

Patricia Ann Mileski, 60

Patricia Ann Mileski was a therapist who served more than 30 years in the field of mental health



specializing in drug and alcohol abuse. She had worked at Pathways Treatment Center in Kalispell.

The former South Barrington resident designed mental health curriculum for Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge and worked as a senior addictions counselor for both Advocate Health Care and Barrington Youth & Family Services.

"She was very thorough, and she connected well with people," said Rochelle Schulman, executive director of Barrington Youth & Family Services. "She had a pretty diverse population [of clients.] She was very comfortable with herself, so she could sit down with anybody and focus on them."

Mrs. Mileski, who also was a talented musician and once performed as a background singer for Santana, Neil Young and Rita Coolidge, died Oct. 11, 2012, of liver cancer at Midwest Palliative & Hospice CareCenter in Glenview. She was 60.

Using a holistic approach to treatment, Mrs. Mileski addressed multiple outside factors affecting her clients, such as family, belief system and lifestyle. She was also fascinated with the brain and took a particular interest in mind/body connections, according to one of her daughters, Kara Mileski.

Once, to learn about how physical health and nature influences mental well-being, she visited Switzerland with co-workers and together they climbed the Swiss Alps.

worth, Mrs. Mileski frequently opened her home to those in need. When Myles O'Dell was a boy, he and his mom stayed with Mrs. Mileski while his parents were going through a divorce.

"She was like a real angel in my life," O'Dell said. "She made sure I was fed, had clothes. She took me to the doctor's. If I fell behind in school, she helped me. She taught me how to play guitar as a kid. She taught me how to ice skate. She was just a really, really kind-hearted person."

Mrs. Mileski raised three kids of her own, but many others knew her as a mother figure as well.

"She had this healing energy," said Rebecca Everly, a family friend. "Whether you were aching from anxiety or aching from a bump on the knee, she was just always taking care of people."

A New York native, Mrs. Mileski was born Feb. 4, 1952.

Her father was a U.S. Army veteran who worked for the Federal Aviation Administration and her mother had been an Army nurse during World War II before having Mrs. Mileski and her brother.

Her mother was ill during most of her life, so Mrs. Mileski helped take care of the household.

"She was like little Nancy Nurse of the family," said her husband, Alan.

She graduated from high school in the Washington, D.C., area and then moved with her family to Hawaii, where she met her future husband. The couple wed in 1971 and moved to Rolling Meadows before ultimately transferring to New Jersey for her husband's job in the moving and storage business.

"It was a really empowering experience," her daughter Kara said. "She learned how important the outdoors and the wilderness are to clearing your mind. She was very clinical, but she also had that side to her that was very creative."

Connecting to nature was important to Mrs. Mileski. For the last eight years, she lived in Montana and often got outside, whether it was hiking, snowshoeing or skiing, to breathe in the fresh mountain air.

Julie Wentworth, a family friend who lived for a brief time with Mrs. Mileski in Montana, remembered how much Mrs. Mileski admired the morning sun rising over the mountains.

"Pat would always be looking out the window," Wentworth said. "She was so engrossed in the moment. You could see how content she was."

As she did with Went-

On the East Coast she befriended a drug and alcohol counselor and became fascinated by the work, her husband said. After relocating to South Barrington, she went back to school to pursue a career in the field.

Mrs. Mileski was a faithful Catholic. She sang occasionally at church and also "just whenever she could," particularly John Denver, James Taylor and Paul Simon songs, said her son, Kevin.

During the '70s, she performed with Santana and Neil Young in Hawaii and also recorded for one of Rita Coolidge's albums.

Throughout her life, she continued to sing and play the guitar, piano and accordion.

"If ever there was a party and the energy was kind of low, all of sudden my mom would come out with her huge accordion and just whale away on it," her son said.

Mrs. Mileski is also survived by a daughter, Kimberly DeVries, four grandchildren and a brother.

Services have been held.

Douglas Allen 'Doug' Miller, 53

Douglas Allen "Doug" Miller, 53, died Sunday, Sept. 9, 2012, while hunting near Butte.

He is survived by his wife, Cindy; daughters, Amanda Koenig of Bozeman and Erica Cook of Kalispell; son Benjamin

"Ben" Miller, of Kalispell; and mother, Verla Guerrero, of Kalispell.

A celebration of life will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, at The River Church, 859 W. Reserve Drive, Kalispell.

Karl Miller, 55

Karl Miller, 55, died Jan. 12, 2013, in Kalispell.

He had been a produce man in area grocery stores.

He is survived by his mother, Daphne, of

Kalispell.

Private family services will be held.

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

Jane Deloris Miller, 82

Jane Deloris Miller, 82, passed away on Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2012, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center from a stroke.



She was baptized March 29, 1953, as one of Jehovah's Witnesses, where she came to have a large group of friends. She loved her faith and enjoyed spending much of her time sharing it with others. Jane will be greatly missed. This world was a better place with her in it.

Jane was preceded in death by her daughter, Sharon; son, Terry; her parents; and three brothers.

She is survived by her husband, Irvin, of Kalispell; two sons, Steve of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Leonard of Kalispell; and two daughters, Kathy Montgomery of Great Falls, Va., and Janice Miller of Seattle.

A memorial service will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 11 at Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 1100 W. Reserve, Kalispell.

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

Jane was born Aug. 6, 1929, in Eureka, to Willard and Isabelle Omyer. Jane was the eldest of seven children, five brothers and one sister. She grew up in Trego, until the family moved to Oregon when she was in her early teens. After a short time, the family moved to the Flathead Valley in Montana, where she lived most of the rest of her life.

On June 7, 1946, Jan married Irvin Miller of Kalispell. They raised a family of five children. Jane was a devoted wife, mother and homemaker, always of good cheer and kindness. Jane's eyes sparkled when she smiled and smiles came easy for her.

Michael Brett Miller, 61

Michael Brett Miller, 61, of Aberdeen, Wash., passed away on Wednesday, Jan. 25,



2012, with loved ones at his side.

He died at Providence St. Peter Hospital in Olympia, Wash., as a result of complications following aortic valve replacement surgery.

One of five children, Mike was born April 18, 1950, to George and Fay Miller of Eureka. Mike grew up in Eureka and graduated from Lincoln County High School in 1969.

After graduation, he spent most of his adult working life in and around the timber industry. He retired from Weyerhaeuser in Aberdeen in 2008.

Mike loved spending time outdoors. Born and raised in Montana, he camped, hunted, and fished as much as he could get away with. Since moving to the coast, he had also enjoyed spending time on the beaches, exploring and taking pictures, with friends and family.

He also enjoyed cooking and fishing the ocean with his treasured

friends. A father, grandfather, son, brother and friend, Mike will be missed by us all.

Mike is survived by his daughter and son, Kristy Miller Negri and Jason Miller; his grandchildren, Adam (18), Hadley (16), Lauren (15), and Abigail (5); his mother, Fay Miller; his sisters, Sherry Halseth, Becky VanHoy, Pam Larson, and Shelly Johnson; and all their families.

He was preceded in death by his father, George Miller.

Cremation has taken place. The family is planning to hold a service for Mike this summer.

