

Edna Mae Naldrett, 86

Edna Mae Naldrett, 86, of Kalispell, died peacefully at home on Feb. 29, 2016, after fulfilling her life's work on earth. Surrounded by her family, her quiet passing gave testimony to the peace in her heart.

Born Jan. 10, 1930, to Charles and Ella (Cane) Monroe at Monroe Ranch in East Glacier, Edna was one of 12 siblings. As a tiny infant she was placed in a shoebox and carefully kept behind the stove where the warmth protected her from the deep Montana winter.

In 1946 a willowy, tenderhearted teenager with deep convictions, she married Carl Allen "Red" Naldrett Jr. Together they built a life serving the Lord and raising their nine children. Edna was the gentle strength that tempered her husband's stalwart leadership both within the home and the church where Carl pastored. Gentleness, meekness and selflessness are words that best describe the woman known as mom, grandma and great-grandma to nine children, 29 grandchildren and 52 great-grandchildren. Edna never deliberately caused herself to be the center of attention and yet, as the supportive beams of a house silently do their work, so Edna was the strength behind the scenes that her family relied upon implicitly.

Edna had two great loves in this life, that of her Savior Jesus Christ and her family. As her family grew, Edna's nurturing influence enveloped each member. Even through the loss of two of her cherished sons, Edna's faith never wavered and was a beacon of light for those looking up to her. Edna's family will remember the easy laugh of their mother and grandma, especially when in an effort to discipline an unruly son she commanded that he bend over and grab his elbows. When both realized the mistake the intended discipline was forgotten in peals of laughter.

Favorite past times



included visiting yard sales, finding ways to improve her family's health, and build-

ing up each member in quiet conversation and prayer. Edna's home was always open to her family so that a constant flow of people could be found in her well-maintained living room and kitchen.

Edna Mae Naldrett, a most loved woman, will live on in the memories of those she leaves behind.

Her beloved husband, Carl, and two of her cherished sons, Samuel Allen Naldrett and Virgil Allen Naldrett, four siblings, Baby Monroe, Hugh Monroe, Clem Monroe and Robert "Ducky" Jackson, preceded her in death.

She is survived by her children, Daniel and Ruth Naldrett, Hugh and Dale Naldrett, Carl and Joy Naldrett III, Tim and Mary Ann Naldrett, Joanne and Fidel Alejandro, Jeanne and Scott French, and Rebecca and Jay Phillips; siblings, Joanne Turner, Ella Faye Wetzel, Wesley Monroe, Dolores Monroe, Terry Winchester, Royleen Hard and Royarnold Corneliuson; 29 grandchildren and 52 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

While a profound sorrow leaves us feeling adrift, we also find solace in the solid rock of faith Edna herself relied upon and are confident we will be rejoined to her one day again soon. A wake service will be held at 6:30 p.m. today, March 4, at Hope Church. A celebration of Edna's life will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 5, at Hope Church. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

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.

Ellen 'Jean' Nally, 82

Ellen "Jean" Nally, 82, passed away March 9, 2016, at Kalispell Regional Healthcare.

She was born on Nov. 12, 1933, in Ottumwa, Iowa, the daughter of the late Henry J. North and Wilma (King) North. She graduated from Ottumwa High School in 1951. She attended St. Luke's School of Nursing in Kansas City, Missouri. She was elected to the Northumberland, Pennsylvania, Borough Council in 1972 and was the first woman elected to the council in the borough's 200-year history. She served as vice president of the council during her time in office. She also served on many borough committees.

A dedicated community volunteer, Ellen was a Girl Scout leader for many years at the Girl Scout Little House in Northumberland, and as a Republican state representative. Ellen worked



with the American Red Cross in various programs and was a long-time blood donor.

She was a member of the Priestley-Forsyth Memorial Library board for many years and often participated in re-enactments of Joseph Priestley's life at the Priestley Museum in Northumberland in a period costume complete with historical artifacts, tools and implements from the 1780s and '90s used by Priestley in his home. She was also involved with and in charge of the CCD program at St. Thomas More Catholic Church in Northumberland. Her hobbies and interests included knitting, quilting, crocheting, reading, painting and ceramics.

She is survived by

her husband, Bernard F. Nally; two sons, Bernard J. and Cindy of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, and Kevin and April of Lake Harmony, Pennsylvania; four daughters, Denise and Jim Orlando of Springfield, Pennsylvania, Theresa and Leonard Smith of Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, Julie and John Kessler of Turbotville, Pennsylvania, and Kathleen Nally Madigan of Whitefish; eight grandchildren, three great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews; three sisters, Ann and Min North of Riverside, California, Lillie May Latch and Duane of Excelsior Springs, Michigan, and Terry Sue Wymore and Leroy of Oskaloosa, Iowa.

Ellen was predeceased by one sister, Jackie Heland (Leo).

Ellen was a member of Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish. She was cremated upon her wishes at

the Austin Funeral Home, Whitefish. She was a resident of the Immanuel Lutheran Communities in Kalispell to be near her daughter Kathleen, "Kate."

