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Roy F. Babcock, 84

Roy F. Babcock, 84, died Saturday morning, Sept. 4, 1993, at his home in Columbia Falls.

He was born June 26, 1909, in Mattoon, Wis., to Roy F. and Ora Babcock. He was educated in Mattoon and Neenah, Wis. He graduated from Neenah High School, and from Lawrence College in Appleton, Wis., in 1933.

He married Isabel Schilling on Dec. 4, 1934, in Crown Point, Ind. They lived in Neenah, Green Bay and later to Iola, Wis., where they owned a Gambles store. They moved to Columbia Falls in 1962 when they purchased the Cedar Lodge in Columbia Falls.

Roy was active in the Masonic Lodge and the Order of the Eastern Star in Wisconsin and Montana for more than 50 years. He was a 32nd degree Mason, a member and past master of the Columbia Falls Masonic Lodge No. 89, a past patron of the Estelle Pomeroy Chapter No. 68 of the Order of the Eastern Star. He was active in the Scottish and York Rite bodies, a Shriner, and a member of the commandery. He was active in the Girl Scouts and the YMCA in Wisconsin. He was a member of the

United Methodist Church in Wisconsin and Columbia Falls.

Roy enjoyed hunting, fishing, golfing and trapshooting.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister; his wife Isabel; his wife Alma; and a son-in-law, Mike Perrine.

He is survived by five children, Theda McLaren of Neenah, John Babcock of Kalispell, Bert Babcock of Denmark, Wis., Susan Perrine of Columbia Falls and Helen Ware of Butte; seven grandchildren; a sister-in-law; and three nieces and a nephew.

A service will be held today at 2 p.m. at United Methodist Church in Columbia Falls with the Rev. Roy Davis officiating. Masonic and Eastern Star rites will be conducted by Mason Lodge No. 89 and Estelle Pomeroy Chapter No. 68, Order of the Eastern Star members.

A memorial service will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at the United Methodist Church in Neenah. Interment of the remains will be in Oak Hill Cemetery in Neenah.

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

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BAKER, EUNICE, O., 74, Kalispell, died Dec. 12, 1993. Memorial services at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home on Friday at 3:30 p.m.



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Wallace 'Wally' Barce, 81

Wallace "Wally" Barce, 81, of Kalispell, died at Immanuel Lutheran Home on Tuesday, June 1, 1993.

He was born May 17, 1912, in Bellevue, Idaho, to George and Edna Barce. His father owned Barce's Livery Stable, where they boarded and cared for thoroughbred horses.

When Wally was 8 years old, he moved with his family to Fairfield. He attended Choteau schools and graduated from Simms High School.

On June 28, 1935, he married Edythe Larson in Great Falls. They lived in the area until they moved to Tacoma, Wash., in the early 40s. He worked as a carpenter in the Tacoma shipyards.

They moved to Rollins in 1946, living between Rollins and Kalispell until they moved permanently to Kalispell in 1991 after selling their lake home.

Wally worked for many years in the Flathead as a carpenter and was

actively involved in the Carpenters Union 911. He loved to fish, hunt, camp, and do anything that was outdoors. Edythe shared his enthusiasm for those interests.

He was preceded in death by two brothers.

Survivors include his wife Edythe, at the family home; two sons, George Barce and his wife, Jan, of Pablo and Warren Barce of Havre; a daughter, Judi Filler, of Kalispell; four grandchildren, Tammy Filler of Kalispell, Rob Barce and his wife, Angel, of Kalispell, Brett Barce of Kalispell, and Tina Filler of Kansas City, Mo.; four great-grandchildren, Colby, Nick, Anthony, and Austin; and a brother and a sister.

Memorial services will be Monday at 2 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Peter Ramseth of Immanuel Lutheran Home officiating. Burial of the urn will be at Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Friends will gather at the home of Judi Filler after services.

The family suggests memorial may be made to the Bratsburg section of Immanuel Lutheran Home.



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Susan Carol Barfoot, 46

Susan Carol Barfoot, 46, Kalispell, died Monday, June 21, 1993, after a valiant fight with cancer.

Susan was born Dec. 16, 1946, in Kalispell. She lived in the Kalispell area her entire life. She was a graduate of Flathead County High School.

She married Ed (Edward D.) Barfoot Jr. in 1964. They had two sons, Eddie (Edward D.) Barfoot III and Shane Barfoot.

Susan was employed at Kalispell Regional Hospital at the time of her death. Prior to working at the hospital, Susan was employed at Grumpas Eatin Barn for many years. Her co-worker and past customers will remember her smile and cheerful attitude.

She loved the outdoors. Her favorite place was her grandparents beach on Flathead Lake.

A call was never heard from

Susan. She was always cheerful and spent time in her last days comforting her loved ones.

Survivors include her husband, Ed; two sons, Eddie and Shane; her parents, Virgil and Carol Weaver; two sisters, Linda Johnson of Kalispell and Peggy Kayser of Bozeman; one brother, Rick Weaver of Pocatello, Idaho; one granddaughter, Elizabeth Barfoot; and numerous nieces, nephews, aunts and cousins. She will be missed by all.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. at Kalispell Christian Church, 1075 Foy's Lake Road. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

The family suggests memorial contributions to Sister Brenden Fund, 310 Sunnyview Lane, Kalispell.

Arrangements are by Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

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Lulu Barnard, 93

Lulu Barnard, 93, of Kalispell, died at Brendan House on Tuesday, Nov. 23, 1993.

She was born April 27, 1900, in Battle Ground, Ind., to James and Anna Barnard. In 1933, she graduated from the Eastern Montana Normal School. She also attended the University of California and Eastern College in Billings.

She taught school in North Dakota from 1919-1923, and then in Montana from 1923-1941. In 1944, she was appointed county superintendent of schools.

She served as past president of Lambda Chapter D.K.G., past president of the Montana School Board Association, as chairman of the Flathead Chapter Junior Red Cross, and on Community Chest, Business and Professional Women, and many other organizations.

She is survived by numerous nieces and nephews, including Robert Fuller of Elko, Nev., and many friends.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Greg Neer of the Church of the Nazarene officiating.

Burial will be at Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Friends may call at Johnson Mortuary from 1-4 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. until noon Monday.

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11 Aug John William Bargy, 69 1993

John William Bargy, 69, of Mounds View, Minn., died at Kalispell Regional Hospital Wednesday.

He is survived by his wife; three children; a brother; and a sister, Maxine Kidwell, of Bigfork; an

aunt, Sophronia Johnson, of Kalispell; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services will be held in Mounds View. Local arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.

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Raymond Leo Barnes, 64

Raymond Leo Barnes, 64, a long-time Columbia Falls area resident, died Tuesday, Jan. 5, 1993, at North Valley Hospital, following a long illness with cancer.

He was born Nov. 4, 1928, in Columbia Falls and had lived in the northern Flathead Valley all of his life.

Raymond worked at various jobs in the area, including the Northwest Mill while he was in high school, then the Half Moon Mill. He worked on Hungry Horse Dam and farmed on the homestead that he was raised on. He worked for Pacific Power and Light for more than 40 years and retired in 1982 as a line foreman.

Raymond married Joanna Mae Howke on Feb. 24, 1961, in Kalispell and they have been together for 41 years.

Raymond enjoyed the outdoors, was a sports fan, and found great joy in his children and grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Eugene; sisters, Rita and Vivian; a son, Mickie; and a

granddaughter, Erica.

He is survived by his wife, Joanna, at the family home; four daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Robert (Dianna) Widhalm and their five children in Valier; Mr. and Mrs. Rick (Connie) Cady and their two children in Columbia Falls; Mr. and Mrs. Tim (Lana) Bissell and their three children in Columbia Falls; and Mr. and Mrs. Robert (Linda) Paul and their two children in Cut Bank; a brother, Loren Barnes in Whitefish; two sisters, Ilene Baertsch in Polson and Shirley Lamb in Anchorage, Alaska; and by many nieces, nephews and friends.

Visitation will be from 1-8 p.m. today at Austin Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the funeral chapel with the Rev. Marvin Northcutt officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Kalispell.

The family has suggested that memorials can be made to the Bulldog Booster Club in Whitefish.

Alroy C. Barry, 73

Alroy C. Barry, 73, of Kalispell, died in Kalispell Regional Hospital on Sunday, Dec. 5, 1993, of natural causes.

He was born Nov. 19, 1920, on a farm north of Kalispell to Alfred J. and Elizabeth Barry. He worked in the woods as a young man and entered the U.S. Army in January 1943. He served in the European Theater in the 823rd Tank Destroyer Unit and fought in five major campaigns, one being the Battle of the Bulge. He received a presidential unit citation as a tank driver.

Upon returning from the war, he attended Barber College in Spokane and graduated in 1946. He barbered for 42 years, owning and operating Barry's Barber Shop in the B&B Shopping Center for many years.

On May 18, 1947, he was married to Arlene F. Miller of Kalispell. They celebrated 46 years of marriage and were blessed with three children.

One of his greatest joys in life, besides his family, was being outdoors hunting, fishing or horseback riding. He felt like the out of doors



was his church as that is where he felt closest to God.

He was a member of the Eagles Lodge; Veterans of Foreign Wars; Moose Lodge; American Legion and Disabled American Veterans.

He will be greatly missed by his family.

Survivors include his wife, Arlene of the family home; two daughters, Fran and her husband, Larry Ivie, of Kalispell and Diane and her husband, Harry Smith, of Kalispell; one son, Alan J. Barry and his wife, Connie, of Spokane, Wash.; two brothers, Ernest and Ralph Barry, both of Kalispell; two sisters, Elaine Moothart of Kalispell and Adeline Stephenson of Forks, Wash.; seven grandchildren, Brian Ivie of West Point, N.Y., Eric Ivie of Bozeman, Brandon, Bonnie and Benjamin Smith of Kalispell and Brianne and Alana Barry of Spokane, Wash.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday in Epworth United Methodist Church with the Rev. Marvin Northcutt officiating. Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery with military honors by the United Veterans.

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

Doris Mae Barta, 58 5-31-1993

Doris Mae Barta, 58, of Kalispell, died of heart failure at Kalispell Regional Hospital on Monday evening, May 31, 1993.

She was born July 23, 1934, in Makoti, N.D., to Jack and Esther (Alexander) Downie. She was educated in Makoti and, following her graduation from high school, was employed with First National Bank of North Dakota, now known as Norwest Bank. In 1965, she transferred to Norwest Bank in Kalispell where she was employed at the time of her death.

