

Myrtle I. Sakariason

Myrtle I. Sakariason, 83, Kalispell, died Sunday of natural causes at Kalispell Regional Hospital. *25 Oct 1992*

She was born August 25, 1909 at Portal, N. D., the daughter of John and Flossie Swaim. Her family moved to Kalispell in 1918, where she completed her education.

IN 1928, she married William A. Sakariason in Kalispell, where they made their home. Myrtle had worked at Kalispell Laundry and Electric Maid Bakery, and was also self-employed doing domestic work for a number of years.

Her husband passed away in 1958, and she was also preceded in death by her parents, one brother, and a sister.

Surviving are three sons, Roger and Wayne Sakariason, both of Kalispell, and Marvin Sakariason of Providence, R. I.; two sisters, Thelma Roland and Nova Rugg, both of Mesa, Ariz.; eight grandchildren, including Terry and Sheri Sakariason and Denise Larson, all of Kalispell, and Charlene Rials and Susan Keeley, both of Seattle; nine great-grandchildren, and a number of other relatives.

Private services were held at Weatherford Funeral Home in Kalispell, with Rev. C. Fred Crowe of Epworth United Methodist Church officiating. Interment was at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 1002, Kalispell 59903-1002.

Anthony Sand

Mr. Anthony Wendelin Sand, 86, of Kalispell, died in the Brendan House on Wednesday, November 4, of natural causes. *1992*

He was born November 12, 1905, in Buckman, Minn. a son of John and Gertrude Sand. He had received his education in Buckman and had engaged in farming with his family.

On October 27, 1931, he was married to Dorothea Strack in Beach N.D. They returned to Buckmar until April 1937 when they moved to the Flathead Valley.

Mr. Sand had engaged in the lumbering industry, operating his own saw mill. He had been employed with the Montana Saw Service and the Plum Creek Lumber Company until his retirement in 1971.

He was a member of the St. Matthew's Catholic Church and had been a member of the Knights of Columbus over 50 years.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothea, on September 19, 1982; a sister, Ann Tadyack and a granddaughter, Paula Harris.

He is now survived by four sons, Jerome and his wife Nadine and Robert and his wife, Paula, all of Kalispell; Bernard of Miles City and Fred and his wife Lanette of McGregor Lake; three daughters, Claudia and her husband, Harold Blumer, of Kalispell, Shirley and her husband, Eugene Lindgren, of Marion and Arizona, and Marilyn Young of Whitefish; one brother, Joe Sand of Buckman, Minn.; four sisters, Marie Bondgien, Gertrude Moritz and Johanna Boelz all in Minn. and Ursula Cowan of Dillon, MT; eleven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Christian Wake services were held at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Mass of the Christian burial was held Monday in St. Matthew's Catholic church with the Father Robert Noonan as celebrant. Burial was in Glacier Memorial Gardens. The family suggests memorials be made to the St. Matthew's School. Arrangements were under the direction of the Johnson Mortuary.

1942 **Jesse Salas, 55**

Jesse Safas, 55, of Kalispell, died at his home Oct. 15.

He was born May 3, 1937. He was educated in California and moved to Kalispell in 1984.

Jesse was well known in the community, working for numerous people as a handyman.

He is survived by his wife, Patty, of

Kalispell.

Friends will meet at Johnson Mortuary at 1:45 p.m. Saturday and will then proceed to the cemetery, where graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. in the Demersville Cemetery with the Rev. Michael O'Neill of St. Matthew's Catholic Church officiating.

1992 Olaf S. Sandland, 78

Olaf S. Sandland, 78, a former resident of Creston/Lake Blaine, died April 7 in El Cajon, Calif.

He lived in the Kalispell area from 1936 to 1940 with his parents Andrew and Anna Sandland, a brother, Benjie, and a sister, Margit Sandland Stadstad.

He met his wife, Inez Underdahl, in Kalispell.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Inez, of San Diego, Calif.; three children, Dan of Escondido, Calif., Leanne Barnett of Moses Lake, Idaho, and Audrey Brant of Santee, Calif.; and 10 grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Cancer Society.

Cathryn A. Sasse

Mrs. Cathryn A. Sasse, 77, of Kalispell, died in the Heritage Place on Sunday, December 6, of natural causes. 1992

She was born April 3, 1915, in Wesington Springs, S.D., a daughter of Conda and Ethel Redinger. She spent her early life in S.D.

On February 10, 1932 she was married to Louie B. Sasse in Deadwood, S.D. They lived in S.D. and WA moving to the Flathead Valley in 1948. She then lived in Hot Springs for 8 years before returning to the Kalispell area in 1988.

Cathryn was a member of the Old Apostolic Lutheran Church. She loved her family and was an avid gardener. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Louie in 1991; an infant son; her parents; six brothers and two sisters.

Survivors include two daughters Bonnie Benson and LaDonna Vitt and her husband, Quenten all of Kalispell; two sisters Edna Urban and Brush Prairie, WA and Faye Urban of Vancouver, WA; one brother, Harry Redinger of Spearfish, S.D.; six grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren; and numerous other relatives.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. on Friday in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Friends met at the cemetery for the services. The family suggests memorials may be made to the Heritage Place, Kalispell, MT. Arrangements were under the direction of the Johnson Mortuary.

Jeanne Harrington Saunders

Jeanne Harrington Saunders, 70, who for a time managed a gift shop in Virginia and then moved to Lakeside, died Saturday in Kalispell after an extended illness.

Funeral services will be 3 p.m. Wednesday in Croxford and Sons Rose Room, followed by burial in Highland Cemetery.

She was born Nov. 3, 1922, in Laurel. She grew up and was educated in Great Falls. She married Ward E. Saunders Aug. 14, 1953, in Great Falls.

She lived most of her life in Great Falls, except for 13 years spent in Reston, Va., where she managed a Marriott gift shop. She spent the last five years living in Lakeside.

She is survived by her husband; daughters Linda Cedor and Ria "Buffy" Bakas, both of Great Falls; a sister, Marlene Ketell, San Diego; a brother, Clinton Harrington, Great Falls, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. 1172

Calvin Coolidge Schaeffer

BROWNING Calvin Coolidge Schaeffer, 68, an oilfield worker and ranch hand, died Tuesday at a residence in Starr School on the Blackfeet Indian reservation.

A memorial service will be at 11 this morning at the Crown Hill Cemetery in Cut Bank. Burial will be in Crown Hill Cemetery.

Riddle Funeral Home of Browning is handling arrangements.

Schaeffer was born Nov. 4, 1924, in Lewistown and received his education in Oilmont. He worked in oil exploration and on area ranches.

He is survived by a brother, Joseph E. Schaeffer of Kalispell and a sister, Patricia McGuigan of Cut Bank.

The death is being investigated by Bureau of Indian Affairs officers. His body was found in a water-filled bathtub. 1174



Saunders

William V. Sandry

William V. Sandry, 60, of 37 Comanche Trail, an officer and director of Sletten Construction Co., died Sunday in a Houston, Texas, hospital. 6 Dec 1992

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Bethel Lutheran Church. Memorials are suggested to

the church.

He was born on Sept. 28, 1932, in Williston, N.D., graduated from Williston High School and served in the Korean War. He earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from North Dakota State University in 1961.

Sandry joined Sletten Construction Co. in 1971. He was named head of the firm's industrial division in 1977 and head of special projects in 1982. He had been manager of the northern building division for the past year.

Survivors include his wife of 31 years, Marsha of Great Falls; sons, Dave of Denver, Colo., Mark of Missoula, Mike of Orofino, Idaho, and Paul of Bigfork, and three grandchildren. 1175

Henry J. Scheafer

HARLEM — Henry J. Scheafer, 87, a longtime Harlem resident, died at his home Sunday evening of natural causes. 19 July 1992

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at the Harlem High School.

He was born Jan. 14, 1905, at Sugar City, Colo. He moved with his family to Culbertson and lived there until 1935, when he moved to Harlem.

He married Marie Birdwell Tolbert on June 13, 1941.

He worked for the Harlem School District until his retirement.

He was a volunteer firefighter in Harlem and was an active organizer for the Blaine County Fair.

Survivors include his wife of Harlem; sons, James Tolbert of Cheyenne, Wyo., and Robert Tolbert of Kalispell; daughters, Myrna Nicholson of Shelby and Jeanie Phillips of Whitefish; four brothers and three sisters.

He was preceded in death by three sisters, three brothers, a son, Kenneth Scheafer, and a daughter, Peggy Waugh. 1176

1992 Norman Schappacher, 84

Norman Schappacher, 84, died at his home in Kalispell Aug. 6, after a long battle with lung cancer (oat cell), even though he had quit smoking in 1952.

He was born Oct. 20, 1907, in Hohenwald, Tenn., to Edward and Alida Schappacher. He was the second oldest of five children.

His family moved to Wyoming in 1916 and to Kalispell on Aug. 29, 1920.

He was educated in Kalispell and was employed as a young man in several jobs, including paper delivery, grocery-truck driving, and airplane-engine repair. He received his private pilot's license in 1928.

He joined the U.S. Forest Service in 1931 as a fire lookout on Grubb Mountain and Mount Swanney in the Tally Lake District. He transferred to the Mission Mountain Wilderness in Swan River Valley in 1934 as fire dispatcher, and then to the Bob Marshall Wilderness in 1936 as assistant ranger; he did much summer and winter game study.

He married Eleanore Uppling of Somers on Sept. 19, 1936.

In 1938, he left the forest service and, with his wife, started a business in Kalispell, "Norm's News."

In August, 1942, he entered the Army Air Forces, serving as an aircrew member (radio operator) of the 439th Troop Carrier Group, dropping paratroopers during invasions of North Africa, Italy, France, and Germany until the end of World War II. He received the Purple Heart, seven battle stars, a Presidential Unit Citation, Distinguished Unit Badge, and several other medals.

During the war, Norm's wife, Eleanore, operated their downtown business. The Schappachers owned and operated Norm's News until 1968, when Norm retired. Although most of his time was devoted to his business, when he had even a few hours to spare, he would spend it in the Tally Lake area.

After retirement, he spent much of his time in the forests, hiking and chopping wood. He discontinued hunting and fishing in the early 1950s, when he recognized that game reduction was occurring due to overhunting.

Norm was a two-term past commander of V.F.W. Post 2252 of Kalispell.

He was preceded in death by a brother, William, and sisters Edding

and Ruth.

He is survived by his wife, Eleanore, at the family home; daughter, Dr. Susan Schappacher, and son-in-law, Maj. Joe Wendel, U.S.M.C.; and his beloved cats, Morris and Kat-Cat. He is also survived by a sister, Lois, and a nephew, Robert Hunt, and his wife, Jeanette.

Funeral services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel, with the Rev. J. Torrance Harvey, pastor of Lakeside Chapel, officiating.

Burial will be at Conrad Memorial Cemetery, where military honors will be conducted by the United Veterans of the Flathead.

Friends may call at Johnson Mortuary for visitation from 1-4 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday.

'Teddy' Schleicher, 59

Theodora (Teddy) Stewart Schleicher, 59, of Butte and Kalispell, died Saturday at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish. 240 Oct 1991

She is survived by her sister, a brother, Robert G. Stewart, of Kalispell; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Tuesday in Northridge Heights Church of God. Burial will be in Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

1991 Harold Lake Shilling, 96

Harold Lake Shilling, 96, Polson, died of natural causes May 12 at St. Joseph Convalescent Center in Polson.

He was born April 17, 1896, at Lanark, Ill., to William T. and Cora Shilling.

He married Lucille L. Helder on Aug. 25, 1923, in Lanark.

He moved west from Illinois in 1924. He entered Indian Services in 1925, and lived on various reservations throughout the western U.S. He specialized in the field of education.

He retired as Browning Superintendent of Education in 1959, and moved to the west shore of Flathead Lake near Elmo. He moved to Polson in 1989, and to St. Joseph Convalescent Center in 1990.

He was very active in Masonic work, being raised in Lanark in 1923. He was High Priest of Royal Arch in Cooledge, Ariz., Lander, Wyo., and Polson. He received his

Kenneth Schlinger 12 April 1992

KALISPELL — Kenneth A. Schlinger, 61, a Burlington Northern Railroad engineer whose family cared for more than 200 foster children, died of natural causes Sunday at his home in Kalispell.

A private funeral is planned. A memorial service will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. at the Whitefish Church of God with a dinner for family and friends to follow.

On July 5, 1930, he was born in Kingman, Ariz. He was raised in Arizona and in southern California. He graduated from high school in Covina, Calif., in 1948.

In 1952, he married Jessie L. Hennessy in Whitefish. They lived in Whitefish until 1977 when he moved to Kalispell. He had begun work with the Great Northern Railroad in 1953 and was still working as an engineer.

Survivors include his wife of Kalispell; sons, Kenneth II of Kent, Wash., Jeffrey of Midland, Mich., Melvin of Wolf Point, and Brendon, John and Joey, all of Kalispell; daughters, Anna Sampson, Rebecca Carlson, Bonnie Ruth Kuehne, and Lynette, Samantha, Norma and Raven Schlinger, all of Kalispell, and Merisha Hicklin of Prescott, Ariz.; his father, Edward of Tucson, Ariz.; brothers, Edward II of Tucson, and Frank "Bob" of Salem, Ore.; a sister, Alma Hume of Kalispell; 17 grandchildren, a great-grandson and numerous other relatives.

