

Jan Ferris Tallada, 73

Jan Ferris Tallada, 73, formerly of Kalispell, died April 18, 2012, in Yakima, Wash.

He is survived by his daughters, Shelly, Daina and Nona. Services are pending.

Elizabeth 'Ann' Tarr, 74

Elizabeth "Ann" Tarr, 74, passed on quietly at 6:30 a.m. Sunday, April 15, 2012, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center, after a brave year-and-a-half fight with pancreatic cancer.



Ann was born in Coulterville, Ill. Her parents Blanch and Mark also were born there. Ann had a sister June, a brother John, and a sister Carrie, who died early in childhood. The family lived and grew in Villa Park Ill., a suburb of Chicago. Ann went to public school then on to York Community High School in Elmhurst, Ill.

Her husband to be, Bill, or Warren, as she knew him, was one grade ahead of her through junior high and high school; although they didn't really know each other until the summer of 1959 when they started "hanging" out at the local swimming pool.

Bill "Warren," having finished four years in the U.S. Coast Guard, and Ann, an executive secretary at Sears Roebuck, decided not to waste a cold winter and were married Nov. 11, 1959, at the Elmhurst Presbyterian Church. Ann continued at Sears until they were blessed with Mark Robert and then William Warren Jr. Ann then became a homemaker until the boys were in school at Whitefish, where they moved to in 1968 for a change in lifestyle.

During her 43 years in Whitefish she was a pretty busy gal. Besides raising three very active boys, Bill, Mark and Warren, she found time to pursue her passion for genealogy as well as garden, quilt, fish, canoe race, run (including a 26.2 mile

marathon), bicycle tour (once to Chicago), wood carve, alpine ski and winter camp on touring skis. She was also a library board member, book club member, sorority member, clerk of the session at the Whitefish Presbyterian Church for more years than anyone can remember, and a member of the Alpine Ringers bell choir.

She worked as an aide at Whitefish High School and Muldown Elementary School for 16 years. She was a proud member of the DAR, Daughters of the American Revolution. She loved traveling anywhere, but loved getting home even more.

Ann was a quiet, but fierce supporter of her sons and grandchildren. Ann and Bill logged many miles following their athletic endeavors.

Ann is survived by her husband, Bill, of 53 years; sister, June Whyte, and husband, George, of Naperville, Ill.; son, Mark, and his wife, Yvonne, of Columbia Falls, and their children Allyson Lucker, husband Adam, and daughter Sydney of Bothell, Wash., and Aric Tarr of Bozeman; and son, Warren "Will," and his wife, Ann Marie, of Vancouver, Wash., and his children, Katarina and husband Fabian Wopke of Essen, Germany, and Conner Tarr of Vancouver.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Blanche Burgher; her father, Mark N. Burgher; her brother, John; and sister, Carrie.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday, May 31, at the First Presbyterian Church of Whitefish. The Rev. Ken Peterson will preside.

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

Austin Funeral Home is caring for Ann's family.

John Everett Taylor, 75

John Everett Taylor, 75, passed away Oct. 13, 2012, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.



John was born Feb. 18, 1937, in Cashmere, Wash., to John H. and Edith (Lewis) Taylor. Shortly after he was born they moved to Columbia Falls. From there they moved to Evergreen, and then in 1952 moved to Kalispell.

Upon graduating Flathead County High School in 1956, he joined the Army. After the Army he came back to the Flathead and joined the sheriff's office.

He then married Ruby Waller from Georgia. Following his divorce several years later, he left the valley and went on the rodeo circuit. He traveled throughout the United States making a living riding rough stock. He acquired many buckles but was most pleased when he won the bull dogging at Madison Square Garden in New York City.

During this time he met his wife, Kathy Sharrow, in New York and they married on March 7, 1970, in Tucson, Ariz. They returned to the Flathead where he worked as a deputy at the sheriff's office. He left the office to start T and N Industries, building horse trailers. As gas prices started to rise, he shut down the business and went to work at Rolie's Machine Shop. After they closed the doors, he worked at Pacific Hide and Steel. In 1989, he went to work for Flathead County Road Department as a welder, and retired in 1999.

John had a passion for American history and old



guns. In 1975, he was one of the five original members to start the Flathead Freetrappers, recreating the lifestyle and camaraderie of the mountain man. He attended many a mountain man rendezvous throughout the United States, and met and made many friends along the way. He also enjoyed 1,000 yard-long range shooting with black powder cartridge rifles, attending many competitive events throughout the years.

John loved kids and helped many by teaching them to rope and ride. He was also a foster parent and helped four boys get a better outlook on life.

The last eight years he enjoyed going to Kingman, Ariz., for the winters. He had a place right next to a shooting range, so he would spend many hours doing what he loved best.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John H. and Edith Taylor; and his sister, Joan.

He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Kathy; his sister, Rosella Isaacson, and her husband, Lee, of Kalispell; nieces, Carolyn and Bob Cornelius of Butte, Wendy Larson of Columbia Falls, and Rhonda and John Tuin of Carson City, Nev.; and nephews, Gary and Stacy Taylor of Castle Rock, Colo., Bob DeRosia of Columbia Falls, Ed and Virginia Proefrock of Hillsboro, Ore., and Dean and Sheila Proefrock of College Place, Wash.

A graveside service will be held at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 20, at Fairview Cemetery. A reception will follow at 4 p.m. at the Elks.

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

Hatsu Taira, 76

Hatsu Taira, 76, passed away Monday, June 20, 2011, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

Hatsu was born June 20, 1935, in Okinawa, Japan, and was raised there.

In 1970, she married Bill Crouse in Kalispell.

Hatsu was a retired professional seamstress and loved to cook. She also enjoyed sewing, taking care of family and friends, watching Hallmark movies, gardening, traveling, and playing bingo with her mother.



Hatsu was preceded in death by her mother, Sue Taira; and husband, Bill Crouse.

She is survived by her children, Reiko Hodgdon, and Takahiro and Christy Taira, all of Kalispell; grandchildren, Yoshiyuki and Marlys Kobayashi, Travis and Courtney Hodgdon, and Joshua Taira; and a great-grandchild, Serie'Anna Kobayashi.

Private family services will be held. Friends are encouraged to visit the website, www.buffalohillfh.com, to leave notes of condolence for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Myrna Louise (Duffy) Taylor, 71

Myrna Louise (Duffy) Taylor, born March 29, 1942, in Williston, N.D., passed peacefully Dec. 19, 2013 in Big Timber.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Clarice (Duffy) Wood; sister, Gayle (Fish) Kolden; father, Jack Fish; and granddaughter, Amber Harter.

She is survived by her brothers, Leonard Duffy and Wade Fish; mom, Delores Fish; daughters, Jacque and Billy Scott, and Deborah and Tom Taylor; sons, Robert "Butch" and Kim Taylor, Alan and Donna Taylor, and Michael and Tacie Taylor; grandchildren, Daniel, Jeremiah and Jamie Scott, Jason Har-



ter, Dusty Taylor, Stephanie and Alec Taylor, and Dakota Taylor; and great-grandchildren,

Cassidy Andrews, and Whitney and Hillary Scott.

