

### Sally Marie (Snyder) McIlhargey, 70

Sally Marie (Snyder) McIlhargey, 70, passed away March 1, 2015, in Kalispell, of natural causes.

She was born July 15, 1944, in Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin. She graduated from Flathead County High School and Flathead Valley Community College.

Sally married Mell Roy McIlhargey on March 6, 1962. They were married for 37 years until Mell's passing.

Sally worked as a cook at Husky Truck Stop in Kalispell. She had also worked as a cashier at casinos in Las Vegas and Laughlin, Nevada. She was retired.

She enjoyed working crosswords and puzzle books.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Mell McIlhargey.

Sally is survived by her son, James McIlhargey Sr. of Bowie, Maryland, and his children, James McIlhargey Jr. of Brooklyn, New York, and Michael McIlhargey of Odenton, Maryland; son, Rocky McIlhargey Sr. and wife Rose Nielsen and his



children, Ricky McIlhargey Jr., of Texas, Christina McIlhargey of Arkansas, and step-

sons Michael Shockley and Jon Nielsen Jr. and stepdaughter Serrena Nielsen; brother, Arvid Snyder Sr. and wife Barbara Snyder of Kalispell and their children, Arvid Jr. of Kalispell, Glenn Snyder and Faye Snyder with children Nick and Amanda of Columbia Falls, Thresa Halvorson of Cut Bank and children, Trisha of East Helena and Andy of Bozeman, and Diane Neva with children Chris Neva of Kalispell, Melisa Neva of Lakeside and Alexis Neva of Columbia Falls; and brother, Richard Snyder of Kalispell and his children Sean Snyder of Ohio and Monica of Kalispell.

Cremation has taken place.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 21, at St. Matthew's Church in Kalispell.

### Richard E. McKnight, 86

Richard E. McKnight, 86, of Kalispell, "met his Lord" Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2015, surrounded by his family.

"Dick" McKnight was born on Nov. 28, 1928, in Kalispell in a house on the northeast side of town to parents Perly Ray Sr. and Alma (Buck) McKnight. Dick attended elementary school at Edgerton and Central school for seventh and eighth grade, after which time he quit school and entered the workforce to help his family.

Dick was a self-taught man, well versed in local and national issues. Dick's working career included numerous jobs in Montana and Arkansas as a heavy equipment operator, eventually being hired by Plum Creek Royal Logging where he worked for 37 years as a truck driver, logging over two million accident-free miles until his retirement in 1991.

Dick met and married the love of his life, Bobbie Jean Orr, on July 1, 1949.

Bobbie preceded him in death on March 23,



1991. Dick was also preceded in death by his parents and two sisters.

He is survived by

brothers, Perly Ray McKnight Jr., and Gerald and Marianne McKnight; children, Phillip McKnight of Missoula, Mike and Brenda McKnight of Georgia, and Deanna and Bob Sunde of Bigfork; four grandchildren, Michael and Kim, and Eric and Mandy McKnight in Georgia, Shauna Lin Sunde, and Richard and Wendy Sunde of Kalispell; 12 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

There will be a graveside service at 11 a.m. Monday, Sept. 28, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery, followed by a celebration of life at South Kalispell Volunteer Fire Department on Willow Glenn Drive.

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

### Michael McKiernan, 59

Michael McKiernan, 59, died July 1, 2015, at Peace Hospice Center in Great Falls, following a brief illness with brain cancer.

He is survived by his wife Melanie, and daughters Megan and Shannon of Great Falls; and step-

mother, Joni McKiernan, of Kalispell.

Cremation has taken place.

A celebration of life will take place later in July in Great Falls.

Schnider Funeral Home in Great Falls is caring for the family.

### Victor Edwin Melendy, 57

Victor Edwin Melendy, 57, died Feb. 25, 2015.

Born and raised in Denver, he lived and worked in Grand Junction, Colorado, until his recent move to Montana.

Known for his sense of humor, he could make anyone laugh. Both young and old loved him as a special friend.

He was baptized at a young age in the Christian Church, and loved the Lord.

He is survived by his wife, Wanda; and son, David James; by his former wife, Deborah Winn, of Colorado Springs, Colorado; his mother, June Melendy, and sister, Lin-



da Ames of Madill, Oklahoma.

He was preceded in death by his father, David E. Melendy.

He will be deeply missed by his wife Wanda and her children, T.J. Stratton, Leila Stratton, China Landini, Gus Nolte and Ukiah Dickinson, as well as a host of friends and family.

To send a note of condolence to the family, please go to [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com), Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

### Mabel McKinney, 90

Mabel McKinney, 90, of Kalispell died March 6, 2015, in Kalispell.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements.

### **Machiko Otsuka McMasters, 77**

Machiko Otsuka McMasters, 77, died May 8, 2015, at her Columbia Falls residence.

She is survived by her husband Dan "Mac,"

daughter Jane, and son Jim McMasters.

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

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### **Machiko McMasters, 77**

Mariko, as she was fondly known by her friends, "went peacefully to her heavenly home" May 8, 2015, with loving family by her side.

She was born on March 6, 1938, the sixth of nine children to Tatsujiro Otsuka and Chitose Sato, in the small mountain village of Manji, situated on the northern island of Hokkaido, Japan. She finished her schooling when her family moved to the coast so her father could open a shop to make watches and jewelry.

Mariko took a house-keeping job for an American couple living on a U.S. air base in Misawa, Japan, where she met an American sergeant named Daniel McMasters. After a three year courtship spanning three conti-



nents, they married on Aug. 3, 1960, in Darmstadt, Germany, where Daniel was stationed.

They shared a wonderful life together for more than 55 years. Mariko was a loving and caring mother who raised three children with Daniel.

Mariko retired from the food service industry when she and her husband came to Columbia Falls in 1989. She enjoyed square dancing, knitting beautiful sweaters, and playing bingo with her many friends from the Loading Dock, Eagles, Moose Lodge and Senior Citizen Center. She also enjoyed participating with

many friends from her husband's membership in the Flathead Valleyaires Barbershop Chorus.

She is survived by her husband, Daniel McMasters; daughter, Jane McMasters; son, James McMasters; grandsons, Danny and Justin; sisters, Yoko, Eiko, Hisako and Yuko; and brother, Osamu; with numerous cousins, nieces and nephews back in Japan.

Mariko was preceded in death by her mother, Chitose Sato Otsuka; father, Tatsujiro Otsuka; sons, Samuel McMasters and John McMasters; daughter, Rebecca McMasters; brothers, Hiroshi and

Takumi; and sister, Chieko.

A private graveside ceremony will be held at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery and an open celebration of life will be held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, May 19, at the United Methodist Church in Columbia Falls.

Attending these ceremonies will be Takeshi and Yumi Honda, the children of Mariko's closest sister and brother-in-law, Hisako and Teruo Honda.

To send a note of condolence, please visit [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com).

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

### **Roberta A. McMillan, 59**

Roberta A. McMillan, 59, of Libby, died Jan. 28, 2015, in Kalispell.

Arrangements are entrusted to Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home.

### **Ruth Alice McMillan, 89**

Ruth Alice McMillan, 89, died in Kalispell on Aug. 19, 2015.

She is survived by her children, Frances Jones, John "Ben" Thomas and

Linda Oswald.

Services will be held at a later date.

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

## Colleen C. Fisher Wood McNeil, 79

Colleen C. Fisher Wood McNeil, 79, passed away peacefully on Sept. 25, 2015, after a long illness at Brendan House, Kalispell.

She was born in Medicine Hat, Alberta, on Feb. 15, 1936. She was born to Halton and Cicely Fisher.

At age 2, the family moved to Whitefish. Colleen spent all of her years in Washington, Alaska and Montana.

In her younger years, in addition to being a wonder homemaker, mother, grandmother and friend, she helped with Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts. Mom grew up in a home filled with music. She had a beautiful voice, and loved to sing. She played the clarinet in her high school band, and especially loved marching in the parades. She greatly enjoyed bowling, fishing, sewing and, most of all, baking. Mom made the best cinnamon rolls ever.

In her later years, she loved getting on her computer. She spent a great deal of time gathering as much of the family genealogy information as she could find. Mom was smart as a whip. She enjoyed watching every episode of "Jeopardy" with her husband Harold, who teasingly called her "The English Scholar," as there were hardly any questions which she could not answer. She



loved history, and enjoyed watching old movies and documentaries surrounding World

War II. Mom shared many stories of growing up in Whitefish. She would say, "Times sure have changed. Things weren't so hectic then; you actually knew your neighbors, and people seemed to care much more than they do now."

Mom had so very many great qualities, she shared, and passed down to her children, and family. Mom had an amazing sense of humor, and would keep us all in stitches. She would say "Now, turn off the lights, when you're not using them." "Always make your beds." "Practice your cooking, until you get it right, it just takes practice," and would share her story of making her very first pie crust at the age of 12 all day long until she got it right. She never gave up anything, no matter the task at hand — which was something she also passed along. Mom told us to make pots of stuff, as it would go much further, thus never to be wasteful. And to go out in the brisk air, as it will make you feel better. And most importantly, to always

plan ahead. She taught us so many lessons in her life, and gave us so many wonderful memories and love that will be forever cherished. Her legacy will continue to live on.

Mom's favorite time of year was fall, with the changing colors of the trees, the brisk air, and the beauty surrounding us. Thus it is a great blessing, she was able to go home peacefully in her favorite time of year.

She was preceded in death by husbands, Jacque H. Wood and James P. McNeil; her loving parents, Halton and Cicely Fisher; brother Joe Fisher and wife Elberta Fisher Moser; brother Dale Fisher and wife Caroline Fisher; nephew Ted Fisher; and niece Judy Fisher Hanson.

She is survived by her husband Harold Oney; brother Rod Fisher and wife Carie; daughter Shelley Dodot of Columbia Falls; and son Patrick McNeil and wife Colette of Whitefish; grandchildren, Brandi Howell and husband Karl, and their children, Christopher, Kymberly, Colton and Kamarhi; Summer Blankenship and her children, Zakary, Gage and Cole; Britnie Corbett and husband Shawn and their children, Blake, Jaxon and Addyson; Jerry Johnson; and Kaleena

McNeil and her children Gracie and Braydon; She is also survived by her nieces and nephews (Joe Fisher family) Lolita Lee, Terry Stauffer, Tony Fisher, Bonnie Dueno, Coral Harter, Clark Fisher, Daniel Fisher, Julie Fisher Koster; (Dale Fisher family) Jeri Barz and Gary Fisher; (Rod Fisher family) Gail White, Ivy Merriot, Zo Bergen and Tommy Fisher.

A private memorial for family and close friends to honor and celebrate her life will be held at 3 p.m. on Oct. 10 at the Oney and McNeil residence, with a meal to follow.

## Edward Bowen McNeil, 93

Edward Bowen McNeil, 93, passed away Feb. 8, 2015, in Kalispell.

Edward was born in Chicago on May 11, 1921. His parents were Grace Barr Bowen of Logan, Ohio, and Dr. Claude Perkins McNeil of Mansfield, Ohio. The family lived in Whiting, Indiana, where Dr. McNeil, a chemist, was head of the Asphalt Division of Standard Oil of California. Edward's siblings were Robert McNeil and Jean McNeil.

Edward attended the Whiting Public Schools from elementary through high school. From childhood, music was important in his life; he studied cello from an early age, was first desk in the national award-winning Whiting High School Orchestra and was also in the All-Chicago chorus. In 1939 he entered Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, majoring in physics. He was a member of Sigma Nu fraternity, Phi Beta Kappa and several societies on campus: the French Club, Phi Mu Alpha (music), and Ye Merrie Players. He was active in campus stage and musical productions as stage manager.