The Weatherford Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

Kych in Montana. He had a total of 69 years in Masonic work.

He was very instrumental in getting the Blacktail TV repeater system put into operation and he helped form the local NARFE Chapter.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lucille in 1985, and a sister, Marion Wales.

He is survived by a son, Donald Robert "Bob" Shilling of Spokane, Wash.; a brother, Maynard Shilling of Freeport, Ill.; three step grandchildren and four step great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held on Friday at 11 a.m. at the Presbyterian Church in Dayton and on Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Masonic Temple in Polson.

Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Mosley-Shrider Funeral Home of Polson.

Memorials may be made in care of Dayton Presbyterian Church.

Rev. David Schmidt

Rev. David D. Schmidt, 63, of Hungry Horse, died at his home early Friday morning, March 20, following a lengthy illness. 1992

He was born August 4, 1928, in Chesnakova, Russia, a son of David T. and Anna Schmidt. He moved to the United States as a young boy and received his education in Fresno, Calif., graduating from

Central High School in Fresno in 1947. He attended Glad Tidings Institute in San Francisco and graduated from Central Bible Institute in Springfield, Mo. in 1956.

On September 14, 1956, he married Edith L. Gouge in Fresno.

He had been an ordained minister with the Assemblies of God since 1957. He pastored churches in Alaska, California, Nevada and since 1968 pastored several churches in Montana including Circle, Livingston, Malta and Ronan before moving to the Glacier Bible Camp in Hungry Horse.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister.

Survivors include his wife Edith of the family home in Hungry Horse; five children, Elizabeth A. Johnson of Campinas, Brazil, Patrica R. Jonker of Marshalltown, Iowa, Stephen D. Schmidt of Billings, Philip R. Schmidt of Mobile, Ala. and Rebecca L. Tillman of Warren, Ark.; three brothers, Edward Schmidt of Anderson, Calif. Victor Schmidt and Wilhelm Schmidt of Springfield, Ore.; two sisters Erika Mapes of Upland, Calif. and Marianna Johnton of Sydney, Australia; and eight grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday in the Christian Center Assembly of God Church in Kalispell with Rev. Robert Ross officiating. Burial was in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials may be made to the Glacier Bible Camp Memorial Chapel, 1702 Colton Blvd., Billings, MT 59102.

Mrs. A.L. Schmid

Mrs. Alhie Louise Schmid, 74, of Kalispell died in the Brendan House on Tuesday, January 28, of cancer. 1992

She was born July 1, 1917, near Readlyn, Saskatchewan, Canada, a daughter of Per (Pete) Lars and Julia Aleta (Nelson) Wagenius. Alhie skipped first grade and finished high school by correspondence in three years, completing 12 years of school in 10. She entered Royal Jubilee Hospital in Victoria, B.C. in February, 1941 to begin nurse's training. She graduated as a registered nurse in May 1944.

On June 26, 1947, she married Lee Clair Warren Schmid in Kalispell. Alhie worked in the OB Department of Kalispell General Hospital as a labor room nurse. Alhie retired at age 68.

ON July 15, 1988 she married, Hjalmar Reinhold (Ray) Dahlman, her sister's widower, bringing a close family even closer. Alhie's courage in dealing with her terminal illness was sustained by her strong faith in her loving Lord.

Alhie was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Lee, in 1972; her twin grandsons, Anthony and Barrett Schmid, in 1984; and her sister, Myrtle Dahlman in 1986.

Survivors include her children and their spouses, Gregory Pierce Schmid of Missoula, Jan L. and Terry (Flattery) Schmid of Little, Colo., Pamela (Schmid) and John E. Sowerwine, of McKinleyville, Calif. and Scott W. and Cindy L. (Norman) Schmid of Portland, Ore.; her husband, Ray Dahlman of Saskatchewan; nine grandchildren Jolene and Kirs Schmid of Missoula, Megan Schmid of Littleton, Colo., Jim and Bill Sowerwine of McKinleyville, Calif., and Trevor, Karmen, Jordan (Joe) and Gregory Thomas Schmid of Portland, Ore.; five sisters and one brother and their spouses: Ruth and Albin Nelson of Kalispell, Doris and John Erickson of Nanaimo, B.C., Pearl and Nels Smith of New Westminster, B.C., Violet Frid, Hazel Stianson and Lloyd Wagenius all of Assinaboia, Sask.

Alhie is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews and by dear friends too numerous to mention who enriched her life as she enriched theirs.

Funeral services were held Saturday in the Trinity Lutheran Church With Rev. Darold Reiner, officiating. Burial was in the Conrad memorial Cemetery.

Edwin Herman Schlenz

Mr. Edwin Herman Schlenz, 92, died at his home in Kalispell on Thursday, December 17, 1992

He was born November 4, 1900 in Ada, Minn., a son of Charles and Mary Schlenz. In 1910 the family moved to Montana where they homesteaded south of Brockton. They later farmed north of Brockton before returning to their homestead. Mr. Schlenz attended rural schools and worked for area farmers. His interest was in tractors of all kinds and he drove the Aautman Taylor for Lein Brothers of Brockton.

He was united in marriage to Carrie Hagen on December 12, 1924 at Poplar, MT. They made their home on a farm south of Brockton. They had three children.

In 1944, the family moved to the Flathead Valley where they bought a farm in the LaSalle area and later moved to a farm in the Lower Valley. In 1973 they retired and moved to Kalispell. They lived at Two Mile Drive a short time before moving to their present home.

Mr. Schlenz had enjoyed baseball and had managed the Charley Creek team for a time. Many farmers remember him and his threshing machine.

He was a member of the LaSalle Grange; the Boots and Calico Square Dance Club and the Lower Valley Square Dance Club, and was a caller many times.

He is now survived by his wife, Carrie, at the family home; two daughters, Marjorie Carda of Lambert, MT and Shirley Stough of Sunnyside, WA; a son Donald Schlenz of Ephrata, WA; three sisters, Esther Hagen of Sidney, MT, Florence Anderson of Litchfield, MN and Eva Corpom of Polson, MT; six grandchildren; twenty great-grandchildren; eight great-great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Priny and Andy; three sisters, Grace, Lillian and Agnes; one grandson, Davie Gaethle and one great grandson, Jeff Hill.

Funeral services were held Tuesday in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Robert Nilsen, pastor of the Calvary Lutheran Church officiating. Burial was at Richland Memorial Park Cemetery of Sidney, MT on Tuesday.

Hank Schnetter, 70

Hank Schnetter, 70, of Libby, died of cancer Tuesday at his home in Libby. *15 Sept 1992*

He is survived by his wife, Phyllis, of Libby; three sons, Steve, Dan and Jim Schnetter, all of Libby; two daughters, Sandra Mitchell and Patty Moe, both of Libby; three brothers and four sisters; 13 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. at Assembly of God Church. Cremation will follow the services.

Arrangements are by Vial Funeral Home.

Charles W. 'Bud' Schrock

COLUMBIA FALLS — Charles W. "Bud" Schrock, 81, of Columbia Falls, a retired pharmacist, died of natural causes Monday in a Whitefish hospital. *20 Jan 1992*

A memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday in the United Methodist Church in Columbia Falls. Van Leuven Funeral Home of Columbia Falls is in charge of arrangements. Memorials are suggested to the Columbia Falls ambulance or fire department.

Born on Sept. 16, 1910, in Missoula, he graduated from Missoula County High School in 1928 and from the University of Montana School of Pharmacy in 1936. He worked in pharmacies in Billings, Omak and Seattle, Wash., Anchorage and Kalispell before serving in the Army during World War II.

Schrock married Eleanor Marie Blohm on Oct. 27, 1945, in Roselle, N.J.

They settled in Kalispell where he worked for Alton-Pierce Pharmacy until starting his own business, Park Drug in Columbia Falls. It operated it until it was sold in 1967. Then he worked in various pharmacies around the state until retiring in 1972.

Survivors include his wife, Eleanor of Columbia Falls; a son, William Edward Schrock of Olympia, Wash.; three daughters, Susan Gokin of Peoria, Ariz., June Tillian of Gallup, N.M., and Barbara Barnhart of Columbia Falls; a sister, Norma Swanson of Missoula, and seven grandchildren. *M.F.*

1992 Alan W. Schmitt, 37

Alan W. Schmitt, 37, Thorne Bay, Alaska, formerly of Hamilton and the Flathead Valley, died Feb. 23 in a helicopter logging accident near Hobart Bay.

He was born Nov. 30, 1954, in Aberdeen, Wash., to Glen and Kathryn Helm Schmitt, and in 1957 he moved with his family to Charles Heights near Hamilton. In 1973, he graduated from Darby High school, where he played football and wrestled.

On March 12, 1977, he married Darlene Hames in Elko, Nev.

Mr. Schmitt worked in logging in the Kalispell area before moving in June 1986 to Alaska, where he worked as a sawyer.

He was a devoted family man. A lifetime member of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, he loved

the outdoors, hunting and fishing.

Survivors include his wife, Darlene, and two daughters, Amanda and Teresa, all of the family home; his parents, Kathryn Schmitt of Thorne Bay, and Glen Schmitt of Magazine, Ark.; three brothers, Curtis and Russell, both of Magazine, and Douglas of Seattle, Wash.; a sister, Kathy Davis of Paris, Ark.; his maternal grandparents, W.L. and Mildred Helm of Darby; and his paternal grandmother, Pauline Schmitt of Grantsdale.

Services will be 11 a.m. Saturday at Daly-Leach Chapel in Hamilton, with Allen Merrill officiating. Burial will be at Riverview Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials to the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, 2291 W. Broadway, Missoula 59802.

Audrey E. Schneider, 78

Audrey E. Schneider, 78, was born *Nov 1912* Audrey Ruth Swick on May 25, 1914, in Culbertson.

She came to Whitefish in 1917 and attended school as Audrey Parker, her adopted name. Following graduation from Whitefish High School in 1932, Audrey received nurses training in Pasco and Seattle, Wash., and received her certification as an RN in 1938.

She returned to Whitefish in 1938 to work in the local hospital and pursued her nursing career periodically until 1960, when she began a 17 year career of teaching ceramics in Polson.

Audrey married Harold Schneider on March 20, 1939 in Whitefish. They later lived in Fort Peck, Great Falls, Butte, Seattle, Wash., and then Polson before retiring to Whitefish in 1977.

Audrey was an active member of the Daughters of the Nile (Sapphira

Temple) and the Order of Eastern Star (in which she had served as Worthy Matron, Mystic Chapter 53, O.E.S. in Polson). She was a member of the Whitefish Golden Agers and was active for many years as a square dancer. She enjoyed Brazilian embroidery and other needlework and crafts and traveling.

She is survived by her husband; son, Delbert, of Missoula; daughters, Judith Gurzynski of Portland, Ore., and Liane Jett of Vancouver, Wash.; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The family requests no flowers. Memorials may be made to Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children or the charity of the donor's choice.

Memorial services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish with the Rev. Jerry Bechtle, officiating. *Int. J. 11 Nov*

1992 Carrie Schnell, 98

Carrie Schnell, 98, teacher and wife of former Kalispell banker William F. Schnell, died April 27 at a nursing home in Moscow, Idaho. She was a Kalispell resident for 24 years.

She taught grade school at Central School from 1914 to 1917, when she married William F. Schnell. He was vice president of First National Bank when they moved from Kalispell to Moscow in 1938.

She was born in Dillon and gradu-

ated from Montana State Normal College in Dillon in 1914.

Surviving is a son, Philip of Carmel, Ind.; two daughters, Anne Michaelson, Mount Aukum, Calif., and Elizabeth Clontz of Gooding, Idaho; and sisters, Catherine Burke of Missoula, Pauline Swanson of Portland, Ore., and Olga Hilby of Seattle, Wash.

Services will be Thursday at Short's Funeral Chapel in Moscow.

Glen Schupert

Mr. Glen Shupert, 72, died at his home in Kalispell on Wednesday evening, April 8, 1992.

He was born October 31, 1919, in Whitefish and had lived there until 1983, when he moved to Kalispell. He had been a carman for the Burlington Northern Railroad, having been employed with the railroad for 37 years prior to his retirement in 1979.

He was married to Ruby Lytle on September 1, 1940, in Polson. Glen's life was devoted to his family.

He is now survived by his wife, Ruby, at the family home; five sons, Richard of CleElum, Wash., Jerry, Michael and Daniel Shupert, all of Trego, Mont. and Tom Schupert of Whitefish; one daughter, Sue Porter of Kalispell; a brother, Ray Shupert of Whitefish; a sister, Kate Bowers of Columbia Falls; twenty four grandchildren; thirteen great-grandchildren; ten step-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. Memorial services were held last Saturday in the First Christian Church in Whitefish with Dr. David Kauffman officiating.

1992 Patricia Ann Schumacher, 68

Patricia Ann Schumacher, 68, of Kalispell, died of heart failure at Kalispell Regional Hospital on May 25.

She was born Dec. 23, 1923, in Denver, to Charles and Helen Minor. She received her education at St. Vincent's and St. Joseph's schools in Denver.