Myrna was a loving mother and grandmother, and a wonderful daughter and sister. Most of all, she kept the family in contact no matter where everyone was, even though she had to endure endless short jokes with a great sense of humor.

There will be a memorial service in Columbia Falls, at a date to be determined.

Betty Lou Taylor, 86

Betty Lou Taylor passed away Sept. 26, 2013, at the age of 86.

She is survived by her husband, Warren; her son, Bret, and Colleen; four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Betty was born on Aug. 25, 1927, to Henry and Katherine Weideman in Powell, Wyo.

At the age of 21, Betty married Warren on Feb. 20, 1949. They were married for 64 years. Betty and Warren raised two children, Jo D'Ann and Bret. They traveled all over Montana and made homes in Bridger, Lewistown, Arlee, Eureka and finally, Kalispell.

Betty spent much of her younger years on ranches cooking for large crews of



cowboys. In her later years she and Warren ran a bed and breakfast in their beautiful

log home in Eureka.

Betty was always a woman of strong convictions. She had a stalwart faith in Jesus, and a fierce love for her family. She enjoyed opening her home to others, was hard working, resourceful, creative and thankful to those who cared for her. She will be missed.

A memorial will be held for Betty at 2 p.m. today, Sept. 29, at Bret and Colleen's home, 145 Leisure Dr., Kalispell.

Jack G. Teeples, 82

Jack G. Teeples, 82, "is listening to the music in heaven, fully hearing, and dancing with his Savior Jesus Christ." Jack died peacefully June 20, 2013, with his family beside him, "in God's grace."

Jack Teeples, husband, dad, grandpa, brother, uncle and friend, will be dearly missed.

Jack was born to Ray and Violet Teeples March 31, 1931, and celebrated his last birthday on Easter Sunday this year. He was raised on the Bluewater ranch, and graduated from high school in Bridger.

Jack married the love of his life, Mary (Onken) Teeples, Dec. 28, 1950. Together they waltzed life's dance for 62 years. Jack worked with his dad on the ranch until he began his career with the railroad. Originally hired out on the Northern Pacific Railroad in Laurel, Jack retired as an engineer with the Burlington Northern Railroad in Whitefish 40 years later.

Jack will be remembered as one who deeply loved his family. His grandchildren were a complete source of joy and pride. For his family he was the No. 1 fan in their activities, sports, education and all other endeavors.

Jack was a relational giant, friend and mentor to many in the communities where he lived. He especially had a passion for the younger generation.

Jack saw the world through the eyes of an artist. He used his large, strong hands and his servant heart to willingly express his gift through woodworking, photography, landscaping, leading Bible studies, and building and improving his homes, the homes of his



children and his church home. These acts of love were accomplished

with much generosity, fortitude, joy and laughter. Many will recall him simply as a compassionate disciple of Christ.

Jack is survived by his wife, Mary; the family of Karen and Bill McDonald of Columbus, Jason and Carie McDonald, and Jonathan and Stephanie McDonald; the family of Bob and Misty Teeples of Columbia Falls, Jennifer and Andy Steele, and Kristin and Derek Thompson; the family of Linda and Jim Roberts of Eureka, Jay Roberts and Amy Roberts; the family of Jeff and Kris Teeples of Hawley, Minn., David, Eric and Philip Teeples; and great-grandchildren, Savanna, Jonathan, Tegan, Drew, Jax and Kathleen. Jack was the patriarch of the entire family and was the older brother to four sisters, Phyllis Joki, Dorothy Spracklen, Joanne Hamway and Edna Coates.

Join us for a service of comfort, worship and celebration at 3 p.m. on Sunday, June 30, at Christ Lutheran Church, 5150 River Lakes Parkway in Whitefish. Jack will be buried at the Teeples Cemetery on the Bluewater near Bridger. A reception for friends and family will take place at 11 Tuesday, July 2, at the Owl Cafe in Laurel.

You are invited to go to www.austinhf.com to offer condolences, share memories and view Jack's tribute wall.

Arrangements are entrusted to Austin Funeral Home.

Delores Tessimond, 95

Delores Tessimond, 95, died Saturday, March 30, 2013, at Heritage Place in Kalispell. Private family services

will be held.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Tom Paul Templeton, 31

Tom Paul Templeton, 31, passed away April 25, 2013, in Kalispell, surrounded by his family.

Tommy was born Aug. 30, 1981, in Atlantic, Iowa. He was the son of Thomas M. Templeton and Peggy L. Templeton. Tommy moved to Kalispell when he was only 2 years old.

He graduated from Flathead High School in 2001, and worked at Wild Geese Gardens greenhouses up until the time of his illness. While in Portland for treatment, he attended Portland Community College. He was diagnosed in 2010 with Fanconi anemia and battled valiantly for three long years against various cancers resulting from the FA.

Tommy loved his family dearly, especially his nieces and nephews. He always enjoyed a good pair of shoes, a comfortable flannel shirt, his music, and his loyal pug, Tank.

Tom never failed to bring a smile to people's faces, and always had a good one-liner up his sleeve. He loved his friends like brothers, and would immediately give you the shirt off his back if he thought you needed it.

Tommy was preceded in death by his father, Thomas M. Templeton.

He is survived by his mother, Peggy L. Temple-



ton; grandfather, Louis Farrington; his sister, Shellie Hodges, and husband,

Mel (whom he considered a third brother), of Kalispell; his sister, Ann Jones, and husband, Mike, of Griswold, Iowa; his brother, Walker Templeton, and wife, Libba, of Lake Oswego, Ore.; his brother, Billy Templeton, and wife, Brooke, of Bozeman; and nieces and nephews, Stephanie Dunlap and husband Jake, Stacia Hodges, Lincoln Templeton and Emerson Templeton; and great-nephew, Brody Dunlap. Tom was also greatly anticipating the arrival of nephew, Boone Thomas Templeton.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 27, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home.

The family suggests memorials be given to the Fanconi Anemia Research Fund. It would be greatly appreciated; visit www.fanconi.org.

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

Bruce Thompson, 76

Bruce Thompson of Lakeside died Friday, July 26, 2013, in the Whitefish Care Center.

Bruce was born Jan. 15, 1937, in Willmar, Minn., to Bernice and Otto Thompson. As a boy, Bruce moved with his family to Montana, where he spent his youth.

He graduated from Oilmont High School in 1955. He briefly attended and played basketball at Montana State University in Missoula before being drafted into the U.S. Army, serving in Hawaii.

Bruce worked in the oilfields of Toole County for many years, Big West Oil in Kevin, and finished his career at the Flying J Refinery in Cut Bank. Bruce was a member of the Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers Union.

Bruce served many years as the Kevin delegate to the North Toole County High School Board of Trustees, where he was a longtime community member.

