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Laura Bartlett, 104

Mrs. Laura Louise Bartlett, 104, died Thursday evening in the Immanuel Lutheran Home.

She was born Feb. 20, 1885, in Wiesbaden, West Germany, a daughter of August and Ida Wendt Wagner. Laura was the second of nine children.

In 1888, she, her parents and her two brothers came to the United States. They traveled by train from New York to Montana, where the family homesteaded in the Egan area. When her parents moved to the Creston area, Laura and her older brother stayed with their grandmother and attended the Egan School.

In 1906, she was married to Ray Barton, a railroader. They lived in Billings, St. Paul, Minn., and Iowa. Laura worked as a waitress for more than 50 years. One of her first jobs was in the hotel in Whitefish. She worked two summers for the concessioner in Yellowstone National Park, and then moved to California.

During World War I, she married Bob Bartlett, a barber for the U.S. Army. Bob earned them a trip to Hawaii by barbering on ship. In the 1920s, Laura worked at the Cliff House

in San Francisco, where many famous people came to eat and gamble. She was also a waitress at the Chancellor and the St. Francis hotels in San Francisco. During World War II, she worked as a seamstress for the Army Engineers in the shipyards in Bremerton. After the war, she returned to her home in California. By the mid-1970s, she had outlived most of her friends, and returned to Montana, living in Kalspell since then. She was a resident of the Immanuel Lutheran home since 1986.

Her hobbies were baseball, horse-racing and making her own clothes.

She is now survived by two sisters, Agnes Everett of Kalspell and Amanda Brandenburg of Seattle, and many nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and grand-nephews.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Marshall Moen, Immanuel Lutheran Home Chaplain, officiating. Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Friends may call at Johnson Mortuary from 2-5 p.m. today for visitation.

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M.E. "Ed" Beatty

POLSON—M. E. "Ed" Beatty, former chief naturalist in Glacier National Park, died in Polson Oct. 22, 1989.

He was born Aug. 30, 1901, in Portland. He graduated from Oregon State College with a degree in mining, and later worked for Shell Oil in geophysical research until the stock market crash of 1929.

In 1932, he went to Yosemite National Park as assistant park naturalist. In 1945, he was transferred to Glacier as chief naturalist. In 1955, he was promoted to regional naturalist for the Park Service's Eastern Section in Richmond, Va. In 1959, he was transferred to Omaha. He was regional chief of interpretation until his retirement in 1963, after 31 years with the Park Service.

Mr. and Mrs. Beatty spent their retirement years in Big Arm for seven years, and then moved to Phoenix, where they lived until this year.

He was preceded in death by one grandchild; a brother, Benjamin E. Beatty, in 1962; his wife, Ethel, in 1945 and his second wife, Evelyn Saurey Beatty, on May 22 of this year.

He is survived by two sons: Ben Beatty of Green Valley, Ariz., and Sandy Sanderson of Kalspell; two daughters: Myrna Nicholas of Wilmington, Calif., and Roberta Smith of Polson; 13 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place. At Mr. Beatty's request, there is to be no service.

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Evelyn S. Beatty, 71

22 May 1989

Mrs. Evelyn Saurey Beatty, 71, formerly of the Flathead Valley, died at her home in Phoenix, Ariz., Monday.

She was born Oct. 23, 1917, in Columbia Falls, a daughter of Dan and Wilma Saurey. She graduated from Columbia Falls High School and attended the University of Montana.

In 1936, she was married to Ian F. Sanderson. On Oct. 3, 1946, she married M.E. "Ed" Beatty in Glacier National Park. She worked there as an accounting payroll clerk. She was an active bridge player.

The couple has resided in Phoenix for the past number of years.

Mrs. Beatty is now survived by her

husband, Ed Beatty, at the home in Phoenix; a daughter, Roberta Smith of Polson; a son, Sandy Sanderson of Kalspell; a stepson, Ben Beatty of Green Valley, Ariz.; a stepdaughter, Myrna Nichols of Wilmington, Calif.; a sister, Marie Green of Polson; 12 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for Mrs. Beatty will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. John Dutzer officiating. Burial will be in the Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls. The family suggests memorials to the American Lung Association, 825 Helena Avenue, Helena, Mont. 59601.

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Helen Becker, 85

14 Sept. 1989

Helen Becker, 85, of Kalspell, died Thursday of natural causes at the Immanuel Lutheran Home.

She was born Feb. 19, 1904, in Dassel, Minn., the daughter of Nels and Alma Regel, and was raised and educated near Big Falls, Minn.

In October of 1924, she married Harry C. Becker at International Falls, Minn., and they came to Kalspell in 1927. Mr. Becker passed away in 1979.

Surviving are two daughters, Audrey Cottrell and Shirley Putnam,

both of Kalspell; two grandchildren, Lisa Schulz of East Harwich, Mass. and Ralph Putnam of Kalspell; two great-grandchildren; a brother, Harry Regel of Seattle; a sister, Edith Martin of International Falls; and a number of other relatives.

Friends may call at the Weatherford Funeral Home today from 2 to 5 p.m.

Graveside funeral services will be Monday at 2 p.m. at Conrad Memorial Cemetery, with the Rev. C. Fred Crowe officiating. Friends and relatives will meet at the cemetery.

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Betty Joan Bell, 60

16 March 1989

Mrs. Betty Joan Bell, 60, of Kalspell, died in the Kalspell Regional Hospital on Thursday morning.

She was born May 23, 1928, in Pawellton, W. Va., a daughter of Joshua and Lulabelle Scott. At an early age she moved with her family to Kentucky where she received her education.

On June 26, 1948, she was mar-

ried to Joseph E. Bell in New Boston, Ohio. The couple lived in Ohio for 18 years; in Gary, Ind., for 20 years; and three years ago they moved to Kalspell, where they have since resided.

Mrs. Bell is survived by her husband, Joseph, of Kalspell; four children, Mildred Ratcliff of Portsmouth, Ohio, Joan Bailey of Kalspell, Joseph Bell Jr. of Chesteron, Ind., and Susan

Martz of El Paso, Texas; two sisters, Martha Ratcliff and Lillian Greene, both of Portsmouth, Ohio; a brother, Bill Scott of Pataskala, Ohio; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The body has been forwarded by the Johnson Mortuary to the Roberson Funeral Home of South Shore, Kent., where funeral services and burial will be made late in the week.

Bertha E. Beck, 73

Bertha E. Beck, 73, of Underwood, N.D., was dead on arrival to the Turtle Lake Community Hospital at Turtle Lake, N.D., on Friday, Sept. 1. Death was due to natural causes. 1989

Bertha Elizabeth Hiltz was born Jan. 5, 1916, at Beulah, N.D., to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hiltz. She grew up on her parent's farm south of Beulah and attended rural school. As a young girl she worked on her parents' farm.

She married Walter R. Beck on Oct. 5, 1941, at Beulah. They lived at Beulah until moving to Hebron in 1953. They then moved to Underwood in 1959.

Mr. Beck died on June 5, 1986. She continued to make her home in Underwood.

Gardening was her hobby and she was a member of the Underwood Senior Citizens Club, the Women of the Moose Lodge in Kalispell, and the Dorcas Society of St. John's Lutheran Church at Underwood.

She spent several winters and

summers in Columbia Falls.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Myron and Julie Beck of Columbia Falls, and Duane and Jane Beck of Underwood, N.D.; five grandchildren, Barbara, John and Dwight Beck of Columbia Falls, and David and Shawn Beck of Underwood; one sister, Martha Wetzel of Bismarck, N.D.; and two brothers, Carl Hiltz and Emanuel Hiltz, both of Beulah, N.D.

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

Funeral services were held Sept. 5 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Underwood with the Rev. Robert Behling officiating. Interment was at Underwood Cemetery.

Pallbearers included Charles Strom, Helmuth Hiltz, Ross and Randy Schramm, Kevin Busch and Charles Peck with Marci Guenther serving as organist.

Arrangements were by Goetz Funeral Home in Underwood.

Robert Ballard's son killed in crash

FALMOUTH, Mass. (AP) — Todd A. Ballard, the 20-year-old son of the man who headed the search for the Titanic, died Tuesday in a car crash.

Ballard was the son of Robert Ballard, the director of the center

25 July 1989
for marine exploration at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution. Last month the marine scientist led the search for the German battleship Bismarck off the coast of France.

The Ballards have a home on Whitefish Lake.

Henrietta Baughman, 84

Henrietta Little Baughman, 84, a former Flathead Lake resident, died Nov. 3 at Redlands, Calif. 1989

Graveside services were today at Hillside Memorial Park, Redlands.

Survivors include one son, one daughter, one brother and two sisters.

Memorials to the American Lung Association or the American Cancer society are suggested.

Bertha M. Beck, 73

Bertha M. Beck, 73, Underwood, N.D., died Sept. 1 at Turtle Lake, N.D. 1989

She had been a member of Women of the Moose Lodge in Kalispell.

She is survived by two sons, including Myron Beck, Columbia Falls; a sister; and two brothers.

Services and burial were Sept. 5 at Underwood.

Paul L. Bailey, 65

3 Aug 1989
Paul L. Bailey, 65, died Thursday afternoon at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

A resident of Brocton, Mass., he was vacationing in the Flathead Valley when he had a heart attack.

Mr. Bailey was a retired firefighter and a World War II Navy veteran.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete.

Ethel M. Brown, 94

Ethel M. Brown, 94, of Portland, Ore., died there on Oct. 4, 1989

She was born April 22, 1895, in Dayton, Ohio; the daughter of Elmer and Amelia Strodbeck Eickmeyer.

On Feb. 15, 1913, she was married to John C. Brown in Kalispell. The couple homesteaded in the Shelby area before moving to Wabasha County, Minn., to farm there until 1940. She enlisted in the Women's Army Corps in September 1943 as a hospital assistant at Indiantown Gap Military Reservation, Pa., serving until May 1944.

The couple then moved to Portland, where they were both employed in the shipyards.

Later, she attended Lewis and

Clark College. She retired from the Corps of Engineers.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John, and eldest son, Jack Lawson Brown.

She is survived by two sons, William W. Brown of Portland and Miles David Brown of Phoenix, Ariz.; two daughters, Helen J. Hall of Pleasant Hill, Calif., and Nancy E. Curry of Portland; 11 grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Peder Waldum officiating. Inurnment will follow at Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Local arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.

