

John 'Bud' Alexander Rabska, 87

John "Bud" Alexander Rabska, 87, of Lake Mary Ronan, passed away peacefully at his son's home in Encino, Calif., on Jan. 19, 2012.



Bud was born in Thorp, Wis., on Jan. 12, 1925, to John and Erna (Mumm) Rabska.

Bud had one brother, Reinhard "Reiny;" and two sisters, Kathleen "Kay" and Vivian.

Bud served in the United States Army during World War II, and was awarded three battle-related medals for his distinguished service to our country.

In 1948, while serving in Santa Maria, Calif., as a Deputy Sheriff for Santa Barbara County, he met and married Zene Tognazzini. Together they had two sons, William "Bill" and Don. Shortly after Don's birth, having missed the mountains of Colorado and his favorite pastime of hunting and fishing, Bud moved the family to Lake Tahoe, Calif., where he worked for many years in

security for one of the major casinos. He took a short sabbatical from the gaming industry to work on an Alaska pipeline.

After retirement he bought a cabin near Proctor, on the waterfront of Lake Mary Ronan, where he spent most days fishing and enjoying nature.

He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Bill and Kandy Rabska of Suisun City, Calif.; son and daughter-in-law, Don and Judy Rabska of Encino, Calif.; grandchildren, Kasey, Tommy and Rachel; and one sibling, Kathleen Walker of Arroyo Grande, Calif.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Feb. 25, 2012, at the First United Methodist Church in Arroyo Grande.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Prostate Cancer Foundation, info@pcf.org, Life Savers Animal Rescue, www.lsar.org or Mission Valley Animal Shelter, missionvalleyanimalshelter.org

Robert Rader, 83

Robert "Radar" Rader, 83, died on Saturday, Oct. 13, 2012, with his family by his side at the Brendan House in Kalispell.

Memorial services are pending.

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

Patricia Louise Piper Ramseth, 59

Patricia Louise Piper Ramseth, 59, died Sunday, April 22, 2012, at her home.



She was born April 25, 1952, in Whitefish, the daughter of Howard and Ruth (Stemmene) Piper.

Patti attended Columbia Falls schools and graduated from Columbia Falls High School in 1970.

She married Jerry Barnhart in 1970 and resided in Missoula while Jerry attended college. Upon graduation they moved to Helena, where she and Jerry were divorced, and she began a 25-year career in the accounting division of K-Mart and Walmart.

Patti returned to Columbia Falls in 1998 to help her parents. She loved her work and the people she worked with at National Flood Services in Kalispell.

She met Peter Ramseth and they were married at Eidsvold Lutheran Church in Lakeside April 28, 2001, where both were members. She served on the church council at Eidsvold and was for a time the congregational president.

Patricia is survived by her husband, Peter Ramseth, of Kalispell; her father, Howard Piper, of Columbia Falls; her sister, Pamela, and husband,

David Smith, of Meridian, Idaho; a brother, John, and wife, Tina Piper, of Columbia Falls; several nieces and nephews; and one great-nephew.

Patti was preceded in death by her mother, Ruth Louise Piper. She was very close to her Grandma Millie.

Patti's passion in life was doing for others, and she began her lifelong mission of helping others as a volunteer candy striper or nurse's aide in her mid-high-school years. Later she became a certified nurse's aide and worked part time doing home care, specializing in caring for the elderly. She also supported Ray of Hope mission in Kalispell, and a mission for the homeless in Spokane.

She is remembered for her devotion and care for so many around her.

Memorial contributions may be made to Immanuel Lutheran Communities, 40 Claremont Ave., Kalispell; to Eidsvold Lutheran Church, Lakeside; or to Ray of Hope, 46 Fifth Ave. W., Kalispell.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, April 30, at Eidsvold Lutheran Church, 5935 U.S. 93 S. in Somers.

Arrangements are entrusted to Columbia Mortuary.

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

Helen Huck Voelker Ramon, 97

"It is the end of an era for the Flathead, for Montana and for the art world at large,"

with the passing of Helen Huck Voelker Ramon, 97, of Kalispell, who passed away July 3, 2012, at Heritage Place.

Helen was an artist, and in the late '60s she was invited by founder Owen Sowerwine to organize the art department at the newly formed Flathead Valley Community College.

Helen is survived by



her sons, Vincent Steven Voelker and Theodore Carlos Lovell Ramon; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and contemporaries.

Her legacy will be carried on and never forgotten by loved ones and appreciators everywhere.

Interment will be at 2 p.m. today, July 10, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery, followed by a life celebration in the family home at 404 Third Ave. E. in Kalispell. A public memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at First Presbyterian Church on Main Street in Kalispell.

Robert 'Bob' Rechtsteiner, 87

Robert "Bob" Rechtsteiner, 87, passed away on Tuesday, April 24, 2012, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

Bob was born on Aug. 28, 1924, to Victor M. and Ruth Springle Rechtsteiner in Los Angeles.

He married Ann Buss in Las Vegas; they were married for 47 years.

Bob enlisted in the U.S.



Air Force, where he served during World War II from 1942 to 1946. He then served from 1950 until 1952, during the Korean Conflict. He then served for 20 years in the Air Force Reserve, retiring in 1962. Bob worked for the Los Angeles Police Department for 25 years.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents; and his wife, Ann.

He is survived by three sons, Robert, Frank and Joseph Rechtsteiner; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

His cremains will be interred in Parowan, Utah.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Gaylord 'Gary' Alfred Reddick, 66

Gaylord "Gary" Alfred Reddick, 66, of Whitefish, died Saturday, Feb. 18, 2012, at Whitefish Care and Rehabilitation.

He is survived by his children, Dan Reddick,

Kimberly Kelly, Kris Sage and Brian Reddick.

Services will be private.

Arrangements are entrusted to Austin Funeral Home.

Thomas Dixon Reed, 87

Thomas Dixon Reed, of Kalispell, died April 28, 2012, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls where he had resided for the last years.

Thomas Reed was born April 10, 1925, in Missoula, to Glenwood and Jessie Reed. They later moved to Ronan where Tom received his education through high school, graduating in 1943.

He later volunteered for the Army and saw action in Forbach, Alsace Lorraine. Upon his discharge from the service in 1946, Tom enrolled in Montana State College in Bozeman where he met his future wife, Betty Hartmann, of Ethridge, Mont. They were married in 1948.

Tom graduated in 1950 with a bachelor's degree in industrial engineering. He received his designation as a second lieutenant through his participation in ROTC, of which he was the cadet colonel. He also served in the Montana National Guard throughout his college years.

The Korean War had started and Tom was again on active duty. Tom and Betty's daughter, Candace, was born in Fort Ord, Calif., shortly before Tom was again sent to Europe. When Tom returned from Europe, he was employed by the Ideal Cement Company in Denver, and was later transferred to Devil's Slide, Utah.

In 1960 Tom and Betty moved to Seattle seeking a broader education for their daughter. It was in Seattle that Tom joined the Kemper Insurance Group as a field engineer. He remained with Kemper until his retirement



in 1987. During this time he held many positions in the Loss Control Engineering Department until he was designated as loss control officer, supervising engineers and nurses throughout the world.

Upon retirement Tom and Betty moved to Bigfork, which they came to love. Tom spent his retirement years doing things he enjoyed. He was especially proud of his service on the original steering committee of Habitat for Humanity, in which he was instrumental in constructing the first Habitat house in Montana, located in Whitefish. He also served in various positions in the Red Cross and greatly enjoyed delivering Meals on Wheels.

