

Lois Ueland Smith, 80

Lois "was taken to be with her Lord Jesus Christ" on March 3, 2014, while residing in San Diego.

She was born Lois Florence Dey to Ernst and Emily (Bassett) Dey on March 2, 1934, in St. Paul, Minn.

Lois completed two years of college in pursuit of her teaching credentials as she has always had a deep love and adoration for children.

On June 21, 1952, she married Norman Ueland in Grand Rapids, Minn. Shortly after they married, they relocated to the Flathead Valley in Montana where together they raised their five children, Wanda, Gary, Randy, Steven and Susan. They were married 49 years prior to Norman's passing. She enjoyed spending time with her family.

Wherever life took her, from Minnesota, Montana, Florida and Nevada, Lois was always a social butterfly with a deep devotion for family, friends and church. She kindled numerous friendships in her life's journey. She enjoyed playing cards, games, working crossword puzzles or reading a good book. She was always just a phone call away.

Lois was a talented artist and took several Adult Ed classes in Kalispell including calligraphy, pastel/charcoal/watercolor art as well as stained glass classes.

She worked as a teacher's aide at Somers Elementary School for 21 years prior to her retirement. While employed at the school, she shared her calligraphy talent by completing various school-related documents for the students. After she retired, she volunteered at Kalispell Regional Medical Center as a "candy stripper" and volunteered as a tour guide at Conrad



Mansion Museum in Kalispell.

On May 7, 2001, she married Howard Smith in Pensacola,

Fla. She was an active member of Ensley United Methodist Church. She worked with handicapped children which brought her joy.

She moved to Nevada to help care for our brother, Gary. Lois was an active member of Christ Lutheran Church in Battle Mountain, Nev. She volunteered to assist with the church preschool. She ate lunch often at the Senior Center in Battle Mountain, making many friends there. For over 60 years, she actively changed the lives of many.

Lois was preceded in death by her parents, Ernest and Emily; husbands, Norman Ueland and Howard Smith; brothers, Bill and Dave; sister, Cindy; and son, Gary.

She is survived by sisters, Dana Hellyer and Fritzi Gunn; and brothers, Mike and Rick. The surviving children are Wanda, Randy, Steve and Sue. She is survived by several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and friends. She also leaves behind her beloved cat, Tito.

Lois will be buried at Battle Mountain Cemetery.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. on April 12 at Christ Lutheran Church, 55 Bastian Road, Battle Mountain, Nev., with Pastor Mark Kliever officiating.

Any donations will help with funeral expenses. Send to Randy Ueland, 409 Reed Court, Goleta, CA. 93117

"Rest in peace, Mom — We will miss you and always love you."

Marvin Dale Smith, 74

Marvin Dale Smith, 74, died Tuesday, Dec. 30, 2014, at his home in Kalispell.

Private family services

will be held at a later time. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Robert C. Smith, 93

Robert C. Smith, 93, died Aug. 13, 2014, at his residence in Polson.

Funeral services are pending.

Arrangements are under the direction of Grogan Funeral Home and Crematory.

Susan Lynn Smith, 60

Susan Lynn Smith, 60, of Columbia Falls, died March 27.

She was born Oct. 6, 1953.

She is survived by her loving children Katheryn, Christopher and Spencer; dear granddaughters Jacquelyn, Madelyn, Summer and Shaye, and adored "Daddy," Lee.

Susan was a free, adventurous spirit who loved Montana and had a passion to share her faith



in the Lord Jesus with everyone she met. She will be greatly missed by all her friends and

family.

Service will be held at 1:30 p.m. April 2 at the Columbia Mortuary. A reception will be held at the North 40 Resort immediately after the service.

William Keith 'Bill' Smithey, 85

Mr. William Keith "Bill" Smithey passed away on March 18, 2014, after a courageous battle with cancer, at the age of 85.

He was born on March 25, 1928, to Archibald and Charlotte Smithey. He grew up in Greenwood, Ind., and left a sales career to retire to farming in Campbellsburg, Ind.

He is survived by his loving wife of 66 years, Deloris M. Smithey; daughters, Donna and Philip Harris, and Suzie and John Williams; grandchildren, Max Williams, Jill Haskin, Matthew and Scott Harris; and six great-grandchildren, Cassidy and Ben Williams, and Grace, Ryan, Hunter and Kate Haskin.

Bill was a charming, witty and endearing man who loved his family, his friends, his farm, his



animals, his golf ... Indiana, Montana, Hawaii ... and sunshine.

Visitation will

be from 4 to 6 p.m. on Sunday, March 22, at Wilson St. Pierre Funeral Service & Crematory, Greenwood Chapel, 481 West Main Street, Greenwood. The funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the funeral home. Burial will be at Greenwood Cemetery.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the American Cancer Society.

You are invited to read the obituary online at www.wilsonstpierre.com where you may sign the guestbook, share a memory, or order flowers for the family.

Karl Dan Snyder, 87

Karl Dan Snyder, 87, passed away Aug. 20, 2014, peacefully at his home in Kalispell.

He was born Oct. 7, 1926, in Louisville, Ky. He was baptized and received his first Holy Communion into the Catholic church.

At age 9, his parents divorced, changing his life's direction. His great-aunts, the Grimm sisters, then gave him love and attention.

After graduating from West Philly High School, he enlisted in the Army Air Corps. His final station was Malmstrom Air Force Base in Great Falls where he met his first wife, Gerry Ann Feiden. They moved to New York City where Dan worked for the New York Times. On the GI Bill, Dan returned to Montana and graduated with a degree in philosophy in 1950 from the University of Montana. While in college, Dan became the first president of a new organization called the Radio Guild and that led to a part-time job at KGVO Radio. Despite his love for philosophy and psychology, he pursued a broadcasting career. Dan worked at KMON in Great Falls before moving to KBMN in Bozeman where sons David and Randy were born. He started as program director, sold advertising and became the general manager between 1950 and 1955.



women for sales and on-air talent, including "Today in Montana" co-host Norma Ashby. His KRTV family continues their life-

long friendship through annual gatherings.

In 1970, Dan changed course and bought a train station about to be torn down. Newly married to his second wife, Bobbie Bruington, the team remodeled the Old Milwaukee Depot in Great Falls into a restaurant and shopping complex. After 10 years, it was sold in a Chapter 11, which precipitated a second divorce.

In 1978, Dan married Debbie Johnson, a Kalispell native. The couple settled in Helena and Dan returned to broadcasting to manage the radio division of Western Broadcasting Company. After the sale of WBC, Dan and Debbie moved to Kalispell in 1993. Opportunity opened yet another door, as Dan produced trade shows for the Daily Inter Lake, while he and Debbie purchased Flowers by Hansen. He later returned to radio sales with Anderson Broadcasting Company of Polson. A career started in 1948 continued into the 21st century. He just retired from that one year ago.

for 36 years; son, David Snyder, and Gloria; son, Randy Snyder, and Linda; daughter, Jacque Walawander, and Loring; grandchildren, Melissa Snyder Block and Zachary, Mackynze Snyder and Joel O'Leary, Tristan Snyder, Arielle Snyder, Aftan Snyder, and Luke Walawander and Mina; and in-laws, Thelma and Vernon Johnson, Brent Johnson and Janice, and Brenda Bernard and Kelly. He is survived by a large extended family and a multitude of friends and colleagues.

Dan Snyder pioneered Montana broadcasting. His passion and excitement for new opportunities opened a multitude of doors for the next generation of people he mentored. It also allowed him and his family to explore Montana, building radio stations, TV stations and even a restaurant/night club. Dan's entrepreneurship brought him the Jaycee Distinguished Service Award, Outstanding Young Man of Great Falls and Boss of the Year awards. He held numerous presidency and leadership posts of clubs, federations and associations. Dan tried to retire three times but the fire inside kept burning. In 2006, he was honored by induction into the Montana Broadcasters Hall of Fame. Besides all of his career accomplishments, Dan has gone by many names — Karl, Dan, Buddy, Uncle Dan, Dad, Pop, husband, Big Chief High Antenna and Thaddeus J. Periwinkle.

of life to all up until his very last day: "Something to do, something to love and something to hope for."

The last few years saw declining health. He was unable to physically do as much. Debbie encouraged him to create or share a daily devotion about life, love and faith. The devotions became so popular that they were distributed across the United States and overseas to Australia. Writing devotions became a new passion where he continually sought out books for source material, bringing him back to his first love of philosophy and teaching.

"Old broadcasters don't die, they just change frequency."

The family extends a heartfelt thanks for all of the care and support from hospice, and especially Lori Mitchell, in his final months, weeks and days.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. today, Sept. 7, at First Presbyterian Church, 540 S. Main St., in Kalispell, followed by a celebration of life at the Red Lion Hotel.

Memorials are requested to Shodair Children's Hospital, 2755 Colonial Drive, Helena, MT 59604; First Presbyterian Church; or the charity of your choice.

To send a note of condolence to the family, please go to www.buffalohillfh.com. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

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Now a young entrepreneur, Dan moved his family back to Great Falls and started the radio station KBGF (Keep Building Great Falls) and daughter Jacque was born. In 1958, he had an attractive offer to sell and Dan built the second TV station in Great Falls, KRTV Channel 3. Along with minority stockholder Paul Crain they bought KGHL AM and TV in Billings in 1962, selling off KGHL radio and changing the TV call letters to KULR. A heart attack took Paul Crain, and KULR TV was sold. Long hours took a toll, which lead to a divorce from Gerry and the sale of KRTV. Dan and the KRTV staff had remarkable success and hilarity in the early days of live television. Dan was ahead of his time, hiring

Dan served on the board of the Montana Broadcasters Association and the Greater Montana Foundation. He was an organizer and active in the Great Falls and Helena Advertising Clubs. As an active volunteer, his most valued philanthropy was a 21-year stretch of hosting "The Children's Miracle Network" telethon for Shodair's Children's Hospital. The GMF board fulfilled his passion for broadcasting and mentoring. In his final meeting with them in June, Dan was incredibly touched by the accolades bestowed on him.

Dan was preceded in death by his parents, Grimm Karl Snyder and Monna Jean Keglär.

He is survived by his wife, Debbie, to whom he was happily married

Dan pursued his ever-changing faith throughout his life. His "angel" and wife Debbie helped him recover his sunken faith. Dan felt incredibly blessed by his three wonderfully successful children whom he adored and was so proud of.

Before there was Google, there was Dan. He had such a vast knowledge of literature and history that he was frequently called upon. Dan spread enthusiasm and joy to everyone. He even had a gorilla suit made for him that he used at the TV station, and later, to frighten grandchildren and many a delighted trick-or-treater.

He lived and explained the "grand essentials"

Robert A. 'Bob' Snyder, 53

Robert A. "Bob" Snyder, 53, died June 7, 2014, in Kalispell.

He is survived by his children, Michelle Cox, Savannah Phillips and Jonathan Snyder.

A celebration of his life will be held at 1 p.m.

Thursday, June 26 at the Canyon Baptist Church in Martin City, followed by a reception at 4 p.m. at the South Fork Beer Garden.

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

Bob Snyder, 53

Bob Snyder, 53, passed away June 7, 2014, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Services will be held at 1 p.m. June 26 at Canyon First Baptist Church in Hungry Horse. A potluck will take place at 4 p.m. at the South Fork Saloon in the Beer Garden.

Bob was born in Shelby Nov. 20, 1960, to Larry and Ruth Snyder. He attended St. Williams and Shelby Middle School and later went on to join the Navy. Bob worked as a heating and air conditioning technician until his death.

He is survived by son, Jon Snyder, of Columbia Falls; daughters, Savannah and Corey Phillips of Kalispell, and Michelle and Ryan Cox of Martin City; father, Larry Snyder, of Columbia Falls; brothers, Tim and Mara-



lyn Snyder of Chester, Tom Snyder of Essex, and Paul and Theresa Snyder of Columbia Falls; sister, Dawn, and Monte Fauque, of Shelby;

grandchildren, Taylor Snyder and Kaydence Phillips; and former wife and friend, Audrey Snyder.

Bob was preceded in death by his sister Karen Rost, and mother Ruth Snyder.

Thank you to the doctors, nurses and staff at the ICU at Kalispell Regional for the excellent care provided to Bob.

Memorials may be given to Pathways Treatment Center, 200 Heritage Way Kalispell, MT 59901, or donor's choice.

Richard 'Dick' James Snyder, 92

Richard "Dick" James Snyder, 92, a longtime resident of Whitefish, passed away on Feb. 3, 2014, due to natural causes at the home that he and Betty built for their family.

"Today we sadly mourn his passing."

Dick was born on June 26, 1921, to James and Mae Snyder in East Glacier.

