

Alvia Leighton and Florence Leighton

A memorial service for Alvia Leighton, 99, who died Oct. 19, 2015, and Florence Leighton, 96, who died May 4, 2015, will take place at 11

a.m. on Saturday, July 9, at the Ronan Calvary Cemetery, 46727 N. Foothills Drive, followed by a light lunch served at Allentown.

Gene D. Lenz, 85

Gene D. Lenz, 85, died Friday, Feb. 12, 2016, at his home in Kalispell.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 17, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home.

Johnson-Gloschat is caring for the family.

James Allen Lent, 91

James Allen Lent, 91, died in Kalispell on Friday, Jan. 29, 2016, from natural causes.

He was a retired insurance agent.

He is survived

by his son, James Lent. Cremation has taken place and no services are scheduled.

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

Eugene 'Gene' Lenz, 85

Gene Lenz, 85, died at home on Feb. 12, 2016, with his family at his side, after a courageous fight with cancer.

He was a man of high integrity, he excelled at everything he did. His word was golden. He was a great guy with a great sense of humor and wit. He fought this thing to the last breath. He never gave up. He said he was not done fighting.

Gene is survived by his wife Jackie Lenz; his daughters Gayle Waller, Valorie Margalit, Patty Milleren, and Rhonda Cronk; sons Brian Lenz and Levi Cronk; and nine grandchildren. He is also survived by sister Eileen in Seattle and brothers Dick of Salem, Oregon, Larry of Yuma, Arizona and Gerry of Casa Grande, Arizona.

His love of the valley lakes started with his first boat in 1967. He had several boats but the one that gave him the most joy was his fishing boat on Lake Blaine. He enjoyed many hours fishing and enjoying his favorite place at Lake Blaine, or as he called it, "God's country."

Gene also loved cooking and researching. He was into his health food and was a veritable walking encyclopedia on any subject he was interested in researching.

He will be remembered as a great father, grandfather, and friend



to many. He loved water sports, snow skiing, and most of all, fishing — and buying fishing supplies.

One of his great loves was watching his kids and grandchildren participate in sports. He was always on the sidelines cheering them on.

Before retiring, Gene owned and operated Lenz Construction.

He was born in Great Falls Aug. 27, 1930. He grew up throughout Montana and graduated valedictorian of Columbia Falls High School Class of 1948. He attended University of Washington. He started his construction career working at Hungry Horse with a toolbox and a saw and hammer.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17, at Johnson-Gloschat, 525 Main Street in Kalispell.

In lieu of flowers, Gene has asked that you take a friend to lunch and spend time with someone you care about.

The family invites you to join them for a reception immediately following the service at Village Greens Clubhouse. Come and share your memories of this special man.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Robert E. LeProwse, 90

During the early hours of Thursday, Aug. 25, 2016, Robert "Bob"



LeProwse "took his final golf swing" at the Montana Veteran's Home in Columbia Falls, his residence since December 2015.

He was born in Butte on July 5, 1926, to Oliver A. LeProwse and Sophie (Maier) LeProwse. He was the middle child in this family with William and Tom. His mother passed away when Bob was 11. A year later, his father married Helen Taylor. They had five more children, Ruth, Albert, Jim, Beverly and Margaret.

Bob graduated from Butte High School in 1944. He enlisted in the Navy V12 Program, stationed at Carroll College in Helena. Sixteen months later, World War II ended and he was honorably discharged as a seaman second class on July 11, 1946.

During that time, he attended the University of Montana (called Montana State University then) studying forestry. After graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Forestry degree, he went to work for the Forest Service in Grangeville, Idaho. It was there that he met and later married Norma Nitz. He was drafted into the Army and reported for active duty in October 1950.

In 1951 while home on a week's leave before being sent to Korea, he and Norma were married in Butte. Bob trained as a radio operator. He served eight months in Korea with the 2nd Signal Corps. He was assigned

to a radio truck in a Korean battalion known as the Ivanhoe Security Force.

After Korea, he was sent to Japan to teach radio techniques to Japanese soldiers. He was honorably discharged on Oct. 9, 1952, at the rank of sergeant.

After he and Norma were married, Bob adopted her son, Steven. Together they had three children, Linda, Con and Rita. In 1955, he went to work for the Anaconda Company in Missoula as a regional forester. He was frequently the fire "boss" and fought many wildfires throughout his career.

He continued working for the Anaconda Company until it was sold to U.S. Plywood in 1972. He worked for them as a regional forester and later as the personnel and safety director, over 11 Western states. This position afforded him the opportunity to travel presenting testimony to both the U.S. and the Montana state legislatures on behalf of the forestry and logging industry. U.S. Plywood later changed their name to Champion International Paper Co. and he continued working for them until his retirement in July 1991.

He married Lola Mae Roper on Feb. 12, 1983, becoming a stepfather to her five sons, Bob, Bill, Craig, Ken and Art. Since Art was 12 at that time, Bob helped raise him.