A wake on a warm day, food, family, and friends, telling stories and enjoying happy memories of the Mike we all knew and loved. An announcement will be sent out at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a donation in Mike's name to a charity of your choice. He had several favorites — Paralyzed Veterans of America, the Humane Society, and St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

Please leave remembrances at www.FuneralAlternatives.org. Arrangements are with Funeral Alternatives of Washington, 360-753-1065.

Roy G. Miller, 81

Roy G. Miller, 81, died Sunday, Nov. 11, 2012, in Whitefish.

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

There will be no services at this time.

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

Robert Miller, 76

Robert Miller, 76, died at the Whitefish Care and Rehabilitation Center on Saturday, Aug. 18, 2012.

Memorial services are

pending at this time.

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

Ray Miller, 70

Ray Miller, 70, formerly of Trego, died Saturday, June 30, 2012, in Quartzsite, Ariz., of a heart attack.

He was a silversmith.

He is survived by his wife, Carolyn Miller.

Parker Funeral Home of Parker, Ariz., assisted the family.

Victor Miller, 94

Victor "Pop Pop" Miller of Whitefish died on Monday, Nov. 12, 2012. He was 94 years old.



An avid theater-goer and supporter for the seven years he lived here, he was beloved by all who met him, and always had a smile and kind word for everyone.

In his own right, he had become somewhat of a local celebrity in the community.

Vic was born and raised in Boston. He wed Sylvia Sklon in 1943, and the two were married almost 59 years before Sylvia's death in 2002.

Vic lived most of his adult life in New Jersey, where he owned and operated Puritan Maid Donuts in Linden.

He was a big supporter of the local police department, but then again, what donut shop owner wouldn't be? Hey, free donuts go a long way!

He was also president of the Linden Volunteer Ambulance Squad, and a Boy Scout troop leader. A crossword puzzle aficionado and prolific cribbage

player, Vic was also a devoted fan of music from the Big Band and Swing era. He loved "hanging out with the young folks" and loved just being with all of our friends; they were his friends too. He lived life to the fullest and loved his family dearly. His humor and sharp wit kept everyone on their toes.

He is survived by his loving daughter Dayle and her husband, Tony Hernandez, with whom he lived in Whitefish; as well as by his son Philip Miller and wife, Susan, of New Jersey; grandsons, Joshua Mintz and wife, Jessica, of Whitefish and Torrance Hernandez and wife, Bennett, of California; and great-grandchildren, Ayden and Ashtyn Mintz of Whitefish, and Heather, Tara and Amanda Miller of New Jersey; along with numerous other relatives on the East Coast.

Dayle, Tony and family would like to thank everyone for their outpouring of love, friendship and kind wishes.

Funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 20 at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, with burial at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Joan M. Milam, 83

Joan M. Milam, 83, died Nov. 23, 2012, in Kalispell.

She is survived by her husband, Donald; and children, David, Barbara, Nancy, Julie and Jeff.

Celebration of life services are pending.

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

Stuart Perry Milter, 62

Stuart Perry Milter passed away suddenly Nov. 29, 2012, from a tragic accident at his home.

"In true Stuart tradition (time) this notice is late!"

Stuart was born and raised in Akron, Ohio, and lived there until he was 14. In 1964, Stu's parents, Cilia and William moved the family to San Jose, Calif., to pursue the California dream. Stu worked his way through school at a bicycle shop. In 1968, the Milter family moved to Anaheim, Calif., where Stu graduated from high school. He later attended California State University for five years, studying sociology and other related humanities courses.

From 1973 to 1982, Stu was involved very successfully in retail and wholesale sales throughout the Pacific Northwest. In addition, he helped open and manage the In Shops in the Tacoma and Sea Tac Malls.

From retail, Stu was recruited by Idaho Opal & Gem Corporation out of Pocatello, Idaho. He also represented other manufacturers' lines, such as Stamper Black Hills Gold and New Style Directions. As the design consultant for their gold line, sales grew rapidly and Stu eventually divided the Northwest into three sales territories, hiring and training the new sales representatives along the way. Shortly after joining the world of wholesale, Stu realized he wanted to stay involved in the retail side of the business and purchased the oldest jewelry store in Dillon, Stamm Jewelers.

In the fall of 1985, Stu moved to Whitefish and soon opened Stuart Jewelers in the new Mountain Mall. As he followed the downtown development, it became clear that a move there would be best. He located and purchased the 105 Central Avenue location, which he operated for many years. He also opened Stuart Jewel-



ers in the Kalispell Center Mall in 1988.

Now making the Flathead Valley his new home,

he decided to sell the Dillon store. Stu always took great pride in his low employee turnover and appreciated their many contributions in helping him build a solid, reputable name in the jewelry business. In 2010, Stuart rejoined one of those faithful employees, Patt Clay, to open Patt's Jewelry in Kalispell, remaining involved until his untimely death. Stu was an avid golfer, sailor and skier, and Harley and Corvette enthusiast.

His tardiness remains legendary, rarely showing up on time for any event, earning him the most appropriate nickname of "Turtle!"

His distinctive signature mustache was often soaked from tipping the sailboat, frozen from skiing the powder, flapping from the Harley or seen fluttering from his beloved vintage Corvette. We'll all remember the charming smile that accompanied the "stache" as a result of his life's adventures.

Stu was preceded in death by his mother Cilia, and father William Milter.

"Magoo" is survived by his brother, Harvey, sister-in-law, Linda, and their children, Sam, Joe, Matthew, Courtney and Alyssa, all of Alabama; brother, Gary of Oklahoma; and sister, Joanie, her husband Kim and their daughter Stacy, all of California. Stu also loved his adopted mother, "Momma Jo." He is also survived by many other "inherited" nieces and nephews, as well as a multitude of friends and colleagues.

Stu will be loved and missed by many who knew him.

Gloria Reardon Mills, 80 Patrick Clint Mills, 82



Gloria Reardon Mills, 80, of Eureka, died Oct. 29, 2012,



at St. Mary's Assisted Living in Eureka, with husband, Clint, and loving caregivers by her side.

Cremation has taken place. A celebration of life will be in the spring in Choteau.

Gloria was the daughter of James and Myrtle Reardon of Choteau. She graduated from Choteau High School and was married to Patrick Clint Mills for 58 years. She was Clint's "Beautiful Indian Princess."

Gloria lived in many places during Clint's military career and their other adventures. She graduated as a beauty operator from Dodd's Beauty College in Great Falls and also attended

ACC College in Anchorage, Alaska. She worked for the Alaskan Exchange System, as well as a beauty operator/manager, and also alongside Clint at the Yaak River Ranch, and a private ranch resort. In 1992, Gloria and Clint settled in Eureka.

Gloria loved her daughter, Billie, and was deeply saddened by her death. Also preceding her in death was her brother, Alton Reardon.

At the time of her death, Gloria was survived by her husband, Clint; grandson, Gregory, sister, Colleen and Cal Sorby; nephews, Craig Sorby, Randy and Lisa Reardon and Stephen and Lia Reardon; nieces, Colleen and Jim Russo, Dawn and Bob Woods, Terry and Mike Mills and Gail Hager. She leaves behind many lifelong friends spread across the country.

Memorials are suggested to your local Breast Cancer Association, hospice or the charity of your choice.

