevada. They enjoyed traveling all over the United States, Canada and Mexico, and two favorite trips were to Europe and Hawaii. She loved being around Flathead Lake, Glacier Park and Yellowstone Park.

She was a member of the Civilian Air Patrol in the '50s and '60s. She also loved to picnic, pick huckleberries and creek fish.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Ben; her oldest son, Fred; and youngest son, Gary.

Clarice will be so very missed by her loving family, her son, George, and Donna, of Vacaville, Calif.; daughter, Sandra, and Mike Ramos, of Missoula; 10 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. She also leaves one sister, Annette, of Missoula; as well as many well-loved nieces and nephews.

Cremation has taken place and a graveside memorial will be held later this summer in Kalispell. Garden City Funeral Home is assisting with the arrangements.

Memorials in Clarice's name may be made to the Lakeside QRU/Ambulance, P.O. Box 911, Lakeside, MT 59922.

Frederick O. King, 91

Frederick O. King, 91, a longtime Eureka resident, died Thursday, Jan. 26, 2012, at Health Center Northwest in Kalispell, from natural causes.

He was born Dec. 25, 1920, in Liverpool, England, to Percy and Alice Forman King. Fred grew up in Eureka and attended school at the Pinkham Creek School House. At a very early age he went to work in the woods using a cross-cut saw.

Fred was a very successful entrepreneur. He built many roads for Plum Creek Timber Company, American Timber and Ksanka. He worked with Paola to help build the railroad to Trego, Fortine and Eureka.

He had a keen eye for spotting the straightest trees to be used for telephone poles. He was willing to hire and train anyone who needed a job. At one time his company employed as many as 80 people. He was named Logger of the Year.

At one time he was the vice president of the Banking Committee for the First Bank of Eureka. He and a companion were invited to compete in the Olympics as cross-cut sawing competitors.

He enjoyed flying, fishing and hunting. Fred is at peace "and the elk can breathe a sigh of relief."

His two sisters, Kathryn and Mabel, preceded him in death.

Survivors include his son, Stan King, and wife, Kathi, of Great Falls; granddaughter, Kristina King; two great-grandchildren, Korrean and Meridian; and a sister, Ellen Littigi, of East Moline, Ill.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 30, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Eureka. Visitation will be from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Jan. 30, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church.

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

Kelly Kirby, 47

Kelly Kirby, 47, "went to heaven" Thursday, April 5, 2012, at her home in Bigfork.



Kelly was born June 3, 1964, to Jim and Noreen Kirby. After graduating from Bigfork High School in 1982, Kelly climbed into her car and hit the road — Alaska bound! Most of her adult life was spent in Alaska, returning to Montana four years ago.

Her huge heart led her at an early age into a 10-year career of being a nurse's aide in Montana and Alaska.

While driving a roller on the Alaska Pipeline, she met Herb Boyle. They married and together had one son, Skyler James Boyle.

She furthered her education by attending cosmetology school in Salem, Ore. Back in Alaska, she worked as a telephone operator at GCI in Wasilla and was pictured on the front cover of their brochure. When she was offered a position as recorder for a title company in Wasilla, she took it, eager for a new adventure.

Describing Kelly in one word — passionate! She was passionate in the love for her son, family, friends and animals. Passionate for what she believed in. There were only

four things that she could not find beauty in — snakes, spiders, worms and slugs. Kelly found great joy and comfort in caring for her three kitty cats, plus two stray kitties that she took in.

She was always generous and hardworking. She loved loud music, travel, the beach, bright colors and anything that sparkled — the more bling, the better! If anyone she loved was having a bad day, she would do anything to get them to smile — it usually worked, as her smile was contagious.

Kelly is survived and lovingly remembered by the following: her son, Skyler, age 25 of Wasilla, currently residing in Bigfork; parents, Jim and Connie Kirby, of Bigfork; Noreen and Bob Mills of Glennallen, Alaska; sisters, Julie and Kirk Wilson of Glennallen, and Tammy and Gregg Ganz of Bigfork; brothers, Jeremy Kirby of Bigfork, and Paul and Lisa Kirby of Bigfork; and numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Roy and Thelma Kirby, and Lloyd and Doris Smith.

Celebration of Mass of Christian Burial for Kelly will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 11, at Blessed John Paul II Catholic Church in Bigfork, with Father Donald Shea as celebrant.

James F. King, 74

James F. King, 74, died unexpectedly Feb. 11, 2012, in Bigfork, due to a heart attack.



