

Carolyn L. Kaber, 69

Carolyn L. Kaber, 69, a Kalispell and former Whitefish resident, died of natural causes Monday, Nov. 23, 1992, at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

She was born Nov. 13, 1923, in Bozeman, to Clyde and Cleda Bradley.

Carolyn was raised in Bozeman and graduated from high school there in 1941. She lived in Bozeman for many years and moved to White-

fish in 1960. She owned and operated a women's clothing store "Bottoms for Gals" in Whitefish for a year.

She married Marvin Kaber in July of 1981. They moved to Kalispell in 1989 and have resided here since.

Carolyn is survived by her husband, Marvin, at the family home in Kalispell; her mother, Cleda Bradley, in Bozeman; two sons, Roger Ward in Colorado Springs, Colo., and Scott

Smith in Bozeman; a daughter, Robin Haller, in Bothell, Wash.; four grandsons; and many other relatives and friends.

Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. Funeral services will also be held at 1 p.m. at the Dokken-Nelson Funeral Home in Bozeman. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery.

Daisy (Dorland) Kampschror, 98

Daisy M. (Dorland) Kampschror, 98, died June 15 in Lake View Care Center in Bigfork. *1992*

She was born Feb. 19, 1894, in Thedford, Neb., to Edward and Elizabeth Shriner. She moved with her family to Jordan, Mont., in the early 1900s.

Daisy came to Whitefish from Miles City in 1949 with her husband, Ray Dorland. They operated the Riverside Grocery at 1000 Spokane Ave. for 10 years.

In 1959, she married Viv Hooker and moved to Glendive. After his death, she divided her years between Kalispell and Glendive. She spent several summers in Glacier National Park employed by Mark and Jan Gruber.

In 1971, she married Frank Kampschror Sr. of Glendive, and made her home there until 1984 when she came to Kalispell, where she made her home with Dick and Linda Bristow. At the time of her death she was a resident of Lake View Care Center in Bigfork.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her son, Ray Taylor; and two brothers, Robert Shriner of Missoula and Dee Shriner of Libby.

Survivors include three grandchildren, Monte Rae Ingraham, Gordon Taylor and Linda Bristow all of Kalispell; four great-grandchildren, Almee and A.J. Ingraham of Whitefish and Kelsey and Kyle Carrothers of West Richland, Wash.

Mrs. Kampschror was a member of the Methodist Church of Kalispell and Glendive and a member of the Rebekah Lodge of Kalispell and Glendive.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday in Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. C. Fred Crowe officiating. Ritualistic rites will be conducted by the Rebekah Lodge. Following the service the body will be forwarded to the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive where services are being planned for Friday. Burial will be in the Custer County Cemetery in Miles City.

The family suggest memorials be made to Epworth United Methodist Church of Kalispell.



E. Marie Kapelanczyk

E. Marie "Boots" Kapelanczyk, 59, died Saturday morning at her Bigfork home following an illness with cancer. *20 June 1992*

She was born January 7, 1933 in Baltimore, Md., the daughter of Edward and Hazel Zink. She was raised and educated in Baltimore, graduating from Eastern High School in January of 1951.

She married Frank Kapelanczyk on April 21, 1951 in Baltimore, and they had lived in the Flathead Valley since July of 1973.

Surviving besides her husband Frank at the family home are three daughters, Kathy Frame and Susan Trodick, both of Bigfork, and Janet Beach of Somers; two sons, Frank, Jr., of Bigfork and Matthew of Somers; her mother, Hazel Zink of Belcamp Md., four sisters, Delores Kress of Edgewood, Md., Hazel Kapelanczyk of Baltimore, Jacqueline Eagleson of Long Grove, Ill. and Bonnie Zink of Belcamp; one brother, Edward Zink of Walnut Creek, Calif.; seven grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Graveside memorial services were held Monday, June 22, at Lone Pine Cemetery in Bigfork, with Rev. Ron Pierce, Pastor of the Swan Chapel, officiating.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Flathead Hospice, 1280 Burns Way, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Chester 'Chet' Kaps, 65

Chester "Chet" Kaps, 65, of Kalispell, died of heart failure Friday afternoon at the place he loved best, Condon. *17 Jan 1992*

He was born Jan. 15, 1927, in Poland, to Karl and Maria Kaps. He immigrated to the United States in 1948.

He married Edith Lorraine Bronson on Nov. 24, 1951, in St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Kalispell.

He had many great loves: hunting, fishing, America, and mostly his family. His dedication and patriotism was carried out during the 37 years he was a member of the Mon-



He was known and loved by many people in the area.

He is survived by his wife, Edie, at the family home in Kalispell; a son, Jon Kaps of Kalispell; twin daughters Linda Kaps-Bailey of

tana National Guard. Other affiliations include the Sheriff's Posse Search and Rescue of Kalispell and the Knights of Columbus.

He retired from Equity Supply in 1989 after 35 years.

Kalispell and Lori Wiley of Whitefish; four grandchildren, Brooke and Ryan Bailey of Kalispell, and Sam and Seth Wiley of Whitefish; a brother and three sisters in Poland; and a sister in Australia.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be held at 12:10 p.m. Tuesday at St. Matthew's Catholic Church with Father Robert Noonan as celebrant. Burial will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Military honors will be conducted by the Montana National Guard.

Friends and family may call for visitation at Johnson Mortuary on Monday from noon to 8 p.m.

WINNIE MARIE KASER

Born July 17, 1896
O'Brien County, Iowa

Died October 8, 1992
Kalispell, Montana

Winnie Marie Kaser, 96, of Swan Valley, died in Kalispell Regional Hospital Thursday.

She was born July 17, 1896, in Iowa to Wilhelm and Mina Johnson.

When she was 2, her family moved to the Flathead Valley, and she was educated at Swan River. On Nov. 9, 1932, she married Rudie Kaser, in Somers.

They farmed near LaSalle for 20 years, and she also worked as a bookkeeper for Schomer Motors and Kalispell Motor Supply. She was a member of the World War I Ladies Auxiliary and a life member of the Lutheran faith.