Dick was married to Elizabeth "Betty" Snyder on July 6, 1942. Shortly after, they moved to California where they raised their family.

In the early 1970s they moved back to Whitefish to build their home. He worked as a machinist and maintenance supervisor, and retired from Plum Creek Timber Company.

Dick was a longtime



member of the Moose Lodge, and an avid outdoor sportsman.

He was preceded in death by his

wife, Betty; and son, Kenneth.

Dick is survived by his three children, Nancy Bredell and her husband, Scott, of Lebanon, Mo., Barbara Volkman of Whitefish; and Philip Snyder and his wife, Joy, of Seattle. He is also survived by six grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 12, at the Moose lodge in Whitefish. A luncheon will be provided.

William 'Bill' Snyder, 64

William "Bill" Snyder, 64, died at his home in Whitefish on May 22, 2014.

He is survived by his parents, Phyllis and Lau-

rence Schroeder.

A memorial service is pending.

Arrangements are entrusted to Austin Funeral Home.

Marvin 'Mike' Harold Solberg, 90

Marvin "Mike" Harold Solberg, 90, passed away on Monday, Dec. 8, 2014, at home in Great Falls.

Mike was born in Forks, Montana, on June 9, 1924, to Simon S. and Olive (Friggard) Solberg. He had a busy and active childhood while growing up on the Hi-Line with his three brothers, Selmer, Arnie and Orville; and two sisters, Hazel and Grace.

Mike married Caroline M. Kuntz in 1944. They lived on the Hi-Line until he went into the service. Mike spent two years in the Army in Fort Lewis, Washington, from 1945-1946. After his military time, Mike relocated to the Flathead Valley. He and Carol had four children while living in the community of Evergreen and later moved the family south of Kalispell to the farm. They were later divorced. The family spent many enjoyable hours boating and skiing at their Echo Lake cabin. He ran a trucking business with his brothers. Later he worked for the Royal Logging Company of Columbia Falls for many years. He started out driving a logging truck and then moved up to a foreman position supervising the hauling and distribution of logs, maintenance and purchasing of equipment.

He married Ardith Tobias but they later divorced. He retired from the Royal Logging position and started a new farming enterprise in Othello, Washington. He was always a "farmer at heart." In Othello, he purchased land and developed an irrigated farming operation. He raised pinto beans, corn, peas and potatoes in various rotations. The peak of his farming operation included five irrigation circles. He eventually leased out his land and tractors to other farmers but continued to oversee the daily operation. He enjoyed watching the crops grow and the harvesting. He loved John



Deere equipment and became an avid John Deere promoter.

Mike was a kind, gentle and fair man. He was always concerned about family and

friends. He cared about things being done correctly. He had a special affection for his Dachshunds. He traveled back to Montana several times a year to visit his daughters and their families. He was always ready to pitch in and help with their projects. He moved back to Montana due to health issues in December 2007, to live near Walt and Vicki Johnson on their ranch at Raynesford. He enjoyed helping with and being involved with ranch activities.

He was preceded in death by his parents; four siblings; and his son, Nick.

Mike is survived by three daughters, Sandi Solberg of Kalispell, Vicki Johnson and husband Walt of Raynesford, and Susan Solberg of Kalispell; a sister, Grace and husband Bud Cowell of Colbert, Washington; 11 grandchildren, Nicky Bart, John Lynn, Kimber, P.J., Ben, J.J., Becky, Lisa, Brenda, Kendra and Brent; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held from noon to 5 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 19 and from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 20 at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. A funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 20 at the funeral home. Interment will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

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

Stanley 'Olai' Solberg, 58

A memorial service for Stanley "Olai" Solberg, 58, will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 10, at the First United Methodist Church, 322 E. 3rd St., Moscow, Idaho, with Pastor Sue Ostrom officiating. A potluck reception will follow the service at the church.

Mr. Solberg died of injuries in a pedestrian/vehicle accident in Juliaetta, Idaho, on May 3, 2014.

Olai was born on Sept. 21, 1955, in Vancouver, Wash., to Glen and Bernice (Carpenter) Solberg. He attended his schooling at Potlatch, Idaho. He married Blue Leitch at the Freeze Church outside of Potlatch. The couple moved to Bullhead City, Ariz., where he worked as a carpenter in the area. In Arizona, he was in an accident that forced the couple to return to the Palouse. The couple later divorced.

Olai lived in Moscow before moving to Juliaetta to live with his mother.

Olai worked at the Chinese Village in Moscow for seven years as a sous chef and dishwasher.



He later retired due to medical reasons.

Olai loved fishing, camping, gardening and traveling. He was an avid reader and skilled mechanic. He had a passion for fixing old cars. Olai was a creative cook. He never ceased to provide his family with unconditional love.

Survivors include one daughter, Chamea, and Brad Bennett, of Kalispell; his mother, Bernice Slagle, of Juliaetta; one brother, Eric, and Victoria Solberg, of Kendrick, Idaho; and two sisters, Dianna Solberg of Moscow and Glenda and Roy Holway of Oakley, Idaho.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Kevin Solberg.

Memorials may be given to the JK Ambulance Fund, P.O. Box 282, Kendrick, ID 83537.

Kramer Funeral Home in Palouse, Wash., handled the arrangements.

Timothy Martin Solem, 60

Timothy Martin Solem died of complications from multiple sclerosis at his home in Missoula on Oct. 17, 2014.

A vigil will be held at 7 p.m. today, Oct. 24, at the St. Gabriel's Catholic Church in Chinook. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, at the St. Gabriel's Catholic Church. Arrangements have been made with Edwards Funeral Home of Chinook.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.edwardsfuneral-home.com.

Tim was born Dec. 11, 1963, in Missoula to William M. and Ellen (Gallus) Solem. At the age of 4, he moved to Chinook with his parents and his sister Liz Ann. He attended the Meadowlark Grade School and Chinook High School. He was involved in AAU wrestling, swim team and high school football and basketball.

He worked for Wes Knight Construction in Chinook and Oxnard, Calif., learning the carpentry business.

In 1994, he returned to Missoula and worked for Lindley Cabinets, where he met the love of his life, Laura Sarmiento, and her young son, Gus. Tim and Laura were married Aug.



5, 2000, and raised Gus to adulthood before divorcing in 2011.

Tim enjoyed golfing, riding his Harley Davidson motorcycle, coaching Pee-Wee wrestling and University of Montana Grizzly football games. He operated his own cabinet installation business as the "Cabinet Guy"

for several years, before being diagnosed with MS. He became active in the Missoula MS Group and was proud to earn a T-shirt in each of the five years he participated in the "Walk for MS" fundraisers.

Tim is survived by his parents, William and Ellen Solem, of Chinook; his sisters, Liz Lybeck and Mohammed Boutkarit, and Eloise and Mike Jergeson, all of Missoula; brother, Ted, and Heather Solem, of Spokane; niece, Whitney, and Patrick Wicks, of Chester, and their children, Lane Wicks and Hadley Wicks; nephews, Jordon Lybeck, Hank Jergeson and Will Jergeson, all of Missoula; ex-wife, Laura; and stepson, Gus; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Michael Kenneth Somers, 67

Michael Kenneth Somers passed away on Nov. 22, 2014, at the age of 67.

Mike was born in Vancouver, Wash., on Feb. 3, 1947, to Ken and Claire Somers. He was raised in Vancouver and graduated from Hudson's Bay High School in 1965. He also attended Clark College and Eastern Washington University.

He met his wife, Julie, during the summer of 1964. They were married in 1968. Mike was a Vietnam veteran, serving in the U.S. Air Force from 1967 to 1972.

He worked for the Clark County Planning Commission in Vancouver and the U.S. Forest Service prior to being offered a job at Grand Coulee Dam as a power plant operator. Mike and family moved from Coulee Dam, Wash., to Columbia Falls in 1978. He worked at Hungry Horse Dam, from which he retired in 2005.

He was a member of the Bad Rock Volunteer Fire Department and served as chief of the department from 1989 to 1992.

Mike was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Julie; daughters, Heather Feist and her family, Shawn, Kimberly and Logan, and Lindsay Somers and her family, Jerry, Garrett, Allie, Lexy and Destiny. He is also survived by his brother, Glenn Somers, and family of Vancouver, Joy Somers of Vancouver, John and Shirley Somers



of Florida, and several cousins, nieces and a nephew.

Beneath his 6-foot-6-inch frame, Mike was a gentle soul. His favorite times were spent with fam-



ily and friends. He loved camping with grandkids in Glacier Park, bike riding, gardening, fishing and hunting. He always said he could not imagine living in a more beautiful place than the Flathead Valley. He was a lover of kids, animals and nature. He enjoyed taking pictures of all types of things outdoors.

Services for Mike to celebrate his life will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 26, at Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish.

Ice fishing will begin soon, and Mike would love it if, in lieu of flowers, you would take a child fishing! Donations can be made to a charity of your choice.

We will miss him, but have many wonderful memories! His legacy is having two beautiful daughters and his grandkids whom he loved so much.

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

Mark V. Sonju, 54

Mark V. Sonju "went to be with the Lord" two days after his 54th birthday at KRMC due to heart complications. He was surrounded by his family and many devoted friends at his side.



sense of humor. He was empathetic to the needs of others and always put others

He was born to what would become a very large family to Leo and Shirley Sonju in Cut Bank on Jan. 7, 1960. He graduated from Cut Bank High School in 1978.

After high school, he moved to the Flathead Valley and worked at Sonju Body Shop and DePratu Ford before he started his own very successful business, Rainmaster Inc., which he and his wife had built together over the years and is still running today.

He married Brenda Lillie of Kalispell in 1986. He has three daughters, Sheena, Kayla and Ashley Sonju, and one unofficially adopted son (nephew) Joseph Hallenberg. He has one rambunctious grandson, Holden.

He was always ready to help family, friends and community. He was involved in Evergreen Volunteer Fire Department for many years. He was committed to helping his church, Faith Lutheran, with his men's Bible study, being on the building committee, trustee board and he did multiple mission building trips. He was always able to relate to people by helping, encouraging and always trying to get people to think "outside of the box." He had a witty, fun

first.

He is preceded in death by his parents, and his brother, Tom.

He is survived by his wife, daughters, grandson and siblings, Laurie (Dick) Mitchell, Debbie (Gary) Hallenberg, Deanna (Ron) Avent, David (Laurie) Sonju, Leona (SJ) O'Brien, Sandy (Allen) Cutchin, Lynda (Paul) Malcolm, and Robert Sonju; numerous uncles, aunts, cousins, nephews, nieces, great nieces and great nephews and many, many friends.

We will all miss him greatly. Heaven truly gained an angel.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, January 14 at Faith Church.

Rather than flowers, family and friends would like gifts sent to Special Olympics of Montana, 710 First Ave. North, Great Falls, MT 59401, or Faith Church Building Fund, 405 Liberty St., Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

"Weeping may stay for the night, but rejoicing comes in the morning." — Psalms 30:5

Karnes 'Ralph' Sonnek, 80

Karnes "Ralph" Sonnek, 80, died Sept. 9, 2014, at Heritage Place in Kalispell. No services will be

held at this time.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Wayne W. Sooter, 89

Wayne W. Sooter, 89, of Kalispell died Aug. 6, 2014. A visitation will be held from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 15, with services to begin

at 11 a.m. at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. Burial will take place at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery following services.

Lee Burton Spain, 80

Lee Burton Spain, 80, passed away March 13, 2014, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

He was born March 8, 1934. He served in the U.S. Army and Navy and had worked as a truck driver.

Lee was preceded death by his father, James Burton Spain; and mother, Alta Ellen Spain.

He is survived by his son, Danney L. Spain, of



Kalispell; and grandsons, Brian, Paul, Kevin and Ian Spain, all of Kalispell.

There will be a memorial service at a later date. Friends and family



will be notified.

Barbara Rae Spies, 77



Francisco They were avid bridge players and Barbara enjoyed arts and crafts and also volunteered at the Bigfork Chamber of Commerce.

Barbara is survived by Dick and Lona Wilson; Marc, Jen, Max and Stefan Spies.

A celebration of her life is planned at a later date. Friends are encouraged to visit the website, www.buffalohillfh.com, to leave notes of condolence for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Together, they set out on life's journey and lived in such cities as Vienna, Austria; Dusseldorf, Germany; Chicago; Sydney, Australia, Cleveland, Ohio; and New York, adopting two boys along the way. In 1992, they would retire to Bigfork and live out their golden years on Flathead Lake.

Barbara Rae Spies, 77, "crossed over" peacefully at her home the morning of July 6, 2014.

