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Anna Bachant, 92

Anna Frances Bachant, 92, died Saturday evening in Lake View Care Center in Bigfork.

She was born March 17, 1895, in Leflore, Okla., to John and Mattie Screivner. She received her education in Oklahoma and married Martin Pope there. He preceded her in death.

In 1925, she moved to Montana, living in Whitefish for a short time before moving to Kalispell.

On Nov. 3, 1945, she married Louis Bachant, and was preceded in death by him on Oct. 10, 1955.

She was a longtime Baptist.

Survivors include two sons, Louie Pope of Oxford, Mass., and Lee Pope of Helena; a daughter, Willie Miller of Myrtle Grove, Ore.; two brothers in Oklahoma; and a number of grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held 2

p.m. Tuesday in Conrad Memorial Cemetery, with the Rev. Nathan Bemis of Bible Baptist Church officiating. Friends will meet at the cemetery for services. Friends may call at Johnson Mortuary for visitation until 8 tonight.

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Agnes Badgley, 93

EUREKA — Agnes E. Badgley, 93, a former resident of Eureka, died Tuesday at Medford, Ore.

She was born Nov. 28, 1893, at Willmar, Minn., to Thomas and Sarah Crowley. She was raised at Willmar and came with her family to the Tobacco Valley in 1912. The family later lived at Old Flagstone B.C., for four years, returning to Eureka in 1916.

She married William H. Badgley Feb. 5, 1917, at Eureka. In 1919, she and her husband moved to Jordan, where they homesteaded for 12 years, and they later moved to Wyola, until returning to Eureka in 1937.

She had been a housekeeper at Our Lady of Mercy rectory for many years until 1971, when she moved to Central Point, Ore.

Her husband preceded her in death in 1947.

She was also preceded in death by a son, V. Ross Badgley, in 1986, and by two sisters.

She is survived by three daughters, Phyllis Gilchrist of Central Point, Ore., Agnes Pluid of Kalispell, and Patricia Byers of Libby; one son, William J. Badgley of Rexford; a daughter-in-law, Bet-

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Levi L. Bachler

WHITEFISH — Levi L. Bachler, 73, a resident of Whitefish, died Thursday, June 11, at St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula of natural causes.

He was born April 8, 1914, in Verdale, Minn., a son of Clyde and Levina Bachler. At the age of 5, he moved with his parents to Polson, where he was raised and graduated from Polson High School in the Class of 1935.

He married Lenora E. Woods Nov. 20, 1936. They moved to Whitefish in 1942, where he was employed with the Great Northern Railway. He retired in 1978 from the Burlington Northern as an engineer.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lenora, Dec. 5, 1978.

On Oct. 29, 1983, he married Minnie Pike in Whitefish. She survives him. He is also survived by two sons, William D. Bachler, Springville, Utah, and Daniel L. Bachler, Sacra-

mento, Calif.; one daughter, Kathleen Griffeth, Whitefish; 12 grandchildren; three sisters: Evelyn Van Campen and Lillian Hamilton, both of Plains, and Elnora Palmer, Kalispell; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Austin Funeral Home, Whitefish.

Burial will be in Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Kalispell.

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ty, Badgley, of Clarkston, Wash., two sisters, Mary Beatty of Spokane, and Jesse Purdy of Eureka; a brother, David Crowley of Kalispell; 16 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Mass of the resurrection will be celebrated Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church in Eureka, with the Rev. Thomas Penlon as celebrant. Burial will be at the Tobacco Valley Cemetery.

Rosary services will be conducted Monday evening at 7:30 p.m. at the church. Arrangements are under the direction of Vial Funeral Home of Eureka.

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Clair Badley, 72

Clair J. Badley, 72, of Blodgett, Ore., a former Kalispell resident, died April 27 in Oregon.

He was born Nov. 19, 1914, in Kansas City, Kan., a son of George and Eva Phillips Badley. He moved to Oregon in 1936.

He worked for Mack Trucks Inc. for many years and was transferred to Kalispell in 1956 where he owned and operated J&H Auto repair for many years. He moved from Kalispell to Blodgett, Ore. in 1978.

He was an accomplished musician and played many different instruments including piano, organ, harmonica, dulcimer, banjo and violin. He was a woodworker and made several instruments and furniture.

He was a model train enthusiast and made many different model railroads. He operated a ham radio and went by the call letters K7DCL. He also enjoyed hunting and fishing.

He is survived by his wife, Helen "Polly" Badley of Blodgett, Ore.; three sons, Terry Badley of Vallejo, Calif., Michael Badley of Columbia Falls, and Daniel Badley of Kalispell; a daughter, Debra Nicol of Blodgett, Ore.; three sisters, Fern Warford of Lawson, Mo., Dorothy Neal of Higbee, Mo., and Lois Gross of Lone Jack, Mo.; 15 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

At his request no public services will be held.

Donations may be made to the Salvation Army or the Philomath Food Bank, c/o DeMoss-Durdan Garden Chapel, 815 N.W. Buchanan Ave., Corvallis, Ore. 97330.

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Nancy Baker, 52

POLSON — Nancy Fee Baker, 52, Polson, died of cancer at her home Monday.

She was born Oct. 8, 1934, in Polson, to Maurice and Ruth Fee. Her father preceded her in death in 1969.

She was raised in Polson and graduated from high school there in 1953. In 1963, she moved to Missoula, working for the University of Montana for many years before returning to Polson in 1977.

She worked at the Western Bee in Polson until she became ill.

She was an artist, especially talented with woodcarving and wild-life paintings. Friends and family will remember her for her quick wit and sense of humor.

She is survived by her mother, Ruth Fee of Polson; a sister, Patsy Redeker of Polson; three children, Greg Tollefson of Missoula, Toni Tollefson Wock of Big Arm, and Darci Baker of Denver.

Cremation has taken place. No services will be held.

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Yoland Baggett, 63

Yoland Pettinato Baggett, 63, a former Flathead resident, died June 26 at her home in Spokane, Wash.

She was born Aug. 7, 1923, in Essex, a daughter of Raphaela and Carmelo Pettinato. She attended local schools and graduated from Flathead County High School in 1941.

She worked for Western Union Telegraph Company in Santa Cruz, Calif., Kalispell and Spokane, Wash., and also the Spokesman Review for a number of years.

She was a member of the Altar Society at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Women of the Moose, and the Catholic Daughters of America.

She is survived by two daughters, Mela Hargraves of Bainbridge Island, Wash., and Lisa Baggett of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; four sons, James of Edmonds, Wash., Stephen of Point Richmond, Calif., Paul and Thomas Baggett, both of Spokane; seven brothers, Joe Pettinato of Columbia Falls, Rom of Whitefish, Frank of Missoula, Russell of Bartlesville, Okla., Bert of Honolulu, Hawaii, Rudy of Silver Springs, Md., and Virgil Pettinato of Concord, Calif.; three grandchildren and a number of other relatives.

Funeral mass was celebrated June 30 at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church in Spokane. Burial was in the Holy Cross Mausoleum.

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Clarence Baker, 74

Clarence E. Baker, 74, Happy Valley, died Friday evening at North Valley Hospital.

He was born Feb. 16, 1913, in Jerome, Pa., a son of Joseph and Frances Baker. He was raised and educated in Jerome.

At the age of 17, he joined the Navy and served one enlistment. Following his discharge from the Navy, he lived in several different cities and was employed with a number of companies.

In 1939, he was employed as an engineer for Santa Fe Railroad and lived in Bakerfield, Calif., for 30 years. In 1978, he retired from the railroad and had resided in the Flathead Valley since.

He was a member of Whitefish Moose Lodge and the Elks Lodge in Parker, Ariz.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia, at their home; a son, Brian Baker of Bakersfield, Calif.; a daughter, Charlotte Ahaus of Glendale, Calif.; three sisters, Leone Belle and Edith Good, both of Missouri, and Gaynella of California; two brothers, Jack and Ted Baker, both of Missouri; a stepson, Frank Vidrine of Parker, Ariz.; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Services will be conducted in Arizona later this month. Local arrangements were made by Austin Funeral Home of Whitefish.

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Mildred Ball

Services for former Columbia Falls resident, Mildred Ball, 75, were held Dec. 7 in Stanley, N.D.

Mrs. Ball died Dec. 3 in a Stanley hospital. She was born Oct. 27, 1912, near White Earth, N.D., daughter of Andrew and Oline Aardahl.

On Dec. 23, 1933 she and Forrest Ball were married. They lived for 12 years in Columbia Falls before returning to White Earth in 1953.

Survivors include her husband, Forrest at the family home in Stanley; daughters, Delores Sanders, Columbia Falls; Patricia Kjoson, Minot, N.D.; Myrna Hauglie, Gelburn, N.D.; Farrell Palazzo, Chester, N.Y.; nine grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; four brothers and one sister.

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WHITEFISH — Services were Monday for Irene W. "Bobbie" Barlett, 84, of Whitefish. She died Thursday at North Valley Hospital.

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Wava Barnes, 83

Wava M. Barnes, 83, Whitefish, who was the 1963 Iowa Mother of the Year, died Tuesday evening at Brendan House.

She was born April 17, 1904, in Reinbeck, Iowa, the daughter of George and Emma Saul. She was raised and graduated from high school in Reinbeck.

On Aug. 8, 1923, she married Walter Barnes in Boone, Iowa, and they made their home in Blackhawk County, Iowa. They later became the first married couple to graduate from Coe College in Iowa.

They moved to southern Ohio in 1937, eventually settling in Dayton, Ohio, in 1951. After Mr. Barnes' death in 1959, she lived in Ames and Waterloo, Iowa; Nampa, Idaho; and Antioch, Ill. In 1983, she came to Whitefish where she was a resident of Mountain View Manor until entering Brendan House two months ago.

An artist and educator, she had degrees in nutrition and education and had worked with a number of dairy councils.

Mrs. Barnes was a member of the Whitefish Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and had also attended First Baptist Church services at Mountain View Manor.

Survivors include three sons, Dr. Walter C. Barnes Jr. of San Antonio

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Texas, Dr. Donald R. Barnes of Kalispell, and Dr. Robert J. Barnes of Angola, La.; a sister, Carol Severance of Dike, Iowa; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Graveside memorial services will be 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Reinbeck Cemetery, Reinbeck, Iowa. Memorial services will also be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Mountain View Manor in Whitefish.

Arrangements and cremation are by Weatherford Funeral Home and Crematory.

Memorials are suggested to First Baptist Church of Whitefish for their Shut-in Ministry; the National Kidney Foundation, 2 Park Ave., New York, NY 10016; or the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 1002, Kalispell.

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Phyllis Barrow, 51

Phyllis Louise Barrow, 51, died at her home in Kalispell Wednesday evening.

She was born Sept. 3, 1935, in Florence, Kan., a daughter of Alden and Lucille Powell. She received her education in Kansas and was a 1963 graduate of Great Bend High School, Great Bend, Kan. She was a majorette in the high school marching band.

She spent her early life in Kansas and was baptized into the First

Christian Church as a child. She later moved to Sacramento, Calif., where she raised her family. She moved to Kalispell in 1978.

She and her husband enjoyed canning foods, hunting, flying airplanes, riding motorcycles, dancing and riding horses.

She was preceded in death by her father, Alden Powell, and an infant son, James Bradley Hagen.

She is survived by her husband, Richard Barrow, at home; three sons, Donald Kim Hagen of Kalispell, Donald Alan Barrow in California, and Richard Jay Barrow of Kalispell; two daughters, Debra Jean Ward of Spokane, Wash., and Mary Ann Lutz of Kalispell; her mother, Lucille Powell of Great Bend, Kan., and a number of other relatives.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Saturday in Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Howard Mars of Bethlehem Lutheran Church officiating. Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery. 6 Feb 1987

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Theodore Barry, 81

Theodore Barry, 81, a long-time resident of the Flathead Valley, died Thursday in Ellensburg, Wash.

He was born March 29, 1906, in Kalispell, a son of Adloir and Delphine Barry. He attended Kalispell schools and graduated from Flathead County High School.

In 1928, he married Lillian Grob, who preceded him in death. He later married Bernice Washburn.

Mr. Barry had retired after being a railroad clerk for the Great Northern Railroad for many years. He moved to Ellensburg four years ago after having lived in Columbia Falls, Whitefish and Kalispell.

He was a member of the Eagles Lodge and the Railroad Clerks Union.

