

Richard Burt Nadeau, 57

Richard Burt Nadeau, 57, passed away on Sunday, Jan. 8, 2012, surrounded by his loving family, after a very short battle with cancer.

Rick was born Jan. 3, 1955, in Massena, N.Y., to Robert and Dorothy Burt Nadeau. The family moved to Butte in 1956. He attended Emerson grade school, East Junior High and graduated from Butte High School in 1973.

Rick played baseball all throughout grade school, and also played for the Butte Miners American Legion team. He was the first 16-year-old to play Legion Baseball. He was drafted in 1973 by the Baltimore Orioles and played in their minor league for two years. Rick was one of the very best ballplayers to come out of Butte.

Rick joined the United States Army in 1976 and served three years. He was a paratrooper with the 82nd Airborne Division in Alaska.

On May 25, 1985, he married Emilie Guay in Lakeside. They were married for 26 years. On Aug. 6, 1987, Rick and Emilie were blessed with a son, Edgar Joseph. Their second blessing, a daughter, Ellie Jane, arrived on Dec. 8, 1992.

Rick graduated with honors from Western Montana College in Dillon with a degree in elementary education in 1987.

In 1988, Rick began teaching in Olney. He began his career at Cayuse Prairie School in 1990.

Under the encouragement of then-superintendent John Babcock, Rick began his pursuit of a degree in elementary leadership and graduated with honors from the University of Montana in Missoula. He proceeded to get his superintendent's endorse-



ment and served as principal and superintendent beginning in 2004, and retired Dec. 31, 2011.

Rick enjoyed traveling with his family, whether to watch his children play basketball, baseball or softball. The family enjoyed many wonderful vacations together, the last being to Seattle to watch his favorite team, the New York Yankees. He was a faithful Yankees fan and has instilled that faithfulness to his family. Go Yankees!

Other pastimes were golfing, which he enjoyed with his best pals, often traveling to San Diego, Idaho and their favorite, Crystal Lake. He loved to read and was always interested in learning, right up to the end. He loved the History Channel!

Rick was preceded in death by his parents, Bob and Dorothy; his grandparents, Harry and Eleanor Burt; sister, Susan; and his father and mother-in-law, Ed and Eileen Guay.

Rick is survived by his loving wife, Emilie; son, Edgar, of Billings; daughter, Ellie, of Kalispell; brother and sister-in-law, Tim and Janice Nadeau, of Butte; sister, Martha Keller, of San Antonio; brother, Mark Nadeau, of Butte; 13 nieces and nephews; several great-nieces and great-nephews. Also surviving are his children, Dawn Petritz and her sons, Archie and Aidan, and Bryan Anderson and his daughter Bryanna.

A memorial service for Richard will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 12, at the Christian Center, with Pastor Tim Bartholomew officiating.

The family suggests that memorial contributions be sent to the Rick Nadeau Scholarship Fund, c/o Todd Watkins, 235 Addison Square, Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

Orville Ivar Nagelhus, 85

Orville Ivar Nagelhus, 85, passed away on Monday, Jan. 30, 2012, at home in Somers.



in several businesses in Havre, including Highline Dodge. He retired from Havre and moved to the Flathead Valley to enjoy his retirement years.

Orville was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife, Karen, and her brothers and the Lund family in the Havre community.

A celebration of Orville's life will be held this spring.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for Orville's family.

You are invited to www.jgfuneralhome.com to view Orville's tribute wall, offer condolences and share memories.

He was born on Sept. 11, 1927, to Ingvald and Borghild (Mona) Nagelhus.

He graduated from Havre High School and Concordia College.

On Dec. 29, 1977, he married Karen Kerr.

Orville lived in Simpson, north of Havre, for many years during which he owned and operated a family farm. Later in life, he became involved

Ruth Tangmo Nash, 93

Ruth Tangmo Nash "went to be with her Lord and Savior" Dec. 22, 2012, in Kalispell.



She was born in Havre on April 18, 1919, to Haakon and Anna Tangmo, immigrants from Norway. Ruth's mother, Anna, died when Ruth was only 3 years old, and the family of seven children were split apart to be raised by various family members. Ruth and her younger sister, Anne, were taken in by her uncle and aunt, Carl and Inga Lager, where she was raised as part of their family. In doing so, Ruth and Anne were considered real siblings of the Lager family.

Ruth was preceded in death by her husband, Don, who passed away in 1990; her brothers, Harold Tangmo, Art Tangmo, Ed Tangmo, her twin, Raymond Tangmo, Oliver and Melvin Lager; sisters, Mildred Tangmo Bergum, Evelyn Lager, Nora Lager Barfoot, Amiee Lager Thorp, and Bernice Lager Martin.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Jim and Elaine Nash, of

Kalispell, and daughter and son-in-law, Julene and Chuck Trimborn of Spokane Valley, Wash.; and sister, Anne Stallcop of Nampa, Idaho; also her grandchildren, Ron Nash, Lorri Downs, Jaime Nelson and April Kelly; and 10 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by a number of loving nieces and nephews, and many friends whom she loved dearly.

Ruth and Don were married on April 7, 1942, and lived various places as Don was stationed in the Air Force. They settled in Hungry Horse where Don worked on the Hungry Horse Dam during its construction. They opened the first store and gas station in Hungry Horse and later built a home in Columbia Falls where they resided until Don's death. She had resided with her son and daughter-in-law the past seven years.

Visitation will be from 3 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 27, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. A celebration of life will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 28, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Burial will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Diane Nees, 57

On Sept. 25, 2012, Diane Carol Nees lost her seven-year battle with a rare form of breast



cancer. She died peacefully at her home in Kalispell, surrounded by family and aided by the skilled and compassionate staff of Frontier Hospice.