He was born Sept. 28, 1937, in Hoquiam, Wash. He graduated in 1956 from Hoquiam High School and then attended Grays Harbor Community College.

James served briefly in the National Guard.

He was a lifelong grocer and worked for Fred Meyer, and then in 1977 began working for Lakehills IGA (now Harvest Foods) in Bigfork, where he was employed at the time of his death.

James enjoyed playing golf, sports, and was a fan of the Los Angeles Lakers, Dallas Cowboys and the New York Yankees. He particularly enjoyed family reunions at MarDon Resort in Othello, Wash.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John B. King and Helen Louderback.

He is survived by his daughters, Elizabeth King of Pittsburgh, and Laurie King of Seattle; and his brothers and sisters, Gary Smith, Robert Smith, John King, Jacquelyn Randish, Diane Loftuf and Peter Kearney.

Cremation has taken place. A celebration of James' life will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 18, at the residence of John and Mary King, 17505 Saint Andrews Place, Frenchtown MT 59834.



Roberta 'Robbi' Jeanne Kinniburgh, 73

Roberta "Robbi" Jeanne Kinniburgh, 73, died Oct. 27, 2012, at Edgewood Vista in Evergreen, with her family by

her side. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 2, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home.

Robert M. Kirby, 90

Robert M. Kirby, 90, died at his Lakeside residence on Aug. 4, 2012.

He is survived by his daughter, Peggy Kirby.

Services will be held in Kansas City at a later date.

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

Paul Kleffner, 95

Paul Kleffner "passed to his eternal reward" May 22, 2012.

Paul was granted 95 adventurous years on this earth. He was a successful businessman, an adventurer, an active community member, and a devout Catholic, but most of all Paul was a family man. He had a magnetic personality and always found a way to have fun. His eyes twinkled with youthful enthusiasm right up until the end.

Paul was born July 27, 1916, in Great Falls, the fifth of nine children. He grew up farming and graduated from Belt High School in 1935 at the height of the Great Depression.

As a young man he traveled the country and spent a year building the Grand Cooley Dam. He attended Chillicothe Business College in Missouri, where he met Thelma Putnam, "the prettiest girl on campus." Paul and Thelma were married Dec. 12, 1940.

Early in their marriage they purchased a run-down ranch property south of East Helena and set about to make it a warm and loving home. Paul and Thelma raised their family of seven children on the ranch, which became a magnet for their children's friends. Later on, grandchildren would be drawn to the ranch where they fed glass to an imaginary troll named Growler, played in Prickly Pear Creek, and learned to drive in Grandpa's old truck.

Paul always found time to share and to be involved in his community. He served as a 4-H leader for 20 years, spent 50 years as an active member of SS. Cyril & Methodius Parish, and was honored with the Monsignor Mavsar Award. Paul was also a longtime member of the Early Morning Businessmen's Bible Study and the Farm Bureau.



Over the years he entertained tourists from all over the globe with his humorous stories, some of them true.

In 2002, Paul moved into the Waterford and in 2005 he sold the ranch to Dennis and Stacy Young.

Paul's devoted wife predeceased him in February 2000. He was also preceded in death by infant daughter, Ruth Ellen in 1944. Paul was the last surviving member of his family. He was preceded by his parents, John and Clara (Bogner) Kleffner; brothers, Joseph, Albert, Leo, Frank and Philip; also sisters, Marie Goo, Mildred Kleffner, Laura Higby Yeater and Christine Armstrong.

Patriarch of a large family, Paul's greatest pride was his family. He is survived by his seven children, Alice and Bill Dove of Montana City, Janet Waldron of Helena, Charles and Lynne of Bigfork, Colleen and Mike Schulte of Butte, Dorothy Kleffner of San Raphael, Calif., Irene and Randy Ewing of Spokane, and Linda and Bruce Tutvedt of Kalispell.

He is also survived by 18 grandchildren, Bill Dove and Jennie of Bozeman, Jim Dove and Natalia of Columbia, Mo., Karen and Allen Heisler of Great Falls, Mike and Jeannette Waldron of Livingston, Steve and Kristi Waldron of Fargo, N.D., Daniel and Crystal Waldron of Havre, Cherry and Clint Grey of Naples, Idaho, Amy and Shawn Stewart of Rock Hill, S.C., Josh Kleffner of Bigfork, Brenda and Hans Landwehr of Edmond Okla., Megan Schulte of Butte, Adam Schulte of Missouri, Angie and Josh Neumiller of Spokane, Daniel and Becki Holmes of Seattle, Tim Hammond of Spokane, Valarie and Dugan Gravage of Bozeman, Emily Tutvedt of Kalispell, and Andora Tutvedt of Kalispell; and many great-grandchildren. Paul is also survived by many devoted nieces and nephews.

