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Donald L. Eckel, 71

31 Mar 1989

Donald L. Eckel, 71, of Whitefish, a retired Boeing Company engineer and World War II U.S. Air Force veteran, died at his home on Wednesday of abdominal cancer.

He was born Dec. 18, 1917, in Great Falls, a son of Leo N. and Elizabeth Eckel. He graduated from high school in Shelby in the class of 1939. He served in the U.S. Air Force in Italy during World War II.



In 1939, he was married to Louella Rodell in Moorhead, Minn.

He had operated a sign painting company and was the leader of a dance orchestra in Shelby before leaving Montana for several years. During

this time he had worked for several major aerospace companies.

He returned to retire in Whitefish in 1980.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Leonard W. and Robert Eckel.

He is now survived by his wife, Louella, at the family home; two sons, Lee Eckel of Los Angeles, Calif., and Leonard B. Eckel of Helena, and two grandchildren, Lynn and Christine, daughters of Leonard and Concetta.

Graveside services and burial will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery with the Rev. Bernard Sullivan of St. Richard's Catholic Church officiating. Friends will meet at the cemetery for the services.

The family suggests memorials be made to Flathead Hospice, P.O. Box 1532, Kalispell. Arrangements are under the direction of the Johnson Mortuary.

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Elmer I. Edwards, 60

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Elmer I. Edwards, 60, Libby, died May 27 at St. John's Lutheran Hospital in Libby.

He was born and raised in Libby and served in the Army in World War II.

He was a sawyer for several Libby lumber companies.

He is survived by his wife, Alma, and two daughters, Vickie Dutton and Sabrira Graves, all of Libby; a son; three stepchildren; five sisters and a brother.

Services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday at Vial Funeral Home. Burial will be at City of Libby Cemetery.

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Haley Edde, infant

5 Feb 1989

Haley Marie Edde, daughter of Shelly Disney and Byron Edde, was stillborn at Kalispell Regional Hospital Jan. 28.

She is survived by her parents, both of Kalispell; her grandfather, Robert Disney of Kalispell; and a number of other relatives.

Private graveside services were held Thursday morning at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery, with the Rev. Father Stan Malnar of St. Matthew's Catholic Church officiating.

Weatherford Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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JOSEPH EGGENA

Joseph David Eggena, 18, Kalispell, died in St. Patrick's Hospital in Missoula on February 15, as the result of injuries sustained in a one vehicle accident on February 9, 1989.

He was born February 5, 1971, in Jacksonville, NC, a son of David and Carol Eggena.

He was a member of the senior class at Flathead High School at the time of his death.

He is survived by his mother, Carol Eggena, at the home in Kalispell; his father, David Eggena, of Zion, IL; and several other relatives.

Memorial services for Joseph were held in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Cremation has taken place.

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Lester N. Edge, 87

Lester Nolan Edge, 87, of Yuba City, Calif., died at Fremont Medical Center there Thursday, following a short illness. *24 Aug 1989*

He was a forestry advisor for U.S. aid and international development, retiring in 1968.

He was born in Kalispell on Feb. 2, 1902. He received his education here and graduated from Flathead County High School.

He lived in Yuba City for 22 years. He was a member of St. Isidore's Catholic Church in Yuba City and a member of Sigma Nu Fraternity.

Survivors include his wife Stella M. Edge of Yuba City; a son, Richard N. Edge of Seattle; a brother, Don Edge

of Fremont, Calif.; sisters, Ida Nichols of Portland, Ore. and Margaret Lauman of Kalispell; nephews Don Nichols of Portland, Ore., James Nichols of Naches, Wash., Robert Milam of Helena, and Lenox Milam of Boise, Idaho; nieces Frieda Clark of Kalispell and Margaret Tahirkheli of Fremont; step-nephews Peter Edge of Seattle, Wash., and Samuel Edge of San Francisco, Calif.

Mass of Christian burial will be Monday at 11 a.m. at St. Isidore's Catholic Church, with the Rev. Thomas Batch officiating.

