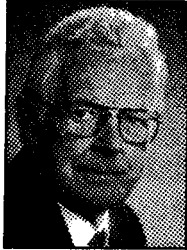


## Clarence Joseph La Brie, 75

Clarence Joseph La Brie, 75, died at his home in Whitefish on Wednesday, July 6, 1994, after a courageous bout with cancer.

Clarence was born March 12, 1919, in Malta, to Hector and Addie La Brie. He attended school in South Malta. Clarence lived and worked in the Malta area and married Edna Munson on November 21, 1940, in Chinook, Mont.



Clarence moved to Whitefish in 1941 and began his employment with the Great Northern Railway as a locomotive fireman.

On June 12, 1943, Clarence was inducted into the U.S. Army and served in the European Theater, in the 763rd Railroad Battalion, Company "C" until the end of World War II. Clarence received the American Theater Service Medal, the European-African-Middle Eastern Service Medal, the Victory Medal, Good Conduct Medal.

At the close of the war, Clarence returned to Whitefish and resumed his career as an engineer for 38 years of service until he retired in 1981.

Clarence was a avid hunter and fisherman. He loved to dance and assisted in various service organizations.

Clarence was member of St.

Charles Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus, the Loyal Order of Moose, Order of Elks, Fraternal Order of Eagles, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Montana Senior Citizens Association, the American Legion, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 276. Clarence had served as commander of the local post, and had just completed service as the Montana state department commander.

Clarence was preceded in death by his parents, Hector and Addie La Brie; a brother, Elmer La Brie; a sister, Mabel Matzke; and baby La Brie.

Clarence is survived by his wife, Edna, at the family home; his son, Ron and wife, Marilyn, of Phoenix, Ariz.; daughter Carol and husband, Roger Edwards, of Sandy, Ore., daughter Ray and husband, Mark Mathews, of Colorado Springs, Colo., and daughter Lorrie and husband, John Woods, of Columbia Falls. Clarence is also survived by his brother, Art La Brie of Whitefish; three sisters, Arlene Lee of Martinsville, Ill., Vida Anderson of Vancouver, Wash., and Evelyn Meuler of Vancouver; six nephews; three nieces; five grandsons; three granddaughters; three great-granddaughters; and two great-grandsons.

Rosary service will be held tonight at 7:30 p.m. at Austin Funeral Home. A funeral mass will be Saturday at 1 p.m. at St. Charles Catholic Church in Whitefish. Internment will be in Whitefish Cemetery, with military graveside rites.

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## Lone Lagerquist, 69

Lone Lagerquist, 69, formerly of Kalispell, died of lung cancer March 18, 1994, at Regency Nursing Home in Renton, Wash.

She worked in the 1970s and 1980s in the kitchens at the Hacienda and Outlaw Inn.

She is survived by her husband; two daughters, and a son; 10 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and four

brothers and nine sisters, including Ann Carter of Columbia Falls, Carol Torpen of Martin City, and Jane Riedinger and Gloria Caudill, both of Kalispell; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be held in Sierra Vista, Ariz., and Westley, Mont., at a later date.

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## Elmer James Lake, 93 1994

Elmer James Lake, 93, of Bigfork, died Sunday at his home.

He is survived by his wife, Merna, of Bigfork.

No services are planned and cremation has been performed by Mosley-Shrider Funeral Home in Polson.

## Venetta M. 'Vicki' Lane, 66

Venetta M. "Vicki" Lane, 66, died Monday afternoon, June 6, 1994, at her home in Coram of heart failure.

She was born Aug. 27, 1927, in Kalispell to Art and Velma Holmquist. She was raised and educated in Whitefish. She graduated from Montana State University in Missoula.

Venetta was married to Virgil L. Lane on June 29, 1949, in Coram. They owned and operated Arts Motel in Coram for many years.

She loved hunting, fishing and her pets.

She is preceded in death by her par-

ents and her husband, Virgil, in 1985.

Vicki is survived by two sons, Brian Lane of Coram and K.C. Lane of Saratoga, Wyo., and one granddaughter, Cortney Jo Lane of Saratoga, Wyo.

A memorial service will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at the Canyon Community Church in Coram. The Rev. Rick Buzzell of the Hungry Horse Chapel will officiate. Inurnment will follow the services at Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

Arrangements are by Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

## John E. Lapp, 78

John E. Lapp, 78, died Friday, June 3, 1994, at his home in San Rafael, Calif.

He was born Nov. 23, 1915, in Creston, to Frank B. and Lena Lapp. He grew up in Creston, later moving to Missouri, where he met and married Lola Campbell. They later moved to San Rafael where he was a heavy equipment operating engineer, retiring 14 years ago.

He is survived by his wife, Lola; a

daughter, Deborah Lee Armitage, of Santa Rosa, Calif.; two granddaughters; six brothers, Clarence and George Lapp of Columbia Falls, Jason Lapp of Lakeside, Wayne Lapp of Kalispell, and Lloyd Lapp, of Molalla, Ore.; three sisters, Mary Oesch and Esther Hogue of Kalispell, and Anna Birky of Columbia Falls.

Funeral services were held in San Rafael on June 7.



## BUFFALO HILL FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY 1994

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Landsberger, Florian Joseph, 71, of Condon, died April 19 at Riverside Health Care Center in Missoula. Rosary at 5 p.m. today at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Requiem Mass on Monday at 10:30 a.m. at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

## Leo Richard Lappin, 72

*to June 1994*  
Leo Richard Lappin, 72, of Libby, died Monday at Brendan House in Kalispell.

He is survived by his wife, Janet, at the family home in Libby; one sister and one brother.

Cremation has taken place and no services are planned at this time. Arrangements are with Buffalo Hill Funeral Home & Crematory.

## *20 May* James R. Larcombe, 62 1994

James R. Larcombe, 62, a former Malta newspaper publisher and businessman, died of cancer Friday at his home in Lakeside.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service is scheduled 7 p.m., Monday, at Eidsvold Lutheran Church in Somers.

Larcombe was born March 12, 1932, in Malta, to J. Russell and Anna Lee Larcombe. He attended elementary school in Malta and graduated from the Shattuck School in Faribault, Minn., in 1950. He later attended the University of Montana, earning a journalism degree in 1954.

On Sept. 14, 1952, he married Mary Ann Dimock in Anaconda. After college graduation, Larcombe joined the Army, serving at Ft. Benning, Ga., and Ft. Carson, Colo.

Larcombe returned to Malta in 1957 and took over management of the Phillips County News, a weekly newspaper owned by his father and started by his grandfather. He bought the newspaper with a partner, Donald Yager, a few years later. Yager

later retired and Larcombe acquired sole ownership of the newspaper.

The newspaper was sold to Dwight Pfeiffer in 1974. Larcombe continued to live in Malta until moving to Lakeside in 1981.