In 1943 Edward graduated from college cum laude and was immediately hired by Miami University to teach physics to the V-12s (the Navy Officer Training Program). When he was drafted in 1944 he enlisted in the Navy, which put him in the EDDY program for radar and electronic repair. After he graduated from the EDDY program, the Navy retained him as an instructor and he was stationed at Navy Pier in Chicago, which was one of three national radar/sonar schools. (Radar was new in those days.)



University of Illinois in Chicago for nearly 40 years. More interested in teaching than in research, he was proud to receive the Circle

Award from the U of I in Chicago for Excellence in Teaching. He was also proud to be one of the founders of the Illinois State Physics project, which continues to this day.

That project gathers physics teachers of all academic levels once a month to share new information and ideas about teaching, most especially to recharge the enthusiasm of the teachers. It quickly became an important support group for the profession.

For three summers in the 1960s, Edward taught physics teachers in India, under a program sponsored by USAID. At that time he traveled extensively in India — Assam, Calcutta, Madras, Kerala, Bombay, Mysore, Bangalore, Hyderabad, Tanjore.

Edward maintained a keen interest in architecture. Trained by his father to be a skilled carpenter, he was eventually able to realize his dream by building a cabin for his family in the valley of the North Fork of the Flathead. This effort took several summers, and was accomplished without power tools.

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Discharged after World War II ended, Edward obtained an assistantship at the University of Illinois in Urbana, teaching physics. During that time, he met his future wife, Cecily Rideout, of Marin County, California, who was a graduate student in library science at Illinois. They were married in July of 1948 in Ross, California. Two sons were born to the couple, Alan Rideout McNeil and Bruce Bowen McNeil.

Edward became an assistant professor at the University of Illinois before obtaining his doctorate in physics and continued to teach there until 1954. Some time after earning his doctorate, he accepted a position at the University of Illinois in Chicago, which was then at Navy Pier.

Edward taught at the

He also maintained his interest in music, playing string quartet at least one night a week with competent amateurs in Chicago, and playing cello in the annual performance of "The Messiah" at Orchestra Hall, as well as performing with the orchestra for the Chicago Gilbert and Sullivan group. Interlochen Music Camp has a cello scholarship in Edward's name.

In 1990, Edward and his wife Cecily retired to Kalispell, where Edward immediately volunteered for the Glacier Orchestra. He was on the board of the orchestra for several years and in 1997 was a Kalispell Chamber of Commerce Volunteer of the Year.

Edward's grandchildren include Henry Chesna McNeil, Fiona Reed McNeil, U.S. Coast Guard Lt. Anna Crandall McNeil, Ellie Rideout McNeil, and Edward Bowen McNeil II.

Gift's in his memory may be given to the Glacier Symphony.

## Donna Beattie McPherson, 86

Donna Beattie McPherson passed away Thursday, Nov.19, 2015; she was 86.

Donna was born March 4, 1929, in Conrad and graduated from Conrad High School in 1947, already secretly married to the love of her life, John McPherson. They had five children and moved to Kalispell in 1963 and to Billings in 1985, when Johnny retired.

Donna was preceded in death by her soul mate, John; her three sisters, Margaret Iverson, Dolores Hileman and Kathleen Burns; her brother, Dennis Burns; her youngest son, Brett; and her grandson, Ian.

She is mourned by her remaining children, Gerald, Tony and Nancy, Jan, and Lori and Mitch; daughter-in-law, Jill; 12 grandchildren and six great-children; her nieces and nephews; and anyone else fortunate enough to have known her.

Donna loved to read and began every day of her life with the newspaper and a cup of coffee. She was the center of any family gathering and her eyes lit up when any of her loved ones entered the room. Independence came later in life to her and, until cancer struck this September, she took care of her own house and yard and managed her finances with meticulous attention to detail. Donna is the best example of the generation who began life during the Great Depression and grew up during a world war. She never wavered in the face



of adversity and nothing could interfere with her determination to make her house a home

and a safe haven and to find the bright spot in any situation. She gave her children roots and wings and prepared them well for a world that never stands still. She was a wonderful mother and we are heartbroken by our loss.

Donna will be remembered for her resilience in the face of hardship and personal loss, her enthusiasm for hearing about whatever was happening in the lives of those she loved, and for always being an unwavering advocate and tireless listener. Donna brightened any occasion with her smile and laugh and the world will be a much less interesting and joyful place without her in it.

We would like to thank the staffs of Hansen Cottage at St. John's and Riverstone Hospice in Billings for their loving care of our mother.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. John's Resident Needs Fund, 3940 Rimrock Road, Billings, MT 59102; or to Riverstone Hospice, 123 South 27th St., Billings, MT 59101.

Cremation has taken place and a spring memorial is planned. Condolences may be shared with the family by visiting [smithfuneralchapels.com](http://smithfuneralchapels.com).

## Siri McWhorter, 92

Siri McWhorter, 92, died Tuesday, May 26, 2015, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Saturday, May

30, at Easthaven Baptist Church, 2010 Whitefish Stage in Kalispell.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Charles McReynolds, 84

Charles McReynolds, 84, died Tuesday, June 23, 2015, at home in Columbia Falls.

He is survived by his children, Charles McReyn-

olds and Joy Maynard. A graveside service will be 1 p.m. Monday, June 29, at Libby Cemetery.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for the family.

## Ryder Wesley Mellem-Beach, 2

Ryder Wesley Mellem-Beach, 2, "earned his angel wings" on Thursday Jan, 29, 2015, due to a fall.

Ryder was born on Nov. 11, 2012, in Kalispell. He came into this world three months early and weighing only 2 pounds, 1 ounce. He fought a tremendous battle to survive; he spent the days in NICU and he grew into a healthy loving average 2-year-old boy.

Ryder loved his music, his toys and all the animals around him. His favorite was dancing with his momma. He was here a short time but had a huge impact on the lives of many.

Ryder is survived by his mom Melissa Grace Mellem, father Roland L. Beach Jr., and his buddy Trevin Eno!; his two



brothers, Kaiden and Gavin Mellem Beach; grandparents, Anncherie Mellem, Chris Reciardie,

Diane and Larry Knutson, Skip and Shelby Beach; and lots of aunts, uncles and cousins.

"He is with his Papa Mark now."

A memorial celebration of Ryder will be held at 3 p.m. on Wednesday Feb. 4, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Come celebrate and rejoice his send off to the afterlife.

To send a note of condolence to the family, please go to [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com). Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

### Jane Marie Owens Mende, 84

Jane Marie Owens Mende "made her journey home" on Dec. 12, 2014, comforted by close family in Oceanside, California. She had been battling health issues after a severe stroke in January.



moved to Southern California, which made them closer to their younger grand-

children. They attended all the football, baseball, wrestling and award ceremonies that they could, and made supporting their grandchildren a large part of their life.

In her 84 years, the impact she left on this Earth is a monument to her life of God's service. She was born in Carlyle, Montana, on Aug. 17, 1930, to Reese and Luella Owens, the youngest and only girl in the family of six children.

Her remaining family is a long list which she would want to be named just as she did every morning in her prayers. She is survived by her brother, Robert Owens of Kalispell; her children, Jim and Maggie Mende of Perris, California, Mike and Sandra Harp of La Quinta, California, Randy and Debbie Mende of Oceanside, Mark and Sandi Mende of Livermore, California, and Mike Mende and Doryl Thompson of Aliso Viejo, California; as well as

Jane married her high school sweetheart, Billie D. Mende, when she was 20 years old and soon started her family. They were happily married for 57 years before she was preceded in death by him, the love of her life, in 2009.

Bill and Jane moved to Kalispell around 1955, where their children grew up. Their sons each moved to California with their young families to find opportunity. In 1989, Bill and Jane also

Jane's grandchildren and their families, Marcey Mende, Rod and Jenny with their children Ryder and Haven Mende, Kelly Pedersen and husband Jonathan Dobson, Reese and Meira with their children Paige, Reagan and Lucas Pedersen, Joe Mende, John and Stephanie with their son Jace Mende, Billie Mende, Jimmy Mende, Riley Mende, Ryan Mende, Tyler Mende, Ryder and Jody with their children Sydney and Joey Harp, Kelly Harp and her children Jude and Divya Smith, and Jason Thompson.

Two departed grandchildren, Bradley Mende and Justin Thompson, "will have greeted her upon arrival."

Jane was not just a sister, parent, grandparent and great-grandparent, she was also a devoted sister-in-law, aunt, cousin and friend to many more. She shared her love and service with an extended family that far

exceeds in numbers than can be recounted. Jane was a nurse as a young woman until she became a mother. As her children grew, she was heavily involved in church activities, Joy Club, Vacation Bible School, church camps and Bible Study Fellowship, which she was active in for decades until her stroke early this year. She was a spiritual leader to all, and she did so humbly and enthusiastically. She always reminded us to thank God in the good times and to look to him in the bad. Jane always knew the exact right timing to send a note or to visit a friend. She counseled many in their last moments and also bathed and nurtured just as many in their first moments of life. She was a true hero and bright light to all who knew her.

For those who would like to join in the celebration of Jane Mende's life, she will be buried alongside her husband at

11 a.m. on Jan. 10 at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell, with a service and reception following at noon in the Red Lion's Fireside Room.

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**Mark Nicholas Mergenthaler, 43**

Mark Nicholas Mergenthaler, 43, "returned to live with his heavenly Father" on Dec. 15, 2015, while in Bozeman.

He was born Sept. 17, 1972, in Kalispell to Lynn N. Mergenthaler and Wanda J. Stevens.

Mark was living in Missoula at the time of his passing.

Mark is survived by his father Lynn N. Mergenthaler and stepmother Judith, of

Kalispell; and by his mother, Wanda J. Stevens Taylor, of Polson; and a total of 10 brothers and sisters, John and Joel Mergenthaler and Amy J. Luis, Chuck Tovey and Travis, Jessica, Michael, Tonie, Vincent and Steven Taylor, with husbands and wives; and many nieces and nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

Memorial services will be planned in the spring.

**Isabell Metcalf, 90**

Isabell Metcalf, born July 15, 1925, passed away peacefully at her home in Libby on Sept. 28, 2015.

Isabell was born in Whitefish, the last of six children, to Maggie and William Murdock. She was raised on the family dairy farm in Whitefish. She was proud to have worked for the Great Northern Railroad prior to meeting and marrying Clifford "Smoky" Metcalf in 1946. Together they built a house in Whitefish and later moved to Glacier Park.

Izzy was a wonderful homemaker while her children, Carl and Susan, grew up. She worked seasonally for the West Glacier Mercantile for 20-plus years, a job she was greatly proud of.

She was profoundly proud of her Scottish heritage and was able to travel to Scotland, as well as Europe, Hawaii, Alaska, the East Coast and many other places.



She and Smoky built their retirement home in Columbia Falls and enjoyed many years

there.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Smoky; her sisters, Ann Murdock Gardner, Mable Murdock Galbreith and Christine Murdock Barton; and brothers, William Murdock and James Murdock.

She is survived by her children, Carl Metcalf and wife Ethel, and Sue Coons and husband Phil; four grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

A funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, followed by a graveside service at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

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**Ernest 'Hugh' Merrell, 77**

Ernest "Hugh" Merrell, 77, passed away at his Kila residence on March 15, 2015.

Hugh was born Sept. 21, 1937, in McClelland, Arkansas.

He had been a carpenter by trade before retiring.

Hugh is survived by his wife, Elisabeth Merrell,

of Kila; son, David Merrell, of Fresno, California; daughter, Lori Keller, of Kalispell; and sisters, Ann Mercer of Kila and Sharon Kidwell of Merlin, Oregon.

At his request, there will be no services.

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

**Gail Arlene Metcalf, 61**

Gail Arlene Metcalf, 61, died Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2015, at her home in Kalispell following a three-year struggle with cancer. She is survived by her mother, Fern Metcalf,

of Columbia Falls.

A celebration of Gail's life will be held in spring 2016 in Glacier National Park. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

**Lynda Kay Meyers, 57**

Lynda Kay Meyers, 57, died Sunday, March 29, 2015, at her Kalispell home.

