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## Clara 'Billie' Mae Kaber, 57

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Clara "Billie" Mae Kaber, 57, of Whitefish died at the Kalispell Regional Hospital Sunday.

Mrs. Kaber was born Dec. 3, 1921, in Malta, a daughter of Adolph and Ila

Krohn. As a girl, she moved with her parents to

KABER, Clara 'Billie' Mae, 57, of Whitefish, died Sunday. She was cremated. Memorial services: 3:30 p.m. Tuesday at Austin Funeral Home.

### Austin Funeral Home

John and Gloria Austin  
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Whitefish and received her education in Whitefish, graduating from the Whitefish High School with the class of 1939. She graduated with a perfect attendance record for all twelve years.

She was married to Marvin Kaber in October 1940 in Kalispell. She continued to live in Whitefish. In 1967, she established Billie's Fabrics, which she owned and operated until 1977, when she sold her business and retired. Shortly afterward she became ill.

She is survived by her husband, Marvin at the family home in Whitefish; one daughter Barbara Jo Barret and two

grandchildren, all of Boise, Idaho; her mother, Ila Krohn of Whitefish; and one sister, Mrs. W.B. (Lorene) Jones of St. Paul, Minn.

She was cremated. Memorial will be at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Memorials have been suggested to the American Cancer Society and can be left with local chairman, Lois Jacobsen. Austin Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

22 Apr 1979

## William Kammeyer, 68

LIBBY — William J. Kammeyer, 68, Libby, a retired warehouse clerk for the St. Regis Paper Co., died Sunday evening in St. John Lutheran Hospital here.

He was born Sept. 22, 1910, in Kalispell and attended school in Libby. He graduated from Libby High School in 1930, and then attended Western Montana College for one year and the University of Montana for two years. In 1941 he moved to Inglewood, Calif., where he was employed by the North American Aviation Co.

He married Jeannette Olson Nov. 14, 1942, in Inglewood.

He later served with the U.S. Army during World War II.

In 1950 the couple moved to Libby where Kammeyer worked as a warehouse clerk for the St. Regis Paper Co. until his retirement in 1972.

He was a member of the St. John Lutheran Church of Libby.

Survivors include his wife, Jeannette, Libby; three sisters, Joyce Boyle, Corning, Calif., Edith Carr, Eugene, Ore., and Irene Peterson, Libby; two brothers, Irwin, Puyallup, Wash., and Walter, Ephrata, Wash.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in St. John Lutheran Church, with the Rev. Sheridan Erickson officiating. Burial with military graveside honors will follow in the Libby Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to St. John Lutheran Church or St. John Lutheran Hospital.

27 Jul 1979

## Georgia M. Kann

27 July 1979

Georgia M. Kann of Walla Walla, Wash., died Friday morning in Kalispell Regional Hospital.

Mrs. Kann was born in Lenore, Idaho, a daughter of Hollis and Nora Keith. Her husband, W.H.B. Kann, a grain elevator manager in Clyde, Wash., died in Walla Walla in 1968. She made her home in Walla Walla for 12 years before her daughter brought her to the Flathead to recuperate from a heart condition. She was a

patient sitter in hospitals in Walla Walla.

Mrs. Kann was a member of the Central Christian Church in Walla Wall.

Surviving are her daughter, Mrs. Donald R. (Leoma) Taylor of Somers; three grandchildren, Mrs. John (Marsha) Voelker of Columbia Falls and Merridy Taylor and Kirt Taylor, both of Bigfork; and one great-grandchild. An infant daughter also preceded her in death.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Mountain View Cemetery in Walla Walla. Viewing of the body will be from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Tuesday in the Central Christian Church in Walla Walla. The family suggests memorials be made to the memorial fund of the church or to the American Heart Association.

The Weatherford Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements and graveside services.

29 Sept 1979

## Thelma Kao, 64

29 Sept. 1979

Thelma Lucille Kao, 64, a former resident of Whitefish, died in the Virginia Manor Nursing Home in Everett, Wash., Saturday.

Mrs. Kao was born Dec. 30, 1914, in Deerfield, a daughter of Clyde and Alma Barney. She attended school and graduated from high school in Lewistown. In 1961 she attended Michigan State University and received her degree in executive housekeeping.

She worked in several hospitals and made her home in Whitefish several years. In 1949 she moved to the Seattle, Wash., area.