In 1955, she married Lawrence Pollert in North Dakota. To this union was born a daughter, Debi Rossier. The couple later divorced.

She married Marlyn Nelson in 1963 and he preceded her in death in 1970. In 1975, she married Tom Barta in Kalispell and is survived by him at the family home.

Doris loved playing cards, camping, fishing, softball games with her husband and grandchildren, and enjoying life with her family and friends. She was a dedicated bowler in the Ladies Liberty League of Norwest bank for more than 20 years and

enjoyed traveling to other cities with her teammates.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and three brothers, Tommy, Darold and Jackie Downie.

She is also survived by her daughter, Debi Rossier, of Kalispell and son-in-law, Mitch Steinberg, of Kalispell; a stepson, Tom Barta Jr. and his wife, Patti, of San Diego, Calif.; a stepdaughter, Susie Engebritson, and her husband, John, of Boise; five grandchildren, Stacie Ferguson and her fiancée, Aaron Wise, of Kalispell, Aimee Neff of Kalispell and Helena, Angela Engebritson of Boise, and Nicholas and Daniel Barta of San Diego, Calif.; six sisters, Mrs. Ron (Diane) Kolden of Carrington, N.D., Connie Triber of Richardton, N.D., Mrs. Rich (Lois) Wolfe, Janice Larson, and Joyce Nordwall, all of Minot, N.D., and Mrs. Dale (Dolores) Ziemann of Florida.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Robert Nilsen, pastor of Calvary Lutheran Church, officiating. Burial will be at Conrad Memorial Cemetery. A luncheon will be served at the Evergreen fire hall following the graveside services.

The family suggests memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association, Montana affiliate, P.O. Box 2411, Great Falls 59403.



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Wallace A. Barton, 77

Wallace A. Barton, 77, of Great Falls, died March 4, 1993, at Lake View Care Center in Bigfork, where he was a longtime resident.

He was born June 7, 1915, in Great Falls to Arthur and Marie Barton.

He enlisted in the U.S. Navy at age 18 and earned the nickname of "Punchy Barton," during his boxing exploits. He heroically served his country during World War II in the Asian Theater. He was awarded numerous medals of distinction and honor for his actions in the Bataan Death March and as a prisoner of war. The last honor bestowed upon him was by the U.S. Congress to go along with his Presidential Unit Cita-

tion — two Bronze Oakleaf awards and the Purple Heart.

He was in the past a proud member of the Masonic Lodge.

He is survived by his son, Arthur W. Barton; two daughters, Karen A. Abay-Abay and Tina Marie Wilson; eight grandchildren; a sister, Beth Barton; nieces Sherry Lewis and Patty Catton; his uncle, Claude Evans; and an aunt, Evelyn Furlong.

He will be laid to rest beside his beloved wife, Dorothy Ames Barton, in the Golden State Cemetery in San Bruno, Calif., on March 22 at 2 p.m., with military honors.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

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Vera Baureis, 57

Vera Baureis, 57, died of cancer on Friday, June 25, 1993, at her home in Paradise, Calif.

She was born to Max and Evelyn Walters in Kalispell on Nov. 18, 1935. She went to school at Birch Grove for eight years and graduated from Flat-

head High School in 1953.

She married and moved to California where she has resided ever since.

Vera is survived by her parents, Max and Evelyn Walters, at their home in Kalispell; a sister, Maxine, of Kalispell; five children, Scott Ellis of

Kalispell, Leslie Ellis and Paula Walker of Fairfield, Calif.; Brenda Baureis of Paradise, and "Bucky" Baureis, of Florida; and three grandsons and many friends.

Memorial services were held Tuesday in Paradise.

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Dorothea 'Toots' Bauska, 77

Dorothea "Toots" Bauska, 77, died Thursday, Dec. 2, 1993, at Kachina Health Care Center in Sedona, Ariz.

She was born in Kalispell on April 3, 1916, to Lola and John Dern and lived most of her life in the Flathead Valley.

She was active in the Eagles Auxiliary and the 4-H club. She and her husband, Manuel, were instrumental in establishing the Western Montana Arabian Horse Club in the mid 1960s. They put together the first Arabian Horse show, which has been an annual event in Kalispell for the past 25 years. Many will remember "Toots" for the beautiful Arabian costumes she made for the valley's shows as well as for shows throughout the

Western United States and Canada.

She moved to Arizona in 1982 and resided in Sedona over most of the past 12 years.

Besides Manuel of Sedona, Toots is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Joyce and Jack Cox of Sedona; two grandchildren, Jaclinn Pullman of Tenafly, N.J., and Jordan Cox of Malvern, Pa.; and six great-grandchildren. In Montana, she is survived by a sister, Isabelle Norman of Belgrade; and a brother, John Dern Jr. of Kalispell.

A memorial will be conducted next spring in Kalispell.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be sent to the 4-H Club in Kalispell.

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Beatrice Elizabeth Bays

Beatrice Elizabeth Bays, 73, of Kalispell, died in the Kalispell Regional Hospital, July 11, 1993.

She was born February 21, 1920 in Somers, a daughter of Bert and Lillian Bull. She received her education in Somers. On Feb. 28, 1939 she was married to Victor Bays in Kalispell.

Beatrice loved gardening, cooking and canning, crocheting and embroidering and music.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1989, and two sisters, Amy Rydeen and Charlotte Lester.

Survivors include her sister, Caroline Porteous of Kalispell; her brother and sister-in-law, Edward and Martha Bull of Kalispell; many nieces, nephews and other grandnieces and nephews.

Graveside services were held Tuesday in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery with Rev. Marvin Northcutt, pastor of the Epworth United Methodist Church officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

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William H. Baylor, 79

William H. Baylor, 79, of Kalispell, died in the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls on Sunday, Nov. 7, 1993.

He was born Sept. 26, 1914, in Chatsworth, Ill., to Harvey and Laura Baylor.

He had studied music at Carnegie Hall. He had served as a corporal in the U.S. Marines, and was known as the "Singing Marine" in the Hall of Montezuma program on radio broadcast during World War II.

He had worked at LTV, an aeronautics industry in Texas for 22

years, prior to retiring to Montana with his wife.

He is now survived by his wife, Olga Baylor at home in Kalispell; three sons, David William Baylor of Seattle, Wash., Dennis Brian Baylor of Hearne, Texas, and Randall Eric Baylor of Austin, Texas; and two sister, Harriet and Alice, both in Illinois.

He will be missed by all his friends and family.

Cremation has taken place. No public services are planned.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

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John Elmer Beausoleil, 72

John Elmer Beausoleil, 72, a retired Burlington Northern railroad conductor, died on Thursday, July 29, 1993, at North Valley Hospital.

He was born July 18, 1921, in Crookston, Minn., to William and Leva Beausoleil. He was the second eldest of 13 children.

In April, 1932, he emigrated with his parents to Canada, settling on a farm in Delmas, Sask.

As a young man, he returned to the United States and found employment with Railway Express in Dayton, Ohio, and later worked as a switchman in Detroit for Michigan Central Railroad.

Following the death of his father, he returned to Canada to assist his mother at the family farm.

In 1947, he returned to the U.S. and hired on in Whitefish as a brakeman on the Great Northern Railway on Sept. 18, 1948. He served in the Montana division (Havre) and the Spokane division, retiring from Burlington Northern as a conductor on July 24, 1985.

He married Caroline Boucher on July 9, 1952, in Prince Albert, Sask., and is survived by her at the family home in Whitefish. He is also survived by two daughters, Sharon Watkins and her husband John of

Rochester, N.Y. and Colette Beausoleil of Inarajan, Guam; a son, Bob Beausoleil and his wife Ann, of Denver; a grandson, Michael Beausoleil; three brothers, Lawrence, Paul, and Joe, and five sisters, Therese, Noella, Jeanne, Dale, and Doris, all living out of state; and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his brothers, Hary and Virgil, and sisters Norma and Lorraine.

Prayer service will be today at 7:30 p.m. at Austin Funeral Home. Mass of the resurrection will be Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at St. Charles Catholic Church. Interment will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

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Mary Becker, 87

Mary Becker, 87, a longtime Columbia Falls resident, died Wednesday, July 28, 1993, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish of natural causes.

Mary was born July 7, 1906, in Parkston, S.D., to Sebastian and Kathryn Strohmeier. She was raised and attended schools in Golva, N.D.

In 1926, she married Edward Becker. In 1934, the couple came to Columbia Falls, where they have resided since. They had been married for 51 years. She was preceded in death by her husband, Edward in 1977.

Mary was a member of the Moose Club, The Eagles and was also a member of St. Richards Catholic Church in Columbia Falls, where she was active in the Altar Society. She was also a member of the Birthday Club in Columbia Falls.

Mary enjoyed card playing, dancing and was a girls basketball fan.

Mary is survived by a daughter, Leona Nies in Vancouver, Wash.; three sisters, Elizabeth Finneman in Golva, N.D., Amelia Norgaard in Whitefish and Agnes Clapper in Columbia Falls; a grandson, Jerry Nies in Battle Ground, Wash.; four great-grandchildren; and many cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

Viewing will be from 3-8 p.m. Friday at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

Rosary will be recited at 7:30 p.m. today at the mortuary chapel. A Mass of the Christian Burial will be at noon Saturday at St. Richards Catholic Church in Columbia Falls with the Rev. Joe Pat Sullivan, as celebrant. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Kalispell.

The family has suggested that memorials can be made to the "Altar Society" at St. Richards Catholic Church in Columbia Falls.

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Eunice Clista Beehler, 67

Eunice Clista Beehler, 67, of Kalispell, died in Heritage Place on Wednesday, Nov. 10, 1993.

She was born April 29, 1926, in Kila, to Andrew and Anna Everett. She had attended Kila schools and had helped her father raise four children.

On March 1, 1956, she was married to Nick Beehler in Kalispell. They had lived in Colorado, Wyoming and Oregon before returning to Kalispell.

Mrs. Beehler had worked at the National Cafe and the Silver Grill prior to retiring.

She was of the Lutheran faith.

She was preceded in death by her

husband, Nick, on Aug. 24, 1974; and by four brothers.

She is now survived by one daughter, Eva and her husband, Dan Currie, of Kalispell; two sisters, Mary Kinshella of Kalispell and Virginia Schmidt of St. Ignatius; and two grandchildren, Brandi and Travis.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday in Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Darold Reiner, pastor of the Trinity Lutheran Church officiating. Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

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

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Clifford L. Beith, 79

11 Sept 1993
Clifford L. Beith, 79, died Saturday evening at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

He is survived by a sister, Opal M. Sheldon of Kalispell; a nephew, Alden Lee Bacon of Kalispell; and a niece, JoAnn Seidel of Kalispell.