A memorial service will be held in Eldon, Iowa, in the summer.

Donations in Ellen's memory may be sent to Christ Lutheran Church, 5150 River Lakes Pkwy., Whitefish, MT 59937; or Priestley-Forsyth Memorial Library, 100 King Street, Northumberland, PA.

Alice L. Nelson, 102

Alice L. Nelson, age 102 passed away at her home in Kalispell surrounded by family on September 2, 2016. Alice was born July 16, 1914.

No services are planned at this time. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Ruth Mae Christensen Nelson, 99

Ruth Mae Christensen Nelson, beloved wife, sister, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend to so many, passed away on Feb. 17, 2016, at the age of 99, three months shy of her 100th birthday. She was a resident of Immanuel Lutheran Home for six and a half years.

Ruth was born in Mercer, North Dakota, on May 25, 1916, to Martin and Christine Christensen. The fourth of 12 children, she was raised in North Dakota. Her education started in Mercer for a year then to Gardena, North Dakota, for a year, then a year in a country school at Trinity, north of Kenmare, North Dakota. She continued the rest of her schooling in Kenmare through the 11th grade of high school.

Ruth cleaned houses in Kenmare until 1934, then headed to Minneapolis. She ended her house-cleaning days in 1939 and started nurses aid work in St. Paul, Minnesota, at the Old Bethesda Home. After two years, she went to Augustana Home for a year where she worked nights until she married in 1941.

Ruth met Martin Luther "Lute" Nelson in 1940 and they were married Oct. 18, 1941, in Minneapolis. They were married for 56 years. While Lute was in the service, Ruth stayed in Minneapolis with her sister Emma until 1942 when she returned to Kenmare to help out the family after her mother passed. In 1943 Ruth and Lute moved to San Luis Obispo, California, and lived at Pismo Beach. Ruth worked in a food market for five months and moved to Hutchinson, Minnesota, when Lute went overseas in August 1943. She again lived with Emma in Hutchinson on Main Street. Ruth worked



nights as a nurse aide at the Hutchinson Hospital for three years.

Lute accepted a job at the Hungry Horse Dam in April 1950 and the family moved to Montana for two years. Family friends, Lowell and Jeanette Wright, offered Lute a job back on the farm in Hutchinson in March 1953. They moved back to Minnesota for over two years. Lute then accepted a job for Anaconda Aluminum Company in Columbia Falls in July 1955 and again moved back to Montana. There were no rentals available so they were forced to buy a house. They purchased part of the old Evergreen School building and made it their home. Ruth's brother John also bought part of the school building as well.

Ruth worked as a nurse aid at the Immanuel Lutheran Home for 11 years from 1969 to 1980. Both Lute and Ruth retired in 1980. They spent some time in Arizona enjoying retirement. However, they both agreed there was no place like the Flathead Valley. Ruth and Lute were charter members of Calvary Lutheran Church, Kalispell.

A longtime friend, Florence Borgen, shared with us that Ruth was the best cook in Flathead County ... for sure!

Ruth was committed to her church work, from pie socials, lefse baking, quilting, potlucks, council meetings, Sunday school teacher, church choir and ladies aide, to name a few; she devoted her life to helping others. Her life was her church, her family and her grandkids. She was always so great at taking charge and making sure every detail got taken care of

— she just made things happen. It was one of her many gifts. She earned the name "Sarge" from her siblings and family heritage.

Ruth was preceded in death by her husband Martin, her parents, son Howard, six sisters, Emma, Margaret, Mary June, Grace, Aimee and Elsie, and three brothers, Alvin, Hank and John; and granddaughter Sarah.

Ruth is survived by two brothers, Dave Christensen and Duane Christensen, both of Bemidji, Minnesota; two daughters and three sons and their families, Jane and Michael Radel, Joyce and Kent Schaumburg, Duane and Nancy Nelson, Lowell and Yvonne Nelson, and Warren Nelson, all of the Kalispell area. She is blessed with 14 grandchildren, Ken, Angela, Sonya, Carrie, Andrew, Matthew, Ryan, Nate, Jason, Megan, Zack, Greg, Kali and Kaylan. She also has 11 great-grandchildren, Ken Jr., Kurtis, Kane, Alex, Kaydence, JD, Leah, June, Piper, Bethany and Sarah. Rounding out the list are three great-great-grandchildren, Tavin, William and Wyatt. Her extended family is over 450 strong.

What a life she led — from horse and wagon

days, through two World Wars, the Depression, the "Dirty '30s," motorized cars, inventions of the television, radio, telephone and the list goes on. Through it all, she always kept the faith and never lost sight of her Christian heritage. She was always so proud to show off her family and grandchildren. Even in her days that were full of pain for almost reaching 100, she was amazingly tough and never complained to much. She was an example to her family and friends and she learned very young to appreciate the little things.

"You are free to run a race now, Mom... you have earned it!"

