

Lindsay 'Lin' C. Wilkerson, 61

3 Oct 1989

Lindsay "Lin" C. Wilkerson, 61, Columbia Falls, died Sunday morning at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

He was born Jan. 13, 1928, in Shell, Wyo., to Orville and Minnie Wilkerson.

He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War.

He married Marsha Thacker on Aug. 15, 1966, in Columbia Falls.

He owned and operated Mar-Lin's Second Hand Store which he recently closed.

He was a member of Local 400 Operating Engineers for many years

until recently retiring and a member of North Valley Search and Rescue for many years. He loved the outdoors, hunting, fishing and visiting with his friends at the Nite Owl Cafe in Columbia Falls.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters.

He is survived by his wife, Marsha, Columbia Falls; six daughters, Marie Wilkerson, Kalispell, Kay DeLoughy, Atlanta, Ga., Ginger McCafferty, Fort Morgan, Colo., Peggy Neill, Karla Baumgartner and Karen Gray, Belt; a

son, Dan Wilkerson, Belt; two brothers, Oliver "Babe" Wilkerson, Glasgow, and Orville "Sonny" Wilkerson, Wyoming; and numerous grandchildren, nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A memorial service will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the North Valley Search and Rescue Building at the Montana Veterans Home.

The family suggests in lieu of flowers that memorials be made to North Valley Search and Rescue.

Arrangements and cremation are by Van Leuven Funeral Home, Columbia Falls.

Beatrice L. Wilshire, 73

5 March 1989

Beatrice L. Wilshire, 73, Columbia Falls, passed away Sunday at St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula.

She was born Dec. 8, 1915, in Bemidji, Minn., to Harry and Ethel Leigh. She was raised and educated in Bemidji.

She was married to Benjamin Wilshire on July 21, 1964, in North Hollywood, Calif. They moved to the Flathead in 1970 and owned and operated the Big Sky Restaurant in Whitefish for two years.

She retired in 1972.

The Wilshires lived in Kalispell until 1983. Mrs. Wilshire then moved to Columbia Falls.

She enjoyed camping, fishing and was an excellent cook and baker.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Benjamin, in 1983, and one grandson, Billy Bivens Jr.

She is survived by two sons, Charles Bartos, Columbia Falls and Francis Bartos, Chicago, Ill.; one daughter, Carolyn Bivens, Columbia Falls; two sisters, Mrs. Bud (Harriet) Aarnoth, Glasgow, and Floy Cole, Alamo, Texas; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; an aunt, Gladys-Waller, Dora Lake, Minn.; and numerous cousins.

At Mrs. Wilshire's request, cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be 3 p.m. Friday at First Baptist Church, Columbia Falls.

Local arrangements are by Van Leuven Funeral Home.

KITTIE WILLETTE 1989

Kittie Willette, 88, a long-time resident of Whitefish, died July 4 at the North Valley Hospital extended care of natural causes.

She was born February 21, 1901 in Lone Pine, a daughter of George and Bessie Mesler.

On November 25, 1925 she was married to Alexia "Happy" Willette and he preceded her in death on May 10, 1965.

She is now survived by two sons, Stan of Whitefish and Lloyd of Seattle, WA; and three daughters, Stella Rhodes and Shirley Spear, both of Kalispell and Dorothy Van Horn of Goldendale, WA.

She was preceded in death by two sons and one daughter.

Services were held in the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. Cremation has taken place.

William M. Williams, 79

William M. Williams, 79, died at his home in Libby on Nov. 20 after a long illness. 1989

He was a self-employed concrete contractor and house mover.

Survivors include his wife, Maria; four daughters, including June Roose, Eureka, and Lucy Mae Platts; Libby; two sons, James, Eureka, and Jack, Libby; a sister; and three brothers, including Fred, Libby, and Ivan, Troy.

Graveside services will be 2 p.m. Friday at City of Libby Cemetery.

Valerie Williams, 44

^{26 Dec 1989}
Valerie G. Williams, 44, of Libby, died Tuesday at St. John's Lutheran Hospital in Libby.

She and her husband George Williams moved to the Yaak area in 1984.