One of his fun activities was badgering friends to save education labels from Campbell's soup cans and various cereal boxes. These he gave to the elementary school in Dixon.

Tom's donation of blood for many years led to his final gift to us all, his body to the Human Brain and Spinal Fluid Resource Center connected to UCLA.

Tom is survived by his wife, Betty, of Kalispell; his daughter, Candace, and son-in-law, Steve Gorham, of Salem, Ore.; and sister-in-law, Irene DeWit, of Columbia Falls; also niece and nephew, Ellen and Tim Hartmann, of Columbia Falls; nephew, Jim Hartmann, and Mary of Arizona; nieces, Rose Marie Hughes and Melville, Mary Andrew and Dennis of California, and Lori Schrieber of Washington; cousin, Bonnie Snavely, of Missoula; and special friends, Cathy Brenneman and Becky and Jessie Gullede.

His family wants to thank the staff at the Montana Veterans Home for their superb care of Tom during his years there.

James 'Jim' Anthony Rehbein, 63

James "Jim" Anthony Rehbein, 63 years old, of Helena, "passed from this life into eternity" on Feb. 1, 2012.



Jim was born in Shelby on Sept. 24, 1948, to James H. and Beverly Lindvig Rehbein. Jim was the first born of six children. Jim attended St. Matthew's grade school and Sidney High School until his junior year when the family moved to Miles City. He graduated from Sacred Heart High School in 1966. He was an outstanding athlete in football, basketball, track and his favorite sport, baseball.

In 1967 he was married to Sally Olson. They had two children, Lisa Jo and Scott. Jim and Sally divorced in 1978. In March of 1979, he married Kathleen Barrett. They were married for 21 years.

Jim enjoyed woodworking and was an avid gardener; growing roses was his specialty. He was an ardent fisherman and taught his children and grandchildren to fish. He also enjoyed reading books, particularly Westerns, and watching the History Channel and sports, especially the Little League World Series.

After retiring as a sales representative for Associated Foods, he built two beautiful homes in

the Flathead Valley. He worked part time in a hardware store and would go to customer's homes after hours to help them and make sure they got the right materials for the job they were doing.

Jim is survived by his daughter, Lisa Jo Evans; her husband, Heath; their three daughters, Kelsey, Joelle, and Piper of Colorado Springs, Colo.; son, Scott Rehbein, his wife, Becky, and his two sons, Walter of San Antonio, Texas, and Austin of Plentywood. He is also survived by his parents, Jim and Beverly of Kalispell; Charlie and Georgie Rehbein of Helena and their three children and grandchildren; Roberta Rehbein and her son of Helena; Margaret Hartman of Helena and her two children and grandchildren; Joe and Kathy Rehbein of Bozeman and their three children; Lois Rehbein and her son of Kalispell; plus numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Memorials may be sent to the American Diabetes Foundation by visiting www.diabetes.org.

A memorial service will be 3 p.m. Monday, Feb. 6, at Anderson Stevenson Wilke Funeral Home, 3750 N. Montana Ave., Helena, with a reception to follow in the social center of the funeral home. Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting: www.aswfuneralhome.com.

Lawrence 'Larry' Reid, 82

Lawrence "Larry" Reid, 82, died Wednesday, April 4, 2012, in Polson.

He is survived by his wife, Bessie Reid; and 13 children.

Cremation has taken place, and no services are planned.

Grogan Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Philip A. Reid, 87

Philip A. Reid, formerly of Lakeside and Butte, passed away on May 9, 2012, at Deaconess Hospital in Spokane, at the age of 87.



He was born in Butte in 1925 and attended St. John's Military Academy in Wisconsin prior to serving in the Army during World War II. He was wounded during the war and received a Purple Heart for his service. Returning



to Montana, he finished his education at the University of Montana and began his career with the Montana Power Company.

He married Nadell Baker in September 1950, and fathered three children. After his retirement from the Montana Power, he moved to Lakeside, where he spent his remaining years enjoying the outdoors and playing golf and pool.

He was preceded in death by his wife; and is survived by his two daughters, Diane and Julie, and one son, Andy.

A private service will be held in Spokane where he will be laid to rest beside his wife.

Mary Alice Reimer, 81

Mary Alice Reimer passed away peacefully at home on Monday, Feb. 27, 2012, after a courageous 40-year battle with multiple sclerosis. "She quietly left this earth for heaven," surrounded by her loving family.



Mary Alice was born to Albert and Elsie Atkin on Dec. 23, 1930, in a small town near Winnipeg, Manitoba. She graduated from Winnipeg University with a bachelor's degree in English and social work, and loved using her degree to help facilitate adoptions in Minneapolis.

She remained unmarried until, encouraged by friends, she met Bruce Reimer, a recent widow and the father of six children. Mary Alice was raising her young nephew, Michel, and when Bruce and Mary Alice married on Sept. 29, 1972, Mary Alice became an instant mother to Kent, Kurt, Kim, Jill, Janna and Melodie.

Bruce and his bride loved spending time together with the family camping in the Flathead Valley, and in their golden years they enjoyed camping in the Arizona desert and near the Sea of Cortez.

Mary Alice was an artist who enjoyed painting beautiful pictures. She loved cats,

and spent time baking special goodies to bless friends and family. She was devoted to her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and served Him faithfully. Bruce and Mary Alice were blessed to serve on several mission trips to South America, and through the years they remained actively involved in Whitefish Church of the Nazarene.

As she became bedridden in her later years, Mary Alice was lovingly cared for by her family and several special care givers. The family owes a debt of gratitude to Kerry Paulson, Mabel Rath, Lorna Moss and Elizabeth Seymour for their loving devotion to her.

Mary Alice will be forever missed by her family; husband, Bruce; children, Kent Reimer, Kurt Reimer, Kim Harding, Jill Shepherd, Janna Reimer, Melodie Koberg and Michel Reimer, along with their spouses; 24 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and her sister Elizabeth.

A celebration of Mary Alice's life will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, March 3, at Whitefish Church of the Nazarene.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial gifts be given to Jesus Film Harvest Partners at jesusfilminternational.org.

Brenda Sue 'Bree' Reiner, 57

Brenda Sue "Bree" Reiner, 57, passed away on Sunday, June 24, 2012.



Bree was born on Dec. 28, 1954, in Waterloo, Iowa, to Bernard Lee and Donna Lee (LaVelle) Musch. She attended West High in Waterloo.

After leaving Iowa, Bree moved to Germany with her husband at that time, Rich. In 1974, she had her first son, Brian McClure, followed three years later with the birth of her daughter, Crystal McClure. In 1981, they moved to Pueblo, Colo., to be closer to her parents.

A few years later she moved to Denver and met the love of her life, Mike Reiner, and was in the real estate business. Michael and Bree were married on July 11, 1987. While in Denver, they were blessed with the birth of Michael and Austin. Mike and Bree moved to the "last best place," Kalispell, in 2003 where she most recently cared for the elderly and handicapped.

Bree was a member of the Christian faith community, attending the Christian Center.

Bree was a doting mother and wife and had an infectious love for the Lord and people. She blessed many lives and several kids in the community considered her a second mother.

Her hobbies include camping, rafting, photography, Christian prayer chain, gardening, and arts and crafts. She was devoted to her family and friends. Bree led prayer groups on Facebook with over 2,000 members.