A public viewing will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 26, at Calvary Lutheran Church. A burial will immediately follow at noon at Glacier Memorial Gardens. The celebration of life will be held at 1 p.m. at Calvary Lutheran Church with Pastor Bob Nilsen and Pastor Kurt Rau officiating.

If you wish to make a gift, please consider Calvary Lutheran Church or Immanuel Lutheran Home.

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

Reuben Alexander Nelson, 102

Reuben Alexander Nelson passed away on February 6, 2016, with family by his side, at the age of 102. He was born at home on June 19, 1913 in Outlook, Montana, to John and Hazel Madill Nelson.

He was the eldest and also the last surviving of a hard-working, fun-loving family of six children, Wallace, twins Nita Nestegard and Rita Crowe, Francis and Irving "Bud."

Reuben grew up on the family farm and attended school by horse and buggy. He graduated from Outlook High School and attended University of Montana, Missoula, for forestry. Later, he attended radio and electronic schools in New York, California and Florida. In 1942 he joined the U.S. Air Corps, served in World War II, spending much time in Guam until honorable discharge in 1946.

Before and after his time in the military, Reuben had various jobs in the Flathead Valley and also Cusick, Washington—forestry, the family lumber business and farm, camp cook, and driving horses over Going-to-the-Sun Road. "Dad" seemed to know how to do every-



thing! In 1950 Reuben started working for Pacific Power and Light Co., (now Flathead Electric). He retired after 28 years as district meterman. It was a job he thoroughly enjoyed.

He met the "love of his life," "Brown Eyes" Florence Edna Halverson (he was too shy to ask her name for a while), at a square dance. They married at the little white church in Somers, which still stands. They were married for 45 years until Florence's death in 1997. Reuben was an amazing and dedicated caregiver to Florence when she suffered from Parkinson's disease for several years.

Reuben was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church for over 60 years, a member of the Masonics, and Buffalo Hills Golf Club. He was a regular Red Cross blood donor for many years, well into his nineties.

Reuben is survived

by his two daughters, their husbands and three granddaughters, Ann Starcheski and Jim, and granddaughter Ashley of St. Albert, Alberta, Canada, and granddaughter April of Arizona; daughter Debbie Nelson Funk and Eric, and granddaughter Katrina, all of Whitefish. He is also survived by brother-in-law Carlton Nestegard, sister-in-law Jessie Nelson, and numerous beloved nieces and nephews.

During his long retirement, "Dad" enjoyed golfing, cross country skiing, gardening and travels around the U.S. Daily walks around the neighborhood and a hearty breakfast probably helped him to achieve his 100-plus years. He was able to live in his own home until age 99, and then moved to Buffalo Hill Terrace, where he reconnected with old friends, made new ones and was lovingly cared for.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, April 29, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Kalispell, preceded by burial 10 a.m. at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

June Marie Netherly, 86

June "went to be with the Lord" on April 30, 2016, shortly after she celebrated her and Dave's 68th wedding anniversary that same day. She was surrounded by her loving family.

June was born and raised in Dayton, Ohio, the youngest of six siblings. She and Dave met in 1947 after he was out of the service, and she was working at Sears. They married on April 30, 1948. They had three sons, Tim, Bruce and Mike. When Mike was a few months old, they picked up and moved to sunny southern California to start a new life. They had four more children, Dona, Vickie, Barbara, and son James.

In 1969 they made a big move to the beautiful Flathead Valley, where they built a home on Wilson Heights and finished raising their kids. June was a homemaker; she loved that job more than anything. She was a waitress and cook at Bair's restaurant, Husky's Truck Stop and the Galley Wagon.

They farmed east of Ledger, raising seven boys (the first six were eight and a half years apart.) Mary did everything from occasionally helping with heavy labor, driving trucks, cooking for harvest crews, tending to a huge garden and canning. She could mend anything, especially the knees of jeans. She always had time for children and helped them in any way she could. She loved being a member of the Pondera Toole Home Demonstration Club where she shared her many interests and talents with neighborhood moms. She treasured these friends long after moving to the Flathead.

In 1984, Frank and Mary moved to Columbia Falls. With all the boys grown except Sam, they dedicated 10 years volunteering time to set up a business for their son,



She continued to enjoy her grandchildren, and one fond memory of theirs was piling into

the truck and making a dump run with Grandma. She was blessed with 14 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren. (Grandmothers are just antique little girls.)

After retirement they moved to Village Greens and continued enjoying their lives. Around two years ago, Mom started showing signs of dementia. In November of 2015, she entered Genesis Health Care in Whitefish. Many thanks to the nurses and certified nursing assistants for caring for our mom "June-Bug." She'll be missed by many. "We Love you Mom, Grandma and Great-Grandma."

To send a note of condolence, please visit www.buffalohillfh.com.

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

Mary was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and a stillborn son, Luke.

Mary is survived by her sons, George (Bonnie), Christopher, Matthew, Steven, Andrew (Cindy), Simon and Samuel; five grandchildren, Jamie Lee, Casey, Sherwood, Victoria and Mary Frances; and great-grandson, Beau Garrett. She is also survived by her sister Cathy (Larry) Crandall; brothers Douglas and Norman (Patricia); 50 nieces and nephews and numerous cousins.