A Montana native, Barbara was born in Kalispell on Feb. 26, 1937, and was raised in Kalispell. She was the daughter of Norma and F.E. "Rip" Wilson. After graduating from Flathead County High School in 1955, she continued her education at Washington State, graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in finance.

After moving to San

Jeannie M. Spooner, 83

Jeannie M. Spooner, 83, of Libby, died Thursday, Dec. 4, 2014 in Libby. Survivors include her husband, Bob Spooner; daughter Lana Walen (Scott Noble); and son Lance Spooner (Kelly).

Services for Jeannie will be 11 a.m. Friday, Dec.

12 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Libby. Visitation will be 1 to 3 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11, at Schnackenberg and Nelson Funeral Home in Libby.

Online condolences and memories may be shared by visiting www.schnackenbergfh.com.

John Edward Sprenger Jr., 88

John Edward Sprenger Jr., 88, died Monday, Dec. 1, 2014, in Kalispell.

No services are planned

at this time.

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

J. Edward Sprenger Jr., 89

J. Edward Sprenger Jr., passed away peacefully on Dec. 1, 2014.

Born Dec. 20, 1925, Ed grew up in Schenectady, New York, with his parents and three sisters.

As a young man he served his country in the Army as an air cadet. After being honorably discharged, he attended Ithaca College where he met his sweetheart Ann. Ed and Ann both studied music and received their undergraduate degrees while dating through their years at Ithaca. They were married Aug. 20, 1949, in Ann's hometown of Sayer, Pennsylvania. Their marriage would last over 65 years. Ed and Ann then studied at Louisiana State University where they both received their Master of Music Education degree.



their family in Schenectady and in 1971 they moved with their two children, Kurt and Janet, to Honolulu. Ed continued to teach orchestral music at Punahou School until his retirement in 1987. After they both retired, Ed and Ann moved to Bigfork where they spent their summers gardening, fishing, hiking and spending time with family and friends at their cabin on the

Ed began his teaching career at Colonie School District in upstate New York, teaching orchestral music. Ed and Ann started

Swan River. Winters they spent in Mesa, Arizona. Throughout the years, Ed continued to share his love of music by performing at various events and at his church.

Ed was preceded in death by his parents, and three sisters.

He is survived by his loving wife, Ann; children, Kurt and Jill, and Jan and Patrick; grandchildren, Cameron, Kirby, Kurt, Mia and Kylar; and great-granddaughter, Monroe.

A celebration of life will be held at 1 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 5, at Buffalo Hills Terrace in Kalispell.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Ed's name to Bethany Lutheran Church in Bigfork where he and Ann were longtime members.

Steven Spencer, 56

Steven Spencer, 56, died April 29, 2014, at his residence in Columbia Falls.

He is survived by his

wife, Peggy.

No services are planned at this time.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for the family.

Robert 'Bob' Shingle Speir, 75

Robert "Bob" Shingle Speir, father, husband and grandfather, passed away on Thursday, Feb. 13, 2014, in Bradenton, Fla., near loving family.

Born in Cheyenne, Wyo., on July 28, 1938, Bob was the son of Edward and Shirley Speir, and the brother of Betsy Smith and Joan Valaas.

Bob had three sons, Scott Kelly, Ryan and Eddie Speir; and a step-daughter, Aimee Brown. Bob had five grandchildren, Tal, Oliver, Sam, Riley and Autumn Speir. Bob is also survived by longtime life partner, Marilyn Wilken, her children, grandchildren and families.

Bob went to Franklin High School in Seattle, Shattuck Military Academy in Faribault, Minn., and Whitman College in Walla Walla, Wash.



Bob served the U.S. Army in the 82nd Airborne. He was an active member of the Bigfork VFW.

Bob had a diverse career in many

industries, including timber, plastics, road construction and aviation.

He liked golfing, boating, fishing, hunting and snowmobile and motorcycle riding. Bob lived large and enjoyed life's moments of merriment. He was thoughtful and kind to family and friends.

Honor guard and private memorial services for family and friends are scheduled for later this year in Bigfork.

Matilda 'Tilly' Sprinkel, 90

Matilda "Tilly" Sprinkel, 90, passed away on Tuesday, April 15, 2014, in Kalispell.



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

She was born in Hillhead, S.D. on Sept. 12, 1923, to Elling and Elena Anderson.

In 1928, the family moved to Circle, Mont. and in 1936, to Lakeside. She graduated from Flathead County High School.

After graduation Tilly moved to the Seattle area where she met and later married Dean Sprinkel on May 12, 1944. They had no children. Tilly worked at Boeing for several years but later became a hairdresser, while Dean stayed at Boeing until retirement. They were both passionate water-skiers and windsurfers and lived on Lake Sammamish for several years. Tilly's other passion was her flower garden. She was a member of the Eagles Auxiliary No. 234 in Kalispell. They spent 18 winters in Yuma, Ariz., and summers in Washington. When Dean's health started to fail they moved to Montana to be near family.

Tilly was preceded in death by her husband on March 27, 2011; by her parents; six brothers, Edward, Emil, Lloyd, Lorance, Art and Elmer; and two sisters; Christina Tranberg and Josephine Wolf.

She is survived by a brother, Leonard Anderson; and a sister, Helen Stevens McManus.

Funeral services for Tilly will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, April 25 at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home with Pastor Ron Pierce officiating. Visitation will be from 9 to 11 a.m. on Friday. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

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Phoebe L. Stacy, 75

Phoebe L. Stacy, 75, died March 23, 2014, at Whitefish Care and Rehab in Whitefish.

She is survived by her children, Doug Stacy, Dennis Stacy and

Terri Leatham.

There will be a memorial service at a later date.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Margaret Stanley, 76

Margaret Stanley, 76, died Wednesday, March 12, 2014, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

She is survived by her husband, William "Bill" Stanley; and children, Sheryl Bolan, Scott Stanley and Sarah Copple.

Visitation will be from 4

to 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 18, at Columbia Mortuary. A funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 19, at Columbia Mortuary. The family will greet guests one hour prior to services. Burial will take place at Fairview Cemetery.

Robert 'Bob' Stansbery, 75

Robert "Bob" Stansbery passed away on July 31, 2014, surrounded by his loving family and friends.

Born in Indiana on Sept. 22, 1938, to Howard and Mabel Stansbery, he moved to Santa Rosa, Calif., as a child where he grew up. He returned to Santa Rosa after serving in the U.S. Air Force and raised his family.

He moved to his beloved Montana in the early '80s, and in 2002 he married his loving wife Lucille. They spent the last 12 years together enjoying the state they loved so much.

Bob was an avid hunter and fisherman, and spent many hours doing both. He was a huge NASCAR, 49er and Giants fan, and enjoyed many "spirited" debates with his sons-in-law and grandsons.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and his brother Howard Jr.

Bob is survived by his wife, Lucille; his daughters and their husbands, Julie and Rob Sutliff, and Robin and Butch Frediani. He was the proud grandfather, "Papa," of Robert and Jo Ann Stude-



baker, Ryan and Becca Sutliff, Jared and Angela Sutliff, Leo

and Bethany Frediani, and Lee Frediani; great-grandfather to Marshall and Sydney Sutliff, and Tatyana, Rozalyn and Vyola Studebaker; Lucille's beloved children and their spouses, Steven and Joelle Studebaker, Connie and Robert Douglas, Barbara and Nathan DeJung, and Sonya and Randal Thomson, and their children, Sean and Kayla Douglas, Melinda Studebaker (daughter Renee), and Travis, Jeffery, Austin and Haley DeJung; as well as many close friends who loved and supported him.

The family would like to thank the staff at Kalispell Regional Medical Center/Brendan House, especially Dr. Woodward and Dr. Jonas. Their care and compassion were such a comfort.

No services were held at his request.

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

Robert Dale Starling, 76

Robert Dale Starling, 76, died on Wednesday, June 18, 2014, at his home in Eureka.

He was born in Eureka to Vern and Cathleen Starling on Jan. 11, 1938, joining his older brother Raymond. Due to a classmate with the same first and middle name in elementary school he informed his teacher that "some people call me Butch" and was affectionately called that by many friends the rest of his life. He enjoyed one of the most idyllic childhoods imaginable growing up, playing and working in and around Eureka and forging many lifelong friendships.

His fondest memories were of times spent hiking and camping in the mountains and spending time with his friends in the great outdoors. It was easy to instill those same loves in his family as they grew up in the same places he was so familiar with.

After graduating from Lincoln County High School in 1956, he volunteered for the draft and spent two years in the U.S. Army, stationed in Germany for most of that time.

Bob married Lynette Workman on Feb. 17, 1961. They made their first home in Warland, Mont., (now under the waters of Lake Koocanusa behind Libby Dam) where he worked for the U.S. Forest Service for the next four years. Children Bob, Karen and Karmen were born in Libby in 1962 and 1963 during this time. The family moved to Anaconda in 1965 where Bob was transferred to the forestry division of the newly established Job Corps Center as a woods supervisor. The following year they moved back to Eureka where Bob spent the rest of his life in the area working in mills, logging and Christmas treeing.



great joy in watching his three great-grandkids Josie, Sam and Ethan, play on the floor in front of him, giving him High Fives just a short

time ago. He made friends whenever and wherever he went, even while undergoing chemotherapy treatments. He had a passion for his fish pond but even more passion for those that came to "catch a big one." He enjoyed a lifelong hobby of leather tooling and spent many hours creating gifts for family and friends.

Although cancer may have controlled Bob's life the past two years, he refused to be redefined by the disease. He kept his wit, his charm, his humor and his faith to the last day. He loved and appreciated all those who helped care for him during this time. He died at his home on Grave Creek June 18, 2014, with his children and loving wife by his side.

He was preceded in death by his parents, step-mother Adeline Starling, and "second parents" Norbert and Mary Schuck.

He is survived by his wife Lynette, children Bob and Deb Starling of Columbia Falls, Karen and John Suchy and Karmen and Maury McKinney of Eureka; grandchildren Meghan and Alex Ekholt and Josie of

Bob made his family his first priority and loved and respected his sons-in-law, Maury and John, and daughter-in-law Deb as his own. He was extremely proud of his grandkids Meghan, Nichole, Ryan and Edward. He found

Columbia Falls, Nichole and John Burns and Sam and Ethan of Kalispell, Ryan McKinney, presently on duty with the U.S. Air Force in Guam, and Edward Suchy of Eureka. Also surviving are his brother, Ray, and Peggy Starling, of Spokane; and many, many cousins, nephews, nieces and friends.

Bob was a member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Eureka and services were held there on June 23.

Bob was a generous and compassionate person and would be honored to have any memorials in

his name given to organizations that help others. The family's favorite is the Wings Foundation in Kalispell.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Eureka. Online condolences may be made at www.schnackenbergfh.com.

Garry Lee Stelle, 70

Garry Lee Stelle, 70, died at home on Oct. 6, 2014, of Alzheimer's disease.

He was born Sept. 2, 1944, in Camp White, Ore., and raised in Portland, Ore. He graduated in 1962 from Madison High School in Portland.

Garry married Theo Stelle in 1964 in Portland. They had been married 50 years.

He was a house painter and worked with his brother Jerry for many years with Stelle Brothers Painting. Garry was a black powder enthusiast. He loved to study his Bible and also enjoyed art work.



He is survived by his wife, Theo Stelle; sons, Rick Stelle of Kalispell, and Bob

Stelle of Portland; grandchildren, Jake and Cody Stelle; his identical twin brother, Jerry Stelle and wife, Elaine, of Kalispell; sister, Susan Olson of Hayden, Idaho; and brother, Ed Stelle, and mother, Marjorie Stelle, both of Oregon City, Ore.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 10 at Canvas Church.

Marie Mae (Colby) Sterner, 94

Marie Mae (Colby) Sterner, 94, passed away July 26, 2014, at Renaissance Senior Care in Kalispell.

Marie was born March 22, 1920, in Kalispell. She was raised in Kila on the Colby's ranch along Truman Creek. She went to grade school in Kila and attended Flathead County High School.

Marie married Peter H. Sterner on Nov. 19, 1938. A homemaker throughout her life, she enjoyed knitting, crocheting, gardening and reading.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 52



years, Peter H. Sterner; three brothers, Walter Colby Jr., George Colby and Loyd Colby; and two sisters,

Tana Capps and Vera Meacham.

Marie is survived by her son, Harvey Sterner, and wife Donna, of Kalispell; sister, Queveene Talley of Kalispell; two nieces and six nephews.

Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. today, July 30, at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell.

She was a charter member of Calvary Lutheran Church where she was organist for many years. She also directed the choir, taught Sunday school, served on the church council, was active in the church women's organizations and was a Stephen's minister. She was a member of the Kalispell Music Club and the Greenacres Home Extension Club for several years.