He married Rosella Loomis in 1963, and they would have celebrated their 50th anniversary in October. They met when Rosella was his substitute bowling partner and, as Bruce would say, "she became his regular."

Bruce loved North Toole County hunting and fishing. Many enjoyable days were spent hunting deer and birds as well as ice fishing locally and in Canadian lakes. Bruce was an avid cribbage and poker player. Bruce also loved music and was a fantastic dancer, as he and Rosella won several



dance contests.

Bruce and Rosella moved to Lakeside and enjoyed their retirement on Flathead Lake. His ear for music also

made Bruce a wonderful singer who always sang while dancing. Later he sang with a choir in Bigfork and the Valley Voices of Kalispell.

He is survived by his wife, Rosella Thompson; son, Tyler Thompson and wife, Katie Thompson, of Lakeside; and son, Troy Thompson of Kalispell. The Thompson grandchildren are Tiffanie Rose Thompson of San Jose, Calif., William, Emma and Jack Thompson of Lakeside, and Gage Thompson of Kalispell. He is also survived by his brother, Tom and wife, Margaret Thompson of Missoula; and sister, Cynthia Salsgiver and husband, Tom Salsgiver of Apollo, Pa.

Bruce was preceded in death by his parents; and son, Tracy Thompson.

A celebration of his life will be held at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, July 31, at Eidsvold Lutheran Church in Somers, with Pastor Val Metropoulos presiding.

In lieu of flowers, the family request memorials in his name to Eidsvold Lutheran Church or Home Options Hospice c/o Kalispell Regional Healthcare Foundation.

Eugene 'Gene' Thompson, 81

Eugene "Gene" Thompson, 81, went peacefully in his sleep in the early morning hours of Sunday, Aug. 18, 2013, at his home near Lake Blaine, of natural causes.

Gene was born Oct. 6, 1931, in Somers to Catherine (McClung) Thompson and Eugene Thompson Sr. He attended grade school at Central School and graduated from Flathead County High School in 1950.

He married Margene Christopher in 1951. Margene passed away in 1973.

In 1957, Gene joined the Kalispell Fire Department. He fought the huge Conrad Bank Building fire on Sept. 15, 1959, which gutted 40 business offices, one the worst fires in Kalispell's history. Gene served as Kalispell's fire marshal and later became one of five deputy state fire marshals, investigating fires and fire-related deaths within a 100-mile radius of the Flathead Valley, spending most of his time in Eureka and Libby. He retired in 1983 at the rank of captain, after 27 years of service. After retiring he married his second wife, Marlene Adams, in 1988.

Gene was known for his beautiful carpentry work. He had built two family homes, a cabin, added on to another and remodeled many houses. The family will always treasure their memories of the times spent at the family cabin on Echo Lake.

He had been a member of the Montana Landlords Association for more than 35 years and was past state president and current president of the Flathead chapter, and was still active managing his rental properties in the Flathead Valley.

Ever since his 50th class reunion, Gene had enjoyed meeting monthly for lunch with his former classmates.

Gene was also active in



the community with the Flathead County Sheriff's Posse, the Roundup for Safety Commit-

tee for Flathead Electric, Evergreen Lions Club, Elks Lodge and Back Country Horsemen of the Flathead. He was also a lifetime member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Margene; his parents; daughter, Janet, in 1963; and brother, Don "Lefty" Thompson.

Gene is survived by his loving and caring wife of 25 years, Marlene, of Kalispell; his children, Linda and Dave Smith of Kalispell, Scott and Jenn Thompson of Basalt, Colo., and Kent and Juliana Thompson of San Diego; stepchildren, Kim and Reggie Adams of Kalispell, Eyler and Karen Adams of Eureka, Lorie and Dave Lester of Butte and Gale Adams of Columbia Falls; 11 grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren; sister, Sandi Johnson, of Kalispell, brothers, David Thompson of Helena and Doug Thompson of Kalispell; sister-in-law, Donna Carie, of Lakeside; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Viewing for Gene will be from 1 to 5 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 22, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 23, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Burial will immediately follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. A reception will take place afterward at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall.

In lieu of flowers, the family would like memorials to be made to Bethlehem Lutheran Church or the charity of your choice.

Deloris Thompson, 95

Deloris Thompson, 95, passed away peacefully at her home on June 25, 2012, leaving behind two sons,



Richard and Ronald.

Her husband, Charles, and two sons, Teddy and Bobby, "had already stepped into eternity."

Deloris was born in Lewistown on May 7, 1917, to Minnie and Lewis Hartford. She was the first born and had five brothers, Cliff, John, Vernon, Glenn and Roy. She is survived by two brothers, Glenn, living in San Antonio, Texas, and Roy in Post Falls, Idaho, along with several grandchildren and great-grandchildren who visited her in recent weeks.

Charles and Deloris were married on Sept. 3, 1936. Charles came to Montana with his parents at an early age to work in the oil fields where he met Deloris working in a cafeteria. Charles spent his entire career with Exxon Oil Company.

They settled in Cut Bank, where they raised their four boys. Their second son, Bobby, was born with disabilities, and Deloris spent her life caring for him. For many years, she was involved with state programs for the handicapped and was secretary for the Montana North Central Mental

Health Board.

After retirement Charles, Deloris and Bobby joined the snowbirds and traveled to warmer climates, covering most of the southern states. They spent most of their time in Arizona, except for the summers at the family cabin near Essex. Deloris kept many photo albums of their travel adventures, which she and Bobby enjoyed looking over and reminiscing about all of the people they met along the way.

When travel became too much in 1990, they purchased a home in Columbia Falls near the high school, which enabled them all to enjoy the sports and other activities. It also gave Deloris more time to spend at their beloved cabin. She loved fishing, visiting with friends and being a regular at the Nite Owl.

Deloris added another adventure to her life in the last couple years when she flew to Texas twice to visit her son Ron and her brother Glenn. Having never been on a commercial airliner before, she was apprehensive about going, but she enjoyed every minute.

Deloris lived a long life with the Lord as her solace, strength, and constant companion.

A celebration of life will be held at 3 p.m. on Friday, June 29, at the United Methodist Church in Columbia Falls. A brief graveside service will follow.

Former fire marshal dies at 81

The Daily Inter Lake

Eugene "Gene" Thompson, who served as the Kalispell fire marshal during a string of downtown fires during the 1970s that caused millions of dollars in damage and was a recent state president of the Montana Landlords Association, died Sunday at age 81.

"He worked hard and his body was worn out," his daughter Linda Smith said. "He went peacefully in his sleep in the early-morning hours of Sunday surrounded by his family."

Thompson was still actively managing 16 rental properties in the Flathead Valley at age 80, and often found himself traveling the state as part of his duties with the landlords association.

He was a longtime leader in the firefighting community, both locally and throughout the state, after starting with the fire department in Kalispell at age 25. He was off the crew for a while after securing his first job, when the city was forced to cut a position, but he stayed busy with two grocery store jobs and then in 1962 resumed his position on the Kalispell Fire Department.