A graveside service will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Montana Veterans Home Cemetery in Columbia Falls with military graveside honors by the United Veterans of the Flathead.

Arrangements are by Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

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George D. Behrens, 75

George D. Behrens, 75, of Kalispell, died at Kalispell Regional Hospital on March 25, 1993.

He was born Dec. 24, 1917, in Dwight, Neb., to George and Jennie Behrens. As a young child, he moved with his family to Minnesota, where he received his education. In October, 1939, he moved to Kalispell, where he worked as a machine operator at the family-owned business, Rocky Mountain Souvenir Shop. In 1942, he entered the U.S. Army and served in Europe, northern Africa and the Middle East. After his honorable discharge, he returned to Kalispell and worked as a mechanic for Schomer Motors, and later as a laborer at Hungry Horse Dam.

After the dam was completed, he worked on the construction of the aluminum plant in Columbia Falls. After it was built, he became one of the earliest employees at the plant, and worked there until he retired in 1982.

On April 21, 1946, he married Mary Jane Edge in Kalispell. They built their home in the Green Acres area, where they resided for more than 35 years. In 1973, they established "George's Ceramics" which they operated until Mary's death in 1983. He continued operating the shop with his daughter Freda. Although he retired from the ceramic shop in 1989, he enjoyed having contact with people he met through this endeavor.

On March 30, 1984, he married Ana Kyle in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Enjoying their retirement, they made numerous trips exploring the west-

ern United States and Alaska. Being a craftsman, George spent a great deal of time creating wood products. He enjoyed selling his projects at the Farmers' Market as well as being an active member of Artists and Craftsmen of the Flathead.

George had a great love and appreciation of the outdoors. In the early years of his life this appreciation was shown through his camping, hunting and fishing and in later life through his photography.

He was also preceded in death by two brothers, Clarence and Henry Behrens and his sister, Jen Hanson.

Survivors include his wife; daughter Freda Clark of Issaquah, Wash.; three granddaughters, Riki Clark of Kirkland, Wash., Kristin Clark of Seattle and Amy Clark of Los Gatos, Calif.; his step-daughter, Danny Sprando of Portland, Ore.; his step-grandson, Tony Sprando and his wife of Palm City, Calif.; his step-granddaughter, Michelle Sprando, of Vancouver, Wash.; his brother, Jack Behrens and wife, Rose, of Kalispell; his sister, Liz Fleming and her husband, Eddie, of Kalispell; and numerous other relatives.

A funeral service is scheduled at 11 a.m. Monday in the First Presbyterian Church, with Rev. Larry Gaylord officiating. Burial will be in Glacier Memorial Gardens. The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society, PO Box 1002, Kalispell, MT, 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

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Patricia J. 'Pat' Berg Belcher, 53

Patricia J. "Pat" Berg Belcher, 53, of Dubois, Idaho, died Thursday, Aug. 26, 1993, at Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center of cancer.

She was born Oct. 28, 1939, at Eureka, to Lawrence Eugene and Eloise Wetzel Berg. She grew up in Eureka and attended schools there. She lived most of her life in Idaho and Montana.

On Dec. 29, 1956, she married Rodney L. Belcher at Sandpoint. She worked as a bookkeeper for a construction company.

She enjoyed her dog and shopping for her grandchildren.

Survivors include her husband, of Dubois; her children, Mrs. Ron (Darcy Ann) Brown of Kalispell, Mrs. Gregory (Cindy Rae) Fothergill of Ririe,

Idaho, Randall Lee Belcher of Hamer, Idaho, and Mrs. Scott (Lorie Jean) of Rigby; her mother of Kalispell; a brother and three sisters, Larry E. Berg of Oregon, Sharon Berg of Babb, Janis Hammons of Coram and Pam Eaton of Kalispell; and nine grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father.

Graveside services were held Monday in Medicine Lodge Cemetery near Dubois. Arrangements are under the direction of Wood Funeral Home in Idaho Falls.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society, in care of Irene Bailey, 3000 Gustafson Circle, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83404.

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Gerald Beller, 55

Jerry R. Beller, 55, a long-time resident of Universal City, Texas, died of complications from cancer surgery Friday, Sept. 10, 1993, at North East Baptist Hospital in San Antonio.

He was born July 21, 1938, in Whitefish to Jesse and Adelaide Beller. He graduated from Whitefish High School in May, 1956.

He received a bachelor's degree in liberal arts from the University of Montana in March, 1961, and a master's degree from Webster University.

He was a member of the Sigma Nu fraternity and the Universal City Methodist Church.

On July 15, 1961, he married Helen L. Therriault in Missoula.

He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1961 until he retired as a Lt. Colonel on Nov. 30, 1982, in San Anto-

nio.

After retiring, he was a New York Life Insurance agent and personnel officer at the Texas State Bank. At the time of his death, he worked as director of health claims at USAA Insurance Co.

He is survived by his wife Helen, at the family home; his daughter Julie and her husband Chip Hunt, of Lewisville, Texas, and daughter Angie, of Kingwood, Texas; sister Shirley and her husband Al Ronseth, of Whitefish; niece Pam and her husband Chris Blume and great-nieces Katelynn and Courtney, of Ft. Hood, Texas; niece Suellen and her husband Steve Carlson; great-nephews Trevor and Tyler, of Whitefish; mother-in-law Tony Therriault, of Missoula; and many other relatives.

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Alfred Bellmore, 88

Alfred L. Bellmore, 88, died Jan. 25, 1993, at his home near Libby.

His survivors include his wife, Lynette; three daughters including Lola Dalton, of Bigfork, and Rosslyn Waychoff, of Libby, and many other relatives.

Private arrangements are under the direction of Vial Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

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Gertrude H. Benda, 71

Gertrude H. Benda, 71, of Hungry Horse, died Monday, Jan. 25, 1993, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

She was born Oct. 4, 1921, in Staples, Minn., to Irvin and Laverne Closson. She was raised and educated in Staples.

She married Frank J. Benda on July 10, 1940, in Cut Bank. They lived in St. Mary for two years, then Appar for four years, and in 1974, they moved to Hungry Horse.

She worked at the Montana State Liquor Store in West Glacier for six years.

She was a member of the Stitch and Chatter Womens Club and had a Girl Scout group for seven years. The West Glacier Lions Club honored her as Woman of the Year for her special work.

She loved Glacier Park.

She is survived by her daughter, Sheronne Cooke of Loma, Mont.; two grandchildren, Chelle Cooke of Loma and Wayne Cooke of Minneapolis, Minn.; two brothers, Claude Clausen of Minnesota and Jack Clausen of Minneapolis; and two sisters, Berniece Frank of Holly, Mich., and Pat Quirt of Marshfield, Wis.

A service will be today at 2 p.m. at Columbia Falls Mortuary in Columbia Falls. The Rev. David Kaufman will officiate. Burial will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery.

The family has suggested that memorials be made to the American Cancer Society, the American Diabetes Association, or the charity of the donor's choice.

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Clyde Benish 1993

Clyde L. Benish, 75, died Sept. 5 at the Montana Veterans Home.

He was born Dec. 13, 1917, in Yuma, Colo., to George and Leah Benish.

He had been a resident of the Veterans Home since 1989.

He is survived by a daughter, Carole Reeves of Bigfork, and three sons, William Benish of Spokane, Wash., Kirk Benish of Stevensville, and Douglas Benish of Hamilton.

Burial is in the Montana Veterans Home Cemetery.

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Robert A. Benke, 84

Robert A. Benke, 84, of Kalispell, died at Heritage Place on Friday evening, Oct. 8, 1993.

He was born Oct. 20, 1908, in Detroit, Mich., to Alfred and Florence Benke.

On June 22, 1935, he married Virginia Declaire in Detroit. The couple moved to Chester in 1937 when he worked for the Great Northern Railroad as section physician and also served as the county physician.

In 1945, they moved to Kalispell, where he set up practice with Dr. Ross. He established his private practice in 1947 and continued in practice until 1978 when he retired.

Dr. Benke served as chairman of the Kalispell school board, was a Boy Scout leader, a member of the Masonic Lodge, a past master of the Joplin Lodge, and was a member of the Algeria Shrine Club, the Flathead Lakers, and the Montana Medical Association, and served on the board of Epworth United Methodist Church.

His special interests included his love of Montana and its history.

He was a superb gardener, an avid reader, a Civil War buff, and an ardent traveler, having traveled through the Civil War battle grounds.

He was a wonderful husband, father and grandfather.

Dr. Benke especially loved his retreats to his lake house on Flathead Lake.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Virginia, and his son, Charles.

Survivors include his son, Bob Benke, and wife, Glenda, of Kalispell; two daughters, Nancy Thuesen and her husband, Jerry, of Reserve and Julie Benke of Boulder, Colo.; two sisters, Kay Patton of Traverse City, Mich., and Marion Stadler of St. Clair Shores, Mich.; and four grandchildren, Ryle Benke of Kalispell, Steven Thuesen of Dagmar, David Thuesen of Beloit, Wis., and Laurel Thuesen of Reserve.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. J. Torrance Harvey of Lakeside Chapel officiating. Burial will be at Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

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

The family suggests memorials may be made to the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, Box 2472, Spokane, Wash., 99210, or to the Montana Masonic Home, Box 45, Helena.

DI

Virginia Ida Benke, 81

Virginia Ida Benke, 81, of Kalispell, died at Heritage Place on Friday, April 30, 1993.

She was born June 14, 1911, in Detroit, to Eugene and Mabel DeClaire. She was educated in Detroit.

On June 22, 1935, she married Dr. Robert "Doc" Benke in Detroit. They move to Chester in 1937, where he began to practice medicine.

In 1945, they moved to Kalispell.

Mrs. Benke was an excellent wife, mother, and homemaker. She enjoyed her home and yard, and her years at the cabin on Flathead Lake.

She was preceded in death by an infant son, Charles.

She is survived by her husband, Dr. Robert Benke; a son, Robert Benke Jr. and his wife, Glenda, all of Kalispell; two daughters, Julie Benke

of Boulder, Colo. and Nancy Thuesen and her husband, Jerry, of Reserve, Mont.; four grandchildren, Steve Thuesen of Dagmar, David Thuesen of Beloit, Wisc., Laurel Thuesen of Reserve, and Ryle Benke of Kalispell; and a sister, Eugenia Wallace, of White Lake, Mich.