A graveside service for Mirth will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 15, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery, followed by a memorial service at 3 p.m. at Calvary Lutheran Church in Evergreen. All are welcome to attend either or both services. The viewing will take place from noon to 8 p.m. on Monday July 14 at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home.

The family suggests memorials may be given to either Calvary Lutheran Church or Immanuel Lutheran Communities.

Mirth Elizabeth (Lutnes) Stedje, 95

Mirth Elizabeth (Lutnes) Stedje, 95, "went home to be with her Lord" on Tuesday, July 9, 2014, at Buffalo Hill Terrace.

She was born in Badger, Minnesota on Dec. 12, 1918, the only child of Emil and Martine Lutnes. She was a graduate from high school in Fertile, Minnesota in 1936, and from Concordia College, Moorhead Minnesota, in 1940. Mirth taught English and directed speech activities in Minnesota high schools for eight years before moving to Kalispell in 1949 as a parish worker at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. This is where she met Arnold Stedje and they were married at Bethlehem Church on June 18, 1950. They were the parents of Douglas, Jon and Joy.

Her husband Arnold and his brother Norman bought the Ford Tractor and New Holland Farm Implement business from Garey Motor Co. in 1950. Arnold sold his interest in 1970 because of health problems that led to his death in 1978. During that time Mirth renewed her teaching certificate at the University of Montana and taught in the rural schools for three years. She then became chaplain and social director at Immanuel Lutheran Home, a position she held for six years. She retired in 1979.

Mirth married her widowed brother-in-law, Norman Stedje, on June 21, 1986. He was living in Ronan where he managed the Stedje Bros. farm implement business there and in Missoula. In 1990 he retired from business and they made their home in Kalispell.



Mirth and Norman especially enjoyed time spent at their cabin on Foy's Lake.

They loved flowers and always enjoyed tending to their gardens. One of the highlights in Mirth's life was a trip to the Holy Land that she and her daughter, Joy, made in 1977. It made Bible reading even more special to her. Norman became ill in the early 2000s and died at Immanuel Lutheran Home in 2008.

Ten months ago Mirth moved to Buffalo Hill Terrace where she won over the hearts of many caretakers and residents with her kindness and tender ways. She liked to dress fashionably even at 95, and was loved and respected her whole life through.

Mirth was preceded in death by her son, Jon.

She is survived by son, Douglas Stedje and granddaughter, Kimberly Stedje, of Tacoma; and daughter, Joy Mahlum and husband, Ed Mahlum and two grandsons, Daniel Mahlum and David Mahlum, all of Kalispell. Her extended family includes Rodney Stedje and wife Michal Ann of Ronan, Barbara Chapin and husband Skip of Minneapolis, and Kristine Stedje, also of Minneapolis, grandchildren Emily, Melanie, Erick and Rebecca, and great-granddaughters Kadee, Estelle and Hazel. Also, many nieces, nephews and good friends.

Betty Fisher Stevens, 89

Mom was born in Kalispell on April 26, 1925, and passed away there on Sept. 6, 2014.

She brought with her a fun sense of humor, a natural musical talent and a kind and caring heart.

Prior to Mom's graduation from Whitefish High School in 1943, she worked various jobs to save towards her dream of becoming a school teacher. She attended the fall quarter at Northern Montana College in Havre and, upon her return to the Flathead, she was asked to complete the school term at Prospect Park School. Mom was granted a teaching certificate which enabled her to continue her education through correspondence courses and summer school while continuing to teach.

Many rural schools were blessed to have Mom as a teacher. She taught at Stryker, Bissell, Spring Creek, Bald Rock, La Salle, Half Moon, Canyon View, West Valley and Helena Flats. Finally, in 1981, Mom graduated from the University of Montana with her dream fulfilled. She then taught at the Whitefish Christian School and Whitefish Head Start. Her career spanned more than 40 years.

Mom was preceded in death by her parents, Guy and Edna Fisher; sisters, Dolly Sproul and Elaine



Luke; her husband, Larry C. Stevens; a son-in-law, and a nephew and niece.

She is survived by her son, Randy, and Sandy Wills, of Spokane; her daughters, Sharis Murn of Kalispell, Virgie and Jerry Martin of Kennewick, Wash., and Susan Wills and Darrel Stevens of Whitefish. She also is survived by her brother, Virgil Fisher; five grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren; along with a number of nieces and nephews.

Mom made a difference in the lives of many by her joy in teaching either in the classroom of a school or sharing about Jesus on Sundays.

Mom requested no services be held. Her ashes will rest in the family plot at Spring Creek Cemetery. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

The family wishes to thank the kind staff of Hope Options Hospice, as well as those at Brendan House, especially Michelle, Terri, Darci, April and Stacie.

Contributions in Mom's name are suggested to Home Options Hospice.

To send a note of condolence to the family, go to www.buffalohillfh.com.

Ella Mae Stevens, 75

Ella Mae Stevens was born on Aug. 28, 1938, to Elmer and Goldie Rhodes in Kalispell.

Ella Mae passed away at the Montana Veterans Home on July 8, 2014, after a long battle with breast cancer.

Ella Mae grew up in the Flathead and graduated from Flathead County High School in 1956. She went on to Kinman Business College and continued her education at Flathead Valley Community College over the years.

One of her first jobs was at the Liberty Theater while her future sister-in-law, Kitty, worked at the Strand Theater in Kalispell.

Ella Mae and her daughter moved to Seattle where she met and married Harley Duane Stevens; they were married for 33 years. The family moved back to the Flathead after several years in Seattle, and then moved to Sweetgrass where Ella and Harley both worked at the brokerages for the port on the U.S.-Canada border.

Ella Mae was very proud of the time she and Harley spent as campground hosts at Bad Medicine Campground on Bull

Lake in their retirement years.

Ella Mae loved her special dog Onyx who was always there for her to make her smile.

She shared many special moments with her caregivers at her home and during her brief stays at Whitefish Care & Rehabilitation Center and the Montana Veterans Home.

Ella Mae was preceded in death by her parents, Elmer and Goldie Rhodes; husband, Harley Stevens; brother, Charles "Chuck" Rhodes; sister, Verda Stevens; and half brother, Cecil Rhodes, and his wife, Betty.

Ella Mae is survived by her daughter, Vicki Stevens (Woods) and Dave of Missoula; two sisters, Ruby Rhodes of Turner, Ore., and Velma and Ike Treat of Eureka; sister-in-law, Kitty Rhodes, of Columbia Falls; brother and sister-in-law, Steve and Mary Stevens, of West Glacier; and several other relatives.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 12, with a visitation from 10:30 to 11 a.m. at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Spring Creek Cemetery.

Iris Diana Stevens, 80

Iris was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., Jan. 22, 1934.

She passed away of cancer on the 15th of August, 2014, at her home in Kalispell.

In 1945, she and her brother traveled by train by themselves from New York to San Diego to be reunited with her father. There, she met Rudy Stevens and, in 1950, Iris and Rudy fell in love, married, had three children, and shared their lives together for 53 years.

Iris was active in the PTA, receiving a Life Membership, worked on three school PTA boards at once, was active as a high school band parent and taught swimming for seven years.

She and Rudy moved to Kalispell in 1974. Staying busy, she helped in getting the Flathead High School and KATS swim teams recognized. For 22 years, her yellow vegetable scale was a fixture at the farmers market, where she acquired the title of "Bean Queen." Iris was a charter member of the Artists and Craftsmen of the Flathead, serving on the board for 11 years



and selling her one-of-a-kind crocheted hats.

Helena Flats School saw

her serve at the public voting polls for 30 years. Iris' smile and form were visible at the aerobics classes at The Summit, while she kept up with the younger crowd.

Preceding Iris in death were her parents, Ruben and Marie Cederdahl, and her husband, Rudy.

She is survived by daughter Sandra Brown, and sons Ronald and Gary, all residing in Kalispell; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; brother, Robert Cederdahl, of La Mesa, Calif.; brother and sister-in-law, Richard and Ada Stevens; and many nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Iris' life will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 20, at 528 Capistrano Drive in Kalispell.

In lieu of flowers, feel free to donate to a charity of your choice in her honor.

Lynn Christine Stocking, 62

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Lynn Christine Stocking, 62, on Wednesday, Nov. 5, 2014. Lynn passed at home from complications of pneumonia associated with pancreatic cancer. She was surrounded by family.

Born in Missoula, Montana on Dec. 10, 1951 to Anastasia and Douglas Follett, Lynn grew up in the woods on the shores of Whitefish Lake with her parents and three sisters. She was the definition of the firstborn and her three sisters followed her lead without question.

Lynn attended school in Columbia Falls and Whitefish. After graduation from high school she began her post-secondary career in education at the University of Montana receiving her Bachelor of Science in business education in 1974, and eventually her master's degree in education. Lynn's distinguished 37-year career as an educator and eventual leader began at the Missoula County Public Schools Vo-Tech as an instructor in the Business Technology Department, adding department chair before evolving to the associate dean position. During her long tenure with Missoula College, as a tireless worker and advocate for students, Lynn was integral in the evolution of Missoula College from a county Vo-Tech Center to its current mission providing the foundation for advanced academic achievement. Her influence extended beyond the Missoula campus and impacted education across the Montana University System.



Although she was wholly dedicated to the college and her career, above all she kept

her family the closest to her heart, giving, sharing and laughing with them. She loved her shoes (especially buying them on sale), a good coffee (double-shot breve) and art (anything with an old red truck). Lynn was a generous person by nature, giving of her time wholeheartedly and without hesitation. Over the years she was a very active member of various community service groups throughout Missoula.

She is survived by her husband Tom Stocking, Missoula; son Geoff (Nicole) Stocking and grandson Sebastian, Great Falls; parents Anastasia and Doug Follett, Whitefish; sisters Jen (Bill) Follett McCaw, Missoula; Audrey (Michael) McNally, Nelson, British Columbia, Karen (Hal Bennett) Follett, Whitefish; mother-in-law Bobbie Stocking; brother-in-law Glen (Joy) Stocking; sister-in-law Judy Duxtater; nieces Sarah, Sydney, Riley, Austyn and Krista; and nephews Jeremy and Jed.

There will be a celebration of life from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 12, 2014 at the Broadway Inn Conference Center located at 1609 West Broadway, Missoula. Please come to share your stories and memories. In lieu of flowers, please make donations in Lynn's name to Partners In Home Care Hospice.

Virginia Stevenson, 83

Virginia Stevenson, 83, died April 15, 2014, at Whitefish Care & Rehabilitation in Whitefish.

She is survived by her children, Jane Hughes

and Suzanne Cross.

There are no services planned at this time.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Neil Lee Stiger, 67

Neil Lee Stiger, 67, died Sept. 8, 2014, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Fall.

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

Dennis Eugene Strand, 72

On Saturday, Dec. 6, 2014, Dennis Eugene Strand passed away after battling health issues for the past several months.

Dennis was born Sept. 17, 1942, at the family farmhouse in Regent, North Dakota, to Theodore and Dorothy Mae Strand. He joined his brother, Roger, who was 2 years of age and was then followed by Monte, his younger brother, three years later. Dennis attended school in Regent, graduating in 1960. He often reminded people about having to milk the cows before going to school and then having to walk uphill both ways.

In 1961, he joined the U.S. Army National Guard based out of Mott, North Dakota. He served during the Berlin Crisis and was honorably discharged in 1968.

In 1964 he married Sharon Sack from Reeder, North Dakota. Dennis and Sharon had two children, Karlynn Marie (1965) and Keith Allen (1971). In December of 1966, they left North Dakota to move out West and liked Missoula, so ended up making their residence there for 13 years. Even though their marriage ended, their friendship continued through the years.

Dennis worked in Missoula for Demarois Oldsmobile selling cars. He then went to Coca Cola before going to Pepsi Cola. He started out driving truck and then became manager of Pepsi Cola Bottling Co. in Kalispell in 1979. He retired from Pepsi in 2003, after being in the pop business for 30 years.

Dennis had a special relationship with Alice Blasdel and her children. Dennis and Alice enjoyed traveling together in their 25-year union. They worked together at the Vista Linda with caterings, fish fries and other special events.



camp back in Montana with the boys. Dad had hoped to get back there again this past year, but unfortunately he was in Spokane

due to his health issues.

Another love of his was NASCAR and the No. 48 of Jimmie Johnson. On Sundays, you would find him in his recliner watching the race with his phone close by for the calls that he and Karlynn would share back and forth during the race about each other's driver. He also frequented the local track, Montana Raceway Park, where he enjoyed watching his granddaughter Dalton race the past seven years and camping out on the Montana 200.