Patrick Clint Mills, 82, of Eureka, died Dec. 11, 2012, at St. Mary's Assisted Living with loving caregivers by his side.

Cremation has taken place with ashes to be spread on Bugle Mountain. A celebration of his life will be in the spring in Choteau.

Clint was the son of Patrick and Opal Mills. He graduated from Conrad High School. He played football, ran track, and his greatest passion was baseball.

Clint was married to Gloria Reardon Mills for 58 years.

He was raised on a wheat and cattle ranch in the Pendroy/Dupuyer area which was the beginning of a lifetime on the back of a horse. Clint's employment included operating/managing wheat and cattle, a dude ranch, a private ranch resort, working all phases of the oil fields, logging and operating heavy equipment on dirt construction. He spent several years as a licensed hunting and fishing outfitter and guide.

He was an awesome saxophone player and was in a traveling band. He was so proud of his 24-year career with the U.S. Army with several years in the Airborne and Green Berets. He was always

grateful for his military family.

Clint traveled to many places with his "Beautiful Indian Princess," Gloria.

"He left this ole' world to join his princess."

He was preceded in death by wife, Gloria; daughter, Billie; sister, Berniece Hager; and niece, JoAnn McFarland.

He is survived by sister, Dorothy Boucher; grandson, Gregory; sister-in-law, Colleen and Cal Sorby; nieces, Terry and Mike Mills, Gail Hager, Carmen Erickson, Patty Busby, Colleen and Jim Russo, Dawn and Bob Woods; nephews, Craig Sorby, Randy and Lisa Reardon, Stephen and Lia Reardon; great-niece and nephew, Staci and Luke Snellman and Brett and Sonya Mills, and many lifelong friends.

Memorials are suggested to the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (Clint was the first lifetime member), VFW, or the charity of your choice.

An informal tribute to celebrate and honor Gloria and Clint will be held at 4 p.m. Jan. 19, at RiverStone Family Lodge, Eureka.

Lois Marquardt Mitchell, 86

Lois Marquardt Mitchell, 86, a resident of Billings, passed away peacefully at home on Sunday, Dec. 16, 2012.

She was born to William J. and Cora King Marquardt in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, on Oct. 13, 1926. She spent her childhood in Idaho and western Montana, including Hot Springs and Kalispell. After graduating from Flathead County High School in Kalispell in 1944, she attended Montana State University in Bozeman and Eastern Montana College in Billings, and worked in the Billings Deaconess Hospital until 1946.

She married James David Mitchell in Billings in 1946 and raised their 14 children there from 1947 to 1987. She spent some of those years working at the Deaconess Hospital as a nurse's aide and Treasure Trails Girl Scout Council as field director and camp director of Timbercrest Girl Scout Camp, where she was well known and loved as "Buttercup."

Lois believed in donating her time and energy to good causes and volunteered throughout her adult life. She was an active volunteer at the YMCA for 20 years, and the American Red Cross for 25 years. She was very involved in her community and was a member of many local organizations. Among her longtime favorites were Lois Club, YMCA Birthday Club, Friendship Force (traveling to meet members of other communities and hosting members in her home), Global Grannies (experiencing extensive world travel) and LOWS Camping Group. She was a patron of the arts, enjoying the opera, symphony, theater and a variety of musical performances.

After retiring, she realized her passion for traveling, visiting her children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends throughout the U.S.A. She also enjoyed



exploring new lands and cultures, visiting 27 countries and forming instant friendships around the

world. Anyone who had the pleasure of knowing Lois would remember her forever.

Lois had a beautiful voice, and was a past member of the choirs at St. Patrick's Co-Cathedral, St. Pius X Catholic Church, St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church and Billings Symphony Chorale. While raising her children she would frequently sing and play the piano, despite the noise from her brood.

She loved to camp with her family and spent most summer vacations at Yellowstone National Park and Red Lodge while the children were growing up. Beginning in 1986, the family met every summer for a family reunion, and she eventually built a cabin in the Swan Valley as a gathering place and family retreat. She loved the outdoors and spent many hours swimming, canoeing and relaxing.

She believed in lifelong learning, and returned to college at the age of 35. While in her 70s, she studied Italian and completed creative writing classes. She read extensively until the end of her life.

She enjoyed doing for others; she was always busy making handmade gifts for family and friends. She was an accomplished seamstress and accomplished cook.

She was a devout Catholic and her faith was very important to her. She was an active member of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish. Throughout her life in Billings, she served in the Altar Societies at St. Patrick's Co-Cathedral, St. Pius X Church and St. Thomas the Apostle, and was a member of Catholic Daughters Court of St. Cecelia for 64 years.

Lois was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Dean Marquardt, and wife, Lorraine; husband, James David Mitchell; son-in-law, Robert Williams McKaig; and her especially beloved grandson, Jacob Allyn Beck.

She is survived by her children, Robert Paul and Susan Mitchell, James Patrick Mitchell, Barbara Jean and Frederick Zavodny, Mary Catherine and Thomas Donohue, Cecelia Ann McKaig, Thomas Gregory Mitchell, Margaret Rose and George Ahlin, Dennis Joseph and Margaret (her loving and devoted "Peg") Mitchell, Patricia Marie and Bernard Goodell, Joan Elizabeth and Robert Parker-Frey, Teresa Maureen and Matthew O'Neill, Dolores Eileen and Michael Cochrane, Rita Clare and Douglas Beck, Michael Damian and Debbie Mitchell; grandchildren, Sean and Karen Mitchell, Sadie Mitchell, Jeremy McKaig, Lynette Zavodny and Gabe Dillon, Nathan and Aimee Mitchell, Heather McKaig, Tara Mitchell, Katie Mitchell, Christine Ahlin, Patrick Mitchell, Kyle Beck, Shannon Goodell, Rachel Parker, Dylan Goodell, Ryan Parker, Johanna Mitchell, Eloise Mitchell and Mitchell Albert Cochrane; and great-grandchildren, Halley Campbell, Cosmo Mitchell, Melena Mitchell, Meela Mitchell, Tripp Mitchell, Arlo Arrowtop, Rowan Parker and Maizee Mitchell.

She is also survived by

her sister, Wilma Minette, and her children, John Minette, Carolyn Minette, Trish Hodge, Lynn Fogus, James Minette, Eileen Clark, Sharon Danielson and Gloria Morgan Jones; and brother Dean's children, Kathleen Marquardt, Sherman Marquardt, Joan Marquardt, Dawn Marquardt, Candace Marquardt and Cindy Marquardt.

In addition, she had a host of honorary sons and daughters who were friends of her children and many special friends wherever she lived, especially her very dearest friend since third grade, Twila Dopp, of Kalispell.

She had an amazing spirit and great love of life. She considered her children and grandchildren her greatest blessings. One of her final messages to us on the day before she passed was, "Stay happy in your tomorrows."

If you wish to honor Lois' memory, we suggest donating to a charity of your choice, or volunteering your time to a charitable organization.

A vigil will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 20, at Cremation & Funeral Gallery in Billings. A memorial Mass will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 21, at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Billings, with a lunch to follow.

Arrangements are by Cremation & Funeral Gallery. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.cfgbillings.com through "Our Families."