Burial will be in Sutter Cemetery in Sutter, Calif.

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Walter E. Eisele

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Mr. Walter E. Eisele, 77, died December 11 of a heart attack at his home near Kalispell. He was born November 1, 1912, in Temple, North Dakota, a son of Edward and Amelia Eisele.

He received his education in North Dakota, and came to the Kalispell area in 1934, where he has since resided. He had been a farmer all of his life.

He was never married and was preceded in death by his father on June 13, 1938, and his brother, Russell, on July 19, 1985.

He is now survived by his mother, Amelia Eisele, of Kalispell; a brother, Wayne Eisele, of Scottsbluff, Nebraska; two sisters, Grace Brown, of Kalispell, and Gladys Brist of Whitefish, and several aunts, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral services were held on Friday in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Ron Pierce, pastor of the Swan Chapel officiating. Burial was in the Springcreek Cemetery.

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Luella Marie Eklund, 88

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Luella Marie Eklund, 88, of Whitefish, formerly of Malta, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 27, at Immanuel Lutheran Home where she has made her home for the past three years.



She was born on Oct. 1, 1901, in Fergus Falls, Minn., and moved with her parents to a ranch north of Saco in 1913, when she was 12 years old.

She was active all her life in church work, teaching Sunday school, playing the organ and the piano, and helping wherever needed.

She married Gustave Torgerson on June 23, 1919, and they made their home north of Saco. Three children were born to this union. They moved to Malta in 1937. Gustave preceded her in death in 1950.

She later married Gustav "Art"

Eklund. He preceded her in death in 1984.

She was also preceded in death by her son, Glen "Buddy" Torgerson in 1979, three brothers and two sisters.

She is now survived by her daughter, Ethelyn Dalen, and her son, Vernon Torgerson, both of Whitefish; six grandchildren, Dr. Gary Dalen, Ron Torgerson, Buz Dalen, David Torgerson, Teresa Neumann and Tim Torgerson; seven great-grandchildren; a sister, Mable Pogue of Auburn, Wash.; four step-children, Violet Anderson of Malta, Ovedia Haynes of Saco, Gunnar Eklund and Dr. Melvin Eklund, both of Seattle, Wash.; nine step-grandchildren; 11 step-great-grandchildren; two step-great-great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

Funeral services will be Saturday, Dec. 30, at 2 p.m. at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish with the Rev. Robert Ross of Kalispell Christian Center officiating. Interment will be in Glacier Memorial Gardens. The funeral home will be open for visitation today until 8 p.m.

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Charlie Wayne Elkins, 80

37th Aug 1989

Charlie Wayne Elkins, 80, of Kalispell, died Wednesday at Kalispell Regional Hospital, following a lengthy illness. He was a retired general contractor.



He was born Nov. 27, 1908, in Guymon, Okla., the son of A.T. and Ethel Elkins. He lived in Texas as a young boy, Arizona as a teen-ager, and the San Francisco Bay Area for most of his adult life.

On July 20, 1940, he married Lavert Boone in Hawthorne, Nev., and they lived in the Bay Area until coming to Kalispell, seven years ago. In Kalispell, he loved to hunt and fish and visit around town.

Mr. Elkins had belonged to Calvary Baptist Church in Los Gatos, Calif., and had attended the Church of the Valley and Christian Center Assembly

of God in Kalispell. He was a member of Carpenters Local No. 316 in San Jose, Calif., for many years.

Mr. Elkins is survived by his wife of 49 years, Lavert Elkins, at the family home in Kalispell; two sons, Pastor Garris Elkins and his wife, Jan, in Newport, Ore., and Dwain Elkins and his wife, Carol, of Kalispell; six grandchildren, Anna, David, Heather, Charlie, Matthew, and Jimmy; a brother, Dan Elkins of Umatilla, Ore.; and three sisters, Jimmie McRae of Modesto, Calif., and Beth Sample and Edith Julian, both of Napa, Calif.