He is survived by two sons,

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George Barry, 56

George E. Barry, 56, Lakeside, died Tuesday morning at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

He was born May 18, 1931, in Williston, N.D., a son of Joe and Marie Barry.

He was a Marine in the Korean War and served as a sergeant until receiving his honorable discharge in 1953. He later graduated from the University of North Dakota in 1958.

He lived in Minneapolis, Albuquerque, Dallas and Houston.

Mr. Barry owned and operated a cable television company in Kingwood, Texas. After selling his company, he relocated to Lakeside in 1983.

On March 7, 1953, he married Donna M. Bundhund and is now survived by her at the family home.

He is also survived by three daughters, Kimberly Whitworth of Kalispell, Patricia Barry of Williston, and Dee Anna Garland of Kingwood; a sister, Phillis Kananen of Portland; and three grandchildren.

Graveside services will be 11 a.m. Saturday in Williston, N.D. Arrangements are under the direction of Everson Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to A. Keith Brewer Foundation, 325 N. Central Ave., Richland Center, Wis. 53581. 16 July 1987

Arnold Barry of El Cerrito, Calif., and Dayle Barry of Issaquah, Wash.; one daughter, Bernadine Michaud of Ellensburg, Wash.; a sister, Dolly Siderius of Kalispell; a brother, Lloyd Barry of Newhall, Iowa; 13 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for Mr. Barry will be at 2 p.m. Monday in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel, with the Rev. Barry Dawson of First Presbyterian Church officiating. Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

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Irene Bartlett, 84

Irene W. "Bobbie" Bartlett, 84, of Whitefish, died Thursday at the North Valley Hospital. She graduated from Boston University at age 52 and was a research assistant and secretary to noted historian and author Stefan Lorant for several years.

She was born Aug. 23, 1902 in Keene, N.H., a daughter of Levi Mason and Mabel Johnson Fay. She graduated from Keene High School and attended Bay Path Institute in Springfield, Mass. In 1954 she received her B.A. degree from Boston University, and took post-graduate classes there.

She taught business classes at various high schools in Vermont, Massachusetts and Colorado, and ended her teaching career as an instructor at Quinnipiac College in New Haven, Conn. She also worked as a court stenographer and as an assistant to Lorant.

In the 1920s she married F.L. Weston and he preceded her in death. In 1961 she was married to Miles Bartlett and in December 1986, they celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. They resided in Whitefish since 1973.

She was active in the Whitefish Women's Club, Big Mountain Ski Club, Friday Morning Book Club, North Valley Hospital Auxiliary, Eastern Star, and was a past member of American Association of University Women and League of Woman Voters. She was an avid bridge player and gardener.

She was preceded in death by one son, Larry Weston, and a brother, Charles R. Fay. She is now survived by her husband, Miles, at their home in Whitefish; one daughter, Fay Atchinson of Whitefish; 12 grandchildren, four great grandchildren and a number of other relatives.

Memorial services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at the Austin Funeral Home, with the Rev. Ken Peterson of the Whitefish Presbyterian Church officiating. Cremation has taken place.

The family suggests memorials to the Whitefish Presbyterian Church building fund or other charity.

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Ivory Bates Jr., 65

Ivory A. Bates Jr., 65, Kalispell, a 30-year Navy veteran, died early Monday morning at Kalispell Regional Hospital, following a lengthy illness.

He was born Feb. 21, 1922, at Fort Smith, Ark., the son of Ivory and Lena Bates. He was raised in the Wheaton and West Chicago areas of Illinois, and graduated from high school in Wheaton.

On Nov. 29, 1935, he married Carol Noreen Pearson in Joliet, Ill.

He was a chief petty officer in the U.S. Navy and served from 1942 to 1972. He fought in both World War II and the Korean Conflict, taking part in such major battles as Savo Island, Coral Sea, Marianas, and was a survivor of the sinking of the aircraft carrier USS Gambier Bay.

Among his many decorations and medals were the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Good Conduct Medal with three stars, and campaign ribbons for the American Theatre, Asiatic Pacific, Phillipine Liberation, Korean Expedition, and World War II Victory.

Mr. Bates was a Golden Gloves boxer in 1940, and a Fleet Champion in 1943.

He and his wife had lived in Kalispell since March 1985.

Survivors include his wife, Carol, at the family home in Kalispell; two sons, Ivory A. Bates III and Brian Bates, both of Kalispell; three daughters, Debbie Fox of Ferndale, Kathy Moon of Bigfork, and Cari Stephens of El Cajon, Calif.; two brothers, Kelly Bates of Aurora, Ill., and Robert Bates of Minneapolis, Minn., and eight grandchildren.

Burial at sea will be conducted from a U.S. Navy vessel sailing from North Island Naval Air Station, San Diego. There will be no public services in the Kalispell area.

Arrangements are by Weatherford Funeral Home & Crematory.

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Judith Marie Nelson Bates of Golden Colo., and former seasonal resident of Essex, died Dec. 3, 1987, at Swedish Medical Center. She was born May 13, 1945, in Omaha, Neb. and attended Denver East High School and nursing school. She was a member of the Sports Car Club of America. Surviving are two sons, Charles and Todd, both of Wenatchee, Wash.; her parents, Don and Phyllis Regas, of Wall, S.D. and Essex; four brothers, Phillip Nelson of Pueblo, Colo., Randy Nelson of Littleton, Colo., Roger Nelson of Waterford, Minn., and Jeffrey Regas, serving in the Army; a sister, Janine Hayes of Littleton, Colo. and formerly of Essex. Services were Dec. 7 and burial was in Crown Hill Cemetery.

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Lucian Becquart

Memorial services were held Jan. 12 at Camas, Wash. for Lucian "Luke" Becquart, 64, who died of a heart attack Jan. 10 in a Vancouver, Wash. hospital.

Mr. Becquart was born July 9, 1922 at Colgate, Okla.

He was employed by American Protection Agency and was a retired Burlington Northern agent-telegrapher after 36 years of service. Prior to his Washington residency, he was an agent-telegrapher at Paradise and Plains, while residing at Thompson Falls from 1978 to 1984. He was a veteran of World War II.

Survivors include his widow, Lucille of Washougal, Wash.; two sons, Steven, Redding, Calif. and Tim, Washougal; three daughters, Paula Buhman, Vancouver, Wash., Sandra Rucker, Colorado Springs, Colo. and Laura Becquart of Washougal; a brother, Tom, Moise Springs, Idaho; four sisters, Edith Gaertner, Whitefish, Mont., Lillian Kins and Marion Smith, Troy, and Peggy Starling, Spokane; and six grandchildren.

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M. Beebe, 5 mos.

Michael Beebe, 5-month-old son of Craig and Terry Guest Beebe, died at home in Mesa, Ariz., on Wednesday.

He was born Sept. 22, 1986, in Mesa.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather Michael Guest, and is now survived by his parents, his grandparents, Rose Beebe of



Mesa, Walter Beebe of Ridgecrest, Calif., and Connie Guest of Kalispell; great-grandparents, Meryl Goldhammer of Sparks, Nev., Vic and Dolly Guest of Kalispell, and Rit and Hank Deitrick of Kalispell.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Monday in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Paul Taylor of Christ Episcopal Church officiating. Cremation will follow the services.

The family suggests memorial contributions to fight sudden infant death syndrome, c/o St. Vincent's Hospital, P.O. Box 35200, Billings, MT 59107-5200.

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5 Mar. 1987
Lena Behrens, 62

Lena Kristene Behrens, 62, Kalispell, died Tuesday afternoon in Kalispell Regional Hospital.

She was born Dec. 9, 1924, in Vandve, Norway; a daughter of George and Kasbara Kibsgaard. She received her education in Norway.

She came to Kalispell in 1948. She worked as a seamstress for a number of years and was employed by Harmon's and Anderson Style Shop.

She was a Lutheran and had been a member of the Sons of Norway.

On July 22, 1967, she married Jack H. Behrens in Kalispell, and is now survived by him at the family home.

She is also survived by three sons, Werner Skyba in the U.S. Army at Fort Lewis, Wash., Kurt and Helmut Skyba, both of Kalispell; two stepchildren, Dan Behrens of Kalispell and Diane Beck of Missoula; her mother, Kasbara Kibsgaard of Kalispell; two sisters, Gerd Froystad of Kalispell, and Margot Olensen in Norway; a brother, Halvor Kibsgaard in Norway; seven grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; many nieces, nephews, and other

relatives.

She was preceded in death by her father and a brother in Norway.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Friday, in Bethlehem Lutheran Church with the Rev. Matthew Cox officiating. Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Friends and relatives may call at Johnson Mortuary for visitation until noon Friday.

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Annie Bell, 87

Annie Bell, 87, of Columbia Falls, died Friday evening at the Colonial Manor in Whitefish.

She was born Sept. 24, 1899, in Mitchell, Colo., to Bailey and Fannie Clark. She spent most of her life in Boulder, Colo., where she and her husband farmed.

She moved to Columbia Falls in 1976 following the death of her husband. She was also preceded in death by a daughter and a sister.

She is survived by one son, Willard Bell of Columbia Falls; two sisters, one in Boulder and one in Indiana; three grandchildren, David Bell of Columbia Falls, Joyce Fredericks of Eureka, and Gayla Bell of Kalispell; and two great grandchildren.

Services and burial are tentatively set for Wednesday in Boulder. Local arrangements are by the Van Leuven Funeral Home in Columbia Falls. 4 Jan. 1987-Interlake

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R. Belangie, 76

LIBBY - Raymond A. Belangie, 76, died of cancer Thursday evening at his home.

He was born July 29, 1911, at Butte to Camille and Katherine Belangie. He was raised and educated in Butte, where he later worked as a miner for the Anaconda Co.

In 1935, he married Kathleen M. Carabin in Butte. He also worked for the F&S Construction Co.

He moved to Libby in 1947, where he worked for W.R. Grace and Co. as a maintenance supervisor until 1976, when he retired.

He was a member of the St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus, Libby Elks Club, and Libby Senior Citizens. He served as

a district deputy of the Knights of Columbus in 1956. He also served as a eucharistic minister of the Catholic Church.

He is survived by his wife Kathleen "Kay" Belangie of Libby; two daughters, Sherrie Ward of Shingle Springs, Calif., and Judi Domino of Newman Lake, Wash.; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by four sisters and a brother.

Rosary will be recited today at 7:30 p.m. at the Vial Funeral Home chapel. Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Monday at the St. Joseph's Catholic Church with the Rev. Frank Wigenstein as celebrant. Burial will follow at the City of Libby Cemetery under the direction of the Vial Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to the Hospice, Box 781, Libby MT 59923.

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Dorothy Bell, 89

Dorothy Naomi Bell, 89, died Monday evening in Lake View Nursing Center in Bigfork where she had resided for the past 15 years.

She was born April 7, 1898, in Payne, Ohio, a daughter of George and Minnie Heck. As a child she lived in Andrew, Huntington, and Roanoke, Ind., and when she was 16, she moved to Brady.

In 1918, she married Harvey H. Bell in Choteau. The couple lived and farmed at Brady for several years before moving to Geraldine. In 1937, they moved to Kalispell and had lived here much of the time

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Mrs. Bell was a Gold Star Mother and was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harvey, on May 14, 1966; five sons, Harvey Jr., Hugh, Glen, Howard and Jack Bell; and a daughter, Bertha Frounhofer.

She is survived by a son, James R. Bell of Sugar City, Idaho; four daughters, Mrs. Jerrald (Dorothy) Baldwin of Kalispell, Elnora Dye of Sumner, Wash., Mrs. Henry (Neida) Ness of Spokane, Wash., and Mrs. Ernest (Alma) Brandon of Trego; numerous grandchildren; great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in Conrad Memorial Cemetery with Bishop James Fenn of the Bigfork Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints officiating. Friends will meet at the cemetery for the services. Friends may call at Johnson Mortuary for visitation until 8 tonight.

M. Bennington, 71

POLSON — Miriam Bennington, 71, Polson, died Monday in a vehicle accident on Montana 35 north of Polson.

She was born Oct. 2, 1917, in Norbourne, Mo., to Will and Elizabeth Runyan. She attended Norborne schools and Carlton Community College in Missouri.

On May 4, 1974, she married Dr.

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Carl A. Benson, 63

Carl Albert Benson, 63, Columbia Falls, died Jan. 30 at his home in Columbia Falls.