Diane was born on Sept. 7, 1955, in Connecticut, and as a young girl moved with her family to Las Vegas, then to Boulder, Colo., and then on to Colorado Springs, Colo., where she graduated from high school, earned her dental assistant degree and a real estate license.

She met her husband Ron in Colorado Springs and they were married in Aspen, Colo., on March 13, 1976.

For several years, Diane worked with her husband in various business ventures in Colorado Springs, until giving birth to her daughter Lesli on March 13, 1981. During her daughter's school years, Diane was a stay-at-home mom and loved participating in all of her daughter's schooling and activities. She was always the first to volunteer and often said these were some of her most fulfilling years. During her daughter's high school years, Diane's popularity increased with school friends when she would occasionally take Lesli to school on her Harley, all decked out in her black fringed leathers. She was known as the "cool mom."

vast vista of the seashore, this is where she loved to be and why she loved Montana and the Western states coastline so much. She had an incredible knack for spotting animals in the wild and could spend hours looking through her binoculars for just one glimpse of a bear, goat, wolf, elk, or even a small chipmunk or butterfly. She would spend days slowly walking the seashore looking for shells and bits of sand-polished glass. Her little dog Tobi was her treasured companion and when possible, was always at her side.

While Diane was very accomplished at many crafts, including stained glass, knitting, quilting and fly tying, her greatest joy was being a wife, mother, grandma, and a friend to many. Her husband often said that he never heard her speak an unkind word to him or anyone else in their 37 years together. Her sharp wit, keen sense of humor, and infectious smile, endeared her to everyone she met. Simply put, she was just fun to be with.

Her deep and abiding faith helped her throughout her life and most certainly through the difficulties of her last years of suffering. Some of her last words referred to being surrounded and visited by angels which provided great comfort when she was struggling the most. Psalm 23 was her favorite scripture and "How Great Thou Art" was her favorite song. She talked often about going to a better place with no more pain, no more suffering, and where all tears will be wiped away.

When her daughter left home to attend college, Diane co-founded a small manufacturing venture with her husband Ron, which quickly developed into a successful small company. Diane managed the company as general manager until the company was sold in 2003. As a manager, Diane gained a reputation as a meticulous organizer, highly efficient manager, and was well liked and respected by everyone.

While living in Colorado, Diane, Ron and their daughter would often travel to Kalispell, where her husband Ron was born. Many of these trips would be on their Harleys with Lesli riding with Dad. Diane logged more than 35,000 miles on her bike and became a very accomplished rider.

Diane and Ron moved to Kalispell in 2000 and traveled extensively in their RV until her illness made traveling impossible. Favorite destinations were Jasper, Alberta, in the fall, Morro Bay, Calif., in the winter months, and visits to family anytime.

Diane loved this earth and "all creatures great and small." She baffled medical experts, family and friends, with her ability to tolerate pain and suffering in order to continue to be here just a little longer. Whether it was the peaceful quietness of the mountains, or the

Diane is survived by her husband, Ron; daughter, Lesli Bellamy, and her husband Justin, with their two children, Siena (5) and Jonathan (2) of Selah, Wash. Her parents, Dick and Barbara Gavitt, and brothers, Glen and Mike, reside in Florida. Other close family members are children by marriage, Terri Benedix and husband Dean and family of Atascadero, Calif., Tom Nees and wife Melanie and family of Wenatchee, Wash., Juli Hendrix of Kansas City, Kan., and brother-in-law Tom and wife Pat and family of Annapolis, Md. Her Kalispell family is her mother-in-law Doretta Nees, sister-in-law Lois Wagner, sister-in-law Carol Brown and husband Les, and niece by marriage, Allison Young and husband Rory, and their son Max.

At Diane's request, she will be cremated and there will not be a traditional funeral. Her specific desire was to have a small, informal gathering of friends and family at her home in Kalispell. This celebration of her life will be on Saturday, Sept. 29. Refer to Diane's CaringBridge site for time and place.

In lieu of flowers, Diane requested contributions to the Susan G. Koman For The Cure, and the American Cancer Society.

Donald W. Negri, 83

Donald W. Negri, 83, died Saturday, Oct. 13, 2012, at his Somers residence.

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

Sam T. Nielson, 37

Sam T. Nielson, 37, died Thursday, Sept. 27, 2012, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell. Funeral services are

pending and will be held in West Jordan, Utah. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring locally for the family.

Shirley Ann Neilson, 75

Shirley Ann Neilson, 75, passed peacefully on June 7, 2012, in her home in Bigfork, following a



two-year battle with cancer.

Shirley was born in Helena on Nov. 18, 1936, to Rhea and Charles Cartwright.

She is survived by her husband of 57 years, Jerry Neilson; their sons, Rick and his wife Deb, Jeff and his wife Cortney, Dane and his wife Becky, and Van and his wife Valke; and eight grandchildren who knew her affec-

tionately as "Gigi" — Erin, Jeremy, Stow, Abby, Zack, Ava, Abigail and Shelby; one great-grandson, Solomon; and her sister, Marilyn McKenzie, of Oshkosh, Wis.

A private family memorial service will be held.

The Neilson family would like to express our sincere appreciation for the love and care provided by the many professionals at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

A special thanks to all the hospice and emergency room personnel.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be sent to Northwest Healthcare Foundation, 310 Sunnyview Lane, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Elon Florine 'Flo' Gilcrease Nelson, 93

Elon Florine "Flo" Gilcrease Nelson passed away Sunday, Nov. 18, 2012, surrounded



by family, at the home of her granddaughter Lori Rainwater in Bigfork.

