

## Bernice Elizabeth Wagner

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**Bernice Elizabeth Wagner**, 84, of Kalispell, died in the Heritage Place on Wednesday, Oct. 20. She was born Aug. 7, 1909, in Hutchinson, Minn., daughter of Otto and Selma Håssman Hartman. In 1919 she moved with her parents to Aitkin, Minn. where she graduated from the Aitkin High School in 1928. She was a member of the First Congregational Church in Aitkin and a member of the Aitkin Auxiliary Drum and Bugle Corp. In 1945 she came to Montana and operated a beauty shop in the Many Glacier Hotel in Glacier Park. On Nov. 6, 1945, she was married Marvin L. Wagner in Great Falls. They had two children. Their son, Roy Keith, preceded her in death. She is now survived by her husband, Marvin, at home; her daughter, Sandra Jean King, of Kalispell; two sisters, Mrs. Theo. (Ruth) Johnson and Mrs. Geo. (Kathryn) Harrison both of Aitkin, Minn.; two granddaughters and several nieces and nephews. She was also preceded in death by her parents; four brothers and two sisters. Private urn burial will be in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

## 1993 Hazel H. Wagner

**Mrs. Hazel H. Wagner**, 83, of Somers, died in the Heritage Place in Kalispell on Sunday, July 18.

She was born February 27, 1910, in Somers, a daughter of Kenneth and Caroline Hellen. She attended Somers school and was a graduate of the St. Matthew's Catholic High School in Kalispell. She attended college in Cheney, WA, for two years. She was a teacher and taught school in Somers, Malta and Galata, MT.

On Nov. 4, 1934, she married Ross Wagner in Somers. In 1942, the couple moved to CA where they lived until 1981, when they returned to Somers.

Mrs. Wagner was a member of the St. Ann's Catholic Church in Somers.

She is survived by her husband, Ross, at their home in Somers; a brother, Wallace Hellen of Leigh Acres, FL; a sister, Mrs. Warren "Bobbie" Hersman of Somers and a number of nieces and nephews.

Rosary was recited at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Private family burial was held in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

## 1993 Alice Helen Wachsmuth

**Alice Helen Wachsmuth**, 59, of Kalispell, died on Monday, Sept. 13, following a courageous battle and a lengthy illness with scleroderma. She was born March 18, 1934 in Whitefish, a daughter of Reeves and Gladys Taylor. She received her education in Whitefish. On June 30, 1950 she married Harold Wachsmuth in Kalispell. After raising her three daughters, she began work as a cook at the Immanuel Lutheran Home. She also worked at the Outlaw Inn, the Sizzler Restaurant, was an Avon representative and had worked at Gamer's Shoes prior to retiring due to illness.

Alice enjoyed her gardening, crocheting, working on ceramics, and camping. She loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. She was a charter member of the Evergreen Fire Department Auxiliary, and also had been a Brownie Leader. Alice had been a member of the Evergreen Alliance Church where she taught Sunday

School and had been Head Deaconess for several years. She was a member of the Christian Center Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers. Survivors include her husband, Harold of the family home; three daughters, Vickie Blake and Rhonda Newman both of Kalispell and Debbie Cofer of Massachusetts; two sisters, Hazel Damschen and Gladys Rochom both of Whitefish; four brothers, Robert Taylor and George Landon both of Seattle and Lee and Howard Taylor both of Kalispell; seven grandchildren, Randy, Rachele, Rory and Ralysa Blake and Patricia, Kimberly and Veronica Newman all of Kalispell; and numerous nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held Thursday in the Christian Center Church with Rev. John Weaver officiating. Burial was in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

## Constance Michelsen Wagner, 56

Constance Michelsen Wagner, 56, of Bigfork, died at her home on Sunday morning, Dec. 26, 1993, after a two year battle with cancer.

She was born April 18, 1937, in Tacoma, Wash. She graduated from New Rockford, North Dakota High School and St. Olaf College in Minnesota.

Before moving to the Flathead Valley, she taught in Great Falls, Chinoook and Harlem. She was a teacher at Flathead High School from 1967 until her retirement in 1988.

For many of those years she was a speech and debate coach. Her teams won honors throughout Montana and the Northwest. She taught English and especially enjoyed her advanced placement classes. She was very proud of her many students who were accepted to and graduated from prestigious colleges and universities.

She received the Kalispell School District High School Teacher of the

Year Award in 1987 from the Kalispell Education Association. She was a dedicated educator, a defender of civil liberties, a feminist and a lover of animals. Among those who will miss her most are her two Labradors.

As her friends and students will remember, she was very proud of being 100 percent Norwegian.

She is survived by her husband, Richard Wagner of Bigfork; one sister, Ruth McGaffey of Milwaukee, Wis.; a brother, Christian Michelsen of Denver; and several nieces and nephews.

Cremation has taken place.

The family suggest memorials may be made to the Sierra Club Memorial Program, 730 Polk Street, San Francisco, CA 94109 or to the American Cancer Society.

Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

## Minnie I. Waller, 83

Minnie I. Waller, 83, died Friday, April 9, 1993, at Brendan House.

She was born Aug. 22, 1909, in Belvue, Kan., and moved with her family at age 6 to Shepherd, Mont., where she was raised and educated by her parents, Henry D. and Gesine Soelster, who preceded her in death.

In August of 1926, she married George P. Waller. In the early years of their marriage, they lived in South Dakota and Missouri but came back to Shepherd, where they farmed and raised their family.

In 1950, they moved to Kila, where Minnie has since resided and operated Minnie's General Store up until April of 1992 when she closed her store.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George, in 1974.

She is survived by her six children, Kenneth Waller in Pahoa, Hawaii, Marvin Waller of Tenino,

Wash., Loretta Grove of Seattle, Richard Waller of Bothell, Wash., and Bernice Bestul of Kila and Gerald Waller of Kila; her sister, LaVerna Fine, of Kalispell; 24 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; one great-great-granddaughter; and several nieces and nephews.

Minnie was a member of Riverside Alliance Church and attended regularly up until the time of her illness in January. Her church and faith was an important part of her life but she had many other interests, also. She loved traveling. In her later years she went to Germany twice and last spring she went to Hawaii. She also liked gardening, sewing and oil painting.

Private burial was held at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Memorial services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at Riverside Alliance Church in Kalispell.

## Charles Eugene Wallace, 55

Charles Eugene Wallace, 55, of Kalispell, died of heart failure at Kalispell Regional Hospital on Thursday, April 15, 1993.

He was born Aug. 24, 1937, in Ft. Robinson, Neb., to Raymond and Vera Wallace. He was educated in Nebraska and later moved to Spokane.

In 1972, he married Beverly Borovec in Coulee Dam, Wash. He was a maintenance man and was employed at Cavanaugh's.

He was a member of Christ Church

Episcopal.

He is survived by his wife, Beverly, at home; his father, Raymond Wallace, of Spokane; two half brothers, Walter and Harold Wallace, both of Spokane; and several aunts, uncles and other relatives.

Memorial services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. at Christ Church Episcopal with the Rev. Russell Peck officiating.

Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.

## James W. Wallace, 72

James W. Wallace, 72, a longtime Columbia Falls resident, died Monday, Jan. 1, 1993, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish after a long illness with cancer.

James was born March 2, 1920, in Milford, Iowa, to Archie and Carrie Wallace. He was raised and attended schools in Milford until he was 10 years old and his family moved to Rochester, Minn., where he finished high school.

James came to Montana with his National Guard Unit and when World War II broke out, he and his unit were activated full time. It was while he was in Montana that he met his future bride, Lillian Mae Rice, and they were later married on March 14, 1945, in Hamilton.

James was honorably discharged in October 1945, and the couple came to the Flathead Valley where they have resided since.

He went to work on the Hungry

Horse Dam in 1947 and his jobs ranged from laborer to powerhouse operator. James retired in March 1975.

James was a member of the First Baptist Church in Columbia Falls. He loved working with gemstones and was an avid fisherman and storyteller. He enjoyed visiting and playing cards with friends.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Ruth Bungarner.

He is survived by his wife, Lillian, at the family home in Columbia Falls; a son, James L. Wallace, in Columbia Falls; two daughters, Gayle Lawrence in Kalispell and Jana Tucker in Auburn, Wash.; three grandsons and seven granddaughters; two nieces; a nephew; and many cousins and friends.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. today at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls with the Rev. Jerry Buchannan and Ralph Warner officiating.