A celebration of life will

be at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 11, at Easthaven Baptist Church. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Lynda K. Meyers, 57

After an eight-year battle with cancer, Lynda Kay Meyers died at home in Kalispell on Sunday, March 29, 2015. Lynda was 57 years old.



surviving aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews, who live mostly on the West Coast.

She is survived by her husband, Tom Meyers; and her daughters, Julie and Rebecca. Her parents, Ken and Mary Myers, live in Richland, Washington. Her brother, Terry Myers and Nancy live in Zillah, Washington; and her sister, Jody Smith and David live in Burbank, Washington.

Lynda requested cremation and will not immediately be interred. Two celebrations of life will be held. The first will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 11, at Easthaven Baptist Church, Kalispell. A meal will follow at the church. A second celebration is to be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, April 25, in Prosser at Bethel-Prosser, on Gap Road. A meal will follow at the church.

Lynda was born on July 25, 1957, in Los Angeles to father Kenneth Myers and mother Mary Mings Myers. Through high school, she lived in Redding, California. Upon graduation, she and her family moved to the Tri-Cities area of Washington. Lynda's bachelor's degree in occupational therapy was earned at the University of Washington.

The family would like to thank all the caregivers, doctors and technicians who helped with her care.

She married Tom on June 23, 1979, in Kennewick, Washington. Julie and Rebecca joined the family, as adopted daughters, in unexpected ways, in 1986 and 1988, respectively. Lynda and Tom celebrated their 35th anniversary last summer.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Save-A-Sister Flathead, through Kalispell Regional Healthcare at [kalispellregional.org](http://kalispellregional.org). This is a fund for women who can't otherwise afford screening mammography or equipment. Also suggested is the Caren Mercer-Andreasen Women's Health Fund of the Prosser Memorial Hospital Foundation, at [pmh-foundation.org](http://pmh-foundation.org).

Lynda worked in occupational therapy in several communities in Washington, beginning in Walla Walla, and last worked at Prosser Home Health in 2011. Her creativity, compassion and friendship served her well in her profession. Lynda worked part time, while home schooling Rebecca for several years.

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

Her community activities include AWANA Clubs and Prosser, Washington, Young Life. Hobbies included Bible study, photography and crafts. Her great gifts were hospitality and her friendly approach to everyone.

Breast cancer was diagnosed in 2007. There were three different cancer battles over the last eight years. During the last four months, family members and friends helped to care for Lynda at home and at her various appointments.

Lynda has several

## Geraldine Emily Mills Mihalic, 95

Geraldine Emily Mills Mihalic, 95, of Missoula, passed away at home on Monday, April 27, 2015, of natural causes, with family near and holding her daughter's hand.

Gerry was born in Gordon, Nebraska, to Naomi Russell Mills and David Henry Mills, both of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota. She grew up on Pine Ridge with her Mills, Russell, Allen and Adams relatives, enjoying a carefree childhood from Wanblee to Porcupine Butte until losing her mother when she was 7. She attended Holy Rosary Mission boarding school with her older brother Ben and took on a caregiver role to her younger siblings, Roy and Patricia, that knitted them all together.

She was given her great-grandmother's name, Deer Woman, by her father and grandfather and attended Pine Ridge High School, playing girls basketball and graduating in 1937. While her older brother, Ben, stayed on the family ranch at Porcupine Butte, she and her siblings went with their dad to New Mexico when he transferred to the Mescalero Agency. She was a fire dispatcher for the Indian Service one summer before going to work at the Albuquerque Indian School while attending business college.

In the spring of 1943 she enlisted in the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps (WAAC, later activated as the Women's Army Corps) entering active duty at Fort Bliss, with basic training at Camp Ruston, Louisiana, and advanced training at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia. She had specialized training at Fort Devins before her 6670th WAC HQ Company shipped out in October from Camp Patrick Henry on the Empress of Scotland, a former luxury liner, going first to Casablanca and later to Algiers. The 6670th WAC was in support of air operations for the 12th Army Air Force Group.

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the next day.

Later, when she was one of three

women on the second Big Sky Honor Flight and spoke with the other World War II vets she was immediately accepted as a comrade-in-arms: "We all stood on the same ground," one veteran told her.

When the war ended she flew back home, mustering out at Fort Sam Houston and returning to Albuquerque, New Mexico, where John Mihalic soon joined her. They married January 4, 1946, a marriage that would last 65 years. John returned to active duty with the Air Force in Illinois where he introduced Gerry to the St. Louis Cardinals, a team she avidly supported until her death. As a result of John's Air Force career, Gerry became an Air Force wife, the "toughest job in the Air Force."

She and John and then children, David and Jonna, were stationed at various Air Force bases in Illinois, Texas, England and back in Illinois before retiring to Mascoutah, Illinois. When both their children and all their grandchildren made their homes in Montana, they moved to Missoula in 2007.

Known to her four grandchildren and all their friends as "Unci," a Lakota word meaning "honored (female) elder," or grandmother, Gerry was a gentle, loving and caring person, loving wife and wonderful mother. In retirement she and John were members of and volunteered at the Mascoutah VFW Post 7682 and cheered on her grandchildren, always treating their friends as if they were her own.

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Then Pfc. Mills was a cryptographic teletype operator working with the signal corpsmen who engaged in the classified operations that included establishment of radar facilities in North Africa and Italy. One of these was a young corporal, John Mihalic. As the war progressed, in early 1944 her unit moved to Naples, Italy, where she endured twice-nightly air raids for six months and had their billets "bombed out."

When questioned about her war experiences she always modestly downplayed her contribution. "We just supported the boys," she would always answer. Nonetheless, Gerry's stories of women in war were engaging and funny as she told of small things, sitting on their helmets in the bomb shelter doing each others' hair, playing basketball on her company's team, drinking "gin-juice" and, because of her assignment, learning of and secretly celebrating VE Day a day early, then celebrating again officially

John died before her in 2011.

Gerry is survived by her younger sister, Patricia Morrow, of Jacksonville, Florida; son, David, and Jeri, of Missoula; daughter, Jonna Mihalic-Hoag, and Davy, of Kalispell; grandchildren, Emily Mihalic, Nick Mihalic, Katie Hoag and Peter Hoag; several beloved nieces and nephews, first cousins and other Mills and Allen family members she got to know at reunions.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. May 14 at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Missoula, with interment following with military honors at 11 a.m. at the Western Montana State Veterans Cemetery in Missoula, with Father Michael Drury and Father George Dumais, S.J., as concelebrants.

Condolences may be sent to Mihalic Family, 908 Polaris Way, Missoula, MT 59803.

"TNX CUL 88" (Teletype short-hand for "Thanks See You Later Love & Kisses")

**Carlyle J. Mikkelson, 82**

Carlyle J. Mikkelson, 82, passed away on Monday, Feb. 16, 2015, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Carlyle was born to Mike and Gertrude (Sangolt) Mikkelson in Ideal Township, McKenzie County, North Dakota, on Feb. 17, 1932. He graduated from eighth grade in Arnegard, North Dakota, and high school at Augustana Academy in Canton, South Dakota, in 1952.

He served in the Air Force for four years beginning in 1952, basic training in San Antonio, Texas, and then on to Cheyenne, Wyoming, to technical school for auto mechanic. He had tours in Alaska, Goose Bay, Labrador and Lake Charles Louisiana.

After returning from the Air Force, Carlyle worked various jobs in the Watford City area. In 1963, he went to Glacier National Park and worked as a heavy equipment operator and serviced roads in the park until Nov. 30, 1990, at which time he retired.

After retirement he spent time traveling in kayaks. He spent seven years operating a wood shop in Libby. After retiring from the wood shop, Carlyle moved to Columbia Falls. He enjoyed spending time with family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his mother



Gertrude, father Mike, two sisters who died at birth, his brother Jim, uncle Ole Mikkelson, foster sister Dianne Iverson, foster sister-in-law Eileen Iverson, and foster father Joseph Iverson.

Carlyle leaves behind

cousins, Myron Olson, Wanda and Ralph Steen of Arnegard, North Dakota, Carol Jarvis of Illinois, and many other cousins; his foster family, Verna Iverson, of Williston, North Dakota, siblings, David and Tina Iverson of Ballantine, Montana, Dean Iverson of Ferndale, Washington, and Deanna Iverson and Art Lopez of San Jose, California; good friend, Sharon Hanson of Grand Forks, North Dakota; along with a large host of good friends.

The family asks that memorials be sent to Wings for Cancer at Kalispell Regional Medical Center, 310 Sunnyview Lane, Kalispell MT, 59901.

There will be a cookie and coffee reception to celebrate Carlyle's life held from 3 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 14 at Columbia Mortuary.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for Carlyle's family.

**Merle Marvin Miller, 78**

Merle Miller, 78, passed away on Jan. 13, 2015, after a battle with cancer.

He was born to Dorothy Case and Oscar Miller of Lincoln Township, Wisconsin, on July 19, 1936.

Merle enjoyed fly fishing and following Wisconsin College football and the Green Bay Packers.

Merle is survived by

his sons, Tim Miller and Steve Miller; grandchildren, Kelsey and Jacob Miller; brothers, Jerry and David Miller; and sisters, Suzie Miller and Sherry Jones.

Services will be held at a later date.

The burial will be at Woodlawn Cemetery.

11 Oct 2015

**Dwight R. Milne Jr., 93**

Dr. Dwight R. Milne Jr. died peacefully on Sept. 29, 2015, after "an adventure-filled 93 years."

Raised on a dairy farm in Lockport, Illinois, he later joined the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II as a radio operator on a B-29 in the South Pacific. In 1951 he married Lauretta, who shared his sense of adventure, and together they had four sons.

Dwight had a varied career path as a trail builder in national parks, a cartographer in Central America, an apple orchardist near Lake Chelan, and then a biologist and professor of earth sciences. He had a teacher's heart and instilled in his sons a passion for science, a respect for nature, and a spirit of adventure. He loved to hunt, fish,



hike and travel, and was most at home in the great outdoors.

Dwight was the founding Dean of North Country Community College in Saranac Lake, New York. He later finished his administrative career as President of Flathead Valley Community College.

He passed away in Maple Valley, Washington, where family gathered for a celebration of his life.

Dwight was preceded in death by his son, Russell, and is survived by Lauretta, his wife of 64 years; sons, Dwight and wife Kim, Tim and wife Iris, Phil and wife Pattie; and grandchildren, Tatiana, Stefan, Alex, and Austin.

**Marvin 'Birdseed' Dean Miller, 80**

Marvin "Birdseed" Dean Miller, 80, "finished the race" June 16, 2015.

He was born Dec. 18, 1934.

Marv was preceded in death by his wife, Carole Miller.

He is survived by his son Michael, grandchildren Trenton and Alyssa, twin brother Arvin "Buckshot" Miller and numerous nieces



and nephews.

A celebration of life will be held Saturday, June 27, at the main pavilion in Volunteer Park in Lakeside.

The celebration will begin at 3 p.m. It is a potluck event.

## Carol M. Miller, 79



Carol M. Miller, 79, of Everett, Washington, formerly of Kalispell, "went to be with her Lord" on Tuesday, May 19, 2015. She will be greatly missed, but we take comfort that she is no longer suffering.

Carol was born in Kalispell to Carl and Dorothy Gehle, on Feb. 25, 1936. She graduated from Flathead County High School in Kalispell. During high school, Carol met Aaron Miller while on a double date; unfortunately, Aaron was not her date. Afterwards, things sorted themselves out, and a few weeks following graduation she and Aaron were married June 11, 1954. They were both employed at the Kalispell Mercantile — Aaron in the automotive department and Carol in china and gifts.

Carol will be remem-

bered as a woman of faith and as a loving wife, sister, and mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was a treasured friend to many and an active church member all of her life. She loved helping others and touched many lives with her longstanding volunteer work in elementary school and nursing home settings. More recently, she was helping construct Braille books.