Born June 29, 1919, in Cottonwood, Ariz., to Elon Catherine Stewart Gilcrease (age 19) and Dan Edward Gilcrease (age 38), Flo spent her youth in the Cottonwood area. As the eldest of five children, Flo quickly became primary caretaker for her siblings.

Flo loved school and in spite of numerous family moves always found teachers who mentored and encouraged her. She eagerly took to the books and was promoted two grades during elementary school. She became the first in her family to graduate from high school, which was not an easy task for a girl who cleaned, cooked and babysat for other families in order to live close to a school.

Upon graduation, Flo's goal was to become a registered nurse. However, her dream took a different direction when she was introduced to a charmingly electric guy from Montana — Joe Nelson. As they both related at their 70th anniversary in 2009, they were destined to be together to take on the world. At age 18, newlywed Flo boarded a bus bound for Kalispell and, as she's said many times, "Never looked back!"

Flo took on and embraced diverse roles in her life, all with one common theme — work hard and make a difference wherever you can. She was known to speak her mind and refreshingly did so in a direct, no-nonsense way. She was quick to offer solutions, as well as point out just why something needed improvement. Whether someone was choosing a career, planting a flower garden or naming a grandchild, Flo freely offered her opinion.

Grand of the Rebekahs. Her involvement with the Montana Association for the Blind included serving as president of the Flathead chapter for several years.

She loved dancing with Joe, a good game of cards, gardening, genealogy and especially traveling with Joe in their motor home. She was most proud of her children, and their children, and the impact that her life partner, Joe, had on Bigfork, Flathead County and the state of Montana. Joe relied on this lifetime partnership in all his endeavors.

A lifelong goal was realized at the age of 91 when she published her first book, an autobiography, "Stories I Remember." She had recently finished a book about Joe's life. Flo was preceded in death by Joe; her sister, Doris (Gilcrease) Bosick; and brother, Dan Gilcrease.

She is survived by three children, Gerri Johnson and Ron of Palm Springs, Calif., Joe Jr. and Karen of Petersburg, Alaska, and Harriett Brittenham and Marvin of Parker, Colo. Also surviving are seven grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild, with another expected in March. Also surviving Flo are her two brothers, Tad and Bert Gilcrease; and sister-in-law, Ann, and Dan Gilcrease of Arizona.

For the past several years Flo and Joe have been blessed to have at their side eldest granddaughter, Lori Rainwater. Lori moved from Tacoma, Wash., to live close and help take care of Grandpa Joe and Gram. The Nelson family is deeply indebted to Lori for the love, patience, commitment, enthusiasm and joy that she so freely gave to Joe and Flo.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 23, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home with the Rev. Ronnie Pierce officiating, and all are invited to a reception hosted by the Bigfork Fire Department at 1:30 p.m.

John Douglas Nelson, 76

John Douglas Nelson, 76, passed away on Tuesday, July 12, 2011, at Brendan House in Kalispell.



He was born on Sept. 30, 1934, in Kalispell, to Holger N. Nelson and Clara E. (Johnson) Nelson. John attended Kalispell Public Schools.

At the age of 22 he entered the U.S. Army and served overseas for two years, and then he remained a reservist for the remainder of his term. After his honorable discharge from the U.S. Army, he lived in Shelby, where he was a plasterer by trade. John worked from the Montana Hi-Line down to Wyoming until 1981 when he returned to the Flathead Valley.

John suffered a medical setback that left him disabled, so in 1982 he gained employment through the Vocational Rehabilitative Services and started his career with Flathead Industries of Kalispell. Anyone who shopped the second-hand circuit would come to know John at Flathead Industries. He retired from there in 2009.

Some will remember

John as a caring gentleman. He had a great sense of humor and always had a comeback ready. In the fall of 2010, John moved to Brendan House to enjoy his retirement, where he was loved by all who got to know him.

John was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Marilyn Stevens; step-sisters, Helen Dofelmire and Maxcene Pope; and nephew, Gary Dofelmire.

John is survived by his sister Marilyn's children, Kathy Garrett, Mary Funkhouser, Susan Silvicky, Cindy Mass, Sharon Wood, Tom Stevens, Ken Stevens, Mike Stevens and Pat Stevens, and families; Helen's children, George Dofelmire, Mike Dofelmire, Rhonda Wester and Roxanne Reynolds; and Maxcene's children, Kay, Lynn Nutter, Johnny Nutter Francis Wood, and families.

Graveside services with military honors for John will be held at noon on Saturday, July 16, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. There will be a viewing from noon to 5 p.m. today, July 15, at the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Chapel.

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

With a great work ethic, Flo's accomplishments were many. She took on numerous professional, as well as volunteer, roles including writer, office manager and Noble

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Flo's name to the Bigfork Fire Department.

"Joe and Flo — meant to be together long ago, are together again."

Harold M. 'Swede' Nelson Jr., 84

Harold M. "Swede" Nelson Jr., 84, died Friday, June 22, 2012, at home.

He is survived by his companion, Maria Luiza Ellis; and his son, Charles.

Services will be at 4 p.m. Thursday, June 28, at Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Libby.

Interment will be at a later date at Evergreen-Washelli Memorial Park in Seattle.

Richard Morton Nelson, 86

Richard Morton Nelson, 86, passed away Thursday, Feb. 16, 2012, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.



complex north of Kalispell. The complex now includes 30 playing surfaces, including baseball, softball, football, soccer, running and one adaptive field for handicapped players.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Dick was born Nov. 19, 1925, in Denver, to Alfred C. and Marion (Strader) Nelson.