She is survived by two sons, Russell Kelsey, Bothell, Wash., and Jerry Kelsey of Dublin, Calif., three daughters, Judy Stevens and Glenda Line, both of Whitefish, and Joan Duncanson of Colton, Calif., one sister, Eleanor Murphy, Bethell, Alaska; 14 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one grandson, Jack Stevens, and a brother.

Graveside services will be conducted from the Woodlawn Cemetery at Columbia Falls Friday at 4 p.m. with the Rev. Frank Dabney of the Church of the Nazarene officiating. Visitation may be made at the Austin Chapel from noon Thursday to 3 p.m. Friday. Friends will meet at the Austin Chapel at 3:30 p.m. Friday to proceed to the cemetery.

13 Jan 1979

## Lois Kaser, 76

13 Jan 1979

NORTH BEND, Ore. — death by her parents and two sisters. Lois Kaser who was born and raised in Kalispell, Wash., died in North Bend, Ore. Jan. 13.

Mrs. Kaser was born in Kalispell in 1902. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Phillips. She attended Kalispell schools and graduated from Flathead High School.

She married Sam Kaser. He died in 1955.

Mrs. Kaser worked for the telephone company for more than 30 years and retired in 1967. She moved to North Bend, Ore. to be near her sister.

She was preceded in

death by her parents and two sisters. She is survived by one brother, Jim Phillips, California; and one sister, Marie Rolie, Oregon. Cremation was in North Bend and memorial services will be there this week at Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses.

1 Mar 1979

## Manuel Kautzman, 75

1 Mar. 1979

**EUREKA** — Manuel Kautzman, 75, died Thursday morning at his home in Eureka.

He was born Aug. 29, 1903, in Landu, Russia. He came to the United States in 1909 with his parents. They settled in Dickinson, N.D. In the spring of 1911

the family moved to Edgar, Carbon County, where they farmed sugar beets.

In 1916 he moved with his family to Hardin, Bighorn County.

He married Ethel Quilling Jan. 18, 1933. The couple lived in Hardin and

farmed there for five years until moving to the Tobacco Valley area in February 1938.

They owned and operated a farm two miles northwest of Eureka for many years. They moved into Eureka in 1955. He worked as a carpenter, cut

Christmas trees and was a millworker until his retirement in 1965.

He is survived by his wife, Ethel, of Eureka; two daughters, Irene Slater of Spokane, Wash., and Thelma McManus of Hereford, Ore., and two grandchildren.

Services will be conducted 2 p.m. Monday at the First Baptist Church in Eureka. The Rev. Carl Pershall will officiate. Interment will be in Tobacco Valley Cemetery under the direction of Vial Funeral Home in Eureka.

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## Body Recovered From Seeley Lake

A thirteen-ton road grader has been retrieved from the bottom of Seeley Lake where it came to rest a week ago after crashing through the ice, carrying with it 48-year-old Mike Kelley. Kelley's body was recovered from the bottom of the lake several days later, by Search and Rescue divers from Missoula.

Kelley and another Seeley Lake man, 20-year-old Roy Brown were plowing a snowmobile race course on the lake when the incident occurred. Brown jumped to safety as the grader broke through the ice and sank.

The grader was pulled from the lake with a 65-ton heel-boom crane parked on the shore while volunteers with chain saws cut a path through the ice. The grader had to be dragged underwater about 500 feet to shore.

Still at the bottom of the lake, in another location, was a 9-ton bulldozer which broke through the ice just a few days before the most recent incident. It was recovered last Saturday after Kelley's body was found.

Both the dozer and the grader were owned by D&D Logging of Seeley Lake.

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## Paul Scott Kennedy, 24

7 May, 1979

Paul Scott Kennedy, 24, was found dead in the Snake River near Boise, Idaho on May 7.

He was born Dec. 11, 1954, in Ogden, Utah, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Kennedy. He had been employed as a welder and had lived in Pocatello, Idaho. On Feb. 5, 1978, he

was married to Barbara Smithson and is now survived by her in Kalispell.

He is also survived by a daughter, Kamera of Kalispell; his parents of Rupert, Idaho; six brothers and sisters: Mike of Colorado Springs, Colo., Karen Stocks of Logan,

Utah, Cheryl Johnson of Salt Lake City, Utah, Mark of Pocatello, Idaho, Teresa and Teddy Kennedy, both of Rupert, Idaho.