Bob was a member of the Society of National Foresters, Toastmasters International, and a grad-

uate of the Dale Carnegie Course. Representing the Champion Company, he served on the Water Resources board for the State of Montana for a number of years. He loved entertaining, telling jokes, singing, and a good glass of wine. An avid outdoorsman, he loved nothing better than to share his interests with his family. Many weekends were spent camping, boating, water skiing, snow skiing, or driving the mountain roads where he worked. His cabin at Flathead Lake was his second home.

After retirement, he continued to stay busy golfing, playing cards, walking Bloomsday, sitting by his campfire and bowling. He and Lola were precinct monitors for many years. They took a cruise to Alaska, spent time in Hawaii, and made annual trips to the bull-o-rama in Great Falls. They began following the Lady Griz basketball team and had season tickets for many years. He began attending reunions of both his Navy and Army units, and proudly walked in both his 50th and 60th UM class commencement reunions. They traveled all over the Northwest following the actions of their kids, grandkids and great-grandkids. Nothing made him prouder than bragging about his successful and educated kids and grandkids. Bob was a pleasant and kind man and he never stopped teaching others how to do things. He always had a smile for you and he readily made friends with everyone he met. He made a positive difference in so many peoples' lives.

Bob was preceded in death by his par-

ents, stepmother Helen, older brother Bill and his wife Lois, sister-in-law Joan, sister Ruth, brother Albert, his first wife Norma and her son Steven, son-in-law Randy Lynn, granddaughter Brooke Barbour, and great-granddaughter Miley LaRae Pallares.

He is survived by his wife of 33 yrs., Lola Mae; daughter-in-law Mary Kathryn, daughter Linda Lynn, son Conrad LeProwse, M.D. (Jenice Mugler), and daughter Rita Barbour (Chris); and his stepsons, Bob (Vicki), Bill (Pat), Craig (Sue), Ken, and Art (Lisa) Roper. His legacy will continue through his 18 grandkids, 18 great-grandkids, and two great-great-grandkids.

He is also survived by his siblings, Tom, Jim (Barb), Beverly, and Margaret Strauss (Jim); along with many nieces and nephews.

A potluck and celebration of his life will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 4, at the University Golf Course Club House in Missoula. Please bring a memory to share and join the family as we lift a glass to a life well lived. Interment will be later in the Lake View Cemetery in Polson where he will be buried next to his son Steven.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to Lubrecht Forest Research Center, c/o The School of Forestry, The University of Montana, Missoula, MT 59812.

He had just celebrated his 90th birthday, making him the oldest known LeProwse on record.

"And by the way, does anyone need a fourth player up there? Play on through, Dad!"

OBITUARIES

Herb Lerew, 96

Herb Lerew passed away on Dec. 28, 2015; he was 96 years old.

He was born on Sept. 8, 1919, in Ipswich, South Dakota, to Isaac William and Ida May (Hall) Lerew. His childhood was spent in the Jamestown area; when he completed the ninth grade he joined the Civilian Conservation Corps and worked at Lake Itasca, Minnesota.

He headed west around 1933 when he hopped a freight train to Minot, North Dakota, and then on to Yakima, Washington. He found work at ranches in North Dakota and in 1936 hopped a freight train to Missoula — he would have been around 17 years old at that time. In Missoula he got a job caring for an elderly man. He joined the CCC again and then moved to Port Angeles, Washington, where he laid railroad tracks.

He moved to Seattle at the beginning of World War II and got a job at Boeing working on the wing section of the B17 Bomber. He left Boeing and joined the Carpenters Union in Tacoma and went to work for the Tacoma Roofing Company. Herb was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1943 and attended basic training at Camp Hood, Texas (now known as Fort Hood). He was then sent to Fort Hancock in Sandy Hook, New Jersey, and then on to Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, for MP training until 1945 when he was honorably discharged.

Herb married Jannice Jennings on Oct. 30, 1948, and they lived in Tacoma until 1963 when the fam-



ily moved to a farm in the Creston area near Kalispell. In 1980 Herb married Donna Lynch and they remained together until she passed in

April 2015.

Herb lived a long and always colorful life. He has left a legacy of hard work and resourcefulness and many, many stories will be passed on for years to come. He is survived by four daughters, Judy Gasco of Kalispell, Toni Wombles of Gresham, Oregon, Cheri Lerew of Socorro, New Mexico, and Connie Faulkner and husband Lawrence of Kalispell; stepchildren Diana and Mike Hall of Helena, Mike and Edna Cotton of Kalispell, and Colleen and Chris Young of Vancouver, Washington, and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Every person who crossed his path surely has a story to share.

There will be a viewing from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 4, with funeral services at 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 4, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Burial will follow the service at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Friends are encouraged to visit the website at www.buffalohillfh.com to leave notes of condolence for the family.

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

Donald Everett Lewis, 88

Donald Everett Lewis, 88, of Kalispell, died Friday, Dec. 16, 2016. Longfellow Finnegan Riddle Funeral & Cremation Service of Anaconda and Philipsburg is entrusted with funeral arrangements.

Juanita Ellen (Anderson) Lind

Juanita Ellen (Anderson) Lind was born on July 4, 1924, on the home ranch Northwest of Havre. Her parents were Justus and Agnes Anderson.