He ended up retiring as a captain in 1983 after 27 years of service, and he investigated fires and fire-related deaths within a 100-mile radius of the Flathead Valley as deputy state fire marshal for 10 years before leaving that post in 1973.

He also had built his family a home, took on remodeling projects, and acquired houses, remodeled and rented them while holding down his firefighting position.

Thomas 'Tom' Thompson, 53

Tom Thompson passed peacefully after a 10-and-a-half year-battle with cancer on Friday, Aug. 23, 2013, in Burien, Wash., at home with his loving wife by his side.

He was born on June 23, 1960, in Glasgow to Larry and Ann Thompson, joining brother Jerry. In 1962 they moved to Kalispell, where in 1964 sister Mary joined the family. He went to school at Elrod Elementary, then to Linderman, then on to Flathead High. Half brother Chris joined the family in 1973.

He then moved to Everett, Wash., in 1978, and went to work at Spencer aircraft, where he worked until one week before his death.

He met the love of his life, Debbie LaMar, in 1979. They were married on March 14, 1981. Of this union came one daughter, Brandie LaMar Thompson, on April 5, 1984.

Tommy's greatest passions were fishing and beachcombing. He also enjoyed going to or watching Husky or Seahawk football. Tommy lived life to the fullest. He was the clown of the family. He always thought of others first.

He set goals for his



fight with cancer. He traveled to England or went to the beaches. His final two goals were to see

his precious granddaughter, Penelope Elizabeth "Penny" Carlson, born on May 30, 2013, and walk around the point in Oceanside, Ore., with his wife Debbie.

Tom was preceded in death by his father Larry Thompson, and his brother Chris Thompson.

He is survived by wife, Debbie; daughter, Brandie, and Pete Carlson; granddaughter, Penny; brother, Jerry, and Misty Thompson; sister, Mary, and Patrick Booth; mother, Ann Bell; step-mother, Margaret, and Bill Miller; and numerous nieces and nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins who will miss his greatly.

A celebration of life is scheduled for 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 31, at his sister's home, 732 Willow Glen Dr. Potluck and BYOB.

As his daughter said, "He came, he saw, he fished!"

After retiring, he married his second wife, Marlene, and became active in the community with the Flathead County Sheriff's Posse, the Roundup for Safety committee, Evergreen Lions Club and the Elks Lodge.

"Firefighting and remodeling houses — it's hard on you," he told a Daily Inter Lake reporter in a 2011 feature on his life.

Thompson is survived by his wife, Marlene, daughter Linda Thompson-Smith and sons Kent and Scott Thompson. Funeral services for Thompson are pending.

Thomas 'Tom' Donald Thoreson Jr., 80

Tom went to "fly with the angels" the early morning of Sept. 1, 2013, in Kalispell.

Tom was born in Kalispell on April 27, 1933, to Thomas and Pearl Thoreson.

Tom grew up in Somers. He played basketball for the Flathead Braves, and later attended Libby High School and was well known as the "Blonde Bomber." He graduated from Libby High School in 1951.

Tom carried his love for sports throughout his adult life — "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" describes his love for sports. He coached Little League and was an active member on many leagues, including softball, basketball, legion baseball, as well as becoming an outstanding bowler. Tom had many Friday night bowling team buddies. If there was a game going on, Tom enjoyed watching or playing.

He worked for St. Regis Paper Company, Champion International and Stimpson Lumber, until his retirement.

Tom spent most of his adult life in Libby. He married Ethel Hudecek on Feb. 8, 1958, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. The couple made their home in Libby where they raised their children Lori, Don and Shari. Tom and his family spent many weekends enjoying quality family time fishing and picnicking up Pipe Creek.

Tom married JoAnn Weston on April 20, 1993, and moved to Kalispell



where he spent the remainder of his years. Tom and Jo enjoyed traveling around

the country and spending time visiting with JoAnn's daughters, Terri and Rodney Wiebenga, Peggi and Douglas Weston-Kolarik, and Debbi Weston, and the step-grandchildren he adored so much, Adam, Ryan, Jeremy, Andrew and Jordan.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents, and first wife, Ethel.

He is survived by his wife, JoAnn Thoreson, of Kalispell; sister, Arloene, and Click Christianson, of Kalispell; daughter, Lori Barrows, of Libby; son, Don, and Tracy Thoreson, of Billings; and daughter, Shari, and John Basham, of Libby; grandchildren, Jeni and Rob Bosley, Matthew Barrows, Alisha Alyea, Craig Barrows, Christopher Thoreson, Caelyn Thoreson, Taylor Thoreson, Angela Marshall and Kira Basham; great-grandchildren, Britany, Kimberly, Wylee, Kase, Austin, Alyssa, Tanner, Jackson and Landyn; his special niece, Linda, and husband, Steve Mauck, and great-niece, Chelsey Mauck; as well as many aunts, uncles, cousins and lifelong friends.

A memorial in celebration of his life is planned for 1 p.m. Sept. 21, at Libby Christian Church, 100 Kootenai River Road.

Elaine Thoring, 87

Elaine Thoring, 87, passed away on Friday, Oct. 11, 2013, at North Valley Hospital.

Elaine was born March 11, 1926, to Florence (Wellington) and Albin Pennecard.

Elaine married Lester "Bud" Thoring on March 24, 1948. The couple had two children, LeRoy and Carol.

Elaine had many hobbies. She enjoyed bowling, golfing, painting, line dancing and performing with the Calamity Singers.

When Elaine was young she started her working career at Arts Café. She had several other jobs including working on Big Mountain, at the Donut Shop and working for 30 years at Safeway. Elaine was a member of the

Moose, a bowling league and a golf league.

She was preceded in death by her ex-husband, Lester "Bud" Thoring; brother, Wayne Pennecard; and sister, Phyllis Lewis.

She is survived by her son, LeRoy and his wife, Carolyn, of Kalispell; her daughter, Carol Ianitello and her husband, John, of Littleton, Colo.; and granddaughter, Heather Garber and her husband Adam, and great-granddaughter Elena, all from Aurora, Colo.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 18, at Austin Funeral Home.

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

Carol J. Tietema, 84

Carol J. Tietema, 84, died Monday, Jan. 21, 2013, at Polson Health and Rehabilitation Center in Polson.

She is survived by her husband, Sidney; and two children.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 24, at Grogan Funeral Home of Polson, with the Rev. John Payne presiding. Burial will follow at Lakeview Cemetery in Polson.

Brayden John 'Bubba' Titchbourne, 18

Brayden John Titchbourne, 18, passed away on Saturday, May 25, 2013.

Brayden "Bubba" brought laughter and smiles wherever he and his sarcasm went. He was an animal lover, social butterfly, strong, confident and a family-oriented young man. Not only was he a wonderful son, but also brother, grandson, cousin, nephew and friend.

He had a beautiful outlook on life and lived by *carpe diem* (seize the day). Bubba will be remembered for his witty humor, big heart and ear-to-ear grin.