Robert A. Moak, 73

Robert A. Moak, 73, a long-time Libby resident, died Saturday, July 28, 2012, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center from injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident.

He was born March 2, 1939, in Aberdeen, S.D., to Myron and Mary (Cure) Moak. He grew up and attended school in South Dakota until the age of 15 when he moved to Montana.

Bob worked as a crane operator on construction jobs for many years and was a member of the Operating Engineers Local No. 400. Although his work took him many places, Libby was his home.

Bob was an avid biker and enjoyed riding his



motorcycle.

Survivors include his six children, Kevin Moak of San Bernadino, Calif., Cindi Bryan and husband Rodney of Springfield, Ohio, William Moak and wife Robin of Texas, Vern Moak and wife Sheila of Seattle, Roger Moak of California, and Greg Moak of Washington; grandchildren, Lisa, Barbara, Trisha, Jennifer, Rory, Jason, Kristi, Thor, Kyle and Trevor; and a sister, Helen Ahern, of South Dakota.

Celebration of life services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 7, at Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Libby with a reception following at 3 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, 220 W. 4th St., Libby.

Arrangements are under the direction of Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home and Crematory of Libby.

William Mohan, 78

William "Billy" Mohan, 78, of Columbia Falls, died Sunday, Dec. 16, 2012.

He is survived by his wife, Justice of the Peace Susan "Tina" Gordon, and son Shaun Mohan.

A memorial Mass will

be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 19, at Saint Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls. A luncheon will follow the Mass.

Arrangements are entrusted to Columbia Mortuary.

Larry Allen Moon, 68

Larry Allen Moon, 68, died Oct. 12, 2012.

He is survived by his children, Michael Moon, Brent Moon and Tiffany Moon.

A graveside memorial

service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 22, at Glacier Memorial Gardens, with full military honors.

Arrangements are entrusted to Columbia Mortuary.

George M. Moore, 66

George Miles Moore, 66, passed away Saturday, Feb. 25, 2012, at home, with his wife and family at his bedside.

He started his life, born to George 'Elmo' Moore and Susan A. Moore, on July 18, 1945, in Chico Hot Springs. His family moved to Pinehurst, Idaho, where he lived for the next 18 years.

It was in Pinehurst that he met the love of his life, Patricia Lee Shultz. They were married on Oct. 29, 1964, and celebrated 47 years together. In those years they had three children.

George joined the Army right after he married Patty and was stationed at Fort Leonardwood, Mo.; Fort Gordon, Ga., for signal training; and Fort Lewis, Wash. He served in Vietnam from 1965 until 1966. He finished his Army career at Fort Lewis.

He worked as a hard-rock miner in the Sunshine Mine in Elk Creek, Idaho. He moved on to sell Kirby vacuums in the Silver Valley of Idaho, then moved to Ronan until God called him into the ministry.

George attended Trinity Bible College in Ellendale, N.D., for three years and became an ordained minister through the Assemblies of God. His first church was the Hungry Horse Chapel from 1979 to 1983. From there he pastored churches in Conrad, Scobey, Oroville, Wash., Anacanda and Ritzville, Wash. He traveled as an evangelist after he finished pastoring in churches. George retired due



to agent orange exposure in Vietnam. The last 10 years he lived in Columbia Falls with his wife, Patty.

First of all, he loved his children, son George "Michael" and wife Kendra; Tami Scholler and husband Steve; and Lisa Scott and husband Justin. He was "Papa George" to his grandkids and he loved each one of them: George "JR" Moore and wife Kyrrie, Cheyenne Moore, Colten Scholler, Taylor Scholler, Jake Scott and Mikayla Scott, and his two great-grandchildren, Teagan Moore and Atley Moore.

In addition, he is survived by his sister, Connie Robinson; and his stepfather, George Blackmore. He was preceded in death by his father, George "Elmo" Moore, and his mother, Susan A. Blackmore.

He loved the outdoors and spent many years hunting, fishing, and camping with his family. He was passionate about sharing the gospel to anyone he came in contact with.

Visitation for George will be held Monday, Feb. 27, 2012, at the Columbia Mortuary from 6 to 8 p.m. A burial will be held Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2012, at 11 a.m. at the Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls with military honors by the United Veterans of the Flathead. A memorial will be held at the Hungry Horse Chapel at 2 p.m. with a reception following at the church.

Memorials may be made to Hungry Horse Chapel in honor of the Rev. George Miles Moore.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for George's family. You are invited to go to www.columbiamortuary.com to view George's tribute wall, offer condolences and share memories.

Leland James Moore, 68

On Oct. 2, 2012, Leland James Moore "went home to our Heavenly Father" at the age of 68, shortly after his diagnosis of lung cancer. He will be missed by so many, loved and long remembered for generations of family and friends.



Leland was born in Crosby, N.D., to James and Ida Moore on May 2, 1944. James and Ida settled in Kalispell in 1947. Leland loved the Flathead, the place he was raised with his brothers and sisters. Together they were a village of strength, teaching each other about the love of family and creating special memories together to pass on to their own families for years to come.

Leland married the love of his life, Darlene Johnson, on Aug. 21, 1963. Leland was a sentimental man when it came to his "bride," and he enjoyed surprising her often with special gifts to mark special days in such a way that she would be reminded of his love for her. She always stood by him, believed in him, and together they filled their home with family and friends, and welcomed any and all as their own.

He loved his animals as if they were family too, Leland's home is where many strays found a place and where there

was always room for one more. Leland shared anything he had, giving everything he could give, and quietly loving every minute of his many blessings.

Leland was a proud, humble man, always working his dreams into reality that would be shared and enjoyed by so many. April of 1978 marked the grand opening of Leland's Honda-Suzuki, a culmination of a young man's dreams and a never-ending desire to challenge himself and stretch the limits of what he had ever known to be possible. Darlene, always believing in him, was with Leland every step of the way.

Leland's became more than a place. It was where Leland found many of his best friends, taught his boys his toolbox secrets, and showed his daughter how to share his dreams. It was there that he found a means to provide, not just for his family; it was so much more than that. He was able to create a place in the community where everyone was welcomed, invited and the coffee is always on.

What Leland really lived for was the end of the road — his piece of Heaven way up on the hill, where he and Darlene watched their family grow. Leland and Darlene moved to Somers in 1973. It was there he conducted the work that he really loved; cutting wood, watching over the fire to keep his house and family

warm, building his life with his own hands from his own dreams, watching everyone around him smile and laugh and enjoy everything he worked so hard for. He created a very beautiful life that grew and multiplied with friends and family. Leland's joy was simple, watching his daughter and sons' lives unfold, watching their families grow, their ups and downs. Kelly, Keith and Kevin, along with their families, are Leland's greatest achievement.

Leland had many, many wonderful friends to add to his family; a stockpile of treasures to fill his heart and make him smile. Over the years people would come and go, drift in and out, but no one ever left Leland's heart, once you had a place, it was yours to keep forever, no questions asked. That was his way. He touched many and asked nothing in return.