Word has been received of the death of Harry R. Baker, 77, on Jan. 26 at his home in Menomonie, Wis. He established Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls in the late 1940s. Church services were held in the Episcopal church until the first unit of Our Savior's was built in the early 1950s. He left Columbia Falls in 1953 to serve Trinity Lutheran Church in West Hempstead, Long Island, N.Y. and retired in 1973. Surviving are his wife, Ella; three daughters, one son, four grandchildren, a brother and two sisters, all of Wisconsin.

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Rose E. Bennis, 88

19 April 1989

Rose E. Bennis, 88, formerly of Clifton, N.J., died Wednesday at Lake View Care Center in Bigfork, following a lengthy illness with cancer.

She was a retired weaver.

She was born Sept. 12, 1900, at Passaic, N.J., the daughter of Wendell and Julia Schweihardt. She lived in Clifton most of her life. She spent several years in Florida before coming to Bigfork in November of 1987 to be with her niece, Mrs. Audrey M. Harke.

Mrs. Bennis was of the Catholic faith.

Her husband, Steven Bennis, preceded her in death in

1978. She is survived by her sister, Mrs. Mary May of Long Island, N.Y.; a nephew, Richard Hargrove, also of Long Island; two nieces, Mrs. Shelby Pauhils of Little Falls, N.J. and Mrs. Audrey M. Harke of Woods Bay; and a number of other relatives.

A Christian wake service will be held Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at Norman A. Parker Funeral Home in Little Falls, N.J. Graveside funeral services will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. at Calvary Cemetery in Patterson, N.J.

Local arrangements are by the Bigfork Funeral Home.

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Aaron R. Bensmiller, 20

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Aaron Robert Bensmiller, 20, of Lakeside, drowned Sunday, Aug. 6, in the Flathead River near Polson.

He was born Feb. 19, 1969, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He came with his family to the Lakeside area from Central City, Iowa, in 1985. He was a 1987 graduate of Flathead High School.

Mr. Bensmiller was employed as a machinist at Semitherm Inc. in Kalispell.

Among his favorite activities were skiing, fishing and hunting.

He is survived by his parents,



Frank and Joan Zelezny of Lakeside and Robert and Ruth Bensmiller of Mt. Vernon, Iowa; two sisters, Pamela Bensmiller of Mt. Vernon and Anna Zelezny of Lakeside; his grandmother, Vera Bensmiller of Phoenix, Ariz.; and many other relatives and friends.

A rosary was recited Friday evening at Weatherford Funeral Home.

Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated Saturday at St. Catherine's Catholic Church in Bigfork, with the Rev. Robert J. Hartman officiating. Burial followed at Lonepine Cemetery.

Arrangements are by Weatherford Funeral Home in Kalispell and Bayview Funeral Chapel in Polson.

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Frederick O. Benton, 3

12 Dec 1989

Frederick O. Benton, 3, died in Kalispell Regional Hospital Tuesday morning.

He was born Nov. 7, 1986, in Kalispell, a son of Cindy and Edward O. Benton.

He is survived by his parents and a brother, Ron Benton, at home; his grandparents, Fred and Charlene Ben-

ton, Whitefish, Ron Roush, Kalispell, and Charlotte J. Probert, Lake Tahoe, Calif.; his great-grandparents, Minnie Benton and Lillian Probert, both of Kalispell; and many other relatives.

Services will be 2 p.m. Sunday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Private burial will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Deaths

27 Feb 1989

Gerald F. Beito, 56

Gerald F. Beito, 56, died of cancer Saturday at his home in Libby.

He moved to Troy in 1959 and to Libby in 1961. He was a construction worker.

He is survived by his wife, Betty, Libby; three daughters including Jane Lichel, Libby; five sons, including Gerald, Libby, and Mike Williams, Libby; three sisters; and seven brothers, including Gilman, Troy.

Services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday at Vial Funeral Home. Burial will be at City of Libby Cemetery with military graveside honors.

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Joshua Michael Berek, 10

3 May 1989

Joshua Michael Berek, 10, of Kalispell, died Wednesday in the Childrens Hospital in Seattle, Wash.

He was born Oct. 16, 1978, in Great Falls, a son of Michael and Sharry Palagi Berek. In 1981, he moved with his family to Kalispell, where he had since resided. He was attending Peterson School at the time of his death.

He is survived by his father, Mike, at home in Kalispell; his mother, Sharry Palagi, of Salt Lake City, Utah;

a sister, Heidi Berek, in Washington D.C.; his grandparents, Mike Berek and Leonard and Helen Palagi, all of Great Falls; and a number of aunts, uncles and other relatives.

Funeral services will be held at the chapel at Fairview Cemetery at 10 a.m. Monday with Pastor Grahame Nicolson officiating. Burial will be in the Fairview Cemetery. Memorials to the Joshua Berek Fund are suggested. Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

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Inga S. Berg, 77
12 Dec 1989

Inga S. Berg, 77, Kalispell, died in Kalispell Regional Hospital on Tuesday evening.

She was born March 23, 1912, in Galata, a daughter of Ingabert E. and Sarah Aune.

She was educated in Galata.

In 1920, she moved to Kalispell. In 1929, she returned to Galata.

She then moved to Alaska where she was employed in the Anchorage Hardware for 13 years and at the

Anchorage Airport Cafe as a cook for five years.

On Oct. 20, 1948, she married Morris Berg in Seattle. The couple lived in Alaska for 28 years where they operated a fishing boat.

They moved to Yerington, Nev., where they lived for nine years.

Following the death of her husband, Mrs. Berg moved to Kalispell.

She was a Lutheran.

She is survived by two sisters, Bertha Collier and Elsie Lee Huebsch,

both of Kalispell, and numerous nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grand-nephews and friends in Alaska and Nevada.

Funeral services will be 3 p.m. Friday in Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Richard Waag, pastor of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, officiating. Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Friends may call at the funeral home for visitation until 7 tonight.

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NELLIE L. "TOOTS" BERGMANN

Nellie L. "Toots" Bergmann, 78, died at her home in Kalispell on September 25 of cancer. *1989*

She was born May 26, 1911, in Kalispell, a daughter of Nels and Dena Hegg. She attended Kalispell schools and was a graduate of the Flathead County High school in the class of 1929.

On August 28, 1932, she was married to Walter Bergmann. The couple has continued to live in Kalispell since that time. "Toots" was well known as a pianist and played with many local musicians for dances for nearly 60 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Walter, on August 3, 1984; a granddaughter, Abigail Ann Bergmann, and three brothers. She is now survived by eight children, seven daughters, Barbara Sundberg of Columbia Falls, Arlene Thumm, Linda Ward, Connie Henke, Janice Geldrich, Leslie Lewellen and Sharon Bolster all of Kalispell, and one son, Richard Bergmann of Bigfork; twenty grandchildren; six great grandchildren.

Graveside services for Mrs. Bergmann were held on September 27 in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family suggest memorials to be made to the Flathead Hospice.

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Enid Bergsieker, 69 *23 Feb 1989*

Enid Bergsieker, 69, Kalispell, died in Flathead County Care Center on Wednesday morning.

She was born July 1, 1919, in Kalispell, a daughter of John and Lucile Buhmiller. She attended schools in Eureka, and graduated from high school there in the class of 1937. She was also a graduate of the University of Montana in the class of 1941.

On Sept. 5, 1943, she was married to Joseph Bergsieker in Seattle, Wash. The couple resided in Spokane until 1951 when they came to Kalispell.

Mrs. Bergsieker was preceded in

death by her parents and a brother, William.

She is now survived by her husband, Joseph E. Bergsieker, at the home in Kalispell; a son, Ted Bergsieker of Missoula; a daughter, Susan Nouchi of Dallas, Texas; and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services for Mrs. Bergsieker will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Dennis Jings, pastor of Central Bible Church, officiating. Burial will be in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

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Berniece Bertleson, 81 *20 Jan 1989*

Berniece L. Bertleson, 81, Coram, died Wednesday at North Valley Hospital.

She was born March 3, 1907, in Bagley, Wis., to Charles and Caroline Ruckdaschel. The family moved to Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, where they lived for several years. They then moved to Glasgow, then Avondale, and later to Opheim. She attended school in Opheim and Glasgow. She attended Minor Business College for one year.

She was married to Royal E. Bertleson on Oct. 9, 1931 in Glasgow.

She worked as a clerk for the school district in Opheim until 1934 when the Bertlesons moved to Redstone. She worked as a clerk for School District 2 in Redstone for 23 years.

The Bertlesons moved to Coram in

1967. She was preceded in death by her parents and husband.

She is survived by two daughters, Jean Heard of Chula Vista, Calif., and Joyce Clink of Casper, Wyo.; a son, Keith Bertleson of Coram; three sisters, Ethel Lundeen of Outlook, Arta Dick of Seattle, Wash., and Olga Travis of Anacortes, Wash.; a brother, Donald Ruckdaschel of Anacortes, Wash.; and numerous nieces, nephews, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at Varr Leuven Funeral Home in Columbia Falls. The Rev. Tod Fox of the Canyon Community Church in Coram will officiate. Cremation has taken place. Burial of the cremains will take place in Tobacco Valley Cemetery near Eureka.

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Stanley P. Best, 85

Stanley P. Best, 85, of Kalispell died early Monday morning at his Kalispell home following a lengthy illness.

He was born Feb. 28, 1903, at Durand, Ill., the son of Fernando and Theresa Best. As a child he came with his family to Redfield, S.D., where he was raised and educated.

On June 8, 1930, he married Marguerite B. Skinner in Great Falls, and they began ranching at Stanford, and later Chateau. In 1937, they moved to Buckley, Wash., where Mr. Best was a shipyard welder.

In 1944, they returned to Montana, ranching in the Thompson River Valley until moving to Kalispell in 1971.

Mr. Best was very active in the Kalispell Senior Citizens Center and delivered Meals-on-Wheels from 1976-86. He attended First Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Marguerite Best, at the family

home in Kalispell; three daughters, Carolyn Ann Wilson of Kalispell, M. Joy Peterson of San Diego, Calif. and Ruth Louise Hamilton of Spokane, Wash.; one son, Robert Stanley Best of Sacramento, Calif.; 16 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren; and numerous other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Verena Wall and Bertha Dawson.