He is survived by his parents, Jay and Julie Titchbourne; sisters, Kaydi and Hope; grandparents, Barb Osler of Eureka, Tom and Inis Baker of Power, and Ray Titchbourne of Mesa,



Ariz.; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends who will remember the joy and

laughter Brayden brought to their lives.

There will be a funeral service at 1 p.m. Monday, June 3, at the Church of God in Eureka. A potluck reception and campfires will follow the graveside service at the Osler family campground on Dickey Lake in Trego, if weather permits. An announcement will be made at services if any changes are made. Anyone who would like to camp overnight is welcome and asked to bring their own lawn chairs.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Eureka.

Marion Lorraine Titus, 84

Marion Lorraine Titus, 84, passed away Wednesday, May 1, 2013, in Kalispell of metastatic breast cancer.

Marion was born on Aug. 12, 1928, in Chicago, where she graduated from high school. She then attended the University of Illinois, Urbana Campaign, and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in home economics (child development).

She married Ross Titus in 1952, in Urbana. They were married for 61 years.

Marion worked at the University of Illinois library; the National Security Agency in Washington, D.C.; as an elementary teacher in Warsaw, Poland; and at the public library in

Bethesda, Md.

Marion enjoyed fencing while living in Budapest, Hungary, and in Maryland, and horseback riding in Hungary.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Arthur and Ann Chandler; and a sister, Shirley Westfall.

Marion is survived by her husband, Ross Titus, of Bigfork; sister, Carol Leone, of Indiana; brother, Robert Chandler, of Reed Point; and brother, Donald Chandler, of Ker-ryville, Texas.

Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 4, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

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

Fred Oris Tobiason, 77

Fred Oris Tobiason, 77, died Thursday, Aug. 29, 2013, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Fred is survived by his children, Jim Tobiason, Dennis Tobiason and Val Robins.

Visitation will be held from 9 a.m., until the time of the funeral service at 1 p.m., Friday, Sept. 6, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Interment will follow the service at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Fred O. Tobiason, 77

Fred O. Tobiason, 77, passed away Aug. 29, 2013, in Kalispell.

Fred was born Jan. 30, 1936, at home in Froid. He was the son of Melvin and Bertha Tobiason and the second of five children. Being raised on the family farm, there was plenty of work and things to do. Fred graduated from Froid High School in 1955.

He met and married Cynthia Ann Stevens on March 26, 1957. Together they raised three children. Early in their marriage he worked for Phillips 66. In 1967 they moved to Kalispell, where he worked for the Anacanda Aluminum Company and C & C Plywood. He worked two full-time jobs for 14 years, retiring from the aluminum plant in 1998. In his free time he liked to camp, hunt, fish and work on cars in his garage. They also loved to go for rides, and to garage sales and auctions.

Fred and Cynthia were married for 51 years.

No one was ever a stranger; Fred talked to everyone.

"So long, until we meet again."



Fred was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Wilbur and Arlo; wife, Cynthia; and baby

girl, Tammy Jean.

Fred is survived by his children, Jim and Bonnie Tobiason, Dennis and Helen Tobiason, and Val and Willie Robbins; nine grandchildren, Shannon, Nick, Cassie, Christopher, Alex, Dennis Mason, Jenny, Bart and Veronica; and many great-grandchildren; brother, Earl Tobiason; sister, Ardiss, and Dale Kunze; brother-in-law, Lorrington, and Ardis Stevens; and sister-in-law, Lillian Stevens.

Celebration of life services will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 6, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Visitation will take place one hour prior to the services.

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

Mary Tolson, 94

Mary Tolson, 94, of Whitefish, died June 24, 2012, at Whitefish Care and Rehabilitation.

Arrangements are pending with Austin Funeral Home.

Ronald L. Toney, 74

Ronald L. Toney, 74, of Ferndale, passed on June 24, 2012, at his home after battling MDS, Myelodysplastic Syndrome, for over a year.

Ron was born Jan. 3, 1938, in Townsend, to Helen Marie and Walter Raymond Toney.

Ron made his living as an extremely accomplished upholsterer.

He loved to hunt, fish and ride his horse. He had a great passion for



his puppies.

Ron is survived by his one and only son, Ronald G. Toney, of Missoula; daughters, Ronda L. Conner of Bakersfield, Calif., Marie R. Stanley of Gibsonville, N.C., Carol L. Toney of Bigfork, Constance L. Glanton of Missoula, and Julie Cooper of Idaho Falls, Idaho; 22 grandchildren and 39 great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 30, at Bigfork Community Cemetery on Swan River Road.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Maria Sinharinha Tome' da Silva Lawver, 86

Tome', 86, passed away on Jan. 11, 2013, at Lake View Care Center, surrounded by her loving family.

She was born June 11, 1926, to Maria Grangeiro Tome' and Jose' Tome' da Silva near Fortaleza, Brazil. Her brothers and sisters were Lica, Francesa, Elsa, Manuelito, Joao and Luis.

She came to the United States to attend college at Florida Southern in Lakeland, Fla. There she met and married her soul mate, James Everett Lawver. Jim and "Tome'" lived in Lakeland for several years before moving to Edina, Minn., in 1963, at which time she earned her master's degree at the University of Minnesota while teaching Portuguese to undergraduates.

In 1974, she and her husband moved back to Lakeland, eventually to retire there. In 2011, Tome' moved to Bigfork to be close to her daughter, Joyce.

Tome' was preceded in her death by her parents, all her siblings, and her dear husband of 49 years, James Everett Lawver.

She is survived by her daughter, Joyce Lawver Mitchell and her husband Dan Mitchell of Bigfork; her son, Joseph West Lawver and his wife Sylvia, and daughter Georgia of Edina; and her nieces, Lorraine Smith of West Palm Beach, Fla., and Virginia Lovisolio of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Among her many passions, Tome' was an avid tennis player, both



cunning and adept at bridge and chess, and a self-taught and skillful investor.

Rhythm was in her bones as she and her husband delighted in ballroom dancing and Latin American dances on the many cruises they took. Her outlook was always globally oriented as she and Jim traveled to all ends of the earth, including Spain, Portugal, France, Italy, Switzerland, Germany, Denmark, Holland, South Africa, Egypt, India, China, Australia, New Zealand, Peru, Chile, Argentina, Venezuela, the Caribbean, Mexico, Canada and many more.

Tome' was an accomplished poet with several published poems. She was fluent in all romance languages, especially Portuguese, Spanish, French and Latin, and served briefly as a translator when in Florida.

She was a loving and devoted wife, a caring mother and grandmother a dear friend, a constant source of inspiration and will be forever missed.

The family of Tome' wishes to thank the Lake View Care Center for such tender and loving attention paid to her.

There will be a private family ceremony and scattering of ashes in August. Any condolences or shared memories may be sent to Joyce Mitchell, P.O. Box 526, Bigfork, MT 59911.

Anthony Paul 'Tony' Torres Sr., 80



working as a Montana logger for many years. Tony and Shirley later divorced.