Larcombe was a member of the Lutheran Church, the Masonic Lodge, the Algeria Shrine Temple in Helena and the Malta Club. He was also a member of the Lakeside Quick Response Unit.

He enjoyed fishing, hunting, woodworking and watercolor painting.

Survivors include his wife, of Lakeside; a brother, William Larcombe, of Concord, Calif.; daughters Pam Coffman, of Worthington, Ohio, Laura Baldwin, of Rawlins, Wyo., Susan Albrecht, of Tooele, Utah, and Carol Ann Caflisch, of St. Paul, Minn.; son Butch Larcombe, of Great Falls, five grandchildren and a special friend, Willie.

Memorials are suggested to the Lakeside Quick Response Unit, Flathead Hospice or the Eidsvold Lutheran Church.

## Frances Larkin, 82

Frances Larkin, 82, died Saturday, Dec. 3, 1994, at Immanuel Lutheran Home.

She was born Dec. 26, 1911, in Billings, to Willard and Martisha Arnold. She attended and graduated from school in Laurel. She was one of 11 children and really enjoyed being a part of a large, loving family.

She loved to travel, from Mexico to Canada and all around the U.S. She loved to crochet, embroider, hook rugs and read mystery novels. She was a member of the Eastern Star, Daughters of the Nile and several bridge clubs.

Survivors include two daughters, Shirley and her husband, George

Peterson, of Sandy, Utah, and Judy and her husband, Tom Koppang, of Bigfork; two sisters, Edna Sherrow and Mary Hetterbran, of Laurel; 10 grandchildren, Gary, Greg, Gaylen and Les Quarles, Georgiana Miller, Share Lippman, Katee and Gorden DeVries and Chris and Stephanie Koppang; sisters-in-law Myrtle, and Evelyn and Mac Arnold; 12 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial services are being planned for Dec. 26 at Immanuel Lutheran Home. Arrangements and cremation are by Bigfork Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to Immanuel Lutheran Home, 185 Crestline Ave., Kalispell.

## Chuck Larson, 63

Chuck Larson, 63, a lifetime resident of Libby, died of an apparent heart attack Wednesday at his home. *16 Feb 1994*

Survivors include his wife, Mary Lynn, of Libby; three sons, Mark, Steve and Gary Larson, all of Libby; a daughter, Cindy Spencer, of Kalispell; a sister; 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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

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

## Edith Lillian Beam Larsen, 70

Edith Lillian Beam Larsen, 70, of Pony, formerly of Kalispell, died Saturday, July 16, 1994, in Sheridan following a lengthy bout with cancer and diabetes.

She was born on June 14, 1924, to Raymond Thomas and Sarah Frances Bliler Beam in Bozeman. Her childhood and school years, except for her senior year, were spent in Willow Creek. She graduated from Whitehall High School in 1942.

In 1944, she married Clifford A. Larsen, who preceded her in death.

She went to summer school where she earned a teaching certificate and taught in a school outside of Bozeman. She continued attending summer school until she earned her degree and taught in several rural schools in the Flathead Valley, including Somers.

She spent 13 years as a teacher then went to work for the county superintendent's office, becoming deputy county superintendent for 26 years. Upon retirement, she moved to Pony, where she resided — except for three years as a companion/caretaker in Scituate, Mass., — until the time of her death.

Edith was a member of the Kalispell Business and Professional

Womens Club, the Kalispell Toastmistress Club, the Lambda Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, the Christian Church, Hollowtop Senior Citizens, and Pony Pinnacle Club. She held many offices in these organizations.

Edith loved people, family gatherings and visitors. She was a warm and loving person and made lasting friends wherever she was. During the long illness which eventually claimed her life, she was a source of inspiration to all who knew her — a truly noble and choice lady.

Edith was also preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Evelyn Duncan; and a brother, who died in infancy.

She is survived by three brothers, John E. Beam of Pony, James R. Beam of Anchorage, Alaska, and Bill R. Beam of Mammoth; three sisters, Josephine Jewett of Pony, Alice Barnett of Pony and Rose Wood of Sheridan; plus hosts of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the K&L Mortuary chapel in Harrison. Interment will be in Valley View Cemetery at Pony.

Memorials may be made to the Hollowtop Senior Citizens, in care of K&L Mortuary of Harrison.

## Larry Larson, 68

*3 May 1994*  
Larry Larson, 68, a longtime resident of Pleasant Valley near Libby, died Sunday at his home of Lou Gehrig's Disease.

He is survived by his wife, Sharon of Libby; four daughters, Deborah Knudsen of Helena, Beth and Janet Lara and April Larson, all of Odessa, Texas; four sisters, including Ardith Kvapil of Libby; and eight grandchildren.

Visitation will be Wednesday from 2-8 p.m. and until noon Thursday at Nelson & Vial Funeral Home.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. at Nelson & Vial Funeral Home with the Rev. Robert Noller officiating. Burial with military honors will be in the City of Libby Cemetery.

## Reuben W. Larsen, 72 *1994*

Reuben W. Larsen, 72, died at his home in Aurora, Colo., on Friday, April 8. Private family graveside services are planned 2 p.m., Tuesday at Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.

## Martha 'Mary' Ann Lavadure, 70

Martha "Mary" Ann Lavadure, 70, died in Kalispell Regional Hospital on Monday, May 23, 1994, of natural causes.

She was born Nov. 18, 1923, in Helena to Rosser and Della Jenkins. She lived in Deer Lodge and received her education there.

In 1947, she married Joseph T. Lavadure in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho and lived in Spokane, Wash., until 1949 when they moved to Kalispell.

She began working for J.C. Penney in 1953 and retired in 1984 after 31 years of service.

She loved her family and enjoyed camping, crocheting and fishing. We all



loved her very much and will miss her.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her brother, Bill Jenkins, in 1980; and two daughters, Meryle O'Myer, in 1982 and Carol Culbert, in 1984.

Survivors include her husband, Joe, and her son, Joe, both of Kalispell; two brothers, Al Dixon, of Casper, Wyo., and Dave Jenkins, of Coeur d'Alene; one sister, Grace Rippingale, of Garrison; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services are being held at 11 a.m. on Thursday in Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Rick Nelson, pastor of Bethlehem Lutheran Church officiating. Private burial of urn will be at a later time.

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

## Fred Lechner, 72

Fred Lechner, 72, died Nov. 19, 1994, at Brendan House.

He was born Dec. 18, 1921, in Williamstown, Wisc., to John and Margaret Lechner. He lived much of his younger years in Wisconsin. He enlisted in the army in 1942, serving in Germany during World War II, and received an honorable discharge in 1945.

He married Jeanette Starr in 1946 and they moved to Montana, where he worked as a logger. He also worked for Bell Manufacturing for several years. He loved to hunt and fish and the outdoors. Fred was a

long-time resident of Bigfork and will be missed by all who knew him.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three sisters and five brothers.