Local survivors include her husband; daughters Kathy Morris, Libby, Janet and Jane Williams, both of the Yaak area; son George, the Yaak.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Libby. Burial will be at 2 p.m. at Boyd Cemetery in the Yaak.

Lora S. Williamson, 68

^{30 Dec 1989}
Lora S. Williamson, 68, of Lakeside, died at Brendan House Saturday morning.

She was born April 8, 1921, in Pocatello, Idaho, a daughter of Rae P. and Olive Stratford. She graduated from high school in Pocatello in the class of 1938. She then attended Idaho State University for two years, and graduated from Utah State University in Logan in 1942.

She worked for the weather bureau in Seattle, where she met, and on April 14, 1943 was married to, Albert E. Williamson in Pocatello. The couple lived in Seattle; Montana; Chicago; Pittsburgh; Beirut, Lebanon; London, England; and New York, following Mr. Williamson's work.

They retired and moved to Lakeside in 1982.

She was a member of the Lakeside Community Club, and enjoyed playing bridge with her friends.

She is survived by her husband Albert at home in Lakeside; a daughter, Carole W. Wade of West Hartford, Conn.; a son, A. Edward Williamson of Pittsburgh; two brothers, Ray P. Stratford of Schenectady, N.Y. and Lowell J. Stratford of Provo, Utah; and six grandchildren.

Private family burial will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday in Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Bishop Elmer Searle of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints officiating.

The family suggests memorials be made to Brendan House for the construction of comfort rooms.

LaVonne Ivers Willis, 44

^{5 June 1989}
LaVonne Ivers Willis, 44, of Kalispell, died in Kalispell Regional Hospital on Monday morning.

She was born July 27, 1944, in Kalispell, a daughter of Harold and Elsie Ivers. She had attended Fortine elementary school and graduated from Lincoln County High School, Eureka, in the class of 1962. She had lived in Kalispell since that time.

On Feb. 16, 1987, she was married to Melvin Willis in Kalispell and is now survived by him at the family home.

She is also survived by three sons, Kenneth and Darwin Berosik, both of

Kalispell, and Steven Berosik of Palm Beach, Fla.; her mother, Elsie Ivers Cooper of Kalispell; a brother, Mike Ivers of Yakutat, Alaska; a sister, Rose Foster of Kalispell; four stepchildren, Mike Willis, Arlita Edwards, Rhonda Morgan and Shelly Lingle, all of Kalispell; several aunts and uncles; one nephew; and one niece.

Cremation has taken place.

Memorial services will be Friday in Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Dr. David Kauffman of Whitefish officiating.

Lottie Willis, 85

^{2 June 1989}
Mrs. Lottie Willis, 85, of Kalispell, died in the Flathead County Care Center Friday morning.

She was born May 10, 1904, in Gary, Minn., a daughter of Eiling Lars and Minnie Julia Lee Guastad. Her parents moved their family to Kalispell in 1914 and settled in the Stillwater area. She received her education at Sparks School and Flathead County High School.

She was confirmed at Stillwater Lutheran Church and was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church until her death. She worked as a bookkeeper at Bucks Grocery until her marriage.

On Aug. 16, 1924, she was married to Carl L. Willis in Kalispell, and was preceded in death by him on Oct. 22, 1967. She was also preceded in death

by her parents, three sisters, and a brother.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Connie Bundrock and Mrs. Aletha Crowley, both of Kalispell; two grandchildren, Brice L. Bundrock of Whitefish and Mary D. Johnson of Kalispell; a great-granddaughter, Brooke Bundrock; a niece, three nephews; and several cousins in Norway.

Funeral services for Mrs. Willis will be at 3:30 p.m. Monday in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Mary Ronning, pastor of Bethlehem Lutheran Church officiating. Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

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

Cecil O. Wilson, 71

15 Feb 1989

Cecil O. Wilson, 71, Kalispell, died at home Saturday evening following an illness with cancer.

He was born April 3, 1917, at Eyremore, Alberta, the son of Ernest and Mary Wilson. As an infant, he came with his parents to Havre, where he was raised and educated.

