

## June M. Van Nyhuis, 71 *23 Jan 1989*

June M. Van Nyhuis, 71, Whitefish, died Sunday at her home following a brief illness.

She was born June 3, 1917, in Orona, Minn., a daughter of George and Margaret Eisinger. She attended elementary and high school there and upon graduation received training as a seamstress at the Miller Vocational School in Minneapolis, Minn.

She married Gysbert Van Nyhuis on Aug. 7, 1953. The couple moved to Montana, settling in Whitefish, where she has since resided.

She was a member of Christ Lutheran Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1970 and her father in 1973.

She is survived by one son, Mark Van Nyhuis, Whitefish; one daughter, Margaret Dyer, Andalusia, Ala.; three

grandchildren, Riley Van Nyhuis, Whitefish, and Jason and Alexandra Dyer, both of Andalusia, Ala.; and her mother, Margaret Eisinger, Plymouth, Minn. She is also survived by six brothers, Leonard of Peoria, Ariz.; Howard of Lona Lake, Minn.; Kermit and Roger of Plymouth, Minn.; Donald of Whitefish; and James of Greenfield, Wis.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services will be Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish with the Rev. Harold Petersen and the Rev. Ralf Kalm officiating. Cremation has taken place.

The family suggests memorials to Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish or to the national Cancer Society.

Arrangements for services and cremation were made through the Austin Funeral Home of Whitefish.

## Hy Van Allen

H.E. (Hy) Van Allen, 69, of Columbia Falls, died of cancer Jan. 24 at Brendan House, Kalispell. He was a Flathead Valley businessman for 40 years.

He was born Jan. 27, 1919, in Minneapolis, Minn., and was raised in Morris, Minn. where he graduated from high school. He attended the University of Minnesota for three years, majoring in economics and accounting, and was a varsity basketball player. His interest in sports continued throughout his life.

With the coming of hostilities, he went on active duty with the Minnesota National Guard as a private in 1940. While serving in an anti-aircraft division in 1942, he was given a field promotion to second lieutenant and transferred to the supply corps. He was a major when the war ended.

After the war he owned and operated Army-Navy surplus stores in Minnesota before coming to Columbia Falls in 1948 where he was a founder of Rocky Mountain Lumber Co. In 1952 he bought Whitefish Lumber Co. and later owned mills in Troy and Coram. He opened an income tax service office in Columbia Falls 20 years ago and retired Jan. 1, 1988.

He was the drive behind first street surfacing and curb project in Columbia Falls. He organized a group of Third Avenue West citizens in 1953 who pledged and paid for street surfacing and curbs.

He married Jewell Rea on Jan. 25, 1948, in Dallas, Texas. She survives him at the family home.

Also surviving are a sister, Gladys Esterkyn, of Sacramento, Calif.; two nephews, Dr. John Esterkyn, of San Anselmo, Calif., and Lyle Esterkyn, of Arcata, Calif.

Preceding him in death were his parents and a brother, a World War II pilot killed in action.

Memorial services were Saturday at Van Leuven Funeral Home with his neighbor the Rev. Darrell Newby, of the Assembly of God Church, officiating. David Bristol and Clyde Turner gave eulogies.

Memorials may be made to the Brendan House or to a charity of the donor's choice. Cremation has taken place.

## Julia Vanleishout, 88 *21 Jan 1989*

Julia Vanleishout, 88, a lifetime resident of the Eureka area, died of natural causes Tuesday at Mountain View Manor Nursing Home.

She was born July 20, 1901, in Tobacco Plains on the Mountain View Ranch to William West and Lucy Frost West. She attended Glen Lake School and Lincoln County High School in Eureka.

She married Anthony Vanleishout on Oct. 21, 1926, in Eureka.

She resided in Eureka her entire life where she raised her family.

She was a charter member of Tobacco Valley Grange.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Anthony, in 1972, and a

daughter, Betty Marie Vanleishout, in 1949.

Survivors include a daughter, Grace Miller of Eureka; three sons, George Vanleishout of Jerome, Idaho, and Clarence Vanleishout and Bill Vanleishout, both of Eureka; a sister, Neva Bolen of Eureka; 14 grandchildren and 36 great-grandchildren.

Services will be 2 p.m. Friday at First Baptist Church with the Rev. Warren Pomeroy officiating. Burial will be at Tobacco Valley Cemetery under the direction of Vial Funeral Home, Eureka.