Dennis always was looking for someone to play a game or two or three of cribbage. He participated in different tournaments throughout the valley. At one time, he volunteered with teaching students how to play the game. Dad always said, "You have to know math and how to count to 15 to play."

He enjoyed woodworking, making birdhouses and other objects. He would donate some of the birdhouses to the Lighthouse for the residents to decorate.

Dennis had his routine and if you couldn't reach him by his cell phone (which he never wanted, but was always worried where it was) you could find him at the White Oak at 8 a.m. having coffee with the "White Oak girls" and meeting with his friends "solving the worlds' problems." Dad valued his friendships and enjoyed gathering with the guys to watch the Griz at neighbor Phil's. Dad was thankful for time he got to spend with his friends.

when his family, friends, or even Phil's dog, Toby, would come in to visit. He will be greatly missed.

Dad was preceded in death by his brother Roger, and his parents Theodore and Dorothy Mae.

He is survived by his daughter, Karlynn, and Heath Halden; his son, Keith, and Crystal; his brother, Monte, and Bev Strand; and sister-in-law, Helen Strand; his grandchildren, Trevor, Taylon, Dalton, Josh and Devin; one great-granddaughter, Oaklie; and his nephews, Perry, Kelly, Shawn and Cory. He is also survived by his special friend Alice Blasdel and her children, Pat, Pam, Prudence and Mark, along with her grandchildren, Jayme,

Dillon, Logan, Kris, Dan, Tuleah, Reanna, Hunter, Ellie and Isaac.

Karlynn and Keith would like to offer a special thanks to the staff at the Heritage Place for their care and compassion during Dad's stay, along with the staff at the dialysis center.

In lieu of flowers, please consider memorial donations to the VFW, Special Olympics or the Heritage Place.

A funeral service for Dennis will be held at 11 a.m. Dec. 15 at the Central Bible Church, 902 First Avenue East, Kalispell. Committal services will follow at Fairview, Cemetery Columbia Falls.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

After retirement Dennis enjoyed a variety of activities. He loved fishing and hunting. He would often tell stories of him, Keith, Mark and Rick Hoyt going pheasant hunting in North Dakota with his brother Monte. After bird hunting then came hunting

Even though Dad spent his last few months in medical care, he never lost his sense of humor or his quick comebacks when sharing a conversation. His bright blue eyes would lighten up

Laurence Emil Strand, 71

Laurence Emil Strand, 71, died Feb. 5, 2014, at his home in Columbia Falls.

He is survived by his wife, Paulette; and son,

Lance.

There will be a viewing from noon to 5 p.m. today, Feb. 7, at Columbia Mortuary.

John Paul Standley, 63

John Paul Standley, 63, of Kalispell, passed away peacefully in his home on the morning of Dec. 6, 2014, from natural causes.

He is survived by his beloved wife and best friend of 35 years, Michelle; and two daughters, Jennifer, 33, of Whitefish, and Rebecca, 27, of Kalispell; his brother, Edward James Standley, and wife, Barbara, of Houston; his sister, Jeanne, and husband, Don Bryan, of Port Saint Lucie, Florida; his brother, Joseph Standley, and wife, Lindsey, of Ocala, Florida; and many nieces, nephews and extended family.

John Paul was a loving husband, father, uncle and friend.

John Paul was born on Jan. 16, 1951, to Edward and Jane Standley in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. After high school, he attended the University of Florida in Gainesville. He graduated in 1974 with a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration and minor in accounting.

He was an auditor for U.S. Shoe and was relocated to Atlanta where he met his soul mate Michelle. In 1990, they chose to move to Kalispell, her home state, to raise their two daughters.

He was an avid reader,



excellent cook and loved repairing watches. He was a die-hard Florida Gators fan — he

“bled orange and blue.”

He was a witty, charming man who was always impeccably dressed. He loved nothing more than spending time with his daughters and wife. When people dropped by, his immediate impulse was to feed them. One of his life goals was to earn his Master of Business Administration, which he completed in 2010.

He will be remembered for his generosity, kindness and his willingness to lend a hand or shoulder.

A celebration of John Paul's life will take place on his 64th birthday at 4 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 16, at The Lodge at Whitefish Lake, to celebrate the wonderful husband, father and friend he truly was.

“What we do for ourselves dies with us. What we do for others and the world remains and is immortal.” — Albert Pine

Margaret Anne (Platt) Stanley, 76

Margaret Anne (Platt) Stanley's "room in Heaven" became available to her" on March 12, 2014, at the age of 76. She passed away from the effects of scleroderma, surrounded by the love of family and friends.



and her favorites were dogs, horses and owls. Animals provided much joy and com-

Margaret was born on April 5, 1937, in Lincoln, Neb., to Robert and Edith Platt. The family moved to Rock Island, Ill., where she was raised with her younger brother Bill. She completed her schooling and attended Grinnell College, Augustana College and the University of Iowa.

It was during the serendipitous summer of 1960 that she met the love of her life Bill Stanley. They were both working summer resort jobs in Evergreen, Colo., when he noticed "the good-looking girl across the room" in the employee cafeteria at Troutdale In The Pines. Later that summer they both worked at the Stanley Hotel in Estes Park, and enjoyed meeting at the local pancake house when they were done with their late night/early morning shifts. There they would share breakfast and a quiet cup of coffee together. They were engaged in December of 1961, and were married on Sept. 1, 1962, at Broadway Presbyterian Church in Rock Island.

Their early years were spent at Shaw Air Force Base in Sumter, S.C., while Bill served in the United States Air Force as an intelligence officer. Their daughter Sheryl was born in October of 1964, and their son Scott was born in October of 1965. After Bill's medical discharge from the service the family moved to Coralville, Iowa where Bill worked as a cartographer for the Geography Department and a programmer analyst for the Weeg Computer Center at the University of Iowa. Their third child Sarah was born in May of 1973.

fort to her throughout her life and she always loved to exchange stories of pets and wild animals. She was a passionate reader of books such as history, politics, biographies, poetry, fiction and animal stories. Her recent favorites were works by C.S. Lewis, Thomas Savage, Jim Kjelgaard and Dean Koontz. She would periodically remind others that "you can't be bored if you have books!" She loved visits from family and friends, and finding thoughtful gifts for her children and grandchildren.

She was diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis in her mid-40s, and developed Raynaud's syndrome and scleroderma (GERD and CREST). In spite of the health challenges she always maintained a good outlook on life and loved hearing about the activities of her family and seven grandchildren. "One grandchild for each day of the week!" she said.

Margaret was preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Edith Platt; and her brother, Bill Platt.

She is survived by Bill, her loving husband of 51 years, and their children and families, daughter Sheryl and husband Chris Dolan, and grandchildren Kenyon, Eva and Fiona of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, son, Scott and wife Sara Stanley, and grandchildren Lydia and Carson of Urbandale, Iowa, and daughter, Sarah and husband Don Copple, and grandchildren Olivette and Amelie of Dillon.

Margaret was a devoted wife, mother, and partner with her husband in their Amway business. They were delighted to meet new people and make friends while building their business together. It was during a trip to Montana to visit their daughter Sarah and son-in-law Don when they became enamored with the Flat-head Valley. The area reminded them of their times together in the Colorado Rockies. They built their home near Columbia Falls and reveled in their new-found elbow room in the West. She loved their herd of miniature horses and the many dogs they had. Margaret was an animal- and bird-lover,

Visitation is from 4 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 18, and noon to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, March 19 at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. Services will be at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, March 19 at Columbia Mortuary, followed immediately by interment at Fairview Cemetery. Light refreshments will be available at The Back Room/Nite Owl afterwards.

Memorials may be given to Dogs for the Deaf, 10175 Wheeler Road, Central Point, OR 97502, (800) 990-DOGS or online at www.dogsforthe deaf.org. She would wish all of you "Happy trails!"

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

Frankie Stratton, 93

Frankie Stratton, our mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and good friend, left us peacefully at Heritage Homes in Kalispell, on Sept. 16, 2014.

She was born to the Rev. Frank B. Hillis and Alice Hillis in Kalispell, on Aug. 1, 1921. As a "preacher's daughter," Frankie spent much of her youth traveling around Northwest Montana, singing, playing the piano and helping with church services. She also excelled in music at Flathead County High School, earning many honors.

On Nov. 27, 1942, she married Ellwood "Al" Stratton in Seattle where he was working during World War II. After the war, they returned to the Flathead Valley, and after living in various cabins and a tent, they built their log house with logs from their sawmill. Frankie was a stay-at-home mom all her life, with many interests. Playing the piano and



organ, seamstress, church leader and teacher, and

artist. She sold many paintings of Indians and scenery over the years, and in 1970 was featured with other artists in the publication "Montana's Own."

Frankie and Al moved around Montana following road construction from 1961-1977.

In 1977, they settled in Dillon. Keenly aware of those in need, they helped form Helping Hands, quietly gathering clothes, food, funds and emotional support for many people. She lived her convictions in her every-day life, and always took a stand for right. Frankie worked side-by-side with Al for 67 years, raising their daughters, always there to lend a hand, a shoul-

der or an ear to their family, friends and a large extended family.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Al; parents; and sister, Jane.

The memories of Frankie will always be remembered by those who survive, her daughters, Susan and Fred Rebish of Dillon, and Mary and John Semmens of Polson; grandchildren, Tracey and Kendra Rebish of Missoula, Katherine and Bob Hupp of Dillon, Jason Semmens, and Rachael and Myles Heivilin of Colorado; six great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews, including Jean and Ron Levang, and Norma Williams, and Sandy Lovell; a friend since childhood, Dale Keller and Joan; and a former neighbor, Donn Bolog of Bothel, Wash.; all considered family.

Frankie was a feisty, loving mother, grandmother and friend who you could call on any

time, day or night. Her passing leaves a huge void in our lives but a wonderful model to follow.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

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

Homer Wagner 'Skip' Stratton, 92

Homer Wagner "Skip" Stratton, 92, died Thursday, Oct. 30, 2014, at his home in Missoula.

He had worked for the U.S. Forest Service as a forester, fire boss and smokejumper.

He is survived by his children, Jan Sipprell of Kalispell, David Stratton,

Julie Smith and Doug Jones.

A memorial service will be at 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, at Garden City Funeral Home in Missoula, with a reception following. Cremation has taken place and spreading of the ashes will be at a later time.

Jack Strickler, 59

Jack Strickler passed away at HealthCenter Northwest from cancer on June 4, 2014.

He was born on May 10, 1955, in Clarkston, Wash., to Dee and Claire Church Strickler. The family moved to Pullman, Wash., in 1961, where Jack went through all 12 grades, graduating from Pullman High School in 1973. That fall he moved across town to Washington State University, where he was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon. He graduated with a degree in mechanical engineering.

His first job was working for United Engineering on the Washington Water Power System nuclear reactor at Hanford, Wash. (It later became known as "WooPS!" because it was never completed.) There, however he discovered an ability and interest in designing piping systems, which continued for the rest of his life in various locations around the world.

Although he redesigned oil well pipe layouts in Prudhoe Bay, Alaska, and the refrigeration system piping for a refitted surimi manufacturing ship in Seattle, he specialized in designing ultrapure water and wastewater systems used in the manufacture of microchips. He was working for Christ Wastewater AG of Switzerland in Singapore when he met his future wife, Diana, who was office manager in the same building. They were married on Dec. 4, 1993, in Whitefish, with a Chinese wedding ceremony in January in Singapore. Their first home was in Vancouver, Wash., after which they moved to Chandler, Ariz. They returned to Whitefish for the birth of their son, Glenn Weslee, in 1996. Subsequent moves were to Shanghai, China, then to Basel, Switzerland, the headquarters



of Christ AG, for five and a half years. They returned to Montana in 2010.

Jack was an ardent fly fisherman who tied his own flies. He fished for grayling in the Beaufort Sea when he worked on the North Slope. In between design jobs he twice visited New Zealand to hunt and fish. On his first trip there he walked the length of several streams on the west side of the South Island, leaving fish with sore mouths behind him in every pool. Hunting was also a passion. He hunted caribou in Alaska and also shot a Dall sheep, flying into a remote area to camp and hunt. He hiked and hunted in the mountains of southeast Washington and Idaho for many autumns. Jack had expertise in cartridge reloading and rifle design as well and really appreciated fine guns.

Jack was preceded in death by his father in 2011, and is survived by his wife, Diana, and son, Glenn, at the family home; mother, Claire Strickler, of Columbia Falls; a sister, Zoe, in Storrs, Conn.; a brother, Walt, in Boulder, Colo.; and a foster brother, Sanjay Narasimhalu, in Houston.

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

Memorials in lieu of flowers may be sent to Glacier National Park Conservancy, P.O. Box 2749, Columbia Falls, MT 59912.