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.

DI

Violet M. Bennett, 75

Violet M. Bennett, 75, of Lakeside, died in Brendan House on Sunday, April 25, 1993.

She was born Sept. 26, 1917, to John and Marie McGovern. She attended schools in Washington. Later she married James T. McIlargey, and they lived in the Whitefish area until they were divorced.

She later married Duane Bennett. She continued to live in Whitefish, where she was active in civic and community groups.

She had resided with her daughter

in Lakeside for the past year.

She was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Lisa McKenzie, in 1974.

Survivors include her daughter, Geraldine McKenzie, of Lakeside; two sisters, Ruth Fitzgerald of Browning, and Lois Van Sanden of Cut Bank; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

No public services are being planned. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.



DI

Ava Delia 1993 (King) Berry

Ava Delia (King) Berry, 94, of Kalispell, died at the Immanuel Lutheran Home on Wednesday, May 12, of natural causes.

She and her twin sister, Eva Caton, were born May 13, 1899 in North Cranden, Wis., to Edward and Ida King.

In 1902 the Kings homesteaded in Grantsdale, MT. In 1905 the family moved to Proctor to farm. The two girls finished their schooling in Proctor.

While Ava's early life in Proctor was characterized by hard work and not much play, by the loss of two brothers and her mother in three short years, and by other sorrows in later years, her outlook on life was always outgoing and wholesome. Those who knew and loved her deeply appreciated her concern and compassion for others, her fine sense of humor and her impeccable and gracious manner.

In 1926, Ava married Glenn Berry in Libby, MT. They lived in Shelby, MT for a year and from 1927 on they lived in Kalispell.

Glenn managed Berry's Clothing Store until it was sold. Ava worked at Anderson's Style Shop for a great number of years.

Following her retirement in 1981, handicapped by a severe stroke, Ava was placed in the Flathead County Nursing Home. In 1988 she was moved to the Immanuel Lutheran Home.

Survivors include a number of nieces and nephews, Douglas Caton and Robert Berry of Kalispell, Wayne Caton of Belmont, CA, Maxine Riehl of Orting, WA and Barbara Murciago of Seattle, WA.

Graveside services were held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Friends met at the cemetery for the services. Arrangements were under the direction of the Johnson Mortuary.

DI

Benjamin Robert Benson, 93

Benjamin Robert Benson, 93, of Kalispell, died in Brendan House on Wednesday, Nov. 24, 1993, of natural causes.

He was born June 4, 1900, in Wells, Nev., to Arthur and Mary Ellen Benson.

He was married to Bertha Grigg in Idaho in 1962 and the couple ranched in Dillon.

Mr. Benson retired and the couple moved to the Flathead.

He is survived by his wife, Bertha of Kalispell; four stepchildren; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

DI

Timothy John Benson, 24

Timothy John Benson, 24, of Kalispell, died on Saturday, March 27, 1993, of injuries received in a vehicle accident.



He was born April 27, 1968, in Whitefish, to Robert and Margaret Benson. He attended Whitefish schools and was employed as a forklift operator at Montana Mokko at the time of his death.

He loved camping, hunting, fishing, snowcatting and family gatherings. He was a wonderful husband, father, son and brother and will be missed.

On Jan. 29, 1993, he married Robin Benton in Kalispell and is sur-

vived by her at the family home. He is also survived by a son, Michael, at home; his father and stepmother, Robert E. and Mona Benson, of Whitefish; his mother, Margaret "Peggy" Benson, of Grand Junction, Colo.; a brother, Robert W. Benson, of Whitefish; a sister, Sue Lango, of Grand Junction; a stepbrother, Ken Eckert, of Fresno, Calif.; his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Benson of Whitefish and Mr. and Mrs. Burton Volkman of Grand Junction; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and other relatives.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Dr. David Kauffman officiating. Burial will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

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William "Bill" LaVee Bertelsen

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William "Bill" LaVee Bertelsen, 79, Kalispell, died at St. Patricks Hospital in Missoula following heart bypass surgery.

Bill was born Oct. 7, 1913 in Monroe, Utah, the son of William & Amanda Bertelsen. Bill was raised in Monroe and graduated from high school there. He then worked in a dairy making cheese and was a milk deliveryman in Price, Utah. He went to work for Reynolds Aluminum Co. in Southern California. He moved to Sacramento and was a plant manager there for Dust Tex Co. and retired from there in 1976. He then worked with his son George in Montana as a deliveryman. He also managed apartments in Bigfork & Kalispell. He drove a delivery truck to the lodges in Glacier National Park for a few years.

He married Winifred Olson and then later married Georgia Spencer in Raton, N.M. in 1958. The couple came to Montana in 1979 where they made the Flathead Valley their home.

Bill was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. He took great delight in walking his dog, "Timber".

Bill is survived by his wife, Georgia at the family home in Kalispell; two sons, Bill Bertelsen in Sioux Falls, S.D. and George Robinson in Bigfork; a daughter, Vanitta Turnbull in Dardanell, Ark.; a sister, Una Bryan in Springville, Utah; 15 grandchildren & 16 great grandchildren.

Graveside services were held Tuesday, Aug. 17, at the Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Kalispell with Bishop Jim Fenn officiating.

The family has suggested that memorials can be made to the Bigfork QRU. *Kalispell News 7/20/93*

DI

Glen Allen Bestul, 30

Glen Allen Bestul, 30, died of complications from a broken ankle at his home in Kila on Wednesday, June 23, 1993.

He was born Aug. 30, 1962, in Seattle, Wash., to Glen and Bernice Bestul.

He attended school in Seattle and then in Phoenix, Ariz., for two years before moving with his family to Grand Forks, N.D., where he completed his schooling.

In 1982, he moved to Kila. He worked as a millwright and carpenter until his injury in May.

His hobbies included hunting, fishing, and motorcycles. He had a great joy of life with many friends.

On Nov. 24, 1984, he married Gigi

Phillips and is now survived by her at the family home. He is also survived by his parents, Glen and Bernice Bestul, of Kalispell; his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Phillips of Kalispell; a sister, Kathleen Eveland, of Kila; his dog, Harley, and many aunts, uncles, cousins, and nieces.

His family and friends will all miss his joy of life, love, and friendship.

A memorial service will be held at Julie's Restaurant, west of Kalispell, at 6 p.m. Tuesday. There will be a potluck dinner and everyone is asked to bring something. Paper plates and silverware will be furnished.

Cremation and arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.

DI

Edward Bethell, 75

Edward Bethell, 75, of Kalispell, died in Lake View Care Center in Bigfork on Wednesday, June 16, 1993.

He was born Oct. 1, 1917, in Kalispell, to Frank and Lizzie Bethell.

He worked for C.W. Brooks in the ice business, and in the early 1940s he worked for the Woodland Greenhouse for a number of years. He also worked at Engebriittson Sand and Gravel before being employed with the Lakes Feed and Fuel Store, where he worked for more than 20 years until the store closed.

He liked to fish for bull trout in the Flathead and also liked ice fishing. He was an avid rollerskater and took great pleasure in his needle craft.

He was preceded in death by a brother who died in infancy and a

nephew, Don McQueen.

Survivors include a sister, Alice Carolan of Libby; two aunts, Rose Morrison and Rose Cutler, both of Kalispell; nieces Rose Stahlberg of Kalispell, Dorothy McCarty and Sharon Curtiss of Libby, and Eileen Amundson of Minot, N.D.; nephews George, Ed and Larry McQueen, all of Libby, and Bob McQueen of Medford, Ore.; numerous cousins, including George Riehl of Kalispell; his special friend, Joyce Brooks of Kalispell; and other relatives.

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. today in Conrad Memorial Cemetery with Rev. Gordon Dexter of Bethel Baptist Church officiating. Friends will meet at the cemetery for the services.

Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.

DI

Don Betson, 66

Don Betson, 66, died on Monday, Jan. 25, 1993, at his Kalispell home, following a long battle with cancer.

He was born Nov. 2, 1926, in Tacoma, Wash., to Gene and Irene Betson. He was raised and educated in Tacoma, and then served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

He married Molly Iotte On Nov. 24, 1951, in Beaver, Wash. They lived in Washington and Oregon for a number of years, when Don worked in the plywood industry.

The Betsons came to the Kalispell area in 1961. Don was a foreman at C&C Plywood, and later at Plum Creek Manufacturing Co. He retired from Plum Creek in 1982, after which he operated a parking lot cleaning service.

Don enjoyed hunting, fishing and gardening. He was a member of the Eagles in Kalispell.

Survivors include his wife, Molly,

at the family home; a son, Jim Betson, of Spokane, Wash.; a daughter, Randi Miller, and her husband, Ray, of Kalispell; his father, Gerry, and step-mother, Bella Betson, of Columbia Falls; and three grandchildren, Tami Miller of Missoula, Carla Miller of Spokane, and Cori Miller of Kalispell.

He was preceded in death by his mother.

Services will be Thursday at 3:30 p.m. at Weatherford Funeral Home in Kalispell, with the Rev. Ron Pierce, pastor of Swan Chapel, officiating. Following the service, the family would like to cordially invite everyone, including those unable to attend the service, to a reception in the old gymnasium at Evergreen Middle School on LaSalle Road.

The family suggests memorial contributions to Flathead Hospice, 1282 Burns Way, Kalispell.

CI

Lee Bisley, 92

Lee Risley, 92, of Libby, died Sunday at Libby Care Center of natural causes.

Survivors include two sons, Steven Risley of Libby and Norman Risley of Spokane; three daughters, Kathryn Plaas of Centralia, Wash., Carol VanZuverden and Clarice Haak, both of Spokane; a sister; 12 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Parish vigil and rosary services will be Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m. at Vial Funeral Home Chapel. Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated Friday at 2 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church with the Rev. Ray Hannigan as celebrant. Burial will be in City of Libby Cemetery.



DI

Bessie Catherine Bitney, 88

Bessie Catherine Bitney, 88, of Kalispell, died at the Immanuel Lutheran Home on Wednesday evening, Sept. 29, 1993.

She was born Sept. 9, 1905, in Bowbells, N.D., to John and Phoebe Ormiston. She received her education in Bowbells and at the State Teachers College in Minot, N.D. She later taught in country schools near Bowbells.

She was married to Francis A. Bitney on June 8, 1925, in Minot. Shortly thereafter, they moved to Kalispell.