Survivors include his wife, Jeanette, at the family home in Ferdale; sons Roger of Kalispell, Al of Bigfork, and Fred of Lewistown; daughters Judy Brodder and Patsie Lechner, both of Kalispell; a brother, Robert, of Wisconsin; and five grandchildren.

Private family services were held. Arrangements and cremation by Bigfork Funeral Home.

## Alton L. Lee, 69

Alton L. Lee, 69, formerly of Essex, died of cancer Dec. 20, 1994, in Port Charlotte, Fla.

He was born in Whitefish and graduated from Flathead County High School in 1942.

He saw action as a Navy machinist mate in the Pacific in both World War II and the Korean War. After the wars, he trained as a machinist apprentice in the Great Northern shops at Hilyard in Spokane, and Havre. He spent most of his working career as a machinist and shop foreman with General Machinery in Spokane.

He spent his youth at the edge of and in what is now The Great Bear Wilderness. In later years, he spent many happy summers fishing from his boat out of Bayview, Idaho, on

Lake Pend Oreille.

At the time of his death, he lived in Port Charlotte in the winter and in Colfax, Wash., in the summers.

Survivors include his wife, Marie, of Port Charlotte; two daughters, Sharon Lundberg of Gold Bar, Wash., and Jennifer Tevlin of Colfax, Wash.; a son, Gary Lee, of San Jose, Calif.; two sisters, Irma Chambers of Hobbs, N.M., and Carole Hall of Salado, Tex.; their mother, Myrna Mallicoat, of Spokane; a brother, Bryce Lee, of Carmel, Calif.; and numerous grandchildren, stepchildren and stepgrandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Dec. 31 at St. Charles Borromeo Church in Port Charlotte. Memorial services are planned for next spring in Spokane.

## Arlene Lee, 65

Arlene Lee, 65, died Sunday at Sacred Heart Medical Center in Spokane of a cerebral hemorrhage. *23 Jan 1994*

Survivors include her husband, John Lee of Libby; two sons, Fred Gerttula of Newport, Ore., and Brian Gerttula of Portland, Ore.; four stepchildren; two grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and 15 step-grandchildren.

Friends may call at Vial Funeral Home from 2-8 p.m. Wednesday.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at Vial Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Ray Hannigan officiating. Burial will be in City of Libby Cemetery.

## Vernon Lawrence, 80

Vernon Morrison Lawrence, known as the "mayor" of Swan Lake died June 12, 1994.

He was a lifelong bachelor.

He had been a logger, millworker, and heavy-equipment operator, and was the last person to deliver mail by horse-drawn sleigh in the Swan Valley.

Services were held at Swan Chapel on Sunday, June 26.

HH 1994 **Robert J. Lee**

Robert J. Lee, 74, of Missoula, died Thursday, Aug. 25 at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls where he had resided for two months.

He was born Oct. 18, 1919, in Missoula, to J.R. and Anna Lee. He attended grade school and high school in Missoula. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1942 and was honorably discharged in 1944. He was employed by the Northern Pacific and in 1946, he went to Alaska where he worked on the Alas-

ka Railroad. He and Dorothy Kahl Walsh were married in December 1960. They retired to Bigfork in 1972 and moved to Missoula in 1990. Dorothy passed away in October 1993. He was also preceded in death by his parents, two sisters and two brothers.

He is survived by two sisters, Pat Bisson and Shirley Connick; two stepdaughters Carolyn Kelly of Missoula and Sharon Crouch of Lolo; five stepgrandchildren and other relatives.

At his request, there will be no services.

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**Virginia Lefebvre, 87**

Virginia R. Lefebvre, 87, a former long-time resident of Libby, died Oct. 5, 1994, at Issaquah, Wash. She was born to Mr. and Mrs. George Coleman on May 6, 1907, at Tacoma, Wash. She was raised and educated at Tacoma, graduating from high school there in 1925. She married Arnaud Lefebvre in 1936 at Tacoma. They moved from Tacoma to Seattle in 1941. While in Seattle, she was employed at Ploger's Funeral Home and later, at Butterworth Funeral Home as a receptionist and secretary.

She and her husband came to Libby in 1945 where they owned and operated The Caboose Restaurant until the early 1970s. They later operated the Cedar Shingle Restaurant until their retirement. Her husband preceded her in death in 1983. She moved to eastern Washington in 1989 where she has since resided.

She had been a member of the United Presbyterian Church, Church Circle and the United Presbyterian Women; she also had been a long-time member of the Business and Professional Women and had been named Woman of the Year by that organization. She also had been a member of the Libby Senior Citizens.

Survivors include a son, Rev. Raymond Riese, Yakima, Wash; two daughter, Shirley Croes, Kirkland, Wash., and Yvonne Belcourt, Spokane, Wash.; 12 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Services were Oct. 10 at the First Presbyterian Church in Libby with Rev. David Hanson officiating. Interment was in the the city of Libby Cemetery. The family suggests remembrances to the First Presbyterian Church. *Libby*

**Nellie March Rains Legg, 87**

3 May 1994  
Nellie March Rains Legg, 87, of Troy, died Tuesday at a nursing home in Bonners Ferry, Idaho.

Survivors include a nephew, Ernest Sells, of Troy.

Visitation is 2-8 p.m., today at Nelson and Vial Funeral Home. Services will be 10 a.m., Monday at Troy City Cemetery, Rev. Gene Bushnell officiating.

Marjorie May Leighty, 78, of Kalispell, died in Heritage Place on Tuesday morning, April 26, 1994, of natural causes.

She was born Aug. 29, 1915, in Bottineau, N.D., to Chauncey and Anna Trent. At an early age she moved with her family to Montana, receiving her education in Whitefish. She graduated from Whitefish High School in 1933.

She was employed with the Whitefish city attorney as a legal secretary.

On Oct. 22, 1936, she was married to Sam Leighty in Whitefish. In 1940 the couple moved to Sebastopol, Calif., where they resided for 32 years and owned and operated a sheet metal heating and air conditioning business. In 1972 the couple returned to Kalispell, where she had since resided.

She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star of Sebastopol and a member of the Soroptimist Club in California.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her brother, Roy Trent; and her sister, Vivian Gage.

She is survived by her husband, Sam, of Kalispell; one daughter, MonaRae Leighty, of Portland, Ore; one son, Gary Leighty, of Plains; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and one nephew.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 on Friday in Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Dr. David Kauffman officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery.

## Anna Leir, 79

Anna Agnes Huiting Leir, 79, of Libby, died Friday, July 29, 1994, at her home. Anna was born May 10, 1915, in McHenry, North Dakota, the daughter of John Henry Huiting and Anna Agnes Hersant Huiting. On June 29, 1935, Anna married Leo Garfield Leir in Carrington, N.D. They moved to Libby in July, 1942. Anna graduated from high school in Grace City, N.D.