Bree is survived by her husband, Michael Reiner; parents, Bernard and Donna Musch of Waterloo; sisters, Linda Lewis and her husband Donald of West Des Moines.

Iowa, Connie Christy and her fiance Mike Smith of Des Moines, and Terrie Baker and her husband George of Vista, Calif.; her sons, Brian McClure and his wife Joanna of Brighton, Colo., Crystal Rockwell and her husband Robert of Wilmer, Ala., Michael Reiner and his wife Tenaya of Kalispell, and Austin Reiner of Kalispell; along with several nieces and nephews; and seven blessed grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. on Thursday, June 28, at the Christian Center, 255 Summit Ridge Drive, Kalispell. A viewing will be held earlier that day, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home, Kalispell.

Memorials can be made to the Brenda "Bree" Reiner Memorial Fund at any First Interstate Bank.

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

Philip A. Reimnitz, 60

Philip A. Reimnitz, 60, passed away Oct. 11, 2012, of natural causes.

Philip was born Nov. 12, 1951, in Crosby, N.D., to the Rev. Alwin and Helen Reimnitz. He grew up in Bismarck, N.D., as the oldest of nine children.

Philip graduated from North Dakota State University in Fargo in 1974, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in education/social science.

He was selected as North Dakota's Athlete of the Year in 1973 and inducted into the NDSU Hall of Fame in 1987 for wrestling. Phil is known as NDSU's greatest pinner and still holds the record of 22 straight pins during his 1972-1973 season, taking the NCAA College Division Championship at 126 pounds.

Phil remained involved in wrestling as a referee at the high school

and college level. He was never happier than when sons Curt and Zach wrestled. Zach continues to work with the Flathead Braves and Little Guy wrestling.

Phil worked in North Dakota as an OSHA educator prior to his passing.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Phil is survived by sons Curt and Michelle, and Zachary, and daughter Rachel Reimnitz, all of Kalispell; and eight siblings.

People were attracted to Phil by his wonderful smile and sense of humor. There were never enough hours to hunt or fish. No matter the weather, Phil could be found dressed in camo and cooking on the grill.

A memorial service will be held at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 24, at Glacier Church in Kalispell. Please wear camo!

Edward 'Eddy' J. Renna, 81

Edward "Eddy" J. Renna, 81, died May 4, 2012, in Chandler, Ariz., after a short battle with cancer.

Survivors include sons, Mick Renna of Bigfork and Ed Renna of Boise, Idaho; daughters, Debbie Sparks of Albany, Ore., Kim Hickman of Tinton

Falls, N.J., and Donna Benner of Kalispell; long-time companion, Juanita Wright, of Lacey, Wash.; and ex-wife, Betty Fjeld of Kalispell.

Memorial services are at 11 a.m. Monday, June 4, at Risen Christ Church in Kalispell.

William L. 'Bill' Reynolds, 58

William L. "Bill" Reynolds, 58, passed away in Kalispell on Aug. 3, 2012.

Bill had been a heavy equipment mechanic. He loved fishing, hunting, breakfast at Nickel Charlie's and his dogs. He had a great sense of humor and was loved by all who knew him.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, Bill and Jane Reynolds.

He is survived by his

wife, Carrie L. Reynolds; daughters, Christina L. Lew and Tiffany R. Stover; son, William L. Reynolds IV; sisters, Nancy and Ray Zambro, and Debi and Roger Young; and grandchildren, Keeden, Connor and Collin; and nephews.

Celebration of life services will be announced in the future. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Mike Reynolds, 71

Mike Reynolds, 71, of Cut Bank, whose humor, wisdom, work ethic and dedication earned the respect and made a difference in the lives of more



young people than most of us will ever know in a lifetime, passed away at home Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2012, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Cremation has taken place; a celebration of his life will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2, at Cut Bank High School with private family burial to take place at a later date.

John M. "Mike" Reynolds was born Oct. 6, 1941, in San Francisco to Montana natives John R. and Marie Grenier Reynolds. Moving to Polson during his young teen years, Reynolds, an enrolled member of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation, was a graduate of Polson High School, Class of 1959, a class (with friendships, give or take a year either way) whose bonds still remain strong. He continued his schooling at Northern Montana College and earned his degree in elementary education from the University of Montana in 1963.

In 1964 Reynolds enlisted as a member of the 650th Personnel Service Company of the United States Army Reserve, Great Falls, and served for six years. His name is among those honored at the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes' Warrior/Veterans Wall of Remembrance at the Eagle Circle in Pablo.

Teaching one year in

Power in 1962 and then moving to Cut Bank, Reynolds began a career as an educator and coach that would span the next 50 years, finishing with the 2012 cross country season. Many middle school English students came under his tutelage; his passion was track and field and cross country, and for Reynolds there was no finish line. He would always be preparing for the next meet, the next season.

Inducted into the Montana High School Association Coaches Hall of Fame and the National High School Association Coaches Hall of Fame, Reynolds was tireless in helping young athletes attain their potential. His lifelong friendships with like-minded coaches reached across the state and country.

Reynolds married Linda Cook at a family ranch near Geraldine Dec. 23, 1973. He is survived by his wife; daughters, Jill Reynolds and Erin Reynolds of Portland; son, John Reynolds, currently living in Cut Bank; siblings, Richard Reynolds, Sharon Reynolds and Joseph Browning, all of Polson; and aunt, Dorothy Grenier, of Portland.

The family's deepest appreciation goes out to the doctors and staff at Benefis East, Great Falls and Northern Rockies Medical Center, Cut Bank for their excellent care, and also to nurse/neighbor Janice Fauque, whose willingness to step in allowed Mike to be at home during his final weeks.

Memorials may be made to Rockies Healthcare Foundation, P.O. Box 10 Cut Bank, MT 59427; or Polson High School Class of '59 Scholarship, 32564 Skidoo Lane, Polson, MT 59860.

Ashley Davis Rich Jr., 91

Ashley D. Rich Jr., died Feb. 15, 2012, of natural causes, at the Montana



Veterans Home where he had lived since April of 2011. Ashley was almost 92 years old and had lived in good health until six weeks prior to his death.

Born in Richmond, Texas, Ashley spent many years in the South. He went two years to college at Texas A & M, majoring in engineering.

After college, he married Betty Gallagher to whom he was married for 54 years. From college he went into the Army and served for several years as a captain in the infantry in the South Pacific. When he returned to Richmond he began his engineering business and his family.

After building a successful pipeline protection business, he moved his family to the high mountains of Colorado in 1964, and began his cattle business. Ranching was truly his love and he would be involved in ranching for many years to come.

When he got out of ranching, he ventured successfully into several small businesses: in Fort Collins, Colo., the natural health business and a furniture store; and in Dallas, a neighborhood grocery where he and Betty were a positive influence on their regular customers, especially the youth.

When Ashley and Betty retired, they traveled the United States for several years enjoying all the sites and meeting new friends wherever they went.

After seeing the country, they would split their time between Texas and Montana to be with their families.

Ashley was preceded in death by his parents, Ashley Sr., and Josephine; his sister, Sara, and his wife, Betty.

He is survived by his sister, Mary Jo Beauchamp, in Georgia; brother, Bob Rich, in Texas; daughter and son-in-law in Mesquite, Texas, Kathy and Roy Berry; and daughter and son-in-law in Kalispell, Susan and Dan Stevens. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Marshall Reed of Kalispell, Stuart Reed of Spokane, Joel Stevens and wife Erica, and Michael Stevens, all of Kalispell, and Patience Burns and family of Renton, Wash. Grandchildren in Texas are Davis and Tanya Berry, and Dana and Rob Taylor.