She grew up on the family farm and attended rural schools through the eighth grade, most of the time riding horseback to and from school.

She attended and graduated from Havre High School and then attended and graduated from Northern Montana College with a degree in business and secretarial. Following graduation from NMC she attended college at the University of Colorado in Boulder for one summer.

While attending college in Havre she began working part time for the F.A. Buttrey Company.

Juanita taught shorthand, typing and bookkeeping for three years at Joplin High School following graduation and returned each summer to work for Buttrey so other employees could take their vacations. She met Duane Lind while teaching in Joplin and married him on Sept. 10,



1947.

The week following their marriage the couple moved to Columbia Falls where Duane had taken a job with the Great Northern Railroad.

And they lived there ever since.

Juanita went to work at the Park Drug (now Funtastics) a few months after coming to Columbia Falls; she subsequently worked for the Bank of Columbia Falls and later Rocky Mountain Lumber, which later became Louisiana Pacific, and retired from there after 30 years.

Since retirement, Juanita and Duane had done much traveling throughout the United States, a trip to Europe and several cruises.

Juanita was a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, the Columbia Falls Senior Center, Sapphire Temple 79 of Daughters of the Nile and Vista Chapter No. 44 of Order of Eastern Star. She was

a past Matron of Estella Pomeroy Chapter 68 Order of Eastern Star, and Grand Martha of the Grand Chapter of Montana Order of Eastern Star.

Juanita had volunteered for many years for Meals on Wheels and worked at the Klothes Kloset. More recently she had volunteered many hours at the no-kill animal shelter on U.S. 93, taking care of cats.

For many years she and Duane enjoyed golfing, fishing, traveling and square dancing.

Juanita was preceded in death by Duane in 2004. She is survived by numerous cousins.

Memorials in lieu of flowers can be made to Our Savior's Lutheran Church, the Humane Society of Northwest Montana, or North Valley Senior Center.

Services for Juanita will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 8, at Columbia Mortuary. A luncheon will follow services at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls.

Marjorie Louise (deWit) Lindsey, 76

Marjorie Louise (deWit) Lindsey, 76, passed away on Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2016, after a brief struggle with pancreatic cancer, years after surviving breast cancer in her 40s.

She is survived by her husband of 53 years, Kent; son, Scott, of Penticton, British Columbia; daughter, Jeanne (Roger) Mace, of Kelowna, British Columbia; and four grandchildren, Danelle, Karly, Lindsey and Alex.

Marjorie was preceded in death by her parents, Klaas and Gertrude deWit; and her sister, Grace Marie Elliott.

Marjorie was born and raised in Northwestern Montana and attended Montana State University as a proud member of the Pi Beta Phi sorority. She was valedictorian of both her high school and university graduations.

On June 23, 1963, she married the love of her life Dr. Kent W. Lindsey. Marj and Kent first lived in Pullman, Washington, where Marjorie taught art at the local schools while Kent completed his veterinary degree. After a brief stay in southern California where Scott was born, the young family relocated to Penticton where Jeanne was born. Although they had originally intended to move back to Montana they quickly fell in love with the Okanagan, British Columbia, and all it had to offer. They took advantage of the chance to both ski and sail in the valley that they then called home. In 2003 Kent and Marj moved to their beloved Sunshine Coast in British Columbia to

build the house of their dreams, Eaglecrest.

Marjorie saw life through the eyes of an artist. Her particular passion was working with local materials and subjects both in her pottery, her sketches and her paintings of coastal B.C. She enjoyed getting dirty in the garden, dancing with Kent and spoiling her grandchildren. She had a wicked sense of humor and an uncanny ability to make others smile and leave people feeling good about themselves.

Marjorie adored her family, chocolate and football, not necessarily in that order. Marj and Kent wandered in their fifth wheel from the sunny Baja to the wild Alaskan northern shores. She loved both the ocean tides and the Arizona desert with its diverse cacti and golf destinations. Like her father, Marj picked up golf in her 70s. Marj volunteered with numerous organizations most recently with the Sunshine Coast Health Care Auxiliary and at Totem Lodge residential care centre where she loved to sneak candy in for the residents.

A celebration of her life will be held at the Seaside Centre in Sechelt, British Columbia, at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4. Another celebration will occur in Penticton in the spring, date to be announced.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to your local hospital auxiliary or hospital foundation.

Marjorie, our memories of you will live in our hearts forever.

Marie Linsenbardt, 98

Marie Linsenbardt, 98, died April 1, 2016, at her residence in Hungry Horse. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory caring for the family.

Glenda Line-Williams, 68

Glenda Line-Williams, 68, passed away unexpectedly on May 31, 2016.

Born in Seattle on Sept. 12, 1947, she grew up in Burien and Des Moines, Washington. She moved to Redlands, California, during her junior year of high school and graduated in 1965 from Redlands High School.

In 1971, she moved to Whitefish where she met her husband Kenneth Line. Due to Kenny's job with the railroad, they moved several times in the early part of the 1980s, finally settling in Kent, Washington.