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

Robert 'Jack' Stuart, 86

Robert "Jack" Stuart passed away Sept. 1, 2014, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

Jack was born in Conrad to Frank O. Stuart and Mary Presslity Stuart on Aug. 22, 1928. He attended school in Ledger and Conrad. He received his private pilot license when he was 16.

Jack enlisted in the Air Force in 1946 and was stationed on Guam for 23 months. He was discharged from Great Falls Air Force Base in September 1949. He was with the Civil Air Patrol in Montana and California.

In 1950, he married Betty Matheson in Conrad and together raised three sons. In 1957, they moved to Southern California where Jack began a career in aerospace, retiring in January 1991. He continued flying power airplanes and bought a sailplane which he flew until 1994. He had the great experience of flying on the Concorde and reaching an altitude to see the curvature of the earth, and also went into the cockpit while in flight.

Jack and Betty moved to Bigfork in 1991 to



enjoy retirement. He was a member of Bethany Lutheran Church. He loved the mountains as his father had a cabin on Lake McDonald

and built Motel Lake McDonald. He enjoyed woodworking and made furniture, but his pride was in his cedar strip canoe.

Jack always had a smile on his face and never gave up after many challenges due to his health.

He is survived by his wife, Betty; sons, Tom of Whitefish, Brad and Christy of Billings, and Greg of Bigfork; and granddaughter, Melonee, of Nevada.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 6, at Bethany Lutheran Church in Bigfork.

Memorials may be given to Bethany Lutheran Church, Home Options Hospice in Kalispell, or the charity of your choice.

Shirley Ann Stubbs, 81

Shirley Ann Stubbs "went home to the angels" while surrounded by her family and friends on Oct. 28, 2014.

She was born Jan. 13, 1933, in Beverly, Mass., Harold and Dorothy Moore. She grew up in Boston with her siblings Sonny, Barb and Marilyn. As a teenager she moved to Spokane where she completed her education and met the love of her life. For almost 38 years Robert Earl Stubbs Sr. made her life the picture of love and devotion and during this time they were blessed with three children, Bobby, Sandy and Tammy. Shirley spent her years volunteering for various groups, teaching CPR and Advanced First Aid, helping care for others at the original Kalispell Regional Hospital as a surgical tech and floor clerk, and as an active member of Flathead Search & Rescue for 30 years.

Shirley "was received in Heaven" by her parents, her brother, her granddaughter Rainey, her son, and her adoring Bob.

Shirley had a way of collecting extra family wherever she went and this self-made family included Jan Kartheiser, David Mansir, Patrick Turner, Sue Dupont, Dave Pierce, Adam Funk, Alicia Fladager, Dj Jansky, Diane Goldizen, and the entire Aemisegger family, especially "her" Donna. Along with these special people, Shirley is greatly missed by her sisters, her daughter and son-in-law, Sandy and Gayden Mansir II, and daughter Tammy



Hendrickson. Shirley's grandchildren Laurie Gariner, Amy Mansir, Jenny Reed, Ali-

cia Nieves, Gayle Taves, Gayden Mansir III, David Hendrickson and Robbie Stubbs will forever "love her more." Blessed with 19 great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild, countless nieces and nephews and umpteen friends, Shirley will be missed for the simple love and faith she brought to everything she did.

Services will take place at 2 p.m. on Nov. 2, in the gymnasium of the Deer Park Elementary School in Columbia Falls, with a viewing from 1 to 1:45 p.m. Burial will take place at Fairview Cemetery, with a potluck reception to follow.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Flathead Search & Rescue or to the children's special needs cause of your choice. The family asks that all attendees forgo traditional memorial attire and instead make the request to please wear anything that Shirley would have enjoyed.

The family would also like to thank all the staff and personnel of the Immanuel Lutheran home for the love and care extended to Shirley and her family.

To read or share in the full obituary as written by the family please go to <http://www.buffalohillfh.com>. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Della Louise Sturzen, 96

Our loving mother, Della Louise Sturzen, "went to the arms of Jesus" on Friday, Oct. 31, 2014. She was 96 years old and resided at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

Della was born March 12, 1918, to Orville and Nellie Morrow in Douds, Iowa.

"Della was preceded to heaven by her mother, father, brother, sister, husband Arthur, son James and grandson John."

Della left Iowa for Spokane where she met her future husband. The family moved to San Bernardino, Calif., at the end of World War II. Della and Art migrated to Kalispell in early 1978.

Art and Della were longtime active members at Bethel Baptist Church in Kalispell.

Della is survived by her daughter, Jean; son, John; three grandsons and six great-grandchildren.

The family is being cared for by Bethel Baptist Church and Johnson-



Gloschat Funeral Home.

The memorial service will be at 1 p.m. on Thursday,

Nov. 6, at Bethel Baptist Church which is located at 936 4th Avenue West, Kalispell. There will be a gathering in the basement of the church after the service to celebrate Della's life.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Bethel Baptist Church or Home Options Hospice.

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

Charles Royden Stubbs, 78

Charles Royden Stubbs, 78, died July 9, 2014, at home in Kalispell.

He was born Sept. 22, 1935, in Kalispell to Charles R. and Viola Ruth Triplett Stubbs.

He was married July 21, 1956, to Maxine Ruggles in Sandpoint, Idaho.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Ercell Faye Stubbs; and sister, Gloria Wolf.

He is survived by his wife, Maxine Stubbs; and son, Shannon Stubbs, and his wife, Michelle Stubbs.

At his request, there will be no services.

Shirley Ann Stubbs, 81

Shirley Ann Stubbs, 81, died at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell on Tuesday, Oct. 28, 2014.

A viewing will be from 1 to 1:45 p.m. at Deer Park Elementary School, followed by funeral ser-

vices at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 2, with a committal service at Fairview Cemetery. A potluck reception will follow at the school.

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

Carol Ann Styger, 70

Carol Ann Styger, "Green Grandma," 70, of Thompson Falls, passed away on Sept. 10, 2014, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center as a result of a ruptured cerebral aneurysm.

She was the third of nine children born to Mary C. and Erin J. Brown on April 2, 1944, in Moncton, New Brunswick.

Raised in Saint John, New Brunswick, Carol was the self-proclaimed "wild one of the bunch." She graduated from Simonds Regional High School, where she was active in the school newspaper and drama club. She also enjoyed ice skating and playing broomball.

She married James "Jim" Doherty in 1963. They were blessed with two sons, James and Michael. They lived in Salem, N.H., where she worked as a seamstress while Jim was a harness racer at Rockingham Park and seasonally at Foxboro Raceway in Massachusetts.

Carol and her sons moved to Montana in 1976, making their home in Thompson Falls. She married Jerry "JD" Deal in May 1978 and they welcomed three children, Kerri, Kelly and Jay. Here Carol could be found cooking up a storm, sewing clever Halloween costumes, cheering at sporting events, garage sale-ing to find a bargain, or working tirelessly at 4-H functions.

In February 2007, Carol and Gale Styger were married. Their grandson, Ashton, joined them in January 2008 at the age of 3. Carol readily returned to her role as mom/grandma, loving and caring for him eagerly.



member of the Thompson Falls Toastmasters Club, where she was known for her humorous

speeches. She truly enjoyed the challenges and friendships gained here. Her humor and kindness brightened the lives of friends and strangers alike.

Carol was preceded in death by her parents.

She is survived by her husband, Gale, and their grandson Ashton; five children, son James and Jodie Doherty Jr., of Hurleyville, N.Y., son Michael Doherty of Monticello, N.Y., daughter Kerri Deal of Hermiston, Ore., daughter Kelly and Theron Pavlik of Manhattan, Mont., and son Jay and Ericka Deal of Lewistown; 11 grandchildren, Christopher, Laura, Jamie, Kaitlyn, Morgan, Addyson, Tyson, Cadence, Easton, Clancy and Devin; four stepchildren, daughters Desirea and Casey Chamberlin, and Dawna Styger of Oregon; sons Jace Styger and Troy Styger of Missoula; and three additional grandchildren, Avery, Melanie and Aspen.

Carol is also survived by all eight of her siblings, William and Jeanette Brown of Saint John, Sheila and Jerry Chipman of Kalispell, Erin and Maxine Brown of Lloydminster, Alberta, Stephen and Martha Brown of Salmon River, New Brunswick, Susan Brown of Reston, Va., Gregory and Mary Ann Brown of Fredericton, New Brunswick, Robert Brown of Fort McMurray, Alberta, and Sarah and David MacLean of Valley, Nova Scotia.

Carol worked at the Sanders County Ledger for many years, serving as a frameworks and sign maker, editor and photo developer. She made many lifelong friends here and enjoyed using her creativity at work — writing catchy riddles, picking color combinations or partaking in co-worker pranks.

Most recently, Carol worked at Ace Hardware in Thompson Falls. She thoroughly enjoyed the customers who came to see her, knew everyone by name, and always made time to say hello.

Carol also was an active and dedicated

Cremation has taken place. A celebration of Carol's life will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 27, at the Elks Lodge in Thompson Falls.

She is under the care of Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Condolences may be shared online at www.buffalohillfh.com.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to an Education Savings Account that has been set up for her grandson, Ashton, at First Security Bank in Thompson Falls.

"Green Grandma, we will always carry your memory in our hearts and share it over a good cup of tea."

Ruth A. Sullivan, 86

Ruth A. Sullivan, 86, of Bigfork, passed away Jan. 22, 2014.

Ruth was born on Aug. 5, 1927, in Kalispell, to Elmer and Anna Schutt Wolstad.

She was raised with her sister May and brother George on the Swan River near Bigfork.

Ruth married Gene Sullivan in November of 1949. They had three sons, Tim, Terry and Ted. Ruth helped Gene on their family farm outside Bigfork. In her younger days Ruth loved to swim. She also enjoyed baking, reading and dancing.

Ruth was preceded in death by her husband, Gene; her parents, Elmer and Anna Wolstad; and her son and daughter-in-law, Ted and LaRae Sul-



livan.

Ruth is survived by two sons, Tim and Darlene Sullivan, and Terry and Nita

Sullivan; siblings, May Sullivan, and George and Mary Wolstad; six grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, and nieces and nephews.

The family will have a private celebration of life at a later date.

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

After 32 years in Stevensville, Joyce and Bill moved to Boise, Idaho, where they enjoyed the culture, relaxed, and worked coordinating the volunteers at the Morrison Center of Performing Arts. While in Boise, she battled and beat breast cancer. It wasn't the first time she showed her strength and resilience but she was proud of this accomplishment.

During this battle with cancer the idea of "Mom's Bench" was created. She and Bill were planning another one of their epic and beloved trips to

A memorial is planned for 1 p.m. April 26 at the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home in Kalispell.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Glacier Symphony or Home Options Hospice in Kalispell.

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

Joyce Davidson Sullivan, 74

Joyce Davidson Sullivan, 74, of Kalispell died April 17, 2014.

Joyce was born Dec. 4, 1940, to parents Les and Evelyn Davidson.

Growing up, she made wonderful memories with her parents and sister Diane, looking for shells and exploring ocean tide pools. Her intense love of the ocean would stay with her throughout her lifetime.

She graduated from Los Gatos High School and then went on to earn her bachelor's degree in home economics from San Jose State.

On June 16, 1962, Joyce married Bill Sullivan. Their son Jon was born in 1963, followed by their daughter Sharon in 1966. The family moved to Montana in 1970. Joyce taught and retired from the Stevensville school system. She was an FHA instructor for many years, helping and guiding young women and her students to be independent and confident and learn all the home arts she was so committed to and passionate about.

Joyce had an appreciation and respect for wilderness, lakes and the mountains. She had many wonderful times with Bill at high mountain lakes while he fished and she gathered rocks (that she would often secretly put in his backpack so he could carry them home for her!) and photographing the beauty she saw around her. That love of the Earth translated to the caretaking of their 13-acre property in the Bitterroot Valley where they raised huge gardens, canning and freezing much of the food that would feed the family throughout the year.



Ireland. Joyce saw a picture of a bench overlooking the ocean. It was her goal to beat cancer and

one day find that bench, sit there and watch the sea. Both seemed like daunting tasks but through strength of will and determination she accomplished both. Again, recently, as she battled gall bladder cancer, she heard of another bench overlooking Flathead Lake. She found the strength to make it to that bench as well, and the family hopes to have a memorial bench there for her so that others can sit and enjoy the beauty of Montana that Joyce loved so much.

In 2007, the much-anticipated birth of her grandson, Morgan Finn Dickinson, brought the couple back to Montana to live in Kalispell, two blocks from their daughter. The rest of Joyce's years were spent in joy as she watched Morgan grow, learn and change. Her grandson brought her immeasurable pleasure, and for the first time she embraced her silly side and entertained him any way she could.