He married M. Alice Curry on Nov. 23, 1956, in Hope, N.D.

Dick graduated from Denver University in 1944, obtained a master's degree from Montana State and earned his library endorsement. He taught physics, chemistry and algebra for 35 years and retired from teaching in 1984.

He served three terms in the Montana State Legislature, beginning in 1985.

Dick was on the Kalispell Parking Commission; was a member of Lodge 42 of Kalispell, a Master Mason; and was an adviser for DeMolay for 14 years.

Dick and Alice enjoyed traveling together in the U.S. and overseas.

Dick was passionate about Kidsports, the youth athletic

Dick is survived by his wife, Alice, and son, Douglas G. Nelson, of Bigfork; grandson, Douglas J. "DJ" Nelson, and wife, Karen, of Reno, Nev.; sister, Carolyn Fenner, and husband James, and their children, Paul Fenner and wife Chris, Bill Fenner and wife Ann, Ruth Anne VanWachel and Sue Fenner; and great-grandchildren, Caleb Mouw, Sarah and Peter Nelson.

A memorial service and reception will be held at 2 p.m. today, Feb. 18, at the Masonic Lodge, 239 Main St., in Kalispell.

The family requests no flowers. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Kidsports, P.O. Box 1205, Kalispell, MT 59903.

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

James M. Nevins, 84

James M. Nevins, 84, passed away March 17, 2012, of natural causes.



Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 24, at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia

Falls. A viewing will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, March 23, at the Columbia Mortuary.

James was born Dec. 23, 1927, in Havre, to Fred and Vera (Buntin) Nevins. He attended school in Shelby and Browning, and served in the U.S. Army.

He married Earlene Montgomery in 1948, and together they raised three sons, Gary (Joann), Mike (Kathy), and

Raymond (Marilyn) in Shelby and Browning.

James was a self-employed equipment operator in the Browning area until his retirement to Columbia Falls. James enjoyed reading, tinkering on this and that, family and friends.

Survivors include sons, Gary of Browning and Raymond of Columbia Falls; seven grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Richard and Maxine of Yuma, Ariz., and Lester and Judy of Shelby.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Earlene; son, Mike; his parents; and two siblings, Fred and Margaret.

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

Lindy Ness, 84, longtime Miles City resident, passed away on Monday, April 23, 2012, in his daughter's home in Colorado Springs, Colo.



Born in Kalispell on Aug. 23, 1927, to Edward and Nellie (Beckman) Ness, the youngest of 12 children, he spent his younger years helping out on the family farm before traveling to California where his father worked the shipyards building ships for the Navy.

The family eventually moved back to Kalispell where as a young adult, Lindy took up music. He and his brother Fred formed The City Dudes and traveled the West entertaining and playing music.

He met his future wife, Jane, while playing in Miles City. They were married on Feb. 10, 1957, and settled down in Miles City. He and his band became regulars at the Red Rock Inn, the Crossroads and Leon Park.

Lindy was a natural and charming entertainer. His witty and boyish charm, along with his musical talents, kept his audiences coming back for more. His most memorable evening was when his band accompanied the

legendary Patsy Cline at Leon Park after her band was delayed on a trip through Miles City.

"The cars were parked along both sides of the road all the way to town," he would recall.

Later in his life he would entertain his family by taking up the guitar. After not playing for decades, he would remember his music as if it were yesterday.

Lindy also liked to tinker and was considered a very talented jack-of-all-trades, inventing contraptions to make his chores on the farm easier to manage.

After retiring, Lindy and Jane traveled around the country in their RV exploring, making new friends and visiting old friends and family.

In addition to his parents, and his wife, Jane, Lindy was preceded in death by 10 brothers and sisters.

He is survived by his daughters, Barb Kalland of Billings, Chris Ness of Clancy, Leslie Ness of Colorado Springs, and Kimberley Ness of Redwood City, Calif.; grandson, Ryan, of Billings; granddaughters, Leah of Billings, and Julia of Redwood City; and his brother, Fred, of California.

Please join in celebrating Lindy's life with us at 3 p.m., Friday, July 6, at the Pumping Plant in Miles City.

Nancy A. Newburn, 74

Nancy A. Newburn, 74, died Saturday, Dec. 22, 2012, in Kalispell.

Funeral services will

be at 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 28, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, with burial at Springcreek Cemetery.

Laura Jean Newman

A celebration of life for Laura Jean Newman, 32, who died Dec. 11, will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 19, at First Presbyterian Church, 301 Central Ave., at Third

Street in Whitefish.

A celebration/reception will immediately following the service at the VFW Post 276, 20 Baker Ave., Whitefish.

Eron Margene 'Marge' Nicholls, 81

Eron Margene "Marge" Nicholls, 81, died Saturday, May 12, 2012, at her home of seven years, Sun Terrace Assisted Living, in Hermiston, Ore.



A celebration of life service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, May 18, at the First United Methodist Church in Hermiston.

Mrs. Nicholls was born May 2, 1931, in Fayette, Ala., to parents, Tressie M. Woods and Eva Mae (Estes) Woods. Marge was the eldest of seven children with three brothers, Joe, Thomas and Marion; plus three sisters, Carol Sue, Ann and Hilda.

Marge trained for and obtained her licensed practical nurse certification at Bryce State Hospital in Tuscaloosa. It was Alabama's oldest and largest in-patient psychiatric facility.

In the winter of 1955, Marge joined her sister Carol Sue in Whitefish. She worked as a nurse at the town's medical clinic. On Feb. 11, 1956, Marge married Alexander Harold Nicholls in Whitefish. They settled in Columbia Falls, where Alex worked as an electrical maintenance foreman at Anaconda Aluminum. Together they built their first home on Second Avenue West and raised their family, daughters Sheri Ann, Mary Kay and Patricia Marie, and stepson Rodney Gene.