He was born May 27, 1923, in Wolf Creek, Ore., to John and Blanche Benson. He was raised and educated in Wolf Creek. Mr. Benson was a veteran and had served in the Army during World War II.

After his honorable discharge he

returned to Wolf Creek where he was engaged in the logging business for several years.

He moved to Columbia Falls in 1975 and was a truck driver for Cal-Gas until his retirement five years ago.

He was a member of the Moose Lodge.

He is survived by two sons, Carl F. Benson of Grants Pass, Ore., and Terrance L. Benson of Alamosa, Colo.; a daughter, Debbie Atchison of Aztec, N.M.; two sisters, Betty Wilds of Redmond, Ore., and Dorothy Rasmussen of Redding, Calif.

He was preceded in death by four brothers and sisters.

Funeral services will be Friday in Grants Pass, Ore. Local arrangements are by Van Leuven Funeral Home in Columbia Falls.

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John Benson, 79

John W. Benson, 79, Creston, died Saturday morning in Kalispell Regional Hospital.

He was born Aug. 17, 1907, in Coleville, Utah, a son of Eben L. and Martha J. Benson. He graduated from Burley, Idaho, High School in 1926. He attended Idaho State University at Pocatello, Idaho.

In 1935, he moved to the Flathead Valley.

He was engaged in a variety of work.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

He was a member of Bigfork Masonic Lodge.

In November 1957, he married Mary Birky, and is now survived by her at the family home.

He is also survived by two stepsons, Lloyd Mathwig of Kalispell and Richard Mathwig of Prescott, Ariz.; two brothers, Rank and Fred Benson, both of Boise, Idaho; two nephews; two nieces; seven step-grandchildren; two step-great-grandchildren; and four grandnieces and grandnephews.

Funeral services will be 2:30 p.m. Tuesday in Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Rodney Myrum of First Baptist Church of Bigfork officiating. Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Friends may call at Johnson

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Elwin Bennington in Cheyenne, Wyo.

Mrs. Bennington was employed for General Foods in Kankakee, Ill., and as a secretary for the Public Health Service and for the Environmental Protection Agency both in Denver. She and her husband had retired and moved to the Turtle Lake area about 10 years ago.

Survivors include her husband, Elwin; her mother, Elizabeth Ekstrom of Polson; three stepchildren, Dr. William Bennington of Colorado Springs, Colo., Ramsey Bennington of Boulder, Colo., and John Bennington of Ramona, Calif.

Memorial services will be 2 p.m. Friday at First United Methodist Church in Polson with the Rev. Joe Keys officiating. Cremation has taken place at Mosley Funeral Home.

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Anthony Benson, 28

POLSON — Anthony Wayne Benson, 28, Polson, died Wednesday in a single-vehicle accident near Polson.

He was born Aug. 22, 1958, in Seattle to Cornell and Alvina Benson. He grew up and attended school in Seattle. At the time of his death he was a student at Flathead Valley Community College.

Mr. Benson enjoyed playing basketball and golf and attended Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Tina Burns, in 1984.

Survivors include his mother and stepfather, Alvina and Jerry Burns of Polson; his father, Cornell Benson of Seattle; two sisters, De-lores Lozeau of Seattle, and Annette Corey of New Bedford, Mass.; three brothers, Robert and Billy Benson, both of Seattle, and David Burns of Polson; and numerous other relatives.

Rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. Sunday at Mosley Funeral Chapel in Polson. Funeral services will be 10

a.m. Monday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. Burial will be at Lakeview Cemetery. Lunch will be served at the Flathead Senior Citizens Center in Polson after the burial service.

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Cheryl Berger, 14

Cheryl Lynn Berger, 14, formerly of Kalispell, died Sunday in Riverside Hospital in Newport News, Va.

She was born Nov. 19, 1972, in

Kalispell, a daughter of Arthur and Donna Berger. The family later moved to Washington, where they lived until recently moving to Richmond, Va.

Miss Berger was handicapped.

She is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Berger of Richmond, Va.; six half brothers and half sisters, Russell Prothro of San Diego, Calif., Kenneth Prothro of Virginia Beach, Va., Frances Cartright of Richmond, Va., Danette Shemorry of Pasco, Wash., Timothy Prothro of Alturas, Calif., and Christopher Prothro at the family home; her grandmother, Anna Roedel of Kalispell; and several aunts, uncles, cousins and other relatives.

Mass of the Resurrection will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in St. Matthew's Catholic Church with the Rev. Edmund Smith as celebrant. Burial will be in Glacier Memorial Gardens. Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

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Kurt Bergeron, 36

Kurt Walter Bergeron, 36, Spokane, died Saturday in a plane crash near Lakeside.

He was born Feb. 3, 1951, in Spokane, the son of James A. and Marguerite Bergeron. He was raised in Spokane and graduated from Ferris High School in 1969. He won a radio/TV broadcasting scholarship and attended Washington State University for three years where he belonged to Pi Kappa

Alpha fraternity.

In 1974, he married Kathy Bartlett in Billings. They later were divorced.

A professional musician, he joined the Mission Mountain Wood Band in about 1978, later known as The Montana Band. He also had his own record label, "Annie Jean Music," which held copyrights on his original songs.

Survivors include his parents, James and Marguerite Bergeron of Spokane; his daughter, Annie Jean Bergeron of Seattle; a brother, Mark A. Bergeron of Spokane; and his grandmother, Maude I. Bergeron of Spokane.

Memorial services will be 10 a.m. Saturday at Bethany Presbyterian Church in Spokane. Joint memorial services for The Montana Band and crew also will be tonight in Kalispell.

Arrangements and cremation are by Weatherford Funeral Home and Crematory.

The family suggests memorials to Bethany Presbyterian Church, Freya and Third Avenue, Spokane.

8 July 1987

DI

Vira Bergan, 91

Vira R. Bergan, 91, died Monday at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish. She had been ill for more than a year.

She was born on July 22, 1895, in Alburg, Vt., the daughter of John J. and Rhoda (Avery) McGregor. Her father died in 1899. In 1905, she moved with her mother to a homestead in Milk River Valley. She attended Saco schools and continued her education at now defunct Wesleyan College, Helena.

She married Abel Bergan in 1914 in Glasgow. The family moved to Whitefish in 1919, where Mr. Bergan was employed by Great Northern, becoming a machinist. As a young man, he was also employed in construction of Going-to-the-Sun Road from Lake McDonald to Avalanche and on Glacier National Park trails.

In 1948, the couple moved to Klamath Falls, Ore., where he retired from Great Northern. Their next home was Spokane, where Mr. Bergan died in 1972.

Eight years ago Mrs. Bergan moved to the Park Apartments in Kalispell where she lived until 1985.

She was a former member of Presbyterian churches in Whitefish and Opportunity, Wash., and the Order of the Eastern Star. In Kalispell she was active in the Senior Citizens.

Survivors include two daughters, Gayle Gowdey of Whitefish and Ruth Ruder of Columbia Falls; three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be 4 p.m. Thursday at Whitefish Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Ken Peterson officiating. Cremation has taken place.

DI

Lillian Bernardy, 82

12 Dec 1987
LIBBY — Lillian Bernardy, 82, Libby, died Saturday at St. John Lutheran Hospital.

She was employed by Pacific Northwest Bell Co. for many years until retiring in the late 1960s.

She was born April 19, 1905, in Minnesota and was raised and educated there.

She married Victor Bernardy on Nov. 7, 1938, in Seaforth, Minn. They moved to Libby in 1951.

She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Parish.

Her husband preceded her in death in 1977.

Survivors include three daughters, Dell Monbleau of Phoenix, Ariz., LuRee Fuller of Sunnywide, Wash., and Lynne Stapleton of Spokane, Wash.; five sons, Mark Bernardy of St. Paul, Minn., Morris Bernardy of Florida, Duane Bernardy of Anatone, Wash., Gale Bernardy of San Pablo, Calif., and Neil Bernardy of Libby; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Rosary will be recited at 6 tonight at Vial Funeral Home Chapel.

Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. Joseph Catholic Church with the Rev. Frank Weigenstein as celebrant.

Burial will be in the City of Libby Cemetery.

DI

Roy Bernau, 72

13 March 1987
Roy G. Bernau, 72, Kalispell, died Friday of natural causes at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

He was born July 11, 1914 near Antelope, Mont., the son of Elmer and Mary Bernau. He was raised and educated in the Antelope area and helped his father operate the family farm.

As a young man, he farmed on his own and worked at various other jobs until joining the U.S. Army during World War II. He served with the 846th Engineer Battalion in northern France and Germany from January 1943 to November 1945.

Following his honorable discharge, he worked as a truck driver in Klamath Falls, Ore. for several years.

He came to Kalispell in 1948 where he worked for several sawmills, including Forest Products and Kalmont. He retired in 1974 due to ill health.

On April 7, 1952, he married LaVaughn Meyer in Las Vegas, Nev., and they made their home in Bigfork for a year before settling in Kalispell.

Surviving, besides his wife LaVaughn at the family home, are two daughters, Renee Olmstead and Donna Weaver, both of Kalispell, one son, Allen Bernau of Kalispell, a brother, Woodrow Bernau of Antelope, four grandchildren and a number of other relatives.

Visitation will be at the Weatherford Funeral Home on Monday from noon to 8 p.m., after which the casket will remain closed.

Funeral services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the Weatherford Funeral Home, with the Rev. Roy Berg of Swan Chapel officiating.

Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens, with military honors provided by local veterans.

DI

Dennis Berry, 68

23 April 1987
Dennis Edward Berry, 68, Columbia Falls, died in Brendan House Thursday morning following a lengthy illness.

He was born Oct. 17, 1918, in Montevideo, Minn., a son of Phillip Andrew and Myrtle Nims Berry. He moved with his family to Fort Dodge, Iowa, when he was 4 years old and lived there until he joined the National Guard in the fall of 1939.

In 1942, following training in Scotland and Ireland, he was part of the largest convoy to invade North Africa. He was captured by the Germans on Feb. 14, 1943, at Fiat Pass, North Africa. He spent six months in a POW camp in Italy before being sent to Germany. He was returned home in the spring of 1945, as part of a prisoner-exchange program. He settled his family near Lakewood, Calif.

He married Frances I. Domek, whom he met in 1947. She was the daughter of Frank and Lena Domek of Columbia Falls.

They resided in Santa Ana and Lakewood, Calif. After retiring from a 28-year career in the restaurant and food service supply business, he and his wife moved to Columbia Falls in 1977.

Mr. Berry was preceded in death by his father, and a brother, Richard.

He is survived by his wife, Frances, at the home in Columbia Falls; his mother, Myrtle Berry, and brother, Jack Berry, both of Lakewood, Calif.; a sister, Betty Eaton; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was a lifetime member of the Ex-POWs Organization and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2252.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Monday in Conrad Memorial Cemetery with the Rev. Marshall Moen officiating. Military honors will be conducted by local veterans organizations. Friends will meet at the cemetery for services.

Friends may call at Johnson Chapel from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday for visitation.

The family suggests memorials to Flathead Hospice, P.O. Box 1532, Kalispell, or to the charity of donor's choice.

DI 10-11-1987

Royal Bertleson, 84

Royal E. Bertleson, 84, Coram, died Friday at North Valley Extended Care Center in Whitefish.

He was born Nov. 1, 1902, in Watertown, S.D., to Hans and Ida Bertleson. At age 12, he moved with his family to Opheim.

He married Berniece Ruckdaschel in Opheim on Oct. 9, 1931.

He operated a gas station in Opheim until 1934, when he moved the family to Redstone. There he managed the Westland Service and Bulk Station for 33 years until he retired and moved to Coram in 1967.

He enjoyed music and played in a band in Redstone, where he was a member of the Moose.

Survivors include his wife, Berniece, of Coram; two daughters, Jean Heard of Chula Vista, Calif., and Joyce Clink of Casper, Wyo.; a grandson who was adopted, Keith Bertleson of Coram; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the Van Leuven Funeral Home in Columbia Falls. The Rev. Tod Fox of the Canyon Community Church in Coram will officiate.

Cremation has taken place at the Hillside Crematory.

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15 Dec 1987
Daisy M. Biller, 91

Daisy Mary Biller, 91, a former Columbia Falls resident, died in Liberty County Nursing Home at Chester on Dec. 1.