Mr. Wilson worked on numerous ranches as a young man, and also logged in the Seeley-Swan area. He moved to Helena in 1951, where he worked for the City Sanitation Department for about 25 years. Following his retirement, he worked at various jobs in the Helena area.

Mr. Wilson served as a medic in the U.S. Army during World War II, serving from 1941 until his honorable discharge in 1945.

On Jan. 31, 1957, he married Jean Groner in Helena,

where they made their home until coming to Kalispell in May 1986.

He is survived by his wife at the family home in Kalispell; one daughter, Mrs. Bill (Mary) Miller of Helena; his mother, Mary Duchaw of Havre; a brother, Melvin Wilson of Eugene, Ore.; four sisters, Gretta Adams of Spokane, Wash., Dwella Johnson of Falls City, Ore., Mary Isabel Boetegar of Havre, and Pauline Bowers of Livingston; five grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father; a brother, Lloyd Wilson; and a grandson, William Miller.

Private interment will take place at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Arrangements are by the Weatherford Funeral Home & Crematory in Kalispell.

Kyle Donovan Wilson, 4 mos. 5 March 1988

Kyle Donovan Wilson, 4 months, of Kalispell, died Thursday at Kalispell Regional Hospital following a respiratory illness.

He was born Oct. 15, 1988, in Kalispell, the son of Gail and Mark Wilson.

He is survived by his mother and father, a brother Travis, 7, and a sister Tiffini, 4, at the family home in Kalispell; his maternal grandparents, Shirlene and M.K. Petersen of

Kalispell; paternal grandparents, Anna and Don Wilson in Salt Lake City; and many other relatives and friends.

Visitation will be 2-6 p.m. today at the Bigfork Funeral Home. Graveside services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

It has been suggested that memorials can be made to the Primary Children's Hospital in Salt Lake City.

Con Wittwer, 89

Con Wittwer, 89, of Ronan, died of natural causes Saturday, Dec. 30, at St. Luke Extended Care Facility. 1989

He was born Feb. 27, 1900, in Chicago to August and Teofila Wittwer.

He graduated from high school in Neligh, Neb., and attended Wayne State Teachers College for two years. He earned a bachelor's degree in education at the University of Nebraska and a master's degree in education at the University of Montana in 1952.

On July 5, 1929, he married Oma G. Coverdell in Kalispell. The couple moved to Lake County in 1931.

During his career, Mr. Wittwer taught mathematics and history, and coached various sports. He was the elementary school principal in Polson for four years, in St. Ignatius for seven years and in Ronan for 12 years. He later served as superintendent for the Arlee school system for 14 years. He retired in 1970 after 45 years of teaching.

Mr. Wittwer was a Boy Scoutmaster for over 10 years and was a past master of the St. Ignatius Masonic Lodge.

He was preceded in death by two

brothers and a sister.

Survivors include his wife, Ronan; two sons, Conn, Spokane, and Richard, Ronan; two daughters, Bonnie J. Krantz, Ronan, and Sharon R. Cole, Dixon; a brother, Joe, Norfolk, Neb.; a sister, Gertrude Graboski, Neligh; 14 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were 1 p.m. today in the Ronan High School gymnasium with the Rev. Tom D. Krantz Jr. officiating.

Shrider's Mortuary in Ronan is in charge of arrangements.

Burton Wood

15 May 1989

Burton Wood, 80, died Monday at his home in Columbia Falls.

He was born April 16, 1909, in Grants Pass, Ore., son of Ray W. and Julia C. Wood. He was raised and educated in Oregon.

On May 13, 1938, he and Frances E. Scriven were married in Klamath Falls, Ore. They lived in Bend, Ore., until moving to Columbia Falls in 1988.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, one son, and one stepson. He is survived by his wife, Frances, and one son, Ron Wood, both of Columbia Falls; three granddaughters; five great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

No services are planned. Arrangements and cremation were under the direction of Van Leuven Funral Home in Columbia Falls.

Kathleen Cotner was called away to Billings this week after her father, ~~Har-~~
~~ry~~ Wolfe, 87, died Jan. 1. Surviving are his widow, Katherine, of Billings; three daughters, including Mrs. Cotner, of Columbia Falls.