## Beatrice L. Walker, 89

Beatrice L. Walker, 89, of Polson, died on Monday at St. Joseph Hospital in Polson of natural causes. *2 Aug 1993*

She is preceded in death by her husband; one son, William; one daughter, Inez Port; one granddaughter, Beverly Port; and 10 brothers and sisters.

She is survived by a son and his wife, Sidney and Twila Walker of Polson; a son-in-law; 15 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be Thursday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Mosley-Shrider Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be Friday at 2 p.m. at Mosley-Shrider Funeral Home in Polson with the Rev. Gerry Oulette and Deacon Wes Vert officiating.

Burial will be at Lakeview Cemetery in Polson.

## Minnie I. Waller, 83

*7 Aug 1993*  
Minnie I. Waller, 83, of Kila, died at Brendan House Friday.

She is survived by six children, including Bernice Bestul and Gerald Waller, of Kila; and a sister, LaVerna Fine, of Kalispell. Private burial was held at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

A memorial service will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at Riverside Alliance Church. Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.

## Earl Ward, 88

Earl Ward, 88, of Columbia Falls, died Feb. 12, 1993, at Colonial Manor in Whitefish.

Visitation is scheduled at 1-8 p.m. Monday at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. Funeral services are scheduled at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the mortuary with David V. Kauffman officiating. Burial will follow at the Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

## Edna A. Warner/993

Edna A. Warner, 86 of Kalispell, died at her home in Kalispell on Saturday, Oct. 2 of natural causes. She was born Aug. 25, 1907 in Guymon, Okla., daughter of Benjamin and Gertie Flake. As a child of a true pioneer family, she traveled across the country in a covered wagon and settled for a time in Texas and then California. She graduated from school in Los Angeles County in 1923 and on March 4, 1927 she was married to Albert J. Warner in Compton, Calif. They moved to the Conrad, Montana area in 1927 and Albert worked for the Bureau of Indian Affairs and later was employed by the Valier Land and Water Co. Edna was an avid bowler and accumulated many trophies through the years. She was preceded in death by her husband, Albert, who died in February 1983. Edna continued to live in Conrad until August, 1993 when she moved to Kalispell. She is survived by her son, Albert D. Warner and her daughter-in-law, Connie Warner of Kalispell; five grandchildren; seven great grandchildren; and numerous friends in Conrad. Memorial services were held Wednesday in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Rev. Duane Hull of Kalispell Christian Church officiating.

## Susan 'Suzie' Wancho, 35

Susan "Suzie" Wancho, 35, of Bigfork, died Feb. 12, 1993, at Brendan House in Kalispell of cancer.

She was born July 30, 1957, at Bay Shore, Long Island, N.Y. She moved to Franklin, N. J., and attended schools there, graduating from Franklin High School.

She married Andrew M. Wancho on Feb. 14, 1983, in Las Vegas. They bought a home in Bigfork four years ago.

She is preceded in death by her father, John E. Brazel, in 1989.

She is survived by her husband; daughter Nicole, and son Andrew Michael Wancho III, all of Bigfork; sisters Donna Brazel, Laurel Veccia

and Maren Brazel, all of Auburn, Penn., sister Janice Brazel and her daughter, Jennifer, of Newton, N.J.

Funeral services are scheduled at 3 p.m., Monday at the Mosley-Shrider Funeral Home in Polson, with Rev. Robert Raedeke officiating. Visitation will be 1-3 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Cremation will follow the service.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or to Brendan House.

## Ruby H. Wang, 87

Ruby H. Wang, 87, of Somers, died at her home on Tuesday, Feb. 16, 1993.

She was born Oct. 26, 1905, in Hamilton, to Thomas and Hessie Hannon. She received her education in Montana, graduating from Darby High School in the class of 1924. She then attended Western Montana College in Dillon and also Cheney Normal School graduating in 1928.

She taught school in Harlem, Lolo, Lennep, Somers and Lakeside.

In 1932, she moved to Somers, where she resided until her death. On May 19, 1933, she married Ludwig Wang in Polson.

She retired from teaching in 1971.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; two brothers; and two sisters.

Survivors include four sons, Marvin and his wife, Avis, and Richard and his wife, Sharon, all of Somers; Tom and his wife, Holly, of Deer

Lodge; and Rod in Tuscarora, Nev.; 10 grandchildren, Randy Wang of Renton, Wash., Pam Pace of Salem, Ore., Gayle Jones of Boise, Idaho, Brenda Wang of Somers, Shannon Coburn of Boise, Idaho, Karen Robinson of Omaha, Neb., Philip and Mike Wang of Deer Lodge, Alice Brotnov of Bozeman and Debbie Wang of Kalispell; one sister, Agnes Cooper of Darby; two sisters-in-law, Julia Hannon and Bessie Hannon of Darby; six great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday in Conrad Memorial Cemetery with the Rev. Wayne Pris, pastor of the Eidsvold Lutheran Church, officiating. Friends will meet at the cemetery for the services.

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

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

## Harold A. Ward, 81

Harold A. Ward, 81, of Kalispell, died at Immanuel Lutheran Home on Monday, Jan. 25, 1993.

He was born Feb. 11, 1911, in Chinoook, to Bradford Bates and Edith Van Valkenburgh Ward.

On March 24, 1940, he married Wally Watland in Minot, N.D. She preceded him in death on March 16, 1987.

Harold taught school in Napoleon, N.D. He then attended barber college in Fargo, N.D., and worked in that profession until and while in the armed services.

He served in the Army in the Philippine Theatre in World War II from 1943-1946. Following his honorable discharge, he was employed with the U.S. Postal Service in Longview, Wash. and in Kalispell until his retirement.

Harold was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church. He had a

strong interest in the Bible, U.S. history, and his collection of old-time music.

He was also preceded in death by a sister, Ella Harwood, and a brother, De Estaing Ward.

He is now survived by his son, Robert (Bobby Gene) Ward of Ronan; a sister, Helen Beta Poverud, of Silverton, Ore.; two brothers, Robert and Chester Ward, both of Tillicum, Wash.; and Polly Nikolaisen, a special friend of the family.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday at Bethlehem Lutheran Church with the Rev. Dick Bahnson officiating. Private burial will be made in Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials be made to Immanuel Lutheran Church.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

## Karen Louise Watne

<sup>1993</sup>  
Mrs. Karen Louise Watne, 43, of Kalispell, died in the Harbor View Hospital in Seattle, Washington on Wednesday, April 14, of a brain aneurysm. She was born August 20, 1949, in Scobey, Montana a daughter of Ted and Helen Vacura. She had received her early education in Scobey and had moved to Kalispell with her family at an early age where she graduated from Flathead County High School. On June 9, 1973, she was married to Robert Watne in Kalispell. Mrs. Watne had been active in all her children's activities. She loved ranch life, and had a great love for her animals, especially the cattle which she had all named. She enjoyed operating tractors and other equipment in the hayfield. She had also enjoyed sewing for her family, gardening and raising flowers. She was the first woman to challenge men racing at the Big Sky Speedway. She is now survived by her husband, Robert, and three children, Janice, Crystal and Brian, all at the family home; her parents, Ted and Helen Vacura; a brother, Alan Vacura, and a sister, Mrs. Ronald (Kathy) Lebert, all of Kalispell; one nephew; two nieces; and many aunts, uncles, other relatives and friends. Funeral services were held at 2 P.M. on Monday in the First Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Larry Gaylord officiating. Burial will be in the Glacier Memorial Gardens. Arrangements were under the direction of the Johnson Mortuary.

## James Arthur Weaver

<sup>1993</sup>  
Mr. James Arthur Weaver, 76, Kalispell, died in the Brendan House on Aug. 12 of cancer. He was born Feb. 21, 1917, in Kalispell, a son of Charles and Marguerite (Birch) Weaver. He received his education in Kalispell graduating from the Flathead High School and then attended the University of Montana in Missoula. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was a farmer/ rancher in the Kalispell area for over 33 years. Mr. Weaver was a member of the Kalispell Saddle Club, Lower Valley Grange, and a member of the Elks for over 50 years. He also belonged to the Eagles; he was the Director of the Farm Home Board, and also a member of the Hodgson School Board. He was a member of the Methodist Church.