Leland is survived by his loving wife, Darlene, of Somers; his three children, Kelly Loudermilk and husband Cory of Somers, Keith and wife Suzy of Kalispell, and Kevin and wife Marcy of Brighton, Colo.; his grandchildren, Britlee, Danyelle, Cole, Jessica, Cody, Zoe and Zina; his four brothers, Lyle and wife Elaine, Ordean, Donald and wife Frankie, and Jerome; his five sisters, Aletha Mae Moore, Sadie Stowell and husband Bob, Betty Bertelsen and husband Roger, Myrna Wade

and husband Mike, and Pearl Carstens and husband Tom. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews.

Leland was preceded in death by his father, Jame Moore, Sept. 2, 1987; his mother, Ida Moore, April 30, 2007; and his sister, Darlene Moore, Jan. 22, 2006.

The celebration of Leland's life will begin with a service at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 6, at The White Oak Convention Center, immediately followed by a luncheon.

"We will miss you Leland. When we think of you, we will know it is because you thought of us first. Just as you tucked us away safe in your heart, you are forever in ours. You will never be forgotten and always loved."

William Barry Moore, 71

William Barry Moore passed away peacefully in the early morning hours of May 5, 2012, at Ponderosa Pines Healthcare in Billings. Barry, as he was known by all, had resided at The Ponderosa for the past two years, suffering from COPD and diabetes.



Born in Spokane on Christmas Eve, 1940, Barry spent most of his life in Northwestern Montana, learning to hunt, fish and appreciate nature at an early age. Barry attended elementary schools "up the Canyon" and graduated Columbia Falls High School with the Class of 1958. He attended one year of college at Rocky Mountain College in Billings.

Various work experiences included employment with the Forest Service, the Boeing Company in the Greater Seattle area, and as a commercial steel painter. (The higher, the better!)

Moving to Billings in the early 1970s, he met the "love of his life" — his wife, Linda Lou (Bitterman) Moore — who preceded him in death in 2004. He was also preceded in death by his parents, William B. "Bill" and Hertha (Kunkel) Moore, of Martin City.

Barry is survived by his daughter, Kymm, of Minnesota; three granddaughters; his loving sister and brother-in-law, Lynda Kay and Don Hurter, and their three sons and families, of Washington state, as well as other relatives, including his "special" cousin, Linda Jones, of Broadview, Mont., who visited him regularly, and his aunt, Rosemary Kunkel, of Nampa, Idaho, who lived with the Moores for

a time and shared Barry's love of the outdoors.

Barry could be found hunting or fishing any chance he got. In fact, it was that passion that led the Montana Legislature to pass "Barry's Bill" which was signed into law by the governor a year ago, allowing terminally ill hunters to buy a special antelope tag, even if they aren't drawn in a specific district. "Barry's Bill" will be a "Forever Legacy" to Barry for other hunters, who, as he said, "find themselves in the same position I'm in."

"He is now hunting, surely, and fishing, most definitely, in Divine places."

Thanks to the mentorship of Bob Strutz, a retired pastor and volunteer chaplain with Rocky Mountain Hospice, Barry found his peace with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and this relationship became the most integral part of his life.

A celebration of Barry's Life was held on May 22 at The Ponderosa in Billings.

A memorial graveside service will be held at 3 p.m. on Monday, July 9, at Glacier Memorial Gardens, 2650 Hwy. 93 North in Kalispell. Pastor Ken Ainsworth of Canyon Community Church will officiate, with special music provided by lifelong family friend, Pat Darling.

The family wishes to extend heartfelt thanks to the staff of Ponderosa Pines Healthcare and Rocky Mountain Hospice for the many kindnesses shown to Barry, and their dedication to insuring that his life was well lived for as long as it could be.

Memorials, in Barry's name, may be made to Rocky Mountain Hospice, 2110 Overland Avenue, Suite 111, Billings, MT 59102.

The world lost a kind and talented musician on May 14, 2012. Gary Wayne Morris passed away unexpectedly at home due to complications of diabetes.



Many will remember Gary riding his bike or walking throughout the valley, always ready with a smile and a compliment. He loved music, people and Glacier National Park.

He was born Oct. 24, 1952, and grew up in Hacienda Heights near Los Angeles, playing trumpet in the high school marching band. He earned a bachelor's degree in geography, but his lifelong passion was music.

His summers were spent hitchhiking around the country, trusting that he would find friends and sustenance on the road, eventually visiting every state in the continental U.S. and later, Hawaii, as well.

In 1977, he moved to the Flathead Valley with his lifelong friend Chuck, soon joining with other young musicians to form the Hash Mountain Boys, a popular Bluegrass band that toured Montana and western Canada. Gary married Teri (Vehrs) Vore in 1989, and they had a daughter, Callie Rose, in 1993. Gary was devoted to raising Callie, and could often be seen pedaling around town with her on the back of his bike.

One of Gary's greatest joys was playing music with other people, and exploring different styles and genres. He was an original member of the Empty Pocket String Band, the Fabulous Employees, Bierstube Orchestra, Grin and Bear It String Clan, the Stringlers, Tropical Montana Marimba Ensemble, and most recently Tra le Gael. His musical abilities ranged from Celtic to cowboy, soul to swing music, and rock 'n' roll to old time. He was foremost a guitar player, but he mastered many instruments, and his smooth trumpet was welcome in any jam. Gary had the gift of music which he loved to share.

He was an inspiration and a kind person, encouraging others to spread their musical wings. There are not many musicians in the Flathead who haven't played a tune or 10 with Gary, and they will remember his calm ecstasy, his sometimes slyly humorous take on a tune or a lick, and the depth of his

musicianship as they created music together.

He was a prolific writer of tunes and songs, with lyrics that expressed his optimism and hope that never faded. He would often write songs for the people he loved, and his answering machine message was always a ditty he'd written and sung, harmonious and often hilarious.

Gary worked for several years at Flathead Industries, playing songs for the people he worked with and treating them as friends and peers, greeting them as their friend when meeting them on the street years later. His love of sharing music naturally led to teaching, and his patient nature shone. He taught private lessons in guitar, mandolin, banjo and anything else anyone wanted to learn, as well as becoming the Kila School music teacher in 2003.

He worked hard to earn his teaching certification long after he'd already become a popular classroom teacher, and went on to earn his Master of Music Education in order to expand his offerings at Flathead Valley Community College. He has been an adjunct faculty member for many years at FVCC, teaching guitar and music history, and more recently, methods classes to aspiring teachers. He worked all of these jobs while playing music in various bands and forever teaching himself to play new instruments, as well as raising his talented daughter.

Gary was preceded in death by his father, James Morris, and his sister, Sherry Bridges.

His kind words, good humor, and beautiful music will be missed by his mother, Lylla, daughter Callie, his partner Barbara Calm, and a myriad of friends, students and fans. A choir concert at Flathead High School at 7 p.m. this Tuesday, May 22, is dedicated to him.

Memorial contributions can be sent to Flathead Valley Community College for a music scholarship to be set up in Gary's memory.

Burial has taken place at Bethel Cemetery in Somers. A celebration of Gary's life will be held on June 23 at FVCC, followed by a weekend sharing music and potluck at Stillwater Landing north of Whitefish.

"When our paths cross again, we won't be strangers, we'll be friends. We'll be friends when our paths cross again."

"We miss you and love you, Gary."

Gary Morris

A celebration of the life of Gary Morris, 59, who died May 14, will be held on Saturday, June 23.