In 1974, Tony married June Clarke-Stevens. Tony and June later moved to Gillette, where they resided for 18 years. Following Tony's retirement as a coal miner and June's passing, Tony returned to Eureka.

In May 2003, Tony married Helen Sarver. Tony and Helen enjoyed their country drives as well as attending church services.

Tony's family time was his life. He also enjoyed being in the woods, fish-

ing, hunting, camping, gardening, traveling, playing pinocle and cribbage and visiting with old friends over coffee at a local cafe.

Tony was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, June; brothers, Arnold Torres and Gary Torres; sisters, Joyce Boone, Helen Ward and Kathy Setter; and grandchildren, Levi Flint, Angie Cioffi, and Brenda, Slade and Dylan Groene.

Tony is survived by his wife, Helen Torres; his children; siblings, Don Farrell of Smooth Rock Falls, Ontario, Rosemary and Ray Gwynn, Joe Torres, Maggie King and Dee Torres of Eureka; grandchildren, Sam and Mark Doble, Brandy and

Phil Hoagland, Misty Torres, Brooke and Jim Spokie, Paul and Chelsea Torres, Sara and Erik Weber, and Cole McCully. He is also survived by his stepchildren and stepgrandchildren, and great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Mountain View Manor for the excellent care provided over the past two years.

Viewing will be from 1 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 20, at Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Eureka. Church services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 21, at the Church of God in Eureka, with a luncheon to follow.

Anthony Paul "Tony" Torres Sr., born May 13, 1933, in Libby to Esteniloy and Genevieve (Enders) Torres, "went to his final resting place" on Nov. 16, 2013, at Mountain View Manor in Eureka.

Tony was the third of 12 children. The family lived in Warland and Old Rexford prior to moving to Eureka.

Tony married Shirley Truman in December 1953. To this union they welcomed children, Andy Torres, now of Billings, Rocky and Kathy Torres of Oakley, Kan., Sue Torres of Gillette, Wyo., Teresa and Chuck Torres Birgensmith of Eureka, and Barbara Ann Torres of Columbia Falls.

Tony raised his family

Mary Ann (Wormley) Townsend, 83

Mary Ann (Wormley) Townsend, 83, died Nov. 30, 2013, at the San Marcos Rehabilitation and Health Center in San Marcos, Texas.

She and her husband

had owned Stockman's Bar in Kalispell for 35 years.

She is survived by her husband, Dave; and son, Bruce.

Funeral services are pending.

Joe Trebelcock, 92

Joe Trebelcock, 92, died Wednesday, May 15, 2013, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

Survivors include his children, James Trebelcock and Pearl Ann Edgington. Visitation will begin

at 10 a.m. Monday, May 20, followed by funeral services at 2 p.m. at the Old Apostolic Lutheran Church in Lakeside.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

George Wentworth Tripp, 87

George Wentworth Tripp, 87, passed away on Saturday, Aug. 24, 2013, surrounded by family and friends, at Prestige Assisted Living in Kalispell.

He was born in Lewistown on Feb. 3, 1926, to Lewis E. and Emma Agnes (Messier) Tripp, the youngest of 10 children.

George grew up on his parents' ranch west of Jordan and attended the country school there. When they no longer had enough pupils for a school, he went to Jordan for school.

In 1944, during World War II, he joined the Navy and served aboard the battleship USS South Dakota in the South Pacific. A highlight of his service was being present in Tokyo Bay when the Japanese surrendered and signed the treaty aboard the USS Missouri.

After his discharge in 1946, he returned to the ranch. On Nov. 9, 1947, he married June Roberts, and they continued to live on the ranch. In 1957 they moved to a ranch at Niarada to be closer to schools. In 1992, they sold the ranch and moved to Kalispell.

George was a longtime member of the Montana Stockgrowers and also the Western Montana Stockman's Association, where he served two years as president. He was also a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

George was preceded in death by his wife of 65 years, June; his parents,



four brothers and five sisters; two sons, Lee and David; and one granddaughter, Kaylee Rose Tripp.

He is survived by four children,

Bill and Merry Tripp of Kalispell, Teresa and Rusty Raisland of Townsend; Lynn and DeAnne Tripp of Kalispell, and Carrie Stephens of Hillsboro, Ore. He is also survived by nine grandchildren, Jamie and Kara Tripp, Lynae Axelson, Christina Stephens, Terri Mosher, Julie, Elly, Nella and Georgiana Tripp; and four great-grandchildren, Aiden, Addison and Angelyna Mosher and Brayden Axelson.

Memorial services for George will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 29, in the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Chapel with Pastor Darold Reiner officiating.

The family suggests memorial gifts be given to the Kaylee Rose Tripp Scholarship Fund, 495 Fifth Ave. W.N., Kalispell, MT 59901; the Flathead County Search and Rescue; or a charity of the donor's choosing.

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

Maria Trebukhina, 87

Maria Trebukhina, 87, died Aug. 21, 2013, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

She is survived by her daughters, Nadejda Vino-

gradova and Tatyna Polnikova; and son, Vladimir Trebukhina.

Services are pending. Austin Funeral Home is caring for the family.

June Rose Tripp, 84

June Rose Tripp, 84, passed away Wednesday, June 5, 2013 at the Prestige Assisted Living Center in Kalispell. She was born on June 15, 1928 in Lewistown to William Garnett and Carrie M. (Bagwell) Roberts.

She grew up on her parent's ranch in Garfield County on the Lower Musselshell River. June attended the first four grades in a one-room school, then attended Lewistown Schools through sophomore year and graduated from Garfield County High School in Jordan. That fall she moved to Billings and went to Billings Business College and also worked for a time.

On November 9, 1947 June married George W. Tripp in Miles City and lived on the Tripp Ranch west of Jordan until 1957. At that time they moved to a ranch at Niarada to be closer to schools.

June worked at the Niarada Store, Cafe and Post Office. In 1970 she became Postmaster in Niarada. When the bar and Post Office building burned in 1989 she finished her last year of postal service at the Hot Springs Post Office. In 1992, after 35 years on the ranch; they sold, retired and moved to Kalispell.

Growing up on the ranch, June did a lot of riding for her father and also bucking hay and hauling water with a team of horses. She always enjoyed the ranch work, but also being post master gave her the opportunity to socialize with neighbors and keep up with their kid's activi-



ties. Her special pleasure was her family and all the activities they were involved

in; with her family get togethers being the best of all. Her animals were important to her and she felt fortunate to have very special dogs and horses and was very happy chasing cows.

June was preceded in death by a brother Bill; a sister Mary Ruth; two sons, Lee and David; and a granddaughter, Kaylee Rose.

She is survived by her husband, George; four children, Bill (Merry) Tripp of Kalispell, Teresa (Rusty) Raisland of Townsend, Lynn (DeAnne) Tripp of Kalispell, and Carrie Stephens of Hillsboro, Ore.; she is also survived by 9 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services for June will be Monday, June 10, 2013 at 10 a.m. in the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Chapel with Pastor Darold Riener officiating. The family suggests memorial gifts be given to the Kaylee Rose Tripp Scholarship Fund: 495 5th Ave. W.N., Kalispell, MT 59901; the Flathead County Search and Rescue or a charity of the donor's choosing.