On Feb. 6, 1945, she married Robert Schumacher in Buckley Field, Colo. They lived in White Bear Lake, Minn., where Mrs. Schumacher worked for the Department of Conservation.

In 1966, they moved to Kalispell, where they have since resided.

Mrs. Schumacher was employed in the SAT enlistment testing for the military services. In 1963, she graduated from Flathead Valley Community College.



She was a member of St. Matthew's Catholic Church, the Council of Catholic Women, and Church Women United, and was active in the work of the church. She was very active in the Literacy Training Program for the past several years.

She was preceded in death by a brother.

She is survived by her husband, Robert, at the family home in Kalispell; four children, Terry Schumacher of Portland, Ore., Greg Schumacher of Ovando, Judy Schumacher of Tucson, Ariz., and Lynn Berger of Kalispell; a sister, Sharon Santmyer of Chula Vista, Calif.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Rosary services will be held at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Mass of the Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Matthew's Catholic Church with the Rev. Michael O'Neill as celebrant. Burial will be at Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family suggest memorials may be made to St. Matthew's Catholic Church, c/o the Pat Schumacher Fund, 602 Main St., Kalispell.

Dolf O. Schulstad 9 Mar 1992

KALISPELL — Dolf O. Schulstad, 83, a retired farmer, died of natural causes Monday at his Kalispell home.

Private burial will be in Whitefish Cemetery under the direction of Weatherford Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to Flathead Hospice.

Born on March 3, 1909, he grew up in the Batavia and LaSalle areas near Kalispell.

After several years working in construction in California, he returned to Kalispell and farmed for many years. A self-employed cabinetmaker, he also did various other construction work. He also worked for the Whitefish Cemetery for about 12 years.

Survivors include his wife, Eileen of Kalispell; two stepdaughters, Connie Gage and Cheryl Dull, both of Whitefish, and five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. *44*

Harriet C. Schultz

Harriet C. Schultz, 95, of Kalispell died early Monday morning, June 8, of natural causes at Kalispell Regional Hospital. *1992*

She was born November 14, 1896 in Oslo, Norway, the daughter of Sven and Berthilda Hallind. When she was eight years old, her parents immigrated to the United States, homesteading near Pollock, S.D. She taught school before becoming a station agent for the Great Northern Railroad during World War I.

After the war, she married Fred Schultz in Warroad, Minn., where they lived for 41 years, raising a family of three daughters and two sons. Following her husband's death, Harriet moved to Kalispell in 1963.

Harriet was always very active in her church and community. She loved gardening, and was an avid bridge player.

Harriet is survived by two daughters, Dorothy Stewart of Greenbank, Wash. and Barbara Gould of Kalispell; two sons, Fred Schultz of Moorestown, N.J. and Jerome Schultz of Sheboygan, Wisc.; 28 loving grandchildren, and 37 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her oldest daughter, Ruth Marie Sughrue.

Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated Friday, June 12 at 10 a.m. at St. Matthew's Catholic Church. Graveside Services will follow next week at St. Mary's Cemetery in Warroad, Minn.

Helen Schultz, 77

9 April 1992
Helen Schultz, 77, of Libby, died of natural causes Wednesday evening at Sacred Heart Medical Center in Spokane.

Survivors include a son, a grandson, and four nephews.

Visitation will be today from 1-9 p.m. at Vial Funeral Home. Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. at Vial Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will be at the City of Libby Cemetery.

John E. Schumaier

John E. Schumaier, 66, a former resident of Whitefish, passed away May 4 in Seattle. 1992

He was born Oct. 26, 1925 in Garrison, N.D. He married Alma Weishaar on Oct. 19, 1947. In the late 1970s, he owned and operated the Coast to Coast Hardware store in Whitefish, retiring from that position in 1982, at which time he moved to Auburn, Wash., where he had since resided.

He was a Navy veteran of World War II, a member of the Elks, Eagles

and Moose Lodge as well as the American Legion. He was also a member of the Dakota Dance Club and a Food Bank volunteer.

Mr. Schumaier was preceded in death by his daughter, Kathie, in 1985, and his mother and father.

Survivors include his wife, Alma, of Auburn; two sons, Timothy Schumaier and Jeffrey Schumaier of Auburn; one daughter-in-law, Kathy Schumaier of Auburn; two brothers, Arnold Schumaier of Garrison, N.D. and Rueben Schumaier of Minot,

N.D.; three sisters, Irene Rasch and Ellie Rasch of Garrison, N.D. and Elaine Schumaier of Minot, N.D.; and three grandchildren, Tony, Amanda and Scott Schumaier of Auburn.

Services are today at the Auburn First United Methodist Church in Auburn, with burial following at the Mt. View Cemetery. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of the Price-Helton Funeral Chapel in Auburn.

R.J. Scovil 1992

A graveside service in Highland Cemetery will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday for R.J. "Rudy" Scovil, 88, a Great Falls High School mathematics teacher for 36 years.

Scovil died of natural causes Feb. 3 in Laguna Hills, Calif., where he had lived since retiring in 1967. Chapel of Scovil Chimes is in charge of the local service.



Born on Aug. 7, 1903, in Butte, he graduated from Montana State University with a degree in electrical engineering and a secondary teaching certificate. He later also attended the University of Chicago and Washington State University.

He taught in Libby and Kalispell before moving to Great Falls. In his early years he pitched semi-professional baseball and while in Kalispell he pitched a no-run-no-hit game. He also pitched in the Montana State League for the ACM Club of Great Falls.

Scovil also coached American Legion baseball for nine years, leading teams to state titles in 1941, 1943 and 1948, and to second-place state finishes three times. He also coached high school bowling for 12 years under the Great Falls Board of Recreation.

His first wife of 29 years, Pearl, also a former teacher, died in 1965. He then married Beulah K. Morris, head of the GFHS business education department. She also preceded him in death.

Frank Seaford, 74

Frank Seaford, 74, of Libby, died of natural causes Saturday at Libby Care Center. 7 Mar 1992

He is survived by his wife, Joy Seaford, of Libby; a daughter, Barbara Clemons of Libby; a brother, Harvey Seaford of Libby; and three grandchildren.

Visitation will be Monday from 1-9 p.m. at Vial Funeral Home. Services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the funeral home chapel. Burial with military honors will be at City of Libby Cemetery.

Harvey Seaford

LIBBY — Harvey Seaford, 81, died at a Libby nursing home Saturday of natural causes. 7 Nov 1992

His funeral will be at 2 p.m. today at the Vial Funeral Home Chapel, with burial in the Libby Cemetery.

Surviving are his wife Sunny of Libby; two sons, Marcus Seaford of Concord, Calif., and David Seaford of Thorn Bay, Alaska, and six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. 11/7

Scovil was a charter member of the Cascade Historical Society, life member of the Great Falls Elks Lodge, 60-year member of the Cascade Masonic Lodge and a life member of the Montana Education Association among various activities.

Survivors include nephews, Mark Rohlfss of Kirkland, Wash., and Duke Rohlfss of Thousand Oaks, Calif., and a niece, Mary Kiggins of LaVerne, Calif. 11/7

Dolf O. Schulstad

Dolf O. Schulstad, 83, Kalispell, died Monday, March 9, of natural causes at his Kalispell home.

He was born March 3, 1909 at Batavia, Mont., the son of Dedrick and Olivia Schulstad. He was raised in the Batavia and LaSalle areas near Kalispell.

After several years working in construction in California, he returned to Kalispell, where he farmed for many years. A self-employed cabinet-maker, he also did various other construction work. Mr. Schulstad was also employed by the Whitefish Cemetery for about 12 years.

He had been a member of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

Surviving family members include his wife Eileen at the family home; two stepdaughters, Connie Gage and Cheryl Dull, both of Whitefish; five grandchildren, four-great grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews, including Bob W. Ross of Kalispell and Don Dodge of Dupuyer.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a stepson, Larry Murphy, and two sisters, Olia Dodge and Paula Murphy.

Private interment took place at Whitefish Cemetery.

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

1992 Dale Seelye, 69

Dale Seelye, 69, of Kalispell, died at Kalispell Regional Hospital Aug. 22.

He was born Jan. 15, 1923, in Schafer, N.D., to George and May Johnson Seelye. He was the second of four sons.

He spent his early years in North Dakota, receiving his education in Tioga. He served in the Civilian Conservation Corps for two years before moving in 1942 to the Seattle area, where he worked for the Snoqualmie Mill.

In the spring of 1944, he moved to Kalispell, where he met Gail Miller. They were married on January 10, 1945, on her 19th birthday. They farmed in the Montford area for 12 years and then moved to the Marion area in 1957.

Mr. Seelye worked for the State Highway Department and G.V.W. weigh station until his retirement in 1977. He was a charter member of Smith Valley Fire Department and served as chief for several years.

He served as a school board mem-



ber at Montford and Ashley Creek schools and was an active member of the Kalispell Eagles Lodge for more than 25 years.

He was a loving family man and will be greatly missed. He enjoyed farming and the outdoors. He and his wife loved playing cards and dancing. Dale was a gentleman and a gentle man.

He is survived by his wife, Gail, at the family home in Kalispell; a son, Terry, and his wife, Karen, of Killa; three daughters, Judy and her husband, Myron Motichka, of Columbia Falls, Fay and her husband, Robert Greene, of Kalispell; and Laura and her husband, Ted Smith, of Lynwood, Wash.; three brothers, Allard and Jack Seelye, both of Kalispell, and Don Seelye of Laurel; eight grandchildren; a great-grandson; and many nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

Christian Wake services will be held at 7 p.m. Monday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel, with the Rev. Michael O'Neill of St. Matthew's Catholic Church officiating. Burial will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

1992 Leonard H. Severson, 89

Leonard H. Severson, 89, Lakeside, died March 21 of natural causes at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

He was born Aug. 18, 1902, at Artesian, S.D., the son of Halvor and Bertha Severson. He was raised and educated in Artesian, and there started his employment with the Milwaukee Railroad.

Other than an enlistment with the U.S. Navy from about 1918-1920, Leonard spent his entire working career with the Milwaukee Railroad.

On Sept. 29, 1929, he married Dorothea Roberts in Jackson, Minn., where the couple make their home. They later lived in Albert Lea, Minn., and then moved to Missoula in 1944. Leonard retired as a traveling railroad auditor in 1966, and the Seversons had lived in Lakeside since 1974.

He belonged to the First Presbyterian Church in Kalispell, and Bigfork Lodge No. 150, A.F. & A.M. He

loved the outdoors, and enjoyed hunting and fishing in his earlier years. Leonard liked gardening, especially raising flowers, and was often found helping his neighbors.

Surviving family members include his wife Dorothea at the family home; one son, Jon Severson of Billings; one daughter, Joan Williamson of Everett, Wash., and Lakeside; one brother, Kenneth Severson of Artesian; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and a number of cousins.

Friends may call at Weatherford Funeral Home today from noon until 7 p.m. and Tuesday from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., after which the casket will remain closed.

Funeral services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, with the Rev. Larry Gaylord officiating. Burial will take place at Conrad Memorial Cemetery, and a reception will follow at the church.

Ronald Sherman, 77

Ronald W. Sherman, 77, died Thursday at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

Sherman had worked as a packer for Glacier National Park, and lived at the veterans home since 1973. *8 Oct 1992*

Survivors include three sisters in Canada and his guardian in Deer Lodge.

Graveside services with military honors will be 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Montana Veterans Home Cemetery. Military honors are provided by the United Veterans of the Flathead Valley. Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is in charge of arrangements.

1992 John Richard Shaw, 69

John Richard Shaw, 69, died July 21 in Kalispell, following a lengthy illness.

He was born Aug. 29, 1922, to Effie and Ernest F. Shaw in Cody, Wyo., where he lived until May, 1991, when he and his wife moved to Whitefish.

Survivors include his wife Phyllis; two sons, Robert of Phoenix, Ariz., and Michael of San Diego, Calif.; a daughter, Anne Shaw Moran, of Whitefish; two sisters, Mrs. Henry H. R. (Peg) Coe of Cody and Mrs. Don (Ruth) Kern of Livingston; three grandchildren, Danny, Tony, and Maggie; and several nieces and nephews.

Dick received his education in the Cody schools, Castle Heights Military Academy, the University of Wyoming and Stanford University.

He was a co-owner and publisher of The Cody Enterprise from 1947 until 1954, and from 1968 until 1971. He also owned and operated the Mountaineer Court Motel from 1954 until 1989.

Always active in the civic affairs of

his community, Mr. Shaw served several terms on the Cody city council, the Cody school board, and the West Park County Hospital Board. He served in the capacity of chairman of the hospital board during his last term in 1988. He was also a director of the Cody Club.

Mr. Shaw was a life member of the Elks Club, an early member of the Cody Directors' Club, the Country Club and numerous other social and service organizations at different times during his life.

His friends will remember him as an avid golfer and fisherman. He moved to the Flathead Valley after retirement to further enjoy these activities.

Memorial services will be held in Cody at the Ballard Funeral Home at 11 a.m. Friday. Cremation has occurred under the direction of Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be given in his memory to the "Memorial of Life" fund at Brendan House, 350 Conway Drive, Kalispell.