There will be a program from 2 to 4 p.m. at Flathead Valley Community College in the Arts and Technology Building,

followed by camping, potluck and music at Stillwater Landing north of Whitefish from Saturday evening through Sunday.

Contact Barbara Calm at bcalm1@yahoo.com with questions.

Harvey Edward Morris, 80

Harvey Edward Morris, 80, died Friday, April 6, 2012, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

Per his request, he will

be cremated, and no services will be held.

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

Robert Lewis Morris, 87

Robert Lewis Morris, 87, died Thursday, May 31, 2012, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

He is survived by his

wife, Harriett Morris.

No services will be held. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Theresa Morton, 83

Theresa Morton, 83, "went to heaven on angels' wings" on July 13, 2012.



Theresa was born April 2, 1929, in Butte, to Peter Joseph and Mary Theresa Connolly. She moved with her family to Charlo at the age of 7, and graduated from Charlo High School in 1946.

She married the love of her life, Donald Morton, on July 24, 1947, in Polson. They moved in 1947 to Great Falls, where their daughter Linda was born. In 1963, they came to Kalispell, where they knew they wanted to stay.

Theresa lived a full and happy life. Her positive outlook and generosity reflected on everyone who knew her. She loved to go antique shopping and

enjoyed studying about antiques. She treasure her times of worship and volunteering her time at Epworth Methodist Church, where she made any dear friends.

She is survived and will be forever loved and missed by her loving husband of 64 years, Don; daughter, Linda Cusick, and her husband, Doug; sister, Fran Jelliff; grandson, Jeff Lozeau; granddaughter, Lori Watson; great-grandchildren, Alexi, Paige, Payton, Zachary and Addysson; and many nieces and nephews, and wonderful neighbors.

The family would like to thank all her wonderful friends for all the love and support during her illness, especially Tammy and Donna.

Cremation has taken place. At Theresa's request, a private family service is planned.

Harold Moran, 82

Harold Moran, 82, of Sidney, and formerly of Kalispell and Bigfork, died July 30, 2012, at his home in Sidney.

He is survived by his stepson, Lynn "Butch" Peterson, of Sidney; and stepdaughter, Georgia Peterson Hensley, of Sur-

prise, Ariz.

Funeral services are at 10 a.m., Friday, Aug. 3, at the Pella Lutheran Church in Sidney, with the Rev. Charlane Lines officiating. Interment will be in the Sidney Cemetery under the direction of the Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney.

Phil Morrison Sr., 61

Phil Morrison Sr., 61, died at his home in Libby on Sunday, July 15, 2012.

Survivors include his wife, Rayetta Morrison, of Libby; his son, PJ Morrison of Billings; and daughters, Beth Morrison

and Danielle Masters, both of Libby.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, July 19, at Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home and Crematory in Libby. A reception will follow at the American Legion.

June 'Shorty' V. (Latsha) Moser, 71

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3, 2012, in Kalispell after a short, but courageous battle with Burkitt's Lymphoma. She was born in Herndon Rural District, Pa., on May 29, 1941; the daughter of Lawrence E. and Catherine R. (Baker) Latsha.

June spent her early years in Norristown, Pa., where she attended school and received an award for her beautiful penmanship. While she did not graduate from high school there, she felt it important to complete her GED later in life with her sister-in-law Judy in 1984.

In December of 1961, she married Jacob Daniel Moser III of Norristown, her beloved husband of nearly 47 years. He lovingly nicknamed her "Shortcake" but she was called "Shorty" by many of her friends and family. She and her husband moved to the Silver Tip Ranch in Martin City with the Moser family in 1971. She loved the outdoors and took pride in keeping the ranch raked, mowed and shoveled, and maintained a beautiful flower garden. She also knew her way around a car and drove her '66 Mustang until the floorboards nearly fell out. She loved driving, so she took care of the many family errands such as running to the post office, store and doctors' offices. She enjoyed working at the Ol' River Bridge Inn and worked with some of her closest friends there. When not working or being a family caretaker, she was very active at St. Richard's Catholic Church and was a member of the Martin City Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary.

ing, crafts or gardening and was always making sure they were well fed. She also gave treats to the family pets, who will miss her deeply, and treated her own pets as her children. If the family had a get-together, it was usually at her urging, since she loved to be surrounded by family and friends. She enjoyed knitting and crocheting and was known for making Christmas stockings for the newest family members, starting with her first niece and goddaughter, Teresa Moser, who was often by her side during her final days.

June was preceded in death by her father, Lawrence E. Latsha; her husband, Jacob Daniel Moser III; an infant brother, Leroy Latsha; brothers-in-law, William Moser and Charles Kissinger; and a nephew, Lieutenant Travis Moser.

She is survived by her mother Catherine R. (Baker) Lahr, and her sister Dianna Kissinger, both of Elizabethville, Pa.; her mother-in-law, Cecelia A. Moser; brothers-in-law, Chris and Pam Moser, and Larry Moser, and sisters-in-law, Judy Moser and Nancy Moser, all of Martin City; and numerous beloved cousins, nieces, nephews and godchildren. Her very special sister-in-law, Pam Moser stayed with her day and night so she would not have to face her illness alone.

She had many special friends, including Col. Mary Marshall who helped bring a smile back to her face when she was first admitted to the hospital, and Jill Demoret, who both visited her in Kalispell and went out of her way to assist her when June and Pam arrived in Seattle in search of the cure that was not to be.

June was the type of person who touched many lives with her kindness. She was always there to offer a ride to someone who could no longer drive or otherwise needed assistance. When asked to contribute to a bake sale, she would bake up a storm. Her smile was contagious and her blue eyes sparkled even in the many days facing her illness.

While they did not have any children of their own, she and her husband adopted their many nieces and nephews and any other child that came into their lives. She involved them in card games, cook-

The family suggests memorial contributions in memory of June may be made to the Martin City Volunteer Fire Department or St. Richard's Catholic Church.

A Mass of the Resurrection will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 11, at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls. Burial will take place at St. Richard's Catholic Cemetery. Family and friends are invited for a luncheon at the church following the burial.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for June's family. You are invited to go to www.columbiamortuary.com to offer condolences and view June's tribute wall.

Meredith Mott, 81

Posted: Tuesday, January 10, 2012 8:00 pm

Meredith Mott, 81, passed away Saturday, Jan. 7, 2012, in Kalispell. She died peacefully, surrounded by her family.

Meredith was born in Havre June 18, 1930, to her parents, Marion L. Bear and Marie Catherine Kappes. She moved to the Flathead Valley as a young child and graduated from Flathead County High School in 1949.

She obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in education from Montana State University of Missoula in 1953. She later returned to the University of Montana and graduated with a master's degree in education in 1965.

Meredith taught business in Choteau, Cut Bank and Oregon. She also lived in the Seattle area, where she continued teaching and met A. Thomas Mott, whom she married in 1966.

Meredith lived in Des Moines, Wash., and retired to Montgomery, Ala. She later moved to her final home in Destin, Fla.

She was a member of Adah Chapter 17 OES, and she enjoyed needlework, traveling, deep sea fishing and was famous for her sugar cookies.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; and brother, Col. Howard Bear.

Meredith is survived by her sisters, Marilyn L. Servoss and Glenna L. Small; many nieces and nephews; and her many friends.