He was also blessed with 11 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson.

Christian service was a passion, and the donation of his body to medical research to further serve mankind was his final wish. A private family service is planned for the future.

Ashley will be remembered as a Christian and a gentleman, and will be missed by many.

Donita Mae Richardson, 50

Donita Mae Richardson, 50, of Columbia Falls, passed away Friday, July 6, 2012, in Columbia Falls.



She was born Feb. 18, 1962, in Pomeroy, Wash., the daughter of Roscoe and Bernice (Johnson) Roberts.

Donita worked at the Columbia Falls Dollar Store for many years. In her spare time she lived her passion to help others, whether it was an animal that needed a home or a friend that needed a place to stay or helping hand, she always was willing. She was the kindest person, always thinking of others and taking care of everyone.

She is survived by her life partner, Kurt Sanders her four children, Mae Muhlneckel of Seattle, Francis Muhlneckel of Columbia Falls, Virgil Richardson of Grants Pass, Ore., and Angela Muhlneckel of Seattle; and her two grandchildren, Riley and Alexavier. She is also survived by her brother, Dennis Roberts of Vancouver, Wash.; her two sisters, Karen Downs of Columbia Falls, and Sandra Reeds of Deer Island, Ore.; and numerous nieces and nephews and many precious friends, including Tana Sands Langlois, Shane Berlinger and Kathy Tucker.

A memorial service is scheduled for 10 a.m., Tuesday, July 10 at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

Marriane Richardson, 82

Marriane Richardson, 82, of Whitefish, died Sunday July 8, 2012, at her home in Whitefish.

She is survived by her son, Don Richardson.

A private family memorial service will be held at a later date.

Arrangements are entrusted to Austin Funeral Home.

Robert R. Richards, 83

Robert R. Richards, 83, passed away due to an automobile accident Friday, Feb. 24, 2012.



Robert was born Oct. 15, 1928 in Ponca City, Okla., the son of Robert and Nora (McKinney) Richards. He was raised in Kansas.

In 1951, in Napa, Calif., he married Dora Zahler. They were together for 60 years before his passing.

Robert served honorably in the U.S. Army from 1951 to 1953. He had been a truck driver and was a lifetime member of the Elks Lodge.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Nora Richards, and his oldest son, Robert J. Richards.

He is survived by his wife, Dora, and children Rickey Lee Richards, Debbie J. Boultinghouse, and Dawn J. Focke; four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life service for Robert will be held Thursday, March 15 at 2 p.m. at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

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

Dot Ann Ricker, 74

Dot Ann Ricker "went peacefully home to be with her Savior" on Sunday, April 15, 2012.

She was born Dot Ann Anson on June 17, 1937, to Claude and Dot Anson in La Grande, Ore.

She graduated from La Grande High School and attended college at Eastern Oregon State College, then graduated from the University of Oregon with an education degree. Soon after, she met and married the love of her life, Michael Ricker, of Union, Ore. They had three children, Curtis, Shannon and Tod.

Dot Ann taught high school P.E. and health in Portland, Seattle and Whitefish. She was an active member of the Whitefish community and with her church, First Presbyterian Church.

She served on the boards for League of Women Voters, Montana State Medical Ladies' Auxiliary, Rainbow Girls, and was president of the Swim Team Parents group. She was a member of PEO, Eastern Star and Beta Sigma Phi.

She was selected as First Lady of Whitefish in 1983 in recognition of her efforts for the community. She worked to get a public pool in Whitefish and taught swim lessons for many years to pre-school through high school-age kids. Her winters were filled with skiing and sharing her



passion for it with kids and adults, especially as a Big Mountain ski school instructor.

Although her life was filled with activities and enthusiasm for her community, her love for her family, friends and above all, Jesus, surpassed them all. She was a woman who lived a life that defined devotion to family, a love for many friendships and an unshakable faith. She lived it all with a dauntless spirit full of enthusiasm and optimism. Her quick wit and endless charm will be greatly missed.

She was preceded in death by her mother and father, Dot and Claude Anson.

She is survived by her husband, Michael Ricker; her children and their spouses, Curtis and Tatiana Ricker of LaGrande, Tod and Debbie Ricker of Sisters, Ore., and Shannon and David Mercer of Whitefish; her sister and husband, Sue and Michael McGuire, of Golden, Colo.; and 11 grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, April 24, at First Presbyterian Church in Whitefish. There will also be a celebration of life service at 2 p.m. on April 27 at Loveland Funeral Chapel in La Grande, followed by burial in Union.

Memorials may be sent to First Presbyterian Church of Whitefish.

You are invited to go to www.austinfh.com to offer condolences, share memories and view Dot Ann's tribute wall.

Dot Ann Ricker, 75

Dot Ann Ricker, 75, died April 15, 2012, at her home in Whitefish.

She is survived by her husband, Michael, of Whitefish; sons, Curt Ricker of La Grande, Ore., and Tod Ricker of Sisters, Ore.; and daughter, Shan-

non Mercer of Whitefish.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 24, at First Presbyterian Church in Whitefish. Interment will take place in Union, Ore.

Arrangements are entrusted to Austin Funeral Home.

Cindy Rickard, 54

Cindy Rickard, 54, formerly of Columbia Falls, died April 1, 2012, at St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula, due to cancer.

She had owned her own seamstress business.

She is survived by her longtime partner, Frank Sleight; and daughters, Maureen Rickard and Laureen Rickard, both of Kalispell.

No services are planned at this time.

Quintin H. 'Rick' Richter, 86

Quintin H. "Rick" Richter, 86, of West Glacier, Vol 11, passed away at home of natural causes May 8, 2012.

Rick was born Sept. 23, 1925, in Medicine Lake, to Henry J. and Rose (Houlzmer) Richter.

Growing up, Rick spent five years in the orphanage in Helena with his brothers and sister while his mother was hospitalized in Galen with tuberculosis. Then he lived with his Grandmother Houlzmer in Sandpoint, Idaho, before returning to Montana to live in Galen and Warm Springs when his family reunited. He learned his carpentry skill during this time.

Rick served in the U.S. Navy during World War II from 1942 to 1946. While in the Navy, he served on the destroyer USS Endicott.

After discharge from the Navy, Rick worked on construction jobs throughout Montana, including building bridges along the I-15 corridor, moving his family as the bridges progressed.

On Oct. 18, 1952, he married Catherine Marie Vansko in Deer Lodge. They shared 60 wonderful years together.

Finally in 1960, he settled in West Glacier while building the bridge in Apgar. He and his wife, Catherine, built SanSuzEd RV Park that he affectionately named after his loving children. He worked for Knutson Construction



with his friend, Harold Oney, building houses in Columbia Falls for many years.

Rick is survived by his wife Catherine; his three children, son, Ed, and Jo Anne, of Rosharon, Texas; and daughters, Susen Richter Larson of Fessenden, N.D., and Sandy Richter Hylton of Hungry Horse; his six grandchildren, Bonnie Larson, Lars Larson, Curtis and wife Lucy Gomes, Sara Gomes, Laura Gomes and Jennifer Lewis, as well as six great-grandchildren; and several nephews and nieces.

Rick was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Ambrose and Vincent; and sister, Marcie.