Services for Kennedy were held in Boise, Idaho. The body was then forwarded to Kalispell where graveside services

and burial were held in the Fairview Cemetery with the Rev. Dr. Odin Baugh, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church officiating. Grave dedication was done by Bishop Burningham of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

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# Whitefish woman killed Saturday on Highway 93

A collision on an icy highway near Kalispell took the life of Lucy S. Kelch, 33, of Whitefish Saturday.

Her mother, Florence Shiflett, 54, also of Whitefish, was taken to Kalispell Regional Hospital with injuries. She was removed from intensive care Monday.

Highway Patrolman Don Denning said the accident happened when a vehicle driven by Christopher G. Wood, 26, Calgary, Alta., swung out to pass Kelch's compact pickup on Highway 93 north of Kalispell. The two vehicles collided, and Kelch's struck the end of

daughter of Calvin and Florence Shiflett.

Mrs. Kelch received two years of her elementary education in Libby, and moved to Whitefish with her parents in 1956 where she completed her schooling.

She was married to Jake Kelch on April 5, 1969 in Whitefish. She had just recently started to work for the Four Seasons Motel in Kalispell.

Mrs. Kelch is now survived by her husband, Jake; two daughters, Vernice and Tammy; and one son, William. The

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the Stillwater Bridge abutment.

Kelch was thrown from the truck onto the road, and her mother was pinned inside.

The Wood vehicle skidded along the bridge and stopped at the south end. Neither Wood nor his passenger was injured.

Sheriff-Coroner Al Rierson said an inquest will be called. The Highway Patrol is still investigating the accident.

**LUCY DORA KELCH** was born November 3, 1946 in Libby, Montana, a

entire family lives at the family home in Whitefish. She is also survived by her father, Calvin Shiflett of Whitefish and her mother, Florence Shiflett of Whitefish; one brother, Stephen Shiflett of Las Vegas, Nevada; and numerous aunts and uncles.

Funeral services for Mrs. Kelch were scheduled for Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 14 at 2 p.m. in the Austin Funeral Home with the Dr. David V. Kauffman of the Central Christian Church of Whitefish officiating. Burial will be made in the Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Kalispell.

28 Apr 1979

## Ringer Keyser, 93

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Ringer R. Keyser, 93, a resident of Whitefish passed away in Whitefish Saturday morning. Keyser was born Feb. 22, 1886, in Amsterdam, Holland, a son of Cornelis and Ymkje Keyser.

He received his education in Holland. At the age of 17, he moved to Vancouver, Canada, with his father, two brothers and two sisters where they homesteaded. After 25 years he went back to Holland and met Hendrika Debense. They were married Dec. 4, 1929, in Canada.

He worked for the Canadian Pacific Railroad a number of years and in

1930 they moved to Whitefish where he worked in the Bridge and Building Department of the Great Northern Railroad until he retired in 1949 at the age of 65.

He is now survived by his wife, Hendrika, of Whitefish; one daughter, Mrs. Glen (Cornelia) Kelsey of Whitefish; one son, Peter Keyser of Ventura, Calif.; seven grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for Keyser will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the Austin Funeral Home with Dr. David Kauffman officiating. Interment will be made in the Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell.

6 Oct 1979

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## Nina Keyser, 88

GREAT FALLS — Nina Ames Keyser, 88, formerly of Kalispell, died here Saturday at a nursing home. She was born June 3, 1891, in Forkston, Pa., and came to Montana as a child, settling in Kalispell. She was graduated from high school in Kalispell in 1909.

She married Donald G. Keyser in 1914 in Kalispell and continued to live there until 1937, when they moved to Great Falls.

Mrs. Keyser was a 60-year member of the DAR, the Printer's Auxiliary, Olive Chapter of the Eastern Star, White Shrine and a lifeiong member of the Episcopal church.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1967 and a brother in 1952. She is survived by a daughter, Helen Hansen of Great Falls; two sons, James C. of Great Falls and Dr. Raymond C. of Ronan; six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Church of the Incarnation, Episcopal, with burial in Highland Cemetery, Great Falls.

2 Jan 1979

## Elsie Kidwell, 57

2 Jan. 1979

Elsie Viola Kidwell, 57, 111 Nicholson Drive, Kalispell, died Tuesday at home. She was born Jan. 25, 1921, at Proctor to Adam and Oma Learn. She graduated from Flathead County High

School and June 5, 1948, married Richard Kidwell at Pocatello, Idaho. She was a member of the Church Of The Brethern. She is survived by her widower at home; two sisters, Inez Showen, Spokane, and Faye Gibson, Kalispell; also a brother, Richard Learn, Dayton, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services will be 11 a.m. Friday in the Johnson Chapel with burial in Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

3 Aug 1979

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### Alice L. Kimes, 72

Mrs. Alice L. Kimes, 72, who had made her home with her daughter at Kila for the past six years, died on Friday in Kalispell.