The family suggests memorials to Mountain View Manor, Eureka 59917.

## Marie Valcore, 67 *31 July 1989*

Marie Valcore, 67, Eureka, died Monday at Mountain View Manor Nursing Home.

She has been a resident of Eureka and Rexford for more than 20 years.

She is survived by three daughters, including Naomi Rohan, Libby, and Sherry Cox, Eureka; two sons, including Thurman Sutherland, Kalispell; two sisters; and two brothers, including Tom Adkins, Whitefish.

Services will be 2 p.m. Friday at Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses. Visitation will be until 9 tonight and 1-9 p.m. Thursday at Vial Funeral Home, Libby.

The family suggests memorials to Eureka Ambulance, Box 736, Eureka 59917.

## LAURA VEIGEL

Laura Viola Veigel, 69, formerly of Kalispell, died in a nursing home in Tacoma, WA on April 5, following a lengthy illness. *1989*

She was born November 20, 1919, in Idaho, a daughter of Fred and Mabel Bronsum.

On July 11, 1942, she was married to Ralph J. Veigel in Missoula.

She is now survived by three sons, Larry of Columbia Falls, Roger of Kalispell, and Tracy in Alaska; two stepsons, Arthur of Kalispell and Kenneth of Santa Clara, CA; four brothers, Roy and Kenneth "Charlie" Borsum both of Seattle, WA, Earl Borsum of Fullerton, CA, and Hank Borsum of Long Beach, CA; three sisters, Mrs. Mel (Florence) Wright of Renton, WA, Stella Elixman of Spokane, WA, and Mrs. Jesse "Nick" (Emma) Nickerson of Paso Robles, CA; and two grandchildren, Tricia and Gary Veigel, of Chehalis, WA.

Graveside services for Mrs. Veigel were held in the Glacier Memorial Gardens.

# Salish elder Vanderburg dies at 88

ARLEE (AP) — Salish elder Mary Agnes Vanderburg, who touched the lives of thousands who visited her rustic camp southwest of Ravalli to learn how to tan hides, prepare wild foods and find themselves in a world gone awry, has died at the age of 88.



"In a lot of ways, she's like the heart of the reservation," said friend and former Salish and Kootenai Tribal Chairman Ron Therriault. "A lot of what she taught was how to be a human being. She had good power, good medicine. She was strong that way."

Born in the Jocko Valley area on Valentine's Day 1901, Vanderburg spent most of her life learning and teaching the old ways of her people.

Vanderburg and her husband, Jerome, began a teaching camp in the Little Prairie area east of Arlee. There, the couple received dozens of

guests who wanted to learn more about Indian culture.

After her husband died, Vanderburg moved the camp to Valley Creek, near the northeast side of Squaw Peak. Since the mid-1970s, she and other family members had spent the warmer months of the year living at the camp while they taught traditions to anyone who cared to enter.

"She wanted to pass on everything she knew," explained Germaine DuMontier, a longtime friend. "But I don't think it's so important that she taught people how to tan hides or do beadwork as all the wisdom she taught with it. She told us how to connect our lives."

"There are dozens of people who can teach us to tan hides," added tribal elder Charlie McDonald. "But the things she taught us about spirituality, a good heart, how to believe, these are the riches she gave us."

Described as a kind and gentle person who never harbored bitterness or prejudice, Vanderburg was especially known for her effective teaching methods.

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"She wouldn't say you did something wrong, but she'd show you how to do it right," said Therriault, who has taken students from Salish Kootenai College in Pablo to the camp the past five years. "She had a lot of dignity that couldn't help but rub off on anyone who spent time with her."

As one of a dwindling number of full-blooded Indians left on the reservation, Vanderburg drew international attention in her later years. Her camp register, which friends say contains thousands of names, includes visitors from all over the world.

In 1984, Vanderburg was invited to participate in the annual Festival of American Folklife on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., sponsored by the National Park Service and the Smithsonian Institution.

While she couldn't read English and could barely write, Vanderburg shared her knowledge of tribal customs with hundreds of visitors on the Mall. She also returned later to the nation's capital to take part in another of the folklife festivals.

Along with receiving a birthday card from the White House each year, Vanderburg in 1983 was given special recognition by former Gov. Ted Schwinden for her many cultural contributions. She also held an honorary degree from Salish Kootenai College and was a consultant to the tribes on cultural affairs.