Friends may call at the Weatherford Funeral Home today until 7 p.m., and Tuesday from 9 a.m. to noon.

Funeral services will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. at the Weatherford Chapel. Officiating will be the Rev. R.D. Ross, pastor of Christian Center Assembly of God in Kalispell, and the Rev. Garris Elkins, pastor of New Life Center in Newport, Ore. Private graveside services will follow at Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

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DONALD ELDER 1989

Donald W. Elder, 65, a former resident of Whitefish, died June 25 at the Montana Veteran's Home in Columbia Falls.

He was born Oct. 6, 1923 in Toledo, OH, a son of James M. and Bonnie Elder.

He married Betty Hedrick in Penley, England on December 18, 1945.

He is survived by his wife, Betty; three daughters, Mrs. Donna Hale of Helena, Mrs. Mary Yeats of Whitefish, and Mrs. Cathy Childs of Frenchtown; four sisters; one brother, and six grandchildren.

Services were held at the Austin Funeral Home.

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Elbert Elrod 1989

Elbert O. Elrod, 83, died Dec. 7 at Mountain View Manor in Eureka.

He was born Sept. 14, 1906, at Witesboro, Texas. He was raised in Texas and had resided in the Sebastopol and Santa Rosa, Calif., area since the 1940s. He came to Eureka six months ago where he had resided at Mountain View Manor.

He is survived by a daughter, Gloria Mason, of Eureka; four sons: Fred of Eureka, Eugene of Long Beach, Calif.; Charles of Kalamath Falls, Ore.; and Bill of Chiloquin, Ore.; a sister, Minnie Fredson, of Forestville, Calif.; four brothers: Holmes, of Woodland, Calif.; Charles and Olen, both of Sebastopol, Calif.; and Louis, of Dennison, Tex.; and 17 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lois, and a son, Robert.

Funeral services and burial will be held this week at Pleasant Hill Mortuary and Cemetery at Sebastopol, Calif. Local arrangements are by Vial Funeral Home.

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Emma Ellingson, 5624 Jan
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Emma Ellingson, 56, Kalispell, died at Brendan House Friday evening.

She was born March 3, 1941, in Franklin County, New York.

She came to Montana at an early age and received her education at Boulder River School, Boulder.

She resided there until moving to the Nelson Group Home in Kalispell on Aug. 18, 1978.

She was employed by Flathead Industries for the past nine years.

Miss Ellingson attended Trinity Lutheran Church.

She was a native American Indian and proud of her heritage.

Miss Ellingson was preceded in death by her father and a sister, Lillian.

She is survived by her mother, Lydia, in Billings; two brothers; a sister, Alice Ponce, Vacaville, Calif.; an aunt, Emily, and an uncle, Otto, of Billings.

Services for Miss Ellingson will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Eldon Martens officiating. Burial will be at Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

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William Ellyson, 79

1 June 1989

Mr. William Howard "Bill" Ellyson, 79, died Thursday in the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls, where he had resided for the past several years.

He was born Dec. 28, 1909, in Kalispell, a son of Albert H. and Myrtle Ellyson. He attended Edgerton School and eighth grade at Evergreen School. He was a graduate of Flathead County High School in the class of 1928.

He spent his working years in retail selling, beginning in his early years in grocery stores. He later worked for Buttrely and retired in sales from Town House Furniture.

He was a veteran of World War II, having entered the U.S. Army Air Force Sept. 5, 1942 in Butte, and served in the European and Middle East theatres of action.

He received his honorable discharge as a sergeant Sept. 13, 1945, at Fort Douglas, Utah.

On Nov. 24, 1955, he was married to Esther Melick in Kalispell, and they made their home here since that time.

Mr. Ellyson was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Harry Ellyson, in 1960.

He is survived by his wife, Esther, in Lakeside; a stepson, James Melick of Kalispell; two grandchildren, and several cousins.