She was born Jan. 15, 1907, in Chelan Falls, Wash., a daughter of Oscar F. and Rocelia Dickson. When she was 5 years old, she moved with her family to Corvallis, Ore., where she attended school and graduated from high school. She then attended the Oregon State College (presently University of Oregon). She spent most of her life at Lebanon, Ore., until moving to the Flathead six years ago.

She was a member of the St. Martin's Episcopal

Church of Lebanon and a member and Past Worthy Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star of Lebanon.

On Feb. 23, 1929, she married Vale Kimes at Hillsboro, Ore., and was preceded in death by him on April 8, 1973. She is now survived by her daughter, Alice Loise Sims of Kila; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; one brother, Clayton Dickson, and one sister, Lynn Anderson, both of Salem, Ore.

Graveside services for Mrs. Kimes will be conducted on Monday in the IOOF Cemetery at Lebanon, Ore.

16 May 1979

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### Angeline Kins, 70

**LIBBY**—Angeline Kins, 70, died Wednesday evening at the Libby Convalescent Center.

She was born Nov. 17, 1908, at Harlem. At an early age she came with her parents to the Tobacco Valley, where the family ranched on the West Kootenai near Gateway.

She attended school at Tooley Lake and later attended business college at San Francisco, Calif.

She returned to the Eureka area in 1930, and on Nov. 7, 1932, married Harry Kins at Libby.

The couple lived in the Rexford area for several years and in Warland for two years. They moved to Libby in 1949.

Survivors include her husband, Harry, Libby; one son, Kay, Libby; two daughters, Shirley Reyes, Seattle, Wash., and Yvonne Kins, Oakland, Calif.; two brothers, John

Doble, Eureka, and Sam Doble, Stryker; three sisters, Inez Purdy, Chester, Calif., Emma Gates, Texas, and Maxine Dedic, Kalispell; and six grandchildren.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Vial Funeral Home in Libby, with Lawrence Byrd and Dan O'Connor officiating. Burial services will be at 4 p.m. at the Tobacco Valley Cemetery in Eureka.

7 Dec 1979

7 Dec. 1979

### Betty Lou Kirchner, 26

Betty Lou Kirchner, 26, 1012 Third Ave. E., Kalispell, died at her home Friday morning. She was a teacher in the Evergreen School system.

She was born Sept. 6, 1953, in Chicago, Ill., daughter of Louis F. and

Marge Kirchner. She attended public schools in the Chicago area, graduating from high school in Downers Grove, Ill., and then pursued a career in special education, graduating from Western Illinois University in 1975.

Following a year of teaching in Lodgegrass, she moved to Kalispell in 1976, accepting a position in special education with the Evergreen School system, where she worked until her death. Survivors include her

parents, Louis and Marge Kirchner of Tuscon, Ariz.

The body has been forwarded from the Weatherford Funeral Home in Kalispell to the Bring's Broadway Chapel in Tuscon, Ariz., for services and burial.

Memorial services will be held at the United Methodist Church of Kalispell at 7 p.m. Wednesday with the Rev. Chauncey P. Biffle officiating.

27 Mar 1979

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## Helmer Kirkelie, 89

Helmer G. Kirkelie, 89, Kalispell, died in Whitefish Tuesday.

He was born Jan. 9, 1890, in Harmony, Minn., a son of Halvor and Hannah Kirkelie. He moved with his family to North Dakota where he attended schools at Bowbells. In December 1915, he married Mae Manning in Bowbells.

In 1918 they moved to the Flathead Valley. Mr. Kirkelie was preceded in death by his wife in 1934. He had been a meat cutter

in Kalispell for many years. In 1946, he became administrator of the Flathead County Hospital where he continued until he retired in 1955. He then moved to Albany, Ore. for eight years, returning to Kalispell where he had since resided. He was a 50-year and life member of the Loyal Order of Moose.

In June 1938, he married Ida Sies in Missoula and was preceded in death by her in October 1965. He is now survived by two daughters, Mrs. Ruby

(Eileen) Streit, Kalispell and Mrs. Robert (Marjorie) Wilson, Whitefish; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; one brother and three sisters in North Dakota and Minnesota and several other relatives.