Paul particularly loved history and world geography. He wallpapered his office with the maps he loved to study and collect. Paul and Thelma's travels took them around the world. At age 80, Paul traveled to the Holy Land, where he followed the footsteps of St. Paul and swam in the Dead Sea in his boxer shorts. His last great adventure was a cruise on the Amazon River with the late Clark Pyfer, his lifelong friend and business partner.

Restoring the buildings on the century-old ranch was a lifelong labor of love for Paul. Paul filled his retirement years by sharing his unique historical ranch home and barn with guided tours.

Visitation will begin at noon with a vigil service to be held at 7 p.m. Friday, May 25, at Anderson Stevenson Wilke Funeral Home, 3750 N. Montana Ave. in Helena. Mass of Christian Burial will be noon Saturday, May 26, at SS. Cyril & Methodius Church in East Helena, with a reception to follow at the church. Burial will be at St. Ann's Cemetery immediately following the reception.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to SS. Cyril & Methodius Parish, 120 W. Riggs, East Helena, MT 59635; Hospice of St. Peter's, c/o St. Peter's Hospital, 2475 Broadway, Helena, MT 59601; or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Please visit www.aswfuneralhome.com to offer the family condolences.

Shirley Wyatt Klein, 86

Shirley passed away peacefully April 24, 2012, after an extended period of Alzheimer's, in Kalispell, with her family by her side.



Shirley was born Jan. 5, 1926, to Glenn and Margaret Everitt in South Bend, Wash. She was the youngest of eight children.

After graduation from high school, she married Victor McKinney and moved to Ventura, Calif. This marriage was blessed by two children, Vicki and Dana.

They later divorced, and Shirley married John Wyatt. They moved from Southern California to Great Falls in 1968. This marriage was also blessed by two children, Keith and Margie.

Shirley lived in Great Falls, working for husband John at his business, Commercial Communications and Electronics. She was also an admitting clerk in the ER at Columbus Hospital in Great Falls for more than 10 years.

In 1987, she moved back to South Bend to be closer to family. She was re-acquainted with an old friend, William Klein, and they were married in 1991. They were happily married until his

passing in 2009.

Shirley was a wonderful mother, grandma, friend, wife, sister and favorite auntie. She never knew a stranger, and her door was always open. She helped whenever she could, and was generous, kind and loving beyond words.

She stated her mind and was always honest, but full of life and charisma. Alzheimer's took its toll on her physically and mentally, but not her sparkle.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bill; all but one sibling; and John Wyatt.

Shirley is survived by her children, Vicki McKinney and husband Manolo of Madrid, Spain, Dana McKinney of Santa Rosa, Calif., Keith Wyatt of Elko, Nev., and Margie Wyatt-Smith and husband Stan Smith of Kalispell; brother, Charles Everitt, of Aberdeen, Wash.; and special friends, Vicki Holden of Manteca, Calif., and Fran Viereck of Helena.

She has nine grandchildren, Mariah, Wyatt, Cooper and Tessa Smith of Kalispell; Brian and Michelle Shapiro and Nuria Cox of Santa Rosa; and Victor and Elisa Celdran of Madrid; and three great-grandchildren.

She was laid to rest May 1 in South Bend after a Mass celebration at St. Lawrence Catholic Church.

Thelma Helen Kleppen, 98

Thelma Helen Kleppen passed away on Sunday, Oct. 23, 2011, at Brendan House in Kalispell.



She was born on Feb. 24, 1913, to Frank and Mary (Paul) Norman in Browning. Thelma was raised on the family ranch in Browning and graduated in 1931.

She married Fred Kirkpatrick on July 10, 1931, in Choteau, and lived in Browning where Fred worked for the Bureau of Reclamation. They moved to Kalispell in 1935 where Fred operated Kirkpatrick Brothers Construction. He passed away in 1956.

Thelma married Obert "Red" Kleppen on Dec. 14, 1957, in Couer d'Alene, Idaho, and continued to live in Kalispell where Red was employed by the Montana National Guard. He preceded her in death in June 1995.

Thelma's greatest joy was her family, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She enjoyed gardening, fishing, camping, crocheting, needlework, and was an avid reader. She was a person with a very positive outlook on everything and always made us feel very special and that whatever the circumstances, everything would be fine.