A graveside service will be held at 11 am. Friday, Jan. 13, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, you may make donations to WHO Global Polio Eradication Initiative, 20 Avenue Appia, Geneva 27, 1211 Switzerland; or visit their website at www.polioeradication.org/Financing/Donate.aspx.

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

Meredith L. Bear Mott, 81

Meredith L. Bear Mott, 81, died Saturday, Jan. 7, 2012, at Prestige Assisted Living in Kalispell. Graveside services for Meredith will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 13, 2012, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

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George E. Moussalli, 88

George E. Moussalli, 88, of Decatur, Mich., passed away on Monday, July 23, 2012, at the Borgess



Medical Center in Kalamazoo, Mich.

George was born into a Christian family April 23, 1924, in Aleppo, Syria, the son of the late (Frenchman) Elias and (Armenian) Ashma (Koloustian) Moussalli.

As an architect he designed many churches, schools and hospitals here and abroad, many of them in the Peoria, Ill., area. He was an inventor and a porcelain sculptor, and was a very talented builder. He was known and loved for telling stories of his amazing life.

In his later years he enjoyed attending Trinity Lutheran Church in Paw Paw, Mich.

In 1955, George was united in marriage to his

loving wife of 50 years, Matilda (Matcovich), who preceded him in death in 2005. George was also preceded by five siblings, Henrietta, Georgette, Richard, Marcel and Simonette.

George is survived by his children, Dr. Richard and Kathy Moussalli of Decatur, and Dianne and Reed Gregerson of Kalispell; grandchildren, Kristine, Dana, Luke, Ellie and David Moussalli, and Aliina and Zane Gregerson; as well as many nieces and nephews here and abroad.

Family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, July 27, at the Adams Funeral Home, Paw Paw. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday at Trinity Lutheran Church in Paw Paw, with the Rev. Ron Moritz officiating. Interment will be in Kalispell.

Arrangements are by the Adams Funeral Home, Paw Paw. Share a memory or condolence online at www.adampawpaw.com.

Jonathan Eugene Munro, 54

Jonathan Eugene Munro, 54, passed away of a sudden heart attack at home on Dec. 22, 2012, in Kirkland, Wash.

Jon was a loving husband, an accomplished musician, a great friend to many, and a skilled carpenter and computer technologist.

Jon was born to Richard and Molly Munro in Great Falls on Aug. 2, 1958.

Jon's childhood was rich and his upbringing connected him to nature, adventure, and connections to history and the earth. He was fortunate enough to live in some of the most beautiful places in our country due to his parents in the National Park Service and Fish and Game.

Jon spent his childhood exploring wildlife and nature, from the Grand Tetons to Glacier National Park. In his teenage years in Columbia Falls, Jon discovered his love and natural inclination towards music. He became an accomplished musician, balancing music with his continued love for the outdoors, and skiing in the beautiful countryside that he called home.

Jon graduated from Eastern Montana College with a degree in computer science. He later moved to Seattle at the dawn of the Internet boom, met and married Susie Obbink and became an accomplished web developer. Jon's contributions to early Web development technologies include developing



ground-breaking Microsoft-enabled websites for Fortune 100 companies such as Micro-

soft to marquee entertainment moguls such as Elton John.

Jon and Susie enjoyed boating in the San Juan Islands on their boat, "Bob," crabbing, clamming, throwing parties, balls to Scout and spending delightful times with their many friends.

Jon is survived by his wife, Susie Munro; his parents, Richard and Molly Munro; his siblings, Greg, Marty, Kathryn and Jesse Munro, their extended families, and his many nieces and nephews.

Jon's wishes were that he be cremated and his ashes joyfully spread in the beauty of Washington's San Juan Islands. A Catholic memorial service will be held at noon on Saturday, Jan. 26, in Helena at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church. A celebration of his life will be held at a later date in Seattle.

In Jon's honor donations can be made to the Sierra Club, The Hunger Site, or Fare Start of Seattle.

We've created this site, www.loveforjonmunro.wordpress.com, for all to enjoy stories and photos of Jon. And we invite all to share stories on the site as well.

Dale Elwin Muller, 64

Dale Elwin Muller, 64, died of natural causes on Sunday, Jan. 22, 2012, at his home in Eureka.

He had worked in the coal mines, oil fields and road construction

Survivors include his wife, Janice Muller of

Eureka; and children, Waylon Muller, April R. Muller and Maggie Stratemeyer.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28, at the Tobacco Valley Cemetery in Eureka.

Bette Jo Murray, 85

Bette Jo Murray, 85, passed away June 29, 2012, in Kalispell.

Bette was born Feb. 11, 1927, in St. Clair County, Mo., to Birdie and Harry Long.

She grew up in a farming family but spent most of her childhood in Colorado. She finished her schooling in Ordway, Colo., and then married the love of her life, Allen Murray.

They raised four daughters and settled in Security, a suburb of Colorado Springs.

Bette was active in PTA, Brownies, Girl Scouts and the Ladies Auxiliary of the Volunteer Fire Department in Security. She enjoyed playing bridge, sewing for her family and square dancing. When her children were all in school, she worked as a teacher's aide in Security schools.

After vacationing on Flathead Lake for several years, Bette and Allen bought Sunset Resort in Bigfork. Together they enjoyed their time boating, meeting new friends and the wildlife year-around. They looked forward to football season and loved cheering for the Denver Broncos together. They loved dancing to old country music and were complimented many times on their techniques. Their



love for one another was apparent on the dance floor as they held each other close. In later years they enjoyed Scrabble, Yahtzee, Spider Solitaire and email. Bette particularly loved the late night talks when their daughters visited.

Bette "has gone to join" Allen, her loving husband of 63 years; her sisters, Carlene Singer and Nelva Ritter; her brothers, Charlie, Clarence and Lane Long; her parents, Birdie and Harry; and her son-in-law, Dale Gifford.

She will be lovingly missed by her daughters, Sandra Rivera and Tino of Las Cruces, N.M., Barbara Allison and Bruce, and Karla Murray, all of Colorado Springs, and Deborah Gifford of Kalispell; her grandchildren, Tara Castle, Melanie Reiner and Nathan, Marina Munoz and Daniel, Brian Dietz, Adreana Williams and Arthur, Shane Dietz and Victoria, Jacob Allison and Christina, and Colleen Allison; as well as her great-grandchildren, Rudy, Jordan, Brock, Elijah, Amber, Elizabeth and Isabella.

A special thanks to the Staff at Brendan House for the loving care they provided her. She developed many close friendships there.

Family services have been held.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Mary Ann Dunham Mushel, 81

Mary Ann Dunham Mushel, 81, died at her home Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2012.

She is survived by her daughters, Ruth Caudill, Catherine Mushel, Zona

Kaml and Rose Ployhar.

At her request, no services will be held.

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

Leslie J. Myers, 55

The world lost a gifted singer-songwriter and a loving presence when Leslie Myers died unexpectedly on Sunday evening, Sept. 23, 2012, due to a pulmonary embolism.



Leslie Joan Myers was born on Aug. 15, 1957, in Morris, Ill., to parents MaryClaire and John David Arnold. When she was 2, the family moved to California and lived in Fortuna, Santa Barbara and Palo Alto, where she graduated from the alternative high school, Lothlorien. At age 17 she worked for a summer as a baker at the St. Mary Lodge at Glacier National Park, and fell in love with this enchanting place, determined to someday return.