Rick's grin, twinkling eyes and wit were only surpassed by his adoring look at his Catherine. Rick will be remembered for taking in many kids during summers, including his nephews and nieces, Dick, Ron, Rusty, Randy, Henry, Mike, Rose, Christie and Carol, teaching them many life skills. Rick was a true Montanan, enjoying many years of fishing and hunting. Rick was always available with his hammer to help his neighbors and community.

Rick appreciated all his friends, neighbors, family and medical staff that helped and encouraged him during the latter part of his life.

Cremation has taken place. Rick requested that no services be held. Donations can be made in his honor to your favorite charity.

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

Linda McNulty Risley, 63

Linda McNulty Risley, 63, of Libby, died Sunday, June 24, 2012, at Health Center Northwest in Kalispell, after a battle with cancer.

Survivors include her husband, Steve Risley; daughter, Kami Friend;

and son, Travis Risley.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 30, at the Libby Christian Church, with a reception to follow.

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

Ida Lea Roberts

Memorial services for Ida Lea Roberts, 95, who died Sept. 21, will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday,

Dec. 27, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church, 602 S. Main St., in Kalispell.

Donna L. Rodefer, 89

Donna L. Rodefer, 89, died Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2012, in Kalispell.

She is survived by her children, Richard, Jean, Rebecca, Carol and Barba-

ra; and stepchildren, Ron Rae Lynn and Rhonda.

Burial was at Fairview Cemetery. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Ruth Bennett Rodwick, 92

Ruth Bennett Rodwick, born Feb. 23, 1920, passed away May 27, 2012, from complications due to advanced age, in her beloved home of Montana.

Ruth's life began as Ada Ruth Bennett on the kitchen table of her parents' Buffalo, N.Y., home. Her mother Ada L. (Ross) Bennett encountered a difficult delivery during a raging Buffalo snowstorm, threatening the lives of mother and daughter. The attending nurse's quick actions saved Ruth by placing her on the warm oven door, before tending to the mother. Many of Ruth's humorous life's stories revolved around this one simple life-saving event. Ruth and her younger sister Doris Bennett (Smith) resided in Williamsville, N.Y., attending The Park School of Buffalo.

After World War II, Ruth met and later married Capt. John Edward Rodwick, also of Buffalo. Together they had three sons, residing in Orchard Park, N.Y., where she lovingly raised her family before taking to the skies to solo in the family's Cessna 182. Later, moving to Boynton Beach, Fla., she reveled in the warm sunshine, consumed great seafood and hung out with her grandchildren after her divorce.

Ruth spent many a hot Florida summer in Montana, where the skies are big and the temperatures are much more pleasing. Bigfork, with its varied culinary attractions and the lure of the Performing Arts Center, became her go-to location whenever in the Flathead Valley. Having two sons and four grandchildren in the area gave

Ruth plenty of reasons to finally move here in 2000. In between visiting her family, she liked to shop, tour the various galleries, collect Western art, go to Sizzler for lunch or up to the Whitefish Lake Restaurant for a fire-side dinner. Ruth could be spotted driving her Maxima all over the valley in search of a good doctor, nutritionist or exceptional fruits and vegetables to run through her turbo juicer!

Falling eyesight forced her to sell the beloved car and move into Buffalo Hill Terrace. This change in her lifestyle only served to accentuate her role as a tireless warrior for nutrition and natural medicine issues. The friends she made while living at the Terrace were a constant source of support to her. The love and kindness she offered to her family, friends and workers were always very apparent to those who knew and respected her.

Ruth was preceded in death by her parents, and Doris B. Smith, her sister.

She is leaving behind her three sons, John E. Rodwick and spouse Holly Hand of Kalispell, William F. Rodwick and spouse Jan of Smithville, Texas, and Dale L. Rodwick and spouse Susan of Creston; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Ruth did it her way, and will be missed greatly because of this strong personal attribute.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a donation to The Bigfork Center for the Performing Arts.

A private celebration of Ruth's life will be held on a warm summer day.

Keira Eden Joy Rodgers, 5 months

Keira Eden Joy Rodgers, 5 months old, of Newark, Del., "went from her parents arms into the arms



of Jesus" on Wednesday, Aug. 22, 2012, at A.I. duPont Hospital for Children in Delaware.

Sweet Keira captured the hearts of so many around the world, but especially her family, friends and all who cared for her. She had so much love for people, always brightening our days with her huge, beautiful smile and big, bright eyes.

Keira was always so happy, almost never cried, full of pure sweetness and joy amidst all her struggles. Her best friend was her big brother Micah, whom she loved and adored. Micah loved her just the same, and took such good care of her.

Keira was born on March 26, 2012, a full-term, healthy baby girl. At 8 weeks old, she was diagnosed with a very rare form of an already very rare disease, pulmonary vein stenosis. She received much of her treatment and medical care at Boston Children's Hospital. There she was cared for by an amazing team of medical professionals who have dedicated their careers to finding treatments, a cure, and causes for this particular disease.

Keira's strength and courage inspired so many; her smile could melt the heart of stone. Her death

was sudden, much sooner than we expected. Amidst our deep sorrow, we are comforted in knowing she is free from the struggles she endured.

She was preceded in death by her sweet, big sister, Hannah Joy; and paternal grandfather, John Rodgers.

Keira is survived by her loving and devoted parents, Joseph A. and Erika L. Rodgers, and brother, Micah Joseph Rodgers of Newark; paternal grandmother, Marge Rodgers, of Warren, N.J.; maternal grandparents, Bill and Martha Oursland, of Somers; maternal great-grandparents, David and Lois Phillips, of Kalispell; and numerous other beloved family and friends.

A visitation for family and friends will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 29, at Love of Christ Church, 2157 Bear Corbett Road, Bear, DE 19701; followed by a service in celebration of Keira's life at 11 a.m. Burial will be in Hickory Grove Cemetery in Port Penn, Del.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to support pulmonary vein stenosis research at Boston Children's Hospital, in memory of Keira Rodgers. Contributions can be made online at www.childrenshospital.org/tribute; or checks made payable to Boston Children's Hospital can be mailed to Children's Hospital Trust, 401 Park Drive, Suite 602, Boston, MA 02215.

To express an online condolence, visit www.strano-feeley.com.

Deana E. Roe, 71

Deana E. Roe passed away Nov. 9, 2012,

at her Kalispell home with her long-time companion, Don

Coverdell, by her side.

After a short illness, "she went to be with her Lord in a more peaceful place."

Deana was born Aug. 18, 1941, in Ipswich, S.D., to Eva Gabriel and Dean Hess. Her family relocated to the Flathead Valley, where Deana attended school and made many lifelong friends who still think about her every day.

She met and married Tom Johnson, and in 1958, she became the loving and devoted mother to her only son, Nels Johnson. Tom and Deana were divorced in 1972, after an extended separation. She then married Larry Roe in 1973. Larry passed away in 1976.

Always a hard worker, Deana and her sister, Donna Chandler Welter,



purchased and operated 4 Corners bar in Kalispell from 1976 through 1980. After the bar was sold Deana assumed many managerial positions in the Western United States.

In the late 1980s, she was finally able to pursue her passions of gardening, cooking, and caring for her cats (Elizabeth and Sable) whom she loved dearly.

Deana is survived by her son, Nels Johnson, of Kalispell; her longtime partner, Don Coverdell; two sisters, Donna Weller and husband Gary of Kalispell, and Gladys Jones and husband Clyde of Kila; sister-in-law, Mary Hess of Conrad; uncles, Andrew and Frank Gabriel of South Dakota; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and loving friends, all of whom love and miss her dearly.