She was preceded in death by Kenny, father Glen, mother Thelma, brother Russell, nephew Jack and niece Missy.

She is survived by her loving husband, Wayne Williams, of 17 years; children, David Line (Cheryl Myers), Robynne Silver (Mike), Ed Line (Laura), the light of her life Michael Line, stepchildren Michael Williams and Abigail Williams, siblings Jerry Kelsey, Joanie



Duncanson, Judy HOLETON, Dixie Bergeson, Jeanette Krueger, Patty Ross and Cory

Kelsey; grandchildren, Derek, Erika, Craig and Julia; and many nieces and nephews; and her best friends of many years, Susan Brandon and Dianne Derse.

She would have liked to especially thank her niece Teresa Bolken who often made herself available to take care of Michael, giving Glenda many needed breaks.

Glenda had a heart of gold and was always there to help, to listen, or to plan the perfect prank on some poor unsuspecting soul.

There will be a potluck gathering to celebrate Glenda's life with friends and family at 1 p.m. on Saturday June 18, at Woodland Park (Lagoon Pavilion) at 100 N. Woodland Park Road in Kalispell.

Frank E. Lochridge Jr., 91



Frank Lochridge passed away on April 1, 2016, in the presence of his loving caregivers at the Living Center in Stevensville. He was 91 years old.

He was born July 10, 1924, in Danville, Illinois, to Frank and Esther Lochridge, and he grew up in Mitchell, South Dakota, where his father was the minister of the Methodist Church. He served in the military during World War II and was a staff sergeant in the 91st Infantry Division, also known as the Powder River Division. While fighting in North Africa and Italy, he was an infantry squad leader and was awarded the Purple Heart.

Upon returning from the war, he married Shirley Eskelson on June 18, 1948. They shared 67 years together and had six children, Frank, Charlie, John, Mary, Andy and Jim. He attended Dakota Wesleyan University in Mitchell and was a three-sport athlete, for which he was inducted into their sports hall of fame.

Upon graduation, he worked as an executive director for the YMCA for thirty years and then moved to Montana in 1975. His adventures in Montana landed him

in West Glacier, and he was able to visit many of the familiar sites in Glacier Park. He eventually lived in Lakeside for about 25 years, where he started Whitecap Sailing and spent many a summer sailing on Flathead Lake and was a founding member of the West Shore Community Library.



Throughout his life, he was always a positive influence on anyone he was around. He was well known for telling jokes and instigating harmless pranks. (His passing on April Fools Day did not go unnoticed.) We will miss him dearly and we are grateful for all of the kind words and condolences we have received from around the world.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife, who passed away on February 9, 2016.

A celebration of his life with Shirley will take place on June 18 in Lakeside.

Jean Livesay, 86

"Gramma Jean" Livesay passed peacefully at home Jan. 22, 2016.

She was born March 27, 1929 to parents Art and Lulu Leger at their ranch home in Harding County, South Dakota. Her younger years were spent with six siblings enjoying ranch life. She attended a one room school to the 8th grade then attended high school in Belle Fourche and Buffalo, South Dakota.

On May 11, 1946, she married Norman Livesay, the love of her life. They lived at the South Dakota ranch for about 9 years and had 5 children. In 1956 they moved to Fortine. They loved the small community. Jean cooked at the Fortine Grade School, Crystal Lakes and cut Christmas trees. She made and decorated beautiful cakes, and was a town favorite for a quick and clean haircut. Jean was a longstanding member of the Home Demonstration Club and loved crafts, knitting, sewing and crocheting. She was a full time mom and "taxi" for kids to school activities or anyone who



needed a ride to Kalispell. She was always up for a good story and a laugh.

Jean and Norman shared 28 years together before Norman's death in January of 1974.

She moved to Helena to work at Buttrey Food in 1975. She enjoyed 19 years of work and play with wonderful customers and coworkers! "Some of the best times of her life" she said. In retirement she volunteered at the Senior Center in Helena. She helped make quilts and teddy bears to donate to people in need and to the Friendship center for battered women. She also volunteered at The Florence Crittenton Home for unwed mothers to rock babies. She moved to Kalispell in 2011, where her days were lifted by waving to neighborhood children and passersby.

She is preceded in death by two infant sons,

Michael Ray and Norman Lance, husband, Norman, parents, Art and Lulu, and six siblings, Marjorie, Marion, Robert, Roberta, Thomas and Bill; brothers-in-law, Elgyn, Archie, Lyle and Maynard; numerous nieces and nephews and many dear friends.

She is survived by three children, Bob and Susan Livesay, Karmel and Pat Duffy and Lori Livesay; bonus children, Shelley Mower, John and Donna Brown, Chuck and Lois Croucher, Dick and Alice Ivers; nine grandchildren, LeAnn and Eddie Risenhoover, Scott and Yvonne Rosaaen, Kerry and Christopher Kieres, Kasey Livesay, Paul and Jessica Livesay, Kara and Mikel Williams, Bree and Kevin Sandoval, Lesley and Darren Fix, Haily and Dylon Hoff; 22 wonderful great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews, sisters-in-law and many dear friends.