Anna was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She will be greatly missed by family and friends. She was active in the Libby senior citizens. She loved to walk with her husband and their dog, Heidi. She enjoyed playing pinochle and watching the Atlanta Braves win at baseball.

Survivors included her husband; two sons, Kermit Jerome Leir of Twin Falls, Idaho, and Terry Wade Leir of Libby; two daughters-in-law, Joan Leir of Twin Falls, Idaho, and Robin Leir of Vernon, British Columbia; one brother, Theodore A. and Jule Huiting of Little Chute, Wisc.; seven grandchildren, Kevin, Julie, and Jeff Leir of Twin Falls, Idaho, Bill and Lisa Leir and Scott Leir of Vernon, British Columbia; Mary Leir of Kelowna, British Columbia and Joe and Kathleen Leir Piazza of Boston, Mass.; three great-grandchildren, Caleb Leir of Kermit, Texas, Chris and Brady Leir of Vernon, British Columbia; and many nieces and nephews.

Anna was preceded in death by her parents; one son, Gary Leo Leir; one grandson, Kermit J. Leir, Jr.; four brothers Joe, John, George, and Norbert Huiting and three sisters, Mary Baker, Alice Leir, and Margaret Hietpas.

Services were Tuesday, Aug. 2, at Nelson & Vial Funeral Home with Rev. Charles Couch officiating. Interment was in the city of Libby Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Libby Senior Citizens Center.

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## Celia Leland, 86

Celia E. Leland, 86, of Libby, died Oct. 13, 1994, at Libby Care Center. She was born Jan. 5, 1908 at Hibbing, Minn., the daughter of Alexander and Mary Jylha. She was raised and educated at Crosby-Ironton, Minn. She married Isaac "Ike" Leland in 1929 at Crosby-Ironton. They lived there from 1924 until moving to Montana in 1944. They lived at Laurel, Mont. for 35 years. Her husband preceded her in death in 1981.

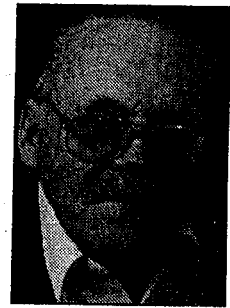
She moved to Dickinson, N.D., where she attended Dickinson State College, receiving a BA in elementary education in 1982 at the age of 74. She came to Libby in 1983 where she was employed at Rainbow Pre-School. She had been a member of the Libby Chapter of the MIA Writers' Group and had been a contributing writer to the group's publications; she also had been a member of the Libby Senior Citizens, the Lincoln County Democrats and had been a volunteer at Heritage Museum. She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Lillian Stebbins, in 1990.

Survivors include a daughter, Maida Rafferty, Bismarck, N.D.; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Oct. 15-16 at Nelson & Vial Funeral Home. Interment will be at a later date in Minnesota. *Libby*

Robert T. Leland, 69, of Kalispell, died at his home on Tuesday evening, June 7, 1994, from complications of diabetes.

He was born Dec. 19, 1924, in Aberdeen, Wash., to Selmer and Selma Leland. At the age of two he moved with his family to Weldon, Saskatchewan, where he had received his education.



In January 1944 he entered the U.S. Army where he served during World War II and fought the Battle of the Bulge and was also in the D-Day operations. Following his honorable discharge, he returned to Kalispell and in 1954 moved to Townsend.

On Oct. 27, 1956, he married Caroline Doggett in Townsend, and they moved to Kalispell in 1961 where he had since resided.

Robert had built three sawmills and was a sawyer most of his working days until he retired in 1968.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include his wife, Caroline, of Kalispell; five children, Robert D. Leland, of Columbia Falls, Marvin R. Leland, of Boulder, Melvin L. Leland, of Toledo, Ohio, Shirley K. Fuller, of Columbia Falls and Mark T. Leland, of Arlington; one brother, Orland Leland and his wife, Janet, of Kalispell; four grandchildren, Scott and Shane Leland, both of Columbia Falls and Cody and Melissa Parkin, both of Plains; and numerous other relatives and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday in Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Darold Reiner of Trinity Lutheran Church officiating. Burial will be in Glacier Memorial Gardens with military honors conducted by the United Veterans.

Friends may call at Johnson Mortuary for visitation from 1-6 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Friday.

31 March **Vadna E. 'Toots' Lessley, 69** 1994

Vadna E. "Toots" Lessley, 69, of Columbia Falls, died Thursday at the North Valley Extended Care in Whitefish.

She was born March 5, 1925, in Dover, Mo., to George E. and Isabelle Willard. She was raised and educated in Dover.

She married James Lessley on Feb. 15, 1941, in Balboa, Panama Canal Zone. He worked there for the Corps of Engineers.

After leaving the Canal Zone, they moved back to Missouri. They later lived at the Fort Peck Dam, the Yellowtail Dam and the Grand Coulee Dam. They moved to the Flathead Valley in 1971.

She was preceded in death by an

infant son, a sister and two brothers.

She is survived by her husband of Columbia Falls; sister Lola B. Hayes, of Oak Grove, Mo.; brothers Ben E. Willard, of Carrollton, Mo., and Sherman W. Willard of Greenwell Springs, La.

She loved all kinds of crafts.

A graveside service is scheduled 2 p.m., Tuesday, at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls. Rev. Ray Davis of the United Methodist Church will officiate.

Visitation is 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday, at Columbia Mortuary.

1994 **Viola E. Lewis, 87**

Viola E. Lewis, 87, of Rollins, died Thursday, Oct. 6, in the Community Medical Center in Missoula.

She was born Sept. 9, 1907, in Kalispell, to Edward and Eliza Foix Ekman. As a small child, she moved with her family to Rollins. She received her education there and in Polson.

On June 3, 1925, she married Cecil R. Lewis in Polson. In her early years she worked as a waitress in Polson and Missoula. The rest of her life she was a devoted mother and grandmother.

After her husband retired, they spent many years traveling and enjoying their home on Flathead Lake.

She was a member of the Dayton Presbyterian Church; the Order of the Eastern Star and the Rollins

Women's Club.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Cecil, in 1990; two sisters and three brothers.

She is survived by sons Lear Lewis and his wife, Jacque, of Kent, Wash., and Gail Lewis and his wife, Sylvia, of Hamilton; her twin sister Violet Friske and her husband, Herb, of Polson; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A funeral is planned 2 p.m., Monday, in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel, Rev. Radtke, pastor of the Dayton Presbyterian Church officiating. Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery. The family suggests memorials be made to the Dayton Presbyterian Church. Arrangements are by Daly-Leach Chapel and Johnson Mortuary.

**Wilhmina 'Mina' D. Lindeburg**

Wilhmina "Mina" D. Lindeburg, beloved wife of Vern. It is with great sadness we announce the passing of Mina on Sept. 28, 1994, at home in Whitefish.