Deana was preceded in death by her parents; her brother, Jerry Hess; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Katelyn Mackenzie 'KK' Roker, 6

Katelyn Mackenzie "KK" Roker, 6, died Saturday, Oct. 22, 2011, at home, in her mother's loving arms, surrounded by a devoted family.



Born on Sept. 7, 2005, Katelyn lived six wonderful years with her mom and dad, Jaime and Brian Roker and her two brothers, Zachary, 7, and Alex, 5.

For two years she battled high risk neuroblastoma, cancer of the central nervous system, traveling to Spokane, Seattle and New York City for treatment. During her short life, between hospital visits, she enjoyed attending preschool and kindergarten at St. Matthew's Catholic School.

KK endured much the past few years with cancer treatment, but never dwelled on her sickness. She always bounced back with an exuberance and love of life. Her infectious smile and spunky personality caught the attention of many, many people whose lives she touched in a profound way, as witnessed by the thousands of prayers being offered for her during her illness. She loved riding her bike, swinging on monkey bars, and playing in her kitchen.

Katelyn leaves behind many loving family members, including her grandparents, Pat and Andy Murphy

of Kalispell, and Jody and Tim Moors and their children, Jordan and Christian of Lolo; paternal grandfather, Kenn Forden; great-grandmothers, Sandra Aderholt of Kalispell, and Bernadette Seipel of Closter, N.J.; aunts, uncles and cousins, Sue and Dale Rodwick and their children, Christopher and Liz Rodwick of Kalispell, and Dorothy and Rich Bartkiewicz and their daughter, Amy, and granddaughter, Kayli Bartkiewicz of Milford, N.J.; and great-aunt and uncle, Nancy and Konstantin Parchevsky of California.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated for Katelyn at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 29, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Kalispell. Interment will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be held from noon to 6 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 28, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home, 525 Main Street, Kalispell, followed at 7 p.m. by prayers of the rosary at St. Matthew's Catholic Church, 602 Main Street; all are invited.

All donations made to the Katelyn Roker Fund will be directed toward neuroblastoma research and in helping other families affected by childhood cancer.

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

J. Elvern 'Al' Rommereim, 89

Pastor J. Elvern "Al" Rommereim passed away on Monday, Feb. 13, 2012, at his residence in Kalispell.

He was born Jan. 16, 1923, with his twin sister Joyce Virginia, to Joe and Bertha

Rommereim on a farm in Beresford, S.D., with only a neighbor to help. The story is told that when his father, Joe, came in from milking he dropped the pails of milk when he was told Bertha had given birth to not one baby, but a boy and a girl.

Al grew up attending a one-room schoolhouse for his first eight grades and then attended Augustana Academy, a Lutheran high school in Canton, S.D. His first year of college was spent at Augustana College in Sioux Falls, S.D. In 1942 he transferred to St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minn., where he sang in the St. Olaf Choir under the direction of F. Melius Christiansen and his son Olaf. This was the final year of direction for the founder of the choir, F. Melius.

In November of 1942, Al enlisted in the Army and was assigned to the Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP). Because of the need for more soldiers on the European front, this program was closed and Al became part of the Special Troops for Tactical Deception in World War II. His division, the 3132nd, was part of the 23rd Infantry Division in Europe. Their method of deception saved thousands of lives, especially in the crossing of the Rhine River.

When the war ended, Al returned to St. Olaf College in the winter of 1946. He had a very beautiful, strong, low bass voice and again was accepted into the choir. On the choir tour to the East Coast in 1947, a romance bloomed as he started dating Helen Jane Reitmann. Very soon they knew they were destined for a life together. Following his graduation in June of 1948, Al and Helen were married in Red Wing, Minn. They settled in Boulder, Colo., where Al enrolled in graduate school, studying business and personnel administration.



came boy, girl, boy, girl, boy, girl ..."

During their ministry Al and Helen traveled extensively. They were travel guides to the Holy Land, Egypt and the journeys of St. Paul two times, and also took two groups to Oberammergau, Germany, for the beautiful "Passion Play."

They also attended two theological summer sessions in Oxford at Mansfield College and St. Andrews, Scotland. Several other trips were taken to Norway, Sweden and the rest of Europe.

Al and Helen Jane had a wonderful, fulfilling life together, raising a family and serving Lutheran churches in California. Perhaps the most gratifying and fun place was Our Savior's Lutheran in Lafayette, Calif. These were wonderful years and a vibrant ministry. Fun things happened, such as the building of an incredible tree house in a 200-year-old oak tree. After retiring in 1985, Al served several churches as interim pastor.

They spent summers on Whitefish Lake in an A-frame cabin and wintered in Santa Rosa, Calif. The cabin became a wonderful family gathering place and Al enjoyed creative carpentry, making decks, Adirondack chairs, etc. In 1988, Al and Helen built a small log cabin together, as by this time their family of six had expanded with spouses and grandchildren and an extra area was needed for sleeping. Throughout their life, they enjoyed camping trips with the family and fishing, sitting on the deck, enjoying beautiful sunsets and the wonder of nature, boating on the lake and pulling grandchildren behind the boat on floats.

Al was a kind, loving husband, father and grandfather with a twinkle in his eye and a good sense of humor. He enjoyed good music, especially choral. With his beautiful singing voice, he always seemed to find the right notes to harmonize.

He was an avid reader and really enjoyed a good book. He also greatly enjoyed watching sporting events on television. A good theological discussion and some good laughs with his buddies were very special to him. And, of course, very special to Al were his children, their spouses and their families, all of whom he loved dearly.

In December of 1948, after much thoughtful prayer, Al felt called to the ministry. The following September they moved to St. Paul to matriculate at Luther Seminary. Their son Douglas was born several months before that and while at the seminary, their daughter Connie and son David were born. Al was ordained into the Lutheran ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church at his home church, Romsdahl Lutheran, a part of Moe Parish at Beresford, in May of 1952.

His first parish was Walnut Grove, Minn., where another daughter, Mary, was born. Two years later, in the fall of 1954, Al was called to establish a Lutheran mission congregation in Garden Grove, Calif., and the family moved to California in January of 1955. California became their home and Al established three mission churches and served two established churches. He was a very gifted pastor and had a special knack for developing relationships and establishing congregations. He was a very creative preacher of the Gospel, a generous and loving man with a kindly spirit and a great pastoral heart.

Two more children were born in California, John in Garden Grove, and Annie in Canoga Park, completing their family of three boys and three girls. Al was always proud to say, "They

He was preceded in death by his parents; his twin sister Ginny, who died in 1986; and older sister Cecile, who died in 2008.

He is survived by his loving wife, Helen Jane; his six children, Douglas, Connie, David, Mary, John and Annie, and their spouses; 14 grandchildren, Scott, Katie, Gaia, Risa, Helen, Martin, Jacob, Clair, Molly, Andy, Isaac, Doug, Chenoah and Joseph; and three great-grandchildren, Tyler, Hayden and Will Harris; along with numerous nieces and nephews.

Al and Helen have been residents of Kalispell since 2006, when they moved from Santa Rosa. They have enjoyed the wonderful fellowship as members of Northridge Lutheran Church. Al will be remembered as a soft-spoken man with a deeply grounded faith.

Memorial services for Al will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 18, at Northridge Lutheran Church, with Pastor Dan Heskett officiating.