Thank you for showing us how to live a life full of love, kindness, compassion, strength and laughter and sharing how

a simple smile and wave can touch many. We are so blessed by all the lives you touched.

At Jean's request there will be no funeral service but a celebration of life in her honor this summer in Fortine, date to be determined.

Virginia L. Lockner, 71

Virginia L. Lockner, 71, died Dec. 18, 2016, at the Brendan House in Kalispell.

She is survived by her husband Rick Malloch, and children Kevin and

Brian White.

No services will be held at this time.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Herman 'Hal' Loff, 67

Herman "Hal" Loff, 67, passed away on Dec. 31, 2016, at his home in Coram.

He was born in Langdon, North Dakota, on July 23, 1949.

He is survived by his wife Marilyn Loff, son Victor, grandson Riley, sister Janet Deseth, and brother Randy Loff.

Hal served in the Vietnam War.

He was a very loved and generous man. He enjoyed hunting and fishing. He ran the People's



Store in Kalispell, and was a volunteer auctioneer at the Creston Auction.



A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. on Jan. 21 at Packers

Roost. Military honors will take place at 3:30 p.m.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for Hal's family.

Sharon A. Logan, 65

Sharon A. Logan, 65, died at her home Dec. 15, 2016.

She is survived by her husband, Charles Logan, and children, Christopher C. Logan and Machand C. Die.

A memorial service for Sharon will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 12, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for the family.

Evelyn Jane Lohn, 89

Evelyn Jane (Jacobson) Lohn, age 89, passed away at Brendan House on August 31, 2016. Evelyn was born March 17, 1927. Graveside urn burial will take place at 9:30 A.M.

on Tuesday September 6, 2016 at Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Kalispell. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Crash victim's name released

Daily Inter Lake

Authorities have identified the man killed in a collision between a loaded wood-chip truck and a pickup on U.S. 93 Thursday morning.

Charles Long, 42, of Woods Bay was pronounced dead at the scene of the crash, according to the Flathead County Sheriff's Office.

The crash is under

investigation by the Montana Highway Patrol.

According to Trooper David Mills, the southbound Chevrolet pickup driven by Long failed to negotiate a curve and crossed the center line, striking the northbound wood-chip truck partially head-on.

The 30-year-old driver of the wood-chip truck from Trout Creek was uninjured.

Frank C. Lopez, 71

Frank C. Lopez, 71, passed away Monday, Nov. 28, 2016, at his home on Flathead Lake.

Frank was born Aug. 14, 1945, in Phoenix to Manual and Teresa Lopez.

Frank Loved to race cars, bikes, and three-wheelers, four-wheelers and whatever would go fast. He had lots of trophies from his younger days.

He worked hard and was one of the best heavy equipment operators there was. He worked for Herb and Greg Sandon, other contractors, and lastly for Cody Sandon; another profession was welding. He could build anything. Frank was a perfectionist which you could see by his home on Flathead Lake.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Manual and Teresa Lopez; brothers, Ricky and



Manual Lopez; sisters, Roselie and Susie; and wife, Vickie Jo Smith Lopez.

He is survived by Justin R. of Bigfork, Jessie R., Jacque R. and Janice R., all of Phoenix; Mark (Frankie) Smith of Kalispell; many nephews and nieces; 11 grandchildren, and lots of good friends.

A celebration of life will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. on Dec. 10 at the Tall Pine Lounge and Liquor, 811 Highway 35, Bigfork.

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

Shirley E. Lochridge, 88

Shirley Lochridge passed away peacefully on Feb. 9, 2016.

Shirley was born to parents Carl and Madge Eskelson in McIntosh, South Dakota, on June 18, 1927. She grew up with three older brothers and one sister and spent her childhood in South Dakota.

Shirley married Frank Lochridge on her birthday in 1948, and the couple had six children. Frank and Shirley were such a pair that they became synonymous with anything that goes together. (Think cookies and ice cream, chips and dip, or peas and carrots)

After years of raising children, Shirley and Frank migrated to Montana in 1975, where their new life experiences would take them to Glacier Park and Flathead Lake.

Shirley became an elementary school teacher and her classrooms were located in West Glacier and Hungry Horse. After



retiring, she devoted her time to helping start up the local library in Lakeside. Reading was always

her passion.

Shirley is survived by her husband Frank, four sons Charles, John, Andrew and James, and her daughter Mary. She leaves behind 11 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded by her son Frank Jr.

We will miss her so much and a celebration of her life will take place this summer.

The family is grateful for the condolences we have received and donations can be made in her name to the Lakeside library c/o West Shore Community Library, 100 Birney Creek Road, Lakeside, Montana 59922.

A celebration of her life will take place this summer.

A memorial service will be held in Whitefish later this spring.

In lieu of flowers, go somewhere new or do something you've never done before.

Marie was the best fisherman in the Lockhart family. On fishing trips around Montana, she would

Marie Evelyn DeLaitsch Lockhart, 88

Marie Evelyn DeLaitsch Lockhart passed away Dec. 10, 2015.