Marge dedicated herself as a homemaker and community volunteer. She was active in Eastern Star, serving as Worthy Matron for Estella Pomeroy Chapter No. 68 and State

Grand Chaplain in 1969 and 1970. Once her children were all in school, Marge drove a school bus for 10 years.

In 1984, Marge and Alex began sharing residency with winters in Hermiston on daughter Sheri's family ranch and summers at Ashley Lake.

Marge was a member of the United Methodist Church first in Columbia Falls and later transferring to the Hermiston congregation. She taught Sunday school, sang in the choir, served on various committees and United Methodist Women.

Survivors include her daughters, Patricia Nicholls of Spokane, and Sheri Wadekamper and husband Lon of Hermiston; sister, Hilda Williams, of Fayette; grandsons, Lane and Scott Wadekamper and his family of Hermiston, Peter Reddington and his father John Reddington of Carmel, Ind., Rod Nicholls Jr., of Seattle, and Matthew Nicholls of Elko, Nev.; granddaughter, Lonette Fedio, of Tampa, Fla.; and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband Alex, and daughter Mary Reddington in 2003; her parents and remaining siblings; and her stepson, Rod Nicholls Sr., in 2011.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Methodist churches in Hermiston or Columbia Falls; Alzheimer's Association; or the Vange John Memorial Hospice.

Please sign the condolence book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in charge of arrangements. Notice of a future memorial service in Montana will follow.

Sara Ann Nichols, 70

Sara was born in Detroit on Dec. 19, 1941, and passed away in Kalispell on Aug. 1, 2012, surrounded by her four beautiful daughters and loving husband.



Though Sara was born in Detroit, her family moved during her childhood to Globe, Ariz., where she attended school prior to moving to Phoenix and completing her high school education. While Sara was visiting her parents in Bigfork she met Robert Nichols. When Robert returned to his teaching position in Alaska, he sent for Sara and her three girls. They were married at Eielson Air Force Base on Sept. 18, 1965. During the following year they welcomed daughter number four into the family.

Sara worked at various jobs for the state of Alaska court system and the public school system but her primary "job" and love was raising and nurturing her four cherished daughters. As her family expanded, she passed her love to her 11 grandchil-

dren and 5 great-grandchildren.

In her later years Sara divided her time among her homes in Alaska, Arizona and Montana.

She was always eager for new adventures and lived in Costa Rica for two years while visiting several countries in Central and South America but North Pole, Alaska was always home.

Some of her favorite hobbies were quilting, stamping, bowling and golfing, which lead to many wonderful friendships.

Sara is survived by her husband of 46 years, Robert Nichols; and daughters, Denise Martin, Charisse Yingst, Cheryl Warwick, and Kathaleen Nichols; sisters, Ula Moody and Susan Ovens; and all of the grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Saturday, August 4 in Kalispell, followed by a celebration of her life at the residence of Clare and Judy Kinyon.

Friends are encouraged to visit www.buffalohillfh.com to leave notes of condolence. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Sara A. Nichols, 70

Sara A. Nichols, 70, died Aug. 1, 2012, in Kalispell.

She is survived by her husband, Robert, of

Kalispell and Alaska.

Celebration of life services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 4, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

Victor 'Vic' James Nixon, 63

Victor "Vic" James Nixon was born into this world Aug. 23, 1948, to James



Nixon and Barbara King in Forest Grove, Ore. He left us on June 25, 2012, at his home in Kalispell.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Linda; and his children, Viola Mayfield and her husband Eugene of Oregon, Delana Jones and her husband Curtis of Oregon, Shane Harmon and his wife Vicki of Orangevale, Calif., Krystal Nixon of Columbia Falls, Amber Bonny and her husband Jacob of Kalispell, and Tamara Walter of Pennsylvania; his grandchildren, Destiny, Damion, Jaymz, William, Alex, Jon, Wyatt, Jazmyn, Michael and David; great-

grandchildren, Maddox and Connor; his sister, Jean; numerous other relatives and countless friends. He will be missed by many.

He married his soul mate Linda in 1974 and devoted himself to her for only 38 short years. He moved to the Flathead Valley 21 years ago to enjoy retirement. He had a passion for hunting and fishing, although his favorite past-time was spending time with his grandchildren. Active in his church, he was always willing to help anyone, anyway he was able.

He will be laid to rest in Glacier Memorial Gardens. Memorial services will be held at New Life Center at 3 p.m. on Sunday, July 1. All who knew him are welcome to join us to share his memory.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund has been established at Whitefish Credit Union.

Steven Ernest Niehaus, 52

Steven Ernest Niehaus, 52, formerly of Whitefish and Kalispell, died Nov. 7, 2012, at Missouri River Care Manor in Great Falls.

He was a teacher. He is survived by his mother, Lois Vearle (Stephenson) Niehaus-

Wrightsmen, of Corpus Christi, Texas.

A funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 25, at Stinemetz Funeral Home in Hill City, Kan., officiated by Phillip F. Stinemetz. Burial will be at South Star Cemetery.

Cindy Nielsen, 61

Cynthia Nadine Nielsen was born on Oct. 20, 1950, in Columbia, Mo., to Robert L. and Betty J. Dunkeson.

Cindy is survived by her loving husband, Wayne R. Nielsen; mother, Betty J. Dunkeson; sisters, Patricia L. and Tom Newman, and Deann and Craig Overfelt; sisters-in-law, Donna and Dick Pfeil, and Denise and Mark Hall; and nieces and nephew, Sara B. Newman, Holly and Shane Johnson, and Eric and Sharon Lindberg.