Visitation will be today until 7 p.m. at the Weatherford Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. at the Weatherford Chapel with Rev. Ken Mottram, pastor of the First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

The family suggests memorial contributions to the Senior Citizens Center, 403 Second Ave. W., Kalispell 59901.

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Rev. Chauncey Biffle, 89

Rev. Chauncey Biffle, 89, of Kalispell, died in the Flathead County Care Center on Tuesday evening.

He was born April 7, 1900, in Carter County, Mont., a son of Robert Lee and Henrietta Biffle. He was a graduate of the Baker High School in Baker, Mont., and later had four years of Methodist Seminary study.

On June 2, 1922, he was married to Josephine Howell in Baker.

He worked as a grocery clerk and bank clerk and teller in Lewistown, Harlowton and Baker, and a bookkeeper in Ekalaka. From 1933-35 he was manager of the Emergency Relief Adm. at Baker and in 1935 served as manager of the National Reemployment Service in Miles City and Billings and was state director of War Manpower Commission in Helena.

He served as manager of the State Employment Service in Polson from 1948-65. In 1948, he became pastor of the Bigfork Methodist Church in Bigfork and was ordained while serving in Bigfork.

In 1972, he became associate pastor of the United Methodist Church in Kalispell, serving until his final illness.

He served in the U.S. Army in France during World War I, and was

a charter member and state commander of the American Legion (1944-45) in Helena. He was also charter member and state commander of the Veterans of World War I (1955) in Polson, and was a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was also a member of the AARP, RSVP and Oddfellows, and enjoyed golfing until his final illness.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Chet, Jim and Marion Biffle; two sisters, Lottie and Laura, and his daughter, Marilyn Koetter on June 23, 1988.

He is now survived by his wife, Josephine, at the family home; his son, Robert P. Biffle of Port Townsend, Wash.; a sister, Mrs. R. G. (Inez) Wheeler of Sedro Valley, Wash.; seven grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday in the Epworth United Methodist Church with the Rev. Marvin Northcutt officiating. Burial will be in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery with military honors by the local veterans organizations.

Friends may call at the Johnson Mortuary for visitation until 8 p.m. on Friday. The casket will not be opened at the services.

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John R. Billmayer, 64

John R. Billmayer, 64, died Wednesday of natural causes at his Kallispell home.

He was born Dec. 14, 1924, in Harlem, the son of Roy C. and Mabel Billmayer. He grew up and graduated from high school in Hogeland.

During World War II, he entered the U.S. Navy, and was in the Pacific Theatre with the SEEBEES for about three years.

On March 11, 1946, he married Kathryn Okins in Seattle, and they made their home in Hogeland.

He farmed and operated a waterwell drilling business in Hogeland until moving to Kallispell in 1969. He then was a partner in E & B Construction, along with John Engebretson. In 1972, he formed Billmayer's Drilling, and he was still involved in operating that business.

Mr. Billmayer was one of the original members of the Montana State Waterwell Board, and held Montana license No. 5, the oldest one in existence.

A lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, he was also active in the American Legion and Eagles for a number of years.

Surviving family members include his wife, Kathryn, at the family home; a daughter, Karen Ann Crick of Elko, Nev.; four sons, Richard R. Billmayer of Salt Lake City, David L. Billmayer of Bigfork, and Dean C. Billmayer of Elko; his mother, Mrs. Clyde (Mabel) Cronce of Kallispell; a brother, James Billmayer of Hogeland; two sisters, Mrs. Merlin (Lois) Alcorn of Custer, Wash., and Mrs. Art (Doris) Egbert of Turner; 10 grandchildren, and a number of other relatives.

Friends may call at Weatherford Funeral Home today from 2-5 p.m.

Funeral services will be Monday at 10 a.m. at Weatherford Chapel, with the Rev. Ron Pierce, pastor of Swan Chapel, officiating. Local veterans will present military honors at the conclusion of the services. Cremation will follow at Weatherford Crematory.

Bert Bertleson Jr., 61

A.B. (Bert) Bertleson Jr., 61, died Feb. 16 at Overlake Hospital in Bellevue, Wash.

In 1972, Mr. Bertleson moved to Columbia Falls. He worked as a small motor repairman and drove a school bus and the Columbia Falls ambulance.

He is survived by his former wife, Doris Bertleson, Columbia Falls; two daughters and a sister.

Cremation will take place in Bellevue. No services are planned.

19 Feb 1989

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Grant A. Bingham, 83

Grant A. Bingham, 83, Bigfork, died Thursday at Brendan House in Kallispell following a lengthy illness.

He was born April 3, 1906, at the family homestead south of Kensal, N.D., the son of William Henry and Mary Anna Bingham. He was raised and attended schools near Kensal. He came to Montana in 1920, and worked in the Peerless area until moving to Helena in 1930. He worked for Consolidated Freight Lines and later operated his own trucking business, White Line Vans.

On Jan. 18, 1936, he married Dora Gummow, and they made their home in Helena. Mr. Bingham later went to work for the Montana Liquor Division, where he was employed for more than 20 years. His wife Dora preceded him in death on March 9, 1965.

In September 1965, he remarried to Lynne DeBorde, and they retired to Bigfork in 1969. She passed away in 1978. He was married to Mary Malone in July 1979, and she preceded him in

death in August 1988. He was also preceded in death by a stepson, Clifford "Skip" Mayer.

Mr. Bingham was past president of the Teamsters Union in Helena. He was an avid bowler, both in Helena and Bigfork, and was also a lifetime member of the Kallispell Elks. He was active in the Yellow Bay Community Center, and had served as president.

Surviving family members include a stepson, Clyde W. Mayer of Helena; nine grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Friends may call at Weatherford Funeral Home today from 6-8 p.m., and Monday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Funeral services will be Monday at 2 p.m. at Weatherford Chapel, with the Rev. Ron Pierce, pastor of the Swan Chapel, officiating. Graveside services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Resurrection Cemetery in Helena.

Arrangements are by the Bigfork Funeral Home.

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Erling O. Birkley, 61

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Erling O. Birkley, 61, Trego, passed away at home on July 19 after a brief illness.

He was born Sept. 23, 1927, at Newcastle, Neb., the son of Andrew and Emma Birkley. At age 9, he came with his family to Chicago, where he later graduated from high school. Erling served in the U.S. Navy at the end of World War II, then returned to Chicago.

He was a boilermaker and industrial welder for many years in the Chicago area.

In the 1950s, he moved to Milwaukee, Wis., where he had his own real estate business for six years. Erling then came to Racine, Wis., where he eventually returned to industrial welding.

He had lived in the Flathead Valley since 1985.

Erling was a 32nd degree Mason, a

Shrine, and a DeMolay adviser in Milwaukee.

On Dec. 29, 1967, he married Nancy Vlerebome in Racine, and she survives him at the family home in Trego. Also surviving are four sons at the family home, David, Ben, Jason and Adam Birkley, and two sons in Wisconsin, Dennis and Michael Birkley; one brother, Adrian Birkley of Phoenix, Ariz.; two sisters, Elvida Linne of Roselle, Ill., and Bernice Ostrom of Twin Lakes, Wis.; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. at the Whitefish Christian Church with the Rev. Joseph Wagnon officiating. Arrangements are by the Weatherford Funeral Home & Crematory in Kalispell.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Trego School Athletic Fund, or the Trego School Library.

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Leon F. 'Lee' Bishop, 66

5 Dec 1989

BILLINGS — Leon F. 'Lee' Bishop, 66, Billings, formerly of Kalispell, died Tuesday at his home in Billings of natural causes.

He was born on Aug. 5, 1923, in Hamilton, Ohio; the son of Lorn and Lydia (Mau) Bishop. At the age of 8, he moved with his mother and family to Portland, Ore., where he graduated from high school.

He served in U.S. Marine Corps from 1942 until 1945, then returned to Portland.

On June 30, 1946, he married Betty J. Holland in Portland.

While in Portland, he worked in wholesale and retail sales. In 1966, he was transferred from Portland to Kalispell by the Fred Meyer Inc., to establish the non-food department of the B&B.

He later established a retail clothing store in Kalispell which he operated for seven years. In 1985, he and his wife moved to Billings, where he managed the Western Outdoor Store until his retirement.

After retirement, he worked part-time for Connolly's West in Billings.

He was active in the Central Business Association in Kalispell and was past president; served on the board of directors of the Kalispell Chamber of

Commerce; and was past president of Kalispell Kiwanis Club.

He was a member of the VFW Post 1442 in Portland, which he was past commander. In Billings, he was a member of Pryor Creek Golf Club, a member of Downtown Business Association, and was chairman of the committee organizing the first annual holiday parade in Billings.

He liked hunting, fishing, fly tying, and golfing, and was a rodeo fan.

Survivors include his wife, Betty, of Billings; one son, Randall Bishop of Billings; one daughter, Mrs. Chic (Janice) Harbine of Missoula; one brother, Leonard Bishop of Cincinnati, Ohio; two sisters, Lori Pomeroy of Santa Monica, Calif., and LaVerne Vogl of Portland; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Friday at the Mayflower Congregational Church in Billings. Cremation will follow the service.

Smith's Downtown Funeral Chapel of Billings is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be made to the Big Sky Hospice, 1041 N. 29th St., Billings 59101, or the American Cancer Society.

DI

Jack Owen Bjork, 51

16 April 1989

Jack Owen Bjork, 51, Bigfork, died at his home Sunday morning of natural causes.

He was born Oct. 19, 1937, in Bigfork, the son of Fred and Noreen Bjork. Jack was raised and attended schools in Bigfork. As a young man, he worked as a wrangler at Glacier National Park for about five years.

In 1960, he worked for Broders Brothers Lumber Co. as a trimmerman until 1966. He then worked for a year at Bell Manufacturing in Kalispell. In 1968, he went to work for Wes House Construction in Bigfork until 1981. He then was ranch foreman for Crossbow Corporation until the present.

Jack had also contracted four school buses for the Bigfork school system for the past 16 years. He also served in the Montana National Guard

from 1955 to 1965.

On Nov. 22, 1957, he married Carol Fenger in Sandpoint, Idaho, and the couple have resided in the Bigfork area since that time.

Jack was a member of the Swan Chapel congregation, an avid outdoorsman and a member of the National Rifle Association.

He was preceded in death by a son, Rick, in 1987.