She was born in Oct. 28, 1927, near Colfax, Wisconsin, to George and Evelyn DeLaitsch. She was the fourth of six children. Marie grew up on a dairy farm and, as a young girl, went to a one-room schoolhouse.

After graduating high school, she attended St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota, where she earned a bachelor's degree in teaching with a minor in biology. Following college she began work as high school science teacher.

Seeking adventure, Marie would teach in a community for a year and then move on. In this way she "taught her way West" to Great Falls, where she met Harold Best Lockhart whom she married in 1956. They had three boys — Andy, Doug and Pete — while living in Great Falls.

In 1967, the family moved to Whitefish. Marie was a substitute teacher in the Whitefish school system while raising her three boys. She later became a Realtor, a library volunteer, and instructor for Literacy Volunteers of America.

Marie had a lifelong love of travel, both local and global. She took many trips with her husband and family, and often with a group of close girlfriends. For over 20 years they visited places like China, Japan, Brazil, Israel, Portugal, Ireland, Germany, England, Scandinavia, Mexico, Fiji and New Zealand.

Marie liked animals, from dogs and cats to the wildlife that paraded past her homes in Montana and Arizona. She enjoyed seeing bears, but did not appreciate them on her porch or at the base of a tree she'd climbed. She liked tidal pools and bird watching.



loudly count her rapidly increasing catch, so that her family would know how

many fish she'd caught.

Marie had a keen mind, a great sense of humor — fun-loving and playful, and an irrepressible curiosity. She had a good appetite and was an adventurous eater. She stayed on top of current events and the interests and activities of those she knew. Marie was direct and straightforward. On the rare occasion when she made a mistake, she would be the first to identify the error with a self-deprecating "Oh, Marie, you

Besides being a great mother, she is remembered as a great partner to Harold. Their marriage was one of her proudest accomplishments. Her sons remember her and their father laughing at night before bed as they discussed the days' events.

After Harold's death in 2014, Marie moved to Hillsboro, Oregon, to continue her adventure and engage in some last minute remedial child rearing.

True to her lifelong pursuit of new experiences, Marie recently observed: "I want to learn to fight with a knife." To the relief of her family this wish was never fulfilled.

She is survived by her sons, Andy Lockhart of Vancouver, Washington, Doug Lockhart of San Diego, and Pete Lockhart of Hillsboro; her daughters-in-law, Carol Lockhart of San Diego, and Beth Harrington of Vancouver; her grandchildren, Nick and Catey Lockhart; and her siblings, Bud DeLaitsch and Margie Riste.

Dorothea Faith Lovering, 91

Dorothea Faith Lovering, 91, of Kalispell, died July 24, 2016, in Kalispell.

She is survived by her sons, Darrell Lovering, Clinton Lovering and Cliff Lovering.

A visitation will be held from 9 to 11 a.m.

Saturday, Aug. 6, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home, with graveside service to follow at 11:30 a.m. at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

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

Dorothea Lovering, 91

Dorothea Lovering, 91, "joined her parents Doug and Ella Wickham and husband Harry" on July 24, 2016.

She lived a long and storied life. Dorothea was born in Somers in 1925. Her family moved around for her first years until finally moving back to Kalispell where she worked at Woolworth's and watched for enemy planes during World War II.

She met Harry Lovering through the help of friends. They were married for 50 years. He left this existence in 1998.

She was a devoted and protective mother to her three sons, Darrell and wife Janice, their son Andrew and daughter Myria; Clinton and wife Vickie, their sons Jacob and Ian, and Cliff Lovering.

Dorothea was an accomplished horsewoman and cowgirl in her teen years. Harry and Dorothea were early members of the Flathead Valley Search and



Rescue. In her later years she worked for West Valley School as a tutor for struggling

children. She also volunteered with the local tourist board.

In the last years she struggled with dementia. A battle she ultimately could not overcome.

She is survived by her three sons, four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren and nieces, Linda Marilyn Lovering, Darrissa Cowden and Dawndi Cameron.

Visitation for Dorothea will be from 9 to 11 am Aug. 6 at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. Graveside remembrance will be at 11:30 a.m. Aug. 6 in Glacier Memorial Gardens.

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

Don had a strong sense of civic duty and was active in many organizations in both the Missoula and Polson communities. He served in the Montana House of Representatives. Don was a Scoutmaster and served on the District Council for Boy Scouts of America. He was a lifetime member of Kiwanis and the Masonic Lodge, and was actively involved in American Legion,

The family asks that in lieu of flowers to make any memorials to the Polson Community Church, the Polson Kiwanis Club or a charity of your choice. Memories and condolences may be sent to the family at www.thelakefuneralhomeandcrematory.com.

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

Donald G. Lucas, 86

Donald G. Lucas "entered into eternal rest" peacefully Dec. 8, 2016, following complications of Parkinson's disease.

He spent his final days surrounded by loving members of his family.

Don was born in Miles City on May 10, 1930, to Peter and Helen Lucas. He spent his childhood growing up in Miles City where he excelled in legion baseball, football and tennis. He attended the University of Montana, where he played basketball for the Grizzlies and received a business degree. He was a member of the Sigma Nu fraternity and met the love of his life Anna Martinson. They married in Kalispell on Jan. 17, 1953.