She was active in the Methodist church, serving as organist and choir member. She and her husband baby-sat for many children, took care of a large garden, selling berries and vegetables, and also raising chickens and selling eggs.

Before that, she was a rural mail carrier and worked in the post office in Iverness.

She was born Oct. 12, 1896, in Pymoor, Cambridgeshire, England, the only daughter of Eliza Ann Moore and Martin Read. The family moved to Lincolnshire, England, where she received her education and trained as a primary teacher.

The family moved to the United States and homesteaded near Iverness in August 1916.

She married Adolph (Ed) Biller in October 1933, in Havre. They moved to Columbia Falls in 1945.

Mr. Biller died in 1962 and she continued to live alone in Columbia Falls.

She entered the Sweetgrass Lodge in Chester in November 1984, when her health failed. In 1987 she

moved to Liberty County Nursing Home.

Survivors include two nieces, Mrs. Terry (Mary Ann) Stevenson of Hingham, and Jeanette Read of Campbell, Calif.; and a nephew, Robert Read of Mount Prospect, Ill.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Cyril, Thomas and Leslie Read.

Funeral services were conducted Friday by the Rev. Howard Hunter in Columbia Falls United Methodist Church. Interment was in Woodlawn Cemetery under the direction of Rockman Chapel, Chester.

DI
JoAnn Bierman, 50

JoAnn E. Bierman, 50, Columbia Falls, died Friday evening at North Valley Hospital.

She was born July 3, 1936, at Half Moon, a daughter of Carl and Freda Johnson. She was raised in the Half Moon area and attended Canyon View Grade School. She graduated from Columbia Falls High School in 1954.

On June 25, 1957, she married Roger Bierman in Columbia Falls and he preceded her in death on Oct. 12, 1986.

She worked at the Columbia Falls Bank and then managed the Anaconda Federal Employees Credit Union until 1973 when ill health forced her to retire.

She was preceded in death by two brothers.

Survivors include a son, Bruce Bierman of Vallejo, Calif.; a daughter, Tina Turnbow of Naturita, Colo.; and a granddaughter.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday at Van Leuven Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. John Bartlemay of Riverside Alliance Church in Kalispell officiating. Burial will be at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

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DI

Harry Bickle, 78

Harry B. Bickle, 78, Kalispell, died Wednesday morning in Colonial Manor in Whitefish.

He was born Dec. 24, 1908, in Maddock, N.D., a son of Harry W. and Maggie Mae Bickle. He re-

ceived his schooling in Maddock and in 1927, moved to Poplar where he engaged in farming and ranching.

On March 25, 1939, he married Virginia Druessedow in Wolf Point.

In 1948, the Bickles moved to Columbia Falls where Mr. Bickle was employed as a mechanic. In 1954, they moved to Whitefish.

In 1957, Mr. Bickle became minister of the Church of the Nazarene in Livingston. He also was a minister at Laurel and Powell, Wyo.

In 1969, they returned to Whitefish due to ill health. In 1983, they moved to Kalispell and in 1984, Mr. Bickle entered the Colonial Manor.

He was preceded in death by a brother and three sisters.

Survivors include his wife, Virginia, at the family home; a son, Harry Bickle Jr. of Texarkana, Texas; two daughters, Mrs. Curtis (Linda) Cammack of Portland, Ore., and Mrs. Mark (Rita) Jingle of Salt Lake City, Utah; three sisters, Ollie Welliver of Kalispell, and Betty Broschat and Floris Otis, both of Devils Lake, N.D.; six grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Saturday in First Church of the Nazarene, Kalispell, with the Rev. Jon Martin officiating. Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Friends may call at Johnson Mortuary for visitation until 8 p.m. Friday. 31 May 1987 - interlude

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Cecil E. Bird, 81

Cecil E. Bird, 81, Kalispell, died Monday morning at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

He was born Aug. 15, 1906, in Hay Springs, Neb., to Robert and Mamie Bird. He was raised and educated in Alliance, Neb., where he helped run the family ranch until about age 18.

From 1924 to 1936, he worked for the railroad in Deadwood, S.D. He married Jessie Belle Eastman there on Nov. 8, 1929.

He worked in the supply department at the Homestake Gold Mine in Lead, S.D., for about 20 years. The Birds then moved to Montana, where they operated a filling station in Ravalli for the next four years. Then, for 19 years, they owned and operated the Proctor Store, where he was also postmaster.

They had lived in Kalispell since March 1987.

He was a member of Polson Lodge No. 78, AF&AM, and the Shrine in Deadwood. He was also active in the Polson Senior Citizens Center.

He was an Episcopalian.

Survivors include his wife, Jessie Bird, at the family home in Kalispell; a daughter, Patricia Groves of Richland, Wash.; two grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two half-brothers, Ben and Vernon Andrews, and a daughter, Betty Mae Strawn.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday at Weatherford Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Weatherford Chapel with the Rev. Paul Taylor of Christ Church Episcopal officiating. Burial will take place on Monday in Alliance, Neb.

DI

George Birnel, 69

George Everett Birnel, 69, Kalispell, died Monday evening in Flathead County Nursing Home.

He was born Oct. 10, 1917, in Hedges, a son of James and Emily Birnel.

He worked in various jobs throughout his life, and had been employed at Conrad Memorial Cemetery for 17 years prior to his retirement.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Jean Tucker, and a grandson, Kenneth Wells.

On May 28, 1960, he married Eiline Norquay and is now survived by her at the family home.

He is also survived by a daughter, Patricia Wells of Newport, Wash.; two brothers, Ernest P. Birnel of Kalispell, and Charles F. Birnel of Missoula; five sisters, Devora Wolf of Santa Paula, Calif., Grace Dougherty of Salinas, Calif., Tessie Childers of Portland, Ore., Maude Harder of Phoenix, Ariz., and Viola Waymire of Tempe, Ariz.; four grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Saturday in Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. C. Fred Crowe, retired Methodist minister, officiating. Cremation will follow the services.

10 June 1987 - Interleaved

DI

Mabel Bjork, 84

Mabel Charlotte Bjork, 84, died Wednesday afternoon in the Lake View Center in Bigfork, where she resided for the past year.

She was born July 21, 1902, in Niobrara, Neb., a daughter of Charles and Anna Bartlett. As a child, she moved with her family to

the Flathead Valley and attended local schools.

On Oct. 25, 1925, she married Charles A. Bjork in Kalispell. They lived in California from 1939 until 1945, when they returned to the Flathead, living in Bigfork.

Mrs. Bjork worked as a waitress and also worked on Christmas tree farms. In her earlier years she played piano for the Benny Brewer Band with her father who played the violin.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1949.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Harold (Phyllis) Gaines of San Diego, Calif.; a brother, Julius Bartlett of Bigfork; a sister, Noreen Bjork of Bigfork; three grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Monday in Johnson Chapel with the Rev. Les Slater of Bethel Chapel of Bigfork and the Rev. Ron Pierce of Swan Chapel officiating. Burial will be in Lone Pine Cemetery near Bigfork under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

DI

Ricky L. Bjork, 25

Ricky Lane Bjork, 25, Bigfork, died Friday near Dodson in a traffic accident.

He was born Dec. 14, 1961, in Kalispell, to Jack and Carol Bjork. He was raised in Bigfork and graduated from Bigfork High School in 1980. Since graduation, he had ranched for Crossbow Corporation. He was also a bus contractor.

Survivors include his parents, Jack and Carol Bjork of Bigfork; a sister, Jackie Lyn Bork of Bigfork; and grandparents, Fred and Noreen Bjork of Bigfork.

Private memorial services have been conducted. Cremation has taken place at Weatherford Crematory in Kalispell.

Arrangements are by Bigfork Funeral Home. 26 Oct 1987

DI

Clara Blair, 86

Clara E. Blair, 86, Columbia Falls, died Thursday morning at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

She and her husband lived at the foot of Lake McDonald where they owned and operated Blair Cottages until selling to the Park Service in 1955. They then moved to Columbia Falls.



Mrs. Blair taught the fourth grade in Columbia Falls from 1943 until retiring in 1964.

She was born June 18, 1901, in Wakonda, S.D., to Hiram and Laura West. She was raised and educated in Wakonda and Mitchell, S.D. She taught school in South Dakota before coming to Montana in 1928 where she taught in Norris until 1930.

In 1930 she toured Glacier National Park where she met Curtis M. Blair and the couple were married June 18, 1932, at the Methodist Church in Kalispell.

For the past two years she had resided in Brendan House in Kalispell.

She was preceded in death by two sisters; and her husband in February 1973.

Survivors include a son, Donald A. Blair of Columbia Falls; and three grandchildren, Craig and Kent Blair of Columbia Falls, and Charmaine Seliger of Reno, Nev.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Saturday at Van Leuven Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Randy Junker of Fellowship Alliance Church officiating. Burial will follow at Conrad Memorial Cemetery. At her request there will be no public visitation.

Memorials are suggested to the Columbia Falls High School Music Department, c/o Donald A. Blair, 2595 Montana 206, Columbia Falls 59912. **11 Dec 1987**

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Ruth Blake

Memorial services for Ruth Esther Blake, 92, were held Jan. 27 at the Clark Fork Valley Nursing Home in Plains with Pastor Lorin Sanden officiating. Mrs. Blake died Jan. 23 of natural causes.

She was born Jan. 10, 1895 at Moose Lake, Minn. She later moved to Lisbon, N.D. with her family where she received her elementary schooling and was graduated from Valley City State Teacher College.

She taught school at Lisbon and Bismarck, N.D., and at Helena, Mont.

She married Henry Blake at Lisbon June 27, 1928. The couple made their home at Berlin, N.D., until 1946 when they moved back to Lisbon.

She was active in Lutheran Churches and was a member of the American Legion at Berlin for 50 years.

She has resided at the Clark Fork Valley Nursing Home for the past five years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Henry, her parents, and four brothers.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Gerald (Doris) Larson, Plains and Mrs. Russell (Margaret) Jacobson, Bellevue, Wash.; two sisters, Edna Hoerr, Seattle, Wash. and Lulu Berg, Helena; a brother, Minard Halverson, Alexandria, Minn.; five grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Shrider Funeral Home at Plains is in charge of arrangements and burial will be at Lisbon, N.D. this spring.

DI

M. Blankenship, 89

Marion Frances Hardwick Blankenship, 89, died early Sunday morning at her home in Kalispell.

She was born Jan. 16, 1898, in Brantford, Ontario. She married John Blankenship in Vancouver, B.C., on Feb. 20, 1918, and the couple moved to Spring Coulee, Alberta, where her husband farmed. They then moved to Whitefish and lived at the junction of the North Fork and Middle Fork of the Flathead River.

She was a member of the Whitefish Methodist Church for approximately 70 years and had been an active member of the choir. She also had been a frequent singer on early Flathead radio programs and at weddings and funerals in the Flathead community.

She was preceded in death by her husband on Nov. 1, 1981.

Survivors include a son, Ray Blankenship of West Glacier; two daughters, Dorothy May of Phoenix, Ariz., and Cora McDowell of Newport, Ore.; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; a sister, Dorothy Shepherd of Surrey, British Columbia; a brother, Frank Hardwick of Vancouver, British Columbia; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Austin Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Darrel Aleson of Whitefish United Methodist Church officiating. Interment will be in Whitefish Cemetery.

29 April 1987 - Interlake

DI

William Blass, 64

POLSON — William J. Blass, 64, Polson, died of cancer Wednesday at Community Nursing and Rehabilitation Facility.

He was born July 25, 1922, in Crosby, N.D., to George and Lena Blass. He grew up and attended school in Minneapolis.

In 1940 he enlisted in the Navy, beginning a 29-year military career. He served aboard the USS Hornet during World War II and later was stationed at a number of bases, including two tours in Guam. After retiring from the service in 1969, he conducted manpower surveys for the Navy as a civilian employee. He retired to Polson in 1984 due to ill health.

Mr. Blass was a member of the U.S. Navy Fleet Reserve.

He married Peggy Null in Long Beach, Calif., in 1945, and is survived by her in Polson. Also surviving are a son, William "Buzz" Blass Jr. of Missoula; a daughter, Pamela Gallagher of Plantation, Fla.; a sister, Irene Rakke of Minneapolis; a grandson; a niece and two nephews.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 2 p.m. Friday at Im-

maculate Conception Catholic Church in Polson with the Rev. Ernest Burns as celebrant. Burial with military honors will be at Lakeview Cemetery in Polson. Livingston-Malletta & Geraghty Funeral Home of Missoula is in charge of arrangements.

