

## Mary Wagner, 101

Mary Wagner, 101, passed away Thursday, Oct. 4, 2012, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She was born Feb. 2, 1911, in Lefor, N.D., to Andrew and Regina Yurian.

The family later moved to Montana in the Fromberg, Park City area.

Mary met her husband Fred Wagner at a country dance and later married him Feb. 23, 1929, in Billings. In 1933, they moved to Chinook where they farmed and ranched until retiring, and moved to Kalispell in 1967.

She loved to cook, garden, work in her flower beds and fish, especially at Duck Lake. She was a basketball fan of the Chinook Sugarbeaters and the Flathead Braves, and also an avid baseball fan. She contributed in many ways to her Lutheran churches in both Chinook and Kalispell.

Mary was preceded in death by her husband, Fred, on March 27, 1988.

She is survived by her two sons, Richard Wag-

ner and friend, Barbara, of Bigfork, and Roger Wagner and wife, Antoinette, of Whitefish; four grandchildren, Valerie Deneault and husband, Pete, and their two children, Eric and Alyssa, of Missoula, Katherine Lerner and husband, Allen, of Kalispell, Mark Wagner and wife, Taunja, and one child, Abby Wagner, and John Wagner and wife, Melinda, of Whitefish; and also her brother, Frank Yurian of Billings.

Memorial services for Mary Wagner will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 3 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Kalispell, with the Rev. Mark Gravrock officiating.

The family suggests memorials may be given to the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Kalispell or the American Lutheran Church of Chinook.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for Mary's family. You are invited to go to [www.jgfuneralhome.com](http://www.jgfuneralhome.com) to view Mary's guest book, offer condolences and share memories.

Paul had a marvelous mind and work ethic; some would say he was a "workaholic" in nature. His post-military career included working in management for Buttrey's, Herberger's and Simpson's Big R from one end of Montana to the other.

From 1976 until 1986, Paul and Cindy owned and operated Wagner's OK Hardware and Instep Shoes & Sportswear in Bigfork. After that, Paul and Cindy owned and operated Body Shop Fitness Center in Havre.

Anyone who ever worked for him will tell you that he worked as hard, if not harder, right alongside them. The hard work continued on the family farm, tending to the land and his animals.

In each of his ventures, Paul always found a way to

Paul was close to the Lord Jesus Christ. He grew up in the Lutheran faith, attending services every Sunday. He was on the church council at Messiah Lutheran in Havre for several years, and continued his worship in Billings at Mount Olive Lutheran Church. He enjoyed the time that Pastor Preus would spend, sharing wine and scripture, when his health kept him from joining in services at church.

Paul is survived by his wife, Cindy, of 36 years. He is also survived by his children, Pamela, Rick, Shane and David; grandchildren; his brother, Ed; very special friends, Jim and Loyann Kimmiery; and many other extended family and friends.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, April 2, at Mount Olive Lutheran Church, located at 2336 St. Johns Ave. in Billings.

The family asks, in lieu of flowers, that donations be made in his memory to Mount Olive Lutheran Church in Billings.

## Paul Jonathan Wagner, 69

Paul Jonathan Wagner, a loving husband, father and papa, "has gone to be with his heavenly Father" Tuesday, March 27, 2012. He passed away in the arms of his wife, with his family at his side. Paul was with hospice for the past six months and passed from congestive heart failure and Alzheimer's.

"I've had a damn good life!" is the first thing you'd hear from Paul J. Wagner anytime he would share stories from his 69-year journey. His belief was, "We all come here to go there."

He was born to German immigrants, David and Mary (Strecker) Wagner on Jan. 1, 1942, in Billings. He grew up on the family farm on 56th and Neibauer Road with his brothers, Robert and David "Ed" Wagner.

He attended school at Canyon Creek, Ellendale, Shiloh and then Senior High School in Billings. His path took him into the Navy at 17, where he earned his GED.

Paul's Navy career started in 1961, when he served on active duty on the USS Gurke, crossing the equator twice, which gave him the honored designation of "Golden Sheelback." He proudly served until his honorable discharge in 1963. He was also in the Reserves for an additional three years.

He met and married the love of his life, Cindy (Stringer) Wagner in 1974. He adopted her two children, David (Kristine) Wagner and Pamela Wagner, and along with his sons Rick Wagner (Pamela Parsons), Shane Wagner (Christine McClatchey), and Casey Wagner-Miller, they became a family.

One of his greatest joys was his role of "Papa" or "Grampa" to his grandchildren, Breanna Ashlyn Wagner, Alysea Kay Parsons, Ambrose W. Thorp and Tommy Highsmith. They were a great pleasure, and he taught them through his life stories.

He had a good relationship with his father-in-law, Milt Stringer, as well.



give back to his community. He was actively involved in helping to develop jobs and growth, as well as helping the youth in any city or town he lived in.

He was on the board of directors for the Havre Chamber of Commerce and chairman of the Retail Trades Committee for three years. He served as the president for Hill County United Way for three of his five years with them. He volunteered, teaching business classes to the graduating seniors at Montana State University for four years, joining the JSEC (Job Service Employer Committee) a part of his duties on the Job Service board of directors in Havre. He served as vice president of Crime Stoppers in Havre, as well.

His avid interest was with Lions Club International, where he served in every office throughout his 30 year in Havre, Laurel and Bigfork.

This was a man who found joy in giving. It didn't matter to Paul if they were friend, family or stranger. He was always there to help in any way possible. He would fondly recall times he would play Santa back in Bigfork, Havre and Billings, or make food to take to community functions.

For all of his time spent working or helping people, Paul also knew to take some time for himself. He loved to outdoors! He loved the Flathead Valley, and spent his free time hunting and fishing there. He had a great appreciation of what he referred to as "God's country."

Good friends gathered at the Wagner home often, to his great pleasure. Answering the phone "Joe's Bar!" was a common joke with him. He was a gracious, generous host who knew his way around a kitchen and the grill. You could never leave their home feeling hungry or thirsty!

Holidays revolved around food, traditions, family and close friends. Their home was full of love and merriment. He would often tell others who visited, "There's a lot of love in this place!"

## Donald R. Waldron, 84

Don, 84, of Kalispell, passed away on Dec. 6, 2012, in Arizona of complications from Parkinson's disease.

He was the third child born to Bert and Nellie Waldron. Don grew up in Kooskia, Idaho, and graduated from Hamilton High School in Montana in 1946.

Upon graduation he joined the Marine Corps where he continued playing football, his favorite sport. He served briefly in World War II and during the Korean conflict.

He received his Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education from Western Montana College of Education, where he also played football. He obtained his master's degree in education from the University of Montana.

He worked as a school administrator in the Montana school districts of Troy, Libby and Hellgate in Missoula. Upon retirement, he worked as a lobbyist for the Montana Rural Education Association.



He was affiliated with many educational and community organizations and received numerous awards for his contribution to Montana's educational system. He loved the out-of-doors, spending time with his family hunting, fishing, camping and gathering wood.

Don was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, John and Howard; and sister, Audrey Dunne.

He is survived by his immediate family, wife of 60 years, D. Jean Waldron; daughters, Darleida and Rob Tedrow of Kalispell, Debra Waldron of Seattle, and Denise Snyder of Calgary; and grandsons, Sam and William Tedrow. He also leaves behind his dog and his constant companion, Niko. He also is survived by an extended family of brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, cousins, nieces, nephews and Rotary exchange students.

A memorial service will be held in Kalispell this coming summer.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Parkinson Disease Association, your local hospice or a charity of your choice.

Condolences and memories may be shared online at [www.wickenburgfuneralhome.com](http://www.wickenburgfuneralhome.com).

## Marjorie (Moos) Bolstad, 91, and Sandy (Bolstad) Walker, 72

A joint memorial service for Marjorie (Moos) Bolstad, 91, who died Dec. 24, and her daughter Sandy (Bolstad) Walker, 72,

who died March 21, will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 28 at Bethany Lutheran Church, 8559 Montana 35, in Bigfork.

## Claudia Walseth, 73

Claudia Walseth, 73, died at Edgewood Vista memory care facility in Kalispell on Sept. 3, 2012, from complications due to Alzheimer's disease.

Born June 23, 1939, in Butte, to Preston and Ann (Bull) Dobb, Claudia spent a majority of her childhood living in Missoula. She attended Paxon Middle School, and graduated from the newly established Missoula Sentinel High School in 1957.

After graduation, she worked for a short time at the Missoula Telephone Company until she met and married the love of her life, Raymond B. Walseth, on July 3, 1958, and made a life with him and their three sons in Missoula.

Claudia dedicated her life and almost all of her time to being a full-time mom to her "boys."

After a long battle with cancer took the life of Raymond, "RB," in the fall of 1987, Claudia went back to work, and eventually retired after a 16-year career with the University of Montana Foundation in 2004.

Claudia enjoyed spending time with her family and friends and doting on her grandchildren every chance she could get. She treasured her friendships and was always responsive to her loved ones' needs. She put others' well-being before her own and truly would do anything for anyone who needed her help.

She enjoyed the act of giving and spent much of the year thinking, planning and saving for future holidays and events. She expected only love in return and often disregarded praise directed towards her. She also liked to bake. Her love for this activity always resulted in the timely arrival of seasonal cookies and treats packaged with love for her children and grandchildren,



regardless of how close or far away they may have been.

She shared many friendships and was very close to many of her high school classmates and her wonderful neighbors.

During her lifetime, she participated in various organizations. She worked with the Shriners organization via the Bagdad women's mini patrol chapter of which her husband was a member. She also participated in the local Compassionate Friends ceremonies and dinners. Those who were close to Claudia knew that beyond the love she had for her family and friends, she treasured her home and her neighborhood. Her home represented past memories and a life filled with hopes, challenges, laughs and successes; and her neighbors were her extended family whom she supported in their times of need, and whom she could count on when she needed a helping hand. Above all, she led a life filled with unconditional love.

Claudia was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond; their son, Daniel; parents, Preston and Ann; brother, William Dobb; and sister, Audrey Tangen.

Survivors include sons, Brad and Melody of Twin Lakes, Wis., and Dean and Erin of Kalispell; granddaughters, Angela and Peyton; grandsons, Dustin, Dylan, Benjamin and Jack; and great-grandson, Dante.

Services will be held at 11 a.m., Sept. 14, at Garden City Funeral Home in Missoula, with a reception following. There will be a private burial for the family at Sunset Memorial Cemetery.

The family invites all of Claudia's family and friends to come and celebrate her life with them. It is Claudia's request that in lieu of flowers, a donation be made in her name to the Montana Cancer Center, Compassion Fund, P.O. Box 4587, Missoula, MT 59806.

## John Francis Ward, 73

John Francis Ward, 73, died Friday, Feb. 24, 2012, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

A celebration of life will

be held at 5 p.m. today, March 1, at his home in Troy.

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

## Robert Eugene 'Bobby' Ward, 59

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After Wally's death, Harold lived at Buffalo Hill Terrace and Immanuel Lutheran Home where he passed away on Jan. 25, 1993.

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ily members in these states as well. Polly was reminded by relatives to be sure and mention that she survives him after being his guardian for 25 years. Polly extends a special blessing to the caretakers where Bobby spent the same 25 years.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home has arranged for private burial at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

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Bobby Gene will be remembered as a gentle and sensitive soul growing up with loving and protective parents. His smile, handshake and prayer time to Jesus cannot be forgotten.

Robert Eugene "Bobby" Ward was preceded in death by his parents, Harold and Wally (Watland) Ward; sisters, Olga Stone (William), Julie Estrem (Wilhelm), Bertha Wright (Elmer) and Ida Wright (Elmer); cousins, Francis Stone, Bernard Stone and David Wright; and by his aunts and uncles and family in Oregon, Florida,

North Dakota and Minnesota.

He is survived by sister, Ella Modin and Ralph; cousins, Linda Poverud, Donna Rolle and Gary, Darla Giles and Donald, Karen Kerr, Esther Modlisziski and Charles, Paul Estrem, Wanda Rodin and James, Marie Modin, Ralph Modin and Sandy, and Brance Modin and Kathleen.

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## Walker M. 'Buck' Ware Jr., 74

Walker M. "Buck" Ware Jr., 74, died at his Bigfork residence Thursday, Oct. 25, 2012.

At his request, there

will be no services.