She leaves to celebrate her life three sons, Vernell (Barbara) in Calgary, Alberta, Ejay (Terry) in Edmonton, Alberta, and John (Yvonne) in Whitefish; six grandchildren, Jennifer (James Isaak) in Calgary, Stephanie (Robert Palmer) in Red Deer, Alberta, and Christopher (Donna) in Calgary, Lee and Rose in Edmonton, and Kendra in Whitefish; three great-grandchildren, Blair and Evan in Red Deer, and Katie in Calgary; three sisters, Lilla Compton of Willow Creek, Calif., Betty Lee Henderson in Arizona, and Georgetta

Harry in California.

A memorial service will be held in Whitefish on Friday at 11 a.m. at Christ Lutheran Church, with the Rev. John Bent officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate contributions to the North Valley Hospital auxiliary in Whitefish.

The family appreciates the loving care and gentle guidance given so generously by Dr. William Boehme and his staff, Dr. Jay Erickson, Karen Steenhoven, Sue Johnson, Lila Glee, and the Rev. John Bent.

The cards, notes and gifts of food and flowers from our friends and neighbors have helped ease these difficult weeks and we are truly grateful. Thank you for keeping us in your thoughts and prayers.

## Blanche Lind, 71

Blanche M. Lind, 71, of Libby, died Sunday, Sept. 25, 1994, at Libby Care Center. She was born April 17, 1923, at Hibbing, Minn., the daughter of Judd and Mae McCarthy. She was raised and educated in Minnesota and married John G. Lind October 19, 1949 at Calumet, Minn.

She and her husband resided at Buhl, Minn., for many years until coming to Libby in 1967 where he worked on the Libby Dam Project. He preceded her in death in 1980. She continued to make her home in Libby until the time of her death. She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Diane Hoover, in 1989, and a granddaughter.

She is survived by a daughter, Sheila Hoffman, Libby; a son, Ray Lind, Buhl, Minn.; a sister, Delores Oberstar, Hibbing, Minn.; 11 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be Tuesday, Sept. 27, from 2-8 p.m. at Nelson & Vial Funeral Home. Services will be Wednesday, Sept. 28, at 11 a.m. at the city of Libby cemetery with Father Ray Hannigan officiating.

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## Marjorie Annear Roquette Linn, 85

Marjorie Annear Roquette Linn, 85, Kalispell, passed away Monday, Sept. 26, 1994, of natural causes at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

She was born to Alfred and Theresa McDowell Cooke in Belfast, Northern Ireland, Feb. 9, 1909. They moved to Canada when she was 4 years old. Marjorie moved to the United States in 1931.

She married Harold Annear in 1931 in Medora, N.D. In 1939, they moved to Dickinson, N.D., where they owned and operated the Midget News Stand. Harold passed away in 1964.

Marjorie continued to operate the news stand. She met and married H.L. Roquette in 1969. They remained in Dickinson until H.L.'s death in 1974.

She was also preceded in death by one son, John Annear, in 1965.

She moved to the Flathead Valley in 1975. Marjorie loved all hand

crafts and needlework. She was a member of the Eagles, Legion Auxiliary and the V.F.W. Auxiliary.

Marjorie is survived by two sons, Gary Annear of Fargo, N.D., and Spencer Annear of Alexandria, Va.; a stepson, F.L. "Stub" Roquette of Kalispell; two sisters, Theresa "Tessie" Hollis of Saskatchewan and Kay Robinson of British Columbia; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held Thursday at the Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. The family will receive friends at 7 p.m. with the service at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Russell Peck, pastor of Christ Church Episcopal, will officiate.

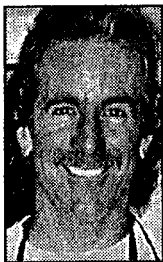
Memorials can be made to the Eagles Auxiliary, 37 First St. W., Kalispell, MT.

Arrangements and cremation are with Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory.

## Douglas Richard Lockwood, 45

Douglas Richard Lockwood, 45, born in Springfield, Ohio, and a former resident of Columbia Falls, died Nov. 23, 1994, of complications of AIDS/lymphatic cancer.

In 1990 he moved to Montana and created Mountain Timbers Lodge, a unique year-round lodge with beautiful views of Glacier National Park.



Survivors include his sister, Constance E. Brown, of Middletown, Ohio; nephews Eric D. Lockwood and Christopher D. Lockwood, of Springfield, Ohio; and niece Hope Brown Depew of Adams County, Ohio.

Throughout his life Douglas touched many people. His love of life enriched all who knew him. He made many friends and will be sorely missed and always remembered by everyone who loved him.

Memorial Donations may be made to PRIDE!, PO Box 775, Helena, MT, 59624.

## Viola E. Lewis

Mrs. Viola E. Lewis, 87, of Rollins; died on Thursday evening, October 6, in the Community Medical Center in Missoula of natural causes. She was born September 9, 1907 in Kalispell, a daughter of Edward and Eliza Foix Ekman.

As a small child she moved with her family to Rollins where she received her education there and in Polson. On June 3, 1925 she married Cecil R. Lewis in Polson. In her early years she worked as a waitress in Polson and Missoula. The rest of her life she was a devoted mother and grandmother. After her husband retired they spent many years traveling and enjoying their home on Flathead Lake.

Mrs. Lewis was a member of the Dayton Presbyterian Church; the Order of the Eastern Star and the Rollins Womens Club. She was preceded in death by her husband, Cecil, in 1990; two sisters and three brothers.

She is now survived by two sons, Lear Lewis and his wife, Jacque, of Kent, WA and Gail Lewis and his wife, Sylvia, of Hamilton; her twin sister, Violet Friske and her husband, Herb, of Polson; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Rev. Radtke, pastor of the Dayton Presbyterian Church officiating. Burial will be in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery. The family suggests memorials be made to the Dayton Presbyterian Church.

## Beatrice Ida Lindsey, 72

Beatrice Ida Lindsey, 72, died at the home of her daughter in Kalispell on Friday, June 24.

Local survivors include her daughter, Bea Rowe, and two grandchildren, Nicole and Collete.

The body was sent to Speaks Memorial Chapel in Independence, Mo., where services are planned June 28, with burial in Blue Springs Cemetery there.

Local arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.



## 1994 Kyle Allyn Linrude, 6

Kyle Allyn Linrude, 6, of Kalispell, died of injuries received in an automobile accident on Friday, May 27 in Lethbridge, Alberta.

The heavens rejoiced Friday, May 27, when Jesus cradled Kyle Allyn Linrude in his arms. Kyle went to be with Jesus and to be come one of his bright and shining angels.

He was born Sept. 4, 1987, to Kevin and Tanya Linrude in Kalispell.

The gleam in Kyle's eyes and his zeal for life always showed. He loved people. Two very special people were his sisters, Allix and Taylor. He loved to go to lunch with his uncle Jimmie. Everything was special to Kyle. He loved to collect lady bugs, watch blue birds, ride his bike and cruise around on his four-wheeler.