Thelma was a charter member of the Eagles Auxiliary No. 234, VFW Auxiliary, National Guard Auxiliary and the WOTM Auxiliary (Women of the Moose).

Thelma was preceded in death by her husbands; her son, David Lynn Kirkpatrick,

in 1972; her brothers, sisters, and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

She is survived by her son, Fred Kirkpatrick, and wife, Bonnie, of Kalispell; granddaughter, Ronda Kirkpatrick, of Kalispell, and her children, April Collins of Portland, Sean Collins of Williston, N.D., and Shane and Kolby Broderick of Kalispell; her grandson, Jim Kirkpatrick, and wife, Lorna, and their children, Kyle and Sophie Belle of Havre, and James Kirkpatrick Jr., of Texas; granddaughter, Melodi Kirkpatrick, and children, Candace Hope Kirkpatrick, Kimberly Rose Kirkpatrick and Dylan Nuzem, all of Phoenix; and granddaughter, Nancy Kirkpatrick. Also surviving are Bonnie's children, Pam and Tim Malyurek of Bozeman, and Jennifer and Jeff Darr and their children, Logen and Kaylee of Belgrade; and her special niece, Grace Aahl, and her children, Nancy Morrison and Steve Aahl and their families, of Seattle.

The family would like to thank all of the staff at Brendan House and Home Options Hospice for their excellent care of Thelma over the past two years.

Graveside services for Thelma will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 28, at Glacier Memorial Gardens. There will be a reception held in the Eagles basement following services.

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

May Britt Ingeborg 'Inga' Klyver, 85

May Britt Ingeborg "Inga" Klyver, 85, died Tuesday, Aug. 21, 2012, at The Springs in Whitefish.

She is survived by her daughter, Christine Henrich, of Socita, N.Y.; and two sons, Thomas Klyver

of Whitefish, and John Klyver of Pacifica, Calif.

She will be buried with her husband at Riverside National Cemetery in Riverside, Calif., with services in September.

Austin Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Theodore Jay 'T.J.' Koenig, 34

Theodore Jay "T.J." Koenig passed away May 1, 2012.

"We will miss his love, his sense of humor, his generosity, his young-at-heart spirit, his smile and his hugs." He was 34.

T.J. was born May 3, 1977, in Kalispell.

He attended Russell Elementary School, and graduated from Flathead High School in 1995. He studied electrical engineering at Montana State University, and most recently worked at Simkins Hallin Lumber Company in Bozeman.

He married his childhood sweetheart, Amanda Miller, on June 15, 2002, in Somers.

T.J. loved traveling and adventure, including skydiv-



ing and zip-lining; he was an avid sports fan, and especially loved the New York Giants and Kansas City Royals. He loved his family, Flathead Lake, fast cars and his dog, Baxter.

T.J. was beloved by his wife, Amanda Miller Koenig, of Bozeman; father Delbert Koenig, mother Virginia Koenig, his Aunt Carol Koenig, his mother-in-law Emy Minnich, and father-in-law Doug Miller, all of Kalispell; his brother Don Koenig, sister-in-law Jennifer and three nieces, Clara, Lucy and Joleigh, all of Highlands Ranch, Colo.; and his sister-in-law, Lindsay Minnich, of Bozeman.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Claribell and Don Jordan, and Elizabeth and Al Koenig, all of Kalispell.

A celebration of T.J.'s life is planned for this summer.

Lucille Koser, 88

Lucille Koser, 88, of Whitefish passed away on Saturday, Jan. 5, 2013.

A family memorial service will be held next summer.

Lucille was born in Scobey on April 8, 1924. She graduated from Scobey High School.

Lucille was married to Sheldon E. "Ed" Koser on Oct. 17, 1942, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. They were married for 57 years until Ed's death in 1999.

Lucille and Ed were longtime residents of Whitefish during their working careers, where Lucille worked at Anaconda Aluminum and retired in 1975, following a 20-year career as a purchasing agent and executive secretary. During retirement, they spent their summers at their lake home in Bigfork and their winters in Yuma, Ariz. She enjoyed traveling extensively with Ed in their RV, and over the years, visited every state except Hawaii. She also enjoyed gardening, sewing, fishing and camping. She loved entertaining her nieces and nephews and their families, who have many fond memories of time spent with Lucille at her Bigfork home. She loved socializing with her many friends in Yuma.

Lucille was preceded in death by her husband, Ed Koser; sisters, Ruth Nelson and Beatrice Johnson; and brother, Bob Tande.