Services for Mr. Kirkelie will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in the Johnson Chapel with the Rev. Chauncey Biffle, associate pastor of the Epworth United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

30 Apr 1979

## Minnie Kjemperud, 88

30 Apr 1979

Mrs. Minnie M. Kjemperud, 88, who had resided at 206 Fifth Ave. W., died in the Immanuel Lutheran Home Monday. She was born Sept. 19, 1890, in Caldonia, N.D., a daughter of Lewis and Anna Olson.

She received her schooling in North Dakota and later taught school there for several years. On Nov. 17, 1909, she married Genhart Skogen at Hillsboro, N.D. A short time later the couple moved to Malta where they homesteaded.

Skogen died in 1917, and she moved to Kalispell for a short time before returning to Malta. In 1924, she moved to Kalispell and has lived here since that time. In 1945, she married Christ Kjemperud in Kalispell.

Mrs. Kjemperud had been employed as a cook in various restaurants in Kalispell prior to her retirement. She was a member of the Central Bible Church and had been active in the Ladies Circle of the church.

She was preceded in death by one son, Earl Skogen, in 1956. She is survived by her husband, Christ, at home; one son, Floyd Skogen of Kalispell; one daughter, Goldie Broo of Eugene, Ore.; two granddaughters, Geraldine Young and Barbara Jewett, both of Kalispell; five great-grandchildren; six stepchildren, Alma Foster of Whitefish, Palmer Kjemperud of Garibaldi, Ore., Margaret Carlson and Bertha Anderson, both of White Sulphur Springs, Carl Kjemperud of Little Fork, Minn., and Alvin Braaten of New York; and numerous step-grandchildren, step-great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Mrs. Kjemperud will be conducted at 2 p.m. Thursday in the Johnson Chapel with the Rev. Kenneth Young, pastor of the Central Bible Church, officiating. Burial will be in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Immanuel Lutheran Home or to the Central Bible Church.

5 Oct 1979

### George Klem, 79

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George A. Klem, 79, of the Whitefish Moose Whitefish died at the North Valley Hospital Friday.

Klem was born May 28, 1900, in Spooner, Wis., son of August and Emma Klem. He received his schooling in Wisconsin and then came west to eastern Montana to work for the Great Northern, Western Fruit Express.

He was married to Mildred Field Oct. 10, 1922.

In 1930 he and his wife moved to Whitefish, where he continued to work with the Western Fruit express until he entered the fuel supply business. He later sold his business and worked as grounds keeper for the Great Northern and later the Whitefish Golf Course until he retired.

He was a retired member of the Whitefish Volunteer Fire Department and also a member of

He is now survived by his wife, Mildred of Whitefish; four sons, Lee of Missoula, Ray of Billings, Roy of Seattle, Wash., and Don in the Phillipines; one daughter, Dorothy Hescher of Whitefish; his mother, Emma Klem of Hubbardsville, N. Y., 15 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren and seven brothers and sisters.

Services will be conducted from the Austin Chapel 2 p.m. Tuesday with the Whitefish Moose Lodge in charge. Burial will be made in the Whitefish cemetery.

3 Aug 1979

### Estella Knight, 76

3 Aug 1979

EUREKA — Estella "Jessie" Knight, 76, of Eureka died Friday in Eureka.

She was born Nov. 26, 1902, in Rice Lake, Wis. She received her schooling in Wisconsin and Canada, moving to Eureka in 1919. She worked for a private telephone company, the Davis Cafe and The Montana Hotel, all in Eureka.

She was a member of the St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church, the Royal Neighbors of America, The Garden Club and the Rebecca Lodge.

Survivors include Tom Quirk of Eureka; one daughter, Georgia Barber of Kalispell; two sisters, Esther Bissell of Conrad and Edna Schoonmaker of Eureka; five grandsons and six great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Monday at the Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church in Eureka with the Rev. Spaulding Howe officiating. Interment will follow in the Tobacco Valley Cemetery under the direction of the Vial Funeral Home in Eureka.

16 Apr 1979

### Cora G. Knauss, 86

16 Apr 1979

LONG BEACH, Calif. — Mrs. Homer (Cora G.) Knauss, 86, died April 16 at Costa Mesa Memorial Hospital.

She was born June 5, 1892, in North Dakota.

She had been married for 64 years to Homer Knauss.

In July 1954, the couple moved to Kalispell from North Dakota and live here until September 1974, when they moved to Windom, Minn. In September 1977 they moved to Long Beach.