<sup>15 April</sup>  
Rosella Wartick, 72, a resident of the Tobacco Valley for more than 38 years, died Thursday at North Valley Hospital.

She was born Feb. 4, 1921, in Pequot Falls, Minn., to Jay and Alice Stevens.

She married Leon Wartick on Oct. 21, 1939, in Wausaukee, Wisc. They lived there and in Beloit, Wisc., before moving to Eureka in 1954.

She was very active in community affairs, being instrumental in establishing a community fund drive for one of the community's first ambulances. She was also a charter member and officer in the Tobacco Valley Improvement Association. She was a member of the First Church of God and the Ladies Missionary Society. She also operated an income tax service in Eureka.

Her husband, Leon, preceded her

## Francis D. Watne, 72

Francis D. Watne, 72, of Polson, died Friday, June 4, 1993, at St. Joseph Hospital in Polson.

He was born May 25, 1921, to Dedrick and Selma Watne in Berthold, N.D. He was raised in Great Falls and graduated from high school there.

He served in the U.S. Air Force during World War II. He returned to Great Falls and worked for the Anacosta Copper Company.

He married Lorraine Good on Nov. 4, 1941, in Great Falls. They moved to Hungry Horse in 1947 where he was employed by the Hungry Horse Dam and FKL Lumber Company. In 1958, he moved to Polson and worked for Plum Creek Lumber Company until his retirement.

He was a member of the New Life Christian Center of Polson, the National Rifle Association, the Big Sky Rock and Mineral Club, and was an avid hunter.

He is preceded in death by a brother, Norman Watne.

He is survived by his wife; three sons, Gene of Polson, Gary of Great Falls and Greg of Post Falls, Idaho; two daughters, Barbara Christoffer-son of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and Wanda Blankenhorn of Livermore,

Jim was a devoted, loving husband and father. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Carol in 1988. Survivors include his wife, Jean at the family home; one daughter, Dolores Eck of Plymouth, Ind.; five grandchildren, Lorie, Mike and Bill all of Plymouth, Celeste of Oregon and Tanya of Maryland; and six great grandchildren. Memorial services were held on Tuesday Aug. 17 in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Rev. Ron Pierce of Swan Chapel officiating. Private burial of the urn was in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Rosella Wartick, 72 1993

in death in 1974.

She is survived by four daughters, Alice Gilbert of Helena, Evelyn Fluid and Nancy Wood, of Eureka, and Shirley Frobert of Stanford, Mont.; three sons, Gerald Wartick of Ronan, William Wartick of Eureka, and John Wartick of Charlo; a brother, Jay Stevens, of Ronan; five sisters, Luella Wagner, Irma Kepler and Norma Becker, all of Beloit, Wisc., Linda Mowrey of Rockford, Ill., and Viola Pociask of Wausaukee, Wisc.; eight grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Friends may call at Vial Funeral Home in Eureka from 1-9 p.m. Monday. Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the First Church of God with the Rev. Don Nielsen officiating. Burial will be in the Tobacco Valley Cemetery.

Memorials may be made the Eureka Ambulance, Box 736, Eureka, 59917.

Calif.; seven grandchildren and two step-grandchildren; and three sisters, Edna Loranger of Burbank, Calif., Theresa Rhodes of San Jacinto, Calif., and Darlene Nolen of Palm Springs, Calif.

Visitation will be at Mosley-Shrider Funeral Home in Polson today from noon to 8 p.m.

Funeral services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the New Life Christian Center of Polson with Rev. John Weaver and Rev. Miles Finch officiating. Burial with military honors will be at Lakeview Cemetery in Polson.

Memorials may be made to the Kidney Foundation.

## Gerald F. 'Garrid' Welling II

*July 1943*  
KALISPELL Gerald F. "Garrid" Welling II, 33, a businessman, died Monday at his home south of Kalispell of complications from AIDS.

Private urn burial will be on the family property followed by public memorial services at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Shining Mountains Science of Mind Center in Kalispell. Johnson Mortuary is in charge of cremation and arrangements. Memorials are suggested to the Flat-head AIDS Council Inc., 723 5th Ave., Kalispell.

He was born Oct. 24, 1959, in Connellsville, Penn., where he was raised and educated. He then studied clinical sciences and minored in business administration at Wheeling College in Wheeling, W.Va. He later studied business management and marketing at New York University in New York City.

Initially, he worked in a respiratory therapy career before deciding upon magazine marketing and publishing. In February 1990, he moved to Kalispell from New York City, where he was last employed by the American Museum of Natural History as the general manager of Natural History Magazine. Welling previously held management positions for ABC Broadcasting's publishing division. In Kalispell, he was active in business management and marketing services.

Welling was active with the Flat-head AIDS Council, where he served for two years as a board member and AIDS lecturer with the council's educational workshops. In 1991 he received the governor's award for excellence in AIDS volunteer work.

Survivors include his mother, Ruthcarol Welling of Kalispell; sisters Lynda Holt of Whitefish and Rosemary McGinnis of Boscobel, Wis.; a brother, Richard A. Welling of Hazelton, Penn., and a companion, Timothy R. Shelley of Kalispell.

Welling was preceded in death by a sister. *49*

## Adeline Weaver, 86

Adeline Weaver, 86, died Saturday, Oct. 23, 1993, in Immanuel Lutheran Home.

She was born Aug. 9, 1907, in Tabor, Alberta, Canada, the youngest of five children born to Heber and Bethia Black. Adeline's mother died when she was just 5 months old. Her father lived in Tabor with his children and was an owner in a coal mine there.

Adeline and her sister went to Coolville, Utah, to be cared for by relatives. They returned to Tabor when they were old enough for school. In 1922, Adeline moved to Post Prairie, west of Marion, to stay with a sister.

On Nov. 15, 1945, she married Mart Paul Weaver. He was a carpenter and construction worker and had worked on the Hungry Horse Dam and for the aluminum plant. The couple bought a place east of Kalispell, near Elk Park Road. Mart Christmas-treed and Adeline assisted.

The Weavers helped raise Adeline's nephew and six children of their own. She was very proud of her family. The family moved to the Evergreen area in 1963. Adeline worked for the Uptown Motel for 10 years to help with the children's education.

She had traveled in the Caribbean Islands; to Mexico City; Hawaii; Aus-

tralia and New Zealand.

She enjoyed reading and became an American citizen in 1945. She had served as a jury member and an election judge. She was a chapter mother of the future Homemakers of America for two years.

She had lived in Evergreen until Oct. 9, 1986, when she entered the Immanuel Lutheran Home, where she has since resided.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Mart, in 1973; two sisters; and two brothers.

She is now survived by her six children, Donald Weaver of Cut Bank, Glenn Weaver of Coram, Arthur Weaver of Columbia Falls, William Weaver of Kalispell, Kathy McKnight of Billings and Sandra Van Aken of Terrebonne, Ore.; 22 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; two sisters-in-law, Phyllis Black of Canada and Mame Weaver of Kalispell; and a number of other relatives.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday in Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Larry Gaylord, pastor of First Presbyterian 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 Wednesday for visitation.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Immanuel Lutheran Home.

## Joe B. Weaver, 81

Joe B. Weaver, 81, died Monday, Aug. 16, 1993, at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

He was born Dec. 10, 1911, in Superior, Iowa, to Samuel and Haddie Weaver.

Joe married Thelma Hoxsie on Dec. 22, 1936, in Gillette, Wyo.

He enlisted in the Navy in October 1942, serving his country until October 1945.

Joe and Thelma moved to Whitefish, where he worked for the Great

Northern Railroad. They later moved to Kalispell, where he resided until his death.

He was a member of the Columbia Falls V.F.W.

Joe is survived by his wife, Thelma, of Kalispell; and three sisters, Mary Crabill of Gillette, Wyo., Josephine Bryant of Seattle, Wash., and Lottie Elder of Eugene, Ore.

Private urn burial will be in Whitefish Cemetery. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

## *Aug* Stanley L. Welch, 68 1993

Stanley L. Welch, 68, of Lakeside, died in Kalispell Regional Hospital on Sunday.

He is survived by his wife, Iva, of the family home; his son,

Robert Welch of Kalispell; and numerous other relatives.

Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

## Ruth Catherine Weaver, 64

Ruth Catherine Weaver, 64, of Kalispell, died in Brendan House on Tuesday, June 29, 1993, of diabetes complications.