Lucille is survived by her nieces and nephews; sister-in-law, Marge Clemens; and other friends and family members.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to the North Valley Hospital Foundation.

The family of Lucille wishes to thank the many kind caregivers at The Springs at Whitefish, where Lucille lived for the past year, and all the people who so lovingly cared for her during her final illness at North Valley Hospital.

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

Arrangements are entrusted to Austin Funeral Home.

William R. Kopyy, 78

William R. Kopyy, 78, of Columbia Falls, died Thursday, June 7, 2012, at the Montana Veterans Home.

Arrangements are pending and have been entrusted to Columbia Mortuary.

Rick Korf, 61

Rick Korf, 61, of Polson, died March 29, 2012, due to bladder cancer.

He was a pipefitter.

He is survived by his wife, Jane, at the Lake Mary Ronan family home; and his daughters, Sarah Cofrin, Angela Anno, Robin Little, Barbara Fossen, Kira Olson, Dani Kinard and Kelly Wasson.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, April 5, at Grogan Funeral Home in Polson, followed by a celebration of life at the Idle Spur in Dayton.

His ashes will be interred at the Western Montana State Veterans Cemetery in Missoula at a later date.

Bill Koppy, 78

Bill Koppy, 78, passed away June 6, 2012, at 5:38 p.m.,



at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

He was born June 25, 1933, in Lake City S.D., to Joseph and Louis (Janisch) Koppy.

Bill worked on many farms around their home in Mahanomen, Minn. He then joined the Air Force, serving from 1953 to 1957. He worked in the lumber industry from 1963 to 1991, mostly in the Flathead Valley.

Bill lived in the Happy's Inn park until 2006 when he went into the VA Home in Columbia Falls.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing and the outdoors. He later enjoyed latch hooking as a hobby and won a blue ribbon in the Northwest Montana Fair.

He is survived by his brothers, Val, John, David, Bud and Tim; and sisters, Barb, Pat and Dorothy.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Beverly, Sal and Lois; and brother, Gene.

There will be a memorial for him from 3 to 6 p.m. June 24 at the Kalispell VFW, in the back room.

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

Russell John Knapp, 73

Russell John Knapp, 73, passed away March 29, 2012, in Chesapeake, Va., at his home.



He was born Sept. 22, 1938, in Livingston to Austin O. Knapp and Iris (Tripp) Knapp.

He joined the Navy in 1955, and retired from there as a communications technician 1 in 1987 in Chesapeake.

His neighbors all called him "a frustrated Montana chicken farmer."

He is survived by his wife, Bessie Ellen Callahan, whom he was married to Jan. 29, 1961, in Havre. He is also survived by his children, John of Connecticut, Jana of North Carolina, Joel of Virginia and Jennifer of Virginia; and

two granddaughters and five grandsons; along with local nieces and nephews, Mary Stevens, Stan Webber and Char, Shirley Riebe and Arnie, Linda Setzer, and LeRoy Jarrett and Charlotte; also nieces and nephews in Idaho, Washington, Alaska, and other places in Montana.

He was predeceased by his mother, father, five sisters and one brother.

Memorial services with a potluck luncheon and celebration of life will be held at noon on July 4 at 130 Hidden Acres Lane in Kila.

Balloons will mark the road at the west end of the guardrail going up the hill just past the Kila turn-off on the right. Follow the drive to the right. Call 755-9173 for directions if needed.

Wilbert A. Kraus, 84

Wilbert A. Kraus, 84, died Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2012, at Lake View Care Center in Bigfork.

He is survived by his wife, Vivian Kraus, of Kalispell; and his children, Evelyn Seefeldt of Billings, Keith Monte of Winnett, Gwyn Peter-

son of Tacoma, Wash., and Mary Moderie and Kenneth Kraus, both of Kalispell.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

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

Orlyn Dean Knutson, 78

Orlyn Dean Knutson, 78, passed away on Monday, May 21, 2012, at his residence in Kalispell.



He was born on April 22, 1934, at Brooklyn Township, Williams County, N.D., to Olai and Borghild (Holte) Knutson. He graduated from Epping High School in 1952.

Orlyn received his Bachelor of Science degree from Minot State College in Minot, N.D., in 1961, and received his Master of Science degree with an emphasis in business administration from the University of Oregon in 1966. He did graduate work at the University of Montana and UC Berkeley, among others.

Orlyn served in the U.S. Navy and was discharged in 1957. He married Marilyn Jarland in 1959 in Wheelock, N.D.