Every day was an adventure for him and at night he loved to sleep



with his cat, Tom. Kyle loved his mother's spinach fettucine, and most of all popcorn. He loved to share, whether it was a story about dinosaurs, or a hug and a kiss. Kyle touched everyone he ever met, young or old and will be greatly missed. Kyle, we all love you and we know you will be a very special angel.

A funeral is scheduled 2 p.m., Tuesday, at Epworth Methodist Church in Kalispell, with Rev. Marvin Northcutt officiating. Interment will follow at Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

He is survived by his parents; his sisters; grand parents Ray and Jeanne Linrude, of Kalispell, uncles Jerry and Steve Belstad and their families, Aunt Kristyn Lehr, of Kalispell, great uncle Jimmie, great aunt Mimi, great uncle Bud, great aunt Dode, great aunt Patty, great uncle Dean, god parents Doug and Pat Stancill, of Phoenix, Ariz., and many other relatives.

The family suggests memorials to Smith Memorial Day Care, Epworth Methodist Church. Buffalo Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

## T.M. "Bill" Lockwood

Bill Lockwood, 79, a long-time resident of Troy, died June 29, 1994 at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Spokane, Washington. He was born November 10, 1914 at Conneaut, Ohio, the son of Walter and Minnie Lockwood. He attended grade school at Conneaut and completed his education in California. He packed for the U.S. Forest Service in the Yaak until enlisting in the United States on September 30, 1942. He served four years during World War II including a tour of duty in England until being honorably discharged on January 31, 1946.

He returned to the Troy area, residing first in the Yaak before moving into Troy. He married Edith Munyan on October 3, 1946 in Libby. He became a licensed auctioneer on July 23, 1953, acting in that capacity for livestock auctions, charity auctions and also as an announcer during rodeos. He had been a licensed pilot and had owned and operated an airplane. He had been employed by Zonolite and the J. Neils Lumber Company before becoming an independent businessman which he pursued until the time of his retirement.

During his retirement years, he broke horses and participated in chariot and "Ben Hur" racing, touring the northwest and Canada. He was preceded in death by a son, Harold S. Lockwood, who died in action while serving with the United States Army in Vietnam on June 14, 1968.

He is survived by his wife Edith, at the family home in Troy; two daughters, Mary Jo Downey of Troy; Linda Gregory, Spain; two sons, Buck, residing in Texas; and Walter, residing in Alaska; he is also survived by 11 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Services will be Tuesday at 2:00 P.M. at the Troy Church of God with Rev. Gene Bushnell officiating. Burial with military honors will be at Milnor Lake Cemetery under the direction of Nelson & Vial Funeral Home. Pallbearers will be Ted Fisher, Ron Downey, Herb Gregory, Spencer Gregory, Bob Dedrick and Joe Pepjot. Honorary bearers will be Bill Gilbert and all his many friends.

## Steven Ray Loewen, 46

Steven Ray Loewen, 46, died May 20, 1994, at Emanuel Hospital in Portland, Ore., of natural causes.

Steve was born Jan. 1, 1948, in Salem, Ore. He graduated from South Salem High School, Willamette University and did post-graduate work at Western Oregon College.

On Jan. 2, 1971, he was married to Janet Sampson in Kalispell.

Steve was self-employed as a computer systems integrator through his company, F1 Technology.

He was international services director for the Albina Rotary Club; president of Schools for the City, a citizens group seeking ways to improve Portland schools; a board member of Amigos, an international

organization which sends high school students to Latin America for volunteer public health service; and a former board member of Echo Theater, a movement theater for children and adults. He also served on local advisory boards for several schools in the city of Portland.

Surviving are his wife, Jan, of Portland; daughters, Beth and Katie, both of Portland; his parents, David and Esther Loewen, of Salem; and a brother, Mike, of Bothell, Wash.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Renee Gray.

Memorial services were held May 23 at the Agnes Flanagan Chapel on the campus of Lewis and Clark College in Portland.

## Thomas Alva Longfield, 42

Thomas Alva Longfield, 42, died peacefully at his home near Columbia Falls on Thursday, March 10, 1994. He was born March 15, 1951, in Ely, Nev.

He graduated from Columbia Falls High School in 1969 and was a long-time resident of Columbia Falls and the Canyon area. He worked for Stoltze Lumber Co. for nearly 24 years.

His interests included hunting, fishing, horseback riding and camping. He served as president of Montanans for Multiple Use for the last two years to ensure the people's right to access public lands. He was also involved in Little League baseball from 1978 to 1982.

He is preceded in death by his father, Alva Lee Longfield Jr., and his aunt, Delia McCauley.

He is survived by his wife, Lesa, of Columbia Falls; sons Michael Longfield of Renton, Wash., and Todd

Longfield and his wife, Shannon, of Cloverdale, Calif.; granddaughter Jessica Lynn Longfield, who he helped raise for two years, and grandson Cameron Fitzgerald Longfield; his mother, Mary Longfield, of Columbia Falls; brother Paul and his wife, Shawn, and their two children, Terryl and Dalen, and brother Lee and his two children, Meagann and Matthew, all of Columbia Falls; and many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and lots of friends.

A memorial service is scheduled at 1 p.m. Monday at St. Richards Catholic Church in Columbia Falls. Rev. Ray Davis of the United Methodist Church will officiate. Arrangements are by Columbia Mortuary.

Memorials may be sent to a fund being established by Montanans for Multiple Use and their chapter groups for the Tom Longfield family at the Valley Bank in Kalispell.

## Brown Lokken 1994

Brown O. Lokken a 22-year resident of Spokane and previously of Columbia Falls, died June 25 in Spokane.

He was a member of Delta Tau Delta Fraternity, a Legion of Honor member of the American Institute of Mining, Metallurgical and Petroleum Engineers. A 1931 graduate of the School of Engineering of the University of North Dakota. He retired from the Anaconda Company in 1972 after 35 years.

Preceding him in death were seven brothers and sisters.

Survivors include his wife of 53 years, Frances M. Lokken, of Spokane; one son, Bill, of Mission Viejo, Calif.; one daughter, Sally, of Spokane; nine grandchildren; and two sisters.

Memorial services were June 29. The family suggests memorials to Rockwood Foundation, 2903 E. 25th, 99223 or the charity of one's choice. H H.

## Rose Lorenz, 81

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Rose Lorenz, 81, of Paradise, died Saturday at Clark Fork Valley Nursing Home in Plains.

Survivors include two sons, Bill Burriss and Fred Burriss, both of Libby; a sister; one grandchild and two great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 1-8 p.m. Thursday at Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby and from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday at Paradise Church of God.

Services will be Friday at 1 p.m. at the Paradise Church of God with Gary Kelly officiating. Burial will be in City of Libby Cemetery.