Carol was the definition of a devoted and caring mom. After raising her three children, she helped support young moms through her many years of volunteer work in MOMS (Mothers Offering Moms Support) in

Kalispell, and up until her illness and death, was a beloved mentor mom at Grace Lutheran MOPS.

Carol was preceded in death by her parents, an infant brother, a sister Lois V. Gehle, her husband Aaron, and son-in-law Steven T. Fredenberg.

She is survived by two sisters, Norma D. Henning of Manchester, New Hampshire, and Marcia Jean Amundson and husband Paul of Newport, Oregon; a brother-in-law, Jean A. Johnson, of Kalispell; two daughters, Karen E. Fredenberg of Medford, Oregon, and Valerie L. Schnackenberg and husband Henry of Everett; one son, Donald D. Miller, of Phoenix; one granddaughter, Amber J. O'Duane, and husband, Danny, of White City, Oregon; three great-

grandchildren, Brittney, Kacey and Donovan; a special cousin, Wally Fowler, and wife, Lucille, of Wenatchee, Washington; and many nieces and nephews. Her family and friends were very dear to her heart.

A memorial celebration of her life will be held 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 30, at Grace Lutheran Church in Everett.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Grace Lutheran Church, 8401 Hotly Drive, Everett, WA 98203; or Trinity Lutheran Church, 400 West California Street, Kalispell, MT 59901.

### Eileen Marie (Pocha) Miniati, 84

Eileen Marie (Pocha) Miniati, 84, of Helena, passed away Sunday morning June 21, 2015.

Eileen was the first child born Sept. 5, 1930, to Edna Pocha Dunn and Walter Pocha and raised in Helena.

She met the love of her life, Frederigo Miniati, while he was an Italian Merchant Marine intern serving at Fort Missoula during World War II. They met at a dance, fell in love, got married and raised a family of four children. Following World War II, Fred received his U.S. citizenship under the guidance of Sen. Mike Mansfield.

Eileen spent many years working with West Side families maintaining their homes and residences and became an important part of their extended family. Eileen and her husband, along with oldest son, Robert, who brought flowers and plants in from Seattle, spent many springs and summers owning and running Miniati Garden Center on Lyndale Avenue in Helena. Eileen spent the last few years at Cooney Nursing Home where she leaves behind many friends.

Eileen is survived by children, Yvonne Miniati Madsen of Bozeman, Robert James Miniati of Lone Pine, and Diane Miniati Lytle of Phoenix. Eileen is also survived by her younger sister, Donna Warburton, of Kalispell; and a brother, Gary Dunn, of Helena. Also surviving Eileen are five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death was her youngest child,



Dennis Ray Miniati (1992); her husband Frederigo in June 2000; her mother Edna Pocha

in 2001; her sister, Delores Williams; and her father, Walter Pocha.

A viewing and family receiving friends will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday, June 25, at Retz Funeral Home, 315 E. 6th Ave., Helena. A Funeral Mass is scheduled for 2 p.m. Friday, June 26, at St. Mary's Catholic Community Church, 1700 Missoula Ave., Helena, with a reception to follow the Mass in the Banquet Hall of Anderson Stevenson Wilke Funeral Home, 3750 N. Montana Ave., Helena. Rite of Committal will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 27, at Sunset Memorial Gardens Cemetery, 7100 N. Montana Ave., Helena.

While flowers and donations are not necessary, any memorials should be sent to St. Mary's Catholic Church, 1700 Missoula Ave., Helena, MT 59601.

Please visit [www.retzfuneralhome.com](http://www.retzfuneralhome.com) to offer a condolence to the family or to share a memory of Eileen.

### Barbara Ann Mintz, 85

Barbara Ann Mintz, 85, died Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2015, at her home in Whitefish.

She is survived by her daughter, Amy Sterchi.

No services are planned at this time.

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

### Dixie Missman, 82

Dixie Missman, 82, died Jan. 17, 2015, at her home in Lakeside.

Services are pending.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

2 Jul 2015

### Michael E. Mitchell, 56

Michael E. Mitchell, 56, passed away on June 26, 2015, of natural causes at his home at Mountain View Manor.

Mike was born Nov. 10, 1958, to Jean and Ernest Mitchell in Key West, Florida. He lived there until moving to Alaska at age 23.

He had been a resident of Whitefish for five years, where he continued his lifelong love of swimming, fishing, hunting, the outdoors, as well as helping others.

He leaves behind a brother and two sisters in Florida, and a sister in Montana; as well as



numerous nieces, nephews and their children in Florida, Montana and Texas.

He had a happy heart, a sweet spirit and will be missed by his family, as well as his numerous friends in Jacksonville and at Mountain View Manor, where he was crowned "Lord of the Manor" in Whitefish.

Rest in peace until we meet again, beloved son, brother, uncle and friend.

28 Jan 2015

### Dixie Missman, 83

Dixie Missman, 83, passed away peacefully Jan. 17, 2015, at her home in Lakeside, after a courageous battle with cancer. Many of her family were fortunate to visit with her during the final days.

Dixie was born April 2, 1931, in Hot Springs, to Emil and Ann Marsh. She grew up in Missoula and graduated from high school in Missoula.

Dixie met and married Donald "Bud" Missman 63 years ago. They spent over 20 years in the Navy, living in many beautiful places and raising their children. After leaving the Navy, the family moved back to Montana to start a whole new adventure.

Dixie loved her garden and her dogs. She was a very talented artist and has kept the family spoiled with many beautiful paintings. She and



Bud spent many years building houses, camping and fishing.

She is survived by her husband, Bud; son, Nick Hansen, and his wife,

Diane; son, Dave Missman, and his wife, Lanette; son, Bruce Missman; and daughter, Cherrie Sloan, and her husband, Steve; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Humane Society.

A celebration of life will be held in the spring.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the Missman family.



**Howard 'Bud' Eugene Mitchell, 64**

Howard "Bud" Eugene Mitchell, 64, formerly of Kalispell, died June 18, 2015, at his Lewistown home. He worked as a heavy equipment operator in the construction field. He is survived by his

wife, Sharon; and sons, Robert and Mario. A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. July 18 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Lewistown. Creel Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

13 Jul 2015

**Hellene V. Mitzel, 93**

Hellene V. Mitzel, 93, passed away on Tuesday, July 7, 2015, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

Hellene Mitzel was born Oct. 12, 1921, in Newdale, Idaho.

She was preceded in death by her father, Patrick Byron Mitzel; mother, Bernice Fisher (Peddicord) Mitzel; son, Gary Lawrence Parker; daughter, Leslie Ann Pratt; sister, Jaqueline Brockman; and brother, Patrick Byron Peddicord.

Hellene is survived by her sons, Eric Bergethon of Colorado, and John Mitzel of Pennsylvania; granddaughter, Lisa Guinn of Kalispell, and

her three children Megan, Jarrett and Kellan; along with Eddie Pratt Jr. and his two children, Chloe and Wyatt, with 10 other grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren, scattered from Nevada, Nebraska, Wisconsin, Florida, Colorado and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

A memorial service was held on Monday, July 13, at Immanuel Lutheran Home, Kalispell.

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

**Richard Dean 'Dick' Mizer, 82**

Richard Dean "Dick" Mizer, 82, passed away in Kalispell on Oct. 2, 2015.

Dick was born Oct. 12, 1932 in Mason, Michigan. He grew up in Michigan, then moved to Las Vegas, and finally settled in California.

Dick was a proud U.S. Air Force pilot. After the military, he became an over the road truck driver.

He married Patricia Smith in Escondido, California. They had been married for 40 years prior to his passing.

Dick always put his family first, placing importance on family over all else. He also enjoyed camping with family and dancing with Patricia. Dick was a loving and marvelous man.

He was preceded in death by his parents and siblings, a son Randy Miser, daughter Linda Wright, and one grandson.

Dick is survived by his wife, Patricia; and



children, Pam Rogers, Kim Brasher, Edward Wimble, Robert Wimble and Judy Noni; 14 grandchildren, numerous



great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

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

The family requests memorial contributions be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital, or to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA).

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

26 Mar 2015

**Patricia E. 'Pat' Moad, 68**

Patricia E. "Pat" Moad, 68, died in Kalispell March 15, 2015. A celebration of life will be held this summer. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

**Patricia 'Pat' Moad, 68**

Patricia "Pat" Moad was born Jan. 30, 1947, in Corenado, California. She passed away at Kalispell Regional Medical Center on March 15, 2015.



She loved country music, playing Scrabble, playing cards, visiting with friends, and she was quite possibly Hulk Hogan's biggest fan in his wrestling days.

The heart of a child and warmth of love, was her presence in life. She will be missed and loved by all of her family and friends.

She is survived by her daughters that live out of state; her many family here in the Flathead Valley, son David Webb and wife Sheila and their children, Britney Hubbs, Chelsey Sams, David, Dillon Webb, and all their spouses and children.

Preceded in death almost two years ago was her husband Chuck, and it gives great comfort in knowing they are together again.

Her laughter will always be missed.

**Gaylene Marie Moddrell, 74**

Gaylene Marie Moddrell of Kalispell passed March 8, 2015, after a short illness.

She was born July 25, 1940 in Reno, Nevada, to Harold and Virginia Curran.

Gay moved to the Flathead Valley on Dec. 23, 1977, with two teenage sons, Mike and Tim, her adopted son, Jimmy Glazier, and her infant daughter, Marie, during a snowstorm to a log cabin on Foothill Road. Heated only by wood, this was a big jump from suburban life in Reno where she was a director of Washoe Association for Retarded Children. She was starting a new life, but taking care of those with challenges still mattered most, second only to her family. Gay soon began working for Flathead Industries where she met Randy "Mo" Moddrell. They were married in September of 1982, and had an amazing, special life together until his death in 2005.

Mother, grandmother, a philanthropist, stray animal rescuer, gardener, seamstress, friend, but most of all advocate, she raised the standard of championing for those that need it the most. Gay immersed herself in the community, focusing on making the world a better and more equal place by serving on many boards, producing fundraisers, such as Kids in Motion, Big Wheels Basketball and Indian fry bread, and as the longtime executive director of the Special



Friends Advocacy Program.

She would want to be remembered as a bit of a

troublemaker. She admitted to the truths of her early days, like tying up her best friend in a cornfield or "borrowing" the family car by hot wiring it with a silver dollar held between wires by younger brother Jim. Being a troublemaker even included her way of introducing herself at meetings. "I am the executive director of Special Friends and still Gay," said to throw off balance, even the governor!

She is survived by sons Bill and Tim Henderson of Reno and their wives Teri and Lori, son Mike Henderson and his wife Margie, daughter Marie Moddrell, and extended family members Terry and Marisa Henderson, all of Kalispell; and brother, Jim Curran, wife Judi, of Fallon, Nevada. There are also 11 grandchildren who will go without more of Nana's hugs.

A celebration of life will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 14, at the family home, 500 Robocker Lane. It will be a potluck, so please bring something to share and stories to tell.

In lieu of flowers, consider a gift to Special Friends Advocacy Program, 230 Second St. E., Kalispell. It is what Gay would have wanted.

**Lloyd A. Moe, 89**

Remember Dec. 9, 2015, as a historic day in Libby as one of its most beloved fishermen, loggers, husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, Lloyd A. Moe, 89, left us "for better fishing and taller trees."

He was born in Sandpoint, Idaho, on June 16, 1929, to Harry and Viola Moe. At the age of 1, his family moved to Libby. Lloyd spent his childhood in south Libby and later in the Pleasant Valley and Fisher River area.

Lloyd met the love of his life, Peggy Wilson, in 1948 while she was casting a worm into the Fisher River. They were married on July 24, 1949. They raised four children.