The family extends special thanks to Mary's friends who continued to support her and show her love without fail. A memorial service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to The Toole County Education Foundation Scholarship Fund, 301 First Street South, Shelby, MT 59474.

Mary Margaret Wendt Nickol, 87

Mary Margaret Wendt Nickol was laid to rest next to her husband, Francis "Frank" Anthony on Sept. 30, 2016, with family and close friends present.

Mary was the second child of Otto and Kathleen Wendt, born on Jan. 27, 1929.

Mary grew up on a busy dairy farm in the Flathead Valley. She milked cows, put up hay, swam in the spring-fed pond and skied behind a horse, tractor or pickup truck. As a teen considering an evening out, she told of her brother saying she could take the "Big Red Coupe," meaning the family tractor. Mary loved recalling stories of growing up in the valley and the large family colored with men and women of enormous character.

Mary attended rural elementary schools and graduated from Whitefish High School in 1947. She went to college at Washington State in Pullman, Washington, and Northern Montana College in Havre.

Mary was teaching at Mountain Brook School near Creston in 1953 when she met a young rascal from Ledger — Frank Nickol. They married in St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Kalispell on June 14, 1954.



Steven. In addition to keeping the office presentable, Mary planted flowers in front of the marina

to give a welcoming look to customers.

Mary loved collecting thimbles and spoons, much to her grumbling husband's dismay. Mary was a tremendous correspondent and spent hours at her typewriter composing messages of love. When friends were sick, suffering from cancer or housebound, Mary typed extra letters. Everyone could count on a listening ear and cookies when they had the chance to visit her. Mary always made sure everyone felt loved and included. She loved her neighbors and always had a listening ear and open heart. She cared deeply for everyone she met.

In 2006, Mary's health required moving to assisted living. Mary kept up on correspondence as she was able and took up knitting. Mary did her best to keep involved with her family from the assisted living center, and she looked forward to friendly visits from family and friends.

John William Nichols, 78

John William Nichols, 78, died Sunday, Oct. 9, 2016, at his residence in Ronan.

Private family services

will be held at a later date.

Arrangements are under the direction of Shrider-Thompson Funeral Home.

Carol Ann Nielsen, 60

Carol Ann Nielsen, 60, passed away on April 19, 2016, at The Springs at Whitefish assisted care facility.

Carol was born in Denver, on June 9, 1955, the first child of Roger and Ida Nielsen. As a child she moved with her family to Greeley, Colorado, and then in 1966 to Whitefish, where she attended the Whitefish school system until her graduation in 1973.

While in high school, she followed in her father's footsteps and began a career at JCPenney. She began work at the Kalispell store and later transferred to Spokane. Soon thereafter, she met and married Steve Bradley in 1980. She relished her role as "Mom" to stepdaughter Kari, foster mom to two young children, and godmother to her nieces and nephews.

Carol and Steve divorced in 1986. She continued her career with JCPenney until 2000, when after 29 years with the company she was forced to leave her employment due to ill health and injury.

At the time, Carol moved back to Whitefish to be near her parents. From then until the

time of her passing, she struggled with debilitating effects of severe rheumatoid arthritis, which she had been diagnosed with at age 36. She fought a long, difficult battle and is now free from pain.

Carol had many interests and hobbies, including skiing, volleyball, hiking, crafting, home decorating, reading and helping those in need.

Carol leaves behind brothers Brad (Jennifer) in Whitefish and Curt (Tami) in Anchorage, Alaska; sisters, Leslie in Midland, Texas, and Lisa in Herman, Minnesota; and nieces and nephews, Kyle in Whitefish, Chad and Amber in California, Matthew and Nicole in Texas, and Jesse in Washington. She also leaves behind many relatives throughout the country, as well as many friends in Spokane and Whitefish.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and brother-in-law, Walt Finch, as well as many extended family members.

Carol has been cremated and a memorial will be held in August at the family home on Skyles Lake near Whitefish.

Austin Funeral Home is caring for Carol's family.

Mildred Irene Zellmer Nielsen, 98

Mildred Irene Zellmer Nielsen, who was born Dec. 31, 1917, to Otto and Gertrude Zellmer, passed away Jan. 15, 2016, at the age of 98, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

Mildred was born in Twete, Montana, and was raised in Hogeland, Montana, until 1951, when they moved to Columbia Falls.

She was an aide for 17 and a half years at the Lutheran home. After she retired she was active in senior activities, playing pinochle, teaching cribbage in many of the schools, etc. After moving to Heritage Place, she enjoyed all of the activities, and when you went to visit with her she was never in her room, she was so busy. She volunteered many hours crocheting lap robes, baby blankets and caps for the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP).

Mildred was preceded in death by her parents, Otto and Gertrude Zellmer; husband, Ehlers Nielsen; brother, Leonard (Doris) Zellmer; sister, Ruth Zellmer Laco (Aaron); son, Hans Nielsen; infant granddaughter, Holly Nielsen; and son-in-law, Lester Black.