Funeral services for Mr. Ellyson will be at 2 p.m. Monday in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. J. Torrance Harvey, pastor of the Lakeside Chapel officiating. Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Friends may call at the funeral home for visitation from 1-5 p.m. today.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Rollins Volunteer Fire Department or the Lakeside Quick Response Unit.

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Melvin Estenson

WESLACO, Texas—Memorial Mass for Melvin Christian "Esty" Estenson, 78, a former area resident, is 8:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 20 at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls. He died Feb. 8 of natural causes at his winter home in Texas.



He was born July 16, 1910, to Emma Karl Nelson and Adolf Ole Estenson in Minnewaukan, N.D. He was raised and educated in Stanley, N.D. and graduated from North Dakota Teachers' College in Minot.

He married Ellen Jane Stewart in 1939. She preceded him in death as did his first son, Michael Christian Estenson.

He first moved to Montana in the 1930s to work on Fort Peck Dam. He was with the Corps of Engineers during World War II and designed air bases in Canada and the Northwest Territories.

He moved his family to Apgar in 1946 then to Columbia Falls where he was a construction contractor at Hungry Horse Dam and the Anaconda aluminum plant.

He moved his family to Great Falls in 1956 and was a civil engineer with the Air Force. He continued this line of work in Morocco and Spain until retiring in 1973. Since then, he has lived in Florida, Montana, Washington and Texas.

Surviving are two sons, M. Patrick "Pat" Estenson, of Columbia Falls, and James O. "Joe" Estenson, of Salt Lake City, Utah; two daughters, Kari Ellen Estenson Verez, of Madrid, Spain, and Madge Estenson Allen, of Helena; 10 grandchildren, Erik Christian Estenson, of Columbia Falls, Ellen, Teresa, Angela Verez, all of Madrid, Spain, Michael, Amanda, Joseph Eli Estenson, all of Salt Lake City, Utah, Iduna, Hank and Evan Allen, all of Helena.

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Ernest O. Emery, 74

Ernest O. Emery, 74, a resident of rural Columbia Falls, passed away on March 3 at his daughter's home in Seattle, Wash., after a long period of illness. 1989

Mr. Emery was born in Dilo, near present-day Fort Peck, on July 1, 1914. He thoroughly enjoyed his 74 years.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Norma Jean, 30 years ago.

Mr. Emery has been a joy and

delight to all he touched, friends and family alike, and he would most like to be remembered for his wit and honesty.

He is survived by son and daughter, Mike of Reno, Nev., and Connie of Seattle, Wash.

Services will be held at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish on Saturday at 11 a.m.

A reception will follow at the Whitefish Lake Country Club.

Cremation has taken place in Weslaco and burial is Feb. 25 in Rockglen, Saskatchewan, Canada. Memorials are suggested to the Montana Veterans Home.

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Angeline Evelo, 92

Angeline Evelo, 92, of Bigfork, died of natural causes Thursday, March 16, at St. Joseph Nursing Home in Polson.

She was born Jan. 13, 1897, in Steinauer, Neb., to Frank and Anna Kamen. At an early age, she moved to Aberdeen, S.D., with her parents.

On April 20, 1921, she married Francis J. Evelo. The couple farmed near the Aberdeen area.

After the death of her husband in 1976, Mrs. Evelo moved to Bigfork to be near a daughter.

Mrs. Evelo was a member of the Catholic Daughters of America, American Legion Auxilliary, St. Catherine Catholic Church of Bigfork, and a charter member of the auxilliary to the Hub Area Barracks of Veterans of World War I.

Survivors include a daughter,

Helen Wendt, Bigfork; a son, John, Aberdeen; a sister, Marie Meybrunn, Tucson, Ariz.; a brother, Julius Kamen, Aberdeen; 15 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Four sisters and two brothers preceded her in death.

Wake services will be at 8:30 p.m. today at Gates Funeral Home in Aberdeen. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Aberdeen, with burial at the church cemetery.

The family suggests memorials to the St. Catherine Catholic Church Building Fund, the Rancoll Catholic High School in Aberdeen, or the Presentation Sisters of Aberdeen.