She was born April 13, 1929, in Livingston, and was adopted by Oscar A. and Lillian S. Anderson at the age of two weeks. She received her education in Kalispell and was a graduate of Flathead County High School in the class of 1947.

She married Eddy S. Geddes on June 14, 1947, in Kalispell. They had three children, Stephen C., Rhonda L., and Jeffrey R. Geddes.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Eddy; and her son, Jeffrey.

On March 11, 1972, she married Ira S. Weaver, making their home in Kalispell since that time.

Ruth had been a service representative for Mountain States Bell Telephone Co. in Great Falls for two years; a reservationist for West Coast Airlines in Seattle for three years and a travel agent for Flathead Travel Service for 10 years. She was also an outside salesman for Montana Tour and Travel.

She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church and the Adah Chapter No. 17 Order of the Eastern Star. For many years she had served on the Kalispell Assembly Order of Rainbow Girls Board and as their

Mother Advisor. She was also a member of the Grand Cross of Color.

She is now survived by her husband, Ira "Ike", at the family home; son, Stephen and his wife, Kathy Geddes, daughter, Rhonda "Roni" Rasmussen and fiance Don Wiebe, all of Kalispell; grandchildren, Keri Clifford of Seattle, and Kay, Stacie and Dusty Hassler and Valaerie and Heide Geddes, all of Kalispell; and great-grandchildren, Steffan Hassler and Cody Geddes, of Kalispell. She also has seven stepchildren, Bob Weaver, Judy Shiels and Cory Weaver, all of Seeley Lake, Sam Weaver and Vivian Schneider, both of Clinton, Nick Weaver of Anchorage, Alaska, and Kathy Egosque of Farmington, N.M.; 11 step-grandchildren; her birth mother, Edna Kenny of Mission, Texas; two half-sisters, Kay King and Goldie DuVernay; a half-brother, Dale Kenny; one very special aunt, Myrtle Yerkes of Kalispell; and many cousins.

Ruthie Kay was a devoted and much loved mother, grandmother and wife. She will be dearly missed by all who loved her.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday in Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery, where ritualistic rites will be conducted by the Adah Chapter No. 17 Order of the Eastern Star.

The family suggest memorials be made to the Shodair Childrens Hospital, P.O. Box 1715, Helena 59601.

A reception at the First Presbyterian Church will follow the graveside services.

## Sara E. Weber, 89

Sara E. Weber, 89, of Eureka, died Sunday, July 25, 1993, at Mountain View Manor in Eureka.

She was born Sept. 27, 1903, at Decatur, Neb., to William and Sara Snyder. As a child and young adult, she had resided in Nebraska, Minnesota, and Shaumut, Mont.

She married Curtis Weber on Nov. 19, 1923.

In 1927, she and her husband came to Eureka, where they had resided until moving to Alaska in 1943 and later to Edmonds, Wash., where they had resided for many years.

Her husband preceded her in death in 1986, and she had returned to the Tobacco Valley, where she was a resident of Mountain View Manor since August of 1989.

She was also preceded in death by a grandson, James Weber.

She is survived by a son and

daughter-in-law, Earl and Natalie Weber of Edmonds; two sisters, Elsie Helms of Eureka and Rachel Helms of Hamilton; two granddaughters, Cherie Weber of Alderwood Manor, Wash., and Linda Goldsmith of Little Rock, Ark.; three great-grandchildren, Chris Weber, Paula Weber and Kelly Kjarstad; and a great-great-granddaughter, Kara Kjarstad.

Rosary services will be Thursday evening at 7 p.m. at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church. Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated Friday at 11 a.m. at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church with the Rev. Michael Chilton as celebrant. Inurnment and burial will be in Tobacco Valley Cemetery.

Arrangements are by Vial Funeral Home in Eureka.

Memorials may be made to the Mountain View Manor Nursing Home Building Fund in Eureka.

## Wallace A. Westphal

Wallace A. Westphal, 78, of Kalispell, died in the Kalispell Regional Hospital on Monday, Nov. 1, 1993. He was born Oct. 31, 1915, in Memphis, Mo. He received his early education in Missouri, moving at a young age to Kalispell where he attended Kalispell schools and graduated from Flathead County High School in the class of 1935. On Feb. 14, 1937, he married Ruth Feyhl in Polson. In 1939, they moved to California where Mr. Westphal trained as a machinist. In 1955, they returned to the Flathead where he was employed as a machinist for the Anaconda Aluminum plant until his retirement. He was a member of the Eagles Lodge and the Bald Eagles and a member of the Machinists Local Union.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth, on December 22, 1987, and is now survived by two sons, Gary Westphal of Anchorage, Alaska and G. Scott Westphal of Milltown, Mont.; several grandchildren, great grandchildren and other relatives. Graveside services were held on Wednesday in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery with the Rev. Marvin Northcutt, pastor of the Epworth Methodist Church officiating.



## John Wigfield

John Wigfield, 83, of Polson, died of natural causes Tuesday, Sept. 7, 1993 at St. Joseph Hospital in Polson.

Funeral services were held September 10th.

John was born September 9, 1909 in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, the son of Jennie and Art Wigfield. The family moved to Harlowton when he was 6 years old. He graduated from Harlowton High School in 1929. He attended Montana State University in Bozeman for three years and married Beulah Sandenaw on Sept. 15, 1932 in Harlowton. The couple moved to a ranch in Urban Flats following their marriage and farmed and ranched until 1975 when they sold the ranch and moved to Polson where they have since resided.

John served as county commissioner, was a school board member and served as bailiff in Polson's District Court for 17 years. He was a member of the Methodist Church in Harlowton and Polson.

Survivors include his wife, Beulah of Polson; two daughters, Jone Scarcella of Long Beach, Calif. and Joyce Carlyle of Polson; and a sister, Ruth Phillip of Missoula.

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## James B. Westwang Sr., 73

James B. Westwang Sr., 73, of Kalispell, died in Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls on Monday, July 26, 1993, of natural causes.

He was born Dec. 26, 1919 in Somers, to Marcus and Anna (Tanum) Westwang. He received his education in the Flathead, having graduated from Flathead County High School.

He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1940 and served with F Company, 163rd Infantry in the South Pacific where he was wounded in action and received the Purple Heart. He received his honorable discharge in 1945. He also served with the National Guard in Montana.

On Nov. 1, 1946, he was married to A. Belle Peterman in Oregon.

Mr. Westwang had worked on the construction of the Libby Dam and also the Columbia Falls Aluminum Plant. He worked as a bartender for numerous years, retiring from the Eagles Lounge as bartender.



He was post Commander of VFW No. 2252, MOC Pup Tent 6 and Past Grand Commander for MOC State of Montana. He was a longtime member of the VFW and the Eagles Lodge and served on the VFW Color Guard and Funeral Squad. He also played in the VFW "Cootie" Band and was a Bald Eagle.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Belle; and one sister, Agnus.

Survivors include three sons, John of Oregon, Marcus of Nevada and James Jr. of Wyoming; one daughter, Margo Steppe of Columbia Falls; his twin brother, John Westwang of Oregon; five sisters, Martha, Helen, Ruby and Evelyn, all of Oregon, and Edna of Washington; 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; and many, many dear friends.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday in Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Rick Buzzell of Hungry Horse Chapel officiating. Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery with military honors conducted by United Veterans.

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

## Winton W. Weydemeyer, 89

Winton W. Weydemeyer, 89, of Fortine, died Thursday, Feb. 4, 1993, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

He was born March 19, 1903, in Cass City, Mich., to Harry and Margaret Weydemeyer. He was raised in Fortine and graduated from Lincoln County High School. He attended Montana State University, where he graduated in agriculture with the school's highest honors.

He married Hallie M. Taylor on Nov. 1, 1959, in Helena. The couple moved to the Tobacco Valley in about 1961 and have resided there since. They were active in ranching, Christmas-tree farming and community service.