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

William Scott 'Billy' Triplett, 56

William Scott "Billy" Triplett, 56, formerly of Kalispell, died Aug. 11, 2013, in Sturgeon Bay, Wis.

He was a sound engineer. Services are pending. Huehns Funeral Home in Sturgeon Bay is assisting the family.

Carolyn Louise Shaffer Trone, 83

Carolyn Louise Shaffer Trone, 83, died Tuesday, Dec. 24, 2013, in Bigfork. She is survived by two daughters, Sara Marie and Patti Ann Gammon.

No services are planned at this time. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Robert John 'Bob' Trottier, 66

Robert John "Bob" Trottier, 66, passed away June 24, 2013, in Kalispell.

He was born April 20, 1947, in Val Marie, Saskatchewan. He was raised and attended school in Val Marie, then lived the rest of his life in Columbia Falls.

Robert served in the United States Army in 1967 and 1968, and received an honorable discharge. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment (Wolfhounds), 25th Infantry Division. While assigned to the Wolfhound Battalion, Robert deployed to Southeast Asia in support of the Vietnam conflict at Cu Chi.

His awards and decorations include the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal and Vietnam Service Medal, as well as the Expert Rifle Marksmanship Badge (M16).

He came from a huge rodeo and ranching family in Val Marie. He was a champion saddle bronc rider.

Robert was the Trottier family historian and a proud grandfather.

In his spare time he fished, gardened, walked dogs and spent time on Facebook reconnecting



family members.

Robert had a deep love for his family and friends, but mostly for his children.

Robert will be missed by his family.

He was preceded in death by his father, Lloyd John Trottier, and mother, Christina Irene (Weeds) Trottier.

Robert is survived by his children, Dale Sebastian, Michael Sebastian, Christina Trottier, Cody Trottier, Sarah Trottier and Jaqueline Trottier; grandchildren, Reagan and Arianny Flamand, Charnelle, DJ, Nathan, Bryce and Addy and Madie Sebastian and Azalea Stands Over Bull; brothers, Richard Trottier and Patrick Trottier; nephews, Kenny, Kyle and Tanner Trottier; niece, Annie Trottier; and special friends, Sue Jean, Erik and children.

Cremation has taken place.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. today, July 2, at the Whitefish Community Center.

Donna 'DeeDee' J. Trush, 50

Donna "DeeDee" J. Trush, 50, of Wasilla, Alaska, passed away Dec. 8, 2013, in Palmer, Alaska.

A celebration of life was held Dec. 15 at the First Baptist Church in Wasilla, conducted by Pastor William Donovan.

DeeDee was born on March 11, 1963, in Battle Creek, Mich., to Raymond and Rosella (Drollinger) Schell. She graduated from Flathead High School in Kalispell.

DeeDee became a resident of Anchorage, Alaska, from 1982 to 2005 and had resided in Wasilla since 2005. DeeDee enjoyed service to others during her employment with Mat-Su Activities and Respite Center, and Mat-Su Services for Children and Adults. She also enjoyed many other things, most of all, her family and friends, her Christian faith, traveling, reading, fishing, camping and lounging in the sunshine.

There are no words to express the depth of sorrow and the love in our hearts for our DeeDee, mother, wife, sister and friend. With effortless grace she touched the lives of so many. She was a natural caretaker, creative and fun, with a calm, gentle patience



that defied reason. She had a freedom of spirit, always willing, and looking ahead to life's next

adventure. She looked for the goodness and beauty in everyone. Her infectious smile and sense of humor will be missed by all who knew her.

DeeDee is survived by her husband, Paul, daughter, Danielle, and two sons, Brandon and Paxton, all of Wasilla; a brother, Raymond Schell, of Florida; two sisters, Beth Schell and Angel Dixon, both of Maryland; stepparents, Lee and Faye Hagen, of Kalispell; stepbrother Josh Hagen, and stepsister Leatrice Hagen, both of Kalispell; and stepmother, Bobbie Schell, of Maryland.

DeeDee was preceded in death by her father and mother, Raymond Joseph and Rosella Loraine (Hagen) Schell.

The family has asked that donations be made in DeeDee's name to the Front Line Mission, 2001 E. Palmer-Wasilla Hwy., Wasilla, AK 99654.

Valley Funeral Home, Wasilla Chapel cared for arrangements.

Obert A. 'Obie' Tu, 72

Obert A. "Obie" Tu was "called to the Lord" suddenly on Dec. 25, Christmas Day, 2013, in Yuma, Ariz. at age 72. He was born Dec. 15, 1941, in Circle, Mont., to Olaf and Ada Tu.

Obie attended Circle High School where he played basketball and graduated as salutatorian. He served in the U.S. Army in Vietnam after attending Rocky Mountain College in Billings. He then moved to Polson, where he worked for Mission Valley Power, starting as a lineman and retiring as operations superintendent after 34 years.

He met Sharon Raymond and married her March 23, 1969. Obie and Sharon raised three sons and one daughter in the Polson area. Sharon passed away in July 1997.

He then met the second love of his life, Carol Weaver, in Yuma. Carol and Obie were married on Dec. 12, 2011. Carol and Obie split their time among Yuma, Polson and traveling. Obie was an avid outdoorsman and wood craftsman. He also enjoyed a good card game, sports and most recently golf. He really loved to laugh. The most important aspects of his life were his family and

friends. He was a loving husband and father and a proud grandfather (Papa).

Obie leaves behind his wife, Carol; three sons, Jon Sonju and wife, Ranae, of Anchorage, Alaska; Rick Sonju of Thompson Falls; Doug Tu and wife, Michelle, of Columbia Falls; and one daughter Teresa Davis and husband, Ashley, of Lake Stevens, Wash. He also leaves behind a stepson, Mike Turner and wife, Renee, of Cerritos, Calif.

He leaves behind eight grandchildren as well: Jon, Erik and Greg Sonju; Courtney, Alyssa and Dayne Tu; and Easton and Morgan Turner. He also just became a great-grandfather to Lilliana Sonju.

Funeral services for Obie will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 4, 2014, at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Polson, with lunch to follow. In lieu of flowers, the family would prefer donations in Obie's name to the American Heart Association or the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements are under the direction of Grogan Funeral Home and Crematory. Memories of condolence may be shared with the family online at www.groganfuneralhome.com.

Helen Tuell, 95

Helen Tuell, 95, of Eureka, died Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2013, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 7, at

the First Baptist Church in Eureka.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Eureka.

Mary Nelson Turk, 88

Mary Nelson Turk, 88, passed away peacefully on Friday, Aug. 23, 2013, at her home in Dayton, where she wanted to be.

Mary's life was long and adventurous and as she stated, "Lovely."