He is survived by his wife, Carol, and daughter, Jackie Bjork, at the family home in Bigfork; his parents, Fred and Noreen, Bigfork; a sister, Deanna Hagerman, Kalispell; and many other relatives and friends.

Private memorial services will be held at a later time. Arrangements and cremation are under the direction of Bigfork Funeral Home.

DI

Ida Louise Blackwell, 41

14 Feb 1989

Ida Louise Blackwell, 41, Kalispell, died in St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula on Thursday, Feb. 9, as the result of injuries sustained in a pickup accident.

She was born Jan. 16, 1948, in Fallon, Nev., a daughter of Herman and Alma Lauckner. At an early age she moved with her family to Kalispell where she attended Kalispell schools and was a graduate of the Flathead High School in the class of 1966. She then attended Great Falls Business College in Great Falls. She had also attended Flathead Valley Community College.

She had received many ribbons and awards for her 4-H photography projects and had received the Nancy Putnam Award in 1967 for track.

In 1970, she married Jack Blackwell in Kalispell.

Mrs. Blackwell had been employed as a bookkeeper and computer operator having worked for Valley Parts Co., Commercial Data, and was employed in the office of the Flathead County Treasurer at the time of her death.

She is survived by her husband, Jack, and two sons, Tom and David Blackwell, all at home; her mother, Alma Lauckner of Moses Lake, Wash.; three brothers, Lawrence Lauckner of Seattle, Wash., Al Lauckner of Moses Lake, Wash., and Jim Lauckner of Kalispell; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Mrs. Blackwell will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Glen Moore, retired Full Gospel minister, officiating. Burial will be in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

DI

David O. Blanchet, 83

24 Nov 1989

David O. Blanchet, 83, of Kalispell, died at Kalispell Regional Hospital Friday morning.

He was born Nov. 28, 1905, in Kalispell, a son of Louis and Hulda Blanchet. He attended Boorman and Egan elementary schools, and Flathead County High School.

On Nov. 14, 1926, he was married to Nellie McBride in Kalispell.

He farmed for a time before moving to Somers, where they lived for a number of years. He did carpentry and construction work for many years, working in Great Falls, Seattle, Wash., and a number of other cities.

The Blanchets returned to Kalispell and have resided here much of the time since, with the exception of a year spent in Billings in 1987.

Mr. Blanchet was a member of St. Matthew's Catholic

Church, Carpenters Union No. 911, and the Kalispell senior citizens group.

He was preceded in death by a son, Robert Blanchet, in 1945; a brother; and two sisters.

He is survived by his wife, Nellie, at home; a son, Russell Blanchet of Dutton; a daughter, Mrs. Don (Patricia) McClarty of Kalispell; six grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Rosary will be recited at 7:30 p.m. today in Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Monday in St. Matthew's Catholic Church with the Rev. Father Edmund Smith as celebrant.

Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Friends may call at Johnson Mortuary for visitation from 1-4 p.m. today.

DI

Constance Leshor Blood, 77 *26 June 1989*

Constance Leshor Blood, 77, died Thursday morning of natural causes at her Kalispell home.

She was born July 2, 1911, at Rye, N.Y., where she was raised and educated.

In 1933, she married Alexander P. Blood in Rye, where they lived until moving to Gloucester, Va., in 1948. Her husband preceded her in death in 1964.

Mrs. Blood had lived in Kalispell since 1977. She had been active with volunteer work at Kalispell Regional Hospital, and was a member of the Guild and Episcopal Church Women at Christ Church Episcopal.

She is survived by four daughters, Margaret Collins of Rye, Patricia Brier-

ly of Little Rock, Ark., Constance Blood of Sebastopol, Calif., and Katherine Blood of Madison, Wis.; two sons, Lex Blood of Kalispell, and Samuel Blood of Newport News, Va.; one sister, Margaret Reed of Woking Village, Sussex, England; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be Tuesday at 4 p.m. at the Ware Episcopal Church in Gloucester, Va. Urn burial will take place at the church cemetery.

Arrangements and cremation are by the Weatherford Funeral Home & Crematory in Kalispell.

The family suggests memorial contributions to a charity of the donor's choice.

DI

Neal J. Blush, 67 *1989*

Neal J. Blush, 67, of Whitefish, died June 26 at Madigan Army Hospital in Tacoma, Wash.

He was born Feb. 19, 1922, in Hot Springs, a son of Erma and Claire R. Blush. He was raised and educated in Whitefish and graduated from Whitefish High School in 1941. Mr. Blush served in the Air Force as a glider pilot from 1941 to 1948 in China, Burma and India.

He married Helen Strom in Whitefish on June 16, 1946, and she now survives at the family home.

Mr. Blush had worked in the public schools as a teacher and guidance counselor and worked in Plains from 1953 to 1959; Columbia Falls from 1959 to 1966; Tumwater, Wash., from

1966 to 1979. He had lived in Whitefish and Yuma, Ariz., since 1979.

He is now survived by his wife, Helen, of Whitefish; three sons, Robert of Naknek, Alaska, Thomas of Portland, Ore., and Alan of Houston, Texas; two daughters, Leslie Kanzler of Yakima, Wash., and Claire Blush of Bellevue, Wash.; one sister, Marion Field of Kalispell; and four grandchildren.

Memorial services will be Thursday at 10 a.m. at the Astin Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. John Huthausen of St. Charles Catholic Church officiating.

Memorials have been suggested to the charity of the donor's choice.

DI

Maude Black, 80 *23 June 1989*

Maude M. Black, 80, died at her home in Somers Friday afternoon.

She is survived by her husband, Robert Black, at home; a son, James Castello of Topeka, Kan.; and a granddaughter, Kristen.

Cremation has taken place. Burial of urn will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

DI

Bunny Blythe, 58

Bunny Blythe, 58, died Friday, Oct. 12, at her home in Columbia Falls. *1990*

She was born Aug. 4, 1932, in Altoona, Pa., to Urban E. and Mary Dumm. She was raised and educated in Altoona. She served in the Navy from 1951 to 1953.

She was married to Carter A. Blythe on Jan. 3, 1953, in Reno, Nev. They reaffirmed their marriage on March 14, 1954, in St. Augustine Catholic Church in Oakland, Calif.

They lived in Oakland, Calif., then Virginia, then New London, Conn., then San Diego, Calif., and then to New London, Conn. In 1963, they moved to Great Lakes, Ill., and then in 1969 to Henderson, Ky. They moved to Columbia Falls in 1979.

Bunny worked at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls until retiring in 1987.

She is preceded in death by her parents.

She is survived by her husband, Carter, of Columbia Falls; one daughter, Camille Collins of Henderson, Ky.; two sons, Carter A. Blythe of New London, Conn., and Bruce Blythe of West Palm Beach, Fla.; four sisters, Joan Jones of Altoona, Pa.; Consuelo Zeak of Altoona, Pa.; Sister Cecile Dumm of Johnstown, Pa.; and Bernese Davis of Lancaster, Pa.; six grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; and numerous friends.

A rosary will be recited Wednesday, Oct. 17, at 7 p.m. at the Van Leuven Funeral Home in Columbia Falls. Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated Thursday, Oct. 18, at 10 a.m. at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls. The Rev. Patrick McGurk will officiate. Burial will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

DI

Samuel 'Ted' Bonner, 70

16 Aug 1989

Samuel "Ted" Bonner, 70, a resident of Whitefish, died of cancer Wednesday at the North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

He was born April 18, 1919, in Whitefish, to Calvin and Louise Bonner. He was raised and educated in Whitefish and graduated with the 1937 Whitefish High School class. He then attended Kinman Business College in Spokane for a year and returned back to Whitefish and was employed with the Great Northern Railroad.

He served with the U.S. Army during World War II and following his discharge returned to Whitefish to continue his employment with the railroad and retired in July 1981.

He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, Whitefish VFW, Whitefish Moose Club, and retired Locomotive Engineers, and was a retired Whitefish Volunteer Fireman.

He was married to Helen M. Deputy on May 14, 1938, in Libby, and she

preceded him in death on April 5, 1974.

On Sept. 5, 1975, he was married to Joyce Gallo in Whitefish and is now survived by her at their home in Whitefish.

He is also survived by one son, Jerry R. Bonner in Eureka; two stepsons, Paul and Roger Gallo, both of Whitefish; six grandchildren and one great-granddaughter; two sisters, Eunice Shevenko of Kallispell and Lucille Beck of Portland, Ore.; and a number of other relatives.

He was preceded in death by one son, Gerry "Mike" Bonner in 1979.

Rosary will be recited Friday at 7:30 p.m. at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. Mass of the Resurrection will be Saturday at 1 p.m. at the St. Charles Catholic Church in Whitefish with the Rev. John Hunthausen as celebrant. Burial will be made in the Whitefish Cemetery with military graveside rites.

DI

Tyler Boggs, 75

Tyler Boggs, 75, Libby, died Sunday at his home. *23 April 1989*

He moved to Libby in 1967, then worked in the Tri Cities area before returning to Libby where he worked for Asarco until retiring in 1981.

Survivors include his wife, Ethel, Libby; a daughter, Georgina Collier, Kallispell; a son; two brothers; and a sister.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. at Vial Funeral Home in Libby. Burial will be Friday at 11 a.m. at Woodlawn Cemetery, Columbia Falls.

DI

Fred J. Borgen 9 Feb 1989

Fred J. Borgen, Kalispell, died in the Kalispell Regional Hospital on Sunday afternoon.

He was born in Humbolt, Saskatchewan, one of eight children born to Ole and Thea Johnson Borgen, who were Norwegian immigrants. At an early age he moved to Sylva, N.D.

Being born in Canada of American citizens, he and his twin brother had a choice of becoming American or Canadian citizens, and chose to be American citizens.

Mr. Borgen was raised and received his education in Sylva, N.D. In the late 1920s, the family came to the Flathead Valley and settled in the Helena Flats area.

Mr. Borgen worked in the timber industry for five or six years, working for Somers Lumber Co., Stoltz Lumber Co., and the Kalispell Lumber Co. He enjoyed the lumber business but his heart was in farming.

On Aug. 10, 1935, he was married to Floy Caldwell in Wallace, Idaho. In 1943, he and his wife bought a farm in the Helena Flats area. For 30 years he farmed until retiring due to illness in 1975. At that time he built a home in Hillcrest Estates overlooking the Whitefish River.