Winton was known for his community service and for conservation of this beautiful land in which he lived. He held many positions and received several awards for his efforts, principle among them: founding member of the Montana Wilderness Association, serving as superintendent of fruits, grains, and poultry for the Lincoln County Fair for 43 years, presiding as State Master of the Montana State Grange for more than 20 years and was also steward for the National Grange Association, elected as state senator, serving in the 1951 and 1953 sessions, receiving the Blue and Gold Award from Montanan State University in 1975 for 50 years of community service, receiving the American Motors National Conservation Award in 1959, and receiving with his wife a co-award for conservation from the Lincoln County Con-

servation District. Winton was a member of the Montana Conservation Council, the Republican party and a Republican State Committeeman, and the Christian Science Church.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Olga Johnson and Lucretia Larsen, and a brother, Donald Robert Weydemeyer.

He is survived by his wife, Hallie, at the family home in Fortine; a stepson, Richard "Dick" Kenneth Thompson, in Englewood, Colo.; three stepdaughters, Hallie "Samm" Thompson Shatley of Sherman, Tex., Roberta Thompson Barstad of Glasgow, and Betty Jo Thompson Powell of Missoula; a sister, Marian Weydemeyer Johnson of Centralia, Wash.; three grandsons and six granddaughters; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. Services will be conducted by the Montana Grange and the Christian Science Church. A reception will follow services at the Stillwater Grange. Interment will be at 3:30 p.m. at the Fortine Cemetery with members of the Montana Wilderness Association serving as casketbearers. Arrangements are under the direction of Austin Funeral Home.

The family has suggested that memorials be made to either the Montana Wilderness Association, P.O. Box 635, Helena, 59624, or to the Montana Grange, care of Marilyn Johnson, 1760 Pines Blvd., Kalispell.

## Milton O. Wilcox

Milton O. Wilcox, age 74, a resident of Whitefish, died March 27, 1993 at the North Valley Hospital in Whitefish of natural causes.

Milton was born September 4, 1918 in Webster, South Dakota a son of John and Anie Wilcox.

He was raised and educated in Webster, South Dakota. As a young man he worked in the C.C.C.'s until he and his mother moved to Great Falls. Milton was employed with the Great Northern Railway in Great Falls with the Bridge and Building Crew, later transferring to a Fireman's position on Steam Engines. Milton retired as a Locomotive Engineer with 30 years. In 1972 he moved to Whitefish.

His interests included the Railroad, living in Montana, hunting, fishing. He liked to travel, enjoyed building furniture and gardening.

He was a member of the Degree of Honor and while in Great Falls was an active Scout Master of Troop #5.

He was preceded in death by his wife Pearl in 1989, one son Arthur, one grandchild, Clinton Hilbig and a granddaughter Shanda Carter-Fameitau, three brothers and one step-brother.

Survivors include three sons, Roger Wilcox, Harry Wilcox both of Great Falls and Glenn F. Wilcox of Whitefish. Two daughters Alma and Dorothy both of Great Falls. Also surviving are step-children Donna Pettit of Columbus, Mississippi, Shirley Hilbig of Great Falls, Montana, Ed Carter of Scio, Oregon and Patty Jo Whitten of Kalispell, Montana. He is also survived by 22 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Wednesday March 31, 1993 at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish with the Rev. Jerry Bechtle of the United Methodist Church officiating. Soloist will be Rev. Darrell Newby and Organist Vivian Christenson. Burial followed in the Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

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## Marcella Welsh, 72 1993

Marcella Welsh, 72, of Libby, died Thursday at Kalispell Regional Hospital from injuries in a vehicle accident near Libby Feb. 26.

She is survived by a son and a daughter; two sisters and two brothers; and numerous nieces

and nephews.

Friends may call at Vial Funeral Home from 1-9 p.m. today and Monday. Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Vial Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Dennis Andersen officiating. Burial will be at the City of Libby Cemetery.

## William (Bill) Edwin Wheeler, 84

William (Bill) Edwin Wheeler, 84, died March 11, 1993, in Provo, Utah.

Wheeler was born April 20, 1908, in Mountain Home, Idaho, to Edward J. and Anna M. Velie Wheeler. He grew up in Mountain Home, attending public schools there and graduating from Mountain Home High School in 1927. He attended the University of Idaho Southern Branch (now Idaho State University), attaining an associate degree in civil engineering in 1929.

He married Lida Jane Mulliner, of Shoshone, Idaho, on June 4, 1932, in Mountain Home. He and his wife lived in many different places during the course of his career, but spent most of their lives in Kalispell. They lived in Provo the last 3 1/2 years.

Bill spent his professional career as a civil engineer and land surveyor, retiring from the U.S. Bureau of

Reclamation in 1957. After retiring from federal service, he worked on various special projects and as an independent surveyor. He was elected the Flathead County Surveyor in 1965 and served in that position for seven years. He was a Republican. Bill was also a lifelong member of BPOE.

Bill was the father of four children: Shirley Ann Huggins, Seattle; Lida Jane Saunders, Ogden, Utah; Gloria Eileen Wheeler, Provo, Utah; and Gerald Edwin Wheeler, currently of Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. In addition to his wife and children, he is survived by 12 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three brothers.

Interment will be in the Mountain Home Cemetery in Idaho. Services are scheduled at 11 a.m. Monday at Mountain Home.

## Mathilda 'Tillie' Wihlborg, 85

An evening wake service for Mathilda "Tillie" Wihlborg, 85, of Anaconda, will be held at the Anaconda Chapel of KT Riddle Funeral Home today from 7-9 p.m. for family and friends. Private interment will be at Glen Haven Memorial Park in San Fernando, Calif., next to her late husband, Albin Wihlborg.

She died Thursday morning, April 22, 1993, at Community Nursing Home of Anaconda, where she was a resident since March of 1989.

Mathilda Amelia was born on Oct. 4, 1907, in Kalispell, to Scandinavian parents, Alfred and Hulda (Sunden) Koford. She was raised on the family's ranch was educated in the Kalispell school system. Following her schooling, she was working as a waitress in the Kalispell area when she met Albin Wihlborg. They married on Jan. 4, 1953 in Kalispell.

They moved to Victorville, Calif. in the mid-1950s. He worked for Douglas Corp. He died on May 17, 1971, in California. Following his death, she moved to Las Vegas. She

returned to Montana in 1975 and lived in Whitehall, where she was employed at the Borden Hotel. She moved in Anaconda in 1986.

She loved to read, especially Louis L'Amour books. She was a very quiet person but enjoyed helping people.

She is survived by a brother and sister-in-law, Vic and Gladys Koford of Kalispell; two sisters, Elaine Bates of Yakima, Wash. and Helen Seek of Anaconda; several nieces and nephews, including Phyllis and her husband, Roy Caldwell, of Apache Junction, Ariz.; and numerous great-nieces and nephews, including Rita and her husband, Lafell Loveland, of Anaconda, Judy and her husband, Wayne Lamrick, of Whitehall, and Steve and his wife, Joyce Caldwell, of Las Vegas.

Mrs. Wihlborg was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Albin; three brothers, Edward, Oscar, and Paul; and a sister, Elsie Branes.

Arrangements are under the care of KT Riddle Funeral Homes in Anaconda.



## Foul play not suspected in gun death

The Flathead County Sheriff's Office is investigating whether the shooting death of a 53-year-old Columbia Heights man Saturday night was accidental or suicide.

Sheriff Jim Dupont said no foul play is suspected in the death of John Wilkinson. Wilkinson died instantly of single bullet wound to the head late Christmas night at his home.

Wilkinson's wife and two adult children reported they were in another room of the house and heard a shot from the .44-caliber pistol. Dupont said there had been a small family disturbance earlier, but it was not violent and did not involve weapons.

He said Deputy Coroner Brock Wilson

investigated the death. The incident originally was called in to Columbia Falls police, who dispatched the city ambulance.

In another gun incident Sunday morning, a deputy was sent to a home on Kabner Lane near Whitefish, where a man had been shot in the foot.

Dupont said investigation indicated Dennis Lonnevik, 46, of Woods Bay, accidentally shot his father, Robert, 71, in the ankle. The accident apparently happened when the younger man was showing his father the difference between a single- and double-action .380-caliber pistol.

Whitefish ambulance was dispatched but canceled, and Lonnevik was taken by private vehicle to North Valley Hospital.

### Davis W. "Bud" Williams 1993

Davis W. "Bud" Williams, 58, died Sunday evening, Jan. 3, of an apparent heart attack at his home near Kalispell.

He was born May 3, 1934 in Sheridan, WY, the son of Francis C. and Catherine Williams. He was raised and graduated from high school in Sheridan. After graduation, he served in the US Air Force from 1952-56.