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

## Buck Ware, 74

Buck Ware, 74, gently passed away on Oct. 25, 2012, in his Bigfork cabin, surrounded by his children, Todd, Lynn, Kelly and Laurie (and his beloved dog). After a life centered around bringing recreation to large numbers of people, "the Buck moves on."



Following high school in Santa Monica, Calif., Buck built a large recreation park near Acton called Soledad Sands Park. The park was nestled in an oasis of shady cottonwood trees, where families enjoyed a day of picnicking, swimming and, most importantly, playing together.

The park grew throughout the '60s and '70s to become an active venue for Southern California's largest company picnics. Hosting up to 7,000 people on a weekend, with train rides, full catering and entertainment ... Buck would still make time for his passion of leading large field games (usually with humorous and slightly-twisted rules) His games often drew more than 200 participants into a spectacular egg-toss or gunny sack race, with many hundreds laughing and cheering from the side lines.

Buck's most deeply rewarding picnic each summer was when Disneyland would bring its staff out to the park for a day of leisure activity.

When asked what his

profession was, he would reply, "I'm a professional picnicker." He was also a pilot, a sailor, a logistics leadman for Ronald Reagan's race for governor, a captain of his 65-foot Norwegian trawler and a voracious philosopher. He treasured the writings of Ayn Rand, the creativity of Walt Disney and the music of Neil Diamond. "I Am, I Said" and Sinatra's "I Did It My Way" were certainly his theme songs.

Buck also developed two beautiful, recreational subdivisions in Florida, Spruce Creek Farms and Quiet Place in the Country, offering more than 200 2-acre homesites.

Buck lived out his days among the beautiful forests of Montana, caring and supportive of his family, quietly authoring a general unifying theory that would link mind and heart, politics, religion, education, quantum physics, man/woman energy and anything else such principles could apply to ... "the Grand Principle."

He was loved by his four children, seven grandkids, in-laws, ex-laws and many happy picnickers gone by.

Buck asked for no ceremony, preferring that we make a grand toast to his life with a joyful spirit.

(And he might still ask us all to notice those little synchronicities in life, as indicators of many little prayers being answered.)

As Buck would say, "The creative use of leisure time is the most vital force in molding the future of the world."

"Cheers to life!"

## Bob Warner, 69

Bob Warner, 69, left this life on May 12, 2012, after a strong and valiant fight with cancer. He was surrounded by the people he loved most in this world — his wife, his four children and his seven siblings.



Bob was born on Dec. 1, 1942, in Plymouth, Ind., to William and Harriet Warner. He was the oldest of their eight children. Bob spent his formative years in famed Waseca, Minn.

Bob left Waseca to join the Air Force in 1960. After serving nine years and two tours in Vietnam, he was honorably discharged. Bob then took up residence in California and got in on the computer industry in its infancy.

Bob and Mary cultivated a wonderful life in Boulder Creek, Calif., where they raised their children and made many friends through his Little League and soccer coaching.

In 1996, Bob and Mary relocated to Kalispell. Here he practiced the arts of fly fishing, camping and lawn mowing.

Bob was a complicated and quiet man. He valued the simple pleasures in life and took notice of the little

things. His humor was a gift in times of struggle.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Mary, and their children and spouses, Benjamin and Rebecca Warner of Clovis, Calif., Daniel Warner of Seattle, Marcus and Chelsie Warner of Pensacola, Fla., and Gretchen and Glenn Brown of Kalispell; as well as his grandchildren, Hagan, Lorelei, Ethan, Isaac, Annalise, William and Raelee. He is also survived by his seven siblings, and also by his 90-year-old mother, Harriet Warner.

His family is asking donations in memoriam be made to the Liberty House at the Veteran's Administration at Fort Harrison. Donations can be mailed to Liberty House, P.O. Box 81, Fort Harrison, MT 59636.

## Gary Wayne Warner, 62

Gary Wayne Warner, 62, passed away Feb. 23, 2012, in Kalispell.

Gary was born Nov. 4, 1949, in Kalispell, a, the son of Wayne and Colome (Logsdon) Warner. Gary was raised in the Flathead Valley and graduated from Flathead County High School.

He then went on to the University of Montana where he received his bachelor's degree in business.

Gary owned several businesses in the Flathead, including the former Tunex Automotive Center for 20 years.

Gary will be remembered by his family and friends for

his generous spirit. His two loves in life were golfing and his pet Moe-Payne.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents, Wayne and Colome Warner. He is survived by his best friend, Linda Warner; sister, Dianna L. Warner, of Columbia Falls; aunts, Rose M. Nelson of Kalispell, Mary Lou Warner of Ohio, Leona Warner of Lewistown, and Mavis Carriker of Nebraska; several cousins, and his beloved pet Moe-Payne.

At his request, there will be no services. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

## Russell James Walter Sr., 71

Russell James Walter Sr., passed away peacefully of natural causes on Oct. 24, 2011, in Kalispell. He was 71 years old.



Russ was born on Jan. 31, 1940, in Kalispell, where he later attended Flathead County High School before enlisting in the U.S. Navy. His duty as a third class petty officer was served aboard the USS Hancock in the seventh fleet.

Upon finishing his service, Russ moved back to Palmer, Alaska, where he worked as a logger and later met and married Bobbie Verrall, who quickly became his best friend and remained his soul mate through 50 years of marriage.

Soon after their wedding, Russ and Bobbie settle in Coram where they raised their three children, Russell Jr., who resides in Kalispell with his wife Sheryl, Cheryl who resides in Auburn, Wash., and Mary who resides in Lake Tapps, Wash., with her husband Bill Winters.

Russ then devoted 37 years of work to the Anaconda Aluminum plant before he retired.

Russ enjoyed being outside with his family. He loved hunting with his lifelong friend, Ed Mundel and fishing with anybody who wanted to cast a line. He also always made time for boating and camping with wife, children and grandchildren. Another hobby of his was

milling lumber on his one-man sawmill.

Russ was loved by all who knew him and was respected immensely throughout his small community, where neighbors affectionately referred to him as "The Mayor."

Russ is also survived by his siblings, Pat Valentine of Buckley, Wash., Barb Peiper of Whitefish, Dave Walter of Hungry Horse, Sam Walter of Maple Valley, Wash., Loretta Gordon of Dalton, Ill., Jen Powell of Martin City, Kathy Vollmer of Puyallup, Wash., Polly Walter of Conway, Alaska, and Les Walter of Proctor.

He is also survived by his grandchildren Kyle and Andrea Walter, Ashley Hartman, Jenelle and Nate Collier, Caitlan Hartman, Brad and Ashley Walter, Steven Winters, Krystle Winters, Brittany Underwood and Alex Underwood; and great-grandchildren, Alyvia, Alyssa, Teagan, Eldon, Bryson and Hailey, all of whom he loved dearly.

His family extends to countless more loved ones, including too many nieces and nephews to mention, although they all held special places in his heart.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Paul James Walter and Elinor Seville, as well as our "littlest angel," his great-grandson Emerson.

The family is having a celebration of life for friends and family from 2 to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 29, at the family home in Coram.

Memorials can be sent to the Veterans Food Bank.

## Joy Anne Wayne, 54

Joy Anne Wayne, 54, died Oct. 13, 2011, at Alaska Regional Hospital, with her family by her side showing her all the caring and love she gave so generously to all others.

Joy was born May 9, 1957, in Kalispell, to Herbert and Annie (Danielson) Collins. She grew up and attended school in Kalispell, graduating from high school in 1975.

She moved to Spokane where she worked as a nursing assistant in the elderly care system. She moved to Ketchikan, Alaska, where she met her future husband, Jimmie R. Wayne Sr.

Joy traveled all over the U.S. She worked for the federal government, eventually working and retiring from Delta Airlines after 12 years.

She had made her home in Anchorage, Alaska, for the last seven years.

Her family remembered her as being outgoing and for her love of meeting new people.

She is survived by her three sons, Jimmie R. Wayne Jr., Jacob L. Wayne and Jeremiah I. Wayne; two grandchildren, Alexie N. Wayne and Julia M. Wayne; two brothers, Daniel and James Collins; her ex-spouse and good friend, Jimmie R. Wayne Sr.; and many, many good friends.

Memorial services were held Oct. 18 at Northern Lights Tabernacle, 19126 Hidden Hill Court, Chugiak, Alaska.

Arrangements were by the Cremation Society of Alaska. [www.alaskacremation.com](http://www.alaskacremation.com)

## Walter M. Waters, 67

Walter M. Waters, 67, formerly of Fortine, died March 10, 2012, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell. Visitation was held

March 12 at the Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Eureka. Services will be at 8 a.m. today, March 13, at Fortine Cemetery in Fortine.

## Robert Allen Weaver, 54

"It is with great joy and celebration that our family shares with you the news of a most amazing miracle that has taken place in the life of Robert 'Bob' Allen Weaver. At three o'clock on the afternoon of June 15, 2012, he exchanged his cancer-, chemo-, pain-ridden earthly body for a glorious, immortal, eternal, heavenly one."

Bob was born April 14, 1958, in Aberdeen, S.D. His family moved when he was a toddler to Billings, where he spent the rest of his childhood. Skiing, hunting, fishing, boating and water skiing were family activities shared with his brother, Mike. He earned his Eagle Scout badge as the youngest Eagle Scout in Montana at the time. He graduated from Billings West High School with a runner-up and state singles tennis title in his list of accomplishments.

He pursued a post-secondary education in mechanical engineering at Montana State University, earning bachelor and master's of science degrees. His career took him to Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Tennessee; Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico; and Idaho National Engineering Laboratory in Idaho Falls.

He brought his family back to Montana in 1994 and settled in Whitefish to be close to his mom and dad, wonderful grandparents to his four growing children. During his 18 years in Whitefish he worked for Semitool and Sonju Industrial, taught math and science at Whitefish Christian Academy, started his own technical company, AlpenTEK and most recently worked as operations manager at Hammer Nutrition. He met Cindy Bradley while attending MSU and they were married on June 21, 1980. They shared a won-

derful life together raising their four beautiful children.

He will be remembered as a man of integrity who loved God, his wife, his children, family and friends. He looked for the best in people and helped them reach their full potential. He invested himself selflessly in other's lives, encouraging them to dig deep and go beyond what they thought possible. He was a researcher, deep thinker and problem-solver. He was active in his church in leadership and teaching roles. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him, but not forgotten.

He was preceded in death by his father, James Weaver. He leaves behind his wife, Cindy; his mother, Dorothy Weaver, of Kalispell; his four children, Jonathan and wife Emily Weaver, of Helena, with his two granddaughters McKenna and Clara; Tyler Weaver, of Girdwood, Alaska; Hannah Weaver, at Lafayette College in Easton, Pa.; Bekah Weaver, at home in Whitefish; and his brother, Mike, of Los Alamos, N.M.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in memory of Bob to one of the following charities: Gideon's International, P.O. Box 1505, Kalispell, MT 59901, to help in spreading God's word; Young Life, P.O. Box 4473, Whitefish, MT 59937, for providing direction during the teen years for his sons; and St. Patrick House, 501 W. Alder, Missoula, MT 59802, for providing his home away from home during his months of treatment while in Missoula.

Services are scheduled for 3 p.m. Tuesday, June 19, at Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish. Austin Funeral Home is caring for Bob's family.

## Ernest Lee Weaver, 87

Ernest Lee Weaver, 87, of Columbia Falls died Friday, Feb. 3, 2012, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

He is survived by his wife, Janette; and his sons, Ron Weaver of Alo-

ha, Ore., and Ken Weaver of Columbia Falls.

Private services will be held at a later date.

Arrangements are entrusted to Columbia Mortuary.

## Gertrude 'Gertie' Heloise Weaver, 84

Gertrude "Gertie" Heloise Weaver, 84, passed away on Sunday, Jan. 15, 2012, in Kalispell, surrounded by her family.



She was born in Columbia Falls on May 23, 1927, to Jack and Sadie (Radabah) Johnston.

Gertie was raised in the Deer Park area and graduated from Flathead County High School in 1946. She married Whitie Weaver on April 12, 1946.

Gertie was an active community member. She was a 4-H leader for many years while she raised her children on the family farm at Lake Blaine. She became a prolific quilter and won many ribbons for her beautiful quilts and even had a quilt accepted into the National Quilt Show held in Paduca, Ky. She was a longtime member of the Flathead Quilters Guild.