Brian G. Woods, 49

1989
Brian G. Woods, 49; Libby, died Nov. 17 at Libby Care Center.

Survivors include his mother, Rose, Libby; five sisters, including Carol Woods, Kalispell, Maria Marozzo, Libby, and Julie Komen-da, Marion; and five brothers, including Jerry, Tony and Dan, all of Kalispell.

Rosary is tonight at 7 at Vial Funeral Home.

Funeral Mass will be 11 a.m. Tuesday at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Burial will be at City of Libby Cemetery.

Katherine Elizabeth Wolfe, 86

10 Dec 1989
Katherine Elizabeth Wolfe, 86, of Columbia Falls, died Saturday at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish of natural causes.

She was born Feb. 5, 1903, in Bowling Green, Ky., the daughter of Thomas and Ann Higgins. Katherine was raised and educated in Bowling Green and graduated from high school at Nazareth, Ky., in 1921.

On Dec. 9, 1922, she married Harry W. Wolfe in Bowling Green. The couple made their home in Billings and Katherine came to Columbia Falls following the death of her husband in January of 1989.

Katherine was a lifetime member of the Roman Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by her

parents; her husband, Harry, and three brothers and a sister.

She is survived by two sons, John T. Wolfe in Kent, Wash., and by Harry W. Wolfe Jr. in Renton, Wash.; three daughters, Harriet Ann Kensmoe in Casper, Wyo., Dorothy L. O'Malley in Palos Verdes, Calif., and by Kathleen W. Cotner in Columbia Falls; 16 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Rosary will be recited at 7 tonight at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls. A Memorial Mass will be 10 a.m. Wednesday also at St. Richard's.

Arrangements and cremation are under the direction of the Van Leuven Funeral Home in Columbia Falls.

Clarence Wollan, 85

14 MARCH 1989
Clarence O. "Cap" Wollan, 85, a Kalispell resident, died Tuesday in St. Francis Hospital in Federal Way, Wash.

He is survived by his wife Mildred, of Kalispell, three sons, two daughters, 15 grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

Services will be 2 p.m. Monday at Highland Lutheran Church in Outlook, and burial will be in the Outlook Cemetery.

James C. Wood, 90

1 MAR. 1989
Mr. James C. Wood, 90, of Kalispell, died in the Brendan House on Wednesday afternoon.

He was born Oct. 2, 1898, in Morristown, Tenn., a son of John and Mary Wood. In 1913, he came with his family by immigrant wagon train to Montana, where they homesteaded 18 miles north of Kremjlin.

Mr. Wood had worked in the oil fields in the 1920s and early 1930s. In 1932, he came to Kalispell and worked as a car salesman and also for Montgomery Ward. He had owned and operated Woods Motors prior to his retirement.

On Dec. 6, 1922, he was married to Marie Cusick, and was preceded in death by her in 1977. He was also preceded in death by four children,

Mary Ann in 1926, Fred Allen in 1935, Kenneth in 1959 and Robert in 1982, and by two brothers, Van and John Wood.

He is now survived by five children, Clifford Wood and Hazel Brown of Seattle and James Wood, John "Jack Wood," and Helen Major, all of Kalispell; one brother, Curtis Wood, and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for Mr. Wood will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Mr. Craig Dahl of the Jehovah's Witnesses officiating. Burial will be made in the Glacier Memorial Gardens. Friends may call at the funeral home from 2 to 5 p.m. today for visitation.

Cody James Wood

Cody James Wood, son of Gary and Neshelle Lynn Wood, was stillborn on June 7 at Kalispell Regional Hospital. *1989*

Survivors include his parents and three sisters, Vanessa, Jennifer and Amber, all at the family home in Kalispell; grandparents, Raymond and Meriam Knopp of Kalispell, and Willard and Sarah Wood of Columbia Falls; great-grandparents, Roy and Beulah Monroe of Wenatchee, Wash.;

a great-great-grandmother, Goldie Lingle of Kalispell; and a number of other relatives.