Ralph E. Sibert

Ralph E. Sibert, 81, Whitefish, died Friday (August 21) of natural causes at Brendan House in Kalispell. 1992

He was born August 21, 1911 in Corydon, Indiana, and was raised and graduated from high school in southern Indiana.

He served on active duty with the US Army from 1930 until 1956, when he retired with the rank of Captain. An OCS graduate, his distinguished military career included World War II service in both Africa and Europe. He was a member of the 191st Tank Battalion, which liberated the Nazi concentration camp at Dachau, and served with the Occupation Army in Europe through 1954.

Among his many awards and commendations were the Bronze Star, awarded in 1944, and the Purple Heart, received in 1945. He served as a military advisor in Vietnam in 1956. Following his retirement from active duty, Mr. Sibert was employed as a civil servant by the Department of Defense until permanently retiring in 1978.

On May 6, 1951, he married Genevieve "Gen" Priger in Paris, France. They made their home in California from 1954 to 1988, when they retired to Whitefish, Montana. Mrs. Sibert passed away on October 22, 1991.

The Siberts were enthusiastic travelers, and in later years were active in the Elderhostel program.

Surviving are two daughters, Carol Prentice of Richland, Washington, and Jane Sibert of Duncan Mills, California; one son, Dave Sibert of Kalispell; and four granddaughters.

The family has conducted private memorial services. Urn burial was at Arlington National Cemetery. The Weatherford Funeral Home & Crematory in Kalispell was in charge of arrangements.

Lydia (Rufenach) Shew, 74

Lydia (Rufenach) Shew, 74, a former resident of Kalispell, died March 3 in Billings. 1992

She was born April 21, 1918, in Kalispell to Walter and Amalia Rufenach. She went to schools in the Birch Grove and Pine Grove area.

On May 8, 1936, she was married to Nick Serles. Nick passed away in 1947, survived by his wife and a son, Larry.

Lydia then spent time in the Portland area. She then lived in Custer and for over 30 years in Billings.

On April 27, 1989, she was married to Neal Shew.

She is survived by Neal; a son, Larry in Oklahoma, and a grandson,

Nick Serles; two brothers, Alfred Rufenach of Kalispell, and Walter Rufenach of Columbia Falls; two sisters, Elsie Bruyer of Kalispell, and Lillian Case of Weaverville, Calif.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Richard in 1963.

She was a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church most of her life. She enjoyed her church family and her many other friends. She loved to cook and share with friends.

Funeral services were held March 4 in Billings. Graveside services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. at Conrad Memorial Cemetery with the Rev. Torrance Harvey officiating.

Leonard E. Shortell, 81

Leonard E. Shortell, 81, of Whitefish, died July 11 at North Valley Extended Care. 1992

He was born Oct. 17, 1910, in Green Isle, Minn., to William and Minnie Shortell. In 1912, he moved with his family to Box Elder, where they homesteaded for 10 years. The family then moved to Havre, where Leonard attended schools.

In 1934, he went to work as a special agent for the Great Northern Railroad in Great Falls. He married Josephine Marie McClintock on July 3, 1937, in Great Falls. The couple came to Whitefish in 1944.

He worked a small farm north of Whitefish and also operated the Great Northern Stockyards from 1955-1962. He retired in April, 1972,

after 43 years with the railroad.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Xavier, Joseph, and Francis; and two sisters, Mae Paradis and Verda C. Noble.

He is survived by his wife, Josephine, in Whitefish; two sons, Donald L. Shortell in Whitefish and Daniel O. Shortell in Columbia Falls; a daughter, Rosalie Berg in Whitefish; a brother, Oliver Shortell in Havre; and many nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell with the Rev. Charles Roman officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish.

1992 Glen Shupert, 72

Glen Shupert, 72, died at his Kalispell home on April 8.

He was born Oct. 31, 1919, in Whitefish, a son of Clyde and Ellen Shupert.

He received his education in Whitefish and lived there until 1963 when he moved to Kalispell.

He had been a carman for the Burlington Northern Railroad, having been employed with the railroad for 37 years prior to his retirement in 1979.

He was married to Ruby Lytle on Sept. 1, 1940, in Polson.

Glen's life was devoted to his family. We will miss him.

He is now survived by his wife,

Ruby, at the family home; five sons, Richard of Cle Elum, Wash., Jerry, Michael and Tom Shupert, all of Trego, and Tom Shupert of Whitefish; one daughter, Sue Porter of Kalispell; a brother, Ray Shupert of Whitefish; a sister, Kate Bowers of Columbia Falls; 24 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; 10 step grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in First Christian Church in Whitefish with Dr. David Kauffman officiating.

Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

1992 William D. Silberman, 85

William D. Silberman, 85, of Ronan, died July 26 at his residence in Ronan.

He was born Jan. 26, 1907, in Sibley Co, Minn., to William and Anna Silberman. He attended schools in Chester.

He married Wilma Ferris of Cut Bank on Nov. 5, 1932. He worked for the Great Northern Railroad for about 43 years, living in Chester, Browning, Shelby and Fort Benton and retired while living in Great Falls in 1968 as a general road master. He moved to Ronan after his retirement and also lived in Polson, Kalispell, and Whitefish before returning to Ronan.

Survivors include a son, Dick Sil-

berman, Ronan; three brothers, John Silberman, Bremerton, Wash., Al Silberman, Shelby, and Herb Silberman, Fairfield; two sisters, Rose Wilkins and Martha Crane-Conrad; and two grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Wilma in 1973 and one brother, Otto.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at Shrider's Mortuary in Ronan at 2 p.m. with the Rev. George Sanders officiating. Cremation will follow. Inurnment will be in Glacier Memorial in Kalispell at a later date.

The family suggests memorials to City of Ronan Park Fund, Ronan 59864.

Irvin C. Silverberg

Irvin C. "Buck" Silverberg, 65, died Tuesday, Aug. 4, of heart failure at his home in Bigfork. 1992

Buck was born Aug. 6, 1926, at Duluth, Minn., the son of Andrew W. and Helga Silverberg. He was an oil field worker for most of his working life. Buck worked mostly in California, and also spent several years in Alaska. After retiring from the oil fields, he built safe vaults in Fillmore, Calif.

On Dec. 28, 1968, he married Elsie Benson, and they made their home in Fillmore until moving to Mount Shasta in 1987. She preceded him in death in 1989. Buck had lived in the Bigfork area for the past two years.

He was a Mason, and a member of the Assembly of God faith. Buck enjoyed working with his hands, especially woodworking, and his family and friends have many treasured momentos of his craftsmanship. He had been in the process of building his own home in the Bigfork area.

Surviving family members include three sons, Bill and Michael Burson, both of Fillmore, and David Burson of Mount Shasta; three daughters, Pat Reynolds in Texas, Beverly Bargamian of Fresno, Calif., and Debbie Burson of Mount Shasta; 16 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Memorial Services were Monday Aug. 10 at 2 p.m. at the Bigfork Funeral Home. Officiating was Rev. Charles Tucker, Pastor of Bigfork Chapel Assembly of God. Masonic honors will be presented by William M. Brass, Past Grand Master, A.F.&A.M. of Montana.

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

Mary Sigler

Mrs. Mary Margaret Sigler, 80, died in the Immanuel Lutheran Home on Sunday morning, March 8 of natural causes. 1992

She was born May 17, 1911, near Henryetta, Okla., a daughter of Eliga and Jessie Pritchett. She was raised in Henryetta with her five sisters and one brother. She graduated with honors from the Henryetta High School in 1929 and later graduated from a local business college.

She was married to Charles B. Sigler on June 7, 1930 in Henryetta. They lived in several small Oklahoma towns where he worked for the Champlin Oil Company. After her husband's death, in 1956, she moved to Enid, Okla. where she worked in the business office of the Bass Memorial Baptist Hospital until her retirement in 1976. She was very active in the First United Methodist Church of Enid.

Margaret moved to Columbia Falls in 1984 to be near her son, Charles B. Sigler of West Glacier. Survivors include her son, Charles B. Sigler and daughter-in-law, Kathleen; two granddaughters, Sabrina Sigler of Kalispell, and Sarah Sigler, a student in Tacoma, Wash.; one sister, Beatrice Hudson of Electra, Texas and a number of other relatives.

Inurnment will take place in the family plot at Marshall, Okla.

Harry Robert Sims

Mr. Harry Robert Sims, 82, of Kalispell, died at his home on Thursday evening, October 1, 1992, of natural causes. He was born October 28, 1909 in Port Arthur, Texas, a son of Jessie and Almeda Sims. Survivors include his son and daughter-in-law, Don and Cheryl Sims of Marion; and one brother, Paul Sims of Indianapolis, Indiana.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. on Monday in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery with military rites by the United Veterans. Arrangements were under the direction of the Johnson Mortuary.

Violet Rose Sipple, 62

Violet Rose Sipple, 62, of Kalispell, died at Kalispell Regional Hospital Thursday, Oct. 29, 1992.

She is survived by three sons, including Dana Sipple of Kalispell. Cremation has taken place. Memorial services are being planned for later. Cremation and arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.

Josh Henry Skibsrud

Josh Henry Skibsrud, 20, of Kalispell, died on Sunday, July 19, of injuries sustained in a fall while climbing in Glacier National Park. He was born May 23, 1972, in Murray, Utah, a son of H. Peter and Linda Marie Skibsrud. He had moved to Kalispell with his parents when he was 1 year old and had attended Kalispell schools, graduating from Flathead High School in the Class of 1990. He had also graduated from Jamestown College and was registered to enter the University of Nevada Las Vegas this fall. He was a member of the National Honor Society and was an avid hiker and climber. He had enjoyed track, running, biking and music. He was a state champion fiddler. Survivors include his parents, Peter and Linda Skibsrud and two brothers, Gabriel and Boone Skibsrud all of Kalispell; his maternal grandparents, Henry and Gloria Schiele of Deer Lodge, and his paternal grandparents, A. O. and Marian Skibsrud of Fargo, N.D., and many other relatives. Memorial Mass was celebrated at noon on Wednesday in the Risen Christ Church with Father Michael O'Neill as celebrant. Arrangements are under the direction of the Johnson Mortuary.

1992 Irvin C. 'Buck' Silverberg, 65

Irvin C. "Buck" Silverberg, 65, died of heart failure Aug. 4 at his Bigfork home.

He was born Aug. 6, 1926, in Duluth, Minn., to Andrew W. and Helga Silverberg. He was an oil-field worker for most of his working life. He worked mostly in California, and also spent several years in Alaska. After retiring from the oil fields, he built safe vaults in Fillmore, Calif.

On Dec. 28, 1968, he married Elsie Benson, and they made their home in Fillmore until moving to Mount Shasta in 1967. She preceded him in death in 1969. He lived in the Bigfork area for the past two years.

He was a Mason and a member of the Assembly of God faith. Buck enjoyed working with his hands, especially woodworking, and his family and friends have many treasured mementos of his craftsman-

ship. He was in the process of building his own home in the Bigfork area.

Surviving family members include three sons, Bill and Michael Burson, both of Fillmore, and David Burson of Mount Shasta; three daughters, Pat Reynolds in Texas, Beverly Bargamian of Fresno, Calif., and Debbie Burson of Mount Shasta; and 16 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be Monday at 2 p.m. at the Bigfork Funeral Home. Officiating will be the Rev. Charles Tucker, pastor of Bigfork Chapel Assembly of God. Masonic honors will be presented by William M. Brass, past grand master, A.F. & A. M. of Montana

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

1992 Wesley G. Skeeters, 90

Wesley G. Skeeters, 90, Bigfork, died at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls on April 6 of natural causes.

He was born Feb. 15, 1902, in Leitchfield, Ky., to Fount and Minnie Skeeters.

When he was 6 years old he moved to southern Texas, and later farmed in Nebraska and Wyoming. In 1923, he moved to Montana.

He served in the U.S. Marines Corps from 1923 to 1927.

He returned to Montana and in 1937, was married to Wilhelmina Schindler in Helena. They ranched for many years in the Bighole area and later near Melrose. In 1972, they retired to Bigfork.

Mr. Skeeters was of the Methodist

faith and was a member of the Masonic Lodge of Dillon.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Wilhelmina on May 1, 1983, and is now survived by two sisters, Florence Cotter and Marie Clements, both of Walla Walla, Wash.; two brothers, Walter Skeeters of Kirkland, Wash., and Oscar Skeeters of Walla Walla; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Marvin Northcutt officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Memorial Gardens in Butte.

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

Gary Roland Skeem, 51

Gary Roland Skeem, 51, died of natural causes at his home in Kalispell on Monday, Nov. 2, 1992.

He was born July 21, 1941, in Longview, Wash., to Henry and Alta Skeem. As a child, he moved with his family to North Dakota where he received his early education and graduated from high school in Flaxton, N.D.

He then attended the University of North Dakota for two years before entering the U.S. Army, which he served for two years. Following his honorable discharge, he attended the University of Montana and graduated in 1967.

He then moved to Petaluma, Calif., and was employed as a corporate

accountant for Del Monte Corp. in San Francisco for 22 years before his retirement. In 1969, he moved to Kalispell.