She was preceded in death by her father, Robert L. Dunkeson.

Cindy grew up in Jefferson City, Mo., and graduated from Jefferson City High School. She was accomplished academically with a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Missouri, and a Master of Science degree in recreation and park administration and Master of Science degree in natural science from the University of Wyoming.

Cindy was hired as a seasonal ranger naturalist in Grand Teton National Park in the summer of 1972 where she met her future husband Wayne Nielsen. She and Wayne were married in 1973 in Jefferson City.

Cindy had a long and successful career with the National Park Service, serving in Grand Teton, Death Valley, Channel Islands, Glacier, Navajo, N.M., Roosevelt-



Vanderbilt National Historic Site, and Albright Training Center located in Grand

Canyon National Park. She garnered many awards.

Cindy retired in 2007 as superintendent of Great Basin National Park in Nevada and has since lived in Moab, Utah. Her short retirement was occupied with her love of fly fishing, gardening, birding, reading and traveling with her husband.

Cindy will be remembered as someone who was intelligent, dependable, strong, determined, kind, respectful, giving and lovable. Her love of the outdoors and nature in all of its aspects has been and will continue to be an inspiration to all who knew her.

Her family will be forever grateful to all the doctors, medical staff members, family, and friends who assisted her through her difficult journey with breast cancer. Cindy passed away on Sunday, Aug. 19, 2012.

A private service will be held on a future date.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be made to the National Park Foundation at <https://myaccount.nationalparks.org/donate>.

George Roy Niewoehner, 73

George Roy Niewoehner, 73, died Saturday, Dec. 15, 2012, in Kalispell.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Niewoehner; and children, Tyson Niewoehner and Heather

Hedges.

No services are planned at this time.

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

Melvin Ralph Nix, 77

Melvin Ralph Nix, 77, of Whitefish, died March 28, 2012, at North Valley Hospital.

Melvin is survived by his wife, Jacqueline Nix, of Whitefish; and his two children, Stephen Nix of Whitefish, and Ruthmarie

Wright of Napa, Calif.

A memorial service will take place at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 3, at Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish.

Arrangements are entrusted to Austin Funeral Home.

Gerald 'Jerry' Noel, 73

Gerald "Jerry" Noel, 73, died July 12, 2012.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on

Thursday, July 19, at Grogan Funeral Home, with a reception to follow at the funeral home.

Robert D. 'Bob' Nolin, 67

Robert D. 'Bob' Nolin, 67, formerly of Kalispell, died May 13, 2012, after a battle with amyloidosis.

He is survived by his wife Monica Nolin, and daughter Nicole Nolin, of Billings; son, Ladd Nolin,

of Anchorage, Alaska; and daughter, Andrea Kneeland, of Blaine, Minn.,

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, May 18, at Emmanuel Baptist Church, 328 South Shiloh Road, Billings.

Billy Don Norman, 29

Billy Don Norman, 29, of Libby, died Sunday, Nov. 11, 2012, in a single car accident on Bull Lake Road.

He is survived by his daughter, Rhayne Trinity Norman; fiancée, Denise; and parents, Michael and Pamela Norman.

The funeral service

will be 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 19, at Troy Baptist Church. Burial service will be at the Huisenfruit Family Cemetery immediately following. A reception and dinner will be at Troy Baptist Church directly afterward.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Libby.

Florence Hein Norby, 93

Florence Hein Norby, 93, passed away Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2012, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.



She was born to Conrad and Katie Hein in Ritzville, Wash., on Jan. 2, 1919. She graduated from high school in Ritzville as well.

In 1945, she married Sherman "Red" Norby in Washington. They moved to Kalispell in 1946. They had two sons, Ray and Rand. They divorced in 1960.

She was a tailor her entire life and enjoyed it immensely. She worked for Torgerson's and Taylor, Roe & Jean Factory, as well as various other businesses in the Kalispell area that employed tailors. She eventually worked out of her own home, and did so until she was in her late 80s.

She loved to golf and walked every day until she was 85, as well as helping take care of great-grandchildren. She made it to every sporting event and dance recital her grandkids participated in.

She was very involved in the Lutheran Church, was a den mother for the Scouts for both of her sons and was involved in the PTA and in

Church Women United.

She was preceded in death by both her parents, and her brother, Virgil.

She is survived by her sisters, Fran Manke and Virginia, of Washington; son, Ray Norby, and wife, Lynn, of Kalispell; son, Rand Norby, of Kalispell; grandson, Jerry Norby, and wife, Karyn Thornton Norby, of Rollins; granddaughter, Denise Belt, and husband, Ben, of Kalispell; granddaughter, Serina Nelson, and husband, Jayson, of Kalispell; grandson, Shawn Norby, and Kendra Heath, of Kalispell; great-granddaughter, Alexandra "Xxy" Belt, of Kalispell; great-grandson, Ayden Nelson, of Kalispell; great-granddaughter, Jordyn "Jojo" Nelson, of Kalispell; great-granddaughter, Kaylie Norby, of Kalispell; great-grandson, Zarek Belt, of Kalispell; great-granddaughter, Morgan Norby, of Rollins; and many nieces, nephew, great-nieces, and great-nephews.

There will be a private family burial. Celebration of Florence's life will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, at Calvary Lutheran Church in Evergreen, with Pastor Kirk Rau officiating. There will be a reception following at the church.

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

John P. Norrish, 73

John P. Norrish, 73, passed away suddenly Feb. 6, 2012, as a result of a heart attack.