Arrangements are by Bayview Funeral Chapel in Polson.

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GREGORY IRVING EVERETT

Gregory Irving Everett, 20, died at his home in Kalispell on Monday afternoon of cerebral palsy and chronic lung condition *25 July 1989*

He was born October 17, 1968, in Kalispell a son of Irvin Clinton and Joyce Irene Everett. He had attended special education classes at Peterson, Hedges and Elrod schools in Kalispell.

He is survived by his parents; a sister, Mrs. Bill (Shelly) Burgess and a niece, Raimey Burgess, of Kalispell; his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Jones of Kalispell, and Mrs. Rena Everett of Ellensburg, Washington, and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and other relatives.

Graveside services were held September 28 in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery with the Rev. Marvin Northcutt, pastor of the Epworth Methodist Church officiating.

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Donald Ralph 'Don' Evenson, 74

Donald Ralph "Don" Evenson, 74, died at his home in Bigfork on Sunday morning. *16 July 1989*

He was born Dec. 23, 1915, in a small homestead shack north of Hinsdale, one of 10 children born to August and Helen Evenson. He was baptized at Barr.

When he was 13 years old he had full responsibility for the homestead during the winter while the rest of the family moved to Hinsdale.

Through his love and hard work being a cowboy, he still managed to receive his eighth-grade diploma at the Willow Creek School near their home.

During the 1930s, the Depression caught up with the Evenson family and they were forced to move westward. In 1935, they moved to Bigfork where they cut firewood on the Swan Hill for the school and hotel.

In 1939, Mr. Evenson farmed at Lynden's Strawberry Farm where he met his true love, Mildred Marie Casie, and they were married on May 27,



1939, in Kalispell. They were blessed with their only son, David, later that year.

Mr. Evenson enjoyed his life with livestock and farming. One his greatest feats was riding a saddle bronc with a rocking chair strapped to the saddle. He loved the land and treated it like the wild and untamed horses of the prairie wild and free.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mildred, on Oct. 27, 1981; four brothers and one sister, and is now survived by his son, David R. Evenson of Bigfork; five grandchildren, Greg of Kalispell, Todd of Bozeman, Wendy of Nashville, Tenn., and Scott and Chad Evenson of Bigfork; two great-grandchildren; two brothers, Russell Evenson of Bigfork, and Carl Evenson in California; two sisters, Lillian Atteberry and Alice Ream, both of Kalispell, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Mr. Evenson will be at 2 p.m. on Wednesday in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Ron Pierce, pastor of Swan Chapel, officiating. Burial will be in Lonepine Cemetery near Bigfork.

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

The family suggests memorials to the Bigfork Quick Response Unit.

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Lyal V. Everett

Lyal V. Everett, 78, of Kalispell, died in the Kalispell Regional Hospital on December 30, *1989*

He was born May 29, 1911, at Kila, Montana, a son of Seth and Maude Everett.

He had attended school in Kila and graduated from Flathead County High School in the class of 1929.

He married Helen M. Elton of Siler-ton, Oregon, on December 29, 1937 in Kalispell. They had just celebrated their 52nd Wedding Anniversary. Mr. Everett had worked for Northern Montana Forestry for 17 years, and was then employed with Walsh Groves as office manager during the building of the Flathead Tunnel in Trego. In later years he sold real estate.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Raymond Everett.

He is now survived by his wife, Helen, at the family home; two daughters, Mrs. Charles (Loretta) Conrad of Kalispell, and Mrs. Douglas (Janice) Knapp-ton of Cut Bank; a son, Lynn-Everett of Portland Oregon; a sister, Sylvia Moran of Kalispell; a brother, Seth Everett, Jr., of Moscow, Idaho; seven grandchildren and a number of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Mr. Everett were held on Thursday, January 4, in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. James Simpson, pastor of the Central Christian Church officiating. Burial was in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery with Ritualistic Masonic Rites. The family suggest memorials be made to the Central Christian Church.