19 March 1987 - Interlake

HHN

Charles A. Boies Sr.

Charles A. Boies Sr., died Friday, Feb. 6, in Bellingham, Wash. He was born July 23, 1912, in Stafford, Neb., son of Charles A. and Maude Boies.

He had lived in Washington since 1965 and before that had worked as a machinist and millwright for many years. He had worked on the construction of hydro electric dams and several aluminum plants. He also loved to hunt and fish.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and two sisters, Florence Hallbeck and Jane Japp.

He is survived by his wife, Leona, at the family home in Bellingham, Wash., four daughters, Donna Mae Sisson, Rosetta Dunnaway, Charleen Willard and Agatha Bohm, all in Oregon; one son, Charles Boies Jr., Lynwood, Wash.; 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren; four brothers and one sister.

Funeral services are Wednesday at Greenacres Funeral Home chapel in Ferndale, Wash.

11 Feb. 1987 - HH-N.

HHN

Ross L. Bolt, 23

Ross Lee Bolt, 23, Hungry Horse, who had been missing for several days, was found dead Saturday evening.

He was born May 26, 1964, in Kalispell, to Edward and Fern Bolt. He attended Fairmont-Egan School and Flathead High School for a year. He then attended Columbia Falls High School, graduating in 1983. He then entered the U.S. Army Reserves and had lived at home since that time.

Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bolt of Hungry Horse; three brothers, Ed Bolt of Kalispell, Scott Bolt of Hungry Horse, and David Bolt of Phoenix, Ariz.; a sister, Cheri Scholz of Whitefish; a niece; three nephews; and several aunts, uncles and other relatives.

Funeral services will be 3:30 p.m. Tuesday in Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Verlyn Retzer of the Seventh-day Adventist Church officiating. Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

14 Dec. 1987

DI

Ben B. Bolton, 74

Ben B. Bolton, 74, longtime Kalispell businessman and sports fan, died at his home in Kalispell Sunday evening.

He was born July 4, 1913, in Missoula, the youngest son of L.C. and Grace Lillian Bolton. He received his early schooling in Missoula and Great Falls. The family moved to Kalispell in 1923, to Havre in 1928, and returned to Kalispell in 1930, where he graduated from Flathead High School in 1932.



He served in the U.S. Army during World War II, in the occupation troops of Japan. He also served with the Army Security Agency during the Korean War.

During his working years he had been employed with F.W. Woolworth Co., J.C. Penney Co. and F.A. Buttrey Company in Kalispell, Havre and Missoula.

After returning from the Korean War, he went into business with Doug Payne in Payne & Bolton, Kossofs Restaurant and the Arrow Drive Inn. In 1955, he became a partner with Archie Roe, Jack Taylor and Acil McCown in Taylor & Roe, Inc., Joe's Varsity and Western Outdoors Store.

Following his retirement in 1973, he was employed by George Haddow at Buffalo Hill Golf Course. He had been active supporter of the Montana State University Bobcats and the Flathead Braves. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, Algeria Shrine, Elks Lodge, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion and Rotary.

He was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church and Northridge Lutheran Church.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, James S., Frank L. and John H. Bolton.

On Aug. 31, 1935, he married Phyllis E. Henricksen and is survived by her at the family home.

He is also survived by a daughter, Patricia L. Bolog of Kalispell; a son, Robert H. Bolton of Eugene, Ore.; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral arrangements are in-

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complete and will be announced by the Johnson Mortuary.

The family suggests memorials to Flathead Hospice, P.O. Box 1531, Kalispell.

HHN

Cecelia Bolt, 86

Cecelia Blanche Bolt, 86, Hungry Horse, died Friday in the North Valley Hospital Extended Care Unit.

She was born July 11, 1901, in Longwood, Wis., a daughter of Ernst and Josephine Poppe. She had received her education in Wisconsin.

On January 21, 1926, she was married to Peter Bolt in Chicago, where they lived for several years.

She then returned to Wisconsin, and during World War II she worked in a defense plant in Chicago. In 1959, she moved to Kalispell, where she lived until 1970, when she moved to California and lived there for 15 years. In 1985, she returned to Montana and has resided with her son in Hungry Horse.

She had been a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church.

She is survived by her son, Edward Bolt of Hungry Horse; her

daughter, Jane Lynch of Chicago; two sisters, Hazel Strickland of Tres Pinos, Calif., and Bernice Glover of Janesville, Wis., and several grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Funeral services are tentatively being planned for Tuesday in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with burial to follow in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

8 Nov. 1987

DI

M.F. Bonnett Jr., 50

18 Jan 1987
Martin Frank Bonnett Jr., 50, Lakeside, died in Kalispell Wednesday morning.

He served in the U.S. Air Force for 20 years. He enlisted on June 13, 1955, and served in Germany, Saudi Arabia, Okinawa, Vietnam and the Philippines. He retired July 1, 1975.

He had been employed at Skyline Dairy of Kalispell, DePratu Ford of Whitefish, Rygg Ford of Kalispell, and was employed at Western Automobile at the time of his death.

He was born April 28, 1937, in Orofino, Idaho, to Martin and Ruby Bonnett. He spent his early life and received his education in St. Maries, Idaho, and graduated from high school there.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing and camping, and spending time with his family.

On Sept. 11, 1958, he married Janice Marie Monahan in St. Maries, Idaho, and is now survived by her at the family home in Lakeside.

He is also survived by five children, Teresa McCarthy of San Jose, Calif., Beverly Griffin of Lakeside, Ruby Wise of Kalispell, Paul Bonnett in the U.S. Air Force stationed in Mountain Home, Idaho, and Sally Bonnett-Heuer of Kalispell; two sisters, Sally Jo Collins of McGrath, Alaska, and Beatrice Ivey of Coos Bay, Ore.; his grandparents, Addie and Bill Bailey of Spokane; six grandchildren and a number of nieces, nephews and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

The body is being forwarded by Johnson Mortuary to the Yates-Hodge Funeral Home in St. Maries, Idaho. Rosary will be recited Sunday evening and Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated 11 a.m. Monday in St. Mary's Catholic Church of St. Maries, Idaho. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery there with military honors.

DI

Donald Boots, 65

Whitefish fiddler Donald F. Boots, 65, who had played at the Diamond K Chuckwagon from the time of its opening, died Thursday at North Valley Hospital.

Boots, who was recognizable from his big black cowboy hat, was too ill to play at the seasonal restaurant this year.

He had a long career as a country and western musician, playing with Buck Owens, Roy Acuff, Bob Wills, Ray Price, Little Jimmy Dickens and others.

He also had his own television show in Virginia for four years and a radio show in Wichita Falls, Kan., for many years. He had toured with his band in many countries, including Japan, England, Guam, Taiwan and Korea.

He was born June 5, 1922, in Lewis County, Ken., a son of Edward and Nellie Boots. He was raised in the Kentucky hills, and taught himself guitar and fiddle, then won several state fiddle championships and an international competition as well. He got his start as a professional when he toured with Cowboy Copus, a country star of the 1940s.

Boots is survived by his wife, the former Jean Ferrell, whom he married in 1966 after meeting her in Billings. They have an adopted son, Daniel, who lives in Terry.

Boots is also survived by two daughters from a former marriage; four grandchildren; two sisters, Juanita Hanke and Mary Anne Bostwick, both of Ohio; and a brother, James Boots, also of Ohio.

For several years, Boots was chief of police in a small town in Ohio, but his love of Montana brought him back in 1980. He said he especially liked Whitefish because the people are so friendly.

Services will be Monday at 4 p.m. at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish, with the Rev. Darrel Aleson of the Whitefish United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in the Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Kalispell.

DI

Nils M. Borch, 94

27 Jan 1987
Nils M. Borch, 94, Somers, died Sunday morning at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

He was born Nov. 7, 1892, in Tromsa, Norway, the son of Anton and Marie Borch.

He had lived in Somers since December 1923, and worked for Somers Lumber Co. until retiring in the early 1960s.

He was a life long member of the Sons of Norway.

In 1918, he married Jenny Conradson in Tromsa, and she preceded him in death in 1939.

He married Emma Hammer in Somers in 1940 and she died in 1973.

Survivors include two daughters, Tuppy Gore and Guri Beeson, both of Somers; two stepsons, Robert and Howard Hammer, both of Kalispell; two sisters, Tora Borch and Dagny Madson, both of Tromsa; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and numerous other relatives, many in Norway.

The family will conduct private memorial services. Arrangements and cremation are by Weatherford Funeral Home and Crematory in Kalispell.

The urn will be interred at Coe Memorial Cemetery.

Visitation will be until 6 p.m. at Van Leuven Funeral Home, Columbia Falls.

The family suggests memorials to Bigfork Quick Response.

DI

Raymond Bos, 85

Raymond "Ray" Bos, 85, a former resident of Castlewood S.D., died Tuesday at North Valley Hospital Extended Care.

He was born Feb. 9, 1902, in Castlewood, and for many years farmed in the area. In 1954, he was employed with the John Deere Tractor Co. in Castlewood, retiring in 1972. He had lived in the Whitefish area since 1984.

Survivors include his wife, Joyce of Whitefish; a son, Darrell Bos of Whitefish; a sister, Nellie Bleeker of California; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services will be later this week at Shaw-Messer Funeral Home in Watertown, S.D. Local arrangements were through Austin Funeral Home of Whitefish. *9 Sept 1987*

DI 3-26-1987

Eva Rose Bourne, 72

RONAN — Eva Rose Bourne, 72, Ronan, died Wednesday at St. Luke Community Hospital.

She was born March 28, 1914, in Miles City to Fritz and Flora Urfer. Her family homesteaded at Pumpkin Creek near Miles City and later moved to Great Falls where she graduated from high school in 1934.

On June 28, 1945, she and Clarence A. "Pinky" Bourne were married in Butte. They moved to a ranch on Patrick Creek near Kalispell in 1951 and then to Ronan in 1974.

Mrs. Bourne was employed as a licensed practical nurse at Columbus Hospital in Great Falls and later as a medical secretary in Kalispell.

She was preceded in death by an infant son, Russell.

Survivors include her husband, Pinky of Ronan; a son, Don of Kalispell; two brothers, David Urfer of Missoula, and Fritz Urfer of Tucson, Ariz.; and two great-granddaughters.

Funeral services will be 3 p.m. Monday at Shrider's Mortuary Chapel in Ronan with the Rev. William Waggoner officiating. Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery in Ronan.

DI

Richard Bras, 66

Richard A. Bras, 66, Martin City, died Sunday evening at North Valley Hospital.

He was born March 6, 1920, in Portland, Ore., a son of D.H. and Marie Bras. At an early age he moved to Butte, where he was engaged in mining.

In June 1945, he enlisted in the Army and was honorably discharged in September 1946. After the service, Mr. Bras moved to the Coram and Martin City area where he was a logger until 1977, when ill health forced him to retire.

Survivors include three sons, Cy of Martin City, Michael of Coram, and Dick of Fairbanks, Alaska; three daughters, Glenna Van Hatton of Kenai, Alaska, Donna Jenkins of Coram, and Jeanie Richard of Bonners Ferry, Idaho; a brother, John Bras of Coram; a sister, Helen Ward of Martin City; 16 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Private family services will be held at a later date. Cremation and arrangements are by Van Leuven Funeral Home in Columbia Falls.

DI 7-28-1987

Ellen Bowdish, 97

Ellen C. "Nell" Bowdish, 97, a longtime resident of the Flathead Valley died Sunday afternoon at Colonial Manor Nursing Home in Whitefish.

She was born Dec. 15, 1889, in Eldora, Iowa, a daughter of Thomas and Jennie Corbett. She was raised in Iowa and attended Vinton College for 1½ years and taught there for two years.



She moved to the Flathead Valley in 1914 and was a teacher at the rural Grandview school.

On Feb. 26, 1916, she married Harry F. Bowdish in Kalispell and he preceded her in death on Aug. 31, 1972.

Mrs. Bowdish had resided at Colonial Manor for the last 17 months.