Mr. Borgen greatly enjoyed working with and for the community and was instrumental in helping build the present Calvary Lutheran Church, Ev-

ergreen Fire Hall and the present Calvary Lutheran Church parsonage.

His hobbies included league bowling, baseball, carpentry, and finding and restoring antique farm machinery. He was also fond of horticulture.

In 1979, he and his wife and daughter flew to Norway for a family reunion.

Mr. Borgen moved to the Immanuel Lutheran Home on July 31, 1986, where he lived until moving to the Brendan House a short time ago.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Ted and Henry Borgen, and is now survived by his wife, Floy, at home, a daughter, Mrs. Bill (Sonja) Vines, Wheatland, Wyo., four granddaughters, a brother, Norman Borgen, Columbia Falls, four sisters, Christine Johnson, Immanuel Lutheran Home, Mrs. Duane Shaw, Spokane, and Olga Price and Maybelle McPoland, both of Seattle, Wash., and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Mr. Borgen will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday in Calvary Lutheran Church with the Rev. Thomas Walker and the Rev. H. Peder Waldum officiating. Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

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

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Marguerite Borge, 71

Marguerite Borge was born July 15, 1917, in Radcliffe, Iowa, the daughter of Martin A. and Gunhil Christianson. She grew up in Iowa and attended schools there. She graduated from Waldorf College in Forest City, Iowa, and later did graduate work at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis.

She taught school for several years in the state of Iowa. Music was her avocation. During her lifetime she sang in church choirs and was a frequent soprano soloist at church services and community affairs.



She was married to Henry Borge on June 5, 1943, in Ellsworth, Iowa. During the war years she continued to

live in Iowa while her husband served in the U.S. Army.

After the war they moved to Hastings, Minn., and later to Wolf Point, Mont., where her husband practiced medicine for 35 years. Following their retirement they moved to the Flathead Valley.

Mrs. Borge is survived by her husband at the family home in Bigfork, and by two sons, David of Minneapolis, and Douglas of Kansas City, and by two grandchildren.

Mrs. Borge died June 6 at Kalispell Regional Hospital after a five-year battle with cancer.

Funeral services will be Friday at 2 p.m. at Bethany Lutheran Church in Bigfork. Visitation will be at the Johnson Mortuary in Kalispell today until 8 p.m., and Friday from 9 a.m. until noon.

Memorials may be directed to Bethany Lutheran Church in Bigfork.

DI

Clara E. Bradford, 80

Clara Eva Bradford, 80, has gone home to be with her Lord. She passed away of natural causes early Saturday morning at Kalispell Regional Hospital. *21 Oct 1989*

She was born Feb. 23, 1909, in Burke County, N.D., the second eldest of 13 children born to William H. and Eva Catherine Sink. She grew up on a farm near Bowbells, N.D., helping to raise the younger children.

On Aug. 12, 1933, she married James A. Bradford in Dunseith, N.D., and they came to Kalispell in 1935.

Mrs. Bradford was very active in Bethel Baptist Church, and was a charter member.

She loved bowling, and had participated in both Co-ed and Guys and Dolls Over 55 leagues at Skyline Bowl.



Mrs. Bradford was preceded in death by her husband James in 1973, her parents, a baby sister Helen Sink, and two brothers, David and Melvin Sink.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Russ (Sharon) Crowder of Kalispell and Mrs. Gary (Gayle) Mostoller of Homer, Alaska; three sons, Robert J. Bradford of Phoenix, Ariz., Dean A. Bradford of Sumner, Wash. and William E. Bradford of Kalispell; five sisters; four brothers; 17 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and a number of other relatives.

Friends may call at Weatherford Funeral Home Monday from noon until 7 p.m.

Funeral services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Bethel Baptist Church, with the Rev. Gordon Dexter officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Bethel Baptist Missionary Fund.

DI

Donald M. Brandley, 84

26 Oct 1989
Donald M. Brandley, 84, of Whitefish, died of natural causes Thursday at North Valley Hospital.

He was born July 16, 1905, in Litchfield, Minn., a son of Jack and Mary Brandley.

He was raised and received his education in St. Cloud, Minn., graduating with the high school class of 1923. He attended St. Cloud Teachers College for three years.

He worked for the Minnesota Highway Department for three years as a surveyor.

He was married to Alice Anderson on July 21, 1934, in St. Cloud and they lived in various cities in Minnesota. In 1957, they moved to the Flathead Valley, where they owned the B&B Beverage Co. in Kalispell.

In 1961, they moved to Port Charlotte, Fla. and Mr. Brandley was

employed in real estate. In 1986, they returned to Montana and lived in Whitefish.

He was a member of the Catholic Church and a Fourth-Degree Knight of Columbus. While in Florida, he was a member of the local chamber of commerce and of the Florida Board of Realtors.

He is survived by his wife Alice at their home in Whitefish; numerous nieces and nephews and grand-nieces and grand-nephews.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, including a twin, and also by a sister.

Rosary will be recited today at 7 p.m. at Austin Funeral Home. Mass of the Resurrection will be Monday at 10 a.m. at St. Charles Catholic Church with the Rev. Father John Hunthausen as celebrant. Burial will be in Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

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WHITEFISH—Roy "Shorty"

Brakebush, 89, of Whitefish, died Feb. 7 at Colonial Manor Nursing Home. He lived and worked in Kalispell for many years before moving to Colonial Manor in May 1978. There are no known survivors except his friends, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Sorenson, of Kalispell. Graveside services were 1 p.m. Friday at Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

WP

IRENE D. BRADLEY

Irene D. Bradley, age 87, a resident of Whitefish passed away October 13 at the North Valley Hospital in Whitefish of natural causes. 1987

She was born August 5, 1902 in St. John, North Dakota a daughter of Horace and Delia Bourassa.

As a young girl, she moved with her parents to Flaxville, Montana where her parents were homesteaders.

She was married to John C. Bradley in 1919 in Flaxville. They lived there until 1941 and moved to Chicago, Ill. Mr. Bradley preceded her in death in 1963 and in 1987 she moved to Whitefish.

She is survived by three daughters Lucille Howard of Havre; Peggy Jacogson and Marcella Barr both of Whitefish. Two sons Donald Bradley of LaGrange Park, Ill. and Gerald J. Bradley of Rockford, Ill. One brother Horace Bourassa of Flaxville. 16 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren and one great great grandchild.

Mass of the Resurrection was at the St. Charles Catholic Church in Whitefish on October 16th. Burial was in the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

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ROBERT PRESTON BRAUER

Robert Preston Brauer, 45, Kalispell, died of an apparent heart attack while on a construction job near Butte.

He was born August 12, 1944 at Minneapolis, Minnesota, the son of Robert and Shirley Brauer. He was raised at Minnetonka, Minnesota, graduating from Minnetonka High School.

He came to Whitefish in 1971. He later lived in Alaska from 1981 until coming to Kalispell in February of 1989.

Mr. Brauer was a lineman for most of his life, and he was employed by Harp Line Construction.

Surviving family members include a son, Ernie Brauer of Whitefish; his father, Robert P. Brauer of Almo, Nevada; two sisters, Gale Chandler of Almo, Nevada and Royce O'Brien of Tacoma, Washington; two brothers, Mike Brauer of Whitefish, and Ronald Brauer of Ellensburg, Washington.

Funeral services were October 10th at the Weatherford Chapel, with Pastor Brad Brittsan of Christian Life Fellowship officiating. Military honors were provided by local veterans. Burial will take place later at Ft. Snelling National Cemetery near Minneapolis.

DI

Anton "Tony" Braig, 83

Anton "Tony" Braig died Monday at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

Tony was born Jan. 28, 1906, in Heufelden, (West) Germany, the youngest of seven children. Heufelden was a farming village of about 200 residents, 70 miles south of Stuttgart. His family farmed in this area for more than 400 years.

At age 25, he immigrated to the United States and came directly to the Whitefish area. He was the only family member to immigrate.

On Feb. 2, 1936, he married Mary

Ann Voermans who had immigrated from Holland via Canada as a small child.

In 1937, they bought a farm five miles east of Whitefish and lived there until Mary's death on July 10, 1985.

Tony moved into Immanuel Lutheran Home in October 1985.

Tony is survived by two sons, Jacob J. Braig, Spokane, Wash., and Robert A. Braig, Kalispell; one grandson, Rob of San Francisco, and three granddaughters, Mary Courtenay, Kiersten and Brandee of Kalispell.

Rosary will be recited at Austin Funeral Home on Friday at 7:30 p.m. Mass of the Resurrection will be at St. Charles Catholic Church on Saturday at 10 a.m.

The family suggests memorials to the Immanuel Lutheran Home Alzheimer's Unit in lieu of flowers.



DI

Fern Delores Brekhus, 58

28 July 1989

Fern Delores Brekhus, 58, of Bigfork, died Friday morning at Kallispell Regional Hospital following a long illness with cancer.

She was born Feb. 27, 1931, in Velva, N.D., the daughter of Glenn and Lucille Miller. She was raised and educated in Velva and graduated from high school there in 1947.

On Dec. 21, 1948, she married Howard Brekhus in Velva, where they lived until moving in 1952 to Bigfork, where they have resided since.

Fern was a housewife and worked at Bigfork Drug Store for about 10 years. She was a member of Bethany Lutheran Church in Bigfork. She enjoyed homemaking and her flower garden.

She was preceded in death by her mother Lucille and a sister, Edith.

She is survived by her husband Howard at the family home in Bigfork; two sons, Mel Brekhus in Dallas, Texas and Mark Brekhus in O'Fallon, Ill.; a daughter, Mary Brekhus in Bigfork; her father Glenn Miller, and stepmother Lois in Velva; four brothers, Richard Miller and Donald Miller, both in Missoula, Robert Miller in San Francisco, and Duane Miller in Sandpoint, Idaho; two sisters, Dorothy Kittleson in Velva and Linda Miller in Un-Alaska, Alaska; four grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the Bethany Lutheran Church in Bigfork, with the Rev. Herb Knutsen officiating. Arrangements and cremations are under the direction of the Bigfork Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions can be made to a charity of choice.

DI

Grace M. Brennan, 85

Grace M. Brennan, 85, of Whitefish, died of natural causes Aug. 8, at Libby Care Center. 1989

She was born Dec. 13, 1903, in Herman, Minn., to O.J. and Russia Ann Hanson. She spent her childhood in Whitefish until moving to Joplin and farming with her family.