He is survived by a daughter, Heather Skeem, and a son, Paul Skeem, both of Petaluma, Calif.; two sisters, Janice Haaven of Kalispell and Ramona McEvers of Tualatin, Ore.; and several nieces and nephews.

Private family graveside services and urn burial will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at Conrad Memorial Cemetery with the Rev. Dick Bahnson, pastor of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, officiating.

Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

1992
Charlotta Slack

Charlotta L. Slack, 89, died October 23 in Tucson, AZ, where she had lived the past four years.

She was born April 3, 1903, in Sheridan, MO to Charles and Margaret Lemmon. When she was 10, she moved to McFall, MO and later to Ridgeway, MO.

In 1936 she married George A. Slack and was later divorced.

She is survived by her daughter, Mary Margaret McDaniel in Tucson, AZ; grandsons, Michael Leib of Kalispell and Rick Leib of Tucson; granddaughter Debbie Matsumura of Yucaipa, CA; four great-grandchildren, Kaiser and Schaffer Leib of Kalispell, and Amanda and Emily Matsumura of Yucaipa, CA.

Charlotta received her early education in MO and graduated from State Teachers College in Warrensburg, MO and later Marysville, MO, where she received a BA. She taught for four years before moving to Kalispell in the fall of 1928.

In Kalispell, she continued to teach both in the Flathead rural schools and Kalispell District 5. She retired at 67 and had been teaching at Russell School. She also attended Northern Montana College receiving her BS in 1961.

She was a member of the Christian Science Church and the Mother Church in Boston, Mass. She was a charter member of Delta Kappa Gamma and had been active in many community efforts over the years.

She wishes to express her love to all of those who made living in Kalispell so memorable and her gratitude for the full life she enjoyed in her beloved Flathead and thank everyone who blessed her life. She found great joy in life, and even her "ups and downs" she considered a good experience.

She requested her body be cremated. Memorial services were held Thursday, November 12, in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel. The family suggests memorials be made to the charity of donor's choice. Arrangements were under the direction of the Johnson Mortuary.

Hazel Viola Skillings, 77

Hazel Viola Skillings, 77, died Monday, Aug. 31, 1992, at Community Hospital E.C.F. in Bonners Ferry, Idaho.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. at Bonners Ferry Funeral Home Chapel.

She was born Aug. 13, 1915, in Long Prairie, Minn., to Merlin and Margaret Hamlin. She attended school there.

At the age of 16, she married William Robinson in 1931. He preceded her in death four years later in 1935. On May 23, 1936, she married Henry Laasch; they were later divorced.

In March of 1943, she moved to Shelby, where she worked in area restaurants, and owned and operated restaurants of her own.

In 1945, she married Henry Stelzer. She continued working in restaurants, and after her divorce, she met and married Elbert Skillings in 1951.

In 1962, they moved to Libby, where she owned several restaurants.

They resided in the Libby area until August, 1990, when she moved to Bonners Ferry and into the E.C.F. Wing.

Throughout her life, Hazel spent hours crocheting, reading, enjoying country-western music, and studying her Bible. She will be remembered for her great love for her children and grandchildren.

She is survived by Elbert Skillings of Libby; 12 children, Bill Robinson of Lothair, Mont., Patricia Soaum of Auburn, Wash., Doris Cook of Troy, Conrad (Charlie) Laasch of Bonners Ferry, John Laasch of Bangor, Maine, Virgil Laasch of Cut Bank, Beauty Davis of Bonners Ferry, Jerry Skillings of Libby, Lori DeShazer of Dillon, Cory Snyder of Libby, June Backen of Billings, and Nita McClary of Eureka; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren, including Buddy Skillings, whom Hazel raised.

11 Oct 1992
Mamie Slaughter, 10

Mamie Slaughter, 10, of Eureka, died Sunday at Loma Linda Medical Center, Loma Linda, Calif., while awaiting a kidney transplant.

She is survived by her parents, Charles and Alta Slaughter of Eureka; three brothers, includ-

ing Charles Jr. (Chuck) Slaughter of Eureka; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at First Church of God. Burial will be in Tobacco Valley Cemetery under the direction of Vial Funeral Home.

21 Jan 1992
Ella Mary Kauffman Slater

BIGFORK — Ella Mary Kauffman Slater, 95, a longtime Flathead Valley resident, died of natural causes Tuesday in a Bigfork nursing home.

Services will be 2 p.m. Saturday in the Little Brown Church. Burial will be in Glacier Memorial Gardens. Johnson Mortuary is in charge. Memorials are suggested to the Bigfork Quick Response Unit.

Born on Aug. 17, 1896, in Emporia, Kan., she came to Montana with her family in 1913 to settle at Kalispell. She married John C. Slater on Dec. 30, 1914.

Her husband died in 1966 and a son, John Calvin, died in 1945 while serving in the Army Air Corps during World War II.

Survivors include sons, Les of Bigfork, George of Spokane, Cliff of Haines, Ark., and Roger of Sacramento, Calif.; two daughters, Margaret Stone and Arlene Barnard, both of Missoula; 11 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren. 47.

1992
Laura Slabaugh, 62

Laura May Slabaugh, 62, a former Kalispell teacher, died Jan. 19 in Rocky Ford, Colo.

She is survived by two sisters; one brother; a sister-in-law; two half-sisters; a half-brother; 14 nieces and nephews; and 31 grand nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held at Rocky Ford Mennonite Church on Jan. 23. Laura was buried in Mennonite section of Fairview Cemetery, La Junta, Colo.

Bonnie Smith

Bonnie Smith, 58, died last Friday morning of cancer at her home in Kalispell. *27 Nov 1992*

She was born June 14, 1933 at International Falls, Minn., the daughter of James and Nellie Briggs. She moved to Rathdrum, Idaho, at age 11, and graduated from high school there.

She married Clyde Smith on December 4, 1951 at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and they moved to Montana in 1953.

Bonnie was very involved with her church and family. She enjoyed teaching Sunday School at First Baptist Church, as well as singing in the choir and reading.

Surviving family members are her husband Clyde Smith at the family home; two sons, Rick of Kalispell and Barry of Missoula; two daughters, Wenda Oehmcke of Englewood, Colo; one sister, Dixie Mackaman of Whitefish; two brothers, Reggie Briggs of Olney and Pat Briggs of Petersburg, Alaska; 15 grandchildren, and a number of other relatives.

Funeral services were Monday, March 30 at First Baptist Church, with Rev. Ken Mottram officiating. Interment took place at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

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

1992 Ella Mary Slater, 95

Ella Mary Slater, 95, died Jan. 21 in the Lake View Care Center in Bigfork of natural causes.

She was born Aug. 17, 1896, in Emporia, Kan., the daughter of Daniel and Mary Kauffman.

When she was 4 years old she moved to Iowa County, and in 1913 the family moved to Kalispell.

On Dec. 30, 1914, she was married to John C. Slater and to this union eight children were born.

Preceding her in death were her husband, John, on March 3, 1966; their firstborn son, Harold, who died at birth on June 8, 1919, and their son, John Calvin, who died on May 9, 1945, while serving his country in the Naval Air Force during World War II.

She is now survived by four sons, Les Slater of Bigfork, George Slater of Spokane, Wash., Cliff Slater of Haines, Ark., and Roger Slater of Sacramento, Calif.; two daughters, Margaret Stone and Arlene Barnard, both of Missoula; 11 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Little Brown Church with the Rev. Hal Curtis officiating. Burial will be in Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Friends may call at Johnson Mortuary until 8 p.m. on Friday and from 9 a.m. until noon on Saturday.

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

William Thomas Sloan, 75

William Thomas Sloan, 75, of Whitefish, died at his home Nov. 23, 1992.

Sloan was born Sept. 13, 1917, in Spokane to W.O. and Mable Sloan. He was raised in Great Falls and graduated from high school there in 1935.

He worked for the railroad until joining the Army during World War II. He served as a pilot, flying B-24s in the Army Air Corps. After his discharge, he returned to work for the railroad.

He married Genevieve Ryan in 1935 in Great Falls. The couple lived in various places, including St. Cloud, Minn., Superior, Wisc., and Havre.

Sloan retired after 42 years with

Burlington Northern, as assistant superintendent of the railroad's Montana division.

He was a member of the Moose Club, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Kiwanis.

He was preceded in death by his wife in 1984, and a son, Monte, who was killed in the Vietnam War.

Survivors include sons Dan Sloan, of Missoula, Shannon Sloan, of Virginia Beach, Virginia, and Kevin and Brad Sloan, both of Whitefish; 12 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

No services are planned. Arrangements are by Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish.

Aloha R. Sleizer, 73

1992
Aloha R. Sleizer, 73, died of cancer July 9 at St. John's Lutheran Hospital.

She was a telephone operator for years.

She is survived by her husband, Donald, of Libby; a son, Ben Adams, of Pablo; a sister; two grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at St. John's Lutheran Church. Cremation will follow the services under the direction of Vial Funeral Home.

1992 Clara S. Smith, 81

Clara S. Smith, 81, Columbia Falls, died April 29 at Kalispell Regional Hospital in Kalispell.

She was born Nov. 5, 1910, in Little Rock, Ark.

She was married to Leland R. Smith on Jan. 23, 1929, in Newport, Ark. They lived in various parts of the United States before he retired in 1963. They moved to Martin City where she resided for several years. She later moved to Kalispell and then to Columbia Falls to be near her granddaughter.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Leland in 1971; and a daughter, Joyce Kartheiser in 1969.

She is survived by six grandchild-

dren, Nicholas Kartheiser of Columbia Falls, Mrs. Tom (Kathryn) Freeman of Columbia Falls, Mrs. Kim (Rebecca) Mower of Glendale, Ariz., Mrs. Randy (Kristine) Loveless of Kalispell, Mrs. Michael (Glenna) Thompson of Kalispell, and Mrs. Scott (Michelle) Prichard of Columbia Falls; and numerous great-grandchildren.

A graveside service will be held Friday at St. Richard's Catholic Cemetery in Columbia Falls at 2 p.m. The Rev. Emmett O'Neill of St. Matthew's Catholic Church will officiate.

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

Bodies *12 Feb 1992* recovered in park

GLACIER NATIONAL PARK (AP) — The bodies of an Alberta couple killed in a plane crash in Glacier National Park were recovered Thursday afternoon, a park spokeswoman said.

"Two rangers were flown into the scene of the crash at Logan Pass at mid-morning," said park spokeswoman Amy Vanderbilt.

"The bodies were removed from the scene via helicopter," she said.

Willard Smith, 57, and his wife Marion, 54, were killed Wednesday when their four-passenger plane nosed into deep snow near the Logan Pass visitor center on the Continental Divide.

The visitor center is crowded in summer, but now is inaccessible from the ground because of deep snow.

The couple was on their way from their home in Lamcombe, Alberta, to Kalispell when their plane went down.

Canadian military parachutists who were dropped at the crash site late Wednesday confirmed that both people aboard the plane were dead.

Investigators from the National Transportation Safety Board and the Federal Aviation Administration officials were looking into the crash, she said.

No decision has been made on whether to try to remove the aircraft from the site, where snow is estimated to be 20 feet deep, Vanderbilt said.

The last air fatality in the park occurred in September 1985, also near Logan Pass. That crash took the life of a Canadian pilot and his mother, while the pilot's wife and father survived.

1992 Elias Lane Smith, 10

Elias Lane Smith, 10, of Somers, died July 14 as a result of injuries sustained in a bicycle-automobile accident in Somers.

He was born Oct. 11, 1981, in Kalispell, to Gary and Ella Smith. He attended Somers School and had completed the third grade.

He was a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church in Somers.

Survivors include his parents, Gary and Ella Smith of Somers; two sisters, Emmy Smith and Missy Kapelanczyk, both of Somers; a

nephew, Cole Stinger, of Somers; grandparents, Dorothy and Harold Poole of Tallahassee, Fla., and Arlene Bates of Lily Dale, N.Y.; and numerous aunts, uncles and other relatives.

A Memorial Mass of the Angels will be held at 4 p.m. today at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Somers, with the Rev. Robert Hartman as celebrant.

Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

1992 Gilbert L. 'Gib' Smith IV

Gilbert L. "Gib" Smith IV, infant son of Gilbert and Joanne Smith of Kalispell, died May 7 at Sacred Heart Medical Center in Spokane.

Gib was born March 26 in Kalispell.

He is survived by his parents at the family home; maternal grandparents Frank and Evelyn Ryan of Oak Ridge, N.J.; paternal grand-

mother, Mildred Smith of Houston, Tex.; and great-grandmother, Olga Lamkin of Houston.

Graveside services were held Saturday at Glacier Memorial Gardens with the Rev. Darold Reiner, pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, officiating.

Arrangements are by Weatherford Funeral Home in Kalispell.

Whitefish civic activist dies

1992
Whitney Smith, longtime Whitefish civic leader, died Dec. 21 at Kailua, Kona, Hawaii. He was 87.

Originally from Helena, Smith came to Whitefish in 1945. He helped develop The Big Mountain Ski Resort and Whitefish Lake Golf Course, and he acted as a volunteer weatherman at his home on Whitefish Lake for 25 years.

Smith was former president of First National Bank of Whitefish. He served as chairman of the Whitefish school board and the Whitefish library board and was a member of the county library board and the board of the early John B. Simons Hospital in Whitefish.