Mrs. Bitney was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, where she had been a past president of the Women's Association Presbyterian and had served as chairman of the wedding committee of the church for 11 years. She was a past matron of Adah Chapter No. 17 Order of the Eastern Star; past president of the Past Matrons Club; past mother advisor of the Order of Rainbow for Girls; past president of the Flathead Daughter of the Nile and had also served as Girl Scout Leader for several years

for fifth, sixth and seventh grade girls.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Francis on May 27, 1980, and is now survived by her three children, Francis L. Bitney and Duane A. Bitney both of Kalispell and Darlene Neil of Sacramento, Calif.; 13 grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; and two nephews, Kenneth Ormiston of Leavenworth, Wash., and Norman Ormiston of Everett, Wash.

Private family graveside services and burial will be held on Saturday in Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Memorial services will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday in First Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Larry Gaylor and the Rev. J. Torrance Harvey officiating.

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

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

DI

Bernice Bitterman, 81

Bernice Bitterman, 81, a long-time resident of Libby, died Tuesday at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

She is survived by a son, Alan Bitterman, of Libby; a brother; two grandchildren and three

great-grandchildren.

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

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. at the City of Libby Cemetery.

DI

Patricia J. Bixler, 67

Patricia J. Bixler, 67, of Eureka, died Sunday at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

She and her husband moved to Eureka in 1988.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Survivors include her husband, Bob, at the family home; a son, Rick, of Chesterville, Ohio; a daughter, Rebecca McBride, of Massieville, Ohio; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Cremation is under the direction of Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Memorial services will be later in Ohio.

WP

Alice P. Blake

Alice P. Blake, Columbia Falls, died Tuesday, Aug. 3, 1993, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish of natural causes.

She was born to Philip T. and Helen A. Mettler in Rolla, N.D. In the early 1900s, the family moved to East Glacier, where she was raised and educated.

She spoke the Blackfeet language fluently and was very proud of being an honorary member of the Blackfeet Nation. The name given to her by the tribe was "Nenahi" meaning "Princess of the Pinnacles."

She attended business college in Spokane. She worked as a telephone operator in Troy for 20 years.

She was married to Morris E. Blake on Sept. 25, 1958. He died in October 1965.

She operated the Hungry Horse Corral in Hungry Horse until she sold it in 1982. She lived in North Dakota for several years. In 1985, she

moved to Columbia Falls.

Alice's first love was people. When she had the store, she would often invite customers into her home in the back for coffee and cookies. She made many life-long friends there. Alice also loved to travel and would make new friends everywhere she went.

Alice was a caretaker. She cared for her sister, Phyllis until she died in 1985. She was presently taking care of her brother, Gordon, at her home in Columbia Falls.

She is survived by a brother, Gordon Mettler of Columbia Falls; a sister-in-law, Louise Blake of Kalispell; and several stepsons and step nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held Monday at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. The Rev. Dick Bahnon of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church officiated. Inurnment was in Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

DI

Meva Boberg, 87

Meva Boberg, 87, formerly of Kalispell, died in Bremerton, Wash., on Saturday, Nov. 27, 1993.

She was born Jan. 6, 1906, in Marble Rock, Iowa.

On Nov. 5, 1927, she was married to Walter Boberg in Kalispell. Meva had worked as bookkeeper for several department stores and was also city treasurer for two terms in Kalispell, retiring in 1986.

Meva had been a deacon in the First Presbyterian Church of Kalispell, was a member of the Eastern Star and American Legion Auxiliary. Her special interests were testing roses for Jackson-Perkins, her church work and she was an avid card player.

She is survived by two daughters, Patricia Leibel of Bremerton and



Carol Watkins of Ferndale, Wash.; a son, William Boberg of Littleton, Colo.; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Friends may call at Johnson Mortuary from 1-6 p.m. today and

from 9 a.m. until noon on Wednesday.

Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday in First Presbyterian Church. Private burial will be in Glacier Memorial Gardens.

The family suggests memorials may be made to the First Presbyterian Church in Kalispell.

DI

Helen Bolen, 79

Helen Bolen, 79, of Eureka, died Tuesday at Community Medical Center in Missoula.

She is survived by her husband, William H. (Bill) Bolen of Eureka, four daughters, a sister, Mary Moses, of Eureka, 13 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 7-9 p.m. and until noon Saturday at Vial Funeral Home in Eureka.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at First Baptist Church. Burial will be in Tobacco Valley Cemetery.

DI

Elizabeth Roberta Bolt, 62

Elizabeth Roberta Bolt, 62, of Mountlake Terrace, Wash., died in Seattle on Wednesday, Feb. 17, 1993.

She was born Dec. 27, 1930, in Wallingford, Penn., to John Wesley Williams and Edith Elmira Weaver. She began working at the early age of 16 in meat processing plants on the East Coast.

In 1949, she married William Herick and they managed a small grocery store together. Following William's death in 1959, Elizabeth moved with her five children to Fullerton, Calif., where she cooked for women in her neighborhood to help make ends meet.

In 1962, she married William Leander Bolt in California. William had three children of his own. Elizabeth reared all eight children with a loving nature typical of her character.

The couple moved to Seattle in 1968 and then, in 1972, moved to Kalispell, where they raised horses, dairy cows, and chickens on the family farm in the Mountain Brook area. Elizabeth loved the mountains and trees, the creeks and the wildlife that bounds in this beautiful region of Montana.

In 1977, they returned to Washington and began a new career in property management. They managed several different apartment complexes over the years and enjoyed many compli-

ments and awards for their professional courtesy extended to the public.

Elizabeth worked her entire life. Even through hardships, she never lost her ability to be compassionate and loving.

She was also preceded in death by her father, John Wesley Williams, and two sisters, Ruth Williams and Mary Williams.

Survivors include her mother and stepfather, Edith and Melvin Cullum of Villas, N.J.; her husband, William Bolt, of Kalispell; eight children, Carolyn Demar of Bellevue, Wash., Steve Bolt of Loveland, Ohio, Linda Lambiaso of Cypress, Calif., Margaret Bird of Seattle, William Herick of Kent, Wash., Vince Bolt of Monrovia, Ill., and Cynthia Burns and Donna Worthington, both of Kalispell; two sisters, Bernice Wickham of Lake Elsinore, Calif. and Edith Wiler of Cape May, N.J.; two brothers, John Williams of Wilmington, Mass. and Frederick Williams of Elkton, Md.; and 24 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were held Feb. 20 in Seattle.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Elizabeth Bolt Memorial Fund of Shoreline Christian Church, 14800 First Ave. N.E., Seattle, Wash., 98155.

Florence Merigold Bolton, 88

Florence Merigold Bolton, 88, who was born and raised in Kalispell, died Saturday, Jan. 30, 1993, at her home on Mercer Island, Wash.

She was born on Dec. 23, 1904, to Frederic William Merigold and Anna Hill Merigold, early day settlers of Kalispell. Her mother died when Florence was five years old, and she was raised by her father and older sister, March — later Mrs. Robert C. Gayhart. Fred Merigold built a log house and cabins at Lakeside on Flathead Lake, where the family spent summers.

Florence met her future husband, John H. Bolton, when he moved from Missoula to Kalispell and became her sophomore classmate at Flathead County High School. Mr. and Mrs. Bolton attended several of their class reunions at Flathead High, including their 50th.

Florence attended the University of Montana and graduated from the University of Washington, where she

majoried in public school music and was a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority, Mortar Board, and Sigma Alpha Iota Music fraternity.

Mr. and Mrs. Bolton were married in June 1929, and moved to Mercer Island. Mr. Bolton died shortly after their 55th wedding anniversary in 1984.

Mrs. Bolton is survived by her daughter, Merigold (Mrs. Stephen) Paul of Camano Island, Wash., and her son, John F. (Jack) Bolton of Winfarthing, Norfolk, England. She is also survived by eight grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and a niece, Mrs. Anne Gayhart Hurlbut, also of Mercer Island.

DI

C.A. 'Bucky' Boon, 69

C.A. "Bucky" Boon, 69, of Somers, went Home to be with Jesus on Friday, May 28, 1993, at his home, after an extended battle with cancer.

He was born June 18, 1923, on the Boon homestead in Somers, to G.M. "Speck" and Albina Boon. He attended Somers school through the 10th grade, and graduated from Flathead High School in 1942.

He was a proud member of the U.S. Navy and served in World War II and again in the Korean War.

On Aug. 20, 1947, he married Myrtus Hewitt at Polson Lutheran Church in Polson.

He worked for a few years for Somers Lumber Co. In 1949, he started working for First National Bank in Kalispell, now Norwest, and retired as vice president in 1978. He received a certificate of graduation from Pacific Coast Banking School in 1955.

He was a sports enthusiast, playing baseball on the well-known Somers teams, from 1939 to the 1950s. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping, and hiking in his beloved mountains of Montana.

He was a supporter of Flathead High School sports for many years, giving a ride home to many



Somers/Lakeside athletes for 30 years.

In February, Bucky was given the "Braves Spirit Award," an honor very precious to him.

Bucky was a kind and loving husband, father, and friend. He enjoyed sharing his loves and interests with us all. He knew the art of being a friend and will be remembered as one of the best of many.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife, Myrtus, at home in Somers; his children, Judy and her husband, Pat O'Boyle, in Kalispell, Lanni and her husband, Ron Fetveit, in Somers; David and his wife, Robin Boon, in Kalispell; Jan and her husband, Wayne Harness, in Bigfork, and Wanda Boon in Bigfork; grandchildren Matt, Greg, and Cindy O'Boyle of Kalispell; Jason, Aaron, and Joel Fetveit of Somers; and Aubrey and Adam Boon of Bigfork; a brother, E.B. "Sonny" Boon of Somers; two sisters, Ila Geno of Spokane and Elaine McIntyre of Reno; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be held on Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Eidsvold Lutheran Church in Somers.

The family suggests memorials be made the church or to Flathead Hospice, 1280 Burns Way, Kalispell.

Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.

DI

Vernon Gerald Boreson, 62

Vernon Gerald Boreson, 62, of Whitefish, died Tuesday, April 20, 1993, at North Valley Hospital after a long battle with cancer.

He was born in International Falls, Minn., on Sept. 23, 1930, to Alfred and Leah Boreson. His family moved to Olney in 1939. They moved around the valley, finally settling in Kalispell.

He served in the military for one year, then worked for American Timber until June 1958 when he went to work for Anaconda Aluminum Company.