Don served in the Korean War and was stationed as an officer in the U.S. Army at Fort Ord, California, until he left the service to return to Missoula. Later in his career, Don returned to the Montana Army National Guard and retired as a captain with 26 years of total service.

Don and Anna were blessed with five children. As a young family they lived in Missoula where Don worked at Mueller Tire Company, but soon moved to Polson and went into a partnership owning the L & F Tire Shop. They built a home on Flathead Lake, where they raised their family and had many fond memories. Don and Anna loved attending Grizzly football games and they enjoyed many trips throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico and Europe. The hobbies Don loved were pinocle, bridge, cribbage, golf, bowling, fishing and hunting. He was a good-hearted and generous person and a loving husband and father.



Shriners, Community Concert, Mission Mountain Enterprises, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes Shoreline Protection

board and the Polson Community Church. In 1990, Don was appointed Polson City Judge, a position he held until 2003. He also spent some of his retirement years as a substitute teacher in the Polson school system. Don was always giving back to the community.

Don was preceded in death by his parents Peter and Helen, his sisters Dorothy and Betty, and his brother Bob.

He is survived by his loving wife, Anna, of 63 years; his brother Jim (Carol) of Florida; his children, Deb (Randy) in Polson, Chris (Alma) of Polson, Lori of Polson, Kelly (Dick) in Missoula and Pete (Barb) in Great Falls; nine grandchildren, Ryan, Annie, Lindsey, Katy, Nick, Alec, Ainar, Raya and Marcus; and four great-grandchildren, Sawyer, Trevor, Evelyn and Cora.

The family would like to give a special thanks to the staff at The Pines of Polson Assisted Living Facilities who gave Don their compassionate care and wonderful support. We would also like to thank the Polson Community Church congregation, pastors and friends for their support of Don and our family.

A celebration of his life for family and friends will be held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 13, at Polson Community Church, 1814 First Street East.

Joan Frances Luciano, 82

Joan Frances Luciano passed away peacefully surrounded by family in Eureka on Sept. 11, 2016. She was 82.

Joan was born on March 21, 1934, to Teresa Mary Augusta Steiger and William Elliot Appleby. She grew up in Chester, New Jersey with her siblings, Donald, Richard, Thomas and Marilyn.

In 1948, she met the love of her life, Alfred John Luciano, and in 1950 they married at Hildale Park Presbyterian Church in Cedar Knolls, New Jersey. In the early years of their marriage, Joan and Al raised their growing family for a period of time in Cedar Knolls, and later in other parts of northern New Jersey. They had six biological children as well as an adopted son. In 1972, the family moved to Eureka where they bought and developed land and owned



a ranch, on which they raised cattle and alfalfa hay.

Dedicated to raising her children, Joan had a passion for gardening, dancing, baking and creating delicious meals. She used her talent for cooking to nurture many; she generously opened the Luciano home to extended family, friends, workers and neighborhood children both in New Jersey and Montana. All who sat at the family dinner table were welcomed and loved.

Always passionate about learning new skills, Joan succeeded in learning how to fly a plane, earning her Pinch Hitters license. She also proudly raised Seeing Eye dogs for the blind, amongst other achievements. Joan

was best known for the incredible gardens that she maintained throughout her lifetime. She spent many hours in her greenhouse growing ingredients for her home-made original recipes. Some of her happiest times were spent nurturing her rose gardens in which she took great pride. Other favorite hobbies that she enjoyed included making candles, taking art classes, rock collecting and rock tumbling. Always a compassionate animal lover, she sheltered many animals over the years.

Joan maintained her presence as the matriarch of a large family with unwavering elegance and grace. She was a very loving, kindhearted soul to all who knew her. She will be best remembered for her strong-willed, distinguished personality and her compassion to

nurture countless individuals during her lifetime through love, dignity, and respect. She will be greatly missed but never forgotten.

Joan was preceded in death by her parents, Teresa and William Appleby, husband Al Luciano, and brother Donald Appleby.

She is survived by her children, Judy A. Luciano, Michael J. Luciano, Alfred A. Luciano, Daniel W. Luciano, Richard P. Luciano, Donald A. Luciano, and Willie King, along with 15 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, charitable donations can be made in her name to The Green Beret Foundation, www.greenberetfoundation.org; The Seeing Eye, www.seeingeye.org; or any other charity of your choice.

Jerald Ludeman, 77

Jerald Ludeman, 77, died Saturday, Aug. 13, 2016, in Bigfork.

Services will be held at

a later date.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Richard 'Dick' Lundstrom, 70

Richard "Dick" Lundstrom, 70, of Columbia Falls, passed away Sept. 20, 2016, at the Montana Veterans Home.

He was born Dec. 9, 1945, in Malta to Frank and Evelyn (Snider) Lundstrom.

As a young child they moved to Columbia Falls where he was raised and graduated from Columbia Falls High School with the Class of 1964.