William L. (Larry) Loveless, 76, died Nov. 10, 1994 at Eisenhower Medical Center, Rancho Mirage, Calif. following an extended battle with cancer. Born on Nov. 13, 1917, at Somerset, Ky., he attended schools at Norwood, Ohio, and later served with the United States Army during World War II.

He, his wife Irene and Son Steve came to Libby in 1950. He was employed by the J. Neils Lumber Co. and later at Bob's Furniture in Libby. In 1962, he acquired the furniture store, changing the name to Larry's Furniture and continued to operate it until his retirement in 1980. His wife Irene preceded him in death in 1989. He married June Young in November of 1990.

Always an avid sports fan, he coached and played baseball and, in later years, enjoyed golf. He was an Avid Cincinnati Reds fan. He had been a member of St. Joseph's Parish, the Knight of Columbus and the American Legion.

Survivors include his wife June at their retirement home in Cathedral City, Calif. a son, Steve Loveless of Missoula; two granddaughters, Lara DeShazer and her husband Scott of Missoula; Tera Lanese and her husband Steve of North Pole, Alaska; two great-grandsons, Ricky and Tanre, both of Missoula; a step-daughter, Carol Swimley and her husband Robin of Libby; and many nieces and nephews.

Parish vigil services will be Tuesday, Nov. 15, at 7 p.m. at the Nelson & Vial Chapel. Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated Wednesday, Nov. 16, at 11 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church with the Rev. Charles Strom as celebrant. Interment with military honors will be in the city of Libby cemetery.

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## Norma Lough, 75

Norma Lough, 75, died peacefully at her home in Kalispell on Monday, Aug. 15, 1994.

She was born in Avon by the Sea, N.J., on Feb. 5, 1919, to Howard and Laura VanWinkle. She lived in numerous places around the world as the daughter of a career Army officer. Her family eventually settled in Tacoma, Wash., where she graduated from Lincoln High School.

She later met Charles Leslie "Les" Lough and they were married June 16, 1941. He preceded her in death in 1982.

In 1952, Norma and Les moved to Kalispell, where their family was raised. Norma and Les were charter members of Bethel Baptist Church. They also spent over a year in Alaska as missionaries to the Arctic Bible Institute in Palmer, Alaska.

More than anything, Norma loved her Lord and Saviour, and led a dedicated Christian life. She also cared very deeply for her children and grandchildren, as well as her extended family of friends in Kalispell, espe-

cially her close friends at the Elms Apartments, who cared so much about her.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Leslie Ann and Roger Hanson of Denver, Colo.; son and daughter-in-law, Tom and Cheryl Lough of Butte; grandchildren, Mark Hanson, Laura Hanson, Kristin Lough, and Ken Lough and great-grandson, Daniel Tyler Hanson; her sisters, Lyle Roberts and Betty Webb; and nieces, Gayle Roberts, Sandra Berkimer and Nancy Miller.

Her brother, Ted VanWinkle, preceded her in death.

Visitation will be held at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home on Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Funeral services will be Friday at 2 p.m. at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home with the Rev. Gordon Dexter officiating. Interment will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Memorials may be made to the Senior Citizen Center, 403 Second Ave. W., Kalispell; or to the charity of the donor's choice.

## Phoebe Twelvina Lovretich, 77

Phoebe Twelvina Lovretich, 77, of Portland, Ore., died at Pacific Communities Hospital in Newport, Ore., on Saturday, June 4, 1994.

She was born in Wilmar, Minn., on Dec. 29, 1916, to Erick and Mary Hanson Borgstrom. She had been a resident of Portland for the past seven years. They also had a winter residence in Apache Junction, Ariz., and vacationed in the Flathead Valley.

She married Joseph Lovretich in Vancouver, Wash., on April 7, 1937. She was a homemaker for most of her life. She enjoyed sewing and dancing,

she was a very fun loving person.

Mrs. Lovretich is survived by her husband, Joseph of Portland; son, Robert Lovretich of Fort Walton Beach, Fla.; daughters, Jeanette Lovretich and Joene Ferris, both of Beaverton, Ore.; and three grandchildren.

The family suggests contributions be made to the American Heart Association.

At her request there will be no services. Cremation and arrangements are by Bateman Funeral Home in Newport, Ore.

## Howard N. Lulow, 79

Howard N. Lulow, 79, died Tuesday, April 12, 1994, at his residence in Valley View near Polson.

He was born Oct. 28, 1914, in Rushville, Neb., to Jens Peter and Julia Amelia Lulow. Howard grew up and attended schools in Nebraska.

He married Lyle Mable Dalrymple on Nov. 15, 1939, in Alliance, Neb. They continued to live and farm in Nebraska until March of 1948. They moved to Valley View, near Polson, in 1948.

He retired from farming in 1971. He started a feed and fertilizer distributorship in Polson and operated it for several years.

Howard loved his family and friends. He loved visiting with people.

The church which Howard was a member of met in their home since

1951.

He is preceded in death by an infant sister, Elizabeth Isabell.

He is survived by his wife, Lyle Lulow of Polson; one daughter, Jackie Simurdak of Lolo; four sons, James of West Seattle, Wash., Robert of Ronan, Harvey of Anchorage, Alaska, and George of Salem, Ore; 11 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and one brother, Wayne of Walla Walla, Wash.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday at 11 a.m. at Linderman Gym in Polson. Burial will follow at Lakeview Cemetery in Polson. Pallbearers will be Harold Vance, Bert Finch, Bob Bjorgan, Jim Bailey, Larry Coleman, Ron Gipe, Everitt "Tike" Parsons and Wayne Strum.

Memorials may be made to Lake County DARE, Polson.

## 1994 Velma Lund, 83

Velma Lund, 83, of Kalispell, died in the Immanuel Lutheran Home on Thursday, July 28, of heart disease.

She was born Oct. 12, 1910, in Kirksville, Adair County, Mo., to R.D. and Letta Lowe. The family moved to the Flathead Valley when she was young. She attended Kalispell schools, graduating from Flathead County High School in 1929. She graduated from State Normal College in Dillon in 1934 and taught in several rural schools in the valley, particularly in the Sparks area.

On May 21, 1939, she married Arthur Lund in Kalispell. They ranched in Pleasant Valley until moving to McGregor Lake in 1970. He died in 1976.

She moved to Kalispell in 1976, where she remained. She enjoyed traveling, going on picnics and just

being with people. She was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church and the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Survivors include her son, George, of Spokane; six grandsons, Arthur, George Jr., Laurence, Paul, Matthew and Karl; five great-granddaughters and one great-grandson, and a niece, Colleen Scharfe, of Kalispell.

A funeral is scheduled 2 p.m., Monday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel, the Rev. Richard Nelson of Bethlehem Lutheran Church officiating. Burial will follow in Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Visitation is 1-4 p.m., today at Johnson Mortuary.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Yellowstone Boys Ranch in Billings or to the charity of the donor's choice.