Survivors include two sons, Frank Bowdish of Pasco, Wash., and John Bowdish of Kalispell; two daughters, Louise Bowdish of Kalispell, and Ada Gernert of Auburn, Calif.; 14 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren, and several other relatives.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to Flathead Valley Community College Foundation, Box 3022, Kalispell, 59903-3022.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Conrad Memorial Cemetery with Dr. David V. Kaufman of Whitefish officiating.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday and from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Thursday at Austin Funeral Home.

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Edna Boyer

Edna M. Babe Boyer, 58, of Trout Creek died Jan. 23 at Spokane, Wash. Private cremation services were held with inurnment at the Peone Prairie Cemetery, Mead, Wash.

Mrs. Boyer was born Feb. 23, 1929 at Chinook, Mont.

She later lived at Spokane for over fifty years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Henry and Edna Geiger, and a brother, Phil Geiger.

Survivors include her husband, Lester Boyer of Trout Creek; three daughters, Pegi Lakey, Trout Creek; Chris Laird, Salt Lake City, Utah; Cindy Wallace, Spokane; Keith Boyer, Fort Benning, Ga.; eleven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Ronald Bright, 54

MISSOULA — Ronald W. "Bud" Bright, 54, a former area resident, died of cancer Saturday at St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula.

He was born July 12, 1932, in Hayes Center, Neb., to Everett J. and Jennie Bright. He moved with his family to the Bitterroot Valley as a child. He attended schools in Darby, Hamilton and Alberton, graduating from Alberton High School in 1950. He graduated from the University of Montana in 1963 with a degree in forestry.

He worked for the U.S. Forest Service in the Flathead and Bitterroot National Forests until 1978. In 1979, he moved to Lewiston, Idaho, where he drove truck for Paffie Truck Lines. He moved back to Missoula in 1983 and worked for West's Best Freight until becoming ill in September 1986.

He married Sara Jane Bunker in December 1962 in Hamilton. They were later divorced. He married Carol Hanson in Stevensville June 29, 1974.

He was a former member of the Masonic Lodge in Butte, a former member of the Jaycees in Butte and Darby and past fire chief of the Darby Volunteer Fire Department. His hobby was fishing.

He was preceded in death by his father, Everett, and a sister, Lonita Mae "Sally" Bright.

He is survived by his wife, Carol of Missoula; a son, Ronald W. Bright of Missoula; a stepson, Alan B. Thompson of Columbia Falls; a daughter, Catherine Jane Henry of Homer, Alaska; a stepdaughter, Karen Joy Thompson of Post Falls, Idaho; his mother, Jennie Bright of Stevensville; two brothers, Everett Bright of Kent, Wash. and Lewis Bright of Stevensville; and a granddaughter.

The family invites all friends to a potluck memorial picnic in Mr. Bright's honor to be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Rainy Gulch Campground south of Darby on U.S. 93 South at the Medicine Hot Springs turnoff.

Cremation has taken place under the direction of Squire Simmons & Carr Funeral Home. The family suggests memorials to Hospice of Missoula or to Missoula County Cancer Association.

5 Jan 1987

O. Brightsman, 64

Olive "Tootie" Brightsman, 64, a former Kalispell resident, died Friday evening in Plentywood.

She was born May 30, 1922, in Plentywood, a daughter of Hugh and Rachel Collin Jones. She graduated from Plentywood High School in 1940.

She married to William L. Brightsman at Miles City on March 12, 1950. The couple lived and worked in Kalispell from 1950 until 1961 when they returned to Plentywood. Mr. Brightsman died June 16, 1969.

She also was preceded in death by her parents and three brothers.

She is survived by several nephews and nieces including Hugh Jones of Missoula and Colleen Jones-Bowl of Columbia Falls; and a sister-in-law, Tillie Egnash of Columbia Falls.

Funeral services 10 a.m. Tuesday at First Congregational Church in Plentywood. Fulkerson Funeral Home of Plentywood in charge of arrangements.



Dorothy Brouillier, 88

Dorothy Brouillier, 88, Kalispell, died Thursday morning at Immanuel Lutheran Home.

After attending Flathead High School, she went to work as a telegraph operator for the Great Northern Railroad. Her work sent her to Olney, Essex, Cut Bank, Great Falls, and Minot, N.D.

She was born Aug. 27, 1899, in Lapeer, Mich., to Fred and Mary Odle. She came to Kalispell with her family in 1906. In 1980, they moved to Rollins, where her father was the postmaster for over 20 years.

In 1930, she married Bert Brouillier, and the couple made their home in Creston, except for several years in Tacoma during World War II. Following the death of her husband, she made her home in Kalispell.

She belonged to First Presbyterian Church, Order of Eastern Star, Cootiettes, and Eastside Grange. She had also been a member of the Auxiliaries of VFW

American Legion and Veterans of World War I.

Survivors include a son, Robert O. Bouillier of Niantic, Conn.; two sisters, Mildred Monk of Kalispell, and Louise Malgren of Polson; five grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren, and six nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be until 8 tonight at Weatherford Funeral Home. Funeral services will be noon Saturday at Weatherford Chapel with the Rev. Barry Dawson and the Rev. Robert Ross officiating. Burial will follow at Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

24 Apr 1987

Leah Broholm, 93

RONAN — Leah B. Broholm, 93, Ronan, died Wednesday at Community Hospital in Missoula.

She was born April 29, 1893, in Kankakee, Ill. to Alphonse and Alphonsene Beauvais.

She married Edwin William Broholm on Nov. 26, 1921, in Clark, S.D. They farmed near Two Dot until 1926, when they moved to Ronan to farm.

She was a midwife in Two Dot and a milliner in South Dakota. She was a charter member of the Sow and Sew Club and the Ronan Women's Club.

She was preceded in death by two daughters, Eva L. Broholm in 1932, and Angela B. Richard in 1972; and her husband, Edwin Broholm.

Survivors include a son-in-law, Glenn Richard of Ronan; two grandsons, Joseph Richard of Eureka, and Edwin Richard of Ronan; two granddaughters, Mary Ann Teeter of Eureka, and Louise Dean of Ronan; a foster son, Sid Gooley of Missoula; and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Monday at Shrider's Mortuary Chapel in Ronan with Edwin Richard officiating.

Burial will be at Mountain View Cemetery in Ronan under the direction of Shrider's Mortuary.

The family suggests memorials to St. Luke Extended Care and Hospital, Ronan.

DI

Arthur Brown, 42

9 June 1987
 Arthur Larry Kaber Brown, 42, died in Spokane on Tuesday.

He was born March 31, 1945, in Whitefish, a son of Esther Fern and Arthur L. Brown. He attended Whitefish schools, then enlisted in the National Guard.

After his discharge he moved to Nevada where he worked as a hard-rock miner.

At the time of his death, he was a foreman-manager of a gold mine in Republic, Wash.

He married Laurretta Brown in 1964 and is now survived by her at the family home.

He is also survived by three sons, Shawn, Shane and Arthur Lance Brown; two daughters, Lisa and Lynn, all of the family home; three brothers, Arthur Brown Jr., Springfield, Ore., Bruce Kaber, Warner, Idaho, and Claude Kaber, Whitefish; four sisters, Rita Kay Holcomb, Vahon, Wash., Sandra Waible, Carlton, Ore., Karen Ben-

da, Ventnor City, N.J., and Bette Jean Bear, Kalispell; three step-brothers, Les Platt, Hillsboro, Ore., Raymond Brown, Crystal Falls, Mich., and Vernon Brown, Myrtle Creek, Ore.; his father, Arthur Brown of Coos Bay, Ore., and step-father, Harvey Kaber, Whitefish; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Esther Fern Kaber, on June 13, 1986.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Austin Funeral Home with the Rev. Darrel Aleson, pastor of Whitefish United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Visitation will be at the Austin Funeral Home until 8 tonight.

DI

Bertram Brown, 65

11 Feb. 1987
 Bertram C. Brown, 65, died Tuesday morning at his home in Columbia Falls.

He was born Oct. 30, 1921, in Kalispell, a son of Henry J. and Edith Brown. He was raised and educated in Kalispell and worked as a logger for more than 30 years.

Mr. Brown worked for St. Regis Mill in Libby and also the Forest Service before his retirement.

He lived in Poplar for two years before moving to Columbia Falls three years ago.

He was preceded in death by a sister.

DI

Buster Brown, 72

6 Apr. 1987
 Buster Raymond Brown, 72, died in Kalispell Regional Hospital Sunday.

He was born April 5, 1915, in Montford, the son of George A. and Loretta Brown. He received his education in Kalispell.

Mr. Brown was a logger, mostly a cat skidder, and had worked various places throughout the valley during his lifetime.

He retired from logging in 1977.

He was a member of the Eagles Lodge.

He is survived by three sons, Lester Tim Brown of Post Falls, Idaho, Ross Brown of Pearl River, La., and David Brown of Lodi, Calif.; three daughters, Mrs. Gene (Leila) Mondouy of Spokane, Wash., Mrs. Dick (Dorothy) Kidwell of

Kalispell, and Loretta Doherty of Kalispell; a brother, Sam Brown of Kalispell; three sisters, Zella Anderson of Yakima, Wash., Olive Brown of Kalispell, and Emojean Austin of Great Falls; 20 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren and numerous other relatives.

Graveside services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday at Fairview Cemetery near Kalispell with the Rev. Mike Tamburelli of Valley Community Church officiating. Friends and relatives will meet at cemetery for services. Friends may call at Johnson Mortuary until 8 tonight and until 7 p.m. Tuesday for visitation.

DI

Lloyd S. Brown, 57

3 Dec. 1987
 Lloyd Scott Brown, 57, Bigfork died Wednesday at the Lakeview Care Center in Bigfork after a long illness with a liver disease.

He was a professional photographer and has owned and operated the Scott Brown Photography business in Polson from 1964 until 1973.

He was born May 22, 1930, in Ada, Okla., the son of John and Eva Brown. He moved with the family to Missoula in 1944.

He graduated from Missoula County High School in 1948 and then attended Montana State University.

He later graduated from Winona Photography School in Minnesota.

In 1950, he married Alberta Swearingen in Missoula.

He entered the U.S. Navy in 1951 and was honorably discharged in 1954. He then worked for Haugen-McKay in Missoula as a photographer until moving to Polson in 1964.

He moved to the Flathead Valley in 1973 and was involved in logging until 1985.

In 1983, he married Sharon Field, who survives him at the family home in Bigfork. Other survivors include a son, Colin B. Brown, Missoula; two daughters, Geanette Cebulski, Seeley Lake, and Suzanne Bryngelson, Heyburn, Idaho; four brothers, Harold Brown, Harlowtown, Glen Brown, Lemon Grove, Calif., Charles Brown, Lake Park, Ga., and David Brown, Riverside, Calif.; three sisters, Mary Helen Gerrard, Los Banos, Calif., Naomi Burk, Sequim, Wash., and Doris Gorsuch, Bigfork; and five grandchildren.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Friday in the Swan Chapel in Swan Lake. Arrangements are under the direction of the Bigfork Funeral Home.

Survivors include two sons, Kerry Brown of Columbia Falls and Bill Brown of Salt Lake City, Utah; a daughter and son-in-law, Cindy and Leman Smith of Columbia Falls; and three grandchildren.

Graveside services will be 11 a.m. Thursday at Glacier Memorial Gardens. The Rev. J. B. Johnson, pastor of the Baptist Church in Columbia Falls officiating. Visitation will be 3 to 7 p.m. Thursday at Van Leuven Funeral Home.

DI

M. Brown, 72

Marylewis S. Brown, 72, Kalispell, died Wednesday in Kalispell Regional Hospital.

She was born Dec. 27, 1914, in Lexington, Ky., to William Logan and Nell McCoy Shearer. She received her education in Kentucky and graduated from the University of Kentucky.

She was a dietitian as well as a housewife. She was employed by St. Luke's Hospital in San Francisco, Calif., and Eastern Plumas Hospital in Portola, Calif.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles.

Survivors include a son, DeWitt L. Brown of Reno, Nev.; three daughters, Melissa B. Clark and Cecily B. Ryan, both of Kalispell, and Alison R. Brown of San Francisco, Calif.; and eight grandchildren.

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

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetic Association of Montana, P.O. Box 2411, Great Falls 59403. *22 Oct. 1987*

DI 11-29-1987

Emma Bryant, 82

Emma Wunderlich Bryant, 82, died at her home in Kalispell early Friday morning.

She had worked at the Governor Hotel in Lahman, Mo. until her retirement in 1968. In 1974 she moved to Kalispell and had lived here since then.