The family suggests that memorials be given to Home Options Hospice, 430 Windward Way, Kalispell, MT 59901; Luther Theological Seminary, 2481 Como Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55108; or Northridge Lutheran Church, 323 Northridge Drive, Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

Donald L. Ronish, 55

Donald L. Ronish, 55, of Columbia Falls, passed away June 21, 2012, at North Valley Hospital.

He was born Nov. 23, 1956, to Donald and Bette Ronish in Lewistown, the fifth of seven children.

He didn't fully appreciate the piano lessons his mom strongly encouraged for all of the children until he began playing in bands. He cherished the many memories and friendships he made while playing in bands in high school and later to pay his way through school in Billings. Don developed his extensive talents and love of music and was proud to pass that appreciation on to his children.

Don moved to Columbia Falls in 2004 to work at Shirno Cabinets with his dear friends Ole and Shirley Netteberg. His experience as a journeyman cabinetmaker and CAD operator earned him a reputation as an excellent craftsman with incredible attention to detail. He continued to work in cabinet shops and as a self-employed CAD operator in the area. He also continued to enjoy playing music at New Covenant Fellowship in Kalispell.

Don was an honest and forthright man who had opinions he loved to share. He will be missed for his dry sense

of humor, his honesty and his unwavering commitment to salvation through Jesus Christ.

His children were his absolute pride and joy. He took pride in their achievements and watching them in their many activities and sharing his interests with them. They are blessed to have inherited his convictions and his many artistic and musical talents.

Don is survived by his four children: Jacob, Hanna, Zachary and Nicholas, all from Columbia Falls; his father, Donald E. Ronish of Lewistown; his brothers and sister, Rick and Mary Ronish of Las Vegas. Ron Ronish of Helena, Daryl and Sharaan Ronish of Milfay Okla., Deb and Jim Stogsdill of Lewistown, Robert and Hyon Ronish of Oklahoma City, and Dean and Kelli Ronish of Aurora, Colo.; along with many nieces and nephews and dear friends.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Bette Lorenz Ronish.

Services are being held at Columbia Mortuary on Wednesday, June 27 at 3 p.m.

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

Doris Ruth Roy, 87

Doris Ruth Roy was born Aug. 14, 1924, in Midwest, Wyo., and "went to be with the Lord" on June

20, 2012, at the Bee Hive Home in Columbia Falls.

She went to Kalispell grade school and middle school, and graduated from Flathead County High School in 1943.

Some of her hobbies were walking, reading, knitting and crocheting, and some of her interests were traveling, taking care of people and her church family.

She married Russell Roy on April 21, 1944, in Seattle, after meeting him in Vallejo, Calif., during his tour in the Navy.

Doris was a nurses aide, office clerk, housewife, grandmother of 14, great-grandmother of 27, and a

great-great-grandmother of eight.

She was a member of the Ladies Group of Central Christian Church, Eastern Star, Daughters of the Nile, and a choir member of The Bee Hive Home Assisted Living of Columbia Falls.

She was preceded in death by her parents; seven of her eight brothers; and her loving husband, Russ.

Doris is survived by her brother, Jim Ramsey of Bozeman; and by her three children, Sharon Stroisch and her husband, Dave, of Colville, Wash., along with their family; Nancy Werner and her husband, Bill, of Columbia Falls, along with their family; and Russ Roy and his wife, Gail, of Richmond, Texas, along with their family.

Her service was held Saturday, June 23, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory.



Richard Dale 'Dick' Rose, 85

Richard Dale "Dick" Rose, 85, passed away Thursday, March 8,



2012, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

Dick was born Oct. 4, 1926, in Stamford, S.D. His parents were John Henry and Clarice Lucile (Morgan) Rose.

Dick moved to Montana with his family in 1935, and he attended schools in Lakeside and Bigfork before entering the U.S. Army Dec. 26, 1944. He was in the service until 1949, serving as a switchboard operator and telephone lineman with both the 25th and 32nd divisions, and the military police with the 25th division. He was stationed in Manila, Japan and the United States.

During his time with the Army Reserves, he broke his hip and was given a medical discharge. He worked in the timber industry in Northwest Montana until medically unable to continue working.

He resided at the Montana Veterans Home for more

than 40 years, where he used to be the chaplain, caretaker of the flower gardens and planted the trees around the Veterans Home. He loved reading and leather crafts. He made wallets, belts, purses and other leather goods for his family and friends.

Dick was preceded in death by his parents; and five brothers, John, Donald, Duane, Gerald and Harold.

He is survived by brothers, Franklin "Fritz" and Marilyn of Lolo, Merlyn and Kris of Olney, and Emmet "Bud" and Gloria of Oklahoma City; sisters, Julia Ann Mee of Trego, and Mitzi Parkinson of Kalispell; numerous nieces and nephews; and the loving and caring staff at Montana Veterans Home.

Family and friends will meet at 1 p.m. Friday, March 16, at Columbia Mortuary, and proceed to the Montana Veterans Home Cemetery in Columbia Falls at 2 p.m. for military graveside services officiated by Dick's nephew Kelly Mee.

Arrangements are entrusted to Columbia Mortuary.

John Samuel Roseland, 82

John Roseland died at home in Kalispell on Sept. 12, 2012, four years after his diagnosis of throat cancer.



John was born Dec. 7, 1929, in Hartley, Iowa, the second child of John Tobias Roseland and Floy Aurit Roseland. He was called Jack by family and school friends. He attended elementary and high schools in Clear Lake, Iowa, where he excelled in football, sailing and water skiing. He was a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity at the University of Iowa.

In 1948-1949, he was a gold miner, trapper and dog musher at Tanana, Alaska.

John served with 8th Army Headquarters, Far East Command from 1951 to 1953 and was awarded the Korean Service Medal. After his service, he graduated with a degree in pharmacy from Drake University where he belonged to Kappa Psi pharmaceutical fraternity.

He married Elizabeth Jane Doolittle in Luverne, Minn., in 1951.

John practiced pharmacy in Iowa and Montana, retiring in 1974 with the sale of Roseland Drug in Lewistown, where he

served two terms as post commander of the VFW.

He and Liz took time off to sail in the Florida Keys and Bahamas on the sloops Ciao and Wild Goose before returning to Montana to build and operate John's Drive In at Troy, which they sold in 1980. John and Liz built their retirement home on the Kootenai River in Troy where they lived happily until Liz's passing in 2000.

John was preceded in death by his wife, Elizabeth; his parents; and brother, Joseph Roseland.

He is survived by his brother, Robert Roseland, of Des Moines, Iowa; sister, Patricia Carrell, of Clovis, Calif.; daughters, Kristine Roseland and Walt Wolf of Vashon, Wash., and Jennifer and Garry Hefty of Manhattan; son, John "Rosey" and Lisa Roseland of Thorne Bay, Alaska; grandson, Morgan Hefty, of Manhattan; and his dear companion, Marlys Barr, of Kalispell.

By the express wishes of the deceased, there will be no memorial service.

Allan C. Ross, 86

Allan C. Ross, 86, died Friday May 25, 2012, at the Lake View Care Center.

No services are planned

at this time.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Martha Rowlan, 94

Martha Rowlan, 94, of Whitefish, died Wednesday, July 25, 2012, at Heritage Place Assisted Living from natural causes.

Martha was born May 4, 1918, in Youlbourn Township, Ontario, to Hugh and Theresa Timmons. She was the second oldest of six children.

She married Sandy Summerville and had her first child, Velma Theresa, on June 29, 1935.