## 1994 Lena 'Ruth' Lyford, 92

Lena "Ruth" Lyford, after having lived healthily and happily at Buffalo Hill Terrace for the past 1 1/2 years, died suddenly Saturday, Jan. 29, while at the home of her son, Jerry and Gail Lyford in Kalispell.

Ruth, who had just recently celebrated her 92nd birthday in the company of her family, was born Jan. 14, 1902, in Ashland, Neb., a daughter of William and Eliza (Bentz) Hollingsworth.

She lived near that area until the age of 12, when she moved to the Flathead with her parents, two brothers, and four sisters. The family moved to Canada and California before coming back to reside in the Helena Flats area.

Ruth graduated from Flathead High School in 1921, and with several of her friends continued schooling at Dillon in preparation for a career in teaching. She taught at Prospect Park, Helena Flats, and Lake Five. Most of her 12 grandchildren attended Helena Flats, and she was guest of honor at a graduation and other school functions there.

She gave up teaching when she married A.R. "Lon" Lyford in 1924 and raised four sons, Wil, Bob, Ron and Jerry, and spent much of her time loving and encouraging their children, Lon, Cassie, Roxanne,

Scott, Mark, Dan, Tom, Jewel, Lori, Larry, Brad and Joel.

Even though she didn't teach professionally anymore, she taught Sunday School for more than 60 years at her church, Central Christian (Disciples of Christ), and helped in Vacation Bible School and was active in Christian Women's Fellowship groups as well as retreats. Her life was centered around her faith, her family and her flowers. She won many awards for flower arrangements at the Northwest Montana Fair.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Hilton Hollingsworth; three sisters, Veda Livingston, Gertie Smith and Emmaline Schoenwald; and her husband, A.R. "Lon" Lyford.

Survivors include her her four sons; her brother, Ferol Hollingsworth of Watsonville, Calif.; one sister, Nellie Doyle of Portland, Ore.; 12 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. on Thursday in the Central Christian Church with the Rev. Terry Vanheyningen officiating. Burial will be in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials may be made to the Central Christian Church of Kalispell, to the Buffalo Hill Terrace in Kalispell, or to the charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.



## Margaret Lynch, 95

Margaret Lynch, 95, died at her home in Kalispell on Wednesday morning, Dec. 28, 1994. The Lord reached down his loving arms and took our darling mother and grandma to be with Him and the loved one who preceded her, to live with them in the kingdom of Heaven.



Her life was dedicated to being a mother and homemaker. Anywhere she was, a warm and loving home was made, be it a sheep wagon or her present residence in Kalispell. The door was always open and her hospitality was renown. There was always room for one more at her table and place in her heart for another child.

Her Christian faith and love for her Lord helped her through some very trying times. Never, ever did she give up; her family and her faith were her loves, her life. Those who survive her will miss her dearly, especially the uncanny Irish wit, the twinkle in her eyes, the beautiful smile and above all, the love she gave so unselfishly. Goodbye, sweet darling. We'll miss you.

She was born in Council Bluffs, Iowa, on June 30, 1899, to Bert and Elena Hill. As an infant, she and her

family traveled to Carson City by covered wagon and later moved to Nebraska, where she met and married her husband, Jesse Lynch.

They lived in Nebraska and Wyoming, moving to Montana in 1930. They settled in Trego, where they lived for six years before moving to Kalispell in 1936.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jesse; three children, Warren, Orrine and Neal; three grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and a great-great-grandchild; one daughter-in-law and four sons-in-law.

She is survived by four daughters, Rose and her husband, Roxy Hollopeter, Geraldine and her husband, Ed Mitton, Maude Bauska, and Donna and her husband, Herb Lerew; sons Dan Lynch and his wife, Bess, Jesse Lynch and his wife, Opal, and George Rhodes; foster children Alvin Krantz and his wife, Cathy, and Eddy Triplett and his wife, Beverly, all of Kalispell; 25 grandchildren, 50 great-grandchildren and 40 great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Marvin Northcutt, pastor of Epworth Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens. The family suggests memorials be made to Epworth Methodist Church.

## Dennis Robert Lynn, 48

Dennis Robert Lynn, 48, died Wednesday, June 22, 1994, at his home in Kalispell.

Dennis was born Sept. 25, 1945, in Windber, Pa., to Charles and Rhoda Lynn. He spent most of his younger years in Windber, where he graduated from high school. Dennis attended the State University of New York, graduating with a degree in philosophy.



He loved the outdoors, so he moved to Montana. He lived in Billings for several years, moving to Kalispell in 1983, where he went to work as an insurance adjuster for Antonich Adjusters. Dennis was very respected by everyone that worked around him.

He married Marian Chilcote on Aug. 29, 1992, in Kalispell.

Dennis's favorite sport was bicycling, he loved being able to get on his bicycle and ride all around the valley. It was nothing for him to ride 100 miles at a time. He was a member of the Flathead Valley Bicycling

Club. Dennis also loved baseball, and loved to watch the New York Yankees play. He was very good at computers, and loved working on them as much as possible.

Dennis would take his wife and family, and spend a quiet weekend on the Jocko River fly-fishing. He loved spending time with his family, and was very proud of his newborn son. Dennis was loved by many, and will be deeply missed.

He was preceded in death by his father in April.

He is survived by his wife, Marian, two daughters, Chelsie and Sarah, and his son, Dylan, all at home in Kalispell; his mother, Rhoda Lynn, of Windber; a sister, Carol Boyd, of Trenton, N.J.; a brother, Chick Lynn, of Pennsylvania; and nieces, nephews and cousins.

Visitation will be today from 3-9 p.m. at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

Mass of Christian Burial will be Saturday at 11:00 a.m. at St. Mathew's Catholic Church with the Rev. Robert Noonan officiating. Cremation will follow.

Donations to Dylan Lynn, or Flathead Valley Hospice would be appreciated.

## Paul Leroy Lynn, 87

Paul Leroy Lynn, 87, of Columbia Falls, died Saturday, Feb. 26, 1994, at the Brendan House in Kalispell.

Paul was born Sept. 3, 1906, in Coldwater, Mich. He moved to Columbia Falls in 1910, at the age of four and lived most of his life in Columbia Falls. He attended the old Valentine School there.

When Paul was younger he worked for the Farmers Union. He was best known for being the hog barn superintendent at the fairgrounds for 25 years. Paul also raised registered Hampshire hogs for 30 years. He worked for the Great Northern Railroad for over 22 years.

Paul was loved by all that knew

him, and he will be missed by all.

He is survived by two sons, Robert Lynn of Missoula and Glenn Lynn of Columbia Falls; two daughters, Dorothy Davis of Hot Springs and Shirley DeSpaine of Apache Junction, Ariz.; a brother, Hank Lynn of Freemont, Calif.; 16 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by two wives, Irene Weist Lynn and Francilia Richmond Lynn; two brothers; one sister; and one son, Albert Lynn.

Memorial services are being planned for a later date.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements and cremation.