She is survived by



three daughters, Anna Black of Federal Way, Washington; Corliss

Carr and Bill of Anderson, California; and Gloria Schroeder and Art of Kalispell; son, John Nielsen, and Dianna, of Columbia Falls; 23 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews; and two first cousins, 90 years old, Odiene Zellmer and Eldera Smith. That leaves only two in that generation still living.

Thank you to RSVP for all the yarn donated and Heritage Place for keeping her happy and busy in her years there.

Graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 14, at Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery. There will be a potluck/reception following at the Hampton Inn, 1140 U.S. Highway 2, W. Kalispell.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks for donations to be made to a charity of your choice.

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

Roger A. Nilsen, 68

Roger A. Nilsen, 68, died April 27, 2016, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

At his request, no ser-

vices will be held. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Janet Marie Marvin Noble, 71

My beautiful wife Janet's journey here on Earth ended on July 21, 2016, so she could start a new and wonderful journey. Janet fought long and hard and never gave up. She never complained, she never asked, "Why me?" and she always said somebody had it worse than she did. That's the kind of person Janet was. Janet was so strong, courageous and loving. Janet was very special.

Janet worked at the Red Lion and Gold Dust West Casinos, as well as Barrick Gold Mine in Elko, Nevada.

Janet was born on April 21, 1945, in Somers.

She leaves behind three children, Linda Shaw of Montana, Bobbi



Jean Mack of Nevada and Wesley Mack Nevada.

Janet is also survived by her brother, Gilford "Buddy"

Marvin of Montana; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; and by her beloved husband Robert Noble.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Gilford and Edith Marvin; her sister, Wanda Marvin; her daughter, Heidi Mack; and husband Robert Mack.

Janet requested that no service be held at this time, as we will celebrate her life at a later time.

Jason S. Nobles Jr., 75

Jason S. Nobles Jr., 75, died Tuesday, June 28, 2016, at his home in Kalispell.

He is survived by his wife, Vonda L. Nobles,

and five sons and one daughter.

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

Evelyn M. Nockleby, 99

Evelyn M. Nockleby, 99, an English and music teacher and resident of the Kalispell area for 57 years, died Wednesday evening, July 13, 2016, in the loving care of family and staff of Buffalo Hill Terrace in Kalispell.

When she was born July 3, 1917, World War I had been going for three long years. Evelyn recalled that from 1912 to 1916, her family had lived in a homesteader's tar-paper shack. In anticipation of Evelyn's birth, her father built a two-story house on the prairie.

"In the winter time all of us slept in the downstairs bedroom, because there was no heat upstairs. There was a pot-bellied stove, and you'd toast your back side like bacon, and then turn around and toast your front," she said.

The influenza epidemic following the end of World War I resulted in the closing of Cow Creek School nearest their ranch 20 miles north of Circle. The next-nearest school was in Hamblin, 8 miles away, and the kids couldn't ride horses that far; so when Evelyn started school, the family was living alternately on the ranch and in town.

They were living in Circle in 1922 when five-year-old Evelyn's 2 1/2-year-old sister Thelma died. Evelyn lost much of her hearing from the scarlet fever epidemic that year, and to the end of her days Evelyn would remember the death of her sister with tears in her eyes.



brother to college, and she then attended Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota, from

which she received a degree in English and music in 1940.

Evelyn took her first job teaching high school English and music at Outlook, Montana, from 1940-1941. She then followed a call and moved to Minneapolis, where she took a job in the headquarters of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. She also took classes for two quarters at the University of Minnesota.

Evelyn met her future husband, Ray Nockleby, on a bus traveling down to the Twin Cities after Thanksgiving from Fergus Falls where Evelyn had gone to visit relatives. The normally-taciturn Ray began a conversation with her and before the 120-mile bus ride was over had asked her for a date. Many years later Evelyn recalled that her first impression of him was that he was "well dressed, and he had an honest face."

Wages for church secretaries were low, and Evelyn took a teaching job in Mullan, Idaho. But her new friend, Ray Nockleby, wrote letters to her often, and they maintained active correspondence for two and a half years. Evelyn then came back to Minneapolis a second time and took piano and organ lessons from teachers, including the organist at Central Lutheran Church. Evelyn made two recordings, one on the piano and one on the organ, which the family played on our Magnavox many years later.

language arts teacher in the junior high school through the spring of 1981. This she did despite her lifelong hearing impairment.

In 1976, Evelyn and Ray sold the farm in Helena Flats and bought a smaller place in the country just north of Kalispell, where they lived 17 years.

Grandchildren began to appear beginning in the 1970s — Carol, Greg and Jacqueline; Lisa and Jason; Harry IV and Tiena; Karla, Kristina and Erik; Anna and Caroline. In 1993 Evelyn and Ray moved to Village Greens, and in 2001 they moved to Buffalo Hill Terrace.