Orlyn worked at various office jobs until receiving his teaching certificate in 1961. He taught high school in Darby; Illinois Valley High School, Cave Junction,

Ore.; and Pacific Grove High School in Pacific Grove, Calif. He retired from Flathead Valley Community College as a business instructor in 1987, after 30 years of service in Montana.

He loved to play golf, play cards, read Westerns and watch Western movies. He was a member of BPOE.

Orlyn was preceded in death by his parents, brother and sister.

He is survived by his wife, Marilyn; son, Neal, and wife, Robin, of Kalispell; grandchildren, Morgan, Rebecca and Cole of Kalispell; and sister, Annice Vig.

A private family service has taken place. No formal services will be held, at his request.

Memorial contributions can be made in Orlyn's name to Home Options Hospice, 275 Corporate Drive, Suite 600, Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

Bernard H. 'Bud' Kreutzer Jr., 65

Bernard H. "Bud" Kreutzer Jr., 65, passed away from complications from diabetes at Brendan House on Oct. 12, 2012.

Bud was born Jan. 16, 1947, in Jamaica, N.Y. His father was an estimator for Kellogg's and his mother was a homemaker. He grew up in Jamaica and graduated in 1964 from Bishop Loughlon High School in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Due to an afterthought of college, Bud's basketball coach was able to get him into college in Wyoming, so Bud attended Powell Community College. He then went to Eastern Montana College, and in 1975 he graduated with a degree in secondary education with a major in history and a minor in English, after eight years of finishing his schooling due to health reasons; but he graduated first in his class.

During his college years, Bud worked at ShopRite in Babylon, N.Y., where he met Sandy. They dated for three years and were married on Aug. 9, 1975, in Farmingdale, N.Y. They then moved to Montana where Bud's heart made its home.

Continued health issues prevented Bud from pursuing his desired career of teaching. He was great with kids and especially enjoyed high school adults.

He was active in the Catholic Church and lead Bible studies and helped out with the youth group, and also with the choir. He received a kidney transplant from his sister, a live donor, on June 8, 1995; an anniversary they celebrated together every year. In 2001, Bud suffered

a severe stroke. After numerous other surgeries and illnesses, Bud's health required more care and he became a resident of Brendan House in 2006.

Bud enjoyed collecting coins and sports cards. He also liked crossword puzzles and word searches. He was a self-taught harmonica player, and in his younger years he was a winning bronco rider. He really enjoyed taking car trips up to Glacier Park with Sandy and his dogs.

Bud was preceded in death by his many beloved canines.

He is survived by his wife, Sandra "Sandy" A. Kreutzer. He also leaves behind their dogs, Kree and Lexus; sisters, Barbara Middleton of Nevada, Margaret Swanson and her husband Tom of Castle Rock, Colo., and Ronnie Czybora and her husband Fred of Islandia, N.Y.; five nephews and four nieces.

A rosary will be said at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 22, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Vigil services will immediately follow the rosary at 7 p.m. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 12:10 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 23, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church. Burial will follow at 3 p.m. at the Bigfork Community Cemetery.

The family requests memorial contributions be made to the Brendan House, Sunrise Pod Station 2, for residents day room chairs and other needs.

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.

Bryson Micheal Krissie, 18

Bryson Micheal Krissie of Dexter, Ore., died June 7, 2012, of a vehicle/pedestrian hit-and-run accident. He was 18.



A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 16, at West Lawn Memorial Funeral Home, Eugene, Ore. Inurnment will be private.

Bryson was born July 28, 1993, in Eugene, to Thomas Krissie and Jackie Varnum. He was a graduate of Pleasant Hill High School. He was a volunteer fireman with the Dexter Fire Department and a student at Lane Community College.

Survivors include his mother, Jackie Varnum, and stepfather, Dan Boaz, of Dexter; and his father, Thomas Krissie, and stepmother, Christy Krissie, of Columbia Falls; his many grandparents; five brothers, Mathew Boaz of Dexter, Andrew Boaz of Dexter, William Bailey of Columbia Falls, Dakota Krissie of Columbia Falls, and Trisan Krissie of Columbia Falls; and two sisters, Alicia Varnum of Dexter, and Misti Dawn Martin of Aumsville, Ore.

Arrangements are by Murphy-Musgrove Funeral Home in Junction City, Ore.

Remembrances are suggested to the Dexter Fire Department. Condolences may be made at www.musgroves.com/obituaries.cfm.