On Feb. 10, 1923, she married George L. Brennan in Shelby. The couple lived in Joplin until moving to Whitefish in 1942.

Mrs. Brennan was manager of the Ladies Toggery in Whitefish until retiring in 1969.

After the death of her husband, she moved in 1980 to Mountain View Manor in Whitefish. In 1987, she moved to Libby's Green Meadow Manor until entering Libby Care Center.

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

Survivors include a daughter, Joyce Chapman, Libby; four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, a daughter, three sisters and two brothers preceded her in death.

Rosary and parish vigil services will be 7:30 p.m. Sunday at Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

Mass of the Resurrection will be 2 p.m. Monday at St. Charles Catholic Church in Whitefish with the Rev. John Hunthausen as celebrant. Burial will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

The family suggests memorials to the Libby Volunteer Ambulance Fund, P.O. Box 777, Libby, 59923.

DI

Tiffany S. Brittenham, 18

1989

Tiffany S. Brittenham, 18, Columbia Falls, died Saturday evening, Dec. 30, at Kallispell Regional Hospital after a lengthy battle with cystic fibrosis.

She was born Oct. 27, 1971, in Kallispell to Bill and Starlene Brittenham. She was raised and educated in Columbia Falls. She was active in the management of the volleyball and



cross-country teams at Columbia Falls High School. She was also involved in Close Up and choir.

She was an active member of the Fellowship Alliance Church in Columbia Falls.

Tiffany's courage, love, selflessness, and radiant smile brought an indescribable enrichment to her family and all who knew her.

She is survived by her parents, Bill and Starlene Brittenham of Columbia Falls; one brother, Shawn Brittenham of Columbia Falls; her grandparents, Howard and Marie Gruenig of Kallispell, and Clara Brittenham of Columbia Falls; and numerous aunts,

uncles, cousins and friends.

A funeral service will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls. The Rev. Tom Mitchell and the Rev. Randy Junker will officiate. Burial will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

Visitation will be today until 8 p.m. at the Van Leuven Funeral Home in Columbia Falls.

The family has suggested that memorials be made to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, 16 W. Harrison, Seattle, Wash. 98119, or to Montana Hope Project, Box 5927, Helena 59604.

Ray E. Brenner, 74

Ray E. Brenner, 74, Kalispell, died in Kalispell Regional Hospital Sunday afternoon.

He was born July 30, 1915, in Concordia, Kan., a son of Caleb and Hattie Brenner. He received his education in Kansas and graduated from Washington High School in Concordia, Kan.

He then did general labor work until he was 22 years old when he moved to the Flathead Valley. He did logging work for a short time until being employed with the Great Northern Railroad as a maintenance worker until his retirement.

He was a veteran of World War II. He entered the U.S. Army on March 14, 1942, at Fort Lewis, Wash., and served in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater until receiving his honorable discharge on Oct. 4, 1945, at Fort Douglas, Utah.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Orville and Earl, and four sisters, Lila, Velva, Ethel and Verna.

He is survived by his son, Ray "Eddie" Brenner of Kalispell; his daughter, Barbara Pearl Willis of Port Orchard, Wash.; a sister, Iva Grinage of Salina, Kan.; two grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; seven step-great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Mr. Brenner will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday in Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Bishop William Hale of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints officiating. Burial will be in Glacier Memorial Gardens where military honors will be conducted by local veterans organizations. Friends may call at Johnson Mortuary for visitation until 8 tonight.

Myrtle Brewer, 76

Myrtle Kraudy Brewer, 76, of Kalispell, died Friday morning at Kalispell Regional Hospital following an illness with cancer.

She was born Oct. 18, 1912, at Owatonna, Minn., the daughter of Gustav and Fannie Mae Kraudy. At age 2, she moved with her family to Miles City, where she was raised and graduated from high school. She worked as a secretary with the Miles City schools for a number of years.

On Aug. 17, 1940, she married David S. Brewer in Miles City, and they then moved to Missoula. During World War II, she worked for the University of Montana for several years, while Mr. Brewer was in the military. After a brief stay in Seattle, the Brewers settled in the West Valley area near Kalispell in 1945. They raised turkeys for about 10 years, and then operated a dairy until retiring in 1975.

Mrs. Brewer was active for many years in the Stillwater Grange, Chapter C of P.E.O., and Church Women United. She was a hospital volunteer

for more than 10 years. She served as both an elder and a deacon at First Presbyterian Church in Kalispell, and had recently been elected chairwoman of the Board of Deacons. She was also active in Presbyterian Women and Ruth Circle at the church.

Mrs. Brewer was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Harold Kraudy.

She is survived by her husband, David S. Brewer, at the family home; five sons, David H. Brewer of Kalispell, Roger E. Brewer of Roundup, Glenn W. Brewer of Boise, Idaho, Mark K. Brewer of Kalispell, and Sidney A. Brewer of Twin Falls, Idaho; 11 grandchildren, one great-grandson, and a number of other relatives.

Friends may call at Weatherford Funeral Home today from 1-4 p.m. after which cremation will take place.

Memorial services will be Monday at 1 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, with the Rev. Barry Dawson officiating. Private interment services will take place at a later date.

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Tiffany S. Brittenham 1989

Tiffany S. Brittenham, age 18, Columbia Falls, passed away December 30 at Kalispell Regional Hospital after a lengthy battle with cystic fibrosis.

She was born October 27, 1971 in Kalispell to Bill and Starlene Brittenham. She was raised and educated in Columbia Falls. She was active in the management of the Volleyball and Cross-Country teams at Columbia Falls High School. She was also involved in Close Up and Choir.

She is survived by her parents, Bill and Starlene Brittenham of Columbia Falls, one brother, Shawn Brittenham of Columbia Falls; her grandparents, Howard and Marie Gruenig of Kalispell and Clara Brittenham of Columbia Falls; and numerous aunts, uncle, cousins and friends.

A funeral service was held January 3 at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls. Rev. Tom Mitchell and Rev. Randy Junker officiated. Burial followed at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

The family has suggested that memorials be made to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, 16 W. Harrison, Seattle, WA 98119 or to Montana Hope Project, Box 5927, Helena, MT 59604.

CECIL W. BROWN

Cecil W. Brown, 82, passed away on October 3rd at his Bigfork home of natural causes. 1989

He was born December 9, 1906 at McLeod, North Dakota, the son of Claude and Beatrice Brown. In about 1929, he married Agnes Stelton at Sweet Grass.

In June 1942, he married Doris Sheppard in Shelby, and they made their home in Cut Bank. Mr. Brown worked at a number of different jobs until retiring to Bigfork in 1970.

Surviving are his wife Doris Brown at the family home in Bigfork; six sons, Kay Brown of Missoula, Vernon Brown of Walla Walla, Washington, Cecil L. and Samuel Brown of Seattle, Washington, Walter Brown of Vacaville, California, and Grover Brown of Yakima, Washington; three daughters, Mary E. Hammer of Los Angeles, California, Charleen Byrne of Spokane, Washington, and Lola Kelleher of Shelby; three sisters, Wava Danbrook of Sweet Grass, Doris Barker of Calgary, and Jenny Thompson of Milk River, Alberta; one brother, Marshall Brown of Bull Head City, Arizona.

Memorial services were held at the Bigfork Funeral Home October 7th. Cremation has taken place at the Weatherford Crematory.

DI

Hollis M. Broderick, 87

Hollis M. Broderick, 87, formerly of Kalispell, passed away Tuesday afternoon in a Butte rest home.

He was born in Hollis, Alaska, on July 27, 1902, to William and Laura Broderick and attended schools in Alaska, Ellensburg, Wash., and was a graduate of Ellensburg Norman College where he played on that school's first football team.

He was retired as a mechanic.

Mr. Broderick followed many varied hobbies including being a member of barbershop quartets. He also collected model train sets, Indian baskets and antique dishes. He was an avid member of the National Rifle

Association. He enjoyed the outdoors and was a conservationist.

He married the former Imma Stroud in 1934. She passed away in 1980.

He was also preceded in death by his son, also Hollis Broderick, in 1983.

He is survived by his daughter-in-law, Colleen Broderick of Butte; grandchildren, Diedra, Hollis III, and John Broderick, all of Butte; and sisters, Berrice Plass and Mary Wallace, both of Florence, Ore.

Mr. Broderick's remains have been cremated. No services are planned at this time.

DI

Clara Broom, 80

6 March 1989

EUREKA — Longtime Lincoln County resident Clara Broom, 80, of Eureka, died of natural causes Monday at Mountain View Manor in Eureka.

She was born May 11, 1908, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, to George and Mary Smith. In 1908 the family moved to the Troy area, where she was raised and educated and later worked as a telephone operator.

On Jan. 10, 1928, she married Ranzie Broom in Libby. The couple lived in Troy for 17 years until moving to Eureka in 1945. While in Eureka,

Mrs. Broom worked as a housekeeper and baby sitter.

Her husband preceded her in death in 1965.

Survivors include a son, Wayne, Eureka; four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be until 9 tonight and 9 a.m. to noon Thursday at Vial Funeral Home of Eureka.

Graveside services will be 2 p.m. Thursday at Tobacco Valley Cemetery in Eureka with the Rev. Jim Rogers officiating. Friends are asked to meet at the cemetery at 1:45 p.m.

DI

I. Evelyn Brown, 69

15 Jan 1989

I. Evelyn Brown, 69, of Somers, died Friday afternoon at Brendan House in Kalispell of natural causes.

She was born July 7, 1919, in Billings, the daughter of Charles and Matilda Bourne. She was raised and educated in Great Falls and graduated from high school there. In October of 1954, she married Parker Brown in Indiana, and the couple made their home in the Flathead Valley, where they had resided since.

Evelyn was preceded in death by her husband in 1980. She is survived by a son, Paul Brown, in Somers; a daughter, Linda Brown, in Somers; three grandchildren; two step-

brothers, Earl Bourne in Great Falls and Pinky Bourne in Ronan, and many other relatives.

Visitation will be 1-6 p.m. Monday at Weatherford Funeral Home. Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, also at the Weatherford Chapel, with the Rev. Wayne Pris officiating. Burial will follow at the C.E. Conrath Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

Memorials can be made to the Yellowstone Boys Ranch, P.O. Box 2549, Billings, Mont. 59103, or to the Sarah Goodwin Memorial Fund at Brendan House, 350 Conway Drive, Kalispell.