The community honored him as King Ullr VIII of the Whitefish Winter Carnival. He was active in the Episcopal church all his adult life.

In recent years, the Smiths maintained a home in Hawaii.

Survivors include his wife of 48 years, Barbara, four daughters and four grandchildren.

Ralph Smith *18 May 1992*
LIBBY — Ralph Smith, 72, died at his home in Libby Monday of natural causes.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Vial Funeral Home Chapel.

He is survived by his wife, Wilma of Libby; four daughters, Marcia Brickly and Linda Uitof, both of Libby, May Fox of St. Mary's, W.Va., and Marjorie Smith of Billings; two sons, William Smith of Great Falls

and David Smith of Libby; 12 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. *MF*

William Lewis Smith

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William Lewis Smith, infant son of Angela and Richard Smith, died at birth in the Kalispell Regional Hospital on Sunday, Oct. 18. He is survived by his parents; one brother, Joshua age 4; one sister, Ariel age 15 months; maternal grandparents, William and Ava Palmer of Whitefish; paternal grandfather and step grandmother, Richard and Barbara Smith of Colorado; paternal grandmother, Connie Haun of Hemet, Calif. Private family memorial services were held. Cremation and arrangements were under the direction of the Johnson Mortuary.

Dan Snyder, 63

Dan Snyder, 63, of Libby, died of heart failure Wednesday at Sacred Heart Medical Center in Spokane. ^{30 Dec 1992}

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy, of Libby; four daughters, including Star Williams of Libby and sons Daniel Raymond and Richard Curtis, both of Libby; brothers Harold, Franklin and Raymond, all of Libby; five sisters, including Lola Sighting, Geneva Lybyer and Lila Eiler-son, of Libby, and many other relatives.

Visitation will be 1-9 p.m. today at the Vial Funeral Home. Services will be 11 a.m., Monday at the Libby Christian Church, with the Rev. Charles Couch officiating. Burial will be at the Libby Cemetery.

¹⁹⁹² Helen Margaret Sonsteli, 82

Helen Margaret Sonsteli, 82, died at her home in Kalispell on Jan. 5 following an extended illness with pneumonia.

She was born April 23, 1909, in Kalispell, a daughter of Elmer and Josephine Sonsteli. She attended the West Side Elementary School and was a graduate of Flathead County High School in the class of 1927.

Next came her career in nursing. Her education was obtained at the Presbyterian Hospital in Chicago, Ill. Her father's illness brought her back to Kalispell, followed by a year in California and then to Spokane during World War II. A short nursing stint at Kaiser Aluminum was followed by 25 years of working and nursing for Dr. Merle Snyder of Cleveland, Wash.



Fred Sorensen

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Former Columbia Falls resident Fred Sorensen died at his Seattle home Oct. 26.

He was born Dec. 21, 1922, in Ladysmith, Wis.

He served in the U.S. Navy. In 1943 he married Esther Ralston. She preceded him in death in 1973.

The couple moved to Montana in 1949. He worked on the Hungry Horse Dam project and later for Anaconda Aluminum Co. and Plum Creek Lumber. He was also self-employed as an accountant and antique dealer.

He married Anita Fornia in 1980, and the couple moved to Seattle, where he resided until his death.

He is survived by his wife, Anita in Seattle; three sisters, Theo Ferch of Rhinelander, Wis., Jean Schrivner of Tony, Wis., and Mrs. Allen (JoAnn) Dickey of Spokane, Wash.; four children, Stuart Sorensen, Columbia Falls, Kathleen Haberstroh, Pendleton, Ore., Sue Ann Ost of Havre, and Fred Sorensen of Alexander Creek, Alaska; three stepsons, Greg, Brian and Philip Fornia of the Seattle area, and 16 grandchildren. ^{HH}

Family graveside services were Oct. 31 in Woodlawn Cemetery, Columbia Falls.

Shelby Snell ¹⁹⁹²

Shelby F. Snell, age 82, died March 3, at his Kalispell home.

Mr. Snell was born Sept. 4, 1909, in Shelbyville, Missouri, the son of Ellwood and Allie Snell. He was raised and educated in Missouri, moving to Lethridge, Alberta area at age 17, where he lived for about four years.

He married Bessie Warwood on Sept. 26, 1933, in Butte. They lived in Bozeman for five years, after which he went into construction work in Great Falls, and Fairbanks, Alaska. He bought his farm in Kalispell area in 1949, and had lived in the Flathead Valley since 1950. He worked at the Anaconda Aluminum Company for 21 years, retiring from there in 1978. He farmed for a few years, and had been completely retired for the past five years.

An outdoorsman, Shelby loved hunting, fishing and gardening. He was devoted to his home and family, and was a member of the Central Christian Church.

Shelby is survived by his wife Bessie, of the family home, one son, Dale and his wife Janet of Mesa, Ariz.; one daughter, Carol Bautista and her husband Ray of Woodinville, Wash.; two grandsons, Ray Bautista Jr. and Michael Shelby Bautista, both of Woodinville; two step-granddaughters, Tonya and Kristi Swisher, both of Mesa; one sister,

Martha Wilcox of Shelbyville; and a number of other relatives. Mr. Snell had been preceded in death by his parents and five brothers.

Services were held Friday, March 6, at the Weatherford Funeral Home, with Rev. Russell Hensley of the Central Christian Church officiating. Interment will take place in Reese Creek Community Cemetery near Bozeman.

Memorials are suggested to the American Heart Association, 435 2nd Street Easdt, Kalispell, MT 59901; or to the Central Christian Church, P.O. Box 955, Kalispell, MT 59903.

1992 Pauline Spivey

Pauline I. Spivey, age 82, a resident of Whitefish, died Sunday morning, March 22, at the Colonial Manor Nursing Home in Whitefish of natural causes.

She was born October 13, 1909 in Chula, Mo., a daughter of Samuel and Hazel Holmes. In 1926, she married Melton Stewart; they were the parents of one daughter and two sons.

In 1944, she married Henry M. Spivey in Los Angeles, Calif., whom she had met while they were both working for Douglas Aircraft. In January of 1985, she moved with her husband to Whitefish to be near her daughter.

She was preceded in death by her husband Henry in January 1989. She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Lawrence and Ralph Irwin, and one granddaughter.

Mrs. Spivey is now survived by one daughter and son-in-law Nancy and Robert Peterson of Whitefish; two sons Irwin Stewart of Los Angeles, Calif. and Robert Stewart of Pendleton, Ore.; 14 grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

Funeral services were Wednesday, March 25 at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish with Rev. Donald Heinrichs, Pastor of Assembly of God Church in Whitehall, Mont. officiating. Burial was in the Sunset Memorial Cemetery in Missoula.

James A. Sorrells

Mr. James A. Sorrells, 69, of Glenwood, Ark., died in the Kalispell Regional Hospital on Wednesday, June 24, 1992.

He was born March 11, 1923, in Glenwood, a son of Lillian and Warren Sorrells. On April 26, 1946 he was married to Gladys Wisener. He was a member of the Glenwood United Methodist Church, and served on the Glenwood City Council and the Glenwood School Board. He was a Mason and a member of the Eastern Star.

Mr. Sorrells was a pilot in World War II and a lieutenant colonel in the Air Force Reserve. He was a devoted husband, father and grandfather.

Laurence H. Staab

Mr. Laurence H. Staab, 85, of Kalispell, died at his home on Saturday morning, July 18, following a brief and painless bout with cancer. He was born Jan. 15, 1907, at Ansley, Neb. to John Ernest and Stella (Miller) Staab. In 1919, he moved to Kalispell, accompanying his Dad in an emigrant car. The family settled in McMannamy Draw and Laurence attended Prospect Park School. He started working at the Old McMannamy mill at the age of 18, and followed mill and logging work for several years. He helped build trails and fight fires in the Bob Marshall and had worked on the construction of Going to the Sun Highway. He married Dorothy Luke in 1935. After several years of road work, he joined the Flathead County Road and Bridge Department where he worked for 12 years. He has served as secretary for the Kalispell Eagles Lodge for 13 years. He was an avid gardener since his retirement. Laurence was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Donald, and three sisters, Julia Lang, Bessie Holloran and Wauneeta Nixon. He is now survived by his wife, Dorothy, at the home in Kalispell; his children, Ruth Julian of Mill Valley, Calif., Faye McLeland of Toledo, Ore., Roger Staab of Loomis, Calif., and Margaret Hubber of Helena; three sisters, Verda Carney and Lela Matheson both of Pasco, Wash. and Velma Walker of Spokane; one brother, Voyle Staab of Kalispell; 12 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Burial was in the Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Survivors include his wife, Gladys of the family home in Arkansas; two daughters, Janna Marie Sullivan and her husband, Michael Sullivan of Kalispell and Mary Jane Herr and her husband, Thomas of Little Rock, Ark., two brothers, Warren E. Sorrells of Eldorado, Ark., and Don A. Sorrells of Newark, Calif.; five sisters, Delma Frappe and Bobby Barrentine of Glenwood, Ark., Mary Jane Shackle of Wheaton, Ill., Billie Jean Arthur of Escondido, Calif., and Joanne Barnes of Alabama; three grandchildren, Thomas Wesley and Megan Nicole Herr of Little Rock and Joseph Vincent Sullivan of Kalispell.

Theresa R. Spilde

Theresa R. Spilde, 80, of Kalispell, died at her home on Monday, November 2, of natural causes. 1992

She was born January 28, 1912 in Velva, N.D. a daughter of Anfin and Barbara Hage. She received her education in Velva, N.D. graduating from the Velva High School.

She attended Minot State Teachers College. She then taught in several country schools for a couple of years until her marriage to C.L. Spilde on March 30, 1935. They lived on the family farm in N.D. until moving to the Flathead Valley in 1959.

She worked as an aid at the Flathead County Home for many years. She was a member of the Calvary Lutheran Church.

In 1985, they went back to their home church, North Prairie Church, north of Velva, N.D. where they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with their many relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers and one sister.

She is survived by her husband, C.L. Spilde of Kalispell; one daughter, Lillian Hammer of Kalispell; two sons, Warren Spilde of Towner, N.D. and Larry Spilde of Omaha, Neb.; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; one brother, Tod Hage of Longview, Wash.; and two sisters, Barbara Krumweide of Salisbury, MD and Cora Gaffke of Williston, N.D.; three sisters-in-law, Anna Lindland of Missoula, Dorothy Hage of Velva, N.D. and Mildred Hage of Longview, Wash.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. on Friday in the Calvary Lutheran Church with Rev. Bob Nilsen officiating. Burial was in the Glacier Memorial Gardens.

The family suggests memorials may be made to the charity of donor's choice. Arrangements were under the direction of the Johnson Mortuary.

1992 Harriett Marie St. James, 66

Harriett Marie St. James, 66, died March 25 in Glendale, Ariz. Harriett was a resident of Surprise, Ariz., and a former resident of Whitefish.

Harriett was born Dec. 24, 1925, in Cray, N.D., the daughter of Oscar and Emma Hagen.

Harriett grew up in the Flathead Valley and on Aug. 24, 1945, she married William St. James in Arlington, Wash. The couple moved to Whitefish in 1951, and then to Surprise in 1987.

Harriett had been an officer in the VFW Auxiliary in Whitefish and an officer in the Whitefish Burlington Northern Credit Union in Whitefish. She was also a member of the Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish.

In the late 1970s, Harriett was instrumental in having the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls remain open.



Harriett is survived by her husband, William St. James at the family home in Surprise; a daughter, Marla J. Ungaro in Redmond, Wash.; two brothers, Everett Hagen in Surprise, and Curtiss Hagen in Benton City, Wash., and four grandchildren, Dino, Alicia, Michael and Marcus.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Pamela Ann St. James.

Cryptside funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Glacier Memorial Gardens Mausoleum in Kalispell with Dr. David V. Kauffman officiating. Following the services there will be a reception at the Whitefish Moose Lodge.

Austin Funeral Home is in charge of local arrangements.

The family has suggested that memorials be sent to Hospice of the Valley, 2601 E. Thomas Road No. 100, Phoenix, Ariz. 85016, or to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, 2345 E. Thomas Road, Suite 420, Phoenix, Ariz. 85016.

Elizabeth Evans Stadler, 79

Elizabeth Evans Stadler, 79, died at her home on Whitefish Lake, Tuesday, Nov. 3, 1992, after a long illness with cancer.

She was born in Butte on May 2, 1912, to Martha Nichols and Lewis Orvis Evans. Although much of her life was centered in Butte, "Kootenai" the Kelly-Evans estate on Swan Lake was her home for 43 summers.

She attended local Butte grade schools and prep school at Bennett in Milbrook, N.Y., and the Miss Spence School in New York City. She attended college at the University of Montana, where she was a member of the Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority.

In 1941, she married Louis Stewart Stadler and lived in Butte until 1974, when they retired and came to Whitefish.

Elizabeth spent her life in service to

her family, community and church.

Survivors include Jim and Susan Masar and grandchildren, John and Daniel in Missoula; Stewart Stadler in Whitefish; Peggy Stadler and grandchildren, Evan and Sarah in Kalispell; Phil and Sunny Ralston and grandchildren, Alex and Elizabeth in Wise River; and Martha Stadler in Whitefish.