Gary Dale Kropp, 73

Gary Dale Kropp, 73, "was called home by his Lord," Monday Jan. 23, 2012, in Kalispell.



Gary was born Jan. 24, 1938, in Great Falls, the son of Fred and Genevieve (Oriet) Kropp. Gary attended schools in Great Falls where he was raised, and graduated from Great Falls High School.

He worked road construction before starting to work as a conductor for the Great Northern Railroad which became Burlington Northern Railroad, until his retirement in January 2000.

Gary married Barb Teichrow Nov. 1, 1974, in Sidney. They were married for 37 years.

Gary was an elder at Trinity Lutheran Church, volunteered with the Kalispell Regional Medical Center, was a Bible Study Fellowship member and a volunteer for Trinity church. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, camping and spending winters in Yuma, Ariz.

He dearly loved his granddaughters and enjoyed spend-

ing time with them.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents, Fred and Genevieve Kropp; brother, Clarence Kropp; and a granddaughter, Shaina Evans.

He is survived by his wife, Barb, of Kalispell; daughters, Vicki and Daryl Ness, and Linda and Gary Evans; four grandchildren, Jennifer Ness of Vancouver, Wash., Jacqueline Ness and Francisco Monreal of Vancouver, Nikki Evans of Jacksonville, Fla., and Kalie Evans of Kalispell; one great-grandchild, Lindsey Monreal; nephews, Jim and Gina Kropp, and Steve and Sue Kropp; and sister-in-law, Donna Kropp.

A celebration of life service will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 27, at Trinity Lutheran Church.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to Trinity Lutheran Church, 400 W. California St., Kalispell, MT 59901.

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Glenyce Krogstad, 93

Glenyce Krogstad, 93, passed away at home on Sunday, June 17, 2012.



She was born in Newport, Minn., on July 24, 1918, to James and Nora Bergmann. They lived in International Falls, Minn., for a few years before moving to Kalispell when her father was transferred to Kalispell by the Great Northern Railroad.

At Flathead County High School, Glenyce was the first Bravette to earn a high school script letter "F," in 1936. Basketball was her main sport and she was captain of the all-star basketball team. She also participated in volleyball, baseball, tumbling and hiking. The School District offered Glenyce a job teaching physical education if she would get teacher training in the summer, but during the Depression she worked to help her family.

When World War II began, Glenyce worked at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.

She married Archie Krogstad on her birthday, July 24, 1942. He was a soldier in the Pacific during World War II. When he returned to Kalispell they built a home near the Stillwater River. They had four children, Nancy, Jim, Randi and Terry.

Glenyce stayed at home to take care of them until she returned to work in the early 1960s. She was the office manager at Consolidated Freight for 21 years, retiring in 1985.

Glenyce enjoyed garden-

ing, traveling, and her genealogy hobby which took her as far as Scotland to find places where ancestors lived. She was also active in the Epworth United Methodist Church, the Genealogy Society and the Flathead Democratic Women. She was chosen as the Region One Democratic Woman of the year in 2004.

Glenyce was a wonderful mother and her children were fortunate to have her live to the age of 93.

Glenyce was preceded in death by her husband, Archie; brothers, Walter, Phil and Wallace; sister, Margaret; and grandson, Christopher Sutton.

She is survived by her sister, Pat Plumb; daughter, Nancy, and Joe Crabtree, and grandchildren, Jennifer and Scott Amandine; son, Jim; daughter, Randi Krogstad, and Stephen Sutton, and granddaughter, Elizabeth; son, Terry, and Bobbie Krogstad, and granddaughters, Megan and Chris Steen, and Amanda Krogstad; a special sister-in-law, Mary Jane Bergmann; and many nephews and nieces. She enjoyed her four great-grandchildren, Lilia and Violet Crabtree, Colter Marrone and Hadley Steen. She was looking forward to the birthday she shared with Lilia on July 24.

A celebration of life will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday June 23, at Epworth United Methodist Church.

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James 'Jim' Albert Kuchenski, 82

James "Jim" Albert Kuchenski, 82, of Eureka, passed away on Tuesday, Oct. 16, 2012, in Eureka.

He was born March 17, 1930, to Felix and Zoa Kuchenski. He grew up on a silver fox farm at Big Creek until 1947, when his father passed away and they moved to Eureka. He attended elementary school in old Rexford and graduated from Lincoln County High school in 1948 where he played football and basketball, and worked for the railroad.