DI

James Donald Brown, 48

11 Jan 1989

James Donald Brown, 48, Condon, died Monday at Kalispell Regional Hospital following a heart attack.

He was born April 2, 1940, at Garden City, Kan., the son of Donald and Helen Brown. The family later moved to Rocky Ford, Colo.

In 1959, he joined the U.S. Navy. He served for the next 28 years, primarily as a jet engine mechanic in various fighter squadrons.

After retiring from the U.S. Navy in 1987, he moved to Condon, where he was active in the Condon Quick Response Unit and the Swan Valley Volunteer Fire Department.

He is survived by his wife, Sue Brown, at the family home

in Condon; one stepdaughter, Rhonda Crawford in Oklahoma; two brothers, Tom Brown of Rocky Ford, Colo. and Bill Brown in Nevada; and a sister, Cheri Dryer of Indiana.

Memorial services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at the Condon Community Hall with Rev. Jeff Cropper, pastor of Condon Community Church, officiating.

Arrangements and cremation are by the Weatherford Funeral Home & Crematory in Kalispell which will forward the cremated remains to Sandpoint Naval Station in Seattle, Wash., for burial at sea.

Memorials should be sent to the Condon ORU, P.O. Box 1156, Condon 59826.

DI - 10 Jan 1989

Lou Ann Hayes Brown, 40

Lou Ann Hayes Brown, 40, Shelby, died Thursday at Toole County Hospital after a long illness with lung cancer.

The funeral was Monday.

She was born in Whitefish and educated in Kalispell. She had been a nurses' aide.

Survivors include her mother, Muriel Jones of Shelby, formerly of Kalispell; three sons; and two sisters, Sandy French of Troy and Kathy Longfield of Kalispell.

Larry S. Brown, 21

Larry Shawn Brown, 21, died in Reno, Nev., Oct. 18, 1989

He was a miner and had lived in Reno for the past two years.

Survivors include his wife, Julie, Reno, his mother, two sisters, two brothers and two grandparents.

Services will be Thursday at 10 a.m. at the Austin Funeral Home, Whitefish. Burial will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

DI

Hazel A. Brusell, 89

Hazel Alice Brusell, 89, Bigfork, died Monday evening at Lake View Care Center, Bigfork.

She had been a clerk for many years for Dayton-Hudson Co. stores, headquartered Minneapolis, Minn.

She was the widow of Roy Brusell who died in 1982.

Survivors include several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Visitation at Johnson Mortuary is until 8 tonight.

The body will be forwarded to Minneapolis where services and burial will be Friday.

4 Jan 1989

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JOHN BROWNBACK

John F. Brownback, 73, Whitefish, passed away April 10 at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish. 1989

He was born March 11, 1916 in Harrison, a son of Fred and Elizabeth Brownback.

On June 8, 1944 he married Billie Flick in Butte.

He is now survived by his wife, Billie, at the family home in Whitefish; one daughter, Flo Williams, of Whitefish; four grandchildren, Tammy, Shanee, Wes, and Troy; a great-grandson, Benjamin; two sisters, Ruth Adams of Billings and Rita Chute of Jefferson City; and one brother, Tant, of Helena.

Memorial services will be held on Friday, April 14, at 11:00 a.m. at the Austin Funeral Home Chapel. Burial of the urn will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Kalispell.

Memorials have been suggested to the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

DI - 2 MAR. 1989

James L. Brubaker, 31

James Lyman Brubaker, 31, formerly of Kalispell, died March 2 in an automobile accident near Harlowtown, 1989

Mr. Brubaker was born Nov. 4, 1957 in Billings, a son of Shirley and Jim Brubaker. He lived in Absarokee until moving to Kalispell in 1981. He attended St. Matthew's School, and graduated from Flathead High School and the University of Montana.

He lived intermittently in Kalispell during his college years, working in the woods. He spent one year in Arizona. In 1982, he moved to Great Falls, and in 1984, he moved to Billings, where he was an insurance salesman for the Brubaker Agency.

On Oct. 4, 1985, he married Natalie Dye in Billings. Mr. Brubaker enjoyed hunting, fishing and sports. He

wrestled in high school and college. He was a member of St. Bernard's Church in Billings.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Tim Brubaker, in 1972.

Survivors include his mother Shirley of Billings; father Jim of Lolo; brothers Mike Brubaker of Kalispell and Ron Brubaker of Billings; four sisters, Mrs. Patrick (Dawn) Schneider of Homer, Alaska, Mrs. Harold (Debbie) Dobson, Julie Brubaker and Jackie Brubaker, all of Billings; his grandmother, Mrs. Jake (Irene) Steckler of Glendive; and seven nieces and nephews.

Rosary was held March 5 at Dahl Funeral Home. Mass was celebrated March 6 at St. Bernard's Catholic Church with burial following in Holy Cross Cemetery of Billings.

DI

Charles 'Al' Bryer, 82

18 Dec 1989

Charles "Al" Bryer, 82, of Woods Bay, died Monday morning at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

He was born May 25, 1909, at Midland, Ontario, Canada, the son of George and Mary Bryer.

He received his education in Midland, including an engineering degree.

On Nov. 3, 1934, he married Eileen Vivadell at Port Arthur, Ontario, Canada.

He was employed as a civil engineer with heavy construction for several large firms throughout Canada, United States, South America and Alaska.

The couple moved to Woods Bay in the 1950s.

He was a member of Masonic Lodge No. 29 at Ely, Nev., and enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening and traveling, spending winters in Yuma, Ariz.

He was preceded in death by his

wife, Eileen, on March 25, 1984, and one brother, George Bryer, and is now survived by one son, Terry Bryer, and one daughter, Shelby Zachary, both of Kalispell; one brother, Jack Byers, of Barrie, Ontario, Canada; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Mr. Bryer will be 2 p.m. Friday at the Little Brown Church near Bigfork, with the Rev. Ron Pierce officiating. Burial will follow at Lone Pine Cemetery with Masonic graveside rites conducted by Bigfork Masonic Lodge No. 150, AF&AM.

Friends and relatives may call at Johnson Mortuary for visitation until 8 p.m. today.

Those who wish may contribute memorials to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 1002, Kalispell, MT 59903-1002 or to the Bigfork Quick Response Unit.

DI

Dale I. Buller, 32

5 Sept 1989

Dale I. Buller, 32, died Tuesday morning at his Kalispell residence following a prolonged illness.

He was born June 19, 1957, at Glendive, the son of Oscar and Loretta Buller. He was raised on a farm in Bloomfield, graduating from Richey High School in 1976.

Dale farmed at Bloomfield and Richey until moving to Kalispell in 1986. He completed two years of studies at Flathead Valley Community College, and then transferred to the University of Montana, where he was pursuing a degree in medical social services.

Dale was a bachelor.

Surviving are his parents, Oscar and Loretta Buller of Kalispell; two

sisters, Donna Sue Kramer of Kalispell, and Dixie Post of Glendive; two brothers, Donald Buller of Winifred, and Delmer Buller of Kalispell; grandparents, Harold and Edith Strey of Hungry Horse; and a number of other relatives and friends.

Friends may call at the Weatherford Funeral Home today until 7 p.m.

Funeral services will be Friday at 2 p.m. at the Weatherford Chapel with the Rev. Randall M. Nicolai, pastor of Northridge Lutheran Church, officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

The family suggests memorial contributions to a charity of the donor's choice.

DI

Raymond Earl Bunker, 81

30 April 1989

Raymond Earl Bunker, 81, died at his home in Kalispell early Sunday morning.

He was born April 8, 1908, in Pendleton, Ind., a son of Morris and Iva Patterson Bunker. He received his education in Indiana, and when he was 16 years old he moved to Wolf Point.

On Jan. 7, 1933, he was married to Vera Byxbe in Wolf Point. The couple engaged in farming there for several years. Mr. Bunker then worked on the Fort Peck Dam construction for six years.

During World War II, he was employed as a welder in the shipyards in Seattle, Wash. He then moved to the Flathead Valley and worked in farming and construction work until his

retirement.

He was a Lutheran.

He is survived by his wife, Vera, at home, three sons, Kenneth and Donald Bunker, both of Kalispell, and Mark Bunker of Fallon, Nev.; two daughters, Nadine Sand of Kalispell, and Barbara Carstens of Polson; 16 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for Mr. Bunker will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Michael Warmbier, pastor of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church of Columbia Falls, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home for visitation until 8 tonight.

DI-1 AUG. 1989

Louise M. Burk 70

1989

EUREKA — Louise M. Burk, 70, of Eureka, died Aug. 1 at the North Valley Extended Care Unit in Whitefish. She had been ill with cancer for some time.

She was born Aug. 17, 1918, in Spring Lake, Minn., to William and Theresa Schwenke, who later moved to Montana to farm.

She married Ted R. Burk on June 9, 1935, in Kalispell.

Mrs. Burk lived all her life in the Flathead and Tobacco valleys. The family lived in Olney for a time and moved to Kalispell in 1938. They moved to Trego in 1951, Stryker in 1962, and built a home six miles southeast of Eureka in 1974.

Mrs. Burk was active in many community activities and was recognized for her expertise as a gardener, cook and seamstress. For many years she cooked for a logging crew at her husband's logging camps in northwest Montana. She was a nationally recognized craftsperson whose work in seed painting, tincrafting, and doll-making was featured many times in a number of national publications.

She was the first president of the Trego Community Ladies Club, did organizational work in founding the Tobacco Valley Senior Citizens Center, and also helped organize the Dickey Lake Craft Camp where she taught for many years. She also was a member of the Mountain View Home Demonstration Club at Fortine and ran the kitchen at the Trego card parties for many years.

Survivors include her husband, Ted, at the family near Eureka; three sons, Dale of Stevensville, Arlie of Eureka, and Robert (Stoney) of Choteau; two daughters, Daisy Yerian of Kalispell and Marianne Roose of Fortine; five sisters; two brothers; 18 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a grandson, Ted R. Burk II.

Memorial graveside services will be 3-p.m. Friday at the Fortine Cemetery with the Rev. Dr. David Kauffman officiating. A eulogy to Mrs. Burk will be given by her oldest son at the graveside services.