John was born June 22, 1938, to Howard W. and Gladys M. (Liefkring)

Norrish in Durand, Wis. He attended St. Mary's Catholic School and graduated from Durand High School in 1956.

He spent the next four years in the U.S. Navy. He attended Wisconsin State University at Superior before transferring to the University of Idaho in Moscow, where he graduated with a degree in agriculture in 1966. In 1976, he obtained a degree in business marketing.

John built homes for more than 50 years. His career began as a young man with his twin brother, Joe.

John Norrish of Norrish Construction Inc. was a member of the Flathead Building Association (FBA) since 1978, and was president of the FBA three times. He was also a lifetime board of directors member and past president of the Montana Building Industry Association (MBIA). John was a certified graduate builder.

He was actively involved in community affairs, including Habitat for Humanity, Stepping Stones for the handicapped, the Christmas in April program and the Knights of Columbus.

John also served for seven years on the Flathead Planning and Zoning Commission and had been chairman of every FBA committee, and the state convention twice. He was a state director for more than 30 years.

In 1998, John established the Joe Norrish Scholarship in remembrance of his twin brother, to help students fulfill their dream of a career in the construction industry.

In the year 2000, the MBIA named John the Montana Builder of the Year, and the Montana Construction Industry also presented him with a recognition award as Builder of the Year.



One of John's proudest moments came in 2008 when he was inducted into the Montana Housing Hall of Fame by the 2,300-member MBIA. The nomination meant for him reaching the pinnacle of accomplishment for his profession and the recognition of his peers. This honor has only been bestowed upon 12 builders in the association's 43-year history.

John married Regina Yurek Dec. 30, 1993.

He had tremendous love of family and friends. He took great pride in providing exceptional, quality construction for all of his clients, and was always willing to help anyone in need.

He had a passion for any and all sports, which grew out of the 14 and a half years he spent with the Idaho Vandals Radio Sports Network. Next to sports, there was always the upcoming hunting season!

He was preceded in death by his parents, Howard and Gladys; his twin brother, Joe; and two brothers-in-law, Bob Davie and Merlyn Turnacliff.

John is survived by his wife, Regina; two brothers, William Norrish of Apache Junction, Ariz., and Richard Norrish and wife Kay of Chaska, Minn.; four sisters, Marcia Turnacliff of Apache Junction, Mary Davie of Fargo, N.D., Betty Glover and husband Keith of Rake, Iowa, and Giovanna Norrish of Burnsville, Minn. He also has two stepdaughters, Kristen Faust and husband David of Canton, Ga., and Danielle Hill and husband James of Atlanta; five grandchildren, Kayla, Brandon, Leah, Kelsey and Liam; and four nephews and six nieces.

A vigil service will be held at 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12, at Blessed John Paul II Catholic Church in Bigfork. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 13, at Blessed John Paul II Catholic Church. There will be a luncheon after Mass, followed by a graveside service at Bigfork Community Cemetery.

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

John Paul Norrish, 73

John Paul Norrish, 73, died Monday, Feb. 6, 2011, in Bigfork.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 13, at Pope John Paul II Catholic Church in Bigfork. Inter-

ment will be at Bigfork Community Cemetery.

A vigil will be held at 6 p.m. Sunday at the church.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Russell 'Butch' Noss Jr., 66

Russell "Butch" Noss Jr., 66, of Naugatuck, Conn., passed away Tuesday, May 8, 2012.



Born in Shickshinny, Pa., May 26, 1945, he was a son of Russell Noss Sr. and Clara Fritz Noss.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by brothers, Robert Noss, Terrance Noss Sr. and Donald Noss Sr.

He is survived by his son, Russell Ray, and wife, Lisa Noss; daughter, Jenny, and husband, Chris Sklany, of

Kalispell; sisters, RaeAnn Goss of Naugatuck, Doris Hauze of Wapwallopen, Pa., and Janet Vitkauskas of Nanticoke, Pa.; brothers, Larry Noss Sr. of Naugatuck, and George Noss of Eatontown, N.J.; as well as numerous nieces and nephews. His grandchildren include Robert and wife Bridgett Pleasant, Ariel Noss, Ashli Turner, Autumn Noss, Kaden Noss, Josh and wife Kaysee Sklany, and Kati Jo Sklany. His only great-grandchild is Isabella Pleasant. He also leaves behind many bowling and karaoke friends. He will be missed.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Hakaru 'Hank' Nouchi, 75

Hakaru "Hank" Nouchi, 75, died at Wahiawa General Hospital on Sept. 6, 2012, following an extended illness.



He was born July 20, 1937, in Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii, to Sotaro and Tari Nouchi.

He resided in Hawaii most of his life, with the exception of a few years in Trego, which he always spoke fondly of.

Hank will be remembered as a generous man who had a great sense of humor and carefree love of life. He enjoyed garden-

ing, cooking, listening to Frank Sinatra and drinking beer with friends. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Left to cherish his memory are his children, daughter Truly Streng and Russell, son Marc Nouchi and Misty, daughter Christy Bradley and Alan, and son Matthew Nouchi; nine grandchildren, siblings and extended family.

He was preceded in death by sons, Rory and Anson Nouchi.

Following a private service, interment will be at The Punchbowl National Cemetery of the Pacific in Oahu, Hawaii.

Diane Kay Novotny, 64

Diane Kay Novotny, 64, died Tuesday, Aug. 7, 2012, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She is survived by her daughter, Sarah Burns; two sons, Jack Reep and Chinook Reep; and mother, Deloris Novotny.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 12, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Graveside Services will be held at 3 p.m. Monday, Aug. 13 at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery, with Lon Eliason officiating.