Lloyd's occupation was a gyppo logger and the original builder and owner of the Whistle Stop Bar (Kickin Horse). Later in life, Lloyd and Peggy managed the Treasure Manor for 10 years. He also got to see a lot of Montana while piloting with friend, Gary Wood, for Pumco Construction.

A better man could not be found ... full of generosity, compassion and



care for the down and out whether it be human or animal. Lloyd found special comfort and happiness

with backyard fish fries and time spent with family and friends.

Lloyd is preceded in death by his father, mother, and stepfather, Clarence Karnes.

He is survived by his wife Peggy of 66 years, children Jon and Donna of Libby, Debbie and Mark Decker of Libby, Kelly Moe and Allan Gerhart of Kalispell, and Lloyd Moe of Post Falls; and brother Harry and Irene Moe; grandchildren Holly, Bill, Jessica, Kristy, Lisa, Kallie, Marko, Ariel and numerous great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17, at Libby Christian Church.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Libby. Online condolences and memories may be shared at [www.schnackenbergfh.com](http://www.schnackenbergfh.com).

**Florence L. Moffitt, 93**

Florence L. Moffitt, 93, died Saturday, April 18, 2015, in Kalispell.

She is survived by her children of Michael Moffitt of Whitefish, and Nancy Cassano of Providence Forge, Virginia.

A memorial service will

be held at 9:30 a.m. Monday, April 27, at Buffalo Hill Terrace in Kalispell. The Rev. Canon Bradley S. Wirth will officiate.

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

## Peter Philip 'Phil' Mohan, 36

Phil Mohan passed away Sept. 8, 2015.

He was born Aug. 20, 1979, in Missoula to retired Col. Peter F. Mohan and Elaine Mohan. He was raised in Kalispell where he graduated from Flathead High School in 1998 and joined the United States Army.

He became one of the elite 82nd Airborne, later enlisting in the National Guard, with tours of duty in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Phil is survived by his mother, Elaine, of Kalispell; brother, Chris Mohan, of Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania; godfather and uncle, Patrick Mohan, and wife, Judy; and Auntie Lana Peterson of Butte; cousin, Kelly, and wife, Hesper Mohan, of Missoula; Aunt Maureen, Uncle Michael, and cousins Dan and Sean Barrett, as well as Dianne, Kevin and Caitlyn Borrelli of Dickson City, Pennsylvania; and godmother and aunt, Tish, Uncle Nick, and cousins, Adam, Amanda and Liz Colacicco of Scranton, Pennsylvania.

Phil was preceded in death by his father, Peter



Mohan; grandma, Cora Mohan, grandfather, "Gramps" Jack Early; Nana Early, and cousin Mathew Borrelli.

To know Phil was to love him. He was gifted, very strong with a very sensitive side. He enjoyed boxing, camping, rafting and tubing on Montana's rivers. He was a crack shot, well read and could illustrate true feelings through art. He will be greatly missed and always remembered.

There will be military honors held at 11:30 a.m. today, Sept. 12, at Missoula Veterans Cemetery.

A special thank you to the doctors, nurses and CNAs for the wonderful care he received while at the Fort Harrison VA Hospital. God bless you all.

Please make donations to Fort Harrison Veterans Hospital in Helena.

## Delores Mollberg, 93

Delores Mollberg, 93, of West Glacier, passed away at her home March 25, 2015.

She was born in 1922 in Great Falls to Emil and Mary Schultz. She was raised on a farm in Dutton.

She had four brothers, Ben and Pete, both deceased, Dick and Betty of Rexford, and Bob and Pauline of Great Falls; two sisters, Wilma, and little sister Phyliss "Geraldine," both deceased.

Delores went to grade school and high school in Dutton. She met and then married a Canadian George Mollberg; they had three sons, Dennis of Centralia, Washington, Lonnie of Idaho Falls, and Bruce of West Glacier. Delores has four grandchildren, Romona, Michelle, Sean G. and Margret Mollberg, and Janet; and four great-grandchildren, Emma, Zoe, Maggie, Marcus G. and Jordan.

The family spent the '60s and '70s in Havre, running the Buttrey's Coffee shop and she was very happy there. An old friend from Havre said



she was the nicest person he ever knew. Another dear friend started a "Happy Book" and the first person in the book was Delores. A nurse of 30 years said she was her favorite patient.

Driving down the middle of Montana, Mom said, "Looks like we're gonna get a big storm," then only just one rain drop fell.

Delores had a big and open heart. She loved her church, friends, family, playing bridge, Montana and enjoyed a full life. She left a trail of beauty, love and wonderful pies.

A Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated June 20 at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls.

Donations can be sent to St. Richard's Catholic Church and Home Options Hospice.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for Delores' family.

## Emmett Charles Molisee, 67

Emmett Charles Molisee, 67, died in Kalispell Jan. 24, 2015.

A gathering will be at 2 p.m. Jan. 30 at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

## Allan James Molzhon, 83

Allan James Molzhon, 83, passed away on Monday, Aug. 31, 2015, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

He was born on Oct. 4, 1931, in Wolf Point to Anton and Adella (McKinnon) Molzhon. In 1944, the family moved from eastern Montana to Pablo, where Allan attended school and later worked on the family farm near Round Butte.

He married the love of his life, Gladycy Zimmerman of Polson, on Dec. 20, 1952, in Missoula.

Allan served honorably in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1952 to 1955, and spent time in Hawaii, Korea and Japan. Allan and Gladycy lived in California during his duty in the military, and later moved to Kalispell, where they made their home and raised their two children.

Al, as he was fondly referred to by those who knew him well, was a devoted family man and worked at various jobs around the Kalispell area. At an early age, he learned how to work hard tending livestock and farming. That strong work ethic carried into his entire life. One of his more memorable jobs was working in a tie mill in the Stryker area. His love of the farm life drew him to employment at local dairies, such as Gregg's Dairy in the late 1950s, then to Equity Supply Company for many years, and later Meadow Gold Dairies, where he retired in 1996. Al thoroughly enjoyed visiting with local dairy farmers on his truck route, as he hauled raw milk to the processing plant in the wee hours of the morning.

Hunting, fishing and camping were a big part of his life. Al and Gladycy enjoyed their retirement years camping in their fifth wheel around the Flathead Valley and Montana. Al was quite handy



in his workshop, spending many hours during the winter months making wood fur-

niture and toys for family and friends. One of the most easy-going people you would ever meet, Allan was fun-loving, enjoyed children, a good joke, and a cold beer.

Allan was preceded in death by his parents, Anton and Adella; sister, Mary Ashley; and wife, Gladycy, of 57 years.

He is survived by his daughter, Jeanne Sand, and husband, Ray, of Albuquerque, New Mexico; his son, Norman Molzhon, and wife, Kim, of Columbia Falls; two grandchildren, MacKenzie Molzhon and Lee Molzhon; four sisters, Anella Martin (his twin) of Geraldine, Patricia Moline and husband Sonny of Lewistown, Joann Cleary of Florence, and Letha Molzhon of Ronan; three brothers, Laurence Molzhon and friend Nancy of Thompson Falls, George Molzhon and wife Toni, and Mike Molzhon and wife Donna, all of Ronan; sister-in-law, Joyce Potts, and husband, Les, of Bigfork; lifelong friend, Dorothy Drown; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 8, at the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home in Kalispell. Visitation will be held from 9 to 10 a.m., prior to the services. Interment will be at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery following the service.

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

## Beverly Jane Moore, 67

Beverly Jane Moore, 67, of Kalispell, died Nov. 10, 2015, at Sacred Heart Hospital in Spokane.

She is survived by her daughters, Riki Lin

Welch of Mississippi, and Evette Whitmeyer and Jerri Fleming, both of California.

No services are planned at this time.

23 Jun 2015

## Christine Ann (Jepsen) Moore, 52

Christine Ann (Jepsen) Moore, 52, "went to be with her Savior" on June 19, 2015, in Kalispell. She passed away peacefully in her home, surrounded by her family and loved ones.

Christine was born on Aug. 16, 1962, in Hartford, Connecticut, to Richard and Pauline Jepsen. At the age of 15 she moved with her family to Haines, Alaska. She graduated from the Alaska School of Correspondence in 1979.

At the age of 25, Christine married the love of her life, Jeffrey Moore, on Oct. 25, 1987, in Juneau, Alaska. After welcoming two daughters into the world, they moved to Delta Junction, Alaska. They resided in Delta for the next eight years where they welcomed the addition of two sons and their youngest daughter. In October 2000 the family moved to Kalispell. After moving to Kalispell, Christine took on the role of teacher as she homeschooled her four children and celebrated with each of them as they graduated.

Christine was an accomplished homemaker where she displayed her talents as wife, mother, chef, teacher, bookkeeper, housekeeper, chief correctional officer, organizer ... the list goes on. She was passionate about family and gave her life to her children and husband. Her love for her family reached beyond her children and was shared with all her nieces and nephews. Her life was a living testament of her beliefs. Family and faith were her reason to live.

Christine was preceded in death by her first-born son, Samuel Jeffrey



Moore; brother, Steven James Jepsen; and grandparents John and Elizabeth

Jepsen, and Albert and Alberta Loiseau.

She is survived by her parents, Richard and Pauline Jepsen, of Kalispell; husband, Jeffrey; children, Mickelle Fox and Devin, Kristen McLaury and Jesse, Joshua Moore, and Rachel Moore of Kalispell; siblings, Richard Jepsen and Sarah of Delta Junction, Jean Kierce and Dan of Salem, Oregon, Kenneth Jepsen and Joan of Kalispell, Sarah Carbajal and Francisco of Kalispell, Beth Kimble and Ben of Kalispell, and Peter Jepsen and Esther of Kalispell. She is also survived by her grandson, Kelvin Fox; and nieces and nephews, Christopher, Seth, Elizabeth, Kevin, Andrea, Julie, James, Sarah, Ana, Paulina, Celeste, Kathrin, Isabella and Karissa.

A celebration of her life is scheduled for 4 p.m. June 28 at Hope Church in Kalispell, with a reception to follow. Ben Kimble will officiate the ceremony. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Christine's life. Information for condolences can be found at [www.gofundme.com/christinemoore](http://www.gofundme.com/christinemoore).

A special thank you to Dr. Sheldon of Kalispell Regional Medical Center, Dr. Goodman and his staff who extended our time with Christine, and a very special thank you to registered nurses Nicole and Randy and the staff at Home Options Hospice.

## Judson Napoleon Moore, 93

Judson passed away Thursday, Feb. 19, 2015, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.



Judson was born in Memphis, Tennessee, on Jan. 18, 1922, to Richard Judson Moore and Irene Whitley (Lamb) Moore. Judson attended grade school in Tuscumbia, Alabama, Treadwell Junior High School in Memphis and graduated from Central High in Memphis in 1940. He attended Memphis State College from 1940 to 1942.

He enlisted in the Army Air Corps (which later became the U.S. Air Force) in 1942, and served as a navigator/bombardier in the 8th Air Force, 401st Bombardment Group, flying in a B-17, stationed in England. He was honorably discharged from the Air Force as a second lieutenant after the end of World War II, 1945.

Judson enrolled in the Journalism school at the University of Montana. He took a train west

with an Air Force friend to Missoula to attend college, since all of the colleges in the east were flooded with men who wanted to attend

college after the end of World War II. While at the University of Montana, he was a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity and was also initiated into the Sigma Delta Chi fraternity - the professional journalistic fraternity. Judson graduated from the Journalism School in 1948, with a Bachelor of Arts degree.

On Aug. 21, 1949, he married Mary Alyne Marie Kidd in Tacoma, Washington. They lived in Walla Walla, Washington, where Judson worked at the Walla Walla Union Bulletin as a reporter. In 1955, Judson returned to the University of Montana and completed a Master of Arts degree.