She enjoyed gardening and spending time with her grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband in 1950; three brothers, Joe, Carson and Widsten Johnson; four sisters, Kate Odegard, Alice Zimmer-

man, Mabel Penney and Signe Solander; and a great-granddaughter, Alex Kaser-Towe in March, 1992.

Survivors include son Bob Kaser, of Swan Valley; four granddaughters, Tori Matthew, Valerie Styler, Shelley Kaser and Kris Anderson, all of Swan Valley; grandson Barry Kaser, of Swan Valley; seven great-grandchildren; four step great-grandsons and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Johnson Mortuary Chapel, with Rev. Ron Pierce of Swan Chapel officiating. Burial will be at Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Friends may call at the Johnson Mortuary for visitation 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Swan Valley Quick Response Unit, P.O. Box 1156, Condon, MT, 59982. Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.

Zeruah Kaufman

Zeruah Elizabeth Kaufman, 97, died Thursday, Nov. 5, 1992, at Heritage Place.

She was born Oct. 14, 1895, in Lorraine, Kan., the eighth child of Mahlon and Alice Warnock. When she was 3 years old, the family moved by covered wagons to LaCygne, Kan., near Kansas City, where they farmed for 11 years. In 1910, they came to Kalispell and farmed in the Helena Flats area.

On Nov. 21, 1914, Zeruah married Mark Kaufman. To this union were born three sons, Roscoe, Dwight and Joseph, and a daughter, Irma.

They farmed in Evergreen district and near Whitefish until 1921, when they moved to Pennsylvania where they enjoyed days of early history in many ways. In 1924, they returned to Montana, driving through many states visiting and meeting many friends and relatives.

In her younger years, Mrs. Kaufman played piano for church services and enjoyed playing piano until her death.

She was a member of the Farm Women's Market, enjoyed sewing for the Seventh-day Adventist Welfare Center; and was a member of the LaSalle Grange for more than 50 years.

On Jan. 23, 1969, she moved to Heritage Place.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Mark, on Dec. 13, 1967; her son, Dwight; a grandchild; and her six sisters and one brother.

She is survived by her daughter, Irma Mansfield, of Portland, Ore.; two sons, Roscoe and Joe Kaufman, both of Kalispell; 17 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Mike Phillips of Riverside Alliance Church officiating. Burial will be at Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Friends may call at Johnson Mortuary for visitation until 6 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. until noon Saturday.

1992 James Jack Kehoe, 84

James Jack Kehoe, 84, of Bigfork, died at his home July 7.

He was born Nov. 6, 1907, in Chicago, to James and Elizabeth Kehoe. In 1915, he moved with his family to Bigfork and attended schools in Bigfork and Kalispell.

His parents ran the steamship "Helena," which was one of the last boats run on Flathead Lake. He worked with his parents on the steamboat, and in the 1930s he was an apprentice with a jeweler and watchman in Columbia Falls.

He then returned to Bigfork, where he established Kehoe Agate Shop. He worked on a tugboat at Fort Beck Dam, and during World War II, he worked as a machinist in the Seattle Shipyards, building destroyers. He returned to Bigfork, and has owned

and operated Kehoe Agate Shop since.

He was a member of the Bigfork Chamber of Commerce.

Survivors include his wife, Louise, at the family home; three children, Leslie, James and Lynn Kehoe, all of Bigfork; and a brother, Robert Kehoe, of San Carlos, Calif.

Graveside services will be held at 4 p.m. Friday at Conrad Memorial Cemetery, with the Rev. Marvin Northcutt of Epworth United Methodist Church officiating. Friends will meet at the cemetery for the service. There will be no public visitation.

The family suggests memorials may be made to the Bigfork Quick Response Unit.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

1992 Harold L. Keller, 55

Harold L. Keller, 55, a lifelong resident of Kalispell, died Aug. 25 from a drowning accident while fishing at Pony Creek south of Swan Lake.

He was born Jan. 13, 1937, in Kalispell, to Edward and Mirilla Keller. He attended Prospect Park School (West Valley).

On Jan. 10, 1969, he married Lee Kearney in Sandpoint, Idaho.

He was a farmer and logger, buying his first logging truck in 1961. In 1972, he opened the Beer Barrel (now Rocco's) in Kalispell and continued hauling logs.

He was the founder and a member of the Flathead Snowmobile Association and was also a member of the

Moose Lodge. Mr. Keller enjoyed the outdoors, fishing, boating, snowmobiling, camping and hunting.

He was preceded in death by his father, Ed, and his brother, Floyd.

Survivors include his wife, Lee, at the family home; five sons, Rocky, Bruce, Ron, Brent and Brad, all of Kalispell; his mother, Mirilla Keller, of Kalispell; a brother, Charles Keller, of Kalispell; a sister, Betty McDowell, of Whitefish; six grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel, with the Rev. Gordon Dexter of Bethel Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Friends may call at Johnson Mortuary for visitation until 6 p.m. Friday.



Ann Kellerman

Ann L. Kellerman, 80, Kalispell, died Thursday, Dec. 31 at Kalispell Regional Hospital following an illness with cancer. 1992

She was born December 8, 1912 at Harrisburg, IL, the daughter of George and Mollie Jennings.

A retired nurse, she had lived in Kalispell for the past four years.

She is survived by a son, Ralph Kellerman of Condon, three daughters, Bonita Shade in FL, Marcia Whipple in AR, and Judith Dyvig in CA; 13 grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and a number of other relatives.

Memorial services are planned at a later date. Arrangements are by the Weatherford Funeral Home & Crematory in Kalispell.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Salvation Army, P.O. Box 7153, Kalispell, MT 59904.

Mary Ruby 'Grandma' Kelly, 87

1992
Mary Ruby 'Grandma' Kelly, 87, died Jan. 24 at Brendan House in Kalispell.



She was born July 5, 1904, in New River, Scott County, Tenn., the daughter of Isham McCellan and Fanny Buttram (Bertram). Weighing in at a mere 3 pounds she was quite proud that she had survived the odds of a premature birth with only the benefit of a wood stove and a shoe box for warmth.