She became a naturalized citizen on May 4, 1955, after moving to Whitefish and marrying Charles "Ike" Luke. She and Ike had two more girls, Pamela Jean on May 5, 1951, and Linda Helen on Aug. 8, 1952. Martha married Leo Rowlan on June 6, 1969, eventually retiring with him in the North Fork of the Flathead and Sun Lakes, Ariz.

Martha enjoyed golfing, bowling and fishing the North Fork River. She was an active member of various Lutheran churches in Montana and Arizona.

Martha is survived by her daughter, Linda Luke, of Livingston; grandchildren, Camilla and Steve Kruse of Wisconsin, Gwyn Cooper-Redmond

of Kalispell, Jill Redmond of Kalispell, Timothy and Jeanette Redmond of Kalispell, Courtney and Trevor McCormick of Livingston, and Lexie and Rusty Trzruc of Livingston; great-grandchildren, Pierce Kruse, Danielle Zuzero, Lyle McCormick, Jorja McCormick, Scarlet Redmond and Lila Trzruc; stepchildren, Ronald and Donna Luke of Whitefish, and Karen Reber of Whitefish; sister, Kay Brady, of Canada; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Martha was preceded in death by her husband, Leo Rowland; daughters, Velma Gustin and Pamela Luke; grandchild, Kelly Redmond; and brothers, Terry Timmons, Len Timmons, Jack Timmons and Edward Timmons

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, July 30, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Burial arrangements will be made by Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

Thank you to the staff at Heritage Place Assisted Living and Buffalo Hill Terrace for the thoughtful and compassionate care, and also a special thank you to pastor Ralph Boyer.

Wallace James Ruff, 64

Wallace James Ruff, 64, of Columbia Falls died Wednesday, Nov. 7, 2012.

He is survived by his wife Peggy and three children.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13

at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Talbot Road in Columbia Falls.

Arrangements are entrusted to Columbia Mortuary.

David Louis Ruiz, 50

Our beautiful David, devoted husband, father, son, brother and protector of our country, died suddenly at his home in Spotsylvania, Va., on Sept. 8, 2012.



David was born on July 13, 1962, in Polson, to Louis and Carol Ruiz of Polson. Shortly after David's birth, the family moved to Kalispell.

David's sister Teresa was born in 1963, brother Pablo was born in 1965, brother Michael was born in 1967, and sister Linda was born in 1971.

David attended Flathead High School. He was class president and also lettered in track. He graduated in 1980 with honors.

He was appointed by Sen. Max Baucus to attend Annapolis. In 1980, he left Montana to attend United States Naval Academy Prep School in Newport, R.I. In 1981, he attended the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis. He graduated in 1985. He then became commissioned to second lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps.

In 1986, David married Tamara Dykes, on Aug. 30. He went on to flight school in Pensacola, Fla. After that he was stationed in Camp Pendleton, Calif. David served with the 5th Marines in Operation Desert Storm. Shortly after arriving home, he was stationed in Kansas, and was an integral part of the U.S. Marine Corps Mountain Warfare unit in Bridgeport, Calif.

After retiring as a major from the military, David became a consultant for Northface Corporation. After leaving Northface, David became an independent consultant.

David is survived by his wife, Tamara, and their three amazing children, Louie, 23, Joseph, 21 and Julia, 16. David also welcomed his first grandchild, Augustine, from son Louie and his partner Samantha Smith, all from Spotsylvania. David is also survived by his parents, Louis and Carol Ruiz, of Ronan; sister, Teresa Ruiz Cranston, and husband Scott, with their daughters Emma and Elise, all of Seattle; brother, Pablo Ruiz, from Missoula; brother, Michael Ruiz, and wife Nancy, with their children, Taylor, his wife Anna and Hudson, all of Missoula; and sister, Linda Ruiz Walters, and her son Garrett, of Missoula.

David was one of the most compassionate, giving and kind human beings one could ever know. He will be missed immensely.

"David, you are forever our hero and are now our angel above. We love you incredibly so."

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart had said, "Neither a lofty degree of intelligence nor imagination, nor both together go to the making of genius. Love, love, love, that is the soul of genius."

"David, you are a genius!"

Donations can be made to the Dave Ruiz Memorial Fund, c/o Dana Henderson (406-871-2727); Whitefish Credit Union; or Navy-Marines Corps Relief Society, 875 N. Randolph St., Suite 225, Arlington, VA 22203.

A rosary will be said at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 17, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Polson. Services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 18, at the Immaculate Conception Church.

Message of condolence may be shared with the family online at www.groganfuneralhome.com.

Agnes 'Aggie' Patricia Long Rupert, 59

Agnes "Aggie" Patricia Long Rupert, loving mother, wife, sister and aunt, passed away peacefully Thursday, Jan. 5, 2012,



at Kalispell Regional Medical Center. Aggie had made her home in Hungry Horse for the last 24 years.

Aggie was born March 7, 1952, in Columbia, Pa., to Tom and Agnes Long.

Aggie was married to her husband Kevin for the past 19 years. She was a committed mother to her three children; there wasn't anything she wouldn't do for them; they were her life.

Aggie spent most of her career in the restaurant world. She got her start in her parents' cafe, called the Milk Pail, in Helena. She became a sous chef at Yacht Basin on Canyon Ferry Lake and Frontier Town, outside of Helena. Soon afterward, she moved to Orem, Utah, as a sous chef, and opened Viva's at the Hilton in Salt Lake City.

She longed to come back to Montana, and returned to Helena where she was chef at the Lakeside Restaurant and Bar. After the lease was up, she moved to Hungry Horse as co-owner and chef of the Hide Away. Aggie's Special was a favorite that brought her clients from all over the state.

She worked at other restaurants in the area — 1889 in Whitefish, Rawhide Restaurant in West Glacier and the Elkhorn Grill in Hungry Horse. She loved to cook, but health issues sent her into retirement.

Aggie was an avid Green

Bay Packers fan, and a true "Montana Girl." She loved camping, fishing, Hungry Horse Dam, picking berries and going for rides up in the mountains. She enjoyed gardening; canning; playing pool, darts and cribbage with Kevin — wholesome Montana living.

A fiercely proud and determined lady, she lived her life to the fullest until ill health took over in the last couple of years. She has been described as, "a true rock; firm in her convictions, stubborn in her own way and a friend that could be counted on."

Aggie was preceded in death by her parents, Tom and Agnes Long; sister, Donna Henderson; and brother-in-law, Ed Schleinger.

Aggie leaves behind her beloved husband, Kevin; sons, Jeremiah and Thomas; and beloved daughter, Kareana; sisters, Margaret and Mike Foster of Helena, and Tommie Schleinger of Billings; brothers, Bob and Kathy Long of Dallas, and Andy Long of Issaquah, Wash.; sister-in-law, Lori and Denver Butler; in-laws, Ken and Kathy Rupert; brother-in-law, Chuck Alguire; and many nieces and nephews.

"We all shall miss you, Aggie ... sittin' around the kitchen table BSin', but we are glad you are finally at peace!"

Cremation has taken place at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Services will be at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Kareana Rupert, in care of Tommie Schleinger at Glacier Bank.

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

Diana Marie Ryan, 59

Diana Marie Ryan, 59, died Thursday, Aug. 2, 2012, in Kalispell.

She is survived by her son, Jesse Lindahl.

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

Evelyn Marie Ryan, 84

Evelyn Marie Ryan, 84, died Saturday, Jan. 5, 2013, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She is survived by her children, Dan Ryan, Joanne Smith and Nancy

Ryan Wells.

Memorial services are pending.

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