Judson worked in Helena at the Montana Lung Association, the Montana

Department of Health and Environmental Sciences and the Montana Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services. In 1962, Judson was hired by the Forest Service in Missoula to be the information officer. He continued to work for the Forest Service in Missoula until his retirement in 1996. Judson also served in the Air Force Reserves for 20 years, retiring from the Air Force in 1982 as a major.

Both Judson and Mary were active members of the University Congregational Church in Missoula for many years.

After his retirement, Judson volunteered extensively at numerous charities in the Missoula area, including Missoula Food Bank, Missoula Public Library, 10 years with Miss Cox's fourth grade class at Lewis and Clark Grade School and others. Judson also kept physically active in his retirement, running in many road races in the Missoula area and walking the family dogs until all their dogs "had gone to heaven."

Judson was a quiet, unassuming Southern gentleman. He was a

faithful, trustworthy, ethical, honest, industrious and dependable man. He was a man of sterling character and ethics and a conscientious, hard worker.

Survivors include his son, Willy Moore, in Portland; his daughter, Susan, and her partner, Susan Okonsky, in Whitefish; one niece, Nancy Kidd, and her husband, Mark Mershon, in Minneapolis; and one nephew, Tom, and his wife, Marlene Kidd, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

The family would like to thank the Bigelow family, Jim, MaryAnn, Sarah, Adam and Hannah for always keeping an eye on and providing helping hands for their "adopted" grandparents. The family also wishes to extend their deepest thanks to the "angels" at Immanuel Lutheran Skilled Care facility, Kalispell, for the respect, dignity, and compassion they showed to Judson in the last weeks of his life.

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

24 Nov 2015

## Ruby Lea (Dilbeck) Lingle-Moorehead, 91

Ruby Lea (Dilbeck) Lingle-Moorehead, 91, "went to live with her Lord" on Sunday, Nov. 22, 2015.

She was born Nov. 13, 1924, in Frazer, Montana, to Clystia Brooks Thoma and Marvin A. Dilbeck.

She spent her early years growing up in Frazer. She graduated eighth grade from Frazer school in 1938, and 30 years later obtained her GED and went on to attend college.

On Nov. 13, 1940, she married her life companion, Melvin Lingle. They were married 60 years before his passing in 2001.

They had three children. They traveled some in the early years, but settled in Wolf Point in 1951 and resided there until 1986 when they retired to Columbia Falls.

Ruby always had a smile. She loved life and people. Nothing made her happier than opening her doors to everyone and making sure that no one left without a full belly. She was an accomplished seamstress, cook, quilter and gardener.

She worked for many years as a rural mail carrier and assistant post mistress. She was a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church of Columbia Falls, the Eagles Auxiliary of

Kalispell, and the Senior Citizens of Columbia Falls. She was preceded in death



by her parents; Clystia Thoma and Marvin Dilbeck; her husband, Melvin Lingle; sisters, Bertha Dilbeck and Marian Sprague; brother, Melvin Dilbeck; and daughter Sheila Lingle.

She is survived by her daughter, Bea, and Ron Montgomery of Las Vegas; son, David, and Michelle Lingle, of Columbia Falls; grandsons, Bruce and Sirt Heinrichs of East Windsor, New Jersey, Brian and Debbie Heinrichs of Rifle, Colorado, Tyler and Antoinette Montgomery of Ashburn, Virginia, and Casey and Dawn Montgomery of Parker, Colorado; sisters, Ina and Harry Downs of Wolf Point, and Connie Hansen of Kent, Washington; and brother, Marvin, and Ellie Dilbeck, of Grand Junction, Colorado; 12 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

### Allwin Douglas Monson, 97

Allwin Douglas Monson, 97, died on Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2015, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

He was born on May 21, 1917, in Dunkirk, Montana, to Arthur and Elma Monson. Al grew up on the family homestead near Shelby and attended Shelby High School. He attended college for two years in Helena, until his school was destroyed by an earthquake, at which point he transferred to Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota.

In 1936, he met Dorothy Nelson who was from Devils Lake, North Dakota, and who was to become his wife. They both graduated from Concordia in 1938, and were married on New Year's Day of 1940.

Following service in the U.S. Navy, Al did graduate study at Syracuse and Denver universities. He then returned to Concordia as a full professor of speech, communication and theater art. He became chair of the speech department and served the college in many capacities for 33 years until he retired in 1981. Al's easy and engaging manner created an environment which fostered meaningful mentorship with students of all abilities. He was respected as a teacher who always had time for students.

While in Moorhead, Al and Dorothy never lost their love for Montana where they vacationed every summer in Glacier Park. After they retired, they moved to Kalispell in 1983, where they made many new friends and were able to also enjoy old friends from Concordia, including the



Rev. Pete and Grace Waldum and Vern and May Mauritsen. During his retirement years in Montana, Al was able to fulfill his retirement

plan to enjoy the many hiking, fishing, hunting and golfing opportunities the area has to offer. Al and Dorothy were members of Northridge Lutheran Church in Kalispell.

Al began his education in a one-room schoolhouse near the family homestead where his mother was the teacher. Al enjoyed riding his horse to school where he was able to learn from his mother who he said was the best teacher he ever had. In his lifetime Al successfully adapted to many new things and was known as the first in the family to use the Internet.

Al is survived by his daughter, Joyce Monson Tsongas and her husband Dennis Brooks, by his son Arthur Monson, and by his grandson Christopher Tsongas, all of Portland. He is also survived by his granddaughter, Mika Tsongas Bassett, and her husband, Chris Bassett, and their daughter, Quinn, of Sandpoint, Idaho.

A memorial service and celebration of Al's life will be held at 11 a.m. on March 21 at Northridge Lutheran Church in Kalispell.

Memorials may be made in Al's name to the endowment fund at Northridge Lutheran Church.

### Vince N. Mordja Jr., 93

Vince N. Mordja Jr., 93, died in Kalispell on July 31, 2015.

He had worked as an operating engineer. He is survived by seven

children.

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

7 Mar 2015

### E.D. 'Corkey' Morehead, 86

E.D. "Corkey" Morehead, 86, passed away on Friday, March 6, 2015, at St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula.

He was born in Angora, Nebraska, to Elmer and Olga (Miller) Morehead.

Corkey and his wife had varied involvement in agriculture and business. Ranging from wheat farming near Alliance, Nebraska, a cattle and a guest ranch near Fishtail, Montana, business interest in a tire company in Billings, and in 1975, moved to Polson, where he operated a cherry and apple orchard until the time of his death.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Shirley Jeané Morehead; and a daughter, Barbara Jeane

Morehead.

He is survived by three of his children, David Roy and Helen Morehead, Janet Morehead and Steven "Gus" Gustuson, and E. Daniel Morehead; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

A memorial service for Corkey will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, March 12, at the Lake Funeral Home in Polson. Burial will be private by the family.

Memories and condolences may be sent to the family at [www.thelakefuneralhomeandcrematory.com](http://www.thelakefuneralhomeandcrematory.com).

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

## Peter James Morey, 19

Peter James Morey, 19, of Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming, passed away on Feb. 16, 2015.

Peter was born in Visalia, California, on Sept. 18, 1995, the son of Eric and Jenny Morey, and the younger brother of Shannon Morey.

Peter loved the outdoors and was proud to be part of the third generation of a National Park Service family. He lived in Kings Canyon National Park until he moved to Yellowstone National Park at age 6. He attended Hume Lake School, the Yellowstone Park School and the Gardiner Junior High School, before graduating from Gardiner High School in 2014. Peter was in his second semester at Montana State University in Bozeman.

Peter combined his passion for the wilderness with his love for people. He introduced many friends to Yellowstone and the Greater Yellowstone Area, and shared his considerable knowledge and skills of hunting and fishing. He approached these two pursuits with an ability and maturity that exceeded his years. Peter loved a day of backcountry skiing in the Jardine area outside of Yellowstone equally as much as he loved a powder day at Bridger Bowl. He had a diverse group of much loved friends who joined him in these adventures.

Known for his curiosity, sense of humor and intelligence, Peter was an avid debater and deep thinker. He enjoyed early mornings with his Pops during hunting season, as well as late nights of conversation with his Madre. He was especially



close to his "Seesta," Shannon, who was a trusted confidante for him. He was devoted to his

best friend, Mazzy, and his summer employment as a landscaper with Joel Byrd was a source of great satisfaction for Peter.

Peter loved to joke around with everyone, get into mischief with his AFS exchange brother and tease his beloved sister. He was very tenderhearted, and much loved by his many friends, large extended family and close-knit community. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Peter is survived by his parents, Eric and Jenny Morey; and his sister, Shannon; his grandparents, Nola Morey, and Margaret and Joseph O'Loughlin; his Danish brother, Thor Snedker; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was predeceased by his grandfather, C. Robert Morey; his uncle, Nat Morey; and his beloved dogs, Gus and Annie.

A memorial service will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 22, at the Gardiner High School in Gardiner. Immediately following the service, there will be a reception in the multi-purpose room at the school.

Memorial donations can be made to the Peter Morey Memorial Fund at the First Interstate Bank, 903 Scott Street West, Gardiner, MT 59030.

Arrangements are in the care of Dokken-Nelson Funeral Service in Bozeman; [www.dokkennelson.com](http://www.dokkennelson.com).

## Muriel Irene Morse, 95

Muriel Irene Morse, 95, passed away peacefully at home of natural causes on April 5, 2015, Easter Sunday.

Born in Cardiff, Wales, she served in the Women's Land Army and was severely wounded in a bombing attack near Cardiff. Surviving that, she met her husband Herbert Morse on a blacked out war train. (She sat on him in the dark) After getting married they sailed to the U.S.A. and landed in New Orleans on Mardi Gras Day, and were shocked by the way Americans acted and dressed!

They moved to San



Francisco and eventually ended up in Montana for the last 50 years.

Muriel is survived

by her sons, Barton and Bruce; and grandchildren, Erin, Shannon, Caitlin and Gavin.

The funeral will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 14, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Please come to a light supper from 4 to 6 p.m. at 121 Sleepy Hollow Road afterwards to visit and look at pictures.

## Charles Dennis Morrison, 79

Charles Dennis Morrison, 79, died Monday, March 30, 2015.

He is survived by his wife, Geraldine Morrison; and children, Jeanette Flint, Charlene Cameron,

Rick and Nathan Morrison.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. April 16 at Whitefish Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses. Columbia Mortuary is caring for the family.

## Eugenia F. Morrison, 85

Eugenia F. Morrison, 85, of Bigfork, died Feb. 2, 2015, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Jeannie grew up in New Ulm, Minnesota, and graduated with a master's degree from the University of Minnesota. She taught music in Duluth, Minnesota, and Dixon, Montana. She played professionally for the Minnesota Orchestra in Minneapolis. Her life was one that revolved greatly around her music and sharing her talent with many others.

She eventually moved to Montana where she met and married her husband of 53 years. They spent 13 years living on a ranch near Arlee before moving to Bigfork in 1973, when Jeannie and Hash took over full-time caretaker duties at Big Sky Bible Camp where Hash still resides.

Jeannie spent many years visiting and play-

ing guitar for residents at Lakeview Care Center. She was well known for her hand puppets and for children's Bible clubs. She leaves behind a long legacy of sharing and passing on her many and varied talents.

She is survived by her husband, Hash; and sons, John and Shelley of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and Bill of Cut Bank. Grandchildren include Christopher, Matthew and Scott.

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 7, at the Lone Pine Cemetery in Bigfork.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to Big Sky Bible Camp.

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

## Dan 'Pizza Man' Morrison, 51

Dan "Pizza Man" Morrison, 51, passed away Tuesday, May 26, 2015.

He was born April 14, 1964, in Helena. Shortly after he was born he was adopted by the greatest people he could ask for as parents, Betty and Donald Morrison. He lived his childhood in Great Falls and Glasgow.

In 1983, in Great Falls, he met the love of his life, Johna. They moved to Polson in 1987 and were married in 1990.