Survivors include her husband, Homer in Long Beach; two daughters, Mrs. Kenneth (Phyllis) Fowler of Costa Mesa, Calif., and Mrs. Richard (Alice) Shoemaker of Long Beach; two sons, Merlie Knauss of Lindale, Texas, and Harris Knauss of Windom, Minn.; 13 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Roy (Mabel) Kylo of Tolna, N.D., and Mrs. Perry (Connie) Alm of Donnelly, Minn.; one brother, Obert Hoveskeland of McVile, N.D.



22 Jan 1979

## Fred Knopfle, 86

22 Jan 1979

COLUMBIA FALLS — and he moved into the veterans home in 1977.

Fred Knopfle, 86, of Whitefish, died Monday at the Montana Veterans Home. He was born Jan. 29, 1892, the son of Adam and Christina Knopfle, in Dakota Territory.

The family moved in 1902 to what is now Upham, N.D., and to Malta in 1915. Knopfle served with the U.S. Army during World War I and returned to Malta where he married Orvetta Belle Owens Dec. 23, 1930.

They moved to Whitefish in 1943 where he was employed in the Great Northern Railway roundhouse. He retired in 1957. Mrs. Knopfle died Dec. 3, 1971.

He was a member of American Legion Post 108. He is now survived by one son, Vernon of Whitefish; two daughters, Mrs. Betty Patterson, Whitefish, and Mrs. Peggy Harmon, Santa Barbara, Calif.; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, and a brother, August of Kalispell. A son, Danny, died in 1962.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Austin chapel with the Rev. Neil Ruedisili of Christ Lutheran Church officiating. Burial will be in the Whitefish Cemetery.

7 Dec 1979

## Albert Knutson, 86

7 Dec 1979

Albert Knutson, 86, of 292 - Fourth Ave. E. N., Kalispell, died Friday morning in the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

He was born Oct. 8, 1893, in Kalispell, a son of Peter O. and Annetta Sands Knutson. He received his education in Kalispell, and in 1918, he entered the U.S. Army, where he served as a wagoner in Company E until receiving his honorable discharge in 1919.

On Aug. 9, 1921, he was married to Marion Brocken in the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Kalispell. On Aug. 3, 1943, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy at Helena and served as a

machinist mate 2nd class until his honorable discharge on May 17, 1944, at Santa Cruz, Calif.

He then returned to the Flathead where he engaged in the lumber industry, working as a sawmill worker and dozer operator. He also engaged in ranching. He worked for several sawmills in the area including the Kila mill and for the late Ed Conrad.

He was a member of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, the American Legion, and the World War I Barracks.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and two sisters, and is now survived by his

wife, Marion, at home; one son, Norman of Walla Walla, Wash.; one daughter, Helen Heppner of Reno, Nev.; six grandchildren; one great-grandchild; two brothers, Fred and Oscar, both of Kalispell; and a sister, Alma Conrad of Kalispell.

Services for Knutson will be conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Johnson Chapel with the Rev. H. Peder Waldum, pastor of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, officiating. Burial will be in the Glacier Memorial Gardens where military graveside rites will be conducted by the local veterans organizations.

13 Aug 1979

**RICHARD [DICK] KNOWLES**



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Richard (Dick) Knowles, 82, of 278 4th Ave. E.N., died Monday morning in the Kalispell Regional Hospital. He was a retired county auditor. Mr. Knowles was born May 9, 1897 in Kalispell, the son of Albert and Edith Maude Bailey Knowles, and was named Albert Richard Knowles at birth but changed his name to Richard Knowles in August of 1955. He attended various schools in Flathead Valley and graduated from high school in Whitefish in 1917, after which he attended Bozeman College. Mr. Knowles served in the Navy during World War One aboard the U.S.S. Hampton. Following his discharge he worked as a lumberjack for many years and then purchased the Montana Cash Grocery here. He sold the grocery in 1941. Mr.