Ruby spend 19 years on the family farm located about 1 1/2 miles outside of New River. She attended a one-room school and then continued her education at a nearby boarding school in Huntsville, Tenn., making the 5-mile trip back home on the weekends by "jitney" and train.

On Dec. 2, 1923, she married William Charles Strunk of New River. Ruby and Charlie lived in various states throughout their marriage and during this time six daughters were born.

The first child, Regina, was born on Sept. 16, 1924, and died at age 4 on Dec. 22, 1928, in Atlantic City, N.J.

After moving to Douglas, Ariz., they owned The Naomi and The Star dry-cleaners. Ruby remained in Douglas for many years until the death of Charles on Nov. 5, 1948. At this time she moved the family to Bloomington, Ind., to be with her oldest daughter.

In 1955, she married James A. Kelly, who preceded her in death in November of 1956.

Ruby worked as a dry-cleaner and as a practical nurse for several years and then began traveling.

She eventually moved to south Florida and was a member of the First Christian Church of Boca Raton, Fla.

During the summer of 1985, she moved to Coram with her daughter and son-in-law and remained in Montana until her death. She attended Canyon Community Church.

She loved to fly and a helicopter ride over Glacier National Park was a highlight during her last years.

She loved and appreciated nature, and was an avid reader.

Genuinely interested in people, she was "Grandma Kelly" to both young and old.

Ruby was preceded in death by three sisters, Bess Potts, Grace Bland and Ruth Keeling, and one brother, Clyde Bertram.

She is survived by five daughters and two sons-in-law, Naomi Hannon of New London, Minn., Delores Hacker of Bloomington, Ind., Rachel Strunk and John Vesecky of Columbia Falls, Elizabeth 'Betsy' Morgan of Mesa, Ariz., and Mary Linda Rogers and Joe Rogers of Coram; 17 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

She will be missed by the many whose lives she touched just by being the "Grandma Kelly" we loved.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday at 2 p.m. at Canyon Community Church with the Rev. Tod Fox officiating. A social hour will be held following the services.

The family suggests memorials to the following: Canyon Community Church, Coram 59913; Canyon Quick Response, P.O. Box 383, Coram 59913; Alert, 310 Sunnyview Lane, Kalispell 59901; Guideposts Large Print Special Edition Emergency Fund, P.O. Box 859, Carmel, N.Y., 10512-9967.

Nora F. Kelly, 97

Nora Frances Adams Kelly, 97, Polson, died March 22 at St. Luke's Community Nursing Home in Ronan. 1992

She is survived by four daughters, including Leah Galloway of Kalispell and Lovie Bailly of Polson, and three sons.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Polson. Burial will be at Lakeview Cemetery in Polson.

1992 David J. 'Monty' Kennedy, 83

David J. "Monty" Kennedy, 83, of Lakeside, died at Immanuel Lutheran Home on July 21.

He was born Oct. 19, 1908, in Saco, to Lewis and Margaret Kennedy. His early education was with a Canadian tutor in the ranch bunkhouse. He then attended Saco High School.

In 1929, he married Margaret Busche and they raised a daughter, Patricia Cox.

Mr. Kennedy ranched at Saco until 1937, when he moved to California, where he worked for Lockheed Aircraft, supervising pattern making and design in the engineering division. In the 1960s, he moved to West Valley near Kalispell.

In 1971, he married Amelia Hughes in San Diego. They built their home in Lakeside, where Monty has continued to live.

Monty was one of the finest gunstockers of his time, with connec-

tions in foreign countries. He was the author of "Firearm Design and Assembly" which is in its 17th printing.

He was a precise man who worked with a degree of perfection. He enjoyed the outdoors and nature and helping people.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Amelia, in 1983.

He is survived by his sister, Dorothea Kennedy, of Lakeside; his daughter, Patricia Cox, of Sunland, Calif.; and several cousins and other relatives.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Friday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel, with the Rev. Marvin Northcutt, pastor of the Epworth United Methodist Church officiating. Graveside services and burial will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday in Saco Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

John O. Kennedy, 60

John O. Kennedy, 60, died Friday at his Whitefish home, following a lengthy battle with cancer. 3 April 1992

He was a retired law-enforcement officer.

Surviving family members include his wife, Freada Morgan Kennedy, at the family home in Whitefish; two daughters, Twyla Faber and Teresa Krason, both of Las Vegas; a brother, Joseph Allen of Fremont, Calif.; four grandsons; and a number of other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his

parents, Michael and Hilda Kennedy, and by a brother.

A Christian wake service was held Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Weatherford Funeral Home in Kalispell.

Mass of the Resurrection was held Saturday at 10 a.m. at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Kalispell, with Rev. Fr. Bob Noonan as celebrant. Burial followed at Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family suggests memorial contributions to Flathead Hospice, 1280 Burns Way, Kalispell, 59901.

Jerry Keomany

Jerry. N. Keomany, 9-year old son of Gene and Vicky Peterson of Kalispell, died Thursday morning, March 5 at home of respiratory failure. 1992

He was born August 4, 1982 in Seattle, Wash., and the family lived in the Birch Grove area near Kalispell since 1990.

Surviving are his parents, Gene and Vicky Peterson, at the family home; two sisters, Gabbrielle Peterson of Kalispell and Tiffany Brewer of Seattle; two brothers, Travis Peterson of Kent, Wash., and Branin Peterson of Kalispell; grandparents James and Evelyn Hunter of Renton, Wash.; great-grandparents Herman and Vera Sisler of Yakima, Wash.; and a number of other relatives.

Funeral services were Monday, March 9 at Easthaven Baptist Church with REv. Daniel Lambert officiating. Burial followed at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Fred Kimes

Fred C. Kimes, 51, of Lakeside, died in the Brendan House Friday, Feb. 21, after a long illness with cancer. 1992

He was born Jan. 16, 1941, in Kalispell, a son of Ben and Clarice Kimes. He attended elementary school in Kalispell and Lakeside, and was a graduate of the Flathead County High School in the class of 1959.

That summer, he was married to Alice Jane Woodworth.