Gertie was preceded in death by her parents; hus-

band, Whitie; one son; and five brothers.

She is survived by her eight children, Beverly Pfundheller, Wesley and Lili Weaver, Wayne Weaver, Jane and Edward Anderson, Barbara and Dale Hardy, Jack and Janice Weaver, Andy Weaver, and Owen and Valli Weaver; 18 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and two brothers, Clare Johnston and Archie Johnston.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 20, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home with Pastor Ron Pierce officiating. Burial will follow the service at Fairview Cemetery. Viewing will be from noon to 5 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 19, in the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Chapel.

The family suggests memorial gifts be given to Wings Cancer Foundation, P.O. Box 7852, Kalispell, MT 59904.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for Gertie's family. You are invited to [www.jgfuneralhome.com](http://www.jgfuneralhome.com) to view Gertie's tribute wall, offer condolences and share memories.

## Marcie Jane Weaver, 82

Marcie Jane Weaver, 82, of Columbia Falls, passed away peacefully Oct. 3, 2012, at Kalispell



Regional Medical Center, with family by her side.

Marcie was born Feb. 23, 1930, in Choteau to Al and Marie Ritter. She was one of five children. As a child, Marcie loved to work with her dad at his lumber yard in Fort Benton. Marcie liked to fish and work in her yard. She attended schools and graduated from Fort Benton High School in 1949.

Marcie moved to Marysville, Wash., in 1965, where she was employed by Bethany Home in Everett, Wash., as a certified nursing assistant, before retiring in 1995.

She was a member of the Afton Chapter of the Eastern Star and a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Marysville.

In 2008, Marcie moved to Columbia Falls where she lived with her sister. She loved watching CNN with her beloved dog Shotsie by her side. She liked going to yard sales and searching for "treasures."

Marcie is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Estle Alcorn, of Woodlake, Calif.; her son, Barry Weaver, of Remsen, Iowa; and her sister, Rhoda Ann Haverfield, of Columbia Falls. She is also survived by five grandchildren, Kerri Sweeney of Visalia, Calif., Jason Alcorn of Woodlake, Jessica Weaver of Remsen, and Samantha Woodbeck and Robyn Majestic, both of Hawaii; along with her six great-grandchildren. She is also survived by niece and nephew-in-law, Arleea and Jim Livingston, of Columbia Falls; nephew, Keith Haverfield, of Columbia Falls; nephew and niece-in-law, Gary and Terri Haverfield of Dillon, and many other nieces and nephews.

Marcie was preceded in death by her parents, Al and Marie; her sister, Dorothy Nelson; and her brothers, Dean and Loren Ritter.

Marcie will be missed by her friends and family.

Marcie's life will be celebrated at 1 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 19, at Solie Funeral Home in Everett. Interment will follow in the Marysville Cemetery.

## Samantha Aileen Webb, 23

Samantha Aileen Webb, 23, of Columbia Falls, died at home Tuesday, April 3, 2012.

She is survived by her parents, Micheal and Karel (Moore) Webb, of Columbia Falls.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, April 6,

at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Talbot Road in Columbia Falls, with interment following at Woodlawn Cemetery.

Arrangements are entrusted to Columbia Mortuary.



## Dustin D.J. Weber-Pourroy, 23

Dustin D.J. Weber-Pourroy, 23, passed away peacefully Jan. 4, 2012, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.



Dustin was born Nov. 24, 1988, to Randeena Weber and Joseph Pourroy.

He graduated from Flathead High in 2007. He was upset to hear that he did not get to go back the next year. He loved school that much.

He started working at Flathead Industries right away and never left there. He enjoyed working with all the other people there and learning new things.

Dustin also belonged to the Special Olympics. He loved skiing. Someone once said that Dustin was one of the

best skiers she had ever seen; she was very surprised how well he did.

He also liked basketball, swimming, cross country, bike riding and football. He knew all the teams and players' names of whatever sport was happening at the time.

Dustin is survived by his mother, Randeena Dowling, and her husband, Tim; his little sister, Jasmine; his father, Joseph Pourroy and his wife, Jeanie; grandma, Darlene King; Sierra Dean, his adopted sis; and a lot of aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, James and Julia (Erickson) Weber, and David and Mary (Nelson) Pourroy; and aunt, Roberta Baldree.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Jan. 17 at the Christian Center.

## Frances Webster, 91

Frances Webster, 91, passed away on Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2012, at the Heritage Place in Kalispell.

She was born in Minnesota on Jan. 21, 1920, to Frank and Laura (Hess) Smith.

Frances went to live with her future husband's family in 1934. She married Frank Webster on May 8, 1937. They traveled back and forth between Minnesota, Oregon and Montana before they settled in Columbia Falls in



1957. She lived there until her death.

Frances loved being a homemaker, doing puzzle books and embroidery. Outside the home she did a few odd jobs through the years.

Frances was preceded in death by her husband, Frank; daughter, Hope; son, Walter; and grandson, Doug.

She is survived by her son, George, and his wife and their two children, Jesse and Nevada; and two other grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and other family members.

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

## Louis Warren Webster, 74

Louis Warren Webster, 74, died in Kalispell on Dec. 17, 2012, of natural causes, with his family at his side.

Born on Aug. 29, 1938, in Astoria, Ore., to Warren L. Webster and Eleanor Jaspersen, he attended Ilwaco High School in Ilwaco, Wash., and graduated in 1956.

Louis enlisted in the United States Navy and served until 1959 as an aviation machinist mate. After serving in the Navy he met Geneva Manicke at a dance in Seattle. On Sept. 2, 1960, he married Geneva and they lived in Seattle for five years while he worked at Boeing. Louis and Geneva then moved to Geneva's hometown of Whitefish.

Louis worked on the extra board for the Whitefish Police Department until he was hired full time. He eventually attained the rank of Chief of Police. Louis took the time to sit on the curb and talk to a young man who was headed for jail. The mother was so appreciative when her son later joined the Navy. Another time he got down on his hands and knees and took a vacuum cleaner apart to release a child's hair. Once he climbed into a second story window to get a woman's house key and let her into her own house.



from police work in 1987. After retiring from the Whitefish Police Department, Louis worked as a truck driver. He drove a chip truck for Owens and Bray for several years. He then became a long haul driver for Walmart for two years. Louis returned to help Geneva run a taxi business that she had started, Great Northern Taxi, until retiring in 2003. Louis worked very hard, along with his wife Geneva, to support their family of six children.

Through all the years of hard work, Louis made time to spend with his family. He taught his children to hunt, to fish and to love the outdoors. Many summer days on the lakes will be remembered boating and fishing, camping at Beaver Lake and Lake Kococanusa, huckleberry picking in Louis and Geneva's secret locations, and going to get firewood and shaggy manes in the fall. Louis was happy cooking for everyone while hunting at the Duff's cabin in the North Fork and snowmobiling in the wintertime.

Louis will be especially remembered for his smile and sense of humor. Louis' grandchildren were the light of his life and he was proud of the large family that surrounded him.

One night, Louis woke Geneva up and said there was a hostage situation. He left the house in civvies, and when he came back he said that it was a Vietnam veteran who was holding the police at bay with a bow and arrow. When the man saw Louis he said it was about time he saw a policeman he knew and said, "Hi, Louie, how you doing?" Louis took the honored veteran home. Maybe these comments will help the anguish of Louis' children and wife.

"May the grace of God lift us above this."

During these years, Louis was supporting a growing family and also worked several jobs in addition to being a police officer. He worked as a driver for Rocky Mountain Transportation, started a snowmobile shop for a few years, and worked as a tow truck driver.

Louis eventually retired

Survivors include his wife, Geneva; son, Loren Webster, and Julie, of Mesa, Ariz.; son, Kenneth Webster, and Lori, of Marion; daughter, Kathryn King, and Aric, of Whitefish; son, Milton Webster, and Gail, of Whitefish; daughter, Karen Webster, and Jason, of Whitefish; daughter, Peggy Hertlein, and Josh, of Whitefish; grandchildren, Jade Webster, JoDee Webster, Joshua King, Jesse King, Myra Webster, Shayla Schuhriemen, Kai Schuhriemen, Natalie Hertlein and Devin Copeland; and sister, Mary Tollenaar.

Louis was preceded in death by his parents, Warren Webster and Eleanor Webster; and his grandchild, James Louis Webster.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Dec. 22 at Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. Relatives and friends are welcome at the VFW in Whitefish after the services.

You are invited to go to [www.austinfh.com](http://www.austinfh.com) to offer condolences, share memories and view Louis's tribute wall.

Arrangements are entrusted to Austin Funeral Home.

## Shirley Sue Brown Weed, 85

Shirley Sue Brown Weed passed away Dec. 28, 2011, in Florence, Ore.

Shirley was born July 22, 1926, in Harvard, Neb., to Daryle and Eliza Brown. They later moved to Montana. Shirley attended Bigfork High School and graduated in 1944.

She then attended the University of Montana, where she was a member of Alpha Chi

Omega. She graduated in 1948.

Shirley married Larry Weed in 1948 and lived in Kalispell until moving to Oregon in 1989.

She is survived by her husband, Larry, in Florence; her sister, Anne Sorte of Missoula, and niece, Eliza Sorte, of Kalispell. Cremation has taken place, and at the family's request, no services will be held.

## Gary Gleisner Wehr, 68

Gary Gleisner Wehr, 68, formerly of Kalispell, passed peacefully on April 26, 2012, in Everett, Wash.

He was a fun-loving family man with a passion for photography, a love for the outdoors and a canny sense of humor.

Gary is survived by his wife, Virginia, of 42 years; children, Lisa and Kristie;

son-in-law, Aaron; and grandchildren, Austin and Elise.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, May 4, at First Lutheran Church of Richmond Beach, Shoreline, Wash.

As Gary often said, "It's a nice summer day in Montana."

Share memories with the family at [www.becksfuneral-home.com](http://www.becksfuneral-home.com).

## Robert Wehrheim, 69

Robert Wehrheim, 69, died in Kalispell Thursday, Aug. 16, 2012.

He is survived by his daughters, Robin, Dawn, Tammy and Toni.

Celebration of life services will be held at a later date.

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

## Richard 'Rick' Weikal, 50

It is with great sorrow at the loss of our dear friend that we will come together to share our memories

of Rick at 2 p.m. on Sept. 30.

Rick passed away at home Sunday, Sept. 16, 2012.

Rick was born May 27, 1962, into a military family who moved frequently while in service to our country. Rick spent the early years of his life in Wibaux, where he completed his high school education. Following high school, Rick utilized his unparalleled work ethic in several fields of endeavor which included ranching, mechanics and the oil industry.

In 1984, Rick moved to the Flathead Valley and worked in farming, construction and the timber industry. Rick enjoyed a good life in Northwest Montana for many years. He always added value to everything he did and



everyone he touched. He loved everyone he knew, and all the animals he cared for. Rick loved all of God's creations. He especially loved being outdoors, and loved snowmobiling, hunting and fishing.

With the onset of the Great Recession, Rick, being ever self-sufficient, pursued self-employment in a wide variety of work. Rick could utilize his creative abilities to solve any problem and meet any challenge. He could truly "turn a sow's ear into a silk purse."

Even facing the health difficulties brought on by his long battle with diabetes, and his economic challenges, he never wavered in his commitment to his friends, nor his unquestionable honesty and dependability. He truly was a one-in-a-million kind of man.

"Now he has gone to help God with his needs. Heaven is the richer for his presence, and we are the poorer for his loss. Rick, we will deeply miss you until we meet again in your new home."

## Esther Irene Weimer, 80

Esther Irene Weimer, 80, of Miles City, passed away on Thursday, April 5, 2012.

Esther was born Dec. 2, 1931, in Sidney. She was the daughter of Edward and Mary Wiederrich.

Esther married Clifford Herbert Sr., in 1953, in Sidney. They had three children, Clifford Jr., Clinton and LaDonna. They moved around the state many times.

In 1997, while living in Kalispell, she met Lynn Weimer and they married and moved to the North Fork, where they resided till 2004. Then they moved to Miles City with LaDonna and her family. A few years later she and Lynn moved to Broadus. After losing Lynn in 2010, she moved in with Roger and LaDonna on the ranch. There she enjoyed helping work cattle and watching her granddaugh-



ters ride.