She was born June 14, 1905, in Lahman, a daughter of Fritz and



Christena Wunderlich. She attended German School in Lahman.

She was married to Frank Brandt, who preceded her in death and was later married to Mason T. Bryant, and was also preceded in death by him.

She was a member of the Stringtown Lutheran Church of Lahman, and enjoyed crafts such as crocheting.

She is now survived by a son, Leo Brandt of Kalispell; three daughters, Emily Combs of Kalispell, Florence McKinney of Montgomery City, Mo., and Mary Page of Walnut Creek, Calif.; a sister, Clara Crews

of St. Louis, Mo.; a brother, Edward Wunderlich of Lahman; 16 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and a number of other relatives.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p.m. today in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Randall Nicolai, pastor of the Northridge Lutheran Church, officiating. Burial will be in the Glacier Memorial Gardens.

The family suggest memorials be made to the Senior Citizen Center of Kalispell, or the Home Health Care program.

DI

Betty Browne, 77

POLSON — Betty Ross Browne, 77, Polson, former head of the Havre High School English Department, died of a cerebral hemorrhage Monday at St. Joseph Hospital.

She was born in 1910 in Chinook to Mary and Frank Browne. She graduated from high school in Havre and earned bachelor's and master's degrees in education from the University of Montana. She also did graduate work at Northwestern University at Chicago, Ohio State and Kent State universities.

She retired from Havre High School in 1978 and moved to Polson the following year.

Miss Browne was known state-

wide for her work in drama. An active member of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, she belonged to the church's Altar Guild and often served as a reader. She also was active in the American Association of University Women, the Polson Library and the Red Cross.

Survivors include a sister, Mary Jean Merkar of San Diego, Calif., and two nephews.

Memorial services will be 1 p.m. Friday at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church with the Rev. Jim Reeves officiating. Cremation has taken place under the direction of Mosley Funeral Home.

The family suggests memorials to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, the Battered Women's Shelter in Missoula or to a charity of the donor's choice. *20 Aug 1987*

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Freda Browning

Freda K. Browning of Columbia Falls, died Sept. 13, 1987, after a lengthy illness. She was 72.

Mrs. Browning was born to Minnie and Herman Vancil at Colp, Ill. July 14, 1915. Formerly of Longmont, Colo. she worked as a nurse until her retirement in 1976. She recently moved to Columbia Falls to reside with her son and family.

Survivors include two brothers Sam and Lloyd Vancil of Illinois; three sisters, Geri Smith of Illinois, Norma Calvert, Michigan and Eileen Stearns of Indiana; a daughter Janet Gronbach of Victor; two sons, Robert Browning of Lakewood, Colo. and Richard Browning of Columbia Falls; 11 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at Cartersville, Ill. Sept. 19. Memorials may be sent to Flathead Hospice.

DI

Roger Bryant, 65

Roger Bryant, 65, a former Flathead Valley resident, died Jan. 30 in Providence Hospital in Anchorage, Alaska.

He was born Oct. 30, 1921, in Lower Valley, a son of Glen and Inez Bryant. He was educated in Flathead schools and graduated from Flathead County High School.

He served in the European Theater as a member of the 555th Signal Air Warning Battalion during World War II.

He lived in the Flathead Valley for nearly 40 years before moving to Alaska. He spent nearly 30 years in Kodiak and Kenai, Alaska, and owned and operated his own taxi service.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia, at the family home in Kenai; a brother, Robert Bryant of Libby; two nephews, Steve Bryant of Libby, and Mike Bryant of California; an uncle, George Hartman of Rollins; two aunts, Mildred M. Hartman of Libby and Blanch Norvell of Somers; and many cousins.

Cremation has taken place. No services will be held.

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29 Jan 1987
Karl Buchmann, 51

POLSON — Karl Walter Buchmann, 51, died of cardiac arrest Sunday at his East Shore home.

He was born Aug. 15, 1935, in Wolf Point to Paul and Margaret Buchmann. He attended public school in Nashua.

On July 6, 1968, he married Mary Lou Allman in Nashua.

Mr. Buchmann farmed north of Nashua from 1952 to 1985, and had resided in Polson the past two years.

He was a member of the Elks, the Bowling Association and Nashua Credit Union. He enjoyed friends, hunting, fishing and muzzleloading.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Lou of Polson; three sisters, Lucille Overby of Spokane, Irma Feucht of Clarkston, Wash., and Rufina Barth of Yuba City, Calif.; and two brothers, Gustar of Lakeside, and Paul Jr. of Nashua.

Funeral services were Tuesday at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Polson. Memorial services will be held at a later date in Nashua. Mosley Funeral Home of Polson is in charge of arrangements.

DI

Addie H. Bunn, 78

LIBBY — Addie H. Bunn, 78, Libby, died Saturday morning at her home of a heart attack.

She was born Oct. 25, 1908, in Slaterville, Utah, to James and Lois Howell. She grew up in Junction Valley, Utah, and Oakley, Idaho, and graduated from high school in Burley, Idaho.

On March 23, 1929, she married Ellis Bunn in Burley. The couple followed construction work throughout the Northwest before settling in Libby in 1966. They owned and operated the Rainbow Motel from 1967 to 1982.

Mrs. Bunn was active in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and worked with the youth and women's groups of the church.

Survivors include her husband, Ellis, of Libby; two daughters, Laretta Whitworth of Rexburg, Idaho, and Merridith Walde of Mount Vernon, Wash.; a son, William Bunn of Las Vegas, Nev.; 11 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 11

a.m. Wednesday at the LDS Church in Libby. Burial will be Friday at Ogden (Utah) City Cemetery. Vial Funeral Home in Libby is in charge of arrangements. 28 July 1987

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18 June 1987
Lucile Buhmiller, 92

Lucile M. Buhmiller, 92, of Kalispell, died in the Kalispell Regional Hospital on Thursday evening. She had resided in northwest Montana for more than 70 years.

She was born June 27, 1894, in St. Paul, Minn., a daughter of Thomas and Margaret Mullen. At an early age, she moved with her family to Pleasant Valley, Mont., and later to Nyack.

On Oct. 11, 1916, she married John R. Buhmiller in Kalispell. The couple lived at Summit until 1927, when they moved to Eureka, and in 1948 they moved to Kalispell. They had lived in several other places as well following Mr. Buhmiller's employment with the Great Northern Railroad.

Mrs. Buhmiller was active in many organizations, including Adah Chapter No. 17 Order of the Eastern Star; the Past Worthy Matrons Club; Century Club; and the American Legion Auxiliary. She was a member of the Christ Episcopal Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John, on July 13, 1975, and her son William on Jan. 9, 1985.

She is survived by her daughter, Enid Bergsieker of Kalispell; four grandsons, Todd Buhmiller of Fort Lewis, Wash., Mike Buhmiller of Phoenix, Ariz., Jeffrey Buhmiller of

Whitefish, and Ted Bergsieker of Lolo; two granddaughters, Liz Watkins of Federal Way, Wash., and Sue Nouchi of Euless, Texas; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Paul R. Taylor of Christ Episcopal Church officiating. Burial will be in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Visitation is from 1-5 p.m. today at the Johnson Mortuary.

The family suggests memorials be made to the intensive-care unit of Kalispell Regional Hospital or the Alert Foundation.

DI

26 Jan 1987
Mary C. Bujan, 17

LIBBY — Mary C. Bujan, 17, Libby, died early Friday morning as the result of a single-car accident three miles north of Libby on Highway 37.

She was born May 6, 1969, in Seattle, to Violet and Phillip Bujan. She lived in Utah and Texas until recently moving to Libby. She was a junior at Libby High School.

She is survived by her mother, Violet Burton of Libby; her father, Phillip Bujan of Cleveland, Texas; two sisters, Shirley Laducer of Billings, and Montana Gould of New Mexico; three brothers, Bobby Bujan of Libby, Phillip Bujan Jr. of Cleveland, Texas, and Corbert Laducer of Belcourt, N.D.; and her grandparents, Mary and Hans Hanson of Troy.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday at Vial Funeral Home with the Rev. Charles Roman of-

ficiating.

Interment will follow at the City of Libby Cemetery.

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Ellis A. Bunn, 81

LIBBY — Ellis A. Bunn, 81, Libby, died Monday at St. John Lutheran Hospital.

He was born July 19, 1906, in Oakley, Idaho, to William and Alisha Bunn. He moved with his family to Burley, Idaho, where he grew up and attended school.

On March 23, 1929, he married Addie Howell in Burley. The couple resided in the Burley area for several years.

After moving from Burley they lived in several locations throughout the Northwest while Mr. Bunn was employed as a crusher operator and later as a construction superintendent for Morrison-Knutson Construction Co. They moved to Libby in 1966.

Mr. Bunn was employed by M-K Construction on the Libby Dam project until his retirement after 25 years with the firm. He and his wife also owned and operated the Rainbow Motel in Libby from 1967 to 1982.

He was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

His wife preceded him in death in July.

Survivors include two daughters, Laretta Whitworth of Rexburg, Idaho, and Merrideth Walde of Mount Vernon, Wash.; a son, William Bunn of Las Vegas, Nev.; two brothers, Arvil and George Bunn, both of Burley; a sister, Vera Howell of Burley; 11 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Services will be 11 a.m. Thurs-

day at the LDS Church in Libby with Bishop Ross Koehler presiding. Viewing will be 1-9 p.m. today at Vial Funeral Home in Libby and 10-11 a.m. Thursday in the Relief Society Room of the church.

Burial will be 1 p.m. Friday in Ogden City Cemetery in Ogden, Utah.

2 Sept. 1987

DI

George Burkhart, 51

George J. Burkhart, 51, Kalispell, died Saturday.

He was born March 31, 1935, in Polk, Ohio, the son of John A. and Goldie Burkhart. He was raised in Loudonville, Ohio, and Roseburg, Ore.

He served in the Army from 1953 to 1956, and was a noncommissioned officer in the Montana National Guard from 1976 until his death.

On Oct. 2, 1954, he married Arvella McKnight in Columbia City, Ind., and they had lived in Kalispell since 1973.

He worked for the Flathead County weed control program from 1975-1985, and had also been a mechanic and long-haul truck driver.

He was a member of St. Matthew's Catholic Church and also attended Risen Christ Parish.

Survivors include his wife at the family home; a daughter, Rosanna Jensen of Whitefish; three sons, Mike, Jim and Bill Burkhart, all of Kalispell; a grandson; his stepmother, Dorothy Burkhart of Loudonville, Ohio; two brothers, Merl and Robert Burkhart, both of Perrysville, Ohio; three sisters, Edna Stover of Danville, Ohio, and Margaret Weatherbee and Shirley Mellor, both of Loudonville; an

aunt, Betty Glenn of Jeromesville, Ohio; a stepsister, Beverly Jenkins of Forrest City, N.C.; and a number of other relatives.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Glen and William Burkhart.

Private memorial services will be conducted by the family. Arrangements are by Weatherford Funeral Home and Crematory.

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Isaac Burgess, 78

Isaac Charles Burgess, 78, died Friday evening at the North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

He was born June 3, 1909, in Minnewaukan, N.D., a son of Sheridan and Maude Burgess. He was raised and educated in Minnewaukan, and for many years was a farmer.

He then worked as a custodian for 3 years at a nursing home in Skakopee. He then returned to Minnewaukan and worked as a butcher until 1986.

He married Ruby Sheets on Dec. 1, 1931 in Brinsmade, N.D., and she now survives him.

Since 1973, the couple has come to Montana to live during the summers with their family in Eureka and Fortine. Burgess was an avid fisherman and liked to hay.

He is survived by three sons, Keith Charles Burgess of Fortine, LeRoy Howard Burgess of Rugby, N.D., and Leland Isaac Burgess of Eureka; two daughters, Janice Ruth Tandeski of Minnewaukan, N.D., and Sharon Irene Grossman of Esmond, N.D.; one brother, Sheridan Lester Burgess of Kalispell; and four sisters, Florence Harvey of Sioux City, Iowa, Bessie Lund of Carrington, N.D., Marrion

Riffe of Jamestown, N.D., and Mabel Logan of Fargo, N.D.; 27 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held Monday at 7 p.m. at the Christian Missionary Alliance Church in Fortine with the Rev. Gary Logue officiating. Funeral services will be held Saturday at Minnewaukan, N.D., at 2 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church. Burial will follow at the Minnewaukan Cemetery.