Dan was a terrific father and he loved his children more than life itself. We will treasure every moment with him, along with family and friends riding motorcycles, skiing, boating, camping, shopping and just being together. His heart was so big for everyone and he touched everyone he ever met.

Dan was known as the pizza man and loved Stageline Pizza and Betty's Diner and all of his employees. He was very community involved and was on the Polson City Council for many years.



His heart was so big it had no boundaries. He touched everyone he ever met

because he was so liked. His cheesy smile will be missed.

"He is now at peace in heaven with his father Don Morrison."

Dan is survived by his children, Breezy and Bryce; his wife, Johna; sister, Karen Logan; mother and stepfather, Betty and Ivan Kuderling; in-laws, Dave and Ferol Bjur; and a list of nieces and nephews, and an endless stream of "kids."

A memorial service for Dan will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 31, at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Polson. A reception will follow at the Elks Lodge.

In lieu of flowers, all donations may be given to the Polson Police Department or Fire Department in Dan's name.

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

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

May 29

**Louise I. Morrow, 88**

Louise I. Morrow, 88, passed away Feb. 28, 2015, surrounded by her family.

Louise was born on March 28, 1926, in Wauzeka, Wisconsin, to Herbert and Pearl (Trappe) Vaughan.

During World War II, she was a secretary at the U.S. Navy dry docks in Long Beach, California. While there, she met a Marine on a bus. He invited her to have a drink at a rest stop, and she fell in love with him when he ordered milk and referred to his father as daddy.

After his honorable discharge, she came to Kalispell and they were married Jan. 5, 1946. Harold and Louise made their home in Kalispell, raising their four children. She enjoyed a career as a rural mail carrier. Leisure time was filled with camping and hunting and hours of playing cards.

After her husband passed away in 1985, she spent her spare time volunteering at Kalispell Regional Hospital, American Red Cross, Kalispell Eagles and traveling to jazz festivals.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her brothers, Robert Vaughan and Herbert Vaughan; her husband, Harold Morrow; her son, John Morrow; and her son-



in-law, Cecil Main.

Louise is survived by her daughters, Cheryl Main, and Jean and Dan Stetler, and son Bob and Kelly Morrow, all of Kalispell; and

daughter-in-law, Randee Morrow, of Lakeside. She is also survived by her five granddaughters, Michelle Beck of Kalispell, Maren and Aaron King of Bigfork, Sarah and Dan Fjheld, Jemma Morrow, and Julia Morrow, all of Kalispell. Her great-grandchildren, Sadee and Jonathan King, and Gabe Fjheld, along with many nieces and nephews, also survive her.

A visitation will be held for Louise from 5 to 7 p.m. today, March 4, with services to be held at 10 a.m. March 5 at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home, followed by interment at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Friends are invited to join us at the family home for a reception following the service and interment.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Lakeside QRU, P.O. Box 911 Lakeside, MT 59922.

Please visit [www.jgfuneral-home.com](http://www.jgfuneral-home.com) to leave condolences for the Morrow family.

**Alice Marilyn (Crumley) Motichka, 83**

Alice Marilyn (Crumley) Motichka, 83, passed away Jan. 14, 2015, at her home at the Springs of Whitefish.

Alice was born Sept. 2, 1931, in Conrad to Charles and Arella (Fretheim) Crumley. Alice grew up on a farm about 30 miles east of Conrad. There were no sons in the family, so Alice was raised "like a boy." At the age of 11, she started running the family combine in the fields. She attended a little country school about a mile away.

She was a graduate of Flathead County High and married James Motichka in 1949. They had a wonderful marriage for 61 loving years until James passed away in 2011. Alice and James were founding members of the Charter Rock Club.

Alice loved antique collecting, quilting, making jewelry, card playing, reading, stamp and coin collecting, camping and traveling. She had a great sense of humor, telling jokes and her famous "candy drawer." Everyone that came to visit never left without a piece of candy.

At one time Alice was the secretary for nine different clubs. She was a member of Calvary Lutheran, was a Sunday school teacher, was involved in the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts,

and was a member of the Evergreen and Marion Fire Departments.

Alice was preceded in death by her husband, James; parents, Charles and Arella Crumley; sister and brother-in-law, Shirley and Leo Depuydt; and granddaughter, Jennifer June.

She is survived by her loving family at the Springs, sons, James Motichka and wife Jacki, and Jack Motichka and his wife Ann; six grandchildren, Jodi, Janae, Jamie, Jesse, Jeff and Janel, 14 great-grandchildren, Jazmine, Jayla, Justine, Jaci Rose, Jaxton, Michael, Jade, Jewel, Jozie, Jesse Jr., Joe Riley, Chad, Brooke and Alex; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A visitation will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. today, Jan. 15, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Burial will take place at Glacier Memorial Gardens and a reception will be held at the Springs in Whitefish.

Memorials may be made to the Marion Volunteer Fire Department.

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

**Elaine E. Mount, 88**

Elaine E. Mount, 88, died in Whitefish on March 1, 2015.

She is survived by a son, Jim Mount.

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

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

### Marilyn Moyer, 63

Marilyn Moyer passed away peacefully on June 7, 2015, in Kalispell, at the too-early age of 63. She died on the birthdate of her mother, her best friend.

Marilyn was born of parents Bob and Charlotte Gianoli in August 1951, in Palo Alto, California. Her family moved to Ukiah, California, in 1959, where Marilyn continued school, graduating from Ukiah High School in 1969. She moved back to the San



Francisco Bay Area to enter nursing school and worked in a local hospital, where she met her future husband, Don Moyer.

Don and Marilyn were married in February, 1979, in their home in Lake Tahoe, California. They moved to Santa Rosa and Healdsburg,

where she worked in inside sales for an electric supply in Petaluma. Eventually they relocated to a home outside Bigfork. Her mother was a native of Whitefish, where Marilyn spent several happy summers growing up.

Marilyn enjoyed boating, camping and golfing with Don. She loved the outdoors, the sun, an occasional casino, and her family. She cherished the trips to Hawaii with her mom. Marilyn's humor and

laughter were infectious, her love and caring always evident. She is so missed.

She is survived by her loving husband, Don, of Bigfork. They were together for 40 wonderful years. She is also survived by her brother, Alan Gianoli and wife Jo, of Columbia Falls; and her niece, Heather Hinkley, and family of San Jose, California.

Marilyn will be interred next to her mother at Whitefish Cemetery.

4 Nov 2015

### Teresa M. Mulhollam, 87

Teresa M. Mulhollam, 87, passed away Nov. 1, 2015, in Kalispell.

Teresa was born May 18, 1928 in Durand, Wisconsin, the daughter of Joseph and Annabelle (Boehm) Ulwelling. Teresa grew up in Durand and graduated from high school there. She also attended college in Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

On Oct. 19, 1957, Teresa married Bill Mulhollam in Durand, where they started a family. Teresa worked at various secretarial positions in Kalispell. She also worked as a legal secretary, at the Teachers Credit Union and managed Ashley Creek Court for years. Teresa was a hospital volunteer and was Volunteer of the Year in 1994. Teresa also volunteered for several other organizations.

She belonged to St. Matthew's Catholic Church and Risen Christ Catholic Church and was also a member of the Daughters of Isabella. She loved animals especially her dogs.

Teresa was preceded in death by her parents,



Joseph and Annabelle Ulwelling; brothers, Joe and John Ulwelling; sisters, Betty

and Joann Ulwelling; and baby son, Mark Mulhollam.

Teresa is survived by her husband of 58 years, Bill Mulhollam; daughters, Lauri Mulhollam of Bellflower, California, and Nancy and Terry Norris of Kalispell; and son, Bill Mulhollam, of Lafayette, Colorado.

The family would like to thank Prestige Expressions Memory Care staff and Home Options Hospice for all their care, support and prayers. A memorial Mass will be said at Risen Christ Parish at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 10; a luncheon will follow.

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

13 Apr 2015

### Weldon Raymond Munter, 87

Maj. Weldon Raymond Munter USMC retired, 87, of Beaumont, Texas, died Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2015, at Emeritus at Dowlen Oaks, Beaumont, Texas.

He was born on March 5, 1927, in Tacoma, Washington, to Odile Bousquet and Lloyd Munter.

Maj. Munter was retired from the United States Marine Corps and had the privilege to fly Marine One for Presidents John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson during their terms. He loved his country and was the true definition of a patriot. Maj. Munter also enjoyed working in his yard, camping, and spending time with his dog, Ace.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley Munter; children, David Munter and his wife, Dawn, of Montana; Randy Munter and his wife, Wynette, of Arkansas; and Cindy



Norris of Wisconsin; stepsons, Alan Sekaly of Beaumont and Bruce Sekaly and his wife, Geannie, of North Carolina; four grandchildren; seven



great-grandchildren; and stepbrother, Chuck Harkins, and his wife, Gin, of Washington.

A memorial service for Maj. Munter was held Jan. 15. A graveside service was held at Houston National Cemetery with full military honors.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, P.O. Box 1000, Department 142, Memphis, Tennessee 38101-9908.

## Sylvia Murphy, 98

Sylvia B. Murphy, 98, died of congestive heart failure on March 2, 2015, under inpatient-hospice care at The HealthCenter in Kalispell, after a long and joyous life. She touched many people and will be dearly missed.

She lived in her own home on Flathead Lake, with help from many friends, until a week before her death.

Sylvia Josephine Brassett was born March 26, 1916, in Kalispell to Dr. Albert and Minnie Larson Brassett. She was delivered by her father, an early-day physician, at Sisters of Mercy hospital, just two blocks from the family home. Sylvia's mother told her that her older brother, Arnold, delivered a hand-picked bouquet of yellow bells to the hospital and she always marveled that there could have been yellow bells in late March.

Sylvia grew up in Kalispell and graduated from Flathead County High School in 1934. She attended Carleton College for a year before transferring to the University of Minnesota, where she graduated in 1938 with a degree in journalism and social work. After college, she was employed by the Kalispell News and as a caseworker for the County Welfare Department.

After World War II broke out, she went to work for Consolidated Aircraft, which was building bombers for the war effort, then was hired by the American Red Cross and stationed at Camp Young, where Gen. Patton was training troops to go overseas. She recalled sleeping in a tent in the desert summer. It was during this time that she met a dashing young Army lieutenant, James Emmett Murphy, who was stationed at Camp Young.



Lake home in 1978, Sylvia became fascinated with the history of Lakeside and wrote and published "Stoner Creek and Beyond" which tells the story of the town and the families who lived there in the early days.

Sylvia and Jim enjoyed a rich life filled with adventures and good friends and traveled extensively after Jim cut down on his law practice. They visited Africa, many countries in Europe, Australia and New Zealand. Although Sylvia hated flying, she was always game to accompany her beloved Jim on these adventures. She once said that she thought he must have been Marco Polo reincarnated, so great was his love of travel.

After Jim died suddenly in 1990, Sylvia began a new phase of her life, adjusting to her widowed status with good grace and the positive attitude that marked her entire life. She said the best advice anyone ever gave her was to never turn down an invitation, and she said "yes" and embraced her new life. She traveled with friends, rediscovered a passion for golf, continued her volunteer efforts and delighted in her friends, old and new. She published a book Jim had written about growing up in Missouri titled "How Did It Get So Small?" and later published a second book of her own about a Lake Mary Ronan resort called "Follow the Fish to Camp Tuffit."

to the radio for her news and adjusted to having to ask for rides. She was able to resume playing bridge in her own home and had a foursome for lunch each Thursday. Her bridge companions looked forward to the delicious lunch she served and to an afternoon of cards. They graciously told her what cards they were playing.

Even though she could no longer see them, she oversaw beautiful plantings of geraniums each year and found great joy in the beauty that others saw in her flowers.

She continued to love making trips to Glacier Park and felt thankful that she was able to see well enough to enjoy the scenery and even spot an occasional bear. She loved the lake and the mountains and all the beauties of Montana.