She was born in Mount Forest, Ontario, on June 29, 1925, to Stephen and Mary (Swanston) Jones. Mary always remained a loyal Canadian, yet loved her United States.

As a young woman, Mary flew planes, earned a doctoral degree in educational learning disabilities, scuba dove, traveled the world, and lived in Vietnam, Germany, South America, and ultimately Montana. In Dayton she put down roots and welcomed friends and family



with her wit, charm and hospitality. Mary loved to entertain.

Memorial services will be held on Mary's dock in Dayton at 11 a.m. today, Aug. 31, and at a later date in Canada.

The family suggests memorial gifts be given in Mary's name to the Lake County Humane Society.

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Private services will be held at a later date in Dayton and in Canada. The family suggests memorial gifts be given in Mary's name to the Lake County Humane Society.

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Norma J. Turner, 63

Norma Turner of Kila passed away peacefully Feb. 10, 2012, with her children, family and best friend by her side.



Her passing followed a courageous battle with cancer.

Norma was born Dec. 7, 1948, in Kellogg, Idaho. She was raised in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

On Jan. 11, 1967, she was married to Lloyd Michael Turner. They later relocated to Montana, and in 1979 made their home in Kila. They were married for 40 years and separated by Lloyd's death in 2007.

Norma held several jobs in her younger years, including at Buffalo Hill Golf Course and Buttrey's Grocery. In 1995 she began her employment with Rosauers. She was employed there for the past 16 years until she was too ill to continue working.

During her employment there, she made a number of very good friends and touched many lives. She will be remembered by many as "my favorite checker."

There was a huge, loving heart of gold inside Norma. She was always willing to lend a hand to anyone in need, ready to help at any given moment and asking nothing in return.

She cared deeply for those close to her, and she was always looking out for everyone else. She will be fondly remembered by many people and will live on in the hearts of her family and friends for eternity.

There were many things that brought enjoyment to Norma. In the 1980s, she was on a bowling league with a great group of friends. She

and Lloyd enjoyed spending time together cruising in the street rods that he restored and built and showing them at the Glacier and National Street Rod Association car shows.

She loved camping with her family and soaking up the summer sun. Most of all, she treasured the time spent with her children and grandchildren.

Survivors include her son, Darin Turner, and wife Katie; daughter, Melissa Yarde, and husband Mark; grandchildren, Alissa and Kiley Turner, and Ashton, Garrett, Justine and Adriana Yarde, all of Kalispell; sisters, Beth Broadsword of Spokane, Roxanne Calkins of Columbus, Ind., Cindy Calkins and Jody Jensen, both of Coeur d'Alene, and Fran Larkin of Great Falls; brother, Terry Calkins, of Dacoma, Okla., sisters-in-law, Frances Nicholas of Kalispell, and Ann Calkins of Post Falls, Idaho; and many nieces and nephews.

Norma was preceded in death by her husband, Lloyd Turner; father Murl Francis Calkins, and mother Montana Calkins Pooley; brothers Gary, Bob and Art Calkins; and sister, Shirley Harmon. Norma's wishes were to be cremated. Private family services will be held at a later date.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Norma's family. Please visit www.jgfuneralhome.com to offer your condolences.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Norma's memory to Wings of Kalispell, so that others suffering from cancer may benefit from the help of this organization: Wings Regional Cancer Support, P.O. Box 7852, Kalispell, MT 59904.

Diana Twet, 68

Diana Twet passed away on April 14, 2013, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

She was born Sept. 17, 1944, in Lewistown. Her family moved to Billings where she graduated from Billings Senior High.

Diana met Steven Twet and they were married in 1962. They had been married 50 years when she passed away.

In 1970, they moved to Kalispell where she went to work at the telephone

company. She loved the work and enjoyed the friends she met there.

She is survived by her husband, Steven; two sons, Brian and Scott; three brothers, Ed James, Jim James and Les James; two sisters, Margaret Given and Linda Tipps; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A memorial service is planned for 10 a.m. on July 20 at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

Shirley Phillips Tutvedt, 77

Shirley cared deeply for those she loved. She was a mother, grandmother, wife, aunt and friend.

Shirley was born to Erlise and Dale Phillips on Feb. 22, 1936, in Lewistown. Her family lived and homesteaded in Buffalo, Mont., before moving to Kalispell when Shirley was in the second grade. Dale and Erlise ran a neighborhood grocery store, Dales Pay & Pack, located on First Avenue in Kalispell.

Graduating from Flathead County High School in June 1954, Shirley was one of the "Magnificent Seven," along with Ruth Groswiler McKay, Billi Jean Olson Siderius, Sharon Meacham, Jean Monk Linrude, Maxine Siderius and Doris Tutvedt Knox. They had a powerful friendship and supported each other through the good and difficult times in their lives.

On Oct. 24, 1954, she married the love of her life, Harold Tutvedt. They settled north of town in the house Harold was born in. Shirley learned to love her Betty Crocker cookbook; she had only cooked brownies at the time of her wedding. By the following summer and throughout her life she was regularly cooking for harvest and farm crews. She will be remembered for her baked beans, Special K bars and beef stroganoff.

She was a mother and an active grandmother to her six grandchildren, while keeping the books for the family farm. Shirley loved singing in the church choir, playing cards, reading, and most of all, spending time with her family. She had a beautiful soprano voice and sang in the Pres-



byterian Church choir, the Stillwater Lutheran Church choir and at many weddings

and funerals, often with her sister-in-law Sharron.

Shirley considered her grandchildren her "blessings." She actively supported her grandchildren by attending football games, Boy Scout ceremonies, horse shows, 4-H livestock sales, financially supporting their fundraisers and judging speech and debate tournaments.

Shirley loved to laugh and listened to people with genuine interest. She faithfully and lovingly supported the dreams of those near her. Shirley attended events of all kinds celebrating the people whom she loved, and made regular trips to the East Coast and Walla Walla, Wash., to visit her daughters and grandchildren.

Shirley Phillips Tutvedt died in the company of her family of natural causes on May 18, 2013.

Shirley is survived by her husband, Harold Tutvedt; children, Bruce Tutvedt and wife Linda, and Sarah McClure and husband Daniel; son-in-law, Gary Needleman; and grandchildren, Valerie Gravage, Emily Tutvedt, Andora Tutvedt, Nathan McClure, Colin McClure and Joel McClure.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Dale and Erlise Phillips; sister, Beverly Slayton; and children, Bradford Allen, Eric John and Andora Jan.

A celebration of life will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 28, at Stillwater Lutheran Church in Kalispell.

Ruth Caroline (Kraft) Tyler, 90

Ruth Caroline (Kraft) Tyler, 90, of Moore, Mont., formerly of Kalispell, died June 21, 2012, at the Central Montana Skilled Nursing Center in Lewistown.

She is survived by her children, Michael Tyler

and Paul Tyler, both of Moore, and Patty Allen of Spokane.

A funeral service was held on June 25 at Creel Funeral Home Chapel in Lewistown. Interment was at Moore Cemetery.