Visitation will be Monday at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Austin Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

DI

Enid Burk, 80

Enid V. Burk, 80, of Olney, died Friday at St. Patrick's Hospital in Missoula.

She was born Jan. 11, 1907, in Millette, S.D., a daughter of William and Epsie Kaiser. As a young girl, she moved with her parents to Laclede, Idaho, where she received her schooling. She later moved with the family to Cashmere, Wash.



In 1937, she moved to Olney to live with a sister.

She married Gilbert I. "Gib" Burk in Olney on Sept. 24, 1938. They lived in Olney since then except while he was in the Air Force during World War II.

She was a member of the Whitefish Chapter No. 597 of the Women of the Moose for 32 years and a long-time member of the Olney Bible Study Group.

She was preceded in death by three sisters and a brother.

She is survived by her husband, G.I. Burk, Olney, two sisters, Arlene Kern, of Twin Falls, Idaho, and Lois Vickery of Soap Lake, Wash., and other relatives.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. with Dr. David V. Kauffman of Whitefish and the Rev. Jim Glaznes of the Olney Community Church officiating. Moose rites will be given by the Whitefish Women of the Moose. Cremation will follow the funeral services.

The family suggests memorials to the charity of the donor's choice.

July 1987

DI

Millie Burke, 69

MISSOULA ^{Feb 1987} Millie "Marie" Burke, 69, a former area resident, died Wednesday at Missoula General Hospital.

She was born May 11, 1917, in Luverne, Minn., to Fred and Zella Greenhagen. She grew up and attended school in Salem, S.D.

On March 17, 1936, she married James E. Burke in St. Paul, Minn. The Burkes made their home there until moving to Somers in 1942. They moved to Kalispell in 1959 and then to Missoula in 1965.

Mrs. Burke was an active member of the Daughters of Isabella, serving as an officer in state and local circles. She also was an active member of St. Francis Parish.

Survivors include her husband, James of Missoula; four sons, Dennis of Mesa, Ariz., James F. of Turah, Raymond of Albuquerque, N.M., and Mickey of Missoula; a daughter, Laverne Strotbeck of Missoula; a brother, Melvin Greenhagen of Phoenix, Ariz.; 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Lewis.

Rosary will be recited at 7 to-

night at Livingston-Malletta & Geraghty Funeral Home. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church with the Rev. Fred Reidy as celebrant. Burial will be 2:30 p.m. at Glacier Memorial Gardens, Kalispell.

The family suggests memorials to the Daughters of Isabella.

DI

Gladys Burnell, 82

30 Oct 1987
Gladys Marie Burnell, 82, a resident of Kalispell for 64 years, died in Brendan House on Friday morning.

She was born in Davidson, Saskatchewan, on Sept. 3, 1905, a daughter of Joel Chancye and Hannah Insdahl Carnahan. She was educated in Davidson, and on Aug. 8, 1923, she married Herbert Burnell there.

On Nov. 23, 1923, they moved to Kalispell. She and her husband farmed for many years in the Evergreen area. They later operated the G and E Grocery.

She was a longtime member of the Bible Presbyterian Church and the American Legion Auxiliary, where she had served as secretary for the Salvation Army board for a number of years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Herbert, on Oct. 25, 1971; three brothers; and two sisters.

She is survived by a son, Fred Burnell of Stevensville; two daughters, Helen Mauzey of Bigfork and Evelyn Shepard of Creston; six grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Monday in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. James Huff, pastor of the Bible Presbyterian Church, and the Rev. John Ramey, Mrs. Burnell's grandson, officiating.

Burial will be in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Friends may call at the Johnson Mortuary for visitation from 1-5 p.m. today.

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Ida Burnell, 83

30 Apr 1987
Ida Burnell, 83, died Wednesday morning in Lake View Care Center in Bigfork where she had resided for the past several years.

She was born June 15, 1903, in the Lake Blaine area, a daughter of Henry J. and Edith Goodfriend Brown. She received her education in the Mountain Brook and Creston schools.

In 1922, she married William Burnell in Kalispell. They lived in Yakima, Wash., for five years where she worked in the hop fields and cooked for the workers. They then returned to the Mountain Brook area where they made their home.

Mrs. Burnell worked in the Christmas tree industry and also raised raspberries and strawberries and sold them. She enjoyed the outdoors, crocheting, tatting and sewing.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Della in 1910, and Elva Sutter in 1982; and a brother, Bert Brown in 1987.

Survivors include two sisters, Grace Dugay at Brendan House in Kalispell, and Nina Roberts of Columbia Falls; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be 2 p.m. Friday in Conrad Memorial Cemetery with Ron Roberts of Jehovah's

Witnesses officiating. Friends will meet at the cemetery for the services.

Friends may call at Johnson Mortuary until 8 tonight for visitation.

DI

George R. Buss, 63

George Roland Buss, 63, Kalispell, died Sunday evening in a boating accident on Hungry Horse Reservoir.

He was born June 23, 1924, in Grenville, N.M., a son of George W. and Ellen Buss. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1942 until 1946.

He was a construction pipefitter most of his life. He was a member of the United Association of Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 459; a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and a member of the Moose Lodge.

He was preceded in death by an infant sister, Alpha Jean, and his father, George W. Buss.

He is survived by his wife, Vicki, at the family home; a son, George V. Buss of Kalispell; a daughter, Mrs. Eric (Lynd) Van Winkle of Shingle Springs, Calif.; his mother, Ellen Buss of Perkins, Okla.; two sisters, JoMarie Glover of Perkins, Okla., and Mrs. Thomas (Pattie) Munyan of Kalispell; and a number of other relatives.

Veteran memorial services will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday in Kiwanis Lane Park.

The family requests live plants and flowers, no cut flowers.

Memorial donations may be made in his name to the Chi Epsilon Scholarship Fund, Civil Engineering

Department, Montana State University.

Cremation and arrangements were under the direction of Johnson Mortuary. **28 July 1987**

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A.W. Butchart, 71

31 Oct 1987
EUREKA — Andrew W. Bud Butchart, 71, Eureka, died of cancer Saturday at Brendan House.

He was born Jan. 10, 1916, in Corvallis, to Ernest and Hilda Butchart. He was raised and educated in the Bitterroot Valley. He worked on ranches until marrying Ethel Miller on March 19, 1942, in Hamilton. The couple then moved to Eureka.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and in the Korean War.

He was a heavy equipment operator, working at lumber mills around Eureka until he was physically disabled from rheumatoid

arthritis in 1973.

He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Eureka.

He was preceded in death by his wife in 1981 and by two sons.

Survivors include four daughters; Diane Kearney and Gail Butchart, both of Eureka, Karen Britton of Fallon, Nev., and Crystal Guy of Kalispell; nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Military graveside services will be 1 p.m. Wednesday at Tobacco Valley Cemetery in Eureka under the direction of Vial Funeral Home, Eureka.

DI

Esther Butts, 86

Esther Isobell Butts, 86, died Friday at the Lakeview Care Center in Bigfork of natural causes.

She was born Aug. 5, 1901 in Columbus, Neb., the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milo Benson. She was raised and attended schools in Holt County, Neb. She attended college at Grand Rapids, Neb.

She married Raymond Alvin Butts on March 7, 1925 in Yankton, S.D. They lived and farmed in Nebraska until moving to Wyoming in 1929. In 1961, they retired and moved to Kalispell. The couple celebrated 60 years of marriage before his death in 1985.

She was preceded in death by her husband, two sisters, two brothers

and one grandchild.

She is survived by four daughters, Phyllis Conley in Alliance, Neb., Alta Johnston of Circle, Mary Jones of Longmont, Colo., and Linda Pedie of Bottineau, N.D.; five sons, Donald Butts of Bigfork, Allen Butts of Hullett, Wyo., Harvey Butts of Denver, Colo., Lyle Butts of Boulder, Colo., and Ray Butts of Encampment, Wyo.; her step-mother, Nellie Van Avery of Sioux City, Iowa; five sisters, Mary Bridges of Milton-Freewater, Ore., Bessie Burrell of Healdsburg, Calif., Nola Peterson of Plainview, Neb., Ruthie Bramer in Nebraska, and Bernice Stevens of Omaha, Neb.; 28 grandchildren; and 30 great-grandchildren.

Viewing will be 1-4 p.m. Monday at the Weatherford Funeral Home in Kalispell. Funeral services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the Northridge Heights Church of God with the Rev. Jon Pomeroy officiating. Burial will follow at the Lonesome Cemetery in Bigfork. Arrangement are under the direction of the Bigfork Funeral Home.

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Ilda M. Butts, 79

Ilda M. Butts, 79, Whitefish, died Thursday morning at Colonial Manor or Nursing Home in Whitefish.

She was born March 12, 1908, in Estes Park, Colo., to Roy and Myrtle Bushee. She moved with her family to Priest River, Idaho, in 1923.

On May 12, 1928, she married Clarence Butts in Priest River and in 1941, they moved to Rexford where they owned a business. In 1963, they moved to Kalispell to retire.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Clarence, in 1964, and a daughter, Clarice in 1974.

Survivors include three sons, Roy Butts of Kalispell, Jack Butts of Libby, and Gerald Butts of Whitefish; a sister, Thelma Hough of Spokane, Wash.; 16 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish with the Rev.

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Michael Warmbier of St. Peter Lutheran Church of Whitefish officiating. Graveside rites will be 2 p.m. Saturday at Tobacco Valley Cemetery in Eureka.

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20 Nov. 1987

Stephen M. Bybee

Stephen Michael Bybee, 3-month-old son of Roger and Tammy Bybee of Kalispell, died at his home Wednesday morning.

He was born Aug. 21, 1987, in Kalispell.

Survivors include his parents

Roger and Tammy Bybee and two sisters, Heather and Heide, all at the family home; his grandparents Joe and Myrna Bybee of Kalispell; his great-grandparents, Ray and Edna Bundtrock of Great Falls, Mr. and Mrs. R.J. Pritzkau of Spanaway, Wash., Siama Isaacson in Minnesota, and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Randall of Thompson Falls; and a number of aunts, uncles and cousins.

Graveside services will be 3:30 p.m. today in Conrad Memorial Cemetery with the Rev. Stan Malnar of St. Matthew's Catholic Church officiating. Friends will meet at the cemetery for the services.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

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Mildred Burnett, 77

LIBBY — Former Libby resident. Mildred Burnett, 77, died Monday at Red Wing, Minn.

She was born July 25, 1910, in Whitefish, to Randall and Jennie Howell. She grew up in Montana and graduated from high school in Conrad.

A longtime resident of Libby, she was employed as a bookkeeper by the J. Neils Lumber Co. — later St. Regis Paper Co. — until her retirement in 1975. She then lived in Coeur

d'Alene, Idaho, before moving to Red Wing in 1986.

She was a member of St. Joseph's Parish in Libby.

Survivors include a daughter, Patricia Schoonmaker of Red Wing; a son, Gary Burnett of Cochrane, Alberta; a sister, June Neuman of Wenatchee, Wash.; and eight grandchildren.

Parish vigil services will be 7 tonight at Vial Funeral Home Chapel in Libby. Graveside services will be 11 a.m. Saturday at Milnor Lake Cemetery with the Rev. Frank Wiegenstein officiating. Friends are asked to meet at the cemetery at 10:45 a.m.

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Arley Burton, 68

Arley A. Burton, 68, died July 22 in the Billings Deaconess Medical Center.

He was born April 29, 1919, in Randlett, Okla., a son of Martin and Amy Burton, and in 1928 settled in Musselshell where he graduated from high school. He served in the Army from 1940 to 1945 in Panama, then attended Montana State University.

On March 19, 1977, he married Mary Gladys Blankenbaker in Billings.

Mr. Burton worked for Midland Implement in the accounting department, and in 1954 started working for Cenex as an accountant in the exploration and production department, retiring in 1981.

He enjoyed his yard and collecting country-western records.

He was a member of the Methodist Church and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Survivors include his wife; a stepdaughter, Joyce Roderick of Kansas City, Mo.; four brothers, Bee of Reedpoint, Owen of Musselshell, and Horace and Aubrey, both of Kalispell; two sisters, Willena Burton of Seaside, Ore., and Mrs. Elmer (Paulean)

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Drange of Billings, and a step-grandson.

Services were in Billings with burial in Sunset Memorial Gardens.