He married Esther Berntson on Aug. 10, 1956, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. They made their home in Whitefish and raised seven children.

He retired from Columbia Falls Aluminum Company in January 1991, due to health, after 34 1/2 years of service ending in the machine shop.

Vernon will always be remembered as a caring father and husband. He

will be missed by numerous friends and relatives. He loved the outdoors, where he spent weekends at his cabin. He was an avid hunter and loved to play cards. He was a member of the Eagles and Moose Lodge of Whitefish. He was a friend to many.

He is survived by his wife, Esther, at the family home; a brother, Ross Boreson of Spokane, Wash.; four daughters, Linda Puryer, Cindy Prescott, Susan Boreson, all of Kalispell, and Vernell Drollinger of Hamilton; three sons, Gerald Sax of Baltimore, Md., Leon Sax of Columbia Falls and Alden Boreson of Kalispell; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held on Saturday at 2 p.m. at Austin Funeral Home.

The family suggests memorials to Flathead Hospice or a charity of the donor's choice.

DI

Ben R. Bower, 73

Ben R. Bower, 73, of Lolo, died of natural causes Monday, June 14, 1993, at St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula.

He was born July 18, 1919, in Cashmere, Wash., to John and Eva Bower and the youngest of eight children.

On July 10, 1939, he married Eva Martin in Colville, Wash. The couple lived for 41 years throughout Montana.

Ben enjoyed woodworking, writing poems and was well known for his story-telling.

He is survived by his wife, Eva, at the family home in Lolo; two sons, Martin Bower of Troy and Bud Bower of Kalispell; two daughters, Eva Poor of Lolo and Roxie Sterling of Seeley Lake; a brother, Marion of

Kalispell; a sister, Hallie Sharp of Spokane; 20 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Garden City Funeral Home & Chapel in Missoula.

Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home with the Rev. Donald G. Johnson officiating. Burial will follow at Missoula Cemetery.

DI

Harry W. Bowers Sr., 77

Harry W. Bowers Sr., 77, of rural Whitefish, died Friday, Oct. 1, 1993, at North Valley Hospital.

He was born July 27, 1916 in Akron, Ohio, to William and Mabel Bowers.

As a young man he moved to Montana and worked for the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930s and later for the Great Northern Railway track department and in the round house. He retired from Burlington Northern in August, 1975.

He married Kathryn M. Shupert on Aug. 19, 1937, in Kalispell. She died on March 18, 1993.

He is survived by his daughters

Kathryn June Eckelberry, of Medical Lake, Wash., and Patricia Lynn Parson of Livingston; sons, Lenard Bowers of Libby and Harry W. Bowers Jr. and his wife Kathleen in Whitefish; brother Ralph Coxson, of New York, and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A funeral is scheduled for 1 p.m. Monday at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish, with Rev. David V. Kauffman of the Whitefish Christian Church officiating. Burial will be in Glacier Memorial Gardens at Kalispell. Visitation is 1-5 p.m. today at Austin Funeral Home.

DI

Kathryn May Bowers, 71

Kathryn May Bowers, 71, of rural Whitefish and Columbia Falls, died March 18, 1993, at her home.

She was born Dec. 14, 1921, in Whitefish to Clyde and Ellen Shupert.

She was raised in Whitefish, where she received her education. For many years she worked at City Cafe, Sally's, Casey's and a number of other businesses as a waitress and bartender. She had been retired for a number of years.

She married Harry W. Bowers Sr. on Aug. 19, 1937, in Kalispell and he now survives her at their home.

She is also survived by daughter

Kathryn June Eckelberry of Medical Lake, Wash.; sons Harry W. Bowers Jr., of Whitefish, and Lenard Bowers of Libby; brother Ray Shupert and family of Whitefish; and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and other relatives.

A funeral service is scheduled at 1 p.m., Tuesday at Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish, with David V. Kauffman of Whitefish Christian Church officiating. Burial is to follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell.

Visitation is scheduled at the Austin Funeral Home today from noon to 5 p.m.

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Laura P. Bowers, 67

Laura P. Bowers, 67, Columbia Falls, died Tuesday, Nov. 30, 1993, at Kalispell Regional Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Laura Parthena Snuffer was born in Arkansas on July 2, 1926, the second child of her parents. Several days after Laura's birth, her mother passed away. She and her brother were raised by her father and numerous friends.

In her early teens, she and her father moved to Montana. She attended school in Kalispell and worked for the Charles Baldwin family.

Following this time of employment, she worked at the Montana Veterans Home, where she met Tom Bowers. They were married on Sept. 4, 1949, in Columbia Falls and lived in Columbia Falls until Tom's death in 1984. To this union, two daughters were born, Rhonda Jean and Florence Rose.

Laura had an enthusiastic love for life and a delightful sense of humor. She enjoyed many personal interests and hobbies, including crocheting, sewing, playing the piano and violin, driving, and growing plants and flowers. In addition to being a grandmother to her four grandchildren in Bigfork, Tom, Stan, Jackie and Angela, Laura became a grandmother to the children she babysat for years — Sheri Holland, and Katrina and Kristin Werner, all of Columbia Falls.

Laura is survived by her two daughters, Rhonda Ottosen of Woods Bay and Rose Ottosen and her husband, Don, of Bigfork; four grandchildren, Tom Ottosen of Novato, Calif., Stan Ottosen and his fiance, Penny Russell, of Bigfork, Jackie Ottosen of Bigfork and Angela Ottosen of Woods Bay; a brother, Beryl Snuffer of Colorado; as well as many close friends and members of her husband's family, including Jim Holland, Joan and Terry Werner, Jim and Nancy Pudelka, Vera Good and Arlene Rowe, all of Columbia Falls, Clara and Bill LaRoque of East Missoula, Marge and Norris Bacon of Martin City, Kathleen LaCounte of Sidney, Marvel and Bud Rider of Fairview, Bobby and Beverly Bowers of Portland, Ore., Pat and Diane Bowers of Glen Burnie of Maryland, Jeannie Dahl of Kalispell as well as other friends, nieces and nephews.

Laura accepted the Lord a few days before she passed away, and she was looking forward to her heavenly reunion with her husband Tom.

Visitation will be today from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

A funeral service will be held Friday at 2 p.m. at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. The Rev. Charles Tucker of the Bigfork Chapel Assembly of God Church will officiate. Burial will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery Columbia Falls.

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Phillip R. Bradley, 69

Phillip R. Bradley, 69, died on June 25, 1993, in Mountain View, Calif., after a long illness.

He was born in Kalispell on Oct. 8, 1923, to Hattie and William I. Bradley, and was educated in the Kalispell schools. He had great talent at an early age and attended art school in Seattle as well as California.

In his adult years, he had lived in various places in the states of Washington, California, Arizona and Nevada.

In later years he produced many beautiful works of art including sculptures, carousel horses and oil paintings. For a time he had a studio and shop in Reno, Nev., doing fine wood sculpturing as well as in clay and bronze. He was also a self-employed carpenter.

In 1950, he married Stella Fleming in Seattle. He and his wife served in the Peace Corps in South America in the late 1960s.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Stella, in December 1992; a stepson Jerry; his parents; and two brothers, Keith and Elmo. He is survived by two stepsons, Jim and his wife, Rosie, of Mountain View, Calif., who cared for him in the last months, and Ronald of Montana; three step-grandchildren, Phillip, Debbie and Doug; one brother, Kelsey of Kalispell; sisters-in-law Evelyn and Velma Bradley; and many nieces and nephews.

Cremation has taken place and the ashes have been scattered in the Pacific Ocean, as were those of his wife.

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Roger Breilein, 64

Roger Breilein, 64, of Swan Lake, died of cancer at Brendan House on Dec. 12, 1993.

He was born Dec. 6, 1929, in California. He was a retired high school teacher and college instructor. He also worked in the aerospace industry in California. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force.

After moving to the Swan Lake area, he worked at the Swan River

Youth Camp, the Alpine Cafe and Lakehills IGA. He was on the board of the Flathead Jazz Society, a member of the Flathead Shrine Club and junior deacon at the Bigfork Masonic Lodge.

A memorial service is scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday at the Bigfork Masonic Lodge. Masonic rites will be given. Cremation and arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.

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Mark Bricker, 32

Mark Bricker, 32, of Libby, died as the result of injuries received in a logging accident south of Eureka in the Pinkham Creek Basin area.

Survivors include his wife, Linda, of Libby; his children, Mark Jr. of Troy, Jacqueline of Libby and Billy of Missoula; a stepson; two stepdaughters, Becky Lee and Nancy, both of Libby; his mother, Thelma Bricker of Libby; two sisters, including Renee Rucker of Libby; and three brothers, including Gordon of Libby.

Friends may call at Vial Funeral Home from 2-8 p.m. today and until noon on Saturday.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at Vial Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Bob Noller officiating. Burial will be in City of Libby Cemetery.

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Ruby Grace Brockway, 86

Ruby Grace Brockway, 86, died in Lake View Care Center in Bigfork on Tuesday, May 25, 1993, of natural causes.

She was born Feb. 7, 1907, in St. Anthony, Idaho, to Galen and Grace Bishop. She had received her education and lived in Idaho until 1934, when she married Oscar House and was divorced in 1948.

She then married Clint Cristensen of Butte in 1954 and he died in 1956.

In 1959, she married Clarence Brockway of Pocatello, Idaho, and they returned to Idaho where she lived for 20 years.

In 1979, Mrs. Brockway came to the Flathead and has lived here since

that time.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Clarence, and one grandchild, Jeanie House Klocke.

She is now survived by a daughter, Peggy Senner of Kalispell; a son, Gary House in Washington; nine grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday in Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Bishop Carl Clark of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints officiating. Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

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

Frances Brown, 65

Frances Ann Gilmore Brown, 65, of Olney, died March 24, 1993, at her home.

She is survived by her husband, Robert McKinney Brown, of Olney; daughters Virginia and Marnell Brown, of Olney; and son Douglas Brown, of Denver.

The rosary is to be recited at St. Charles Catholic Church in

Whitefish at 7 p.m. Monday. A funeral mass is to be held at St. Richards Catholic Church in Columbia Falls at 10 a.m. Tuesday. Burial will follow at St. Richards Catholic Cemetery. Father Bud Strom is to be the celebrant.

The family suggests memorials to Our Lady of the Rosary Society, Box 6011, Great Falls, MT, 59406.

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Lydia K. Brown, 96

Lydia K. Brown, 96, of Kalispell, died at Immanuel Lutheran Home on Wednesday, April 28, 1993.