In December 1959, he entered the U.S. Navy where he served for seven years until receiving his honorable discharge on Dec. 13, 1966.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Gary Kimes, in 1986, and is now survived by four sons, Fred Jr. of Southwich, Mass. Brett, Kevin and Mark Kimes all of Camas, Wash.; one daughter, Lynn Rasmussen of Washougal, Wash.; his parents, Ben and Clarice Kimes of Lakeside; a brother, George Kimes of Marysville, Calif.; one sister, Sandra Kidd of Hamilton; eight grandchildren; two aunts; two uncles and several cousins, nieces and nephews.

Memorial services were held Saturday, Feb. 29, in the Lakeside Chapel with Rev. J. Torrance Harvey officiating.

1992 Hendrika 'Rika' Keyser, 101

Hendrika 'Rika' Keyser, 101, of Whitefish, died Aug. 3 at Colonial Manor Nursing Home.

She was born Jan. 25, 1891, in Amsterdam, Holland, to Josephus and Grietje Debens.

Rika attended a Catholic school as a young girl in Holland and later worked in a hospital.

On June 4, 1929, she left Holland and moved to Canada to marry her fiance, who had gone there earlier to work. Rika and Ringer Keyser were married Dec. 4, 1929. In 1931, they moved to the Flathead Valley.

Rika worked in the Cadillac Hotel, the Whitefish hospital, and various other jobs in town. She also babysat for many families.

In 1979, Ringer and Rika moved into the Colonial Manor. He preceded her in death in 1979.

Rika is survived by her son, Peter Keyser, of Venture, Calif., and her daughter, Cornelia Kelsey, of Whitefish.

Grandchildren are Vicki Downey, Karin Keyser and Kristi Keyser of Ventura; Dixie Bergeson, Jeanette Krueger, Patty Ross, and Byron (Cory) Kelsey of Whitefish and Columbia Falls. Great-grandchildren are Kenneth and Keirn Downey of Ventura; Bruce, Shawn and Donovan Bergeson of Whitefish and Washington; Jennifer, Jonathon, and Jessica Mack of Kalispell; and Shelby, Jim, Paul and Jamie Ross of Whitefish and Kalispell. Great-great-grandchildren are Justin and Samantha Bergeson of Whitefish and Kassie Ross of Kalispell.

Rika will be remembered by all who knew her for her love of life, her independence and her strong Dutch accent.

Funeral services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. at Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish, with burial to follow in Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery of Kalispell.

Services were held July 2 at Eternal Hills Mortuary in Ocean-side. Interment will be at Resthaven Cemetery in Harlan, Ky.

1992 Germaine Kerr, 90

Germaine Kerr, 90, a former resident of Kalispell and Ashley Lake, died June 30 in Oceanside, Calif.

1992 Orla Elizabeth Pierce Kimzey, 75

Orla Elizabeth Pierce Kimzey, 75, died at her home June 19 in Columbia Falls.

She was born Sept. 9, 1916, in Winston, Mont., to Harry and Orla West. She was raised and educated in Spirit Lake, Idaho, and Spokane, Wash. She graduated from West Valley High School in Spokane in 1934.

She received a three-year degree from Eastern Washington College in Cheney, Wash., in 1937. She taught fourth grade at Elk Elementary in Elk, Wash., from 1937 to 1938. She received her bachelors degree from Whitworth College in Spokane in 1968.

Orla was married to Dwight Kimzey on June 19, 1938, in Spokane. They lived in Orofino, Idaho, from 1938 to 1940; Seattle, Wash., from 1940 to 1943; and Spokane from 1943 to 1954. They moved to Columbia Falls in 1954.

She taught first grade at the Columbia Falls Elementary School from 1955 to 1977.

She was a member of the Eastern Star, the Montana Retired Teachers

Association, the Columbia Falls Library Association, and the United Methodist Church.

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

Survivors include her husband, Dwight, of Columbia Falls; a daughter, Orla Kimzey Garlough of Federal Way, Wash.; two sons, Dennis Kimzey of Dillon and John Kimzey of Columbia Falls; two sisters, Gladys N. Johnson of Seattle and Ina Labo of Spokane; five grandchildren, Jim A. Garlough of Federal Way, Kristen A. Garlough of Federal Way, Kelly D. Kimzey, Daniel Kimzey, and Kathy Kimzey of Dillon.

A funeral service will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. at United Methodist Church in Columbia Falls. The Rev. John Farquhar will officiate. Burial will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Visitation will be today until 8 p.m. at Van Lueven Funeral Home in Columbia Falls.

The family suggests that memorials be made to United Methodist Church in Columbia Falls.

Marion A. Kirby, 73

Marion A. Kirby, 73, a long-time resident of Thompson Falls, died at his daughter's home in Columbia Falls on Wednesday.

He was preceded in death by a son, Jim Kirby. *30 Dec 1992*
Survivors include his wife, Connie, of Ronan; two daughters, including Linda Hogan of Columbia Falls; 10 grandchildren and a great-grandson.

A funeral service will be held Saturday at the L.D.S. Chapel in Thompson Falls at 2 p.m. Burial will follow at White Pine Cemetery.

Viewing will be from 1-2 p.m. at the L.D.S. Chapel in Thompson Falls on Saturday.

Arrangements are by Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

Edith C. Kirgan, 103

Edith C. Kirgan, 103, a longtime Flathead Valley resident, died at Heritage Place in Kalispell on Friday, Dec. 11, 1992.

Edith lived most of her life in the Flathead Valley. For several years, she lived in Somers with her first husband, John Sawyer. Following his death, she moved to Columbia Falls where she met and married Hugh Kirgan. Hugh passed away in 1967. Edith continued to live in Columbia Falls until she entered Heritage Place in 1982.

Edith enjoyed playing bingo and visiting with people. She was a member of the Lutheran Church.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, John Sawyer and Hugh Kirgan; a son, Art; and a sister, Julia Booen.

She is survived by a niece, Shirley Adams in Great Falls; and other relatives and friends.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

1992 Hazel Haag Kiser, 51

Hazel Haag Kiser, 51, died at her home in Kila, Jan. 13 of heart failure.