Knowles went to work for the Flathead County in 1941 and was deputy county assessor for five years and seven years as deputy county treasurer until he was elected to the office of County Auditor in 1954, a position he held until he retired December 31, 1964. On August 10, 1925 Mr. Knowles married Helen A. Hume here. She died January 27, 1956. Mr. Knowles was a member of the Flathead Senior Citizens; World War One Veterans, Barracks No. 362 of which he was Jr. Past Commander; was a life member of the Disabled American Veterans; Aerie No. 234, Fraternal Order of the Eagles; Post No. 7 of the American Legion of which he served as adjutant many years; and was a life member of the Kalispell Elks Lodge. He served on the veteran's military burial team. Surviving are his daughter, Mrs. Richard (Pat) Collier of Marion; one sister, Mrs. Otha (Margaret) Isaacs of Kalispell; 3 grandsons, Rick Collier of Pittsburgh, PA, Robb Collier of Marion, and Rand Collier, now serving in the Navy; one granddaughter, Mrs. Don (Mary-Helen) Dryden of Sparks, Nevada; 2 nephews, Bob Isaacs of Kalispell and Dick Isaacs of Helena; and one great-grandson and one great-granddaughter. He was also preceded in death by his parents, and one grandson Ronn Collier in 1977. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in the Weatherford Funeral Home with the Rev. Thomas Best of the Glacier Unitarian Fellowship officiating. Burial, with military rites by local veterans will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery. The family suggests memorials to Richard Knowles Memorial Fund at the Montana Veteran's Home, Columbia Falls or to the Richard Knowles Memorial Fund of the Flathead Senior Citizens.

11 Nov 1979



VERNA KNUTSON

11 Nov 1979 **Verna Knutson, 69**

Verna L. Knutson, 69, 1020 Fifth Ave. W., died Sunday morning in Kalispell Regional Hospital.

Mrs. Knutson was born Oct. 14, 1910, in Weston, Idaho, the daughter of Peter and Lucille Nelson Jacobson. She received her early elementary schooling in Weston and continued it in San Francisco, Calif. While there she attended beauty school and worked as a beautician in the San Francisco and Oakland

area for several years.

In 1945 she married Vernon L. Knudson in San Francisco and they moved to Kalispell in 1947 where she had been employed by Todds Bakery for 11 years.

She is survived at the family home by her husband, Vernon; one daughter, Mrs. Reynold (Fay) McMannamy, Kalispell; one son, Sheridan Knutson, Kalispell two brothers, Weldon Jacobson and Jude

Jacobson of Weston, Idaho; two sisters; Mrs. Irene Anderson of Western Idaho and Mrs. Ellis (Rose) Phillips of Pocatello, Idaho, and two grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. at the Weatherford Funeral Home with the Rev. Chauncey Biffle officiating. Burial will follow in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation from 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesday.

31 Oct 1979

31 Oct 1979 **Mattie Kolsrud, 83**

Mrs. Mattie Herfindahl Kolsrud, 83, who had resided at 36 9th Ave. W. died in Kalispell Wednesday morning.

She was born October 21, 1896, in Plummer, Minn., a daughter of Mons and Jorgine Herfindahl. She received schooling in Minnesota. On Nov. 3, 1920, she married Peder Kolsrud in Detroit Lakes, Minn. The couple lived at Ulen, Minn., for several years and in 1928 they moved to Detroit Lakes where they farmed. In 1953, they moved to Shelby where they lived until their retirement in 1961 when they moved to Kalispell.

Mrs. Kolsrud was a member of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

She was preceded in death by her hus-

band in 1977, and a grandson, Kent, in 1978. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Lloyd (Jean) Crowell of Kalispell and Pearl Nasset of Shelby; seven grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; three sisters, Mrs. Arne (Marion) Hemness of Kalispell, Mrs. Clayton (Tena) Halgrimson and Mrs. Carl (Clara) Linden, both of Detroit Lakes; and a number of other relatives.

Funeral services for Mrs. Kolsrud will be conducted in the Johnson Chapel at 1:30 p.m. Saturday with the Rev. John Allen, pastor of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, officiating. Burial will be in the Glacier Memorial Gardens.

9 Feb 1979

## Margaret Elizabeth Koenig, 70

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Margaret Elizabeth Koenig, 70, of Lakeside, died Friday night in the Kalispell Regional Hospital. She was a retired motel operator.

Mrs. Koenig was born July 16, 1908, in Kalispell, the daughter of Hector D. and Mary Noble. She attended elementary school in Kalispell and graduated from Flathead High School in 1926. Following a graduate course at Flathead High School she taught school at the Pine Grove School in Flathead Valley.

On Aug. 7, 1928, she married Orien M. Strissel in Kalispell. The couple owned and operated the Kalispell Municipal Airport.



MARGARET KOENIG  
Former owner of Nobel's  
Motel dies.