In recent years, the tribal council has allocated money to the camp to keep it operating. Even as her health was failing, Vanderburg anxiously had awaited her return to the camp for its summer opening.

Friends say she had one of her sons drive her to the Valley Creek area to have a look around on Wednesday evening. Her sister said she had spent the entire day visiting friends.

"She was getting tired," said her sister, Harriet Whitworth. "She said this was probably her last year. Indian people, they know when they're going to go."

After viewing her beloved camp in the mountains, Vanderburg returned home and went to bed. She died later that night.

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## Elizabeth B. Vance, 72

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Elizabeth B. Vance, 72, of Kalispell, formerly of Missoula, died in the Kalispell Regional Hospital on Sunday evening.

She was born Dec. 11, 1916, in Stevensville, a daughter of Charles and Gladys Beach.

She received her education and spent her early life in Ronan.

She was later employed as an accountant for the federal government, having been employed in Missoula for a number of years, and also working in several other places, including Seattle, Wash., prior to her retirement.

She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Vance, on June 29, 1974, and by a stepson, Jack Booth.

Following her husband's death she moved to the Flathead and has lived in Kalispell since that time.

She is now survived by one brother, William Beach, of Spokane, Wash.; two sisters, Charlene Perryman of George, Wash., and Doril Irish of Kalispell; a stepson, Jim Booth of Missoula; a stepdaughter, Shirley Bourdeau of Duarte, Calif., and several step-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday in the Florence-Carlton Cemetery in Florence. Friends will meet at the cemetery for the services.

Friends may call at the Johnson Mortuary for visitation until 6 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Thursday.

## Gustave L. Vercruyssen, 84

Gustave L. Vercruyssen, 84, Somers, died Nov. 16 at the Hillside Manor in Missoula. 1989

He was born Sept. 26, 1905, at Kieldrecht, Belguim, near Antwerp, the son of Alfons and Marie Vercruyssen. He came to America with his parents in 1910, and ranched in the Chinook area.

On Oct. 4, 1926, he married Marion Kearful, and they had four daughters. The marriage later ended in divorce, and Gus moved to a ranch at Sun Prairie, south of Malta.

He was married to Lucile LaFond on Dec. 24, 1946, at Sun Prairie. They soon sold the Sun Prairie ranch and moved to Zortman, where they bought the Log Cabin Bar and Cafe.

They moved to Lohman in 1948 and bought the Midway Tavern. The following year, they came to Shelby and purchased the Oil City Bar. Gus also operated a ranch three miles outside of town, and ran 2,00 sheep and 100 hogs. Two sons were born in Shelby.

The Shelby ranch was later sold, and Gus went to Hamilton in 1962 to run another ranch while a stepson managed his bar for several years. After divorcing in 1969, he came to Kalispell and purchased the Stockholm Bar, which is now First Avenue West Restaurant. He later sold out and spent several years ranching in the Somers area.

Gus tried retiring in 1982, and spent three winters in Apache Junction, Ariz., but then returned to ranching in

Somers. He raised a few head of cattle and some chickens and sheep, and enjoyed working his garden. He spent a good part of each day driving back and forth to Sykes Restaurant for meals, fellowship, and dime cups of coffee.

He loved dancing, and spent many evenings at the Kalispell Eagles. Gus was a member of St. Matthew's Catholic Church, as well as the Wool Growers Association. He had been paralyzed since a vehicular accident this past July.

Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. Harry (Flora) Paulson and Mrs. John (Fay) Stuker, both of Chinook, Mrs. Ed (Joan) Olson of Havre, and Mrs. Roger (Laureen) Saylor of Lewistown; two sons, Dr. Max J. Vercruyssen of Los Angeles, Calif., and G. James Vercruyssen of Portland, Ore.; two stepsons, William and Douglas Kohibeck, both of Kalispell; a brother, Jules Vercruyssen of Havre; a sister, Mrs. Jerome (Rose) Conrad of Chinook; and 22 grandchildren.

Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated Wednesday at 10 a.m. at St. Matthew's Catholic Church with the Rev. Michael O'Neill as celebrant. Urn burial will follow at Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

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

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### Pearl Viken, 82,

Pearl Viken, 82, Troy, died Wednesday at St. John Lutheran Hospital in Libby.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at Troy Masonic Temple. Burial will be in Troy Cemetery.

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