Graveside funeral services will be Thursday at 5 p.m. at Conrad Memorial Cemetery with the Rev. R.D. Ross, pastor of Christian Center Assembly of God, officiating. Friends and relatives should meet at the cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Weatherford Funeral Home in Kalispell.

Violet B. Wood, 66

24 June 1989

Violet B. Wood, 66, Rollins, died Saturday evening of natural causes at the Flathead County Care Center in Kalispell.

She was born May 10, 1923, at Moise, the daughter of Harry and Edith Lyon. She was educated in Moise and Charlo, graduating from Charlo High School in 1941.

On July 5, 1941, she married Carl Wood at Shelby, and they lived in eastern Montana until moving to Ronan the following year. They then lived in several different places until coming to Joplin in 1946, where she was postmaster for over 20 years.

The Woods both retired in June of 1983, and moved to the Table Bay Resort at Rollins.

Mrs. Wood was raised and baptized in the Lutheran faith. She had been active in Royal Neighbors Chapter No. 9975 and the VFW Post No. 3997 Auxiliary, both in Chester.

Although she disliked eating fish, Mrs. Wood was an avid and successful fisherman.

Surviving besides her husband, Carl, at the family home in Rollins, are two sons, Don Wood of San Ramon, Calif., and Mike Wood of Pleasanton, Calif.; one daughter, Carla Ghekiers of Chester; a brother, Leo Lyon of Kent, Wash.; a sister, Irene Sporing of Wisner, Neb.; five grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and a number of nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and three sisters.

Graveside memorial services were today at 2 p.m. at Mountain View Cemetery in Ronan, with the Rev. J. Torrance Harvey, pastor of Lakeside Community Chapel, officiating.

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

Oscar W. Wram, 72

13 April 1989

Oscar W. Wram, 72, Whitefish, passed away early Thursday morning at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

He was born Sept. 11, 1916, in Churchbridge, Saskatchewan, a son of Adolph and Ellen Wram. At a young age he moved with his family to Stanton, Iowa, where he was raised and educated.

He married Leonore Evans on June 9, 1940, in Stanton. The couple came to Montana for their honeymoon and ended up staying in Whitefish where they've made their home since.

Mr. Wram started working for the Great Northern Railway in 1940 and retired as a conductor for the Burlington Northern in 1979.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping and all outdoor activities.

He was a member of the Moose Lodge of Whitefish and was past president of the United Transportation Union.

He was preceded in death by two

brothers and two sisters.

He is survived by his wife, Leonore, Immanuel Lutheran Home; one son, Chet, Whitefish; two daughters, Connie W. McFarland, Columbia Falls, and Paula Holte, Poplar; four sisters, Mrs. Lillian Chew, Denver, Colo., Mrs. Adella Vail, Minneapolis, Minn., Mrs. Viola Winn and Mrs. Phyllis Almquist, both of Bennington, Neb.; four grandchildren, Merrilee McFarland, Bryan Wram, Ivanna Holte and Jennifer Wram; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at the Austin Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. David V. Kaufman officiating. Private family burial has taken place at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell.

Austin Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

The family suggests memorials to Flathead Hospice or to Glacier Park Historical Society, West Glacier.

Mary Theresa Wright, 82

24 Jan 1989

Mary Theresa Wright, 82, Kalispell, died in Kalispell Regional Hospital Sunday afternoon.

She was born May 14, 1906, in Anaconda, a daughter of Anthony and Mary Barrett. She received her elementary and high school education in Anaconda, and her nurse's training in Murray Hospital, Butte.

She worked as a registered nurse for a time, and on Sept. 14, 1932, she married John Wright in Anaconda.

In 1948, they moved to Kalispell and have lived here since.

Mrs. Wright did private duty and home nursing in Kalispell.

She was a member of Risen Christ Parish and the prayer group of the church. She had also been a member

of the Birthday Club.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John, on Oct. 17, 1975; a son, John, in 1972, and a daughter, Mary Jane McCready, in 1983.