Visitation will be until 8 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to noon Friday at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. Austin Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

The family requests that, in lieu of flowers, memorials be made to the Eureka Ambulance Fund.

Pallbearers will be Mrs. Burk's grandsons, Dawain Burgess of Fortine, Bruce Burk of Lolo, Stan, Jack and Ray Burk, all of Eureka, Brent Roose of Eureka, Josh Roose of Fortine, and Chad and Bret Burk of Choteau, and (honorary) Ted Burk II of Stevensville, who preceded her in death.

The family would like to invite all friends and relatives to a dinner, following the services, at the Kent and Marianne Roose home on Meadow Creek Road, Fortine.

DI

Elvira Emma Burland

8 Nov 1989

Elvira Emma Burland of Kalispell, died in Kalispell Regional Hospital Wednesday morning.

She was born in Eau Claire, Wis., a daughter of Bernard and Emma Schultz. As a young girl she moved with her family to Montana and had received her education in Circle and Ronan.

She was then married to Ernest Hicks and the couple moved to Idaho until the late 1930s when they moved to Kalispell.

In 1970, she was preceded in death by her husband, Ernest, and in 1976, she was married to Forrest Burland in Kalispell. She has continued to live in Kalispell since that time.

She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Eagles

Auxiliary, VFW Auxiliary and DAV Auxiliary.

She is survived by her husband, Forrest, at the family home; four sisters, Fern Kremer of Blackfoot, Idaho, Ledyne Allen of Kaysville, Utah, June Olson of Dayton, Wash., and Florence Ellington of Phoenix, Ariz.; three brothers, Arnold Schultz of Dayton, Mont., Kern Schultz of Polson, and Bob Schultz of Niarada, and a number of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Mrs. Burland will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Darold Reiner, pastor of the Trinity Lutheran Church, officiating. Burial will be in Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Friends may call at the funeral home for visitation until 8 p.m. today.

DI

Carl R. Burow 84

5 March 1989

Carl R. Burow, 84, who lived west of Whitefish, died Sunday at his home.

He was born July 9, 1904, in St. Paul, Minn., a son of Lewis and Katherine Burow. He was raised and received his education in St. Paul, Minn. He moved with his parents to Hamilton, where they had a homestead and raised cattle.

He was married to Della St. Germaine in 1933 in St. John, N.D. They moved to the Flathead Valley in 1948. He was employed with the American Timber Co. in Olney and retired in 1969.

He is survived by his wife, Della, at their home; two sons, Carl Burow of Tampa, Fla., and Ronald Burow of

Kalispell; two daughters, Jean Bauer of Kalispell and Katherine Graham of Whitefish; one sister, Josphine Nelson of St. Paul, Minn.; a brother, Alfonze Burow of Barron, Wis.; 19 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and a number of nieces, nephews and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Raymond Burow and Arthur Burow, and a great-grandson, Dustin Graham.

Funeral services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish with the Dr. J.E. Johnson of Whitefish officiating. Burial will be in Glacier Memorial Gardens.

DI

Wallace Howard Burton, 63

4 June 1989

Wallace Howard Burton, 63, died Sunday evening at his Kalispell home following an illness with cancer.

He was born Nov. 20, 1925, at Kalispell, the son of Alice and Theodore Burton. He was raised and educated in Kalispell, and, except for his military service, spent his entire life in the Flathead Valley.

He joined the U.S. Army on Jan. 12, 1944, and served in Europe during World War II. He saw action in Germany with the 60th Infantry, 9th Division, under the command of Gen. George Patton, and was awarded numerous medals and awards. Following his honorable discharge on May 23, 1946, Mr. Burton returned to Kalispell, where he worked for a number of businesses over the next five years.

On June 11, 1949, he married Elizabeth "Betty" Anderson at Kalispell, where they made their home.

In 1951, Mr. Burton started work for Mountain States Power Company, later known as Pacific Power and Light. He took early retirement in 1983, after 32 years of service.

He was a member of Epworth United Methodist Church. He belonged to the Kalispell Eagles and

Eiks, and was a life member of the VFW.

Mr. Burton enjoyed hunting, fishing and boating, and spent most summer weekends camping out in the woods. He enjoyed people, and no one was ever a stranger to him. He spent the last six winters in Yuma, Ariz., drywashing for gold and meeting new people.

He is survived by his wife, Betty, at the family home; a daughter, Mrs. Robert (Dixie) Gembolls of Bottineau, N.D.; two grandchildren, Michael and Angela Gembolls, also of Bottineau; two sisters, Mrs. Harold (Joyce) Cotten of Kalispell, and Mrs. Derril (Hazel) Stein of Ronan; and numerous other relatives.

Memorial services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the Weatherford Funeral Home, with the Rev. Marvin Northcutt, pastor of Epworth United Methodist Church, officiating. Cremation has taken place at Weatherford Crematory.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 1002, Kalispell, 59903-1002.

DI

Ruth O. Bush, 73

4 June 1989

Longtime Kalispell resident Ruth O. Bush, 73, passed away at her home on Sunday after a lengthy illness. She was a retired teacher.

She was born April 7, 1916, at Natoma, Kan., the daughter of Marie and George Wells. She was raised and educated in Kansas and lived there until coming to Kalispell in 1950.

On Nov. 22, 1950, she married Robert Douglas Bush at Osborne, Kan., and he preceded her in death on Jan. 12, 1981.

Mrs. Bush was a very accomplished musician, and enjoyed playing the organ at weddings and social occasions. She also assisted her husband at numerous magic shows.

She was very active in community affairs, and belonged to the Daughters of the Nile, Order of the Eastern Star, Eagles and VFW auxiliaries, Cootiettes, Century Club, Sorosis Club, and Republican Women. An avid cardplayer, she spent many en-

joyable hours playing Rummikub and Bonco with her friends.

Surviving are two uncles, Dwight Wells of Sun City, Ariz., and Luther Wells in Texas; two nephews and their spouses, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Bush of Fremont, Calif., and Mr. and Mrs. Owen Bush of Butte; and several cousins in Kansas.

Friends may call at the Weatherford Funeral Home until 7 tonight and Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon.

Funeral services will be Thursday at 1 p.m. at the Weatherford Chapel, with the Rev. J. Torrance Harvey, pastor of Lakeside Community Chapel, officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens, with ritualistic honors by Adah Chapter No. 17, Order of the Eastern Star. A reception will follow at the Kalispell Eagles at 37 First St. W.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, N. 820 Summit Blvd., Spokane, WA 99201, or to a charity of the donor's choice.

DI

Thomas H. Byhoffer, 71

4 OCT 1989

Thomas H. Byhoffer, 71, East Lakeshore, died Wednesday following an accidental fall at Woods Bay.

He was born Dec. 1, 1917, at St. Paul, Minn., the son of William and Ella Byhoffer. He was raised on a North Dakota ranch across the border from McIntosh, S.D., and graduated from McIntosh High School in 1934.

He then worked in St. Paul for American Standard Plumbing and Heating for a number of years.

During World War II, Mr. Byhoffer served in the U.S. Navy, rising to the rank of chief petty officer. Following his honorable discharge, he continued his employment with American Standard, primarily in Montana and North Dakota.

He eventually became branch manager at Fargo, and then regional manager for North and South Dakota.

In 1975, Mr. Byhoffer retired and fulfilled his lifelong desire to live on the East Shore of Flathead Lake.

He was on the board of directors of the Flathead Cherry Growers Association for a number of years.

Mr. Byhoffer was of the Lutheran faith.

On June 15, 1945, he married Gayle Gorder in Seattle, Wash., and she survives him at the family home. Also surviving are a son, Steve Byhoffer of Circle Pines, Minn.; a daughter, Jan Hendrickx of Mount Vernon, Ohio; two brothers, J.W. "Bill" Byhoffer of

Oxnard, Calif., and Robert Byhoffer of Ferndale; three sisters, Mary Heinrich of Bloomington, Minn., Rose Olson of Richfield, Minn., and Betty Scott of Ronan; five grandchildren, and a number of other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services were 11 a.m. today at Weatherford Chapel in Kalispell. Cremation followed the services with private urn burial at Lonepine Cemetery in Bigfork. The Bigfork Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

The family suggests memorial contributions to the Bigfork Quick Response Unit.

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DI-16 MAR 1989

Alice Bylin

Alice Bylin, a buyer for the Kalispell Mercantile China Department for many years, died March 16 in Seattle of heart disease. 1989

She moved to Kalispell with her parents in 1924. She moved to Olympia, Wash., in 1956 after the death of her family. She worked there at Talcott's, also as a buyer.

At the time of her death she was a resident of Wesley Terrace.

Memorials to Wesley Terrace, 816 S. 216th St., Des Moines, Wash. 98198, have been suggested.

The body was cremated and the ashes scattered over Puget Sound.

Frances Brunett, 78

20 MAY 1989

Frances Brunett, 78, died Saturday at her home in Columbia Falls.

During World War II, she worked at the Park Theater in Columbia Falls.

She was the widow of Alfred Brunett.

Survivors include a son, Don, of Columbia Falls; a daughter; a sister; three brothers; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be until 8 tonight at Van Leuven Funeral Home in Columbia Falls. Services will be 10 a.m. Friday at the funeral home with the Rev. Bernard Sullivan officiating. Burial will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery.

DI-25 JULY 1989

Carmen Charlotte Byrer, 68

1989

The Byrers moved to Kalispell in 1954 and to Alaska in 1975.

Her interests were children, animals, gardening and crocheting and she made many afghans for her grandchildren.

Survivors include her husband, Dyme, North Pole, Alaska; three sons, Melvyn of Petersberg, Alaska, Gerold of Bigfork, and Karl of Denver; a daughter, Karen Hunt of North Pole; a brother, Arlo Herman of Dillon; and 11 grandchildren.

Carmen Charlotte Byrer, 68, formerly of Kalispell, died from a lingering illness at Fairbanks, Alaska, on July 25.

Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Doug Duffett on July 28 at Bible Baptist Church in Fairbanks. Burial was at Northern Lights Memorial Park.

Mrs. Byrer was born in Dillon on July 17, 1921. She married Dyme W. Byrer on May 8, 1942, in Lewistown.

In earlier years, Mrs. Byrer enjoyed horseback riding and ranching for several years with her husband in Montana.