In 1955, he married Dorothy Kirby in Sheridan, and they moved to the Kalispell area in 1958. Bud had worked as a sales representative for food wholesalers.

Surviving family members include his wife Dorothy at the family home; two sons, Matthew D. Williams and his wife Dorie, and Daniel J. Williams, all of Kalispell; his mother, Catherine Williams of Ranchester, WY; one brother, F. Charles Williams of Kalispell; and a sister, Suzanne Laya of Ranchester.

Bud was preceded in death by his father and an infant daughter.

Memorial services will be Friday, Jan. 8 at 11:00 a.m. at the Weatherford Funeral Home, with Rev. Larry Gaylord, Pastor of First Presbyterian Church officiating. Cremation has taken place at the Weatherford Crematory.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Northwest Montana Humane Society, P.O. Box 221, Kalispell, MT 59903.

### 17 April Frederick Wetzel, 68 1993

Frederick Wetzel, 68, of Woods Bay, died at his home on Saturday.

He moved to Kalispell in 1968 and then to Woods Bay in 1971.

He is survived by one son, Fritz Wetzel of Woods Bay; one daughter; and 11 grandchildren.

### Frances May Diller Ivers Williams, 73

Frances May Diller Ivers Williams, 73, of Coram, died Thursday at Heritage Place.

She moved to Coram at age 2 and grew up there, attending Coram Elementary School and Columbia Falls High School.

She graduated from the Great Falls Academy of Beauty in 1946. She was a waitress and cook most of her life.

Survivors include five sons, including Edwin Ivers of White-

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday at First Baptist Church in Bigfork. A potluck lunch will be held at the Tall Pines, Bigfork, following the service.

Cremation and arrangements are by Mosley-Shrider Funeral Home of Polson.

fish, Ronald Ivers of Eureka, Thomas Ivers of West Glacier and Willard Williams of Coram; two daughters; 14 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Mass of the Christian burial will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls, with the Rev. Joe Pat Sullivan as celebrant.

Arrangements are by Columbia Mortuary.

### Joseph Delbert Wilkes, 64

Joseph Delbert Wilkes, 64, a lifetime resident of the Kootenai Valley, died Monday, Aug. 30, 1993, at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

He was born in Libby on Aug. 7, 1929, to Bert and Marie Wilkes and was reared and educated in Libby.

During the later 1940s, he served with the United States Air Force. Following his honorable discharge, he returned to Libby. He had been employed by Pettit Logging and Hartsock Logging and, in later years, had worked as a mechanic at Libby Ready Mix.

He is survived by his wife, Jean of

Libby; three children, Timothy Wilkes of Spokane, Curtis Wilkes of Eugene, Ore., and Dawn Wilkes of Bigfork; three sisters, Lillian Wilkes of Spokane, Effie Thompson of Libby and Amy Rody of Ronan; three brothers, Leonard Wilkes of Concord, Calif., and Robert and Larry "Sonny" Walker, both of Libby; two grandchildren, and several stepchildren and step-grandchildren.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. at Vial Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Charles Couch officiating. Burial with military honors will be in the City of Libby Cemetery.

## Adeline Williamson, 78

Adeline 'Ad' Williamson died peacefully at her home in Bellevue, Wash., on June 21, 1993 at the age of 78.

Mrs. Williamson was born in Kalispell on Jan. 27, 1915, to John and Lella (Pierce) Zeitler. Upon finishing high school in Kalispell, Ad moved first to Bridgeport, Conn., and then to Westchester, Calif. in 1944.

In 1950, Ad and her husband, Loyal Ayres 'Bill' Williamson, moved to Whittier, Calif., where they together raised a family of three children.

Mrs. Williamson was pre-deceased by her husband, Bill in 1964; and her son, John Curtis in 1991.

Surviving children are Robert Alan Williamson of Laguna Beach, Calif., and Anne Pierce Williamson of Seattle, Wash.

During her years in Whittier,

Mrs. Williamson combined her skills as a talented seamstress with her creative eye to pursue a career in costume design. She was instrumental in the early years of the Whittier Costume Shop both as a volunteer and an employee. In 1970, she became the costume designer for the Theatre Arts Department at Rio Hondo College in Whittier. She retired in 1987, relocating to Washington.

A private memorial service was held in Bellevue.

At the family's request, memorial contributions may be made to a student scholarship fund in the name of Ad Williamson to the Rio Hondo College Foundation; attn: Dr. Alex Sanchez; 3600 Workman Mill Road; Whittier, Calif. 90608.

## Francis E. 'Rip' Wilson, 89

Francis E. "Rip" Wilson, 89, died of heart failure Friday, Jan. 8, 1993, at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

He was born at 'Lone Tree' near Fort Benton, to Edward and Fanny Ewell Wilson, homesteading pioneers. He and brothers Edward and James were schooled on the ranch until moving to Lewistown in 1914, graduating from Fergus County High in 1923.

A standout Bobcat football player at Montana State University, he was honored as an all-conference center. In 1928, he received his B.S. degree in physical education and was a member of the Omega Beta, Phi Alpha Tau and Les Bouffans fraternities.

Rip began his coaching career in White Sulphur Springs, followed by three years at Big Sandy.

Marrying his college sweetheart, Norma Buck, in 1932, he accepted a contract at Flathead High School to coach football, basketball and track. During his 36 years on the Flathead faculty, he lifted the confidence of numerous young men through athletics, helping them seek out careers and to accomplish life's goals.

He was the first Kalispell coach ever to defeat Helena and Great Falls in football, and also coached the first basketball team in Montana to defeat the Missoula Spartans in basketball in their new gymnasium. Rip was the



only mentor ever to coach two stints at Flathead, his first from 1932-1936, and the second, during World War II, from 1943-1946.

Through the years, he never lost interest in athletics. Football was his first love and he became Flathead's most loyal fan, observing many of their games over a 60-year span. Rip loved fishing and the great out-of-doors and found tranquility on the waters of Flathead Lake. He was active in many youth activities and a member of the Kalispell Lions Club.

His wife, Norma, preceded him in death in November 1966. He later married Lenore Hoggard in 1970, who also preceded him in death in 1986.

Rip is survived by his son, Dick, and wife, Lona, three grandchildren, Todd, Scott and Carolyn, and great-granddaughter, all of Taylor, Calif.; a daughter, Barbara, and son-in-law, Reinhard Spies, of Bigfork and grandsons Stefan in California and Marc in Connecticut; and brothers, Edward Wilson and wife, Juanita of St. Joseph, Mo., and James Wilson and wife, Helen, in California.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at First Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Larry Gaylord officiating, followed by a reception in the church.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials be made to the Flathead High Boosters Club.

Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

## F. E. 'Rip' Wilson, 89

F. E. "Rip" Wilson, 89, of Bigfork, died at Kalispell Regional Hospital on Jan. 8, 1993.

He was a former Flathead High School teacher. He is survived by two brothers, a son, daughter, five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Memorial services are 2 p.m. Tuesday in the First Presbyterian Church, with Rev. Larry Gaylord officiating.

Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.

## Mary Ellen McCall Windsheimer, 61

Mary Ellen McCall Windsheimer, 61, of Bigfork, died of cancer Saturday, March 20, 1993, at her home in Bigfork.

She was born April 11, 1925, in Roberts, Idaho, to William and Sarah McCall. She started school in Butte and went to high school in Caldwell, Idaho.

She was married Sept. 4, 1944, in Chicago, Ill., to Ivan Windsheimer. They made their home in Washington. They moved to the Flathead Valley in 1964. In 1986, they moved to

Polebridge where they lived until late 1992 when they moved to Bigfork for medical reasons.

Surviving family members include her husband, Ivan, at the family home; four sons, Ivan (Pete) of Seattle, Sam of Hood River, Ore., Mike of Beaver, Ore., and Larry of Kalispell; one daughter, Patricia Lingle, of Kalispell; eight grandchildren; two brothers, Earl Smith of Boise, Idaho, and William McCall of Cupertino, Calif.; three sisters, Bernice Tyler of Missoula, Dorothy Voight of Garde-

na, Calif., and Pat Paxton of Fort Pierce, Fla.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at St. Catherines Church in Bigfork with the Rev. Robert Hartman officiating. Burial will follow in Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of Weatherford Funeral Home.