She is survived by three sons, Arthur, Michael and Thomas Wright, all of Kalispell; a daughter, Patricia Melby, Bigfork; 16 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Rosary for Mrs. Wright will be recited at 7 tonight at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Risen Christ Church with the Rev. Edmund Smith and the Rev. Stan Malnar as concelebrates. Burial will be in Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Franklin Wu, 66

15 Aug 1989

Franklin Wu, 66, of Martin City, passed away early Tuesday morning at Brendan House in Kalispell.

He was born Oct. 2, 1922, in Chicago, Ill., to Henry and Eva Wu. He graduated from high school in 1941, entered the Navy on July 29, 1942, and received his honorable discharge on July 26, 1948.

He married Dolores A. Osterberg on April 19, 1952, in Beloit, Wis. The family moved to Montana in 1976 where he worked as a carpenter until his retirement in 1984.

He was a member of St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls and a member of the Knights of Columbus.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Evelyn Wiley.

He is now survived by his wife, Dolores, at the family home in Martin

City; two sons, Nathan E. Wu of Janesville, Wis., and James F. Wu of Beloit, Wis.; one daughter, Janice Scholes of Kalispell; three sisters, Julia Boyce of Elk Grove, Ill., Hellen Taber of Rockford, Ill., and Mary Drew of Mitchell, S.D.; and two grandsons, James R. Wu of Beloit, Wis., and Jeremy T. Wu of Janesville, Wis.

Rosary will be recited Friday at 7 p.m. at the Van Leuven Funeral Home Chapel. Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated Saturday at 10 a.m. at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls with the Rev. Patrick McGurk as celebrant. Burial will follow at St. Richard's Catholic Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

Memorials have been suggested to Brendan House in Kalispell.

Karl Wurst, 83

30 Jan 1989

Karl Wurst, 83, Ronan, died of natural causes Thursday at St. Luke Extended Care Facility.

He was born Dec. 13, 1905, in Goldbach, Germany.

Mr. Wurst moved to Wibaux in 1922, and married Gertrude Wagner in Kalispell. She preceded him in death in 1929.

In 1931, he became a naturalized citizen in Kalispell. He later moved to Ronan. In 1935, he married Mildred Patton in Whitefish. She preceded him in death in 1968.

Mr. Wurst moved to Ronan in 1934 to work as a mechanic and was affiliated with the Ronan Garage,

Hanson Garage, and Don Aadsen Ford before retiring in 1967. He served as fire chief during his 25-year association with the Ronan Fire Department. He was also a member of the Lions Club.

Survivors include two sons, Wilhelm, Santa Rosa, Calif., and Carl, Kalispell; four brothers in West Germany; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Services will be 2 p.m. today at Shrider's Mortuary with the Rev. Cliff Gronneberg officiating. Burial will be at Mountain View Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials to St. Luke Extended Care Facility.

William J. Wyrick, 65

29 Oct 1989

William J. Wyrick, 65, East Glacier, passed away Sunday at the Fort Harrison Veterans Administration Medical Center.

He was born April 4, 1924, in Winslow, Ariz., to William J. and Ella M. Wyrick. He was raised and educated in Winslow. He served in the Marine Corps from 1943 to 1946. After his discharge, he returned to Winslow.

He married Nina Fae Poe in Arizona and they had two daughters.

He later married Diana Stell in Arizona and they had four children. She preceded him in death in 1972.

They moved to East Glacier in 1970 where he owned and operated the Snow Slip Inn and the Great Bear Outfitters for many years.

He was a member of the Elks Club in Winslow. He rodeoed in his younger years and loved the outdoors.

He is preceded in death by his parents, one brother, and

his wife, Diana.

He is survived by six children, Nina Brooks of Phoenix, Ariz.; Kathy Baker of Cut Bank; Diana Rogers of Joseph City, Ariz.; Lisa Wyrick of East Glacier; Brent Wyrick of East Glacier; and Suzanne Weekes of East Glacier; 13 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Rosary will be recited tonight at 7 at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls. Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated Thursday at 11 a.m. at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls with the Rev. Patrick McGurk officiating. Burial will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery with military graveside honors.

The family has suggested that memorials be made to the American Cancer Society.

Visitation will be today until 4 p.m. at the Van Leuven Funeral Home in Columbia Falls.