Ray moved to Immanuel Lutheran Home in 2005, and for five years Evelyn walked every day across the street to see him and to play for him on the piano. She also played for services in the Buffalo Room.

In Oregon, they belonged to Milwaukee Lutheran Church. After moving to Kalispell, they joined Calvary Lutheran Church in Evergreen, where Evelyn served as organist for many years. After moving to Buffalo Hill Terrace, they joined Northridge Lutheran.

Evelyn was a lifelong learner. As a young person she remembered reading every book in the McCone County Library. In the summer of 1964 she attended the University of Montana French Institute, where she studied conversational French. She took up swimming as a senior, and at the age of 60 climbed Mount Aeneas east of Bigfork. In 1982 she travelled to Berkeley, California, to become a trainer for Stephen Ministry.

in many campgrounds, for example, outside Washington, D.C. in the Manassas Battlefield State Park.

After Paul and Kathy moved to New York City, Evelyn and Ray drove out to see them in their pickup, and Paul fondly remembers driving downtown with them to Battery Park to the very southernmost tip of Manhattan so as to gaze at the Statue of Liberty, which had greeted her immigrant mother in 1906 and her immigrant grandparents in 1880 and 1881.

Evelyn traveled with Pastor Leroy Elster to Israel and Greece, and with John and Lucie to Italy and Norway. One of her favorite photos was sitting on a stoop in Norway with granddaughter Anna, laughing uproariously at John's antics behind the camera.

Evelyn maintained a vast correspondence throughout her life. Her letters to her parents from 193 to 1966 survive as a record of her activities and values.

Her brother Henry preceded Evelyn in death, in 2001. Her beloved husband, Raymond, preceded her in death in 2010.

Evelyn is survived by her sons, Brian (Belinda), in Silver Spring, Maryland; Robert (Kathy), in Lakeside and Phoenix; Donald (Jo Ann), in Austin, Texas, and Phoenix; Paul (Kathleen), in St. Paul, Minn.; and John (Lucie) in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and Santa Monica, California; and her grandchildren, Carol, Greg, Jacqueline, Lisa, Jason, Harry IV, Tiena, Karla, Kristina, Erik, Anna and Caroline; and great-grandchildren, Jeremy, Tim, Kimberly, McKenzie, Harry V, Bennett, Miller, Mason and Sheridan. Evelyn is also survived by her brother Henry's two children, David and Douglas (Susan), and their children, Samuel and William; and many nieces and nephews.

Cont on next page

Their house in Circle was located across a vacant lot from the church, and her brother Henry and Evelyn stood in the windows, from which they could look over to the church. They could see the black Model T Fords and teams of horses and wagons waiting to take the funeral procession to the cemetery. After the funeral, her mother couldn't bear to stay anymore in that house in Circle. So they closed the house in town and went out by bobsled drawn by horses to live with their father on the farm 20 miles north.

In 1931 the summer was so desperately dry the family had to harvest thistles for the cattle. In coulee bottoms, melting snow provided the year's only moisture, and deep green Russian thistles grew abundantly. To provide feed for the cattle during the coming winter, her father mowed, raked and stacked the green thistles as cattle feed. Later that year the government bought cows from the family for \$15 a head.

After graduating from high school in 1935, Evelyn spent a year going to business college in Great Falls. Then Evelyn prevailed on her parents to let her follow her

Evelyn and Ray were married in June of 1945 in Circle, and for the next three years farmed with Evelyn's parents. Brian and Robert were born there.

In 1948, Ray and Evelyn left the homestead and moved to suburban Portland where Evelyn taught part time as a high school teacher until she became pregnant with their third son, Donald. She would have two more sons after that, Paul and John.

Evelyn always said that her most important work — and greatest joy — lay in her children. She devoted herself to their welfare.

In 1959, Ray and Evelyn moved the family to the Helena Flats area near Kalispell, where they owned and operated a family farm where the boys learned how things work.

In 1960 Evelyn was hired to teach at Evergreen, where she remained as music and

Evelyn retired from teaching in 1981, and for 20 years she and Ray lived part-time as snow-birds in the Phoenix area. They enjoyed seeing Don in Arizona, as he had opened his psychology practice in Phoenix years earlier and was the first of many Nocklebys to locate there at least part of the year.

In retirement, Evelyn knitted afghans and made quilts for her children and grandchildren. Some of these were entered in the Northwest Montana Fair.

In their retirement years, trips around the United States to visit their sons and their families were a source of joy for both Ray and Evelyn. Their first trip was taken by travel trailer in 1980 with Paul and Kathy that took them around the eastern United States for two graduations within two weeks, one for John from Harvard Law School and one for Brian from the University of Georgia Law School. They pulled a travel trailer for thousands of miles and stayed

A service for Evelyn will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, July 18, at Northridge Lutheran Church in Kalispell, with viewing at the church beginning at 10 a.m. Burial will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens, where she will be interred next to her husband of nearly 65 years, Raymond Nockleby.