Joyce was preceded in death by her parents, Les and Evelyn Davidson.

She is survived by her husband, William Sullivan; her sister, Diane Diggins; son, Jon and partner, Marilee Harrison; daughter, Sharon Sullivan; and grandson, Morgan Dickinson.

She will be remembered for her unconditional support of those she loved, which transformed many lives, her stubborn resilience, her infectious positive outlook, and her unwavering love and commitment to her family.

Laraine Sullens, 52

Laraine Marie Sullens-Feuz, 52, passed away at home on Saturday, Aug. 9, 2014.

She was born on Aug. 13, 1961, in Billings. She was the youngest daughter of Cecil and Jane Sullens of Billings.

Laraine graduated from Billings Senior High School with the Class of 1979 where she was good student, active in the choir program and a Past Honored Queen of Bethel 7 of the International Order of Jobs Daughters.

She worked for many years in Billings as a plumbing rep for Clapper Company.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Cecil Kenneth and Jane Marie Cook Sullens.

She is survived by her

husband, Steve Feuz, of Kalispell; sister, Kathy Mans, and her husband James, and two nephews, Jared and Kristopher, of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; her daughter, Kelsey Komar, of Billings; an uncle, James Cook, of Buffalo, Wyo.; and many cousins from Wyoming.

Laraine liked to have fun, lots of laughs, and loved to fish. She was a loyal friend to those in her life. It saddens our hearts that she left us early.

In her final wishes, Laraine requested that there be no memorial service.

The family suggests memorials in her honor to the Spokane Shriner Children's Hospital, 911 W. 5th Ave., Spokane, WA 99204.

Arnold A. Sundberg, 89

Arnold A. Sundberg, 89, Columbia Falls, passed away at North Valley Hospital Sept. 9, 2014.

He was born Aug. 28, 1925, in International Falls, Minn., to Eric Albert Sundberg and Anna Sundberg. He spent his early years in International Falls.

Arne joined the Army in 1942 and served in the Co L 351st Infantry in Italy where he received the Purple Heart. He also received one Bronze Star for the Rome-Arno Campaign.

He married Beverly Anna Guay in International Falls on Jan. 21, 1950. They moved to Lewiston, Idaho, where he worked at the papermill. In 1953 they moved to Columbia Falls and settled in the Heights area where he still lived at the time of his death.

He worked at the Anaconda Aluminum plant until he retired. Over the years he enjoyed square dancing, bowling, fishing and especially working in his workshop creating woodcrafts. He spent many hours creating beautiful items out of wood and giving them to friends and family members. He was truly a skilled craftsman.

Arne was a post commander of the VFW in Columbia Falls and participated with the cemetery committee at St. Richard's Catholic Church which he attended for many years.

In August of 1975, Arne



married Barbara Fredricks. They spent many years enjoying life after Barb retired, traveling and visiting family.

Arne was

preceded in death by his parents, Eric and Anna Sundberg; two sisters, Florence Coultas and Louise Sundberg; his first wife, Beverly; his daughter, Cindy Jorgenson; and his eldest son, Barry Sundberg.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara; his daughters, Arna Bryant of Hayden, Idaho, and Donna Sundberg of Colbert, Wash.; his son, Leslie Sundberg, of Spokane; stepdaughters, Corby Guse of Bigfork and Christine Baker of Alabama; 16 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The funeral will be at noon today, Sept. 13, at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls, with burial at St. Richard's Cemetery and a luncheon to follow at the church.

The family wishes to thank all the medical professionals and EMTs that were so courteous and professional during this stressful and untimely period. Arne will be greatly missed.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for Arne's family.

Harold 'Hal' Richard Sundvahl II, 75

Harold "Hal" Richard Sundvahl II, 75, passed away peacefully in his home on Sept. 14, 2014. He was a retired farmer and architect.

Hal was born Feb. 3, 1939, in Odessa, Mo., the son of Harold and Rose-Anna (Powell) Sundvahl. He was a proud alumni of Oklahoma State University where he became a licensed architect.

Hal married Jill Zyvoloski in 1994 in Dallas. They had been together for 20 years.

Hal was a true Renaissance man. His curious mind made him a lifetime learner. Hal used his agricultural skills throughout his life all across the country, from his ranch in Oklahoma to his potato farm (Royal Farms) in Minnesota, and Texas. Hal was an expert craftsman whose work could be seen around the world. He spent many years participating in missionary work to build churches, schools and orphanages for those in need. In his spare time you would find Hal in his shop where he rebuilt classic cars and boats. He was a remarkable woodworker. There wasn't anything he couldn't build.

Hal was preceded in death by his parents, Harold Richard Sundvahl



I and Rose-Anna Powell Sundvahl; son, Eric Scott Sundvahl; and stepdaughter, Johanna

Gutzman.

Hal is survived by his wife, Jill Sundvahl, of Rollins; daughter, Stefnie Sundvahl, of Whitefish; sons, Jason and Amanda Sundvahl of Dalhart, Texas, and Quinten and Jessica Sundvahl of Lakeside; daughter, Dr. Amanda and Randy Craft of Long Prairie, Minn.; stepdaughters, Jessica and Brian Volkmann of Apple Valley, Minn., and Dr. Jocelyn Gutzman of San Diego; and sisters, Sigrid and Scott Williams of Bartlesville, Okla., and Neva and Jim Cruz of Dallas. He was the proud grandfather of 11 grandchildren.

"Hal is now in the arms of his beloved Lord."

A celebration of life for Hal will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 20, at the Lakeside Baptist Church.

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

Donna Louella Sutton, 82

Donna Louella Sutton, 82, of Kalispell died Nov. 27, 2014.

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Funeral Home & Crematory are entrusted with arrangements.

Donna L. Sutton, 82

Donna L. Sutton, a longtime resident of the Flathead Valley, passed away on Nov. 27, 2014, at the age of 82. Although her body was failing, her mind was sharp and witty until the end.

Donna pursued a lifelong love of writing short stories and poetry and was noted in several literary publications.

She was born in Fremont, Ohio, in 1932; the fourth of five sisters. Her two surviving sisters are Ruth Keels of Fremont, and Jeanne Hayes of Clyde, Ohio. Donna was married to Shirly Sutton, who preceded her in death.

She is fondly remembered by her large and boisterous family of six daughters, Barbara Dornfeld of Billings, Claudia



Minster of St. Louis, Regina Adams of Kalispell, Terri Weber of Evergreen, and Sandi

Pyles of Martin City.

Daughter Wendy McMillan preceded her in death.

In addition, Donna was blessed with 16 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

A memorial celebration is being planned for the summer at Ashley Lake where she and Shirly spent many hours enjoying the scenery, fishing and family.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is entrusted with the arrangements.

Kenneth A. Sutton Sr., 62

Kenneth A. Sutton Sr., 62, truck driver and mechanic, formerly of Kalispell, died of cancer April 8, 2014, at his Inverness home.

Survivors include his wife, Irene; and four children, David, Jennifer,

Timothy and Auston.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Monday, June 9 at the Calvary Church in Rudyard.

Cremation and arrangements are by Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester.

Donald Sidney Swanberg, 89

Donald Sidney Swanberg "went into the arms of his heavenly father" on Friday, Jan. 31, 2014, in Whitefish. He was in the care of staff at Whitefish Rehabilitation and staff at Frontier Hospice this past year.

He was born April 2, 1924, in a cabin on Lake Five, the eldest son of Sidney and Vivian Swanberg. He spent his youth there. His senior year was spent in Elk, Wash., helping his grandparents with their farm. He graduated from Riverside High School.

Don worked on the Aleutian Islands for a year before going off to serve his country in World War II. He was in the Marines in Bougainville, Midway and the Philippines as an aircraft mechanic. Returning back to the valley, he worked on the construction of Hungry Horse Dam and started his career in the lumber industry at Rex Brown's in Coram and Plum Creek, where he worked for 30 years as a lumber grader before his retirement. Don liked mechanical work and was always working on vehicles, lawnmowers, etc.

Don married the love of his life, Constance June Mendenhall, on Aug. 20, 1950, and loved and cared for her until her death in March of 2009. They had a wonderful time traveling to Israel, Hawaii, Canada and all over the U.S. Don loved to dance and he and Connie would dance whenever they had the chance. He enjoyed family times



picking huckleberries, ice fishing, buying a backhoe at the age of 84 and blazing new

trails at Lake Five.

Don was preceded in death by his wife, Connie Swanberg; brother, Cliff Swanberg; and sisters, Betty Gillett and Bonnie Jean Wheeler.

Don is survived by his three children, Steve Swanberg, Aurelia Craig and husband Pat, and Vivian Atkinson and husband Jim, all of Kalispell; brother, Ted, and wife, Pat, of Lake Five; and 19 nieces and nephews. He had the joy of welcoming into the world six grandchildren, Crystal Boyd, Jason Gronley, Wendy Helm and husband Ryan, Brendan Craig and wife Karyn, Amy Craig, and Katie Meredith and husband Jeff. He has an added layer of great-grandchildren, Miranda, Alisha and Hunter Boyd, Weston, Cameron and Dawson Gronley, Porter and Presley Craig and Jack and Patrick (due any day) Meredith.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 5, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home, 525 South Main Street.

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

Longtime Kalispell doctor Swanberg dies

By **LYNNETTE
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The Daily Inter Lake

Well-known Kalispell physician Louise Swanberg died unexpectedly Tuesday at Kalispell Regional Medical Center. She was 65.

Swanberg practiced internal medicine at Woodland Clinic in Kalispell, a clinic started by her father, the late Dr. Alfred Swanberg. She was affiliated with both North Valley Hospital and Kalispell Regional, and had been on staff at Kalispell Regional since 1984.

News of her death shocked her patients, colleagues and friends.

"I felt like someone had punched me deep in my stomach," said John Hendricks, a grade-school



Dr. Louise Swanberg

classmate of Swanberg and good friend.

"She was the smartest kid in our class, even at that age," Hendricks said, recalling first-grade days at Hedges Elementary School. "She was always brilliant. The fact that she's gone means this world just isn't as good a place as it was."

Hendricks and his partner Judi Fenton — both patients of Swanberg — had invited Swanberg and her husband, Dr. Tom Colyer, to a Christmas party planned this weekend. He still has the cellphone text from her that says, "Yes, we'd love to come; tell us what to bring."

Swanberg was well-respected among her patients and colleagues and was known for going the distance in patient care.

Jeanne Garner, a registered nurse who worked with Swanberg at Kalispell Regional and was one of her patients in recent years, said she couldn't find enough glowing adjectives to describe Swanberg.

"She was so kind and concerned, and very professional," Garner

said. "She was extremely intelligent and had a terrific business mind. The nurses looked at her as a terrific diagnostician."

Garner recalled that when Swanberg and her husband returned to the Flathead Valley to raise their children, she was one of the first female doctors in the area.

"She had to maintain a certain professional attitude with these men seeing a woman [doctor] around for the first time, and she was able to gain their respect," Garner recalled.

Swanberg stepped in to care for her father's patients at Woodland Clinic after he died in 2003, and Garner pointed out how she "gave such personal care" to each patient.

Swanberg also spent time working in the family's cherry orchard near Lakeside.

"All of her patients knew when cherry harvest was underway, she'd be overseeing it," Garner said.

Swanberg had a hand in bringing the Family Medicine Residency of Western Montana program to Kalispell this year. The program was launched as a cooperative effort among Montana universities and hospitals to build a base of family physicians who are compassionate, clinically competent and motivated to serve patients and communities in the rural and underserved areas of Montana.

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Louise Elaine Swanberg, 65

Louise Elaine Swanberg, M.D., 65, died Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2014, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell. A memorial service

is being planned for the near future.

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

Louise Swanberg, 65

Louise Swanberg, M.D., died suddenly in the early hours of Tuesday morning, Dec. 2, 2014, from a sudden-onset acute infection. She resided in Kalispell and during summers lived at her orchard in Lakeside on Flathead Lake.

Anyone who knew Louise recognized her as a woman with an unrelenting passion for life and its adventures, an avid storyteller (with an endearing tendency toward creative embellishment), and a singular personality — “quirky” might be one of the most accurate adjectives to describe her. She was a brilliant and compassionate doctor and she cultivated a widespread range of hobbies, including jewelry-making, various athletic pursuits and a wide-range of social engagements, often accompanied by her creative cocktails. She deeply loved and enjoyed her family and her friends.