She was born April 9, 1940, in Kalispell to Raymond and Irene Haag. She attended first grade at the Brown Meadow School with the remainder of her school years at the Bigfork Elementary and High School, graduating from high school in the class of 1958.

On Sept. 12, 1959, she was married to Bruce Kiser in Kalispell.

Mrs. Kiser had been employed as a certified nurses aide at the Kalispell Regional Hospital for five years.

She had numerous outside hobbies including cooking and handcrafts.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Arnold Haag, and is now survived by her husband, Bruce, at the family

home; two sons, Todd and Craig, both of the family home in Kila; three daughters, Marie McDowell, Kay Wehrman and Susan Kiser, all of Kalispell; a son, Noel Kiser of White Sulphur; three brothers, Clifford Haag of Mountain Home, Idaho, Richard Haag of Van Nuys, Calif., and Allen Haag of Kalispell; two sisters, Dorothy Fredericks of Kila and Carol Learn of Phillipsburg; two sons-in-law and nine grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday in Conrad Memorial Cemetery with the Rev. Ron Pierce, pastor of the Swan Chapel, officiating. Friends will meet at the cemetery for the services.

Friends may call at Johnson Mortuary for visitation until 6 p.m. on Friday and from 9 a.m. until noon on Saturday.

Flathead resident dead at 101

WHITEFISH — Hendrika "Rika" Keyser, 101, a Flathead Valley resident for more than 60 years, died Monday at a Whitefish nursing home.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish with burial to follow in the Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery of Kalispell.

She was born Jan. 25, 1891, in Amsterdam, Holland, where she attended school and later worked in a hospital. On June 4, 1929, she left Holland and moved to Canada to

marry her fiance who had gone there earlier to work.

She married Ringer Keyser on Dec. 4, 1929. In 1931 they moved to the Flathead Valley. She worked in the Cadillac Hotel and the Whitefish Hospital and did babysitting. In 1979 they moved to the Whitefish Colonial Manor. He preceded her in death later in 1979.

She is survived by a son, Peter Keyser of Ventura; a daughter, Cornelia Kelsey of Whitefish, and seven grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

including Dixie Bergeson, Jeanette Krueger, Patty Ross, and Cory Kelsey of Whitefish and Columbia Falls; 12 great-grandchildren, including Bruce, Shawn and Donovan Bergeson, Jennifer, Honathon and Jessica Mack of Kalispell, Shelby, Jim, Paul and Jmaie Ross of Whitefish and Kalispell; great-great-grandchildren Justin and Samantha Bergeson of Whitefish and Kassie Ross of Kalispell. Burial will follow services in Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Kalispell. *HH*

Ralph M. Knight, 70

Ralph M. Knight, 70, of Columbia Falls, died Thursday evening at Kalispell Regional Hospital. *23 Jan 1992*

He was raised and educated in California.

He served with the 547th Night Fighter Squadron in the Army during World War II.

He was a construction superintendent on highways, freeways, and airports. He retired as a division vice president for Ashland Oil Co.

He and his wife Ilse moved to Columbia Falls in 1981.

He was a member of the Masons, National Rifle Association, Multiple Use of Montana, and a former member of the Moose. He was an avid hunter, fisherman, boater, pilot, and reader.

He is survived by his wife, Ilse, of Columbia Falls; two daughters; a sister; four grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held later.

Van Leuven Funeral Home in Columbia Falls is in charge of arrangements.

Montanans killed in chopper crash

24 Jul 1992
JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) — A commercial helicopter returning from a logging operation crashed in a wooded area near Hobart Bay, killing six men and seriously injuring five others, Alaska State Troopers reported.

Two men from Libby, Mont., were among the dead, and another was injured.

Troopers and company officials identified the men killed in the crash as co-pilot Matthew R. Burton, 32, of Lincoln, Ga.; Wayne A. Gudbarnson, 36, of Craig; Roger Miller, 48, of Salmon, Idaho; Alan Wayne Schmitt, 37, of Thorne Bay; and Mike Kløver, 38, and Randy Kløver, 29, both of Libby, Mont.

Inter Lake

14 Feb 1992

Esther Knopfle, 95

Esther Knopfle, 95, died of natural causes Friday at Lake View Care Center in Bigfork. She was a resident there since 1990.

She was born Aug. 31, 1896, in Blairstown, Mo., to Frank and Alice Burkes Mickelberry. The family moved to North Dakota in 1905 and settled in Turo, between Mohall and Lansford. She attended Clay Center County School and high school in Mohall, where she graduated in 1919.

She worked for her sister and brother-in-law, the Vern Millers, in their confectionery store and summer resort at Mouse River Park.

In 1922, she married Ray Wunder of Mohall, and to this union, a daughter, Georgia Rosler of Kalispell, was born.

They were divorced, and on Oct. 27, 1927, she married August Knopfle of Upham, N.D. They met while working on a threshing crew. Esther was cook in charge of the then-"cook cars" and August was a bundle hauler. They both worked on various farms around Mohall and Lansford, and then farmed on their

own. They knew the heartaches of the Depression and drought, and gave up the farm and moved to Mohall, where August did labor and carpentry work, and she operated a cream station.

In 1942, they moved to Minot, N.D., and in 1946, after a vacation with relatives in Whitefish, they moved to Montana.

In 1949, they built a home and moved to South Fork Addition of Hungry Horse, where he worked on the dam and they operated an egg ranch. In 1974, they sold out and moved to Kalispell, where they lived until entering Lake View Care Center.

Esther was raised as a Methodist and in 1963, joined the Columbia Falls Methodist Church.

She will be remembered by her granddaughters for her good Sunday dinners, sugar cookies, and the dear love she gave them.

She was preceded in death by her husband, August, on Dec. 12, 1990; brothers Roscoe and William Mickelberry; sisters Viola Miller and Luella Wilson; and son-in-law Hans

Rosler.