He married Sandra Beck in 1970. Dick served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War era, from 1964 to 1968. Dick also worked at Plum Creek Lumber Company for 36 years. After retiring, volunteering became a full-time job. He loved to read with the students at Ruder Elementary, deliver Meals on Wheels, was president of the Senior Center, volunteered with Columbia Falls Food Pantry and Agency on Aging, and also worked at the Glacier Clean Car Wash.

Dick's greatest passion was his children, grandchildren and family. Baseball was a lifelong love, from coaching his own son and grandsons as youngsters to most recently the men's over



50 Seahawk softball team.

He was involved in baseball in many ways —umpire, coach, grounds-keeper, board member and biggest

all-around fan. He also enjoyed golfing, bowling, chatting with everyone and going to the Griz games. He had a deep appreciation for his Columbia Falls community.

Dick is survived by his wife, Sandy, of 46 years; daughter, Stephanie (Karl), and son Chad (Alana); and four beautiful grandchildren, Tristan, Jakob, Cody and Alivia. Dick is also survived by his five siblings, Judy Schroeder, Frank Lundstrom, Lois Pfeiffer, Leah Kvamme and Lori Lundstrom.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and infant daughter Kimberley.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30, at Fellowship Alliance

Church in Columbia Falls. Burial will be at Woodland Cemetery with military honors. There will be a reception at the church gym following the burial.

In lieu of flowers or gifts, a memorial account has been established to give to the many organizations he served and loved. The account is at the Whitefish Credit Union; please reference Stephanie Grein or Chad Lundstrom for the Dick Lundstrom Memorial Fund.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for Dick's family.

Robert Orman Lyford, 87

Robert Orman Lyford passed from this life in the morning of Oct. 30, 2016, while in Kalispell Regional Medical Center, surrounded by close family members.

Born in Kalispell Dec. 9, 1928, to Alonzo Robert and Ruth Lyford, Bob graduated from Flathead County High School in 1947, worked at Hungry Horse Dam, and married the love of his life Gloria in 1957. He was a master plumber by trade alongside his father and four brothers.

Bob spent his life as an avid outdoorsman and loved all his adventures with family and friends. He loved hunting, fishing, camping, huckleberry pick'n, and anything that took him to the mountains. He loved his Back Country Horsemen adventures, including extended outings in the Bob Marshall Wilderness where he loved Meadow Creek Gorge. One memorable outing included a chance meeting with a grizzly bear near Hidden Lake in Glacier where Bob saved the day by distracting the bear while his wife and small children escaped. Bob was an exhilarating storyteller who loved sharing all the crazy tales of the Montana West and the Lyford clan. The fireplace and rocking chair served as a conduit for sharing hunting and fishing stories, and talking Jesus and politics. His passion for helping those who needed a helping hand was demonstrated by his involvement with Royal Ranger for years. He also served as an usher at Canvas Church (Christian Center).

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, Alonzo and Ruth Lyford, wife Gloria and brother Wilbur.

Bob is survived by two of his brothers, Ron and wife Lois, and Jerry and wife Gail. He is also survived by his five children and 12 grandchildren, Scott of Indian Springs, Nevada; Mark and wife Irene and children Christa, Amanda,



Nathan of Stanwood, Washington, Daniel and wife Jill and girls Kelsey and

Kimi of Kalispell; Tom and wife Martha and children Jordyn, Chase, Sydney and Zach of Laguna Niguel, California; and daughter, Jewel and husband Matt Dyson and children Chandler, McKynzie and Colton of Placentia, California.

Bob was an extremely loving husband, father and grandfather. He adored his wife Gloria and was forever proud of his children and grandchildren.

Bob fought the good fight, was selfless and loving to the end. Bob left a legacy of generosity that spanned generations and geographies. His kind demeanor was felt by the community, friends, congregations and family. Many neighbors can attest to his open heart, giving character, and first hand accounts of acts of kindness.

Bob was a consistent witness and example of Godly values and loved to be involved with his church families including Canvas Church, Cowboy Church, Salvation Army and Calvary Bible study. Bob especially enjoyed men's Bible study. He was a true prayer warrior and many have felt the hand of God through Bob's intercessions. He lived by the Godly saying, "Praise the Lord anyway," which was his motto for comforting all he touched.

Funeral arrangements have been made through Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. A viewing will be held there from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 4. Funeral services for Bob will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 5 at the Canvas Church (formerly Christian Center), with a reception immediately following the memorial. Burial will follow the reception on Saturday at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Robert Orman Lyford, 87

Robert Orman Lyford, 87, died Oct. 30, 2016. A viewing will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 4, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 5, at the Canvas Church (formally Christian Center), with a reception immediately following. Burial will follow the reception Saturday at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Cecilia Lyons, 49

Age 49, Our beautiful Mommy, passed away suddenly and unexpectedly on Dec. 30, 2016.

She was born Sept. 11, 1967.

She is survived by her husband, Ken, daughters Valerie and Kathleen, and grandbabies Gianni, Neveah and Cameron.

She will be greatly missed. Rest in peace. We love you.



We are respecting her wishes and doing a private family gathering.

In her words, cheers! Do not mourn but celebrate her life.

Austin Funeral Home is caring for the Lyons family.