

Charles W. Yost

Charles W. Yost, 82, Columbia Falls, died Jan. 25 of natural causes at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish. 1991

He was born Sept. 17, 1908, at Maywood, Minn., near St. Cloud, a son of Winfield and Helen Yost. In about 1917, his family homesteaded near Big Timber, Mont. They lived near Gibson and Rapelje before coming to the Gallatin Valley in 1926.

During World War II, he served in the Marine Corps for four years. After his honorable discharge, he worked on the Sinclair Ranch near Ennis.

On Aug. 11, 1940, he married Mabel Iola Evans at Bozeman, and they later built a home in Ennis. The Yosts came to Columbia Falls in 1948.

Mr. Yost worked for Pacific Power and Light for a number of years and then was employed as an electrician at the Anaconda Aluminum Co., retiring in the early 1970s.

He was a charter member of both the Flathead County Sheriff's Posse and the Northwest Montana Arms Collectors Association. He belonged to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

He was preceded in death by his wife, parents and a brother James.

He is survived by four sisters, Mrs. Ruby Brown, Belgrade, and Mrs. Lorna Wiman, Robert Ann Olson, and Helen Grace Yost, all of Bozeman; one brother, Harold, Overton, Nevada; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial services are planned later in the year. Arrangements and cremation are by the Weatherford Funeral Home & Crematory in Kalispell.

1991 Thomas Yoder

Mr. Thomas Lee Yoder, 41, of Kalispell, died late Friday, August 30, of injuries sustained in a two car accident on Highway 2 near Columbia Heights. He was born October 14, 1949, in Minot, North Dakota, a son of Neil and Dorothy Yoder. He received his education in Minot, and in 1967, he moved to Mountain View, California where he was employed as a machinist. In 1983, he moved to the Flathead Valley and was employed with Walters Tree Farm. In 1987, he began work with Semi-Tool Inc. where he has since worked as a machinist. He enjoyed the outdoors, hunting and motorcycling and was a member of the Harley Davidson Motorcycle Club.

He was preceded in death by his father, Neil, on November 12, 1985 and an infant sister. He is now survived by his mother, Dorothy Yoder, of Kalispell; one brother, Delbert Yoder of Kalispell; two sisters, Wilma Robetson of Auburn, Washington and Sally Hepburn of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; his dear friend Patricia Wilde of Kalispell; seven nieces and nephews and numerous aunts, uncles and other relatives.

Graveside services and burial of urn were held in Fairview Cemetery. Memorial Services were held Wednesday in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Dennis Jings of Central Bible Church officiating.

1991 Merlin A. Young, 80

Merlin A. Young, 80, of Kalispell, died in Kalispell Regional Hospital on Wednesday evening, Sept. 25, of natural causes.

He was born March 24, 1911, in Elmo, a son of William and May Young.

He received his education in Montana, attending the University of Montana in Missoula.

In 1937, he married Mabel Ekhoit in Shelby. They resided in Butte, then lived in Seattle, Wash., before moving to Kalispell where they have lived for the past 40 years.

Mr. Young worked many years for the Stancraft Boat Co. of Lakeside and Polson, and also was a captain in the Glacier Park tour boats before his retirement.



He enjoyed fishing, reading and all sports.

Mr. Young was a member of the Eagles Lodge of Kalispell, and also a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one daughter, Beverly.

Survivors include his wife, Mabel, at the family home; two daughters, Marilyn McDannald of Atlanta, Ga., and Barbara Schlabs of Billings; two brothers, Stan Young of Lakeside, and Donald Young of Polson; eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in Bethlehem Lutheran Church with the Rev. Gary Gilthvedt officiating. Burial will be in Glacier Memorial Gardens.

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

The family suggests, in lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association, Box 2411, Great Falls.