Memorials to Evelyn may be directed to the Gratuity Fund, Buffalo Hill Terrace, 40 Claremont Street, Kalispell, MT 59901; or to the Memorial Fund of Northridge Lutheran Church, 323 Northridge Drive, Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

Ray Norby, 68

Ray Norby, 68, passed away on Friday, June 17, 2016, after a short battle with cancer.

He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Lynn; children, Jerry and Karyn Norby, and Denise and Ben Belt; grandchildren Morgan and Liesel, Alexandra and Zarek; and brother and his family, Rand, Serina and Shawn Norby.

Ray was born in Kalispell on Oct. 5, 1947, to Sherman and Florence Norby. He attended Kalispell schools and graduated from Flathead High School in 1965.

In his younger years he was the drummer for The Disasters, and they often played around the valley. He married Lynn Moller on Aug. 30, 1969, in Kalispell. He got his automotive start at Hendricksen Motors before opening LaSalle



Automotive and Electric in 1981 and worked until his death.

Ray was an avid hunter and fisherman. He enjoyed spending time with his grandkids and had a nickname for each of them.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 25, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. A potluck reception will follow at the Moose Lodge in Evergreen. You're welcome to bring a dish.

To send a note of condolence to the family, please visit www.buffalo-hillfh.com.

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

Robert 'Bob' Nordtome, 88

Robert "Bob" Nordtome, 88, of Fort Sumner, New Mexico, passed away on March 10, 2016, at his home.

He was born October 16, 1927, in Kalispell to the home of Edward and Amanda (Rocks) Nordtome.

Bob grew up in Kalispell. He served in the U.S. Army from November 13, 1945, until March 16, 1950, as a sergeant with the 475th Fighter Group.

Bob married Mary Gray Loving on October 24, 1990, in Glendale, Arizona.

Bob worked several years for Big Sky Rodeo as a stock contractor, and later as the Papago tribal herd manager. He also worked for the Arizona Livestock board, where he served as a captain in their criminal investigation unit. He operated Silver Buckle Horse Ranch, where he trained and showed horses. Bob was a lifelong rancher and rodeo cowboy. He held a P.R.C.A. Gold Card, was a member of the Law Enforcement Rodeo Association, and was a founder of the Arizona Team Penning Association.

Bob moved to Fort Sumner in 1996, where he



continued ranching. He retired to Melrose, New Mexico in 2007 and recently moved back to Fort Sumner.



He is preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include his wife, Mary G. Nordtome, of the home in Fort Sumner; son, Jay Nordtome, of Salado, Texas; stepsons, Eric Gustavson of Fort Sumner, Kurt Gustavson and wife Bess of Phoenix, Arizona; granddaughter, Cassie Nordtome of Kalispell, grandsons Jarod Gustavson and wife, Nancy, and Logan Gustavson, of Phoenix; and one great-grandson, Cason Nordtome of Kalispell.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 19, 2016, at the Church on the Hill in Fort Sumner, with Anna Teeter Gentile officiating. Military honors will follow the service.

Arrangements are entrusted to Chavez Funeral Home, Fort Sumner, NM. www.chavezfuneralhome.com

Cassie Norden, 28

Cassie Norden, 28, of Roaming Shores, Ohio, died Saturday, May 14, 2016.

She was born on Sept. 11, 1987, in Kalispell, the daughter of Ken Norden and Connie Norden Rosling.

She enjoyed spending time with her family and friends, especially her young son.

She is survived by her son, Dylan Norden, of Roaming Shores; daughter, Zoey Norden; mother, Connie (Harold Leather) Norden of Roaming Shores; father, Ken Norden of Billings; sister, Angela Norden, of Columbia Falls; and brothers, Shaun Anderson of Huntley, Montana, and Steven Norden of Billings.



A graveside service will be held at 1:30 p.m. Friday, May 27, at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia

Falls, with Jeremy Downings leading the service. A celebration of life will be held at the Eagles Club in Kalispell immediately following the committal service. There will also be a service held in Ohio at a later date.

The Jefferson Home of Fleming & Billman Funeral Directors and Crematory, 49 W. Jefferson St., Jefferson, Ohio are honored to serve the Cassie Norden family.

The family of **Pearl Shirley Kunda Nolan** invites you to a **Memorial Burial Service at the Conrad Memorial Cemetery at 1 pm on Saturday, August 13th.**

Pearl was born on December 31, 1937, in Polson to Harry and Bernadine Kunda and died on October 20, 2014, in Billings.

She was preceded in death by her parents Harry and Bernadine Kunda, her sister Elizabeth Kunda Schaeffer and her brother Raphael John Kunda.

She leaves behind her children Robert Nolan, Billings, Beth Westrom Lawyer (Arthur), Boise, Beverly Wise (Sheridan), Stevensville, Veronica Nolan, Becky Murrell, Billings, and Larry (Butch) Nolan, Twin Falls, ID. Also surviving her are grandchildren Jerry (Stephanie) Westrom, Heather Wise, Caleb Wise, Rachel, Mytaya, and Jennifer Nolan, Jacob, Courtney and Ryan Nolan, and great grandchildren Alyona, Jessica and Leroy Westrom, Karik Wise and Aiden Schunk, and her sisters Angeline (Norm) Kruckenberg, Anne (Don) Stewart, and brother Michael (Rena) Kunda and many relatives and friends.