Louise was born in Wichita, Kansas, on Aug. 29, 1949, and grew up in Kalispell. She was the daughter of Delores and Alfred Swanberg, M.D. Following high school, Louise spent a year in Switzerland as an exchange student through the American Field Service (AFS). Her Swiss host sister, Heidi, became one of Louise's dearest friends. Louise attended the University of Colorado in Boulder, Colorado, where she met her husband, Tom Colyer. They married three



years after meeting and would share a life of committed partnership, adventure and mutu-

al heckling.

Louise had learned to love medicine as a consequence of observing her dad's medical practice and decided that she wanted to become a doctor. She attended medical school at Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska. Following graduation, she and Tom moved to Washington, D.C., where Louise did her internship and residency at the George Washington University Medical Center. Following residency, Louise joined the medical faculty as head of the Internal Medicine Residency Program.

After having their first child, Adam, in 1984, Louise and Tom returned to the Flathead Valley and joined her father at the Woodland Clinic, and also became a member of the Kalispell Regional Medical Center staff, becoming one of the first female doctors in Kalispell. In 1986, they welcomed their second child, Christy. Over the course of her medical career, she received numerous awards, served as Chief of Staff at KRMC, and at the time of her death, was serving on the Board of Directors at the hospital.

In addition to her

impressive career, Louise was a woman of numerous passions and interests, and seemingly unlimited talent. She loved reading, photography, gardening, playing the piano, skiing and running, learning new languages, and anything that involved organizing. She loved traveling to new places, and most recently spent two weeks with Tom and two friends in Croatia.

Perhaps one of her most defining traits was Louise's knack for “creative” storytelling. And as with most good storytellers, she exercised a considerable amount of creative license in her recounting of past events. Regardless of whether her story reflected factual events, one couldn't help but be drawn into the scenario, since it was recounted with such vivid imagery and enthusiasm and the inevitable laughter that was central to her storytelling. Her enthusiasm for her material was contagious.

She was a key member of the Flathead Valley's community, with a wide circle of friends and commitments to various organizations. For many years she was the local coordinator of AFS, helping to facilitate the foreign exchange program. She participated in numerous hiking and cross-country ski trips with her girlfriends, (on one of these trips, she brought along a large bag of makeup and convinced

everyone into giving each other makeovers), hosted an annual Christmas cookie exchange, and has been a longtime member of a book club comprised of many of her closest friends.

Louise is survived by her husband, Tom Colyer; son, Adam Colyer and his wife, Jamie, of Seattle; and daughter, Christy Colyer of Minneapolis. She is also survived by siblings, Linda Swanberg of Missoula, and her husband, Gregg Swanberg, Chris Swanberg of Sacramento and his wife, Joni Chenoweth, and Chris' daughters, Katie and Kelly, Shelley Ferkovich of Davis, Calif., and her children, Melissa and Brian, and Jane Marie Law and her husband, Adam Law, M.D., and their children, Sam, Tamar and Hannah.

The memorial service is planned for 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 22 at the Canvas Church, with a reception to follow.

Arrangements are being handled by the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home in Kalispell.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to the Kalispell Regional Medical Center, the Humane Society of Northwest Montana or Partners in Health.

Louise's family would like to offer their sincerest thanks to the KRMC emergency room medical staff for their valiant efforts to save Louise's life during her medical crisis.

Jordis Viola Swanson, 86

Jordis Viola Swanson of Kalispell passed away Tuesday, Jan. 28, 2014, in Lubbock, Texas, after a short illness, with family at her bedside.

She was born on Sept. 29, 1927, to Jacob and Viola Jacobson Erie in York, N.D.

Jordis moved with her family to Montana when she was 10. Jordis graduated from Lincoln County High School in Eureka in May 1946.

She married James H. Swanson on Feb. 22, 1946, in Libby. She did the books for their family businesses for the next 30 years. She retired from Western Building where she worked for many years.

Jordis loved to garden and had beautiful flower gardens. She was very active in the Eureka Garden Club and always won more than her fair share of ribbons at the local county fair. She was an



avid golfer, but playing bridge was her true passion. She could play bridge with the best of

them and hold her own.

Jordis resided in Artesia, N.M., the last three years with her eldest daughter.

Survivors include her children, Sandy Johnson and husband Bob, Brenda Swanson, Paula Wise and husband Fred, and James Swanson and wife Jeanne; seven grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; her sister, Ardis; and brothers, Norman and Gene.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her twin brother, Olaf; and two infant sisters, Lois and Marilyn.

A memorial service is planned in Eureka for this summer.

Jon Lee Swinehart Sr., 66

Jon Lee Swinehart Sr., 66, passed away Feb. 14, 2014, at Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, Neb., after an extended illness.

He was born Jan. 4, 1948, in Emmett, Idaho, to Arnold and Dorthé Swinehart.

He was a maintenance technician for Coleman Powermates. In his early years he worked for Glacier Pipe and Concrete. Jon was a chief electronics engineer and also owned and operated his own electronics repair shop.

Jon is survived by his wife, Peggy Burson Swinehart of Kearney; mother, Dorthé L. Swinehart of Kalispell; sons, Jon L. Swinehart Jr. and family of Montana, and



Michael Swinehart of New York, N.Y.; daughter, Jenny Swinehart, and spouse Danny

Carpenter, and their children, Dalton Carpenter of Glendive, and Amanda Swinehart of Missoula; sister, Dawn Hatten, of Klamath Falls, Ore., and her children; and stepsons, Mike Bierme and Adam Clevenger of Kearney.

Services were held at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Kearney. A memorial service for Jon will take place in Kalispell and will be announced at a later date.

Susan 'Susie' R. Swearingen, 68

Susan "Susie" R. Swearingen, 68, died Sunday, June 22, 2014, at Libby Care Center, of a rare form of cancer.

Survivors include her husband, Van Swearin-

gen; and daughters, Pauline and Menby.

Private services are being held. Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home & Crematory in Libby.

Robert 'Bob' Peter Van Sweden, 87

Robert "Bob" Peter Van Sweden, 87, died Sunday, May 25, 2014, at the Whitefish Care and Rehabilitation Center in Whitefish.

He was born Aug. 3, 1926, in Kalamazoo, Mich., to Peter and Minnie Van Sweden. He was the elder brother of John Van Sweden.

Robert served in the Army from December 1944 through November 1946. He worked 30 years at Upjohn Pharmaceuticals before retiring in Kalispell.

Robert was an avid reader and stayed politically active. He enjoyed golf and gardening. While in Kalispell, he volunteered for five years at Meals on Wheels.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Peter and Minnie; his wife of 54 years, Marilyn; and his son, Brian.

He is survived by his brother, John Van Sweden, and wife, Marie, of Kalamazoo; and his daughter, Tamara, and



her husband, Douglas Prehn, also of Kalamazoo; four grandchildren, Richard, Edward, Matt and Mike; three great-grandchildren,

Edward, Brett and Renee; nieces and nephews, and their descendants.

Graveside services will be held at 3 p.m. Thursday, June 5, at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

A remembrance time will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, June 6, at the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) building, The Red Barn, 160 Kelly Road, Kalispell.

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

Dorthe L. Swinehart, 95

Dorthe L. Couch Swinehart passed away on April 4, 2014, at Prestige Assisted Living.

Dorthe Louise Couch was born Feb. 27, 1919, to John and Jeanette Cast Couch in Cunningham, Wash.

She married Arnold Swinehart and had two children, Jon Lee Swinehart, Sr., and Dawn Marie Swinehart Hatten.

She was preceded in death by her husband,

Arnold, in September 1989; and her son, Jon, in February 2014.

She is survived by her daughter, Dawn Marie Hatten, of Klamath Falls, Ore.; her sister, Pat Thompson, of Green Valley, Ariz.; nine grandchildren, and numerous great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. on May 10 at Cornerstone Community Church.

Suzanne Grabs Sylling, 77

Suzanne Grabs Sylling, beloved wife, mother, grandmother and cousin, "was called to rest" on Sunday, Sept. 7, 2014, at the Bitterroot Living Center in Stevensville.

She was born in Tacoma, Wash., on March 13, 1937, to Frank and Evelyn Grabs and was their only child. She was raised and attended school in Tacoma, graduating high school from Annie Wright Seminary in 1954. Suzanne was an active member of the Woodbrook Hunt Club where her life-long love of horses began.

Suzanne met her husband, Alvin Sylling, at Pacific Lutheran University in the fall of 1954, her freshman year. They were married April 5, 1957, in the Chapel at PLU.

Suzanne's family was her number one priority. She was a loving homemaker for 20 years, raising two daughters, Kerianne and Krista. Suzanne was active in her daughters' lives, working as a volunteer at school and as a 4-H leader, and spending many hours driving her girls to competitions with their horses.

After raising her girls, she worked as an active partner in the family businesses in Washington, Montana, Utah and Wyoming. She was actively involved in the Inter-mountain Horse Show Association, the Montana State Horse Show Association and the Montana Horse Racing Association. Her passion, second only to her family, was for animals. She was an animal advocate, always trying to make the world a better place for God's creatures. She rescued and cared for countless cats and dogs and was expert at finding them homes. In her kitchen, she nursed many needy animals, including a magpie with a broken wing, an abandoned day-old piglet, newborn calves and orphaned kittens.

Her compassion didn't stop with animals; she was a sounding board and soul mate to count-



less people, from family members to acquaintances. She was loved by her family and friends and was always ready with a listening ear. She had the ability to make everyone around her feel very special. She and Alvin taught Sunday School and provided Christmas treats for the youth at their Calvary Lutheran Church where she was active in their ministries until her failing health prevented her from continuing.

Suzanne was preceded in death by her father in 1954; her mother in 2008; her uncles, George and Anders; and her aunts, Kathryn, Hazel and Helen.

She is survived by her husband, Alvin Sylling, of Stevensville; her daughters, Kerianne and Tom Robertson of Boerne, Texas, and Krista Martens of West Glacier; her granddaughters, Ariana Wemple at Washington State University and Claire Robertson at University of Montana; her stepgrandchildren, Brock and Ashleigh Martens of Australia and Sunny Martens of Kalispell; her son-in-law, Wayne Martens, of Hawaii; her near-daughter, Nancy Miller; her aunt, Doris Anderson; and her cousins, Layne Green, Ann Schnitzer, Susan Fox, Mark Harding, Paula Leitz, Pamela Meath, Kay Anderson, Richard Anderson and Jon Anderson.

Her memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 27, at Calvary Lutheran Church, 2200 U.S. 2 E., Kalispell.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the following: Flathead Spay and Neuter Task Force, P.O. Box 2095, Whitefish, MT 59937; the Evergreen Community Supper at Calvary Lutheran Church, 2200 U.S. 2 E, Kalispell, MT 59901; or Ray of Hope, P.O. Box 5407, Kalispell, MT 59903.

John Murrell Syth, 60

John Murrell Syth, 60, the eldest son of Jerry M. Syth and Ruth Soderstrom, was born July 20, 1954, in Kalispell. "He was called to be with Our Lord and Savior" on Dec. 26, 2014, after a short, yet courageous battle with cancer.

John lived in North-western Montana and spent a great deal of time at the family cabin on Flathead Lake. He attended Eureka High School while living in Fortine with his father. John left the state briefly, he wed twice, had no children, yet fully enjoyed his many nephews and nieces.

John studied in Missoula at the University of Montana, loved his "Grizzlies," and more recently attended Flathead Valley Community College, living near his Uncle Leon and Aunt Evelyn in Kalispell.

John was a warm-hearted, kind and caring man. He always was there with a huge bear hug and a genuine smile. He had a keen memory and there was nothing like reminiscing of times of the past with him. His rekindled tales will be greatly missed.

John had many passions throughout his life. He was a man of God and loved his church. He always had a love for music, football and any game that challenged the mind; and, more recently, a love of gardening — and



it showed in his harvest. John was an avid reader; he delved deep in research in our

country's state of affairs and those in charge of it. He was a true patriot and sought for God's hand in all things. John was working on writing an intriguing novel, after having penned several short stories. He always enjoyed playing on his computer; he mastered as "Diamond Wolf" in the virtual realm, connecting with thousands of friends throughout the world. John will be dearly missed by many.

John is survived by his mother, Ruth Soderstrom; his younger siblings, Kim Buchholtz, Rick Syth, Sherry Lynn Olsen and Randy Dennison; his beloved aunts and uncles, and many cousins, nieces, nephews and dear friends.

John was preceded in death by his father, Jerry Syth; maternal grandparents, Clarence and Alice Soderstrom; and paternal grandparents, Harold Syth and Lucy Cusick. Since his since his time of death, his beloved Uncle Leon Syth also passed away.

There will be a celebration of life for John at 11 a.m. on Jan. 8 at the First Church of the Nazarene, located at 1295 Whitefish Stage in Kalispell.