She always loved painting, quilting and gardening. She was a part of several quilting groups over the years.

She also enjoyed being a part of Coalwoods Ladies Aid. She also loved taking part in Bible studies wherever she resided.

Esther is survived by her children, Clifford Jr., and Rachel Herbert of Columbia Falls, and LaDonna and Roger Donsbach of Miles City; her sister, Peggy, and Les Heid, of Bismarck, N.D.; and her seven grandchildren, Breann, Brittany and Chae-mous Herbert, and Krista, Debbie, Desi Rae and Nichole Donsbach.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lynn Weimer; her son, Clinton Edward; her brothers, Melvin, Jerry and James; and her parents, Mary and Edward Wiederrich.

Visitation will be held from 1 to 6 p.m. Monday, April 9, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Broadus. Funeral services will be held

at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 10, at the Assembly of God Church in Broadus. Interment will follow in the family lot of the Valley View Cemetery.

Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home of Broadus is in charge of the arrangements. Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting [www.stevensonandsons.com](http://www.stevensonandsons.com).

## Bruce Weir, 96, and Barbara Krall Weir, 99

Bruce Weir, 96, passed away July 17, 2012.

He was born Jan. 24, 1916, in Bowman, N.D., to Richard and Mary (Higgins) Weir.

Bruce served as an aviation engineer in the Army in World War II. He graduated from college in 1946 in Aberdeen, S.D. He was survived by his wife of 66 years, Barbara Krall Weir.

Barbara, 99, passed away Aug. 6, 2012.

She was born Nov. 26, 1912, in Dover, Mont., to Joseph and Mary (Kolar) Krall.

Barbara graduated from Fergus County High School in Lewistown, and in 1938 graduated from Montana State University (now UM) in Missoula.

Bruce and Barbara were married Aug. 12, 1947, in Columbia Falls. They were teachers at the time and built their first home, a cabin, in Hungry Horse.

After several years of teaching in Montana and Idaho, they moved to Redmond, Wash., where Bruce pursued a career as a highway engineer and Barbara was a social worker in the Seattle area. They joined the Peace Corps, serving in Monrovia, Liberia, West Africa.

They built their energy efficient home in Parkdale, Ore., where they resided the past 40 years.

They are survived by Barbara's sister, Louise Coan, of Tucson, Ariz.; a sister-in-law, Loretta

Krall, of Reno, Nev.; and many nieces and nephews.

## Howard Weisz, 88

Howard Weisz, 88, "has been called to the arms of his loving Father." He passed away in his home in the arms of his loving wife of 65 years, Val Weisz, on Oct. 10, 2012. He was surrounded by his family as he peacefully passed on, from old age, "to do the service of the Lord he loved so much."

Howard was born in Kalispell on Oct. 2, 1924, to Jake and Agnes Weisz. He attended St. Matthew's Catholic School, was an altar boy and graduated from Flathead County High School.

He served in the U.S. Army from January of 1945 until November of 1946, where he was stationed at Kobe, Japan.

He returned to Kalispell where he married Valentine Steenhout of Detroit. He followed in the footsteps of his father, Jake, as he took a job with Flathead County as a bridge builder of the bridges on the Flathead River. He also followed his father and took up farming on his land adjacent to his



Sky Speedway, which the family operated for several years.

The last 33 years of his life he was retired and enjoyed spending in winters in Yuma, Ariz., where he enjoyed so many wonderful friends and his daughter. The summers were spent in Kalispell where he enjoyed his huge garden, driving for Meals On Wheels and time with family and friends. As he always said, "He had the best of both worlds," as he got to be with his daughter in southern California in the Yuma winters, and summers spending time with his son, grandson,

parents on LaSalle Road. Later he worked at Plum Creek as a millwright at the Evergreen plant. At the same time in 1972, he built Big

four great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren in Kalispell.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Agnes and Jake Weisz; sisters, Patricia Ramsey, Helen Gundersen, Violet McDonald and Mary Byrnes; and brother, Roy Weisz.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Valentine; his daughter, Janice; son, Steve; grandson, David Weisz and his family; grandson, Don Fairchild of Knoxville, Tenn., and family; great-grandchildren; great-great-grandchildren; and

many longtime friends.

Howard's spirit will live on in all who loved him and he will never be forgotten.

A viewing was held from 6 to 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 15, with a rosary at 7 p.m., at St. Matthew's Catholic Church. Services will be held at noon today, Oct. 16, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church. Interment will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens following the service.

Garden City Funeral Home in Missoula is assisting the family with arrangements.

## Kamie Nicole Weisz, infant

Kamie Nicole Weisz, infant, died July 28, 2012, in Kalispell.

Celebration of life services will be held at 1

p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 8, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

## Verdelle Clara Weitzel, 77

Verdelle Clara Weitzel, 77, died at her home in Libby on Monday, April 30, 2012.

She is survived by her son Ray Weitzel, and

daughter Debbie Ferch, both of Libby.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, May 4, at Schnackenberg and Nelson Funeral Home in Libby.

## Daniel Justin Welch, 41

Daniel Justin Welch, 41, of Kalispell, formerly of Chicago Heights, Ill., passed away Dec. 2, 2012.



He is survived by his loving parents, William and Karleen Welch; sisters, Lynda and John Hemmerling, and Kelly and Zachary Breitbach; brother, James, and Cathleen Welch; 10 nieces and nephews; numerous

family, and many dear friends.

Funeral services were held Dec. 10 at St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church. He was laid to rest at St. Michael Cemetery in Schererville, Ind.

Dan was a graduate of Marian Catholic High School in Chicago Heights and Eastern Illinois University. He was an avid outdoorsman who loved and enjoyed Montana's Big Sky country. He will always be remembered as a kind and loving person.

## Wilford J. Welch, 87

Wilford J. Welch, 87, of Kalispell passed away Thursday, Sept. 27, 2012, at the home of his daughter.



He was born Feb. 9, 1925 in Billings, the son of Aaron and Ruth (Armstrong) Welch.

Wilford moved with his parents to a farmstead in Oilmont, Mont., where he attended school. After high school, Wilford joined the Army and served overseas during World War II. Upon his return in 1946, he married Roxy Larson in Shelby, and settled back in Oilmont.

He worked his whole life in the oilfields of northern Montana until retiring to Columbia Falls in 1991.

Wilford loved to hunt and fish, and tend to his fruit trees, and was able to do so during most of his retirement years.

He was preceded in

death by his parents; two brothers, Frank and Sonny; sister, Charlotte; and his wife, Roxy.

He is survived by two daughters, Linda Hammer and Larry Spratt of Spokane, and Dixie Lawrence and husband Howie Hammer of Kalispell; and a son, Frank and wife Sheri of Grand Rapids, Mich.; eight grandchildren, Mike, Marci, Matt, Brent, Brenda, Ben, Robyn and Kayla; and several great- and great-great-grandchildren. He also leaves behind a special little dog, Angel, "who misses her daddy."

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 2 at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls, with Military Honors by the United Veterans of Flathead.

The family suggests memorials be sent to VFW Post 2252.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Wilford's family. You are invited to [www.jgfuneralhome.com](http://www.jgfuneralhome.com) to view Wilford's tribute wall, offer condolences and share memories.

## Susanne Marla Wendt, 94

Susanne Marla Wendt, 94, died Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2012, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

She is survived by her daughter, Martina Regis-

ter, of Whitefish.

Memorial services are pending.

Austin Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Ann Frances Daley West, 66

Ann Frances Daley West, 66, died Jan. 8, 2013, in Columbia Falls.

She is survived by her sons, Shane Sheldon of North Pole, Alaska, and Adam West of Fairbanks, Alaska; three daughters,

Tashia Washburn of Columbia Falls, Sarah Duncan of West Richland, Wash., and Regan West of Hungry Horse; and two stepdaughters, Leslie Bahny of Kalispell, and Brandi Eaton of Somers.

## Lawrence Alvin Wetherelt, 72

Lawrence Alvin Wetherelt, 72, passed away on Oct. 2, 2012, at his home in Colum-



bia Falls, with his wife, Helen, and father, Alvin, at his side.

Lawrence was born on Feb. 10, 1940, in Broadus, to Alvin and Virginia Wetherelt and was raised and educated from the family homestead. He later achieved certificates in auto diesel mechanics and electrical engineering.

He worked on ranches there and later for the Champion International Company in Libby.

His true love was in farm machinery mechanics and managership. In his later life, he was the manager of the Circle K store in Whitefish. He also started a small engine repair business with his father in Libby.

Lawrence enjoyed the outdoors, hunting, fishing, camping and wood cutting. He could also fix

and repair anything, and had a special love for his family and friends.

He was a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls, and was a past treasurer there.

He is survived by his wife, Helen, of Columbia Falls; their children, April, Rachael, Donna, Shawn, Devonna and Allen; his father, Alvin, of Columbia Falls; grandchildren, Felicia, Angelique, Megan, Ashley and Drew; one great-grandson, Jasper; as well as eight stepgrandchildren, and several stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Virginia; and his brother, Leonard.

A memorial service will take place at 1 p.m. today, Oct. 6, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls.

You are invited to go to [www.austinfh.com](http://www.austinfh.com) to offer condolences, share memories and view Lawrence's tribute wall. Arrangements are entrusted to Austin Funeral Home.

## Leonard Henry Wetherelt, 70

Leonard Henry Wetherelt, 70, passed away May 27, 2012, at his home in Columbia Falls, with his family by his side.

Leonard was born in Miles City on May 5, 1942. He lived on the family homestead in Broadus, going to school there in his early years. He worked on ranches in the area until moving to Libby in about 1967. He worked in a service station and eventually went to work at the lumber mill from which he retired in 1987.

He also worked with the Boy Scouts in Libby for 25 years. He enjoyed cutting wood, fishing, camping, hunting and generally being outside.

He moved with his family to Columbia Falls in 2003 to be closer to medical facilities. He was very good about

making repairs around the house and helping out others with various projects. He always enjoyed the company of friends.

Leonard was preceded in death by his first son, Jason; and his mother, Virginia.

He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Sharon; son, Matt, and partner, Amanda; and grandchildren, Lita and Rey; his father, Alvin; brother, Lawrence, and wife, Helen; and numerous other family members.

There will be a memorial service at 10 a.m. Monday, June 4, at Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish.

Arrangements are entrusted to Austin Funeral Home. You are invited to go to [www.austinfh.com](http://www.austinfh.com) to offer condolences, share memories and view Leonard's tribute wall.

## Constance Ruth Whaley, 100

Constance Ruth Whaley passed away at Brendan House nursing home in Kalispell on March 31, 2012, after enjoying 100 years of life. She had lived in the Flathead Valley for over 30 years.

The youngest of six children, Connie was born to Duncan and Nettie Buchanan in Spokane on Nov. 22, 1911. She grew up just west of Spokane.

Although short in stature, Connie was big on life and full of fun. She loved animals, gardening and card games. Connie was especially fond of her dogs, cats and horses. She raised and trained many horses, including Standardbreds, Tennessee Walkers and race horses. Connie loved going on trail rides in the mountains of northern Idaho and western Montana and often led the way — blazing the trail for other riders.

Connie married twice; to Ralph Sieger of Spokane in her 20s and, after his passing, to Carlyle "Bud" Whaley in 1966.



Connie and Bud lived in Spokane and later Sandpoint, Idaho.

Although she never had children of her own, Connie was a loving aunt to her nieces and nephews. Her ready smile, infectious laughter and sense of humor will be missed by all who were blessed to know her.

Connie was preceded in death by five siblings, Phyllis Lattin, Hugh Buchanan, Wayne Buchanan, Beatrice Duncan and Doris Burns; and her two husbands.

She is survived by three nephews, Maurice and Margaret Burns of Martin City, Gregory and Marilyn Burns of Kalispell, and Donald and Nancy Burns of Columbia Falls; nieces, Cynthia and Mark DeCamp of Martin City, and Donna and Harlan Thrall of Marlin, Wash.; and numerous great-nieces and -nephews.

Connie was inurned at Greenwood Memorial Terrace in Spokane next to her husband Bud Whaley.

A celebration of Connie's life is planned for July 21 in Kalispell.

Memorial donations may go to the Brendan House or the Humane Society in Kalispell.

## Wayne Leslie Whidden, 59

Wayne Leslie Whidden, 59, died Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2013, at HealthCenter Northwest.