As a child, Leslie learned to play piano, guitar and cello, playing first chair cello in the local youth symphony.

Later, she attended the Berklee College of Music in Boston, then returned to Palo Alto and became active in the local music scene. It was a shared love of music and the natural world that brought Leslie together with Roger Myers in 1987. Together they helped form an acapella quintet called "Quintessense" which performed for several years throughout the San Francisco Bay Area. In 1989, Leslie and Roger were married. Leslie continued her music education while teaching beginning piano to a long procession of kids, and it was always difficult to determine who was having more fun... or who was more smitten.

In 2000, Leslie and Roger moved to Whitefish to realize Leslie's long-held dream of returning to Montana. 2002 saw the end of their 12-year marriage but they remained best friends and "bear-grass buddies."

Leslie had a deep love for the natural world and all its creatures, large and small. She was fortunate to have volunteered to work at Stanford University with Koko the gorilla. A sign language interaction with Koko left a lifelong impression that she shared with hundreds of children via a classroom program she created. She worked for wildlife rescue, rehabilitation and release programs, and she was a true champion for the animals.

Leslie wrote songs to lift one's spirits, and to soothe away the troubles of the world. She had a beautiful and soulful voice, and she loved collaborating with other musicians. At the time of her death, she was very close to completing her first CD, which was her offering to help make the world a better place. Over the past 10 years Leslie was involved in several groups focused on creative endeavors. She offered her friendship, compassion and thoughtfulness to many; she was gifted in connecting people with one another and was generous in all aspects of her being.

She is survived by her brother, Jeff Jacobsen, of Arcata, Calif.; best friend, Roger Myers of Arvada, Colo.; and many circles of friends who cherished knowing her.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 4 at the Whitefish United Methodist Church, 1150 Wisconsin Avenue. Following the service, there will be a musical celebration with an open mic at the Crush Wine Bar, 124 Central Avenue, in downtown Whitefish.

In lieu of flowers, a fund has been started for the completion of Leslie's CD and expenses. Checks may be made out to "Leslie Myers Memorial Fund" and mailed to Michelle Richards, P.O. Box 1292, Whitefish, MT 59937.

Norman Myers, 79

Longtime Kalispell resident Norman Myers passed away peacefully at home among family, Oct. 16, 2010, at the age of 79, after a lengthy illness.



A memorial service and celebration of Norman's life will be held 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 22, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home

Norman was born on March 22, 1931, in Eston, Saskatchewan, and was the only child of Thomas and Elizabeth Myers. Although Norm grew up and worked on the family farm, farm life would not be in his future as he developed both asthma and a passion for everything mechanical at an early age.

Norm attended the small Montrose Country School as he was growing up, and at the age of 17 left to pursue his passion by taking mechanical courses at the Technical Collegiate, and the University of Saskatchewan, School of Agriculture. This pursuit would lead to his lifelong career as a mechanic, and eventually to his hobby of restoring old tractors and stationary engines.

In 1950, at the age of 19, Norman volunteered and joined the Royal Canadian Air Force. Norm remained in the RCAF for three years during the Korean conflict, working as an aircraft engine mechanic. During his service time, Norm was stationed first in Ontario, Manitoba, and later in Saskatoon Saskatchewan.

It was during his time in Saskatoon, at a local dance, that he met his future wife, lifetime friend and companion, Marion Hope. They married in 1954 in Saskatoon. In 1956, Norm and Marion made the decision to immigrate to the U.S. They moved to Libby where Norm worked for a local lumber mill, and their first child, Dianne, was born. They remained in Libby a few months until 1957, when Norm obtained a job at the John Deere Dealership in Kalispell.

Their second child, David, was born in 1958 in Kalispell.

Norm subsequently worked as shop foreman for Day Equipment, Pack & Company, and ended his career at Townsend Repair, all in Kalispell. Norman had an excellent work ethic and a reputation as a man and a mechanic who could get the job done.

Norm retired in 1997 and did some "on his time" repair jobs from his own shop, "Norm's Repair."

Norm enjoyed traveling to auctions and tractor shows and went full bore into restoring old tractors and engines. He was a charter member of the Northwest Antique Power Association and enjoyed assisting with the annual fall tractor shows put on for the community. He also had a passion for aviation stemming from his Air Force days and became a private pilot in 1982. He purchased an old plane which he enjoyed restoring and flew for a few years.

Norm's retirement plans were disrupted in 2000 when he suffered two strokes. The years that followed were steadily more difficult, but he still enjoyed talking tractors, weekly breakfasts with friends, visits to Canada to see friends and relatives, and visits to and from his children who reside in Wyoming. His favorite outings during his last few years were his almost daily trips to Cisko's for the "best food" in town, where he felt the owner and waitresses were the next best thing to family.

Although Norman was a Canadian at heart and loved the rolling prairies of Saskatchewan, he also loved the mountainous beauty of his U.S. home and his life in Kalispell. He proudly became a citizen of the U.S. in 2003 after living and working in Montana for over 47 years.

Norman is survived by his wife and best friend of 56 years, Marion; daughter, Dianne, and John Stearns of Casper, Wyo.; son, David Myers, of Riverton, Wyo.; and two grandchildren, Justin and Christopher Stearns. Norman is also survived by numerous cousins in England from where his parents had immigrated.

Norman asked that donations be made to Hospice or the Evergreen Volunteer Fire Department.

Yoko (Watanabe) Myrstol, 80

Yoko (Watanabe) Myrstol "went home to be with the Lord" on May 12, 2012.

She was born on Dec. 3, 1931, in Kawasaki City, Japan.

As a young woman, Yoko worked at the PX in Japan, where she met the love of her life Ben Myrstol, a soldier in the U.S. Army. They married on July 14, 1951, and moved to the U.S. in December of that same year. After Ben's discharge from the Army, they made their home in Plains.

Yoko studied hard to become an American citizen and was so very proud of this country.

Yoko loved to cook and worked at various jobs in that industry but her heart belonged to the Plains School and her beloved school cafeteria, where she dedicated 20 years of her life.

She loved every student and was so proud of their accomplishments. When she was not creating wonderful meals for the school, she could always be found at the gym rooting on the basketball team, even going so far



as to travel the state to follow their success.

She was a member of the First Lutheran Church and was the Bingo Queen at the Plains Senior Center.

Yoko was preceded in death by her husband, Ben; her parents; and her sister, Yoshiko Yokozeki.

She is survived by two sisters, Katsuko Kawai and Sheigeko Sugawa, and a brother, Kenji Yokozeki, as well as numerous nieces and nephews, all of Japan.

Yoko is also survived by her American family, sister-in-law Ellen Isakson, Donna McCrea, Marie Barber and Nancy James, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Yoko was kind to everyone she met. Her open heart and infectious giggle will be missed by all who were blessed enough to know her.

A memorial service will be held in Yoko's honor at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 26 at her beloved Plains High School Gymnasium. A luncheon at the VFW will follow.

Memorial donations can be made to the Plains Booster Club.

Arrangements are being handled by Sunset Hills Funeral Homes.