She is survived by daughter Georgia Rosler of Kalispell; granddaughters Marlene Glassey of Cincinnati, Ohio, Donna Holst of Omaha, Neb. and Brenda Hanson of Kalispell; great-grandchildren, Corey and Christian Glassey, and Matthew and Amanda Holst; nieces Erma Falgren of Minot, Dolores Harper of Nampa, Idaho, and Marjorie Lee of Arlington, Wash.; and nephews, Lavier Mickelberry of Denver and Orville Mickelberry of Decatur, Ill, and Arthur Miller of Missoula.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel, with the Rev. Marvin Northcutt, pastor of Epworth United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

The family suggests memorials to the Methodist Church of Columbia Falls or to the Deaconess Home in Helena.

Friends may call at Johnson Mortuary for visitation from noon to 6 p.m. Monday and from 9 a.m. until noon Tuesday.

Verda Knudsen

Mrs. Verda Knudsen, ¹⁹⁹²71, of Whitefish, died in the Brendan House in Kalispell on Sunday evening, Sept. 27, of natural causes. She was born August 17, 1921, in Homestead, Okla. to R.G. and Mary Ann Battin.

As a child she moved with her family to Glentana, Mont. She had received her education in Glentana and Richland, being a graduate of the Richland High School.

On March 30, 1942, she was married to Boyd Knudsen. She had moved to Palmer, Alaska in 1971 where she lived until 1991 when she returned to Whitefish. She had done restaurant work in Whitefish and in Palmer, and had later worked for the City of Palmer while there.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Boyd, in 1975; a sister, Minnie, in 1990 and a brother, Russell, in their childhood.

She is now survived by three sons, William Knudsen of Columbia Falls, Rockie Knudsen of Nikiski, Alaska and Rowdy Knudsen of Columbia Falls; one sister, Flossie Stein of Glasgow, Mont.; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

No public services were planned. The family suggest memorials be made in her name c/o Palmer Senior Citizens, Palmer, Alaska 99645. Cremation and arrangements were under the direction of the Johnson Mortuary.

1992 Bella Knudson, 73

Bella Knudson, 73, of Libby, died of an apparent heart attack Aug. 19 at her home in Libby.

She is survived by her husband, Palmer Knudson, of Libby; a daughter; a son; a brother, Clarence Brown, of Libby; and six grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 1-9 p.m. Saturday at Vial Funeral Home.

Services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. at Christ Lutheran Church. Burial services will be Monday at 9 a.m. at City of Libby Cemetery.

Jacquelyn D. Knuth, 66

Jacquelyn D. Knuth, 66, of Whitefish, died at North Valley Hospital on Sunday, Oct. 4, 1992, after a lengthy illness with cancer.

She was born Jan. 27, 1926, in Woodward, Okla., to Rufus and Mary Ring. At an early age, her parents died and she moved to Tacoma, Wash., to live with her relatives. She received her education in Tacoma and also worked there.

On May 11, 1946, she married Herbert E. Knuth in Tacoma and they moved to Whitefish in 1947.

Jackie was a great wife and mother and also ran a day care center where she was affectionately known as "Gramma Jackie" by numerous children in Whitefish.

She was a member of the Women of the Moose and also was a leader for Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts.

She enjoyed camping, children, and gardening.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a daughter, Sandra Lee.

She is survived by her husband, Herb Knuth of Whitefish; a son, Brad Knuth, and wife, Tana, of Whitefish; three daughters, Linda Gustafson and husband, Leon, of Whitefish, Colleen Torgison and husband, Paul, of Polson, and Amy Schelling and husband, Bob, of San Jose, Calif.; eight grandchildren; two sisters, Irene Keem and Norma Lee Olney, both of Oklahoma City, Okla.; and many other relatives and friends.

The service will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Christ Lutheran Church with the Rev. John Bent. Burial services will follow at Whitefish Cemetery.

Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish is in charge of arrangements.

The family suggests memorials may be sent to the Jackie Knuth Memorial Fund at Mountain Bank in care of Lynn Foster in lieu of flowers.

Paul Koenig

Mr. Paul H. Koenig, 81, of Lakeside, died in the Brendan House on Wednesday, January 1, after a brief illness with cancer. 1992

He was born July 8, 1910, in Waterville, Wash., a son of Leo and Emelia Koenig. He received his education in Washington.

Paul was a farmer in the state of Washington until he came to Kalispell where he married Margaret Strissel in the fall of 1951. Margaret had two daughters, Nancy and Sally. Margaret preceded him in death in the spring of 1979.

Paul operated a motel in the Kalispell area.

In 1984 he married Luella Lucore, and they have resided in Lakeside since.

Paul leaves to treasure his love and memory of him, his wife, Luella of the family home in Lakeside; five stepsons, William Saunders and his wife, Bobbi, of Dallas TX, Robert Saunders and his wife, Emma Mae of Claremore, Okla., Ronald Saunders and his wife, Linda of Palmer, Neb., Dale Lucore and his wife, Darlene of Peyton, Colo., Donald Lucore and his wife Nancy of Kansas City, Mo.; four step daughters, Linda Duval and her husband, Jim of Golden Colo., Martha Flora and her husband, Sylvus of Virginia, Elsie Holdrread and her husband, Ken of Quincy, Ill. and Dorothy Kipp of Colorado Springs, Colo.; his sister-in-law Inger Koenig of Post Falls, Idaho; twenty-four grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren; and several nieces and their families in Washington and Oregon.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. last Saturday in the Lakeside Baptist Church with Rev. David Driskill officiating. Burial was in the Glacier Memorial Gardens.

1992 Robert 'Bob' Erwin Koenig, 62

Robert "Bob" Erwin Koenig, 62, died at his home in Kalispell on Friday, Sept. 25, following an illness with cancer.

He was born May 28, 1930, in Kalispell, to William and Wanda Koenig.

On Aug. 7, 1959, he married Marlene Henke, in Hanover, N.D. Koenig was a lifelong farmer in the Stillwater area along Church Drive. He was a lifelong member of the Trinity Lutheran Church of Kalispell.