She was born Jan. 28, 1933, in Plainwell, Mich., to E.F. and Margaret Kellogg.

She married Jack E. Brown Sr. in Kalamazoo, Mich. They moved to Havre, where they ranched until 1936, when they moved to Kalispell.

In 1940, they moved to Glasgow, where Mr. Brown was an officer and director of the Farmers Stockgrowers Bank until his retirement in 1951. They returned to Kalispell then.

Lydia was a 50-year member of the Adah Chapter of the Eastern Star and was a long-time member of the Presbyterian Church United.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jack, in 1978, and her daughter, Janice Lane.

Survivors include her son, Jack Brown Jr., of Kalispell; a daughter, Dorothea Beck of Tacoma, Wash.; five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Private family graveside services and burial will be Monday at Conrad Memorial Cemetery with the Rev. Larry Gaylord, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, officiating. Friends may call at Johnson Mortuary from 1-4 p.m. today for visitation.

The family suggests memorials be made to First Presbyterian Church or Immanuel Lutheran Home.

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Michael Murr Brown, 25

Michael Murr Brown, 25, was swept out to sea on Oct. 23, 1993, during a fishing trip. He was interred on Oct. 30, 1993 at Vacaville-Elmira Cemetery in California.

He was born Oct. 28, 1967, in Provo, Utah. He attended Flathead High School and moved to Vacaville in 1986. He was a partner with his father in IRT Roofcare.

He enjoyed sports, especially water and snow skiing, hiking, camping, fishing and mountain-bike riding. He also enjoyed theater and music, and as a child acted in numerous community plays.

He is survived by a son, Andrew, of North Carolina; his parents, Murr and Cheryl, of Vacaville; sisters Tanaya Ropp of Vacaville, Rosemary Palmer of Pennsylvania and Kaylynn Johnsen of Arizona; his grandmother, Maggie, and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held Oct. 30. Bishop Paul Hom officiated the services at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Memorial contributions will be used to have a bench and plaque placed at Mendocino Headlands State Park where Mike was fishing at the time of his death.

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Emmanuel Buck, 91

Emmanuel Buck, 91, of Kalispell, died Dec. 17, 1992, after a short illness.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel.

Manuel was born July 27, 1901, in New Ulm, Minn. He was one of five children born to Minnie and Lewis Buck. He came to the Flathead as a very young man.

He loved the wilderness and spent many years in the Bob Marshall trapping and as a packer for the Forest

Service on the Flathead National Forest.

He was the last survivor of the original Mainline Packers, and in 1985 was officially inducted into the Flathead National Forest Backcountry Hall of Fame at the dedication of the New Spotted Bear Ranger Station.

He also worked for Northern Montana Forestry, several years in various limber mills, as a mixer on the Hungry Horse Dam, and as maintenance man at the Flathead County

Nursing Home for the last 15 years before he retired.

He married Lucille Collier on June 7, 1930. They were married 62 years, and she survives him at their home in Kalispell.

He is also survived by his daughter, Sharol Birks, of Hungry Horse; three grandsons; two great-grandsons; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, two brothers, and his son who died in October 1992.

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Forrest Berl Buck, 88

Forrest Berl Buck, 88, a life long resident of the Flathead Valley, passed away Tuesday, April 13, 1993, at his home in Kalispell.

He was the third son of Stephan Walkley and Jenny Belle Welch Buck of Creston, born Oct. 30, 1904.

In his early years, he was a farmer, logger and mill worker. Berl was an avid hunter and fisherman and loved to be in the woods. While in the woods, his first activity upon arrival would be to build a fire for warmth and comfort.

He always had a very large garden, much to the delight of his grandchildren. He loved his children and grandchildren dearly and was very devoted to his wife, family and church.

During the early 1920s and 1930s, Berl took on the responsibility of helping raise his brothers and sisters on the family homestead near Creston. He retired from Stoltze Land and Lumber Co. at the age of 70.

On June 8, 1935, Berl married Freda Faldmark, who survives him at their home. To this union, three children were born, Berl of Columbia Falls, Marie (Buck) Carda of Kalispell and Clinton of Sand Point, Idaho.

He is also survived by two brothers,

Russell of Kalispell and Johnnie of North Pole, Alaska; five sisters, Roberta McGuire of Alhambra, Calif., Grace Hellen of Bigfork, Ruby Shaw of Auburn, Wash., and Ethel Wagner and Ardath Hanson, both of Kalispell; seven grandchildren, three step granddaughters, five great-grandchildren, and 16 step great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews; and other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by seven brothers and an infant grandson.

Berl was a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Columbia Falls.

Funeral services will be held at Johnson Mortuary Chapel on Friday at 2 p.m. with the Rev. Schultze officiating. Interment will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens immediately following services. Donations may be made to the charity of the one's choice, in lieu of flowers.

A luncheon will be held immediately following graveside services at the community room of Ashley Creek Court Retirement Complex, 1128 Ken Way in Kalispell.

Friends may call at Johnson Mortuary for visitation from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. until noon Friday.

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Petrena "Pete" Buckley

Petrena "Pete" Buckley, 87, of Kalispell, died in the Immanuel Lutheran Home on Tuesday, March 2, of natural causes. 1993

She was born March 3, 1905, in Knowlton, MT, a daughter of Stinus and Elizabeth Dragseth. She received her education at the Knowlton and Dragseth schools graduating from Custer County High School in 1922. She also completed the normal training courses they offered.

She then began teaching at the Amundson School on Cabin Creek.

On June 16, 1928, she was married to Mark Buckley in Miles City. They continued to live on the family ranch in Cabin Creek and Pete taught at local one-room neighborhood schools where needed to help during the depression and long illnesses in the family.

In 1943 they sold the ranch and moved to the Seattle area where Mark worked in the shipyards. They returned to Montana in 1946 when they bought the Marion Store complex which they owned and operated for 22 years. Pete stayed busy as Postmistress, hotel proprietor, housekeeper and cook; and was also a REA Board member.

The couple retired in 1968 to their home in Kalispell where she resided until 1992 when she moved to the Immanuel Lutheran Home.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Mark in 1986; her infant daughter, Joy Susan in 1944; her brother Andy; and her sister, Betty.

Survivors include three sisters, Lena Linden of Baker, MT, Hannah Mahlstedt of Circle, MT, and Selma Pahrman of Helena, MT; four nieces and six nephews; special friends, Lincoln and Dorothy Harris of Marion, MT, and Frances and Jess Gile of Kalispell, MT and many other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Ralph Werner officiating. Graveside services and burial were held at 2 p.m. on Saturday in the Dawson County Cemetery in Glendive, MT. Arrangements were under the direction of the Johnson Mortuary.

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Ann M. Buchel, 70

Ann M. Buchel, 70, died at home in Kalispell on Saturday, July 10, 1993.

She was born "Anna Marie" to Adolph and Bertha Stocker Schlapbach in Steffisburg, Switzerland, on Sept. 4, 1922. The family emigrated to America in 1923 to the family farm near Mount Horeb, Wis.

As an adult, Ann moved to Milwaukee where she married Josef Buchel of Balzers, Liechtenstein on June 30, 1943.

The couple had two children, Susan and Josef. The family moved to Hungry Horse in 1963.

Josef Sr. and Ann divorced in 1971. Ann resided in Bozeman from 1972 to 1977, then returning to the Flathead, the home of her heart.

Ann was a master gardener, avid

reader, fisherman and bowler. In earlier years she enjoyed hiking in Waterton and Glacier National Parks.

Ann is survived by her children, Susan and Josef, three brothers, Adolph Bach, Hans Schlapbach and Fritz Schlapbach, and one sister, Elizabeth Bongard, all of Wisconsin; one grandson; numerous nieces and nephews in Wisconsin and cousins in Switzerland.

Cremation has taken place and memorial services will be held in Woodland Park Rose Garden Wednesday at 6 p.m.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Flathead Food Bank or Flathead Hospice.

Arrangements and cremation are by Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

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June **Dorine J. Buettner, 78** 1993

Our mother was born Dorine Jeanette Dale on April 22, 1915, in Bode, Iowa. She lived her early life in rural Iowa with her two sisters, Gilma and Frances, and her brother, Joseph. She graduated from Bode High School in 1934.



She worked for the post office during World War II and in 1950, married our father, Herman Ernest Buettner, who had two daughters, Wanda and Sharon. Dorine had four children: Steven and Kevin of Kalispell,

Valerie Catt of Great Falls, and Del Rey. Del Rey (diagnosed with Down's Syndrome) preceded her in death, in addition to Gilma and Joe. Dorine was exceedingly proud of her 19 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

All through her life, she was an avid reader and passed this love of reading on to her children and grandchildren. She valued education and the development of one's God-given talents. We will miss her dearly.

Graveside services were held Thursday, June 10, 1993, at Springcreek Cemetery. Arrangements were by Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

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Katherine Marie Bullman, 41

Katherine Marie Bullman, 41, died at her Kalispell home on Thursday, May 13, 1993.

She was born in Hamilton on Feb. 24, 1952, to George Leslie and Alice R. Wheeler. She graduated from Hamilton High School in 1970 and attended Missoula Vo-Tech for two years.

She was employed with the Missoula Mercantile and then worked at Super Save in Missoula, and Safeway and Fairway Market in Hamilton.

She was employed with Fred Meyer

in Kalispell, where she worked for the past 15 years, at the time of her death.

In 1971, she married Kenneth Bullman in Hamilton. They lived in Missoula, Hamilton and Kalispell.

She was preceded in death by her father in 1975 and by all four of her grandparents.

She is survived by her husband, Kenneth, and their three children, Kendra, Kody, and Kole, all at the family home; her mother, Alice Wheeler, of Hamilton; two brothers, James

Wheeler and his wife, Joanne, and family, of Snohomish, Wash., and Dennis Wheeler and his wife, Beth, and family, of Olympia, Wash.; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be held Monday at 2 p.m. at Kalispell Christian Center with the Rev. John Weaver officiating. Private graveside services will be held later in Hamilton.

Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.

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John H. Bullock Jr., 72

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John H. Bullock Jr., 72, Columbia Falls, died Monday evening at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Fort Harrison.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth, of Columbia Falls; two sons, John H. Bullock III of Coram and James Bullock of Libby; three daughters, Rita Elgaen of Tacoma, Wash., Jaquie Brunson of Helena and Anne Bullock of Columbia Falls; six grandchildren; two brothers; and seven sisters.