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

## Jerry Wheeler, 61

Jerry Wheeler, 61, died May 4, 2012, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center, due to complications from pneumonia. He was with family.

He was born Aug. 23, 1950, to John and Lorraine Wheeler in Kalispell. He grew up in Kalispell, then Alberton and Missoula, then Evergreen. Jerry attended Elrod, Evergreen, Flathead High and Thompson High Schools.

He became a member of the National Guard, and then enlisted in the Army in 1970. He served in Vietnam, Korea and in Germany, and also was stationed at Fitzsimmons Army Hospital, Fort Huachuca and Fort Ritchie.

Jerry worked at Bitney's in Kalispell in his early years, and also at Grouse Mountain Lodge, after retiring from the Army after 20 years of service and returning to the Flathead.

Jerry was a life member of the VFW Post 276 where he served as quartermaster as



well as commander. He was also a member of the Eagles 4081. He served as treasurer for the United Veterans of Flathead Valley. He was a very avid fan of sports with the Griz, Broncos and Braves on top of his list. He had a quick wit and a great sense of humor and loved to be around people.

Jerry was preceded in death by his father, John "Jack" Wheeler; and his stepson, Tony Moen.

Jerry is survived by his mother, Lorraine Wheeler; sister, Linda Elgin; foster sister and her husband, Rita and Bob Lathrop; son, Marty; son and daughter-in-law, Sean and Jennifer Wheeler; stepson, Jason Loveless; nieces, Wendy Glass and Becky Berglund; nephew, James Elgin Jr.; grandchildren, Dawson and Chesney Wheeler; and several nieces and nephews that he loved to be around.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, May 12, at Easthaven Baptist Church in Kalispell, with a reception to follow at the Calvary Lutheran Church in Evergreen.

The family requests in lieu of flowers, memorials be given to United Veterans of America.

## Candace White, 77

Candace White, 77, died at her home in Polson Sept. 18, 2012.

She is survived by her sons, Les and Doane of Polson, Brad of Helena, Darren of Missoula, and Cal-

vin of Vancouver, Wash.

No services are planned at this time.

Grogan Funeral Home of Polson has been entrusted to handle the arrangements for the family.

## Kevin L. White Jr., 29

Sgt. Kevin L. White Jr., 29, passed away in his sleep at the family home



on Sunday, April 1, 2012.

Kevin was born on June 5, 1982, in Richmond, Va., to Kevin L. White Sr., and Bobbie L. "Childress" White. Kevin was raised in Virginia.

He married Juliane F. Green on March 19, 2005. Kevin spent five years in the U.S. Army as a sergeant with the 82nd Airborne stationed out of Fort Bragg, N.C. Kevin served two tours of duty in Iraq. On his second tour, he was wounded and eventually was retired from the U.S. Army due to his disabilities.

Kevin is survived by his wife of seven years,

Juliane; son, Liam Lynn White; parents, Kevin L. White Sr., and Bobbie L. Turner; two sisters, Meghan L. Arndt and Shannon L. Rapovy, both of Virginia; and grandparents, Donald White Sr., and Raymond P. Childress Sr.

He had been staying with his parents-in-law, O.T. and Ann Green, in Somers.

A celebration of life service will be held at 3 p.m. on Friday, April 6, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Military honors will follow the service.

Friends are encouraged to visit the website, [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com), to leave notes of condolence for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

## Lawrence A. White, 88

Lawrence A. White, 88, passed away on Saturday, March 3, 2012, in Kalispell.



Lawrence was raised in Hood River, Ore. After high school graduation, he enlisted in the Navy where he served honorably during World War II.

Lawrence married Lorane M. Nichols in November, 1945, and remained married to his sweetheart until her death in 2002. Lawrence moved his family to the Flathead Valley in 1961.

Lawrence is survived by

one daughter, Joan White, who resides in Lindsay, Calif.; and one sister Mary Ward of Odell, Ore.; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Lawrence donated his body to the WAMI (Washington, Arizona, Montana and Idaho) program at Montana State University for medical research.

The family suggests that donations be sent to Veterans Food Pantry, 1349 U.S. Highway 2 East, Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

## Pearl Evelleen Foss White, 91

Pearl Evelleen Foss White, 91, of Kalispell and Anacortes, Wash., died Feb. 27, 2012, in Kalispell.

She is survived by sons, Joe and Bert White, of Kalispell.

Cremation has taken place at Buffalo Hill Crematory. Memorial

services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Mar. 24, at the American Legion Hall in Sweet Grass. Services will also be held on April 1 at Summit Park Grange Hall in Anacortes, and Pearl's ashes will be interred at Fernhill Cemetery.

## Duane Alfred Whitehouse, 93

Duane Alfred Whitehouse, 93, died Jan. 29, 2012, at St. John's Lutheran Hospital in Libby, of natural causes.

Services will be at 11 am.

Friday, Feb. 3, at Christ Lutheran Church in Libby. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 2, at Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Libby.

## Gloria Jean Whittekiend, 69

Gloria Jean Whittekiend passed away in her sleep, Aug. 3, 2012.



Gloria was born in Polson on Aug. 13, 1942, to George and Reathel Lehl. She grew up in Polson and moved to Seattle after graduating from high school.

She moved into an apartment with three other girls. Hanging out with her crowd, she met Jim Whittekiend, a sailor, who turned out to be her soul mate. They married in 1961 and had just celebrated their 50th anniversary.

Since Jim was in the Coast Guard, they moved often. They lived in Seattle, where their two boys were born, Portland and Norwich, Conn. Gloria had the pleasure of being a stay-at-home mom. When Jim retired from the Coast Guard, they moved to Spokane to be closer to family.

When the boys were both in school, Gloria started working outside the home. She worked at Washington Photo for many years. This was a perfect job for her. She was the family photographer! Later she worked at Shopko. She was transferred to Kalispell when the new store opened,

helping to set up the photo department. The new move enabled her to be closer to her parents.

Jim and Gloria moved to Many Lakes where they lived for 15 years. Gloria loved her home; it was her favorite place to be. She loved decorating for the holidays and seasons, both inside and out.

Gloria was an active member of the First Baptist Church of Bigfork. She was involved with the Decorating and Visiting Committees, to name just two.

Gloria had two sons, four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; son, Dennis; and grandson, James.

She is survived by her husband, Jim; son, Dan, and his wife, Yuko, and their children Tony, Erica and Nicholas, and great-grandchildren, Bodi and Jaime Wheeler. She also leaves a sister, Linda Holmes, and husband, Howard, of Spokane; and brothers, Jim Lehl and wife Kim of Dayton, Nev., and Rich Lehl and wife Roxie of Kalispell.

Gloria was a beautiful person, inside and out. She loved her family and friends.

As her husband has said, "She was too dang precious to be forgotten."

Services will be at 3 p.m. Aug. 18, at the First Baptist Church of Bigfork

## Chad Kelly Whyard, 35

Chad Kelly Whyard, 35, of Johnstown, Colo., passed away at St. Luke's Presbyterian Medical Center on May 25,



2012, after a brave and heroic eight-year battle with leukemia and stemming complications of pneumonia.

Chad was born Oct. 26, 1976, to William and Janice Whyard of Sheridan, Wyo., but grew up in the Flathead Valley and attended Whitefish High School.

After high school, Chad attended Montana State University. He then moved to Colorado, and while a student at Colorado State University, he met the love of his life, Theresa. They were married on Jan. 27, 2001, at the Estes Park YMCA Chapel.

Chad is survived by his wife, Theresa; son, Chad

Junior; daughter, Sadie; mother and father, Janice and William Whyard; sister and brother-in-law, Michelle and Erik Flink, of Kalispell; and also his mother- and father-in-law, Bill and Jenny Trippel; and sister-in-law, Sandy Trippel, of Fort Collins, Colo.

Chad was an avid outdoorsman who loved to ski, fish, golf and, most of all, spend time with his family.

A service will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, May 31, in Fort Collins at Timberline Church in the South Auditorium, 2908 South Timberline Road, Fort Collins, CO 80525. Interment will follow at Rose Lawn Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to the Chad Kelly Whyard Memorial Fund in care of Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive St., Fort Collins, CO 80524.

Please visit [bohlenderfuneralchapel.com](http://bohlenderfuneralchapel.com) to send the family online condolences.

## Dorothy Mae Wick, 88

Dorothy Mae Wick, 88, passed away Friday July 13, 2012 in Kalispell.

Dorothy was born Sept. 12, 1923, in Hillsboro, N.D., to Albert and Henrietta (Stern) Lorch. She grew up in North Dakota and graduated from high school at the young age of 16. She worked as a waitress for many years, and sewed and baked for people. She also was scorekeeper for her bowlers in Eureka and Kalispell.

Dorothy married Russell Wick in North Dakota on April 27, 1944.

Dorothy was so giving and loving, always thinking of someone else other than herself. She would give her last dollar away, always thinking others needed it more than her. Dorothy enjoyed gardening and loved to bake lefse and bread. She also loved bowling and sewing, and her beautiful flowers. Her favorite pastime was making treasure quilts for all of her family members, down to great-great-grandchildren. As she lost her sight, she continued sewing quilts by feel. She was always proud of her children. As an act of love, she made



all of her family members quilts upon their graduation. Most of all, she was a wonderful mother.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents, Albert and Henrietta Lorch; husband, Russell; sister, Florence Brace; and son-in-law, Steve Adams.

Dorothy is survived by her children, Cheryl Adams, Judy and Wes Norman, Terri and Bill Kohlbeck, Wayne Wick and Donna Hasson, and Valerie Johnson; sister, Marie Fisher; brother, Robert and Janice Lorch; sister, Gladys Odegaard; 11 grandchildren, Paula Schaufber, Loren Adams, Paulette Segler, Jason Adams, Lance Norman, Travis and Karla Kohlbeck, Sheila Miller, Shelly Wick, Marcie Kuhl and Amy Kelly; 17 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild, and one on the way.

Visitation for Dorothy will be held from 3 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, July 18 at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Celebration of life services will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, July 19 at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, with burial following at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Friends are encouraged to visit [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com) to leave notes of condolence for the family.

## Helen M. Wick, 85

Helen M. Wick, 85, died Tuesday, July 17, 2012, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

A celebration of life will

be held next week.

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



## Dawn Horstman Wickingstad, 51

Dawn Horstman Wickingstad, 51, passed away Saturday, April 21, 2012, from injuries due to an automobile accident.



Dawn was born in Kalispell May 23, 1960, to Forrest "Frosty" and Shirley (Wisherd) Horstman.

Dawn moved to Fairbanks, Alaska, where she married Stephen Wickingstad on Jan. 8, 1985. Their son David was born in 1987.

Dawn was preceded in death by her husband,

Stephen; and father, Frosty.

She is survived by her son, David Wickingstad; granddaughter, Poet; mother, Shirley; sisters, Vicki and Kim; brothers, Jack and Brett; nieces and nephews; and many family and friends too numerous to mention.

A celebration of life will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 28, at 228 Broeder Loop.

Friends are encouraged to visit the website, [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com), to leave notes of condolence for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

## Margaret L. Wildin, 100

Margaret L. Wildin, 100, a former civil service secretary, passed away of natural causes on



Monday, July 2, 2012, at a care facility in Great Falls.

Mom was born on Feb. 14, 1912, at home in Sand Coulee to Frank and Mary Preputin. She was the next to the last of 10 siblings, who have preceded her in death.

Mom graduated from Great Falls High School in 1930. She married Lyle Dean in June of 1931. They raised three boys in Great Falls, Donald, Gerald and Dennis.

Lyle and Margaret were divorced in March of 1951.

Mom went to work at Malmstrom Air Force Base and served as a civil engineering secretary for many years. She met Trevor Wildin while they were both working at MAFB. They were married in August 1965.

She later transferred to the Federal Aviation Administration. They moved to Kalispell after they both retired from civil service, where they

lived until Trevor passed away in 2009.

Mom returned to Great Falls and resided at Highgate Senior Living until she left us on July 2.

She leaves behind her three sons; three nieces; nine grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Her family extends a special thanks to the great staff at Highgate for all of their care and help for Mom over the past two and a half years that she resided there. Also, thanks to hospice for their care and help.