Memorial services will be held at Holy Nativity Episcopal Church in Whitefish at 1:30 p.m. Friday. Memorial services will also be held at St. John's Episcopal Church in Butte at 11 a.m. Saturday.

Arrangements are under the direction of Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish.

The family suggests that memorials be made to Holy Nativity Church in Whitefish or to North Valley Hospital.

Marvin Steele Jr., 43

Marvin L. Steele Jr., 43, Fortine, died April 15 at Brendan House in Kalispell of cancer. Mr. Steele had owned and operated Steele's Paint & Body in Fortine.

He is survived by his wife, Judy of Fortine; three children, including Melissa Steele and Nathan Steele, both of Fortine; his parents; two sisters; his grandmother; and one grandson.

Friends may call Friday from 1-9 p.m. at Vial Funeral Home in Eureka.

Services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. at Fortine Community Church. Burial will be in Fortine Cemetery.

Alice O. Sterling

Alice O. Sterling, age 80, of Kalispell, died on Saturday, June 27, at the Kalispell Regional Hospital. *1992*

She was born February 27, 1912 in Billings, the oldest child of Opal and M.J. Lamb. She graduated from Rocky Mountain Polytechnic.

She began teaching in Joliet, Mont. in 1945, and continued her teaching career in Polson, Billings and Kalispell until she retired in 1964.

She married Les Sterling in 1959 and moved from Kalispell to Flathead Lake in 1962. Les preceded her in death in October, 1988.

Alice was a member of P.E.O., Daughters of the American Revolution, and Alpha Chi Omega.

Survivors include her two daughters, Louise Walker of Seattle, Wash., and Kathleen Robertson of Howell, Mich.; one son, Michael Calder of Vashon, Wash., two brothers, Carl Lamb of Seattle and Richard Lamb of Billings; eight grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services were held Tuesday, June 30, in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel.

Elizabeth St. Marie

BIGFORK — Elizabeth "Betty" St.

13 Sept 1992
Marie, 85, of Bigfork, who was a registered nurse for many years, died at home Sunday of natural causes.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Bigfork Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to St. Catherine's Catholic Church in Bigfork or Flathead Hospice in Kalispell. Weatherford and Bigfork funeral homes are in charge.

She was born Aug. 27, 1907, in Hampton, N.H., where she was raised and graduated from high school, later earned her degree as a registered nurse. She worked for many years as a nurse in various hospitals in the East.

In 1938 she married Timothy McGrath in New York, and he died in 1973. In 1977 she married Theodore St. Marie in Punta Gorda, Fla. He died in 1980 and she came to Bigfork to live with a niece.

She is survived by her sister, Arlene Odiorne of Bigfork; a stepson, Harold St. Marie of Pacida, Fla.; a stepdaughter, Katherine Chalmers in Michigan; and two nieces, Shirley McRae of Hampton, N.H., and Charlotte Menkens of Bigfork. *MF*

1997 LeRoy R. Stevens, 51

LeRoy R. Stevens, 51, Whitefish, died April 11 at his home in Whitefish of natural causes.

LeRoy was born Sept. 2, 1940, in Whitefish, a son of Bert and Leona Stevens.

He was raised and received his education in Whitefish. He was a member of the Montana National Guard in his younger years.

LeRoy had lived all of his life in the Flathead Valley and as a young man started working in the area mills and also worked in the Water Department for the City of Whitefish for 10 years. He had been retired since the early 1980s due to ill health.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping and spending time with his grandchildren.

He was married to Judy Kelsey on Sept. 26, 1960, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and is now survived by her at their home in Whitefish.

He is also survived by two daughters,

Teresa Fleming and Melissa Stevens, both of Whitefish; one brother, Garland Stevens of Kalispell; two sisters, Bernice Clark of Whitefish and Helen Aurand of Kalispell; three grandchildren, Cody, Ashley and Kirk Fleming of Whitefish; several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and many good friends. He also leaves behind three former foster children, Amanda, Russell and Robert, whom he loved dearly.

LeRoy was preceded in death by one son, Jack; his parents, and both maternal and paternal grandparents.

Funeral services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. at the Austin Funeral Home with Dr. David V. Kauffman of Whitefish Christian Church officiating. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery in Columbia Falls under the direction of Austin Funeral Home of Whitefish.

Olga Ruth Stuebe

Olga Ruth Stuebe, 83, formerly of Bigfork, died on Monday, July 20, of natural causes, in the Heritage House in Kalispell where she had lived for the past year and a half. She was born Dec. 8, 1908, in a sod house in eastern Montana near Homestead to S.K. and Gertrude Bolstad. She was one of 13 children. She graduated from teachers college at Dillon, Mont. and taught school on an Indian Reservation south of Chinook, where she met and married George Stuebe in 1936. They moved to Bigfork in 1941 and they lived on the Kelly & Evans estate for several years.

George preceded her in death on Nov. 19, 1991. She was also preceded in death by her parents and several brothers and sisters. Survivors include her son, George Stanley Stuebe of Kalispell; two daughters, Gloria McDonald of Columbia Falls and Eileen Kis of Kalispell; seven grandchildren, Monika, Angela and Mike Schulze, Lee, Mark and Joey McDonald, and Lynn Stone; two great-grandchildren, Laurie and Iain Stone; one brother, Dave Bolstad of Bigfork; four sisters, Lydia Reinertson, Clara Young and Hazel Lessor all of California and Cleone Tang of Minnesota; and over forty nieces and nephews. Many of her relatives visited last month when they were in the Flathead for the Bolstad family reunion.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. on Thursday in the Trinity Lutheran Church with Rev. Darold Reiner officiating. Burial was in the Glacier Memorial Gardens. The family suggests memorials may be made to Trinity Mission Memorial Fund, 400 W. California St., Kalispell, MT 59901. Arrangements were under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

Roy 'Bud' Stewart, 84

Roy "Bud" Stewart, 84, of Kalispell, died at his home on Saturday, Dec. 26, 1992.

He was born April 5, 1908, in Gales Creek, Ore., the fourth of nine children of Thomas and Olive Stewart.

Bud was a decorated World War II veteran who fought in the Pacific campaign. Following his discharge from the Army, he returned to Montana where he spent most of his life working in the woods. He worked for Meyers Logging for many years.

He was an avid hunter and fisherman. He was also quite an athlete. He played baseball in the coastal league and also played football in a semi-pro league.



Bud had recently become an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Frances, in 1989, two brothers and two sisters.

Survivors include four sisters, Freida Bailey of Seattle, Blanche Flury of San Diego, Calif., Lola Frost of South Bend, Ore., and Leona Mace of Benton, Pa.; and three step daughters, Frances Wilke of Whitefish, Amber Meyers and Jennifer Petry, both of Kalispell.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints with the Bishop Don Garner officiating. Burial will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Friends may call at Johnson Mortuary for visitation until 6 p.m. today and at the church from 9-10 a.m. on Wednesday.

1992 Frank J. Stinger

Frank J. Stinger, age 83, a resident of Whitefish, passed away Tuesday, Sept. 8, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls. Frank was born Dec. 29, 1908 in Missoula, a son of Solomon and Agnes Stinger.

He was raised in the Flathead Valley and completed his education in Ronan. Prior to World War II, he farmed near Whitefish. During W.W. II he served in the U.S. Army, and was disabled during his service. After receiving his discharge he was employed with the Bureau of Reclamation, where he worked on Hungry Horse Dam, later in Palisades, Idaho. He retired from the Bureau in 1970 and moved back to Whitefish to live. Since June of the year he has resided at the Montana Veteran Home in Columbia Falls.

Frank was married to Ellen Kates on Oct. 11, 1942 in Whitefish and she passed away Oct. 15, 1987.

Surviving members of the family are one daughter, Nada Hall of San Francisco, Calif.; one son, Neil Stinger of Fairbanks, Alaska; one grandchild; two brothers, Albert of Bigfork, and Edward of Milton Freewater, Ore.; four sisters, Emily, Josphine, Mary all of Spokane, and Delores of Anaconda, and a number of other relatives.

Graveside rites were Thursday, Sept. 10, at 1 p.m. at the Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery of Kalispell. Austin Funeral Home of Whitefish was in charge of arrangements.

1992 Olga Ruth Stuebe, 83

Olga Ruth Stuebe, 83, formerly of Bigfork, died July 20 at Heritage Place in Kalispell, where she had lived for the past year and a half.

She was born Dec. 8, 1908, in a sod house in eastern Montana near Homestead, to S.K. and Gertrude Bolstad. She was one of 13 children.

She graduated from Teachers College in Dillon and taught school on an Indian reservation south of Chinook, where she met and married George Stuebe in 1936. They moved to Bigfork in 1941, and they lived on the Kelly and Evans estate for several years. George preceded her in death on Nov. 19, 1991.

She was also preceded in death by several brothers and sisters.

Survivors include her son, George Stanley Stuebe of Kalispell; two daughters, Gloria McDonald of Columbia Falls and Eileen Kis of Kalispell; seven grandchildren,

Monika, Angela and Mike Schulze, Lee, Mark and Joey McDonald, and Lynn Stone; two great-grandchildren, Laurie and Iain Stone; a brother, Dave Bolstad, of Bigfork; four sisters, Lydia Reinertson, Clara Young and Hazel Lessor, all of California, and Cleone Tang of Minnesota; and more than 40 nieces and nephews.

Many of her relatives visited last month when they were in the Flathead for the Bolstad family reunion.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday in Trinity Lutheran Church, with the Rev. Darold Reiner officiating. Burial will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

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

The family suggests memorials may be made to Trinity Mission Memorial Fund, 400 West California Street, Kalispell.

1992 Henry John Stupack, 68

Henry John Stupack, 68, of Whitefish, died at Kalispell Regional Hospital on June 21.

He was born Aug. 7, 1923, in New Britain, Conn., to John and Teophilla Stupack. He received his education in New Britain.

He served in World War II as an Army corporal. He served as a Tech 5 for the 36th Reinforcement Battalion and the 3617th Quartermaster Truck Co. He received bronze service stars for his service in the battles in Normandy, North France, Rhineland, Central Europe and Ardennes.

In 1948, he married his wife, Joan, in New Britain.

He worked as a precision tool grinder for the Drill-Rite Tool Co. in Southington, Conn., before owning his own business, H & A Tool Co. in Plainville, Conn. He sold the business to Delto Tool and continued to manage the company until 1982.

In 1983, he retired and moved to Whitefish to be close to his children and grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, David; a sister, Adell, and a brother, Alfred.

Survivors include his wife, Joan, of the family home in Whitefish; a daughter, Joyce Stilwell and her husband, Russell, of Kalispell; a son,

James Stupack and his wife, Carol, of Kalispell; a sister, Sophie Salamon of Orlando, Fla., and two brothers, Ray Stupack of Litchfield, Conn. and Edward Stupack of Port Orange, Fla.; three grandsons, Adam Stilwell of Kalispell, and Dalton and Chance Stupack of Kalispell.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel, with the Rev. Ron Pierce of Swan Chapel officiating. Burial will be in Glacier Memorial Gardens with military honors conducted by the local veterans organization.

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

Vern Strandberg, 63

Vern Strandberg, 63, died at his home in Kalispell on Thursday, Dec. 3, 1992, following a 10-year bout with cancer.

He was born Oct. 16, 1929, in Ambrose, N.D., to Ed and Edith Strandberg. He was a graduate of the Crosby, N.D. high school in 1947.

On May 25, 1951, he entered the U.S. Army, serving as senior medic during the Korean Conflict until his honorable discharge on Feb. 2, 1953. He was a recipient of the Purple Heart.

Following his discharge from the armed services, he was involved in the trucking business for most of his life. He was a well-known businessman in the Kalispell area since 1968.



He was a member of the Kalispell Moose Lodge, the Eagles Lodge and the V.F.W.

He was preceded in death by his father and two sons, Mark Anthony and Kevin Lee Strandberg.

On March 20, 1954, he married Darlene Goebel in Sidney and is now survived by her at the family home. He is also survived by five sons, Bruce, David and Michael Strandberg, all of Kalispell, Craig Strandberg of Florence and Anthony Strandberg of Redmond, Wash.; a daughter, Dee Ann Strandberg, of Kalispell; his mother, Edith Rasmusan, of Kalispell; and a sister, Norma Long, of Kalispell.

Memorial services will be held today at 4 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Tim Stracener of New Covenant Fellowship officiating.

1992 Allen Strong, 84

Allen Strong, 84, died at his home in Bigfork on June 6 of natural causes.

He was born May 4, 1908, in Akron, Ind., to Franz and Emma Strong. He was the youngest of their 10 children. He was raised and educated in Elkhart, Ind.

On Dec. 24, 1932, he married Irma Singleton of Albion, Ind.

A skilled machinist, Allen worked for Elkhart Rubber Works; Ball Band in Mishawaka, Ind.; a machine shop in Kendallville, Ind.; and Bowser's Pump and Tokiem Pump, both in Fort Wayne, Ind. He retired in Bigfork in 1977 and built their house on McCaffery Road.

He was a fisherman, and spent many happy hours fishing.