He is survived by his wife, at home; three sons, Bill and wife Karen, of Kalispell, Bob, of Greensboro, N.C., and Kelly, of Boise, Idaho; daughter



Mary Smith and her husband, Mark, of Summerville, S.C.; brothers Herb Koenig, of Kalispell and Fred Koenig of Mt. Pleasant, Mich.; sister Evelyn McKinley, of Kent, Wash.; three grandchildren, Ted, Margaret and Ann Koenig, all of Kalispell.

Private family burial will be Monday morning at Trinity Lutheran Cemetery. Memorial services will be 2 p.m., Monday at the Trinity Lutheran Church with Rev. Darold Reiner officiating.

Friends may call at the Johnson Mortuary for visitation, 1 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday. The family suggests memorials be made to the Trinity Lutheran School or to the Trinity Lutheran Mission Memorial Fund in lieu of flowers. Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

1992 Paul D. Koford, 77

Paul D. Koford, 77, Missoula, died of natural causes Jan. 13 at his home.

He was born Aug. 20, 1914, in Kalispell to Hulda and Alfred Koford, and served in the National Guard for several years.

On Nov. 23, 1937, he married Grace Enget in Kalispell. The couple lived briefly in Redlands, Calif., before returning in 1943 to Kalispell, where he owned and operated Koford Jewelry Store.

In 1953, the family moved to Auburn, Wash., where Mr. Koford worked for Weisse Jewelers. They later moved to Richland, Wash., and Paul owned the Jem Nook in Enumclaw, Wash.

In 1963, the couple moved to Missoula, where Paul worked for Bob Ward & Sons in the jewelry department until retiring in 1975.

He was a life member of Eagles Lodge No. 234 in Kalispell, and was

brought into the Eagles Hall of Fame in 1990.

Survivors include two sons, Gary of Missoula and Roger of Reno, Nev.; a daughter, Sandy Pfaff of Missoula; a brother, Vic of Kalispell; three sisters, Tillie Wilbur and Helen Seek, both of Anaconda, and Elaine Bates of Yakima, Wash.; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife in April 1991, and by two brothers and a sister.

Visitation will be from noon until 9 p.m. today at Squire, Simmons & Carr Funeral Home.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Squire, Simmons & Carr Funeral Home. Burial will be at Sunset Memorial Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials to Hospice of Missoula, 500 N. Higgins Ave., Missoula 59802.

Warren Kottke, 68

Warren Kottke, 68, a lifelong resident of Montana, died Jan. 18 at Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls. 1992

He is survived by his wife, June, of Whitefish; one daughter, Karla Mattheisen of Whitefish; three sons; one sister; and six grandchildren.

Memorial services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. at O'Connor Funeral Home in Great Falls. Cremation has taken place under the direction of Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish.

1992 Nonie Lynch Krall, 74

Nonie Lynch Krall, 74, a resident of Coram, died July 26 at her home of heart problems.

She was born Feb. 3, 1918, in Fort Benton, to Austin E. and Maud Lynch.

She received her education at Fort Benton High School and went to Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Md., where she received her nurse's training.

During World War II, she served as a First Lieutenant in the U.S. Army, in the European Theater.

After receiving her discharge from the military, she continued her education at the University of Montana in nursing until 1951. She then moved to the Flathead Valley and was employed as a nurse and worked in the family business until retiring in 1973.

Surviving members of the family

include a brother, Don W. Lynch, and his wife Edwina S. of Whitefish; one son, Michael Krall, and his wife Glenda of Southlake, Texas; one daughter, Katherine Krall of Missoula; two grandchildren, Mark and Catherine Krall, both of Texas; nieces and nephews include Jim and Sharon Sutherland of Hungry Horse, David Lynch and Martha L. Levasee, both of California; and John and Denise Lynch of Washington.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Canyon Community Church in Coram with the Rev. Tod Fox officiating. Burial and military graveside rites will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

Visitation will be at Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish today until 8 p.m.

1992 William Koski, 78

William J. Koski, 78, of Libby, died Aug. 9 at Mountain View Manor nursing home in Eureka.

His is survived by his wife and a sister.

Vistation will be from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. today at Vial Funeral Home in Libby. Interment will be in Phelps, Wisc.

James J. Konen

James J. Konen, 71, a Columbia Falls resident, passed away at his home January 22 after a long illness with cancer. 7992

He was born June 23, 1920 in Uniontown, Wash., the son of John and Cathrine Konen.

James entered the US Army Air Corps and served in the Pacific theater during World War II. He married Bonnie Saurey on April 13, 1943 in Hayes, Kan.

James worked for a short time at Stoltz Lumber Company before becoming a rural mail carrier with the US Postal Service in 1949. He retired in 1980. He had also worked for Flathead County from 1983 to 1988.

James was a member of the North Valley Eagles and was active in the Columbia Falls senior citizens until his illness. He was also a member of St. Richards Catholic Church.

James was preceded in death by his wife, parents and a sister, Bernadine Kammers.

He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law John and Cathy Konen in Dillion and their children, Kirby, Kevin, & Kim. He is also survived by a daughter, Robyn Gillespie in Columbia Falls and her children Terry Clark, and Chandra Gillespie.

Mass of Resurrection was held at St. Richards Catholic Church Monday, January 27 with Rev. Patrick McGurk as celebrant. Burial was at the C.E. Conrand Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell with military honors provided by the United Veterans of Flathead Valley. Arrangements were under the direction of the Van Leuven Funeral Home in Columbia Falls.

The family has suggested that memorials can be made to Hospice, 1280 Burns Way, Suite #3, Kalispell, MT 59901.

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Leora S. Konopacki, 75

Leora S. Konopacki, 75, of Newport News, Va., formerly of Somers, died June 20.

Mrs. Konopacki was born July 20, 1916, in Cuba, Kan., and was a resident of Virginia since 1979.

She married Hubert John Konopacki in Cuba on July 6, 1941. Mr. Konopacki passed away in

Kalispell on Aug. 19, 1968. She moved to Virginia in 1969.

She was a member of the Yorkminister Presbyterian Church of Grafton, Va.