Visitation will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. Monday, July 9, at Hillcrest Lawn Memorial Chapel in Great Falls, with a rosary service immediately following. The funeral liturgy will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 10, at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, with Father Lou Krauth presiding. Interment will follow at Mount Olivet Cemetery.

Schnider Funeral Home in Great Falls is handling arrangements.

The family requests memorials be made in Margaret's name to a charity of one's choice.

Condolences may be left for the family at [www.schniderfuneralhome.com](http://www.schniderfuneralhome.com).

## Gene Wiley, 87

Gene Wiley, 87, formerly of Martin City, passed away Friday, May 25, 2012, at his home in Merrill, Wis.

Gene was born in Tomahawk, Wis., on Dec. 17, 1924.

He served honorably in the U.S.

Navy in World War II.

After college, he entered the teaching profession and worked in the South Beloit, Ill., school system for 18 years. In 1972, the family moved to Montana where Gene worked as a carpenter and owned and operated the Tamarack Lodge in Martin City.



After the death of his wife, EvLynn, he moved to Merrill, where he met and married Sally Weix. He continued working as a carpenter well into his 80s.

Gene is survived by his wife, Sally; his sons, Tom of Columbia Falls, and Tim and wife Kari of Kalispell; grandchildren, Kayla and Vince Taylor of Columbia Falls, and Sam Wiley and Seth Wiley of Whitefish; as well as his stepchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, EvLynn (Wu) Wiley; and his seven siblings.

Memorial services were held Wednesday, May 30, in Merrill.

Donations in Gene's memory may be made to Aspirus Comfort Care and Hospice Services, 520 N. 32nd Ave., Wausau, WI 54401.

## Dora Margaret Boyd Wilke, 95

Dora Margaret Boyd Wilke "went to heaven on Angel's wings" on July 10, 2012.



Dora was born on March 8, 1917, to George and Teresa Boyd in Madoc, Mont.

She married Carl Wilke on Nov. 12, 1938, in Dupuyer. Before she got married, she attained her teacher's certificate at Northern Montana College and taught for three years until her first child was born. She was then a homemaker until 1962 when she attained her Bachelor of Education degree, and continued her career as an elementary teacher in various rural schools in the valley.

Dora lived a full and happy life. After retiring, she made many trips around the world with her sister, Bette. They spent 17 winters together in Florence, Ariz.

She lived the last seven years in Brendan House but that did not stop her from living a full and active life, and taking part in any and all parties, picnics, family and church activities. She remained a very integral part of her extended family, even communicating via Skype with her out-of-town family.

The family would like to express their appreciation to all the Brendan House staff for their love and care of Dora. She loved them all.

Dora was predeceased

by her husband, Carl; her parents; and her siblings, Mark Boyd, Hugh Boyd, Bette Kelley and Neil Boyd.

She is survived and will be forever loved and missed by her children, Judith Sourman of Kalispell, Marilyn and Russ Mulligan of Florida, Joanne McQueen of Kalispell, Dona and Hiro Kobayashi of Kamloops, British Columbia, Leonard and Karen Wilke of Valier, and Larry and Jennifer Wilke of Columbia Falls. Dora had a large extended and close family of grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. She was also a "mother" to many of her nieces and nephews, and to many of the neighbor children.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday, July 16, with viewing at 9 a.m., at Risen Christ Catholic Church in Evergreen. Interment will follow at St. Richard's Cemetery in Columbia Falls, and a reception will follow at Risen Christ Church for all friends and family.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Dora's great-granddaughter, Gabby LeDuc's Benefit Fund to help her on her long journey to a cure from leukemia. Funds may be deposited in the Joanne McQueen, "Gabby Donation Account" at the Wells Fargo Bank.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Dora's family. You are invited to go to [www.jgfuneralhome.com](http://www.jgfuneralhome.com) to offer condolences and sign Dora's guest book.

## Anne Marie Williams, 35

Anne Williams died peacefully, surrounded by her family and friends, on Oct. 30, 2012, at Evergreen Hospice Center in Kirkland, Wash., after a short but courageous battle with cancer.



She was born Nov. 6, 1976, in Kalispell to Dr. Chuck and Karen Williams. They had so much fun with her that they had two more children, Chris and Jenny.

Anne was an elementary student at Kalispell Montessori School and graduated from Flathead High School in 1995. Beginning with her summa cum laude graduation in 1999 from Seattle University, she spent 12 years as a registered nurse in

the cardiac and transplant unit at Seattle Children's Hospital. In 2007, she received the March of Dimes Nurse of the Year Award for Western Washington.

Anne loved children and was "Aunt Anne" to many.

She spent her high school and college summers as a swimming instructor and lifeguard at Woodland Park, and was a member of the FHS state champion swim team for three years.

She also enjoyed hiking, cross-country skiing and exploring Glacier National Park.

Anne's favorite activity was traveling with family and friends. She went to Paris, the Dominican Republic, Mexico, Hawaii and, in support of her brother, to his numerous Ironman competitions where she was known as

the Iron Sherpa. Anne also enjoyed many trips with her sister to Las Vegas for Jenny's St. Patty's Day birthday.

Anne's friends and family had a celebration of life together with her shortly before she died. No additional service will be held.

Anne is survived by her parents, Chuck and Karen, in Kalispell; brother, Chris, of Bend, Ore.; sister, Jenny, of Spokane, who was Anne's No. 1 nurse throughout her illness; Uncle Buster Kolb of Bend, Ore.; and "Uncle" Dr. Bill Boehme of Kalispell.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to Seattle Children's Hospital, [www.seattlechildrens.org](http://www.seattlechildrens.org); Woodland Park Water Center (contact [kpr@kalispell.com](mailto:kpr@kalispell.com)); or Kalispell Regional Healthcare Foundation.

## Daniel Owen Williams, 39

Daniel died from a motorcycle accident on Sept. 1, 2012, in San Francisco.



Dan, born March 19, 1973, in San Diego, was the youngest child of Lloyd O. and Carol F. Williams. He joined his family in raising horses, cattle, chickens and whatever else would grow.

In 1985, Dan moved with his parents to Kalispell. The family enjoyed spending time exploring the Flathead, his mother's home territory.

Dan graduated from Flathead High School in 1991 and spent the following year working in San Diego with his brother, Bryan.

He attended Seattle Art Institute for a year, before entering the motor sports industry, bringing him to San Francisco. His integrity, management ability and excellent people skills made him a valued employee by different employers, includ-

ing Lake City Honda Kawasaki Seadoo Seattle, The Dainese D-Store and lastly, Munroe Motors. Wherever Dan went, he made many wonderful lifelong friends who loved him. Motorcycling was his great love.

Dan was preceded in death by his father Lloyd, and sister Cynthia.

He is survived by his mother, Carol Williams, of Kalispell; sisters, Christina and Valerie; brother, Bryan; three nieces, Bethany, Christiana and Deborah; and one nephew, Andrew; aunts, uncle and cousins. He is also survived by his beloved girlfriend, Sarah Fox, and her parents, Lynne Belmont Fox and Gordon.

Dan also leaves his many friends and fellow employees who made a celebration of Dan's life at Munroe Motors in San Francisco on Sept. 9.

There will be a memorial service at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 6, at Central Bible Church, 902 First Ave. East in Kalispell, with a luncheon afterward in the gym.

## Rita Lin Williams, 52

Rita Lin Williams, 52, died Thursday, Jan. 26, 2012, at her home in Kalispell.

Services are pend-

ing Saturday, Feb. 4, in Eureka.

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

## John R. Williamson, 89

John R. Williamson, 89, formerly of Kalispell, died Dec. 21, 2012, in Conrad of natural causes.

He was employed by American Timber Co. of Olney.

He is survived by his stepchildren, Dale Seifert and Cheryl Curry, both of Valier, Donald Seifert

of Bozeman, Lee Seifert of Ethridge, and Sandra Starbuck of Anacortes, Wash.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 6, at St. Francis Catholic Church in Valier.

Pondera Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

## Catherine S. Wilson, 70

Catherine S. Wilson, 70, died Monday, Oct. 18, 2010, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

A celebration of life will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday,

Oct. 24, at Northridge Lutheran Church, 323 Northridge Dr. Kalispell.

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

## James F. Wilson, 50

James F. Wilson, 50, drowned Tuesday, July 24, 2012, while kayaking on the Middle Fork of the Flathead River.

He was a businessman from Lethbridge, Alberta.

Funeral services will be held in his hometown of

Lethbridge.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is handling the local arrangements in Kalispell. Martin Brothers Funeral Chapels, 610 Fourth St. S. in Lethbridge, is handling the services in Canada.

## James 'Jim' Edward Wilson, Sr., 73

James "Jim" Edward Wilson, Sr., 73, passed away peacefully at his home in Helena on Jan. 3, 2013, with his wife by his side.

Jim was born on July 28, 1939, in Tiff City, Okla., to Frank and Gladys Wilson.

He proudly served his country for 23 years in the U.S. Coast Guard as a quartermaster chief.

Once retired, he moved his family to Kalispell where he excelled at numerous professions including farming, carpentry and auctioneering.

Jim loved hunting and fishing in Alaska and the Big Sky country. He was a wood crafter extraordinaire, a horse trainer and loved racing stock cars. Jim was an avid family man.

Jim is survived by Louise, his wife of 51 years; daughter, Willa



Sheard and Mike; son, James and Roberta; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and two sisters Nomi and Jean.

There was a private family gathering to celebrate Jim's life.

Memorial donations may be made to Hospice of St. Peter's, 2475 Broadway, Helena, MT 59601.

"To say that our time together has been an understatement. He will be missed!"

To offer condolences to the family or to share a memory of Jim, please visit: [www.aswfuneral-home.com](http://www.aswfuneral-home.com)

## Mary K. 'Katie' Wilson, 80

Mary K. "Katie" Wilson, 80, passed away "and joined her loved ones in heaven" March 10, 2012, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

Katie was born April 17, 1931, in Denison, Iowa, the daughter of John and Laura Pelley.

Katie moved to Montana in 1955 from Denison with her first husband Wally and four children to a small farm east of Whitefish. She remained there until 1971, where she raised her four children while working on the farm.

She also worked outside of the home and yet found time for the many other activities that she was fond of. She was a member of the Ladies Home Demonstration Club and the Pollyanna Club. She was active with the Montana Cowbelles Association, promoting Montana beef and farming.

She served for many years as a 4-H leader with several local 4-H groups as her children were growing up. Katie volunteered at the Klothes Kloset in Columbia Falls, and she was a member of the Big Sky Chapter of the 10th Mountain Division — the World War II "Ski Troopers."

Katie was also a member of Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish.

On July 2, 1972, she married her beloved, Ross J. Wilson. Shortly after their marriage, they moved to the North Fork and made that their year-round home.

She spent many years there, building many fond memories with her children



and grandchildren. Those memories included fishing, floating the North Fork, hunting and snowmobiling.

In her later years, she divided her time between traveling and spending time in Hawaii and her home in the country outside of Columbia Falls, where she spent time in her flower gardens, watching the birds and enjoying all the wildlife that came into her yard.

Katie was preceded in death by her parents, John and Laura; husband, Ross J. Wilson; her children's father, Wallace R. Reis; son, Billy W. Reis; brother, Lonnie Pelley; and sister, Delores Peterson.

She is survived by daughters, Linda Hoyt and Bill of Whitefish, Becky Reed and Jerry of Columbia Falls, and Barbara Raze and Dennis of Kalispell; her daughter-in-law, Betty Reis, of Clark, Mo.; stepsons, Larry Wilson of Columbia Falls, and Joe Wilson of Green Valley, Ariz.; stepdaughter, Wanda LaCroix, of Arlee; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren, and nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations may be made to the Big Sky Chapter of the 10th Mountain Division, or to Northwest Humane Society, in her honor.

A visitation will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 14, at Austin Funeral Home. A funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, March 15, at Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish, with burial at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

You are invited to go to [www.austinfh.com](http://www.austinfh.com) to offer condolences, share memories and view Katie's tribute wall. Arrangements are entrusted to Austin Funeral Home.

## Edward Francis Winkler, 74

Edward Francis Winkler was born Nov. 5, 1937, in Chicago, and was a Kalispell area resident for the last 17 years.