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

## Marion Wilson

Marion Wilson, 74, Kalispell, died Thursday, Nov. 25, 1993, at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

She was born on the family homestead near Big Sandy, Mont., on Dec. 19, 1918, to Burl and May Belle Miner. She attended grade school and high school in Big Sandy and Chinook, graduating from high school in Lansing, Mich. in 1936.

Marion owned and managed apartments in Chinook for 35 years. In 1948 she married Tom Wilson, and the couple lived in Havre until 1987 when she moved to Kalispell.

She was a member of the Heritage Club and loved to travel, and play duplicate bridge. Marion was an avid supporter of the Yellowstone Boys Ranch. Many friends in Havre and Kalispell will miss her along with her family.

Survivors include one son, Marshal Field, Kalispell; three daughters, Sharlene Morehouse, Kalispell, Candy Wilson, Havre, Sherry Sorby, Corvallis, Ore.; one sister, Margaret Peterson, Kalispell; three grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Memorial services were held at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, Saturday, Nov. 27 with Rev. Marvin Northcutt officiating.

The family suggest memorials to Yellowstone Boys Ranch Foundation, P.O. Box 80807, Billings, MT 59108.

## Arnold George Whitman, 82

Arnold George Whitman, 82, died Dec. 5, 1993, at his winter home in St. George, Utah. He was a summer resident of Kalispell.

He was born April 13, 1911, in Caldwell, Idaho, to George Franklin and Mae Bess Whitman. He married Charlene Jones on July 20, 1935, in Driggs, Idaho.

He was the son of early settlers in the Big Piney area of Wyoming. He worked for Texaco for 40 years in Wyoming and Montana. He lived in Glendive from 1954 until 1974, when he retired. He received the Humanitarian award from Texaco for heroic performance, having saved the life a co-worker while on the job. He was a

member of the Elks and Masonic lodges. He loved to fish, hunt, golf and was a rockhound. He was married for 58 years.

Survivors include his wife, of Midleton, Utah; son Gary E. Whitman, of Kalispell; daughter Karen W. Verner, and her husband Jerry, of Hershey, Penn.; grandchildren Jessica Whitman, Katie Whitman, Autumn Hottle and Jeff Verner; and a sister, Martha Fehlman, of Powell, Wyo.

A funeral was Tuesday in St. George. The family requests donations to the Dixie Regional Home Health/Hospice, 354 East 600 South, Suite 206, St. George, Utah, 84770.

## Rose Burkhart Wishart, 88

Rose Burkhart Wishart, 88, died in the Immanuel Lutheran Home on Monday evening, June 7, 1993, of natural causes.

She was born May 29, 1905, in Kalispell, to Rudolph and Katherine Burkhart. Her mother died when she was 7 years old and she went to live with her aunt and uncle, Josephine and Anton Fox.

She graduated from Stillwater School and St. Matthew's High School. She then attended Teachers College in Cheney, Wash. She taught school at Ashley Lake and St. Matthew's School.

On June 6, 1929, she married David Blaine Wishart at St. Matthew's Church. The couple had farmed in the Flathead for a number of years.

Mrs. Wishart was a member of the Risen Christ Church and had been a member of the LaSalle Grange, the

American Legion Auxiliary and several home demonstration clubs, the Council of Catholic Women and had been active in many community services, having also served as a 4-H leader.

She was preceded in death by her husband on June 3, 1983, and by one son, James, in 1951.

She is now survived by two daughters, Louise Mitchell of Great Falls and Rose Marie Spring of Bremerton, Wash.; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and a sister, Annie Keller of Libby.

Christian Wake service will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday in Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Mass of the Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday in Risen Christ Church with the Rev. Thomas O'Donnell as celebrant. Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

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**Rose Burkhart Wishart**

Mrs. Rose Burkhart Wishart, 88, died in the Immanuel Lutheran Home on Monday evening, June 7, of natural causes. She was born May 29, 1905, in Kalispell, a daughter of Rudolph and Katherin Burkhart. Her mother died when she was 7 years old and she went to live with her aunt and uncle, Josephine and Anton Fox. She graduated from Stillwater School and St. Matthew's High School. She then attended Teachers College in Cheney, WA. She taught school at Ashley Lake and St. Matthew's School. On June 6, 1929, she married David Blaine Wishart at St. Matthew's Church. The couple had farmed in the Flathead for a number of years. Mr. s Wishart was a member of the Risen Christ Church and had been a member of the LaSalle Grange; the Council of Catholic Women and had been active in many community services, having also served as a 4-H leader. She was preceded in death by her husband on June 3, 1983 and by one son, James, in 1951. She is now survived by tow daughters, Louise Mitchell of Great Falls and Rose Marie Spring of Bremerton, Washington; six grandchildren; five great grandchildren and a sister, Annie Keller of Libby, MT. Christian Wake service was held on Thursday in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Mass of the Christian Burial was held on Friday in the Risen Christ Church with Father Thomas O'Donnell as celebrant. Burial was in the Conrad Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of the Johnson Mortuary.

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**Carl "Doug" Winter, 60**

Carl "Doug" Winter, 60, of Kalispell, died of a heart attack while skiing at the Big Mountain Ski Resort on Tuesday.

He had retired to Montana from California to be with his family.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret of Kalispell; two sons, including Mike and his wife, Sarah, of Kalispell; three daughters; two sisters, including Carole Brummett and her husband, Art of Lakeside; and numerous grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held on Sunday in Inglewood, Calif. Burial will be in the Inglewood Park Cemetery in Inglewood.

1993 **Ralph Lee Winkleman, 46**

Ralph Lee Winkleman, 46, Whidbey Island, Wash., and formerly of Kalispell, died Tuesday, March 23, after a brief illness of cancer.

He was born Nov. 6, 1946. He graduated from Flathead High School in 1965.

He later moved to Whidbey Island. He is survived by a son, Kevin, at

home; a daughter, Roselinda; and a sister, Karin Winkleman Rush, and her husband, Dr. Michael A. Rush, of Key Largo, Fla.

Memorials services were held at Flathead Lake, where a spruce tree was planted in his memory.

For local information, call Bernice Mellem at 257-1680.

15 April 1993 **Edward Wittlake Jr., 67**

Edward Wittlake Jr., 67, of Pablo, died of complications from a lung disorder Thursday at St. Luke Extended Care Facility in Ronan.

He is survived by his wife, Donna Wittlake, of Pablo; three daughters, including Tudy Stacy of Pablo and Darlene Jones of Libby; his mother, Mabel Witt-

lake, of Somers; two brothers and four sisters; and two grandsons and four granddaughters.

He was preceded in death by his father, Edward Wittlake Sr.

Military graveside services and burial will at 2 p.m. Monday at Lakeview Cemetery in Polson. Visitation will be from 1-7 p.m. today at Mosley-Shrider Funeral Home.

**William J. Witts, 69**

William J. Witts, 69, of Kalispell, died at Kalispell Regional Hospital on Saturday, Nov. 20, 1993.

He was born Jan. 16, 1924, in Minneapolis, Minn., to Arthur and Myrtle Witts. He attended elementary school in Becida, near Bemidji, Minn., and graduated from Bemidji High School. He attended two years of college at Bemidji State Teachers College and one year at Minneapolis Business College.

In 1943, he entered the U.S. Army serving in England, France and Germany during World War II until his honorable discharge in 1946. He also served in the Army Reserve and the Montana National Guard for a total of 32 years in the military.

On June 16, 1949, he married Helen Tri in Bemidji, where he worked for Land O'Lakes in Aitkin, Minn. In 1951, they moved to Kalispell and Bill was employed by Nash Finch Co. In 1952, he was an accountant for Rutledge Accounting until 1966, when he was employed as an accountant for Anaconda Aluminum Co. In 1972, he became office manager for Cal Gas and in 1976, he purchased the Windshield Doctor business which he operated until his retirement in 1987.

He devoted his life to young people through N.R.A. Rifle Team, Boy Scouts of America, Evergreen Lions Pee Wee Baseball Team, 36 years as a hunter safety instructor, Ducks Unlimited State Green Wing chairman, and as a volunteer for the Evergreen food bank.

He served as president of the Evergreen Lions Club and Zone Chairman and Deputy District Governor of 37D. He was a member of the Kalispell Moose Lodge No. 1922; trustee for three years and chairman of the Drug Prevention Program, and a member of the Kalispell Elks Lodge for 30 years, serving on boys and girls committees.

He is survived by his wife, Helen, at the family home; two sons, Arthur H. Witts of Spokane and William F. Witts and his wife, Lynette, of Polson; five grandchildren, Frank Witts of Spokane, Eric and Erin Witts of Polson, Michael R. Rubacaba of Kalispell and Bobby R. Rubacaba of Seattle, Wash. He is also survived by his sister-in-law, Sharon Gillett of Missoula; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Robert and Marjorie Wagner of Brooklyn Park, Minn.; and several cousins, nieces and nephews.

Bill spent his life to devoted to his family. He will leave a deep void in the lives of his family and friends.

Christian Wake Services will be held at 7:30 p.m. today in Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Mass of the Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday in the Risen Christ Church with the Rev. Thomas O'Donnell as celebrant. Burial will be in Glacier Memorial Gardens where military honors will be conducted.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Risen Christ Parish or the Flathead County Hospice, 1280 Burns Way, Kalispell.

## Theodore Iver Wold, 81

### Kendall E. Workman

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Kendall E. Workman, 78, long time resident of Swan Lake, passed away in the Deaconess Hospital in Spokane, Wash. on Sunday Oct. 3, of natural causes. He was born June 2, 1915, in Worthington, Indiana, a son of Don and India Workman. He entered the U.S. Air Force in 1938 and retired in 1964. He served in the South Pacific campaign and the Korean War as a fighter pilot. His last tour of duty was the first Base Commander of the Kalispell Radar Base at Lakeside. Colonel Workman was a member of the Green County, Indiana Masonic Blue Lodge; the Scottish Rite of Balboa, Panama Canal Zone; and the Algeria Temple of Helena, MT. He was a member of the American Legion of Condon and the VFW of Kalispell. He is survived by his wife, Mary O. Workman of Swan Lake; his son, Robert and daughter-in-law, Cory Workman of Phoenix, AZ; his daughter, Kathy Workman of Denver Colo.; his sister, Evelyn Sink of Atlanta, GA; three grandsons and two great grandsons.

Funeral services will be held at 2 pm on Thursday in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Ron Pierce of Swan Chapel officiating. Burial will be in the Lonepine Cemetery near Bigfork where Ritualistic Masonic Rites were conducted by the Bigfork Masonic Lodge with Bill Brass, Worshipful Master officiating. Military Honors were conducted by the Burial Detachment from Malstrom Air Force Base in Great Falls.

Theodore Iver Wold, 81, died Saturday morning, Dec. 18, 1993, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

He was born July 11, 1912, in Maddock, N.D., to Ole and Gunilde Wold. He attended grade school and high school in Maddock. He went on to Dakota Business College in Fargo, N.D., and took typing, commercial law, accounting, and business education.



Theodore was employed by the Missoula Mercantile Company in Missoula from 1937 to 1942. He priced all merchandise sold through the retail and wholesale division. He audited all retail sales. He figured the costs for buying contractors electrical, hardware, painting and plumbing and heating merchandise.

Theodore enlisted in the Army on April 23, 1942, and served in Italy until Nov. 5, 1945. He was awarded

three battle stars and a good conduct medal.

Theodore moved to Columbia Falls and worked for the Anaconda Company Aluminum Division as a superintendent of purchasing until his retirement. He attended Flathead Valley Community College in Kalispell also.

He is preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Ione and Adeline.

Theodore is survived by his wife, Eloise of Columbia Falls; two sisters, Bernadine of Seattle and Marion Markstad of Maddock; two brothers, the Rev. Erling Wold of Thousand Oaks, Calif., and Woody Wold of Grand Rapids, Minn.; and one daughter from a previous marriage in Cornelius, Ore.

A service will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. The Rev. Darrell Newby of the Assembly of God Church will officiate. Burial will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

Visitation will be today from 4-8 p.m. at the Columbia Mortuary.

## Roxanne Workman, 41

Roxanne Workman, 41, of Eureka, died Sunday, May 2, 1993, at Kalispell Regional Hospital following an extended illness.

She was born June 6, 1951, at Denver, Colo., to Melvin and Delores Schutterle. She was raised and educated at Lusk, Wyo. She married Lee Workman in 1970 at Lusk.

After their marriage, they had remained in Wyoming for a period of time before coming to Eureka, where she assisted her husband in the operation of Timberline Ready Mix. She had been a member of the Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Eureka.

She was preceded in death by her

father.

She is survived by her husband, Lee of Eureka; two daughters, Jaimee and Casey, both of Eureka; her mother, Delores Schutterle of Lead, S.D.; a sister, Jeanne Schutterle of Lusk; and two brothers, John Schutterle of Laramie, Wyo., and Robert Schutterle of Sinclair, Wyo.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. at Holy Cross Lutheran Church with the Rev. Wayne Berkoben officiating. Burial will be in the Tobacco Valley Cemetery under the direction of Vial Funeral Home in Eureka.

Memorials may be made to the Eureka Ambulance, Box 736, Eureka 59917.

## Irving C. 'Jake' Worrell Jr., 63

Irving C. "Jake" Worrell Jr., 63, died at his home near Columbia Falls on Monday evening, Nov. 15, 1993.

He was born Sept. 2, 1930, in Woodlawn, Va., to Irving C. and Mintie Worrell. He moved to Montana when he was 17 years old.

He served in the Army from 1952 to 1954.

Jake worked construction and from 1968 until his retirement, he worked at the aluminum plant in Columbia Falls.

He was a member of Local 230, the North Valley Eagles Club, and was a life member of the V.F.W.

He enjoyed fishing, hunting and was an avid collector of various items.

He is preceded in death by his parents and six brothers.

He is survived by eight children, Peggy Nielson of Kalispell, Marie Lewis of Hungry Horse, Cheryl McCubbins of Butte, Jean Miller of Gillette, Wyo., Gwen Newman of Gold Bar, Wash., Pat Worrell of Butte, Jill Joy of Whitefish and Sarah Worrell of Helena; 17 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and three sisters.

A memorial service will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. The V.F.W. chaplain will officiate. Inurnment will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery with military graveside rites.

## Harry Edward Wright, Sr., 84

Harry Edward Wright Sr., 84, a resident of the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls, died in North Valley Hospital on Thursday, July 22, 1993.

He was born Jan. 13, 1909, in Steubenville, Ohio, to Levi and Annie Wright. He received his education in Ohio and later moved to Pennsylvania. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II.

He worked in Pennsylvania until 1962 when he moved to Tuscan, Ariz., where he lived until moving to Kalispell in 1991.

He was a member of the Eagles Lodge and the Disabled American Veterans.

He is survived by his ex-wife, Louise Fish, of Henderson, Nev.; five

children, Robert Edward Powell of Tuscan, Ariz., Harry Edward Wright Jr. of Fraser, Colo., Connie Reed of Higgins, Penn., Lucinda Fisher of Provo, Utah, and Debbie Roy and her fiancé, Michael Owens, and his children, Mike, Jane, Steve, Laura and Abe, all of Kalispell; a number of grandchildren, including Suzanne Smith and Michael Roy of Kalispell; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on Wednesday in Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery where military honors will be conducted by the Flathead United Veterans Organization.

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

## John Frank Wojs, 79

John Frank Wojs, 79, of Missoula, died of heart failure Thursday, Aug. 26, 1993, at his daughter's home.

He was born to Frank and Lottie Wojs on Aug. 9, 1914, in Cleveland, where he was raised and educated. On Aug. 19, 1939, he married Victoria Sadowski.

He served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1943-1946.

He worked for the city of Cleveland's parks and recreation department in the division of shade trees for 35 years. Upon his retirement in 1974, he moved to Missoula, where he was able to enjoy his favorite activities of hunting and fishing.

In 1980, he moved to Klamath Falls, Ore., and then to Bigfork, where he

lived for the past five years. He just recently returned to Missoula to be near his family.

He was preceded in death by his wife in 1968.

He is survived by his daughter, son-in-law, and granddaughter, Linda, Melvin, and Caitlyn Zeller of Missoula, and his sister, Cecelia Reed, of Novelty, Ohio.

Funeral services will be Monday at 10 a.m. at Squire Simmons & Carr Funeral Home with the Rev. Loren Leapaldt officiating. Burial will follow at the Missoula Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials may be made to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 4547, Missoula, 59806.