Survivors include a daughter, Martha L. Cash of Georgetown, Texas; a son, Dr. John M. Konopacki of Stafford, Texas; a sister, Tress Bal-

lard of Modesto, Calif.; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services for Mrs. Konopacki were held Sunday at Amory Funeral Home in Grafton. Interment will be at 1 p.m. today at Custer National Cemetery in Crow Agency, with the Bullis Mortuary of Hardin in charge of funeral arrangements.

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1992 **Tony Krasevec, 75**

Tony Krasevec, 75, died of natural causes May 20 in Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

He was born to Antone and Mary Krasevec on Jan. 26, 1917, in Lehigh, Mont. His family moved to Roundup, where he was raised and educated.

He was a decorated veteran of World War II, and a member of the prestigious First Special Service

Force (the Devils Brigade).

After the war, he lived in and worked as a heavy-equipment operator for the city maintenance department in Billings for many years, until ill health brought him to the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father, and his sister, Ann Kozeliski.

He is survived by and will be missed by his two nieces, Marian White of Kalispell and Madelyn Turley of Vinton, Va.

At his request, no services will be held.

Remembrances are suggested to the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

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

Ila May Krohn, 93

Ila May Krohn, 93, a long-time resident of Whitefish, died Dec. 15, 1992, at the Colonial Manor there.

Krohn was born Aug. 28, 1899, in Hayfield, Iowa, to Winfield and Emma Geeting. She was the youngest of six children.

Her parents moved to Phillips County and homesteaded near Malta. She attended school in that area until 1915.

On Dec. 16, 1918, she married Adolph Krohn, and homesteaded in the area. Adolph had been born in Germany and immigrated to America in the early 1900s.

The couple moved to Whitefish in 1925 and he preceded her in death on June 3, 1949. She was also preceded

in death by a daughter, Clara May Kaber, on May 20, 1979.

Krohn is survived by her daughter, Lorene K. Jones, of Vancouver, Wash.; three grandchildren, Barbara Barrett of Boise, Idaho, Duane Jones of Vancouver, and Judy Raykovich of Concord, Calif.; eight great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren. One son-in-law, Marvin Kaber, of Kalispell, and a number of other relatives.

There will be a memorial service Wednesday at the Colonial Manor in Whitefish. Cremation has taken place by Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish.

The family suggests memorials to the Whitefish Library.

1992 **Walter Kuhn, 78**

Walter Kuhn, 78, Libby, died April 15 at St. John Lutheran Hospital in Libby of natural causes.

He is survived by four daughters; a son; four sisters, including Elsie Parrish of Libby; 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Friends may call at Vial Funeral Home from 7-9 p.m. today and until noon Saturday. Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at City of Libby Cemetery. Friends are asked to meet at the cemetery at 1:45 p.m.

Sharon Kuntz

LIBBY — Sharon Kuntz, 47, of Libby, died of cancer Saturday in a Kalispell hospital. *25 Aug 1992*

Rosary will be recited and a vigil held Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the St. Joseph Catholic Church. Funeral Mass will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m., also at St. Joseph Church, with burial to be in the City of Libby Cemetery.

Survivors include her husband, Ray of Libby; a son, Wade, also of Libby; a daughter, D'Lon, of Libby; parents, Walter and Donna Belle Gossen of Richey; brothers, Clifford Gossen of Richey, and Kenny Gossen of Williston, N.D.; and a sister, Donna Marie of Dillon.

Vial Funeral Home is handling the arrangements. *1992*

John H. Kullman, 98

John H. Kullman, 98, of Bigfork, died Sunday, Oct. 25, 1992, at Immanuel Lutheran Home.

He was born Feb. 3, 1894, in Boston, the eldest son of Swedish parents, Johann Henry and Anna Kullman. The family moved back to Linkoping, Sweden, where John was raised and educated.

From his grandfather, Henrik, an interest in horticulture developed. At age 17, he came back to the United States and pursued his interest in horticulture, landscaping and surveying.

When World War I broke out, John enlisted in the U.S. Army and was sent to France, where he served as a runner, delivering messages on the front lines. He experiences a mustard-gas attack and was honorably discharged.

After the war, he was employed at the Sherman estate in the Cleveland, Ohio area, where he met and married Hilda Libby on June 22, 1921.

Soon he was offered a challenging new job managing the early development of a 640-acre estate in Mansfield, Ohio, known as Raemelton Farms, owned by Ohio Brass founder Frank Black. His job was overseeing the crews needed for landscaping the formal gardens, transplanting trees and shrubs at the three main mansions, and supervising flower and horse shows at the newly build riding academy. He also judged many flower shows there and in New York.

John, his wife, and two daughters lived on the estate for 20 years until he became president and stockholder of Stuhldreher's Floral Co. in Mansfield. In 1952, the family moved to

Santa Barbara, Calif., where he was employed in the nursery business.

He retired to San Mateo, Calif., and in 1970 moved with Hilda to Sun Valley, Idaho, to be near their daughter, Joan, and her family. In 1973, the family moved to Bigfork.

John was a resident of Immanuel Lutheran Home since 1990. During his retirement years, he was known as a jack-of-all-trades, with abilities in carpentry, upholstery, cooking and gardening.

He was a member of Bethany Lutheran Church in Bigfork. A Mason and Shriner, he was also a past member of the American Legion, and the American Horticulture Society.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Trudy, on Dec. 14, 1974; and by his wife, Hilda, on June 21, 1986 — one day before their 65th wedding anniversary.

Surviving family members are his daughter, Joan Bedford, of Bigfork; a brother, Gustav, in Sweden; two granddaughters, Alyson Bedford of Seattle and Sherilyn Norbosh of San Mateo; two great-grandchildren, Shireen and Shawna Norbosh; and several cousins in Massachusetts.

Memorial services will be Friday at 10 a.m. at Bethany Lutheran Church in Bigfork with the Rev. Herb Knutson officiating. Private interment will be at Lone Pine Cemetery.

Arrangements are by Bigfork Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Bethany Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 398, Bigfork, 59911; or to Immanuel Lutheran Home, Buffalo Hill, Kalispell.