In his earlier days Ed grew up in Chicago's south side. He was the son to Francis and Dorothy Winkler and identified himself as predominantly Sicilian. The neighborhood he lived in, however, had a high Polish population at the time and Ed had to face cultural differences every day on his way to school. Fighting on the streets of his neighborhood at that time was common and made Ed a stronger person when he entered Bowen High School in 1951, and fighting as a child seemed to pay off, as he became the star running back at Bowen High School from 1952 to 1955.

While still in high school Ed never went to the gym to lift weights, as he carried 50-pound slabs of meat working for his father, who owned a meat processing company named "Able Meat Company," which his father named for two reasons, "Able" was for ready, willing and able, and more notably, "Able" came first in the phone book and received more business than other competitors.

Bowen High School was also the place where Ed was bit by the "acting bug," somewhat of an addiction to Ed, as he became a well-known stage actor in the future communities he would live in later in his life.

Ed lived in many areas of the United States and transplanted himself to San Diego, to Pacific Beach. One of Ed's many stories was saying how much he loved living in the neighborhood and was always shocked at its current property value. However, he was even more jubilant when he had his third son, Tom.

After moving to southern California, Ed was working at Budget Rent a Car and was very relieved when he received a job working for American Airlines. He would later retire from them after 35 years of service as a baggage handler, the personal stair driver for President Gerald Ford, a ticket agent and everything in between, meeting celebrities from the Rat Pack to Jane Goodall.

People say many positive things about Ed Winkler and one of them was how great a father he was. After getting divorced and gaining custody of his three sons, he soon found out that raising three boys was no easy task but Ed Winkler was no quitter, either. Whether it took shaving everyone's heads as their "summer haircut" or making sardine sandwiches, he raised them the only way he knew how, with a hug and saying, "Guess what? I love you." He loved his boys more than anything. Tears would often run down his face when talking about them as children, followed by hearty laughter. He was an American Dad, living the American Dream, his way.

he, Elise and Tom moved to Antioch, Ill., moving closer to his family in Chicago and closer to Elise's family in Milwaukee. Ed later became the proud father of his fourth son, Louey, in 1982. At this time, Elise was making and showcasing jewelry at Pow Wow's across the country and Ed was proud to show his new son at these events.

1985 was a good year for Ed, as it was the year his beloved Chicago Bears won the Super Bowl and it was also the year he had his fifth and final son, Peter, at the age of 49, while living in Tulsa, Okla. Ed would often joke with Peter and Louey and would sometimes say to Peter, "You know when you were born, we had a choice. A choice between you or a chimpanzee... I should've taken the Chimpanzee. But guess what? I love you."

With his newfound family Ed was now providing for at an older age, he relocated to Yucca Valley, Calif., a small town just outside of Palm Springs. He spent four years there before transferring again to Gig Harbor, Wash., a suburb of Seattle, where he spent another four years, and finally retired from American Airlines.

27-year-old, he was funny, a man's man, and overall, hard not to love. He had a heart big enough to reach every person in his family, the ethics and morals of a beloved family man and had more love for his wife and children than what most people could ever see displayed in a lifetime. His lessons taught were, "Always see the humor in life, always do the right thing and don't take any guff from anyone."

"He was more than a man, he was my Father and I will miss him every day of my life and hope to pass his funny stories and life lessons on to my children someday, and I know and can be confident to say he touched the lives of those around him because he definitely made a deep impact in mine. I love you Dad."

Edward F. Winkler Sr., was 74 when he passed away due to complications with a swift kidney cancer on Thursday, Aug. 10, 2012.

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Edmund Francis Winkler, 74

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His love for football and his neighborhood did not fade after he graduated from high school, as he was again a star running back for a semi-pro team in Chicago and was being actively scouted by the National Football League. His love for his high school sweetheart, however, was stronger and after marrying they celebrated the birth of their first child, Ed Winkler Jr. Soon to follow was Paul, who gave Ed his first grandchild, Ryan.

Living in Chicago, Ed had several occupations over the years. One such job was an electrician's apprentice for the Illinois Central Railroad. He would later tell of cold winters working underneath the engines and having close calls with both electricity and drivers who didn't know how to use the brakes.

In 1972, Ed was a researcher in electronics at Southern Illinois University, and was also a radio DJ, excelling to gain the interest of Playboy to scout him out as a DJ for the popular publication.

He became somewhat of a celebrity himself when living in Palm Springs, Calif. Ed had become well known performing in many comedy plays with the "Valley Players" and earned the nickname from a radio DJ as "The King of Comedy." This was something that did not wear down his thirst for more acting opportunities. It was later, after a performance of "An Almost Perfect Person," where he met his to-be-second-wife, Elise. She was in the audience and had heard about Ed through a mutual friend. Ed wasted no time to court her and they were soon married in 1980.

With American Airlines giving Ed the chance to work in Chicago again,

Looking for a dry climate to live in due to arthritis in his hands, Ed and Elise found Kalispell in October of 1995. Ed loved the large amounts of snow that year and was looking forward to his retirement. To keep himself busy, Ed would spend time creating stained glass pictures in the garage, continued his love of football by acting on his hobby of 20-plus years of being a high school football referee, as well as acting in many local plays, including Harvey, Arsenic and Old Lace, Light up the Sky, Don't Drink the Water, The Boys Next Door, and Brighton Beach Memoirs, and having coffee with his friend Jim.

While in retirement, Ed continued to work, working at several companies in town, including Semitool, being a beloved substitute teacher at Flathead High School, and after Louey and Peter moved away to college, finding another family of friends at Lowe's, where he spent his last five years. There he joked with the employees, told his five sons the fun he was having and then would go home and watch the Bears.

Ed Winkler was not an ordinary man, he had the mind and wit of a

He is survived by his wife, Elise Winkler; sons, Edward Jr., Paul, Tom, Lou and Peter; sister, Pat Petrungaro of Chicago; grandchildren, Ryan, Teresa, Dana, Audrey, Carli and Travis; great-grandchild, Eva; as well as numerous cousins and close friends in the Chicago area, locally, and on the west coast.

Memorial services are to be held in Palm Springs and will be determined at a later date. For any questions about the memorial service, please contact the Winkler family at [edwinklermemorial@gmail.com](mailto:edwinklermemorial@gmail.com)

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

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## Robert Rudie Winter, 90

Longtime Kalispell resident and World War II veteran, Robert Rudie Winter, passed away on July 29, 2012, at the age of 90.



Robert "Bob," son of Portus F. and Bernice Rudie Winter, was born in Menomone, Wis., on Feb. 1, 1922.

At a young age, Bob moved with his family to the Swan area of Montana. Later the family moved to Ronan, where Bob attended high school and worked to support his mother and younger siblings.

It was in Ronan that Bob met his future wife, Lovella Nadrau. Bob and Lovella were married in June 1944, shortly before both shipped out to the European Theatre during World War II. Bob and Lovella served in close proximity in Europe, Lovella as an Army nurse and Bob as a tank crewman in the 11th Armored Division of Patton's Third Army. Bob fought in many battles, including the decisive Battle of the Bulge. Some battle locations were in the same geographic areas in which his father fought in World War I. He was discharged from the Army in 1946. However, the military continued to be an important part of his life as he served for 21 years in the Montana Army National Guard, retiring in 1980.

Following World War II, Bob and Lovella settled in Ronan, where their first two daughters were born. The young family relocated to Kalispell in 1951 where their third daughter and a son were born.

Aging/Congregate Meals. His friends at Agency affectionately addressed him as "Sarge" in honor of his military service. When he was no longer able to live alone in his home of 60 years, Bob moved to the home of his daughter Juanita and Ron Rash, and received compassionate and loving care until he passed away.

After 27 years of marriage and four children, Lovella passed away in 1971. Bob later married Evelyn Brown and continued to live in the family home in Kalispell. With his second marriage, his family grew to include several adult stepchildren and their families. Evelyn passed away in 2004.

Bob was preceded in death by his wives, Lovella and Evelyn; his parents; his sister, Vivian Thompson; and his brother, Richard Winter.

He is survived by his brother, Raymond, and Barbara Winter, of Selah, Wash.; his sister, Joanne Winter, of Missoula; his children, Roberta Winter of Somers, Juanita and Ronald Rash of Kalispell, Kristina and Donald Hanley of Kirkland, Wash., and Randall Winter and Mary of Kalispell; his grandchildren, Keith and Cindy Rash of Waukee, Iowa; Janelle and Les Coughran of Snoqualmie, Wash., Brenda Hanley of Lewiston, Idaho, Kayleen and Tony Kohler, Kristi and AJ Willits, Kyle Winter and Justine Winter of Kalispell; seven great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; and many close friends.

Bob was a truck driver for Equity Supply Company for many years, then drove long distance routes for Dick Irwin Trucking. Following his retirement from trucking, he felt the need to keep busy so he worked in maintenance for McDonald's for five years.

In his retirement years, Bob was active in the Eagles, and volunteered as service officer for the Veterans of Foreign Wars. One of his greatest pleasures during his retirement years was to bring first-hand perspectives of World War II to local high school students.

In the last decade, it was his good fortune to remain in his home of 60 years while he enjoyed the services provided by and the fellowship of his special friends at the Flathead County Agency on

Visitation is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 2, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home in Kalispell. The memorial service begins at 10 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 3, at Easthaven Baptist Church in Kalispell, followed by refreshments in the foyer. Interment will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 7, at Ronan Cemetery in Ronan.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the Flathead County Agency on Aging, or Easthaven Baptist Church Emancipation Campaign.

Bob has long been considered the ruling patriarch or "The Man" by the large extended family. He will be greatly missed this weekend as the extended family meets for a long-planned family reunion in the Flathead Valley.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Bob's family. You are invited to go to [www.jgfuneralhome.com](http://www.jgfuneralhome.com) to view Bob's tribute wall, offer condolences and share memories.

## Elda Rose Wise, 90

Elda Rose Wise, 90, of Whitefish, passed away on Monday, July 23, 2012, at the Whitefish Care and Rehabilitation Center.

She is survived by one daughter, Teresa

Hurlbutt of Gig Harbor, Wash.

Services will be held at a later date.

Arrangements are entrusted to Austin Funeral Home.

## Lloyd G. 'Bud' Withey, 90

Lloyd G. "Bud" Withey, 90, passed away Friday, May 25, 2012, in Kalispell.

Bud was born Feb. 6, 1922, in Deering, N.D., the third child of George and Alice Withey. Bud, as an active child who loved baseball and hockey, also loved and respected the outdoors. He was a skilled and seasoned fisherman, a big game and bird hunter.

Bud was a true "American Adventurer," jumping a freight train with his pal at 17 years young, passing through Montana on their way to Seattle, where he long shored until he joined the Service in 1942. He enlisted in the Army Air Corps and became a radio operator/gunner on B-17 aircrafts, proudly serving his country in World War II, flying 36 missions over Europe.

After the war, Bud became a taxi driver in Seattle, where he met the love of his life, Veronica "Ronnie" Swartzenberger. They married in July 1946 and moved to North Dakota where Bud worked for Westland Oil Company, managing a successful gas and oil business, servicing the locals along with the farming community and the oil industry.

His passion for hunting and fishing eventually brought him back to Northwest Montana and a business opportunity to live in what he considered "God's Country." In 1958, they opened



Withey's Market Motel. Ronnie's interest in health and wellness inspired the change which gradually transformed the traditional corner market into a health food store. Bud semi-retired in 1974 when their son Joe started managing the store.

Bud's passion for hunting drew him to the South Fork of the Flathead and the Bob Marshall Wilderness where he often guided hunters for Rhoda of the South Fork Ranch. He truly was in heaven in the woods and on the water. Other passions of his included woodworking. Bud created beautiful pieces large and small out of his favorite woods, diamond willow and juniper, and he loved to sell and give these personal gifts to some he knew, as well as to perfect strangers. Cribbage was another favorite way to spend time with anyone willing to set their own pride aside and succumb to his version of "champion of the world." Having played cribbage since the age of 5, he was pretty darn good and a challenge to beat.

Bud, a kind, considerate and thoughtful man, treated everyone he met as he would want to be treated. He is missed by all who knew and loved him. Bud was preceded in death by his father, mother, sister Helen, and his beloved wife of 57 years.

Bud is survived by his brother, Bod; daughters, Evelyn Ugrin and Barb Withey; sons, George and Joe Withey; and many grand- and great-grandchildren.