A funeral service will be held Friday at 2 p.m. at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls with the Rev. David Kauffman officiating. Burial will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls with military graveside honors.

Visitation will be today from 1-8 p.m. at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

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Patrick Kenneth 'Pat' Buls, 46

Patrick Kenneth "Pat" Buls, 46, of Kalispell, died Friday, Dec. 31, 1993, in an avalanche while snowmobiling in the Swan Mountains.

He was born Oct. 29, 1947, in Butte, to Ruth Rumley and Art Buls. He received his education in Butte and the Flathead, graduating from Flathead High School in 1965.

He joined the Army on March 8, 1967, and spent a year in Korea. He was honorably discharged on Oct. 22, 1968.

He married Patricia McClain on April 10, 1970, in Kalispell.

He joined the Kalispell Fire Department in July 1979. He was senior second driver for the department and also worked as a printer with Karen Lee at Kalispell Stamp Works.

He worked enthusiastically to keep the local public lands available for all to use. He spent much of his free time in the forests, riding motorcycles, snowmobiling and river rafting.

Pat was actively involved in the

community and he will be missed by the many who knew him.

He was preceded in death by his father, Arthur Buls, and a brother, Duane David Buls.

Survivors include his wife, Patricia, and two sons, Bradley and Justin of the family home; his mother, Ruth Hansen Buls Rumley, and stepfather, Owen "Bud" Rumley of Somers; four brothers, Maurice Arthur and Roger Dale, both of Anchorage, Alaska, Leonard Dean of Great Falls and Daniel Frederick of Kalispell; three sisters, Elaine Marie Pack of Seattle, Karen Lynn Anderson of Lakeside and Lisa Ann Rumley of Lakeside.

Funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. on Tuesday at Trinity Lutheran Church. Cremation will follow.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Buls Memorial Fund for the children's education, or to the Montanans for Multiple Use fund.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.



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Francis Dale 'Bud' Bunyea, 60

Francis Dale "Bud" Bunyea, 60, of Bigfork, died at the Veterans Hospital in Fort Harrison on Saturday, Oct. 30, 1993.

He was born Dec. 24, 1932, in Kalispell, to

Charles and Theresa Bunyea. He went to Swan Lake School. He served in the U.S. Navy in Korea War from 1951 to 1955.

He was a construction worker and worked in the oil fields in eastern Montana. He was a truck driver for a number of years.

He was a member of the V.F.W. of Polson.

He was preceded in death by his



parents and two sisters, Lorraine Bunyea and Ethel Clapper.

He is survived by three children from a former marriage, Donovan Eugene and Tammy Lynn, both in Great Falls, and Kelvin Lane, of Kalispell; a brother, Vernon Bunyea, of Miles City; two sisters, Renna Clapper of Kalispell and Janette Evenson of Bigfork; and a number of nieces, nephews, and great nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday at Lonepine Cemetery near Bigfork, with the Rev. Herb Knutsen, pastor of Bethany Lutheran Church, officiating. Friends will meet at the cemetery for the services.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

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Dorothy Ellen Burk, 41

Dorothy Ellen Burk, 41, a long-time resident of Kalispell, died of cancer at Brendan House on Thursday, July 22, 1993.

She was born Dec. 19, 1951, in Heron, to Stephen and Adeline Burk. She graduated from high school and attended beauty school.

Her most important hobby was her love for bingo.

She was never married and was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Joseph Burk.

She is survived by six brothers,

Steve of Uniontown, Wash., Jim of Woodbridge, Va., Pat of Trout Creek, Mont., Jack of Manhattan, Mont., Sam of Beatty, Nev., and Bernie of Troy; four sisters, Mary Kinzer and Donna Heidecker, both Spokane; Linda Walker of Troy, and Pam Teets of Kalispell; and 34 nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be held Monday at 1 p.m. at the Heron Cemetery. Friends will meet there for services.

Friends may call at Johnson Mortuary from 1-4 p.m. today for visitation.

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Elizabeth Burlingame, 88

Elizabeth Burlingame, 88, of Hot Springs, died Thursday, Jan. 28, 1993, at the Hot Springs Convalescent Center.

She was born in Mistletoe, Ky., on Nov. 23, 1904, to Henry and Nancy Gay.

Elizabeth and her husband, Florian Burlingame, spent most of their married life in California. They moved to Montana in 1976, and Mr. Burlingame passed away shortly after coming to Montana.

While she had no children of her own, Elizabeth had a great love for

children, and spent much of her early life providing child care in her home.

Surviving family members include a sister, Rhoda Smilka, of Hot Springs; a brother, Luther Gay, of Paragould, Ark.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Graveside funeral services were held Tuesday at Murray Memorial Cemetery in Lonepine, near Hot Springs. Officiating was the Rev. Alex Chai, pastor of Four Square Church in Polson.

Arrangements are by Weatherford Funeral Home in Kalispell.

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Georgia Mae Burnett, 52

Georgia Mae Burnett, 52, of Kalispell, died in Kalispell Regional Hospital on Saturday, Nov. 27, 1993, of cancer.

She was born Dec. 2, 1940, in Ti, Okla., to Burley and Georgie Burnett. At an early age she moved to Grass Valley, Calif., where she had received her education.

She was then married to John Robinson and to this union two children, Cindi Dawn and Johnny, were born. She was later divorced and was married to Gary L. Freese. To this union three children were born, Christina, Gary and Harold.

In about 1966 she moved to the Flathead Valley and has resided here

much of the time since then. She was a member of the Eagles Auxiliary.

She is now survived by her five children, Cindi Tomlinson of Roseburg, Ore., Johnny Robinson of Camp Pendleton, Calif., Christina Freese of Columbia Falls, Gary Freese of Kalispell and Harold Freese of Everett, Wash.; a sister, Visa Arbough of Sacramento, Calif.; eight grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday in Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Paul Taylor, Kalispell Regional Hospital Chaplain officiating. Burial will be in Glacier Memorial Gardens.

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Patricia A. 'Patty' Butler, 43

Patricia A. "Patty" Butler, 43, a resident of Libby for the past three years, died Tuesday at St. John Lutheran Hospital in Libby.

Survivors include her husband, James "Jeb" of Libby; two daughters, Julie Anderson and Brooke J. Widmeyer of Libby; four sons, Jeffery Buzzard, Darreck Buzzard, Jesse J. Mossburg

and Nathan A. Widmeyer, all of Libby; two grandchildren; and her aunt, Taylor J. Moriarity of Libby.

Visitation will be Friday from 4-8 p.m.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at Vial Funeral Home Chapel. Cremation will follow the services.

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28 Aug Minnie K. Butzlaff, 85 1993

Minnie K. Butzlaff, 85, of Columbia Falls, died Saturday at North Valley Hospital.

She was a nurse at the Kalispell hospital for many years and volunteered at the Clothes Closet and food pantry in Columbia Falls.

She was an instructor at the rifle club.

She was preceded in death by three brothers and six sisters.

Survivors include her hus-

band, George, at the family home near Columbia Falls; a son, Richard Nichol, of Arizona; a granddaughter; and two great-grandchildren.

A service will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Columbia Mortuary. The Bishop Billie Willis of the Latter-day Saints Church in Columbia Falls will officiate. Burial will follow in Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

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A. Gayle Byhoffer, 78 1993

A. Gayle Byhoffer, 78, of Polson, died Tuesday at St. Joseph Hospital in Polson.

She is preceded in death by her husband and by one brother, Gilbert Gorder.

She is survived by one son, Steven R. Byhoffer of Circle Pines, Minn.; one daughter, Janice Hendrickx of Mount Vernon, Ohio; and five grand-

children.

Funeral services will be held on Friday at 3:30 p.m. at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Polson with the Rev. Ken Bartle officiating.

Visitation will be held on Thursday from 6-8 p.m. at the Mosley-Shrider Funeral Home in Polson and from 2:30-3:30 p.m. at the church on Friday.

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Bernida Byrd, 80

Bernida Cheff Byrd, 80, of Columbia Falls, died at home of lymphatic cancer on Thursday, Nov. 18, 1993. Her husband and children were with her when she died.



She was born at the foot of the Mission Mountains near Ronan on June 9, 1913, to Ovila and Marie (Caron) Cheff. She was the oldest of 14 children.

On Nov. 30, 1931, she married Herman Donald Byrd of Ronan in Polson. They lived near Ronan until World War II, when they moved to Detroit. After the war, they returned briefly to Ronan. In 1946, they moved to Martin City, where they purchased land from relatives Gaspard and Malvina Martin and built a grocery store during the construction of Hungry Horse Dam.

Over the next 32 years, they expanded their business to include a butcher shop, game cutting, laundromat, rentals and a trailer court. They retired in 1978 and moved to Creston in 1980. In 1988, they moved to their present home in Columbia Falls.

She was a very kind and loving mother. She loved her faith and was very involved in her church. She was artistic and took great pride in providing a warm home for her family.

She is survived by her husband,

Herman, and nine of her 12 children, Vern and Mary Byrd, of Spokane; Dr. LeRoy and Irene Byrd, Spokane; Greg and Claudette (Byrd) Wieck, of Enterprise, Ore.; Louie and Gabriela Byrd-Egging, of Sidney, Neb.; Chris and Maureen Byrd, of Martin City; Bill and Vicki Byrd Rinck, of Coram; Scott and Marie (Byrd) Johnston, of Creston; Gerard and Loretta Byrd, of Martin City; Ovila and Renee Byrd, of Martin City.

She was preceded in death by sons Billy, Duane and Jim. She had 67 grandchildren and 42 great-grandchildren.

She is also survived by brothers and sisters, Rex Cheff, of Chattaroy, Wash.; Bud and Adelle Cheff, of Ronan; Grace (Cheff) Puumala, of Southfield, Mich.; Floyd and Anna Mae Cheff, of Bonner; Chris Cheff, of Paramount, Calif.; Louie Cheff, of Howell, Mich.; Charles "Vila" Cheff, of Ronan; Clyde and Josephine (Cheff) Schwach, of Billings, Mo.; Jim Cheff, of White Lakes, Mich.; Herman "Wimpy" Cheff, of White Lakes, Mich.; Clarence and Sherrie Cheff, of Bloomfield Hills, Mich. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Leo and Ray.

A vigil/wake service is to be celebrated at 1 p.m. today at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls. Mass of the Resurrection is scheduled at 11 a.m. Monday with Father Joe Pat Sullivan officiating. Memorials may be made to St. Richard's Parish Emergency Fund.