A Funeral Mass was celebrated on October 24, 2014 at Little Flower Church in Billings.

Norman F. Nommensen, 83

Norman F. Nommensen, 83, formerly of Kalispell, died Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2016, his home in Harrison, Arkansas.



The son of Emil Nommensen Sr. and Lucy (Scott) Nommensen was born Aug. 19, 1933, in Kalispell.

He was a 27-year veteran of the U.S. Army and a retired federal government employee.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Emil Nommensen Sr., and Lucy Nommensen; and his siblings, Emil Nommensen Jr.,

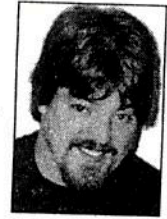
Irma Kassner, Ernest Nommensen and Helen Price.

Norman is survived by his wife, Linda Nommensen; his sons, Gerald Nommensen, John Dillon, Lawrence Nommensen and Scott Nommensen; his sister, Leona Russell; his brother, Robert Nommensen; and many beloved grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held today, Dec. 3, at Coffman Funeral Home in Harrison, Arkansas. You may visit the website to sign the online guestbook or leave condolences for the family.

Scott Alan Norman, 47

Scott Alan Norman passed away peacefully surrounded by family and friends on July 25, 2016, from a spinal injury and other medical conditions.



Scott was preceded in death by his father Tim and mother Mona.

He is survived by his two children, Jesse Norman, and Megan Norman-Snider and her husband Taylor; and brother Mark and wife Lisa and their three children, Jonathan, David and Bethanne.

Scott was a very loving, caring and giving man and will be deeply missed.

The family wishes to thank everyone for their love, prayers and support, especially Joe, Ms. Emma Mae, Chris and neighbor Josh. (Mr. Rogers).

A service will be held for family and close friends August 28, "Scott's first birthday in heaven."

Any encouragement can be sent to P.O. Box 212, Somers MT 59932.

Scott was born on Aug. 28, 1968, in Newark, California, to Timothy L. Norman and Ramona Elizabeth Stevens-Norman. He grew up in Sunnyvale, California, with his only brother Mark Norman. Scott graduated from Gavilan College in 1998, receiving an Associate of Applied Science degree in A&P Mechanics.

Scott married the love of his life, Symone R. Atondo in 1991 and moved to Kalispell where they bore two beautiful children, Jesse Alan and Megan Elizabeth, whom Scott deeply loved.

Scott worked at Semitool Inc the majority of his career. He enjoyed the outdoors, hunting and fishing and spending time with family and friends.

LeMar 'Pete' Noyd, 83

LeMar "Pete" Noyd, 83, formerly of Kalispell, died March 15, 2016, in Salem, Oregon.

He is survived by his wife, Janet, of Salem; son, Steve Noyd, of Salem; and

daughter, Julie Rediske, of Silverton, Oregon.

A celebration of life will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 25, at Virgil T. Golden Funeral Service in Salem.

Sara Shellene Noziska, 40

Sara Shellene Noziska, 40, "went to join our Heavenly Father" on March 6, 2016, peacefully in Kalispell.

Sara was born on November 4, 1975, in Kalispell, to Michael and Shellene (Drake) Noziska, at the old hospital on Fifth Avenue East.

Sara grew up in the Helena Flats area of Kalispell, and attended Helena Flats country school, where she enjoyed cross country running and was a very good basketball player for the girls team.

Sara attended junior high in Kalispell. After high school Sara attended schooling in Missoula and was certified as a massage therapist physical trainer.

Sara worked at a number of jobs early on, road construction, waitress, and house keeping. Sara was a hard worker and loved by everyone.



While working in the woods of the Swan Forest Range peeling yew bark, Sara met Gilbert Leigh, a young tree feller who cut the yew bush tree to be peeled. The yew bark was used to help fight breast cancer.

Together they had two wonderful sons, Lukas and Dalton. Sara enjoyed the outdoors, camping and swimming with her sons. She also attended her boys' many sports events, such as wrestling, football and baseball.

Sara had interest in Native American culture and customs. She liked attending the native sweat lodges, and Sara looked forward to her daily workouts at her health club. She stayed slim and fit. Sara loved

her two boys, and strived for family unity.

Sara was preceded in death by her oldest son, Lukas Leigh, and grandparents, Ernest and Wonita Drake, cousin Christopher Drake, and also a grandfather. Sara is survived by her son, Dalton Leigh; brother Chad, mother Shellene Reese, father Michael Noziska; her grandmother, four uncles, five aunts and six cousins.

A celebration of life will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday April 23 at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

To send a note of condolence to the family, please visit www.buffalohillfh.com. The family request memorials be made to Michael Noziska, c/o Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, 1890 U.S. 93 North Kalispell, MT 59901.

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