A celebration of Bud's life is pending at this time. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

## Ivan Andrew Windsheimer, 91

Ivan Andrew Windsheimer was born Dec. 1, 1920, in Gurley, Neb., and passed away on March 11, 2012, in Kalispell.

Ivan was the oldest of 12 children born to Fredrick and Helen Dykman Windsheimer.

His paternal grandparents, Michael Andrew and Margaret Long Windsheimer, were both born in Germany and came to the United States in the 1850s.

Ivan was a machinist mate 2nd class in the Navy.

He married Mary Ellen McCall in 1944 at the Naval Air Technical Training Center in Chicago. Ivan and Mary lived in Washington and Montana most of their married life. Ivan worked as a dairyman and had his



own herd near Arlington, Wash., for many years. He moved his family to Kalispell in 1964 to manage the Grosswiler dairy, which was the largest dairy in the state at the time.

He later worked for Plum Creek in Kalispell, from which he retired. Ivan dismantled a cabin in Glacier Park and eventually rebuilt it in Polebridge, where he and Mary spent much time and made many close friends over the years.

Ivan was preceded in death by his wife, Mary, in 1993; oldest son, Ivan "Pete," in 2008; three brothers; two sisters; and one grandchild.

He is survived by four brothers; two sisters; four children, Sam, Mike, Patti Lingle, and Larry; eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

A graveside memorial service will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 7, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

## Fred A. Winstone, 59,

Fred A. Winstone, 59, of East Missoula, formerly of Kalispell, died Wednesday, July 18, 2012, at St. Pat-

rick Hospital in Missoula. Arrangements will be announced by Garden City Funeral Home.



## Ronald A. Wittrock, 71

Ronald A. Wittrock, 71, of Kalispell, passed away Jan.

15, 2012, in Nevada where he had resided the last nine years.

He was born Aug. 27, 1940, in Sioux Falls, S.D.

He served as a ballistic missile defense engineer in the U.S. Air Force, and was a communications engineer prior to early retirement. He moved to Nevada in 2003.

Ron became an extremely successful bowler, participating in three bowling leagues in Las Vegas. Ron won the Montana Senior Bowling Championship in 2001, the Nevada Senior Bowling Championship in 2010, and competed in the Senior Nationals in Reno, Nev., in 2001 and 2010.

He served as a director for the Southern Nevada USBCA.

Ron was very active up until the time of his passing. He was a member of the American Legion, the Eagles and volunteered with Meals on Wheels. Ron served as president of



a Good Sam RV Club he participated in with his wife, Carolyn.

Ron and Carolyn enjoyed a long life together, enjoying travel in their motor home, summer vacations at their home in Kalispell and the beauty of nature's animals and plants.

He lived life to the fullest, and his spirit and love of life will be truly missed by all whose lives he touched in his own special way.

Ron was preceded in death by his parents, Ed and Elinor Wittrock; his brother, Leroy; and sister, Betty.

Ron is survived by his loving wife and companion of 44 years, Carolyn O'Mara Wittrock.

Services were held Jan. 23 at Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Boulder City, Nev.

A celebration of life will be held from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4, in the Community Room at Lone Pine State Park Visitor Center (road off of Foy's Lake Road) in Kalispell. Coffee and hors d'oeuvres will be provided.

## Duane L. Wolfe, 73

Duane L. Wolfe, 73, "went to Heaven" on July 16, 2012.

He was born on Dec. 15, 1938, in Miles City.

Duane loved life and people.

He was a husband, a father, a grandpa of 22, and a great-grandpa of nine.

He was loving, funny, proud, smart, talented, caring, giving, a harmonica player, a yodeler, a fisherman, a camper, a music lover, a traveler, a Freemason, polite, feisty and strong-willed.

He was a paratrooper. He was a geologist by trade but wore many different hats throughout his life.

He was preceded in death by his first daughter, Carletta; his father, Fred C. Wolfe; his mother, Ethel B. Shaffner; his maternal and paternal grandparents; his beloved sister, Barbara; and several aunts, uncles and friends.



He is survived by his bride, Arlinna, whom he called "Bert" (who says "God blessed me with Duane"); his loving children Christie Young (who says "I loved the smell of the cherry pipe tobacco and his harmonica playing"), Catherine Oman, Janet Wolfe (who says "I so loved my dad") and Becky Nelson, Glenda Wolfe-Thorp (who says "Above all, he was my friend"); stepchildren Jr. Deppa, Tamara Lee, Tifanie Mendosa (who says "Words cannot explain how I felt about Duane") and Jennifer Rainey; sister Jeannette Hunter (who says "He was a wonderful man and brother") and her husband Albert; brother Frank Peabody (who says "He was a man's man, something we all aspire to be, my big brother"); sisters Patricia Peterson and Roxie Morgan; and several nieces and nephews.

There will be a celebration of his life on July 28 at his home in Marion, followed by the spreading of his ashes at a special location at the Flaming Gorge in Wyoming in mid-August.

## Helen Witts, 88

Helen Witts, 88, died Friday, Dec. 14, 2012, in Polson.

She is survived by her sons, William Witts and Art Witts.

Viewing will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 20, with the rosary follow-

ing at 7 p.m. at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 21, at Risen Christ Catholic Church, Kalispell. Interment will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

## Roger A. Wold, 75

Roger A. Wold, 75, of Whitefish, died Feb. 26, 2012, at his home in Whitefish.

A graveside service

will be at 11 a.m. March 15, at the Whitefish City Cemetery. Arrangements are entrusted to Austin Funeral Home.

## Jacque A. Wolfe, 74

Jacque A. Wolfe, 74, formerly of Whitefish and Kalispell,



passed away Oct. 18, 2012, from cancer in Salt Lake City where he had resided for more than 20 years.

Jacque was born at Whitefish on Sept. 24, 1938, to Guy Leland and Ruby Wolfe. He graduated from Whitefish High School and received a bachelor's degree from the University of Montana, majoring in accounting, and working in that field until his retirement a few years ago.

He married Millie Newbury in 1958, and served in the U.S. Army for four years at Ankara, Turkey, and Fort Lewis, Wash.

Jacque is survived by a son, Jacque "Douglas" Wolfe of Sacramento, Calif.; a daughter, Lori Anne Wolfe Bennett, of Denver; a granddaughter, Ashleigh Anne Bennett, and a grandson, Nicklaus Bennett, both of Denver; several cousins in the Whitefish area,

including Jerry Wolfe, Darlene Wolfe, Judy Shelton Brown; and many friends in the Flathead Valley, Salt Lake City and around the world.

Besides his love for his family, Jacque loved the outdoors and was an avid hunter and fisherman. He was a member of the Utah Lepidopterists' Society and The National Lepidopterists' Society. He was very active with the collection and rearing of butterflies that were endangered species. He exchanged butterfly specimens with other collectors across the nation and other countries.

His furnishing friends with eggs and caterpillars for rearing and photography will be greatly missed, as will he. Jacque donated his extensive collection to the Natural History Museum of Utah in Salt Lake City, and it can be viewed there.

A memorial celebration of Jacque's life has been held in Salt Lake City at the Natural History Museum of Utah.

## Robert Frank Wolfe, 80

Robert Frank Wolfe, 80, died Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2012, at his home in Kalispell.

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

Walter B. Woodcock, 93, passed away Thursday, Dec. 13, 2012, at St. Joseph Hospital.



Walter was born in Miles City Sept. 21, 1919, son of William E. and Josephine Nord Woodcock.



Following his graduation from Custer County High School in Miles City in 1937, he became a partner in the Woodcock Brothers Cattle Ranch near Ismay, Mont. He served during World War II in the 9th Bomb Group, B-29s on Tinian Island, 313th Wing of the Army Air Force. About a year after his discharge from the Army he purchased his brother's half interest in the ranch. On the first of the year, 1947, he was employed as assistant secretary treasurer of the Miles City Production Credit Association.

On Mar. 13, 1948, he entered government service as land appraiser with the Bureau of Reclamation based out of Billings. He was married Mar. 19, 1949, to Mary Louise Hogan of Miles City and continued his job with the Bureau of Reclamation until 1952, when he moved with his family to Great Falls where he was employed as zone manager for Investors Diversified Services for a year and a half, until he was called back to Miles City to assist in the reorganization of the Miles City Production Association.

In September of 1955 he moved with his family to Billings where he was employed as an appraiser with the Bureau of Indian Affairs. There he was promoted to Chief Appraiser for the Billings area until his promotion to Chief Appraiser and Land Use

## Walter B. Woodcock, 93

Planner for the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Washington D.C. He retained that position until his retirement from government service in 1982. Following retirement from the federal service he established Walter B. Woodcock MAI and Associates, a real estate appraisal consulting business in which he continued until 1992.

Since that time he has enjoyed his retirement at his home in Polson and his membership in the Polson Rotary Club. During his career as a real estate appraiser he served as president of the Rocky Mountain Chapter of the American Institute of Real Estate Appraisers and was active in the affairs of the institute, locally, nationally and internationally. During his residence in Billings, he served as president of the Billings Arts Association and was instrumental in the founding of the Yellowstone Arts Museum in that city. He also served as president of the Billings Writers Group and president of the Custer Battlefield Historical and Museum Association during its centennial year.

Surviving are his best friend and companion, Deola "Dee" Shryock; daughter, Lynne Avril of Phoenix; son, James G. Woodcock and Marybeth of Billings; granddaughter, Chloe Ann Moore and Scott of Bigfork; grandsons, Tanner E. Woodcock of Billings and Jeffrey W. Cravath of Phoenix; and great-grandchildren, Ellie Anna Moore and Benjamin W. Moore of Bigfork.

A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 17 at Grogan Funeral Home in Polson. Burial will take place following the service at Lake View Cemetery with military honors.

Messages of condolence may be shared with the family online at [www.groganfuneralhome.com](http://www.groganfuneralhome.com).

## Stewart 'Woody' Ames Woodward, 88

Stewart  
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Sept. 5, 2012, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

Woody was born on March 15, 1924, in Wyckoff, N.J. He attended schools in New Jersey, New York and Oklahoma.

In 1944, his future sister-in-law introduced him to his future wife, Anna Marie Riley. They were married in Paterson, N.J., in 1950, and in November 2012 they would have celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary.

While they were engaged, Woody traveled to the University of Oklahoma in Norman where he obtained his Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering. Woody was then hired by General Electric. While employed at GE, Woody developed 19 patents for GE and various other companies.

Woody retired from GE in 1985 after 35 years. He and Anna relocated from Morrison, Ill., to El Paso, Texas, where they lived for 20 years.

Woody had an enthusiasm for many things including fishing, gardening, hiking, music, model railroading, stained glass and working with the McGruff Program for the City of El Paso Police Department. He kept busy with all his activities, but mostly he was dedicated to caring for his family.

His son Kevin was born

in 1955, and his daughter Arlene was born in 1959, both in Bridgeport, Conn. He loved spending time with Kevin and Arlene in the outdoors. He participated with Kevin in Boy Scout camps in all seasons, and outdoor adventures including fishing with Kevin and Arlene on Long Island Sound and water skiing on the Mississippi River.

Once Woody retired from GE, he and Anna hit the road to all corners of the U.S. and the world, from New Zealand to Ireland. In 2007, they moved to Kalispell to be near Kevin and his family. They continued to make their annual trip to Cape Cod to spend three weeks with Arlene and Rick.

Woody is survived by his wife of 62 years, Anna Woodward, of Kalispell; son, Kevin, and wife, Monica, of Kalispell; and daughter, Arlene, and husband, Rick, of Peabody, Mass.; grandchildren, Jerry and wife Sarah of Kalispell, and Jenny of Missoula; and nieces, Tara and Cheryl Fulton.

A graveside service will be held for Woody at 1 p.m. today, Sept. 8, at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to Alzheimer's Association Montana Chapter, 3010 11th Ave. N., Billings, MT 59101-0726. Specify "In memory of Stewart Woodward."

Woody's family would like to thank the staff at Immanuel Lutheran Skilled Care Bratsberg Unit for all their help and loving care, including Pastors Kathy and Joe.

## Jacob Albert Wormsbecker

A memorial service for Jacob Albert Wormsbecker, 95, formerly of Bigfork, who died March 25, will be at 10:30 a.m. today, May 12, at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Con-

rad. Burial of ashes with military rites will follow at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Conrad.

Arrangements are by Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester.