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### Ethel Bache, 81

Ethel Bache, 81, died Thursday at Libby Care Center. *1 Mar 1990*  
She was raised and educated in Libby.

Survivors include her husband Esbon of Libby, a daughter, six sons, a brother and a sister.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Assembly of God Church in Libby. Burial will be in City of Libby Cemetery.

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### Karl M. Bachman, 69

Karl M. Bachman, age 69, died of cancer at his home in Yuma, Ariz., April 7, 1990.

He was born Oct. 10, 1920, in Hubbard, Ore., the only child of John M. and Rosella M. Bachman. He was raised in the Mountain Brook area south of Lake Blaine and attended schools in Kalispell.

He was a sonarman in the U.S. Navy during World War II, serving aboard ship and submarines in the South Pacific, and later teaching at the Fleet Sonar School in San Diego. He was recalled for a short term during the Korean conflict and was stationed in Bremerton, Wash. during that time.

After his discharge in April of 1946, he returned to Kalispell. In June of that year he married Margaret "Maggie" Rimel Barthelmy in Kalispell, where they lived until his semi-retirement in 1969.

He owned and operated Karl's Radio Service, a radio communications business and Telco Answering Service in Kalispell. He also owned

and operated the Lincoln Cable TV system in Libby. He started the TV cable system then known as Northwest Video, in Kalispell, in 1952, but sold it two years later to devote full time to his other business. In 1969, he sold Karl's Radio Service, and Lincoln Cable TV and went into semi-retirement.

After selling Telco Answering Service in 1976, Karl and Maggie spent the winters at their home in Yuma and summers at their Kalispell residence.

He is survived by his wife at 13774 Fortuna Palms Loop, Yuma, Ariz. 85365; sons, Rick M. of Kalispell, and K. Randall; two daughters, Ms. Judith Dawn Sherman of Portland, Ore., and Mrs. Randy (Judy Kay) Luther, of Spokane, Wash.; and nine grandchildren.

Sunset Vista Funeral Home of Yuma is in charge of private cremation. There will be no services.

The family requests no flowers. Memorials may be sent to the Sunset Vista Funeral Home at 11357 E. 40th St., Yuma, Ariz. 85365.

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### F. 'Betty' Baker, 79

F. Elizabeth "Betty" Baker, 79, Libby, died Feb. 6 at St. John Lutheran Hospital, Libby. *1990*

She was an avid bridge player.

Survivors include her husband, Perce, Libby; a daughter; two sons, including Kent, Libby; and a sister.

Services will be 2 p.m. Saturday at Vial Funeral Home, Libby. Cremation will follow services.

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### Charles E. Baker, 85

Charles Everett Baker, 85, of the Bad Rock area, died Thursday at North Valley Hospital. *31 Mar 1990*

Local survivors include his wife, Clara, at home; a son, Lawrence Baker, and a daughter, Sylvia Hatten, both of Columbo Falls.

Memorial services will be Monday at 2 p.m. at First Christian Church in Columbia Falls.

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### Orminta Baker, 70

Orminta Baker, 70, died of natural causes Sunday, March 18, at Mesa Lutheran Hospital in Mesa, Ariz.

She was born April 1, 1919, in Chinook, the daughter of Franklin and Minnie Stratton. Orminta was raised and educated in Chinook and Coram.

She married Jewell Baker on Aug. 31, 1938, in Kalispell, and the couple resided in Coram until moving to Seattle during World War II.

Following the war, they returned to Coram and then moved to the Bad Rock area, south of Columbia Falls.

After her husband's death in 1979, she moved to Mesa, Ariz.

She was preceded in death by her

husband, a son, Bill, and two brothers.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Ron (Jean) Levang of Columbia Falls, and Mrs. Louis (Linda) Moore of Mesa; four brothers, Eugene Stratton of Hungry Horse, Ellwood Stratton of Dillon, Donald Stratton of The Dalles, Ore., and Arthur Stratton of Kirkland, Wash.; one sister, Audrey Rodgers of Kirkland, Wash.; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be noon to 8 p.m. today at Van Leuven Funeral Home in Columbia Falls. Services will be 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the funeral chapel. Burial will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

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## Arthur W. Ballenger, 91

19 Jan 1990

Arthur William Ballenger, 91, of Kalispell, died Friday at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

He was born Aug. 14, 1898, in Douglas County, Neb., the son of Minor and Suzan Hetrick Ballenger. The family moved to the Lower Valley and Somers area in the spring of 1902. He attended Hodgson School.



He worked on the family farm and for his older brother, who owned a steam engine and thrasher.

On May 4, 1926, he married Vivian El Vera Simpson in Ferndale. He then began farming his own farm between Bigfork and Somers with a team of horses. He retired from farming in 1965.

In 1940, he helped establish Central Bible Church and was an active

member for more than 40 years. He enjoyed socializing with the neighbors and was a grange member.

In 1988, he moved to Immanuel Lutheran Home.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Arthur Ballenger Jr.; two brothers, Henry and Ivan Ballenger; and a sister, Laura Fritz.

He is survived by his wife Vivian at Immanuel Lutheran Home; a son, Robert Ballenger of Kalispell; two daughters, Dorothy Lytle and Darlene Lowery, both of Kalispell; a sister, Enid White of Boise, Idaho; 12 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Ray Pierson, pastor of Central Bible Church, officiating. Burial will follow at Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Friends and relatives may call at the mortuary from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday for visitation.

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## Vivian Elvera 'Vera' Ballenger, 85

Vivian Elvera "Vera" Ballenger, 85, died in Immanuel Lutheran Home on Sunday, Aug. 26, 1990.

She was born Jan. 14, 1905, in Ansee, Neb., a daughter of William J. and Nancy Simpson. At an early age she moved with her family to the Flathead where she attended Ashley and Ferndale schools and Flathead County High School.

She then worked at a Bigfork hotel for a time.

On April 4, 1926, she married Arthur Ballenger in Ferndale. They farmed between Bigfork and Somers until 1983.

They were active in the Grange and Farmers Union.

In the 1940s they were among the founders of the Central Bible Church in Kalispell. Mrs. Ballenger was an officer in the Missionary Society and supported Home Missions.

They moved to Kalispell in 1980. She moved to the Immanuel Lutheran

Home in June 1989.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Art, on Jan. 19, 1990; a son, Arthur Ballenger Jr.; five brothers and two sisters.

She is now survived by a son, Robert Ballenger, of Kalispell; two daughters, Mrs. Robert (Dorothy) Lytle and Mrs. Earl (Darlene) Lowery, both of Kalispell; two sisters, Bonnie Lebert of Kalispell, and Edith Pival of Libby; 12 grandchildren and a number of great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday in Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Rev. Dennis Jingst, assistant pastor of Central Bible Church, officiating. Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Friends may call at Johnson Mortuary for visitation today until 8 p.m.

Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.

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## Harry R. Barnard, 70

24 Dec 1990

Harry R. Barnard, 70, died of a heart attack Monday at his Kalispell home.

He was born Feb. 18, 1920, in Grand Forks, N.D., to Raymond and Florence Lyod Barnard. At age 7, he came with his family to homestead in the Helena Flats area. Except for four years in the U.S. Navy during World War II, Harry lived in the Flathead Valley for the rest of his life.

On June 6, 1977, he married Helen K. Bergan in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and they resided at the Helena Flats homestead.

He is survived by his wife, Helen, at

the family home; a daughter, Mrs. Ed (Janet) Lasater of Kalispell; a grandson, Justin Lasater and a granddaughter, Jesse Lasater, both of Kalispell; a sister, Corinne Bronson of Kalispell; and a niece, Jami Rae Bronson, of Kalispell.

Private memorial services will take place later. Arrangements and cremation are by Weatherford Funeral Home & Crematory of Kalispell.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Montana Heart Association, 435 Second Street East, Kalispell, 59901.

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# Julius L. Bartlett, 84

5 July 1990

Julius L. Bartlett, 84, of Bigfork, died of a heart attack at Kalispell Regional Hospital Thursday.

He was born March 24, 1906, in Somers, to Charles and Anna Bartlett. His father was the barber in Bigfork for many years, and his uncle, Oren Bartlett, was the dentist.

As a young child, he moved with his family to Colorado, where he attended school and worked with his father on the family homestead.

As a young man, he returned to the Flathead Valley and was married to Christine "Tenny" Bjork. They had a daughter, Barbara.

Christine died in 1959, and in 1966, he married his childhood sweetheart, Alice Thomas from Colorado. She died in 1981.

Mr. Bartlett was a retired dairy farmer. He also raised beef cattle, hogs, and various grain crops. He was a part-owner of the Eagle Bend Golf Course land. His grandmother, Mattie Horn, and step-grandfather, Harry Horn, owned what was later the Bigfork Mercantile.

He was a member of the Little



Brown Church and later, a member of Bethel Chapel in Ferndale. He was also a member of Bigfork Senior Citizens, Eagles Lodge, and the Dairy Association. He was a frequent visitor at Sykes in Kalispell and the Korner Kitchen in Bigfork. His greatest joy was having someone stop for coffee.

He is survived by his daughter and her husband, Barbara and Eugene Bunyea of Bigfork; a stepson, Wayne Thomas of Greeley, Colo.; a stepdaughter, Linda Staley of Ft. Morgan, Colo.; a sister, Mrs. Fred (Noreen) Bjork of Bigfork; three grandchildren, Steve Bunyea and his wife Lorion of Bigfork, Julie Hunt and her husband Jim of Dayton, Ohio, and Lorie Hafer and her husband Marty of Kalispell; six step-grandchildren; six great-grandchildren, Crystal, Michael, and David Hunt, and Jesse, Cory, Tanner, and Christine Ann Hafer.

Funeral services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. in Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Pastors Ron Pierce, Nathan Bemis, and Jim Holman officiating.

Burial will be in Lonespine Cemetery. Friends may call at Johnson Mortuary for visitation until 8 p.m. Monday.

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# Mary Jane Basye, 88

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Mary Jane Basye, 88, of Kalispell, died in Kalispell Regional Hospital Saturday afternoon.

She was born Jan. 6, 1902, in Turtle Lake, N.D., a daughter of Christoph and Elizabeth Blumhagen. In 1910, she moved to Polson with her family and received her education there.

On April 23, 1923, she was married to Joseph Basye in Billings. They later moved to Kalispell where they lived until moving to Worland in 1940. They then moved to Hot Springs where they lived for 20 years. In 1970, they returned to Kalispell.

Mrs. Basye enjoyed cooking and doing needlework.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph, on Feb. 18, 1980; three brothers, Fred, Albert and Martin

Blumhagen, and three sisters, Matilda Commers, Alma Blumhagen and Pauline.

She is survived by one stepson, John D. Basye of Tacoma, Wash.; a sister, Lillian Druist of Portland, Ore.; a brother, Herman Blumhagen of Portland; two grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Mrs. Basye will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Marviri Northcutt, pastor of Epworth United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

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

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

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**Ruben Baerd** *20 Jan 1990*

WOLF POINT — Ruben Baerd, 76, died Saturday at Faith Lutheran Home. A funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Clayton Memorial Chapel. Another service is at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Bethel Rural Wolf Point Church and burial in the churchyard cemetery. Born at Heppburn, Saskatchewan, he moved at age 2 with his family to a homestead at Lustre. He attended Lustre schools and graduated from Glasgow High School. He worked at Fort Peck Dam. In 1936, he and Agnes Unrau were married at Lustre. They farmed near Lustre until 1976, and retired in Wolf Point. Survivors include his wife; son, Eugene, of Bismarck, N.D.; daughters Karen Waller, Plentywood, and Eileen Traeholt, Lustre; foster son, Reno Frank Robinson, Upper Lake Calif.; brothers Arthur, of Hunstville Ala., Clarence, of Glasgow; sisters, Anna Baerd and Lena Eitzen, both of Mountain Lake, Minn.; Elizabeth Kliewer, Lustre; eight grandchildren, two great-grandchildren.

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*Great Falls Paper*  
**Charles 'Al' Bannatyne**

Charles Alister "Al" Bannatyne, 85, a retired Dutton-area farmer-rancher, died of natural causes Monday in Las Vegas. *22 Jan 1990*

His funeral will be at 3 p.m. Friday at Croxford & Sons Mortuary. Burial will be in Highland Cemetery.

Born on April 20, 1904, in Great Falls, he attended rural school east of Dutton and Teton County High School in Choteau. He married Ruth Griffith in 1946 in Gardiner.

Bannatyne farmed and ranched northeast of Dutton until retiring in 1964. In his early years he played saxophone in a small band.

After retiring the Bannatynes moved to Cody, Wyo., then to Kona, Hawaii, and recently to Las Vegas.

He is survived by his wife.

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**Louis Bibeau**

MALTA — Louis P. Bibeau, 75, died Sunday in Phillips County Hospital, Malta. *21 Jan 1990*

His funeral is at 2 p.m., Thursday, at Adams Memorial Chapel. Burial will be in the Malta cemetery.

He was born in south Phillips County and lived there his entire life, farming and ranching the Bibeau homestead, 27 miles south of Malta.

He married Frances Nanik in 1968 at St. Paul's Mission, Hays.

Survivors include his wife; sons, Edward and Louis Jr., both of Havre, and Raymond of Malta; brother, Ray of Lewistown, sisters, Mary Knudsen, Malta and Mabel Schneidmiller, Billings. Adams Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

*Great Falls Paper*

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**Doctor Blevins** *19 Jan 1990*

WHITETAIL — Doctor Godsey Blevins, 84, died Friday in Portland, Ore. Graveside service will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the Whitetail Cemetery. He was born in Whiting, Iowa, and lived in Wisconsin before moving to Montana in the early 1960s.

He worked for Charles Marlenee and lived with his brother, Rex Blevins, in Scobey. He also stayed with Glen Hanrahan north of Scobey. Recently he moved to Tigard, Ore., to be with a brother, Jake, his only survivor. Three brothers preceded him in death: Rex, Claude and M.H.

Waller Funeral Home, Scobey, is in charge of arrangements.

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*Great Falls Paper*  
**Gertrude Lee Buffington**

Gertrude Lee Buffington, 92, formerly of the Fort Benton area, died of natural causes Sunday in Tulsa, Okla. *21 Jan 1990*

Her funeral will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Croxford & Sons Mortuary. Entombment will be in Hillcrest Lawn Mausoleum.

She was born Oct. 10, 1897, in Ripley County, Mo., and married Kerman L. Buffington on June 10, 1919, in Fort Benton.

The couple ranched in the Fort Benton area. She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star.

Her husband died in 1970.

Survivors include a daughter, Veda Gish of Tulsa; sisters, Jenna Burkey of Sun City West, Ariz., and Pearl Graham and Hazel George, both of Seattle; a brother, Byrl Hearst of Pueblo, Colo.; and two grandchildren.

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**Genie K. Brier**

SEATTLE — Memorial services for former Missoula resident Genie K. Brier will be 11 a.m. PST Saturday at St. Mark's Catholic Church, 218033 15th Place, Seattle, Wash.

Mrs. Brier died Sunday, Jan. 21, in Seattle, where she had lived since 1980. *Great Falls Paper*

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## CORNELIUS BATES

Cornelius Bates died Sept. 5, at the Mille Lacs Home in Onamia, Minn. at the age of 97. *1990*

He is survived by step daughters, Anna Tatro of Kenosha, Wis., Mrs. Marian Been of Skannee, Mich., Mrs. Elmer Simon of Silverton, Ore. and Mrs. Ervin Boser of Onamia; three step sons, Lowell Fredin of Woodbury, Minn., Chet Fredin of Waterloo, Iowa and Roy Fredin of Minneapolis, Minn., and many step-grandchildren and great-grandchildren; one sister, Evangeline Ellingson of Chamberline, S.D. He was preceded in death by children, Melvin, William, Evelyn and Helen, and brothers and sister, Sherman, Nellie, Grant, Jessie Milo and Mintie.

Funeral services were Sept. 8 at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Wahkon, Minn., with Rev. Nathan Packard officiating. Arrangements were with the Peterson Johnson Funeral Home in Onamia. Interment was in the church cemetery there.

Mr. Bates was born March 30, 1893, to Isaac and Mary Bates in Kimball, S.D. He worked at numerous occupations, managing editor for a printing company and a salesman for the Chicago Portrait Company. He was united in marriage to Olive May Shaw in Fayetteville, N.C. in 1914. They had a daughter, Kathryn. He later met Antonette Novotney, a widow with six children, and was united in marriage in Puckwana, S.D.

In 1949 they moved to Kalispell where he sold insurance for Western Insurance Company. In 1969 he retired and returned to Minnesota. His wife died in 1970 and in 1973 he was united in marriage to Ragna Fredin in San Jose, Calif.

The couple returned to Montana but later moved back to the Onamia area. He was a long-time member of the Knights of Columbus and Association of Senior Citizens.

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## Betty Beal, 77

*27 March 1990*

Betty Beal, 77, died at her home in Kalispell Tuesday evening.

She was born Feb. 16, 1913, in Bozeman, the fourth child of Harry A. and Mary Bolinger. Her father was an attorney and district court judge.

Betty was one of those fortunate or unfortunate people who was brilliant. She knew how to read and do arithmetic — addition, subtraction and some multiplication — before she went to the first grade.

Because she graduated from high school at a very young age, she spent an additional year in school taking other subjects. She then attended Montana State College for two years and Stanford University for a year.

She decided to go to work since she was disgusted with educational institutions. She worked as a secretary to Dr. Roland R. Renne at MSU when Dr. Renne was writing one of his books.

In 1937, she was married to Dr. John Beal, a chemical engineer. They

lived in Bozeman during the school year and traveled extensively in Canada in the summer. They bought land on Shuswap Lake and thoroughly enjoyed the time they spent there. During the war years, they spent time in Pasadena, Calif., where John worked with other scientists on the first spaceship.

The Beals moved to Williamsville, N.Y., where John worked with other scientists at a branch of Cornell University and Betty worked in the laboratory. They lived there until 1972, when John died.

Betty then came to Montana and was recently interested in the commodities market and computers.

She is survived by a brother, Hal Bolinger, an attorney in Bozeman; and a sister, Ruth Palmer of Kalispell and Lakeside.

Cremation has taken place. No public services are planned. Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

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## Marie L. Beasley, 70

*11 July 1990*

Marie L. Beasley, 70, Libby, died Wednesday at Sacred Heart Medical Center in Spokane, Wash.

She came to Libby as a small child where she was raised and educated.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Libby. Burial will be in City of Libby Cemetery.

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## Wanda Beaudoin, 62

Wanda Beaudoin, 62, Libby, died Tuesday at St. John Lutheran Hospital, Libby. *13 Feb 1990*

She operated Wanda's Beauty Shop in Libby for many years.

Survivors include her husband, Sylvain 'Skid' Beaudoin, Libby, a son, a daughter, her mother, a brother, a half brother and a half sister.

Services will be 10 a.m. Saturday at the United Methodist Church. Burial will be 1 p.m. Monday at Highland Cemetery, Great Falls.

Visitation is until 9 tonight at Vial Funeral Home.

Memorials to the Libby Volunteer Ambulance or the Libby Food Pantry are suggested.

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## Mary T. Bauer, 77

Mary T. Bauer, 77, Kalispell, died in Kalispell Regional Hospital on Saturday of natural causes. *31 Mar 1990*

She was born March 17, 1913, in New York City, N.Y., a daughter of Peter and Mary Ann Van Ness. As a young woman she came to Montana.

In 1946, she was married to Fred L. Bauer. He preceded her in death in 1960. The couple had lived in the Evergreen area.

Mrs. Bauer was of the Catholic

faith. She was also preceded in death by a brother, William Van Ness in 1989, and is now survived by a sister-in-law, Mrs. William Van Ness in Washington state.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday in Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Edmund Smith of St. Matthew's Catholic Church officiating. Burial will be in Glacier Memorial Gardens.

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## Arnold Beckstrom, 76

Arnold T. Beckstrom, 76, Libby, died Dec. 25 at his home in Libby of natural causes. *1990*

He is survived by his wife, Nina of Libby; a son, Kenneth of Libby; a brother; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Visitation will be 1-9 p.m. today and until noon Friday at Vial Funeral Home.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. at City of Libby Cemetery. Friends are asked to meet at the cemetery at 1:45 p.m.

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## Albert H. Bedord, 80

Albert Henry Bedord, 80, of Elmo, died Sunday, <sup>1990</sup> March 4, at Havasu Regional Hospital in Lake Havasu City, Ariz., following a long illness with congestive heart failure.

He was born June 26, 1909, in Bottineau, N.D., to George and Hattie Bedord. When he was an infant he moved with his family to Montana where his father homesteaded and later was in the blacksmith trade. He was raised in Cut Bank and attended schools there.

He married Hazel Sullivan and the couple had three sons before she preceded him in death. Mr. Bedord married Laura Howard and she also preceded him in death. In 1985, he married LaVon Knudsen. The couple spent their time at Elmo and Lake Havasu City.

Mr. Bedord began his career as an implement dealer in Cut Bank. He later moved to Missoula where he owned Bedord Implement Co., selling Ford, New Holland and Case equipment. For 43 years he swapped stories, property and implements.

In 1972, he retired to enjoy hunting, fishing and traveling.



Mr. Bedord was a member of the Dayton Presbyterian Church and Community United Presbyterian Church in Lake Havasu City. He also belonged to the Bagdad Temple of the Shrine Club in Missoula and the Lake Havasu Shrine Club.

He also was preceded in death by a sister, three brothers and two sons.

Survivors include his wife, Elmo; a son, Robert Bedord, Everett, Wash.; three stepsons, Howard Pruyar, Coulee Dam, Wash.; Gerhard Knudsen, Helena, and John Knudsen, Missoula; three stepdaughters, Doris Stegner, Missoula; Margit Dawkins, Helena; and Trudi Shjeflo, Kalispell; a brother, Wallace Bedord, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; five sisters, Elma Davis, Cut Bank; Mildred Johnston, Lebanon, Ore.; Hettie Gordon, Missoula; Betty Mowbray, Aurora, Colo.; and Dolores Hogan, Turah; six grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be 1:30 p.m. Saturday at First Presbyterian Church in Missoula.

The family suggests memorials to the Shriners Hospital for Crippled and Burned Children, the American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, American Diabetes Association, Dayton Presbyterian Church or Community United Presbyterian Church of Lake Havasu City.

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## George 'Bud' Begg, 75

George "Bud" Begg, 75, passed away <sup>1990</sup> in his sleep Thursday, Dec. 13, at a care home in Mesa, Ariz.

"Bud," as his friends knew him, was a long-time resident of Kalispell where he resided from 1945 to October, 1990. He had been a winter resident of Mesa, Ariz., for the past 14 years.



Mr. Begg was born in Webster, Mont., Oct. 26, 1915, and his family soon moved to North Dakota where he was educated through the eighth grade.

As a youth, he had passed through Kalispell in search of work, harveting crops and working on dam construction sites in the Pacific Northwest.

Mr. Begg purchased the Glasgow Laundry in 1940 and ran that business until he enlisted in the Army Air Corps at the outbreak of World War II. He served as a pilot and flight officer, flew numerous aircraft including the C47 and was assigned as a flight instructor to train cadets in Missoula.

He met Edna Holum in Glasgow in 1941 and they married in Bozeman March 30, 1944.

Following his discharge, Mr. Begg pursued his dream and moved to Kalispell in January 1945 where he purchased the Kalispell Laundry and Dry Cleaners. Over the years he expanded the company to include one of the first self-service coin laundries in the state as well as the Vogue Cleaners, a linen and uniform supply company; North West Linen and Uniform Systems and the Imperial Fabric Care Center.

Mr. Begg graduated from the National Institute of Dry Cleaning and the American Institute of Laundering.

He served twice as president of the Montana Textile Service Association.

Mr. Begg had other business interests including Maverick Gas and Car Wash, The Bulldog Pub and Restaurant, South Meadows subdivision and other developments throughout the city of Kalispell.

He and his wife donated a 17-acre parcel of land in 1985 as a city park and the site of the new Griffith Field Legion Ball Park.

He was a charter member of the Glasgow Jaycees, and belonged to Trinity Lodge No. 152 AF&AM Masonic Order, Flathead Shrine Club, and was a member of Elks Lodge 725 and Kalispell American Legion Post 7.

He served on the board of directors of the First National (Norwest) Bank of Kalispell for 13 years.

He was an avid outdoors man who loved to hunt, fish, and ride horseback with his friends at every opportunity.

He is survived by his wife, Edna, who has cared for him the past several years at the family home in Kalispell; one daughter, Linda Mengwasser of Kalispell; one son, Jerry Begg of Fountain Hills, Ariz.; one sister, Lois Bondurant of Polson; one brother, Delbert Begg of Ross, Calif.; two granddaughters, Cammy Todd of Kalispell and Reni Mengwasser of Kent, Wash.; one grandson, Kaby Begg of Fountain Hills, Ariz.; one great-granddaughter, Brittany and great-grandson, Kyle.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 22, in Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Burial will follow in Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Flathead Shrine Club, Box 762, Kalispell; or the Immanuel Lutheran Home Alzheimer Care and Building Project, or the National Alzheimer Association.

Friends and family may call at Johnson Mortuary for visitation until 8 p.m. on Friday.

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**Anna C. Beller, 91**

<sup>1996</sup>  
Anna C. Beller, 91, a longtime resident of Whitefish, passed away Sunday, Jan. 21, at the North Valley Hospital in Whitefish of natural causes.

She was born March 17, 1898, in Kalispell, a daughter of John and Clara Johnson. She was raised and educated in Kalispell, graduating from Flathead County High School in 1915.

On May 13, 1916, she was married to Arthur (Pearl) Beller in Kalispell, and moved to Whitefish several years later where Mr. Beller was employed with the Great Northern Railway. He preceded her in death on May 12, 1948, in Whitefish.

She was also preceded in death by

her parents; two brothers, Lawrence and Eugene Johnson; and one son, Bill J. Beller.

She is now survived by three sons, Merle E. (Ole) Beller of Salem, Ore.; Darryl L. (Bud) Beller of Anchorage, Alaska, and Jack Beller of Whitefish; 10 grandchildren, numerous great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be Tuesday, Jan. 23, at 2 p.m. at the Whitefish Cemetery.

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

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**Albert Bentz**

Albert Bentz, 86, Ronan, died of natural causes Nov. 12, <sup>1990</sup>

Among the survivors is a daughter, Yvonne (Sue) DeLange of Kalispell. He is also survived by his wife in Ronan, a son, four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services were in Ronan.

The family suggests memorials to the Christian Missionary Alliance Church in Ronan or to St. Luke Extended Care Facility in Ronan.

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**Duane M. Bennett, 58**

<sup>16 7 or 1990</sup>  
Duane M. Bennett, 58, died Friday at the North Valley Hospital of natural causes.

He was born Feb. 28, 1931, in Bowman, N.D., the son of Martin and Rose Bennett.

Duane was raised and educated in Bonners Ferry. Following school, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served in the Korean War. Following his discharge he went to work for the Great Northern Railroad with a welding crew. He then worked for the city of Whitefish and was foreman of streets and alleys when he retired in 1987.

He was a member of the Catholic church, and was a fraternal member of

the Moose, Eagles, and the VFW.

He was preceded in death by his father and a brother, Lyle Bennett.

He is survived by his wife, Violet, at the family home in Whitefish; a daughter, Gerry McKenzie in Lakeside; a brother, Cleo Bennett in Bonners Ferry; three sisters, Caroline Pluid, Myrna Nelson, Ione Spalding, all of Bonners Ferry; three grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. Burial of the cremated remains, with military honors, will be at a later date in Bonners Ferry, Idaho.

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**HOMER WILLIAM BERNER, 74**

Homer William Berner, 74, died Jan. 1 of natural causes in Yuma, Arizona.

He was born April 9, 1915, at Willow Creek, Montana, the son of George and Eva Berner. He was raised at Stanford, Montana, where he attended grade school and graduated from high school. In 1937, his family came to a farm in the West Valley area of the Flathead.

Mr. Berner was very active in community activities, and was on the Prospect Park School Board in West Valley. He also built and operated a sawmill business called Lost Creek Lumber Company, now known as Kalmont.

On November 30, 1940, he married Mildred Rhodes in Kalispell, where the couple lived until moving to Eureka in 1961. They then owned the Eureka Tavern until retiring and returning to Kalispell in 1969. For the past three years, the Berners had wintered in the Yuma, Arizona, and Winterhaven, California, areas.

Surviving family members include his wife, Mildred Berner, at the family home in Kalispell; one daughter, Patricia Holder of Eureka; one sister, Helen Strotbeck of Seattle, Washington; two grandsons, Brent Holder and his wife Carrie of Eureka, and Mitchell Holder and his wife Amber of Bozeman; and one granddaughter, Willa Holder of Eureka.

Funeral services were Jan. 5 at the Weatherford Chapel, with Rev. J. Torrance Harvey, Pastor of Lakeside Community Chapel, officiating. Burial followed at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Children's Orthopedic Hospital, 4800 Sand Point Way N.E., Seattle, Washington 98115.

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**Robert S. Bennett, 77**

Robert S. Bennett, 77, Lakeside, died Monday, Sept. 3, of cancer at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls. <sup>1990</sup>

He was born June 6, 1913, at Lowell, Mass., the son of J. Roy and Marguerite Bennett.

He was educated at Phillips Academy in Andover, Mass., and Williams College. He also did graduate work in geology and petroleum engineering at Harvard University and the University of Houston. He was employed in the oil industry prior to World War II.

Called to active duty with the U.S. Army in 1940, Mr. Bennett served with the First Special Service Force, known as "The Devil's Brigade," as a paratrooper-commando. After being seriously injured in a parachute jump, he was assigned to the Corps of Engineers, serving as engineer staff officer at various military bases in the United States.

After retirement from the Army in 1945 due to a service-incurred disability, Mr. Bennett re-entered the oil business in Texas.

In 1947, he returned to Montana for health reasons. He lived briefly in

Helena, where he was district supervisor for the Union Oil Co. of California. Mr. Bennett then settled in Kalispell, where he worked in radio broadcasting for many years.

He interrupted his radio career during Gov. Tim Babcock's term to manage the State Liquor Store in Kalispell. He then returned to radio, retiring in 1972.

An ardent fisherman and hunter, Mr. Bennett was active in local conservation groups. He had been president of the Flathead Sportsman's Association, and a director of Flathead Wildlife Inc., of which he was an honorary life member.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Martha Benson Bennett, in 1972. He is survived by his son, Lee Bennett of Somers, and by numerous nieces and nephews.

Public services are not planned. Arrangements and cremation are by Weatherford Funeral Home & Crematory in Kalispell.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 1002, Kalispell 59903-1002, or to a charity of the donor's choice.

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## Marguerite B. Best, 91

Marguerite B. Best, 91, Kalispell, died Thursday, Dec. 20, of natural causes at Immanuel Lutheran Home. 1990

She was born Nov. 5, 1899, at Great Falls, the daughter of Robert and Johanna Skinner. She was raised in Great Falls and Spokane.

After high school, she went on to Chicago Normal School for her teaching degree. She then taught school in Michigan and South Dakota.

On June 8, 1930, she married Stanley P. Best in Great Falls. They ranched at Stanford and later Choteau, then moved in 1937 to Buckley, Wash.

The Bests returned to Montana in 1944, ranching in the Thompson River Valley.

They retired to Kalispell in 1971.

Mrs. Best was the first teacher for the Opportunity School in Kalispell, one of Montana's first special education institutions. She taught there from 1954 to 1966.

The Bests enjoyed traveling and made several trips to Scotland. They also liked



to visit family throughout the United States.

Mrs. Best was a lifetime member of Adah Chapter No. 17 of the Order of the Eastern Star. She had also been a member of Business and Professional Women, Century Club, and Retired Teachers Association.

The Bests were active in the Kalispell Senior Citizens Center and delivered Meals on Wheels from 1976-86.

She was preceded in death by her husband in January 1989, and by her parents and one brother.

Surviving are three daughters, Carolyn Wilson of Kalispell, Joy Peterson of Bonita, Calif., and Ruth Hamilton of Spokane, Wash.; one son, Robert Best of Folsom, Calif.; 16 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Friends may call at the Weatherford Funeral Home on Wednesday from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. and Thursday from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Funeral services will be Thursday, Dec. 27, at 2 p.m. at the Weatherford Chapel, with the Rev. Ken Mottram, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Adah Chapter No. 17 will present Order of the Eastern Star ritualistic honors. Burial will take place at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

The family suggests memorial contributions to First Baptist Church, 301 W. Wyoming Street, Kalispell, MT 59901.

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## Bieber infant

The son of Barbara and Craig Bieber of Kalispell was stillborn Friday at North Valley Hospital.

Survivors include his parents; his maternal grandparents, Norman and Willadene Panique, Kalispell; and paternal grandparents, Elmer and Margaret Bieber of Whitefish.

Graveside services will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. at Glacier Memorial Gardens, Kalispell. Van Leuven Funeral Home, Columbia Falls, is handling the arrangements.

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## Bill Bishop, 92

William "Bill" Francis Bishop, 92, a Columbia Falls resident, died early Wednesday at Immanuel Luther Home. 28 Nov 1990

He had been a carpenter and blacksmith in mills and mines.

Survivors include two daughters, Lee Thompson and Frances Dowden, both of Columbia Falls.

Visitation will be today until 6:30 p.m. at Van Leuven Funeral Home in Columbia Falls.

Rosary will be at 6:30 p.m. tonight at the funeral home.

Graveside rites will be 1 p.m. Saturday at St. Richard's Catholic Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

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## Merlyn V. Best Jr., 55

Merlyn V. Best Jr., 55, died at his home in Kalispell in Saturday, April 28, 1990, after a lengthy illness with cancer.

He was born Feb. 1, 1935, in Webster City, Iowa, a son of Evelyn and Merlyn Best Sr.

He attended grammar school and high school in Webster City, Iowa; junior college at Fort Dodge, Iowa; the University of Iowa City at Iowa City, Iowa; and also Northwestern Institute of Medical Technology in Minneapolis, Minn., with internship at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Dodge, Iowa.

On April 16, 1961, he married Cathryn Rodgers in Webster City, Iowa.

He joined the armed services and was in the reserves until dis-



charged in 1963. He moved to Glasgow, and worked there until 1970 when he moved to Libby and worked at St. John's Lutheran Hospital.

In 1983, he moved to Kalispell where he worked at the Medical Arts Laboratory.

Survivors include his wife, Cathryn, at home; two daughters, Tracy Gunderson of Kalispell and Randi Jo Short of Tampa, Fla.; his mother, Evelyn Best of Minneapolis, Minn.; one brother, Robert C. Best of Minneapolis, Minn.; and two grandchildren, Kimberly and Steven Short of Tampa, Fla.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. in Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Jim Simpson, pastor of Central Christian Church, officiating. Private family burial of the urn will be made in Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Arrangements by Johnson Mortuary.



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## Howard P. Blackmer, 82

<sup>1990</sup>  
Howard P. Blackmer, 82, of Plains, died of natural causes Monday, July 16, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

Born March 25, 1908, in Columbia Falls to Lucien P. and Fannie Blackmer, he attended Fairview Grade School and graduated from Flathead County High School in Kalispell in 1927.

During World War II, he served with the armed services in the South Pacific. He later worked for the Bureau of Reclamation and U.S. Forest Service as a surveyor, retiring in 1972.

On May 26, 1962, he married Norma Decker Johnson in Plains, where the couple had lived since.

Mr. Blackmer was a member of Horse Plains Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3596 and served as its quartermaster for several years.

Preceding him in death were an infant sister; a stepson, Jim Johnson; and an infant grandson.

Survivors include his wife, Plains; a son, Mike Blackmer and daughter-in-law, Lori, Athabasca, Alberta; a stepdaughter, Jane Bates and her husband, Robert, and a stepson, Joe Johnson, all of Plains; a sister, Doris Yenne and her husband, Tom, Bigfork; a brother, Boyd and his wife, Lorraine, Columbia Falls; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Saturday at First Church of God, Plains, with the Rev. Roy Williams officiating. Military graveside rites conducted by Horse Plains VFW Post will follow at Plains Cemetery.

Coffelt-Bunch Funeral Service is in charge of arrangements.

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## Leslie Blinco, 75

<sup>1990</sup>  
Leslie V. Blinco, 75, Libby, died of cardiac arrest Feb. 27 at Deaconess Medical Center, Spokane.

He was a military veteran and had lived in Libby since 1950.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Jane, Libby; four daughters, including Margaret Bucher, Kalispell; five sons, including Tom, Roger Bruce and Steve, all of Libby; and a sister, Pearl Harder of Spokane.

Parish vigil services are tonight at 7:30 at Vial Funeral Home. Mass of the Resurrection will be 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Burial with military honors will follow at Libby Cemetery.

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## Ethel E. Blasdel, 85

<sup>to July 1990</sup>  
Ethel E. Blasdel, 85, of Kalispell, died of natural causes at Brendan House Friday morning, after an extended illness.

She was born Sept. 1, 1904, in Steptoe, Wash., to John and Lillie Bowman. She attended school in Steptoe.

On Sept. 22, 1921, she married Jessie O. Blasdel. They celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary in 1983.

They homesteaded in Ethridge, Mont., for three years before moving to Kalispell, where they farmed in the Lower Valley until 1971, when they moved to Foy's Lake.

She was a member of the Bethel Ladies Aid, Mountain View Birthday Club, Lower Valley Flathead Pomona, Montana State and National Granges, and she held several Grange offices through the years.

She enjoyed writing poetry, quilting, and gardening.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jessie, on June 5, 1984; a daughter, Eva Belle Mower; four brothers, Ralph Homer, Fred, and Art Bow-



man; and a sister, Bertha Keeler.

Survivors include two sons, Edwin Blasdel of Kalispell and Donald Blasdel of Somers; three daughters, Marie Cuzick of McCleary, Wash.; Ruby Powell of Sublette, Kansas, and Viola Keller of Kalispell; a brother, Earl Bowman of Kalispell; three sisters, Pearl Harder of Spokane.

Ethel's twin sister, Estelle Long of Conrad, and Marie Cuzick of Olympia, Wash.; 30 grandchildren; 65 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Monday at 2 p.m. Monday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Torrance J. Harvey officiating.

Burial will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Friends may call at Johnson Mortuary for visitation from 1-5 p.m. today and until noon Monday.

The family suggests memorial be made to the Flathead Chapter of the Future Farmers of America.

Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.

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### Marie A. Bone, 75

1 Aug 1990

Marie A. Bone, 75, of Kalispell, died of natural causes Wednesday at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

She was born Nov. 23, 1914, in Brooklyn, N.Y., to Emil and Leona Sulzbach. She was raised and graduated from high school there.

During the Big Band era, she was a singer with the Bunny Berrigan Band, as well as several other groups.

On Oct. 15, 1945, she married George Bone in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., and they lived mostly in Montana, Colorado, and Oregon. Mr. Bone died in 1981, and Mrs. Bone came to Kalispell in March of that year.

Surviving family members include

two daughters, Charlene Sherriell of Kalispell and Roberta Cox of Ellenville, N.Y.; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and a number of other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a brother, and her husband.

Private urn burial will take place at Fairview Cemetery, east of Kalispell. Arrangements and cremation are by Weatherford Funeral Home & Crematory.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 1002, Kalispell, 59903-1002, or to a charity of the donor's choice.

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### Roger T. Boucher, 44

Roger Terry Boucher, 44, died in Tustin, Calif., June 17 of a massive coronary. 1990

He had been employed by ARCO Transportation for 22 years, including service in Kalispell.

Survivors include his wife, Annette, two children, and several brothers and sisters.

Funeral services will be Friday at 9:30 a.m. at St. Ann's Church, Butte. Burial will be at Holy Cross Cemetery.

Memorials to Montana Tech are suggested.

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### 'Buzz' Boothman, 74

Glen "Buzz" Boothman, 74, a life-time resident of Libby, died Sunday at his home. 12 Aug 1990

He is survived by his wife, Evelyn, and a son, Randy, both of Libby.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the Vial Funeral Home Chapel. Burial with military honors will be in the City of Libby Cemetery.

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### Palmy M. Bostedt, 88

Palmy M. Bostedt, 88, Bigfork, died Wednesday of natural causes at Lake View Care Center, Bigfork. 4 April 1990

She was born Aug. 10, 1901, at Sturgeon Bay, Wis., the daughter of John and Mary Jilot. Her parents were originally from Belgium, and she was raised and educated in Brussels, Wis. She moved to Oconto, Wis., in 1917, and lived there for most of her life.

In 1922, she married Earl W. Bostedt in Oconto. Mr. Bostedt passed away in 1977.

Mrs. Bostedt spent her winters in Modesto, Calif., and summers in Bigfork until becoming a full-time Bigfork resident in 1985. She kept strong ties to Wisconsin, and was still a member of First Presbyterian Church in Oconto.

Surviving are two sons, Earl C. "Skelly" Bostedt of Bigfork,

and John E. Jack Bostedt of Carmel Valley, Calif.; one daughter, Mrs. Vincent (Yvonne) Van Hecke of Modesto, Calif.; nine grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and a number of other relatives.

Memorial services will be Friday, April 6, at 10 a.m. at the Little Brown Church in Bigfork, with the Rev. Ron Pierce, pastor of the Swan Chapel, officiating.

Funeral services are planned for Wednesday, April 11, at the First Presbyterian Church in Oconto, with burial following at Evergreen Cemetery.

Arrangements are by the Bigfork Funeral Home.

The family suggests memorial contributions to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 1002, Kalispell 59903-1002.

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### Helen Marie Bothun, 78

Helen Marie Bothun, 78, of Kalispell, died in the Kalispell Regional Hospital on Monday, Jan. 8, 1990

She was born July 15, 1911, in Goshen, Wash., a daughter of John and Elsie Merk.

When she was 4 years old she moved with her family to Montana.

In 1935, she was married to Floyd Huributt in Poison, and this marriage ended in 1946.

In 1949, she was married to Theodore R. Bothun in Coeur d'Alene,

Idaho, and was preceded in death by him on Oct. 8, 1970.

She is now survived by three brothers, Lyle Merk of Seattle, Wash., Alfred Merk of Lewistown, and Elvin D. Merk of Porterville, Calif.; several nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by a sister and a brother.

Private graveside services were held this morning in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Johnson Mortuary.

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## Harold LeRoy Boyer, 71

Harold LeRoy Boyer, 71, of Lakeside, died Friday, Feb. 16, at St. Patrick's Hospital in Missoula, following heart surgery. 1990

He was born July 31, 1918, at Moravia, Iowa, to Paul L. and Hazel E. Boyer. Harold came to Montana with his parents as a child and attended school in Sanders. He later returned to Iowa and graduated from Moravia High School.

Following high school, Harold returned to Montana to work, where he met Mildred Woodruff in 1938 while she was teaching at Rancher High School near Hysham. Harold enlisted in the Army and attended officers' training school. He served in World War II in Alaska and Italy.

Harold married Mildred while he was in the service at Tacoma, Wash., in 1942. The couple later had two children.

Harold and Mildred farmed near Forsyth for several years after Harold's return from the Army. Harold then owned and operated the Standard Oil Bulk Dealership in Forsyth for many years, while Mildred taught school in

the Forsyth elementary school. When Harold retired in 1977, they moved to Lakeside, where they have lived since.

Harold was an avid fisherman and gardener and was active in Masons, Shriners, and Eastern Star. He also participated in the Lions and American Legion Clubs.

Harold is survived by his wife, Mildred, of Lakeside; his son, Gary of Darby; his daughter, Joan Newman of Missoula; his brother, Robert of Tenino, Wash.; his sister, Ada Corbett of Berthoud, Colo.; his sister, Mary Lou Butcher of Tenaskett, Wash.; four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Memorial services with Masonic rites will be Saturday, Feb. 24, at 1 p.m. at the Lakeside Community Chapel, with the Rev. J. Torrance Harvey, officiating. Arrangements and cremation are by the Weatherford Funeral Home & Crematory.

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

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## Goldie Louise Broo, 75

Goldie Louise Broo, 75, of Bigfork, died in the Lake View Care Center on Saturday, Oct. 13, of natural causes. 1990

She was born on May 18, 1915, in Malta, a daughter of Genhart and Minnie Skogen. She moved to Kalispell as a child and attended Flathead County High School.

Goldie married Carl Broo in Seattle and he preceded her in death in 1979.

She was a cook and caterer for the North Chuck Wagon Enterprises in Oregon and later owned and operated her own catering business in Oregon known as "Goldie's Catering." She catered for the Robert Kennedy campaign in Seattle.

Goldie retired in 1974 and moved to the Flathead Valley in April 1990.

She was a member of the Vassa Lodge and was of the Lutheran faith.

Survivors include her brother and sister-in-law, Floyd and Catherine Skogen of Kalispell; three nieces, Geraldine Young and Barbara Cameron, both of Kalispell, and Joyce Potts of Bigfork; five great-nieces and nephews; and numerous cousins and other relatives.

Funeral services for Mrs. Broo will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Ray Pierson of Central Bible Church officiating. Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Friends and family may call at the Johnson Mortuary for visitation until 8 p.m. today.

Arrangements by Johnson Mortuary.

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## Amanda E. Brocken, 95

Amanda E. Brocken, 95, of Kalispell, died in Brendan House on Sunday morning, March 4, of natural causes. 1990

She was born April 8, 1894, on the family homestead near Columbia Falls, a daughter of Gustav and Hulda Wendt.

She grew up in Columbia Falls and had attended Deer Park School. She was a graduate of the Sacred Heart Hospital School of Nursing in Spokane, Wash., on May 27, 1920.

She had done nursing in Spokane, Seattle, and Portland, Ore., before returning to Kalispell where she had also worked in nursing.

On Jan. 4, 1930, she was married to John M. Brocken in Polson. The couple had farmed for many years.

Mrs. Brocken was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John, on Jan. 16, 1967, and is now survived by one sister, Florence Grant of Grand Prairie, Alberta, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on Thursday in Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Richard Waag, pastor of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, officiating. Burial will be in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Flathead Valley Community College Nursing Program.

Friends may call at the Johnson Mortuary for visitation until 8 p.m. on Wednesday.

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### Dr. J. Murray Brooke

Long-time Ronan physician J. Murray Brooke, 80, died of a heart attack Nov. 27 in Ronan. 1990

He was born March 15, 1910, in Three Forks to Enoch Marvin and Rachel Murray Brooke. He was a member of a pioneer family that moved in 1850 to Whitehall to run a stagecoach station and hotel. His parents moved in 1920 to ranch near Pony. He attended schools at Pony, graduating from Christian Brothers High School (now Butte Central High School) in 1928.

After graduating from St. Charles College (now Carroll College) in Helena in 1930, he attended medical school at St. Louis University. He received his medical degree in 1934 and returned to Montana, where he began his medical career at the Flathead Indian Tribal Headquarters in 1936. He then began a private practice as a general practitioner in the Ronan/St. Ignatius area in 1938.

Dec. 28, 1939, he married Margaret Sterling.

During World War II, Dr. Brooke served as a captain in the U.S. Army from 1942 until 1945; his service took him to Guadalcanal and New Caledonia. After the war he returned to his practice in Ronan, where he served Mission Valley residents until retiring in 1975.

Dr. Brooke was instrumental in building St. Luke Hospital in Ronan, and in the construction of the extended care addition of the hospital in 1976. He also helped found the Ronan Senior Citizens' Center.

Survivors include a son, Joe Brooke, Missoula; four brothers: Charles, Missoula; Basil, Whitehall; and Edward and Cornelius, both of Pony; a sister, Mary Lewis, Peoria, IL; a grandson, three granddaughters and a great-granddaughter.

Rosary was recited Nov. 28 at Shrider's Mortuary in Ronan. Burial followed at Calvary Cemetery.

Memorial Mass of the Resurrection will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Ronan.

The family suggests memorials to the Ronan Breadbasket or to Carroll College.

### KATHERINE S. BROOKS 1990

Longtime St. Ignatius resident Katherine S. Brooks, a former school teacher and an honorary member of the Backcountry Horsemen, died of natural causes, June 6, at Riverside Health Care Center in Missoula. She was 80.

Born March 16, 1910, in Shenandoah, Iowa, to James and Nora Smock, she moved to the Mission Valley at 6 weeks of age with her parents. She attended grade school in Leon and high school in St. Ignatius, where she graduated as valedictorian in 1927.

She attended Omaha City College (now the University of Nebraska) and graduated from Washington State College in Pullman with a degree in English and secondary teaching certificate. She taught school in Dixon in 1931.

On Nov. 26, 1931, she married A.C. Brooks in St. Ignatius.

She was a bookkeeper at the family service station and bulk plant in St. Ignatius until 1959, when she returned to teaching in Cut Bank. She later taught in St. Regis and Ronan, retiring in 1973.

A past matron of the Oketa Chapter No. 114 Order of Eastern Star, she also was a member of the OES Mission Valley Chapter No. 93. She served as grand representative of Maryland in Montana.

Mrs. Brooks was a member of the Foothills Club; Charlo, Ronan and St. Ignatius Senior Citizens; Delta Kappa Gamma teachers' sorority; and St. Ignatius Women's Club. In 1969 she was honored by the college sorority Alpha Xi Delta for 60 years of membership.

Active in community and school activities, she was a pianist for local churches. She enjoyed playing cards, reading and visiting with friends.

Survivors include her husband of St. Ignatius; four daughters: Joan B. Murray, Kalispell; Constance B. Lord, Phillipsburg; Phyllis B. Lewis, Belgrade; and Avice B. Hoff, Dagmar; nine grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Services were June 9 at the United Methodist church in St. Ignatius, with the Rev. James E. Dickinson, the Rev. Kathy Munson-Young and the Rev. George Sanders officiating.

She was buried at Pleasantview Cemetery in St. Ignatius.

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### 18 April 1990 Edward L. Brown Sr., 83

Edward L. Brown Sr., 83, Polson, died in Kalispell Regional Hospital on Wednesday morning.

Survivors include his son, Edward Brown Jr., Polson.

Cremation has taken place and private family memorial services will be later.

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## Elizabeth A. Brown, 90

Elizabeth A. "Beth" Brown, 90, was born Sept. 15, 1900, in Brookings, S.D., to Ira and Clara Stevens. The family moved to the Whitefish-Eureka area in 1908, where she attended schools and business college in Aberdeen, Wash.

She was married to Vern Brown in Whitefish, and to this union there were three children: Delbert, Deane and Lorraine.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; both sons; five brothers and three half-brothers.

She is survived by one brother, Arley Stevens; her daughter, Lorraine Torkelson; one son-in-law, all of White-

fish; two daughters-in-law; eight grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; three half-sisters and two half-brothers.

Grandma Brown was loved by many and was a member of the Lady Trainmen and the Rebekah Lodge.

She passed away on Wednesday, Oct. 10, of natural causes after a long illness. 1990

Visitation will be 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 11, at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. Funeral services will be 3 p.m. Friday at the funeral home with the Rev. Ken Peterson officiating. Burial will follow at the Whitefish City Cemetery.

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## Pam L. Robinson Brown, 41

Pam L. Robinson Brown, a former Kalispell resident, died of natural causes late Tuesday at her home in Fairbanks, Alaska. 15 May 1990

She was born Dec. 15, 1948, in Kalispell and was raised and educated here, graduating from Flathead High School in 1967.

She is survived by her daughter, Jody, and granddaughter, Jamie, of Fairbanks; her mother,

LaVon "Pat" Hall, one brother, Dan Robinson, two sisters, Starla Hopkins and Kai Bartell, and numerous nieces and nephews, all of Kalispell.

Cremation has taken place in Fairbanks.

Friends are invited to attend a memorial potluck meal at the home of Pat Hall, 114 Sleepy Hollow Drive, Kalispell, on Sunday, May 20, at 1 p.m.

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## Ray E. Brown, 76

Ray Elwood Brown, 76, Coram, died early Wednesday at Kalispell Regional Hospital. 21 Jan 1990

Survivors include his wife, Eleanor, Coram; a son, three daughters and two sisters.

Memorial services will be 11 a.m. Saturday at Canyon Community Church.

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## Ruby Brown

Ruby Brown, a former Bigfork and Polson resident, died March 9 in Grandview, Ore. She was in her 70s. 1990

She was a teacher at Bigfork Elementary School for many years before she retired. She moved to Polson in 1981.

Memorial services will be Monday at 2 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Polson.

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## Bruce Brundage, 73

Bruce D. Brundage, 73, of Bigfork, died Dec. 22 at Kalispell Regional Hospital. 1990

He moved from Anaconda to Los Angeles as a child.

He served in World War II in the European Theater of Operations as a first lieutenant.

He later worked for the U.S. Government in the Philippines and on Okinawa. He also worked for Rocketdyne, and retired from Continental Graphics.

Survivors include his wife, Teresa, at home in Bigfork

No public services are planned. Arrangements are by Weatherford Funeral Home & Crematory in Kalispell.

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## VIOLET M. BUCHER 1990

Violet M. Bucher, age 72, Columbia Falls, passed away March 16 at the North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

She was born April 17, 1917 in Culbertson, Montana to Rudy and Martha Hinz. She was raised and educated near Culbertson.

She was married to Marvin G. Hinz on June 18, 1942 in Culbertson. They moved to Columbia Falls in 1946.

She was a member of the Assemblé of Good Church in Columbia Falls and a past secretary-treasurer of the Sunday school.

She is survived by her husband, Marvin at the family home in Columbia Falls; one sister, Clara Widell of Minneapolis, Minnesota; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A graveside service was held March 19 at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls., Rev. Darrell Newby officiated.

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## William 'Bill' Edgar Buck, 59

William "Bill" Edgar Buck, 59, of Polson, died in the St. Joseph Hospital in Polson on Monday morning, May 14, of a heart attack. 1990

He was born Aug. 11, 1930, in Kalispell, a son of William and Ruth Buck. He attended Kalispell schools and then entered the U.S. Air Force where he served for four years.

He returned to Kalispell and was employed with Western Montana Wholesale Grocery for 16 years and with Forest Products for seven years.

He had been a resident of Polson for the past four years.

He had been a lifelong resident of the Flathead Valley; a good father and loving husband and an outdoorsman.

On Dec. 27, 1951, he was married to Gladys Person in Kalispell and is now survived by her at the home in Polson.

He is also survived by five sons, Gregory A. Buck in Florida, Brian K., Leonard W., Timothy R. and Raymond J. Buck, all of Kalispell; four brothers, Jack and David Buck, both of Kalispell, Jerry Buck of Bigfork, and Terry Buck of Columbia Falls; six sisters, his twin sister, Wilma Galloway, Jean Wilkes, Vera Fuller, Verna McCartney, Shirley Gove and Linda Vander Kolk, all of Kalispell; numerous grandchildren, nieces and nephews and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by one son, Jeffrey Buck, in 1973.

Graveside services with military honors will be at 2 p.m. on Friday in the Glacier Memorial Gardens. Friends will meet at the cemetery for the services. Friends may call at the Johnson Mortuary for visitation today until 8 p.m.

Arrangements by Johnson Mortuary.

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## Helen Marie Bump, 70

Helen Marie Bump, 70, died at her home in Kalispell on Sunday, March 4, of natural causes. 1990

She was born March 3, 1920, near Trego, a daughter of Gustave and Florence Olsen. The family lived in the Edna Creek and Fortine Creek areas of Lincoln County. Mrs. Bump attended the Edna Creek School and was a graduate of the Lincoln County High School, Eureka.

On Oct. 12, 1940, she married Charles L. Bump in Kalispell. The couple lived and worked with Mrs. Bump's father on a ranch near Trego for about 10 years. They then moved their family to the Ashley Lake area near Kalispell where they lived until moving to Kila in 1953.

Mrs. Bump was a homemaker and Avon sales lady for several years.

She also was the postmistress at Kila for 10 years prior to her retirement several years ago.

She spent much of her free time at

a cabin on Rogers Lake and enjoyed the outdoors.

About three years ago she moved to Kalispell to be near friends and shopping.

She was baptized Jan. 10, 1980, as a member of Trinity Lutheran Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles, on Aug. 7, 1978, and by a son, Leonard, who was killed in a car accident in 1979; and a brother, Louis Olsen in 1928.

She is now survived by a son, Larry C. Bump and his wife, Kathryn, of Columbia Falls; a daughter, Joan C. Inman of Spokane, Wash.; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for Mrs. Bump will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday in Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Darold Reiner, pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, officiating. Burial will be in Glacier Memorial Gardens.

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

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## 30 Nov 1990 Mark Burgher, 83

Mark N. Burgher, 83, died Friday at North Valley Hospital.

A former Illinois and Florida resident, he was a retired postal clerk with the Railway Mail Service.

Local survivors include his wife, Blanche Burgher, in Whitefish; daughter and son-in-law Ann and Bill Tarr in Whitefish; and nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Private family services will be later in Coulterville, Ill. Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish is in charge of arrangements.

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## BRANDON D. BURGHUFF

Brandon D. Burghuff, son of Duane and Tammy Burghuff of Columbia Falls, passed away Friday (March 2) in Spokane, Washington. 1990

He was born March 2, 1990 in Whitefish, Montana.

He is survived by his parents, Duane and Tammy Burghuff of Columbia Falls; his grandparents, Jerry and Sharon Burghuff of Columbia Falls, Douglas and Cherie Darsow of Columbia Falls, and Polly and Bill Keeler of Waterville, Washington.

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## Myrt E. Burns, 57

Myrt E. Burns, 57, of Kalispell, died in Kalispell Regional Hospital on Sunday, Nov. 11, from complications following surgery. 1990

She was born April 9, 1933, in Roxbury, Mass., a daughter of Hugh and Amy Cameron.

She attended school in Malden, Mass., and on July 21, 1951, she married Donald R. Burns in Elizabeth City, N.C.

They had traveled throughout the United States following his military career.

In 1971, they moved to Kalispell and have lived here since.

Mrs. Burns had been employed in the food service department at Immanuel Lutheran Home.

She enjoyed baseball, fishing and camping.

She is survived by her husband, Donald, at home; three children, Don Burns Jr., Wayne Burns and Donna Fuller, and seven grandchildren, all of Kalispell; four sisters, Lillian Sacramone of Sun City, Ariz., Mildred Lindert of Newington, Conn., Marjorie Worth of Wilmington, Mass., and Vivian White of Malden, Mass; and two brothers, John Cameron and Don Cameron, both of Naples, Fla.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. on Thursday in Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Harold Kellam, pastor of Faith Covenant Presbyterian Church, officiating. Burial will be at Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials to Immanuel Lutheran Home.

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

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## Hazel Lucille Burton, 73,

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Hazel Lucille Burton, 73, Kalispell, died Sunday evening, Oct. 28th, of natural causes at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

She was born May 12, 1917, at Ingomar, Mont., the daughter of Lawrence "Ford" and Bertha Belzer. She grew up near Musselshell, graduating from Musselshell High School in 1936.

On April 5, 1937, she married Aubry A. Burton at Roundup. After a year in Los Angeles, they made their home in Musselshell until coming to Kalispell in 1951.

She worked as a checker for many years, first at B&B Grocery Store, and



later at Carl's Market Basket. Mrs. Burton retired in about 1973.

Surviving are her husband Aubry at the family home; one son, Jack Burton of Spokane, Wash.; two brothers, Jack Belzer of Bozeman, and Max Belzer of Musselshell; one sister, Dorothy Keller of Pe Ell, Wash.; a grandson, Kim Burton of Somerset, Pa.; two granddaughters, Brenda Burton in upstate New York, and Jacqueline Burton of Spokane; and a number of other relatives.

Mrs. Burton was preceded in death by her parents, a son, Dennis Burton, and a grandson, Kevin Burton.

Friends may call at the Weatherford Funeral Home today until 7 p.m. and Wednesday from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, Oct. 31st, at 2 p.m. at the Weatherford Chapel, with Rev. Marvin Northcutt, pastor of Epworth United Methodist Church in Kalispell, officiating.

Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

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## RosaLee Burton, 64

RosaLee Burton, 64, of Kalispell, died Wednesday, Sept. 19, after a brief illness. She was born June 25, 1926, in Columbus, Mo., a daughter of Emmett Roberts and Zora Lee Hill. She moved with her family to Kalispell as a young girl and attended Kalispell schools.

During World War II, she left the Flathead Valley and was a welder at the shipyards. During this time she met her husband.

On Jan. 14, 1946, she married Elmer "Red" Lloyd Burton in Polson. From this union nine children were born.

Elmer preceded her in death on April 20, 1968, and she devoted the rest of her life to raising and caring for her family.



Also preceding her in death was a son, Michael; her parents; two sisters and two brothers.

Survivors include three daughters, Nancy Miller of Coos Bay, Ore, Betty Wallace and JoAnn Lunde, both of Kalispell; five sons, Jim, Bill, Richard and Alan Burton, all of Kalispell, and Darrell Burton of Renton, Wash.; one sister, Catherine Mascho of Michigan; and 19 grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, at 4 p.m. at the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Marvin Northcutt, pastor of Epworth United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Friends may call at the Johnson Mortuary for visitation until 8 p.m. today and until noon Saturday.

The family suggests memorials to Flathead Hospice, P.O. Box 1532, Kalispell, MT 59901, or to Flathead County Home Health Agency, 723 Fifth Ave. E., Kalispell, MT 59901.

Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.

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## URSULINE G. BUTLER

Ursuline G. Butler, 93, formerly of Lakeside, died Oct. 11 of natural causes at a relative's home in Pensacola, FLA.

She was born April 15, 1897, in Chicago, daughter of John and Lillian Green. She was reared and educated in San Diego and Long Beach. She studied music under some noted Hollywood teachers, as well as Alexander Stewart of Long Beach. She taught piano and voice in California for more than 40 years.

June 17, 1931, she married W. George Butler in Long Beach and the Butlers sang and directed church choirs in California for many years, including 17 years at Big Bear Lake.

The Butlers moved to Lakeside in May of 1973. Following her husband's death in 1976, Mrs. Butler spent two years in Atlanta, GA., and had lived in Pensacola since 1978.

She had been a member of Long Beach Chapter No. 173 of the Order of Eastern Star, the Long Beach Musical Arts Club, and the First Assembly of God Church in Pensacola.

Mrs. Butler is survived by her daughter, Vivian Trammell of Atlanta; two grandsons and a number of great-grandchildren and other relatives.

Graveside funeral services were Oct. 15 at Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell with Rev. J. Torrance Harvey, pastor of Lakeside Community Chapel, officiating.

Arrangements were by the Weatherford Funeral Home in Kalispell.

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## Nina E. Butler, 94

Nina E. Butler, 94, Kalispell, died Monday morning of natural causes at Immanuel Lutheran Home. *7 May 1990*

She was born Feb. 22, 1896, on a farm near Emmetsburg, Iowa, the daughter of Mabel Lewis Butler and Frank Butler.

At an early age, she moved with her family to Devils Lake, N.D., where she received her education. Her parents died in 1908.

Miss Butler worked in the office of Northwestern Bell Telephone Co. for many years, both in Minot and Fargo, N.D. She then worked for her brother-in-law at the power and light company in Crosby, N.D.

After coming to the Flathead Valley, Miss Butler bought a cherry orchard near Bigfork on the East Shore of Flathead Lake. She sold the orchard when it got to be too much for

her to handle. After living in Hot Springs for some time, she moved to Kalispell with her sister Clara AuClaire.

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

Miss Butler is survived by a sister, Clara AuClaire of Kalispell, and by numerous nieces and nephews.

Friends may call at the Weatherford Funeral Home today until 7 p.m., and Wednesday from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Graveside services will be Wednesday, May 9, at 2 p.m. at Conrad Memorial Cemetery with the Rev. Charles Kriner, interim pastor of First Presbyterian Church, officiating.

Friends will gather at the cemetery.

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

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## Clark H. Butts, 84

Clark H. Butts, 84, a former Bigfork resident, died June 26 at his home at Johnson Siding, S.D.

Other survivors include his wife, Margarita; two sons, including James F. Butts, Bigfork; two daughters; one brother; one sister; 15 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Mr. Butts came to Bigfork in 1955 and worked for the U.S. Forest Service until retiring in 1978.

Services and burial were in South Dakota.



### Frederick E. Butterfield, 71

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Frederick E. Butterfield, 71, of Bigfork, died Thursday evening at Kalispell Regional Hospital following an illness with cancer.

He was born Jan. 16, 1919, in Bigfork, the son of Frederick J. and Bernice Butterfield. He was raised there, graduating from Bigfork High School in 1938. During World War II, he served with the U.S. Navy in the Pacific Theater. Following his honorable discharge in 1945, he returned to Bigfork.



On Oct. 15, 1946, he married Irene Stinson in Kalispell, and they lived in the Ferndale area near Bigfork ever since, except for five years in Seattle during the early 1950s.

Mr. Butterfield was a carpenter and contractor, and also raised cattle and farmed.

For the past dozen years, the Butterfields wintered in Needles, Calif.

An active outdoorsman, he enjoyed

hunting, fishing, and golf. He belonged to the Eagles and Elks in Kalispell, and the American Legion in Bigfork.

He is survived by his wife Irene at the family home; two sons, Dennis of Reno, Nev. and Gary of Bigfork; three daughters, Bernice Mellem and Susan Butterfield, both of Kalispell, and Linda Cole of Glenwood, Wash.; six sisters, Lois Weed of Bigfork, Connie Knudson of Pittsburg, Calif., Frances Evans and Lucille Evans, both of Oxnard, Calif., Dorothy Potts of Vilna, Alberta, and Mary Jane Mathias of Everett, Wash.; nine grandchildren; three great-granddaughters; and a number of other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Helen Bjork.

Friends may call at Bigfork Funeral Home Monday from noon to 7 p.m.

Funeral services will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. at the Little Brown Church in Bigfork. Officiating will be the Rev. Ron Pierce, Pastor of the Swan Chapel, and the Rev. Mike Britton, Permanent Deacon at St. Matthew's Catholic Church. Burial will take place at Lonepine Cemetery, with military honors provided by local veterans.

### Sue Hundahl Byrd, 46

Sue Hundahl Byrd, 46, formerly of the Flathead, died of cancer Sunday, Feb. 18, in the Tallahassee Memorial Regional Medical Center in Tallahassee, Fla. 1990

She was born April 19, 1943, in Whitefish, to Maurice and Margaret Hundahl. She attended St. Matthew's School in Kalispell and was a graduate of the Flathead County High School in the class of 1961. She then attended Western Montana College.

On May 14, 1963, she was married to William "Larry" Byrd in Kalispell. The couple lived in Lakeside and various other places following Mr. Byrd's transfers with the Armed Services. They resided in Tallahassee for the past three years.

Mrs. Byrd was of the Catholic faith. She enjoyed bowling, bingo and jai alai.

She was preceded in death by her parents and is now survived by her husband, Larry, at the home in Tallahassee; three daughters, Patricia Byrd

of Chattanooga, Tenn.; Janet Dery and Cheryl Melton, both of Tallahassee; three brothers, John Hundahl of Spokane, Wash.; Ron Hundahl of Renton, Wash.; and Rob Hundahl of Colorado Springs, Colo.; three sisters, Jeannie Johnson of Kalispell, Virginia Kivett of Spokane, Wash.; and Connie McCubbins, of Hungry Horse; two grandchildren, Scott Melton and Casey Dery, both of Tallahassee, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Rosary for Mrs. Byrd will be recited at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in St. Matthew's Catholic Church with Father Emmett O'Neill as celebrant. Burial will be in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Friends may call at the Johnson Mortuary from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. Wednesday for visitation.

The family suggests memorials be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 1002, Kalispell, 59903.

### Gary E. Byrne, 31

Gary E. Byrne, 31, died in Las Vegas, Nev. on Saturday, Feb. 24. The cause of death is pending an autopsy. 1996

He was born April 28, 1958, in Kalispell, a son of Richard A. and Frances Byrne. He attended grade school at Cayuse Prairie and graduated from Flathead High School in 1976.

On Feb. 6, 1981, he was married to Tami Sherwood in Kalispell.

He was employed at Bitney's Furniture, Tabor Construction and Plum Creek of Columbia Falls.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, motorcycling and other outdoor activities.

He was preceded in death by his father, Richard.

Survivors include his mother, Frances of Kalispell; a son, Ryan Byrne of Hillsboro, Ore.; one brother, Douglas Byrne of Kalispell; two sisters, Kathryn Byrne of Kalispell, and Sandra Ramstead of Great Falls; a grandfather, Henry Byrne of Kalispell; one niece, and one nephew; numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Prayer services will be at 7 tonight in Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Friday in Risen Christ Catholic Church with Father William Stanaway as celebrant. Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

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