In 1935 her father built Noble's Motel in Kalispell which she owned and operated until selling it in April 1977.

On Oct. 19, 1951, she married Paul H. Koenig in Kalispell. The couple moved to Lakeside in February 1978.

Mrs. Koenig was a member of the Epworth United Methodist Church and the American Cancer Society.

Surviving are her husband, Paul, at home; two daughters, Mrs. Allen (Nancy) Zimmerman and Mrs. Ronald (Sallie) Walter, both of Kalispell; and four grandchildren, Shawn, Dennis and Lisa Zimmerman and Jeremy Walter.

She was preceded in death by an infant brother in 1910.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday in the Weatherford Funeral Home. The Rev. J. Torrance Harvey, pastor of the Lakeside Chapel, will officiate. Cremation will follow in the Weatherford Crematory. The family suggests memorials be made to the Lakeside Chapel or to the American Cancer Society. Viewing hours Sunday will be from 7 to 9 p.m. in the funeral home.

21 Jan 1979

**ELLY F. KRAFT**

24 Jan. 1979 K.W.N

Elly F. Kraft, 84, of the Immanuel Lutheran Home, died there Sunday morning. Mrs. Kraft was born December 10, 1894 in East Prussia, Germany, the daughter of Albert and Amelia Kuewning. She lived most of her life in East Prussia. Mrs. Kraft was married to Arthur Kraft, a teacher, on June 20, 1920 in East Prussia. During the invasion of the Russian troops in 1945 the couple moved to central Germany. Her husband died there in 1967. Mrs. Kraft moved to the United States and to Golden, Colorado to be with her daughter in 1967 and to Whitefish in

1977. She had lived in the Immanuel Lutheran Home one year. Surviving are her daughter, Mrs. Harry (Ursula) Durst of Whitefish; her granddaughter, Joan Durst of Kalispell and her grandson, Kenneth Durst of Felton, Delaware. Besides her husband she was preceded in death by a son in Russia in 1942. Memorial services will be at 3 p.m. Thursday in the Immanuel Lutheran Home with Mirth Stedje, chaplain, officiating. Her body was cremated in the Weatherford Crematory in Kalispell.

3 May 1979

**Kathryn Krona, 56**

3 May 1979

Kathryn Lorraine Krona, 56, died at the home of her sister at 15 Somers Ave. in Whitefish Thursday morning. She was a resident of Columbia Falls.

Miss Krona was born April 17, 1923, in Bethel, Minn., a daughter of Fred and Nora Krona. She moved with her parents to Whitefish in 1936 and received her early schooling. In the early 1930s, she moved with her parents to Columbia Falls where she completed her schooling,

graduating with the high school class of 1942. She was employed by the B&B Store in Columbia Falls for 21 years and had to retire in 1973, due to ill health.

She is survived by one brother, Ralph Krona of Whitefish; two sisters, Mrs. Joe (Blanche) McDougall of Elko, B.C., Canada, and Mrs. Robert (Gertrude) Hunsinger of Whitefish; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by

her parents, a brother, Wallace, in 1964, and two sisters, Evelyn, in 1965, and Beatrice, in 1976.

Rosary will be recited in the Van Leuven Funeral Home Friday at 7:30 p.m. Mass of the resurrection will be celebrated Saturday at 10 a.m. in St. Richards Catholic Church with Rev. B.J. Sullivan as celebrant. Burial will be made in the Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

18 Oct 1979

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**Minnie Louise Kuntz, 92**

Mrs. Minnie Louise Kuntz, 92, of Kalispell died in Kalispell Thursday afternoon.

She was born July 12, 1887, in Detroit Lakes, Minn., a daughter of William and Amelia Riebhoff.

She received her education in Minnesota, having attended Normal School. She then taught school there for a number of years before moving to North Dakota. About 50 years ago she moved to the Flathead Valley and has been a resident of the Whitefish and Kalispell area since that time.

She was employed as a cook in various logging camps in the area prior to her retirement.

She is survived by one brother and four sisters, in-

cluding Lucille Larson of Kalispell, and numerous nieces and nephews including Betty Vlasak of Kalispell.

Graveside services for Mrs. Kuntz will be held at 11 a.m. Monday in the Glacier Memorial Gardens with the Rev. Herbert Cies, pastor of the Epworth United Methodist Church, officiating. Friends will meet at the Johnson Chapel before going to the cemetery.

The body will lie in state at the Johnson Chapel until 9 p.m. on Sunday evening for visitation.