Harold F. 'Buck' Nutter 54

Harold F. "Buck" Nutter 54, "went to meet with God" on Sept. 7, 2012.



Buck loved hunting, fishing, camping, great friends and life. He will be missed by all.

He is survived by his wife, Susan G. (Caudill) Nutter, of Columbia Falls; brother, Billy Nutter; a sister; nieces and nephews; sons, Robert Bechtel and Douglas J. Nelson; and grandchildren, Caleb Meow, Hannah Bechtel, Ryan Bechtel, Sarah Nelson and Peter Nelson.

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

Larry Ronald Nye, 70

Larry Ronald Nye, 70, of Kalispell and formerly of New Cumberland, Pa., passed away at home on July 2, 2012.



He was born on March 3, 1942, in Hershey, Pa. He was the son of the late Frederick Martin and Velma Beth (Naylor) Nye.

He became disabled in 2001 with Polyarteritis Nodosa Vasculitis. Strokes, diabetes, Alzheimer's, kidney and heart disease, and multiple other health issues plagued him the past 11 years.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Carol, and a son, Michael and his wife, Angela, and two grandchildren, Joshua and Haley, all of Kalispell. They moved to Montana in 2009 to be near, and ultimately within the same home, as Mike and his family.

What a blessing and support they have been to Carol and Larry these past years.

Larry worked in the insurance industry in fidelity and surety bonding and also in sales until his disability.

A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 14 at Grace Church, 1225 U.S. 93 N., in Kalispell, with Pastor Chris Miller officiating. A luncheon will be held immediately following the service.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be given to Home Options Hospice, 275 Corporate Dr., Ste. 600, Kalispell, MT 59901; to Grace Church, 1225 U.S. 93 N., Kalispell, MT 59901 or The Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 96011, Washington, D.C. 20090-6011.

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

Roberta Noreen 'Bobbi' Nygaard, 70

Roberta Noreen "Bobbi" Nygaard, 70, of Whitefish passed away on



July 2, 2012, at Kalispell Regional Hospital in Kalispell. She was such a fighter and she faced her illness head-on, but once her body got too tired to fight anymore, she then faced death head-on, as well.

She was born to Robert and Isabella (Da Silva) Myers on April 3, 1942, in Toppenish, Wash.

Bobbi and her husband Darrell moved to the Whitefish area in 1961. This September would have marked their 51st wedding anniversary.

Bobbi enjoyed Whitefish so much. She worked for the postal service for a short time and then for Lacy's Studio, as a bookkeeper, for many years. She loved horses and went on many great horse show adventures with her friends Marilyn Young and Patty Morris in her younger years, sleeping in her horse trailer most times to save money. She also enjoyed gardening and painting.

Most of Bobbi's life was spent serving the local church body. She was a youth group leader for 17 years for the First Baptist Church of Whitefish. Many nights you would find students all over her house for an impromptu sleepover.

She loved the students as if they were her own. She always wanted every student to live their best life, not to settle and dream big. She was always one to lend a helping hand to anyone in need.

Many times while she was still working she would take her Christmas bonus and buy Christmas gifts for a family who had nothing.

Seth. In 2009 she got to share her time in Mexico with some of her "sister chicks," a dream come true, to have her girlfriend time with some of her best friends.

She always wanted to share the things she loved with those she loved.

Two years ago the ladies in her church made and sent many quilts with her to Mexico to give away to all those who she had made connections with over these past 10 years. She connected with a local church in Zihuatanejo and therefore has lots of connections to the "needs" of the local people.

Even as sick as she has been, she always wanted to bless her CNAs, RNs and doctors with gifts and kind words of appreciation, and there was always a basket of chocolates in her room for the staff. She was always a popular patient; often the staff would come to see her on their days off.

There was always a party going on in Bobbi's room. Bobbi will always be remembered by those whose lives she touched. The family would like to thank all the doctors and nurses who took such wonderful care of this dear lady for so many years.

"Heaven just got much richer and we here on the earth have to deal with the loss of a real treasure."

She is survived by her husband, Darrell Nygaard of Whitefish; one daughter, Nicki Corne' and husband Don; two grandchildren, Erica and Seth Corne' of Whitefish; one sister, Elisabeth Myers of Whitefish; and her dear friend, Kathy Svec of Whitefish; as well as many other dear friends.

Bobbi was preceded in death by her father and mother.

Helping others always blessed Bobbi. She spent many hours counseling women when she was the women's ministry leader for the Baptist church. She helped married couples through hard times, helped people get their finances in order; whatever the need, she was willing to help out.

She did all this just to see people live well, never expecting anything in return.

Later in life she and her husband started going to Zihuatanejo, Mexico for two weeks to get out of the Montana cold. Bobbi was not content to just be "a tourist," she always saw the needs of others and wanted to help.

She would bring gifts for all the maids and workers she would meet on her stays, and she always would bring suitcases full of toys, shoes, clothes and blankets to give away to the people of Mexico. In 2003 Bobbi got to take her granddaughter Erica to Mexico, and then in 2006 her daughter Nicki and grandson

Interment will take place at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 7, at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell, followed by a celebration of life at 11:30 a.m. at East Haven Baptist Church. Come dressed in your "bling" and be prepared to share a great story or memory of this lovely lady. There will be a 50s party reception to follow.

One of Bobbi's final wishes was if you want give a lasting gift, instead of money spent on flowers, that we all give money toward helping her compassion son, Geofery in Uganda, whom they put through law school, get a home and a solid financial foundation. Mail any donations to Darrell Nygaard at 135 Stage Line Drive in Whitefish, and we'll transfer the money over to Geofery in memory of Bobbi.

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