Sylvia had a knack for making and keeping friends and was genuinely interested in everyone she met. We often joked that she could get the life story from a rock. Her zest for life and people was amazing. Her resilience in the face of health problems and the onslaught of old age was an inspiration.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her brother, her husband Jim, and her dear cousin Eleanor Borg.

She is survived by her daughter, Mary Pat Murphy, of Kalispell; niece Barbara Hill, husband Bill, and daughters Linda

and Tracy of Laguna Niguel, California; Jim's nieces and their families, Nancy and George Davis of Beaumont, California, Gerald and Sally Fruhwirth of Palm Desert California, Karen Mitchell of Kansas City, Kansas, and Earleen Moore and her husband Jim of Laredo, Missouri.

We are eternally grateful to the cadre of friends and helpers who made it possible for Sylvia to remain in her home and to the caregivers at The HealthCenter who made her last week comfortable. Sylvia was a unique treasure.

Memorials are suggested to the Museum at Central School, Lakeside QRU, American Red Cross, the Conrad Mansion or the charity of the donor's choice.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 7, at Lakeside Community Chapel with the Rev. Dennis Reese and the Rev. Gary Cockrell presiding. A lunch will follow. Burial will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery, next to her husband and parents.

A celebration of her life is planned for what would have been her 99th birthday, March 26, at the Museum at Central School.

To send a note of condolence to the family, please go to [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com), Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

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After a brief courtship, Sylvia and Jim were married on May 16, 1944, in La Jolla, California. Jim was later transferred to Fort Lewis, Washington, where Sylvia continued to work for the Red Cross. After the war ended, the young couple traveled to Montana to visit Sylvia's parents and decided to settle in Kalispell. Construction was just starting on the Hungry Horse Dam and there were opportunities for Jim to open a law practice in the booming town. Sylvia served as his first secretary and recalled that he earned \$35 the first month of his practice.

Sylvia and Jim became an active part of the community and in 1947 welcomed their only child, Mary Pat. Sylvia loved being a mother and a homemaker, and enjoyed a wide variety of activities, including bridge, golf and participating in a bowling league.

She was a lifelong member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, and regularly attended the Lakeside Community Chapel for many years.

Sylvia was an active community volunteer, served as a Girl Scout leader, Sunday School teacher and was a member of the Library board and the Hockaday Museum board. She was a longtime blood donor to the Red Cross and was an active member of the Flathead County Republican Women. She always hosted at least one table at the annual Chocolate Extravaganza.

After moving permanently to their Flathead

She was an early supporter of the Museum at Central School and the Conrad Mansion, interests she maintained throughout her life. She was a 65-year member of the P.E.O. Sisterhood and was an active member of P.E.O. Chapter AB until the end of her life. She was a founding member of the Friendship Force of the Flathead Valley and remained an active part of the group even after she was no longer able to travel. She hosted travelers from around the world in her home, even into her 90s.

After losing her eyesight to macular degeneration in 2005, Sylvia was forced to stop driving and could no longer read, do crossword puzzles or play bridge, but she continued to live in her own home and adapted well to her limitations. When Dr. Roger Barth told her that she was experiencing a major life change and might become depressed, she replied, "I'm not going to be depressed. I have enough troubles without being depressed." She adjusted to her new situation with her characteristic good humor and positive attitude. She ordered numerous books on tape, listened

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### *Sylvia Murphy's* WONDERFUL LIFE



Thursday, March 26  
at the  
Central School  
Museum

124 2nd Ave. East

5 to 7:30 p.m.

Program begins at  
5:30 p.m.

Light Dinner at  
6:00 p.m.

*This would have been Sylvia's  
99th Birthday*

# Longtime community leader Murphy dies at 98

By **LYNNETTE HINTZE**  
The Daily Inter Lake

Longtime Flathead Valley community leader and local author Sylvia Murphy died of congestive heart failure Monday in Kalispell. She was less than a month shy of her 99th birthday.

Murphy and her husband, Jim, were active in numerous community activities through the decades. She was an early supporter of the Museum at Central School and the Conrad Mansion, continuing those interests throughout her life.

An avid traveler, Murphy was a founding member of the Friendship Force of the Flathead Valley, remaining active with the group even after she no longer was able to travel. For 65 years she was an active member of P.E.O. Chapter AB, a philanthropic women's organization.



**MURPHY IN 2006**

Her volunteer efforts ran the gamut. Murphy was a Girl Scout leader, a Sunday School teacher and a long-time blood donor with the American

Red Cross. She was an active member of the Flathead County Republican Women and served on the board of directors for the Flathead County Library and Hockaday Museum of Art.

After moving to a home on Flathead Lake in 1978, Murphy delved into the history of Lakeside and wrote a book called "Stoner Creek and Beyond" that told the story of the community and its early settlers. Later she published a second

book about a Lake Mary Ronan resort, titled "Follow the Fish to Camp Tuffit."

Her writing followed the lead of her husband, a prominent Kalispell lawyer who wrote the well-known local history book, "Half Interest in a Silver Dollar" about the life of Kalispell pioneer Charles Conrad.

Murphy's Lakeside history book, she said in a 2000 Inter Lake interview, "was all just fun. Everybody was so grateful to have their story told. Times were really tough in the Great Depression. Everybody in Lakeside got some form of assistance."

She was especially sensitive to their plight because of her background in social work. One of her first jobs as a young woman was with the county welfare department.

In addition to her myriad contributions to the community, it is Murphy's personality, her passion for life and rapport

with friends and acquaintances that many will remember.

"Her biggest legacy is teaching anyone who ever came in contact with her the importance of having friends of any age," longtime friend Robin Bailey said. "She was a risk-taker who would roll up her sleeves and get to work on things ... She taught us to be very curious, to be interested in other people. She would genuinely be interested in getting to know someone."

Amy Peterson met Murphy when she joined P.E.O. in 1994. She noted how Murphy encouraged others to try new experiences. Peterson marveled at Murphy's ability to recall past events in great detail.

"Her wisdom comes from living a life of acquiring knowledge through education, travel and relating to people easily and readily," Peterson wrote in a tribute to Murphy for her 98th birthday last March.

Dorothy Laird, a former Flathead County Library director, remembered how much Murphy supported and used the library.

"The community has lost a valuable asset," Laird continued. "Whatever she participated in, she added graciousness and generosity."

Longtime friend JoAnn Speelman Dramer also noted how caring Murphy was and how inquisitive and interested she was in others.

"Sylvia was one of the most gracious women I have ever known," Dramer said, also noting Murphy's uncanny ability to remember details of events long past. "I don't think she ever forgot anything. Her recollection was just amazing."

A full obituary is printed on page A7 in today's Inter Lake.

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## Mary Alice Mullins, 88

Mary Alice Mullins, 88, died Tuesday, Dec. 22, 2015, at the Lake View Care Center in Bigfork. She is survived by her daughter, Sharon Mejak.

A visitation will be from 1 to 3 p.m. Monday, Dec. 28, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home in Kalispell. Graveside services are pending.

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## Mary Mullins, 88

On Dec. 22, 2015, "the last genuine bit of faery magic left our world." Mary Mullins, 88, passed from this world into the next, leaving behind a diminishment that can never be replaced.

Mary was born on Dec. 4, 1927, the second child of Surtes Garrison and Alice Victoria Shepard. Mary married the love of her life, Ben Amos Mullins, on Nov. 6, 1945, before graduating high school in 1946. Mary was incredibly proud of her husband, who joined the Navy in World War II, returning safely home to her in 1948. Though Mary and Ben had two children of their own — Sharon Ann and Sandra Lee — they opened their home to Ben's siblings when his parents died. After Ben's tragic passing in 1993, Mary continued alone for the remainder of her years, never letting go in her heart to Ben's memory. Now, at last, they are reunited beyond the veil to share in their eternal reward together."

While she lived, Mary was incredibly creative — sharing this spark of

magic with her husband, as well. Where Ben was a master woodsmith and builder, Mary carried on family traditions of sewing, knitting and needlepoint, as well as bringing new life into the world at every chance with her flower gardens. Her heart was ever filled with music, and she enjoyed opera and religious melodies. Mary carried true and genuine magic in her heart and everyone who knew her was enriched in the experience.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents and brother, husband Ben, and daughter Sandy. Mary's legacy lives on in those who survive her: daughter Sharon, four grandchildren — Kimberly Mercer, Donald Glick Jr., Ronald Glick, and Michael Mejak — and many more great grandchildren.

"Sol lucebunt paulo obscuriores a die hac."

A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Helen Eva Peace Myhre, 96

Helen passed away on May 22, 2015, at her home in the Buffalo Hill Terrace in Kalispell.

Helen was born on Nov. 12, 1918, in Hogeland, the sixth child of Charles and Flora Olson. Helen was born on Armistice Day, thus her second middle name of Peace. She graduated in 1936 from Hogeland High School. Following graduation, Helen attended Northern Montana College and then went to work for her brother Walter's company, Valley Motor Supply in Havre, as a billing and price clerk.

It was there at work that Helen met her husband and life partner, Edwin "Bud" Myhre. They were married on Sept. 20, 1941, in Havre. Helen's husband enlisted in the Air Force and served during World War II. After her husband's military service they headed west to settle in Kalispell.

After a few years Helen and Bud purchased and opened Bud's Fountain Lunch, located in the Kalispell Intermountain Bus Depot. Helen prepared the lunch specials and specialty pies from their home. They later sold the business. Helen then became a secretary at the Kalispell Junior High School. Helen worked for many years at the junior high, where she loved being involved with the students.

Following Helen's retirement in 1984, she and her husband moved to their home on Flathead Lake near Lakeside. Following her husband's



death, Helen lived at Buffalo Hill Terrace with her calico cat Winnie.

Helen is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Cheryl and Bob Kovacich of Lakeland, Florida, and her son and daughter-in-law, Terry and Connie Myhre of Helena. She is also survived by her beloved grandchildren, Anna Kovacich of Orlando, Florida, Amanda Kovacich Valenti and husband Doug Valenti of Tampa, Florida, and Timothy Kovacich of San Jose, California.

Helen was preceded in death by her daughter, Marilyn; her husband, Bud; her four brothers, Walter, Lester, Alton and Harris; and her sister, Ardys.

Funeral services will be preceded by a visitation at 2 p.m., with the service at 2:30 p.m., on Friday, May 29, at the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home Chapel, 525 S. Main St., Kalispell. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. A reception will follow at the Buffalo Hill Terrace, 40 Claremont, Kalispell.

Memorials can be made in Helen's name to the following organizations as requested by the family: Immanuel Lutheran Communities; Buffalo Hill Terrace (BHT) Assisted Living, 40 Claremont, Kalispell, MT 59901; or First Church of Christ, Scientist, 502 West Wyoming, Kalispell, MT 59901.

### **Louise Helen Myles, 78**

Louise Helen (Hedge) Myles, 78, died July 16, 2015, at the Springs in Whitefish of a stroke.

She is survived by two sons, Michael of Kalispell, and Tim of Longview,

Washington.

Cremation has taken place. No services are planned at this time.

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

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### **Louise (Amundson) Myles, 78**

Louise (Amundson) Myles, 78, died July 16, 2015, at The Springs in Whitefish.

Louise was born Sept. 17, 1936, to parents Helen and Anton Amundson, homesteaders in the Bear Paws Mountains due west of Dillon Bottom. In 1943, the homestead was sold and the family moved to Evergreen on Spring Creek.

Louise spent first grade at Shambo School in the Bear paws, then Evergreen, Flathead County High School and North-

ern Montana College in Havre.

At college, she met and later married Earl Myles. They had three sons, Mike, Ron and Tim.

Louise was preceded in death by her husband, Earl; one son, Ron; her parents; two sisters; and three brothers.

She is survived by sons Mike and Tim; and brother, Anton "Tony" Amundson; also by other nieces, nephews, etc.

Cremation was done and no special services are planned.