In 1949 he went to Spokane to telegraph school, and in 1951 enlisted in the Air Force. Jim was in the Air Force for four years. He started out in Texas, then went to Maryland and Wyoming for teletype school and was shipped to Germany for the remaining three years of his service. When he returned home to Eureka, he worked in the logging industry.

Jim met his wife, June Olson, at the Whitefish Hospital after sustaining a crushed hand that he had endured while working at the Osler Mill. One time in true "Big"/"Uncle" Jim humor, and in the most loving sense, he was quoted as saying, "June caught me after 30 years when I couldn't defend myself." They were married Feb. 13, 1960, and he stayed happily caught for 52 years. They raised three children, Vincent, Victor and Katie Sue.



VFW service as a trustee and chaplain for many years. Jim was also involved in the founding of "Hands Across the Border" with our veterans to the north.

In the summer Jim volunteered at the Historical Village, where he manned the Old Fewkes store, gave tours and told stories in the old schoolhouse to countless field trips. The elementary kids in Eureka, especially his grandkids, as well as many VFW friends, will dearly miss Jim dressing up as "The World's Tallest, Most Jolly, Lovable Leprechaun" on his birthday every year. There was no better way to celebrate St. Patrick's Day than with the "Big Green Leprechaun," eating corned beef and cabbage at the VFW. He was a hardworking man, but he enjoyed time off to have fun as well.

As a young family there were many picnics at various creeks, his sister's house at the Purdy farm, and in his own yard surrounded by his huge vegetable garden and beautiful flower beds. Ultimately, his favorite place was at the cabin on Glen Lake that Jim, June and their family have taken care of for more than 30 years. He enjoyed horseshoes, cribbage and pinochle, but most of all he enjoyed fishing with his grandkids and being surrounded by his family.

Jim was preceded in death by his father, Felix Vincent Kuchenski; and mother, Zoa Copp Kuchenski.

Kermit Sigward Kvigne, 87

Kermit Sigward Kvigne, 87, passed away on June 27, 2012, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

Kermit enjoyed fishing, travel in his motor home, spending winters in Arizona, gardening and Mariner's baseball, of which he was a big fan. He was also a life member of the V.F.W. and the Moose Lodge.

He was employed at the Arco Aluminum Plant in Columbia Falls for 28 years; he retired at 62.

Kermit served his country in the U.S. Army from December of 1944 to November of 1946, with tours in the Philippines



and mainland Japan. Kermit is survived by his wife of 63 years, Dorothy (Thoring) Kvigne of Whitefish; daughter, Cindy and Larry Trusty of Renton, Wash.; two sons, Kerry and Kelly Kvigne, both of Whitefish; nephew, Marlan Kvigne of San Diego; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Knut and Mary Kvigne.

A graveside memorial service took place on Saturday, June 30, at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell, with full military honors.

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

He is survived by his wife, June Olson Kuchenski; and sons, Vincent and grandson Alexander; Victor, wife Maggie, and children Shanna and Logan; and daughter Katie, husband James Brown, and grandchildren Felecia, Hunter and Tanner; by his sisters, Geraldine "Jerry" St. Peter, of Chandler, Ariz., and Marie Purdy of Eureka. Jim also has many great-grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews and many relatives, along with countless customers, friends and acquaintances that too will fondly miss this pillar in the community who had such a big heart, great sense of humor and a loving charismatic nature.

Jim then went to work for the Eureka Creamery, and later worked for Kalispell Equity (Dairy Gold) delivering milk, from Olney to Eureka and old Rexford for 35 years, retiring from the company in 1995. Jim went on to work for the Forest Service under the Senior Program, where he took care of 16 campgrounds in the Murphy Lake Forest District for seven years.

Jim's leadership and involvement in the community started while he was still in high school. He was the freshman and senior class president and the advertising manager for the yearbook staff. He was a devout Christian, an active member and leader in the Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus. He was extensively involved in the VFW post and was the commander of the VFW Post 6786 for 16 years. He then became the District 1 commander of 16 posts for a one-year term. He continued his

Public viewing will be held from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 22, at the Catholic church. The rosary will follow. Church services will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 23, at the Catholic church. A military service will follow at the Eureka Cemetery, followed by a reception at the church and a 6 p.m. gathering to be held at the VFW Post 6786.

Kermit Sigward Kvigne, 87

Kermit Sigward Kvigne, 87, of Whitefish, died June 27, 2012, at The Montana Veterans Home.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy; and his three children, Kerry

Kvigne, Kelly Kvigne and Cindy Trusty.

Memorial services are pending

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