Allen is survived by his wife, Irma, at the family home; six children, Venise Rosenberry of Havre, John Strong of Cincinnati, Ohio, Arthur Strong of Indianapolis, Ind., Paul Strong of Bigfork, Joy Grate of Kalispell, and Bill Strong of Billings; 13 grandchildren, including Wendy Blevins, Judy Weed, and Tad Rosenberry, all three of Columbia Falls, Jeanne Rosenberry of Kent, Wash., and Janet Maricle of Bellingham, Wash.; four step-grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; two nieces and four nephews.

Memorial services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at Canyon Commu-

nity Church in Coram, with the Rev. Tod Fox officiating. Urn burial will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls. Services also took place Monday at First Presbyterian Church in Albion.

Arrangements are by Bigfork Funeral Home.

George H. Strom

Mr. George H. Strom, 88, of Kalispell, died in the North Valley Hospital on Tuesday, November 24, of natural causes. 1992

He was born September 10, 1904, in Benson, Minn., a son of Carl and Ragnilde Strom. The family moved to Tioga, N.D., in 1907 where they farmed until moving to Montana in 1924.

George worked at the Bison Range in Moiese, where he met and married Mildred Holmquist at Polson on October 12, 1929. They moved to Somers, MT where he worked for the Somers Lumber Company until 1943 when they moved to Whitefish. He worked for the Great Northern Railroad retiring as a locomotive engineer in 1968.

George belonged to the Fiddlers and Northwest Accordion Associations. He really enjoyed music.

He was preceded in death by five brothers and one sister.

Survivors include two brothers, Edwin Strom of Newport, Ore. and Thomas Strom of Spokane, WA; one sister, Myrtle Wittenmeyer of Port Orchard, WA; several nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Gary Gilthvedt of Bethlehem Lutheran Church officiating. Burial was in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of the Johnson Mortuary.

Arthur Swenson 27 April 1992

COLUMBIA FALLS — Arthur Swenson, 70, who worked in the logging industry, died Monday at the North Valley Hospital of cancer.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at the First Baptist church in Whitefish. Burial will follow with military honors at the Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Kalispell.

He was born Oct. 4, 1921 in Devils Lake, N.D. He served with the Army.

Married Ardythe Fultz in 1956 in Choteau.

Swenson worked for the Anaconda smelter in Great Falls until 1968 when they moved to the Flathead Valley. He then was employed by Canyon Logging Co. until 1971, and then worked for the Stoltze Land and Lumber Co. until his retirement in 1986.

Surviving are his wife in Columbia Falls, three daughters, Randa Speer of Whitefish, Christie Prichard and Kim Cheff both of Columbia Falls; four brothers, Oliver Swenson, Clearbrook, Minn., Stanley Swenson, Hungry Horse, Early Engebretson, Walla Walls, and Leonard Engebretson of Bagley, Minn.; three sisters, Belvia Johnson of Bagley, Sylvia Anderson in Leonard, Minn., and Gladys Loftus in Fairbanks and 12 grandchildren. *NA*

Lerral Styler, 28

1992 Zachary Styler, 4

Lerral Styler, 28, and Zachary Styler, 4, Columbia Falls, died Feb. 19 following an automobile accident in Columbia Falls.

Lerral was born Dec. 8, 1963, in Missoula to Karene and Charles Forman. She was raised in Hungry Horse and graduated from Columbia Falls High School in 1982. She was active in school as the manager of the girls basketball team, was a member of the National Honor Society, and a member of the Sonifers, a select jazz choir.

Lerral had worked at Hungry Horse Dam with the Bureau of Reclamation since 1980.

On Sept. 22, 1984, she married Richard "Rick" Styler in Columbia Falls, where the couple made their home and raised two sons, Zachary, 4, and Austin, 2.

Zachary will be remembered for his sweet loving spirit, the love and attention that he gave his brother, and for his Ninja Turtle collection.

Lerral and Zachary loved being in the outdoors with their family, hunting and water skiing. They attended the United Methodist Church of Columbia Falls. Lerral

will be missed as a loving wife, mother, daughter and friend.

Survivors include Richard and Austin Styler of Columbia Falls; her three sisters, Leisha Forman and Lacey Forman of Hungry Horse and Libbi and Mark Erickson and their son Max, all of Germantown, Md.; Lerral's parents, Karene and Tracy Manus of Hungry Horse; her father, Charles Forman of San Pablo, Calif.; grandparents, Wayne and Melva Snyder of Ronan, and Luella Forman of Polson; Zachary's grandparents, Joyce and Jim Siems of Williams, Minn.; great-grandmother, Florence Evenson of Williams, Minn.; aunt and uncle, Susie and Phillip Eisenzimer and their daughter, Stephanie of Woods Bay; and numerous other relatives.

Funeral services were Monday at United Methodist Church in Columbia Falls with the Rev. Howard Hunter officiating. Burial followed at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

The family suggests memorial contributions to the Austin Styler Education Fund at any Whitefish Credit Union office.

9 April 1992 Emma Isabelle Sundelius, 87

Emma Isabelle Sundelius, 87, of Kalispell, died at Brendan House Thursday morning.

She was born Nov. 16, 1904, in Kalispell, to Adolphus and Christina Tetrault. She received her early education in Kalispell and Eureka, and was a graduate of Flathead County High School in 1924.

She then worked at Kossoff's and the Kalispell Mercantile for several years.

On Aug. 29, 1929, she married Dr. Victor W. Sundelius in Kalispell. Following the death of her husband on Feb. 20, 1949, she was employed as a bookkeeper with Mountain States Power Co. (which later became Pacific Power Co.) until her retirement.

She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church and was the member with the longest membership at the time of her death.



She was active in women's organizations of the church and belonged to the Tuesday Club. She also enjoyed china painting.

On Sept. 15, 1970, she married Revo Schneider and, following his death on Nov. 10, 1986, returned to her former name of Sundelius.

She is survived by a son, Walter Sundelius of Kalispell; two daughters, Emma Jane Wutke and Florine Ficken, both of Kalispell; a sister, Rena Kanaley of Somers; 15 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be Monday at 2 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church with the Rev. Darold Reiner officiating.

Burial will be at Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Friends may call at Johnson Mortuary from 1-4 p.m. for visitation today.

The family suggests memorials be made to Mission Memorial Fund, care of Trinity Lutheran Church, 400 West California Street, Kalispell, 59901.

1992 M. Adolph Svalstad, 86

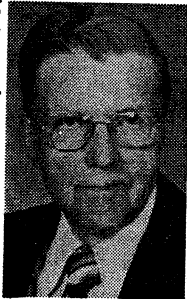
M. Adolph Svalstad, 86, Kalispell, died in the Brendan House Feb. 27.

He was born Oct. 19, 1905, in Robert County, S.D., a son of Anders and Johanna Svalstad. He received his education in South Dakota, having graduated from high school in Sisseton, S.D. He then attended the Northern State Teachers College in Aberdeen, S.D., and the University of Minnesota.

He had taught school in South Dakota for 17 years and had also farmed for about 16 years. In 1958, he became a social worker at Vermillion, S.D., where he worked until retiring in 1971. In 1983, he moved to Kalispell where he has since resided.

He had been active in the Lions organization in South Dakota and had always been active in church and community affairs. He had been active in organizing Sunday School classes in South Dakota.

He was an avid gardener, especially flower gardening, and enjoyed doing woodworking. He enjoyed classical



music and singing and playing several instruments. Since coming to Kalispell, he was a member of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church and the Sons of Norway.

He was preceded in death by two brothers and two sisters.

On May 10, 1933, he was married to Cassie Grimsrud in Aberdeen, S.D., and is now survived by her at the family home. He is also survived by two sons, Carmen Svalstad and his wife, Barb, of Stillwater, Minn., and Curtis Svalstad and his wife, Linda, of Des Moines, Iowa; one daughter, Theora Mumm and her husband, George, of Kalispell; three brothers, Joe Svalstad of Aberdeen, S.D., Palmer Svalstad of San Diego, Calif., and Alvin Svalstad of Helena; five grandchildren, Torri and Ty Mumm of Kalispell, Christie Svalstad of Stillwater, Minn., and Eric Svalstad of Des Moines, Iowa; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday in the Bethlehem Lutheran Church with the Rev. Gary Gilthvedt officiating. Burial will be on the Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Friends may call at the Johnson Mortuary from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. Sunday for visitation.

Mary Sward, 85

Mary Sward, 85, of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, died Sunday, Nov. 22, 1992, at home.

She was born Oct. 10, 1907, in Pittsburgh, Pa., to Nicholas Haburchak and Helen Yale.

She moved to Montana in 1911, near Big Sandy, where her father homesteaded. She graduated from Big Sandy High School in 1929 and attended Normal School in Havre. She received her bachelor's degree from Montana State University in elementary education.

She taught in Montana schools in Deer Lodge, Hingham, Whitefish, and Kalispell. She retired in 1973, having taught at Central Junior High School in Kalispell since 1950.

She was married to Ralph Boyd

in 1932, and they later divorced. She then married Art Sward in Whitefish in June, 1949. They resided in Kalispell until Art's death in 1989.

She moved to Coeur d'Alene 2 1/2 years ago, staying with her daughter.

She was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Kalispell, Daughters of the Nile, Montana Education Association, American Association of University Woman, Sons of Norway, and was a past member of the Kalispell Lions and Elks Clubs.

Surviving family members include her stepson, Elwyn A. Sward of Kalispell; her daughters, Dorothy Boyd Foss and Marjorie Boyd Wilson, both of Coeur d'Alene; four brothers, Nicholas Haburchak of Cut

Bank, John Haburchak of Seattle, Wash., Victor Haburchak of Nyssa, Ore., and Alex Haburchak of Great Falls; 11 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Olga Haburchak; and her husband, Art.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. at English Funeral Home Chapel in Coeur d'Alene with the Rev. Richard Hermstad officiating. Burial will be Friday at 1 p.m. at Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell with the Rev. Gary Gilthvedt officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of North Idaho West, 280 Prairie Avenue, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83814.

1992 Helen Grace Sundby, 87

Helen Grace Sundby, 87, a former Kalispell resident, died in Deer Park, Wash., on April 20 of natural causes.

She was born Sept. 17, 1904, in Cobourg, Ontario. She graduated from Shelby High School in Shelby and then graduated from Dillon Normal School.

She was an elementary school teacher in rural schools in Toole County.

On June 30, 1932, she married Oliver Noren Sundby in Great Falls. In 1945, the couple moved to Kalispell where she assisted her husband in the family owned grocery store.

Mrs. Sundby was a member of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church where she was a longtime Sunday school teacher. She was currently a member of the Faith Lutheran Church in Deer Park.

She enjoyed family camping, flower gardening, and her handwork including crocheting and tatting.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Oliver in 1975.

Survivors include one son, Melvin Sundby of Tacoma, Wash.; two daughters, Lona Dyer of Deer Park and Helen Evans of Missoula; a sister, Anna Berthelote of Sunburst; two brothers, Clarence Morley of Sunburst and William Morley of Granton, Wis.; nine grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews; and her two very close friends, Elizabeth and Jim Barstad of Whispering Pines, Wash.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday in Bethlehem Lutheran Church with the Rev. Gary Gilthvedt officiating. Burial will be in Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

1992 Marian Dunlap Swenson, 77

Marian Dunlap Swenson, 77, Kalispell, died in Kalispell Regional Hospital on Feb. 11 of natural causes.

She was born July 8, 1914, in Havre, a daughter of William and Eva Dunlap. She moved to Kalispell when she was a young child and received her education in Kalispell graduating from Flathead High School in 1932.

On Feb. 12, 1940, she married Stuart Swenson in Tucson, Ariz. They owned and operated the Sportsman Restaurant in Kalispell for many years.

Mary was an avid gardener with a "green thumb." She loved to bake and was well known by her family and friends for her pies and cinnamon rolls. She belonged to St. Matthew's Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Stuart, and three brothers, Lawrence, Pat and Art Dunlap.

Survivors include her daughter, Marli Davis and her

husband, Rick, of Kalispell; two sons, Dick Swenson and his wife, Rita, of Idaho Falls, Idaho, and Robert Swenson and his friend, Theresa Conrad, both of Denver, Colo.; two sisters-in-law, Wilma Peterson and Ruth Swenson, both of Kalispell; six grandchildren, Manda and Lindsay Davis of Kalispell, Eric and Ty Swenson of Idaho Falls, and Tracey Robichaux and Kelly Powell, both of Beaumont, Texas; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Christian prayer service will be held at 7 p.m. today in Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Mass of the Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday in St. Matthew's Catholic Church with the Rev. Michael O'Neill as celebrant.

Friends and family may call at Johnson Mortuary for visitation until 7 p.m. today.

The family suggests memorials be made to American Cancer Society, Box 1002, Kalispell.

Waneta Switzer, 89

1992
Waneta Switzer, 89, a longtime resident of Libby, died of natural causes June 1 at St. John Lutheran Hospital.

She is survived by two daughters; three sons, including Don Switzer and Bruce Switzer, both of Libby; two sisters and a brother; 13 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 1-9 p.m. Thursday at Vial Funeral Home. Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at Vial Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will be at the City of Libby Cemetery.